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DECOMPOSABILITY CONDITIONS FOR COMPATIBLE RELATIONS

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Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a variety of algebras,  $\mathcal{R}_A$  a set of compatible relations on any algebra  $A$  from  $\mathcal{V}$  such that whenever  $p : A \rightarrow B$  is an onto-homomorphism of algebras from  $\mathcal{V}$  then  $R \in \mathcal{R}_A$  implies  $(p \times p)(R) \in \mathcal{R}_B$ . The members of the system  $\mathcal{R}$  will be called  $\mathcal{R}$ -relations. For  $\mathcal{R}$  may be chosen compatible relations, compatible reflexive relations, compatible symmetric relations, compatible tolerance relations etc.

Let  $A, B$  be algebras from  $\mathcal{V}$ ,  $R_A$  a relation on  $A$  and  $R_B$  a relation on  $B$ . The relation  $\{[[a, b], [a', b']] \mid [a, a'] \in R_A \text{ and } [b, b'] \in R_B\}$  on  $A \times B$  will be called the  $\otimes$ -product of  $R_A$  and  $R_B$  and denoted by  $R_A \otimes R_B$ . A variety of algebras  $\mathcal{V}$  is said to have decomposable  $\mathcal{R}$ -relations if any  $\mathcal{R}$ -relation on the direct product  $A \times B$  of arbitrary algebras  $A, B$  from  $\mathcal{V}$  is  $\otimes$ -product of suitable  $\mathcal{R}$ -relations on  $A$  and  $B$ .

**Proposition.** *A variety of algebras  $\mathcal{V}$  has decomposable  $\mathcal{R}$ -relations iff for every pair of algebras  $A, B$  from  $\mathcal{V}$  and for every  $\mathcal{R}$ -relation  $R$  on  $A \times B$  the following holds:*

$$(i) [a, b] R[c, d] \text{ and } [a', b'] R[c', d'] \Rightarrow [a, b'] R[c, d'] .$$

Proof.  $\Rightarrow$ : Clear.

$\Leftarrow$ : Denote  $R_A = (p_A \times p_A)(R)$ ,  $R_B = (p_B \times p_B)(R)$ , where  $p_A$  and  $p_B$  are the natural projections. Obviously  $R_A$  and  $R_B$  are  $\mathcal{R}$ -relations. Prove  $R = R_A \otimes R_B$  :  $[[x, y], [x', y']] \in R$  implies  $[x, x'] \in R_A$ ,  $[y, y'] \in R_B$  and so  $[[x, y], [x', y']] \in R_A \otimes R_B$ . So  $R \subseteq R_A \otimes R_B$ . Conversely,  $[[x, y], [x', y']] \in R_A \otimes R_B$  implies  $[x, x'] \in R_A$ ,  $[y, y'] \in R_B$ , and so there exist  $\bar{x}, \bar{x}' \in A$  and  $\bar{y}, \bar{y}' \in B$  such that  $[[x, \bar{y}], [x', \bar{y}']] \in R$  and  $[[\bar{x}, y], [\bar{x}', y']] \in R$ . By (i)  $[[x, y], [x', y']] \in R$ . Hence  $R_A \otimes R_B \subseteq R$ , so  $R = R_A \otimes R_B$ . Q.E.D.

Example. The variety of all lattices with compatible reflexive relations satisfies (i), since

$$\begin{aligned} [a, b'] &= ([a, b] \wedge [a \vee c, b' \wedge d']) \vee ([a', b'] \wedge [a \wedge c, b' \vee d']) \\ [c, d'] &= ([c, d] \wedge [a \vee c, b' \wedge d']) \vee ([c', d'] \wedge [a \wedge c, b' \vee d']) . \end{aligned}$$

Thus the variety of lattices has decomposable reflexive relations and so decomposable tolerances, as stated in [1].

