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## INFINITE SIMPLE ZERO POTENT PARAMEDIAL GROUPOIDS

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*Abstract.* The paper is an immediate continuation of [3], where one can find various notation and other useful details. In the present part, a full classification of infinite simple zero potent paramedial groupoids is given.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a transitive transformation semigroup on an infinite set  $G^*$  such that  $\mathcal{T} = \langle f, g \rangle$ , where  $f, g$  are projective transformations of  $G^*$ . Let  $o \notin G^*$  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  $x, y \in G^*$ ,  $f(x) = g(y)$ .

In this way, we get a groupoid  $G = [\mathcal{T}, G^*, f, g, o]$ .

#### 1.1 Proposition.

- (i)  $G$  is balanced if and only if both  $f$  and  $g$  are permutations of  $G^*$ .
- (ii)  $G$  is simple if and only if  $\ker(f) \cap \ker(g) = \text{id}_{G^*}$ .
- (iii)  $G$  is zero potent if and only if  $f(a) \neq g(a)$  for every  $a \in G^*$ .

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- (iv) If  $f \neq g$ ,  $f^2 = g^2$  and  $f, g$  are permutations of  $G^*$ , then  $G$  is zeropotent.
- (v)  $G$  is paramedial if and only if  $f, g$  are permutations of  $G^*$  and  $f^2 = g^2$ .

**Proof.** (i), (ii) and (iii)—see [5, Prop. 5.1].

(iv) We can proceed similarly as in the proof of [3, Prop. 1.1 (iii)].

(v) Assume that  $G$  is paramedial and let  $a \in G^*$ . 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,  $f^2(a) = g^2(b) = ac \cdot db = bc \cdot da$ , and so  $f(b) = g(c)$ ,  $f(d) = g(a)$  and  $f^2(a) = g^2(b) = gf(d) = g^2(a)$ . Thus  $f^2 = g^2$ . Further, let  $x, y \in G^*$  be such that  $f(x) = f(y)$ . Then  $x = f(u)$ ,  $y = f(v)$  for suitable  $u, v \in G^*$ ,  $f^2(u) = f(x) = f(y) = f^2(v) = g^2(v)$  and  $x = f(u) = f(v) = y$  by the preceding part of the proof. The rest is clear.  $\square$

**1.2 Lemma.** *Suppose that both  $f$  and  $g$  are permutations of  $G^*$  and denote by  $\mathcal{G}$  the permutation group generated by  $f, g$ . Then, for all  $h \in \mathcal{G}$  and  $a \in G^*$ , there are  $k_1, k_2, \in \mathcal{T}$  such that  $hk_1(a) = a = k_2h(a)$ .*

**Proof.** An immediate consequence of the transitivity of  $\mathcal{T}$ .  $\square$

Let  $\mathcal{B}_{zppm}$  denote the class of ordered quadruples  $(A, B, a, b)$ , where  $A = \langle a, b \rangle$  is a group,  $a \neq b$ ,  $a^2 = b^2$ ,  $B$  is a corefree subgroup of  $A$ , the index  $[A : B]$  is infinite and, for every  $x \in A$ , there exist elements  $r, s$  in the subsemigroup generated by  $a, b$  in  $A$  such that  $xr, sx \in B$ . Now, define an equivalence relation  $\approx$  on  $\mathcal{B}_{zppm}$  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  $\lambda: A_1 \rightarrow A_2$  such that  $\lambda(a_1) = a_2$ ,  $\lambda(b_1) = b_2$  and the subgroups  $\lambda(B_1), B_2$  are conjugate in  $A_2$ .

Let  $(A, B, a, b) \in \mathcal{B}_{zppm}$ ,  $A/B = \{xB; x \in A\}$ . For every  $x \in A$ , the equality  $\pi(x)(yB) = xyB$  defines a permutation  $\pi(x)$  of  $A/B$  and we put  $\Phi((A, B, a, b)) = [\pi(S), A/B, \pi(a), \pi(b), o]$ ,  $o \notin A/B$ , where  $S$  is the subsemigroup generated by  $a, b$  in  $A$ .

