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# BOUNDED DUALY RESIDUATED LATTICE ORDERED MONOIDS AS A GENERALIZATION OF FUZZY STRUCTURES

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ABSTRACT. Dually residuated lattice ordered monoids (*DRL*-monoids) form a large class that contains among others all lattice ordered groups, fuzzy structures which need not be commutative, for instance, pseudo *BL*-algebras and *GMV*-algebras (= pseudo *MV*-algebras) and Brouwerian algebras. In the paper, two concepts of negation in bounded *DRL*-monoids are introduced and their properties are studied in general as well as in the case of the so-called good *DRL*-monoids. The sets of regular and dense elements of good *DRL*-monoids are described.

## 1. Introduction

Commutative dually residuated lattice ordered monoids (briefly: *DRL*-monoids) were introduced by Swamy in [18] as a common generalization of abelian lattice ordered groups and Brouwerian algebras. Moreover, the classes of *MV*-algebras and *BL*-algebras, i.e. algebraic counterparts of Łukasiewicz infinite valued and Hájek's basic fuzzy logic introduced in [1] and [9], respectively, can be viewed as proper subclasses of the class of bounded commutative *DRL*-monoids. (In fact, we use the duals of *BL*-algebras.)

General *DRL*-monoids (i.e., the commutativity of the addition is not required) were introduced by Kovář in [11]. *GMV*-algebras introduced in [15] and, equivalently, pseudo *MV*-algebras introduced in [8] are non-commutative generalizations of *MV*-algebras. Further, pseudo *BL*-algebras introduced and studied in [4] and [5] and *BL*-algebras are in the same connection. By [16], *GMV*-algebras are an algebraic counterpart of a non-commutative logic between

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the Łukasiewicz logic and the bilinear logic (see [14]). Pseudo *BL*-algebras are by [10] an algebraic counterpart of Hájek's pseudo basic logic. Analogously as in the commutative case, it was shown in [15] and [12] that *GMV*-algebras and duals of pseudo *BL*-algebras form proper subclasses of the class of bounded *DRL*-monoids.

In this paper we study bounded *DRL*-monoids as natural generalizations of *GMV*-algebras and pseudo *BL*-algebras introducing two, in general different, concepts of negation. All obtained results are applicable in the case of pseudo *BL*-algebras (and, consequently, of *GMV*-algebras). The particular case of negations in commutative *DRL*-monoids were studied in [17].

The basic concepts and results concerning *MV*-algebras, *GMV*-algebras, *BL*-algebras and pseudo *BL*-algebras can be found in [2], [6], [9] and [4], respectively.

## 2. Negations in bounded *DRL*-monoids

In this section we introduce notions of negations of elements in bounded *DRL*-monoids as generalizations of those in pseudo *BL*-algebras.

Firstly, let us recall the definition of a *DRL*-monoid.

**DEFINITION.** A *dually residuated lattice ordered monoid* (briefly: *DRL-monoid*) is an algebra  $M = (M; +, 0, \vee, \wedge, \rightarrow, \leftarrow)$  of signature  $\langle 2, 0, 2, 2, 2, 2 \rangle$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (M1)  $(M; +, 0, \vee, \wedge)$  is a lattice ordered monoid, that means,  $(M, +, 0)$  is a monoid,  $(M, \vee, \wedge)$  is a lattice, and the operation  $+$  distributes from the left and from the right over the operations  $\vee$  and  $\wedge$ .
- (M2) If  $\leq$  denotes the order on  $M$  induced by the lattice  $(M, \vee, \wedge)$ , then  $x \rightarrow y$  is the smallest  $s \in M$  such that  $s + y \geq x$  and  $x \leftarrow y$  is the smallest  $t \in M$  such that  $y + t \geq x$  for any  $x, y \in M$ .
- (M3)  $M$  satisfies the identities

$$\begin{aligned} ((x \rightarrow y) \vee 0) + y &\leq x \vee y, & y + ((x \leftarrow y) \vee 0) &\leq x \vee y, \\ x \rightarrow x &\geq 0, & x \leftarrow x &\geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

In the paper, we will deal with bounded *DRL*-monoids. The least element in such a *DRL*-monoid is by [11] always  $0$ . The greatest element will be denoted by  $1$  and bounded *DRL*-monoids will be considered as algebras  $M = (M, +, 0, 1, \vee, \wedge, \rightarrow, \leftarrow)$  of extended type  $\langle 2, 0, 0, 2, 2, 2, 2 \rangle$ .

