



TREED-H.N.N Groups

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Abstract Combinatorial properties of groups were studied via the graphs of groups. This led to substantial development regarding the properties of groups by providing easier proofs. Contributions of many researchers, such as Cohen [1], Chiswell [2,3], Khanfar [4] and many others enhanced this methodology and encouraged the other researchers to apply the concept of graphs of groups, trees and other details in order to develop further applications of groups, free groups, free product of groups, amalgamated free products, H N N groups, etc. This paper is based on groups acting on graphs using the above terminologies and standard procedures to explain the nature of some specific elements of groups.

On the other hand Length Functions, which was basically established and developed by Lynden [5], has proved its major role in this area.

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1. Introduction

In this paper we start with some basic definitions and some essential properties of groups, which enable us to deal with groups acting on connected graphs. This will lead us to construct a graph of groups associated with the action of a group G on a graph X . Then the maximal tree T in the graph X is chosen to construct a group which acts on this tree. The latter will be isometric to a subgroup generated by an element associated with a reduced path in the graph.

Axioms of Length Functions, which were introduced by Lyndon [6] and developed by many others, are listed in the basic part of this paper. This is used to study the nature of many groups and analyse their properties.

Applications of Length Functions require the normal form theorem, which is related to closed and reduced path in the graphs.

Basics

Definition 1.1 A Graph X is a pair $(V(X), E(X))$ of two disjoint sets of elements ; a non-empty set $V(X)$, called vertices and a set $E(X)$ called the edges, with a function $t: E(X) \rightarrow V(X)$ and a function $E(X) \rightarrow E(X)$ denoted by: $e \rightarrow e^{-1}$ such that $e = (e^{-1})^{-1}$ for all e in $E(X)$, e^{-1} is called the inverse of e .

Definition 1.2 We define $O(e) = t(e^{-1})$ so that $t(e) = O(e^{-1})$. $O(e)$ and $t(e)$ are called the end points of the edge e . $O(e)$ is called the origin of e , and $t(e)$ is called the terminal of e .

Definition 1.3 An edge e with $O(e) = t(e)$ is called a loop. A pair of edges $\{e, e^{-1}\}$ is called an unoriented edge.

Definition 1.4 An orientation of a graph X is a set consisting of exactly one member of each unoriented $\{e, e^{-1}\}$ for which $e \neq e^{-1}$, together with every edge $e = e^{-1}$.



Definition 1.5 A graph Y is a subgraph of a graph X if $V(Y) \subseteq V(X)$ and $E(Y) \subseteq E(X)$; and if $e \in E(Y)$ then $O(e)$, $t(e)$ and e^{-1} have the same meaning in Y as they have in X . We write $Y \subseteq X$.

Definition 1.6 A path P of length n in a graph X is a finite sequence of edges: $P = e_1 \dots e_n$, $n \geq 1$, such that $t(e_i) = O(e_{i+1})$ for $i = 1, \dots, n-1$. We define $O(P) = O(e_1)$ and $t(P) = t(e_n)$ and say that, P is a path from $O(P)$ to $t(P)$. The path P is closed if $O(P) = t(P)$, and reduced if $e_{i+1} \neq e_i^{-1}$ for $i = 1, \dots, n-1$. At each vertex v of X , we define an empty path 1_v of length zero (a path without edges) from v to v .

Definition 1.7 If $P_1 = e_1 \dots e_n$ and $P_2 = e_1' \dots e_m'$ are paths in X and if $t(P_1) = O(P_2)$, then we define their product: $P_1 P_2 = e_1 \dots e_n e_1' \dots e_m'$. $P_1 P_2$ when defined, is a path from $O(P_1)$ to $t(P_2)$. The inverse P^{-1} of the path P is the path $P^{-1} = e_n^{-1} \dots e_1^{-1}$.

Definition 1.8 A non-empty reduced closed path is a circuit.

Definition 1.9 A graph X is connected if for every pair of vertices u, v in X , there is a path in X from u to v .

