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Abstract. The study of paramedial groupoids (with emphasis on the structure of simple paramedial groupoids) was initiated in [1] and continued in [2], [3] and [5]. The aim of the present paper is to give a full description of finite simple zeropotent paramedial groupoids (i.e., of finite simple paramedial groupoids of type (II)—see [2]).

A reader is referred to [1], [2], [3] and [7] for notation and various prerequisites.

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1. Introduction

Let $\mathcal{G}$ be a transitive permutation group on a non-empty finite set G^* and let $\mathcal{G}$ be generated by elements f and g, i.e. such that $\mathcal{G} = \langle f, g\rangle$. Let o be a symbol not in G^* and $G = G^* \cup \{o\}$. Now, define a multiplication on G as follows:

(a) $oo = o$;

(b) $ox = o = xo$ for every $x \in G^*$;

(c) $xy = o$ for all x, $y \in G^*$, $f(x) \neq g(y)$;

(d) $xy = f(x) = g(y)$ for all x, $y \in G^*$ such that $f(x) = g(y)$.

Then we denote the groupoid G defined in this way by $G = [\mathcal{G}, G^*, f, g, o]$.

1.1. Proposition.

(i) *G is a simple balanced groupoid.*

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(ii) *G is zeropotent if and only if $f(a) \neq g(a)$ for every $a \in G^*$.*
(iii) *If $f \neq g$ and $f^2 = g^2$, then G is zeropotent.*
(iv) *G is paramedial if and only if $f^2 = g^2$.*

P r o o f. (i) and (ii) See [7, Prop. 3.1].

(iii) The set $I = \{a \in G^*;\ f(a) \neq g(a)\}$ is non-empty. If $a \in I$, then $f^2(a) = g^2(a) \neq gf(a)$, so that $f(a) \in I$. Quite similarly, $g(a) \in I$ and we conclude that $I = G^*$.

(iv) Assume that G is paramedial and $a \in G^*$. Then there are b, c, $d \in G^*$ such that $f^2(a) = g^2(b)$, $f(a) = g(c)$ and $f(d) = g(b)$. Now, $o \neq f^2(a) = g^2(b) = ac \cdot db = bc \cdot da$, and so $bc \neq o$, $f(b) = g(c)$ and $a = b$. Thus $f^2(a) = g^2(a)$.

For the converse, assume $f^2 = g^2$ and let a, b, c, $d \in G$. Suppose first that $ac \cdot db \neq o$. Then none of a, b, c, d, ac and db is o and $f(a) = g(c) = ac$, $f(d) = g(b) = db$ and $f(ac) = g(db)$. Thus $g^2(a) = f^2(a) = fg(c) = f(ac) = g(bd) = g^2(b)$, and so $a = b$. Then obviously $ac \cdot db = bc \cdot da$. This argument also shows that if $ac \cdot db = o$, then $bc \cdot da = o$ as well, which completes the proof. □

Let $\mathcal{A}_{zppm}$ denote the class of all ordered quadruples (A, B, a, b), where A is a finite group, B a corefree subgroup of A and $A = \langle a, b\rangle$, $a \neq b$, $a^2 = b^2$. Now, define an equivalence relation $\approx$ on $\mathcal{A}_{zppm}$ by $(A_1, B_1, a_1, b_1) \approx (A_2, B_2, a_2, b_2)$ if and only if there is a (group) isomorphism $\lambda\colon\ A_1 \to A_2$ such that $\lambda(a_1) = a_2$, $\lambda(b_1) = b_2$ and the subgroups $\lambda(B_1)$, B_2 are conjugate in A_2.

For $(A, B, a, b) \in \mathcal{A}_{zppm}$, let A/B denote the set $\{xB;\ x \in A\}$ of all left cosets of B in A. For every $x \in A$, the equality $\pi(x)(yB) = xy(B)$ defines a permutation $\pi(x)$ of A/B. Thus $\pi(A)$ is a subgroup of the symmetric group on A/B and $\pi(A)$ is clearly transitive. Now, we put $\Phi\big((A, B, a, b)\big) = [\pi(A), A/B, \pi(a), \pi(b), o]$, $o \notin A/B$, the groupoid defined above.

Let G be a finite simple zeropotent paramedial groupoid (i.e., a finite simple paramedial groupoid of type (II)—see [2]) containing at least three elements. Now, G is balanced by [3, Theorem 2.1] and for every $a \in G^* = G \setminus \{o\}$ there exist uniquely determined elements b, $c \in G$ such that $f(a) = ab \neq o \neq ca = g(a)$. Furthermore, the mappings f, g are permutations of G^*, $f^2 = g^2$, $f \neq g$, and $\mathcal{G} = \langle f, g\rangle$ operates transitively on G^*. If $u \in G^*$ and $\mathcal{H} = \mathrm{Stab}_{\mathcal{G}}(u)$, then $\Psi(G) = (\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H}, f, g) \in \mathcal{A}_{zppm}$.

1.2. Theorem. *There exists a one-to-one correspondence between isomorphism classes of finite simple zeropotent paramedial groupoids containing at least three elements and equivalence classes of quadruples from $\mathcal{A}_{zppm}$. This correspondence is given by Φ and Ψ.*

P r o o f. Combine 1.1 and [7, Theorem 4.1]. □

2. Auxiliary results on groups (a)

Throughout this section, let A be a finite non-commutative group generated by two elements a, b such that $a^2 = b^2$; obviously, $a \neq b$. We put $A_1 = \langle a \rangle$, $m = \mathrm{ord}(a) = \mathrm{card}(A_1)$, $c = a^{-1}b$, $C = \langle c \rangle$, $n = \mathrm{ord}(c)$, $D = \langle a^2 \rangle$, $E = A_1 \cap C$, $k = \mathrm{card}(E)$ and $F = Z(A) \cap C$, where $\mathrm{ord}(a)$ is the order of a, $\mathrm{card}(A)$ is the cardinality of A and $Z(A)$ is the centre of A.

2.1. Lemma.
(i) $A = \langle a, c \rangle$, $c = a^{-1}b = ab^{-1}$.
(ii) *For* $u \in C$, *we have* $a^{-1}ua = b^{-1}ub = aua^{-1} = bub^{-1} = u^{-1}$.
(iii) *For* $u \in C$ *we have* $u \in Z(A)$ *if and only if* $u^2 = 1$.

P r o o f. (i) and (ii) are trivial and (iii) follows by (ii). □

2.2. Lemma.
(i) $A' = \langle c^2 \rangle \subseteq C$, *where* A' *is the commutator subgroup of* A.
(ii) $A = A_1 C$ *and every subgroup of* C *is normal in* A.
(iii) $D \subseteq Z(A) = DF$.
(iv) *If* n *is odd, then* $k = 1$ *and* $Z(A) = D \subseteq A_1$.
(v) *If* n *is even, then* $k = 2$ *and* F *is a unique minimal 2-subgroup of* C.

P r o o f. (i) We have $c^2 = a^{-1}bab^{-1} \in A'$, and so $K = \langle c^2 \rangle \subseteq A'$. On the other hand, $K \trianglelefteq A$ and A/K is abelian. Thus $K = A'$.

(ii) Easy.

