

## Birkoff Centre of a C-algebra

S. Kalesha Vali\*, P. Sundarayya and Ch. S. Naga Raja Rao

Department of Mathematics, GITAM University, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India

E-mail: [vali312@gitam.edu](mailto:vali312@gitam.edu), [psundarayya@yahoo.co.in](mailto:psundarayya@yahoo.co.in)

(Received on: 30-05-11; Accepted on: 17-06-11)

## ABSTRACT

The concept of the Birkoff centre of a Semi group with 0 and 1 was introduced by U.M. Swamy and G.S.N. Murthy [4] and proved that it is a Boolean algebra. This concept is extended to a C-algebra with T. It is proved that Bir A, the Birkoff centre of a C-algebra A is itself a C-algebra. For any element  $a \in \mathcal{B}(A)$  we defined  $S_a$  and proved that it is a C-algebra.

**Key words:** C-algebra, Centre, Birkoff centre, Boolean algebra.

**AMS Mathematics subject classification (2000):** 03G25(03G05, 08G05)

## INTRODUCTION:

In [2] Fernando Guzman and Craig C. Squier introduced the variety of C-algebras as the variety generated by the three element algebra  $C = \{T, F, U\}$  with the operations  $\wedge, \vee$  and  $'$  of type (2,2,1), which is the algebraic form of the three valued conditional logic. They proved that C and the two element Boolean algebra  $B = \{T, F\}$  are the only sub directly irreducible C-algebras and that the variety of C-algebras is a minimal cover of the variety of Boolean algebras. Later U.M.Swamy et.al., in [6] defined different partial orders on a C-algebra and studied their properties and gave a number of equivalent conditions in terms of this partial ordering for a C-algebra to become a Boolean algebra and in [5], introduced the concept of the Centre  $\mathcal{B}(A) = \{a \in A \mid a \vee a' = T\}$  of a C-algebra A and proved that  $\mathcal{B}(A)$  is a Boolean algebra with induced operations on A. Let us recall that S is a Semi group and there exists 0,1 such that  $x0 = 0 = 0x$  and  $1x = x$ , for all  $x \in S$  then S is called a Semi group with 0,1. An element  $a \in S$  is called Birkoff central element of S if there exists Semi groups  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  with 0 and 1 and an isomorphism S onto  $S_1 \times S_2$  which maps a onto (0,1). The set of all Birkoff central elements of S is called Birkoff centre of S. This concept is extended to a C-algebra with T and proved that the set of all central elements of a C-algebra with T is itself a C-algebra. For any element  $a \in \mathcal{B}(A)$  we defined  $S_a$  and proved that it is a C-algebra.

## 1. C-algebra:

In this section we recall the definition of a C-algebra and some results from [2], [5] and [6]. Let us start with the definition of a C-algebra.

**Definition 1.1:** [2] By a C-algebra we mean an algebra of type (2, 2, 1) with binary operations  $\wedge$  and  $\vee$  and unary operation  $'$  satisfying the following identities.

- (1)  $x'' = x$
- (2)  $(x \wedge y)' = x' \vee y'$
- (3)  $(x \wedge y) \wedge z = x \wedge (y \wedge z)$
- (4)  $x \wedge (y \vee z) = (x \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge z)$
- (5)  $(x \vee y) \wedge z = (x \wedge z) \vee (x' \wedge y \wedge z)$
- (6)  $x \vee (x \wedge y) = x$
- (7)  $(x \wedge y) \vee (y \wedge x) = (y \wedge x) \vee (x \wedge y)$ .

**Example 1.2:** [2] The three element algebra  $C = \{T, F, U\}$  with the operations given by the following tables is a C-algebra.

\*Corresponding author: S. Kalesha Vali\*, \*E-mail: [vali312@gitam.edu](mailto:vali312@gitam.edu)

$\Lambda$	T	F	U
T	T	F	U
F	F	F	F
U	U	U	U

$\vee$	T	F	U
T	T	T	T
F	T	F	U
U	U	U	U

x	$x'$
T	F
F	T
U	U

**Note 1.3:** [2] The identities 1.1(1), 1.1(2) imply that the variety of C-algebras satisfies all the dual statements of 1.1(2) to 1.1(7).  $\Lambda$  and  $\vee$  are not commutative in C. The ordinary distributive law of  $\Lambda$  over  $\vee$  fails in C. Every Boolean algebra is a C-algebra.