Definition 1.10 A tree in X is a connected subgraph T of X which contains no circuits.

A maximal Tree T in a connected graph X is a subgraph in X which is maximal with respect to inclusion.

Definition 10.11 A graph $X = (V(X), E(X))$ is bipartite if $V(X) = V_1(X) \cup V_2(X)$ with $V_1(X), V_2(X)$ both edge free.

Proposition 1.1 If X and Y are graphs, then a morphism $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a mapping which takes vertices to vertices, edges to edges and such that $f(O(x)) = O(f(x))$ and $f(x^{-1}) = (f(x))^{-1}$ for all edges x in X .

f is called an isomorphism if it is one-to-one and onto. An isomorphism $f: X \rightarrow X$ is called automorphism of X . The automorphism of X form a group, denoted by $\text{Aut } X$.

Definition 1.12 A group G acts on X if G can be represented in $\text{Aut } X$, that is, if there is a group homomorphism $\phi: G \rightarrow \text{Aut } X$.

If x is a vertex or an edge in X , $g \in G$, we write gx for $\phi(g)(x)$. If x is an edge, then $g O(x) = O(gx)$, $g x^{-1} = (gx)^{-1}$.

A group G acts without inversions on a graph X , if $gx \neq x^{-1}$ for any $g \in G$ and any $x \in E(X)$. G acts with inversion on X , if $gx = x^{-1}$ for some $g \in G$ and some $x \in E(X)$.

Let $V(X)/G$ denote the set of G -orbits in $V(X)$ and $E(X)/G$ denote the set of G -orbits in $E(X)$, then we can form the graph:

$$X/G = (V(X)/G, E(X)/G).$$

X/G is the graph whose vertices and edges are the G -orbits in $V(X)$ and $E(X)$, X/G is called "Quotient graph", with induced inverses and orbits.

The morphism $\rho: X \rightarrow X/G$ is called the projection.

Lemma 1.1 Let a group G act on a connected graph X with quotient $Y = X/G$. Let $\rho: X \rightarrow Y$ be a projection, and T a maximal tree of Y . Then there exists a morphism $q: T \rightarrow X$ such that ρq is the identity on T .

Proof See [4].

2. Bass-Serre Theory

Take a graph with vertices $A, G_i, I \in I$ and edges $\phi_i: A \rightarrow G_i$, construct a graph:

$$\mathcal{F} = \langle A, G_i, t_i, \text{rel } G_i, t_i^{-1} a t_i = \phi_i(a), \text{ all } a \in A \rangle$$

If we put $t_i = 1$ for all i , then we get $G *_A G_i$.

Now construct a subgroup \mathcal{F}_o of \mathcal{F} which consists of all elements of the form: $a_o t_{i_1} g_{i_1} t_{i_1}^{-1} a_1 t_{i_2} g_{i_2} t_{i_2}^{-1} \dots t_{i_n}^{-1}$,

Then define $\sigma: G \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_o$ by: $g_i \rightarrow t_i a_i t_i^{-1}$ and $a \rightarrow a$

Recall that $G = \langle G_i, \text{rel } G_i, \phi_i(a) = \phi_j(a), a \in A \rangle$

$$\sigma: \phi_i(a) \rightarrow t_i \phi_i(a) t_i^{-1} = t_j \phi_j(a) t_j^{-1} = \sigma(\phi_j(a))$$

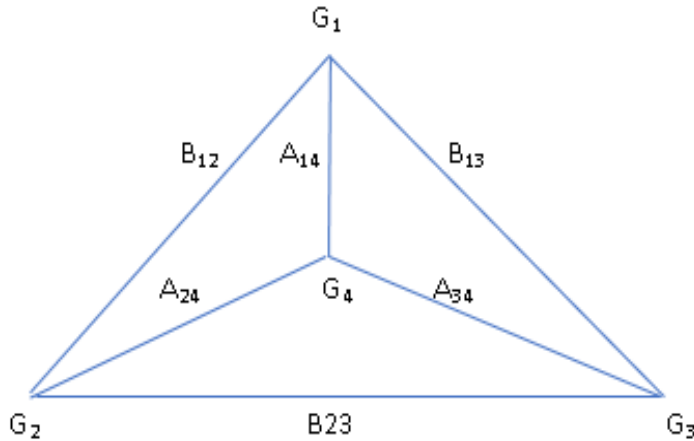
Hence σ defines a homomorphism from G to \mathcal{F}

