

## Research Article

# $\sigma$ -Sets and $\sigma$ -Antisets

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In this paper we present a brief study of the  $\sigma$ -set- $\sigma$ -antiset duality that occurs in  $\sigma$ -set theory and we also present the development of the integer space  $3^A = \langle 2^A, 2^{A^-} \rangle$  for the cardinals  $|A| = 2, 3$  together with its algebraic properties. In this article, we also develop a presentation of some of the properties of fusion of  $\sigma$ -sets and finally we present the development and definition of a type of equations of one  $\sigma$ -set variable.

## 1. $\sigma$ -Sets and $\sigma$ -Antisets

As we have seen in <sup>[1]</sup>, an  $\sigma$ -antiset is defined as follows:

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $A$  be a  $\sigma$ -set, then  $B$  is said to be the  $\sigma$ -antiset of  $A$  if and only if  $A \oplus B = \emptyset$ , where  $\oplus$  is the fusion of  $\sigma$ -sets.

We must observe that given the definition of the fusion operator  $\oplus$  in <sup>[1]</sup> it is clear that it is commutative and therefore if  $B$  is an  $\sigma$ -antiset of  $A$ , then it will be necessary that  $A$  is also the  $\sigma$ -antiset of  $B$ . On the other hand, following the Blizzard notation, <sup>[2]</sup> p. 347, we will denote  $B$  the  $\sigma$ -antiset of  $A$  as  $B = A^-$ , in this way we will have  $A = (A^-)^-$ .

Continuing with the development of the  $\sigma$ -sets we have constructed three primary  $\sigma$ -sets, which are:

Natural Numbers	$\mathbb{N}$ $= \{1, 2, 3,$ $4, 5, 6,$ $7, 8, 9,$ $10, \dots$ $\}$
0-Natural Numbers	$\mathbb{N}^0$ $= \{1_0, 2_0,$ $3_0, 4_0,$ $5_0, 6_0,$ $7_0, 8_0,$ $9_0, 10_0,$ $\dots\}$
Antinatural Numbers	$\mathbb{N}^-$ $= \{1^*, 2^*,$ $3^*, 4^*,$ $5^*, 6^*,$ $7^*, 8^*,$ $9^*, 10^*,$ $\dots\}$

where  $1 = \{\alpha\}$ ,  $1_0 = \{\emptyset\}$  and  $1^* = \{\omega\}$ , we must clarify that we have changed the letter  $\beta$  for the letter  $\omega$  for symmetry reasons, we must also remember that:

$$\dots \in \alpha_{-2} \in \alpha_{-1} \in \alpha \in \alpha_1 \in \alpha_2 \dots$$

and

$$\dots \in \omega_{-2} \in \omega_{-1} \in \omega \in \omega_1 \in \omega_2 \in \dots$$

where both  $\epsilon$ -chains have the linear  $\epsilon$ -root property and are totally different, i.e. they do not have a link-intersection. These definitions can be found in <sup>[1]</sup> Definition 3.13, 3.14 and 3.16.

On the other hand, we must remember the definition of the space generated by two  $\sigma$ -sets  $A$  and  $B$  which is:

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two  $\sigma$ -sets. The Generated space by  $A$  and  $B$  is given by

$$\langle 2^A, 2^B \rangle = \{x \oplus y : x \in 2^A \wedge y \in 2^B\},$$

where  $\oplus$  is the fusion operator.

Let us recall a few things about the fusion operator  $\oplus$ . In this brief analysis, we must observe that given  $x, y$  two  $\sigma$ -sets, if  $\{x\} \cup \{y\} = \emptyset$  then it will be said that  $y$  is the antielement of  $x$  and  $x$  the antielement of  $y$ , where the union of pairs  $\cup$  axiomatized within the theory of  $\sigma$ -sets is used, in particular in the completion axioms A and B, which we will call annihilation axioms from now on.

**Notation 1.3.** Let  $x$  be an element of some  $\sigma$ -set, then we will denote by  $x^*$  the anti-element of  $x$ , if it exists.

Now we move on to define the new operations with  $\sigma$ -sets which will help us define the fusion of  $\sigma$ -sets  $\oplus$ .

**Definition 1.4.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two  $\sigma$ -sets, then we define the  $*$ -intersection of  $A$  with  $B$  by

$$A \hat{\cap} B = \{x \in A : x^* \in B\}.$$

**Example 1.5.** Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3^*, 4\}$  and  $B = \{2, 3, 4^*\}$  be two  $\sigma$ -sets, then we have that:

$$A \hat{\cap} B = \{3^*, 4\}$$

and

$$B \hat{\cap} A = \{3, 4^*\},$$

it is clear that the  $*$ -intersection operator is not commutative.

**Theorem 1.6.** Let  $A$  be a  $\sigma$ -set, then  $A \hat{\cap} A = \emptyset$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a  $\sigma$ -set, by definition we will have that

$$A \hat{\cap} A = \{x \in A : x^* \in A\}.$$

Suppose now that  $A \hat{\cap} A \neq \emptyset$ , then there exists an  $x \in A$  such that  $x^* \in A$ , therefore we will have that  $x, x^* \in A$ , which is a contradiction with Theorem 3.39 (Exclusion of inverses) from [1], so if  $A$  is a  $\sigma$ -set then

$$A \hat{\cap} A = \emptyset.$$

□

**Example 1.7.** Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3^*, 4\}$ , then

$$A \hat{\cap} A = \{1, 2, 3^*, 4\} \hat{\cap} \{1, 2, 3^*, 4\},$$

$$A \hat{\cap} A = \{x \in \{1, 2, 3^*, 4\} : x^* \in \{1, 2, 3^*, 4\}\},$$

$$A \hat{\cap} A = \emptyset.$$

Regarding Theorem 1.6, we can observe that given a  $\sigma$ -set  $A$ , the  $\sigma$ -set theory does not allow the coexistence of a  $\sigma$ -element  $x$  and its  $\sigma$ -antielement in the same  $\sigma$ -set  $A$ , and this is because  $A$  is a  $\sigma$ -set. However, since  $\sigma$ -set theory is a  $\sigma$ -class theory, one can find the  $\sigma$ -elements together with the  $\sigma$ -antielements coexisting without problems in what we call the proper  $\sigma$ -class, in this way one will have that  $\{x, x^*\}$  is a proper  $\sigma$ -class and not a  $\sigma$ -set.

