

# Finite 2-generated entropic quasigroups with a quasi-identity

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**Abstract.** We describe all 2-generated entropic quasigroups with a quasi-identity.

## 1. Introduction

Entropic quasigroups with a quasi-identity are term equivalent to abelian groups with involution (i.e., every fundamental operation of abelian groups with involution is the composition of fundamental operations of corresponding entropic quasigroup with a quasi-identity and conversely).

Obviously every finite abelian group with involution is isomorphic to a finite product of directly indecomposable finite abelian groups with involution. This decomposition is unique up to reindexing and isomorphism of factors (cf. [6], Theorem 6.39).

Hence to obtain structural theorem describing finite abelian groups with involution it remains to find all finite directly indecomposable abelian groups with involution.

We have already described (in [2]) directly indecomposable finite one-generator abelian groups with involution.

There exists an infinite family of non-isomorphic two-generated abelian groups with involution which are directly indecomposable (see [3]). Exact description of finite abelian groups with involution by indecomposable finite abelian groups with involution is difficult.

In this paper we propose another method. First we give some fundamental definitions and facts. Next, we prove several technical results which will be used later. In the main theorems we characterize finite two-generated abelian groups with involution and finite two-generated quasigroups with a quasi-identity.

Finally using the equivalence between abelian groups with involution and entropic quasigroup with a quasi-identity we obtain characterization of 2-generated finite entropic quasigroups with a quasi-identity.

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**Definition 1.1.** An abelian group  $(G, +, -, 0)$  is called an *abelian group with involution* if there is an unary operation  $*$ :  $G \rightarrow G$  such that

$$\forall a, b \in G \quad 0^* = 0, \quad a^{**} = a, \quad (a + b)^* = a^* + b^*.$$

We denote the variety of all abelian groups with involution by *AGI*.

**Definition 1.2.** An algebra  $(Q, \cdot, /, \backslash, 1)$  is an *entropic quasigroup with a quasi-identity* if it satisfies the following axioms:

- (1)  $a \cdot (a \backslash b) = b, \quad (b/a) \cdot a = b,$
- (2)  $a \backslash (a \cdot b) = b, \quad (b \cdot a)/a = b,$
- (3)  $(a \cdot b) \cdot (c \cdot d) = (a \cdot c) \cdot (b \cdot d),$
- (4)  $a \cdot 1 = a, \quad 1 \cdot (1 \cdot a) = a.$

One-generated entropic quasigroups with a quasi-identity are called *monogenic* or *cyclic*.

Let us observe that the identities (1), (2) and (3) define entropic quasigroups, whereas the identities (4) define the quasi-identity. We denote the variety of all entropic quasigroups with a quasi-identity by EQ1.

More information on entropic quasigroups may be found in [4], [5], [7] and [8]. In the paper [1], it is proved that abelian groups with involution are equivalent (in the sense of Theorems: 1.3 – 1.6) to entropic quasigroups with a quasi-identity.

**Theorem 1.3.** *If  $\mathcal{G} = (G, +, -, 0, *)$  is an abelian group with involution, then  $\Psi(\mathcal{G}) = (G, \cdot, /, \backslash, 1)$  is an entropic quasigroup with a quasi-identity, where  $a \cdot b := a + (b^*)$ ,  $a \backslash b := b^* + (-a^*)$ ,  $a/b := a + (-b^*)$ ,  $1 := 0$ .*

**Theorem 1.4.** *If  $\mathcal{Q} = (Q, \cdot, /, \backslash, 1)$  is an entropic quasigroup with a quasi-identity, then  $\Phi(\mathcal{Q}) = (Q, +, -, 0, *)$  is an abelian group with involution, where  $a + b := a \cdot (1 \cdot b)$ ,  $(-a) := 1/(1 \cdot a)$ ,  $0 := 1$ ,  $a^* := 1 \cdot a$ .*

**Theorem 1.5.** *If  $\mathcal{Q} = (Q, \cdot, /, \backslash, 1)$  is an entropic quasigroup with a quasi-identity, then  $\Psi(\Phi(\mathcal{Q})) = \mathcal{Q}$ .*

**Theorem 1.6.** *If  $\mathcal{G} = (G, +, -, 0, *)$  is an abelian group with involution, then  $\Phi(\Psi(\mathcal{G})) = \mathcal{G}$ .*

Let  $\mathcal{Q} = (Q, \cdot, /, \backslash, 1)$  be a monogenic entropic quasigroup with a quasi-identity. Let  $Q = \langle x \rangle$  and let  $\Phi(\mathcal{Q}) = (Q, +, -, 0, *)$  be the abelian group with involution equivalent to  $(Q, \cdot, /, \backslash, 1)$ .

We will consider three types of *rank* of the generator  $x$ :

$$r_+(x) = \min \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid nx = 0, n \geq 1\}, \quad (\text{additive rank})$$

$$r_*(x) = \min \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid n \geq 1, \exists k \in \mathbb{Z} \, nx^* = kx\},$$

$$r_{*+}(x) = \min \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid r_*(x)x^* = (r_*(x) + n)x\}.$$

Then we define

$$r_+(\mathcal{Q}) = r_+(x), \quad r_*(\mathcal{Q}) = r_*(x), \quad r_{*+}(\mathcal{Q}) = r_{*+}(x).$$

This definition does not depend on the choice of the generator  $x$  (see [1]).

**Theorem 1.7.** (cf. [1]) *If  $\mathcal{Q} = (Q, \cdot, /, \backslash, 1)$  is a finite monogenic entropic quasi-group with a quasi-identity, then:*

- (a)  $r_*(\mathcal{Q})$  is a divisor of  $r_+(\mathcal{Q})$ ,
- (b)  $r_*(\mathcal{Q})$  is a divisor of  $r_{*+}(\mathcal{Q})$ ,
- (c)  $0 \leq r_{*+}(\mathcal{Q}) < r_+(\mathcal{Q})$ ,
- (d)  $r_+(\mathcal{Q})$  is a divisor of  $2r_{*+}(\mathcal{Q}) + \frac{r_{*+}(\mathcal{Q})^2}{r_*(\mathcal{Q})}$ .

**Proposition 1.8.** (cf. [1]) *Let  $\mathcal{Q} = (Q, \cdot, /, \backslash, 1)$  be a finite cyclic entropic quasi-group with a quasi-identity and  $Q = \langle a \rangle$  for some  $a \in Q$ . If  $c \in Z$  then  $ca = 0 \Leftrightarrow r_+(\mathcal{Q}) \mid c$ .*

Let  $E(a)$  be the integer part of  $a$ ,  $(a)_b$  – the remainder obtained after dividing  $a$  by  $b$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}_n = \{0, 1, \dots, n - 1\}$ .

**Proposition 1.9.** (cf. [1]) *Let  $b, t, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $b \geq 1$ . Then*

$$E\left(\frac{t}{b}\right) + E\left(\frac{y + (t)_b}{b}\right) = E\left(\frac{y + t}{b}\right), \tag{1}$$

$$(y + (t)_b)_b = (y + t)_b. \tag{2}$$

## 2. Auxiliary results

Abelian groups with involution generated by  $x$  can be described by three ranks:  $r_+(x)$ ,  $r_*(x)$  and  $r_{*+}(x)$  (cf. [1]). Abelian groups with involution generated by two elements  $x_1, x_2$  will be described by ten ranks defined below.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $\mathcal{Q} = (Q, \cdot, /, \backslash, 1) = \langle x_1, x_2 \rangle$  be a 2-generated finite entropic quasigroup with a quasi-identity. Let  $A = \Phi(\mathcal{Q})$ . Let

- $a_1 = \min\{n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\} \mid nx_1 \in \langle x_2 \rangle\}$ ,
- $b_1 = \min\{n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\} \mid \exists m \in \mathbb{Z} \quad nx_1^* - mx_1 \in \langle x_2 \rangle\}$ ,
- $k_1 = \min\{n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \mid b_1x_1^* - (b_1 + n)x_1 \in \langle x_2 \rangle\}$ ,
- $a_2 = \min\{n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\} \mid nx_2 = 0\}$ ,
- $b_2 = \min\{n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\} \mid \exists k \in \mathbb{Z} \quad nx_2^* - kx_2 = 0\}$ ,
- $k_2 = \min\{n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \mid b_2x_2^* - (b_2 + n)x_2 = 0\}$ .