Now we recall some results on C-algebra collected from [2], [5] and [6].

**Lemma 1.4:** Every C-algebra satisfies the following identities:

- (1)  $x \wedge x = x$                                   (2)  $x \wedge x' = x' \wedge x$
- (3)  $x \wedge y \wedge x = x \wedge y$                       (4)  $x \wedge x' \wedge y = x \wedge x'$
- (5)  $x \wedge y = (x' \vee y) \wedge x$                 (6)  $x \wedge y = x \wedge (y \vee x')$
- (7)  $x \wedge y = x \wedge (x' \vee y)$                 (8)  $x \wedge y \wedge x' = x \wedge y \wedge y'$
- (9)  $(x \vee y) \wedge x = x \vee (y \wedge x)$         (10)  $x \wedge (x' \vee x) = (x' \vee x) \wedge x = (x \vee x') \wedge x = x$ .

Duals of the statements in the above lemma are also true in a C-algebra.

**Definition 1.5:** [5] Let A be a C-algebra with T (T is the identity element for  $\Lambda$  in A). Then the Boolean centre of A is defined as the set  $\mathcal{B}(A) = \{ a \in A \mid a \vee a' = T \}$ .  $\mathcal{B}(A)$  is known to be a Boolean algebra under the operations induced by those on A.

**Lemma 1.6:** [5] Every C-algebra with T satisfies the law  $x \wedge F = x \wedge x'$ .

**Lemma 1.7:** [5] If A is a C-algebra with T and  $a \in \mathcal{B}(A)$  then  $a \wedge a' = F$ .

**2. Birkhoff Centre:**

In this section we define Birkhoff centre of a C-algebra and we shall prove various properties. First let us start with the following definition of Birkhoff central element.

**Definition 2.1:** Let A be a C-algebra with  $\Lambda$ -identity T. An element  $a \in A$  is said to be Birkhoff central element of a C-algebra A if there exists C-algebras  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  with T and an isomorphism  $f: A \rightarrow A_1 \times A_2$  such that  $f(a) = (T_1, F_2)$ .

**Definition 2.2:** The set of all Birkhoff central elements of a C-algebra A is called Birkhoff centre of A and is denoted by  $Bir A$ .

**Lemma 2.3:** Let A be a C-algebra with T. Then  $a \in Bir A \Rightarrow a' \in Bir A$ .

**Proof:** Let  $a \in Bir A$  then there exist C-algebras  $A_1, A_2$  and an isomorphism  $\alpha: A \rightarrow A_1 \times A_2$  such that  $\alpha(a) = (T_1, F_2)$ .

Now define  $g: A \rightarrow A_2 \times A_1$  such that  $g(x) = (x_2, x_1)$  whenever  $\alpha(x) = (x_1, x_2)$ .

Let  $x, y \in A$  such that  $\alpha(x) = (x_1, x_2), \alpha(y) = (y_1, y_2)$ . Then  $\alpha(x \wedge y) = (x_1 \wedge y_1, x_2 \wedge y_2)$ .

Now,  $g(x \wedge y) = (x_2 \wedge y_2, x_1 \wedge y_1) = (x_2, x_1) \wedge (y_2, y_1) = g(x) \wedge g(y)$ .

Similarly, we can prove  $g(x \vee y) = g(x) \vee g(y)$ .

To show  $g(x') = [g(x)]'$ . Let  $\alpha(x) = (x_1, x_2)$ . Then  $g(x) = (x_2, x_1)$ .

$\alpha(x) = (x_1, x_2)$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow (\alpha(x))' &= (x_1, x_2)' = (x_1', x_2') \\ \Rightarrow \alpha(x') &= (x_1', x_2') \quad (\text{since } \alpha \text{ is a homomorphism}) \\ \Rightarrow g(x') &= (x_2', x_1') = (x_2, x_1)' = (g(x))' \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $g$  is a homomorphism. Also  $\alpha(a') = (\alpha(a))' = (T_1, F_2)' = (F_1, T_2)$ .

