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ON REPRESENTATION OF CYCLICALLY ORDERED SETS

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In [5] we have constructed, for any cardinal m , an m -universal cyclically ordered set. The m -universality is meant there in the following sense: For any cyclically ordered set \mathbf{G} with cardinality $\leq m$ there exists a subset \mathbf{G}' of the universal set constructed such that \mathbf{G} is a strong homomorphic image of \mathbf{G}' . Here we present a construction of a set with an asymmetric and cyclic ternary relation such that any cyclically ordered set of cardinality $\leq m$ is isomorphic with its suitable subset.

1. POWER OF TERNARY STRUCTURES

Let G be a set and C a ternary relation on G . The pair $\mathbf{G} = (G, C)$ will be called a *ternary structure*. Sometimes we denote by $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{G})$ the carrier of this structure, i.e. $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{G}) = G$, and by $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{G})$ the relation of this structure, i.e. $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{G}) = C$.

A ternary structure $\mathbf{G} = (G, C)$ is called

reflexive, iff $x, y, z \in G$, $\text{card } \{x, y, z\} \leq 2 \Rightarrow (x, y, z) \in C$;

irreflexive, iff $x, y, z \in G$, $\text{card } \{x, y, z\} \leq 2 \Rightarrow (x, y, z) \notin C$;

symmetric, iff $x, y, z \in G$, $(x, y, z) \in C \Rightarrow (z, y, x) \in C$;

asymmetric, iff $x, y, z \in G$, $(x, y, z) \in C \Rightarrow (z, y, x) \notin C$;

cyclic, iff $x, y, z \in G$, $(x, y, z) \in C \Rightarrow (y, z, x) \in C$;

transitive, iff $x, y, z, u \in G$, $(x, y, z) \in C$, $(x, z, u) \in C \Rightarrow (x, y, u) \in C$.

A *cyclically ordered set* is a ternary structure which is asymmetric, cyclic and transitive. A *cycle* is a cyclically ordered set $\mathbf{G} = (G, C)$ which is *complete*, i.e. $x, y, z \in G$, $x \neq y \neq z \neq x \Rightarrow (x, y, z) \in C$ or $(z, y, x) \in C$.

Let $\mathbf{G} = (G, C)$ be a ternary structure and $H \subseteq G$. We call the subset H *discrete*, iff $H^3 \cap C = \emptyset$. An element $x \in G$ will be called *isolated*, iff $\{x, y, z\}$ is a discrete subset of G for any $y \in G$, $z \in G$.

A direct sum, direct product and a homomorphism of ternary structures are defined in the obvious way. By the symbol $\text{Hom}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{H})$ we denote the set of all homomorphisms of \mathbf{G} into \mathbf{H} . An isomorphism of \mathbf{G} onto \mathbf{H} is a bijective homomorphism f of \mathbf{G} onto \mathbf{H} such that f^{-1} is a homomorphism of \mathbf{H} onto \mathbf{G} . An injective homomorphism f of \mathbf{G} into \mathbf{H} such that f^{-1} is a homomorphism of $f(\mathbf{G})$ onto \mathbf{G} will be called an embedding.

1.1. Definition. Let $G = (G, C)$, $H = (H, D)$ be ternary structures. A *power* G^H is a ternary structure (K, E) where $K = \text{Hom}(H, G)$ and for $f, g, h \in K$ we have $(f, g, h) \in E$ iff $(f(x), g(x), h(x)) \in C$ for any $x \in H$.

1.2. Lemma. Let G, H be ternary structures. Let p be any of the properties: reflexivity, irreflexivity, symmetry, asymmetry, cyclicity, transitivity. If the structure G has a property p , then the structure G^H has the property p .

Proof is straightforward.

1.3. Corollary. Let G be a cyclically ordered set and H a ternary structure. Then G^H is a cyclically ordered set.

For further purposes we now define a new operation of a power of ternary structures G, H . Its carrier is the same as for G^H ; its relation is, however, an extension of $\mathcal{R}(G^H)$.

1.4. Definition. Let $G = (G, C)$, $H = (H, D)$ be ternary structures. A *strong power* ${}^H G$ is a ternary structure (K, E) where $K = \text{Hom}(H, G)$, and for $f, g, h \in K$ we have $(f, g, h) \in E$ iff

- (1) there exists $x \in H$ such that $\{f(x), g(x), h(x)\}$ is a nondiscrete subset of G ;
- (2) for any $x \in H$ with the property (1) we have $(f(x), g(x), h(x)) \in C$.