Then there exist  $a_{12}, a'_{12} \in \mathbb{Z}_{a_2}$ ,  $b_{12}, b'_{12} \in \mathbb{Z}_{b_2}$  such that

$$a_1 x_1 = a_{12} x_2 + b_{12} x_2^* \in \langle x_2 \rangle, \quad b_1 x_1^* - (b_1 + k_1) x_1 = a'_{12} x_2 + b'_{12} x_2^* \in \langle x_2 \rangle.$$

So, to every finite entropic quasigroup with a quasi-identity generated by  $x_1, x_2$  we assign ten parameters:

$$\psi(A, x_1, x_2) = (a_1, b_1, k_1, a_{12}, b_{12}, a'_{12}, b'_{12}, a_2, b_2, k_2) \in \mathbb{Z}^{10}.$$

**Example 2.2.** Let  $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $m > 1$  and  $n \geq 1$  be fixed. Consider  $W_{n,m} = (\mathbb{Z}_{2^m} \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_{2^n}, +, -, (0, 0, 0), *)$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} (y_1, y_2, y_3) + (y'_1, y'_2, y'_3) &= ((y_1 + y'_1 + E(\frac{y_2 + y'_2}{2})2)_{2^m}, (y_2 + y'_2)_2, (y_3 + y'_3)_{2^n}), \\ -(y_1, y_2, y_3) &= ((-y_1 + E(\frac{-y_2}{2})2)_{2^m}, (-y_2)_2, (-y_3)_{2^n}), \\ (y_1, y_2, y_3)^* &= \begin{cases} ((y_2 + E(\frac{y_1}{2})2)_{2^m}, (y_1)_2, y_3) & \text{for } 2|y_3, \\ ((y_2 + 2^{m-1} + E(\frac{y_1}{2})2)_{2^m}, (y_1)_2, y_3) & \text{for } 2 \nmid y_3. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Then, by Theorem 9 in [3],  $W_{n,m} = \langle x_1, x_2 \rangle = W_{n,(2^{m-1},0)}(Q_{2^m,2}^0) \in AGI$ , where  $x_1 = (1, 0, 0)$ ,  $x_2 = (0, 0, 1)$ . So  $x_1^* = (0, 1, 0)$ ,  $x_2^* = (2^{m-1}, 0, 1)$  and

- $2^{m-1}x_1 = (2^n - 1)x_2 + x_2^*$ ,
- $2x_1^* = 0$ ,
- $2^n x_2 = 0$ ,
- $2x_2^* - 2x_2 = 0$ .

Thus  $a_1 = 2^{m-1}$ ,  $b_1 = 2$ ,  $k_1 = 0$ ,  $a_{12} = 2^n - 1$ ,  $b_{12} = 1$ ,  $a'_{12} = 0$ ,  $b'_{12} = 0$ ,  $a_2 = 2^n$ ,  $b_2 = 2$ ,  $k_2 = 0$ .  $\square$

**Definition 2.3.** For  $t = (a_1, b_1, k_1, a_{12}, b_{12}, a'_{12}, b'_{12}, a_2, b_2, k_2) \in \mathbb{Z}^{10}$  let  $\gamma_t$  be the function  $\mathbb{Z}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{a_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{b_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{a_2} \times \mathbb{Z}_{b_2}$  such that

$$\pi_1(\gamma_t(y)) = (\pi_1(y) + E(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1})(b_1 + k_1))_{a_1},$$

$$\pi_2(\gamma_t(y)) = (\pi_2(y))_{b_1},$$

$$\pi_3(\gamma_t(y)) = (\pi_3(y) + E(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1})a'_{12} + \alpha a_{12} + E(\frac{\pi_4(y) + E(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1})b'_{12} + \alpha b_{12}}{b_2})(b_2 + k_2))_{a_2},$$

$$\pi_4(\gamma_t(y)) = (\pi_4(y) + E(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1})b'_{12} + \alpha b_{12})_{b_2}$$

for every  $y \in \mathbb{Z}^4$ , where  $\alpha = E(\frac{\pi_1(y) + E(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1})(b_1 + k_1)}{a_1})$  and  $\pi_i(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) = y_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$  and  $(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) \in \mathbb{Z}^4$ .

**Definition 2.4.** For  $t = (a_1, b_1, k_1, a_{12}, b_{12}, a'_{12}, b'_{12}, a_2, b_2, k_2) \in \mathbb{Z}^{10}$  we define  $Q_t = (\mathbb{Z}_{a_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{b_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{a_2} \times \mathbb{Z}_{b_2}, +_t, -_t, \mathbf{0}, *_t)$ , and

- $(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) +_t (z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) = \gamma_t(y_1 + z_1, y_2 + z_2, y_3 + z_3, y_4 + z_4)$ ,
- $-_t(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) = \gamma_t(-y_1, -y_2, -y_3, -y_4)$ ,  $\underline{0} = (0, 0, 0, 0)$ ,
- $(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4)^* = (y_2, y_1, y_4, y_3)$ ,
- $(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4)^{*t} = \gamma_t(y_2, y_1, y_4, y_3)$ , i.e.,  $y^{*t} = \gamma_t(y^*)$ .

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $D$  be the set of tuples  $(a_1, b_1, k_1, a_{12}, b_{12}, a'_{12}, b'_{12}, a_2, b_2, k_2)$  such that:

$$\begin{aligned} & b_1|a_1, b_1|k_1, a_1|(2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}), a_1 \geq 1, b_1 \geq 1, 0 \leq k_1 < a_1, \\ & b_2|a_2, b_2|k_2, a_2|(2k_2 + \frac{k_2^2}{b_2}), a_2 \geq 1, b_2 \geq 1, 0 \leq k_2 < a_2, \\ & b_2|(a_{12} - (1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1})b_{12} - \frac{a_1}{b_1}b'_{12}), b_2|(a'_{12} + (1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1})b'_{12} + \frac{2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}}{a_1}b_{12}), \\ & a_2|(b_{12} - (1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1})a_{12} - \frac{a_1}{b_1}a'_{12} + (1 + \frac{k_2}{b_2})(a_{12} - (1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1})b_{12} - \frac{a_1}{b_1}b'_{12})), \\ & a_2|(b'_{12} + (1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1})a'_{12} + \frac{2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}}{a_1}a_{12} + (1 + \frac{k_2}{b_2})(a'_{12} + (1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1})b'_{12} + \frac{2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}}{a_1}b_{12})), \\ & a_{12}, a'_{12} \in \mathbb{Z}_{a_2}, b_{12}, b'_{12} \in \mathbb{Z}_{b_2}. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.6.** If  $G = \langle x \rangle$  is a finite abelian group with involution,  $a = r_+(\langle x \rangle)$ ,  $b = r_*(\langle x \rangle)$ ,  $k = r_{*+}(\langle x \rangle)$ ,  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $mx + nx^* = 0$ , then  $b|n$  and  $a|m + (1 + \frac{k}{b})n$ .

*Proof.* If  $mx + nx^* = 0$ , then  $mx + (E(\frac{n}{b})b + (n)_b)x^* = 0$ . Thus we have  $(n)_b x^* = (-m - E(\frac{n}{b})b)x$  and  $0 \leq (n)_b < b$ . By definition of  $b$  we obtain  $(n)_b = 0$  so  $b|n$ .

Moreover,  $mx = -nx^* = -\frac{n}{b}bx^* = -n\frac{n}{b}(b+k)x$ , so  $(m + \frac{n}{b}(b+k))x = 0$  and by Proposition 1.8 we have  $a|(m + \frac{n}{b}(b+k))$ . Thus  $a|m + (1 + \frac{k}{b})n$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 2.7.** If  $G = \langle x_1, x_2 \rangle$  is a finite abelian group with involution, then  $t = \psi(G, x_1, x_2) \in D$ .

*Proof.* Let  $G = \langle x_1, x_2 \rangle$  be a finite abelian group with involution and  $t = \psi(G, x_1, x_2) = (a_1, b_1, k_1, a_{12}, b_{12}, a'_{12}, b'_{12}, a_2, b_2, k_2)$ . Then  $a_2 = r_+(\langle x_2 \rangle)$ ,  $b_2 = r_*(\langle x_2 \rangle)$  and  $k_2 = r_{*+}(\langle x_2 \rangle)$ ,  $a_1 = r_+(G/\langle x_2 \rangle)$ ,  $b_1 = r_*(G/\langle x_2 \rangle)$ ,  $k_1 = r_{*+}(G/\langle x_2 \rangle)$ .