Then  $g(a') = (T_2, F_1)$ . Thus  $a' \in \text{Bir } A$ . Clearly  $g$  is bijective. Therefore  $g$  is an isomorphism.

**Lemma 2.4:** Let  $A$  be a C-algebra and  $t \in A$  then  $tA = \{t \wedge \alpha \mid \alpha \in A\}$  is itself a C-algebra by induced operations  $\wedge$  and  $\vee$  of  $A$  and the unary operation defined by  $(t \wedge \alpha)^* = t \wedge \alpha'$ . Proof is a routine verification.

**Lemma 2.5:**  $\text{Bir } A$  is a C-algebra.

**Proof:** Let  $a, b \in \text{Bir } A$ . Then there exist C-algebras  $A_1, A_2$  and  $A_3, A_4$  with  $T$  and isomorphisms  $f: A \rightarrow A_1 \times A_2$  such that  $f(a) = (T_1, F_2)$  and  $g: A \rightarrow A_3 \times A_4$  such that  $g(b) = (T_3, F_4)$ .

Now we have to prove that  $a \wedge b \in \text{Bir } A$  that is we have to find an isomorphism  $h: A \rightarrow A_5 \times A_6$  such that  $h(a \wedge b) = (T_5, F_6)$ . Let  $g(a) = (t_3, t_4)$  where  $t_3 \in A_3$  and  $t_4 \in A_4$ . Now put  $A_5 = t_3 A_3$  where  $t_3$  is meet identity in  $A_3$ ,  $t_3 \wedge t_3'$  is join identity and  $t_3 A_3 = \{t_3 \wedge \alpha \mid \alpha \in A\}$ . By lemma 2.4,  $t_3 A_3$  is a C-algebra with  $T = t_3$ . Also put  $A_6 = t_4 A_4 \times A_2$ , which is also a C-algebra with meet identity  $T_6 = (t_4, T_2)$ ,  $F_6 = (t_4 \wedge t_4', F_2)$ .

For any  $x \in A$ , let  $f(x) = (s_1, s_2)$  and  $g(x) = (x_3, x_4)$  where  $x_3 \in A_3, x_4 \in A_4$  and  $s_1 \in A_1, s_2 \in A_2$ . Now define  $h: A \rightarrow A_5 \times A_6$  by  $h(x) = (t_3 \wedge x_3, (t_4 \wedge x_4, s_2))$ , for any  $x \in A$ . Then  $h$  is well defined.

Let  $f(y) = (r_1, r_2)$  and  $g(y) = (y_3, y_4)$ . Then  $f(x \wedge y) = (s_1 \wedge r_1, s_2 \wedge r_2)$ ,

$$g(x \wedge y) = (x_3 \wedge y_3, x_4 \wedge y_4), f(x') = (s_1', s_2') \text{ and } g(x') = (x_3', x_4').$$

$$\begin{aligned} h(x \wedge y) &= (t_3 \wedge x_3 \wedge y_3, (t_4 \wedge x_4 \wedge y_4, s_2 \wedge r_2)) \\ &= (t_3 \wedge x_3 \wedge t_3 \wedge y_3, (t_4 \wedge x_4 \wedge t_4 \wedge y_4, s_2 \wedge r_2)) \quad (\text{by lemma 1.4(3)}) \\ &= (t_3 \wedge x_3, (t_4 \wedge x_4, s_2)) \wedge (t_3 \wedge y_3, (t_4 \wedge y_4, r_2)) \\ &= h(x) \wedge h(y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } h(x') &= (t_3 \wedge x_3', (t_4 \wedge x_4', s_2')) \quad (\text{since } (t_3 \wedge x_3)^* = t_3 \wedge x_3') \\ &= (x_3^*, (x_4^*, s_2')) \\ &= (h(x))' \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} h(x \vee y) &= (t_3 \wedge (x_3 \vee y_3), (t_4 \wedge (x_4 \vee y_4), s_2 \vee r_2)) \\ &= ((t_3 \wedge x_3) \vee (t_3 \wedge y_3), ((t_4 \wedge x_4) \vee (t_4 \wedge y_4), s_2 \vee r_2)) \\ &= (t_3 \wedge x_3, (t_4 \wedge x_4, s_2)) \vee (t_3 \wedge y_3, (t_4 \wedge x_4, r_2)) \\ &= h(x) \vee h(y) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $h$  is a homomorphism.