1.5. Lemma. Let $G = (G, C)$, $H = (H, D)$ be ternary structures. Let p be any of the properties: reflexivity, irreflexivity, symmetry, asymmetry, cyclicity. If the structure G has a property p , then the structure ${}^H G$ has the property p .

Proof is easy in all cases. Let us show, for instance, that cyclicity of G implies cyclicity of ${}^H G$. Thus, let ${}^H G = (K, E)$ and $f, g, h \in K$, $(f, g, h) \in E$. Then there exists $x \in H$ such that $\{f(x), g(x), h(x)\}$ is nondiscrete in G and $(f(x), g(x), h(x)) \in C$ for any such x . Then $(g(x), h(x), f(x)) \in C$ which shows $(g, h, f) \in E$.

1.6. Corollary. Let G be a cyclically ordered set and H a ternary structure. Then the ternary structure ${}^H G$ is asymmetric and cyclic.

2. EMBEDDING OF A CYCLICALLY ORDERED SET INTO A STRONG POWER

Let us denote by the symbol $\mathbf{3}$ a 3-element cycle, i.e. $\mathbf{3} = (\{0, 1, 2\}, \{(0, 1, 2), (1, 2, 0), (2, 0, 1)\})$. Further, let $\mathbf{3} + \mathbf{1}$ be the direct sum of a 3-element cycle and a one-element set $\{\omega\}$, i.e. $\mathbf{3} + \mathbf{1} = (\{0, 1, 2, \omega\}, \{(0, 1, 2), (1, 2, 0), (2, 0, 1)\})$.

If M is any (abstract) set, then M will be considered as a discrete ternary structure, i.e. $M = (M, \emptyset)$.

2.1. Theorem. Let $G = (G, C)$ be a cyclically ordered set. Then there exists a set M and an isomorphic embedding of G into ${}^M(\mathbf{3} + \mathbf{1})$.

Proof. First note that by 1.5, ${}^M(\mathbf{3} + \mathbf{1})$ is an asymmetric and cyclic ternary

structure. The carrier of this structure consists of all mappings $f: M \rightarrow \mathbf{3} + \mathbf{1}$. Denote $E = \mathcal{R}^{(M(\mathbf{3} + \mathbf{1}))}$.

Let G_1 be the set of all nonisolated elements in G , G_2 the set of all isolated elements in G . Then $G_1 \cup G_2 = G$, $G_1 \cap G_2 = \emptyset$. Choose any linear ordering $<$ on the set G_1 and call a triple $(x, y, z) \in C$ notable, if $x < y, x < z$. Note that if $(x, y, z) \in C$, then exactly one of the triples $(x, y, z), (y, z, x), (z, x, y)$ is notable. Let M_1 be the set of all notable triples in C and put $M = M_1 \cup G_2$. Finally, for any $x \in G$ let us define a mapping $f_x: M \rightarrow \mathbf{3} + \mathbf{1}$ in the following manner:

(1) Let $x \in G_1$ and $m \in M$. If $m \in M_1, m = (x_0, x_1, x_2)$, we put

$$f_x(m) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x = x_0 \\ 1, & \text{if } x = x_1 \\ 2, & \text{if } x = x_2 \\ \omega, & \text{if } x \neq x_0, x \neq x_1, x \neq x_2. \end{cases}$$

If $m \in G_2$, we put $f_x(m) = \omega$.

(2) Let $x \in G_2$. Then we put

$$f_x(x) = 0, \quad f_x(m) = \omega \quad \text{for any } m \in M - \{x\}.$$

Clearly, $f_x \in \mathcal{C}^{(M(\mathbf{3} + \mathbf{1}))}$ for any $x \in G$. We show that the mapping $x \mapsto f_x$ is injective. Let $x, y \in G, x \neq y$. If $x \in G_1, y \in G_2$, then there exists $m \in M_1$, such that $x \in m$; then $f_x(m) \in \{0, 1, 2\}, f_y(m) = \omega$ and thus $f_x \neq f_y$. If $x, y \in G_2$, then $f_x(x) = 0, f_y(x) = \omega$ and $f_x \neq f_y$. Suppose finally that $x, y \in G_1$ and choose any $m \in M_1$ with $x \in m$. If $y \notin m$, then $f_x(m) \in \{0, 1, 2\}, f_y(m) = \omega$, thus $f_x \neq f_y$. If $y \in m = (x_0, x_1, x_2)$, then $x = x_i, y = x_j$ where $i, j \in \{0, 1, 2\}, i \neq j$. By definition of the mapping f_x we then have $f_x(m) \neq f_y(m)$ so that $f_x \neq f_y$.

