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Let  $S$  be a set and  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ . Set  $\mathbf{N}_n := \{i \in \mathbf{N} | i < n\}$ . If there exists a map  $\cdot : \mathbf{N}_n \rightarrow (S^2 \rightarrow S) : i \mapsto \cdot_i$  where  $\cdot_i : S^2 \rightarrow S : (a, b) \mapsto a \cdot_i b$  is a binary operation, then I shall say that  $(S, \cdot)$  is an  $n$ -biops. In other words, an  $n$ -biops is an algebraic system with  $n$  binary operations defined on it, and the operations are labelled  $0, 1, \dots, n-1$ .

Let  $(S, \cdot)$  be an  $n$ -biops. If  $\cdot$  has the property  $p$ , then I shall say that  $(S, \cdot)$  is a  $p$   $n$ -biops.

For example if  $(S, \cdot)$  is an  $n$ -biops and  $\cdot$  is 0-commutative, 0-associative, 0-alternative or  $(0, 1)$ -distributive, then I shall say that  $(S, \cdot)$  is a 0-commutative  $n$ -biops, 0-associative  $n$ -biops, 0-alternative  $n$ -biops or  $(0, 1)$ -distributive  $n$ -biops respectively.

If an  $n$ -biops  $B$  is  $i$ - $p$  for each  $i \in \mathbf{N}_n$  then I shall say that  $B$  is a  $p$   $n$ -biops.

A 0-associative 1-biops is called a semigroup. A semigroup with identity element is called a monoid. A monoid with inverses is called a group.

A  $(0, 1)$ -distributive 2-biops  $(S, +, \cdot)$ , such that both  $(S, +)$  and  $(S, \cdot)$  are monoids, is called a rig.

A  $(0, 1)$ -distributive 2-biops  $(S, +, \cdot)$ , such that  $(S, +)$  is a group and  $(S, \cdot)$  is a monoid, is called a ring.

A rig with 0-inverses is a ring.

A 0-associative 2-biops  $(S, \cdot, /)$  with 0-identity such that for every  $\{a, b\} \subset S$  we have

$$b = (b/a) \cdot a = (b \cdot a)/a$$

is called a group.

A 3-biops  $(S, \cdot, /, \backslash)$  such that for every  $\{a, b\} \subset S$  we have

$$a \backslash (a \cdot b) = a \cdot (a \backslash b) = b = (b/a) \cdot a = (b \cdot a)/a$$

is called a quasigroup.

A quasigroup such that for every  $\{a, b\} \subset S$  we have  $a/a = b \backslash b$  is called a loop.

A 0-associative loop is a group.