

# GEODULAR AXIOMATICS OF AFFINE SPACES

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**Abstract.** Any flat geodular space can be treated as an affine space and vice versa. A purely algebraic proof of the fact is presented here. It gives us a new axiomatics of affine spaces. Moreover, such an approach permits us to consider affine spaces over arbitrary rings and to regard an affine space as a universal algebra.

Any algebraic system  $M = \langle M, L, (\omega_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \rangle$  equipped with a ternary operation  $L(x, a, y) = L_a^x y = x \cdot y$  and a collection of binary operations  $\omega_t(a, b) = t_a b$  is called a geodular space if:

1.  $M$  is a left loop [1] with respect to the operation  $x, y \in M \rightarrow x \cdot y \in M$  and  $a$  is its right neutral element [1].
2.  $t_a x \cdot u_a x = (t + u)_a x, (x \in M), (t, u \in \mathbb{R}),$
3.  $t_a(u_a x) = (tu)_a x, (x \in M), (t, u \in \mathbb{R}),$
4.  $1_a x = x, (x \in M),$
5.  $L_{u_a b}^{t_a b} \circ L_{t_a}^a = L_{u_a b}^a, (a, b \in M), (t, u \in \mathbb{R})$  (the first geodular identity),
6.  $L_b^a \circ t_a = t_b \circ L_b^a, (a, b \in M), (t \in \mathbb{R})$  (the second geodular identity).

**Remark.** The properties 1-4 mean that  $\mathcal{M}^a = \langle M, \cdot_a, a, (t_a)_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \rangle$  is a left  $\mathbb{R}$ -odule.

A geodular space  $\mathcal{M} = \langle M, L, (\omega_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \rangle$  is said to be of trivial curvature (or of zero curvature) if

$$L_c^b \circ L_b^a = L_c^a \quad (a, b, c \in M). \quad (1)$$

This condition is stronger than the first geodular identity.

**1. Definition.** A geodular space  $\mathcal{M} = \langle M, L, (\omega_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \rangle$  of trivial curvature is said to be flat, if for any  $a \in M, \mathcal{M}^a = \langle M, \cdot_a, a, (t_a)_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \rangle$  is a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$  (with a zero element  $a$ ).

**Remark.** In the flat case it is more suitable to use the notation  $\overset{+}{a}$  instead of  $\cdot_a$ . Henceforth we follow this convention. Due to our conditions we have evidently

$$L_p^a \circ L_q^a = L_q^a \circ L_p^a = L_{p+q}^a = L_{q+p}^a. \quad (2)$$

From now and onward we consider flat geodular spaces only.

**1. Proposition.**

$$L_b^a = L_d^c \iff d = L_b^a c. \quad (3)$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} L_b^a = L_d^c &\iff L_b^a \circ L_c^a = L_d^c \circ L_c^a \iff \\ L_{b+}_c^a = L_d^a &\iff b+}_c = d \iff L_b^a c = d. \end{aligned}$$

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**2. Proposition.**

$$L_q^p = L_b^a \circ L_q^p \circ (L_b^a)^{-1} = L_{L_b^a q}^{L_b^a p}. \quad (4)$$

*Proof.* We shall show that the first part of the equality (4) follows from Proposition 1. Indeed, Proposition 1 shows  $L_q^p = L_{L_q^p a}^a$ , and in virtue of (2) we obtain

$$L_b^a \circ L_q^p \circ (L_b^a)^{-1} = L_b^a \circ L_{L_q^p a}^a \circ (L_b^a)^{-1} = L_{L_q^p a}^a \circ L_b^a \circ (L_b^a)^{-1} = L_{L_q^p a}^a = L_q^p.$$

As to the second part of the equality (4) we can use (2) again. Then

$$\begin{aligned} L_b^a \circ L_q^p \circ (L_b^a)^{-1} &= L_b^a \circ L_q^a \circ (L_p^a)^{-1} \circ (L_b^a)^{-1} = L_{b+a}^a \circ (L_{b+p}^a)^{-1} = \\ &= L_{b+a}^{b+p} = L_{L_b^a q}^{L_b^a p}. \end{aligned}$$

**3. Proposition.**

$$L_b^a \circ t_c = t_{L_b^a c} \circ L_b^a. \quad (5)$$

*Proof.* By means of Proposition 1 we have  $L_b^a = L_{L_b^a c}^c$ . Consequently, due to the second geodular identity

$$L_b^a \circ t_c = L_{L_b^a c}^c \circ t_c = t_{L_b^a c} \circ L_b^a.$$

**Remark.** The properties

$$L_b^a \circ L_q^p \circ (L_b^a)^{-1} = L_{L_b^a q}^{L_b^a p}, \quad L_b^a \circ t_c \circ (L_b^a)^{-1} = t_{L_b^a c} \quad (6)$$

are called identities of reductivity [1].

