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## ON THE $b$ -EQUIVALENCE OF MULTILATTICES

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The notion of the  $b$ -isomorphism for lattices was investigated by Kolibiar [5]; he proved the following theorem:

(A) *Let  $M$  and  $M'$  be distributive lattices. Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  *$M$  and  $M'$  are  $b$ -equivalent;*
- (ii) *there are lattices  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  such that  $M$  is isomorphic with  $M_1 \times M_2$  and  $M'$  is isomorphic with  $M_1 \times \tilde{M}_2$ .*

Klaučová [4] generalized theorem (A) for directed distributive multilattices. Jakubík [2] studied pairs of modular lattices of locally finite lengths with isomorphic unoriented graphs; he proved that two modular lattices  $M$  and  $M'$  of locally finite lengths have isomorphic unoriented graphs if and only if (ii) is valid. Jakubík [3] also proved that if  $M$  and  $M'$  are lattices of locally finite lengths such that the unoriented graphs of  $M$  and  $M'$  are isomorphic and if  $M$  is modular, then  $M'$  is modular as well.

In this note it will be shown that if  $M$  and  $M'$  are  $b$ -equivalent directed multilattices and if  $M$  is distributive, then  $M'$  must also be distributive. Hence in the above mentioned theorem of [4] it suffices to assume that  $M, M'$  are directed multilattices and that  $M$  is distributive.

Let us recall some basic concepts that will be used later.

A multilattice [1] is a poset  $M$  in which condition (i) and its dual (ii) are satisfied:

- (i) If  $a, b, h \in M$  and  $a \leq h, b \leq h$ , then there exists  $v \in M$  such that (a)  $v \leq h, v \geq a, v \geq b$  and (b)  $z \in M, z \geq a, z \geq b, z \leq v$  implies  $z = v$ .  $(a \vee b)_h$  designates the set of all elements  $v \in M$  satisfying (i); the symbol  $(a \wedge b)_d$  has a dual meaning.

We denote  $a \vee b = \cup(a \vee b)_h, a \wedge b = \cup(a \wedge b)_d$ .

For any multilattice  $M$  we denote by  $\tilde{M}$  the multilattice dual to  $M$ .

A poset  $A$  is called upper (lower) directed if for every pair of the elements  $a, b \in A$  there exists an element  $h \in A$  ( $d \in A$ ) such that  $a \leq h, b \leq h$  ( $d \leq a, d \leq b$ ). The upper and lower directed poset  $A$  is called directed [5].

A multilattice  $M$  is said to be distributive iff for every  $a, b, b', d, h \in M$  satisfying  $d \leq a, b, b' \leq h, (a \vee b)_h = (a \vee b')_h = h(a \wedge b)_d = h(a \wedge b')_d = d$  we have  $b = b'$  [1].

The following definitions have been introduced in [4].

Let  $M$  be a directed multilattice  $a, b, x \in M$ . We say that  $x$  is between  $a$  and  $b$  and write  $axb$  if the following condition is satisfied.

$$(b) [(a \wedge x) \vee (b \wedge x)]_x = x, (a \wedge x) \wedge (b \wedge x) \subset a \wedge b.$$

Directed multilattices  $M, M'$  are said to be  $b$ -equivalent if there exists a bijection  $f$  of  $M$  onto  $M'$  such that, for each  $a, b, x \in M$ , we have  $axb$  iff  $f(a) f(x) f(b)$ .

Further we assume that  $M$  and  $M'$  are directed  $b$ -equivalent and that the multilattice  $M$  is distributive. If  $f$  is the corresponding bijection and  $x \in M$ , we put  $f(x) = x'$ . The partial ordering and multioperations in  $M$  and  $M'$  will be denoted by  $\leq, \vee, \wedge$  and  $\subseteq, \cup, \cap$ , respectively. Let  $u, v \in M, u \leq v$ . The interval  $[u, v]$  is the set  $\{x \in M: u \leq x \leq v\}$ . We say that the interval  $[u, v]$  is preserved (reserved) if  $u' \subseteq v' (v' \subseteq u')$  in  $M'$ ; the interval  $[u, u]$  is simultaneously preserved and reversed.