Let  $G$  be an infinite simple zeropotent paramedial groupoid (i.e., an infinite simple paramedial groupoid of type (II)—see [2]). Now,  $G$  is strongly balanced by [4, 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,  $f, g$  are permutations of  $G^*$ ,  $f^2 = g^2$ ,  $f \neq g$  and  $\Psi(G) = (\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{H}, f, g) \in \mathcal{B}_{zppm}$ , where  $\mathcal{G} = \langle f, g \rangle$  and  $\mathcal{H} = \text{Stab}_{\mathcal{G}}(u)$ ,  $u \in G^*$ .

**1.3 Theorem.** *There exists a one-to-one correspondence between isomorphism classes of infinite simple zeropotent paramedial groupoids and equivalence classes of quadruples from  $\mathcal{B}_{zppm}$ . This correspondence is given by  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$ .*

**Proof.** Combine 1.1, 1.2 and [5, Theorem 6.1].  $\square$

## 2. AUXILIARY RESULTS ON GROUPS

Troughout this section, let  $A$  be an infinite non-commutative group such that  $A = \langle a, b \rangle$ , where  $a^2 = b^2$ . We put  $A_1 = \langle a \rangle$ ,  $c = a^{-1}b$ ,  $C = \langle c \rangle$ ,  $D = \langle a^2 \rangle$  and  $F = C \cap Z(A)$ . Now,  $A = \langle a, c \rangle$ ,  $A' = \langle c^2 \rangle \subseteq C$ ,  $D \subseteq Z(A) = DF$  and  $A = A_1 C$ . Since  $A$  is infinite, so is either  $A_1$  or  $C$ .

### 2.1 Lemma.

- (i)  $A_1 \cap C = 1$  and  $Z(A) = D \times F$ .
- (ii) If  $F \neq 1$ , then  $C$  is finite of even order.
- (iii)  $\text{card}(A_1) \geq 2$  and  $\text{card}(C) \geq 3$ .
- (iv)  $\text{ord}(a) = \text{ord}(b)$ .
- (v) If  $\text{ord}(a) = m$  is finite, then  $m$  is even.

*Proof.*  $A_1 \cap C \subseteq F$ . If  $F \neq 1$ , then  $C$  is finite of even order,  $A_1$  is infinite and  $A_1 \cap C = 1$ . Further, if  $a^{2k} = 1$  for some  $k \geq 1$ , then  $b^{2k} = a^{2k} = 1$ . On the other hand, if  $a^{2k+1} = 1$  for some  $k \geq 0$ , then  $1 = a^{2k+1} = b^{2k} \cdot a$ ,  $a = b^{-2k}$  and  $A = \langle a, b \rangle$  is abelian, a contradiction.  $\square$

**2.2 Lemma.** *Let  $B$  be a corefree subgroup of  $A$ . Then  $B \cap C = 1 = B \cap D$ ,  $B$  is isomorphic to a subgroup of  $A/C \cong A_1$  and  $B$  is cyclic.*

*Proof.* Obvious.  $\square$

**2.3 Lemma.** *Suppose that  $A_1$  is finite of order  $m$  and let  $B$  be a non-trivial corefree subgroup of  $A$ . Then:*

- (i)  $m = 2m_2$ ,  $m_2$  odd.
- (ii)  $B \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$  and  $B = \langle a^{m_2} c^k \rangle$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

*Proof.* We have  $B = \langle a^\alpha c^\beta \rangle$ ,  $1 \leq \alpha < m$  and  $\beta \in \mathbb{Z}$ . If  $\alpha$  is even, then  $(a^\alpha c^\beta)^m = a^{m\alpha} c^{m\beta} = c^{m\beta} \in B \cap C = 1$ ,  $\beta = 0$  and  $B \subseteq D$ . However, then  $B = 1$ , a contradiction. Thus  $\alpha$  is odd and  $(a^\alpha c^\beta)^2 = a^{2\alpha} \in B \cap D = 1$ . It follows that  $m \mid 2\alpha$ , and so  $m = 2\alpha$ ,  $\alpha = m_2$ .  $\square$