Further we show that the mapping $x \mapsto f_x$ is a homomorphism of G into $M(\mathbf{3} + \mathbf{1})$. Let $x, y, z \in G, (x, y, z) \in C$. Then $x, y, z \in G_1$ and there exists $m \in M_1$ such that m is a cyclic permutation of (x, y, z) , say, $m = (y, z, x)$. Then $f_y(m) = 0, f_z(m) = 1, f_x(m) = 2$ and the subset $\{f_x(m), f_y(m), f_z(m)\}$ is nondiscrete in $\mathbf{3} + \mathbf{1}$. If $m \in M$ is any element such that $\{f_x(m), f_y(m), f_z(m)\}$ is a nondiscrete subset of $\mathbf{3} + \mathbf{1}$, then necessarily $m \in M_1$ and $x, y, z \in m$; otherwise some of the elements $f_x(m), f_y(m), f_z(m)$ would be ω . As $(x, y, z) \in C, m$ is a cyclic permutation of (x, y, z) ; say, $m = (z, x, y)$. Then $f_x(m) = 1, f_y(m) = 2, f_z(m) = 0$ and $(f_x(m), f_y(m), f_z(m)) \in \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{3} + \mathbf{1})$. Thus $(f_x, f_y, f_z) \in E$.

Finally we show that the inverse mapping $f_x \mapsto x$ is a homomorphism from $M(\mathbf{3} + \mathbf{1})$ onto G . Let $x, y, z \in G, (f_x, f_y, f_z) \in E$. Then there exists $m \in M$ such that $\{f_x(m), f_y(m), f_z(m)\}$ is a nondiscrete subset of $\mathbf{3} + \mathbf{1}$, i.e. $(f_x(m), f_y(m), f_z(m)) \in \{(0, 1, 2), (1, 2, 0), (2, 0, 1)\}$. Suppose, for instance, that $f_x(m) = 1, f_y(m) = 2, f_z(m) = 0$. This implies, by definition of the functions f_x, f_y, f_z , that $m \in M_1$ and $m = (z, x, y)$. Thus $(z, x, y) \in C$, i.e. $(x, y, z) \in C$ and we have shown that $(f_x, f_y, f_z) \in E$ implies $(x, y, z) \in C$.

2.2. Let $G = (G, C)$ be a cyclically ordered set. By 2.1 there exists a set M and

a subset $\mathbf{G}(M)$ of a strong power ${}^M(\mathbf{3} + \mathbf{1})$ isomorphic with \mathbf{G} . Let us call this set $\mathbf{G}(M)$ a *representation of \mathbf{G} in the set M* and denote

$$\text{rep } \mathbf{G} = \min \{ \text{card } M; \text{ there exists a representation of } \mathbf{G} \text{ in } M \}$$

From the proof of 2.1 we immediately see

2.3. Theorem. *Let $\mathbf{G} = (G, C)$ be a cyclically ordered set and let G_2 be the set of all isolated elements in G . Then*

$$\text{rep } \mathbf{G} \leq \frac{1}{3} \text{card } C + \text{card } G_2 .$$

2.4. Let $m > 0$ be a cardinal. We call a ternary structure \mathbf{H} *m -universal for cyclically ordered sets* iff for any cyclically ordered set $\mathbf{G} = (G, C)$ with $\text{card } G \leq m$ there exists an isomorphic embedding of \mathbf{G} into \mathbf{H} .

From 2.1 and its proof we obtain

2.5. Theorem. *Let $m > 0$ be a cardinal and $n = \binom{m}{3} + m$. Then a ternary structure of type ${}^n(\mathbf{3} + \mathbf{1})$ is m -universal for cyclically ordered sets; this structure is asymmetric and cyclic.*

3. CHARACTERIZATION OF NUMBER $\text{REP } \mathbf{G}$

In the preceding section we have proved that any cyclically ordered set can be embedded into a strong power with base $\mathbf{3} + \mathbf{1}$ and discrete exponent. Here we show that to any cyclically ordered set \mathbf{G} it is possible to assign a certain ternary structure – we call it a *dominant of \mathbf{G}* – with the properties:

- (1) knowing a dominant of \mathbf{G} we know also \mathbf{G} ,
- (2) dominant of \mathbf{G} can be embedded into a power of structures in the usual sense.

