

## $n$ -ARY $P$ - $H_v$ -GROUPS

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**ABSTRACT.**  $n$ -ary  $H_v$ -structures is a generalisation of both  $n$ -ary structures and  $H_v$ -structures. A wide class of  $n$ -ary  $H_v$ -groups is the  $n$ -ary  $P$ - $H_v$ -groups that is considered in this paper. In this paper the notion of a normal subgroup of an  $n$ -ary  $P$ - $H_v$ -group is introduced and the isomorphism theorems for  $n$ -ary  $P$ - $H_v$ -groups are stated and proved. Also some examples and related properties are investigated.

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### 1. Introduction

Since Marty [8] had introduced the basic concepts of hyperstructures several authors have studied about them.  $H_v$ -structures which is a larger class of hyperstructures introduced by T. Vougiouklis in [13].  $P$ - $H_v$ -structures which is a subclasses of  $H_v$ -structures studied in [10] by S. Spartalis and T. Vougiouklis. The reader will found in [9, 11, 12] a deep discussion on  $P$ -hyperstructures theory. The notion of an  $n$ -ary group was introduced by Dornte in [3], which is a natural generalization of the notion of a group. Since then many papers concerning various  $n$ -ary algebra have appeared in the literature, for example see [3-6]. The notion of  $n$ -ary hypergroups is defined and considered by Davvaz and Vougiouklis in [2], which is a generalization of hypergroups in the sense of Marty and a generalization of  $n$ -ary groups. It is introduced the notion of an  $n$ -ary  $H_v$ -group in [7].

This paper deals with a certain algebraic system as a subclass of  $n$ -ary  $H_v$  groups which is called  $n$ -ary  $P$ - $H_v$ -groups. The notion of a normal subgroup of an  $n$ -ary  $P$ - $H_v$ -group is introduced and the isomorphism theorems for  $n$ -ary  $P$ - $H_v$ -groups are stated and proved. Also some examples and related properties are investigated.

### 2. $n$ -ary $P$ - $H_v$ -Groups

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Let  $H$  be a non-empty set and  $H^n$  be the Cartesian product  $H \times \cdots \times H$  where  $H$  appears  $n$  times. An element of  $H^n$  will be denoted by  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ . In general, a mapping

$$f : H^n \rightarrow \mathcal{P}^*(H)$$

is called an  $n$ -ary hyperoperation and  $n$  is called the arity of the hyperoperation, where  $\mathcal{P}^*(H)$  is the set of all non-empty subsets of  $H$ . Let  $f$  be an  $n$ -ary hyperoperation on  $H$ . For  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  subsets of  $H$ , it is defined

$$f(A_1, \dots, A_n) = \bigcup_{x_i \in A_i} f(x_1, \dots, x_n).$$

We shall use the following abbreviated notation:

The sequence  $x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_j$  will be denoted by  $x_i^j$ . For  $j < i$ ,  $x_i^j$  is the empty set. In this convention  $f(x_1, \dots, x_i, y_{i+1}, \dots, y_j, z_{j+1}, \dots, z_n)$  will be written as  $f(x_1^i, y_{i+1}^j, z_{j+1}^n)$ .

If  $m = k(n - 1) + 1$ , the  $m$ -ary hyperoperation  $h$  given by

$$h(x_1^{k(n-1)+1}) = f\left(\underbrace{f(\dots f(f(x_1^n), x_{n+1}^{2n-1}), \dots, x_{(k-1)(n-1)+2}^{k(n-1)+1})}_{k}\right)$$

will be denoted by  $f_{(k)}$ . In certain situations, when the arity  $n$  does not play a crucial role, or when it will differ depending on additional assumptions, we write  $f_{(.)}$  to mean  $f_{(k)}$  for some  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ .

According to [2] a non-empty set  $H$  with an  $n$ -ary hyperoperation  $f : H^n \rightarrow \mathcal{P}^*(H)$  is an  $n$ -ary semihypergroup if the associativity is valid, i.e. for all  $x_1, \dots, x_{2n-1} \in H$  and  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$

$$f(x_1^{i-1}, f(x_i^{n+i-1}), x_{n+i}^{2n+i-1}) = f(x_1^{j-1}, f(x_j^{n+j-1}), x_{n+j}^{2n-1}).$$

Moreover, if for all  $a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n, b \in H$  and  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , there exists  $x_i \in H$  such that

$$b \in f(a_1^{i-1}, x_i, a_{i+1}^n)$$

then  $(H, f)$  is called an  $n$ -ary hypergroup. This axiom is called reproduction axiom.

An element  $e$  of  $H$  is called identity(neutral) element if

$$f(\underbrace{e, \dots, e}_{i-1}, x, \underbrace{e, \dots, e}_{n-1})$$

includes  $x$ , for any  $x \in H$  and  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

The  $n$ -ary hyperstructure  $(H, f)$  will be called an  $n$ -ary  $H_v$ -semigroup[7] if the weak associativity is valid, i.e. for all  $x_1, \dots, x_{2n-1} \in H$ ,

$$\bigcap_{1 \leq i \leq n} f(x_1^{i-1}, f(x_i^{n+i-1}), x_{n+i}^{2n-1}) \neq \phi.$$

And if the reproduction axiom is valid then  $(H, f)$  is called an  $n$ -ary  $H_v$ -group. The reproduction axiom can be formulated by  $f(a_1^{i-1}, H, a_{i+1}^n) = H$ .

Let  $(H, f)$  be an *n*-ary  $H_v$ -group(semigroup) and  $B \subseteq H$ , then  $B$  is called an  $H_v$ -subgroup(subsemigroup) of  $H$  if and only if  $(B, f)$  is an *n*-ary  $H_v$ -group(semigroup).