By Theorem 1.7 we have  $b_1|a_1, b_1|k_1, a_1|(2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1})$ ,  $a_1 \geq 1, b_1 \geq 1, 0 \leq k_1 < a_1$ ,

$$b_2|a_2, b_2|k_2, a_2|(2k_2 + \frac{k_2^2}{b_2}), a_2 \geq 1, b_2 \geq 1, 0 \leq k_2 < a_2.$$

Now we prove that

$$\begin{aligned} & b_2|(a'_{12} + (1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1})b'_{12} + \frac{2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}}{a_1}b_{12}) \text{ and} \\ & a_2|(b'_{12} + (1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1})a'_{12} + \frac{2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}}{a_1}a_{12} + (1 + \frac{k_2}{b_2})(a'_{12} + (1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1})b'_{12} + \frac{2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}}{a_1}b_{12})). \end{aligned}$$

By definition of  $t$  we obtain

$$a_1x_1 = a_{12}x_2 + b_{12}x_2^* \in \langle x_2 \rangle, \quad (3)$$

$$b_1 x_1^* - (b_1 + k_1)x_1 = a'_{12}x_2 + b'_{12}x_2^* \in \langle x_2 \rangle. \quad (4)$$

So,  $(b_1 + k_1)x_1^* = (1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1})b_1 x_1^* \stackrel{(4)}{=} (1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1})((b_1 + k_1)x_1 + a'_{12}x_2 + b'_{12}x_2^*)$  and  $(b_1 + k_1)x_1^* = ((b_1 + k_1)x_1)^* \stackrel{(4)}{=} (b_1 x_1^* - a'_{12}x_2 - b'_{12}x_2^*)^* = b_1 x_1 - a'_{12}x_2^* - b'_{12}x_2$ . Hence  $0 = ((1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1})(b_1 + k_1) - b_1)x_1 + (b'_{12} + (1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1})a'_{12})x_2 + (a'_{12} + (1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1})b'_{12})x_2^*$  and  $((1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1})(b_1 + k_1) - b_1)x_1 = (2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1})x_1 = \frac{2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}}{a_1}a_1 x_1 \stackrel{(3)}{=} \frac{2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}}{a_1}(a_{12}x_2 + b_{12}x_2^*)$ . So,  $0 = (b'_{12} + (1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1})a'_{12} + \frac{2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}}{a_1}a_{12})x_2 + (a'_{12} + (1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1})b'_{12} + \frac{2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}}{a_1}b_{12})x_2^*$ .

From this, applying Lemma 2.6, we obtain  $b_2|(a'_{12} + (1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1})b'_{12} + \frac{2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}}{a_1}b_{12})$  and  $a_2|(b'_{12} + (1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1})a'_{12} + \frac{2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}}{a_1}a_{12} + (1 + \frac{k_2}{b_2})(a'_{12} + (1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1})b'_{12} + \frac{2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}}{a_1}b_{12}))$ .

Now we prove that  $b_2|(a_{12} - (1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1})b_{12} - \frac{a_1}{b_1}b'_{12})$  and  $a_2|(b_{12} - (1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1})a_{12} - \frac{a_1}{b_1}a'_{12} + (1 + \frac{k_2}{b_2})(a_{12} - (1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1})b_{12} - \frac{a_1}{b_1}b'_{12}))$ .

Let us observe that  $a_{12}x_2^* + b_{12}x_2 = (a_{12}x_2 + b_{12}x_2^*)^* \stackrel{(3)}{=} a_1 x_1^* = \frac{a_1}{b_1}b_1 x_1^* \stackrel{(4)}{=} \frac{a_1}{b_1}((b_1 + k_1)x_1 + a'_{12}x_2 + b'_{12}x_2^*) = (1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1})a_1 x_1 + \frac{a_1}{b_1}a'_{12}x_2 + \frac{a_1}{b_1}b'_{12}x_2^* \stackrel{(3)}{=} (1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1})(a_{12}x_2 + b_{12}x_2^*) + \frac{a_1}{b_1}a'_{12}x_2 + \frac{a_1}{b_1}b'_{12}x_2^*$ .

Thus  $0 = (b_{12} - (1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1})a_{12} - \frac{a_1}{b_1}a'_{12})x_2 + (a_{12} - (1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1})b_{12} - \frac{a_1}{b_1}b'_{12})x_2^*$ .

After applying Lemma 2.6 we conclude that  $b_2|(a_{12} - (1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1})b_{12} - \frac{a_1}{b_1}b'_{12})$  and  $a_2|(b_{12} - (1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1})a_{12} - \frac{a_1}{b_1}a'_{12} + (1 + \frac{k_2}{b_2})(a_{12} - (1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1})b_{12} - \frac{a_1}{b_1}b'_{12}))$ .  $\square$

The following two lemmas and proposition serve as technical help to prove the Theorem 3.1.

**Lemma 2.8.** *If  $t = (a_1, b_1, k_1, a_{12}, b_{12}, a'_{12}, b'_{12}, a_2, b_2, k_2) \in D$ ,  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}^4$ , then*

$$\gamma_t(x + y) = \gamma_t(x + \gamma_t(y)). \quad (5)$$

*If  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_{a_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{b_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{a_2} \times \mathbb{Z}_{b_2}$ , then*

$$\gamma_t(x) = x. \quad (6)$$

*Proof.* Let  $t = (a_1, b_1, k_1, a_{12}, b_{12}, a'_{12}, b'_{12}, a_2, b_2, k_2) \in D$ ,  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}^4$ . We show that  $\pi_i(\gamma_t(x + \gamma_t(y))) = \pi_i(\gamma_t(x + y))$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \pi_1(\gamma_t(x + \gamma_t(y))) &= (\pi_1(x + \gamma_t(y)) + E(\frac{\pi_2(x + \gamma_t(y))}{b_1})(b_1 + k_1))_{a_1} \\ &= (\pi_1(x) + \pi_1(\gamma_t(y)) + E(\frac{\pi_2(x) + \pi_2(\gamma_t(y))}{b_1})(b_1 + k_1))_{a_1} \\ &= (\pi_1(x) + (\pi_1(y) + E(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1})(b_1 + k_1))_{a_1} + E(\frac{\pi_2(x) + (\pi_2(y)b_1)}{b_1})(b_1 + k_1))_{a_1} \\ &\stackrel{(1),(2)}{=} (\pi_1(x) + \pi_1(y) + E(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1})(b_1 + k_1) + (E(\frac{\pi_2(x) + \pi_2(y)}{b_1}) - E(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}))(b_1 + k_1))_{a_1} \\ &= (\pi_1(x) + \pi_1(y) + (E(\frac{\pi_2(x) + \pi_2(y)}{b_1}))_{a_1} = \pi_1(\gamma_t(x + y)), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \pi_2(\gamma_t(x + \gamma_t(y))) &= (\pi_2(x + \gamma_t(y)))_{b_1} = (\pi_2(x) + \pi_2(\gamma_t(y)))_{b_1} \\ &= (\pi_2(x) + (\pi_2(y)_{b_1}))_{b_1} \stackrel{(2)}{=} (\pi_2(x) + \pi_2(y))_{b_1} = \pi_2(\gamma_t(x + y)). \end{aligned}$$

- Let us introduce the following abbreviations:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1 &= \pi_1(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1), \\ \alpha_2 &= E\left(\frac{\pi_1(x + \gamma_t(y)) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(x + \gamma_t(y))}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1)}{a_1}\right) \\ &= E\left(\frac{\pi_1(x) + (\alpha_1)_{a_1} + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(x) + (\pi_2(y))_{b_1}}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1)}{a_1}\right), \\ \alpha_3 &= \pi_4(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{a_1}\right)b_{12}, \\ \alpha_4 &= E\left(\frac{\pi_4(x) + (\alpha_3)_{b_2} + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(x) + (\pi_2(y))_{b_1}}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + \alpha_2 b_{12}}{b_2}\right), \\ \alpha'_2 &= E\left(\frac{\pi_1(x) + \pi_1(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(x) + \pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1)}{a_1}\right), \\ \alpha'_4 &= E\left(\frac{\pi_4(x) + \pi_4(y) + \alpha'_2 b_{12} + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(x) + \pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)b'_{12}}{b_2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