$$\text{Define } \pi(a_o t_{i_1} g_{i_1} t_{i_1}^{-1} a_1 t_{i_2} g_{i_2} t_{i_2}^{-1} \dots) = a_o t_{i_1} g_{i_1} t_{i_1}^{-1} a_1 t_{i_2} g_{i_2} t_{i_2}^{-1} \dots$$

Hence $\sigma\pi = \text{id on } \mathcal{F}_o$, also $\pi\sigma = \text{id on } G$. So $G \approx \mathcal{F}_o$



Example 1 Let G_i be the vertices and A_{ij} be the amalgamated subgroups between the groups G_i and G_j for some i and some j . Take the H N N Extension with generator t_i for each additional edge and pair of isomorphic subgroups, then the following diagram is a connected Graph of groups each vertex is a group , each edge is a group isomorphic to a subgroup of its vertex group.



Then H N N extension can be constructed by:

$$G = \langle G_1, G_2, t_i ; \text{rel } G_1, \text{rel } G_2, \phi_1(a) = \phi_2(a), t \psi_1(b)t^{-1} = \psi_2(b), a \in A, b \in B \rangle$$

$$G' = \langle G_1, G_2, t_i ; \text{rel } G_1, \text{rel } G_2, \psi_1(b) = \psi_2(b), t \phi_1(a)t^{-1} = \phi_2(a), a \in A, b \in B \rangle$$

Definition 1.13 A graph of groups is a connected bipartite graph with vertices E and V and edges joining E to V . Each vertex is a group and each edge is an isomorphism ϕ of a group G_e in E into a group G_v in V .

Let $\mathcal{F} = \langle E, V, t_i \text{ for each edge in the graph}; \text{rel } E, \text{rel } V, t_i^{-1} a t_i = \phi_i(a), \text{ all } a \in A \rangle$

Definition 1.14 The tree product of groups is given by:

$$G = \langle E, V ; \text{rel } E, \text{rel } V, \phi_{i_j}(g_{e_i}) = g_{e_i}, \text{ where } g_{e_i} \in G_{e_i} \text{ in } E \text{ and } \phi_{i_j} \text{ is on the tree } \rangle$$

Choose a maximal tree T in the graph, then $G_T = \mathcal{F} / t_i = 1$ all t_i in T and

$G_T = \langle E, V, t_i ; \text{rel } E, \text{rel } V, t_i^{-1} g t_i = \phi_i(g), g \in G_e, t_j = 1 \text{ for all } t_j \text{ in a max. tree } T \rangle$ is called Treed H N N group.

\mathcal{F}_{e_0} is a subgroup of \mathcal{F} of all elements which can be expressed in the form

$$g_{e_0} t_0 g_{v_1} t_1^{-1} g_{e_2} t_2 g_{v_3} t_3^{-1} g_{e_4} t_4 \dots t_n^{-1} g'_{e_0} \text{ corresponding to a path from } e_0 \text{ to } e_0 \text{ in the graph if:}$$

$$t_0 t_1^{-1} t_2 t_3^{-1} \dots t_n^{-1}$$

t_1, t_2 both edges starting at e_2, \dots etc.

t_2, t_3 both edges ending at e_2, \dots

Theorem 1.1 $G_T \approx \mathcal{F}_{e_0}$

Proof See [1].

Corollary 1.1 G_T is independent of maximal tree T .

