

On π -quasigroups of type T_1

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Abstract. Quasigroups satisfying the identity $x(x \cdot xy) = y$ are called π -quasigroups of type T_1 . The spectrum of the defining identity is precisely $q = 0$ or $1 \pmod{3}$, except for $q = 6$. Necessary conditions when a finite π -quasigroup of type T_1 has the order $q = 0 \pmod{3}$, are given. In particular, it is proved that a finite π -quasigroup of type T_1 such that the order of its inner mapping group is not divisible by three has a left unit. Necessary and sufficient conditions when the identity $x(x \cdot xy) = y$ is invariant under the isotopy of quasigroups (loops) are found.

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Let $\Sigma(Q)$ be the set of all binary quasigroup operations defined on a nonempty set Q . V. Belousov proved in [1] that the minimal length of nontrivial identities $w_1 = w_2$ in $\Sigma(Q)$, of two free elements, is five and that any such minimal identity can be represented in the form: $A(x, B(x, C(x, y))) = y$. Moreover, every identity of the given above form implies the orthogonality of some pairs of parastrophes of the quasigroup operations A , B and C .

A binary quasigroup (Q, A) is called a π -quasigroup of type $[\alpha, \beta, \gamma]$, where $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in S_3$, if it satisfies the identity:

$${}^\alpha A(x, {}^\beta A(x, {}^\gamma A(x, y))) = y \quad (1)$$

(where ${}^\sigma A$ denotes the σ -parastrophe of A).

V. Belousov (1983) and, independently, F. Bennett (1989) gave a classification of all identities (1), consisting of seven classes. Denoting A by "·", the representatives of these classes are the following (their types are given according to [1]): $x(x \cdot xy) = y$ (of type $T_1 = [\varepsilon, \varepsilon, \varepsilon]$); $x(y \cdot yx) = y$ (of type $T_2 = [\varepsilon, \varepsilon, l]$); $x \cdot xy = yx$ (of type $T_4 = [\varepsilon, \varepsilon, lr]$); $xy \cdot x = y \cdot xy$ (of type $T_6 = [\varepsilon, l, lr]$); $xy \cdot y = x \cdot xy$ (of type $T_8 = [\varepsilon, rl, lr]$); $xy \cdot yx = y$ (of type $T_{10} = [\varepsilon, lr, l]$); $yx \cdot xy = y$ (of type $T_{11} = [\varepsilon, lr, rl]$), where $l = (13)$, $r = (23)$. Quasigroups satisfying identities from this classification have been studied by many authors (see, for example, [1, 4–6, 10]). An open problem is to describe groups isotopic to π -quasigroups of different types.

π -Quasigroups of type T_1 , i.e. binary quasigroups (Q, \cdot) satisfying the identity:

$$x \cdot (x \cdot xy) = y, \quad (2)$$

are studied in the present work. It is known that the spectrum of the defining identity is precisely $q = 0$ or $1 \pmod{3}$, except for $q = 6$ ([5]). Necessary conditions when a

finite π -quasigroup of type T_1 has the order $q \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ are given. In particular, we prove that a π -quasigroup of type T_1 for which the order of inner mapping group is not divisible by three always has a left unit. Necessary and sufficient conditions when the identity (2) is invariant under the isotopy of quasigroups (loops) are proved. Also, π -quasigroups of type T_1 isotopic to groups, in particular π - T -quasigroups of type T_1 , are considered.

Proposition 1. *A quasigroup (Q, \cdot) is a π -quasigroup of type T_1 if and only if its parastrophe (Q, \backslash) , where " \backslash " is the right division in (Q, \cdot) , is a π -quasigroup of type T_1 .*

Proof. If (Q, \cdot) is a quasigroup, then the identity (2) is equivalent to the identity $x \backslash [x \backslash (x \backslash y)] = y$. \square

Remark that the identity (2) in a quasigroup (Q, \cdot) is equivalent to the condition $L_x^3 = \varepsilon$, $\forall x \in Q$, where $L_x : Q \mapsto Q$, $L_x(a) = x \cdot a$, $\forall a \in Q$, is the left translation in (Q, \cdot) . We will denote by $M(Q, \cdot)$ (respectively, $LM(Q, \cdot)$, $RM(Q, \cdot)$) the multiplication group (respectively, left multiplication group, right multiplication group) of a quasigroup (Q, \cdot) .

