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## TWO ELEMENT DIRECT LIMIT CLASSES OF MONOUNARY ALGEBRAS

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**ABSTRACT.** A class of algebras is said to be direct limit closed if it is closed with respect to direct limits. We describe all two element sets  $S$  of monounary algebras such that  $S$ , together with all isomorphic copies of elements of  $S$ , is a direct limit closed class.

Direct limit classes of algebras, i.e. classes of algebras which are closed with respect to direct limits, were investigated in [3] and [6]. The class of all retracts of a finite algebra is a direct limit class, cf. [5].

The paper [3] contains a description of all monounary algebras  $A$  such that  $\{A\}$  is a direct limit class.

The aim of the present paper is to describe all pairs  $A, B$  of monounary algebras such that  $\{A, B\}$  is a direct limit class.

### 1. Preliminaries

For the notion of a direct limit, cf. e.g. Grätzer [1; §21].

Let  $\langle P, \leq \rangle$  be a directed partially ordered set,  $P \neq \emptyset$ . For each  $p \in P$  let  $A_p$  be an algebra of some fixed type. We assume that if  $p, q \in P$ ,  $p \neq q$ , then  $A_p \cap A_q = \emptyset$ . Suppose that for each pair of elements  $p$  and  $q$  in  $P$  with  $p < q$ , there is defined a homomorphism  $\varphi_{pq}$  of  $A_p$  into  $A_q$  such that  $p < q < s$  implies that  $\varphi_{ps} = \varphi_{pq} \circ \varphi_{qs}$ . For each  $p \in P$  let  $\varphi_{pp}$  be the identity on  $A_p$ . Then we say that  $\{P, A_p, \varphi_{pq}\}$  is the direct family.

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Assume that  $p, q \in P$  and  $x \in A_p, y \in A_q$ . Put  $x \equiv y$  if there exists  $s \in P$  with  $p \leq s, q \leq s$  such that  $\varphi_{ps}(x) = \varphi_{qs}(y)$ . For each  $z \in \bigcup_{p \in P} A_p$  put  $\bar{z} = \left\{ t \in \bigcup_{p \in P} A_p : z \equiv t \right\}$ . Denote  $\bar{A} = \left\{ \bar{z} : z \in \bigcup_{p \in P} A_p \right\}$ .

Let  $f$  be a  $n$ -ary operation from the type of algebras  $A_p, p \in P$ . Let  $x_j \in A_{p_j}, 1 \leq j \leq n$ , and let  $s$  be an upper bound of  $p_j$ . Define  $f(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_n) = \overline{f(\varphi_{p_1s}(x_1), \dots, \varphi_{p_ns}(x_n))}$ . Then  $\bar{A}$  is an algebra which is said to be the *direct limit of the direct family*  $\{P, A_p, \varphi_{pq}\}$ .

We express this situation as follows

$$\{P, A_p, \varphi_{pq}\} \longrightarrow \bar{A}. \tag{1}$$

The operator  $\mathbf{L}$  on classes of algebras was introduced in the textbook [1; §23]. By this definition, if  $\mathcal{K}$  is a class of algebras, then  $\mathbf{L}(\mathcal{K})$  is the class of all direct limits of algebras of  $\mathcal{K}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a class of algebras. We denote by  $[\mathcal{K}]$  the class of all isomorphic copies of algebras of  $\mathcal{K}$ . Further, we denote by  $\mathbf{LK}$  the class of all isomorphic copies of direct limits of algebras of  $\mathcal{K}$ , i.e.,  $\mathbf{LK} = [\mathbf{L}(\mathcal{K})]$ .

We put  $\mathbf{L}^2\mathcal{K} = \mathbf{LL}\mathcal{K}, \mathbf{L}^3\mathcal{K} = \mathbf{LL}^2\mathcal{K}$ .

A class  $\mathcal{K}$  is called a *direct limit class*, if  $\mathbf{L}[\mathcal{K}] = [\mathcal{K}]$ .

For algebras  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  we will use  $[A_1, \dots, A_n]$  instead of  $[\{A_1, \dots, A_n\}]$ .

**LEMMA 1.** *Let  $A, B$  be algebras and  $\mathbf{L}[A] = [A, B], \mathbf{L}[B] = [B]$ .*

*Then  $\mathbf{L}[A, B] = [A, B]$ .*

*Proof.* Let (1) be valid and  $A_p \in [A, B]$  for every  $p \in P$ . Put  $Q = \{q \in P : A_q \cong B\}$ . If  $Q$  is cofinal with  $P$ , then  $\bar{A} \cong B$ . If  $P - Q$  is cofinal with  $P$ , then  $\bar{A} \cong A$  or  $\bar{A} \cong B$ . □

Let  $B$  be a subalgebra of  $A$ . Assume that there exists a homomorphism  $\varphi$  of  $A$  onto  $B$  such that  $\varphi(b) = b$  for each  $b \in B$ . Then  $B$  is said to be a *retract* of  $A$  and  $\varphi$  is called a *retract mapping corresponding to  $B$* .

In view of [6; Lemma 1.1] we have that  $\mathbf{L}[A]$  contains all retracts of  $A$ . We will often refer to this fact.

**LEMMA 2.** *Let  $A$  be an algebra and  $E$  be a retract of  $A$ . If  $F \in \mathbf{L}[E]$ , then  $F \in \mathbf{L}[A]$ .*

*Proof.* If  $F \cong E$ , then the assertion is true.

Assume that  $F$  is not isomorphic to  $E$ . Then there exists a direct limit family  $\{P, A_p, \varphi_{pq}\}$  such that  $A_p \cong E$  for every  $p \in P$  and the direct limit  $\bar{A}$  of this

family is isomorphic to  $F$ . Suppose that  $\psi_p$  is an isomorphism of  $E$  onto  $A_p$ . According to [3; Lemma 7] the set  $P$  is not upperbounded.

Let  $p \in P$ . Then there exists  $A'_p$  such that  $A'_p \cong A$  and  $A_p \subseteq A'_p$ . Further, let  $\psi'_p$  be an isomorphism  $A$  onto  $A'_p$  such that  $\psi'_p(e) = \psi_p(e)$  for every  $e \in E$ .

Let  $\varphi$  be a retract endomorphism of  $A$  corresponding to  $E$ . Let  $p, q \in P$ ,  $p \leq q$ . Put

$$\varphi'_{pq} = \psi'^{-1}_p \circ \varphi \circ \psi_p \circ \varphi_{pq}.$$

Then  $\varphi'_{pq}(x) = \varphi_{pq}(x)$  for every  $x \in A_p$  and  $\varphi'_{pq}(A'_p) \subseteq A_q$ .

The family  $\{P, A'_p, \varphi'_{pq}\}$  is direct because  $\varphi_{pq} \circ \psi'^{-1}_q \circ \varphi \circ \psi_q = \varphi_{pq}$ . Assume that  $\{P, A'_p, \varphi'_{pq}\} \rightarrow \bar{A}'$ . For  $z \in \bigcup_{p \in P} A'_p$  we denote by  $\bar{z}'$  the corresponding element of  $\bar{A}'$ .

Let us define the mapping  $\psi$  from  $\bar{A}$  into  $\bar{A}'$ . Consider  $p \in P$  and  $x \in A_p$ . Then  $x \in \bar{A}'$ . Put  $\psi(\bar{x}) = \bar{x}'$ .