**Lemma 2.1.** [7] *Let  $B$  be a subset of the *n*-ary  $H_v$ -group  $(H, f)$ ; then*

- (i)  *$B$  is an  $H_v$ -subsemigroup of  $H$  if and only if  $f(a_1^{i-1}, H, a_{i+1}^n) \subseteq H$ ,*
  - (ii)  *$B$  is an  $H_v$ -subgroup of  $H$  if and only if  $f(a_1^{i-1}, H, a_{i+1}^n) = H$ ,*
- for all  $a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n \in H$ , and  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

**Definition 2.2.** Consider the semigroup  $(H, \cdot)$  with center  $Z(H)$  and suppose  $\phi \neq P \subseteq H$ . For  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$  it is defined the map  $P_k^* : H^n \rightarrow \mathcal{P}^*(H)$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} P_0^*(x_1^n) &= Px_1 \cdots x_n, \\ P_k^*(x_1^n) &= x_1 \cdots x_k P x_{k+1} \cdots x_n, \text{ for } 1 \leq k \leq n, \end{aligned}$$

for  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in H$ . It is clear that  $P_k^*$  is an *n*-ary hyperoperation which is called an *n*-ary *P*-hyperoperation and if  $P \subseteq Z(H)$  then

$$P_k^* = P_s^*, \text{ for } k, s \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}.$$

We denote the *P*-hyperoperation  $P_0^*$  by  $P^*$ . If algebraic structure  $(H, P_k^*)$  is an *n*-ary  $H_v$ -group(semigroup), then it is called an *n*-ary *P*- $H_v$ -group(semigroup) over  $(H, \cdot)$ .

**Example 2.3.** Let  $(H, \cdot)$  be a group with identity element  $e$ . If  $P = \{e\}$  then for  $P^*(= e^*$  say) we have

$$e^*(x_1^n) = \{x_1 \cdots x_n\}.$$

So,  $(H, e^*)$  is an *n*-ary *P*- $H_v$ -group and also *n*-ary group, which is called the simple *n*-ary group over  $(H, \cdot)$ .

**Lemma 2.4.** *For  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$  and semigroup  $(H, \cdot)$ , consider the algebraic structure  $(H, P_k^*)$ ,*

- (i) *if  $P \subseteq Z(H)$  then it is an *n*-ary semihypergroup,*
- (ii) *if  $P \cap Z(H) \neq \phi$  then it is an *n*-ary *P*- $H_v$ -group if and only if  $(H, \cdot)$  is a group.*

*Proof.* (i) Suppose  $x_1, \dots, x_{2n-1} \in H$  and  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} P_k^*(x_1^{i-1}, P_k^*(x_i^{n+i-1}), x_{n+i}^{2n-1}) &= PPx_1 \cdots x_{2n-1}, \text{ since } P \subseteq Z(H) \\ &= P_k^*(x_1^{j-1}, P_k^*(x_j^{n+j-1}), x_{n+j}^{2n-1}). \end{aligned}$$

This shows that  $P_k^*$  is associative and  $(H, P_k^*)$  is an *n*-ary semihypergroup.

(ii) Suppose  $(H, P_k^*)$  is an *n*-ary *P*- $H_v$ -group. Then by reproduction axiom for every  $x_3, \dots, x_n, h \in H$  we have

$$H = P_k^*(x_3^n, H, h) = x_3 \cdots x_{k+2} P x_{k+3} \cdots x_n H h \subseteq H h.$$

Therefore  $Hh = H$  and we can get that  $(H, \cdot)$  is a group.

Conversely; suppose  $(H, \cdot)$  is a group. If  $a \in P \cap Z(H)$  then for sequence  $x_1^{2n-1}$  in  $H$  we have

$$aa x_1 \cdots x_{2n-1} \in \bigcap_{1 \leq i \leq n} P_k^*(x_1^{i-1}, P_k^*(x_i^{n+i-1}), x_{n+i}^{2n-1}).$$

So  $(H, P_k^*)$  is an  $n$ -ary  $P$ - $H_v$ -semigroup. Since  $(H, \cdot)$  is a group and  $P \subseteq H$  we have

$$x_1 \cdots x_k P x_{k+1} \cdots x_{i-1} H x_{i+1} \cdots x_n = H.$$

i.e.,  $P_k^*(x_1^i, H, x_{i+1}^n) = H$ . Therefore  $(H, P_k^*)$  is an  $n$ -ary  $P$ - $H_v$ -group. □

**Corollary 2.5.** *Suppose  $(H, \cdot)$  is a group. For  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$ ,*

- (i) *if  $e \in P$ , then  $(H, P_k^*)$  is an  $n$ -ary  $P$ - $H_v$ -group,*
- (ii) *if  $P \subseteq Z(H)$ , then  $(H, P_k^*)$  is an  $n$ -ary hypergroup.*

*Proof.* (i) Since  $e \in P$ ,  $P \cap Z(H) \neq \phi$ , by (ii) of Lemma 2.3  $(H, P_k^*)$  is an  $n$ -ary  $H_v$ -group.

(ii) By (i) of Lemma 2.3  $(H, P_k^*)$  is an  $n$ -ary semihypergroup. The proof will be completed as the proof of (ii) of Lemma 2.4. □

**Theorem 2.6** [7]. *Consider the  $P$ - $H_v$ -group  $(H, P^*)$  over the group  $(H, \cdot)$ . Suppose  $e \in P$  and  $B \subseteq H$ . Then  $(B, P^*)$  is an  $n$ -ary  $P$ - $H_v$ -subgroup of  $(H, P^*)$  if and only if  $P \subseteq B$  and  $B$  is a subgroup of  $(H, \cdot)$ .*

### 3. Quotient $n$ -ary $P$ - $H_v$ -groups

Throughout in this section  $P \subseteq H$ ,  $P \cap Z(H) \neq \phi$ ,  $(H, P^*)$  is an  $n$ -ary  $P$ - $H_v$ -group over the group  $(H, \cdot)$  and  $(L, P^*)$  is an  $n$ -ary  $P$ - $H_v$ -subgroup of  $H$ , so by Theorem 2.6,  $P \subseteq L$  and  $(L, \cdot)$  is a subgroup of  $(H, \cdot)$ . Also, for  $n$ -ary hyperoperation  $f$ , we denote the  $f(x_1^i, \underbrace{y, \dots, y}_{n-i})$  by  $f(x_1^i, y)$ , for  $x_1, \dots, x_i, y \in$

$H$  and  $1 \leq i < n$ .