A mapping $\alpha \in M(Q, \cdot)$ is called an inner mapping of a quasigroup (Q, \cdot) with respect to an element $h \in Q$ if $\alpha(h) = h$. The group of inner mappings of the quasigroup (Q, \cdot) with respect to h will be denoted by I_h [2, 9].

Proposition 2. *If (Q, \cdot) is a finite π -quasigroup of type T_1 without a left unit, then $|I_h| \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$, for every $h \in Q$.*

Proof. Let (Q, \cdot) be a π -quasigroup of type T_1 , $h \in Q$ and let f_h be the local left unit of the element h : $f_h \cdot h = h$. Then $L_{f_h}(h) = h$, so $L_{f_h} \in I_h$. If (Q, \cdot) has not a left unit, then $L_{f_h} \neq \varepsilon$ and, using the equality $L_{f_h}^3 = \varepsilon$, we get $|I_h| \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$. \square

Proposition 3. *Let (Q, \cdot) be a π -quasigroup of type T_1 and $h \in Q$. If $|I_h| \equiv 1$ or $2 \pmod{3}$, then (Q, \cdot) has a left unit.*

Proof. As it was remarked above, $L_{f_h} \in I_h$ and $L_{f_h}^3 = \varepsilon$, where f_h is the local left unit of the element h . If $|I_h| \equiv 1$ or $2 \pmod{3}$, then every element of I_h has the order not divisible by three, so the order of the mapping L_{f_h} has the form $2k + 1$ or $2k + 2$. In both cases we get $L_{f_h} = \varepsilon$, which means that f_h is a left unit in (Q, \cdot) . \square

Proposition 4. *If a π -quasigroup (Q, \cdot) of type T_1 has a left unit and is isotopic to an abelian group, then its left multiplication group $LM(Q, \cdot)$ is abelian.*

Proof. Let (Q, \cdot) be a π -quasigroup of type T_1 , with the left unit f . If (Q, \cdot) is isotopic to an abelian group then, according to [3], the corresponding e -quasigroup $(Q, \cdot, \backslash, /)$ satisfies the identity

$$x \backslash (y(u \backslash v)) = u \backslash (y(x \backslash v)).$$

On the other hand, the equality $x \setminus y = x \cdot xy$ follows from (2), so the previous identity is equivalent to:

$$x \cdot x(y(u \cdot uv)) = u \cdot u(y(x \cdot xv)),$$

which, for $x = f$, implies

$$y(u \cdot uv) = u \cdot (u \cdot yv),$$

i. e. $L_y L_u^2 = L_u^2 L_y$. So as $L_u^2 = L_u^{-1}$, $\forall u \in Q$, we get $L_y L_u = L_u L_y$, for every $y, u \in Q$. \square

Let (Q, \cdot) be a quasigroup. Following [2,9], the left (resp. middle) nucleus of (Q, \cdot) is the set $N_l = \{a \in Q \mid a \cdot xy = ax \cdot y, \forall x, y \in Q\}$ (resp. $N_m = \{a \in Q \mid xa \cdot y = x \cdot ay, \forall x, y \in Q\}$). A mapping $\lambda : Q \mapsto Q$ is called a left regular mapping of the quasigroup (Q, \cdot) if $\lambda(x \cdot y) = \lambda(x) \cdot y$, $\forall x, y \in Q$.

Proposition 5. *Let (Q, \cdot) be a π -quasigroup of type T_1 . The following statements hold:*

- 1) *if (Q, \cdot) has a left unit, then $\lambda^3 = \varepsilon$, for every left regular mapping λ of (Q, \cdot) ;*
- 2) *if (Q, \cdot) is finite and its left nucleus N_l contains at least two elements, then $|Q| \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$;*
- 3) *if (Q, \cdot) is a finite π -loop of type T_1 and its middle nucleus contains at least two elements, then $|Q| \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$.*

Proof. 1. Let (Q, \cdot) be a π -quasigroup of type T_1 with the left unit f and let λ be a left regular mapping of (Q, \cdot) . Taking $x \mapsto \lambda(x)$ in (2), get: $y = \lambda(x) \cdot (\lambda(x) \cdot (\lambda(x) \cdot y)) = \lambda(x \cdot \lambda(x \cdot \lambda(x \cdot y)))$, $\forall x, y \in Q$. Now, for $x = f$, from the last equalities follows: $\lambda^3(y) = y, \forall y \in Q$, i.e. $\lambda^3 = \varepsilon$.

