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PRINCIPAL DUAL IDEALS IN LATTICES OF PRIMITIVE CLASSES

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Consider a type Δ of universal algebras and the lattice \mathcal{L}_Δ of all primitive classes of algebras of type Δ . J. Rebane [2] has shown that if Δ contains at least one at least unary operation, then each proper principal dual ideal \mathcal{J} of \mathcal{L}_Δ is infinite. It will be shown in the present paper that if Δ contains either at least two unary operations or at least one at least binary operation, then each \mathcal{J} is uncountable. (It will follow that if, in addition, Δ is finite, then each \mathcal{J} has exactly 2^{\aleph_0} elements; the continuum hypothesis is not used here.) Let us remark that if Δ consists of one unary and a finite number of nullary operations, then (as it is shown in [1]) \mathcal{L}_Δ and hence each \mathcal{J} is countable; if Δ consists of one unary and an infinite number of nullary operations, then it is easy to prove that \mathcal{L}_Δ contains both countable and uncountable proper principal dual ideals.

Some terminology will be given in § 1. However, the reader is supposed to know the definitions and fundamen-

tal properties of absolutely free algebras and primitive classes. See Słomiński [3].

§ 1. Lattices of primitive classes

By a type we mean an arbitrary family $\Delta = (n_i)_{i \in I}$

of non-negative integers. Let us make a convention: if a type is denoted by Δ , then its definition set is denoted by I and the integer corresponding to $i \in I$ by n_i .

Algebra of type Δ is a set A together with a family $(f_i)_{i \in I}$ where f_i is an n_i -ary operation in A . We call f_i the i -th fundamental operation of this algebra. If $n_i = 0$, then f_i is simply an element of A .

Let us fix an infinitely countable set X ; its elements are called variables. For each type Δ let us fix an absolutely free algebra W_Δ of type Δ freely generated by X . If $i \in I$, then the i -th fundamental operation of W_Δ is denoted by f_i .

Let us define a set $S(w)$ for each $w \in W_\Delta$: if $w \in X$, then $S(w) = \{w\}$; if $i \in I$, $w = f_i(w_1, \dots, w_{n_i})$, then $S(w) = \{w\} \cup S(w_1) \cup \dots$

$\dots \cup S(w_{n_i})$. The elements of $S(w)$ are called subwords of w . It is easy to prove that if w_1 is a subword of w_2 , then $S(w_1)$ is a subword of

$\varphi(w_2)$ for any endomorphism φ of W_Δ .

Let us define a non-negative integer $\kappa(w)$ for each $w \in W_\Delta$: if $w \in X$ or $w = f_i$ for some $i \in I$, $n_i = 0$, then $\kappa(w) = 0$; if $i \in I$, $n_i \neq 0$, $w = f_i(w_1, \dots, w_{n_i})$, then $\kappa(w) = 1 + \kappa(w_1) + \dots + \kappa(w_{n_i})$. It is easy to prove $\kappa(w) \leq \kappa(\varphi(w))$ for any endomorphism φ of W_Δ .

By a Δ -equation we mean an ordered pair $\langle w_1, w_2 \rangle$ of elements of W_Δ . By a Δ -theory we mean any set of Δ -equations, i.e. any binary relation in W_Δ . A Δ -equation e is identified with the Δ -theory $\{e\}$. A Δ -equation $\langle w_1, w_2 \rangle$ is called trivial if $w_1 = w_2$.

By a fully invariant congruence relation (shortly: FI-congruence relation) of W_Δ we mean a congruence relation E such that $\langle w_1, w_2 \rangle \in E$ implies $\langle \varphi(w_1), \varphi(w_2) \rangle \in E$ for any endomorphism φ of W_Δ .

Lemma 1. Let n be a non-negative integer. The set of all Δ -equations $\langle w_1, w_2 \rangle$ such that either $w_1 = w_2$ or $\kappa(w_1) \geq n$ & $\kappa(w_2) \geq n$ is a FI-congruence relation of W_Δ .

The proof is evident.

For any Δ -theory E , the least FI-congruence

relation of W_Δ containing E is denoted by $Cn(E)$.

We shall write $E_1 \vdash E_2$ instead of $E_2 \subseteq Cn(E_1)$.

The set of all FI-congruence relations of W_Δ is a complete lattice with respect to the set-theoretic inclusion. The dual of this lattice is denoted by \mathcal{L}_Δ . This is the set of all FI-congruence relations of W_Δ with the relation \leq_Δ defined by $E_1 \leq_\Delta E_2$ if and only if $E_2 \subseteq E_1$.