**Theorem 1.8.** *Let  $A$  be a  $\sigma$ -set, then  $A \hat{\cap} \emptyset = \emptyset$  and  $\emptyset \hat{\cap} A = \emptyset$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a  $\sigma$ -set, by definition we will have that

$$A \hat{\cap} \emptyset = \{x \in A : x^* \in \emptyset\}.$$

Now suppose that  $A \hat{\cap} \emptyset \neq \emptyset$ , then there exists an  $x \in A$  such that  $x^* \in \emptyset$ , which is a contradiction, hence  $A \hat{\cap} \emptyset = \emptyset$ . On the other hand,  $\emptyset \hat{\cap} A \subseteq \emptyset$  thus we will have to  $\emptyset \hat{\cap} A = \emptyset$ .  $\square$

On the other hand, we will define the  $*$ -difference between  $\sigma$ -sets, a fundamental operation to be able to define the fusion between  $\sigma$ -sets.

**Definition 1.9.** *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two  $\sigma$ -sets, then we define the  $*$ -difference between  $A$  y  $B$  by*

$$A * B = A - (A \hat{\cap} B),$$

where  $A - B = \{x \in A : x \notin B\}$ .

**Example 1.10.** *Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3^*, 4\}$  and  $B = \{2, 3, 4^*\}$ , then we have that:*

$$A \hat{\cap} B = \{3^*, 4\},$$

therefore

$$A * B = A - (A \hat{\cap} B) = \{1, 2, 3^*, 4\} - \{3^*, 4\} = \{1, 2\}$$

$$A * B = \{1, 2\}.$$

We also have to

$$B \hat{\cap} A = \{3, 4^*\}$$

therefore

$$B * A = B - (B \hat{\cap} A) = \{2, 3, 4^*\} - \{3, 4^*\} = \{2\}$$

$$B * A = \{2\}.$$

**Corollary 1.11.** *Let  $A$  be a  $\sigma$ -set. Then  $A * A = A$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a  $\sigma$ -set, then by Theorem 1.6 we will have that  $A \hat{\cap} A = \emptyset$  therefore

$$A * A = A - (A \hat{\cap} A) = A - \emptyset = A.$$

□

**Corollary 1.12.** *Let  $A$  be a  $\sigma$ -set. Then  $A * \emptyset = A$  and  $\emptyset * A = \emptyset$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a  $\sigma$ -set, then by Theorem 1.8 we will have that  $A \hat{\cap} \emptyset = \emptyset \hat{\cap} A = \emptyset$  therefore

$$A * \emptyset = A - (A \hat{\cap} \emptyset) = A - \emptyset = A$$

and

$$\emptyset * A = \emptyset - (\emptyset \hat{\cap} A) = \emptyset - \emptyset = \emptyset.$$

□

Now after defining the  $*$ -intersection and the  $*$ -difference we can define the fusion of  $\sigma$ -sets as follows:

**Definition 1.13.** *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two  $\sigma$ -sets, then we define the fusion of  $A$  and  $B$  by*

$$A \oplus B = \{x : x \in A * B \vee x \in B * A\}.$$

It is clear that the fusion of  $\sigma$ -sets is commutative by definition. Now, let us show an example

**Example 1.14.** *Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3^*, 4\}$  y  $B = \{2, 3, 4^*\}$ , then we have that:*

$$A \oplus B = \{x : x \in A * B \vee x \in B * A\},$$

$$A \oplus B = \{x : x \in \{1, 2\} \vee x \in \{2\}\},$$

$$A \oplus B = \{1, 2\},$$

therefore we have that

$$\{1, 2, 3^*, 4\} \oplus \{2, 3, 4^*\} = \{2, 3, 4^*\} \oplus \{1, 2, 3^*, 4\} = \{1, 2\}.$$

**Corollary 1.15.** *Let  $A$  be a  $\sigma$ -set, then  $A \oplus A = A$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a  $\sigma$ -set, by definition we have that,

$$A \oplus A = \{x : x \in A * A \vee x \in A * A\}.$$

Now by corollary 1.11, we have that

$$A \oplus A = \{x : x \in A \vee x \in A\},$$

$$A \oplus A = \{x : x \in A\},$$

therefore it is clear that  $A \subset A \oplus A$  and that  $A \oplus A \subset A$ , therefore  $A \oplus A = A$ .

□

**Corollary 1.16.** *Let  $A$  be a  $\sigma$ -set, then  $A \oplus \emptyset = \emptyset \oplus A = A$ .*

*Proof.* First we will show that  $A \oplus \emptyset = A$ . By definition we will have that,

$$A \oplus \emptyset = \{x : x \in A * \emptyset \vee x \in \emptyset * A\}.$$

Now by the corollary 1.12, we will have that

$$A \oplus \emptyset = \{x : x \in A \vee x \in \emptyset\},$$

$$A \oplus \emptyset = \{x : x \in A\},$$

from this it is clear that  $A \subset A \oplus \emptyset$  and that  $A \oplus \emptyset \subset A$ , in this way  $A \oplus \emptyset = A$ .

Second, we will show that  $\emptyset \oplus A = A$ . By definition we will have that,

$$\emptyset \oplus A = \{x : x \in \emptyset * A \vee x \in A * \emptyset\}.$$

Now by the corollary 1.12, we will have that

$$\emptyset \oplus A = \{x : x \in \emptyset \vee x \in A\},$$

$$A \oplus \emptyset = \{x : x \in A\},$$

from this it is clear that  $A \subset \emptyset \oplus A$  and that  $\emptyset \oplus A \subset A$ , in this way  $\emptyset \oplus A = A$ . □

**Theorem 1.17.** *Let  $X$  be a  $\sigma$ -set, then for all  $A, B \in 2^X$ , we have that:*

$$A \oplus B = A \cup B,$$

where  $A \cup B = \{x : x \in A \vee x \in B\}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $X$  be a  $\sigma$ -set and  $A, B \in 2^X$ . Then, by theorem 3.39 of [1] we have that

$$A \hat{\cap} B = B \hat{\cap} A = \emptyset,$$

in this way

$$A * B = A \wedge B * A = B.$$

Finally  $A \oplus B = \{x : x \in A \vee x \in B\} = A \cup B$ .  $\square$

**Example 1.18.** Let  $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $A = \{1, 2\}$  and  $B = \{2, 3\}$ , it is clear that  $A, B \in 2^X$ . Now we apply the fusion operator  $\oplus$ .

