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# SOME GENERALIZATIONS OF RECURSIVE DERIVATES OF $\boldsymbol{k}$-ary OPERATIONS 

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#### Abstract

We present several results about recursive derivates of $k$ ary operations defined on finite set $Q$. They are generalizations of some binary cases given by Larionova-Cojocaru and Syrbu [7]. Also, we present several experimental results about recursive differentiability of ternary quasigroups of order 4 . We also prove that the multiplication group of $k$-ary quasigroups obtained by recursive differentiability of a given $k$-ary quasigroup $(Q, f)$ is a subgroup of the multiplication group of the $(Q, f)$.


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## 1 Introduction

Let $Q$ be a nonempty set and let $i$ and $k$ be a positive integers, $i \leq k$. We will use $\left(x_{i}^{k}\right)$ to denote the $(k-i+1)$-tuple $\left(x_{i}, \ldots, x_{k}\right) \in Q^{(k-i+1)}$, and $\stackrel{k}{x}$ to denote the $k$-tuple $(x, \ldots, x) \in Q^{k}$. A $k$-ary operation $f$ on the set $Q$ is a mapping $f: Q^{k} \rightarrow Q$ defined by $f:\left(x_{1}^{k}\right) \rightarrow x_{k+1}$, for which we write $f\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)=x_{k+1}$. A $k$ ary groupoid $(k \geq 1)$ is an algebra $(Q, f)$ on a nonempty set $Q$ as its universe and with one $k$-ary operation $f$. A $k$-ary groupoid $(Q, f)$ is called a $k$-ary quasigroup (of order $|Q|=q$ ) if any $k$ of the elements $a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots, a_{k+1} \in Q$, satisfying the equality

$$
f\left(a_{1}^{k}\right)=a_{k+1}
$$

uniquely specifies the remaining one.
The $k$-ary operations $f_{1}, f_{2}, \ldots, f_{d}, 1 \leq d \leq k$, defined on a set $Q$ are orthogonal if the system $\left\{f_{i}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)=a_{i}\right\}_{i=1}^{d}$ has exactly $q^{k-d}$ solutions for any $a_{1}, \ldots, a_{d} \in Q$, where $q=|Q|[4,3]$. There is one-to-one correspondence between the set of all $k$-tuples of orthogonal $k$-ary operations $<f_{1}, f_{2}, \ldots, f_{k}>$ defined on a set $Q$ and the set of all permutations $\theta: Q^{k} \rightarrow Q^{k}([4])$, given by

$$
\theta\left(x_{1}^{k}\right) \rightarrow\left(f_{1}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right), f_{2}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right), \ldots, f_{d}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)\right)
$$

The $k$-ary operation $I_{j}, 1 \leq j \leq k$, defined on $Q$ with $I_{j}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)=x_{j}$ is called the $j$-th selector or the $j$-th projection.

A system $\Sigma=\left\{f_{1}, f_{2}, \ldots, f_{s}\right\}_{s \geq k}$ of $k$-ary operations is called orthogonal, if every $k$ operations of $\Sigma$ are orthogonal. A system $\Sigma=\left\{f_{1}, f_{2}, \ldots, f_{r}\right\}, r \geq 1$ of distinct $k$-ary operations defined on a set $Q$ is called strong orthogonal if the system $\left\{I_{1}, \ldots, I_{k}, f_{1}, f_{2}, \ldots, f_{r}\right\}$ is orthogonal, where each $I_{j}, 1 \leq j \leq k$, is $j$-th selector. It follows that each operation of a strong orthogonal system, which is not a selector, is a $k$-ary quasigroup operation.

