## Some Theorems on Subtraction Groups

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**ABSTRACT:-** In this paper, some additional conditions relating to subtraction algebra, the so called subtraction semi group and subtraction group are introduced, and some theorems are investigated.

**KEY WORDS:-** *subtraction algebra and subtraction group.* 

## Preliminaries

**Definition;1.1:-** A non-empty set 'X' together with a binary operation "-" is said to be a subtraction algebra if for all  $a, b, c \in X$  the following conditions hold.

 $(SA.1) \quad a - (b - a) = a$ 

(SA.2) a - (a - b) = b - (b - a)

(SA.3) (a - b) - c = (a - c) - b

**Example;1.1:-** Let  $X = \{0, x, y, 1\}$  in which "-" is defined by

-	0	Х	у	1		
0	0	0	0	0		
х	х	0	х	0		
у	у	у	0	0		
1	1	у	х	0		
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Then (X, -) is a subtraction algebra.

In a subtraction algebra the following holds

(i)	a - 0 = a and 0 - a = 0
(ii)	(a-b)-a=0
(iii)	(a-b)-b=a-b
(iv)	(a-b) - (b-a) = a - b

In [3] it has been proved that in every subtraction algebra X there exists an element 0 such that 0 = a - a for all  $a \in X$ .

**Definition;1.2:-** A non-empty set 'X' together with a binary operation "–" and "•" is said to be subtraction semigroup if for all  $a, b, c \in X$  the following conditions hold.

(SS.1) (X, -) is a subtraction algebra.

(SS.2)(X, -) is a semigroup.

(SS.3) a(b-c) = ab - ac and (a-b)c = ac - bc.

**Example;1.2:** Let  $X = \{0, x, y, 1\}$  in which "-" and "·" are defined by



•	0	х	у	1
0	0	0	0	0
Х	0	х	0	х
у	0	0	у	у
1	0	Х	у	1

Then (X, -) is a subtraction semigroup.

**Definition;1.3:-** A non-empty set 'X' together with a binary operation "–" and "•" is said to be subtraction group if the following conditions hold.

(SG.1)  $(X, -, \cdot)$  is a subtraction semigroup and

(SG.2)  $X - \{0\}$  is a group with the multiplication inherited from X.

**Theorem;1.1:-** Let  $X_0$  is a subtraction group and  $X = X_0 - \{0\}$ . Define  $\eta: X_0 \to X_0$  by $\eta(x) = e - x$ , where 'e' is the identity in *X*. Then

(T.1) 
$$a\eta(a^{-1}b\eta(b^{-1}a) = a$$

(T.2) 
$$a\eta(ab^{-1}\eta(ba^{-1}) = a,$$

(T.3)  $a\eta^2(a^{-1}b) = b\eta^2(b^{-1}a)$  and

(T.4) 
$$a\eta(a^{-1}c)\eta[(\eta(a^{-1}c))^{-1}a^{-1}b] = a\eta(a^{-1}b)\eta[(\eta(a^{-1}b))^{-1}a^{-1}c] \quad \forall a, b, c \in X.$$

**Proof:** (T.1)  $a\eta(a^{-1}b\eta(b^{-1}a) = a\eta(a^{-1}b(e - b^{-1}a))$ 

$$= a\eta(a^{-1}b - e)$$
$$= a[e - (a^{-1}b - e)]$$
$$= ae[: by eqn. (SA. 1)]$$

= a.

(T.2) 
$$a\eta(ab^{-1}\eta(ba^{-1}) = a\eta(ab^{-1}(e - ba^{-1}))$$
  
=  $a\eta(ab^{-1} - e)$   
=  $a[e - (ab^{-1} - e)]$   
=  $ae[\because by eqn (SA. 1)]$   
=  $a.$ 

(T.3) L. H. S = 
$$a\eta^2(a^{-1}b)$$
  
=  $a\eta(e - a^{-1}b)$   
=  $a[e - (e - a^{-1}b)]$   
=  $ae - a(e - a^{-1}b)$   
=  $a - (a - b)]$   
R. H. S =  $b\eta^2(b^{-1}a)$   
=  $b\eta(e - b^{-1}a)$   
=  $b[e - (e - b^{-1}a)]$   
=  $b - b(e - b^{-1}a)$   
=  $b - (b - a)$ 