By Proposition 1.9 we have

$$\begin{aligned} E\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{a_1}\right) + \alpha_2 &= E\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{a_1}\right) + E\left(\frac{\pi_1(x) + (\alpha_1)_{a_1} + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(x) + (\pi_2(y))_{b_1}}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1)}{a_1}\right) \\ &\stackrel{(1)}{=} E\left(\frac{\pi_1(x) + \pi_1(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(x) + (\pi_2(y))_{b_1}}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1)}{a_1}\right) \\ &= E\left(\frac{\pi_1(x) + \pi_1(y) + \left(E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(x) + (\pi_2(y))_{b_1}}{b_1}\right)\right)(b_1 + k_1)}{a_1}\right) \\ &\stackrel{(1)}{=} E\left(\frac{\pi_1(x) + \pi_1(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(x) + \pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1)}{a_1}\right) = \alpha'_2, \end{aligned}$$

so

$$E\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{a_1}\right) + \alpha_2 = \alpha'_2. \quad (7)$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} E\left(\frac{\alpha_3}{b_2}\right) + \alpha_4 &= E\left(\frac{\alpha_3}{b_2}\right) + E\left(\frac{\pi_4(x) + (\alpha_3)_{b_2} + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(x) + (\pi_2(y))_{b_1}}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + \alpha_2 b_{12}}{b_2}\right) \\ &\stackrel{(1)}{=} E\left(\frac{\pi_4(x) + \alpha_3 + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(x) + (\pi_2(y))_{b_1}}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + \alpha_2 b_{12}}{b_2}\right) \\ &\quad + E\left(\frac{\pi_4(x) + \pi_4(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{a_1}\right)b_{12} + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(x) + (\pi_2(y))_{b_1}}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + \alpha_2 b_{12}}{b_2}\right) \\ &\stackrel{(7)}{=} E\left(\frac{\pi_4(x) + \pi_4(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + \alpha'_2 b_{12} + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(x) + (\pi_2(y))_{b_1}}{b_1}\right)b'_{12}}{b_2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\stackrel{(1)}{=} E\left(\frac{\pi_4(x)+\pi_4(y)+\alpha'_2 b_{12}+E\left(\frac{\pi_2(x)+\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)b'_{12}}{b_2}\right) = \alpha'_4,$$

so

$$E\left(\frac{\alpha_3}{b_2}\right) + \alpha_4 = \alpha'_4. \quad (8)$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} & \pi_3(\gamma_t(x + \gamma_t(y))) = \\ & \left(\pi_3(x+\gamma_t(y))+E\left(\frac{\pi_2(x+\gamma_t(y))}{b_1}\right)a'_{12}+\alpha_2 a_{12}+E\left(\frac{\pi_4(x+\gamma_t(y))+E\left(\frac{\pi_2(x+\gamma_t(y))}{b_1}\right)b'_{12}+\alpha_2 b_{12}}{b_2}\right)(b_2+k_2)\right)_{a_2} \\ & = \left(\pi_3(x)+\left(\pi_3(y)+E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)a'_{12}+E\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{a_1}\right)a_{12}+E\left(\frac{\alpha_3}{b_2}\right)(b_2+k_2)\right)_{a_2}+E\left(\frac{\pi_2(x)+(\pi_2(y))_{b_1}}{b_1}\right)a'_{12}\right. \\ & \quad \left.+ \alpha_2 a_{12}+E\left(\frac{\pi_4(x)+(\alpha_3)_{b_2}+E\left(\frac{\pi_2(x)+(\pi_2(y))_{b_1}}{b_1}\right)b'_{12}+\alpha_2 b_{12}}{b_2}\right)(b_2+k_2)\right)_{a_2} \\ & \stackrel{(2)}{=} \left(\pi_3(x)+\pi_3(y)+a'_{12}\left(E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)+E\left(\frac{\pi_2(x)+(\pi_2(y))_{b_1}}{b_1}\right)\right)+a_{12}\left(E\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{a_1}\right)+\alpha_2\right)+\right. \\ & \quad \left.(b_2+k_2)(\alpha_4+E\left(\frac{\alpha_3}{b_2}\right))\right)_{a_2} \\ & \stackrel{(1),(7),(8)}{=} \left(\pi_3(x)+\pi_3(y)+a'_{12}E\left(\frac{\pi_2(x)+\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)+a_{12}\alpha'_2+(b_2+k_2)\alpha'_4\right)_{a_2} \\ & = \left(\pi_3(x+y)+a'_{12}E\left(\frac{\pi_2(x+y)}{b_1}\right)+a_{12}\alpha'_2+(b_2+k_2)E\left(\frac{\pi_4(x+y)+\alpha'_2 b_{12}+E\left(\frac{\pi_2(x+y)}{b_1}\right)b'_{12}}{b_2}\right)\right)_{a_2} \\ & = \pi_3(\gamma_t(x+y)) \end{aligned}$$

- Let  $\beta_1 = \pi_1(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)(b_1+k_1)$ ,  $\beta_2 = E\left(\frac{\pi_1(x+\gamma_t(y))+E\left(\frac{\pi_2(x+\gamma_t(y))}{b_1}\right)(b_1+k_1)}{a_1}\right)$   
 $= E\left(\frac{\pi_1(x)+(\beta_1)_{a_1}+E\left(\frac{\pi_2(x)+(\pi_2(y))_{b_1}}{b_1}\right)(b_1+k_1)}{a_1}\right)$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned} E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right) + \beta_2 & \stackrel{(1)}{=} E\left(\frac{\pi_1(x)+\beta_1+E\left(\frac{\pi_2(x)+(\pi_2(y))_{b_1}}{b_1}\right)(b_1+k_1)}{a_1}\right) \\ & = E\left(\frac{\pi_1(x)+\pi_1(y)+E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)(b_1+k_1)+E\left(\frac{\pi_2(x)+(\pi_2(y))_{b_1}}{b_1}\right)(b_1+k_1)}{a_1}\right) \\ & \stackrel{(1)}{=} E\left(\frac{\pi_1(x)+\pi_1(y)+E\left(\frac{\pi_2(x)+\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)(b_1+k_1)}{a_1}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right) + \beta_2 = E\left(\frac{\pi_1(x)+\pi_1(y)+E\left(\frac{\pi_2(x)+\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)(b_1+k_1)}{a_1}\right). \quad (9)$$

So we conclude that



$$\begin{aligned}
& \pi_4(\gamma_t(x + \gamma_t(y))) \\
&= \left( \pi_4(x + \gamma_t(y)) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(x + \gamma_t(y))}{b_1}\right) b'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\pi_1(x + \gamma_t(y)) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(x + \gamma_t(y))}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1)}{a_1}\right) b_{12} \right)_{b_2} \\
&= \left( \pi_4(x) + \left( \pi_4(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right) b'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\pi_1(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1)}{a_1}\right) b_{12} \right) + \right. \\
&\quad \left. E\left(\frac{\pi_2(x) + (\pi_2(y))_{b_1}}{b_1}\right) b'_{12} + \beta_2 b_{12} \right)_{b_2} \\
&\stackrel{(2)}{=} \left( \pi_4(x) + \pi_4(y) + \left( E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(x) + (\pi_2(y))_{b_1}}{b_1}\right) \right) b'_{12} + \left( E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right) + \beta_2 \right) b_{12} \right)_{b_2} \\
&\stackrel{(1)}{=} \left( \pi_4(x) + \pi_4(y) + \left( E\left(\frac{\pi_2(x) + \pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right) \right) b'_{12} + \left( E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right) + \beta_2 \right) b_{12} \right)_{b_2} \\
&\stackrel{(9)}{=} \left( \pi_4(x + y) + \left( E\left(\frac{\pi_2(x + y)}{b_1}\right) \right) b'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\pi_1(x) + \pi_1(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(x) + \pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1)}{a_1}\right) b_{12} \right)_{b_2} \\
&= \pi_4(\gamma_t(x + y)).
\end{aligned}$$

Let  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in \mathbb{Z}_{a_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{b_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{a_2} \times \mathbb{Z}_{b_2}$ . It is clear that if  $y \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ , then  $(y)_n = y$  and  $E\left(\frac{y}{n}\right) = 0$ . So,

- $\pi_1(\gamma_t(x)) = (x_1 + E\left(\frac{x_2}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1))_{a_1} = (x_1)_{a_1} = x_1$ ,
- $\pi_2(\gamma_t(x)) = (x_2)_{b_1} = x_2$ ,
- $\pi_3(\gamma_t(x)) = (x_3 + E\left(\frac{x_2}{b_1}\right) a'_{12} + \alpha a_{12} + E\left(\frac{x_4 + E\left(\frac{x_2}{b_1}\right) b'_{12} + \alpha b_{12}}{b_2}\right) (b_2 + k_2))_{a_2}$   
 $= (x_3)_{a_2} = x_3$  since  $\alpha = E\left(\frac{x_1 + E\left(\frac{x_2}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1)}{a_1}\right) = E\left(\frac{x_1}{a_1}\right) = 0$ ,
- $\pi_4(\gamma_t(x)) = (x_4 + E\left(\frac{x_2}{b_1}\right) b'_{12} + \alpha b_{12})_{b_2} = (x_4)_{b_2} = x_4$ .

