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## QUASI-ORDERS OF ALGEBRAS

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In this paper the set  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{A})$  of all quasi-orders of an arbitrary partial algebra  $\mathfrak{A} = (A, F)$  is studied, in particular, properties of this set provided  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a group are shown.

In the first section it is proved that  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{A})$  ordered by inclusion is an algebraic lattice and its compact elements are described. The methods and the results of Schmidt's book [2] are essentially used here. In the second section the lattice  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{G})$  for an arbitrary group  $\mathfrak{G} = (G, +)$  is characterized by means of the set  $\mathcal{P}(\mathfrak{G})$  of all invariant subsemigroups with 0 of  $G$ .  $\mathcal{P}(\mathfrak{G})$  ordered by inclusion is a lattice isomorphic to  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{G})$ . Constructions of the lattice operations in both of these lattices are shown and it is proved that, in general, these lattices are not modular.

### BASIC CONCEPTS AND NOTATIONS

Let  $A \neq \emptyset$  be a set,  $n$  a positive integer,  $R$  an  $n$ -ary relation on  $A$ . A mapping  $f: R \rightarrow A$  is called an  $n$ -ary partial operation on  $A$ . In this case let us write also  $R = D(f, A)$ . The arity of  $f$  is denoted by  $n_f$ . If  $D(f, A) = A^n$ , then we call  $f$  an  $n$ -ary operation on  $A$ .

A partial algebra  $\mathfrak{A}$  is an ordered pair  $(A, F)$ , where  $A \neq \emptyset$  is a set and  $F$  is a family of finitary partial operations on  $A$ . If each  $f \in F$  is an operation on  $A$ , then  $\mathfrak{A}$  is called an algebra.

If  $\mathfrak{A} = (A, F)$  is a partial algebra, then the elements of  $F$  are called *fundamental operations on  $\mathfrak{A}$* . Let  $i, n$  be positive integers,  $i \leq n$ . Then  $e^{i,n}$  denotes the  $i$ -th  $n$ -ary projection on  $A$ , i.e. the operation on  $A$  such that for each  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$  it is  $a_1 \dots \dots a_n e^{i,n} = a_i$ . Let  $F^* = F \cup \{e^{i,n}; i, n \in \mathbb{N}, i \leq n\}$ . Let  $X \neq \emptyset$  be a set and let  $w = w(x_1, \dots, x_m)$  be a word generated by  $F^*$  on  $X$ . Let  $a_1, \dots, a_k$  ( $k \leq m$ ) be elements of  $A$ ,  $1 \leq i_1, \dots, i_k \leq m$ , and let us substitute the elements  $a_1, \dots, a_k$  for  $x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_k}$ . Then we obtain an  $(n - k)$ -ary partial operation on  $A$  that we denote by  $w(\dots, a_1, \dots, a_k, \dots)$ . This partial operation is called an *algebraic function on  $\mathfrak{A}$  induced by  $w$* . If  $w \in F^*$ , then each unary algebraic function induced by  $w$  will be called an *elementary translation on  $\mathfrak{A}$* . Each product of elementary translations on  $\mathfrak{A}$  is called a *translation on  $\mathfrak{A}$* .

## 1. THE LATTICE OF ALL QUASI-ORDERS OF A PARTIAL ALGEBRA

Let  $A \neq \emptyset$  be a set and let  $Q$  be a binary relation on  $A$ .  $Q$  is a quasi-order of  $A$  if it is reflexive and transitive. An antisymmetric quasi-order of  $A$  is called an *order* of  $A$ . A quasi-ordered set (qo-set) is a pair  $(A, Q)$ , where  $A \neq \emptyset$  is a set and  $Q$  is a quasi-order of  $A$ . Similarly an ordered set (po-set).

For any binary relation  $R$ ,  $aRb$  will denote  $(a, b) \in R$ . Let  $\mathfrak{A} = (A, F)$  be a partial algebra and let  $Q$  be a quasi-order of the set  $A$ . Then  $Q$  is called a *quasi-order of the partial algebra*  $\mathfrak{A}$  if it satisfies the property (C):

(C) If  $f \in F$ , both  $a_1 \dots a_{n_f} f$  and  $b_1 \dots b_{n_f} f$  are defined and  $a_i Q b_i$  ( $a_i, b_i \in A$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n_f$ ), then  $a_1 \dots a_{n_f} f Q b_1 \dots b_{n_f} f$ . A quasi-order  $Q$  of  $\mathfrak{A}$  is called *strong* if, whenever  $a_i Q b_i$  ( $a_i, b_i \in A$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n_f$ ) and  $a_1 \dots a_{n_f} f(b_1 \dots b_{n_f} f)$  exists, then also  $b_1 \dots b_{n_f} f(a_1 \dots a_{n_f} f)$  exists and  $a_1 \dots a_{n_f} f Q b_1 \dots b_{n_f} f$ .