We need the following results (cf. [4]):

**Lemma I<sub>1</sub>.** *Let  $a, b \in M, a \leq b$ . Then  $axb$  iff  $a \leq x \leq b$ .*

**Lemma I<sub>2</sub>.** *Let  $a, b, u, v \in M, u \leq a \leq b \leq v$  and let the interval  $[u, v]$  be preserved (reversed). Then the interval  $[a, b]$  is preserved (reversed).*

**Lemma I<sub>3</sub>.** *Let  $a, b, x \in M, x \leq a, x \leq b (a \leq x, b \leq x)$ . Then  $axb$  iff  $x \in a \wedge b (x \in a \vee b)$ .*

**Lemma I<sub>4</sub>.** *Let  $a, b \in M, u \in a \wedge b, v \in a \vee b$ . If the interval  $[a, v]$  ( $[u, b]$ ) is preserved and the interval  $[b, v]$  ( $[u, a]$ ) is reversed, then the interval  $[u, b]$  ( $[a, v]$ ) is preserved and the interval  $[u, a]$  ( $[b, v]$ ) is reversed.*

The assertions of Lemma I<sub>5</sub>, I<sub>6</sub> were stated in [4] under the assumption that both  $M$  and  $M'$  are directed distributive multilattices. But it follows from the method of their proofs that they remain valid also without the assumption of distributivity of  $M'$ .

**Lemma I<sub>5</sub>.** *Let  $a, b \in M, u \in a \wedge b, v \in a \vee b$ . If the intervals  $[a, v], [b, v]$  or the intervals  $[u, a], [u, b]$  are preserved (reversed), then the interval  $[u, v]$  is preserved (reversed).*

**Lemma I<sub>6</sub>.** *Let  $a, b \in M$ . Put  $aR_1b (aR_2b)$  iff there exists an element  $v \in M, v \in a \vee b$ , such that the intervals  $[a, v], [b, v]$  are reversed (preserved). The relations  $R_1, R_2$  are equivalences on  $M$ .*

For  $a', b' \in M'$  set  $a'R_1b' (a'R_2b')$  iff there exists an element  $v' \in M', v' \in a' \cup b'$  such that the intervals  $[a', v'], [b', v']$  are reversed (preserved), i.e.  $a \geq v, b \geq v (a \leq v, b \leq v)$ .

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $a, b \in M$ . The relation  $aR_1b (aR_2b)$  is satisfied iff  $a'R_1b' (a'R_2b')$  is valid.*

*Proof.* Let  $aR_1b$  be valid. Then there exists an element  $v \in a \vee b$  such that the intervals  $[a, v], [b, v]$  are reversed. Choose  $u \in a \wedge b$ . By the Lemmas I<sub>5</sub> and I<sub>2</sub> the

intervals  $[u, a]$ ,  $[u, b]$  are reversed. Consequently  $u' \supseteq a'$ ,  $u' \supseteq b'$ . Moreover by Lemma I<sub>3</sub>, we have  $aub$ , hence  $a'u'b'$  holds. It follows that  $u' \in a' \cup b'$  according to Lemma I<sub>3</sub>. Thus the relation  $a'R'b'$  is valid.

Conversely, the assumption  $a'R'b'$  implies that there exists  $v' \in a' \cup b'$  such that the intervals  $[a', v']$ ,  $[b', v']$  are reversed. By Lemma I<sub>3</sub>, we have  $v \in a \wedge b$ . Choose  $u \in a \vee b$ ; then from Lemmas I<sub>5</sub>, I<sub>2</sub> it follows that the intervals  $[a, u]$ ,  $[b, u]$  are reversed and hence  $aR_1b$  is valid.

Analogously we can prove the assertion concerning  $R'_2$ .