To show  $h$  is one-one, first we prove  $h(a \wedge b) = (T_5, F_6)$ .

We have  $f(a) = (T_1, F_2)$ ,  $g(a) = (t_3, t_4)$ ,  $g(b) = (T_3, F_4)$ ,  $f(b) = (n_1, n_2)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } h(a \wedge b) &= h(a) \wedge h(b) \quad (\text{since } h \text{ is a homomorphism}) \\ &= (t_3 \wedge t_3, (t_4 \wedge t_4, F_2)) \wedge (t_3 \wedge T_3, (t_4 \wedge F_4, n_2)) = (t_3, (t_4 \wedge F_4, F_2)) \\ &= (t_3, t_4 \wedge t_4', F_2) \quad (\text{since by Lemma 1.5}) \\ &= (T_5, F_6) \end{aligned}$$

Let  $x, y \in A$  such that  $h(x) = h(y)$ . Then  $t_3 \wedge x_3 = t_3 \wedge y_3$ ,  $t_4 \wedge x_4 = t_4 \wedge y_4$  and  $s_2 = r_2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } g(a) \wedge g(x) &= (t_3, t_4) \wedge (x_3, x_4) \\ &= (t_3 \wedge x_3, t_4 \wedge x_4) \\ &= (t_3 \wedge y_3, t_4 \wedge y_4) \\ &= g(a) \wedge g(y) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $g$  is a homomorphism,  $g(a \wedge x) = g(a \wedge y)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\Rightarrow a \wedge x = a \wedge y && \text{(since } g \text{ is one-one)} \\
 &\Rightarrow f(a \wedge x) = f(a \wedge y) && \text{(since } f \text{ is well defined)} \\
 &\Rightarrow f(a) \wedge f(x) = f(a) \wedge f(y) && \text{(since } f \text{ is a homomorphism)} \\
 &\Rightarrow (T_1, F_2) \wedge (s_1, s_2) = (T_1, F_2) \wedge (r_1, r_2) \\
 &\Rightarrow (T_1 \wedge s_1, F_2 \wedge s_2) = (T_1 \wedge r_1, F_2 \wedge r_2) \\
 &\Rightarrow (s_1, F_2) = (r_1, F_2) \\
 &\Rightarrow s_1 = r_1, s_2 = r_2 \\
 &\Rightarrow (s_1, s_2) = (r_1, r_2) \\
 &\Rightarrow f(x) = f(y) \\
 &\Rightarrow x = y && \text{(since } f \text{ is one-one)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $h$  is one-one.

Let  $(x, y) \in A_5 \times A_6$ . Then  $(x, y) = (t_3 \wedge x_3, (t_4 \wedge x_4, s_2))$  for some  $x_3 \in A_3, x_4 \in A_4, s_2 \in A_2$ .