For a partial algebra  $\mathfrak{A} = (A, F)$ , let us introduce the following notation:

$\mathcal{Q}_0(A)$  denotes the set of all quasi-orders of the set  $A$ ,

$\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{A})$  denotes the set of all quasi-orders of  $\mathfrak{A}$ ,

$\mathcal{Q}_s(\mathfrak{A})$  denotes the set of all strong quasi-orders of  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

We consider the sets  $\mathcal{Q}_0(A)$ ,  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{A})$  and  $\mathcal{Q}_s(\mathfrak{A})$  ordered by inclusion. It is clear that  $\mathcal{Q}_0(A)$  is a complete lattice in which the infimum of each system of elements is formed by its intersection and the supremum by its transitive hull.  $A \times A$  is the greatest element,  $\Delta_A = \{(a, a); a \in A\}$  is the smallest element in  $\mathcal{Q}_0(A)$ . In the paper  $\cup$  and  $\cap$  denote the set-theoretical intersection and union, respectively,  $\vee$  and  $\wedge$  denote the lattice operations sup and inf, respectively.

**Lemma 1.1.** *Let  $\mathfrak{A} = (A, F)$  be a partial algebra,  $Q_\alpha \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{A})$  ( $\alpha \in I$ ). Then  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} Q_\alpha \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{A})$ .*

*Proof.* It is  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} Q_\alpha \in \mathcal{Q}_0(A)$ . Let  $f \in F$  and let  $a_i(\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} Q_\alpha) b_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n_f$ ). Then  $a_i Q_\alpha b_i$  for all  $\alpha \in I$  and thus if  $a_1 \dots a_{n_f} f$ ,  $b_1 \dots b_{n_f} f$  are defined it follows that  $a_1 \dots a_{n_f} f Q_\alpha b_1 \dots b_{n_f} f$  for all  $\alpha \in I$ . This means  $a_1 \dots a_{n_f} f(\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} Q_\alpha) b_1 \dots b_{n_f} f$ .

**Corollary 1.1.1.** *For a partial algebra  $\mathfrak{A} = (A, F)$ ,  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{A})$  is a complete lattice that is a closed  $\wedge$ -subsemilattice of the lattice  $\mathcal{Q}_0(A)$ . The lattices  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{A})$  and  $\mathcal{Q}_0(A)$  have the same greatest and smallest elements.*

**Lemma 1.2.** *If  $Q_\alpha$  ( $\alpha \in I$ ) are strong quasi-orders of a partial algebra  $\mathfrak{A} = (A, F)$ , then the transitive hull of the system  $\{Q_\alpha; \alpha \in I\}$  is also a strong quasi-order of  $\mathfrak{A}$ .*

*Proof.* Let us denote the transitive hull of  $\{Q_\alpha; \alpha \in I\}$  by  $Q$ . It is  $Q \in \mathcal{Q}_0(A)$ . Let  $f \in F$ ,  $a_i Q b_i$  ( $a_i, b_i \in A$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n_f$ ) and let  $a_1 \dots a_{n_f} f$  be defined. Then there exists a sequence

$$a_i = z_1^i, z_2^i, \dots, z_{k_i}^i = b_i$$

of elements of  $A$  such that

$$z_{j-1}^i Q_{\alpha_j}^i z_j^i, \quad j = 2, \dots, k_i, \quad Q_{\alpha_j}^i \in \{Q_\alpha; \alpha \in I\}.$$

From the reflexivity of quasi-orders it follows that we can suppose

$$k_1 = k_2 = \dots = k_{n_f} \quad \text{and} \quad Q_{\alpha_j}^1 = Q_{\alpha_j}^2 = \dots = Q_{\alpha_j}^{n_f} = Q_{\alpha_j}.$$

Then

$$a_1 Q_{\alpha_1} z_2^1, \dots, a_{n_f} Q_{\alpha_1} z_2^{n_f}.$$

If  $a_1 \dots a_{n_f} f$  exists, then there also exists  $z_2^1 \dots z_2^{n_f} f$  and it is  $a_1 \dots a_{n_f} f Q_{\alpha_1} z_2^1 \dots z_2^{n_f} f$ . Similarly we obtain  $z_2^1 \dots z_2^{n_f} f Q_{\alpha_2} z_3^1 \dots z_3^{n_f} f$ , etc. Therefore  $a_1 \dots a_{n_f} f Q b_1 \dots b_{n_f} f$ . Analogously for the case that  $b_1 \dots b_{n_f}$  exists.

**Corollary 1.2.1.** *If  $\mathfrak{A} = (A, F)$  is a partial algebra, then  $\mathcal{Q}_s(\mathfrak{A})$  is a principal ideal in  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{A})$  that is a closed complete sublattice of  $\mathcal{Q}_0(A)$ .*

**Corollary 1.2.2.** *If  $\mathfrak{A} = (A, F)$  is an algebra, then  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{A})$  is a closed complete sublattice of  $\mathcal{Q}_0(A)$ .*

**Lemma 1.3.** *Let  $\rho$  be a reflexive binary relation on a set  $A \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $R = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \rho^n$  is the smallest quasi-order of  $A$  that contains  $\rho$ .*

Let  $(A, \leq)$  be a po-set. A family  $S$  of elements of  $A$  is called *directed* if each finite subset  $\subseteq S$  has an upper bound in  $S$ .