**Definition 3.1.** An  $n$ -ary  $P$ - $H_v$ -subgroup  $(N, P^*)$  of  $(H, P^*)$  is called an  $n$ -ary  $P$ - $H_v$ -normal subgroup of  $H$  if for  $a_2, \dots, a_n \in H$  and  $2 \leq i, j \leq n$ ,

$$P^*(a_2^i, N, a_{i+1}^n) = P^*(a_2^j, N, a_{j+1}^n).$$

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $N \subseteq H$  and  $P \subseteq Z(H) \cap N$ . Then  $(N, P^*)$  is an  $n$ -ary  $P$ - $H_v$  normal subgroup of  $(H, P^*)$  if and only if  $(N, \cdot)$  is a normal subgroup of  $(H, \cdot)$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $(N, P^*)$  is an  $n$ -ary  $P$ - $H_v$ -normal subgroup of  $(H, P^*)$  then by Theorem 2.6,  $N$  is a subgroup of  $H$ . If  $a \in H$  then

$$\begin{aligned} aN &= aPN, \text{ since } P \subseteq N \text{ and } (N, \cdot) \text{ is a group} \\ &= PaN, \text{ since } P \subseteq Z(H) \\ &= P^*(a, N, e) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= P^*(N, a, e), \text{ since } (N, P^*) \text{ is an } n\text{-ary } H_v\text{-normal subgroup} \\ &= PNa \\ &= Na, \text{ since } P \subseteq N \text{ and } (N, \cdot) \text{ is a group.} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $(N, \cdot)$  is a normal subgroup of  $(H, \cdot)$ .

Conversely, let  $(N, \cdot)$  be a normal subgroup of  $(H, \cdot)$  and  $a_2, \dots, a_n$  in  $H$  then for every  $2 \leq i, j \leq n$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned} P^*(a_2^{i-1}, N, a_i^n) &= Pa_2 \cdots a_{i-1}Na_i \cdots a_n \\ &= Pa_2 \cdots a_{j-1}Na_j \cdots a_n, \text{ since } (N, \cdot) \text{ is a normal subgroup} \\ &= P^*(a_2^{j-1}, N, a_j^n). \end{aligned}$$

By Theorem 2.6, the proof is completed. □

The relation  $\theta$  on  $H^{n-1}$  is defined by

$$(u_2^n)\theta(v_2^n) \text{ if and only if } P^*(L, u_2^n) = P^*(L, v_2^n),$$

for sequences  $u_2^n, v_2^n$  in  $H^{n-1}$ .

It is clear that the relation  $\theta$  is an equivalence relation on  $H^{n-1}$ , which is called  $\theta$  relation corresponding to  $L$ . It is denoted the  $\theta$  class of  $(u_2^n)$  in  $H^{n-1}$  by  $\mathcal{P}(L, u_2^n)$  and the set includes of all  $\theta$  classes by  $H^{n-1}/L$ . Because for every  $u_2, \dots, u_n \in H$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} P^*(L, u_2^n) &= PLu_2 \cdots u_n \\ &= P^*(L, u_2 \cdots u_n, \underbrace{e, \dots, e}_{n-2}) \\ &= Lu_2 \cdots u_n. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\mathcal{P}(L, u_2^n) = \mathcal{P}(L, u_2 \cdots u_n, e)$ , and

$$H^{n-1}/L = \{\mathcal{P}(L, h, e) \mid h \in H\},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}(L, h, e) &= \{(u_2^n) \in H^{n-1} \mid P^*(L, u_2^n) = P^*(L, h, e)\} \\ &= \{(u_2^n) \in H^{n-1} \mid Lu_2 \cdots u_n = Lh\}. \end{aligned}$$

Also the relation  $\sigma$  on  $H$  is defined by  $x\sigma y$  if and only if there exists a sequence  $u_2^n$  in  $H$  such that  $x, y \in P^*(L, u_2^n)$ , for every  $x, y \in H$ , which is called the  $\sigma$  relation on  $H$  corresponding to  $L$ .

**Lemma 3.3.** Consider the  $\sigma$  relation corresponding to  $L$  on the  $n$ -ary  $P$ - $H_v$ -group  $(H, P^*)$ ,

- (i)  $\sigma$  relation is an equivalence relation on  $H$ ,
- (ii) if  $x \in P^*(L, u_2^n)$ , then

$$x/\sigma = P^*(L, u_2^n) = P^*(L, x, e) = Lx,$$

where  $x/\sigma$  is the  $\sigma$ -equivalence class of  $x$ ,

(iii) there is a one-one corresponding between  $H/\sigma$ ,  $H^{n-1}/L$  and  $H/L$ , where  $H/\sigma$  is the set of all equivalence classes of  $\sigma$ .

*Proof.* (i) It is clear that  $\sigma$  is a reflexive and symmetric relation. Suppose  $x\sigma y$  and  $y\sigma z$ , so there exist sequences  $u_2^n, v_2^n$  in  $H^{n-1}$  such that

$$\{x, y\} \subseteq P^*(L, u_2^n), \{y, z\} \subseteq P^*(L, v_2^n).$$

If we set  $u = u_2 \cdots u_n$  and  $v = v_2 \cdots v_n$ , then

$$\{x, y\} \subseteq P^*(L, u_2^n) = PLu_2 \cdots u_n = Lu \text{ and } \{y, z\} \subseteq Lv.$$

Hence

$$y \in Lu \cap Lv \neq \phi, \\ \{x, y, z\} \subseteq P^*(L, u_2^n) = Lu = Lv = P^*(L, v_2^n).$$

Therefore  $x\sigma z$ .

(ii) Let  $x \in P^*(L, u_2^n)$  and  $y \in x/\sigma$  then there exist  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in H$  such that  $\{x, y\} \subseteq P^*(L, v_2^n)$ . So

$$x \in P^*(L, u_2^n) \cap P^*(L, v_2^n).$$

This concludes

$$P^*(L, u_2^n) = P^*(L, v_2^n), y \in P^*(L, u_2^n), \\ x/\sigma \subseteq P^*(L, u_2^n).$$

Conversely, if  $x \in P^*(L, u_2^n)$  then by definition of  $\sigma$  relation we have  $P^*(L, u_2^n) \subseteq x/\sigma$ . Therefore  $x/\sigma = P^*(L, u_2^n)$ . Moreover

$$Lx = P^*(L, x, e.) = P^*(L, u_2^n) = x/\sigma.$$

(iii) By (ii) and definition of  $\theta$  relation, it is clear that there is a one-one corresponding between

$$H^{n-1}/L = \{P^*(L, x, e.) \mid x \in H\} \text{ and} \\ H/L = \{Lx \mid x \in H\} = \{x/\sigma \mid x \in H\} = H/\sigma.$$

