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LATERAL AND DEDEKIND COMPLETIONS OF STRONGLY  
PROJECTABLE LATTICE ORDERED GROUPS

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For a lattice ordered group  $G$  we denote by  $G^L$  and  $G^D$  the lateral completion or the Dedekind completion of  $G$ , respectively. (For definitions, cf. Section 1 below.)

The main result of [2] is the following theorem:

(\*) (Bernau) Let  $G$  be an archimedean lattice ordered group. Then the relation

$$(1) \quad G^{DL} = G^{LD}$$

is valid.

This solved a problem proposed by Conrad [4].

In the present paper the validity of (1) for strongly projectable lattice ordered groups will be proved.

Let us remark that an archimedean lattice ordered group need not be strongly projectable; also, a strongly projectable lattice ordered group need not be archimedean. Thus our result neither implies (\*) nor is implied by (\*).

For each lattice ordered group  $G$  the lateral completion  $G^L$  is defined uniquely up to isomorphism (cf. Conrad [4], Bernau [1]). Hence, in fact, the relation (1) is to be considered in the sense of isomorphism (leaving all the elements of  $G$  fixed).

## 1. PRELIMINARIES

In the whole paper  $G$  denotes a lattice ordered group.

An indexed system  $(g_i)_{i \in I}$  ( $I \neq \emptyset$ ) of elements of  $G$  is called disjoint if  $g_i \geq 0$  for each  $i \in I$ , and  $g_{i(2)} = 0$  whenever  $i(1)$  and  $i(2)$  are distinct elements of  $I$ .

$G$  is said to be laterally complete if each indexed disjoint system in  $G$  has the supremum in  $G$ .

If  $G$  is an  $\ell$ -subgroup of a lattice ordered group  $H$  such that for each  $h \in H$  with  $0 < h$  there exists  $g \in G$  with  $0 < g \leq h$ , then  $G$  is called a dense  $\ell$ -subgroup of  $H$ .

**1.1. Definition.** (Cf. Conrad [4].) A lattice ordered group  $H$  is said to be a *lateral completion* of  $G$  if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i)  $H$  is laterally complete.
- (ii)  $G$  is a dense  $\ell$ -subgroup of  $H$ .
- (iii) If  $H_1$  is an  $\ell$ -subgroup of  $H$  such that  $G \subseteq H_1$  and  $H_1$  is laterally complete, then  $H_1 = H$ .

**1.2. Theorem.** (Bernau [1].) *Each lattice ordered group possesses a lateral completion. If  $H$  and  $H'$  are lateral completions of  $G$ , then there exists an isomorphism  $\varphi$  of  $H$  onto  $H'$  such that  $\varphi(g) = g$  for each  $g \in G$ .*

Thus, up to isomorphism, the lateral completion of  $G$  is uniquely determined; we denote it by  $G^L$ .

Let  $X \subseteq G$ . The system of all upper bounds (or lower bounds, respectively) of  $X$  in  $G$  will be denoted by  $U(X)$  (or  $L(X)$ ). A pair  $(A, B)$  of nonempty subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $G$  will be said to be a cut in  $G$  if  $A = L(B)$  and  $B = U(A)$ . A cut  $(A, B)$  will be called a  $D$ -cut if the relations

$$\bigwedge_{a \in A, b \in B} (b - a) = 0,$$

$$\bigwedge_{a \in A, b \in B} (-a + b) = 0$$

are valid in  $G$ .

**1.3. Definition.** A lattice ordered group  $G$  is said to be  $D$ -complete if for each  $D$ -cut  $(A, B)$  in  $G$  there exists  $g \in G$  such that the relation

$$\sup A = g = \inf B$$

is valid.

**1.4. Definition.** A lattice ordered group  $H$  is called a *Dedekind completion* of  $G$  if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i)  $H$  is  $D$ -complete.
- (ii)  $G$  is an  $\ell$ -subgroup of  $H$ .
- (iii) For each  $h \in H$  there are subsets  $X$  and  $Y$  of  $G$  such that the relations

$$\sup X = h = \inf Y$$

are valid in  $H$ .