A code $C \subseteq Q^{n}$ is called a complete $k$-recursive code if there exists a function $f: Q^{k} \rightarrow Q(1 \leq k \leq n)$ such that every code word $\left(u_{0}, \ldots, u_{n-1}\right) \in C$ satisfies the conditions $u_{i+k}=f\left(u_{i}^{i+k-1}\right)$ for every $i=0,1, \ldots, n-k-1$, where $u_{0}, \ldots, u_{k-1} \in Q$. It is denoted by $C(n, f)$.
$C(n, f)$ can be represented by

$$
C(n, f)=\left\{\left(x_{1}^{k}, f^{(0)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right), \ldots, f^{(n-k-1)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)\right):\left(x_{1}^{k}\right) \in Q^{k}\right\}
$$

where
$f^{(0)}=f^{(0)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)=f\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)$,
$f^{(1)}=f^{(1)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)=f\left(x_{2}^{k}, f^{(0)}\right)$
$f^{(k-1)}=f^{(k-1)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)=f\left(x_{k}, f^{(0)}, \ldots, f^{(k-2)}\right)$
$f^{(i+k)}=f^{(i+k)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)=f\left(f^{(i)}, \ldots, f^{(i+k-1)}\right)$ for $i \geq 0$
are recursive derivatives of $f$. The general form of the recursive derivatives for any $k$-ary operation $f$ is given in [6], and $f^{(n)}=f \theta^{n}$, where $\theta: Q^{k} \rightarrow$ $Q^{k}, \theta\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)=\left(x_{2}^{k}, f\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)\right)$.

A $k$-quasigroup $(Q, f)$ is called recursively $t$-differentiable if all its recursive derivatives $f^{(0)}, \ldots, f^{(t)}$ are $k$-ary quasigroup operations [5]. A $k$-quasigroup $(Q, f)$ is called $t$-stable if the system of all recursive derivatives $f^{(0)} \ldots, f^{(t)}$ of $f$ is an orthogonal system of $k$-ary quasigroup operations, i.e. $C(k+t+1, f)$ is an MDS code [5]. A $k$-ary quasigroup $(Q, f)$ is called strongly recursively $t$ differentiable if it is recursively $t$-differentiable and $f^{(t+1)}=I_{1}$ (introduced for binary case in [1]). A $k$-ary quasigroup $(Q, f)$ is strongly recursively 0 differentiable if $f^{(1)}=I_{1}$.

It is clear that if $(Q, f)$ is a recursively $t$-differentiable $k$-ary quasigroup with recursive derivatives $f^{(0)} \ldots, f^{(t)}$, then its first recursive derivate $f^{(1)}$ is a recursively $(t-1)$-differentiable $k$-ary quasigroup with recursive derivatives $f^{(1)} \ldots, f^{(t)}$ and $(t-1)$-th recursive derivate $f^{(t-1)}$ is a recursively 1-differentiable $k$-ary quasigroup with recursive derivatives $f^{(t-1)}, f^{(t)}$.

## 2 Generalisation

The following results are generalisation of binary cases for recursive derivates from [7].
Lemma 1. Let $(Q, f)$ be a $k$-ary groupoid. For every $\left(x_{1}^{k}\right) \in Q^{k}$ and $n \in N$ the following equalities hold:

$$
f^{(n)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)=f^{(n-1)}\left(x_{2}^{k}, f^{(0)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)\right)
$$

Proof. Let $f^{(i)}=f^{(i)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)$, for all $n \in N$. For $n=1, f^{(1)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)=f^{(0)}\left(x_{2}^{k}, f^{(0)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)\right)$.
Let us suppose that $f^{(n)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)=f^{(n-1)}\left(x_{2}^{k}, f^{(0)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)\right)$ for $0 \leq n \leq s-1<k-1$. Then for $n=s$, using this assumption, we get:

$$
\begin{gathered}
f^{(s-1)}\left(x_{2}^{k}, f^{(0)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)\right)=f^{(s-2)}\left(x_{3}^{k}, f^{(0)}, f^{(0)}\left(x_{2}^{k}, f^{(0)}\right)\right)=f^{(s-2)}\left(x_{3}^{k}, f^{(0)}, f^{(1)}\right) \\
=f^{(s-3)}\left(x_{4}^{k}, f^{(0)}, f^{(1)}, f^{(0)}\left(x_{3}^{k}, f^{(0)}, f^{(1)}\right)\right)=f^{(s-3)}\left(x_{4}^{k}, f^{(0)}, f^{(1)}, f^{(2)}\right) \\
=\ldots= \\
=f^{(s-s)}\left(x_{s+1}^{k}, f^{(0)}, \ldots, f^{(s-2)}, f^{(0)}\left(x_{s}^{k}, f^{(0)}, \ldots, f^{(s-1)}\right)\right) \\
=f^{(0)}\left(x_{s+1}^{k}, f^{(0)}, \ldots, f^{(s-2)}, f^{(s-1)}\right) \\
=f^{(s)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