**Lemma 1.4.** *Let  $\{Q_\alpha; \alpha \in I\}$  be a directed family of quasi-orders of a partial algebra  $\mathfrak{A} = (A, F)$ . Then  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} Q_\alpha = \bigvee_{\alpha \in I} Q_\alpha$  in  $\mathcal{Q}_0(A)$  and  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} Q_\alpha \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{A})$ .*

*Proof.* It is  $\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} Q_\alpha \subseteq \bigvee_{\alpha \in I} Q_\alpha$ .

Let  $a(\bigvee_{\alpha \in I} Q_\alpha) b$ . Then there exists a sequence

$$a = z_0, \quad z_1, \dots, z_n = b$$

of elements of  $A$  such that

$$z_{i-1} Q_{\alpha_i} z_i \quad (i = 1, \dots, n), \quad Q_{\alpha_i} \in \{Q_\alpha; \alpha \in I\}.$$

Since  $\{Q_\alpha; \alpha \in I\}$  is a directed family, there exists an element  $Q$  of this family such that  $Q_{\alpha_i} \subseteq Q$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ). Therefore  $z_{i-1} Q z_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ), and so  $a Q b$ . This means that  $a(\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} Q_\alpha) b$  and  $\bigvee_{\alpha \in I} Q_\alpha \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} Q_\alpha$ .

Let us show that  $\bigvee_{\alpha \in I} Q_\alpha \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{A})$ . Let  $f \in F$ ,  $a_i(\bigvee_{\alpha \in I} Q_\alpha) b_i$  ( $a_i, b_i \in A$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n_f$ ), and let  $a_1 \dots a_{n_f} f$  and  $b_1 \dots b_{n_f} f$  exist. Then for each  $i = 1, \dots, n_f$  there exists a sequence

$$a_i = z_0^i, \quad z_1^i, \dots, z_{k_i}^i = b_i$$

of elements of  $A$  such that  $z_j^i Q_{i_j} z_{j+1}^i$ ,  $Q_{i_j} \in \{Q_\alpha; \alpha \in I\}$ . Since the family  $\{Q_\alpha; \alpha \in I\}$  is directed, there exists  $Q \in \{Q_\alpha; \alpha \in I\}$  for which  $Q_{i_j} \subseteq Q$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n_f$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, k_i$ ). Then  $z_j^i Q z_{j+1}^i$ , and so  $a_i Q b_i$ . By condition (C) we obtain  $a_1 \dots a_{n_f} f Q b_1 \dots b_{n_f} f$ , therefore also  $a_1 \dots a_{n_f} f (\bigvee_{\alpha \in I} Q_\alpha) b_1 \dots b_{n_f} f$ .

A complete lattice  $L$  is called *algebraic* if each element of  $L$  is the supremum of a set of compact elements.

**Lemma 1.5.** *Let  $A \neq \emptyset$  be a set. Then the lattice  $\mathcal{Q}_0(A)$  is algebraic.*

*Proof.* It is known that the lattice  $\mathcal{R}_0(A)$  of all reflexive relations on the set  $A \neq \emptyset$  is algebraic. The infimum (the supremum) in  $\mathcal{R}_0(A)$  is formed by the intersection (by the union). The smallest element in  $\mathcal{R}_0(A)$  is  $\Delta_A$ , the greatest element is  $A \times A$ . It is clear that  $\mathcal{Q}_0(A)$  is a closed  $\wedge$ -subsemilattice of  $\mathcal{R}_0(A)$ . By the proof of Lemma 1.4, every directed family  $\{R_\alpha; \alpha \in I\}$  of elements of  $\mathcal{Q}_0(A)$  fulfils  $\bigvee_{\alpha \in I} R_\alpha = \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} R_\alpha$ , thus  $\bigvee_{\alpha \in I} R_\alpha \in \mathcal{Q}_0(A)$ .  $\Delta_A, A \times A \in \mathcal{Q}_0(A)$ , therefore by [2, Folgerung 4.7]  $\mathcal{Q}_0(A)$  is an algebraic lattice.

Let  $(A, \leq)$  be a po-set. A closure operator in  $A$  is a function  $\lambda : A \rightarrow A$  such that for each  $a, b \in A$

- (i)  $a \leq a\lambda$ ;
- (ii)  $a \leq b$  implies  $a\lambda \leq b\lambda$ ;
- (iii)  $(a\lambda)\lambda = a\lambda$ ;
- (iv) if  $A$  contains the smallest element  $0$ , then  $0\lambda = 0$ .