**2.4 Lemma.** *Suppose that  $A_1$  is finite of order  $m = 2m_2$ ,  $m_2$  odd. For  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , let  $B_k = \langle a^{m_2} c^k \rangle$ . Then:*

- (i)  $B_k \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$  is a corefree subgroup of  $A$ .
- (ii) If  $l \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $B_k, B_l$  are conjugate in  $A$  iff  $k - l$  is even.

*Proof.* (i) Obvious.

(ii) If  $\alpha \geq 0$  and  $\beta \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $c^{-\beta} a^{-\alpha} a^{m_2} c^k a^\alpha c^\beta$  is equal to  $a^{m_2} c^{k+2\beta}$  for  $\alpha$  even and to  $a^{m_2} c^{2\beta-k}$  for  $\alpha$  odd. On the other hand, if  $k - l = 2\gamma$ , then  $c^\gamma a^{m_2} a^k c^{-\gamma} = a^{m_2} c^{k-2\gamma} = a^{m_2} c^l$ .  $\square$

**2.5 Lemma.** Suppose that  $A_1$  is infinite and let  $B$  be a non-trivial corefree subgroup of  $A$ . Then:

- (i)  $C$  is infinite.
- (ii)  $B = \langle a^k c^l \rangle$ ,  $k, l \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $0 \neq k$  even and  $l \neq 0$ .

*Proof.* If  $k$  is odd, then  $(a^k c^l) = a^{2k} \in B \cap D = 1$ , and hence  $k = 0$ ,  $c^l \in B \cap C = 1$ , a contradiction. Thus  $k$  is even and, clearly,  $k \neq 0 \neq l$ . Finally,  $(a^k c^l)^t = a^{tk} c^{lt}$  for every  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $a^{tk} \in D \subseteq Z(A)$ , and hence the order of  $c^l$  is infinite. □

**2.6 Lemma.** Suppose that both  $A_1$  and  $C$  are infinite. Then:

- (i) Every non-identical element from  $A$  has infinite order.
- (ii) If  $k, l \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$ , then  $B_{k,l} = \langle a^k c^l \rangle$  is a corefree subgroup of  $A$ .
- (iii) The subgroups  $B_{k_1,l_1}$  and  $B_{k_2,l_2}$  are conjugate in  $A$  iff  $k_1 = k_2$  and  $l_1 = \pm l_2$ .

*Proof.* Easy. □

Let  $S$  denote the subsemigroup generated in  $A$  by the elements  $a, b$ .

**2.7 Lemma.**  $S = \{a^i; i \geq 1\} \cup \{a^i c^j; i \geq 2j - 1, j \geq 1\} \cup \{a^i c^{-j}; i \geq 2j, j \geq 1\}$ .

*Proof.* Easy. □

**2.8 Corollary.**  $S = A$  iff  $A_1$  is of finite order.

**2.9 Lemma.** Suppose that both  $A_1$  and  $C$  are infinite,  $k, l \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $k$  even and  $B = B_{k,l}$  (see 2.6). The following conditions are equivalent:

- (i)  $S \cap xB \neq \emptyset$  for every  $x \in A$ .
- (ii)  $S \cap Bx \neq \emptyset$  for every  $x \in A$ .
- (iii) Either  $l > 0$  and  $k > 2l$  or  $l > 0$  and  $k < -2l$  or  $l < 0$  and  $k < 2l$  or  $l < 0$  and  $k > -2l$ .
- (iv)  $|2l| < |k|$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $x = a^\alpha c^\beta$ . According to 2.7,  $s \cap xB \neq \emptyset$  iff there is  $\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that at least one of the following three conditions is satisfied:

- (1)  $\gamma k \geq 1 - \alpha$  and  $\gamma l = -\beta$ ;
- (2)  $\gamma(k - 2l) \geq 2\beta - \alpha - 1$  and  $\gamma l \geq 1 - \beta$ ;
- (3)  $\gamma(k + 2l) \geq -2\beta - \alpha$  and  $\gamma l \leq -\beta - 1$ .

