

Medial solutions to QYBE

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**Noncommutative and non-associative structures, braces
and applications**

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For medial quandle, orbits are **Alexander quandles**.

$(A, +)$ - an abelian group, $f \in \text{Aut}(A)$. A quandle $(A, *, \backslash)$, where

$$x * y = x - f(x) + f(y) = (1 - f)(x) + f(y),$$

$$x \backslash y = (1 - f^{-1})(x) + f^{-1}(y),$$

is called an **Alexander quandle** (or **affine quandle**).

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For medial quandles m -reductivity is equivalent to the following:

$$\underbrace{(((x * y) * y) * \dots) * y}_{m\text{-times}} = y.$$

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For a rack Q the relation λ defined by

$$a \lambda b \text{ iff } \forall (x \in Q) a * x = b * x \text{ iff } \forall (x \in Q) a \setminus x = b \setminus x,$$

is a **congruence**.

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Theorem (Gateva-Ivanova, 2017)

Let $(Q, \circ, \bullet)$ be an involutive birack satisfying

for every $x \in Q$ there exists some $a \in Q$ with $a \circ x = x$.

TFAE

- *Q is a multipermutation solution level equal to m*
- *$(Q, \circ)$ is m -reductive.*

Reductivity in (medial) quandles

n	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
all	1	1	3	7	22	73	298	1581	11079	
medial	1	1	3	6	18	58	251	1410	10311	98577
non-reductive	0	0	1	1	3	1	5	3	10	3

n	11	12	13	14	15
medial	1246488	20837439	466087635		563753074951
non-reductive	9	8	11	5	24

Table: The number of quandles of size n , up to isomorphism.

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For reductive case the monolith is $\theta := \pi \cap \lambda$.

Theorem (Cedó, Jespers, Okniński, 2009)

Let $(Q, \circ, \bullet)$ be an idempotent, involutive birack with the group $\text{LMlt}(Q)$ being abelian. Then the solution (Q, r) is strongly retractable.

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