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## ALGEBRAS WITH PRINCIPAL TOLERANCES

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An algebra  $A$  has principal congruences or  $A$  is *congruence principal* if every compact element of  $\text{Con } A$  is a principal congruence, in other words, if for any elements  $a_i, b_i$  of  $A$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$  there exist elements  $a, b$  of  $A$  such that

$$\Theta(a_1, b_1) \vee \dots \vee \Theta(a_n, b_n) = \Theta(a, b)$$

in the congruence lattice  $\text{Con } A$ . A variety  $\mathcal{V}$  is congruence principal if each  $A \in \mathcal{V}$  has this property. Such varieties were characterized in [3], [7], [8].

Like numerous other concepts, this one can also be transferred for tolerances. By a *tolerance* on an algebra  $A$  is meant a reflexive and symmetrical binary relation on  $A$  having the substitution property with respect to all operations of  $A$ . Clearly every congruence on  $A$  is a tolerance on  $A$  but not vice versa. As it was proven in [5], the set of all tolerances on an algebra  $A$  forms an algebraic lattice  $LT(A)$  with respect to set inclusion. Hence, for every two elements  $a, b$  of  $A$  there exists the least tolerance  $T(a, b)$  containing the pair  $\langle a, b \rangle$ , the so called *principal tolerance*. Such concepts were studied in [1], [4], [6]. Therefore, we can introduce the following concept for tolerances:

**Definition 1.** An algebra  $A$  is *tolerance principal* if for each  $a_i, b_i \in A$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$  there exist  $a, b \in A$  such that

$$T(a_1, b_1) \vee \dots \vee T(a_n, b_n) = T(a, b)$$

in  $LT(A)$ . A variety  $\mathcal{V}$  is *tolerance principal* if each  $A \in \mathcal{V}$  has this property.

**Lemma.** (Lemma 2 in [2]). Let  $a_i, b_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) be elements of an algebra  $A$ . Then

$$\langle x, y \rangle \in \bigvee \{T(a_i, b_i); i = 1, \dots, n\}$$

if and only if there exists a  $2n$ -ary algebraic function  $\varphi$  over  $A$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \varphi(a_1, b_1, a_2, b_2, \dots, a_n, b_n) \\ y &= \varphi(b_1, a_1, b_2, a_2, \dots, b_n, a_n) \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 1.** Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a variety of algebras. The following conditions are equivalent:

(1)  $\mathcal{V}$  is tolerance principal;

(2) there exist an 8-ary polynomial  $p$  and 6-ary polynomials  $t, s$  such that

$$x = t(p(x, y, z, v, x, y, z, v), p(y, x, v, z, x, y, z, v), x, y, z, v)$$

$$y = t(p(y, x, v, z, x, y, z, v), p(x, y, z, v, x, y, z, v), x, y, z, v)$$

$$z = s(p(x, y, z, v, x, y, z, v), p(y, x, v, z, x, y, z, v), x, y, z, v)$$

$$v = s(p(y, x, v, z, x, y, z, v), p(x, y, z, v, x, y, z, v), x, y, z, v).$$

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $F_4(x, y, z, v)$  be a free algebra of  $\mathcal{V}$  with free generators  $x, y, z, v$ . Then there exist elements  $a, b$  of  $F_4(x, y, z, v)$  such that

$$(*) \quad T(a, b) = T(x, y) \vee T(z, v) \quad \text{in } LT(F_4(x, y, z, v)).$$

Hence  $\langle a, b \rangle \in T(x, y) \vee T(z, v)$ , by the Lemma this gives  $a = \varphi(x, y, z, v)$ ,  $b = \varphi(y, x, v, z)$  for some 4-ary algebraic function  $\varphi$  over  $F_4(x, y, z, v)$  i.e.

$$a = p(x, y, z, v, x, y, z, v), \quad b = p(y, x, v, z, x, y, z, v)$$

for some 8-ary polynomial  $p$  over  $\mathcal{V}$ . Moreover, (\*) also implies

$$x = \tau(a, b), \quad y = \tau(b, a) \quad \text{and} \quad z = \sigma(a, b), \quad v = \sigma(b, a)$$

for some binary algebraic functions  $\tau, \sigma$ , i.e. there exist 6-ary polynomials  $t, s$  with

$$\tau(u, w) = t(u, w, x, y, z, v)$$

$$\sigma(u, w) = s(u, w, x, y, z, v),$$

whence (2) is evident.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Let  $\mathcal{V}$  satisfy (2) and  $A \in \mathcal{V}$ ,  $x, y, z, v \in A$ . Then also  $a = p(x, y, z, v, x, y, z, v)$ ,  $b = p(y, x, v, z, x, y, z, v)$  are elements of  $A$  and, by the Lemma, also

$$\langle a, b \rangle \in T(x, y) \vee T(v, z).$$

However, (2) implies

$$x = t(a, b, x, y, z, v), \quad y = t(b, a, x, y, z, v)$$

$$z = s(a, b, x, y, z, v), \quad v = s(b, a, x, y, z, v),$$

thus  $\langle x, y \rangle \in T(a, b)$ ,  $\langle z, v \rangle \in T(a, b)$ . We infer

$$T(a, b) = T(x, y) \vee T(v, z).$$

By induction, we obtain (1).