2. Let $|N_l| \geq 2$ and $a \in N_l^{(\cdot)}$. Then $a \cdot xy = ax \cdot y, \forall x, y \in Q$. Using the identity (2), have: $a \cdot (a \cdot ay) = y \Rightarrow a \cdot (a^2 \cdot y) = y \Rightarrow (a \cdot a^2) \cdot y = y$, so $a \cdot a^2 = f$, where f is the left unit of (Q, \cdot) . So as (N_l, \cdot) is a group, we get that $a^3 = e, \forall a \in N_l$. From $|N_l| \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ and the fact that $|N_l|$ divides $|Q|$ follows $|Q| \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$.

3. Let (Q, \cdot) be a finite π -loop of type T_1 with the unit f . If the middle nucleus N_m contains at least two elements, then there exists $a \in N_m \setminus \{f\}$ which satisfies the equality $x \cdot ay = xa \cdot y, \forall x, y \in Q$, hence $y = a(a \cdot ay) = a^2 \cdot ay = (a^2 \cdot a)y = a^3 \cdot y, \forall y \in Q \Rightarrow a^3 = f, \forall a \in N_m$ (N_m is a group), which implies $|N_m| \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ and $|Q| \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$. \square

Corollary. *If the group of left regular mappings of a finite π -quasigroup (Q, \cdot) of type T_1 with a left unit has at least two elements, then $|Q| \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$.*

Proof. In this case the group of left regular mappings will contain at least one element of order three, so its order will be a multiple of three and then $|Q| \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$. \square

A loop (Q, \cdot) is called an *LPA-loop* (or a left power alternative loop) if, for $\forall m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $\forall x, y \in Q$, the following equality holds:

$$x^m \cdot x^n y = x^{m+n} y.$$

It is known that *LPA*-loops are power associative, i.e. each element of an *LPA*-loop generates an associative subloop [8]. For example, left Bol loops are *LPA*-loops.

Proposition 6. *An LPA-loop (Q, \cdot) is a π -loop of type T_1 if and only if $x^3 = e, \forall x \in Q$, where e is the unit of (Q, \cdot) .*

Proof. Let (Q, \cdot) be an *LPA*-loop with the unit e . If (Q, \cdot) is a π -loop of type T_1 , then $y = x \cdot (x \cdot xy) = x^3 \cdot y, \forall x, y \in Q$, so $x^3 = e$. Conversely, if $x^3 = e, \forall x \in Q$, then $x \cdot (x \cdot xy) = x^3 \cdot y = e \cdot y = y, \forall x, y \in Q$, i.e. (Q, \cdot) is a π -loop of type T_1 . \square

Corollary 1. *A left Bol loop (Q, \cdot) is a π -loop of type T_1 if and only if $x^3 = e, \forall x \in Q$, where e is the unit of (Q, \cdot) .*

Corollary 2. *A group (Q, \cdot) is a π -group of type T_1 if and only if $x^3 = e, \forall x \in Q$, where e is the unit of the group (Q, \cdot) .*

Proposition 7. *Let (Q, \cdot) be a π -quasigroup of type T_1 and let (Q, \circ) be its isotope with the isotopy (α, β, γ) . Then (Q, \circ) is a π -quasigroup of type T_1 if and only if, for every $x, y \in Q$, the following equality holds:*

$$\gamma\beta^{-1}[x \cdot (x \cdot y)] = x \cdot \beta\gamma^{-1}(x \cdot \beta\gamma^{-1}y). \quad (3)$$