(iii), (iv) and (v). Obviously, $D \subseteq Z(A)$. If $u \in C$, then $u \in Z(A)$ iff $a^{-1}ua = u = b^{-1}ub$, i.e., iff $u^2 = 1$. Further, if $u \in C$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $a^\alpha u \in Z(A)$, then $a^\alpha u = a^{-1}a^\alpha ua = a^\alpha u^{-1}$, $u^2 = 1$, $u \in Z(A)$, $a^\alpha \in Z(A)$. Since $a^2 \in Z(A)$ and $a \notin Z(A)$, α is even and $a^\alpha \in D$. □

2.3. Lemma.
(i) $m \geqslant 2$ *is even and* $m = \mathrm{ord}(b)$.
(ii) $n \geqslant 3$.
(iii) $E = C \cap \langle b \rangle$ *and* $E \subseteq F$.
(iv) $k \mid m$ *and* $k \mid n$.
(v) *If either* n *is odd or* $4 \nmid m$, *then* $E = 1$ *and* $k = 1$.
(vi) $\mathrm{card}(A) = mn/k$ *is even.*

P r o o f. (i) If m is odd, then $a \in D \subseteq Z(A)$, which is not true. Hence m is even and $\mathrm{card}(D) = m/2$.

(ii) If $n \leqslant 2$, then $C \subseteq Z(A)$, which is again not true.

(iii), (iv) and (v) If $a^\alpha E = A_1 \cap C$, then, by 2.1(ii), $a^\alpha = a^{-1}a^\alpha a = b^{-1}a^\alpha b = a^{-\alpha}$. Thus $a^\alpha \in Z(A) \cap C = F$ and $a^{2\alpha} = 1$. Similarly, $C \cap \langle b\rangle \subseteq F$. In n is odd, then $F = 1$ by 2.2(iv), and so $E = 1 = C \cap \langle b\rangle$. Now, let n be even and $1 \neq a^\alpha \in E$. Since $E \subseteq Z(A)$, α is even and, since $a^{2\alpha} = 1$, n dividss 2α. Consequently, $m = 2\alpha$ and $4 \mid m$. Moreover, $b^\alpha = a^\alpha \in E$ and $E = \langle a^{m/2}\rangle = C \cap \langle b\rangle$.

(vi) We have $A = A_1C$. If n is odd, then $F = 1$ by 2.2(iv). Since $E \subseteq Z(A)$, α is even and, since $a^{2\alpha} = 1$, m divides 2α. Consequently, $m = 2\alpha$ and $4 \mid m$. □

For a prime $p \geqslant 2$, let S_p and T_p denote the Sylow p-subgroup of A_1 and C, respectively. Then $T_p \trianglelefteq A$ and we put $R_p = T_pS_p$.

2.4. Lemma. *Let $p \geqslant 3$. Then $S_p \subseteq Z(A)$, $S_p \cap T_p = 1$, $R_p \subseteq DC$, $S_p \times T_p = R_p \trianglelefteq A$ and R_p is a unique Sylow p-subgroup of A.*

P r o o f. Clearly, $S_p \subseteq D \subseteq Z(A)$ and $S_p \cap T_p = 1$ by 2.2(iv),(v). The rest is clear. □

2.5. Lemma. *R_2 is a Sylow 2-subgroup of A.*

P r o o f. We have $R_2 \subseteq K$ for a Sylow 2-subgroup K of A. Now, if $u = a^\alpha c^\beta \in K$, then there is $\gamma \geqslant 0$ such that $a^{\alpha 2^\gamma} \in A_1 \cap C = E$ (since $C \trianglelefteq A$), and hence $a^\alpha \in S_2$, $c^\beta \in K \cap C = T_2$ and $u \in R_2$. □

For a prime p, let $m = p^{r_p} \cdot m_p$, $p \nmid m_p$, $n = p^{s_p} \cdot n_p$, $p \nmid n_p$. Then $S_p = \langle a^{m_p}\rangle$ and $T_p = \langle c^{n_p}\rangle$. For a subgroup B of A, we denote by $\mathrm{Cen}_A(B)$ and $\mathrm{Nor}_A(B)$ the centralizer of B in A and the normalizer of B in A, respectively.

2.6. Lemma.

(i) *$Cen_A(C) = DC = Z(A)C$ and $[A : \mathrm{Cen}_A(C)] = 2$.*

(ii) *If L is a subgroup of DC and $L \not\trianglelefteq A$, then $Nor_A(L) = DC$ and L is conjugate to only one subgroup of A other than L.*

P r o o f. (i) Clearly, $DC \subseteq Z(A)C \subseteq \mathrm{Cen}_A(C)$ and $a \notin \mathrm{Cen}_A(C)$. Thus $2 \leqslant [A : \mathrm{Cen}_A(C)] \leqslant [A : Z(A)C] \leqslant [A : DC] = 2$.

(ii) Since $L \subseteq \mathrm{Cen}_A(C)$, we have $C \subseteq \mathrm{Cen}_A(L)$, and so $DC = \mathrm{Cen}_A(C) \subseteq \mathrm{Cen}_A(L)$. But $\mathrm{Cen}_A(L) \neq A$, and therefore $\mathrm{Cen}_A(L) = \mathrm{Nor}_A(L) = DC$. □

2.7. Lemma. *Let B be a corefree subgroup of A. Then*

(i) *B is cyclic, $B \cap C = 1 = B \cap D$ and B is isomorphic to a subgroup of A_1/E.*

(ii) *$\mathrm{card}(B) \leqslant m/k$ and $[A : B] \geqslant n$.*

(iii) *If $B \not\subseteq DC$, then $4 \nmid m$, $r_2 = 1$ and $B \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$.*

P r o o f. (i) and (ii) First, $B \cap C = 1 = B \cap Z(A)$, since all subgroups of C and $Z(A)$ are normal in A. Further, B is isomorphic to a subgroup of $A/C \cong A_1/E$ and, in particular, B is cyclic.

(iii) For every prime $p \geqslant 3$, the Sylow p-subgroup B_p of B is contained in $R_p \subseteq DC$, and hence $B_2 \nsubseteq DC$.

However, $B_2 = \langle u \rangle$ for some $u = a^\alpha c^\beta \notin DC$, where α is odd, $1 \leqslant \alpha < m$ and $0 \leqslant \beta < n$. Now, $u^2 = a^{2\alpha} a^{-\alpha} c^\beta a^\alpha c^\beta = a^{2\alpha} \in D \subseteq Z(A)$. Since B_2 is corefree, we have $u^2 = 1$, $m = 2\alpha$, $4 \nmid m$ and $B \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$. □

2.8. Lemma. *Suppose that $4 \nmid m$, n is odd and put $B_1 = \langle a^{m_2} \rangle = \langle a^{m/2} \rangle$. Then*

(i) *$B_1 = S_2 = R_2$ is a corefree two-element subgroup of A and $[A : B_1] = m/2$.*

(ii) *If B is a corefree subgroup of A such that $B \nsubseteq DC$, then B and B_1 are conjugate.*

P r o o f. (i) We note that $m_2 = m/2$ and the rest is clear by 2.3.

