

This thesis follows up mainly on the research of Drápal and Valent, who studied the nonassociativity of one quasigroup operation. Its central objective is to examine the number of triples  $(x, y, z) \in Q^3$  such that  $(x * y) \circ z = x * (y \circ z)$ , where  $(Q, *)$  and  $(Q, \circ)$  are two quasigroups,  $|Q| = n$ . Let  $a_2(C)$  be the number of such triples in a quasigroup couple  $C$ . Call it the associativity index. Denote by  $a_2(n)$  the minimal  $a_2(C)$ , where  $C$  is a couple of order  $n$ . By averaging the associativity index over all the principal isotopes of a quasigroup couple, we prove that  $a_2(n) \leq n^2(1 + 1/(n-1))$ ,  $n > 2$ . We then characterize the couples  $C$  that, on average, attain  $a_2(C) = n^2$  and we prove that this value is an improved upper bound on  $a_2(n)$ ,  $n > 2$ . Furthermore, we begin research on couples of quasigroups isotopic to groups. Lastly, we present computational results with examples, including  $a_2(4) = 8$  and  $a_2(5) = 9$ .