Assume that  $p, q \in P$ ,  $x \in A_p$ ,  $y \in A_q$  and  $\psi(\bar{x}) = \psi(\bar{y})$ . Then  $\bar{x}' = \bar{y}'$ . That means there exists  $s \in P$  such that  $p, q \leq s$  and  $\varphi'_{ps}(x) = \varphi'_{qs}(y)$ . Therefore  $\varphi_{ps}(x) = \varphi_{qs}(y)$  and  $\bar{x} = \bar{y}$ .

Now assume that  $p \in P$  and  $a \in A'_p$ . Let  $q \in P$  be such that  $p < q$ . Then  $\varphi'_{pq}(a) \in A_q (\cong E)$ . We obtain  $\psi(\overline{\varphi'_{pq}(a)}) = \bar{a}'$ .

Finally let  $p \in P$  and  $x \in A_p$ . Then  $\psi(f(\bar{x})) = \psi(\overline{f(x)}) = \overline{[f(x)]}' = f(\bar{x}') = f(\psi(\bar{x}))$ .

We have proved that  $\bar{A} \cong \bar{A}'$  and thus  $F \in \mathbf{L}[A]$ . □

For monounary algebras we will use the terminology as in [9].

Denote by  $\mathcal{U}$  the class of all monounary algebras. We will use the symbol  $f$  for the operation in algebras of  $\mathcal{U}$ .

Let  $A, B \in \mathcal{U}$  and  $A_j \in \mathcal{U}$  for every  $j \in J$ . Denote by  $A + B$  and  $\sum_{j \in J} A_j$ , respectively a monounary algebra which is a disjoint union of  $A, B$  and of  $A_j$ ,  $j \in J$ , respectively.

The definition of a retract yields:

**LEMMA 3.** *Let  $A \in \mathcal{U}$ . Let algebras  $B_j$  be components of  $A$  for all  $j \in J$ . If  $B'$  is a retract of the algebra  $\bigcup_{j \in J} B_j$ , then the algebra  $(A - \bigcup_{j \in J} B_j) + B'$  is a retract of  $A$ .*

Retracts of monounary algebras was thoroughly studied by D. St u d e n o v s k á, e.g. [7], [8].

In this paper we will often need to say that a subalgebra of  $A$  is a retract of  $A$ . If it follows immediately from [7; Theorem 1.3], then we will not always refer to this fact.

Denote by  $\mathcal{N}$ ,  $\mathcal{N}_0$ ,  $\mathcal{Z}$  the set of all positive integers, nonnegative integers and all integers, respectively.

Let  $A \in \mathcal{U}$  and  $R \subset A$ . The set  $R$  is said to be a *chain* of the algebra  $A$ , if one of the following conditions is satisfied:

- (1)  $R = \{a_0, \dots, a_n\}$ ,  $n \in \mathcal{N}_0$ ,  $a_i \neq a_j$  for  $i \neq j$  and  $f(a_i) = a_{i-1}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ;
- (2)  $R = \{a_i : i \in \mathcal{N}_0\}$ ,  $a_i \neq a_j$  for  $i \neq j$  and  $f(a_i) = a_{i-1}$  for each  $i \in \mathcal{N}$ .

**NOTATION.** Let us denote by  $N$  the monounary algebra defined on the set  $\mathcal{N}$  with the successor operation. Further, let  $Z$  be the monounary algebra defined on the set of all integers with the successor operation.

We denote

$$\mathcal{T} = \{A \in \mathcal{U} : \text{every component of } A \text{ is a cycle and} \\ \text{there are no components } B, C \text{ of } A \text{ such that } B \neq C \text{ and} \\ \text{the length of } B \text{ divides the length of } C\};$$

$$\mathcal{T}_1 = \{A \in \mathcal{U} : \text{there exists a chain } R \text{ of } A \text{ such that} \\ A - R \in \mathcal{T} \text{ and } R \text{ fails to be a subalgebra of } A\};$$

$$\mathcal{T}_2 = \{A \in \mathcal{U} : \text{there exist } B \in \mathcal{T} \text{ and } k, l \in \mathcal{N} \text{ such that } A = B + C, \\ \text{where } C \text{ is a cycle of length } l, B \text{ contains a cycle of length } k \\ \text{and } l \text{ is a multiple of } k\};$$

$$\mathcal{T}_3 = \{A \in \mathcal{U} : \text{there exists } B \in \mathcal{T} \text{ such that } A = B + Z\};$$

$$\mathcal{T}_4 = \{A \in \mathcal{U} : A \text{ is connected and there exists a chain } R \text{ of } A \\ \text{such that } A - R \cong Z\}.$$

For monounary algebras we have that  $\mathbf{L}[A] = [A]$  if and only if  $A \in \mathcal{T} \cup \{Z\}$ , cf. [3; Theorem 1].

**NOTATION.** Let  $A$  be a monounary algebra and let  $\{B_j : j \in J\}$  be the set of all components of  $A$ . If  $j \in J$  and  $k \in \mathcal{N}$  are such that  $B_j$  contains a cycle of the length  $k$ , then let  $C_j$  be a cycle of the length  $k$ . If  $j \in J$  is such that  $B_j$  contains no cycle, then put  $C_j \cong Z$ . We denote  $A^\diamond = \sum_{j \in J} C_j$ .

Remark that if every component of  $A$  has a cycle, then  $A$  is isomorphic to a subalgebra of  $A$ .

The following result is proved in [2], cf. Lemma 4:

**LEMMA 4.** *Let  $A \in \mathcal{U}$ . Then  $A^\circ \in \mathbf{L}[A]$ .*

**DEFINITION.** Let  $A \in \mathcal{U}$ . An element  $x \in A$  is called a *source* of  $A$  if  $f(y) \neq x$  is satisfied for all  $y \in A$ . We denote by  $S$  the set of all sources of  $A$ .

## 2. Algebras with $A^\circ \in \mathcal{T}$

In this section assume that  $A$  is a monounary algebra such that  $A \notin \mathcal{T}$  and  $A^\circ \in \mathcal{T}$ . We will prove that we can obtain an algebra of the class  $\mathcal{T}_1$  via direct limits from  $A$ .

Let  $B$  be a subalgebra of  $A$ . Then each component of  $B$  has a cycle in view of the fact that  $A^\circ \in \mathcal{T}$ . We can suppose that  $B^\circ \subseteq B$ .

Let  $\{B_j : j \in J\}$  be the set of all components of  $A$ . Note that if  $\varphi$  is an endomorphism of  $A$ , then  $\varphi(B_j) \subseteq B_j$  for all  $j \in J$  because by any homomorphism a cycle of the length  $k$  must be mapped into a cycle of the length  $l$  such that  $l$  divides  $k$  (cf. [10]). Further, there exists a component of  $A$  which is not a cycle.

**LEMMA 5.** *Let (1) be valid and  $A_p \cong A$  for all  $p \in P$ . Then  $(\bar{A})^\circ \cong A^\circ$ .*

*Proof.* In view of  $A^\circ \in \mathcal{T}$  it is sufficient to show that  $(\bar{A})^\circ$  is isomorphic to a subalgebra of  $A$  and  $A^\circ$  is isomorphic to a subalgebra of  $\bar{A}$ .