$$A \oplus B = \{x : x \in A * B \vee x \in B * A\},$$

$$A \oplus B = \{x : x \in A \vee x \in B\},$$

$$A \oplus B = A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3\}.$$

**Corollary 1.19.** Let  $X$  be a  $\sigma$ -set, then for all  $A \in 2^X$ , we have that:

$$A \oplus X = X.$$

*Proof.* Let  $X$  be a  $\sigma$ -set and  $A \in 2^X$ . Then by theorem 1.17 we have that

$$A \oplus X = A \cup X.$$

Now as  $A \subset X$ , then  $A \cup X = X$ , therefore

$$A \oplus X = X.$$

$\square$

**Example 1.20.** Let  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ , it is clear that  $A \in 2^X$ . Now we apply the fusion operator  $\oplus$ .

$$A \oplus X = \{x : x \in A * X \vee x \in X * A\},$$

$$A \oplus B = \{x : x \in A \vee x \in X\},$$

$$A \oplus X = A \cup X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\} = X.$$

As we said before, the fusion of  $\sigma$ -sets  $\oplus$  is commutative by definition but as we demonstrated in [1][3] this operation is not associative.

**Example 1.21.** Let  $A = \{1^*, 2^*\}$ ,  $B = \{1, 2\}$  y  $C = \{1\}$ , then

$$(A \oplus B) \oplus C = \emptyset \oplus C = C$$

and

$$A \oplus (B \oplus C) = A \oplus B = \emptyset,$$

therefore we have that

$$(A \oplus B) \oplus C \neq A \oplus (B \oplus C).$$

## 2. Generated space

As we have already indicated in the definition 1.2 we will have that the space generated by two  $\sigma$ -sets  $A$  and  $B$  is:

$$\langle 2^A, 2^B \rangle = \{x \oplus y : x \in 2^A \wedge y \in 2^B\}.$$

Now taking into account the duality  $\sigma$ -set,  $\sigma$ -antiset we could consider the following example.

**Example 2.1.** We consider the  $\sigma$ -set  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and its  $\sigma$ -antiset  $A^- = \{1^*, 2^*, 3^*\}$  then we obtain the integer space  $3^A$  where,

$$3^A = \langle 2^A, 2^{A^-} \rangle.$$

Is important to observe that

$$2^A = \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}, A\}$$

and

$$2^{A^-} = \{\emptyset^-, \{1^*\}, \{2^*\}, \{3^*\}, \{1^*, 2^*\}, \{1^*, 3^*\}, \{2^*, 3^*\}, A^-\}.$$

Also is important to observe that  $\emptyset = \emptyset^-$ , which is very important for the construction of  $3^A$ .

Now considering the definition of generated space,

$$3^A = \langle 2^A, 2^{A^-} \rangle = \{X \oplus Y : X \in 2^A \wedge Y \in 2^{A^-}\},$$

where the operator  $\oplus$  is the fusion of  $\sigma$ -sets, we will obtain the following matrix:



$\oplus$	$\emptyset$	$\{1\}$	$\{2\}$	$\{3\}$	$\{1, 2\}$	$\{1, 3\}$	$\{2, 3\}$	$A$
$\emptyset^-$	$\emptyset_0^0$	$\{1\}$	$\{2\}$	$\{3\}$	$\{1, 2\}$	$\{1, 3\}$	$\{2, 3\}$	$A$
$\{1^*\}$	$\{1^*\}$	$\emptyset_1^1$	$\{1^*, 2\}$	$\{1^*, 3\}$	$\{2\}$	$\{3\}$	$\{1^*, 2, 3\}$	$\{2, 3\}$
$\{2^*\}$	$\{2^*\}$	$\{1, 2^*\}$	$\emptyset_1^2$	$\{2^*, 3\}$	$\{1\}$	$\{1, 2^*, 3\}$	$\{3\}$	$\{1, 3\}$
$\{3^*\}$	$\{3^*\}$	$\{1, 3^*\}$	$\{2, 3^*\}$	$\emptyset_1^3$	$\{1, 2, 3^*\}$	$\{1\}$	$\{2\}$	$\{1, 2\}$
$\{1^*, 2^*\}$	$\{1^*, 2^*\}$	$\{2^*\}$	$\{1^*\}$	$\{1^*, 2^*, 3\}$	$\emptyset_2^4$	$\{2^*, 3\}$	$\{1^*, 3\}$	$\{3\}$
$\{1^*, 3^*\}$	$\{1^*, 3^*\}$	$\{3^*\}$	$\{1^*, 2, 3^*\}$	$\{1^*\}$	$\{2, 3^*\}$	$\emptyset_2^5$	$\{1^*, 3\}$	$\{2\}$
$\{2^*, 3^*\}$	$\{2^*, 3^*\}$	$\{1, 2^*, 3^*\}$	$\{3^*\}$	$\{2^*\}$	$\{1, 3^*\}$	$\{1, 2^*\}$	$\emptyset_2^6$	$\{1\}$
$A^-$	$A^-$	$\{2^*, 3^*\}$	$\{1^*, 3^*\}$	$\{1^*, 2^*\}$	$\{3^*\}$	$\{2^*\}$	$\{1^*\}$	$\emptyset_3^7$

**Table 1.** Integer Space.

It is important to note that from the perspective of  $\sigma$ -sets we have that  $\emptyset = \emptyset^- = \emptyset_j^i$  with  $i \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$  and  $j \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ , where the difference of the  $\sigma$ -emptysets  $\emptyset_j^i$  is given by annihilation, which comes from equation  $A \oplus A^- = \emptyset$ .

From the matrix representation of the integer space  $3^A$ , we can present another representation of the same integer space. This representation of the integer space  $3^A$  is a graphical representation which we show in figure 1.