From the results of Everett [5] (cf. also Fuchs [5], Chap. V, §10) we obtain

**1.5. Theorem.** *Each lattice ordered group possesses a Dedekind completion. If  $H$  and  $H'$  are Dedekind completions of  $G$ , then there exists an isomorphism  $\varphi$  of  $H$  onto  $H'$  such that  $\varphi(g) = g$  for each  $g \in G$ .*

**1.6. Theorem.** (Conrad [4].) *Let  $G$  be a dense  $\ell$ -subgroup of a laterally complete lattice ordered group  $H$ . Next, let  $H_0$  be the intersection of all  $\ell$ -subgroups  $H_i$  of  $H$  such that  $G \subseteq H_i$  and  $H_i$  is laterally complete. Then  $H_0$  is a lateral completion of  $G$ .*

## 2. AUXILIARY RESULTS

If  $G$  is a dense  $\ell$ -subgroup of a lattice ordered group  $H$ , then we express this fact by writing  $G \subseteq_d H$ .

It is obvious that if  $H'$  is a Dedekind completion of  $G$ , then  $G \subseteq_d H'$ .

**2.1. Lemma.** *Let  $G \subseteq_d G'$ . Suppose that  $H'$  is a lateral completion of  $G'$ . Then there is a lateral completion  $H$  of  $G$  such that  $H \subseteq_d H'$ .*

*Proof.* We have  $G' \subseteq_d H'$ , hence  $G \subseteq_d H'$ . Now it suffices to apply 1.6. □

**2.2. Lemma.** *Let  $H$  be a lattice ordered group such that  $G \subseteq_d H$ . Next, let  $H_0$  be the set of all  $h \in H$  such that there exist  $X, Y \subseteq G$  having the property that the relation*

$$\sup X = h = \inf Y$$

*is valid in  $H$ . Then  $H_0$  is an  $\ell$ -subgroup of  $H$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $h \in H$  and let  $X, Y$  be as above. Further, let  $h' \in H$ ,  $X' \subseteq G$ ,  $Y' \subseteq G$  be such that  $\sup X' = h' = \inf Y'$  is valid in  $H$ . Then we have

$$\sup\{x + x'\}_{x \in X, x' \in X'} = h + h' = \inf\{y + y'\}_{y \in Y, y' \in Y'}$$

in  $H$ . Analogous relations remain valid if  $+$  is replaced by  $\vee$  or by  $\wedge$ . Also,

$$\sup\{-y\}_{y \in Y} = -h = \inf\{-x\}_{x \in X}.$$

Hence  $H_0$  is an  $\ell$ -subgroup of  $H$ . □

**2.3. Lemma.** Let  $H$  be a lattice ordered group,  $\{x_i\}_{i \in I} \subseteq H$ ,  $\{y_j\}_{j \in J} \subseteq H$ ,  $h \in H$ ,

$$\sup\{x_i\}_{i \in I} = h = \inf\{y_j\}_{j \in J}.$$

Then

$$\bigwedge_{i \in I, j \in J} (y_j - x_i) = 0 = \bigwedge_{i \in I, j \in J} (-x_i + y_j).$$

**Proof.** We have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \bigwedge_{j \in J} y_j - \vee_{i \in I} x_i = \bigwedge_{j \in J} y_j + \bigwedge_{i \in I} (-x_i) = \\ &= \bigwedge_{j \in J, i \in I} (y_j - x_i). \end{aligned}$$

The other relation can be verified analogously. □

An  $\ell$ -subgroup  $H_1$  of a lattice ordered group  $H_2$  will be called regular if, whenever  $X \subseteq H_1$ ,  $Y \subseteq H_1$ ,  $x \in H_1$ ,  $y \in H_1$  and the relations

$$\sup X = x, \quad \inf Y = y$$

are valid in  $H_1$ , then these relations are valid also in  $H_2$ .

**2.4. Lemma.** (Bernau [1].) Let  $H_1$  be a dense  $\ell$ -subgroup of  $H_2$ . Then  $H_1$  is a regular  $\ell$ -subgroup of  $H_2$ .

**2.5. Lemma.** Let  $G, H$  and  $H_0$  be as in 2.2. Assume that  $H$  is  $D$ -complete. Then  $H_0$  is  $D$ -complete as well.