Hence  $\gamma_t(x) = x$ . □

**Proposition 2.9.** *If  $x, y, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $b \geq 1$  is a divisor of  $x - y$ , then*

$$E\left(\frac{x}{b}\right) - E\left(\frac{y}{b}\right) = \frac{x - y}{b}.$$

*Proof.* It is obvious. □

**Lemma 2.10.** *For  $t \in D$  and  $y \in \mathbb{Z}^4$  we have*

$$\gamma_t(y^*) = \gamma_t((\gamma_t(y))^*), \quad (10)$$

where  $y^* = (y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4)^* = (y_2, y_1, y_4, y_3)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $y \in \mathbb{Z}^4$ ,  $t = (a_1, b_1, k_1, a_{12}, b_{12}, a'_{12}, b'_{12}, a_2, b_2, k_2) \in D$  and

- $\pi_1(\gamma_t(y^*)) = (L_1)_{a_1}$ ,  $\pi_2(\gamma_t(y^*)) = (L_2)_{b_1}$ ,

- $\pi_3(\gamma_t(y^*)) = (L_3)_{a_2}$ ,  $\pi_4(\gamma_t(y^*)) = (L_4)_{b_2}$ ,
- $\pi_1(\gamma_t((\gamma_t(y))^*)) = (R_1)_{a_1}$ ,  $\pi_2(\gamma_t((\gamma_t(y))^*)) = (R_2)_{b_1}$ ,
- $\pi_3(\gamma_t((\gamma_t(y))^*)) = (R_3)_{a_2}$ ,  $\pi_4(\gamma_t((\gamma_t(y))^*)) = (R_4)_{b_2}$ .

We show that  $a_1|R_1 - L_1$ ,  $b_1|R_2 - L_2$ ,  $a_2|R_3 - L_3$  and  $b_2|R_4 - L_4$ . Let

$$\begin{aligned}\beta_1 &= \pi_1(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1), \\ \beta_2 &= E\left(\frac{(\pi_2(y))_{b_1} + E\left(\frac{(\beta_1)_{a_1}}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1)}{a_1}\right), \\ \beta_3 &= E\left(\frac{\pi_4(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right)b_{12}}{b_2}\right), \\ \beta_4 &= \pi_3(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)a'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right)a_{12} + \beta_3(b_2 + k_2), \\ \beta'_1 &= \pi_2(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_1(y)}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1).\end{aligned}$$

First we show that

$$E\left(\frac{(\beta_1)_{a_1}}{b_1}\right) - E\left(\frac{\pi_1(y)}{b_1}\right) = \left(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}\right)E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right) - \frac{a_1}{b_1}E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right), \quad (11)$$

$$\beta_2 - E\left(\frac{\beta'_1}{a_1}\right) = \frac{2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}}{a_1}E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right) - \left(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}\right)E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right). \quad (12)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} &E\left(\frac{(\beta_4)_{a_2} + E\left(\frac{(\beta_1)_{a_1}}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + \beta_2 b_{12}}{b_2}\right) - E\left(\frac{\pi_3(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_1(y)}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\beta'_1}{a_1}\right)b_{12}}{b_2}\right) \\ &= \left(E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)(a'_{12} + \left(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + \frac{2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}}{a_1}b_{12}) + \right. \\ &\left. E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right)(a_{12} - \left(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}\right)b_{12} - \frac{a_1}{b_1}b'_{12}) + (b_2 + k_2)\beta_3 - E\left(\frac{\beta_4}{a_2}\right)a_2\right)\frac{1}{b_2}. \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (13)$$

- Let us observe that

$$\begin{aligned} &(\beta_1)_{a_1} - \pi_1(y) = \beta_1 - E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right)a_1 - \pi_1(y) = \pi_1(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1) - E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right)a_1 - \pi_1(y) \\ &= E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1) - E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right)a_1 \text{ so } b_1 | (\beta_1)_{a_1} - \pi_1(y), \text{ and by Proposition 2.9 we} \\ &\text{conclude } E\left(\frac{(\beta_1)_{a_1}}{b_1}\right) - E\left(\frac{\pi_1(y)}{b_1}\right) = \frac{(\beta_1)_{a_1} - \pi_1(y)}{b_1} = \frac{E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1) - E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right)a_1}{b_1} = \\ &\left(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}\right)E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right) - \frac{a_1}{b_1}E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right). \text{ So, we obtain (11).} \end{aligned}$$

- $(\pi_2(y))_{b_1} + E\left(\frac{(\beta_1)_{a_1}}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1) - (\pi_2(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_1(y)}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1))$   
 $= -E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right) + (b_1 + k_1)\left(E\left(\frac{(\beta_1)_{a_1}}{b_1}\right) - E\left(\frac{\pi_1(y)}{b_1}\right)\right)$   
 $\stackrel{(11)}{=} -E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right) + (b_1 + k_1)\left(\left(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}\right)E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right) - \frac{a_1}{b_1}E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right)\right)$   
 $= E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)\left(2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}\right) - a_1\left(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}\right)E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right)$

is divided by  $a_1$  since  $a_1 | (2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1})$ .

By Proposition 2.9 we have

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_2 - E\left(\frac{\beta'_1}{a_1}\right) &= \frac{(\pi_2(y))_{b_1} + E\left(\frac{(\beta_1)_{a_1}}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1) - (\pi_2(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_1(y)}{b_1}\right))(b_1 + k_1)}{a_1} = \\ &= \frac{E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)(2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}) - a_1(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1})E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right)}{a_1} = \frac{2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}}{a_1} E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right) - \left(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}\right)E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right), \end{aligned}$$

so we obtain (12).

$$\begin{aligned} &\bullet (\beta_4)_{a_2} + E\left(\frac{(\beta_1)_{a_1}}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + \beta_2 b_{12} - \left(\pi_3(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_1(y)}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\beta'_1}{a_1}\right)b_{12}\right) \\ &= (\beta_4)_{a_2} - \pi_3(y) + b'_{12}\left(E\left(\frac{(\beta_1)_{a_1}}{b_1}\right) - E\left(\frac{\pi_1(y)}{b_1}\right)\right) + b_{12}\left(\beta_2 - E\left(\frac{\beta'_1}{a_1}\right)\right) \\ &\stackrel{(11),(12)}{=} \beta_4 - E\left(\frac{\beta_4}{a_2}\right)a_2 - \pi_3(y) + b'_{12}\left(\left(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}\right)E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right) - \frac{a_1}{b_1}E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right)\right) + \\ &\quad b_{12}\left(\frac{2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}}{a_1}E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right) - \left(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}\right)E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right)\right) \\ &= \pi_3(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)a'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right)a_{12} + \beta_3(b_2 + k_2) - \pi_3(y) - E\left(\frac{\beta_4}{a_2}\right)a_2 + \\ &\quad b'_{12}\left(\left(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}\right)E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right) - \frac{a_1}{b_1}E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right)\right) + b_{12}\left(\frac{2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}}{a_1}E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right) - \left(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}\right)E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right)\right) \\ &= E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)(a'_{12} + \left(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + \frac{2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}}{a_1}b_{12}) + \\ &\quad E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right)(a_{12} - \left(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}\right)b_{12} - \frac{a_1}{b_1}b'_{12}) + (b_2 + k_2)\beta_3 - E\left(\frac{\beta_4}{a_2}\right)a_2 \end{aligned}$$

is divided by  $b_2$  because  $b_2|a_2$ ,  $b_2|(b_2 + k_2)$ ,  $b_2|(a'_{12} + (1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1})b'_{12} + \frac{2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}}{a_1}b_{12})$ ,  $b_2|(a_{12} - (1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1})b_{12} - \frac{a_1}{b_1}b'_{12})$ , whereas last two divisions are consequence of the assumption that  $t \in D$ .

By Lemma 2.9 we have

$$\begin{aligned} &E\left(\frac{(\beta_4)_{a_2} + E\left(\frac{(\beta_1)_{a_1}}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + \beta_2 b_{12}}{b_2}\right) - E\left(\frac{\pi_3(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_1(y)}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\beta'_1}{a_1}\right)b_{12}}{b_2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{b_2}\left((\beta_4)_{a_2} + E\left(\frac{(\beta_1)_{a_1}}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + \beta_2 b_{12} - \left(\pi_3(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_1(y)}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\beta'_1}{a_1}\right)b_{12}\right)\right) \\ &= \left(E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)(a'_{12} + \left(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + \frac{2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}}{a_1}b_{12}) + E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right)(a_{12} - \left(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}\right)b_{12} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{a_1}{b_1}b'_{12}) + (b_2 + k_2)\beta_3 - E\left(\frac{\beta_4}{a_2}\right)a_2\right) \frac{1}{b_2}. \end{aligned}$$

So we obtain (13).