Proof. The isotope (Q, \circ) is a π -quasigroup of type T_1 if and only if it satisfies the identity

$$x \circ (x \circ (x \circ y)) = y. \quad (4)$$

Using the isotopy $x \circ y = \gamma^{-1}(\alpha(x) \cdot \beta(y))$, the identity (4) gets the form:

$$\gamma^{-1}(\alpha(x) \cdot \beta\gamma^{-1}(\alpha(x) \cdot \beta\gamma^{-1}(\alpha(x) \cdot \beta(y)))) = y.$$

Taking $x \mapsto \alpha^{-1}x$ and $y \mapsto \beta^{-1}y$ in the last identity, we have the equality:

$$\gamma^{-1}(x \cdot \beta\gamma^{-1}(x \cdot \beta\gamma^{-1}(x \cdot y))) = \beta^{-1}(y),$$

which is equivalent to

$$x \cdot \beta\gamma^{-1}(x \cdot \beta\gamma^{-1}(x \cdot y)) = \gamma\beta^{-1}(y).$$

So as (Q, \cdot) satisfies (2), the last equality implies

$$\beta\gamma^{-1}(x \cdot \beta\gamma^{-1}(x \cdot y)) = x \cdot (x \cdot \gamma\beta^{-1}(y)),$$

hence

$$x \cdot \beta\gamma^{-1}(x \cdot y) = \gamma\beta^{-1}(x \cdot (x \cdot \gamma\beta^{-1}(y))), \quad (5)$$

for $\forall x, y \in Q$. Denoting $x \cdot y = z$ and using (2), have $y = x \cdot xz$, so (5) takes the form:

$$x \cdot \beta\gamma^{-1}(z) = \gamma\beta^{-1}(x \cdot (x \cdot \gamma\beta^{-1}(x \cdot xz))),$$

which implies $\beta\gamma^{-1}(x \cdot \beta\gamma^{-1}(z)) = x \cdot (x \cdot \gamma\beta^{-1}(x \cdot xz))$, hence $x \cdot (\beta\gamma^{-1}(x \cdot \beta\gamma^{-1}(z))) = \gamma\beta^{-1}(x \cdot xz)$, for $\forall x, z \in Q$.

Conversely, if the π -quasigroup (Q, \cdot) of type T_1 satisfies (3) then, taking $y \mapsto \gamma\beta^{-1}(y)$, we have:

$$x \cdot \beta\gamma^{-1}(x \cdot y) = \gamma\beta^{-1}(x \cdot (x \cdot \gamma\beta^{-1}(y))),$$

which, for $y = \beta\gamma^{-1}(x \cdot y)$, implies

$$x \cdot \beta\gamma^{-1}(x \cdot \beta\gamma^{-1}(x \cdot y)) = \gamma\beta^{-1}(x \cdot (x \cdot xy)) = \gamma\beta^{-1}(y).$$

Using the isotopy $x \cdot y = \gamma(\alpha^{-1}(x) \circ \beta^{-1}(y))$, from the last equalities we get:

$$\gamma(\alpha^{-1}(x) \circ (\alpha^{-1}(x) \circ (\alpha^{-1}(x) \circ \beta^{-1}(y)))) = \gamma\beta^{-1}(y),$$

or, replacing $x \mapsto \alpha(x)$, $y \mapsto \beta(y)$ and using the fact that γ is a bijection, we obtain: $x \circ (x \circ (x \circ y)) = y$, i.e. (Q, \circ) is a π -quasigroup of type T_1 . \square

Corollary 1. *Let (Q, \cdot) be a π -loop of type T_1 . If the isotope (Q, \circ) , where $(\circ) = (\cdot)^{(\alpha, \beta, \varepsilon)}$, is a π -quasigroup of type T_1 , then $\beta^3 = \varepsilon$.*

Proof. If (Q, \circ) is a π -loop of type T_1 , then (Q, \cdot) satisfies the equality (3). Taking $x = e$ in (3), where e is the unit of the loop (Q, \cdot) , we get $\beta(y) = \beta^{-2}(y), \forall y \in Q$, so $\beta^3 = \varepsilon$. \square

Corollary 2. *The identity (2) is invariant under quasigroup isotopies with equal second and third components.*