Definition 1.15 An element $x = g_{e_0} t_1 g_{v_1} t_2^{-1} g_{e_3} t_3 \dots t_n^{-1} g'_{e_0}, n \geq 0$ of \mathcal{F}_{e_0} is said to be in a reduced form if it does not contain $t_i^{-1} g_{e_i} t_i$, with $g_{e_i} \in G_e$ or $t_i g_{v_i} t_i^{-1}$ with $g_{v_i} \in \phi_i(G_{e_i})$.

Reduced forms are not unique.

Definition 1.16 Given a collection of coset representatives of $\phi_i(G_e)$ in G_v with $\phi_i : G_e \rightarrow G_v$, a word $w = g_{e_0} t_1 g_{v_1} t_2^{-1} g_{e_3} t_3 \dots t_n^{-1} g'_{e_0}, n \geq 0$, representing an element of \mathcal{F}_{e_0} is in normal form if:

- (i) g_{e_0} is an arbitrary element in a group $G_e \in E$
- (ii) all g_{v_i} are in the collection of coset representatives of $\phi_i(G_{e_{i-1}})$ in G_v
- (iii) $g_{e_i} = 1, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$
- (iv) There is no subword $t_i^{-1} g_{e_i} t_i$ where $g_{e_i} \in G_e$, nor $t_i g_{v_i} t_i^{-1}, g_{v_i} \in \phi_i(G_{e_i}), i = 1, \dots, n$.



Theorem 1.2 (Normal Form Theorem) Every element of \mathcal{F}_{e_0} has a unique normal form.

Proof See [1].

3. Length Functions

Definition 3.1: A length function $| \cdot |$ on a group G , is a function giving each element x of G a real number $|x|$, such that for all $x, y, z \in G$, the following axioms are satisfied.

A1' $|e| = 0$, e is the identity elements of G .

A2 $|x^{-1}| = |x|$

A4 $d(x, y) < d(y, z) \Rightarrow d(x, y) = d(x, z)$, where $d(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} (|x| + |y| - |xy^{-1}|)$

Lyndon in [6] showed that A4 is equivalent to $d(x, y) \geq \min\{d(y, z), d(x, z)\}$ and to $d(y, z), d(x, z) \geq m \Rightarrow d(x, z) \geq m$.

A1', A2 and A4 imply that: $|x| \geq d(x, y) = d(y, x) \geq 0$.

Assuming, A2 and A4 only, it is easy to show that:

i. $d(x, y) \geq |e|$

ii. $|x| \geq |e|$

iii. $d(x, y) \leq |x| - \frac{1}{2}|e|$, see [7]

The axiom A3 states that: $d(x, y) \geq 0$ is deducible from A1', A2. Also, A1' is a weaker version of the following axiom: A1: $|x| = 0$ if and only if $x = 1$ in G .

Lyndon [6] showed that if G is any group with length function and x, y and z are elements in G , then the following properties will hold.

Proposition 3.2 $d(xy, y) + d(x, y^{-1}) = |y|$

Proposition 3.3 $d(x, y^{-1}) + d(y, z^{-1}) \leq |y|$ implies that $|x y z| \leq |x| - |y| + |z|$

Proposition 3.4 $d(x, y^{-1}) + d(y, z^{-1}) \leq |y|$ implies that $d(xy, z^{-1}) = d(y, z^{-1})$

Proposition 3.5 $d(x, y) + d(x^{-1}, y^{-1}) \geq |x| = |y|$ implies that $|(xy^{-1})^2| \leq |xy^{-1}|$

It follows from proposition 3.2 that for any $x, y \in G$, $d(x, y) = |y| - d(x y^{-1}, y^{-1}) \leq |y|$ by A3.

Since $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$, we get: $d(x, y) \leq \min\{|x|, |y|\}$.

A5 states that: $d(x, y) + d(x^{-1}, y^{-1}) > |x| = |y| \Rightarrow x = y$

Definition 3.1: A non-trivial element g of a group G is called Non-Archimedean if $|g^2| \leq |g|$

Definition 3.2: Let G be a group with length function. An element $x \neq 1$ in G is called Archimedean if $|x| \leq |x^2|$.