By (SA.2) of definition 1.1, we get,

$$a\eta^{2}(a^{-1}b) = b\eta^{2}(b^{-1}a).$$
(T.4) L. H.S =  $a\eta(a^{-1}c)\eta[(\eta(a^{-1}c))^{-1}a^{-1}b]$   
=  $a\eta(a^{-1}c)\eta[((e - a^{-1}c))^{-1}a^{-1}b]$   
=  $a\eta(a^{-1}c)\eta[((e - a^{-1}c))^{-1}a^{-1}b]$   
=  $a\eta(a^{-1}c)\eta[(a(e - a^{-1}c))^{-1}b]$   
=  $a\eta(a^{-1}c)\eta[(a - c)^{-1}b]$   
=  $a\eta(a^{-1}c)[e - (a - c)^{-1}b]$   
=  $a(e - a^{-1}c)[e - (a - c)^{-1}b]$   
=  $(a - c)[e - (a - c)^{-1}b]$   
=  $(a - c)[e - (a - c)^{-1}b]$   
=  $(a - c) - b.$   
R. H.S =  $a\eta(a^{-1}b)\eta[(\eta(a^{-1}b))^{-1}a^{-1}c]$   
=  $a\eta(a^{-1}b)\eta[((e - a^{-1}b))^{-1}a^{-1}c]$   
=  $a\eta(a^{-1}b)\eta[(a(e - a^{-1}b))^{-1}c]$   
=  $a\eta(a^{-1}b)\eta[(a - b)^{-1}c]$   
=  $a\eta(a^{-1}b)[(e - (a - b)^{-1}c]$   
=  $a(e - a^{-1}b)[(e - (a - b)^{-1}c]$   
=  $(a - b)[(e - (a - b)^{-1}c]$ 

= (a-b) - c.

By (SA.2) of definition 1.1, we get

$$a\eta(a^{-1}c)\eta[(\eta(a^{-1}c))^{-1}a^{-1}b] = a\eta(a^{-1}b)\eta[(\eta(a^{-1}b))^{-1}a^{-1}c]$$

**Theorem;1.2:-** Let *X* is a group and  $X_0$  is the corresponding group with 0. Suppose  $\eta: X \to X$  has the properties (T.1), (T.3) and (T.4) described in Theorem 1.1.Then  $X_0$  is a subtraction group if we

define  $a - b = a\eta(a^{-1}b), 0 - y = 0$  and y - 0 = y for all  $a, b \in X$ .

**Proof:-**First we see (SA.1), (SA.2) and (SA.3) for all  $a, b, c \in X_0$ .

Let us first prove for  $a, b, c \in X$ .

$$(SA.1) a - (b - a) = a - (b\eta(b^{-1}a))$$
  

$$= a\eta(a^{-1}b\eta(b^{-1}a))$$
  

$$= a. [\because by eqn T. 1]$$
  

$$(SA.2) a - (a - b) = a - (a\eta(a^{-1}b)))$$
  

$$= a\eta[a^{-1}a\eta(a^{-1}b)]$$
  

$$= a\eta^{2}(a^{-1}b).$$
  
Similarly  $b - (b - a) = b\eta^{2}(b^{-1}a).$   
Therefore  $a - (a - b) = b - (b - a). [\because by eqn T. 3]$   

$$(SA.3) (a - b) - c = a\eta(a^{-1}b) - c$$
  

$$= a\eta(a^{-1}b)\eta[(a\eta(a^{-1}b))^{-1}c]]$$
  

$$= a\eta(a^{-1}b)\eta[(\eta(a^{-1}b))^{-1}a^{-1}c]$$

Similarly

 $(a - c) - b = a\eta(a^{-1}c)\eta[(\eta(a^{-1}c))^{-1}a^{-1}b]$ Therefore (a - b) - c = (a - c) - c[:: by eqn T.3]

Now if one or more elements of a, b, c are equal to zero, an easy check reveals that the condition

(SA.1), (SA.2) and (SA.3) listed at the beginning of this proof are valid in this case too.

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