For $n=k$, we have

$$
\begin{gathered}
f^{(k-1)}\left(x_{2}^{k}, f^{(0)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)\right)=f^{(k-2)}\left(x_{3}^{k}, f^{(0)}, f^{(0)}\left(x_{2}^{k}, f^{(0)}\right)\right)=f^{(k-2)}\left(x_{3}^{k}, f^{(0)}, f^{(1)}\right) \\
=\ldots= \\
=f^{(k-(k-1))}\left(x_{k}^{k}, f^{(0)}, \ldots, f^{(k-3)}, f^{(0)}\left(x_{k-1}^{k}, f^{(0)}, \ldots, f^{(k-3)}\right)\right) \\
=f^{(1)}\left(x_{k}, f^{(0)}, \ldots, f^{(k-3)}, f^{(k-2)}\right) \\
=f^{(0)}\left(f^{(0)}, \ldots, f^{(k-2)}, f^{(0)}\left(x_{k}, f^{(0)}, \ldots, f^{(k-3)}, f^{(k-2)}\right)\right) \\
=f^{(0)}\left(f^{(0)}, \ldots, f^{(k-2)}, f^{(k-1)}\right) \\
=f^{(k)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

Now let suppose that $f^{(n)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)=f^{(n-1)}\left(x_{2}^{k}, f^{(0)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)\right)$ for $k+1 \leq n \leq s-1$. Then for $n=s$, using this assumption, we get:

$$
\begin{gathered}
f^{(s-1)}\left(x_{2}^{k}, f^{(0)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)\right)=f^{(s-2)}\left(x_{3}^{k}, f^{(0)}, f^{(0)}\left(x_{2}^{k}, f^{(0)}\right)\right)=f^{(s-2)}\left(x_{3}^{k}, f^{(0)}, f^{(1)}\right) \\
=f^{(s-3)}\left(x_{4}^{k}, f^{(0)}, f^{(1)}, f^{(0)}\left(x_{3}^{k}, f^{(0)}, f^{(1)}\right)\right)=f^{(s-3)}\left(x_{4}^{k}, f^{(0)}, f^{(1)}, f^{(2)}\right) \\
=\ldots= \\
=f^{(s-(k-1))}\left(x_{k}^{k}, f^{(0)}, \ldots, f^{(k-3)}, f^{(0)}\left(x_{k-1}^{k}, f^{(0)}, \ldots, f^{(k-3)}\right)\right) \\
=f^{(s-(k-1))}\left(x_{k}, f^{(0)}, \ldots, f^{(k-3)}, f^{(k-2)}\right) \\
=f^{(s-k)}\left(f^{(0)}, \ldots, f^{(k-2)}, f^{(0)}\left(x_{k}, f^{(0)}, \ldots, f^{(k-3)}, f^{(k-2)}\right)\right) \\
=f^{(s-k)}\left(f^{(0)}, \ldots, f^{(k-2)}, f^{(k-1)}\right) \\
=f^{(s-(k+1))}\left(f^{(1)}, \ldots, f^{(k-1)}, f^{(0)}\left(f^{(0)}, \ldots, f^{(k-2)}, f^{(k-1)}\right)\right) \\
=f^{(s-(k+1)}\left(f^{(1)}, \ldots, f^{(k-1)}, f^{(k)}\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

$$
\begin{gathered}
=\ldots= \\
=f^{(s-(k+s-k))}\left(f^{(s-k)}, \ldots, f^{(s-2)}, f^{(0)}\left(f^{(s-k-1)}, \ldots, f^{(s-3)}, f^{(s-2)}\right)\right) \\
=f^{(0)}\left(f^{(s-k)}, \ldots, f^{(s-2)}, f^{(s-1)}\right) \\
=f^{(s)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