The following Axioms and results are added by Lyndon and others

A0 $x \neq 1 \Rightarrow |x| < |x^2|$

C0 $d(x, y)$ is always an integer

C1 $x \neq 1, |x^2| \leq |x|$ implies $|x|$ is odd.

C2 For no x is $|x^2| = |x| + 1$

C3 if $|x|$ is odd then $|x^2| \geq |x|$

C1' if $|x|$ is even and $|x| \neq 0$, then $|x^2| > |x|$

N0 $|x^2| \leq |x|$ implies $x^2 = 1$ is $x = x^{-1}$

N1* G is general by $\{x \in G : |x| \leq 1\}$

Definition 3.3: The set of all Non-Archimedean elements of G will be denoted by N and is given by: $N = \{x \in G : |x^2| \leq |x|\}$

Lyndon also introduced the following set in [1]: $M = \{xy \in G : |xy| + |yx| < 2|x| = 2|y|\}$, and showed that $M \subseteq N$. The nature of the elements of M and N is investigated in the next section.



4. Applications of Length Functions

The normal form theorem 1.2 for treed H N N groups allow us to assign a well-defined length to each element of the group.

Definition 4.1. Let G_T be a treed H N N group, $G_T = \langle E, V, t_i, ; \text{rel } E, \text{rel } V, t_i^{-1} g_{e_i} t_i = \phi_i(g_{e_i}), g_{e_i} \in G_e \text{ in } E, t_j = 1 \text{ for all } t_j \text{ in a max. tree } T \rangle$.

Define a length function on the elements of G_T by:

$|x| = n$, if $x = g_{e_0} t_1 g_{v_1} t_2^{-1} g_{e_3} t_3 \dots t_n^{-1} g'_{e_0}$ is in a reduced form and $n \geq 0$.

$x \rightarrow |x|$ satisfies the following axioms:

A1 $|e| = 0$, e is the identity elements of G_T .

A2 $|x^{-1}| = |x|$

A4 $d(x, y) < d(y, z) \Rightarrow d(x, y) = d(x, z)$, where $d(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} (|x| + |y| - |xy^{-1}|)$

Corollary 4.1. If G_T is a treed H N N group, then the set N consists of conjugates of elements of a group G_v in V or G_e in E .

Proof Suppose $x \in N$, i.e., $|x^2| \leq |x|$ and let

$$x^2 = g_{e_0} t_1 g_{v_1} t_2^{-1} g_{e_3} t_3 \dots t_n^{-1} g'_{e_0} g_{e_0} t_1 g_{v_1} t_2^{-1} g_{e_3} t_3 \dots t_n^{-1} g'_{e_0}$$

g'_{e_0} and g_{e_0} are in G_e and $|x^2| \leq |x|$, so a subword of length $2r$ in the middle will be consolidated.

$$x^2 = g_{e_0} t_1 g_{v_1} t_2^{-1} \dots t_{n-r}^\varepsilon (g_{s_{n-r}} t_{n-r+1}^{-\varepsilon} g_{s_{n-r+1}} \dots t_n^{-1} g_{e_0} g_{e_0} t_1^{-1} \dots t_r^\varepsilon g_{s_r}) t_{r+1}^{-\varepsilon} g_{s_{r+1}} \dots t_n^{-1} g'_{e_0}$$

$= g_{e_0} t_1 g_{v_1} t_2^{-1} \dots t_{n-r}^\varepsilon (k_r) t_{r+1}^{-\varepsilon} g_{s_{r+1}} \dots t_n^{-1} g'_{e_0}$, in a reduced form.

If $\varepsilon = +1$, then $k_r \in G_v$ and if $\varepsilon = -1$, then $k_r \in G_e$

Suppose $\varepsilon = +1$, then $g_{s_{n-r-1}} = g_{e_{n-r}} \in G_e$

$|x| = n$, So, $2n - 2r \leq n$, and $r > \frac{n}{2}$, So $r \geq n - r$.