3.1. Definition. Let $\mathbf{G} = (G, C)$ be a cyclically ordered set, let $\mathbf{G}' = (G, D)$ be a ternary structure with $\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{G}') = \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{G})$. We call \mathbf{G}' a *dominant of \mathbf{G}* iff for any elements $x, y, z \in G$ the following equivalence holds:

$$(x, y, z) \in C \Leftrightarrow (x, y, z) \in D, \quad (z, y, x) \notin D$$

Let us denote by $\mathbf{3} \oplus \mathbf{1}$ the following ternary structure:

$$\mathcal{C}(\mathbf{3} \oplus \mathbf{1}) = \{0, 1, 2, \omega\},$$

$$\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{3} \oplus \mathbf{1}) = \{(0, 1, 2), (1, 2, 0), (2, 0, 1)\} \cup \{(x, y, z); x, y, z \in \{0, 1, 2, \omega\} \text{ and either } x = \omega \text{ or } y = \omega \text{ or } z = \omega \text{ or } \text{card } \{x, y, z\} \leq 2\}.$$

3.2. Theorem. *Let $\mathbf{G} = (G, C)$ be a cyclically ordered set, let $\mathbf{G}(M) = (H, E)$ be its representation in a set M . Then $\mathbf{H} = (H, H^3 \cap \mathcal{R}((\mathbf{3} \oplus \mathbf{1})^M))$ is a dominant of this representation.*

Proof. Denote $H^3 \cap \mathcal{R}((\mathbf{3} \oplus \mathbf{1})^M) = D$. Let $f, g, h \in H, (f, g, h) \in E$. Then there exists $m_0 \in M$ such that $\{f(m_0), g(m_0), h(m_0)\}$ is a nondiscrete subset of $\mathbf{3} + \mathbf{1}$

and for any $m \in M$ with this property we have $(f(m), g(m), h(m)) \in \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{3} + \mathbf{1}) = \{(0, 1, 2), (1, 2, 0), (2, 0, 1)\}$. Now, let $m \in M$ be any element. If either $f(m) = \omega$ or $g(m) = \omega$ or $h(m) = \omega$ or $\text{card } \{f(m), g(m), h(m)\} \leq 2$, then $(f(m), g(m), h(m)) \in \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{3} \oplus \mathbf{1})$. In all the other cases $(f(m), g(m), h(m)) \in \{(0, 1, 2), (1, 2, 0), (2, 0, 1)\} \subseteq \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{3} \oplus \mathbf{1})$. Hence we have $(f, g, h) \in D$. Suppose $(h, g, f) \in D$. Then $(h(m), g(m), f(m)) \in \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{3} \oplus \mathbf{1})$ for any $m \in M$, in particular $(h(m_0), g(m_0), f(m_0)) \in \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{3} \oplus \mathbf{1})$ and this is a contradiction. Thus, $(f, g, h) \in E$ implies $(f, g, h) \in D$, $(h, g, f) \notin D$. On the other hand, let $f, g, h \in H$, $(f, g, h) \in D$, $(h, g, f) \notin D$. Then $(f(m), g(m), h(m)) \in \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{3} \oplus \mathbf{1})$ for any $m \in M$. If $f(m) = \omega$ or $g(m) = \omega$ or $h(m) = \omega$ or $\text{card } \{f(m), g(m), h(m)\} \leq 2$ for any $m \in M$, then $(h(m), g(m), f(m)) \in \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{3} \oplus \mathbf{1})$ for any $m \in M$, i.e. $(h, g, f) \in D$, a contradiction. Thus there exists $m_0 \in M$ with $\{f(m_0), g(m_0), h(m_0)\} = \{0, 1, 2\}$ so that $\{f(m_0), g(m_0), h(m_0)\}$ is a nondiscrete subset of $\mathbf{3} + \mathbf{1}$; further, for any $m \in M$ with this property we have $(f(m), g(m), h(m)) \in \{(0, 1, 2), (1, 2, 0), (2, 0, 1)\} = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{3} + \mathbf{1})$. Thus $(f, g, h) \in E$.