A Δ -equation $\langle w_1, w_2 \rangle$ is called valid in an algebra A of type Δ if $\mathcal{G}(w_1) = \mathcal{G}(w_2)$ for all homomorphisms \mathcal{G} of W_Δ into A . If E is a Δ -theory, then $Mod(E)$ denotes the primitive class of all algebras of type Δ in which all equations from E are valid. If \mathcal{U} is a class of algebras of type Δ , then $Eq(\mathcal{U})$ denotes the set of all Δ -equations that are valid in each $A \in \mathcal{U}$.

The following three properties are well-known:

i) If E_1 and E_2 are two different elements of \mathcal{L}_Δ , then the primitive classes $Mod(E_1)$ and $Mod(E_2)$ are different, too.

ii) Any primitive class of algebras of type Δ can be expressed as $Mod(E)$ for some $E \in \mathcal{L}_\Delta$.

iii) If $E_1, E_2 \in \mathcal{L}_\Delta$, then $E_1 \leq_\Delta E_2$ if and only if $Mod(E_1) \subseteq Mod(E_2)$.

This shows that the name "lattice of primitive classes" for \mathcal{L}_Δ is available.

Let us denote by ι_Δ the greatest element of \mathcal{L}_Δ .

If $E \in \mathcal{L}_\Delta$, then the set of all $H \in \mathcal{L}_\Delta$ such that $E \leq_\Delta H$ is called the principal dual ideal (of \mathcal{L}_Δ) generated by E . It is called proper if $E \neq \iota_\Delta$.

§ 2. The uncountability of proper principal dual ideals of \mathcal{L}_Δ for large types Δ

Let us call a type Δ large if either

- (1) $n_i \leq 1$ for all $i \in I$; there exist two different elements i_1, i_2 of I such that $n_{i_1} = n_{i_2} = 1$ or
- (2) there exists an $i_1 \in I$ such that $n_{i_1} \geq 2$.

In my paper [1] it is shown that for each finite type Δ , the lattice \mathcal{L}_Δ is uncountable if and only if Δ is large. Here we shall prove this

Theorem. Let Δ be a large type. Then each proper principal dual ideal of \mathcal{L}_Δ is uncountable. Moreover, it contains a subset which (considered as partially ordered by \leq_Δ) is isomorphic to the lattice of all subsets of an infinite set.

First a definition. A Δ -theory E is called

separated if it is infinite and $Cn(E_1) = Cn(E_2)$ implies $E_1 = E_2$ for all $E_1, E_2 \subseteq E$.

It is easy to prove that if E is separated, then the mapping \mathcal{G} defined by $\mathcal{G}(E_1) = Cn(E - E_1)$ is an order-isomorphism of the lattice of all subsets of E onto a subset of the principal dual ideal of \mathcal{L}_Δ generated by $Cn(E)$.

We have further evidently: if $H \in \mathcal{L}_\Delta$, $H \neq \perp_\Delta$, then there exists in H at least one non-trivial Δ -equation e , and it is $H \vdash e$.

Hence, to prove the Theorem, it is enough to prove that for each non-trivial Δ -equation e there exists a separated Δ -theory E such that $e \vdash E$. This will be proved in the following two lemmas.

Lemma 2. If a type Δ satisfies (1), then for each non-trivial Δ -equation e there exists a separated Δ -theory E such that $e \vdash E$.

Proof. The elements $i \in I$ such that $n_i = 1$ are called unary symbols. If $\mathfrak{s} = \mathfrak{s}_1 \mathfrak{s}_2 \dots \mathfrak{s}_n$ is a finite (not necessarily non-empty) sequence of unary symbols and $w \in W_\Delta$, then $w^\mathfrak{s}$ is defined in this way: if \mathfrak{s} is empty, then $w^\mathfrak{s} = w$; further,

$w^{\mathfrak{s}_1 \dots \mathfrak{s}_n \mathfrak{s}_{n+1}} = f_{\mathfrak{s}_{n+1}}(w^{\mathfrak{s}_1 \dots \mathfrak{s}_n})$. The special unary symbols i_1 and i_2 (see (1)) are denoted by $|$

and \vdash , respectively. We shall denote by $\overset{n}{\vdash}$ the sequence consisting of n symbols \vdash .

Let N be the set of all positive integers. Put $e = \langle u, v \rangle$, so that $u \neq v$. For each $n \in N$ put $e_n = \langle u^{\overset{n}{\vdash}}, v^{\overset{n}{\vdash}} \rangle$. For each $M \subseteq N$ let E_M be the set of all e_m with $m \in M$. Put $E = E_N$. We have evidently $e \vdash E$.

