n-Groups derivable from groups

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ABSTRACT.

The trivial extentions of binary operation * to the *n*-ary operation φ has the form $\varphi(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n) = x_1 * x_2 * \cdots * x_n * a$. If (G, *) is a group and $a \in Z(G, *)$ the center of (G, *) then (G, φ) is an *n*-group so called *n*-group derived from (G, *). It is known that there exist *n*-groups (G, φ) which cannot be obtained as a derived group. The goal of the paper is to characterize all the *n*-groups operations which are derivable from group operations.

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