Let  $L$  be an algebraic lattice. A closure operator in  $L$  is called *algebraic* if it holds for each compact element  $a \in L$ : If  $a \leq x\lambda$ , then there exists a compact element  $x' \leq x$  such that  $a \leq x'\lambda$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{A} = (A, F)$  be a partial algebra and let  $R \subseteq A \times A$ . Since  $A \times A \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{A})$ , then by Lemma 1.1 there exists a smallest quasi-order  $Q_R$  of  $\mathfrak{A}$  that contains  $R$ . It is clear that a function  $\lambda : \mathcal{Q}_0(A) \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}_0(A)$  such that  $R\lambda = Q_R$  for each  $R \in \mathcal{Q}_0(A)$  is a closure operator in  $\mathcal{Q}_0(A)$ .

**Theorem 1.6.**  *$\lambda$  is an algebraic operator.*

*Proof.* By Lemma 1.5,  $\mathcal{Q}_0(A)$  is an algebraic lattice. Then from Lemma 1.4 and [2, Lemma 4.7] it follows that  $\lambda$  is algebraic.

**Corollary 1.6.1.**  *$\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{A})$  is an algebraic lattice.*

*Proof.* The lattice  $\mathcal{Q}_0(A)$  and the operator  $\lambda$  are algebraic, thus the assertion follows from [2, Lemma 4.2].

**Corollary 1.6.2.** *The lattice  $\mathcal{Q}_s(\mathfrak{A})$  is algebraic.*

Proof follows from the fact that  $\mathcal{Q}_s(\mathfrak{A})$  is a principal ideal in  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{A})$ .

**Lemma 1.7.** *Let  $\mathfrak{A} = (A, F)$  be a partial algebra and let  $R, R_\alpha$  ( $\alpha \in I$ ) be binary relations on  $A$  such that  $R = \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} R_\alpha$ . Then  $Q_R = \bigvee_{\alpha \in I} Q_{R_\alpha}$ .*

Proof. It is  $R_\alpha \subseteq R$ , thus  $\bigvee_{\alpha \in I} Q_{R_\alpha} \subseteq Q_R$ . If  $Q \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{A})$ ,  $Q \supseteq \bigvee_{\alpha \in I} Q_{R_\alpha}$ , then  $Q \supseteq R_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha \in I$  and then also  $Q \supseteq \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} R_\alpha$ . This implies  $Q = Q_Q \supseteq Q_R$ . Therefore  $\bigvee_{\alpha \in I} Q_{R_\alpha} \supseteq Q_R$ , i.e.  $Q_R = \bigvee_{\alpha \in I} Q_{R_\alpha}$ .

For  $a, b \in A$  we denote  $Q_{\{(a,b)\}}$  by  $Q_{a,b}$ .

**Corollary 1.7.1.** *If  $R \subseteq A \times A$ , then  $Q_R = \bigvee_{(a,b) \in R} Q_{a,b}$ .*

Let now  $\mathfrak{A} = (A, F)$  be a partial algebra and let  $R$  be a binary relation on  $A$ . Then

$R^T$  denotes the transitive hull of  $R$ , i.e.  $R^T = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} R^n$ ;

$R^F$  denotes the set of all  $(u, v) \in A \times A$  such that for an appropriate algebraic function  $x_1 \dots x_n p$  there exist  $(a_i, b_i) \in R$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) such that  $u = a_1 \dots a_n p$ ,  $v = b_1 \dots b_n p$ ;

$R^U$  denotes the set of all  $(u, v) \in A \times A$  such that for an appropriate unary algebraic function  $p$  there exists  $(a, b) \in R$  such that  $u = ap$ ,  $v = bp$ ;

$R^{U'}$  denotes the set of all  $(u, v) \in A \times A$  such that for an appropriate translation  $p$  there exists  $(a, b) \in R$  such that  $u = ap$ ,  $v = bp$ .

It is clear that  $T, F, U, U'$  are closure operators in the complete lattice  $\exp(A \times A)$ .

Let us denote

$$R_0 = R, R_1 = R_0^F, R_2 = R_1^T, R_3 = R_2^F, \dots, R_{2i} = R_{2i-1}^T, R_{2i+1} = R_{2i}^F, \dots$$

It holds  $R_0 \subseteq R_1 \subseteq \dots$ . Let us denote  $\bar{R} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} R_i$  for  $R \neq \emptyset$  and  $\bar{\emptyset} = \Delta_A$ . It is clear that  $\bar{R}^T = \bar{R}^F = \bar{R}$ .

**Theorem 1.8.** *Let  $\mathfrak{A} = (A, F)$  be a partial algebra and let  $R \subseteq A \times A$ . Then  $Q_R = \bar{R}$ .*

Proof. It holds  $R \subseteq \bar{R} \subseteq Q_R$ . Let us show that  $\bar{R} \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{A})$ . Let  $c \in A$ ,  $(x_1, x_2) \in R$  and let us consider the algebraic function  $xp = cx e^{1,2}$ . Then  $(c, c) \in R^F$  and therefore  $(c, c) \in \bar{R}$ . This means  $\bar{R}$  is reflexive. Further  $R_{2i-1} R_{2i-1} \subseteq R_{2i}$ , thus  $\bar{R} \bar{R} \subseteq \bar{R}$ . Hence  $\bar{R}$  is transitive.