□

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $N$  be an  $n$ -ary  $P$ - $H_v$ -normal subgroup of  $n$ -ary  $P$ - $H_v$ -group  $(H, P^*)$ . Then  $(H^{n-1}/N, e^*/N)$  is an  $n$ -ary group where for every elements  $\mathcal{P}(N, a_1, e.), \dots, \mathcal{P}(N, a_n, e.) \in H^{n-1}/N$ ,

$$e^*/N(\mathcal{P}(N, a_1, e.), \dots, \mathcal{P}(N, a_n, e.)) = \mathcal{P}(N, a_1 \cdots a_n, e.).$$

*Proof.* Suppose  $\mathcal{P}(N, a_1, e.), \dots, \mathcal{P}(N, a_n, e.), \mathcal{P}(N, b_1, e.), \dots, \mathcal{P}(N, b_n, e.)$  are in  $H^{n-1}/N$  and  $\mathcal{P}(N, a_i, e.) = \mathcal{P}(N, b_i, e.)$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Then

$$P^*(N, a_i, e.) = P^*(N, b_i, e.), \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, n \\ \Rightarrow Na_i = Nb_i, \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, n \\ \Rightarrow Na_1 \cdots a_n = Nb_1 \cdots b_n.$$

Therefore

$$e^*/N(\mathcal{P}(N, a_1, e.), \dots, \mathcal{P}(N, a_n, e.)) = e^*/N(\mathcal{P}(N, b_1, e.), \dots, \mathcal{P}(N, b_n, e.))$$

and  $e^*/N$  is an  $n$ -ary operation.

It is straightforward to see that  $e^*/N$  on  $H^{n-1}/N$  is associative.

For elements  $\mathcal{P}(N, a_1, e.), \dots, \mathcal{P}(N, a_{i-1}, e.), \mathcal{P}(N, a_{i+1}, e.), \dots, \mathcal{P}(N, a_n, e.), \mathcal{P}(N, b, e.)$  in  $H^{n-1}/N$ , if

$$x = (a_1 \cdots a_{i-1})^{-1} b (a_{i+1} \cdots a_n)^{-1}$$

then we have

$$\begin{aligned} e^*/N(\mathcal{P}(N, a_1, e.), \dots, \mathcal{P}(N, a_{i-1}, e.), \mathcal{P}(N, x, e.), \mathcal{P}(N, a_{i+1}, e.), \dots, \mathcal{P}(N, a_n, e.)) \\ = \mathcal{P}(N, a_1 \cdots a_{i-1} x a_{i+1} \cdots a_n, e.) \\ = \mathcal{P}(N, a_1 \cdots a_{i-1} (a_1 \cdots a_{i-1})^{-1} b (a_{i+1} \cdots a_n)^{-1} a_{i+1} \cdots a_n, e.) \\ = \mathcal{P}(N, b, e.). \end{aligned}$$

□

For any  $n$ -ary  $P$ - $H_v$ -normal subgroup  $(N, P^*)$  of  $(H, P^*)$ ,  $N$  is a normal subgroup of  $H$  and  $(H^{n-1}/N, e^*/N)$  induces the  $n$ -ary group  $(H/N, e^*)$  which is the simple  $n$ -ary group over the ordinary quotient group  $(H/N, \oplus)$ .

**Example 3.5.** Consider  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ , the group of integers. Suppose  $P \subseteq 4\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n = 3$  and  $P^* : \mathbb{Z}^3 \rightarrow P^*(\mathbb{Z})$  be the hyperoperation defined by

$$P^*(x, y, z) = P + x + y + z, \text{ for } (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{Z}^3.$$

Then  $(4\mathbb{Z}, P^*)$  is a 3-ary  $P$ - $H_v$ -subgroup of  $(\mathbb{Z}, P^*)$ . By Theorem 3.3

$$\mathbb{Z}/\sigma = \{4\mathbb{Z}, 4\mathbb{Z} + 1, 4\mathbb{Z} + 2, 4\mathbb{Z} + 3\},$$

and  $\mathbb{Z}^2/4\mathbb{Z}$  have four classes, where

$$\begin{aligned} (u_1, u_2)/\theta &= \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \mid P^*(4\mathbb{Z}, x, y) = P^*(4\mathbb{Z}, u_1, u_2)\} \\ &= \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \mid x + y \in 4\mathbb{Z} + (u_1 + u_2)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we can consider the  $\theta$  classes as the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}(4\mathbb{Z}, 0, 0) &= (0, 0)/\theta = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \mid x + y \in 4\mathbb{Z}\}, \\ \mathcal{P}(4\mathbb{Z}, 1, 0) &= (1, 0)/\theta = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \mid x + y \in 4\mathbb{Z} + 1\}, \\ \mathcal{P}(4\mathbb{Z}, 2, 0) &= (2, 0)/\theta = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \mid x + y \in 4\mathbb{Z} + 2\}, \\ \mathcal{P}(4\mathbb{Z}, 3, 0) &= (3, 0)/\theta = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 \mid x + y \in 4\mathbb{Z} + 3\}. \end{aligned}$$

By Theorem 3.4,  $(\mathbb{Z}^2/4\mathbb{Z}, e^*/4\mathbb{Z})$  is a quotient 3-ary group with above four elements.

**Example 3.6.** Let  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  be the group of integers and  $n = 4$ . By Theorem 3.4,  $(\mathbb{Z}^3/2\mathbb{Z}, e^*/2\mathbb{Z})$  is a 4-ary group with two elements  $\mathcal{P}(2\mathbb{Z}, 0, 0, 0), \mathcal{P}(2\mathbb{Z}, 1, 0, 0)$ .

**Definition 3.7.** Let  $(H, P^*), (G, Q^*)$  be  $n$ -ary  $P$ - $H_v$ -groups and  $f : H \rightarrow G$  be a map. Then  $f$  is called a homomorphism of  $n$ -ary  $P$ - $H_v$ -groups if

$$f(P^*(x_1^n)) \cap Q^*(f(x_1), \dots, f(x_n)) \neq \phi$$

and  $f$  is called strong homomorphism if

$$f(P^*(x_1^n)) = Q^*(f(x_1), \dots, f(x_n)).$$

Finally, if  $f$  is a bijection strong homomorphism then  $f$  is called an isomorphism which is written  $(H, P^*) \cong (G, Q^*)$ .