(ii) By 2.7(iii), $B \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$ and $B = \langle u \rangle$, $u = a^{m/2} \cdot c^\beta$, $0 \leqslant \beta < n$. Further, $c^{-1}uc = uc^2$, and hence $v^{-1}uv = a^{m/2}$, where $v = c^{(n-\beta)/2}$ for β odd and $v = c^{-\beta/2}$ for β even. □

2.9. Lemma. *Suppose that $4 \nmid m$, n is even and put $B_1 = \langle a^{m_2} \rangle = \langle a^{m/2} \rangle$ and $B_1^* = \langle a^{m/2} \cdot c^{n_2} \rangle$. Then*

(i) *$B_1 = S_2 \subseteq R_2$, $B_1^* \subseteq R_2$, $B_1 \cong B_1^* \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$, both B_1 and B_1^* are corefree and $[A : B_1] = [A : B_1^*] = mn/2$.*

(ii) *B_1 and B_1^* are not conjugate.*

(iii) *If B is a corefree subgroup of A such that $B \nsubseteq DC$, then B is conjugate either to B_1 or to B_1^*.*

P r o o f. (i) Clear.

(ii) For $0 \leqslant \alpha < n$ we have $c^{-\alpha} a^{m/2} c^\alpha = a^{m/2} \cdot c^{2\alpha}$ and $c^{2\alpha} \neq c^{n_2}$, since n is even and n_2 odd.

(iii) By 2.7(iii), $B \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$ and we can assume without loss of generality that $B \subseteq R_2$. Then $B = \langle u \rangle$, $u = a^{m/2} \cdot c^{\alpha n_2}$, $0 \leqslant \alpha < 2^{s_2}$. Again, $c^{-1}uc = uc^2$, and so u is conjugate to $a^{m/2}$ for α even and to $a^{m/2} \cdot c^{n_2}$ for α odd. □

Put $Q = DC$. Then $Q = Z(A)C = \mathrm{Cen}_A(C)$ is an abelian group, $[A : Q] = 2$ and $Q_p = R_p = S_p \times T_p$ is the Sylow p-subgroup of Q for every prime $p \geqslant 3$. Further, $Q_2 = S_2^* T_2$, where $S_2^* = \langle a^{2m_2} \rangle \subseteq Z(A)$. If $k = 1$, then $S_2^* \cap T_2 = 1$ and $Q_2 = S_2^* \times T_2$.

Now, suppose that $k = 2$. Then $r_2 \geqslant 2$, $s_2 \geqslant 1$, $a^{m/2} = c^{n/2}$, $S_2^* \cap T_2 = E \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$ and $\mathrm{card}(Q_2) = 2^{r_2+s_2-2}$. Further, let $1 \neq u = a^{2\alpha m_2} \cdot c^{\beta n_2} \in Q_2$, $0 \leqslant \alpha < 2^{r_2-1}$, $0 \leqslant \beta < 2^{s_2}$. Then $u^2 = 1$ iff either $a^{4\alpha m_2} = 1 = c^{2\beta n_2}$ or $a^{4\alpha m_2} = a^{m/2}$ and $c^{2\beta n_2} = c^{n/2}$. In the former case, $u = a^{m/2} = c^{n/2}$. In the latter case, $r_2 \geqslant 3$, $s_2 \geqslant 2$ and either $u = a^{m/4} \cdot c^{n/4}$ or $u = a^{3m/4} \cdot c^{n/4}$; these two elements are conjugate but different. The following lemma is clear.

2.10. Lemma. *Suppose that $k = 2$. Then Q_2 is cyclic if and only if either $8 \nmid m$ or $4 \nmid n$.*

3. Auxiliary results on groups (b)

This section is an immediate continuation of the preceding one.

For $l \geqslant 1$, let $\mathfrak{w}(l)$ denote the number of corefree subgroups B of A such that $\operatorname{card}(B) = l$. Further, let $\mathfrak{s}(l)$ denote the number of conjugacy classes of such subgroups.

3.1. Lemma. *Let $l \geqslant 3$ be odd. Then $\mathfrak{w}(l) \neq 0$ if and only if l divides both m and n. In that case, $\mathfrak{w}(l) = \underline{\varphi}(l)$ and $\mathfrak{s}(l) = \underline{\varphi}(l)/2$ ($\underline{\varphi}$ denotes the Euler function).*

P r o o f. Let B be a subgroup of A, $\operatorname{card}(B) = l$. Then B is corefree iff B is cyclic, $B \subseteq Q$ and no minimal subgroup of B is normal in A (see 2.7). In particular, B is corefree iff all Sylow subgroups of B are so. Henceforth, there is no loss of generality in assuming that $l = p^t$, $p \geqslant 3$ prime and $t \geqslant 1$.

Now, let $B \subseteq R_p$, B a corefree subgroup of order p^t. We have $B = \langle u \rangle$, $u = a^\alpha c^\beta$, $0 \leqslant \alpha < m$, $0 \leqslant \beta < n$, $a^\alpha \in S^p$, $c^\beta \in T_p$, $p^t = \operatorname{ord}(u) = \max(\operatorname{ord}(a^\alpha), \operatorname{ord}(c^\beta))$. Since B is corefree, we have $B \cap S_p = 1 = B \cap T_p$, and so $\operatorname{ord}(a^\alpha) = \operatorname{ord}(c^\beta)$ showing that p^t divides both m and n. Note that $S_p = \langle a^{m_p} \rangle$, $T_p = \langle c^{n_p} \rangle$ and $B \subseteq R_p^* = \langle a^{p^{r_p - t_p} \cdot m_p} \rangle \times \langle c^{p^{s_p - t_p} \cdot n_p} \rangle$, $t_p = \min(r_p, s_p)$. Now, R_p^* is the product of two cyclic groups of order p^{t_p}.

Conversely, if B is a cyclic subgroup of R_p^*, $\operatorname{card}(B) = p^t$ and if $B \cap S_p = 1 = B \cap T_p$, then B is corefree and it is easy to see that the number of such subgroups is just $p^t - p^{t-1} = \underline{\varphi}(p^t)$. Consequently, $\mathfrak{w}(l) = \underline{\varphi}(l)$ and $\mathfrak{s}(l) = \underline{\varphi}(l)/2$ (by 2.6(iii)). □

3.2. Lemma.

(i) *If $4 \nmid m$ and n is odd, then $\mathfrak{s}(2) = 1$.*
(ii) *If $4 \nmid m$ and n is even, then $\mathfrak{s}(2) = 2$.*
(iii) *If $4 \mid m$ and n is odd, then $\mathfrak{s}(2) = 0$.*
(iv) *If $4 \mid m$, n is even and $k = 1$, then $\mathfrak{s}(2) = 0$.*
(v) *If $4 \mid m$, $8 \nmid m$, n is even and $k = 2$, then $\mathfrak{s}(2) = 0$.*
(vi) *If $8 \mid m$, $4 \nmid n$, n is even and $k = 2$, then $\mathfrak{s}(2) = 0$.*
(vii) *If $8 \mid m$, $4 \mid n$ and $k = 2$, then $\mathfrak{s}(2) = 1$.*

P r o o f. See 2.9 and 2.10. □

3.3. Lemma. *Suppose that either $k = 1$ or $8 \nmid m$ or $4 \nmid n$. If B is a corefree subgroup of A with at least three elements, then $\operatorname{card}(B)$ is odd.*

P r o o f. By 2.7, $B \subseteq DC$, and so $B_2 \subseteq Q_2 = S_2^* T_2$ (see 2.10). Now, suppose that $B_2 \neq 1$ and let L be a (unique) minimal subgroup of B_2. If $k = 1$, then $Q_2 = S_2^* \times T_2$, the socle of Q_2 is contained in $Z(A)$, L is contained in the socle and $L \trianglelefteq A$, a contradiction.