When doing calculations, we use the following list of basic rules for bounded *DRL*-monoids.

**LEMMA 1.** ([11], [13]) *In any bounded DRℓ-monoid  $M$  we have for any  $x, y, z \in M$ :*

- (1)  $x \vee y = (x \multimap y) + y = y + (x \multimap y)$ ;
- (2)  $x \multimap x = \mathbf{0} = x \multimap x$ ,  $x \multimap \mathbf{0} = x = x \multimap \mathbf{0}$ ;
- (3)  $x \leq y \implies x \multimap z \leq y \multimap z$ ,  $x \multimap z \leq y \multimap z$ ;
- (4)  $x \leq y \implies z \multimap x \geq z \multimap y$ ,  $z \multimap x \geq z \multimap y$ ;
- (5)  $x \multimap (y + z) = (x \multimap z) \multimap y$ ;
- (6)  $x \multimap (y + z) = (x \multimap y) \multimap z$ ;
- (7)  $x \multimap y \geq (z \multimap y) \multimap (z \multimap x)$ ;
- (8)  $x \multimap y \geq (z \multimap y) \multimap (z \multimap x)$ ;
- (9)  $x \leq y \iff x \multimap y = \mathbf{0} \iff x \multimap y = \mathbf{0}$ ;
- (10)  $x \multimap (y \wedge z) = (x \multimap y) \vee (x \multimap z)$ ,  $x \multimap (y \wedge z) = (x \multimap y) \vee (x \multimap z)$ ;
- (11)  $x \multimap (y \multimap z) \leq (x \multimap y) + z$ ,  $x \multimap (y \multimap z) \leq z + (x \multimap y)$ ;
- (12)  $x \geq y \geq z \implies x \multimap z = (x \multimap y) + (y \multimap z)$ ,  $x \multimap z = (y \multimap z) + (x \multimap y)$ ;

**DEFINITION.** Let  $M = (M; +, \mathbf{0}, 1, \vee, \wedge, \multimap, \multimap)$  be a bounded DRℓ-monoid. For any  $x \in M$  we set

$$\neg x := 1 \multimap x, \quad \sim x := 1 \multimap x.$$

In the following lemma we will show the basic properties of the negations  $\neg$  and  $\sim$  in connection with the operations of bounded DRℓ-monoids.

**LEMMA 2.** *Let  $M = (M; +, \mathbf{0}, 1, \vee, \wedge, \multimap, \multimap)$  be a bounded DRℓ-monoid and  $x, y \in M$ . Then*

- (1)  $\sim \neg 1 = 1 = \neg \sim 1$ ,  $\sim \neg \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0} = \neg \sim \mathbf{0}$ ;
- (2)  $\sim \neg x \leq x$ ,  $\neg \sim x \leq x$ ;
- (3)  $\sim \neg \sim x = \sim x$ ,  $\neg \sim \neg x = \neg x$ ;
- (4)  $x + \sim x = 1$ ,  $\neg x + x = 1$ ;
- (5)  $\sim x \leq y \iff x + y = 1 \iff \neg y \leq x$ ;
- (6)  $y \multimap \neg x \leq x$ ,  $y \multimap \sim x \leq x$ ;
- (7)  $\sim x \multimap \sim y \leq y \multimap x$ ,  $\neg x \multimap \neg y \leq y \multimap x$ ;
- (8)  $\sim y \multimap x = \neg x \multimap y$ ,  $x \multimap \neg y = y \multimap \sim x$ ;
- (9)  $x \leq y \implies \neg y \leq \neg x$ ,  $\sim y \leq \sim x$ ;
- (10)  $\sim x \multimap x = \neg x \multimap x$ ;
- (11)  $\sim(x + y) = \sim x \multimap y$ ,  $\neg(x + y) = \neg y \multimap x$ ;
- (12)  $\sim(x \wedge y) = \sim x \vee \sim y$ ,  $\neg(x \wedge y) = \neg x \vee \neg y$ ;
- (13)  $\sim(x \vee y) \leq \sim x \wedge \sim y$ ,  $\neg(x \vee y) \leq \neg x \wedge \neg y$ ;
- (14)  $\sim \neg(x \wedge y) \leq \sim \neg x \wedge \sim \neg y$ ,  $\neg \sim(x \wedge y) \leq \neg \sim x \wedge \neg \sim y$ ;
- (15)  $\sim \neg x \multimap \sim \neg y = \sim \neg x \multimap y$ ,  $\neg \sim x \multimap \neg \sim y = \neg \sim x \multimap y$ ;
- (16)  $\neg(x \multimap y) \leq \neg x + y$ ,  $\sim(x \multimap y) \leq y + \sim x$ ;
- (17)  $(x + y) \multimap y \leq x$ ,  $(x + y) \multimap x \leq y$ ;
- (18)  $y \multimap (y \multimap x) \leq x \wedge y$ ,  $y \multimap (y \multimap x) \leq x \wedge y$ .

