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An introduction to loopoids

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Abstract: We discuss a concept of *loopoid* as a non-associative generalization of Brandt groupoid. We introduce and study also an interesting class of more general objects which we call *semiloopoids*. A differential version of loopoids is intended as a framework for Lagrangian discrete mechanics.

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