**Example 3.8.** For  $h \in Z(H)$ , consider the left by  $h$  translation  $L_h$  in  $(H, \cdot)$  which obviously is a one-one and onto mapping. Also

$$\begin{aligned} L_h((h^{n-1}P)^*(x_1^n)) &= h(h^{n-1}Px_1 \cdots x_n) \\ &= h^n Px_1 \cdots x_n \\ &= P(hx_1) \cdots (hx_n) \\ &= P^*(L_h(x_1), \dots, L_h(x_n)). \end{aligned}$$

So  $L_h$  establishes an isomorphism on  $(H, (h^{n-1}P)^*)$  and  $(H, P^*)$ .

**Lemma 3.9.** Let  $(H, P^*), (G, Q^*)$  be  $n$ -ary  $P$ - $H_v$ -groups on  $(H, \cdot)$  and  $(G, \cdot)$  respectively and  $f : H \rightarrow G$  be a homomorphism of groups. Then

$$f : (H, P^*) \rightarrow (G, Q^*)$$

- (i) is a homomorphism of  $n$ -ary  $P$ - $H_v$ -groups if and only if  $f(P) \cap Q \neq \phi$ ;
- (ii) is a strong homomorphism of  $n$ -ary  $P$ - $H_v$ -groups if and only if  $f(P) = Q$ .

*Proof.* (i) If  $f$  is a homomorphism of  $n$ -ary  $P$ - $H_v$ -groups, then

$$\begin{aligned} f(P^*(e.)) \cap Q^*(f(e.)) \neq \phi &\Rightarrow f(Pe \cdots e) \cap Qf(e) \cdots f(e) \neq \phi \\ &\Rightarrow f(P) \cap Q \neq \phi. \end{aligned}$$

Conversely; if  $q \in f(P) \cap Q$  then for every  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in P$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} qf(x_1) \cdots f(x_n) &\in f(P)f(x_1 \cdots x_n) \cap Qf(x_1) \cdots f(x_n) \\ &= f(P^*(x_1^n)) \cap Q^*(f(x_1), \dots, f(x_n)). \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Suppose  $f$  is a strong homomorphism then

$$f(P^*(e.)) = Q^*(f(e.)) \text{ and } f(P) = Q.$$

Conversely, if  $f(P) = Q$ , for  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in H$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(P^*(x_1^n)) &= f(Px_1 \cdots x_n) \\ &= f(P)f(x_1) \cdots f(x_n) \\ &= Qf(x_1) \cdots f(x_n) \\ &= Q^*(f(x_1), \dots, f(x_n)). \end{aligned}$$

□

**Corollary 3.10.** Let  $(H, \cdot)$  and  $(G, \cdot)$  be two groups, and  $f \in \text{Hom}(H, G)$  be onto. Then,  $f$  is a strong homomorphism from the  $n$ -ary  $P$ - $H_v$ -groups  $(H, P^*)$  to  $(G, f(P)^*)$ .

*Proof.*  $x \in P \cap Z(H)$  implies  $f(x) \in f(P) \cap Z(G)$ . By (ii) of Lemma 2.4  $(H, P^*)$  and  $(G, f(P)^*)$  are *n*-ary *P*-*H<sub>v</sub>*-groups. By (ii) of Lemma 3.9 the proof is completed.  $\square$

We observe that every  $f \in \text{End}(H)$  induces a strong homomorphism on the *n*-ary *P*-*H<sub>v</sub>*-group  $(H, P^*), (H, f(P)^*)$ . Similarly, every  $f \in \text{Aut}(H)$  induces an isomorphism on  $(H, P^*), (H, f(P)^*)$ . In the special case  $f(P) = P$ , we have respectively an endomorphism or an automorphism in  $(H, P^*)$ . As an example of the last case we give the following:

any element  $x$  of the centralizer of  $P$ ,  $x \in C_H(P)$ , induces an inner automorphism  $h \mapsto x^{-1}hx$ , which induces an automorphism on  $(H, P^*)$ . Because  $f(P) = x^{-1}Px = P$  and so  $P^* = f(P)^*$ .

**Definition 3.11.** We define

$$P_c^*(x_1^n) = x_n^{-1} \cdots x_1^{-1}P,$$

which is called *n*-ary  $P_c$ -hyperoperation. The  $(H, P_c^*)$  becomes an *n*-ary *P*-*H<sub>v</sub>*-group which is called *n*-ary  $P_c$ -*H<sub>v</sub>*-group.

Consider the surjection  $^{-1} : H \rightarrow H, x \mapsto x^{-1}$ . Then we have

$$^{-1}(P^*(x_1^n)) = (Px_1 \cdots x_n)^{-1} = x_n^{-1} \cdots x_1^{-1}P^{-1} = (P^{-1})_c^*(x_1^n),$$

for  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in H$ . Therefore, we have the isomorphism

$$(H, P^*) \cong (H, (P^{-1})_c^*).$$

The element  $w \in H$  is called a left unit in  $(H, P^*)$  if

$$x \in P^*(w, x, e), \text{ for all } x \in H,$$

and is called a right unit if

$$x \in P^*(x, w, e), \text{ for all } x \in H.$$

But if  $w$  is a left unit in  $(H, P^*)$  then for every  $x \in H$  we can find  $p_x \in P$  such that  $p_x w = e$ . Then  $w = p_x^{-1}$  and for every  $y \in H$  we have

$$y \in P^*(p_x^{-1}, y, e) = P^*(w, y, e).$$

Conversely; for every  $x \in H$  we have  $x \in PP^{-1}x = P^*(P^{-1}, x, e)$ . Therefore all left units of  $(H, P^*)$  are elements of the set  $P^{-1}$ .

Let  $x \in H$  and  $p_0 \in P$ . Then an element  $x' \in H$  is a left inverse of  $x$  with respect to the unit  $p_0^{-1}$  if

$$p_0^{-1} \in P^*(x', x, e).$$

So there must exist an element  $p_x \in P$  such that  $p_0^{-1} = p_x x' x$  and thus

$$x' \in P^{-1}p_0^{-1}x^{-1}.$$

Conversely; for every element  $p_1^{-1}p_0^{-1}x^{-1} \in P^{-1}p_0^{-1}x^{-1}$  we have

$$p_0^{-1} = p_0^{-1}x^{-1}x \in Pp_1^{-1}p_0^{-1}x^{-1}x = P^*(p_1^{-1}p_0^{-1}x^{-1}, x, e).$$

Therefore the left inverse elements of  $x$  with respect to the unit  $p_0^{-1}$  are exactly the elements of  $P^{-1}p_0^{-1}x^{-1}$ .

