

# On the existence of irreducible $n$ -quasigroups (Solution of Belousov's problem)

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The authors prove that a local  $n$ -quasigroup defined by the equation

$$x_{n+1} = F(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \frac{f_1(x_1) + \dots + f_n(x_n)}{x_1 + \dots + x_n},$$

where  $f_i(x_i)$ ,  $i, j = 1, \dots, n$ , are arbitrary functions, is irreducible if and only if any two functions  $f_i(x_i)$  and  $f_j(x_j)$ ,  $i \neq j$ , are not both linear homogeneous, or these functions are linear homogeneous but  $\frac{f_i(x_i)}{x_i} \neq \frac{f_j(x_j)}{x_j}$ .

This gives a solution of Belousov's problem to construct examples of irreducible  $n$ -quasigroups for any  $n \geq 3$ .