Suppose that  $\psi_p$  is an isomorphism from  $A$  onto  $A_p$  for every  $p \in P$ . Let  $C$  be a cycle of  $A$ . We have  $\varphi_{pq}(\psi_p(C)) = \psi_q(C)$  for every  $p, q \in P$ ,  $p \leq q$ . Thus  $\bar{A}$  possesses a cycle which is isomorphic to  $C$ . Therefore  $\bar{A}$  possesses a subalgebra which is isomorphic to  $A^\circ$ .

Assume that  $\bar{C}$  is a cycle of  $\bar{A}$  and  $k$  is the length of  $C$ . Choose  $p \in P$ ,  $x \in A_p$  such that  $\bar{x} \in \bar{C}$ . Then there exists  $q \in P$  such that  $p \leq q$  and  $\varphi_{pq}(f^k(x)) = \varphi_{pq}(x)$ . We obtain that the algebra  $A_q$  has a cycle of the length  $k$  by  $A^\circ \in \mathcal{T}$ . Thus  $\bar{C}$  is isomorphic to a subalgebra of  $A$  and  $A$  possesses a subalgebra which is isomorphic to  $(\bar{A})^\circ$ .  $\square$

**NOTATION.** Let  $G$  be a component of  $A$  such that  $G$  is not a cycle.

The algebra  $G^\circ$  is a cycle. Let  $k \in \mathcal{N}$  be length of the cycle  $G^\circ$ .

Choose  $a \in G^\circ$ . For  $n = 1, 2, \dots, k$  put

$$a_n = f^n(a);$$

$$D_n = \{x \in G - G^\circ : \text{there exists } m \in \mathcal{N} \text{ such that}$$

$$f^m(x) = a_n, f^{m-1}(x) \notin G^\circ\};$$

$$N_n = \{m \in \mathcal{N} : \text{there exists } x \in D_n \text{ such that } f^m(x) = a_n, f^{m-1}(x) \notin G^\circ\}.$$

Further let

$$\begin{aligned} N^{(M)} &= \{n \in \{1, \dots, k\} : N_n \text{ has a maximal element}\}; \\ N^{(E)} &= \{n \in \{1, \dots, k\} : N_n = \emptyset\}. \end{aligned}$$

We remark that  $G^\circ = \{a_1, \dots, a_k\}$  and sets  $G^\circ, D_1, \dots, D_k$  give a partition of  $G$ . Moreover  $N^{(E)} \neq \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  is satisfied.

**LEMMA 6.** *Let  $N^{(M)} \cup N^{(E)} = \{1, \dots, k\}$ . Then  $\mathbf{L}[A] \cap \mathcal{T}_1 \neq \emptyset$ .*

*Proof.* Put  $r = \max\{\max N_n : n \in N^{(M)}\}$ . Choose  $R \subseteq G - G^\circ$  such that  $R$  is a chain of length  $r$ . Let  $D$  be a subalgebra of  $A$  such that  $D - R = A^\circ$ . In view of [7; Theorem 1.3], we have that  $D$  is a retract of  $A$ . Thus  $D \in \mathbf{L}[A]$ .  $\square$

**LEMMA 7.** *Let  $n \in \{1, \dots, k\} - (N^{(M)} \cup N^{(E)})$  and  $D_n$  contain a chain of infinite length. Then  $\mathbf{L}[A] \cap \mathcal{T}_1 \neq \emptyset$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $R \subseteq D_n$  be a chain of infinite length. Let  $D$  be a subalgebra of  $A$  such that  $A^\circ = D - R$ . Then  $D \in \mathcal{T}_1$ . Moreover  $D$  is a retract of  $A$  and thus  $D \in \mathbf{L}[A]$ .  $\square$

**LEMMA 8.** *Let  $n \in \{1, \dots, k\} - (N^{(M)} \cup N^{(E)})$  and  $D_n$  contain no chain of infinite length. Let  $t \in \mathcal{N}$ . Then there exists an algebra  $E_t$  such that*

- a)  $E_t \subseteq G^\circ \cup D_n$ ,
- b)  $E_t$  is a retract of  $G$ ,
- c)  $f^t(x) \notin G^\circ$  for every  $x \in E_t \cap S$ .

*Proof.* Recall that  $S$  is the set of all sources of  $A$ . Consider  $T = \{x \in D_n \cap S : f^t(x) \notin G^\circ\}$ . We have  $T \neq \emptyset$  by the assumption. Put  $E_t = \{f^m(x) : m \in \mathcal{N}, x \in T\}$ .  $\square$

**COROLLARY 1.** *Let  $n \in \{1, \dots, k\} - (N^{(M)} \cup N^{(E)})$  and let the set  $D_n$  contain no infinite chain of  $A$ . Further, let  $t \in \mathcal{N}$  and let  $E_{t+1}$  be the algebra from Lemma 8. Then*

- (i)  $(A - G) + E_{t+1}$  is a retract of  $A$ .
- (ii) There exists a mapping  $\varepsilon_t$  such that  $\varepsilon_t$  is a retract mapping of  $A$  corresponding to  $(A - G) + E_{t+1}$  and  $\varepsilon_t(D_n) \subseteq D_n$ .

*Proof.* The claim (i) follows from Lemmas 8 and 3. The claim (ii) follows from the construction of all homomorphisms between two monounary algebras, cf. [10].  $\square$

**LEMMA 9.** *Let  $n \in \{1, \dots, k\} - (N^{(M)} \cup N^{(E)})$  and  $D_n$  contain no chain of infinite length. Then there exists an algebra  $D \in \mathbf{L}[A]$  such that*

1.  $D^\circ \in \mathcal{T}$ ;
2.  $D$  contains a chain of infinite length.

**Proof.** Let  $p \in \mathcal{N}$ . Suppose that  $E_{p+1}$  is an algebra from the previous lemma and that  $\varepsilon_p$  is an endomorphism of  $A$  from the previous corollary (ii).

Assume that algebras  $A_p$  are pairwise disjoint and isomorphic to  $A$  for all  $p \in \mathcal{N}$ . Let  $p \in \mathcal{N}$ . Suppose that  $\psi_p$  is an isomorphism from  $A$  onto  $A_p$ . We put  $\varphi_{pp} = \text{id}_{A_p}$ . If  $p < q$ , then we put

$$\varphi_{pq} = \psi_p^{-1} \circ \varepsilon_p \circ \varepsilon_{p+1} \circ \dots \circ \varepsilon_{q-1} \circ \psi_q.$$

The family  $\{\mathcal{N}, A_p, \varphi_{pq}\}$  is direct. Denote by  $D$  its direct limit.

If  $u \in G^\circ$ , then  $u \in (A - G) + E_{p+1}$  for all  $p \in \mathcal{N}$  according to Lemma 8a). Thus  $\varepsilon_p(u) = u$  by Corollary 1(ii). We obtain  $\varphi_{pq}(\psi_p(u)) = (\psi_p \circ \psi_p^{-1} \circ \varepsilon_p \circ \varepsilon_{p+1} \circ \dots \circ \varepsilon_{q-1} \circ \psi_q)(u) = \psi_q(u)$ .

We have  $D \in \mathbf{L}[A]$ . Assumptions of Lemma 5 are satisfied and thus  $D^\circ \cong A^\circ \in \mathcal{T}$ .

Suppose that  $p \in \mathcal{N}$  and  $x \in \psi_p(D_n)$ . We will show that there exist  $q \in \mathcal{N}$  and  $y \in \psi_q(D_n)$  such that  $f(\bar{y}) = \bar{x}$ . Then the proof will be ready.

