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$\sigma$ -INTERPOLATION LATTICE-ORDERED GROUPS

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*Abstract.* In [1], Jakubík showed that the class of  $\sigma$ -interpolation lattice-ordered groups forms a radical class, but left open the question of whether the class forms a torsion class. In this paper, we show that this class does indeed form a torsion class.

A *radical class* of lattice-ordered groups is a class  $\mathcal{C}$  closed under two operations:

- (i) If  $G \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $A$  is a convex  $\ell$ -subgroup of  $G$ , then  $A \in \mathcal{C}$ ; and
- (ii) If  $\{A_\lambda\}_\Lambda$  is a set of convex  $\ell$ -subgroups of an  $\ell$ -group  $G$  such that for all  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ ,  $A_\lambda \in \mathcal{C}$ , then  $\bigvee_\Lambda A_\lambda \in \mathcal{C}$ .

A *torsion class* of lattice-ordered groups is a radical class that is also closed with respect to  $\ell$ -homomorphic images.

A lattice-ordered group  $G$  has the  *$\sigma$ -interpolation property* if for any countable subsets  $A = \{a_n\}$  and  $B = \{b_n\} \subseteq G$  such that for any  $a_m \in A$  and any  $b_n \in B$ ,  $a_m \leq b_n$ , then there exists  $h \in G$  such that for all positive integers  $n$ ,  $a_n \leq h \leq b_n$ . In [J] Jakubík proved that the class of all  $\sigma$ -interpolation lattice-ordered group forms a radical class.

**Theorem.** *The class of  $\sigma$ -interpolation lattice-ordered groups forms a torsion class.*

**P r o o f.** Let  $K$  be an  $\ell$ -ideal of an  $\ell$ -group  $G$  such that  $G$  has the  $\sigma$ -interpolation property. Let  $\{a_m\}, \{b_n\} \subset G/K$  be sequences such that for every  $a_m$  and every  $b_n$ ,  $a_m \leq b_n$ . For each  $K$ -coset  $[g]$  in  $\{a_m\} \cup \{b_n\}$ , choose a representative  $d$ . Since  $\{a_m\} \cup \{b_n\}$  is countable, we can enumerate its elements as  $\{Kd_1, Kd_2, \dots\}$ .

Let  $d'_1 = d_1$ .

Now let  $n$  be a positive integer such that for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $d'_i$  has been chosen such that whenever  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$  and  $Kd_i \in \{a_m\}$  and  $Kd_j \in \{b_n\}$ ,  $d'_i \leq d'_j$ . Let  $A'_n = \{i: 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ and } Kd'_i \in \{a_m\}\}$ ; define  $B'_n$  similarly.

Now if  $Kd_{n+1} \in \{a_m\}$ , then for all  $j \in B_n$ , there exists  $k_j \in K$  such that  $k_j d_{n+1} \leq d'_j$ . In this case, let  $d'_{n+1} = \left( \bigwedge_{j \in B_n} k_j \right) d_{n+1}$ . Then  $Kd'_{n+1} = Kd_{n+1}$  and  $d'_{n+1} \leq d'_j$  for all  $j \in B_n$ . If  $Kd_{n+1} \in \{b_n\}$ , we similarly find, for all  $i \in A_n$ ,  $k_i$  such that  $d'_i \leq k_i d_{n+1}$ , and let  $d'_{n+1} = \left( \bigvee_{i \in A_n} k_i \right) d_{n+1}$ .

Continue in this way until we exhaust  $\{a_m\} \cup \{b_n\}$ . Let  $A' = \{d'_n: Kd'_n \in \{a_m\}\}$  and  $B' = \{d'_n: Kd'_n \in \{b_n\}\}$ , and enumerate both by the induced enumeration from  $\{a_m\} \cup \{b_n\}$ :  $Ka'_i = a_i$  for all  $i$ , and  $Kb'_j = b_j$  for all  $j$ . We obtain that  $\{a'_m\}$  and  $\{b'_n\}$  are sequences of  $G$  such that for any  $a'_m$  and any  $b'_n$ ,  $a'_n \leq b'_n$ . By the  $\sigma$ -interpolation property, there exists  $h \in G$  such that  $a'_n \leq h \leq b'_n$ .

But then  $Ka_n \leq Kh \leq Kb_n$ . So  $\ell$ -homomorphic images also have the  $\sigma$ -interpolation property.  $\square$

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