In this part of the proof we show that  $a_1|(R_1 - L_1)$ . Indeed:

$$\begin{aligned} R_1 - L_1 &= (\pi_1(\gamma_t(y)^*) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(\gamma_t(y)^*)}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1)) - \pi_2(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_1(y)}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1) \\ &= ((\pi_2(y))_{b_1} + E\left(\frac{(\pi_1(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1))_{a_1}}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1)) - \pi_2(y) - E\left(\frac{\pi_1(y)}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1) \\ &= -E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)b_1 + E\left(\frac{(\beta_1)_{a_1}}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1) - E\left(\frac{\pi_1(y)}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\stackrel{(11)}{=} -E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)b_1 + (b_1 + k_1)\left(\left(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}\right)E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right) - \frac{a_1}{b_1}E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right)\right)$$

$$= E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)(2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}) - (1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1})a_1E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right) \text{ is divided by } a_1 \text{ since } a_1|(2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}).$$

Now we show that  $b_1|(R_2 - L_2)$ :

$$R_2 - L_2 = \pi_2(\gamma_t(y)^*) - \pi_2(y^*) = (\pi_1(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1))a_1 - \pi_1(y)$$

$$= \pi_1(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1) - E\left(\frac{\pi_1(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1)}{a_1}\right)a_1 - \pi_1(y)$$

$$= E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1) - E\left(\frac{\pi_1(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1)}{a_1}\right)a_1 \text{ is divided by } b_1 \text{ since } b_1|a_1$$

and  $b_1|k_1$ .

The third our task is to show that  $a_2|(R_3 - L_3)$ :

$$L_3 = \pi_3(y^*) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y^*)}{b_1}\right)a'_{12} + \alpha a_{12} + E\left(\frac{\pi_4(y^*) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y^*)}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + \alpha b_{12}}{b_2}\right)(b_2 + k_2),$$

where  $\alpha = E\left(\frac{\pi_1(y^*) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y^*)}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1)}{a_1}\right) = E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_1(y)}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1)}{a_1}\right) = E\left(\frac{\beta'_1}{a_1}\right)$ . So,

$$L_3 = \pi_4(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_1(y)}{b_1}\right)a'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\beta'_1}{a_1}\right)a_{12} + E\left(\frac{\pi_3(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_1(y)}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\beta'_1}{a_1}\right)b_{12}}{b_2}\right)(b_2 + k_2).$$

$$R_3 = \pi_3(\gamma_t(y)^*) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(\gamma_t(y)^*)}{b_1}\right)a'_{12} + \alpha' a_{12} + E\left(\frac{\pi_4(\gamma_t(y)^*) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(\gamma_t(y)^*)}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + \alpha' b_{12}}{b_2}\right)(b_2 + k_2),$$

where  $\alpha' = E\left(\frac{\pi_1(\gamma_t(y)^*) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(\gamma_t(y)^*)}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1)}{a_1}\right) = E\left(\frac{\pi_2(\gamma_t(y)) + E\left(\frac{\pi_1(\gamma_t(y))}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1)}{a_1}\right) =$

$$E\left(\frac{(\pi_2(y))_{b_1} + E\left(\frac{(\beta_1)_{a_1}}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1)}{a_1}\right) = \beta_2.$$

Moreover,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} & \pi_3(\gamma_t(y)) = \\ & \left( \pi_3(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)a'_{12} + \alpha'' a_{12} + E\left(\frac{\pi_4(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + \alpha'' b_{12}}{b_2}\right)(b_2 + k_2) \right)_{a_2} \\ & = (\beta_4)_{a_2} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (14)$$

where

$$\alpha'' = E\left(\frac{\pi_1(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1)}{a_1}\right) = E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right).$$

Hence

$$R_3 = \pi_4(\gamma_t(y)) + E\left(\frac{\pi_1(\gamma_t(y))}{b_1}\right)a'_{12} + \beta_2 a_{12} + E\left(\frac{\pi_3(\gamma_t(y)) + E\left(\frac{\pi_1(\gamma_t(y))}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + \beta_2 b_{12}}{b_2}\right)(b_2 + k_2)$$

$$= \left( \pi_4(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right)b_{12} \right)_{b_2} + E\left(\frac{(\beta_1)_{a_1}}{b_1}\right)a'_{12} + \beta_2 a_{12} +$$

$$E\left(\frac{\pi_3(\gamma_t(y)) + E\left(\frac{(\beta_1)_{a_1}}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + \beta_2 b_{12}}{b_2}\right)(b_2 + k_2)$$

$$\stackrel{(14)}{=} \left( \pi_4(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right)b_{12} \right)_{b_2} + E\left(\frac{(\beta_1)_{a_1}}{b_1}\right)a'_{12} + \beta_2 a_{12} +$$

$$E\left(\frac{(\beta_4)_{a_2} + E\left(\frac{(\beta_1)_{a_1}}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + \beta_2 b_{12}}{b_2}\right)(b_2 + k_2).$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} & R_3 - L_3 \left( \pi_4(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right)b_{12} \right)_{b_2} + E\left(\frac{(\beta_1)_{a_1}}{b_1}\right)a'_{12} + \beta_2 a_{12} + \\ & E\left(\frac{(\beta_4)_{a_2} + E\left(\frac{(\beta_1)_{a_1}}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + \beta_2 b_{12}}{b_2}\right)(b_2 + k_2) - \left( \pi_4(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_1(y)}{b_1}\right)a'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\beta'_1}{a_1}\right)a_{12} + \right. \\ & \left. E\left(\frac{\pi_3(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_1(y)}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\beta'_1}{a_1}\right)b_{12}}{b_2}\right)(b_2 + k_2) \right) = \pi_4(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right)b_{12} - \\ & E\left(\frac{\pi_4(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right)b_{12}}{b_2}\right)b_2 + a'_{12} \left( E\left(\frac{(\beta_1)_{a_1}}{b_1}\right) - E\left(\frac{\pi_1(y)}{b_1}\right) \right) + a_{12} \left( \beta_2 - E\left(\frac{\beta'_1}{a_1}\right) \right) + \\ & (b_2 + k_2) \left( E\left(\frac{(\beta_4)_{a_2} + E\left(\frac{(\beta_1)_{a_1}}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + \beta_2 b_{12}}{b_2}\right) - E\left(\frac{\pi_3(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_1(y)}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\beta'_1}{a_1}\right)b_{12}}{b_2}\right) \right) - \pi_4(y) \stackrel{(11),(12)}{=} \\ & E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right)b_{12} - \beta_3 b_2 + a'_{12} \left( \left(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}\right) E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right) - \frac{a_1}{b_1} E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right) \right) + \\ & a_{12} \left( \frac{2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}}{a_1} E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right) - \left(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}\right) E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right) \right) + (b_2 + k_2) \left( E\left(\frac{(\beta_4)_{a_2} + E\left(\frac{(\beta_1)_{a_1}}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + \beta_2 b_{12}}{b_2}\right) - \right. \\ & \left. E\left(\frac{\pi_3(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_1(y)}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\beta'_1}{a_1}\right)b_{12}}{b_2}\right) \right) \stackrel{(13)}{=} a'_{12} \left( \left(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}\right) E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right) - \frac{a_1}{b_1} E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right) \right) + \\ & a_{12} \left( \frac{2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}}{a_1} E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right) - \left(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}\right) E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right) \right) + (b_2 + k_2) \left( E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)(a'_{12} + \left(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + \right. \\ & \left. \frac{2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}}{a_1} b_{12}) + E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right)(a_{12} - \left(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}\right)b_{12} - \frac{a_1}{b_1} b'_{12}) + (b_2 + k_2)\beta_3 - E\left(\frac{\beta_4}{a_2}\right)a_2 \right) \frac{1}{b_2} + \\ & E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right)b_{12} - \beta_3 b_2 = E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right) \left( b'_{12} + \left(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}\right)a'_{12} + \frac{2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}}{a_1} a_{12} + \right. \\ & \left. \left(1 + \frac{k_2}{b_2}\right)(a'_{12} + \left(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + \frac{2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}}{a_1} b_{12}) \right) + E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right) \left( b_{12} - \left(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}\right)a_{12} - \frac{a_1}{b_1} a'_{12} + \right. \\ & \left. \left(1 + \frac{k_2}{b_2}\right)(a_{12} - \left(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}\right)b_{12} - \frac{a_1}{b_1} b'_{12}) \right) + \beta_3 \left( (b_2 + k_2)^2 \frac{1}{b_2} - b_2 \right) - \frac{b_2 + k_2}{b_2} E\left(\frac{\beta_4}{a_2}\right)a_2 = \\ & E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right) \left( b'_{12} + \left(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}\right)a'_{12} + \frac{2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}}{a_1} a_{12} + \left(1 + \frac{k_2}{b_2}\right)(a'_{12} + \left(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + \frac{2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}}{a_1} b_{12}) \right) + \\ & E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right) \left( b_{12} - \left(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}\right)a_{12} - \frac{a_1}{b_1} a'_{12} + \left(1 + \frac{k_2}{b_2}\right)(a_{12} - \left(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}\right)b_{12} - \frac{a_1}{b_1} b'_{12}) \right) + \beta_3 \left( 2k_2 + \right. \\ & \left. \frac{k_2^2}{b_2} \right) - \left(1 + \frac{k_2}{b_2}\right) E\left(\frac{\beta_4}{a_2}\right)a_2 \text{ is divided by } a_2 \text{ because we have } a_2 | \left( 2k_2 + \frac{k_2^2}{b_2} \right) \text{ and} \\ & a_2 | \left( b'_{12} + \left(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}\right)a'_{12} + \frac{2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}}{a_1} a_{12} + \left(1 + \frac{k_2}{b_2}\right)(a'_{12} + \left(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + \frac{2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}}{a_1} b_{12}) \right), \\ & a_2 | \left( \left( b_{12} - \left(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}\right)a_{12} - \frac{a_1}{b_1} a'_{12} + \left(1 + \frac{k_2}{b_2}\right)(a_{12} - \left(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}\right)b_{12} - \frac{a_1}{b_1} b'_{12}) \right) \right), \text{ where two} \\ & \text{last divisions are consequence of the assumption on } t \in D. \end{aligned}$$

