

# On some subloops of the loop of norm one elements in the split Cayley-Dickson algebra

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Let  $F$  be a field. Then by  $O(F)$  one denotes the split Cayley-Dickson algebra over  $F$ . Recall that  $O(F)$  is the set of all "2×2-matrices"

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha & a \\ b & \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

such that  $\alpha, \beta \in F$  and  $a, b$  are vectors in the three-dimensional  $F$ -vector space  $F^3$ . The multiplication in  $O(F)$  is defined by

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha & a \\ b & \beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & c \\ d & \delta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha\gamma - a \cdot d & \alpha c + \delta a + b \times d \\ \gamma b + \beta d + a \times c & \beta\delta - b \cdot c \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\cdot$  and  $\times$  denote the usual "dot product" and "cross product" in  $F^3$  respectively. If

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & a \\ b & \beta \end{pmatrix} \in O(F),$$

then the norm  $N(x)$  of  $x$  is defined by  $N(x) = \alpha\beta + a \cdot b$ . Let  $\text{SLCD}(F) = \{x \in O(F) : N(x) = 1\}$ . Since the equality  $N(xy) = N(x)N(y)$  satisfies for any  $x, y \in O(F)$ , the set  $\text{SLCD}(F)$  forms a loop with respect to the multiplication defined in  $O(F)$ . If  $a, b, c \in F^3$ , then the mixed product of  $a, b, c$  is designated by  $[abc]$ , that is  $[abc] = (a \times b) \cdot c$ . Let us denote by  $t_{12}(a)$  the element

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in O(F).$$

**Theorem 1** *Let  $F$  be a field of characteristic  $\neq 2$  and  $k$  be a subfield of  $F$  such that the extension  $F/k$  is algebraic. Assume  $k$  contains more than three elements. Let  $a, b, c$  be linearly independent vectors in  $F^3$ . The subloop of  $\text{SLCD}(F)$  generated by all the elements  $t_{12}(ar), t_{12}(b), t_{12}(c)$  where  $r$  runs over  $k$ , is isomorphic to the loop  $\text{SLCD}(k(\alpha))$  with  $\alpha = [abc]$ .*