If $k = 2$ and either $8 \nmid m$ or $4 \nmid n$, then Q_2 is cyclic by 2.10 and again $L = E = F \trianglelefteq A$, a contradiction. □

3.4. Lemma. *Suppose that $k = 2$, $8 \mid m$ and $4 \mid n$. If $t \geqslant 1$, then $\mathfrak{w}(2^t) \neq 0$ if and only if $t \leqslant t_2 = \min(r_2 - 1, s_2 - 1)$. In that case, $\mathfrak{w}(2^t) = 2^t = \underline{\varphi}(2^{t+1})$ and $\mathfrak{s}(2^t) = 2^{t-1} = \underline{\varphi}(2^t)$.*

P r o o f. Let $u \in Q_2 = S_2^* T_2$ be an element of order 2^t and such that $\langle u \rangle$ is corefree. Then $E = \langle a^{m/2} \rangle = \langle c^{n/2} \rangle \not\subseteq \langle u \rangle$, and hence $u = a_\alpha c_\beta$, where $a_\alpha = a^{q_\alpha}$, $q_\alpha = \alpha 2^{r_2 - t - 1} \cdot m_2$, $1 \leqslant \alpha$ odd, $c_\beta = c^{w_\beta}$, $w_\beta = \beta 2^{s_2 - t - 1} \cdot n_2$, $1 \leqslant \beta$ odd. We have $t \leqslant t_2$ and we can assume that α, $\beta < 2^{t+1}$. Now, $a_\alpha c_\beta = a_\gamma c_\delta$ iff either $\alpha = \gamma$ and $\beta = \delta$ or $|\alpha - \gamma| = 2^t = |\beta - \delta|$. Consequently, $\mathfrak{w}(2^t) = \big((2^t \cdot 2^t)/2\big)/2^{t-1} = 2^t$. □

3.5. Lemma. *Let $l \geqslant 4$ be even. Then $\mathfrak{w}(l) \neq 0$ if and only if $k = 2$, $8 \mid m$, $4 \mid n$ and $2l$ divides both m and n. In that case, $\mathfrak{w}(l) = \underline{\varphi}(2l)$ and $\mathfrak{s}(l) = \underline{\varphi}(2l)/2 = \underline{\varphi}(l)$.*

P r o o f. Using 3.3 and 3.4, we can proceed similarly as in the proof of 3.1. □

4. Auxiliary results on groups (c)

This section also continues the preceding two sections. We will assume that $\tilde{a}$, $\tilde{b} \in A$ are such that $A = \langle \tilde{a}, \tilde{b} \rangle$ and $\tilde{a}^2 = \tilde{b}^2$. We put $\tilde{A}_1 = \langle \tilde{a} \rangle$, $\tilde{c} = \tilde{a}^{-1}\tilde{b}$, $\tilde{C} = \langle \tilde{c} \rangle$, $\tilde{D} = \langle \tilde{a}^2 \rangle$, $\tilde{E} = \tilde{C} \cap \tilde{A}_1$, $\tilde{F} = \tilde{C} \cap Z(A)$, $\tilde{m} = \operatorname{ord}(\tilde{a})$, $\tilde{n} = \operatorname{ord}(\tilde{c})$, $\tilde{k} = \operatorname{ord}(\tilde{E})$, etc.

4.1. Lemma. *Let $2 = k$ and $\tilde{k} = 1$. Then $4 \mid m$, $m = \tilde{m}$, $n = 2\tilde{n}$ and $\tilde{n}$ is odd.*

P r o o f. Suppose that $8 \mid m$ and $4 \mid n$. Then $16 \mid \operatorname{card}(A)$ and $\mathfrak{s}(2) = 1$ by 3.2(vii). Now, using 3.2 again, we get that either $4 \nmid \tilde{m}$ and $2 \nmid \tilde{n}$ or $8 \nmid \tilde{m}$, $4 \nmid \tilde{n}$ and $\tilde{k} = 2$. In the first case, $4 \nmid \operatorname{card}(A)$, a contradiction.

Now, assume that either $8 \nmid m$ or $4 \nmid n$. By 2.3, $4 \mid m$ and $2 \mid n$ and we have $\mathfrak{s}(2) = 0$ by 3.2. Further, $D = Z(A) = \tilde{D} \times \tilde{F}$, $\operatorname{card}(D) = m/2$, $\operatorname{card}(\tilde{D}) = \tilde{m}/2$ and $\operatorname{card}(\tilde{F}) = 2$ for $\tilde{n}$ even and $\operatorname{card}(\tilde{F}) = 1$ for $\tilde{n}$ odd.

Let $\tilde{n}$ be even. Since D is cyclic, $\tilde{D}$ is a cyclic group of odd order, $\tilde{m}/2$ is odd and $4 \nmid \tilde{m}$, a contradiction with $\mathfrak{s}(2) = 0$ and 3.2(i), (ii). Thus $\tilde{n}$ is odd, $D = \tilde{D}$, $m = \tilde{m}$, $mn/2 = \operatorname{card}(A) = \tilde{m}\tilde{n}$, $\tilde{n} = n/2$. □

4.2. Lemma. *Either $n = \tilde{n}$ or $n = 2\tilde{n}$ or $n = \tilde{n}/2$.*

P r o o f. We have $\langle c^2 \rangle = A' = \langle \tilde{c}^2 \rangle$. □

4.3. Lemma. *If $k = \tilde{k}$, then $m = \tilde{m}$ and $n = \tilde{n}$.*

P r o o f. First, let $k = 1 = \tilde{k}$. Then $mn = \mathrm{card}(A) = \tilde{m}\tilde{n}$ and $D \times F = Z(A) = \tilde{D} \times \tilde{F}$, $\mathrm{card}(D) = m/2$ and $\mathrm{card}(\tilde{D}) = \tilde{m}/2$. If both n and $\tilde{n}$ are odd, then $F = 1 = \tilde{F}$, $m = \tilde{m}$ and $n = \tilde{n}$. If both n and $\tilde{n}$ are even, then $F \cong \mathbb{Z}_2 \cong \tilde{F}$ and $m = \tilde{m}$, $n = \tilde{n}$ again.

Now, suppose that n is odd and $\tilde{n}$ even (the other case being similar); then $m = 2\tilde{m}$ and $n = \tilde{n}/2$. Let $\tilde{a} = a^\alpha c^\beta$, $0 \leqslant \alpha < m$, $0 \leqslant \beta < n$. If α is odd, then $\tilde{a}^2 = a^{2\alpha}$ and $\tilde{m}/2 = \mathrm{ord}(\tilde{a}^2) = \mathrm{ord}(a^{2\alpha}) = \mathrm{ord}(a^2) = m/2$, $m = \tilde{m}$, a contradiction. Consequently, α is even and, similarly, $\tilde{b} = a^\gamma c^\delta$, where γ is even. However, then $\tilde{a}\tilde{b} = \tilde{b}\tilde{a}$, a contradiction.