Let  $V = \{L_b^a\}_{a,b \in M}$ . Then we can introduce for any  $f, g \in V$  the operation

$$f + g \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} f \circ g \quad (7)$$

It is easily verified that  $f \circ g \in V$  again. Indeed, if  $f = L_p^a, g = L_q^b$ , then due to Proposition 1  $g$  can be represented in the form  $g = L_{L_q^b a}^a$ . Consequently,  $f \circ g = L_p^a \circ L_{L_q^b a}^a = L_{p+L_q^b a}^a \in V$  and, moreover,  $f \circ g = g \circ f$ . Thus, the operation  $+$  is commutative and evidently associative. We have zero element  $O_V = L_q^a$  and for any  $f = L_b^a$  there exists an opposite element  $(-f) = L_a^b$ . Thus, we obtain the proposition:

**4. Proposition.** *The set  $V = \{L_b^a\}_{a,b \in M}$  constitutes a commutative group with respect to the operation  $f + g \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} f \circ g (f, g \in V)$  with zero element  $O_V = L_q^a (\forall a)$  and the opposite element  $(-L_b^a) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} L_a^b$ .*

Now we introduce the multiplication by scalars

$$tL_b^a \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} L_{t_a b}^a, \quad (a, b \in M), (t \in \mathbb{R}). \quad (8)$$

One should verify that this definition is correct. This means that  $L_b^a = L_d^c \Rightarrow L_{t_a b}^a = L_{t_c d}^c$  should be satisfied. Due to Proposition 1 we have  $L_{t_a b}^a = L_{t_c d}^c \iff t_c d = L_{t_a b}^a$ . Or  $t_c d = t_a b \stackrel{+}{_a} c$

$= c_a^+ t_a b = L_c^a t_a b = t_c L_c^a b = t_c (c_a^+ b) = t_c (b_a^+ c) = t_c L_b^a c$ . But in virtue of Proposition 1,  $L_b^a = L_c^d \iff d = L_b^a c$ . Consequently, we have shown  $L_b^a = L_c^d \implies L_{t_a b}^a = L_{t_c d}^c$  and our definition is correct.

It is easily verified that the group  $\langle V, +, -(\ ), O_V \rangle$ , equipped with multiplication by scalars generates the vector space  $\mathcal{V} = \langle V, +, O_V, -(\ ), (t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \rangle$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 (t+u)L_b^a &= L_{(t+u)_a b}^a = L_{(t_a b)_a^+ (u_a b)}^a = L_{t_a b}^a \circ L_{u_a b}^a = \\
 &\quad (tL_b^a) + (uL_b^a), \\
 t(L_b^a + L_q^p) &= t(L_b^a + L_{L_q^p a}^a) = t(L_{b_a^+ L_q^p a}^a) = L_{t_a (b_a^+ L_q^p a)}^a = \\
 &= L_{(t_a b)_a^+}^a + L_{(t_a L_q^p a)}^a = (tL_b^a) + (tL_{L_q^p a}^a) = tL_b^a + tL_q^p, \\
 (tu)L_b^a &= L_{(tu)_a b}^a = L_{t_a (u_a b)}^a = tL_{u_a b}^a = t(uL_b^a), \\
 1 \cdot L_b^a &= L_{(1)_a b}^a = L_b^a.
 \end{aligned}$$

The vector group  $\langle V, +, -(\ ), O_V \rangle$  acts on  $M$  transitively, since, for any  $x, y \in M$ ,  $L_y^x x = y$ . Let us show, that this action is simply transitive. Suppose that  $L_q^p a = b$ . Using the proposition 1 we can write  $L_q^p = L_{L_q^p a}^a$  and  $L_q^p a = L_{L_q^p a}^a a = b$ , or  $L_q^p a = b$ . Finally we obtain  $L_q^p = L_b^a$ . Last one shows, that there exists one and only one transformation in  $V$ , namely  $f = L_b^a$ , such that  $fa = b$ . Thus, our action is simply transitive.

Taking into account (4) and (5), we have the following Proposition 5.