Let  $x \notin \psi_p(S)$ . Then there exists  $y \in A_p$  such that  $f(y) = x$ . Thus  $f(\bar{y}) = \bar{x}$ .

Let  $x \in \psi_p(S)$ . Consider  $q \in \mathcal{N}$  such that  $f^q(x) = \psi_p(a_n)$  and  $f^{q-1}(x) \notin \psi_p(G^\circ)$ . Since  $a_n \in G^\circ$ , we have

$$f^q(\varphi_{pq}(x)) = \varphi_{pq}(f^q(x)) = \varphi_{pq}(\psi_p(a_n)) = \psi_q(a_n).$$

Thus  $f^q(\psi_q^{-1}(\varphi_{pq}(x))) \in G^\circ$ . Further,  $\psi_q^{-1}(\varphi_{pq}(x)) \in E_q$ . That means  $\psi_q^{-1}(\varphi_{pq}(x)) \notin S$  according to Lemma 8c). Let  $z \in A$  be such that  $f(z) = \psi_q^{-1}(\varphi_{pq}(x))$ . Corollary 1(ii) and the definition of  $\varphi_{pq}$  yield that  $\psi_q^{-1}(\varphi_{pq}(x)) \in D_n$ . Thus  $z \in D_n$ . Put  $y = \psi_q(z)$ . We have  $y \in \psi_q(D_n)$  and  $f(\bar{y}) = f(\overline{\psi_q(z)}) = \overline{\psi_q(f(z))} = \overline{\varphi_{pq}(x)} = \bar{x}$ . □

**PROPOSITION 1.** *If  $A \in \mathcal{U} - \mathcal{T}$  and  $A^\circ \in \mathcal{T}$ , then  $\mathbf{L}^2[A] \cap \mathcal{T}_1 \neq \emptyset$ .*

**Proof.** If either  $N^{(M)} \cup N^{(E)} = \{1, \dots, k\}$  or there exists  $n \in \{1, \dots, k\}$  such that  $D_n$  contains an infinite chain, then  $\mathbf{L}[A] \cap \mathcal{T}_1 \neq \emptyset$  according to Lemmas 6 and 7. In the remaining case we take an algebra  $D$  from Lemma 9. This  $D$  satisfies all assumptions of Lemma 7 and thus  $\mathbf{L}^2[A] \cap \mathcal{T}_1 \neq \emptyset$ . □

### 3. Connected algebras without cycles

In this section suppose that  $A$  is a connected monounary algebra without a cycle and  $A$  is not isomorphic to  $Z$ .

We will prove that we can obtain from  $A$  an algebra of  $\mathcal{T}_4$  or the algebra  $N$  via direct limits.

We will analyse three cases:

- (1) the algebra  $A$  contains two distinct subalgebras isomorphic to  $Z$ ;
- (2) the algebra  $A$  contains exactly one subalgebra isomorphic to  $Z$ ;
- (3) the algebra  $A$  contains no subalgebra isomorphic to  $Z$ .

#### 3.1. Case 1.

**LEMMA 10.** *Let  $A$  contain two distinct subalgebras isomorphic to  $Z$ . Then  $\mathbf{L}[A] \cap \mathcal{T}_4 \neq \emptyset$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $B, D$  be subalgebras of  $A$ ,  $B \neq D$ ,  $B \cong Z$  and  $D \cong Z$ . Let  $E$  be the subalgebra of  $A$  which has underlying set  $D \cup B$ . Then  $E \in \mathcal{T}_4$ . The algebra  $E$  is a retract of  $A$  and thus  $E \in \mathbf{L}[A]$ .  $\square$

#### 3.2. Case 2.

We suppose that  $A$  contains exactly one subalgebra isomorphic to  $Z$ . Let  $B \cong Z$ ,  $B = \{a_n : n \in \mathcal{Z}, f(a_n) = a_{n+1}\}$ .

For every  $z \in \mathcal{Z}$  we put

$$D_z = \{x \in A - B : \text{there exists } m \in \mathcal{N} \text{ such that}$$

$$f^m(x) = a_z, f^{m-1}(x) \notin B\};$$

$$N_z = \{m \in \mathcal{N} : \text{there exists } x \in D_z \text{ such that } f^m(x) = a_z\}.$$

Further, let

$$Z^{(M)} = \{z \in \mathcal{Z} : N_z \text{ has a maximal element}\};$$

$$Z^{(E)} = \{n \in \mathcal{Z} : N_z = \emptyset\}.$$

We remark that sets  $B$  and  $D_z$  for all  $z \in \mathcal{Z}$  give a partition of the set  $A$ .

**LEMMA 11.** *Let  $Z^{(M)} \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $\mathbf{L}[A] \cap \mathcal{T}_4 \neq \emptyset$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $n \in Z^{(M)}$ . Suppose that  $R$  is a chain of  $A$  such that  $R$  contains  $\max N_n$  elements of  $D_n$ . Then  $E = R \cup B$  is a retract of  $A$ . Thus  $E \in \mathbf{L}[A]$ . Moreover  $E \in \mathcal{T}_4$ .  $\square$

**LEMMA 12.** *Let  $Z^{(M)} = \emptyset$ . Then  $L^2[A] \cap \mathcal{T}_4 \neq \emptyset$ .*

**P r o o f.** Consider  $n \notin Z^{(E)}$ . Such  $n$  exists because  $A$  is not isomorphic to  $Z$ .

We will prove tree claims. The assertion follows from the third claim and Lemma 10.

**CLAIM 1.** *Let  $t \in \mathcal{N}$ . Then there exists an algebra  $E_t$  such that*

- a)  $E_t \subseteq D_n \cup B$ ,
- b)  $E_t$  is a retract of  $A$ ,
- c)  $f^t(x) \notin B$  for every  $x \in E_t \cap S$ .

**P r o o f.** Consider  $T = \{x \in D_n \cap S : f^t(x) \notin B\}$ . We have  $T \neq \emptyset$  according to  $n \notin Z^{(E)} \cup Z^{(M)}$ . Put  $E_t = \{f^m(x) : m \in \mathcal{N}, x \in T\}$ . □

**CLAIM 2.** *Let  $t \in \mathcal{N}$  and  $E_t$  be an algebra from the previous claim. Then there exists a mapping  $\varepsilon_t$  such that  $\varepsilon_t$  is a retract mapping of  $A$  corresponding to  $E_{t+1}$ ,  $\varepsilon_t(B) = B$  and  $\varepsilon_t(D_n) \subseteq D_n$ .*

**P r o o f.** It follows from the construction of all homomorphisms between two monounary algebras, cf. [10]. □

**CLAIM 3.** *There exists an algebra  $D \in \mathbf{L}[A]$  such that*

- 1.  $D$  is a connected algebra;
- 2.  $D$  contains two distinct subalgebras isomorphic to  $Z$ .

**P r o o f.** Let  $p \in \mathcal{N}$ . Suppose that  $E_{p+1}$  is an algebra from the first claim and that  $\varepsilon_p$  is a retract endomorphism of  $A$  corresponding to  $E_{p+1}$  from the second claim.

Assume that algebras  $A_p$  are pairwise disjoint and isomorphic to  $A$  for all  $p \in \mathcal{N}$ . Let  $p \in \mathcal{N}$ . Suppose that  $\psi_p$  is an isomorphism of  $A$  onto  $A_p$ . We put  $\varphi_{pp} = \text{id}_{A_p}$ . If  $p < q$ , then we put

$$\varphi_{pq} = \psi_p^{-1} \circ \varepsilon_p \circ \varepsilon_{p+1} \circ \dots \circ \varepsilon_{q-1} \circ \psi_q.$$

The family  $\{\mathcal{N}, A_p, \varphi_{pq}\}$  is direct. Denote by  $D$  its direct limit.