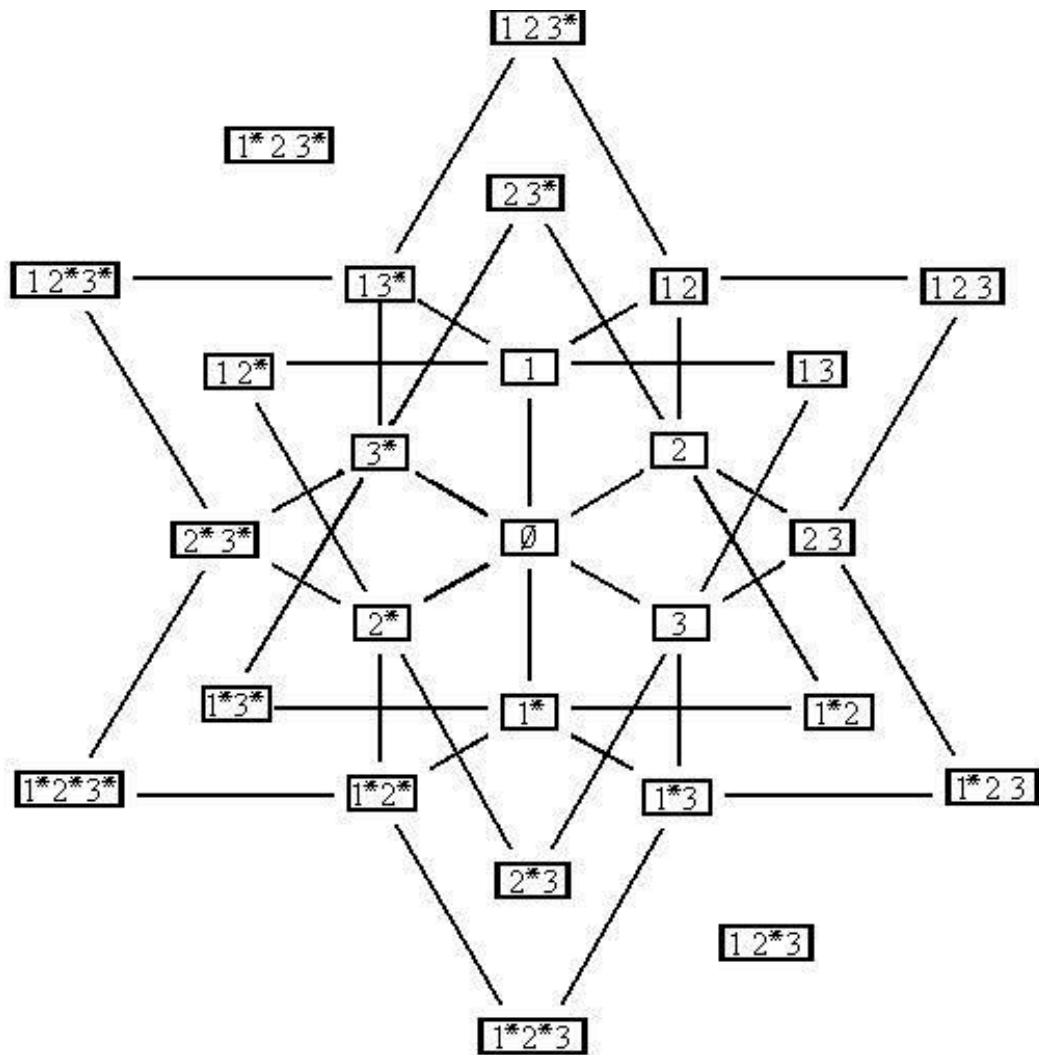


Figure 1. Integer Space  $3^A$ .

Finally, as a theoretical result, we have a cardinal theorem:

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ , then  $|3^A| = |\langle 2^A, 2^{A^-} \rangle| = 3^3 = 27$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ , the proof is the same fusion matrix for this  $\sigma$ -set.  $\square$

We should also note that we have obtained other cardinal results for the integer space  $3^A$  with  $|A| \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ . The cardinal results are as follows:

$\sigma$ -Set	$\sigma$ -Antiset	Generated	Cardinal
$A = \emptyset$	$A^- = \emptyset^-$	$\langle 2^A, 2^{A^-} \rangle$	$3^0 = 1$
$A = \{1\}$	$A^- = \{1^*\}$	$\langle 2^A, 2^{A^-} \rangle$	$3^1 = 3$
$A = \{1, 2\}$	$A^- = \{1^*, 2^*\}$	$\langle 2^A, 2^{A^-} \rangle$	$3^2 = 9$
$A = \{1, 2, 3\}$	$A^- = \{1^*, 2^*, 3^*\}$	$\langle 2^A, 2^{A^-} \rangle$	$3^3 = 27$
$A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$	$A^- = \{1^*, 2^*, 3^*, 4^*\}$	$\langle 2^A, 2^{A^-} \rangle$	$3^4 = 81$
$A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$	$A^- = \{1^*, 2^*, 3^*, 4^*, 5^*\}$	$\langle 2^A, 2^{A^-} \rangle$	$3^5 = 243$

From these calculations made with the fusion matrix we can obtain the following conjecture.

**Conjecture 2.3.** *Let  $A$  be a  $\sigma$ -set such that  $|A| = n$ , then  $|3^A| = |\langle 2^A, 2^{A^-} \rangle| = 3^n$ .*

On the other hand, as we have already said, we are going to change the notation of  $1_\emptyset$  to  $1_0$ , in this way we will have the  $\sigma$ -set of 0-natural numbers defined as follows:

$$1_0 = \{\emptyset\}$$

$$2_0 = \{\emptyset, 1_0\}$$

$$3_0 = \{\emptyset, 1_0, 2_0\}$$

$$4_0 = \{\emptyset, 1_0, 2_0, 3_0\}$$

and so on, forming the 0-natural numbers

$$\mathbb{N}^0 = \{1_0, 2_0, 3_0, 4_0, 5_0, 6_0, 7_0, 8_0, 9_0, 10_0, \dots\},$$

where one of the important properties of this  $\sigma$ -set is that it does not annihilate with the natural numbers  $\mathbb{N}$  nor with the antinatural numbers  $\mathbb{N}^-$ , in this way we can consider the following example for the generated space.