Since,  $t_3 \wedge x_3 \in t_3 A_3 \subseteq A_3, (t_3 \wedge x_3, t_4 \wedge x_4) \in A_3 \times A_4$  and  $g$  is onto, there exists  $t \in A$  such that  $g(t) = (t_3 \wedge x_3, t_4 \wedge x_4)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now } g(a \wedge t) &= g(a) \wedge g(t) \\
 &= (t_3, t_4) \wedge (t_3 \wedge x_3, t_4 \wedge x_4) \\
 &= (t_3 \wedge t_3 \wedge x_3, t_4 \wedge t_4 \wedge x_4) \\
 &= (t_3 \wedge x_3, t_4 \wedge x_4) \\
 &= g(t)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Therefore } g(a \wedge t) = g(t) \tag{1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\Rightarrow a \wedge t = t && \text{(since } g \text{ is one-one)} \\
 &\Rightarrow f(a \wedge t) = f(t) && \text{(since } f \text{ is well defined)} \\
 &\Rightarrow f(a) \wedge f(t) = f(t) && \text{(since } f \text{ is a homomorphism)} \\
 &\Rightarrow (T_1, F_2) \wedge (y_1, y_2) = (y_1, y_2) && \text{(since } t \in A) \\
 &\Rightarrow f(t) = (y_1, y_2) \\
 &\Rightarrow (T_1 \wedge y_1, F_2 \wedge y_2) = (y_1, y_2) \\
 &\Rightarrow (y_1, F_2) = (y_1, y_2) \\
 &\Rightarrow y_2 = F_2
 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Now,  $y_1 \in A_1$  and  $s_2 \in A_2$  then  $(y_1, s_2) \in A_1 \times A_2$ . Since  $f$  is onto there exists  $n \in A$  such that  $f(n) = (y_1, s_2)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now } f(a \wedge n) &= f(a) \wedge f(n) \\
 &= (T_1, F_2) \wedge (y_1, s_2) \\
 &= (T_1 \wedge y_1, F_2 \wedge s_2) \\
 &= (y_1, F_2) \\
 &= f(t) \text{ (by (2))}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Since } f \text{ is one-one } a \wedge n = t \text{ and } g \text{ is well defined } g(a \wedge n) = g(t) \tag{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Also } n \in A &\Rightarrow g(n) = (z_1, z_2) \\
 (t_3 \wedge t_3 \wedge x_3, t_4 \wedge t_4 \wedge x_4) &= g(a \wedge t) \\
 &= g(t) && \text{(since by (1))} \\
 &= g(a \wedge n) && \text{(since by (3))} \\
 &= g(a) \wedge g(n) && \text{(since } g \text{ is a homomorphism)} \\
 &= (t_3, x_4) \wedge (z_1, z_2) \\
 &= (t_3 \wedge z_1, t_4 \wedge z_2).
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Therefore } t_3 \wedge t_3 \wedge x_3 = t_3 \wedge z_1 \text{ and } t_4 \wedge t_4 \wedge x_4 = t_4 \wedge z_2 \tag{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now, } h(n) &= (t_3 \wedge z_1, (t_4 \wedge z_2, s_2)) \\
 &= (t_3 \wedge t_3 \wedge x_3, (t_4 \wedge t_4 \wedge x_4, s_2)) && \text{(since by (4))} \\
 &= (t_3 \wedge x_3, (t_4 \wedge x_4, s_2)) \\
 &= (x, y)
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $h$  is onto. Since  $a, b \in \text{Bir } A$  imply  $a \wedge b \in \text{Bir } A$  and by Lemma 2.3,  $a \in \text{Bir } A \Rightarrow a' \in \text{Bir } A$  also  $a \vee b$  also belong to  $\text{Bir } A$ . Therefore  $\text{Bir } A$  is sub algebra of a C-algebra  $A$  and hence  $\text{Bir } A$  is a C-algebra.

Let us recall the definition of Centre of a C-algebra defined in [5].

Let  $A$  be a C-algebra with identity  $T$ . Then the Centre of  $A$  is defined as the set

$$\mathcal{B}(A) = \{ a \in A \mid a \vee a' = T \}. \mathcal{B}(A) \text{ is known to be a Boolean algebra under the operations induced by those on } A.$$

**Lemma 2.6:** Let  $a \in \mathcal{B}(A)$  then  $a \wedge x = a \Leftrightarrow a \vee x = x$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Proof: } a \vee x &= (a \wedge x) \vee x \\ &= (a \vee x) \wedge (a' \vee x) \\ &= (a \wedge a') \vee x \\ &= F \vee x \quad (\text{by Lemma 1.6}) \\ &= x \end{aligned}$$

Conversely,  $a \wedge x = a \wedge (a \vee x) = a$ .

Now, for any C-algebra  $A$  and  $a \in \mathcal{B}(A)$  we define  $S_a$  and prove that it is a C-algebra.

**Lemma 2.7:** Let  $A$  be a C-algebra  $A$  and  $a \in \mathcal{B}(A)$ . If  $S_a = \{x \in A \mid a \wedge x = a\}$  then  $S_a$  is a C-algebra.