Assume  $l > 0$  (the other case,  $l < 0$ , being similar). If  $k > 2l$ , then there exists  $\gamma > 0$  such that (2) is true. If  $k < -2l$ , then (3) is true for some  $\gamma < 0$ .

Let  $-2l \leq k \leq 2l$ , so that  $k - 2l \leq 0 \leq k + 2l$ . Choose  $\beta \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $l \nmid \beta$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $\alpha < 2\beta - 1 + ((\beta - 1)(k - 2l)/l)$  and  $\alpha < -2/\beta + ((\beta + 1)(k + 2l)/l)$ . Then, for any  $\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}$ , neither (1) nor (2) nor (3) is satisfied.

We have proved that the conditions (i) and (iv) are equivalent.

If  $\alpha$  is even, then  $xB = Bx$ ,  $x = a^\alpha c^\beta$ . Hence, assume that  $\alpha$  is odd. Similarly as above,  $S \cap Bx \neq \emptyset$  iff there is  $\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that at least one of the following three conditions is satisfied:

- (4)  $\gamma k \geq 1 - \alpha$  and  $\gamma l = \beta$ ;
- (5)  $\gamma(k + 2l) \geq 2\beta - \alpha - 1$  and  $\gamma l \leq \beta - 1$ ;
- (6)  $\gamma(k - 2l) \geq -2\beta - \alpha$  and  $\gamma l \geq \beta + 1$ .

Let  $l > 0$  (the other case being similar). If  $k > 2l$ , then (6) is satisfied ( $\gamma > 0$ ). If  $k \geq -2l$ , then (5) is satisfied ( $\gamma < 0$ ). If  $-2l \leq k \leq 2l$ , choose  $\beta \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $l \nmid \beta$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $\alpha$  is odd,  $\alpha < 2\beta - 1 + ((1 - \beta)(k + 2l)/l)$  and  $\alpha < -2\beta + ((-\beta - 1)(k - 2l)/l)$ . Then, for any  $\gamma \in \mathbb{Z}$ , neither (4) nor (5) nor (6) is satisfied.

We have proved that (ii) is equivalent to (iv); this equivalence follows also from the fact that (i), (ii) are equivalent and the condition (iv) is not left-right asymmetric. □

**2.10 Proposition.** *Let  $B$  be a subgroup of  $A$ . Then  $(A, B, a, b) \in \mathcal{B}_{\text{zppm}}$  if and only if at least one of the following three cases takes place:*

- (1)  $A_1$  is of finite order and  $B = 1$ ;
- (2)  $A_1$  is of finite order  $2m_2$ ,  $m_2$  odd, and  $B = B_k$  (see 2.4);
- (3) both  $A_1$  and  $C$  are infinite and  $B = B_{k,l}$ , where  $|2l| < |k|$  (see 2.6 and 2.9).

*Proof.* Use the preceding lemmas. □

**2.11 Lemma.** *Let  $\tilde{a}, \tilde{b} \in A$  such that  $A = \langle \tilde{a}, \tilde{b} \rangle$  and  $\tilde{a}^2 = \tilde{b}^2$ . Then:*

- (i)  $\text{ord}(a) = \text{ord}(b) = \text{ord}(\tilde{a}) = \text{ord}(\tilde{b})$ .
- (ii)  $\text{ord}(c) = \text{ord}(\tilde{c})$ , where  $\tilde{c} = \tilde{a}\tilde{b}$ .