Take $x = g_{e_0} t_1 g_{v_1} t_2^{-1} \dots t_r^\varepsilon g_{s_r} t_{r+1}^{-\varepsilon} \dots t_n^{-1} g'_{e_0}$

Suppose $\varepsilon = 1$, then $g_{s_r} = g_{v_r} \in G_v$, and $x = (g_{e_0} t_1 g_{v_1} t_2^{-1} \dots t_r) g_{v_r} (t_{r+1}^{-1} \dots t_n^{-1} g'_{e_0})$

$$x = (g_{e_0} t_1 g_{v_1} t_2^{-1} \dots t_r) (g_{e_0} t_1 g_{v_1} t_2^{-1} \dots t_r)^{-1}$$

$$x = (g_{e_0} t_1 g_{v_1} t_2^{-1} \dots t_r) g_{v_r} t_{r+1}^{-1} k_{n-r} t_r (g_{e_0} t_1 g_{v_1} t_2^{-1} \dots t_r)^{-1}$$

$r \geq n - r$, so k_{n-r} is a part of k_r which has consolidated.

$k_{n-r} \in G_e$, so $t_{r+1}^{-1} k_{n-r} t_r = g_{v_{n-r}} \in G_v$

Suppose $g_{e_0} t_1 g_{v_1} t_2^{-1} \dots t_r = g \in G$, then

$$x = g g_{v_r} g_{v_{n-r}} g^{-1} = g g_v g^{-1}, \text{ where } g_v \in x = (g_{e_0} t_1 g_{v_1} t_2^{-1} \dots t_r)$$

Hence x is a conjugate of an element of a group G_v in V .

If we suppose that $\varepsilon = -1$, then x will be a conjugate of an element of a group G_e in E .

Corollary 4.2 If G_T is a treed H N N group then the equivalent elements of N lie in the same conjugate of the group G_e in E or a group G_v in V .

i.e. $x \sim y$ if and only if $x = g g_v g^{-1}$, $y = g g'_v g^{-1}$, where $g \in G$ and $g_v, g'_v \in G_v$ in V .

or $x = g g_e g^{-1}$ and $y = g g'_e g^{-1}$, where $g_e \in C$.

Proof Similar to Corollary 4.1.

Theorem 4.1 If G_T is a treed H N N group, then M consists of conjugates of elements of a group $G_e \in E$. i.e. $x \in M$ if and only if $x = g g_e g^{-1}$, where $g_e \in G_e$ in E , and $g \in G$

Proof Let xy be an element of M and suppose

$$x = g_{e_0} t_1 g_{v_1} t_2^{-1} g_{e_3} t_3 \dots t_n^{-1} g'_{e_0} \text{ and } y = h_{e_0} c_1 h_{u_1} c_2^{-1} h_{e_3} c_3 \dots c_n^{-1} h'_{e_0} \text{ and } > 0.$$



$$xy = g_{e_0} t_1 g_{v_1} t_1^{-1} g_{e_3} t_3 \dots t_n^{-1} g'_{e_0} h_{e_0} c_1 h_{u_1} c_2^{-1} h_{e_3} c_3 \dots c_n^{-1} h'_{e_0}$$

$$|x| = |y| = n, \quad |xy| + |yx| < 2n, \quad |xy| < 2n$$

So the least form of xy is not reduced, and suppose $2r$ terms consolidate in the middle, then

$$xy = g_{e_0} t_1 g_{v_1} t_1^{-1} g_{e_3} t_3 \dots t_{n-r}^{\varepsilon} k_r c_{r+1}^{-\varepsilon} \dots c_n^{-1} h'_{e_0} \text{ and}$$

$$yx = h_{e_0} c_1 h_{u_1} c_2^{-1} h_{e_3} c_3 \dots c_{n-1}^{-\delta} c_s t_{s+1}^{-\delta} \dots t_n^{-1} g'_{e_0} \text{ are in reduced forms, for } r, s > 0, k_s, c_s \text{ are elements of } G_e \text{ or } G_v, \text{ and } \varepsilon, \delta = \pm 1.$$

$$|xy| + |yx| < 2|x| = 2|y|$$

$$2n - 2r + 2n - 2s < 2n$$

$$r + s > n \text{ implies } r > n - s$$

$$s > n - r$$

Take $xy = g_{e_0} t_1 g_{v_1} t_1^{-1} g_{e_3} t_3 \dots t_s^{\varepsilon} k_{n-s} c_{n-s+1}^{-\varepsilon} \dots c_n^{-1} h'_{e_0}$, where k_{n-s} is a part of k_r , for $r > n - s$.