It remains to show that  $b_2|(R_4 - L_4)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
R_4 &= \pi_4(\gamma_t(y)^*) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(\gamma_t(y)^*)}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\pi_1(\gamma_t(y)^*) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(\gamma_t(y)^*)}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1)}{a_1}\right)b_{12} \\
&= \pi_3(\gamma_t(y)) + E\left(\frac{\pi_1(\gamma_t(y))}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(\gamma_t(y)) + E\left(\frac{\pi_1(\gamma_t(y))}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1)}{a_1}\right)b_{12} \\
&\stackrel{(14)}{=} (\beta_4)_{a_2} + E\left(\frac{(\beta_1)_{a_1}}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + E\left(\frac{(\pi_2(y))_{b_1} + E\left(\frac{(\beta_1)_{a_1}}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1)}{a_1}\right)b_{12} \\
&= (\beta_4)_{a_2} + E\left(\frac{(\beta_1)_{a_1}}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + \beta_2 b_{12}. \\
L_4 &= \pi_4(y^*) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y^*)}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\pi_1(y^*) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y^*)}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1)}{a_1}\right)b_{12} \\
&= \pi_3(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_1(y)}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_1(y)}{b_1}\right)(b_1 + k_1)}{a_1}\right)b_{12} \\
&= \pi_3(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_1(y)}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\beta'_1}{a_1}\right)b_{12}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
R_4 - L_4 &= (\beta_4)_{a_2} + E\left(\frac{(\beta_1)_{a_1}}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + \beta_2 b_{12} - (\pi_3(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_1(y)}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\beta'_1}{a_1}\right)b_{12}) \\
&= \beta_4 - E\left(\frac{\beta_4}{a_2}\right)a_2 - \pi_3(y) + b'_{12}(E\left(\frac{(\beta_1)_{a_1}}{b_1}\right) - E\left(\frac{\pi_1(y)}{b_1}\right)) + b_{12}(\beta_2 - E\left(\frac{\beta'_1}{a_1}\right)) \\
&\stackrel{(11),(12)}{=} -E\left(\frac{\beta_4}{a_2}\right)a_2 + \pi_3(y) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)a'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right)a_{12} + \beta_3(b_2 + k_2) - \pi_3(y) \\
&\quad + b'_{12}\left(\left(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}\right)E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right) - \frac{a_1}{b_1}E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right)\right) + b_{12}\left(\frac{2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}}{a_1}E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right) - \left(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}\right)E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right)\right) \\
&= -E\left(\frac{\beta_4}{a_2}\right)a_2 + \beta_3(b_2 + k_2) + E\left(\frac{\pi_2(y)}{b_1}\right)(a'_{12} + b'_{12}(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}) + b_{12}\frac{2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}}{a_1}) \\
&\quad + E\left(\frac{\beta_1}{a_1}\right)(a_{12} - b'_{12}\frac{a_1}{b_1} - b_{12}(1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1}))
\end{aligned}$$

is divided by  $b_2$  because  $b_2|a_2$ ,  $b_2|k_2$  and  $b_2|(a'_{12} + (1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1})b'_{12} + \frac{2k_1 + \frac{k_1^2}{b_1}}{a_1}b_{12})$ ,  $b_2|(a_{12} - (1 + \frac{k_1}{b_1})b_{12} - \frac{a_1}{b_1}b'_{12})$ , where last two divisions are consequence of the assumption on  $t \in D$ .

Therefore  $\gamma_t(y^*) = \gamma_t(\gamma_t(y)^*)$  and the proof of Lemma 2.10 is finished.  $\square$

### 3. Main results

**Theorem 3.1.** *If  $t \in D$ , then  $Q_t$  is a 2-generated abelian group with involution.*

*Proof.* Obviously the operation  $+_t$  is commutative. We show that  $+_t$  is associative:

$$\begin{aligned}
x +_t (y +_t z) &= x +_t \gamma_t(y + z) = \gamma_t(x + \gamma_t(y + z)) \stackrel{(5)}{=} \gamma_t(x + (y + z)) \\
&= \gamma_t((x + y) + z) \stackrel{(5)}{=} \gamma_t(\gamma_t(x + y) + z) = \gamma_t((x +_t y) + z) = (x +_t y) +_t z.
\end{aligned}$$

If  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_{a_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{b_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{a_2} \times \mathbb{Z}_{b_2}$  then  $\gamma_t(x) \stackrel{(6)}{=} x$ , so  $x +_t \mathbf{0} = \gamma_t(x + \mathbf{0}) = \gamma_t(x) = x$ .

Moreover,  $x +_t (-_t x) = \gamma_t(x + (-_t x)) = \gamma_t(x + \gamma_t(-x)) \stackrel{(5)}{=} \gamma_t(x + (-x)) = \gamma_t(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0}$ .

Hence the group reduct of  $Q_t$  is an abelian group.

If  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_{a_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{b_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{a_2} \times \mathbb{Z}_{b_2}$  then  $(x^{*t})^{*t} = \gamma_t((x^{*t})^*) = \gamma_t(\gamma_t(x^*)^*) \stackrel{(10)}{=} \gamma_t((x^*)^*) = \gamma_t(x) \stackrel{(6)}{=} x$ .

If  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_{a_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{b_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{a_2} \times \mathbb{Z}_{b_2}$  then  $(x+t y)^{*t} = \gamma_t((x+t y)^*) = \gamma_t((\gamma_t(x+y))^*) \stackrel{(10)}{=} \gamma_t((x+y)^*) = \gamma_t(x^* + y^*) \stackrel{(5)}{=} \gamma_t(\gamma_t(x^*) + \gamma_t(y^*)) = \gamma_t(x^{*t} + y^{*t}) = (x^{*t} +_t y^{*t})$ . Also  $\underline{0}^{*t} = \gamma_t(\underline{0}^*) = \gamma_t(\underline{0}) = \underline{0}$ . Thus  $Q_t$  is an abelian group with involution.

Let  $x_1 = (1, 0, 0, 0)$  and  $x_2 = (0, 0, 1, 0)$ , then  $Q_t = \langle x_1, x_2 \rangle$  since  $(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) = y_1 x_1 + y_2 x_1^* + y_3 x_2 + y_4 x_2^*$  for every  $(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) \in \mathbb{Z}_{a_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{b_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{a_2} \times \mathbb{Z}_{b_2}$ . Therefore  $Q_t$  is 2-generated.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.2.** *If  $G = \langle x_1, x_2 \rangle$  is a finite abelian group with involution and  $\phi: \mathbb{Z}^4 \rightarrow G$  is such that  $\phi(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) = y_1 x_1 + y_2 x_1^* + y_3 x_2 + y_4 x_2^*$ , then*

$$\gamma_t \phi = \phi$$

for  $t = \psi(G, x_1, x_2) = (a_1, b_1, k_1, a_{12}, b_{12}, a'_{12}, b'_{12}, a_2, b_2, k_2)$ .

In other words, if  $\underline{Z} = \mathbb{Z}_{a_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{b_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{a_2} \times \mathbb{Z}_{b_2}$ , then the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{Z}^4 & \xrightarrow{\phi} & G \\ \downarrow \gamma_t & & \uparrow \phi \\ \underline{Z} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbb{Z}^4 \end{array}$$

is commutative.