Let now  $f \in F$ ,  $a_1 \bar{R} b_1, \dots, a_{n_f} \bar{R} b_{n_f}$ , and let us assume that  $a_1 \dots a_{n_f} f$ ,  $b_1 \dots b_{n_f} f$  exist. Then there exists  $i$  such that  $(a_j, b_j) \in R_{2i}$  ( $j = 1, \dots, n_f$ ) and so  $a_1 \dots a_{n_f} f R_{2i+1} b_1 \dots b_{n_f} f$ . Therefore  $\bar{R}$  satisfies the condition (C).

**Theorem 1.9.** Let  $\mathfrak{A} = (A, F)$  be an algebra,  $R \subseteq A \times A$ . Then  $(R^U)^T = (R^F)^T$ ,  $(R^U)^T = ((R^U)^T)^U$ .

*Proof.* Since  $R^U \subseteq R^F$ , then  $(R^U)^T \subseteq (R^F)^T$ . Let  $(c, d) \in (R^F)^T$ . Then there exists a sequence

$$c = z_0, z_1, \dots, z_n = d$$

of elements of  $A$  such that  $(z_{i-1}, z_i) \in R^F$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ). This means that for an appropriate algebraic function  $x_1 \dots x_k p$  it holds  $z_{i-1} = a_1 \dots a_k p$ ,  $z_i = b_1 \dots b_k p$ , where  $(a_j, b_j) \in R$  ( $j = 1, \dots, k$ ).

Let us introduce the following unary functions:

$$xP_1 = xa_2a_3 \dots a_k p, xP_2 = b_1xa_3 \dots a_k p, \dots, xP_k = b_1b_2 \dots b_{k-1}xp.$$

It is  $a_1P_1 = z_{i-1}$ ,  $b_jP_j = a_{j+1}P_{j+1}$ ,  $b_kP_k = z_i$  ( $j = 1, \dots, k-1$ ), i.e.  $(z_{i-1}, z_i) \in (R^U)^T$ . Thus  $(R^U)^T = (R^F)^T$ .

Let  $(c, d) \in ((R^U)^T)^U$ . Thus there exist  $(a_1, b_1), \dots, (a_n, b_n) \in R$  such that for appropriate unary algebraic functions  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n, q$  it holds

$$c' = a_1p_1, b_1p_1 = a_2p_2, b_2p_2 = a_3p_3, \dots, b_n p_n = d'$$

and

$$c = c'q, d = d'q.$$

Let  $P_i = p_iq$ . Then

$$a_1P_1 = c, b_jP_j = a_{j+1}P_{j+1}, b_nP_n = d \quad (j = 1, \dots, n-1).$$

Therefore  $(c, d) \in (R^U)^T$ , and so  $(R^U)^T = ((R^U)^T)^U$ .

**Theorem 1.10.** Let  $\mathfrak{A} = (A, F)$  be an algebra and let  $R$  be a binary relation on  $A$ . Then  $Q_R = (R^U)^T$  (i.e. for  $c, d \in A$  it holds  $cQ_Rd$  if and only if there exist  $c = z_0, \dots, z_n = d \in A$ ,  $(a_i, b_i) \in R$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ), and unary algebraic functions  $p_1, \dots, p_n$  such that  $a_i p_i = z_{i-1}$ ,  $b_i p_i = z_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ).

*Proof.* The assertion follows immediately from Theorems 1.8 and 1.9.

**Corollary 1.10.1.** Let  $\mathfrak{A} = (A, F)$  be an algebra,  $a, b, x, y \in A$ . Then  $xQ_{a,b}y$  if and only if there exist a sequence  $x = z_0, z_1, \dots, z_n = y$  of elements of  $A$  and a sequence of unary algebraic functions  $p_0, p_1, \dots, p_{n-1}$  on  $F$  such that  $z_i = ap_i$ ,  $z_{i+1} = bp_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n-1$ ).

**Theorem 1.11.** Let  $\mathfrak{A} = (A, F)$  be an algebra,  $a, b, x, y \in A$ . Then  $xQ_{a,b}y$  if and only if there exist elements  $x = z_0, z_1, \dots, z_n = y$  of  $A$  and translations  $p_0, \dots, p_{n-1}$  such that  $z_i = ap_i$ ,  $z_{i+1} = bp_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n-1$ ).

**Proof.** Let us show that  $(R^U)^T = (R^U)^T$ . If  $(u, v) \in R^U$ , then there exist  $(a, b) \in R$  and an appropriate unary algebraic function  $p$  such that  $u = ap, v = bp$ . Therefore, translations  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  and a word  $w$  of  $A$  such that  $w(t_1, \dots, t_n) = p$  must exist. Thus

$$xF_i = w(bt_1, \dots, bt_{i-1}, xt_i, at_{i+1}, \dots, at_n)$$

is a translation such that

$$bF_i = aF_{i+1} \quad (i = 1, \dots, n - 1), \quad aF_1 = ap = u, \quad bF_n = bp = v,$$

i.e.  $(u, v) \in (R^U)^T$ . Therefore  $R^U \subseteq (R^U)^T$  and so  $(R^U)^T \subseteq (R^U)^T$ . Finally, since  $R^U \subseteq R^U$ , it holds  $(R^U)^T = (R^U)^T$ .