**Proof.** Let  $(A, B)$  be a  $D$ -cut in  $H_0$ . We denote by  $B_1$  the set of all upper bounds of  $A$  in  $H$ , and by  $A_1$  the set of all lower bounds of  $B_1$  in  $H$ . Then  $(A_1, B_1)$  is a cut in  $H$  and  $A \subseteq A_1$ ,  $B \subseteq B_1$ . The relations

$$\bigwedge_{a \in A, b \in B} (b - a) = 0 = \bigwedge_{a \in A, b \in B} (-a + b)$$

are valid in  $H_0$ . In view of 2.4, these relations are valid also in  $H$  (since, obviously,  $H_0$  is a dense  $\ell$ -subgroup of  $H$ ). Then the inclusions  $A \subseteq A_1$ ,  $B \subseteq B_1$  imply

$$\bigwedge_{a_1 \in A_1, b_1 \in B_1} (b_1 - a_1) = \bigwedge_{a_1 \in A_1, b_1 \in B_1} (-a_1 + b_1) = 0.$$

Thus  $(A_1, B_1)$  is a  $D$ -cut in  $H$ . Since  $H$  is  $D$ -complete, there exists  $h \in H$  with

$$\sup A_1 = h = \inf B_1.$$

From the definition of  $B_1$  and from  $h = \inf B_1$  we see that the relation

$$h = \sup A$$

is valid in  $H$ . Since  $A \subseteq H_0$ , for each  $a \in A$  there exists a subset  $X(a)$  of  $G$  such that the relation

$$a = \sup X(a)$$

holds in  $H_0$ . Thus according to the definition of  $H_0$  this relation holds also in  $H$ . Similarly, there exists  $Y \subseteq G$  such that  $h = \inf Y$  is valid in  $H$ . Denote  $X = \bigcup_{a \in A} X(a)$ . Then we have

$$h = \sup A = \sup\{\sup X(a)\}_{a \in A} = \sup X$$

in  $H$ . This yields that  $h \in H_0$ . Now, since  $(A, B)$  is a cut in  $H_0$ , we obtain that  $h \in A \cap B$  and

$$h = \inf B$$

in  $H_0$ . Therefore in view of 1.3,  $H_0$  is  $D$ -complete. □

**2.6. Lemma.** *Let  $G, H$  and  $H_0$  be as in 2.2. Then  $H_0$  is a Dedekind completion of  $G$ .*

*Proof.* We apply the conditions (i), (ii) and (iii) from 1.4. In view of 2.2,  $H_0$  is an  $\ell$ -subgroup of  $H$  and clearly  $G \subseteq H_0$ ; thus  $G$  is an  $\ell$ -subgroup of  $H_0$ . According to 2.5,  $H_0$  is  $D$ -complete. Hence (i) and (ii) from 1.4 are satisfied. The definition of  $H_0$  yields that (iii) from 1.4 also holds. □

**2.7. Corollary.** *Let  $G$  be a dense  $\ell$ -subgroup of a lattice ordered group  $H$  and let  $H'$  be a Dedekind completion of  $H$ . Then there exists a Dedekind completion  $H_0$  of  $G$  such that*

- (i)  $H_0 \subseteq_d H'$ ;
- (ii) if  $H_0^1$  is a dense  $\ell$ -subgroup of  $H'$  such that  $G \subseteq H_0^1$  and if  $H_0^1$  is  $D$ -complete, then  $H_0 \subseteq H_0^1$ .

### 3. STRONG PROJECTABILITY

For  $X \subseteq G$  we denote by  $X^\delta$  the polar of  $X$  in  $G$ ; i.e.,

$$X^\delta = \{g \in G \mid g \wedge |x| = 0 \text{ for each } x \in X\}.$$

A lattice ordered group  $H$  is said to be strongly projectable if each polar of  $H$  is a direct factor of  $H$ .