**Example 2.4.** *We consider the  $\sigma$ -sets  $A = \{1_0, 2_0\}$  and  $B = \{1, 2\}$ , therefore the space generated by  $A \oplus B$  and  $A \oplus B^-$  will be:*

$$\langle 2^{A \oplus B}, 2^{A \oplus B^-} \rangle = \{x \oplus y : x \in 2^{A \oplus B} \wedge y \in 2^{A \oplus B^-}\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 2^{A \oplus B}, 2^{A \oplus B^-} \rangle = & \{ \emptyset, \{1_0\}, \{1\}, \{1^*\}, \{2_0\}, \{2\}, \{2^*\}, \{1_0, 2_0\}, \{1_0, 1\}, \{1_0, 1^*\}, \\ & \{1_0, 2\}, \{1_0, 2^*\}, \{2_0, 1\}, \{2_0, 1^*\}, \{2_0, 2\}, \{2_0, 2^*\}, \\ & \{1, 2\}, \{1, 2^*\}, \{1^*, 2\}, \{1^*, 2^*\}, \{1_0, 1, 2\}, \{1_0, 1, 2^*\}, \{1_0, 1^*, 2\}, \{1_0, 1^*, 2^*\}, \\ & \{2_0, 1, 2\}, \{2_0, 1, 2^*\}, \{2_0, 1^*, 2\}, \{2_0, 1^*, 2^*\}, \{1_0, 2_0, 1\}, \{1_0, 2_0, 1^*\}, \{1_0, 2_0, 2\}, \\ & \{1_0, 2_0, 2^*\}, \{1_0, 2_0, 1, 2\}, \{1_0, 2_0, 1, 2^*\}, \{1_0, 2_0, 1^*, 2\}, \{1_0, 2_0, 1^*, 2^*\} \} \end{aligned}$$

In this case, the generated space becomes a meta-space generated by  $A = \{1_0, 2_0\}$  and  $B = \{1, 2\}$  which can be ordered graphically as shown in figure 2.

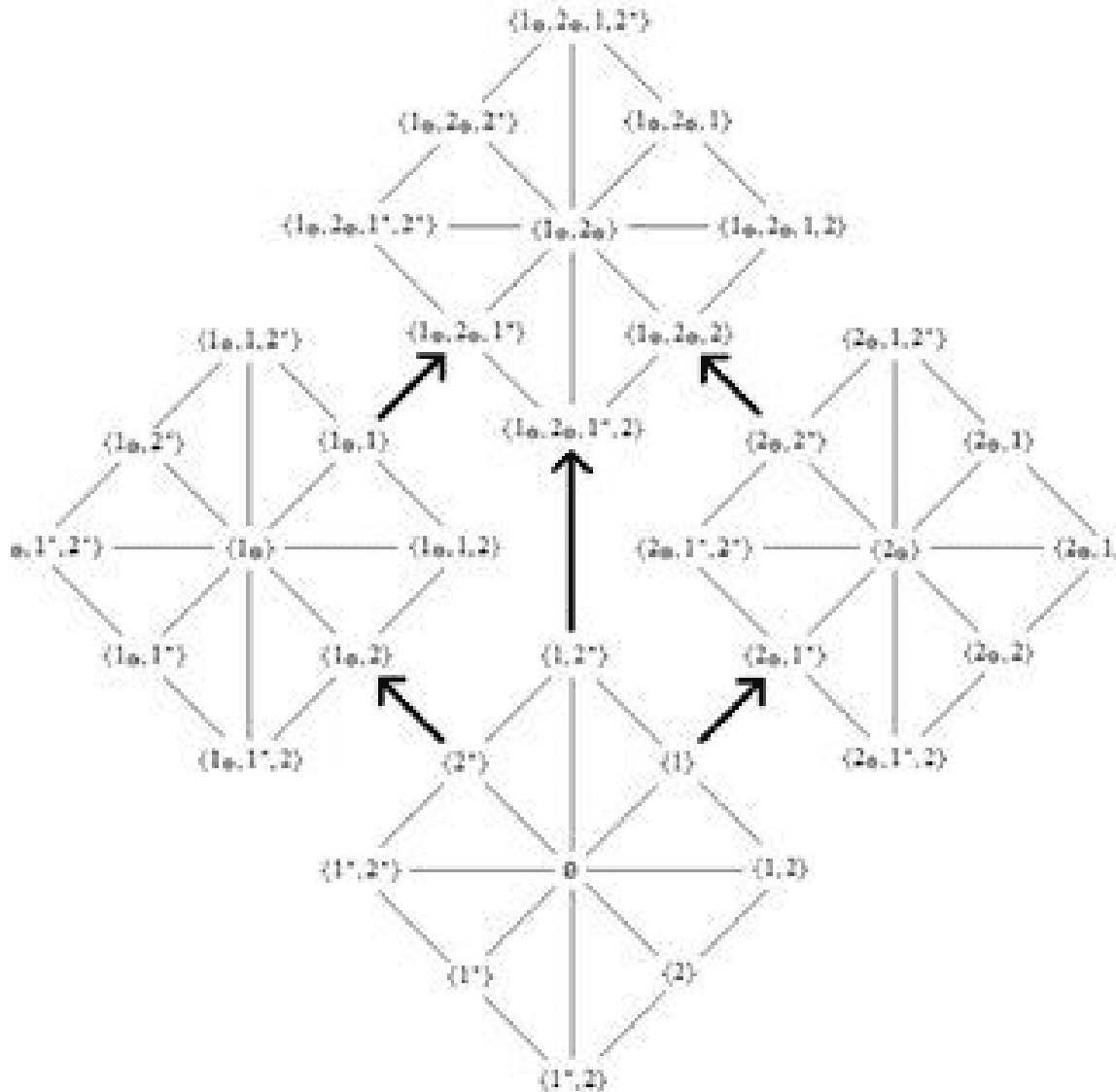


Figure 2. Meta-space  $\langle 2^{A \oplus B}, 2^{A \oplus B^-} \rangle$ .

Now, if we count the number of elements that the meta-space generated by  $A = \{1_0, 2_0\}$  and  $B = \{1, 2\}$  has, we will find that they are 36, where the prime decomposition of this number is  $36 = 2^2 \cdot 3^2$  which is equivalent to the following multiplication of cardinals  $36 = 2^{|A|} \cdot 3^{|B|}$ , from where we can obtain the following conjecture:

**Conjecture 2.5.** For all  $A \in 2^{\mathbb{N}_0}$  and  $B \in 2^{\mathbb{N}}$ , then  $\left| \langle 2^{A \oplus B}, 2^{A \oplus B^-} \rangle \right| = 2^{|A|} \cdot 3^{|B|}$ .