Now we shall describe the set  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{A})^*$  of all compact elements in the lattice  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{A})$  of a partial algebra  $\mathfrak{A} = (A, F)$ .

**Theorem 1.12.** *Let  $Q$  be a quasi-order of a partial algebra  $\mathfrak{A} = (A, F)$ . Then  $Q \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{A})^*$  if and only if there exists a finite binary relation  $R$  on  $A$  such that  $Q = Q_R$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $Q \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{A})$ . Then  $\Delta_A \subseteq Q$ . For  $R \subseteq A \times A$  it is  $R \subseteq Q_R$  and thus  $R \cup \Delta_A \subseteq Q_R$ . Therefore  $Q_{R \cup \Delta_A} \subseteq Q_R$ , and so  $Q_{R \cup \Delta_A} = Q_R$ .

By Lemma 1.6, the closure operator  $R\lambda = Q_R$  on the lattice  $\mathcal{R}_0(A)$  of all reflexive relations on  $A$  is algebraic. Thus, by [2, Lemma 4.3],  $R' \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{A})$  is compact in  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{A})$  if and only if  $R'' = R' \cup \Delta_A$  is a compact element in  $\mathcal{R}_0(A)$ . But this is satisfied (by [2, p. 33]) if and only if there exists a finite relation  $R \subseteq A \times A$  such that  $R' \cup \Delta_A = R \cup \Delta_A$ .

**Theorem 1.13.** *Let  $\mathfrak{A} = (A, F)$  be a partial algebra. Then the lattice of all ideals in  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{A})^*$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{A})$ .*

**Proof** follows from [2, proof of Lemma 3.9].

## 2. THE LATTICE OF ALL QUASI-ORDERS OF A GROUP

Let  $\mathfrak{G} = (G, +)$  be a group,  $R \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{G})$ . Then the pair  $\mathfrak{G}, R$  is called a *quasi-ordered group* (qo-group). This qo-group will be denoted by  $\mathfrak{G} = (G, +, R) = (G, R)$ . Let us denote  $P_R = \{x \in G; 0Rx\}$ , where 0 is the zero-element of the group  $(G, +)$ .  $P_R$  is called the *positive cone of the qo-group*  $(G, R)$ .

For a system  $R_\alpha \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{G})$  ( $\alpha \in A$ ), we shall often denote the corresponding positive cones by  $P_\alpha$  instead of  $P_{R_\alpha}$  ( $\alpha \in A$ ).

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $\mathfrak{G} = (G, R)$  be a qo-group. Then  $P_R$  is an invariant subsemigroup with 0 of  $\mathfrak{G}$ .*



**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $S$  be an invariant subsemigroup with 0 of a group  $\mathfrak{G} = (G, +)$ . The binary relation  $R$  defined by

$$aRb \text{ iff } -a + b \in S \text{ (iff } b - a \in S) \text{ for all } a, b \in G$$

is a quasi-order of the group  $\mathfrak{G}$ .

**Supplement.**  $S = P_R$ .

**Proof.** If  $aRb$ ,  $x \in G$ , then  $-x - a + b + x \in S$ ,  $-a - x + x + b \in S$ , therefore  $-(a + x) + (b + x) \in S$ ,  $-(x + a) + (x + b) \in S$ , and so  $(a + x)R(b + x)$ ,  $(x + a)R(x + b)$ .

**Proof of Supplement.** 1. If  $x \in S$ , then  $-0 + x \in S$ . Thus  $0Rx$ , i.e.  $x \in P_R$ .  
2. Let  $y \in P_R$ , i.e.  $0Ry$ . Therefore  $-0 + y = y \in S$ .

Let us denote by  $\mathcal{P}(\mathfrak{G})$  the set of all invariant subsemigroups with 0 of  $G$ . It is clear that the correspondence  $R \mapsto P_R$  (for each  $R \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{G})$ ) is a one-to-one mapping between  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{G})$  and  $\mathcal{P}(\mathfrak{G})$ .

Further, for  $R_1, R_2 \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{G})$  it is  $R_1 \subseteq R_2$  iff  $P_{R_1} \subseteq P_{R_2}$ . Therefore the ordered sets  $(\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{G}), \subseteq)$  and  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathfrak{G}), \subseteq)$  are isomorphic.