If we have a direct product decomposition

$$G = \prod_{i \in I} G_i$$

and if  $g \in G$ ,  $i \in I$ , then the component of  $g$  in  $G_i$  will be denoted by  $g(G_i)$  or by  $g(i)$ . We identify the element  $g(G_i)$  with the element  $g'$  of  $G$  such that  $g'(G_i) = g(G_i)$  and  $g'(G_{i(1)}) = 0$  for each  $i(1) \in I$  with  $i(1) \neq i$ .

It is well-known that if  $0 < g \in G$ , then  $g(i)$  is the greatest element of the set  $G_i \cap [0, g]$ .

**3.1. Lemma.** *Let  $G$  be laterally complete and strongly projectable. Let  $(A_i)_{i \in I}$  be an indexed system of direct factors of  $G$  such that  $A_{i(1)} \cap A_{i(2)} = \{0\}$  whenever  $i(1)$  and  $i(2)$  are distinct elements of  $I$ . Put*

$$B = \left( \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i \right)^\delta.$$

Then  $G = B \times \prod_{i \in I} A_i$ .

*Proof.*  $G$  is strongly projectable and hence  $B$  is a direct factor of  $G$ . Consider the mapping

$$\varphi : G \rightarrow B \times \prod_{i \in I} A_i$$

such that

$$\varphi(x)(A_i) = x(A_i) \quad \text{for each } i \in I,$$

$$\varphi(x)(B) = x(B).$$

Then  $\varphi$  is a homomorphism of  $G$  into  $B \times \prod_{i \in I} A_i$ .

Let  $x \in G$ ,  $\varphi(x) = 0$ . Then  $\varphi(|x|) = 0$ . Thus  $|x| \wedge a_i = 0$  whenever  $i \in I$  and  $0 \leq a_i \in A_i$ . Hence  $|x| \in B$  yielding that  $|x|(B) = |x|$ . But  $|x|(B) = 0$  and therefore  $|x| = 0 = x$ . Hence  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism of  $G$  into  $B \times \prod_{i \in I} A_i$ .

For proving that  $\varphi$  is surjective it suffices to verify that if  $0 \leq x^i \in A_i$  for  $i \in I$  and  $0 \leq b \in B$ , then there exists  $g \in G$  such that  $\varphi(g)(i) = x^i$  for  $i \in I$  and  $\varphi(g)(B) = b$ .

Choose  $0 \leq x^i \in A_i$  ( $i \in I$ ) and  $0 \leq b \in B$ . Since  $G$  is laterally complete there exists  $g \in G$  such that

$$g = b \vee \left( \bigvee_{i \in I} x^i \right).$$

It is easy to verify that

$$x^i = \max([0, g] \cap A_i)$$

for  $i \in I$  and that

$$b = \max([0, g] \cap B).$$

Hence  $\varphi(g)(i) = x^i$  for  $i \in I$  and  $\varphi(g)(B) = b$ . Therefore  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism of  $G$  onto  $B \times \prod_{i \in I} A_i$ , which completes the proof.  $\square$

**3.2. Lemma.** *Let  $G$  be laterally complete and strongly projectable. Next, let  $H$  be a Dedekind completion of  $G$ . Then  $H$  is laterally complete.*

*Proof.* Let  $(h_i)_{i \in I}$  be a disjoint indexed system of elements of  $H$ . Let  $i \in I$ . There exists  $X_i \subseteq G^+$  such that

$$h_i = \sup X_i$$

is valid in  $H$ . Then

$$x_{i(1)} \wedge x_{i(2)} = 0$$

whenever  $x_{i(1)} \in X_{i(1)}$ ,  $x_{i(2)} \in X_{i(2)}$  and  $i(1), i(2)$  are distinct elements of  $I$ . Put

$$A_i = X_i^{\delta\delta} \quad \text{for } i \in I,$$

$$B = \left( \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i \right)^\delta.$$

We have

$$A_{i(1)} \cap A_{i(2)} = \{0\}$$

if  $i(1)$  and  $i(2)$  are distinct elements of  $I$ . Thus according to 3.1 we obtain

$$G = B \times \prod_{i \in I} A_i.$$

In [10] it was proved that if an abelian lattice ordered group  $G^1$  is a direct product of lattice ordered groups  $G_i^1$  ( $i \in I$ ) and if  $G^2$  is a Dedekind completion of  $G^1$ , then



there are Dedekind completions  $G_i^2$  of  $G_i^1$  ( $i \in I$ ) such that  $G^2$  is a direct product of  $G_i^2$  ( $i \in I$ ). It is easy to verify that this result remains valid for the non-abelian case as well.