We have  $D \in \mathbf{L}[A]$ . In view of [3; Proposition 1] the algebra  $D$  is connected. In view of [3; Lemma 10] the algebra  $D$  has no cycle.

Let  $p \in \mathcal{N}$  and  $E = \{\overline{\psi_p(a_k)} : k \in \mathcal{Z}\}$ .

For every  $k \in \mathcal{Z}$  we have  $f(\overline{\psi_p(a_{k-1})}) = \overline{\psi_p(f(a_{k-1}))} = \overline{\psi_p(a_k)}$ . Thus  $E$  is a subalgebra of  $D$  isomorphic to  $Z$ .

Suppose that  $x \in \psi_p(D_n)$ . Then  $\bar{x} \notin E$  according to Claim 2 and the definition of  $\varphi_{pq}$ . We will show that there exist  $q \in \mathcal{N}$  and  $y \in \psi_q(D_n)$  such that  $f(\bar{y}) = \bar{x}$ . Then the proof of this claim will finished.

Let  $x \notin \psi_p(S)$ . Then there exists  $y \in A_p$  such that  $f(y) = x$ . Thus  $f(\bar{y}) = \bar{x}$ .

Let  $x \in \psi_p(S)$ . Consider  $q \in \mathcal{N}$  such that  $f^q(x) = \psi_p(a_n)$ ,  $f^{q-1}(x) \notin \psi_p(B)$ . Since  $a_n \in E_t$  for every  $p < t \leq q$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} f^q(\varphi_{pq}(x)) &= \varphi_{pq}(f^q(x)) = \varphi_{pq}(\psi_p(a_n)) \\ &= (\psi_p \circ \psi_p^{-1} \circ \varepsilon_p \circ \varepsilon_{p+1} \circ \cdots \circ \varepsilon_{q-1} \circ \psi_q)(a_n) = \psi_q(a_n). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $f^q(\psi_q^{-1}(\varphi_{pq}(x))) = a_n \in B$ . The definition of  $\varphi_{pq}$  yields  $\psi_q^{-1}(\varphi_{pq}(x)) \in E_q$ . That means  $\psi_q^{-1}(\varphi_{pq}(x)) \notin S$  according to Claim 1c). Let  $z \in A$  be such that  $f(z) = \psi_q^{-1}(\varphi_{pq}(x))$ . The Claim 2 and the definition of  $\varphi_{pq}$  imply that  $\psi_q^{-1}(\varphi_{pq}(x)) \in D_n$ . Thus  $z \in D_n$ . Put  $y = \psi_q(z)$ . We have  $y \in \psi_q(D_n)$  and  $f(\bar{y}) = f(\overline{\psi_q(z)}) = \overline{\psi_q(f(z))} = \overline{\varphi_{pq}(x)} = \bar{x}$ .  $\square$

**LEMMA 13.** *Let  $A$  contain exactly one subalgebra isomorphic to  $Z$ . Then*

$$\mathbf{L}^2[A] \cap \mathcal{T}_4 \neq \emptyset.$$

*Proof.* It follows from Lemmas 11 and 12.  $\square$

### 3.3. Case 3.

In Lemmas 14–17 we will suppose that  $A$  contains no subalgebra isomorphic to  $Z$ . Then  $S \neq \emptyset$ .

**NOTATION.** Let  $a \in S$ . Put  $B = \{f^n(a) : n \in \mathcal{N}_0\}$ .

For  $n \in \mathcal{N}$  let us denote

$$a_n = f^n(a);$$

$$D_n = \{x \in A - B : \text{there exists } m \in \mathcal{N} \text{ such that}$$

$$f^m(x) = a_n, f^{m-1}(x) \notin B\};$$

$$N_n = \{m \in \mathcal{N} : \text{there exists } x \in D_n \text{ such that } f^m(x) = a_n\}.$$

Further, let

$$N^{(M)} = \{n \in \mathcal{N} : N_n \text{ has a maximal element}\}.$$

For  $n \in N^{(M)}$  put  $j_n = \max N_n$ .

Denote

$$N^{(E)} = \{n \in \mathcal{N} : N_n = \emptyset\}$$

and

$$N^{(I)} = \mathcal{N} - (N^{(M)} \cup N^{(E)}).$$

We remark that  $B$  is a subalgebra of  $A$ . Sets  $B$  and  $D_n$  for all  $n \in \mathcal{N}$  give a partition of the set  $A$ .

**LEMMA 14.** *Suppose that  $N^{(M)} \cup N^{(E)} = \mathcal{N}$  and  $\{j_n : n \in N^{(M)}\}$  has a maximum. Then the algebra  $N \in \mathbf{L}[A]$ .*

*Proof.* Denote  $j = \max\{j_k : k \in N^{(M)}\}$ . Suppose that  $n \in N^{(M)}$  is such that  $j_n = j$ . Then there exists  $x \in D_n$  such that  $f^j(x) = a_n$ ,  $f^{j-1}(x) \notin B$ .

Let  $j \geq n$ . Put  $D = \{f^m(x) : m \in \mathcal{N}_0\}$ . The algebra  $D$  is a retract of  $A$  and  $D$  is isomorphic to  $N$ . Thus  $N \in \mathbf{L}[A]$ .

If  $j < n$ , then  $B$  is a retract of  $A$ . □

The proof of the following lemma will be similar to the proof of Lemma 9.

**LEMMA 15.** *Let  $N^{(I)} \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $\mathbf{L}^3[A] \cap \mathcal{T}_4 \neq \emptyset$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $n$  be the least number from  $N^{(I)}$ .

Since  $A$  does not contain a subalgebra isomorphic to  $Z$ , the set  $D_n \cap S$  is infinite.

We will prove tree claims. The assertion follows from the third claim and Lemmas 10 and 13.

**CLAIM 4.** *Let  $t \in \mathcal{N}$ . Then there exists an algebra  $E_t$  such that*

- a)  $E_t \subseteq D_n \cup \{a_k : k \geq n\}$ ,
- b)  $E_t$  is a retract of  $A$ ,
- c)  $f^t(x) \notin B$  for every  $x \in E_t \cap S$ .

*Proof.* Consider  $T = \{x \in D_n \cap S : f^t(x) \notin B\}$ . We have  $T \neq \emptyset$  according to  $n \in N^{(I)}$ . Put  $E_t = \{f^m(x) : m \in \mathcal{N}, x \in T\}$ . □

**CLAIM 5.** *Let  $t \in \mathcal{N}$  and  $E_t$  be an algebra from the previous claim. Let  $\varepsilon$  be a retract mapping corresponding to  $E_t$ . Then  $\varepsilon(D_n) \subseteq D_n$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $x \in D_n$ . Then there exists  $m \in \mathcal{N}$  such that  $f^m(x) = a_n$ . We have

$$f^m(\varepsilon(x)) = \varepsilon(f^m(x)) = \varepsilon(a_n) = a_n.$$

Therefore  $\varepsilon(x) \in D_n$  according to a) in the previous claim. □

**CLAIM 6.** *There exists an algebra  $D \in \mathbf{L}[A]$  such that*

- 1.  $D$  is a connected algebra without a cycle;
- 2.  $D$  contains a subalgebra isomorphic to  $Z$ .