**Example 1.** The variety of groupoids satisfying the following identities:

$$(x \cdot z) \cdot [(x \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot v)] = x$$

$$(y \cdot v) \cdot [(x \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot v)] = y$$

$$[(x \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot v)] \cdot (x \cdot z) = z$$

$$[(x \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot v)] \cdot (y \cdot v) = v$$

is tolerance principal. We can put

$$\begin{aligned} p(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7, x_8) &= x_1 \cdot x_3 \\ t(a, b, x, y, z, v) &= a \cdot [(x \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot v)] \\ s(a, b, x, y, z, v) &= [(x \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot v)] \cdot a. \end{aligned}$$

We can continue our investigations for varieties with a nullary operations.

**Definition 2.** An algebra  $A$  with a nullary operation  $c$  is  $c$ -tolerance principal if for each  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  of  $A$  there exists an element  $a \in A$  such that.

$$T(a_1, c) \vee \dots \vee T(a_n, c) = T(a, c) \text{ in } LT(A).$$

A variety  $\mathcal{V}$  with a nullary operation  $c$  is  $c$ -tolerance principal if each  $A \in \mathcal{V}$  has this property.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a variety with a nullary operation  $c$ . The following conditions are equivalent:

- (1)  $\mathcal{V}$  is  $c$ -tolerance principal;
- (2) there exist a 6-ary polynomial  $q$  and 4-ary polynomials  $u, w$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} c &= q(c, x, c, y, x, y) \\ x &= u(q(x, c, y, c, x, y), c, x, y) \\ c &= u(x, q(x, c, y, c, x, y), x, y) \\ y &= w(q(x, c, y, c, x, y), c, x, y) \\ c &= w(c, q(x, c, y, c, x, y), x, y). \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $F_2(x, y)$  be a free algebra in a variety  $\mathcal{V}$  with a nullary operation  $c$ . Then there exists an element  $a$  of  $F_2(x, y)$  such that

$$T(a, c) = T(x, c) \vee T(y, c).$$

Hence  $\langle a, c \rangle \in T(x, c) \vee T(y, c)$ , which gives

$$\begin{aligned} a &= q(x, c, y, c, x, \dot{y}) \\ c &= q(c, x, c, y, x, y) \end{aligned}$$

for some 6-ary polynomial  $q$  over  $\mathcal{V}$ . The remaining part of the proof is analogous to that of Theorem 1 and hence omitted.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Suppose  $\mathcal{V}$  is a variety with a nullary operation  $c$  and  $A \in \mathcal{V}$ ,  $x, y \in A$ . Put  $a = q(x, c, y, c, x, y)$ . By the Lemma we can see

$$\langle a, c \rangle = \langle q(x, c, y, c, x, y), q(c, x, c, y, x, y) \rangle \in T(x, c) \vee T(y, c).$$

Conversely,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, c \rangle &= \langle u(a, c, x, y), u(c, a, x, y) \rangle \in T(a, c) \\ \langle y, c \rangle &= \langle w(a, c, x, y), w(c, a, x, y) \rangle \in T(a, c), \end{aligned}$$

thus, altogether,

$$T(a, c) = T(x, c) \vee T(y, c).$$

Example 2. Each variety of lattices with the least element 0 is 0-tolerance principal. Each variety of lattices with the greatest element 1 is 1-tolerance principal.

**Proof.** Put  $q(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, x, y) = a_1 \vee a_3$ ,

$$u(a, b, x, y) = a \wedge x$$

$$w(a, b, x, y) = a \wedge y.$$

Then

$$q(0, x, 0, y, x, y) = 0 \vee 0 = 0$$

$$u(q(x, 0, y, 0, x, y), 0, x, y) = q(x, 0, y, 0, x, y) \wedge x = (x \vee y) \wedge x = x$$

$$u(0, q(x, 0, y, 0, x, y), x, y) = 0 \wedge x = 0$$

$$w(q(x, 0, y, 0, x, y), 0, x, y) = q(x, 0, y, 0, x, y) \wedge y = (x \vee y) \wedge y = y$$

$$w(0, q(x, 0, y, 0, x, y), x, y) = 0 \wedge y = 0.$$

For lattices with the greatest element 1 the proof is dual.

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#### АЛГЕБРЫ С ГЛАВНЫМИ ТОЛЕРАНЦИЯМИ

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Резюме

Алгебра  $A$  толерантно главная, если каждый компактный элемент решетки толеранций алгебры  $A$  является главной толеранцией. В статье даны необходимые и достаточные условия того, чтобы многообразие было многообразием толерантно главных алгебр. Этот концепт тоже обобщается для случая алгебр с нулевыми операциями.