Hence there exists a direct product decomposition

$$H = B^0 \times \prod_{i \in I} A_i^0$$

such that  $B^0$  is a Dedekind completion of  $B$  and  $A_i^0$  is a Dedekind completion of  $A_i$  ( $i \in I$ ).

Since  $h_i \in A_i^0$  for  $i \in I$ , we infer that there exists  $h \in H$  such that

$$h(B^0) = 0, \quad h(A_i^0) = h_i \quad \text{for } i \in I.$$

Then the relation  $h = \vee_{i \in I} h_i$  is valid in  $H$  and therefore  $H$  is laterally complete.  $\square$

**3.3. Lemma.** *Let  $G$  be strongly projectable and let  $H$  be a lateral completion of  $G$ ,  $0 \leq h \in H$ . Then there exists a disjoint indexed system  $(x_i)_{i \in I}$  in  $G$  such that the relation  $h = \vee_{i \in I} x_i$  is valid in  $H$ .*

This was proved in [8].

**3.4.1. Lemma.** *Let  $G$  be strongly projectable and let  $H$  be a lateral completion of  $G$ . Then  $H$  is strongly projectable.*

*Proof.* Let  $\emptyset \neq X \subseteq H$ . The polar of  $X$  in  $H$  will be denoted by  $X^\perp$ . There exists  $X_1 \subseteq H^+$  such that

$$X^\perp = X_1^\perp, \quad X^{\perp\perp} = X_1^{\perp\perp}.$$

In view of 3.3, for each  $x_1 \in X_1$  there exists a subset  $Y(x_1)$  of  $G^+$  such that the relation

$$x_1 = \sup Y(x_1)$$

is valid in  $H$ . Put

$$Y = \bigcup_{x_1 \in X_1} Y(x_1).$$

Then we have

$$Y^\perp = X_1^\perp$$

and hence  $Y^{\perp\perp} = X_1^{\perp\perp}$ . Since  $G$  is strongly projectable, we obtain

$$G = Y^{\delta\delta} \times Y^\delta.$$

It is easy to verify that  $Y^\perp$  and  $Y^{\perp\perp}$  are Dedekind completions of  $Y^\delta$  or of  $Y^{\delta\delta}$ , respectively. Then according to [9] (cf. the quotation in the proof of 3.2) we get

$$H = Y^{\perp\perp} \times Y^\perp.$$

Hence  $H$  is strongly projectable. □

**3.4.2. Lemma.** *Let  $G$  be strongly projectable and let  $H$  be a Dedekind completion of  $G$ . Then  $H$  is strongly projectable.*

The proof is as in 3.4.1 with the following distinction: the existence of  $Y(x_1)$  with the desired properties is a consequence of the definition of the Dedekind completion (i.e., we need not apply 3.3).

**3.5. Lemma.** *Suppose that  $G$  is strongly projectable and  $D$ -complete. Let  $H$  be a lateral completion of  $G$ . Assume that  $0 < h \in H$ ,  $b \in G$ ,  $h \leq b$ . Then  $h \in G$ .*

*Proof.* We have  $0 \leq -h + b$ . Since  $G$  is strongly projectable, according to 3.3 there are disjoint indexed systems  $(g_i^1)_{i \in I}$  and  $(g_j^2)_{j \in J}$  in  $G$  such that the relations

$$(1) \quad h = \bigvee_{i \in I} g_i^1,$$

$$(2) \quad -h + b = \bigvee_{j \in J} g_j^2$$

are valid in  $H$ . From (2) we infer that the following relations hold in  $H$ :

$$-h = \bigvee_{j \in J} (g_j^2 - b),$$

$$(3) \quad h = \bigwedge_{j \in J} g_j^3,$$

where  $g_j^3 = b - g_j^2$ . Hence  $g_j^3 \in G$  for each  $j \in J$ . Next, (1) and (3) yield by simple calculation that the relations

$$(4) \quad \bigwedge_{i \in I, j \in J} (g_j^3 - g_i^1) = 0 = \bigwedge_{i \in I, j \in J} (-g_i^1 + g_j^3)$$

are valid in  $H$ . Hence these relations hold in  $G$  as well.