Put $H = Cn(e)$. Let us define a relation R_M in W_Δ for each $M \subseteq N$ in this way: $\langle w_1, w_2 \rangle \in R_M$ if and only if either $w_1 = w_2$ or there exists an equation $\langle u_1, u_2 \rangle \in H$, a number $m \in M$ and a finite (not necessarily non-empty) sequence \bar{s} of unary symbols such that $w_1 = u_1^{\overset{m}{\vdash}\bar{s}}$ and $w_2 = u_2^{\overset{m}{\vdash}\bar{s}}$. Let us prove that R_M is a FI-congruence relation of W_Δ . It is evidently enough to prove transitivity. Let $\langle w_1, w_2 \rangle \in R_M$ and $\langle w_2, w_3 \rangle \in R_M$. If $w_1 = w_2$ or $w_2 = w_3$, then $\langle w_1, w_3 \rangle \in R_M$ evidently. In the opposite case there exist equations $\langle u_1, u_2 \rangle \in H$, $\langle v_2, v_3 \rangle \in H$, numbers $m, n \in M$ and sequences \bar{s}, \bar{t} such that $w_1 = u_1^{\overset{m}{\vdash}\bar{s}}$, $w_2 = u_2^{\overset{m}{\vdash}\bar{s}} = v_2^{\overset{m}{\vdash}\bar{s}}$, $w_2 = v_2^{\overset{m}{\vdash}\bar{s}} = v_2^{\overset{n}{\vdash}\bar{t}}$, $w_3 = v_3^{\overset{n}{\vdash}\bar{t}}$.

It follows from the expression of w_2 that either $|+|_b^m$ is an end of $|+|_b^m$ or $|+|_b^m$ is an end of $|+|_b^m$. We shall consider the first case; the second could be handled similarly. There exists a sequence t such that $|+|_b^m$ is equal to $t|+|_b^m$. Clearly $\langle v_2^t, v_3^t \rangle \in H$ and $v_2^t = u_2$; we get $\langle u_1, v_3^t \rangle \in H$. As $w_1 = u_1^{t|+|_b^m}$ and $w_3 = v_3^{t|+|_b^m}$, we get $\langle w_1, w_3 \rangle \in R_M$. The assertion on R_M is thus proved. We have evidently $R_M \supseteq E_M$ and hence $R_M \supseteq Cn(E_M)$.

To prove the Lemma, it is evidently enough to prove that if $n \in N - M$, then $e_n \notin Cn(E_M)$.

Suppose on the contrary that $e_n \in Cn(E_M)$; we get $e_n \in R_M$. There exists an equation $\langle u_1, v_1 \rangle \in H$, a number $m \in M$ and a sequence b such that $u^{b|+|_b^m} = u_1^{b|+|_b^m}$ and $v^{b|+|_b^m} = v_1^{b|+|_b^m}$.

We shall go on under the assumption $\kappa(u_1) \leq \kappa(v_1)$; in the contrary case the proof would be analogous. Evidently $\kappa(u) \leq \kappa(v)$, too. As $\langle u_1, v_1 \rangle \in Cn\langle u, v \rangle$ and $u_1 \neq v_1$, we get $\kappa(u_1) \geq$

$\geq \kappa(u)$ evidently applying Lemma 1. From this and from $u^{|\tau|} = u_1^{|\tau|}$ it follows easily that S

is empty, $n = m$ and $u = u_1$.

But $n = m$ is in a contradiction with the assumption $n \notin M$.

Lemma 3. If a type Δ satisfies (2), then for each non-trivial Δ -equation e there exists a separated Δ -theory E such that $e \vdash E$.

Proof. Let us fix an $i_1 \in I$ with $n_{i_1} \geq 2$ and put $n_{i_1} = k$. If $w_1, w_2 \in W_\Delta$, then put $w_1 \cdot w_2 = f_{i_1}(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_2)$. If $w_1, \dots, w_n \in W_\Delta$, then the product $w_1 \dots w_n$ is defined in this way: if $n = 1$, it is equal to w_1 ; if $n > 1$, then $w_1 \dots w_n = (w_1 \dots w_{n-1}) \cdot w_n$. If $w_1 = \dots = w_n = w$, we write w^n instead of $w_1 \dots w_n$.

Put $e = \langle u, v \rangle$, so that $u \neq v$. Let N be the set of all integers $n \geq 2$. Let us fix a variable x . For each $n \in N$ put $e_n = \langle u \cdot x^n, v \cdot x^n \rangle$. For each $M \subseteq N$ let E_M be the set of all e_m with $m \in M$. Put $E = E_N$.