*Proof.* Let  $G = \langle x_1, x_2 \rangle$  be a finite abelian group with involution and  $t = \psi(G, x_1, x_2) = (a_1, b_1, k_1, a_{12}, b_{12}, a'_{12}, b'_{12}, a_2, b_2, k_2)$ . Then

$$a_1 x_1 = a_{12} x_2 + b_{12} x_2^* \in \langle x_2 \rangle, \quad (15)$$

$$b_1 x_1^* - (b_1 + k_1) x_1 = a'_{12} x_2 + b'_{12} x_2^* \in \langle x_2 \rangle, \quad (16)$$

$$a_2 x_2 = 0, \quad (17)$$

$$b_2 x_2^* = (b_2 + k_2) x_2. \quad (18)$$

For  $\alpha_1 = y_1 + E(\frac{y_2}{b_1})(b_1 + k_1)$  and  $\beta = y_4 + E(\frac{y_2}{b_1})b'_{12} + E(\frac{\alpha_1}{a_1})b_{12}$ , where  $y = (y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) \in \mathbb{Z}^4$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(y) &= y_1 x_1 + y_2 x_1^* + y_3 x_2 + y_4 x_2^* = y_1 x_1 + (E(\frac{y_2}{b_1})b_1 + (y_2)_{b_1})x_1^* + y_3 x_2 + y_4 x_2^* \\ &\stackrel{(16)}{=} y_1 x_1 + E(\frac{y_2}{b_1})((b_1 + k_1)x_1 + a'_{12}x_2 + b'_{12}x_2^*) + (y_2)_{b_1}x_1^* + y_3 x_2 + y_4 x_2^* \\ &= (y_1 + E(\frac{y_2}{b_1})(b_1 + k_1))x_1 + (y_2)_{b_1}x_1^* + (y_3 + E(\frac{y_2}{b_1})a'_{12})x_2 + (y_4 + E(\frac{y_2}{b_1})b'_{12})x_2^* \\ &= \alpha_1 x_1 + (y_2)_{b_1}x_1^* + (y_3 + E(\frac{y_2}{b_1})a'_{12})x_2 + (y_4 + E(\frac{y_2}{b_1})b'_{12})x_2^* \\ &= (E(\frac{\alpha_1}{a_1})a_1 + (\alpha_1)_{a_1})x_1 + (y_2)_{b_1}x_1^* + (y_3 + E(\frac{y_2}{b_1})a'_{12})x_2 + (y_4 + E(\frac{y_2}{b_1})b'_{12})x_2^* \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\stackrel{(15)}{=} E\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{a_1}\right)(a_{12}x_2 + b_{12}x_2^*) + (\alpha_1)_{a_1}x_1 + (y_2)_{b_1}x_1^* + (y_3 + E\left(\frac{y_2}{b_1}\right)a'_{12})x_2 + (y_4 + E\left(\frac{y_2}{b_1}\right)b'_{12})x_2^* \\
&= (\alpha_1)_{a_1}x_1 + (y_2)_{b_1}x_1^* + (y_3 + E\left(\frac{y_2}{b_1}\right)a'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{a_1}\right)a_{12})x_2 + (y_4 + E\left(\frac{y_2}{b_1}\right)b'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{a_1}\right)b_{12})x_2^* \\
&= (\alpha_1)_{a_1}x_1 + (y_2)_{b_1}x_1^* + (y_3 + E\left(\frac{y_2}{b_1}\right)a'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{a_1}\right)a_{12})x_2 + \beta x_2^* \\
&= (\alpha_1)_{a_1}x_1 + (y_2)_{b_1}x_1^* + (y_3 + E\left(\frac{y_2}{b_1}\right)a'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{a_1}\right)a_{12})x_2 + (E\left(\frac{\beta}{b_2}\right)b_2 + (\beta)_{b_2})x_2^* \\
&\stackrel{(18)}{=} (\alpha_1)_{a_1}x_1 + (y_2)_{b_1}x_1^* + (y_3 + E\left(\frac{y_2}{b_1}\right)a'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{a_1}\right)a_{12})x_2 + E\left(\frac{\beta}{b_2}\right)(b_2 + k_2)x_2 + (\beta)_{b_2}x_2^* \\
&= (\alpha_1)_{a_1}x_1 + (y_2)_{b_1}x_1^* + \left(y_3 + E\left(\frac{y_2}{b_1}\right)a'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{a_1}\right)a_{12} + E\left(\frac{\beta}{b_2}\right)(b_2 + k_2)\right)x_2 + (\beta)_{b_2}x_2^* \\
&\stackrel{(17)}{=} (\alpha_1)_{a_1}x_1 + (y_2)_{b_1}x_1^* + \left(y_3 + E\left(\frac{y_2}{b_1}\right)a'_{12} + E\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{a_1}\right)a_{12} + E\left(\frac{\beta}{b_2}\right)(b_2 + k_2)\right)_{a_2}x_2 + (\beta)_{b_2}x_2^* \\
&= \phi(\gamma_t(y)). \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

The main theorem of this paper is formulated in the following way:

**Theorem 3.3.** *If  $G = \langle x_1, x_2 \rangle$  is a finite abelian group with involution, then  $G \cong Q_t$  for  $t = \psi(G, x_1, x_2)$ .*

*Proof.* Indeed, let  $t = \psi(G, x_1, x_2) = (a_1, b_1, k_1, a_{12}, b_{12}, a'_{12}, b'_{12}, a_2, b_2, k_2) \in \mathbb{Z}^{10}$  and  $\underline{Z} = \mathbb{Z}_{a_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{b_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{a_2} \times \mathbb{Z}_{b_2}$ . Consider the map  $\phi: \mathbb{Z}^4 \rightarrow G$  defined by

$$\phi(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) = y_1x_1 + y_2x_1^* + y_3x_2 + y_4x_2^*.$$

Then  $\phi|_{\underline{Z}}$  is an isomorphism of  $Q_t$  and  $G$ .

In fact,

- $\phi|_{\underline{Z}}$  is onto: if  $g \in G$  then there exist  $y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4 \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $g = y_1x_1 + y_2x_1^* + y_3x_2 + y_4x_2^* = \phi(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) = \phi(\gamma_t(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4))$  and  $\gamma_t(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) \in \underline{Z}$ .
- $\phi|_{\underline{Z}}$  is injective: if  $\phi(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) = \phi(y'_1, y'_2, y'_3, y'_4)$ , then

$$y_1x_1 + y_2x_1^* + y_3x_2 + y_4x_2^* = y'_1x_1 + y'_2x_1^* + y'_3x_2 + y'_4x_2^*.$$

Thus  $(y_2 - y'_2)x_1^* - (y'_1 - y_1)x_1 \in \langle x_2 \rangle$  and  $|y_2 - y'_2| \in \mathbb{Z}_{b_1}$ , which by definition of  $b_1$ , implies  $y_2 = y'_2$ . Hence  $(y'_1 - y_1)x_1 \in \langle x_2 \rangle$  and  $|y_1 - y'_1| \in \mathbb{Z}_{a_1}$ , and by definition of  $a_1$ , we have  $y_1 = y'_1$ . So  $y_3x_2 + y_4x_2^* = y'_3x_2 + y'_4x_2^*$  and  $(y_4 - y'_4)x_2^* = (y'_3 - y_3)x_2$  and  $|y_4 - y'_4| \in \mathbb{Z}_{b_2}$ . This by definition of  $b_2$  gives  $y_4 = y'_4$ . Therefore,  $(y'_3 - y_3)x_2 = 0$  and  $|y'_3 - y_3| \in \mathbb{Z}_{a_2}$ , which by definition of  $a_2$  implies  $y_3 = y'_3$ . This shows that  $\phi|_{\underline{Z}}$  is injective.

- $\phi|_{\underline{Z}}$  is a homomorphism since for all  $y, y' \in \underline{Z}$  we have  $\phi(y + y') = \phi(\gamma_t(y + y')) = \phi(y + y') = \phi(y) + \phi(y')$ .



Moreover, for all  $(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) \in \underline{Z}$  we also have:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi((y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4)^{*t}) &= \phi(\gamma_t(y_2, y_1, y_4, y_3)) = \phi(y_2, y_1, y_4, y_3) \\ &= y_2x_1 + y_1x_1^* + y_4x_2 + y_3x_2^* = (y_1x_1 + y_2x_1^* + y_3x_2 + y_4x_2^*)^* \\ &= (\phi(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4))^*. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 3.4.**  *$G$  is a 2-generated finite abelian group with involution if and only if  $G \cong Q_t$  for some  $t \in D$ .*

*Proof.* If  $G$  is a 2-generated finite abelian group with involution, then by Theorem 3.3 we have  $G \cong Q_t$ , where  $t = \psi(G, x_1, x_2)$  and  $t \in D$  by Proposition 2.7.

The converse statement is a consequence of Theorem 3.1.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.5.**  *$Q$  is a 2-generated finite entropic quasigroup with a quasi-identity if and only if  $G \cong \Psi(Q_t)$  for some  $t \in D$ .*

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