**Example 2.6.** We consider  $A = \{1_0\}$  and  $B = \{1, 2\}$ , then we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle 2^{A \oplus B}, 2^{A \oplus B^-} \rangle = & \{ \emptyset, \{1_0\}, \{1\}, \{1^*\}, \{2\}, \{2^*\}, \{1_0, 1\}, \\ & \{1_0, 2\}, \{1_0, 1^*\}, \{1_0, 2^*\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 2^*\}, \{1^*, 2\}, \\ & \{1^*, 2^*\}, \{1_0, 1, 2\}, \{1_0, 1, 2^*\}, \{1_0, 1^*, 2\}, \{1_0, 1^*, 2^*\} \} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have that  $|A| = 1$  and  $|B| = 2$  and  $\left| \langle 2^{A \oplus B}, 2^{A \oplus B^-} \rangle \right| = 2^{|A|} \cdot 3^{|B|} = 2^1 \cdot 3^2 = 18$ .

**Example 2.7.** We consider  $A = \emptyset$  and  $B = \{1, 2\}$ , then we obtain that

$$3^B = \{ \emptyset, \{1\}, \{1^*\}, \{2\}, \{2^*\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 2^*\}, \{1^*, 2\}, \{1^*, 2^*\} \}$$

Thus, we have that  $|A| = 0$  and  $|B| = 2$  and  $\left| \langle 2^{A \oplus B}, 2^{A \oplus B^-} \rangle \right| = 2^{|A|} \cdot 3^{|B|} = 2^0 \cdot 3^2 = 9$ .

### 3. Algebraic structure of integer space $3^A$

With respect to the algebraic structure of the Integer Space  $3^A$  for all  $A \in 2^{\mathbb{N}}$  we think that these structures are related with structures called NAFIL (non-associative finite invertible loops)

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $A = \{1, 2\}$ , then  $(3^A, \oplus)$  satisfies the following conditions:

1.  $(\forall X, Y \in 3^A)(X \oplus Y \in 3^A)$ ,
2.  $(\exists! \emptyset \in 3^A)(\forall X \in 3^A)(X \oplus \emptyset = \emptyset \oplus X = X)$ ,
3.  $(\forall X \in 3^A)(\exists! X^- \in 3^A)(X \oplus X^- = X^- \oplus X = \emptyset)$ ,
4.  $(\forall X, Y \in 3^A)(X \oplus Y = Y \oplus X)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A = \{1, 2\}$ , then we quote the fusion matrix represented in table 2 for  $3^{\{1, 2\}}$ .

From here it is clearly seen that conditions (1), (2), and (3) of theorem 3.1 are satisfied, where the condition (4) is obvious by definition.

We must clarify that since  $\sigma$ -set  $\emptyset = \emptyset^-$ , and also  $\emptyset = \emptyset_0^0 = \emptyset_1^1 = \emptyset_1^2 = \emptyset_2^3$ , from here we have condition (2) and the difference is in another dimension, the dimension of annihilation. Here we must clarify that the fusion operation  $\oplus$  is not associative. Let  $X = \{1^*, 2^*\}$ ,  $Y = \{1, 2\}$  and  $Z = \{1\}$  then we will have that  $(\{1^*, 2^*\} \oplus \{1, 2\}) \oplus \{1\} = \emptyset \oplus \{1\} = \{1\}$

on the other hand

$$\{1^*, 2^*\} \oplus (\{1, 2\} \oplus \{1\}) = \{1^*, 2^*\} \oplus \{1, 2\} = \emptyset$$

therefore we have that

$$(X \oplus Y) \oplus Z \neq X \oplus (Y \oplus Z),$$

which shows that the structure  $(3^A, \oplus)$ , is non-associative.

$\oplus$	$\emptyset$	$\{1\}$	$\{2\}$	$\{1, 2\}$
$\emptyset^-$	$\emptyset_0^0$	$\{1\}$	$\{2\}$	$\{1, 2\}$
$\{1^*\}$	$\{1^*\}$	$\emptyset_1^1$	$\{1^*, 2\}$	$\{2\}$
$\{2^*\}$	$\{2^*\}$	$\{1, 2^*\}$	$\emptyset_1^2$	$\{1\}$
$\{1^*, 2^*\}$	$\{1^*, 2^*\}$	$\{2^*\}$	$\{1^*\}$	$\emptyset_2^3$

**Table 2.** Integer Space  $3^{\{1,2\}}$ .

□

We now present a new conjecture.

**Conjecture 3.2.** Let  $A \in 2^{\mathbb{N}}$ , then  $(3^A, \oplus)$  satisfies the following conditions:

1.  $(\forall X, Y \in 3^A)(X \oplus Y \in 3^A)$ ,
2.  $(\exists! \emptyset \in 3^A)(\forall X \in 3^A)(X \oplus \emptyset = \emptyset \oplus X = X)$ ,
3.  $(\forall X \in 3^A)(\exists! X^- \in 3^A)(X \oplus X^- = X^- \oplus X = \emptyset)$ ,
4.  $(\forall X, Y \in 3^A)(X \oplus Y = Y \oplus X)$ .

## 4. $\sigma$ -Sets Equations

Continuing with the analysis of the  $\sigma$ -sets, we now have the development of the equations of  $\sigma$ -sets of a  $\sigma$ -set variable, equations that play a very important role when solving a  $\sigma$ -set equation, now let's define and go deeper into the  $\sigma$ -sets variables.

We must remember that for every  $\sigma$ -set  $A$  and  $B$ , the fusion of both is defined as:

$$A \oplus B = \{x : x \in A * B \vee x \in B * A\}$$

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $A$  be a  $\sigma$ -set, then  $A$  is said to be an entire  $\sigma$ -set if there exists the  $\sigma$ -antiset  $A^-$ .

**Example 4.2.** Let  $A = \{1_0, 2_0, 3_0\}$ , then this  $\sigma$ -set is not an integer, since  $A^-$  does not exist, on the other hand the  $\sigma$ -set  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , is an integer  $\sigma$ -set since  $A^- = \{1^*, 2^*, 3^*, 4^*\}$  exists which is the  $\sigma$ -antiset of  $A$ .

It is clear that if a  $\sigma$ -set  $A$  is integer, then by definition there exists the integer space  $3^A$ . We should also note that if  $A$  is an integer  $\sigma$ -set, then  $[A \cup A^-]$  is a proper  $\sigma$ -class, for example, consider  $A = \{1, 2\}$ , then  $[A \cup A^-] = [1, 2, 1^*, 2^*]$ , is a proper  $\sigma$ -class. We must observe that  $\sigma$ -set theory <sup>[1]</sup> is a theory of  $\sigma$ -classes, where  $\sigma$ -sets are characterized by axioms. We must also note that a proper  $\sigma$ -class is a  $\sigma$ -class that is not a  $\sigma$ -set. This difference is essential to give rise to the existence of antielements along with their respective elements.