Proof. Let (Q, \cdot) be a quasigroup satisfying the identity (2) and let consider the isotope $(\circ) = (\cdot)^{(\alpha, \beta, \beta)}$. Using the equality $x \cdot y = \beta(\alpha^{-1}(x) \cdot \beta^{-1}(y))$, from (2) follows

$$\beta(\alpha^{-1}x \circ (\alpha^{-1}x \circ (\alpha^{-1}x \circ \beta^{-1}y))) = y,$$

$\forall x, y \in Q$, which, for $x \mapsto \alpha(x)$ and $y \mapsto \beta(y)$, implies:

$$x \circ (x \circ (x \circ y)) = y,$$

$\forall x, y \in Q$, so (Q, \circ) is a π -quasigroup of type T_1 . \square

Proposition 8. *The identity (2) is universal in a loop (Q, \cdot) if and only if (Q, \cdot) satisfies the identity:*

$$x \cdot b(b \cdot x(b(b \cdot xy))) = by. \quad (6)$$

Proof. Let (Q, \cdot) be a loop with universal identity (2). Then (Q, \cdot) and every its loop isotope satisfy (2). Let $a, b \in Q$ and $(\circ) = (\cdot)^{(R_a^{-1}, L_b^{-1}, \varepsilon)}$. According to Proposition 5, the loop (Q, \cdot) satisfies (3):

$$L_b(x \cdot xy) = x \cdot L_b^{-1}(x \cdot L_b^{-1}(y)),$$

$\forall x, y \in Q$. Taking $y \mapsto x \cdot y$ and using (2), from the last identity follows

$$L_b(y) = x \cdot L_b^{-1}(x \cdot L_b^{-1}(x \cdot y)), \quad (7)$$

$\forall x, y \in Q$. So as the loop (Q, \cdot) satisfies the equality $L_b^3 = \varepsilon$, for $\forall b \in Q$, (7) is equivalent to

$$L_b(y) = x \cdot L_b^2(x \cdot L_b^2(x \cdot y)),$$

$\forall x, y \in Q$. Conversely, if a loop (Q, \cdot) satisfies the identity (6) then, taking $b = e$, where e is the unit of (Q, \cdot) , we get the identity (2), i.e. (Q, \cdot) is a π -loop of type T_1 . So as every loop isotope of a loop is isomorphic to an LP-isotope, we may consider only LP-isotopes of (Q, \cdot) . Let $a, b \in Q$ and $(\circ) = (\cdot)^{(R_a^{-1}, L_b^{-1}, \varepsilon)}$. Using (6) and the equality $L_b^3 = \varepsilon$, have: $x \cdot L_b^{-1}(x \cdot L_b^{-1}(x \cdot y)) = b \cdot y \Rightarrow R_a^{-1}x \cdot L_b^{-1}(R_a^{-1}x \cdot L_b^{-1}(R_a^{-1}x \cdot L_b^{-1}y)) = b \cdot L_b^{-1}y = y \Rightarrow x \circ (x \circ (x \circ y)) = y$, i.e. (Q, \circ) is a π -loop of type T_1 . \square

Example 1. The couple (Z_3^3, \circ) , where Z_3 is the field of residues modulo 3 and the operation (\circ) is defined as follows:

$$(i, j, k) \circ (p, q, r) = (i + p, j + q, k + r + ijp),$$

$\forall (i, j, k), (p, q, r) \in Z_3^3$, is a non-associative loop for which the identity (2) is universal. Remark that the left nucleus of (Z_3^3, \circ) is $N_l = \{(0, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1), (0, 0, 2)\}$.

Example 2. The loop $(Q, *)$, where $Q = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$ and the operation " $*$ " is given by the table below, is a π -loop of type T_1 , for which the identity (2) is not universal.

*	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
0	2	0	1	4	6	8	3	5	7
1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2	3	2	4	5	1	0	7	8	6
3	4	3	5	6	8	7	1	2	0
4	8	4	6	0	7	2	5	1	3
5	7	5	8	1	2	3	0	6	4
6	5	6	7	2	0	4	8	3	1
7	1	7	3	8	5	6	4	0	2
8	6	8	0	7	3	1	2	4	5

T -Quasigroups are defined and partially studied in [7]. A quasigroup (Q, \cdot) is called a T -quasigroup if there exists an abelian group $(Q, +)$, its automorphisms $\varphi, \psi \in \text{Aut}(Q, +)$, and an element $g \in Q$ such that, for every $x, y \in Q$, the following equality holds:

$$x \cdot y = \varphi(x) + \psi(y) + g.$$

The tuple $((Q, +), \varphi, \psi, g)$ is called a T -form and the group $(Q, +)$ is called a T -group of the T -quasigroup (Q, \cdot) .