*Proof.* Let  $p \in \mathcal{N}$ . Suppose that  $E_{p+1}$  is an algebra from the first claim and that  $\varepsilon_p$  is a retract endomorphism of  $A$  corresponding to  $E_{p+1}$ .

Assume that algebras  $A_p$  are pairwise disjoint and isomorphic to  $A$  for all  $p \in \mathcal{N}$ . Let  $p \in \mathcal{N}$ . Suppose that  $\psi_p$  is an isomorphism from  $A$  onto  $A_p$ . We put  $\varphi_{pp} = \text{id}_{A_p}$ . If  $p < q$ , then we put

$$\varphi_{pq} = \psi_p^{-1} \circ \varepsilon_p \circ \varepsilon_{p+1} \circ \cdots \circ \varepsilon_{q-1} \circ \psi_q.$$

The family  $\{\mathcal{N}, A_p, \varphi_{pq}\}$  is direct. Denote by  $D$  its direct limit.

We have  $D \in \mathbf{L}[A]$ . In view of [3; Proposition 1], the algebra  $D$  is connected. In view of [3; Lemma 10], the algebra  $A$  contains no cycle.

Suppose that  $p \in \mathcal{N}$  and  $x \in \psi_p(D_n)$ . The proof that there exists  $q \in \mathcal{N}$  and  $y \in \psi_q(D_n)$  such that  $f(\bar{y}) = \bar{x}$  is analogous to the end of the proof of Claim 3.  $\square$

In the next notation and in Lemmas 16 and 17 we suppose that  $N^{(M)} \cup N^{(E)} = \mathcal{N}$  and the set  $\{j_n : n \in N^{(M)}\}$  has no maximum.

**NOTATION.** We define a mapping  $u$  of  $\mathcal{N}$  into  $N^{(M)}$  by the following way: Let  $u(1)$  be the least element of  $N^{(M)}$ . By induction for  $i \in \mathcal{N}$  let  $u(i+1)$  be the least number such that  $u(i+1) \in N^{(M)}$ ,  $u(i+1) > u(i)$  and  $j_{u(i+1)} > j_{u(i)}$ .

For  $n \in \mathcal{N}$  let  $e_n$  be an element of  $D_{u(n)}$  such that

$$f^{j_{u(n)}}(e_n) = a_{u(n)}.$$

Remark that  $e_n \in S$ .

Let  $i \in \mathcal{N}$ . Define the mapping  $\xi_i$  of  $A$  into  $A$  by the following way:

$$\xi_i(x) = \begin{cases} f^{u(i+1)-u(i)}(x) & \text{if } x \notin D_{u(i)}, \\ f^{j_{u(i+1)}-m}(e_{i+1}) & \text{if } x \in D_{u(i)} \text{ and} \\ & m \in \mathcal{N} \text{ is such that } f^m(x) = a_{u(i)}. \end{cases}$$

**LEMMA 16.** *Let  $i \in \mathcal{N}$ . Then the mapping  $\xi_i$  is an endomorphism of  $A$  such that*

- (a)  $\xi_i(D_{u(i)}) \subseteq D_{u(i+1)}$ ;
- (b)  $\xi_i(B) \subseteq B$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x \in A$ .

If either  $f(x) \in D_{u(i)}$  and  $x \in D_{u(i)}$  or  $x \notin D_{u(i)}$  and  $f(x) \notin D_{u(i)}$ , then it is easy to verify that  $\xi_i(f(x)) = f(\xi_i(x))$ . The case  $x \notin D_{u(i)}$  and  $f(x) \in D_{u(i)}$  cannot occur.

Suppose that  $x \in D_{u(i)}$  and  $f(x) \notin D_{u(i)}$ . Then  $f(x) = a_{u(i)} = f^{j_{u(i)}}(e_i)$ . Thus we have  $\xi_i(x) = f^{j_{u(i+1)}-1}(e_{i+1})$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_i(f(x)) &= f^{u(i+1)-u(i)}(f(x)) = f^{u(i+1)-u(i)}(a_{u(i)}) = f^{u(i+1)-u(i)}(f^{u(i)}(a)) \\ &= a_{u(i+1)} = f^{j_{u(i+1)}}(e_{i+1}) = f(f^{j_{u(i+1)}-1}(e_{i+1})) = f(\xi_i(x)). \end{aligned}$$

Assertions (a), (b) follow from the definition of  $\xi_i$ .  $\square$

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**LEMMA 17.** *There exists an algebra  $F \in \mathbf{L}[A]$  such that  $F$  is connected,  $F$  contains a subalgebra isomorphic to  $Z$  and the algebra  $F$  is not isomorphic to  $Z$ .*

**P r o o f.** For  $i \in \mathcal{N}$  let  $A_i$  be pairwise disjoint algebras, which are isomorphic to  $A$ . Let  $\psi_i$  be an isomorphism of the algebra  $A$  onto  $A_i$ . Let  $\varphi_{ii} = \text{id}_{A_i}$  and for  $i < j$  let

$$\varphi_{ij} = \psi_i^{-1} \circ \xi_i \circ \xi_{i+1} \circ \cdots \circ \xi_{j-1} \circ \psi_j.$$

Then  $\{\mathcal{N}, A_i, \varphi_{ij}\}$  is a direct family of algebras. Denote by  $F$  its direct limit.

In view of [3; Proposition 1], the algebra  $F$  is connected.

According to [3; Lemma 10], the algebra  $F$  has no cycle.

Let  $z \in F$ . Choose  $i \in \mathcal{N}$  and  $y \in A_i$  such that  $y \in z$ . Then

$$\varphi_{i,i+1}(y) = \psi_{i+1}(\xi_i(\psi_i^{-1}(y))).$$

If  $\psi_i^{-1}(y) \notin D_{u(i)}$ , then for

$$x = \psi_{i+1}(f^{u(i+1)-u(i)-1}(\psi_i^{-1}(y)))$$

we have  $x \in A_{i+1}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} f(\bar{x}) &= \overline{f(\psi_{i+1}(f^{u(i+1)-u(i)-1}(\psi_i^{-1}(y))))} \\ &= \overline{\psi_{i+1}(f^{u(i+1)-u(i)}(\psi_i^{-1}(y)))} = \overline{\varphi_{i,i+1}(y)} = z. \end{aligned}$$

If  $\psi_i^{-1}(y) \in D_{u(i)}$  and  $m \in \mathcal{N}$  is such that  $f^m(\psi_i^{-1}(y)) = a_{u(i)}$ , then for

$$x = \psi_{i+1}(f^{j_{u(i+1)}-m-1}(e_{i+1}))$$

we have  $x \in A_{i+1}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} f(\bar{x}) &= \overline{f(\psi_{i+1}(f^{j_{u(i+1)}-m-1}(e_{i+1})))} \\ &= \overline{\psi_{i+1}(f^{j_{u(i+1)}-m}(e_{i+1}))} = \overline{\psi_{i+1}(\xi_i(\psi_i^{-1}(y)))} = \overline{\varphi_{i,i+1}(y)} = z. \end{aligned}$$

We conclude that the algebra  $F$  contains a subalgebra isomorphic to  $Z$ .

Now we will prove that the operation of  $F$  is not injective.