**Definition 3.12.** An  $n$ -ary  $H_v$ -group  $(G, f)$  with neutral element is called reversible in itself when any relation  $x \in f(x_1^n)$  implies that there exist inverses  $x_1^{-1}, \dots, x_n^{-1}$  such that

$$x_i \in f(x_{i-1}^{-1}, \dots, x_1^{-1}, x, x_n^{-1}, \dots, x_{i+1}^{-1}),$$

for any  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

**Theorem 3.13.** *The  $n$ -ary  $P$ - $H_v$ -group  $(H, P^*)$  is reversible in itself.*

*Proof.* It is straightforward. □

**Lemma 3.14.** *Let  $f : H \rightarrow G$  be a homomorphism,  $P \subseteq K = \ker f$  and  $e \in Q \subseteq G$ . Then  $f$  induces the homomorphism  $f : (H, P^*) \rightarrow (G, Q^*)$  of  $n$ -ary  $P$ - $H_v$ -groups with  $(K, P^*)$  kernel which is an  $n$ -ary  $P$ - $H_v$ -normal subgroup of  $(H, P^*)$ .*

*Proof.*  $P \subseteq K$  implies  $f(P) \subseteq f(K) = e \in Q$  and  $f(P) \cap Q \neq \phi$ . By (i) of Lemma 3.9,  $f$  is a homomorphism of  $n$ -ary  $P$ - $H_v$ -groups.

If  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in H$  and  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} P^*(a_2^i, K, a_{i+1}^n) &= Pa_2 \cdots a_i K a_{i+1} \cdots a_n \\ &= Pa_2 \cdots a_j K a_{j+1} \cdots a_n, \text{ since } K \text{ is normal in } H \\ &= P^*(a_2^j, K, a_{j+1}^n). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by (ii) of Lemma 2.4,  $(K, P^*)$  is an  $n$ -ary  $P$ - $H_v$ -normal subgroup of  $H$ . □

**Lemma 3.15.** *Let  $f : H \rightarrow G$  be a homomorphism of groups and  $P \subseteq K = \ker f$ . Then for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x_1, \dots, x_{k(n-1)+1} \in H$  we have*

$$f(P_{(k)}^*(x_1, \dots, x_{k(n-1)+1})) = f(x_1) \cdots f(x_{k(n-1)+1}).$$

*Proof.* If  $k = 2$  and  $x_1, \dots, x_{2n-1} \in H$  then for  $2 \leq i \leq n-1$

$$P^*(x_1^{i-1}, P^*(x_i^{n+i-1}), x_{n+i}^{2n-1}) = Px_1 \cdots x_{i-1} P x_i \cdots x_{n-i+1} \cdots x_{2n-1}.$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} f(P^*(x_1^{i-1}, P^*(x_i^{n+i-1}), x_{n+i}^{2n-1})) &= f(P)f(x_1) \cdots f(x_{i-1})f(P)f(x_i) \cdots f(x_{2n-1}) \\ &= f(x_1) \cdots f(x_{2n-1}), \text{ since } P \subseteq K. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we can write

$$f(P_{(2)}^*(x_1^{2n-1})) = f(x_1) \cdots f(x_{2n-1}).$$

By using induction on  $k$  it is easy to prove that for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$f(P_{(k)}^*(x_1, \dots, x_{k(n-1)+1})) = f(x_1) \cdots f(x_{k(n-1)+1}).$$

□

**Theorem 3.16.** *Let  $f : H \rightarrow G$  be an epimorphism of groups and  $K = \ker f$ . Then*

$$(H^{n-1}/K, e^*/K) \cong (G, e^*).$$

*Proof.* We define

$$\varphi : H^{n-1}/K \rightarrow G, \varphi(\mathcal{P}(K, h, e.)) = f(h).$$

If  $\mathcal{P}(K, h, e.), \mathcal{P}(K, t, e.) \in H^{n-1}/K$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{P}(K, h, e.) = \mathcal{P}(K, t, e.) \\ \Leftrightarrow & P^*(K, h, e.) = P^*(K, t, e.) \\ \Leftrightarrow & PKh = PKt \\ \Leftrightarrow & Kh = Kt, \text{ since } P \subseteq K \\ \Leftrightarrow & f(Kh) = f(Kt), \text{ since } K = \ker f \\ \Leftrightarrow & f(K)f(h) = f(K)f(t), \text{ since } f \text{ is a homomorphism} \\ \Leftrightarrow & f(h) = f(t), \text{ since } K = \ker f \\ \Leftrightarrow & \varphi(\mathcal{P}(K, h, e.)) = \varphi(\mathcal{P}(K, t, e.)). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\varphi$  is a one-one function.

Because  $f$  is onto, for  $g \in G$  there exists  $h \in H$  such that  $f(h) = g$ , then

$$\varphi(\mathcal{P}(K, h, e.)) = f(h) = g,$$

so  $\varphi$  is onto.

For  $\mathcal{P}(K, h_1, e.), \dots, \mathcal{P}(K, h_n, e.) \in H^{n-1}/K$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \varphi(e^*/K(\mathcal{P}(K, h_1, e.), \dots, \mathcal{P}(K, h_n, e.))) \\ &= \varphi(\mathcal{P}(K, h_1 \cdots h_n, e.)), \\ &= f(h_1 \cdots h_n) \\ &= f(h_1) \cdots f(h_n), \text{ by Lemma 3.9} \\ &= e^*(f(h_1), \dots, f(h_n)) \\ &= e^*(\varphi(\mathcal{P}(K, h_1, e.)), \dots, \varphi(\mathcal{P}(K, h_n, e.))). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism of  $n$ -ary groups. □

**Theorem 3.17.** *If  $N$  be a normal subgroup of  $(H, \cdot)$ , then*

$$(H^{n-1}/N, e^*/N) \cong (H/N, e^*).$$

*Proof.* We consider the natural epimorphism

$$f : H \longrightarrow H/N.$$

Because  $N = \ker f$ , by Theorem 3.16,  $(H^{n-1}/N, e^*/N) \cong (H/N, e^*)$ . □

**Example 3.18.** Suppose  $k, n \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_k, f(z) = [z]$ . Then, by Theorem 3.16,  $(\mathbb{Z}_k, e^*)$  and  $(\mathbb{Z}^{n-1}/k\mathbb{Z}, e^*/k\mathbb{Z})$  are isomorph as two  $n$ -ary groups where