Proof.

(1)  $\sim\neg 1 = 1 \leftarrow (1 \rightarrow 1) = 1 \leftarrow 0 = 1$ ,  $\sim\neg 0 = 1 \leftarrow (1 \rightarrow 0) = 1 \leftarrow 1 = 0$ . Analogously  $\neg\sim 1 = 1$  and  $\neg\sim 0 = 0$ .

(2) We have  $\sim\neg x = 1 \leftarrow (1 \rightarrow x)$ . By the definition of a *DRℓ*-monoid,  $(1 \rightarrow x) + (1 \leftarrow (1 \rightarrow x)) = 1$ , and at the same time  $(1 \rightarrow x) + x = 1 \vee x = 1$ , hence  $\sim\neg x \leq x$ . Analogously  $\neg\sim x \leq x$ .

(3) By (2),  $\sim\neg\sim x \leq \sim x$  and  $\neg\sim\neg x \leq \neg x$ . Moreover,  $a \leq b$  implies  $1 \rightarrow a \geq 1 \rightarrow b$ , i.e.  $\neg b \leq \neg a$ , and similarly,  $a \leq b$  implies  $\sim b \leq \sim a$ . Thus from  $\sim\neg x \leq x$  it follows that  $\neg x \leq \neg\sim\neg x$  and  $\neg\sim x \leq x$  gives  $\sim x \leq \sim\neg\sim x$ .

(4), (5) Immediately from the definition of a *DRℓ*-monoid.

(6)  $y \leq 1$ , hence by (4),  $y \leq \neg x + x$ , thus  $y \leftarrow \neg x \leq x$ . Analogously the other inequality.

(7) By Lemma 1(8),  $\sim x \rightarrow \sim y = (1 \leftarrow x) \rightarrow (1 \leftarrow y) \leq y \leftarrow x$ . Analogously  $\neg x \leftarrow \neg y \leq y \rightarrow x$ .

(8) We have  $\neg\sim y \leq y$ , hence  $\neg x \leftarrow y \leq \neg x \leftarrow \neg\sim y$ , therefore by (7),  $\neg x \leftarrow y \leq \sim y \rightarrow x$ . Similarly  $\sim y \rightarrow x \leq \neg x \leftarrow y$ . The second assertion is dual.

(9) If  $x \leq y$ , then  $1 \rightarrow x \geq 1 \rightarrow y$ , thus  $\neg y \leq \neg x$ . Analogously  $x \leq y$  implies  $\sim y \leq \sim x$ .

(10) By the definition of a *DRℓ*-monoid we have for any  $u \in M$ ,  $\sim x \rightarrow x \leq u$  iff  $\sim x \leq u + x$ , which holds iff  $x + (u + x) = 1$ , that means  $(x + u) + x = 1$ . This is equivalent to  $\neg x \leq x + u$  and so to  $\neg x \leftarrow x \leq u$ .

(11) By Lemma 1(6), (5), we have  $\sim x \leftarrow y = (1 \leftarrow x) \leftarrow y = 1 \leftarrow (x + y) = \sim(x + y)$  and  $\neg y \rightarrow x = (1 \rightarrow y) \rightarrow x = 1 \rightarrow (x + y) = \neg(x + y)$ .

(12) By Lemma 1(10),  $\sim(x \wedge y) = 1 \leftarrow (x \wedge y) = (1 \leftarrow x) \vee (1 \leftarrow y) = \sim x \vee \sim y$ , and similarly,  $\neg(x \wedge y) = \neg x \vee \neg y$ .

(13) Follows from (9).