**Theorem 2.3.**  $\mathcal{P}(\mathfrak{G})$  ordered by inclusion is an algebraic lattice.

**Supplement.** Let  $P_\alpha \in \mathcal{P}(\mathfrak{G})$ ,  $\alpha \in A$ . Then

$$\text{a) } \bigwedge_{\alpha \in A} P_\alpha = \bigcap_{\alpha \in A} P_\alpha;$$

$$\text{b) } \bigvee_{\alpha \in A} P_\alpha = \sum_{\alpha \in A} P_\alpha;$$

in particular,

$$\text{c) } P_{\alpha_1} \vee P_{\alpha_2} = P_{\alpha_1} + P_{\alpha_2} = P_{\alpha_2} + P_{\alpha_1}.$$

**Proof.** Since  $\mathcal{P}(\mathfrak{G})$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{G})$ ,  $\mathcal{P}(\mathfrak{G})$  is (by Corollary 1.6.1) an algebraic lattice.

a) Let  $P_\alpha \in \mathcal{P}(\mathfrak{G})$  ( $\alpha \in A$ ),  $P = \bigcap_{\alpha \in A} P_\alpha$ . It is evident that  $P \in \mathcal{P}(\mathfrak{G})$ .

b) It is clear that  $\bar{P} = \sum_{\alpha \in A} P_\alpha$  is the smallest subsemigroup with 0 containing  $P_\alpha$  ( $\alpha \in A$ ). Let us show that  $\bar{P}$  is invariant. If  $x = a_{\alpha_1} + a_{\alpha_2} + \dots + a_{\alpha_n} \in \bar{P}$  ( $a_{\alpha_i} \in P_{\alpha_i}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ),  $z \in G$ , then

$$-z + x + z = (-z + a_{\alpha_1} + z) + (-z + a_{\alpha_2} + z) + \dots + (-z + a_{\alpha_n} + z) \in \bar{P}.$$

c) If  $A$  is an invariant subsemigroup of  $\mathfrak{G}$ , then for each  $z \in G$  it holds  $-z + A + z \subseteq A$ , thus  $A + z \subseteq z + A$ . Therefore also  $A + (-z) \subseteq (-z) + A$ , i.e.  $z + A + (-z) \subseteq A$ , then  $z + A \subseteq A + z$ , and so  $A + z = z + A$ . If now

$$x = a_1 + b_1 + a_2 + b_2 + \dots + a_n + b_n$$

$$(a_i \in P_1, b_i \in P_2, i = 1, 2, \dots, n),$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} x &= (a_1 + a_2) + (b'_1 + b_2) + a_3 + b_3 + \dots + a_n + b_n = \\ &= a'_1 + b'_2 + a_3 + b_3 + \dots + a_n + b_n = \dots = a + b, \end{aligned}$$

where  $a \in P_1, b \in P_2$ .

**Corollary 2.3.1.** For the infimum and the supremum in the algebraic lattice  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{G})$  it holds: Let  $R_\alpha \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{G})$  ( $\alpha \in A$ ). Then

- a)  $\bigwedge_{\alpha \in A} R_\alpha = \bigcap_{\alpha \in A} R_\alpha$ ;  
 b) if  $a(\bigvee_{\alpha \in A} R_\alpha)b$ , then for each  $i \in A$  there exist  $x, x' \in \bigvee_{\alpha \in A} P_\alpha$  such that  $(a + x) \cdot R_i(b - x')$ ;  
 c) if there exist  $x, x' \in \bigvee_{\alpha \in A} P_\alpha$  and  $i \in A$  such that  $(a + x) R_i(b - x')$ , then  $a(\bigvee_{\alpha \in A} R_\alpha)b$ .

Proof. a) The assertion a) follows from Lemma 1.1.

b) Let us denote  $R = \bigvee_{\alpha \in A} \mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{G})R_\alpha, P = \bigvee_{\alpha \in A} \mathcal{P}(\mathfrak{G})P_\alpha$ . Further, let  $aRb$ . Then  $-a + b \in P$ , thus  $-a + b = x_{i_1} + \dots + x_{i_r} + x_i + x_{j_s} + \dots + x_{j_1}$ , where  $x_{i_m} \in P_{i_m}, x_{j_n} \in P_{j_n}, x_i \in P_i, i_1, \dots, i_r, j_1, \dots, j_s, i \in A$ . (If in the partition there is no element of  $P_i$ , we can add  $x_i = 0$ .) Let us denote  $x_{i_1} + \dots + x_{i_r} = x, (-x_{j_1}) + \dots + (-x_{j_s}) = -x'$ . Then  $-(a + x) + (b - x') \in P_i$ , therefore  $(a + x) R_i(b - x')$ .

c) Let now  $x, x' \in P, i \in A, (a + x) R_i(b - x')$ . Then  $-(a + x) + (b - x') = x_i, x_i \in P_i$ , and so  $-a + b = x + x_i + x'$ . If  $x = x_{i_1} + \dots + x_{i_k}, x' = x_{j_1} + \dots + x_{j_l}$ , then  $-a + b = x_{i_1} + \dots + x_{i_k} + x_i + x_{j_1} + \dots + x_{j_l}$ . This means  $-a + b \in P$ , and thus  $aRb$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** The set  $\mathcal{P}_1(\mathfrak{G})$  of all invariant subsemigroups  $P$  with  $0$  of a group  $G$  such that  $P \cap -P = \{0\}$  is a closed  $\wedge$ -subsemilattice of the lattice  $\mathcal{P}(\mathfrak{G})$ .