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{Z}^{n-1}/k\mathbb{Z} = \{\mathcal{P}(k\mathbb{Z}, t, 0.) \mid t \in \mathbb{Z}\}, \text{ and} \\ & \mathcal{P}(k\mathbb{Z}, t, 0.) = \{(u_2, \dots, u_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^{n-1} \mid u_2 + \dots + u_n \in k\mathbb{Z} + t\}. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.19.** *Let  $N, K$  be normal subgroups of  $H$  and  $N \subseteq K$ . Then*

$$(H^{n-1}/N)^{n-1}/(K^{n-1}/N) \cong H^{n-1}/K.$$

*Proof.* Suppose  $\mathcal{P}(N, h, e.) \in H^{n-1}/N$  and define

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi : (H^{n-1}/N)^{n-1}/(K^{n-1}/N) &\rightarrow H^{n-1}/K, \\ \varphi(\mathcal{P}/N(K^{n-1}/N, \mathcal{P}(N, h, e.), N.)) &= \mathcal{P}(K, h, e.). \end{aligned}$$

If the elements  $\mathcal{P}/N(K^{n-1}/N, \mathcal{P}(N, h, e.), N.), \mathcal{P}/N(K^{n-1}/N, \mathcal{P}(N, h', e.), N.)$  are in  $(H^{n-1}/N)^{n-1}/(K^{n-1}/N)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathcal{P}/N(K^{n-1}/N, \mathcal{P}(N, h, e.), N.) = \mathcal{P}/N(K^{n-1}/N, \mathcal{P}(N, h', e.), N.) \\ \Leftrightarrow &K/N(Nh) = K/N(Nh'), \text{ by (iii) of Lemma 3.3} \\ \Leftrightarrow &Nh(Nh')^{-1} \in K/N \\ \Leftrightarrow &h(h')^{-1} \in K \\ \Leftrightarrow &Kh = Kh' \\ \Leftrightarrow &\mathcal{P}(K, h, e.) = \mathcal{P}(K, h', e.) \\ \Leftrightarrow &\varphi(\mathcal{P}/N(K^{n-1}/N, \mathcal{P}(N, h, e.), N.)) = \varphi(\mathcal{P}/N(K^{n-1}/N, \mathcal{P}(N, h', e.), N.)). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\varphi$  is a one-one function.

Now, for  $\mathcal{P}/N(K^{n-1}/N, \mathcal{P}(N, h_1, e.), N.), \dots, \mathcal{P}/N(K^{n-1}/N, \mathcal{P}(N, h_n, e.), N.)$  in  $(H^{n-1}/N)^{n-1}/(K^{n-1}/N)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\varphi(e^*/(K^{n-1}/N)(\mathcal{P}/N(K^{n-1}/N, \mathcal{P}(N, h_1, e.), N.), \dots, \\ &\quad \mathcal{P}/N(K^{n-1}/N, \mathcal{P}(N, h_n, e.), N.))) \\ &= \varphi(\mathcal{P}/N(K^{n-1}/N, e^*/N(\mathcal{P}(N, h_1, e.), \dots, \mathcal{P}(N, h_n, e.)), N.)) \\ &= \varphi(\mathcal{P}/N(K^{n-1}/N, \mathcal{P}(N, h_1 \dots h_n, e.), N.)) \\ &= \mathcal{P}(K, h_1 \dots h_n, e.) \\ &= e^*/K(\mathcal{P}(K, h_1, e.), \dots, \mathcal{P}(K, h_n, e.)) \\ &= e^*/K(\varphi(\mathcal{P}/N(K^{n-1}/N, \mathcal{P}(N, h_1, e.), N.)), \dots, \\ &\quad \varphi(\mathcal{P}/N(K^{n-1}/N, \mathcal{P}(N, h_n, e.), N.))). \end{aligned}$$

It is clear  $\varphi$  is onto. So  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism. □

**Theorem 3.20.** *Let  $L_1, \dots, L_n$  be subgroups of  $H$  such that  $L_1$  is normal and  $\ell_i \ell_j = \ell_j \ell_i$ , for  $\ell_i \in L_i, \ell_j \in L_j, 1 \leq i, j \leq n$ . Then*

$$(e^*(L_1^n))^{n-1}/L_1 \cong (e^*(e, L_2^n))^{n-1}/e^*(e, L_2^n) \cap L_1.$$

*Proof.* We set  $L = L_2 \dots L_n$ . Then  $L$  is a subgroup of  $(H, \cdot)$ . Similarly,  $e^*(L_1^n) = L_1 L$  and  $L \cap L_1$  are subgroups of  $(H, \cdot)$  and  $L \cap L_1$  is normal in  $L$ . If

$$T \in (e^*(L_1^n))^{n-1}/L_1, U \in L^{n-1}/L \cap L_1,$$

then for some  $\ell, \ell' \in L, \ell_1 \in L_1, T = \mathcal{P}(L_1, \ell_1 \ell, e.)$  and  $U = \mathcal{P}(L \cap L_1, \ell', e.)$ . We Define

$$\varphi : (e^*(L_1^n))^{n-1}/L_1 \rightarrow (e^*(e, L_2^n))^{n-1}/e^*(e, L_2^n) \cap L_1$$

$$\varphi(T) = \varphi(\mathcal{P}(L_1, \ell_1 \ell, e.)) = \mathcal{P}(L \cap L_1, \ell, e.).$$

For  $T_1 = \mathcal{P}(L_1, \ell_1 \ell, e.)$ ,  $T_2 = \mathcal{P}(L_1, \ell'_1 \ell', e.) \in L/L_1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} T_1 = T_2 &\Leftrightarrow L_1 \ell_1 \ell = L_1 \ell'_1 \ell', \text{ by (iii) of Lemma 3.3} \\ &\Leftrightarrow L_1 \ell = L_1 \ell' \\ &\Leftrightarrow \ell(\ell')^{-1} \in L_1 \cap L \\ &\Leftrightarrow (L_1 \cap L)\ell = (L_1 \cap L)\ell' \\ &\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{P}(L_1 \cap L, \ell, e.) = \mathcal{P}(L_1 \cap L, \ell', e.), \text{ by (iii) of Lemma 3.3} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \varphi(\mathcal{P}(L_1, \ell_1 \ell, e.)) = \varphi(\mathcal{P}(L_1, \ell'_1 \ell', e.)). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\varphi$  is a one-one function. It is clear that  $\varphi$  is onto.