*Proof.* First, let  $\text{ord}(a) = \text{ord}(b) = m$  be finite,  $m$  even (see 2.1). Then  $\text{ord}(c)$  is infinite,  $Z(A) = D = \langle a^2 \rangle$ ,  $\text{card}(Z(A)) = m/2$ ,  $\tilde{D} \subseteq Z(A)$ , and hence  $\text{ord}(\tilde{a}) = \text{ord}(\tilde{b}) = \tilde{m}$  is finite,  $m/2 = \text{card}(Z(A)) = \tilde{m}/2$ ,  $m = \tilde{m}$  and  $\text{ord}(\tilde{c})$  is infinite.

Next, let  $\text{ord}(c) = n$  be finite. Then  $n \geq 3$ ,  $A'$  is finite, and so  $\text{ord}(\tilde{c}) = \tilde{n} \geq 3$  is also finite and  $\text{ord}(c^2) = \text{card}(A') = \text{ord}(\tilde{c}^2)$ . Consequently,  $n = \tilde{n}$ , provided that both  $n$  and  $\tilde{n}$  are odd. Assume, finally,  $n$  to be even. Then  $1 \neq c^{n/2} \in Z(A) = D \times F$ , so that  $\tilde{F} \neq 1$ ,  $\tilde{n}$  is even and  $n/2 = \text{ord}(c^2) = \text{ord}(\tilde{c}^2) = \tilde{n}/2$ . Thus  $n = \tilde{n}$ . □

### 3. MAIN RESULTS

**3.1** Let  $m \geq 2$  be even and  $A = A(m, \infty, 1) = \mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}$ . Define a multiplication on  $A$  by  $(\alpha, \beta)(\gamma, \delta) = (\alpha + \gamma, (-1)^\gamma \beta + \delta)$ . Then  $A$  becomes a group,  $A = \langle a, b \rangle$ ,  $a = (1, 0)$ ,  $b = (1, 1)$ ,  $a^2 = b^2$ ,  $\text{ord}(a) = m$  and  $\text{ord}(a^{-1}b)$  is infinite.

**3.2 Proposition.** *Let  $m \geq 2$  be even.*

- (i) *The group  $A(m, \infty, 1)$  is given by two generators  $u, v$  and by the relations  $u^2 = v^2$ ,  $u^m = 1$ .*
- (ii) *If  $A$  is a group such that  $A = \langle a, b \rangle$ ,  $a^2 = b^2$ ,  $\text{ord}(a) = m$  and  $\text{ord}(a^{-1}b)$  infinite, then there exists an isomorphism  $f: A(m, \infty, 1) \rightarrow A$  such that  $f((1, 0)) = a$  and  $f((1, 1)) = b$ .*

**3.3** Let  $n \geq 3$  and  $A = A(\infty, n, 2) = \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}_n$ . Define a multiplication on  $A$  by  $(\alpha, \beta)(\gamma, \delta) = (\alpha + \gamma, (-1)^\gamma \beta + \delta)$ . Then  $A$  becomes a group,  $A = \langle a, b \rangle$ ,  $a = (1, 0)$ ,  $b = (1, 1)$ ,  $a^2 = b^2$ ,  $\text{ord}(a)$  is infinite and  $\text{ord}(a^{-1}b) = n$ .

**3.4 Proposition.** *Let  $n \geq 3$ .*

- (i) *The group  $A(\infty, n, 2)$  is given by two generators  $u, v$  and by the relations  $u^2 = v^2$ ,  $(u^{-1}v)^n = 1$ .*
- (ii) *If  $A$  is a group such that  $a^2 = b^2$  and  $\text{ord}(a^{-1}b) = n$ ,  $\text{ord}(a)$  infinite, then there exist an isomorphism  $f: A(\infty, n, 2) \rightarrow A$  such that  $f((1, 0)) = a$  and  $f((1, 1)) = b$ .*

**3.5** Put  $A = A(\infty, \infty, 3) = \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$  and define a multiplication on  $A$  by  $(\alpha, \beta)(\gamma, \delta) = (\alpha + \gamma, (-1)^\gamma \beta + \delta)$ . Then  $A$  becomes a group,  $A = \langle a, b \rangle$ ,  $a^2 = b^2$ ,  $a = (1, 0)$ ,  $b = (1, 1)$  and the elements  $a, b, a^{-1}b$  possess infinite order.