**Definition 4.3.** Let  $A$  be a integer  $\sigma$ -set such that  $|A| = n$ , then  $X$  is said to be a  $\sigma$ -set variable of  $3^A$ , if and only if

$$X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_m\},$$

where  $m \leq n$  and  $x_i$  a variable of the proper class  $[A \cup A^-]$ .

**Example 4.4.** Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  be a  $\sigma$ -set, it is clear that  $A$  is an entire  $\sigma$ -set since there exists  $A^- = \{1^*, 2^*, 3^*\}$  and therefore  $3^A$ , in this way we will have that

$$X = \emptyset,$$

$$X = \{x\},$$

$$X = \{x_1, x_2\},$$

$$X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\},$$

are  $\sigma$ -sets variables of  $3^A$ , where  $x, x_1, x_2, x_3 \in [1, 2, 3, 1^*, 2^*, 3^*]$ .

**Lemma 4.5.** Let  $A$  be an integer  $\sigma$ -set and  $X$  a  $\sigma$ -set variable of  $3^A$ , then  $A \oplus X = A \cup X$ , with  $A \subset A \cup X$  and  $X \subset A \cup X$ .

*Proof.*

Let  $A$  be an integer  $\sigma$ -set and  $X$  a  $\sigma$ -set variable of  $3^A$ , then

$$A \oplus X = \{x : x \in A * X \vee x \in X * A\}$$

Now we have that

$$A * X = A$$

and

$$X * A = X$$

since  $X$  is a  $\sigma$ -set variable, therefore we will have that

$$A \oplus X = \{x : x \in A \vee x \in X\} = A \cup X.$$

We can also observe that  $A \cap X = \emptyset$  since  $X$  is a  $\sigma$ -set variable, therefore  $A \subset A \cup X$  and  $X \subset A \cup X$ .  $\square$

**Example 4.6.** Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ , and  $X$  be a  $\sigma$ -set variable of  $3^A$ , that is,

$$X = \emptyset$$

$$X = \{x\},$$

$$X = \{x_1, x_2\},$$

$$X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\},$$

are  $\sigma$ -sets variable of  $3^A$ , where  $x, x_1, x_2, x_3 \in [1, 2, 3, 1^*, 2^*, 3^*]$ . then

$$A \oplus X = \{1, 2, 3\},$$

$$A \oplus X = \{1, 2, 3, x\},$$

$$A \oplus X = \{1, 2, 3, x_1, x_2\},$$

$$A \oplus X = \{1, 2, 3, x_1, x_2, x_3\}$$

After the lemma 4.5 we proceed to analyze some equations of a  $\sigma$ -set variable and their solutions

Let  $A$  be an integer  $\sigma$ -set,  $X$  a  $\sigma$ -set variable and  $M$  and  $N$  two  $\sigma$ -sets of the integer space  $3^A$ , then an equation of a  $\sigma$ -set variable will be

$$X \oplus M = N.$$

Now if  $M = N$ , then the equation becomes

$$X \oplus M = M,$$



and by the corollary 1.19 we have that the solutions are all  $X \in 2^M$ , where we naturally count  $X = \emptyset$ , hence we have an equation of a  $\sigma$ -set variable with multiple solutions.

Now consider  $M \neq N$ , then the  $\sigma$ -set equation becomes:

$$X \oplus M = N,$$

We must remember that the structure in general is not associative, therefore we cannot freely use this property, so to find the solution to the equation we must develop a previous theorem. To develop this theorem we will assume that for every integer  $\sigma$ -set  $A$  the generated space is  $\langle 2^A, 2^{A^-} \rangle = 3^A$ , and also that  $3^A$  satisfies conjecture 3.2.

**Theorem 4.7.** *Let  $A$  be an integer  $\sigma$ -set,  $X$  be a  $\sigma$ -set variable of  $3^A$  and  $M \in 3^A$ . Then*

$$(X \oplus M) \oplus M^- = X$$

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be an integer  $\sigma$ -set,  $X$  be a  $\sigma$ -set variable of  $3^A$  and  $M \in 3^A$ , then by lemma 4.5 we have that  $X \oplus M = X \cup M$ , with  $X \cap M = \emptyset$ .

Therefore we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \otimes(X \oplus M) \oplus M^- &= \{a : a \in (X \oplus M) * M^- \vee a \in M^- * (X \oplus M)\} \\ &= \{a : a \in (X \cup M) * M^- \vee a \in M^- * (X \cup M)\} \end{aligned}$$

so

$$(X \cup M) * M^- = (X \cup M) - (X \cup M) \hat{\cap} M^- = (X \cup M) - M = X,$$

and

$$M^- * (X \cup M) = M^- - M^- \hat{\cap} (X \cup M) = M^- - M^- = \emptyset.$$

Now replacing these calculations in  $(\otimes)$  we will have that

$$(X \oplus M) \oplus M^- = \{a : a \in X \vee a \in \emptyset\}$$

$$(X \oplus M) \oplus M^- = \{a : a \in X\},$$

$$(X \oplus M) \oplus M^- = X.$$

□

Now, after theorem 4.7 has been proved, we can solve some  $\sigma$ -set equation for the integer  $\sigma$ -set  $A = \{1, 2\}$ , since the generated space is effectively equal to  $3^A$ , that is,  $\langle 2^A, 2^{A^-} \rangle = 3^A$ , and also  $3^A$  is a

non-associative abelian loop.

Let  $A = \{1, 2\}$  be an integer set and  $M, N \in 3^A$ , with  $M \hat{\cap} N = \emptyset$ , then the equation

$$X \oplus M = N,$$

has the following solution

$$X \oplus M = N \setminus \oplus M^-,$$

$$(X \oplus M) \oplus M^- = N \oplus M^-,$$

then by theorem 4.7 we will have that

$$X = N \oplus M^-.$$

Let us now show a concrete example for  $A = \{1, 2\}$ .