Suppose,  $\mathcal{P}(L_1, \ell_{11} \ell_1, e.), \dots, \mathcal{P}(L_1, \ell_{1n} \ell_n, e.) \in (e^*(L_1^n))^{n-1}/L_1$  then,

$$\begin{aligned} &\varphi(e^*/L_1(\mathcal{P}(L_1, \ell_{11} \ell_1, e.), \dots, \mathcal{P}(L_1, \ell_{1n} \ell_n, e.))) \\ &= \varphi(\mathcal{P}(L_1, \ell_{11} \ell_1 \dots \ell_{1n} \ell_n, e.)) \\ &= \varphi(\mathcal{P}(L_1, (\ell_{11} \dots \ell_{1n})(\ell_1 \dots \ell_n), e.)), \text{ since } L_1 \text{ is normal} \\ &= \mathcal{P}(L_1 \cap L, \ell_1 \dots \ell_n, e.) \\ &= (e^*/(L_1 \cap L))(\mathcal{P}(L_1 \cap L, \ell_1, e.), \dots, \mathcal{P}(L_1 \cap L, \ell_n, e.)) \\ &= (e^*/(L_1 \cap L))(\varphi(\mathcal{P}(L_1, \ell_{11} \ell_1, e.)), \dots, \varphi(\mathcal{P}(L_1, \ell_{1n} \ell_n, e.))). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism. □

**Definition 3.21.** Let  $(H, f)$ ,  $(G, g)$  be  $n$ -ary and  $m$ -ary  $H_v$ -groups respectively such that  $n \leq m$  and  $G$  has the  $e_2$  neutral element. Then the map  $\varphi : H \rightarrow G$  is called an  $(n, m)$ -homomorphism if

$$\varphi(f(x_1^n)) = g((\varphi(x_1), \dots, \varphi(x_n), e_2)).$$

**Theorem 3.22.** Consider the  $(H, \cdot)$  group with normal subgroup  $N$ . Then for  $n > 2$

- (i)  $I_H : (H, \cdot) \rightarrow (H, P^*)$  is a  $(2, n)$ -isomorphism;
- (ii) the map  $\varphi : H/N \rightarrow H^{n-1}/N$ ,  $\varphi(Nh) = \mathcal{P}(N, h, e.)$  is an isomorphism of quotient binary and  $n$ -ary groups. Indeed  $\varphi$  is a  $(2, n)$ -isomorphism;
- (iii)  $\bar{n}_2 : (H, P^*) \rightarrow (H^{n-1}/N, e^*/N)$ ,  $\bar{n}_2(x) = \mathcal{P}(N, x, e.)$  is a strong epimorphism of  $n$ -ary  $P$ - $H_v$ -groups which is called the  $n$ -ary natural epimorphism;
- (iv) the below diagram is commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (H, \cdot) & \xrightarrow{\bar{n}_2} & (H/N, \cdot) \\ \downarrow I_H & & \downarrow \varphi \\ (H, e^*) & \xrightarrow{\bar{n}_2} & (H^{n-1}/N, e^*/N) \end{array},$$

where  $(H, \cdot) \xrightarrow{\bar{n}_2} (H/N, \cdot)$  is the natural epimorphism.

*Proof.* (i)

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_H(xy) &= xy \\
 &= xy \underbrace{e \cdots e}_{n-2} \\
 &= e^*(x, y, e.) \\
 &= e^*(I_H(x), I_H(y), e.).
 \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Suppose  $Nh_1, Nh_2 \in H/N$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\Leftrightarrow Nh_1 = Nh_2 \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{P}(N, h_1, e.) = \mathcal{P}(N, h_2, e.) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \varphi(Nh_1) = \varphi(Nh_2).
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\varphi$  is a one-one function. For  $Nh_1, Nh_2 \in H/N$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varphi(Nh_1.Nh_2) &= \varphi(Nh_1h_2) \\
 &= \mathcal{P}(N, h_1h_2, e.) \\
 &= e^*/N(\mathcal{P}(N, h_1, e.), \mathcal{P}(N, h_2, e.), \mathcal{P}(N, e.)).
 \end{aligned}$$

So  $\varphi$  is a  $(2, n)$ -homomorphism. Also  $\varphi$  is onto.

(iii)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{n}_2(e^*(x_1^n)) &= \bar{n}_2(x_1 \cdots x_n) \\
 &= \mathcal{P}(N, x_1 \cdots x_n, e.), \\
 &= e^*/N(\mathcal{P}(N, x_1, e.), \cdots, \mathcal{P}(N, x_n, e.)) \\
 &= e^*/N(\bar{n}_2(x_1), \cdots, \bar{n}_2(x_n)).
 \end{aligned}$$

(iv) It is straightforward. □

**Corollary 3.23.** *If  $k, m, n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , then  $\mathbb{Z}^{n-1}/k\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}^{m-1}/k\mathbb{Z}$  as  $n$ -ary and  $m$ -ary groups respectively are isomorph.*

*Proof.* By (ii) of Theorem 3.22, it is clear. □

**Theorem 3.24.** *Let  $\{e\} \rightarrow H \xrightarrow{f} K \xrightarrow{g} L \rightarrow \{e\}$  be a short exact sequence of groups,  $n_1 \leq n_2 \leq n_3$  and  $e \in P \subseteq H, Q \subseteq K, R \subseteq L$  such that  $f(P) = Q, g(Q) = R$ . Then the sequence*

$$\{e\} \rightarrow (H, P^*) \rightarrow (K, Q^*) \rightarrow (L, R^*) \rightarrow \{e\} \tag{*}$$

*is a short exact sequence of  $(n_1, n_2, n_3)$ -ary  $P$ - $H_v$ -groups.*

*Proof.* Because  $e \in P$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 e = f(e) &\in f(P) = Q \text{ and} \\
 e = g(e) &\in g(Q) = R.
 \end{aligned}$$

By (ii) of Lemma 2.4,  $(H, P^*), (K, Q^*), (L, R^*)$  are  $n$ -ary  $P$ - $H_v$ -groups. By (ii) of Lemma 3.9, all maps in (\*) are homomorphisms of  $n$ -ary  $P$ - $H_v$ -groups. □

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