Denote

$$B_1 = U(\{g_i^1\}_{i \in I}), \quad A_1 = L(B_1),$$

where the symbols  $U$  and  $L$  are taken with respect to  $G$ . Then  $(A_1, B_1)$  is a cut in  $G$ . Clearly

$$(5.1) \quad \{g_i^1\}_{i \in I} \subseteq A_1,$$

$$(5.2) \quad \{g_j^3\}_{j \in J} \subseteq B_1.$$

From (4) we obtain that the relations

$$\bigwedge_{a_1 \in A_1, b_1 \in B_1} (b_1 - a_1) = 0 = \bigwedge_{a_1 \in A_1, b_1 \in B_1} (-a_1 + b_1)$$

hold in  $G$ . Hence  $(A_1, B_1)$  is a  $D$ -cut in  $G$ . Now we apply the assumption that  $G$  is  $D$ -complete. Thus there is  $g^0 \in G$  such that

$$(6) \quad \sup A_1 = g^0 = \inf B_1$$

is valid in  $G$ . Since  $G$  is dense in  $H$  (this is a consequence of 3.3), the relations (6) hold also in  $H$ . Then from (5.1) we get  $h \leq g^0$  and from (5.2) we obtain  $h \geq g^0$ . Therefore  $h = g^0$ , which completes the proof.  $\square$

**3.6. Lemma.** *Let  $G$  be strongly projectable and  $D$ -complete. Suppose that  $H$  is a lateral completion of  $G$ . Then  $H$  is  $D$ -complete.*

*Proof.* Let  $H_1$  be a Dedekind completion of  $H$ . We have to show that  $H_1 = H$ . It suffices to verify that  $H_1^+ \subseteq H$ .

Let  $0 \leq h_1 \in H_1$ . There exist subsets  $A_1$  and  $B_1$  of  $H$  such that the relations

$$(1) \quad \sup A_1 = h_1 = \inf B_1$$

are valid in  $H_1$ . Choose  $b_1 \in B_1$ . There exists a disjoint indexed system  $(b_i)_{i \in I}$  of elements of  $G$  such that the relation

$$(2) \quad b_1 = \vee_{i \in I} b_i$$

holds in  $H$ .

It follows from the Axiom of Choice that there exists a disjoint indexed system  $(b_i)_{i \in I'}$  of elements of  $G$  such that  $I' \subseteq I$  and, whenever  $0 < g \in G$ , then  $g \wedge b_i > 0$  for some  $i \in I'$ .

Let the symbol  $\perp$  have the same meaning as above (i.e., it is applied for denoting polars in  $H$ ). For each  $i \in I'$  we put

$$C_i = \{b_i\}^{\perp\perp}.$$

Since  $H$  is laterally complete it is strongly projectable and hence in view of 3.1 we have

$$(3.1) \quad H = \prod_{i \in I'} C_i.$$

Hence according to [9] (cf. the quotation in the proof of 3.2),

$$(3.2) \quad H_1 = \prod_{i \in I'} C_i^1,$$

where  $C_i^1$  is a Dedekind completion of  $C_i$  ( $i \in I'$ ).

From (2) we obtain that if  $i \in I$ , then

$$b_i(C_i) = b_i, \quad b_{i(1)}(C_i) = 0 \quad \text{for } i(1) \in I' \setminus \{i\}.$$

These relations remain valid if  $C_i$  is replaced by  $C_i^1$  ( $i \in I$ ).

Since  $H \subseteq_d H_1$ , the relation (2) holds in  $H_1$  as well. Then

$$(4) \quad h_1 = h_1 \wedge b_1 = \vee_{i \in I} (h_1 \wedge b_i)$$

is valid in  $H_1$ .

Let  $i \in I$  be fixed. From (4) we obtain that

$$h_1(C_i^1) = h_1 \wedge b_i \geq 0.$$

Thus  $h_1 \wedge b_i \in C_i^1$ .