$\Rightarrow$ Lemma 1 is true for every $n \in N$.
Proposition 1. Let $(Q, f)$ be a $k$-ary groupoid. For every $\left(x_{1}^{k}\right) \in Q^{k}$ and for every $j=k-1, \ldots, n-1$, where $n \geq k$, the following equalities hold:

$$
f^{(n)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)=f^{(n-j-1)}\left(f^{(j-k+1)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right), \ldots, f^{(j)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)\right)
$$

Proof. Let $f^{(i)}=f^{(i)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)$, for all $n \in N$. For $n=k$ and $j=k-1$, we have

$$
f^{(k)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)=f^{(0)}\left(f^{(0)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right), \ldots, f^{(k-1)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)\right)
$$

Suppose that $f^{(i)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)=f^{(i-j-1)}\left(f^{(j-k+1)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right), \ldots, f^{(j)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)\right)$ for every $j=k-$ $1, \ldots, i-1, i=n$. For $i=n+1$, we have:

$$
\begin{gathered}
f^{(n+1)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)=f^{(0)}\left(f^{(n-k+1)}, \ldots, f^{(n)}\right) \\
=f^{(0)}\left(f^{(n-k+1)-j-1}\left(f^{(j-k+1)}, \ldots, f^{(j)}\right), \ldots, f^{(n-j-1)}\left(f^{(j-k+1)}, \ldots, f^{(j)}\right)\right) \\
f^{((n+1)-j-1)}\left(f^{(j-k+1)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right), \ldots, f^{(j)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

$\Rightarrow$ Proposition 1 is true for every $n \geq k$ and $j=k-1, \ldots, n-1$.
Proposition 2. If two $k$-ary groupoids $\left(Q_{1}, f\right)$ and $\left(Q_{2}, g\right)$ are isomorphic, then $\left(Q_{1}, f^{(n)}\right) \cong\left(Q_{2}, g^{(n)}\right)$ for every $n \geq 1$.

Proof. Let $\varphi$ be an isomorphism from $\left(Q_{1}, f\right)$ to $\left(Q_{2}, g\right)$. Then $\varphi\left(f\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)\right)=$ $g\left(\varphi\left(x_{1}\right), \ldots, \varphi\left(x_{k}\right)\right)$ for every $\left(x_{1}^{k}\right) \in Q_{1}^{k}$. For $n=1$, we have

$$
\begin{gathered}
\varphi\left(f^{(1)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)\right)=\varphi\left(f\left(x_{2}^{k}, f\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)\right)=g\left(\varphi\left(x_{2}\right), \ldots, \varphi\left(x_{k}\right), \varphi\left(f\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)\right)\right)=\right. \\
\left.g\left(\varphi\left(x_{2}\right), \ldots, \varphi\left(x_{k}\right), g\left(\varphi\left(x_{1}\right), \ldots, \varphi\left(x_{k}\right)\right)\right)=g^{(1)}\left(\varphi\left(x_{1}\right), \ldots, \varphi\left(x_{k}\right)\right)\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

Suppose that $\varphi\left(f^{(i)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)\right)=g^{(i)}\left(\varphi\left(x_{1}\right), \ldots, \varphi\left(x_{k}\right)\right)$ for $2 \leq i \leq n-1$. Because $f^{(0)}=f$, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \varphi\left(f^{(n)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)\right)=\varphi\left(f^{(n-1)}\left(x_{2}^{k}, f^{(0)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)\right)\right)=g^{(n-1)}\left(\varphi\left(x_{2}\right), \ldots, \varphi\left(x_{k}\right), \varphi\left(f^{(0)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)\right)\right) \\
& \quad=g^{(n-1)}\left(\varphi\left(x_{2}\right), \ldots, \varphi\left(x_{k}\right), g^{(0)}\left(\varphi\left(x_{1}\right), \ldots, \varphi\left(x_{k}\right)\right)\right)=g^{(n)}\left(\varphi\left(x_{1}\right), \ldots, \varphi\left(x_{k}\right)\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