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $a', b' \in M'$ ,  $u' \in a' \cap b'$ ,  $v' \in a' \cup b'$ . If the intervals  $[a', v']$ ,  $[b', v']$  are preserved (reversed), then the interval  $[u', v']$  is preserved (reversed).*

*Proof.* Let the intervals  $[a', v']$ ,  $[b', v']$  be preserved. Choose  $r \in a \wedge u$ ,  $s \in b \wedge u$ . From Lemma I<sub>3</sub> it follows that  $aru$ ,  $bsu$ . Consequently  $a'r'u'$ ,  $b's'u'$ . Using Lemma I<sub>1</sub>, we obtain that the intervals  $[r, a]$ ,  $[s, b]$  are preserved and the intervals  $[r, u]$ ,  $[s, u]$  are reversed. Choose  $t \in r \wedge s$ . By Lemma I<sub>3</sub>, we have  $a'u'b'$ . Hence  $aub$ . It follows that  $t \in a \wedge b$ ,  $u \in r \vee s$  according to the condition (b). Using Lemma I<sub>5</sub>, we infer that the interval  $[t, v]$  is preserved. Consequently the intervals  $[t, s]$ ,  $[t, r]$  are preserved by Lemma I<sub>2</sub>. According to Lemma I<sub>5</sub>, the interval  $[t, u]$  is simultaneously preserved and reversed. Hence  $t = r = s = u$ . Thus  $u \leq a \leq v$ .

If the intervals  $[a', v']$ ,  $[b', v']$  are reversed, then choose  $w \in a \vee b$ . Consider  $r$ ,  $s$ ,  $t$  as above. By Lemma I<sub>5</sub>, the interval  $[v, w]$  is reversed, hence the intervals  $[a, w]$ ,  $[b, w]$  are reversed according to Lemma I<sub>2</sub>. Again from Lemma I<sub>5</sub>, it follows that the interval  $[t, w]$  is reversed. Consequently the intervals  $[r, a]$ ,  $[s, b]$  are reversed. Hence  $r = a$ ,  $s = b$ , thus  $u \geq b \geq v$ .

**Lemma 2'.** *Let  $a', b' \in M'$ ,  $u' \in a' \cap b'$ ,  $v' \in a' \cup b'$ . If the intervals  $[u', a']$ ,  $[u', b']$  are preserved (reversed), then the interval  $[u', v']$  is preserved (reversed).*

*Proof.* Let the intervals  $[u', a']$ ,  $[u', b']$  be preserved. Choose  $r \in a \wedge v$ ,  $s \in b \wedge v$ . Similarly as in the proof of Lemma 2 (by using Lemma I<sub>3</sub> and Lemma I<sub>1</sub>) we obtain that the intervals  $[r, a]$ ,  $[s, b]$  are reversed and the intervals  $[s, v]$ ,  $[r, v]$  are preserved. Choose  $w \in a \vee b$ ,  $t \in r \wedge s$ . Since  $avb$ , we have  $t \in a \wedge b$  according to the condition (b). By Lemma I<sub>5</sub>, the interval  $[u, w]$  is preserved. Therefore the intervals  $[a, w]$ ,  $[b, w]$  are preserved by Lemma I<sub>2</sub>. Again by Lemma I<sub>5</sub>, the interval  $[t, w]$  is preserved. Hence the intervals  $[r, a]$ ,  $[s, b]$  are preserved. Consequently  $r = a$ ,  $s = b$ . Thus  $v \geq a \geq u$ .

Let the intervals  $[u', a']$ ,  $[u', b']$  be reversed and let  $r$ ,  $s$ ,  $t$  be as above. The interval  $[t, u]$  is reversed by Lemma I<sub>5</sub>. Then the intervals  $[t, s]$ ,  $[t, r]$  are reversed according to Lemma I<sub>2</sub>. Hence  $v = r = s = t$ . Thus  $v \leq a \leq u$ .