Let  $w = f^{j_{u(2)}-1}(e_2)$ . Since  $j_{u(2)} > 1$ , we have  $w \in D_{u(2)}$ . Further,

$$f(\overline{\psi_2(w)}) = \overline{\psi_2(f^{j_{u(2)}}(e_2))} = \overline{\psi_2(a_{u(2)})} = \overline{\psi_2(f^{u(2)}(a))} = \overline{f(\psi_2(f^{u(2)-1}(a)))}.$$

Let  $k \in \mathcal{N}$ ,  $k > 2$ . In view of Lemma 16(a) we have

$$\varphi_{2k}(\psi_2(w)) = (\xi_2 \circ \xi_3 \circ \cdots \circ \xi_{k-1} \circ \psi_k)(w) \in \psi_k(D_{u(k)}).$$

In view of Lemma 16(b) we have

$$\varphi_{2k}(\psi_2(f^{u(2)-1}(a))) = (\xi_2 \circ \xi_3 \circ \cdots \circ \xi_{k-1} \circ \psi_k)(f^{u(2)-1}(a)) \in \psi_k(B).$$

Since  $B \cap D_{u(k)} = \emptyset$ , we have  $\varphi_{2k}(\psi_1(w)) = \varphi_{2k}(\psi_2(f^{u(2)-1}(a)))$ . Thus

$$\overline{\psi_2(w)} \neq \overline{\psi_2(f^{u(2)-1}(a))}.$$

□

**LEMMA 18.** *Let  $A$  do not contain a subalgebra isomorphic to  $Z$ . Then*

$$\mathbf{L}^3[A] \cap (\mathcal{T}_4 \cup [N]) \neq \emptyset.$$

*Proof.* If  $A$  satisfies assumptions of Lemma 14 or Lemma 15, then  $\mathbf{L}^3[A] \cap (\mathcal{T}_4 \cup [N]) \neq \emptyset$ .

The remaining case is that  $N^{(M)} \cup N^{(E)} = \mathcal{N}$  and the set  $\{j_n : n \in N^{(M)}\}$  has no maximum. Then an algebra  $F$  from Lemma 17 satisfies either the assumptions of Lemma 10 or Lemma 13. That yields  $\mathbf{L}^2[F] \cap \mathcal{T}_4 \neq \emptyset$ . Thus  $\mathbf{L}^3[A] \cap \mathcal{T}_4 \neq \emptyset$ .  $\square$

We summarize the results of Lemmas 10, 13 and 18:

**PROPOSITION 2.** *If  $A$  is a connected monounary algebra without cycle and  $A$  is not isomorphic to  $Z$ , then*

$$\mathbf{L}^3[A] \cap (\mathcal{T}_4 \cup [N]) \neq \emptyset.$$

## 4. The main result

In this section we describe all monounary algebras  $A, B$  such that  $\mathbf{L}[A, B] = [A, B]$ .

Next two theorems show that from every monounary algebra  $A$  such that  $A \notin \mathcal{T} \cup [Z]$  we can obtain an algebra of the class  $\mathcal{T}_1 \cup \mathcal{T}_2 \cup \mathcal{T}_3 \cup \mathcal{T}_4 \cup [N, Z + Z]$  via direct limits.

**PROPOSITION 3.** *Let  $A$  be a monounary algebra such that  $A \notin \mathcal{T} \cup [Z]$ . If every component of  $A$  has a cycle, then*

$$\mathbf{L}^2[A] \cap (\mathcal{T}_1 \cup \mathcal{T}_2) \neq \emptyset.$$

*Proof.* Let  $B$  be a subalgebra of  $A$ . We will suppose that  $B^\circ$  is a subalgebra of  $B$ .

If  $A^\circ \in \mathcal{T}$ , then  $\mathbf{L}^2[A] \cap \mathcal{T}_1 \neq \emptyset$  according to Proposition 1.

Assume that  $A^\circ \notin \mathcal{T}$ . Let  $\{B_j : j \in J\}$  be the set of all components of  $A$ . Then  $\{B_j^\circ : j \in J\}$  is the set of all components of  $A^\circ$ . Let  $k(j)$  be the length of the cycle  $B_j^\circ$  for every  $j \in J$ . There exists a subset  $I$  of the set  $J$  such that

- (1) if  $i, j \in I$ , then  $k(i)$  does not divide  $k(j)$ ;
- (2) if  $j \in J - I$ , then there exists  $i \in I$  such that  $k(i)$  divides  $k(j)$ .

Consider a set  $I$  with these properties.

Let  $E$  be an algebra which has the set of all components equal to  $\{B_i : i \in I\}$ . Then  $E \in \mathcal{T}$ . Consider  $m \in J - I$ . Put  $D = E + B_{i_1}$ . The algebra  $D$  is a retract of  $A$  and  $D \in \mathcal{T}_2$ . We have  $\mathbf{L}[A] \cap \mathcal{T}_2 \neq \emptyset$ .

**PROPOSITION 4.** *Let  $A$  be a monounary algebra such that  $A \notin \mathcal{T} \cup [Z]$ . If  $A$  contains a component without a cycle, then*

$$\mathbf{L}^3[A] \cap (\mathcal{T}_3 \cup \mathcal{T}_4 \cup [N, Z + Z]) \neq \emptyset.$$

*Proof.* Let  $A$  contain a cycle. Then  $A^\circ$  possesses a cycle.

Consider an algebra  $T$  such that  $T$  is a retract of  $A^\circ$  and  $T \in \mathcal{T}$ . Such  $T$  exists in view of [3; Lemma 20]. Since  $A$  contains a component without a cycle, the algebra  $A^\circ$  contains a component  $D$  isomorphic to  $Z$ . Denote  $E = T + D$ . We have  $E \in \mathcal{T}_3$  and  $E$  is a retract of  $A^\circ$ . In view of Lemma 4 we obtain  $\mathbf{L}^2[A] \cap \mathcal{T}_3 \neq \emptyset$ .

Assume that  $A$  has no cycle. If  $A$  is not connected, then  $Z + Z$  is isomorphic to a retract of  $A^\circ$ . We have  $Z + Z \in \mathbf{L}^2[A]$  according to Lemma 4. If  $A$  is connected, then the class  $\mathbf{L}^3[A]$  contains an algebra from  $\mathcal{T}_4 \cup [N]$  according to Proposition 2. □

For  $A \in \mathcal{T}_1 \cup \mathcal{T}_2 \cup \mathcal{T}_3$  we denote the algebra  $A^*$  by the following way:

If  $A \in \mathcal{T}_1$  and  $R$  is a chain of  $A$  from the definition of  $\mathcal{T}_1$ , then we put  $A^* = A - R$ .

If  $A \in \mathcal{T}_2$  and  $B \in \mathcal{T}$  satisfies the conditions from the definition of  $\mathcal{T}_2$ , then we put  $A^* = B$ .

If  $A \in \mathcal{T}_3$  and  $B \in \mathcal{T}$  satisfies the conditions from the definition of  $\mathcal{T}_3$ , then we put  $A^* = B$ .

Let us remark that  $A^*$  is a retract of  $A$ . Thus  $A^* \in \mathbf{L}[A]$ . Further,  $A^* \not\cong A$ .