So, we have $\left(Q_{1}, f^{(n)}\right) \cong\left(Q_{2}, g^{(n)}\right)$ for every $n \geq 1$.
Proposition 3. If $(Q, f)$ is a $k$-ary groupoid, then the following holds:

$$
\operatorname{Aut}(Q, f) \leq \operatorname{Aut}\left(Q, f^{(n)}\right), \forall n \geq 1
$$

Proof. If $\varphi \in \operatorname{Aut}(Q, f)$, then $\varphi\left(f\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)\right)=f\left(\varphi\left(x_{1}\right), \ldots, \varphi\left(x_{k}\right)\right)$ for every $\left(x_{1}^{k}\right) \in$ $Q^{k}$. For $n=1$, we have

$$
\begin{gathered}
\varphi\left(f^{(1)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)\right)=\varphi\left(f\left(x_{2}^{k}, f\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)\right)=f\left(\varphi\left(x_{2}\right), \ldots, \varphi\left(x_{k}\right), \varphi\left(f\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)\right)\right)=\right. \\
\left.f\left(\varphi\left(x_{2}\right), \ldots, \varphi\left(x_{k}\right), f\left(\varphi\left(x_{1}\right), \ldots, \varphi\left(x_{k}\right)\right)\right)=f^{(1)}\left(\varphi\left(x_{1}\right), \ldots, \varphi\left(x_{k}\right)\right)\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

So, $\varphi \in \operatorname{Aut}\left(Q, f^{(1)}\right)$. Suppose that $\varphi \in \operatorname{Aut}\left(Q, f^{(k)}\right)$ for every $2 \leq k \leq n-1$.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \varphi\left(f^{(n)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)\right)=\varphi\left(f^{(n-1)}\left(x_{2}^{k}, f^{(0)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)\right)\right)=f^{(n-1)}\left(\varphi\left(x_{2}\right), \ldots, \varphi\left(x_{k}\right), \varphi\left(f^{(0)}\left(x_{1}^{k}\right)\right)\right) \\
& =f^{(n-1)}\left(\varphi\left(x_{2}\right), \ldots, \varphi\left(x_{k}\right), f^{(0)}\left(\varphi\left(x_{1}\right), \ldots, \varphi\left(x_{k}\right)\right)\right)=f^{(n)}\left(\varphi\left(x_{1}\right), \ldots, \varphi\left(x_{k}\right)\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

So, $\varphi \in \operatorname{Aut}\left(Q, f^{(n)}\right)$.
The center of a $k$-ary quasigroup $(Q, f)$, denoted by $C(Q, f)$, consists of all those elements, $c$, such that

$$
f\left(x_{1}^{i-1}, c, x_{i+1}^{k}\right)=f\left(x_{1}^{j-1}, c, x_{j+1}^{k}\right)
$$

for all $\left(x_{1}^{k}\right) \in Q^{k}([2])$.
Proposition 4. If $(Q, f)$ is a recursively 1-differentiable $k$-ary quasigroup, then the following holds:

$$
C(Q, f) \leq C\left(Q, f^{(1)}\right)
$$

Proof. Let $c \in C(Q, f)$, then $f^{(0)}\left(x_{1}^{i-1}, c, x_{i+1}^{k}\right)=f^{(0)}\left(x_{1}^{j-1}, c, x_{j+1}^{k}\right)$ for all $\left(x_{1}^{k}\right) \in Q^{k}$. We have

$$
\begin{gathered}
f^{(1)}\left(x_{1}^{i-1}, c, x_{i+1}^{k}\right)=f^{(0)}\left(x_{2}^{i-1}, c, x_{i+1}^{k}, f^{(0)}\left(x_{1}^{i-1}, c, x_{i+1}^{k}\right)\right)= \\
=f^{(0)}\left(x_{2}^{i-1}, c, x_{i+1}^{k}, f^{(0)}\left(x_{1}^{j-1}, c, x_{j+1}^{k}\right)\right)=f^{(0)}\left(x_{2}^{j-1}, c, x_{j+1}^{k}, f^{(0)}\left(x_{1}^{j-1}, c, x_{j+1}^{k}\right)\right)= \\
\left.=f^{(1)}\left(x_{1}^{j-1}, c, x_{j+1}^{k}\right)\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