Proposition 9. *A T -quasigroup (Q, \cdot) , with a T -form $T = ((Q, +), \varphi, \psi, g)$, is a π -quasigroup of type T_1 if and only if $\psi^2 + \psi + \varepsilon = \omega$, where $\omega : Q \rightarrow Q$, $\omega(x) = 0$, $\forall x \in Q$, 0 is the neutral element of the group $(Q, +)$.*

Proof. Let (Q, \cdot) be a T -quasigroup with a T -form $T = ((Q, +), \varphi, \psi, g)$. Then

$$x \cdot y = \varphi(x) + \psi(y) + g, \quad (8)$$

$\forall x, y \in Q$. If (Q, \cdot) is a π -quasigroup of type T_1 , then it satisfies the identity (2). Using (8), the identity (2) takes the form:

$$\varphi(x) + \psi\varphi(x) + \psi^2\varphi(x) + \psi^3(y) + \psi^2(g) + \psi(g) + g = y, \quad (9)$$

$\forall x, y \in Q$. Taking $x = y = 0$ in (9), where 0 is the neutral element of the group $(Q, +)$, we get:

$$\psi^2(g) + \psi(g) + g = 0. \quad (10)$$

Also, taking $x = 0$ in (9), we have $\psi^3(y) = y, \forall y \in Q$, i. e.

$$\psi^3 = \varepsilon, \quad (11)$$

where $\varepsilon : Q \rightarrow Q, \varepsilon(x) = x, \forall x \in Q$. Now, using (10) and (11), the equality (9) implies: $\varphi(x) + \psi\varphi(x) + \psi^2\varphi(x) = 0$, hence $(\varepsilon + \psi + \psi^2)\varphi(x) = 0, \forall x \in Q$. So as φ is a bijection, the last equality implies

$$\varepsilon + \psi + \psi^2 = \omega. \quad (12)$$

Conversely, if the equality (12) holds, then

$$\psi^3 - \varepsilon = (\psi - \varepsilon)(\varepsilon + \psi + \psi^2) = \omega,$$

hence (11) holds. Using (11) and (12), we get: $y = \omega(x) + \psi^3(y) + \omega(g) = (\varepsilon + \psi + \psi^2)\varphi(x) + \psi^3(y) + \psi^2(g) + \psi(g) + g = x \cdot (x \cdot xy) = y, \forall x, y \in Q$, so (Q, \cdot) is a π -quasigroup of type T_1 . \square

The following example shows that the class of π - T -quasigroups of type T_1 is not empty.

Example 3. The quasigroup (Z_7, \cdot) , where

$$x \cdot y = \bar{5}x + \bar{2}y + \bar{3},$$

$\forall x, y \in Q$, is a π - T -quasigroup of type T_1 with the T -form $((Z_7, +), \varphi, \psi, \bar{3})$, where $\varphi(x) = \bar{5}x, \psi(x) = \bar{2}x, \forall x \in Z_7$.

Proposition 10. *If (Q, \cdot) is a finite π - T -quasigroup of type T_1 with a left unit, then $|Q| \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$.*

Proof. Let (Q, \cdot) be a finite π - T -quasigroup of type T_1 with a T -form $T = ((Q, +), \varphi, \psi, g)$ and with the left unit f . Then,

$$x = f \cdot x = \varphi(f) + \psi(x) + g, \quad (13)$$

so, taking $x = 0$ where 0 is the neutral element of the T -group $(Q, +)$, we get $\varphi(f) = -g$. From the last equality and (13), we obtain $\psi = \varepsilon$, where ε is the identical mapping on Q . According to Proposition 9, if (Q, \cdot) is a π -quasigroup of type T_1 , then $\psi^2 + \psi + \varepsilon = \omega$, hence $3\varepsilon = \omega$, i.e. $x + x + x = 0, \forall x \in Q$, which implies $|Q| \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$. \square

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