(14)  $x \wedge y \leq x$ , hence by (9) we obtain  $\sim\neg(x \wedge y) \leq \sim\neg x$ , and thus also  $\sim\neg(x \wedge y) \leq \sim\neg x \wedge \sim\neg y$ . Analogously the second inequality.

(15) By (8) and (3),  $\sim\neg x \rightarrow \sim\neg y = \neg\sim\neg y \leftarrow \neg x = \neg y \leftarrow \neg x = \sim\neg x \rightarrow y$ . Similarly the second inequality.

(16) By Lemma 1(11),  $1 \rightarrow (x \leftarrow y) \leq (1 \rightarrow x) + y$ ,  $1 \leftarrow (x \rightarrow y) \leq y + (1 \leftarrow x)$ .

(17) By the definition of a bounded *DRℓ*-monoid we have  $((x+y) \rightarrow y) + y = (x+y) \vee y = x+y$ , hence  $(x+y) \rightarrow y \leq x$ . Similarly  $x + ((x+y) \leftarrow x) = x \vee (x+y) = x+y$ , therefore  $(x+y) \leftarrow x \leq y$ .

(18) By Lemma 1(11),  $y \rightarrow (y \leftarrow x) \leq (y \rightarrow y) + x = 0 + x = x$ , and at the same time  $y \rightarrow (y \leftarrow x) \leq y$ , hence  $y \rightarrow (y \leftarrow x) \leq x \wedge y$ . Analogously  $y \leftarrow (y \rightarrow x) \leq x \wedge y$ .  $\square$

**DEFINITION.**

- a) We say that a bounded *DRL*-monoid  $M$  is *good* (or *symmetric*) if it satisfies the identity  $\neg\sim x = \sim\neg x$ .
- b) A bounded *DRL*-monoid is called *regular* if it satisfies the identity  $\neg\sim x = x = \sim\neg x$ .

**Note.** We choose the name “good *DRL*-monoid” because it generalizes the notion of “good pseudo *BL*-algebra”, see e.g. [7].

**LEMMA 3.** *Let  $M$  be a good bounded *DRL*-monoid. Then for each  $x, y \in M$  we have:*

- (1)  $\sim(\neg x + \neg y) = \neg(\sim x + \sim y)$ ;
- (2)  $\neg(x \leftarrow \sim\neg x) = \sim(x \rightarrow \sim\neg x) = 1$ ;
- (3)  $\neg\sim(x \rightarrow y) = \neg\sim x \rightarrow \neg\sim y$ ,  $\sim\neg(x \leftarrow y) = \sim\neg x \leftarrow \sim\neg y$ ;
- (4)  $\neg\sim(x + y) \leq \neg\sim x + \neg\sim y$ ;
- (5)  $\neg\sim(x \vee y) = \neg\sim x \vee \neg\sim y$ ;
- (6)  $\sim x \leftarrow y = \sim x \leftarrow \sim\neg y$ ,  $\neg y \rightarrow x = \neg y \rightarrow \neg\sim x$ .

If, moreover,  $M$  is regular, then

- (7)  $y \leftarrow x = \sim x \rightarrow \sim y$ ,  $y \rightarrow x = \neg x \leftarrow \neg y$ ;
- (8)  $\sim(\neg x + \neg y) = \neg(\sim x + \sim y) = y \rightarrow \sim x = x \leftarrow \neg y$ .

**Proof.**

(1) Using Lemma 2(8), (11) we get  $\neg(\sim x + \sim y) = \neg\sim y \rightarrow \sim x = \sim\neg y \rightarrow \sim x = \neg\sim x \leftarrow \neg y = \sim\neg x \leftarrow \neg y = \sim(\neg x + \neg y)$ .

(2)  $x \leftarrow \sim\neg x \leq 1 \leftarrow \sim\neg x = \sim\neg\neg x = \sim x$ , hence  $\neg\sim x \leq \neg(x \leftarrow \sim\neg x)$ , thus by Lemma 2(11), (2),  $\neg(x \leftarrow \sim\neg x) = \neg(x \leftarrow \sim\neg x) \vee \neg\sim x = (\neg(x \leftarrow \sim\neg x) \rightarrow \sim\neg x) + \neg\sim x = \neg(\sim\neg x + (x \leftarrow \sim\neg x)) + \neg\sim x = \neg(\sim\neg x \vee x) + \neg\sim x = \neg x + \neg\sim x = \neg x + \sim\neg x$ , therefore by Lemma 2(4),  $\neg(x \leftarrow \sim\neg x) = 1$ . Analogously  $\sim(x \rightarrow \sim\neg x) = 1$ .