Corollary 1. If $(Q, f)$ is a recursively $t$-differentiable $k$-ary quasigroup, then the following holds:

$$
C(Q, f) \leq C\left(Q, f^{(n)}\right), 1 \leq n \leq t
$$

Let $\left(a_{1}^{k-1}\right)$ be an arbitraty element of $Q^{k-1}$. The mapping $L_{i,\left(a_{1}^{k-1}\right)}: Q \rightarrow Q$ ( $i=1, \ldots, k$ ) defined by

$$
L_{i,\left(a_{1}^{k-1}\right)}(x)=f\left(a_{1}^{i-1}, x, a_{i}^{k-1}\right)
$$

is called $i$-translation of the $k$-ary groupoid $(Q, f)$ with respect to $\left(a_{1}^{k-1}\right)$. If $(Q, f)$ is $k$-ary quasigroup, the group generated by the set of all $i$-translations of the $(Q, f)$ is called the multiplication group of a quasigroup $(Q, f)$, and can be represented by:

$$
M(Q, f)=\left\langle L_{i,\left(a_{1}^{k-1}\right)} \mid\left(a_{1}^{k-1}\right) \in Q^{k-1}, i=1, \ldots, k\right\rangle .
$$

Proposition 5. If $(Q, f)$ is a recursively 1-differentiable $k$-ary quasigroup, then the following holds:

$$
M\left(Q, f^{(1)}\right) \leq M(Q, f)
$$

Proof. For $i=1$, we have

$$
\begin{gathered}
L_{1,\left(a_{1}^{k-1}\right)}^{(1)}(x)=f^{(1)}\left(x, a_{1}^{k-1}\right)=f^{(0)}\left(a_{1}^{k-1}, f^{(0)}\left(x, a_{1}^{k-1}\right)\right) \\
=f^{(0)}\left(a_{1}^{k-1}, L_{1,\left(a_{1}^{k-1}\right)}(x)\right)=L_{k,\left(a_{1}^{k-1}\right)} \circ L_{1,\left(a_{1}^{k-1}\right)}(x) \\
\Rightarrow L_{1,\left(a_{1}^{k-1}\right)}^{(1)} \in M(Q, f)
\end{gathered}
$$

For $2 \leq i \leq k$, we have

$$
\begin{gathered}
L_{i,\left(a_{1}^{k-1}\right)}^{(1)}(x)=f^{(1)}\left(a_{1}^{i-1}, x, a_{i}^{k-1}\right)=f^{(0)}\left(a_{2}^{i-1}, x, a_{i}^{k-1}, f^{(0)}\left(a_{1}^{i-1}, x, a_{i}^{k-1}\right)\right) \\
=f^{(0)}\left(a_{2}^{i-1}, x, a_{i}^{k-1}, L_{i,\left(a_{1}^{k-1}\right)}(x)\right) \\
=L_{i-1,\left(a_{2}^{k-1}, L_{i,\left(a_{1}^{k-1}\right)}(x)\right)}(x)
\end{gathered}
$$

Because $L_{i,\left(a_{1}^{k-1}\right)}(x) \in Q \Rightarrow\left(a_{2}^{k-1}, L_{i,\left(a_{1}^{k-1}\right)}(x)\right) \in Q^{k-1} \Rightarrow L_{i,\left(a_{1}^{k-1}\right)}^{(1)} \in M(Q, f)$. So, $M\left(Q, f^{(1)}\right) \leq M(Q, f)$.