**3.6 Proposition.**

- (i) *The group  $A(\infty, \infty, 3)$  is given by two generators  $u, v$  and by the relation  $u^2 = v^2$ .*
- (ii) *If  $A$  is a group such that  $A = \langle a, b \rangle$ ,  $a^2 = b^2$  and the orders  $\text{ord}(a)$ ,  $\text{ord}(a^{-1}b)$  are infinite, then there exists an isomorphism  $f: A(\infty, \infty, 3) \rightarrow A$  such that  $f((1, 0)) = a$  and  $f((1, 1)) = b$ .*

**3.7 Proposition.**

- (i)  $A(m, \infty, 1) \cong A(\tilde{m}, \infty, 1)$  iff  $m = \tilde{m}$ .
- (ii)  $A(\infty, n, 2) \cong A(\infty, \tilde{n}, 2)$  iff  $n = \tilde{n}$ .
- (iii)  $A(m, \infty, 1) \not\cong A(\infty, n, 2) \not\cong A(\infty, \infty, 3) \not\cong A(m, \infty, 1)$ .

*Proof.* We have  $\text{card}(Z(A(m, \infty, 1))) = m/2$  and  $A(m, \infty, 1)'$  is infinite. Further,  $\text{card}(A(\infty, n, 2)') = n$  for  $n$  odd and  $n/2$  for  $n$  even and  $Z(A(\infty, n, 2))$  is infinite. □

**3.8 Proposition.** *Let  $A$  be an infinite non-abelian group such that  $A = \langle a, b \rangle = \langle \tilde{a}, \tilde{b} \rangle$ , where  $a^2 = b^2$  and  $\tilde{a}^2 = \tilde{b}^2$ . Then there exists an automorphism  $f$  of  $A$  such that  $f(a) = \tilde{a}$  and  $f(b) = \tilde{b}$ .*

*Proof.* Use the preceding results. □

**3.9 Proposition.** *Let  $A$  be an infinite abelian group such that  $A = \langle a, b \rangle$ , where  $a \neq b$  and  $a^2 = b^2$ . Then  $1 \notin S$ , where  $S$  denotes the subsemigroup generated by  $a, b$  in  $A$ .*

*Proof.* Easy. □

### 3.10 Put

$$\alpha_m = (A(m, \infty, 1), \{(0, 0)\}, (1, 0), (1, 1)), \quad m \geq 2, \quad 2 \mid m;$$

$$\beta_{n,0} = (A(n, \infty, 1), \{(n/2, 0), (0, 0)\}, (1, 0), (1, 1));$$

$$\beta_{n,l} = (A(n, \infty, 1), \{(n/2, 1), (0, 0)\}, (1, 0), (1, 1)), \quad n \geq 2, \quad 2 \mid n, \quad 4 \nmid n;$$

$$\gamma_{k,l} = (A(\infty, \infty, 3), \{(rk, rl)\}, r \in \mathbb{Z}, (1, 0), (1, 1)), \quad k \neq 0, \quad 2 \mid k, \quad l > 0, \quad 2l < |k|.$$

According to the preceding results, these ordered quadruples are all in  $\mathcal{B}_{\text{zppm}}$ , they are pair-wise non-equivalent and they form a set of representatives of the equivalence classes. Now, by 1.3, we have the following

**3.11 Theorem.** *The (pair-wise non-isomorphic) groupoids  $\Phi(\alpha_m)$ ,  $\Phi(\beta_{n,0})$ ,  $\Phi(\beta_{n,1})$ ,  $\Phi(\gamma_{k,l})$  (see 3.10) are (up to isomorphism) the only infinite simple zeropotent paramedial groupoids.*

**3.12 Corollary.** *Every simple zeropotent paramedial groupoid is countable and, up to isomorphism, there exist only countably many such groupoids.*

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