**5. Proposition.** *The vector group  $\langle V, +, -(\ ), O_V \rangle$  acts on  $M$  simply transitively and keeps the structure of a flat geodular space invariant, that is,*

$$f \circ L_q^p \circ f^{-1} = L_{f q}^{f p}, f \circ t_c = t_{f c} \circ f (f \in V).$$

*Moreover, any flat geodular space can be considered as an affine space.*

**Remark.** One can reconstruct the flat geodular space knowing its vector space

$$\mathcal{V} = \langle V, +, -(\ ), O_V, (t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \rangle$$

Indeed, if  $fx = y (f \in V)$ , then  $L_y^x = f$  and  $t_x y = (tL_y^x)x$ .

**6. Proposition.** *Given any simply transitive action of the vector group  $\langle V, +, -(\ ), O_V \rangle$  of some vector space  $\mathcal{V} = \langle V, +, (\ ), O_V, (t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \rangle$  on a set  $M$ , one can construct in unique manner a flat geodular space  $\mathcal{M} = \langle M, L, (\omega_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \rangle$  such one that its vector space is the same as originally given.*

**Proof.** For this purpose we use the construction from the remark above. If  $fx = y (f \in V)$ , then  $f = L_y^x$  and  $t_x y = (tL_y^x)x$ . In such a way we get the structure

$$\mathcal{M} = \langle M, L, (\omega_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \rangle, \quad L(x, a, y) = L_x^a y, \omega_t(a, b) = t_a b.$$

Let us check up that  $\mathcal{M}$  is a flat geoodular space. The identity (1) is obvious since  $L_c^b \circ L_b^a$  and  $L_c^a$  translate  $a$  into  $c$ , both, and coincide due to the simple transitivity. In the same way  $L_p^a \circ L_q^a = L_{p_a^+ q}^a$  and  $L_p^a \circ L_q^a = L_q^a \circ L_p^a$  implies  $L_{p_a^+ q}^a a = L_{q_a^+ p}^a a$ , or commutativity  $p_a^+ q = q_a^+ p$ . Analogously,  $L_p^a \circ (L_q^a \circ L_r^a) = (L_p^a \circ L_q^a) \circ L_r^a$  implies  $L_{p_a^+ (q_a^+ r)}^a a = L_{(p_a^+ q)_a^+ r}^a a$ , that is, associativity  $p_a^+ (q_a^+ r) = (p_a^+ q)_a^+ r$ . Further,  $(t + u)_{xy} = ((t + u)L_y^x)x = (tL_y^x + uL_y^x)x = (tL_y^x) [(uL_y^x)x] = (tL_y^x)u_{xy} - L_{t_x y}^x u_{xy} = t_x y_x^+ u_{xy}$  (we represented  $tL_y^x = L_y^x$ , then  $t_x y = (tL_y^x)x = L_y^x x = q$ , thus  $tL_y^x = L_{t_x y}^x$ ). Further,  $t_x(y_x^+ z) = (tL_{y_x^+ z}^x)x = (t[L_y^x + L_z^x])x = (tL_y^x + tL_z^x)x = (L_{t_x y}^x + L_{t_x z}^x)x = (L_{t_x y_x^+ t_x z}^x)x = t_x y_x^+ t_x z$ . Further  $(tu)_{xy} = ((tu)L_y^x)x = (t[uL_y^x])x = (tL_{u_{xy}}^x)x = (L_{t_x u_{xy}}^x)x = t_x u_{xy}$ . And finally,  $(1)_{xy} = (1 \cdot L_y^x)x = L_y^x z = y$ .

Now we shall show that the second geoodular identity is satisfied. Analogously to the case of the proposition 1 we can prove that  $L_b^a = L_d^c \iff d = L_b^a c (\forall a, b, c \in M)$ . Further

$$L_b^a = L_{L_b^a c}^c \implies tL_b^a = tL_{L_b^a c}^c \implies L_{t_a b}^a = L_{t_c L_b^a c}^a \implies$$

$$L_{t_a b}^a c = t_c L_b^a c \implies L_c^a t_a b = t_c L_c^a b \implies L_c^a \circ t_a = t_c \circ L_c^a$$

(that is the second geoodular identity).

Thus any affine space can be considered as flat geoodular space.

**Remark.** We note that in presentation above given one can take an arbitrary skew field instead of  $\mathbb{R}$ . All results will be correct in that case.

For the first time the idea to treat affine spaces as universal algebras was announced as hypothesis by Malcev [2]. But at that time the concept of a geoodular space did not exist.

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