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $a', b' \in M'$ ,  $a'R'b'$ . If  $w' \in a' \cup b'$ , then the intervals  $[a', w']$ ,  $[b', w']$  are reversed.*

*Proof.* Let  $a'R'b'$ . Then there exists  $v' \in a' \cup b'$  such that the intervals  $[a', v']$ ,

$[b', v']$  are reversed. Choose  $u' \in a' \cap b'$ . The interval  $[u', v']$  is reversed by Lemma 2. Hence the intervals  $[u', a']$ ,  $[u', b']$  are reversed according to Lemma I<sub>2</sub>. If  $w' \in a' \cup b'$ , then again by Lemma 2 the interval  $[u', w']$  is reversed. Therefore the intervals  $[a', w']$ ,  $[b', w']$  are reversed by Lemma I<sub>2</sub>.

Analogously we can prove:

**Lemma 3'.** *Let  $a', b' \in M'$ ,  $a' R_1' b'$ . If  $w' \in a' \cup b'$ , then the intervals  $[a', w']$ ,  $[b', w']$  are preserved.*

**Lemma 4.** *Let  $a', b' \in M'$ ,  $a' R_1' b'$  ( $a' R_2' b'$ ). If  $u' \in a' \cap b'$ , then the intervals  $[u', a']$ ,  $[u', b']$  are reversed (preserved).*

Proof. Let  $a' R_1' b'$ ,  $u' \in a' \cap b'$ ,  $v' \in a' \cup b'$ . By Lemma 3 the intervals  $[a', v']$ ,  $[b', v']$  are reversed. Hence the interval  $[u', v']$  is reversed by Lemma 2. Therefore the intervals  $[u', a']$ ,  $[u', b']$  are reversed according to Lemma I<sub>2</sub>. Similarly we can prove the analogous assertion concerning  $R_2'$ .

**Lemma 5.** *The relations  $R_1'$ ,  $R_2'$  are equivalence relations on  $M'$  and they satisfy the following conditions*

(i)  $R_1' \cdot R_2' = R_2' \cdot R_1'$

(ii)  $R_1' \cup R_2' = I'$ ,  $R_1' \cap R_2' = 0'$  (where  $0'(I')$  is the least (greatest) element of the lattice of all equivalence relations on the set  $M'$ ).

(iii) *If  $a', b', c' \in M'$ ,  $a' \subseteq c'$ ,  $a' R_1' b'$ ,  $b' R_2' c'$ , then  $a' \subseteq b' \subseteq c'$ .*

(iv) *Let  $a', b', c', d' \in M'$ ,  $a' R_1' b'$ ,  $c' R_1' d'$ ,  $a' R_2' c'$ ,  $b' R_2' d'$ . Then from  $a' \subseteq b'$  it follows that  $c' \subseteq d'$  and from  $a' \subseteq c'$  it follows that  $b' \subseteq d'$ .*

The Lemma can be proved in the same way as [4, Lemma 9].

The following assertions  $K_1$ ,  $K_2$  were proved by Kolibiar.

(K<sub>1</sub>) [5]. *Let  $M$  be a Cartesian product of two posets  $M_1, M_2$ .  $M$  is a multilattice iff  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are multilattices. For  $x \in M$  we denote by  $x_1, x_2$  the components of  $x$  ( $x_i \in M_i$ ). Let  $a, b, h, v \in M$ . Then  $v \in (a \vee b)_h$ , ( $v \in (a \wedge b)_h$ ) iff  $v_i \in (a_i \vee b_i)_h$ , ( $v_i \in (a_i \wedge b_i)_h$ ) for  $a_i, b_i, h, v_i \in M_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ).*