**Example 4.8.** Let  $A = \{1, 2\}$  be an integer  $\sigma$ -set,  $M = \{1, 2^*\}$  and  $N = \{1\}$ , with  $M \hat{\cap} N = \emptyset$ , then the equation of a  $\sigma$ -set variable

$$X \oplus \{1, 2^*\} = \{1\}$$

has the following solution.

$$X \oplus \{1, 2^*\} = \{1\} \setminus \oplus \{1^*, 2\},$$

$$(X \oplus \{1, 2^*\}) \oplus \{1^*, 2\} = \{1\} \oplus \{1^*, 2\},$$

$$X = \{2\}.$$

Here we can see that the equation has as solution the  $\sigma$ -set  $S_1 = \{2\}$ , since

$$\{2\} \oplus \{1, 2^*\} = \{1\},$$

but like the equation  $X \oplus M = M$ , this one does not have a unique solution since the  $\sigma$ -set  $S_2 = \{1, 2\}$ , is also a solution for the equation of a  $\sigma$ -set variable,

$$\{1, 2\} \oplus \{1, 2^*\} = \{1\}.$$

In this way we have two solutions for our equation of a  $\sigma$ -set variable which are:

$$S = \{S_1, S_2\} = \{\{2\}, \{1, 2\}\}.$$

Note that if  $M \hat{\cap} N = \emptyset$  then the  $\sigma$ -set equation has a solution, but otherwise the  $\sigma$ -set equation has an empty solution.

**Example 4.9.** Let  $A = \{1, 2\}$  be an integer  $\sigma$ -set,  $M = \{1^*\}$  and  $N = \{1\}$ , with  $M \hat{\cap} N = \{1^*\}$ , then the equation of a  $\sigma$ -set variable

$$X \oplus \{1^*\} = \{1\}$$

There is no solution.

$$X \oplus \{1^*\} = \{1\} \setminus \oplus \{1\},$$

$$(X \oplus \{1^*\}) \oplus \{1\} = \{1\} \oplus \{1\},$$

$$X = \{1\},$$

which is a contradiction, because

$$\{1\} \oplus \{1^*\} = \{1\},$$

$$\emptyset = \{1\}.$$

**Definition 4.10.** A  $\sigma$ -set equation  $X \oplus M = N$  is said to be **fusionable** if  $M \hat{\cap} N = \emptyset$ .

With this in mind, let us conclude with a bounded theorem to find some solutions of the  $\sigma$ -set equation.

**Theorem 4.11.** Let  $A$  be an integer  $\sigma$ -set,  $X$  a  $\sigma$ -set variable of  $3^A$ , and  $M, N \in 3^A$ , then two possible solutions  $S = \{S_1, S_2\}$  of the fusionable equation

$$X \oplus M = N,$$

are  $S_1 = N \oplus R^-$  and  $S_2 = R^-$ , where  $R := M \oplus N^-$ .

*Proof.* For the first solution  $S_1$  we have that

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 &= N \oplus R^- \\ &= N \oplus (M \oplus N^-)^- \\ &= N \oplus (N \oplus M^-) \\ &= N \oplus M^-, \end{aligned}$$

where  $S_2 = (M \oplus N^-)^- = N \oplus M^-$  because of the result iteration seen above. Hence both results are actually a fusion solution for  $X \oplus M = N$ , where  $S_2 = R^-$  is an exact solution and  $S_1 = N \oplus R^-$  is an intersected rest solution. Because of  $M \hat{\cap} N = \emptyset$  (Definition 4.10) as the equation  $X \oplus M = N$  is fusionable, both  $S_1 \oplus M$  and  $S_2 \oplus M$  will be fusionable into another  $\sigma$ -set  $N$ .  $\square$

As we looked above, the solution space is reduced such that the solutions are indeed  $N \oplus M^-$ , being by consequence possible solutions for the fusionable equation  $X \oplus M = N$ .

**Example 4.12.** Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$  be an integer  $\sigma$ -set,  $M = \{1, 2, 3^*, 4^*, 5, 6^*\}$  and  $N = \{1, 2\}$ , then the equation of a  $\sigma$ -set variable

$$X \oplus \{1, 2, 3^*, 4^*, 5, 6^*\} = \{1, 2\},$$

which is fusionable because  $M \hat{\cap} N = \{1, 2, 3^*, 4^*, 5, 6^*\} \hat{\cap} \{1, 2\} = \emptyset$ .

Now, by using Theorem 4.11, let us first obtain

$$\begin{aligned} R^- &= (M \oplus N^-)^- \\ &= (\{1, 2, 3^*, 4^*, 5, 6^*\} \oplus \{1, 2\}^-)^- \\ &= (\{1, 2, 3^*, 4^*, 5, 6^*\} \oplus \{1^*, 2^*\})^- \\ &= (\{3^*, 4^*, 5, 6^*\})^- \\ &= \{3, 4, 5^*, 6\}, \end{aligned}$$

so we get  $S_1 = N \oplus R^- = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5^*, 6\}$  and  $S_2 = R^- = \{3, 4, 5^*, 6\}$ , which can be easily proved that both solutions gives  $S_1 \oplus M = S_2 \oplus M = N$  as a resulting  $\sigma$ -set. Hence  $S = \{\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5^*, 6\}, \{3, 4, 5^*, 6\}\}$  is a solution set for the fusionable equation  $X \oplus M = N$ .

## 5. Conclusions

One of the first conclusions we can draw is that the fusion operator  $\oplus$  for  $\sigma$ sets is equivalent to the union operator for sets within the context of the set of parts  $2^A$ , which allows us to deduce that the fusion of  $\sigma$ -sets is an extension of the union for the generated space.

The fact that the integer space  $3^A$  presents a cardinal of power 3, is very important for the development of the theory of transfinite numbers, since in general the power set  $2^A$  that goes to the power of 2 is used; in this way our results can serve as an impetus for the development of the theory of transfinite numbers.

We can also conclude that the algebraic structure of the integer space  $3^{1,2}$  is a loop, which leads us to conjecture that the integer space in general has a loop structure. This fact is relevant to  $\sigma$ -set theory since, if it were so, it would show that the fusion operator  $\oplus$  is not associative which is relevant for solving set equations.

As a final conclusion, we can state that we can generate  $\sigma$ -set equations given the existence of inverses for the fusion operator  $\oplus$  in the integer space, but in the general case, solutions are not given, so a

condition must be imposed on the  $\sigma$ -sets of the equation. We have not yet conducted a detailed study on the number of solutions to each set equation, leaving this study for future research.

To see more works in which antiset or  $\sigma$ -antiset are used or in which equation  $A \cup B = \emptyset$  is described, visit the references [\[4\]\[3\]\[5\]\[1\]\[6\]](#).

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