Finally, let $k = 2 = \tilde{k}$. Then $F \subseteq D$, $\tilde{F} \subseteq \tilde{D}$, $m/2 = \tilde{m}/2$ and the rest is clear. □

4.4. Lemma.

(i) *$m = \tilde{m}$.*
(ii) *If $k = \tilde{k}$, then $n = \tilde{n}$.*
(iii) *If $n = \tilde{n}$, then $k = \tilde{k}$.*
(iv) *If $k \neq \tilde{k}$, then $4 \mid m$ and either $k = 2$, $n = 2\tilde{n}$ and $\tilde{n}$ is odd or $k = 1$, $n = \tilde{n}/2$ and n is odd.*

P r o o f. Combine 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3. □

4.5. Remark. Let $k = 2$, $4 \mid m$, $2 \mid n$, $n/2$ odd. Put $\tilde{a} = a$ and $\tilde{b} = ac^2$. Then $\tilde{b}^2 = ac^2ac^2 = a^2$ and $\tilde{c} = \tilde{a}^{-1}\tilde{b} = c^2$. If $K = \langle \tilde{a}, \tilde{b} \rangle = \langle a, c^2 \rangle$, then $c^{n/2} = a^{m/2} \in K$ implies $c \in K$ and $K = A$. Clearly, $\tilde{k} = 1$, $\tilde{m} = m$ and $\tilde{n} = n/2$.

4.6. Remark. The elements a, b are conjugate in A if and only if n is odd. If $n = 2\alpha - 1$, then $a^{-1}c^\alpha ac = c^{-\alpha+1} = c^\alpha$ and $b = ac = c^{-\alpha}ac^\alpha$. Conversely, if $au = uac$, $u = a^\alpha c^\beta$, then $a^{\alpha+1}c^\beta = a^\alpha c^\beta ac = a^{\alpha+1}c^{1-\beta}$, $c^{2\beta-1} = 1$ and n is odd.

5. A few constructions

5.1. Let $m \geqslant 2$ be even and let $n \geqslant 3$ be arbitrary. Put $A = A(m, n, 1) = \mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n$, $\mathbb{Z}_i = \{0, 1, \ldots, i-1\}$ being the ring of integers modulo i and define a multiplication on A by $(\alpha, \beta)(\gamma, \delta) = (\alpha + \gamma, (-1)^\gamma \beta + \delta)$. Then A becomes a group, $a^2 = b^2$, where $a = (1, 0)$, $b = (1, 1)$, $c = (0, 1)$ and we have $A = \langle a, b \rangle$. Moreover, $\langle a \rangle \cap \langle c \rangle = 1_A$, $ab \neq ba$ and $\mathrm{card}(A) = mn$.

Suppose finally that $4 \mid m$, $2 \mid n$ and put $E = \{(0, 0), (m \mid 2, n \mid 2)\}$. Then E is a normal subgroup of A and we denote by $A(m, n, 2)$ the factor-group A/E; clearly, $\mathrm{card}(A/E) = mn/2$.

5.2. Proposition. *Let $m \geqslant 2$, $n \geqslant 3$, m even.*

(i) *The group* $A(m,n,1)$ *is given by two generators* u, v *and by the relations* $u^2 = v^2$ *and* $u^m = 1 = (u^{-1}v)^n$.

(ii) *If* A *is a group such that* $A = \langle a, b\rangle$, $a^2 = b^2$, $\operatorname{ord}(a) = m$, $\operatorname{ord}(a^{-1}b) = n$ *and* $\langle a\rangle \cap \langle a^{-1}b\rangle = 1$, *then there exists an isomorphism* $f\colon A(m,n,1) \to A$ *such that* $f\big((1,0)\big) = a$, $f\big((1,1)\big) = b$ *and* $f\big((0,1)\big) = a^{-1}b$.

P r o o f. See 5.1 and the preceding sections. □

5.3. Proposition. *Let* $m \geqslant 4$ *and* $n \geqslant 4$ *be such that* $4 \mid m$ *and* $2 \mid n$.

(i) *The group* $A(m,n,2)$ *is given by two generators* u, v *and by the relations* $u^2 = v^2$, $u^m = 1 = (u^{-1}v)^n$ *and* $u^{m/2} = (u^{-1}v)^{n/2}$.

(ii) *If* A *is a group such that* $A = \langle a, b\rangle$, $a^2 = b^2$, $ord(a) = m$, $\operatorname{ord}(a^{-1}b) = n$ *and* $a^{m/2} = (a^{-1}b)^{n/2}$, *then there exists an isomorphism* $f\colon A(m,n,2) \to A$ *such that* $f\big((1,0)/E\big) = a$, $f\big((1,1)/E\big) = b$ *and* $f\big((0,1)/E\big) = a^{-1}b$.

P r o o f. See 5.1, 5.2 and the preceding sections. □

5.4. Proposition. *Let* m, $\tilde{m} \geqslant 2$, n, $\tilde{n} \geqslant 3$, m *and* $\tilde{m}$ *even. Then*

(i) $A(m,n,1) \cong A(\tilde{m},\tilde{n},1)$ *if and only if* $m = \tilde{m}$ *and* $n = \tilde{n}$.

(ii) *If* $4 \mid m$, $4 \mid \tilde{m}$, $2 \mid n$, $2 \mid \tilde{n}$, *then* $A(m,n,2) \tilde{=} A(\tilde{m},\tilde{n},2)$ *if and only if* $m = \tilde{m}$ *and* $n = \tilde{n}$.

(iii) *If* $4 \mid m$ *and* $2 \mid n$, *then* $A(m,n,2) \cong A(\tilde{m},\tilde{n},1)$ *if and only if* $m = \tilde{m}$, $n/2 = \tilde{n}$ *and* $\tilde{n}$ *is odd.*

(iv) *If* $4 \mid \tilde{m}$ *and* $2 \mid \tilde{n}$, *then* $A(m,n,1) \tilde{=} A(\tilde{m},\tilde{n},2)$ *if and only if* $m = \tilde{m}$, $2n = \tilde{n}$ *and* n *is odd.*

P r o o f. Use 4.4 and 4.5. □

5.5. Proposition. *Let* $m \geqslant 2$, $n \geqslant 3$, m *even, and let* A *be a group such that* $A = \langle a, b\rangle$, *where* $a^2 = b^2$, $ord(a) = m$ *and* $\operatorname{ord}(a^{-1}b) = n$. *Further, let* $A = \langle \tilde{a}, \tilde{b}\rangle$, *where* $\tilde{a}^2 = \tilde{b}^2$, $\tilde{m} = \operatorname{ord}(\tilde{a})$ *and* $\tilde{n} = \operatorname{ord}(\tilde{a}^{-1}\tilde{b})$.