(K<sub>2</sub>) [6]. *Let  $A$  be a quasiordered set. There exists a one-one correspondence between the non trivial direct decompositions of the quasiordered set  $A$  into two factors and pairs  $(R_1, R_2)$  of non trivial congruence relations  $R_1, R_2$  on  $A$  satisfying the properties (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) from Lemma 5. To each couple  $(R_1, R_2)$  with the mentioned properties there corresponds the decomposition  $A \sim A/R_1 \times A/R_2$  and to each element  $a \in A$  there corresponds the element  $(a_1, a_2)$ , where  $a_i$  is the equivalence class under  $R_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) containing  $a$ .*

Denote  $M/R_1 = M_1$ ,  $M/R_2 = M_2$ ,  $M'/R_1' = M_1'$ ,  $M'/R_2' = M_2'$ . From the assertion  $K_2$  and from Lemma I<sub>6</sub> it follows that there exists an isomorphism  $\psi: M \sim M_1 \times M_2$ . According to  $K_2$  and Lemma 5 there exists an isomorphism  $\psi': M' \sim M_1' \times M_2'$ . Since  $M, M'$  are multilattices, we infer that  $M_1 \times M_2, M_1' \times M_2'$  are multilattices and by  $K_1$ ,  $M_1, M_2, M_1', M_2'$  are multilattices as well. Let  $\varphi$  be a  $b$ -equivalence of  $M$

onto  $M'$ ; then it is obvious that  $x = \psi' \varphi \psi^{-1}$  is a  $b$ -equivalence of  $M_1 \times M_2$  onto  $M'_1 \times M'_2$ . In the same way as in [4] we can now prove that  $M_1$  and  $M'_1$  are isomorphic,  $M_2$  and  $M'_2$  are anti-isomorphic. Thus the following assertion holds.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $M, M'$  be directed  $b$ -equivalent multilattices,  $\varphi$  be an  $b$ -equivalence of  $M$  onto  $M'$  and let  $M$  be distributive. Then there exist multilattices  $M_1, M_2$  such that  $M \sim M_1 \times M_2, M' \sim M_1 \times \tilde{M}_2$ , whereby the elements  $x \in M, x' \in M', x' = \varphi(x)$  are mapped on the same pair  $(x_1, x_2), x_1 \in M_1, x_2 \in M_2$ .*

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $M$  and  $M'$  be directed  $b$ -equivalent multilattices. If  $M$  is distributive, then  $M'$  is distributive as well.*

Proof. Let  $M, M'$  be directed  $b$ -equivalent multilattices and let  $M$  be distributive. Then by Theorem 1 there exist multilattices  $M_1, M_2$  such that  $M \sim M_1 \times M_2, M' \sim M_1 \times \tilde{M}_2$ . Since  $M$  is distributive, then by the assertion  $K_1, M_1$  and  $M_2$  are distributive also. Consequently  $\tilde{M}_2$  is distributive. Thus by the assertion  $K_1, M'$  is distributive.

The following assertion has been proved in [4].

(C) *Let  $M, M'$  be directed distributive multilattices.  $M, M'$  are  $b$ -equivalent if and only if there exist multilattices  $M_1, M_2$  such that  $M \sim M_1 \times M_2$  and  $M' \sim M_1 \times \tilde{M}_2$ .*

The following result is a direct corollary of Theorem 1, Theorem 2 and the assertion (C).

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $M, M'$  be direct multilattices. If  $M$  is distributive, then the following conditions are equivalent.*

(a)  *$M$  and  $M'$  are  $b$ -equivalent multilattices.*

(b) *There exist multilattices  $M_1, M_2$  such that  $M \sim M_1 \times M_2$  and  $M' \sim M_1 \times \tilde{M}_2$ .*

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## О $b$ -ЭКВИВАЛЕНТНЫХ МУЛЬТИСТРУКТУРАХ

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Резюме

В данной статье обобщена одна теорема О. Клаучовой касающаяся пар дистрибутивных мультиструктур. Затем доказано, что если  $M$  и  $M'$  –  $b$ -эквивалентные направленные мультиструктуры и если  $M$  – дистрибутивна, тогда  $M'$  – также должна быть дистрибутивна.