Proof. In  $\mathcal{P}_1(\mathfrak{G})$  it holds

$$\bigcap_{\alpha \in A} P_\alpha \cap - \bigcap_{\beta \in A} P_\beta = \bigcap_{\alpha, \beta \in A} (P_\alpha \cap -P_\beta) = \{0\},$$

thus  $\bigwedge_{\alpha \in A} \mathcal{P}(\mathfrak{G})P_\alpha \in \mathcal{P}_1(\mathfrak{G})$ .

**Corollary 2.4.1.** The set  $\mathcal{Q}_1(\mathfrak{G})$  of all orders of a group  $\mathfrak{G}$  is a closed  $\wedge$ -subsemilattice of the lattice  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{G})$ .

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $\mathcal{Q}_d(\mathfrak{G})$  be the set of all directed orders of a group  $\mathfrak{G}$  and let  $\mathcal{Q}_d(\mathfrak{G}) \neq \emptyset$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (a)  $\mathfrak{G} = \{0\}$ .
- (b)  $\mathcal{Q}_d(\mathfrak{G})$  is a sublattice of the lattice  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{G})$ .
- (c)  $\mathcal{Q}_d(\mathfrak{G})$  is an  $\wedge$ -subsemilattice of the lattice  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{G})$ .
- (d)  $\mathcal{Q}_d(\mathfrak{G})$  is a  $\vee$ -subsemilattice of the lattice  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{G})$ .

**Proof.** (c)  $\Rightarrow$  (a): Let  $R \in \mathcal{Q}_d(\mathfrak{G})$  and let  $P$  be the positive cone of  $R$ . Then  $-P$  is the positive cone of the dual order of the group  $\mathfrak{G}$  and  $P \cap -P = \{0\}$ . Thus  $\{0\}$  is the positive cone of a directed order of  $\mathfrak{G}$ , and so  $\mathfrak{G} = \{0\}$ .

(d)  $\Rightarrow$  (a): If  $P$  is the positive cone of a directed order of  $\mathfrak{G}$ , then

$$P \vee -P = P + (-P) = P - P = G \quad \text{and} \quad G \cap -G = G.$$

Therefore  $\mathfrak{G} = \{0\}$ .

(a)  $\Rightarrow$  (b)  $\Rightarrow$  (c) and (a)  $\Rightarrow$  (d) are evident.

Similarly, we have

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $\mathcal{Q}_1(\mathfrak{G})$  be the set of all lattice orders of a group  $\mathfrak{G}$  and let  $\mathcal{Q}_1(\mathfrak{G}) \neq \emptyset$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (a)  $\mathfrak{G} = \{0\}$ .
- (b)  $\mathcal{Q}_1(\mathfrak{G})$  is a sublattice of the lattice  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{G})$ .
- (c)  $\mathcal{Q}_1(\mathfrak{G})$  is an  $\wedge$ -subsemilattice of the lattice  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{G})$ .
- (d)  $\mathcal{Q}_1(\mathfrak{G})$  is a  $\vee$ -subsemilattice of the lattice  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{G})$ .

**Theorem 2.7.** a) If  $R$  is a directed order of a group  $\mathfrak{G}$ , then  $R$  has complements in the lattices  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{G})$  and  $\mathcal{Q}_0(G)$ .

b) If  $R$  is an order of a group  $\mathfrak{G}$ , then its dual order is complement of  $R$  in  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{G})$  (in  $\mathcal{Q}_0(G)$ ) if and only if  $R$  is directed.

**Proof.** Part a) is a consequence of part b).

b) Let us denote the positive cone of  $R$  by  $P$ . Then

$$P \cap -P = \{0\}, \quad P \vee_{\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{G})} -P = P + (-P) = P - P,$$

and  $P - P = G$  if and only if  $R$  is directed. Thus, in this case, the dual order is a complement of  $R$  in  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{G})$  and, by Corollary 1.2.2, in  $\mathcal{Q}_0(G)$  as well.

**Note.** If  $\mathfrak{G} \neq \{0\}$  is a group and if  $R \in \mathcal{Q}_1(\mathfrak{G})$  has a complement in  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{G})$ , then there need not exist an element of  $\mathcal{Q}_1(\mathfrak{G})$  among complements of  $R$ . Namely, if we can order  $\mathfrak{G}$  only trivially, then  $\{0\} \cap G = \{0\}$ ,  $\{0\} + G = G$ , thus  $G$  is a complement of  $\{0\}$  in  $\mathcal{P}(\mathfrak{G})$  and there exists no complement of  $\{0\}$  that belongs to  $\mathcal{P}_1(\mathfrak{G})$ .

**Theorem 2.8.** In general, the lattice  $\mathcal{Q}(\mathfrak{G})$  is not modular.