(i) *If either* $\langle a\rangle \cap \langle a^{-1}b\rangle = 1 = \langle \tilde{a}\rangle \cap \langle \tilde{a}^{-1}\tilde{b}\rangle$ *or* $\langle a\rangle \cap \langle a^{-1}b\rangle \neq 1 \neq \langle \tilde{a}\rangle \cap \langle \tilde{a}^{-1}\tilde{b}\rangle$, *then* $m = \tilde{m}$, $n = \tilde{n}$ *and there exists an automorphism* f *of* A *such that* $f(a) = \tilde{a}$ *and* $f(b) = \tilde{b}$.

(ii) *If* $\langle a\rangle \cap \langle a^{-1}b\rangle \neq 1 = \langle \tilde{a}\rangle \cap \langle \tilde{a}^{-1}\tilde{b}\rangle$, *then* $m = \tilde{m}$, $4 \mid m$, $n = 2\tilde{n}$, $\tilde{n}$ *is odd and there exists no automorphism* f *of* A *such that* $f(a) = \tilde{a}$, $f(b) = \tilde{b}$.

(iii) *If* $\langle a\rangle \cap \langle a^{-1}b\rangle = 1 \neq \langle \tilde{a}\rangle \cap \langle \tilde{a}^{-1}\tilde{b}\rangle$, *then* $m = \tilde{m}$, $4 \mid m$, $\tilde{n} = 2n$, n *is odd and there exists no automorphism* f *of* A *such that* $f(a) = \tilde{a}$, $f(b) = \tilde{b}$.

P r o o f. (i) By 4.4(i), (ii), we have $m = \tilde{m}$, and $n = \tilde{n}$. The result now follows from 5.2(ii) and 5.3(ii).

(ii) and (iii). See 4.1. □

5.6. (i) Let $m \geqslant 2$ be even and $A(m,3) = \mathbb{Z}_m(+) \times \mathbb{Z}_2(+)$. Then $A(m,3)$ is a non-cyclic abelian group of order $2m$, $A(m,3) = \langle a,b\rangle = \langle a,c\rangle$, where $a = (1,0)$, $b = (1,1)$, $c = (0,1)$, $2a = 2b$, $\operatorname{ord}(a) = m = \operatorname{ord}(b)$.

(ii) Let A be a non-cyclic abelian group (written multiplicatively) such that $A = \langle a,b\rangle$, $a^2 = b^2$, $m = \operatorname{ord}(a)$, $c = a^{-1}b$. Then $c^2 = 1$, $c \neq 1$, $A = \langle a,c\rangle$, $\langle a\rangle \cap \langle c\rangle = 1$, so that $A = \langle a\rangle \times \langle c\rangle$ and, since A is not cyclic, m is even. Further, there exists an isomorphism $f\colon A(m,3) \to A$ such that $f\big((1,0)\big) = a$, $f\big((1,1)\big) = b$ and $f\big((0,1)\big) = c$. Moreover, if $A = \langle \tilde{a},\tilde{b}\rangle$, $\tilde{a}^2 = \tilde{b}^2$, then $g(a) = \tilde{a}$ and $g(b) = \tilde{b}$ for an automorphism g of A.

5.7. (i) Let $m \geqslant 3$ be odd and $A(m,3) = \mathbb{Z}_m(+) \times \mathbb{Z}_2(+)$. Then $A(m,3)$ is a cyclic group of order $2m$, $A(m,3) = \langle a,b\rangle = \langle a,c\rangle = \langle b\rangle$, where $a = (1,0)$, $b = (1,1)$, $c = (0,1)$, $2a = 2b$, $\operatorname{ord}(a) = m$ and $\operatorname{ord}(b) = 2m$.

(ii) Let A be a cyclic group (written multiplicatively) such that $A = \langle a,b\rangle$, $a^2 = b^2$, $A \neq \langle a\rangle$ and $\operatorname{ord}(a) = m \geqslant 2$, $c = a^{-1}b$. Then $c^2 = 1$, $c \neq 1$, $\langle a\rangle \cap \langle c\rangle = 1$, $A = \langle a\rangle \times \langle c\rangle$ and, since A is cyclic, m is odd. Further, $b^{m+1} = a$, $\operatorname{ord}(b) = 2m$, $A = \langle b\rangle$ and there exists an isomorphism $f\colon A(m,3) \to A$ such that $f\big((1,0)\big) = a$, $f\big((1,1)\big) = b$ and $f\big((0,1)\big) = c$. Moreover, if $A = \langle \tilde{a},\tilde{b}\rangle$, then $\tilde{a}^2 = \tilde{b}^2$ and if $A \neq \langle \tilde{a}\rangle$, then $g(a) = \tilde{a}$ and $g(b) = \tilde{b}$ for an automorphism g of A. If $A \neq \langle \tilde{b}\rangle$, then $A = \langle \tilde{a}\rangle$ and there exists no automorphism g of A with $g(a) = \tilde{a}$ and $g(b) = \tilde{b}$.

Finally, suppose $A = \langle \tilde{a}\rangle = \langle \tilde{b}\rangle$. Then $\tilde{b} = \tilde{a}^i$ for some $i \geqslant 0$, $\tilde{a}^2 = \tilde{a}^{2i}$, $m \mid i-1$, $i = \alpha m + 1$, $\alpha \geqslant 0$, and either α is even and $\tilde{a} = \tilde{b}$ or α is odd, $\tilde{b} = \tilde{a}^{m+1}$ and $\langle \tilde{b}\rangle \neq A$, a contradiction. Thus $\tilde{a} = \tilde{b}$ and there exists no automorphism g of A with $g(a) = \tilde{a}$, $g(b) = \tilde{b}$.

5.8. (i) Let $m \geqslant 4$ be such that $4 \mid m$ and $A(m,4) = \mathbb{Z}_m(+)$. Then $A(m,4) = \langle 1\rangle = \langle (m+2)/2\rangle$, $2 \cdot 1 \equiv 2 \cdot \big((m+2)/2\big) \pmod m$ and $1 \equiv (m+2)/2 \pmod m$.

(ii) Let A be a cyclic group (written multiplicatively) such that $A = \langle a\rangle = \langle b\rangle$, where $a \neq b$ and $a^2 = b^2$. Then $\operatorname{ord}(a) = \operatorname{ord}(b) = \operatorname{card}(A) = m$, $4 \mid m$, $b = a^{(m+2)/2}$, $a = b^{(m+2)/2}$ and there exists an automorphism $f\colon A(m,4) \to A$ such that $f(1) = a$ and $f\big((m+2)/2\big) = b$. Moreover, if $A = \langle \tilde{a},\tilde{b}\rangle$, where $\tilde{a} \neq \tilde{b}$, $\tilde{a}^2 = \tilde{b}^2$, then $g(a) = \tilde{a}$ and $g(b) = \tilde{b}$ for an automorphism g of A (use 5.7(ii) to show that $A = \langle \tilde{a}\rangle = \langle \tilde{b}\rangle$).

5.9. $A(2,5) = \mathbb{Z}_2(+) = \langle 0,1\rangle = \langle 1,0\rangle$ and $2 \cdot 0 \equiv 0 \equiv 2 \cdot 1 \pmod 2$. There exists no automorphism f of $A(2,5)$ with $f(0) = 1$ and $f(1) = 0$.