We have evidently $e \vdash E$.

Let a set $M \subseteq N$ be given. A finite sequence $e^{(1)}, \dots, e^{(h)}$ of Δ -equations is called proof (with respect to M) if for each $j = 1, \dots, h$ one of the following cases takes place:

i) $e^{(j)}$ is trivial;

ii) there exists an $m \in M$ and an endomorphism φ of W_Δ such that either $e^{(j)} = \langle \varphi(u \cdot x^m), \varphi(v \cdot x^m) \rangle$ or $e^{(j)} = \langle \varphi(v \cdot x^m), \varphi(u \cdot x^m) \rangle$;

iii) there exists an $i \in I$ and a sequence

$\langle w_1, \bar{w}_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle w_{n_i}, \bar{w}_{n_i} \rangle$ of Δ -equations such that all these equations occur among $e^{(1)}, \dots, e^{(j-1)}$ and $e^{(j)} = \langle f_i(w_1, \dots, w_{n_i}), f_i(\bar{w}_1, \dots, \bar{w}_{n_i}) \rangle$;

iv) there exist two equations $\langle w_1, w_2 \rangle$ and $\langle w_2, w_3 \rangle$ among $e^{(1)}, \dots, e^{(j-1)}$ such that $e^{(j)} = \langle w_1, w_3 \rangle$.

Let R_M be the set of all those Δ -equations that occur as the last member of a proof (with respect to M). It is easy to see that R_M is a FI-congruence relation of W_Δ , so that evidently

$$R_M = Cn(E_M).$$

To prove the Lemma, it is evidently enough to prove that if $n \in N - M$, then $e_n \notin Cn(E_M)$. Suppose on the contrary that $e_n \in R_M$, so that e_n is the last member of a proof (with respect to M) $e^{(1)}, \dots, e^{(h)}$. We may suppose $\kappa(u) \leq \kappa(v)$; in the contrary case the proof would be analogous. We can not receive $e^{(h)}$ applying only the rules i) and iv); hence, there exists a $j \leq h$ and a $w \in W_\Delta$ such that $w \neq u \cdot x^n$ and $e^{(j)} = \langle u \cdot x^n, w \rangle$ and such that $e^{(j)}$ can be got applying ii) or iii). (In the case $\kappa(u) \geq \kappa(v)$ we would seek $e^{(j)}$ in the form $\langle w, v \cdot x^n \rangle$.) Suppose that $e^{(j)}$ can be got by iii). There exist elements $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_k \in W_\Delta$ such that $w = f_{i_1}(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_k)$ and $\langle u, w_1 \rangle \in R_M$, $\langle x^n, w_2 \rangle \in R_M$, \dots , $\langle x^n, w_k \rangle \in R_M$.

Let us call an element $t \in W_\Delta$ special if it has a subword $f_{i_1}(t_1, \dots, t_k)$ where t_k is not a variable. Evidently, we get a FI-congruence relation if

we take the set of all those Δ -equations $\langle t, \bar{t} \rangle$

such that either $t = \bar{t}$ or t and \bar{t} are both special. As E_M and hence $R_M = \text{Cn}(E_M)$

is contained in this FI-congruence relation and as

$$\begin{aligned} x^n &= f_{i_1}(x^{n-1}, x, \dots, x), \quad x^{n-1} = \\ &= f_{i_1}(x^{n-2}, x, \dots, x), \dots, \\ x^2 &= f_{i_1}(x, x, \dots, x), \end{aligned}$$

we get $x^n = w_2 = \dots = w_k$. As $\kappa(u) \leq \kappa(v)$,

$\kappa(u \cdot x^m) > \kappa(u)$ for all $m \in M$ and

$\langle u, w_1 \rangle \in R_M$, we get $u = w_1$ easily by Lemma 1.

We get $w = u \cdot x^n$, a contradiction. Hence, $e^{(j)}$

is as in ii). We have either $u \cdot x^n = \varphi(u \cdot x^m) =$
 $= \varphi(u) \cdot (\varphi(x))^m$ or

$$u \cdot x^n = \varphi(v \cdot x^m) = \varphi(v) \cdot (\varphi(x))^m ;$$

in both these cases $x^n = (\varphi(x))^m$. As n ,

$$\begin{aligned} m \geq 2, \text{ we have } f_{i_1}(x^{n-1}, x, \dots, x) &= \\ = f_{i_1}((\varphi(x))^{m-1}, \varphi(x), \dots, \varphi(x)) \end{aligned}$$

and hence $x = g(x)$. From $x^n = x^m$ we get evidently $n = m \in M$, a contradiction.

The Theorem is thus proved.

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