**Proof:** Let  $x, y, z \in S_a$ . Then  $a \wedge x = a$ ,  $a \wedge y = a$  and  $a \wedge z = a$

$$\text{Since } a \wedge (x \vee y) = (a \wedge x) \vee (a \wedge y) = a \vee a = a, x \vee y \in S_a$$

$$\text{Also, since } a \wedge (x \wedge y) = (a \wedge x) \wedge (a \wedge y) = a \wedge a = a, x \wedge y \in S_a$$

Define  $x^* = a \vee x'$ . Since  $a \wedge (a \vee x') = a'$ ,  $a \vee x' \in S_a$

$$\begin{aligned} x^{**} &= (a \vee x')^* \\ &= a \vee (a \vee x')' \quad (\text{by Definition 1.1(2)}) \\ &= a \vee (a' \wedge x) \\ &= a \vee x \quad (\text{by dual of 1.4(7)}) \\ &= (a \wedge x) \vee x \\ &= (a \vee x) \wedge (a' \vee x \vee x) \\ &= (a \wedge a') \vee x \\ &= x \end{aligned}$$

$$(x \wedge y)^* = a \vee (x \wedge y)' = a \vee (x' \vee y') = a' \vee x' \vee a \vee y' = x^* \vee y^*.$$

$$a \wedge [(x \vee y) \wedge z] = a \Rightarrow a \vee [(x \vee y) \wedge z] = (x \vee y) \wedge z \quad (\text{by Lemma 2.6})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } (x \vee y) \wedge z &= a \vee [(x \vee y) \wedge z] \\ &= a \vee [(x \wedge z) \vee (x' \wedge y \wedge z)] \\ &= a \vee (x \wedge z) \vee (x' \wedge y \wedge z) \\ &= (a \vee x) \wedge (a \vee z) \vee [(a \vee x') \wedge (a \vee (y \wedge z))] \\ &= (x \wedge z) \vee [(a \vee x') \wedge (a \wedge y) \wedge (a \vee z)] \\ &= (x \wedge z) \vee [x' \wedge y \wedge z]. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $S_a$  is a C-algebra.

**Lemma 2.8:** Let  $A$  be a C-algebra and  $a \in \mathcal{B}(A)$ . Then  $f_a: A \rightarrow S_a$  is an antihomomorphism.

**Proof:** Define  $f_a: A \rightarrow S_a$  by  $f_a(x) = a \vee x'$

$$f_a(x \wedge y) = a \vee (x \wedge y)' = a \vee (x' \vee y') = (a \vee x') \vee (a \vee y') = f_a(x) \vee f_a(y)$$

$$f_a(x \vee y) = a \vee (x' \wedge y') = (a \vee x') \wedge (a \vee y') = f_a(x) \wedge f_a(y)$$

$$[f_a(x)]^* = (a \vee x')^* = a \vee (a \vee x')' = a \vee (a' \wedge x) = a \vee x = a \vee (x')' = f_a(x').$$

Therefore  $f_a: A \rightarrow S_a$  is an antihomomorphism.

**REFERENCES:**

- [1] Birkhoff, G.: *Lattice theory*, Amer.Math.Soc.Colloquium publications, Vol. 24 (1967).
- [2] Guzman, F. and Squier, C. C.: *The algebra of Conditional Logic*, Algebra Universalis 27, 88-110 (1990).
- [3] Stanley Burris and Sankappanavar.H. P.: *A Course in Universal Algebra*, The Millenniumedition.
- [4] Swamy.U. M., Murti ,G. S., *Boolean centre of a Semi group*, Pure and Applied Mathematica Sciences 13, 1-2(1981).
- [5] Swamy, U. M., Rao, G. C. and RaviKumar,R. V. G.: *Centre of a C-algebra*, Southeast Asian Bulletin of Mathematics 27, 357-368(2003).
- [6] Swamy, U. M.,Rao. G. C., Sundarayya, P. and Kalesha Vali. S.: *Semilattice structures on a C-algebra*, Southeast Asian Bulletin of Mathematics, 33, 551-561(2009).

\*\*\*\*\*