There exist  $A_i, B_i \subseteq C_i$  such that the relations

$$\sup A_i = h_1 \wedge b_i = \inf B_i$$

are valid in  $C_i^1$ . Denote

$$A_i^* = A_i \cap G, \quad B_i^* = B_i \cap G.$$

Since  $b_i \in A$ , in view of 3.5 we have  $h \in H$  for each  $h \in H$  with  $0 \leq h \leq b_i$ . This yields that the relations

$$\sup A_i^* = h_1 \wedge b_i = \inf B_i^*$$

hold in  $C_i^1$ . Thus

$$(5) \quad \bigwedge_{x \in A_i^*, y \in B_i^*} (y - x) = 0 = \bigwedge_{x \in A_i^*, y \in B_i^*} (-x + y).$$

However,  $A_i^*, B_i^* \subseteq G$  and thus, since  $G$  is  $D$ -complete, we infer from (5) in the obvious way that there exists  $z \in G$  such that

$$(6) \quad \sup A_i^* = z = \inf B_i^*$$

is valid in  $G$ .

Since  $G \subseteq_d H$  (cf. 3.3) we get  $G \subseteq_d H_1$  and thus (6) holds also in  $H_1$ . We obtain  $z = h_1 \wedge b_i$ . Therefore  $h_1 \wedge b_i \in G$  for each  $i \in I$ .

The indexed system  $(h_1 \wedge b_i)_{i \in I}$  of elements of  $G$  is disjoint, hence there exist  $h_0 \in H$  such that

$$(7) \quad h_0 = \vee_{i \in I} (h_1 \wedge b_i)$$

is valid in  $H$ . Since  $H \subseteq_d H_1$ , the relation (7) holds also in  $H_1$ . Then (4) yields that  $h_1 = h_0 \in H$ , which completes the proof.  $\square$

#### 4. ISOMORPHISMS OF $G^{DL}$ AND $G^{LD}$

Let  $G$  be a lattice ordered group. We denote by

$H$ —a lateral completion of  $G$ ;

$H_1$ —a Dedekind completion of  $H$ ;

$K$ —a Dedekind completion of  $G$ ;

$K_1$ —a lateral completion of  $K$ .

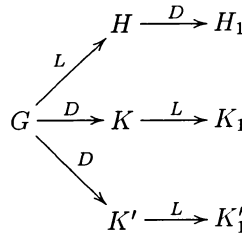


Figure 1

**4.1. Theorem.** *Let  $G$  be a strongly projectable lattice ordered group and let  $H, H_1, K, K_1$  be as above. Then there exists an isomorphism  $\varphi$  of  $K_1$  onto  $H_1$  such that  $\varphi(g) = g$  for each  $g \in G$ .*

**Proof.** (Cf. Fig. 1.) Since  $G \subseteq_d H$  and  $H \subseteq_d H_1$ , in view of 2.7 there exists a Dedekind completion  $K'$  of  $G$  such that  $K' \subseteq_d H_1$ . In view of 3.4.2,  $K'$  is strongly projectable.

According to 3.2 and 3.4.1,  $H_1$  is laterally complete. Then 2.1 yields that there is a lateral completion  $K'_1$  of  $K'$  such that  $K'_1 \subseteq_d H_1$ .

Since  $G \subseteq_d K' \subseteq_d H_1$  we get  $G \subseteq_d K' \subseteq_d K'_1$ . This and the lateral completeness of  $K'_1$  yield (cf. 2.1) that  $H \subseteq_d K'_1$ .

By applying the definition of  $K'_1$  and 3.6 we obtain that  $H_1 \subseteq K'_1$ . Therefore we have

$$(1) \quad H_1 = K'_1.$$

There exists an isomorphism  $\varphi_1$  of  $K$  onto  $K'$  such that  $\varphi_1(g) = g$  for each  $g \in G$ . Next, there exists an isomorphism  $\varphi$  of  $K_1$  onto  $K'_1$  such that  $\varphi(x) = x$  for each  $x \in K$ . In particular,  $\varphi(g) = g$  for each  $g \in G$ . To complete the proof it suffices to apply the relation (1).  $\square$

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