If $\varepsilon = +1$, then $k_{n-s} \in G_v$ in V , $t_s k_{n-s} c_{n-s+1}^{-\varepsilon} \in G_e$ in E

$$xy = g_{e_0} t_1 g_{v_1} t_1^{-1} \dots g_{e_s} t_s k_{n-s} c_{n-s+1}^{-1} (h'_{e_{n-s+1}} \dots c_n^{-1} h'_{e_0})$$

$$xy = (h'_{e_{n-s+1}} \dots c_n^{-1} h'_{e_0})^{-1} (h'_{e_{n-s+1}} \dots c_n^{-1} h'_{e_0} g_{e_0} t_1 g_{v_1} t_2^{-1} \dots g_{e_s}) t_s k_{n-s} c_{n-s+1}^{-1} (h'_{e_{n-s+1}} \dots c_n^{-1} h'_{e_0})$$

Let $g_e = t_s k_{n-s} c_{n-s+1}^{-1} \in G_e$, $h'_{e_{n-s+1}} \dots c_n^{-1} h'_{e_0} g_{e_0} t_1 g_{v_1} t_2^{-1} \dots g_{e_s} = g'_e \in G_e$,

and let $g'_e g_e = g''_e \in G_e$.

$$\text{Hence } xy = (h'_{e_{n-s+1}} \dots c_n^{-1} h'_{e_0})^{-1} g_e (h'_{e_{n-s+1}} \dots c_n^{-1} h'_{e_0})$$

Therefore, xy is a conjugate of an element g_e in $G_e \in E$.

If $\varepsilon = -1$, then $k_{n-s} \in G_e$ in E .

$$\text{Take } xy = (g_{e_0} t_1 g_{v_1} t_1^{-1} g_{e_3} t_3 \dots t_s^{-1} g_{e_s}) t_{s+1} k_{n-s-1} c_{n-s}^{-1} (h'_{e_{n-s}} \dots c_n^{-1} h'_{e_0})$$

Let $g_e = t_{s+1} k_{n-s-1} c_{n-s}^{-1} \in G_e$ in E , then

$$xy = (h'_{e_{n-s}} \dots c_n^{-1} h'_{e_0}) (h'_{e_{n-s}} \dots c_n^{-1} h'_{e_0}) (g_{e_0} t_1 g_{v_1} t_2^{-1} \dots t_s^{-1} g_{e_s}) g_e (h'_{e_{n-s}} \dots c_n^{-1} h'_{e_0})$$

Let $(h'_{e_{n-s}} \dots c_n^{-1} h'_{e_0}) (g_{e_0} t_1 g_{v_1} t_2^{-1} \dots t_s^{-1} g_{e_s}) = g'_e$ which is part of k_s which consolidated, then

$$xy = (h'_{e_{n-s}} \dots c_n^{-1} h'_{e_0})^{-1} (g_o g_e) (h'_{e_{n-s}} \dots c_n^{-1} h'_{e_0})$$

$g_o, g_e \in G_e$, then put $\bar{g}_e = g'_e g_e$

$$\text{Hence } xy = (h'_{e_{n-s}} \dots c_n^{-1} h'_{e_0})^{-1} (\bar{g}_e) (h'_{e_{n-s}} \dots c_n^{-1} h'_{e_0})$$

i.e. xy is a conjugate of an element of G_e in E .

The same procedure applies to yx

Corollaries 4.2, 4.3 and Theorem 4.1 show that $M \subseteq N$.

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