**PROPOSITION 5.** *If  $A \in \mathcal{T}_1 \cup \mathcal{T}_2 \cup \mathcal{T}_3$ , then  $\mathbf{L}[A] = [A, A^*]$ .*

*If  $A \in \mathcal{T}_4 \cup [Z + Z, N]$ , then  $\mathbf{L}[A] = [A, Z]$ .*

*Proof.* It is a consequence of Lemma 4 and [3; Theorems 1, 2, 3]. □

**COROLLARY 2.** *If  $A \in \mathcal{T}_1 \cup \mathcal{T}_2 \cup \mathcal{T}_3$ , then  $\mathbf{L}[A, A^*] = [A, A^*]$ . If  $A \in \mathcal{T}_4 \cup [N, Z + Z]$ , then  $\mathbf{L}[A, Z] = [A, Z]$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A \in \mathcal{T}_1 \cup \mathcal{T}_2 \cup \mathcal{T}_3$ . Then  $\mathbf{L}[A] = [A, A^*]$ . Since  $A^* \in \mathcal{T}$ , we have  $\mathbf{L}[A^*] = [A^*]$ . Therefore  $\mathbf{L}[A, A^*] = [A, A^*]$  by Lemma 1.

Now let  $A \in \mathcal{T}_4 \cup [N, Z + Z]$ . Then  $\mathbf{L}[A] = [A, Z]$ . In view of Lemma 1 we have  $\mathbf{L}[A, Z] = [A, Z]$ . □

In Theorem 6 we will use the following notation. If (p) is a condition for algebras  $A, B$ , then the symbol (p') denotes the condition, which arise from (p) in such a way that we change algebras  $A, B$ ; further, the symbol (p\*) denotes the condition which requires that either (p) or (p') is valid.

Consider conditions

- (i)  $A, B \in \mathcal{T}$ ;
- (ii)  $A \in \mathcal{T}, B \cong Z$ ;
- (iii)  $A \cong N, B \cong Z$ ;
- (iv)  $A \cong Z, B \cong Z + Z$ ;
- (v)  $A \cong Z, B \in \mathcal{T}_4$ ;
- (vi)  $A \in \mathcal{T}, B \in \mathcal{T}_1 \cup \mathcal{T}_2 \cup \mathcal{T}_3, B^* \cong A$ ;
- (vii)  $A \cong Z, B \cong Z$ .

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $A, B \in \mathcal{U}$ . Then*

$$\mathbf{L}[A, B] = [A, B]$$

*if and only if one of conditions (i), (ii\*), (iii\*), (iv\*), (v\*), (vi\*), (vii) is valid.*

*Proof.* If one of (i), (ii\*), (vii) holds, then [3; Theorem 1] implies that  $\mathbf{L}[A] = [A]$ ,  $\mathbf{L}[B] = [B]$ . Thus  $\mathbf{L}[A, B] = [A, B]$  according to [3; Lemma 15].

If one of conditions (iii\*) (vi\*) holds, then  $\mathbf{L}[A, B] = [A, B]$  according to Corollary 2.

Suppose that none of conditions (i), (ii\*) (vi\*), (vii) holds for  $A, B$ .

We have  $[A, B] \subseteq \mathbf{L}[A, B] \subseteq \mathbf{L}^2[A, B] \subseteq \mathbf{L}^3[A, B]$  according [3; Lemma 12]. We will prove that the class  $\mathbf{L}^3[A, B]$  contains an algebra which does not belong to  $[A, B]$ . Then  $\mathbf{L}[A, B] \neq [A, B]$  will be proved.

We will discuss the following cases:

- (1)  $A \in \mathcal{T}$ ;
- (2)  $A \cong Z$ ;
- (3)  $A \notin \mathcal{T} \cup [Z]$ .

(1) In view of invalidity of (i) and (ii) we have  $B \notin \mathcal{T} \cup [Z]$ . Propositions 3 and 4 imply that the class  $\mathbf{L}^3[B]$  contains an algebra  $D$  such that

$$D \in \mathcal{T}_1 \cup \mathcal{T}_2 \cup \mathcal{T}_3 \cup \mathcal{T}_4 \cup [N, Z + Z].$$

If  $D$  is not isomorphic to  $B$ , then  $D \in \mathbf{L}^3[A, B] - [A, B]$ . Thus  $D$  has the required property.

Let  $B \cong D$ . Then  $B \in \mathcal{T}_1 \cup \mathcal{T}_2 \cup \mathcal{T}_3 \cup \mathcal{T}_4 \cup [N, Z + Z]$ .

Assume that there exists  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  such that  $B \in \mathcal{T}_i$ . Thus  $B^* \in \mathcal{T}$  and  $B^* \not\cong B$ . Since the condition (vi) does not hold, the algebra  $B^*$  is not isomorphic to  $A$ . We have  $B^* \in \mathbf{L}[B] \subseteq \mathbf{L}[A, B]$ . We conclude that  $B^*$  has the required property.

If either  $B \cong N$  or  $B \cong Z + Z$  or  $B \in \mathcal{T}_4$ , then  $Z \in \mathbf{L}[B] \subseteq \mathbf{L}[A, B]$  according to Lemma 4 and [4; Theorems 2, 3]. We have that  $Z$  has the required property.

(2) Since (ii') fails to hold, we have  $B \notin \mathcal{T}$ . In view of the fact that (vii) is not valid, we obtain  $B \notin [Z]$ . Thus the algebra  $B$  satisfies assumptions of either Proposition 3 or Proposition 4. Therefore the class  $\mathbf{L}^3[B]$  contains an algebra  $D$  such that

$$D \in \mathcal{T}_1 \cup \mathcal{T}_2 \cup \mathcal{T}_3 \cup \mathcal{T}_4 \cup [N, Z + Z].$$

If  $D \not\cong B$ , then the proof can be finished analogously as in the case (1).

Let  $D \cong B$ . Since (iii'), (iv), (v) do not hold, we have  $B \notin \mathcal{T}_4 \cup [N, Z + Z]$ . That means that there exists  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  such that  $B \in \mathcal{T}_i$ . The algebra  $B^* \notin [A, B]$  and  $B^* \in \mathbf{L}[B] \subseteq \mathbf{L}[A, B]$ . Thus  $B^*$  has the required property.

(3) The algebra  $A$  satisfies assumptions either Proposition 3 or Proposition 4. Therefore  $\mathbf{L}^3[A]$  contains an algebra  $D$  such that

$$D \in \mathcal{T}_1 \cup \mathcal{T}_2 \cup \mathcal{T}_3 \cup \mathcal{T}_4 \cup [N, Z + Z].$$

If  $D \not\cong A$  and  $D \not\cong B$ , then  $D$  has the required property.

Let  $D \not\cong A$  and  $D \cong B$ . If  $B \in \mathcal{T}_1 \cup \mathcal{T}_2 \cup \mathcal{T}_3$ , then  $B^*$  has the required property. If  $B \in \mathcal{T}_4 \cup [Z]$ , then  $Z$  has the required property.

Let  $A \cong D$ . If  $A \in \mathcal{T}_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , then  $A^*$  is not isomorphic to  $B$ , because (vi) does not hold. Further,  $A^* \not\cong A$  and  $A^* \in \mathbf{L}[A]$ . Thus  $A^*$  has the required property.

If  $A \in \mathcal{T}_4 \cup [Z + Z]$ , then  $Z \in \mathbf{L}[A]$ , because  $Z$  is a retract of  $A$ . If  $A \cong N$ , then  $Z \in \mathbf{L}[A]$  according to Lemma 4. The algebra  $B$  is not isomorphic to  $Z$  since no condition (iii), (iv'), or (v') is satisfied.  $\square$

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