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ABSTRACT. In this note we prove that for each isometry f of an MV -algebra \mathcal{A} and for each element x of the underlying set of \mathcal{A} the relation $f(f(x)) = x$ is valid.

In [7], an explicit formula characterizing all 2-periodic isometries of MV -algebras has been deduced. In the present note we prove that the mentioned result remains valid without the assumption of 2-periodicity.

1. Preliminaries

For defining MV -algebras several equivalent systems of axioms have been applied. Let us apply, e.g., the definition from [2]; thus an MV -algebra is an algebraic structure

$$\mathcal{A} = (A; \oplus, \odot, \neg, 0, 1),$$

where A is a nonempty set, \oplus and \odot are binary operations, \neg is a unary operation and $0, 1$ are nullary operations on A such that the identities (M1)–(M8) from [2] (cf. also [7]) are satisfied. (In [2], the symbol $*$ instead of \odot has been used.)

Let \mathcal{A} be an MV -algebra. It is well known that if we put

$$x \vee y = (x \odot \neg y) \oplus y, \quad x \wedge y = (x \oplus \neg y) \odot y$$

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for each $x, y \in A$, then $(A; \vee, \wedge)$ turns out to be a distributive lattice with the least element 0 and the greatest element 1. The corresponding partial order on A will be denoted by \leq .

Further, there exists an abelian lattice ordered group G with a strong unit u such that A is the interval $[0, u]$ of G , the above mentioned operations \vee and \wedge on A coincide with the lattice operations in G (reduced to the set $[0, u]$) and for $a, b \in A$ we have (cf. [9])

$$\begin{aligned} a \oplus b &= (a + b) \wedge u, & \neg a &= u - a, \\ a \odot b &= \neg(\neg a \oplus \neg b). \end{aligned}$$

It is also clear that $u = 1$. If $x, y \in A$, $x \leq y$ and if the symbol $-$ denotes the corresponding subtraction in G , then $y - x \in A$.

1.1. LEMMA. (cf. [5; Lemma 1.10]) *Let $x, y \in A$, $x \leq y$. Then*

$$y - x = \neg(x \oplus \neg y).$$

For $x, y \in A$ we put

$$\rho(x, y) = (x \vee y) - (x \wedge y).$$

Hence $\rho(x, y)$ is an element of A . From 1.1 we conclude:

1.2. COROLLARY. *Let $x, y \in A$. Then*

$$\rho(x, y) = \neg((x \wedge y) \oplus \neg(x \vee y)).$$

Autometrized lattice ordered groups have been investigated in several papers (cf., e.g., [3], [4], [10], [12]). For other types of partially ordered algebraic structures, cf. [8], [11], and the references quoted there.

From the well-known properties of autometrized lattice ordered groups we infer:

1.3. LEMMA. *Let $x, y, z \in A$. Then we have*

- (i) $\rho(x, y) \geq 0$; moreover, $\rho(x, y) = 0$ if and only if $x = y$.
- (ii) $\rho(x, y) = \rho(y, x)$.
- (iii) $\rho(x, y) \leq \rho(x, z) + \rho(z, y)$.

1.4. LEMMA. *Let $x, y, z \in A$. Then*

- (iii') $\rho(x, y) \leq \rho(x, z) \oplus \rho(z, y)$.

P r o o f. We have

$$\rho(x, z) \oplus \rho(z, y) = (\rho(x, z) + \rho(z, y)) \wedge u.$$

Since $\rho(x, y) \in A$, we get $\rho(x, y) \leq u$. Then according to (iii), the relation (iii') must be valid. \square

In view of (i), (ii) and (iii') we say that ρ is an *autometrization* of the MV -algebra \mathcal{A} ; the pair $(\mathcal{A}; \rho)$ is called an *autometrized MV -algebra* \mathcal{A} .

A bijection $f: A \rightarrow A$ is defined to be an *isometry* of the MV -algebra \mathcal{A} , if

$$\rho(x, y) = \rho(f(x), f(y))$$

is valid for each $x, y \in A$.

Further, f is called *2-periodic* if $f(f(x)) = x$ for each $x \in A$. (Sometimes we write $f^2(x)$ instead of $f(f(x))$.)

Since the lattice $(A; \vee, \wedge)$ is distributive, for each $a \in A$ there exists at most one complement (i.e., an element $b \in A$ with $a \wedge b = 0$, $a \vee b = u$); if such element b does exist, we denote it by a' .

The following result has been proved in [7].

(α) *Let f be an isometry of an MV -algebra \mathcal{A} . Suppose that f is 2-periodic. Put $f(0) = a$. Then there exists the element a' in A and for each $x \in A$ the formula*

$$f(x) = (a - (x \wedge a)) \vee (a' \wedge x)$$

is valid.

In the present paper we prove:

(β) *Each isometry of an MV -algebra is 2-periodic.*

Hence the assumption of 2-periodicity in (α) can be omitted. We remark that a result analogous to (β) fails to be valid for isometries in autometrized lattice ordered groups.