6. The numbers of isomorphism classes of finite simple zeropotent paramedial groupoids

First, let us recall some results from elementary number theory. For a positive integer n, let $\underline{\delta}(n) = \operatorname{card}(\{m;\ 1 \leqslant m \leqslant n, m \mid n\})$ and $\underline{\varepsilon}(n) = \sum_{1 \leqslant m \leqslant n, m \mid n} m$. Then

$\underline{\varepsilon}(n) = \sum_{m|n} \underline{\delta}(m)\underline{\varphi}(n/m)$ and $n = \sum_{m|n} \underline{\mu}(n/m)\underline{\varepsilon}(m)$, $\underline{\mu}$ being the Möbius function. If n_1, n_2 are relatively prime, then $\underline{\delta}(n_1 \cdot n_2) = \underline{\delta}(n_1)\underline{\delta}(n_2)$ and $\underline{\varepsilon}(n_1 \cdot n_2) = \underline{\varepsilon}(n_1)\underline{\varepsilon}(n_2)$. If $n = p^r$ is a power of a prime, then $\underline{\delta}(n) = r+1$ and $\underline{\varepsilon}(n) = 1+p+\ldots+p^r = (p^{r+1}-1)/(p-1)$. If $n = p_1^{r_1} \ldots p_t^{r_t}$ is a prime decomposition of n, then $\underline{\delta}(n) = \prod_{i=1}^{t}(r_i+1)$ and $\underline{\varepsilon}(n) = \prod_{i=1}^{t}\sum_{j=0}^{r_i} p^j = \sum_{0 \leqslant j_i \leqslant r_i} p_1^{j_1} \ldots p_t^{j_t} = \prod_{i=1}^{t}\big((p_i^{r_i+1}-1)/(p_i-1)\big)$.

For a non-negative integer n, let $\underline{\sigma}(n) = \sum_{m=0}^{n} 2^m(n-m) = 2^{n+1}-n-2$.

6.1. Remark. Let $q = 2^r w + 1 \geqslant 3$ with $r \geqslant 0$, w odd. Then $\underline{\varepsilon}(w) = \sum_{l|q-1} l$ and $2^r\underline{\varepsilon}(w) = \sum_{l|q-1,(q-1)/l \text{ odd}} l$. Further, $\sum_{l|q-1} 1 = \underline{\delta}(q-1) = (r+1)\underline{\delta}(w)$ and $\underline{\delta}(w) = \sum_{l|q-1,l \text{ odd}} 1$.

For $q \geqslant 2$, let $\textsc{simzp}(\mathrm{pm}, q)$ denote the number of isomorphism classes of simple zeropotent paramedial groupoids of order q.

6.2. Theorem. *Let $q = 2^r w + 1 \geqslant 2$, $r \geqslant 0$, w odd. Then*

(i) $\textsc{simzp}(\mathrm{pm}, 2) = 1$ *and* $\textsc{simzp}(\mathrm{pm}, 3) = 2$.

(ii) *If q is even with $q \geqslant 4$ (i.e., $r = 0$, $w \geqslant 3$), then* $\textsc{simzp}(\mathrm{pm}, q) = \underline{\delta}(w) - 1 = \underline{\delta}(q-1) - 1$.

(iii) *If q is odd with $q \geqslant 3$ and $4 \nmid q-1$ (i.e., $r = 1$ or, equivalently, $q \equiv 3, 7 \pmod 8$), then* $\textsc{simzp}(\mathrm{pm}, q) = (\underline{\varepsilon}(w)+5\underline{\delta}(w)-2)/2 = (\underline{\varepsilon}((q-1)/2)+5\underline{\delta}((q-1)/2)-2)/2$.

(iv) *If q is odd with $q \geqslant 5$, $4 \mid q-1$ and $8 \nmid q-1$ (i.e., $r = 2$ or, equivalently, $q \equiv 5 \pmod 8$), then* $\textsc{simzp}(\mathrm{pm}, q) = (3\underline{\varepsilon}(w) + 7\underline{\delta}(w))/2 = (3\underline{\varepsilon}((q-1)/4) + 7\underline{\delta}((q-1)/4))/2$.

(v) *If q is odd with $q \geqslant 9$ and $8 \mid q-1$ (i.e., $r \geqslant 3$ or, equivalently, $q \equiv 1 \pmod 8$), then* $\textsc{simzp}(\mathrm{pm}, q) = ((2^{r+1}-5)\underline{\varepsilon}(w) + (4r-1)\underline{\delta}(w)/2 = ((2^{r+1}-5)\underline{\varepsilon}((q-1)/8)/(2^{r-2}-2) + (4r-1)\underline{\delta}((q-1)/8)/(r-2))/2$.

(Notice that $2^{r+1}-5 = 3$ and $4r-1 = 7$ for $r = 2$ — cf. (iv).)

P r o o f. (i) One checks easily that $\textsc{simzp}(\mathrm{pm}, 2) = 1$ and $\textsc{simzp}(\mathrm{pm}, 3) = 2$.

(ii) Suppose that $q \geqslant 4$ is even, and so $r = 0$ and $w = q-1 \geqslant 3$. We shall use 1.2.

Let $(A, B, a, b) \in \mathcal{A}_{zppm}$ be such that $[A : B] = w$. Then $\mathrm{card}(A) = lw$, $l = \mathrm{card}(B)$. If A is abelian, then $l = 1$ and this is a contradiction with $a^{-1}b \neq 1$ and $(a^{-1}b)^2 = 1$. Hence A is non-abelian and (keeping the notation from the preceding sections) we have either $k = 1$ and $mn = lw$ or $k = 2$ and $mn = 2lw$.

First, assume $k = 1$. Then l is even (since $2 \mid m$) and $l = 2$ by 3.5, i.e., $mn = 2w$, $w = (m/2) \cdot n$ and both $m/2$ and n are odd. We must have $n \geqslant 3$, and so we have just $\underline{\delta}(w) - 1$ possibilities for $m/2$ (use 3.2, 5.1, 5.2 and 5.5).

Next, let $k = 1$. Then $4 \mid m$, $2 \mid n$, hence $4 \mid l$ and $2l \mid m$, $2l \mid n$ by 3.5. From this, $2l \mid w$, a contradiction.

(iii) Suppose that $q \geqslant 5$ is odd, so that $r \geqslant 1$. Again, let $(A, B, a, b) \in \mathcal{A}_{zppm}$ be such that $[A : B] = q - 1 = 2^r w$. Put $l = \mathrm{card}(B)$, $\mathrm{card}(A) = l2^r w$.

(iii1) Let A be abelian. Then $l = 1$ and $\mathrm{card}(A) = 2^r w$. If A is not cyclic, then $r \geqslant 2$, $A \cong A(2^{r-1}w, 3)$ and, by 5.6, there is just 1 equivalence class for (A, B, a, b). If A is cyclic and either $A \neq \langle a \rangle$ or $A \neq \langle b \rangle$, then $r = 1$ and the number of the corresponding equivalence classes is 2 (see 5.7). Finally, if A is cyclic and $A = \langle a \rangle = \langle b \rangle$, then $r \geqslant 2$ and the number of the equivalence classes is 1 (see 5.8).