3.3. Theorem. *Let $\mathbf{G} = (G, C)$ be a cyclically ordered set. Then $\text{rep } \mathbf{G} = \min \{c \in \text{Card}; \text{structure of type } (\mathbf{3} \oplus \mathbf{1})^c \text{ contains a subset isomorphic with a suitable dominant of } \mathbf{G}\}$.*

Proof. Denote $\text{rep } \mathbf{G} = r$, $\min \{c \in \text{Card}; \text{structure of type } (\mathbf{3} \oplus \mathbf{1})^c \text{ contains a subset isomorphic with a suitable dominant of } \mathbf{G}\} = s$. By definition of the number r , there exists a representation (H, E) of \mathbf{G} in a set M with $\text{card } M = r$. By 3.2, $(H, H^3 \cap \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{3} \oplus \mathbf{1})^M)$ is a dominant of this representation, which is a substructure of the structure $(\mathbf{3} \oplus \mathbf{1})^M$ of type $(\mathbf{3} \oplus \mathbf{1})^r$. This dominant is isomorphic with a certain dominant of \mathbf{G} and this implies $s \leq r$. Conversely, let M be a set with $\text{card } M = s$; by definition there exists a dominant (G, D) of the structure \mathbf{G} and an embedding of (G, D) into $(\mathbf{3} \oplus \mathbf{1})^M$. Suppose that this embedding assigns to an element $x \in G$ an element $f_x \in \mathcal{C}((\mathbf{3} \oplus \mathbf{1})^M)$. Put $H = \{f_x; x \in G\}$, $E = H^3 \cap \mathcal{R}^M(\mathbf{3} + \mathbf{1})$ and $\mathbf{G}(M) = (H, E)$. We show that $\mathbf{G}(M)$ is a representation of \mathbf{G} in the set M where the corresponding isomorphism is the mapping $x \mapsto f_x$. The definition implies that this mapping is a bijection of G onto H . Let $x, y, z \in G$, $(x, y, z) \in C$. Then $(x, y, z) \in D$, $(z, y, x) \notin D$. Hence $(f_x(m), f_y(m), f_z(m)) \in \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{3} \oplus \mathbf{1})$ for any $m \in M$ but there exists $m_0 \in M$ with $(f_x(m_0), f_y(m_0), f_z(m_0)) \notin \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{3} \oplus \mathbf{1})$. Thus neither $f_x(m_0) = \omega$ nor $f_y(m_0) = \omega$ nor $f_z(m_0) = \omega$ nor $\text{card } \{f_x(m_0), f_y(m_0), f_z(m_0)\} \leq 2$, i.e. $\{f_x(m_0), f_y(m_0), f_z(m_0)\} = \{0, 1, 2\}$ and for any $m \in M$ with this property we have, of course, $(f_x(m), f_y(m), f_z(m)) \in \{(0, 1, 2), (1, 2, 0), (2, 0, 1)\}$. This means $(f_x, f_y, f_z) \in \mathcal{R}^M(\mathbf{3} + \mathbf{1})$. Thus $(x, y, z) \in C$ implies $(f_x, f_y, f_z) \in E$.

Let $x, y, z \in G$, $(f_x, f_y, f_z) \in E$. Then there exists $m_0 \in M$ with $\{f_x(m_0), f_y(m_0), f_z(m_0)\} = \{0, 1, 2\}$ and for any $m \in M$ with this property we have $(f_x(m), f_y(m), f_z(m)) \in \{(0, 1, 2), (1, 2, 0), (2, 0, 1)\}$. Let $m \in M$ be any element. If either $f_x(m) = \omega$ or $f_y(m) = \omega$ or $f_z(m) = \omega$ or $\text{card } \{f_x(m), f_y(m), f_z(m)\} \leq 2$, then $(f_x(m), f_y(m), f_z(m)) \in \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{3} \oplus \mathbf{1})$. In all the other cases we have, by the above, also $(f_x(m), f_y(m), f_z(m)) \in \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{3} \oplus \mathbf{1})$. Thus $(f_x, f_y, f_z) \in \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{3} \oplus \mathbf{1})^M$ and, as a mapping $x \mapsto f_x$ is an

isomorphism of (G, D) into $(\mathbf{3} \oplus \mathbf{1})^M$, we have $(x, y, z) \in D$. Suppose $(z, y, x) \in D$. Then $(f_z, f_y, f_x) \in \mathcal{R}((\mathbf{3} \oplus \mathbf{1})^M)$, i.e. $(f_z(m), f_y(m), f_x(m)) \in \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{3} \oplus \mathbf{1})$ for any $m \in M$. But this contradicts the fact that $(f_x(m_0), f_y(m_0), f_z(m_0)) \in \{(0, 1, 2), (1, 2, 0), (2, 0, 1)\}$. Thus $(x, y, z) \in D$, $(z, y, x) \notin D$ and, as (G, D) is a dominant of G , we have $(x, y, z) \in C$. We have proved that $G(M)$ is a representation of G in the set M which implies $r = \text{rep } G \leq \text{card } M = s$. Altogether we have $r = s$.

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