2. Proof of (β)

Let \mathcal{A} be as above. Our considerations would be trivial in the case $A = \{0\}$; thus we assume that A fails to be a one-element set.

For proving (β) we need some auxiliary results.

It is well known that \mathcal{A} can be represented as a subdirect product of linearly ordered MV -algebras (cf., e.g., [1], [6]). Hence we can suppose that there exists a system $\{\mathcal{A}_i\}_{i \in I}$ of non-zero linearly ordered MV -algebras and a monomorphism

$$\varphi: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{A}_i \tag{1}$$

such that φ is a homomorphism, and for each $i \in I$ and $x^i \in \mathcal{A}_i$ (where \mathcal{A}_i is the underlying set of \mathcal{A}_i) there exists $a \in A$ with $\varphi(a)_i = x^i$. We denote

$\varphi(a)_i = a_i$; thus

$$\varphi(a) = (a_i)_{i \in I}.$$

The corresponding autometrization of the MV -algebra \mathcal{A}_i will be denoted by ρ_i . Further, we denote by 0^i and 1^i the least and the greatest element of \mathcal{A}_i , respectively. Clearly, $0^i = 0_i$ and $1^i = 1_i$.

In view of 1.2 we have:

2.1. LEMMA. *Let $x, y \in A$ and $i \in I$. Then*

$$\rho(x, y)_i = \rho_i(x_i, y_i).$$

2.2. LEMMA. *Let f be an isometry of \mathcal{A} . Suppose that $x, y \in A$, $i \in I$, $f(x)_i = f(y)_i$. Then $x_i = y_i$.*

Proof. We have

$$\rho(x, y) = \rho(f(x), f(y)),$$

whence

$$\rho(x, y)_i = \rho(f(x), f(y))_i.$$

Thus according to 2.1,

$$\rho_i(x_i, y_i) = \rho_i(f(x)_i, f(y)_i).$$

The assumption yields $\rho_i(f(x)_i, f(y)_i) = 0$ and thus $x_i = y_i$. \square

Let f be an isometry of \mathcal{A} and $i \in I$. We define a mapping $f_i: A_i \rightarrow A_i$ as follows. Let $x^i \in A_i$. There exists $x \in A$ with $x_i = x^i$. We put

$$f_i(x^i) = f(x)_i. \quad (2)$$

Then in view of 2.2, the mapping f_i is correctly defined; moreover, it is a bijection.

2.3. LEMMA. *Let i and f_i be as above. Then f_i is an isometry of \mathcal{A}_i .*

Proof. This is a consequence of 2.1. \square

2.4. LEMMA. *Let $i \in I$ and let g be an isometry of \mathcal{A}_i . Then we have either $g(0_i) = 0_i$, or $g(0_i) = 1_i$.*

Proof. From the fact that \mathcal{A}_i is linearly ordered we easily conclude that whenever $y, z \in A_i$ and $z \neq 0_i$, then

$$\rho(y, z) < \rho(0_i, 1_i) = 1_i.$$

By way of contradiction, assume that $0_i \neq g(0_i) \neq 1_i$. Then for each $y \in A_i$ we have $\rho(y, g(0_i)) < 1_i$. In particular,

$$1_i > \rho(g(1_i), g(0_i)) = \rho(1_i, 0_i) = 1_i,$$

which is a contradiction. \square

2.5. LEMMA. *Let i and g be as in 2.4 and $x^i \in A_i$. If $g(0_i) = 0_i$, then $g(x^i) = x^i$. If $g(0_i) = 1_i$, then $g(x^i) = 1_i - x^i$.*

Proof. At first assume that $g(0_i) = 0_i$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} x^i &= x^i - 0_i = \rho(x^i, 0_i) = \rho(g(x^i), g(0_i)) \\ &= \rho(g(x^i), 0_i) = g(x^i). \end{aligned}$$

Further, suppose that $g(0_i) = 1_i$. If $g(1_i) \neq 0_i$, then

$$1_i = \rho(1_i, 0_i) = \rho(g(1_i), g(0_i)) = \rho(g(1_i), 1_i) < 1_i,$$

which is impossible. Hence $g(1_i) = 0_i$. Clearly

$$\rho(x^i, 1_i) = 1_i - x^i,$$

therefore

$$\begin{aligned} g(x^i) &= \rho(g(x^i), 0_i) = \rho(g(x^i), g(1_i)) \\ &= \rho(x^i, 1_i) = 1_i - x^i. \end{aligned}$$

□

2.6. COROLLARY. *Let i , g and x^i be as in 2.5. Then $g^2(x^i) = x^i$.*

Proof of (β) . Assume that f is an isometry of \mathcal{A} . Let $i \in I$ and let f_i be as above. In view of 2.3, f_i is an isometry of \mathcal{A}_i . Hence according to 2.6,

$$f_i^2(x^i) = x^i$$

for each $x^i \in A_i$.

Let $x \in A$. In view of (2) we get

$$(f^2(x))_i = f_i^2(x_i) = x_i$$

for each $i \in I$. Therefore $f^2(x) = x$. □

According to (β) , the assumption of 2-periodicity of f can be omitted in (α) .

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