Corollary 2. If $(Q, f)$ is a recursively $t$-differentiable $k$-ary quasigroup, then the following holds:

$$
M\left(Q, f^{(n)}\right) \leq M(Q, f), 1 \leq n \leq t
$$

An element $e \in Q$ is called an $i$-th unit of the $k$-ary groupoid $(Q, f)$ if the following equation holds:

$$
f\left({ }^{i-1}, x,{ }_{e}^{k-i}\right)=x
$$

for any $x \in Q$.
Lemma 2. If $(Q, f)$ is a recursively 1-differentiable $k$-ary quasigroup with 1 -th unit, then the mapping $x \rightarrow f\left({ }_{x}^{x}\right)$ is a bijection.

Proof. If the $k$-ary quasigroup $(Q, f)$ has the 1-th unit $e$, then

$$
f^{(1)}\left(e,{ }^{k-1}\right)=f\left({ }^{k} \bar{x}^{1}, f\left(e,{ }^{k-1}\right)=f\left({ }^{k-1}{ }^{1}, x\right)=f\left({ }_{x}^{k}\right)\right.
$$

for every $x \in Q$, so the mapping $x \rightarrow f\left(x^{k}\right)$ is a bijection on $Q$.

In general, the two converse statements are not always true. First, if $(Q, f)$ is a $k$-ary quasigroup with 1 -th unit, and the mapping $x \rightarrow f(x)$ is a bijection on $Q$, than $(Q, f)$ is not always a recursively 1-differentiable $k$-ary quasigroup. For example, the quasigroup $\left(Z_{5}, \cdot\right)$, where $x \cdot y=x+3 y+3 z(\bmod 5)$, is a ternary quasigroup with 1-th unit 0 and $x \rightarrow f(x, x, x)$ is a bijection on $Q$, but $\left(Z_{5}, \cdot\right)$ is not a recursively 1-differentiable ternary quasigroup. Second, if $(Q, f)$ is a recursively 1 -differentiable $k$-ary quasigroup, and the mapping $x \rightarrow f(\stackrel{k}{x})$ is a bijection on $Q$, than $(Q, f)$ does not have always a 1 -th unit. For example, the quasigroup $\left(Z_{5}, \cdot\right)$, where $x \cdot y=2 x+2 y+2 z(\bmod 5)$, is a recursively 1differentiable ternary quasigroup and $x \rightarrow f(x, x, x)$ is a bijection on $Q$, but $\left(Z_{5}, \cdot\right)$ does not have a 1-th unit.

Corollary 3. If $(Q, f)$ is a recursively $t$-differentiable $k$-ary quasigroup $(1 \leq t \leq$ $k)$ with the same 1-th to $t$-th unit e, then the mapping $x \rightarrow f(x)$ is a bijection.

Corollary 4. If $(Q, f)$ is a recursively $t$-differentiable $k$-ary loop $(1 \leq t \leq k)$, then the mapping $x \rightarrow f(\underset{x}{x})$ is a bijection.

Corollary 5. If $(Q, f)$ is a recursively $t$-differentiable $k$-ary group $(1 \leq t \leq k)$, then the mapping $x \rightarrow f(\stackrel{k}{x})$ is a bijection.

## 3 Some results for ternary quasigroups

By experiments, we obtained the following results:

- there are 96 recursively 1-differentiable ternary quasigroups of order 4 , and all are 1-stable
- there are no recursively $t$-differentiable ternary quasigroups of order 4 , for $t \geq 2$,
- there are 64 strongly recursively 0-differentiable ternary quasigroups of order 4,
- there are 8 strongly recursively 1-differentiable ternary quasigroups of order 4.

Bellow is example of strongly recursively 1-differentiable and 1-stable ternary quasigroups of order 4.

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{{{1,2,3,4},{3,4,1,2},{4,3,2,1},{2,1,4,3}},{{2,1,4,3},{4,3,2,1},{3,4,1,2},{1,2,3,4}},
{{3,4,1,2},{1,2,3,4},{2,1,4,3},{4,3,2,1}},{{4,3,2,1},{2,1,4,3},{1,2,3,4},{3,4,1,2}}}
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