(iii2) Let $l = 1$ and let A be not abelian, $\mathrm{card}(A) = 2^r w$. If $k = 1$, then $2^{r-1}w = n \cdot m/2$, $n \geqslant 3$, and so the number of the corresponding equivalence classes is $\underline{\delta}(2^{r-1}w) - 1 = r\underline{\delta}(w) - 1$ (use 5.1, 5.2, 5.5 and other results from the preceding sections).

(iii3) Let $l \geqslant 3$ be odd. Then $\mathrm{card}(A) = 2^r lw$, lw odd. If $k = 1$, then $2^r lw = mn$, $m = 2\alpha l$, $n = \beta l$, $2^{r-1}w = \alpha\beta l$, $l \mid w$ and $2^{r-1}w \mid l = \alpha\beta$ (see 3.1). In this case, the number of the equivalence classes is $\underline{\delta}(2^{r-1}w/l)\underline{\varphi}(l)/2 = r\underline{\delta}(w/l)\underline{\varphi}(l)/2$ (see 3.1, 5.1, 5.2 and 5.5). Now, the sum over all $l \geqslant 3$ dividing w makes $(r/2)\sum\limits_{l \mid w}\underline{\delta}(w/l)\underline{\varphi}(l) - (r/2)\underline{\delta}(w) = r\underline{\varepsilon}(w)/2 - r\underline{\delta}(w)/2$.

If $k = 2$, then $2^{r+1}lw = mn$, $m = 4\alpha l$, $n = 2\beta l$, $r \geqslant 2$, $2^{r-2}w = \alpha\beta l$ and $2^{r-2}w/l = \alpha\beta$ (see 3.1 and 2.3). Now, we get $\underline{\delta}(2^{r-2}w/l)\underline{\varphi}(l)/2 = (r-1)\underline{\delta}(w/l)\underline{\varphi}(l)/2$ equivalence classes and the sum is equal to $((r-1)/2)\sum\limits_{l \mid w}\underline{\delta}\underline{\varphi}(l) = ((r-1)/2)\underline{\delta}(w) = (r-1)\underline{\varepsilon}(w)/2 - (r-1)\underline{\delta}(w)/2$ (5.1, 5.3 and 5.5).

(iii4) Let $l = 2$. Then $\mathrm{card}(A) = 2^{r+1}w$. If $k = 1$, then $2^{r+1}w = mn$, $m = 2\alpha$, α odd, $n \geqslant 3$, $2^r w = \alpha n$, $\alpha \mid w$, $n = 2^r w/\alpha$, n even (see 3.2). If $r = 1$, then we get $2\underline{\delta}(w) - 2$ equivalence classes (3.2, 5.1, 5.2 and 5.5). If $r \geqslant 2$, we get $2\underline{\delta}(w)$ classes.

If $k = 2$, then $2^{r+2}w = mn$, $m = 8\alpha$, $n = 4\beta$, $r \geqslant 3$, $2^{r-3}w = \alpha\beta$ and we get $\underline{\delta}(2^{r-3}w) = (r-2)\underline{\delta}(w)$ classes (3.2, 5.1, 5.3 and 5.5).

(iii5) Let $l \geqslant 4$ be even. Then $\mathrm{card}(A) = 2^r lw = 2^{r+s} \cdot uw$, where $l = 2^s u$, $s \geqslant 1$, u odd. By 3.5, $k = 2$, $8 \mid m$, $4 \mid n$, $2l = 2^{s+1}u$ divides both m and n, $m = 2^{s+1} \cdot u\alpha$, $n = 2^{s+1} \cdot u\beta$, $\mathrm{card}(A) = mn/2$. Consequently, $2^{r+s+1} \cdot uw = 2^{2s+2} \cdot u^2\alpha\beta$, $2^{r-s-1} \cdot w = u\alpha\beta$, $1 \leqslant s \leqslant r-1$, $u \mid w$, $\alpha\beta = 2^{r-s-1} \cdot w/u$. If $s = 1$, then α is even, $\alpha = 2\alpha_1$, $\alpha_1\beta = 2^{r-3} \cdot w/u$, $r \geqslant 3$ and we get just $\underline{\delta}(2^{r-3} \cdot w/u)\underline{\varphi}(2u) = (r-2)\underline{\delta}(w/u)\underline{\varphi}(u)$ equivalence classes (see 3.5, 5.1, 5.3 and 5.5). If $s \geqslant 2$, then $r \geqslant 3$ and the number of the equivalence classes is $\underline{\delta}(2^{r-s-1} \cdot w/u)\underline{\varphi}(2^s u) = (r-s)\underline{\delta}(w/u)2^{s-1}\underline{\varphi}(u)$. The sum is now $\sum\limits_{s=1}^{r-1} 2^{s-1}(r-s)\underline{\varepsilon}(w) - \underline{\varepsilon}(w) = (\underline{\sigma}(r)\underline{\varepsilon}(w) - (r+2)\underline{\varepsilon}(w))/2 = (2^{r+1} - 2r - 4)\underline{\varepsilon}(w)/2$. □

Combining 6.1 and 6.2, we get the following results:

6.3. Corollary. *Let $q \geqslant 3$.*

(i) *If $q \equiv 0, 2 \pmod 4$, then* $\mathrm{SIMZP}(\mathrm{pm}, q) = -1 + \sum\limits_{l \mid q-1} 1$.

(ii) *If* $q \equiv 3 \pmod 4$, *then* $\textsc{simzp}(\mathrm{pm}, q) = -1 + \sum_{l|q-1} 5/4 + \sum_{l|q-1} l/6$.

(iii) *If* $q \equiv 1 \pmod 4$, *then*

$$\textsc{simzp}(\mathrm{pm}, q) = \sum_{l|q-1} 2 - \sum_{l|q-1,\, l \text{ odd}} 5/2 + \sum_{l|q-1,\, (q-1)/l \text{ odd}} l - \sum_{l|q-1,\, l \text{ odd}} 5l/2.$$

6.4. Remark.

(i) If $q \geqslant 4$ is such that $q-1$ is a prime, then $\textsc{simzp}(\mathrm{pm}, q) = 1$.

(ii) If $q \geqslant 5$ is such that $q-1$ is a power of 2, then $\textsc{simzp}(\mathrm{pm}, q) = q - 4 + 2\log_2(q-1)$.

6.5. Remark. For q, let $\textsc{simzp}(\mathrm{md}, q)$ denote the number of isomorphism classes of simple zeropotent medial groupoids of order q. By [4, Prop. 7.5.10], $\textsc{simzp}(\mathrm{md}, 2) = 1$ and $\textsc{simzp}(\mathrm{md}, q) = -1 + \underline{\varepsilon}(q-1) = -1 + \sum_{l|q-1} l$ for $q \geqslant 3$. Now, we have the following table:

q	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
$\textsc{simzp}(\mathrm{pm}, q)$	1	2	1	5	1	6	1	11	2	7	1	13	1	8	3
$\textsc{simzp}(\mathrm{md}, q)$	1	2	3	6	5	11	7	14	12	17	11	25	13	23	23

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