The condition (i) can be rewritten for reflexive relations as

$$(ii) \quad f([a, b], [a', b'], [x_1, y_1], \dots, [x_n, y_n]) = [a, b'] \\ f([c, d], [c', d'], [x_1, y_1], \dots, [x_n, y_n]) = [c, d']$$

and for tolerances as

$$(iii) \quad f([a, b], [a', b'], [c, d], [c', d'], [x_1, y_1], \dots, [x_n, y_n]) = [a, b'] \\ f([c, d], [c', d'], [a, b], [a', b'], [x_1, y_1], \dots, [x_n, y_n]) = [c, d']$$

where  $[x_i, y_i]$  are suitable elements of  $A \times B$  and  $f$  a  $\mathcal{V}$ -polynomial.

Applying these conditions to  $F_{\mathcal{V}}(4) \times F_{\mathcal{V}}(4)$  and the compatible reflexive (tolerance) relation generated by  $[s, s] R[u, u]$  and  $[t, t] R[v, v]$  one has

$$(ii)' \quad f([s, s], [t, t], [g_1(s, t, u, v), h_1(s, t, u, v)], \dots, \\ [g_n(s, t, u, v), h_n(s, t, u, v)]) = [s, t] \\ f([u, u], [v, v], [g_1(s, t, u, v), h_1(s, t, u, v)], \dots, \\ [g_n(s, t, u, v), h_n(s, t, u, v)]) = [u, v]$$

and

$$(iii)' \quad f([s, s], [t, t], [u, u], [v, v], [g_1(s, t, u, v), h_1(s, t, u, v)], \dots, \\ [g_n(s, t, u, v), h_n(s, t, u, v)]) = [s, t] \\ f([u, u], [v, v], [s, s], [t, t], [g_1(s, t, u, v), h_1(s, t, u, v)], \dots, \\ [g_n(s, t, u, v), h_n(s, t, u, v)]) = [u, v]$$

where  $s, t, u, v$  are the free generators of  $F_{\mathcal{V}}(4)$  and  $g_i, h_i$  suitable quaternary  $\mathcal{V}$ -polynomials. Conversely, a variety satisfying (ii)' satisfies (ii) and a variety satisfying (iii)' satisfies (iii), since the primed conditions are in fact systems of identities holding in  $\mathcal{V}$ .

The above may be summed as follows.

**Theorem 1.** *A variety of algebras  $\mathcal{V}$  has decomposable reflexive relations iff there exist an  $(n + 2)$ -ary  $\mathcal{V}$ -polynomial  $f$  and quaternary  $\mathcal{V}$ -polynomials  $g_1, \dots, g_n, h_1, \dots, h_n$  such that*

$$f(s, t, g_1(s, t, u, v), \dots, g_n(s, t, u, v)) = s \\ f(u, v, g_1(s, t, u, v), \dots, g_n(s, t, u, v)) = u \\ f(s, t, h_1(s, t, u, v), \dots, h_n(s, t, u, v)) = t \\ f(u, v, h_1(s, t, u, v), \dots, h_n(s, t, u, v)) = v$$

are  $\mathcal{V}$ -identities.

**Theorem 2.** *A variety of algebras  $\mathcal{V}$  has decomposable tolerances iff there exist an  $(n + 4)$ -ary  $\mathcal{V}$ -polynomial  $f$  and quaternary  $\mathcal{V}$ -polynomials  $g_1, \dots, g_n, h_1, \dots, h_n$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(s, t, u, v, g_1(s, t, u, v), \dots, g_n(s, t, u, v)) &= s \\
 f(u, v, s, t, g_1(s, t, u, v), \dots, g_n(s, t, u, v)) &= u \\
 f(s, t, u, v, h_1(s, t, u, v), \dots, h_n(s, t, u, v)) &= t \\
 f(u, v, s, t, h_1(s, t, u, v), \dots, h_n(s, t, u, v)) &= v
 \end{aligned}$$

are  $\mathcal{V}$ -identities.

Only trivial varieties have decomposable symmetric relations. The same statement holds for any system of relations containing all symmetric relations.

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