(3) By Lemma 1 we have  $\neg\sim x \rightarrow y = (1 \rightarrow \sim x) \rightarrow y = 1 \rightarrow (y + (1 \leftarrow x)) \leq 1 \rightarrow (1 \leftarrow (x \rightarrow y)) = 1 \rightarrow \sim(x \rightarrow y) = \neg\sim(x \rightarrow y)$ .

Further, by Lemma 2(11),  $\neg\sim(\neg\sim x \rightarrow y) = \neg\sim(\neg(y + \sim x)) = \neg(y + \sim x) = \neg\sim x \rightarrow y$ , hence in our case we get  $\neg\sim(x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow (\neg\sim x \rightarrow y) = \neg\sim(\neg\sim(x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow (\neg\sim x \rightarrow y)) \leq \neg\sim((x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow (\neg\sim x \rightarrow y))$ , and this is by Lemma 1 equal to  $\neg\sim(x \rightarrow ((\neg\sim x \rightarrow y) + y)) = \neg\sim(x \rightarrow (\neg\sim x \vee y)) \leq \neg\sim((x \rightarrow \neg\sim x) \wedge (x \rightarrow y)) \leq \neg\sim(x \rightarrow \neg\sim x) = \neg 1 = 0$ , thus  $\neg\sim(x \rightarrow y) \leq \neg\sim x \rightarrow y$ .

Therefore by Lemma 2(15) we obtain  $\neg\sim(x \rightarrow y) = \neg\sim x \rightarrow \neg\sim y$ . Analogously the second equality.

(4) By Lemma 2(11), (15),  $\neg(\sim\neg x + \sim\neg y) = \neg\neg\sim y \rightarrow \neg\sim x = \neg\sim\neg y \rightarrow \neg\sim x = \neg\sim\neg y \rightarrow x = \neg y \rightarrow x = \neg(x + y)$ , hence by Lemma 2(2)  $\neg\sim(x + y) = \sim\neg(x + y) = \sim\neg(\sim\neg x + \sim\neg y) \leq \neg\sim x + \neg\sim y$ .

(5)  $\neg\sim x \leq \neg\sim(x \vee y)$  and  $\neg\sim y \leq \neg\sim(x \vee y)$ , hence  $\neg\sim x \vee \neg\sim y \leq \neg\sim(x \vee y)$ .

Further, by (4) and (3),  $\neg\sim(x \vee y) = \neg\sim((x \rightarrow y) + y) \leq \neg\sim(x \rightarrow y) + \neg\sim y = (\neg\sim x \rightarrow \neg\sim y) + \neg\sim y = \neg\sim x \vee \neg\sim y$ .

(6) By Lemma 2(3), (11) and by equality (3),  $\sim x \leftarrow \sim y = \sim\neg\sim x \leftarrow \sim\neg y = \sim\neg(\sim x \leftarrow y) = \sim\neg\sim(x + y) = \sim(x + y) = \sim x \leftarrow y$ . Analogously the other equality.

(7) By Lemma 2(7),  $y \leftarrow x = \neg\sim y \leftarrow \neg\sim x \leq \sim x \rightarrow \sim y \leq y \leftarrow x$  and  $y \rightarrow x = \sim\neg y \rightarrow \sim\neg x \leq \neg x \leftarrow \neg y \leq y \rightarrow x$ .

(8) The first equality is proven in (1) for arbitrary good *DRℓ*-monoids. Further, by Lemma 2(11),  $\sim(\neg x + \neg y) = \sim\neg x \leftarrow \neg y = x \leftarrow \neg y$  and  $\neg(\sim x + \sim y) = \neg\sim y \rightarrow \sim x = y \rightarrow \sim x$ .  $\square$

*Pseudo BL-algebras* were introduced in [4] as a non-commutative generalization of Hájek's *BL-algebras* ([9]). By [12], the duals of pseudo *BL-algebras* are special cases of bounded *DRℓ-monoids* which are characterized by the identities

$$(x \rightarrow y) \wedge (y \rightarrow x) = (x \leftarrow y) \wedge (y \leftarrow x) = 0.$$

**LEMMA 4.** *If  $M$  is a good dual pseudo  $BL$ -algebra, then  $M$  satisfies the identity*

$$\neg\sim(x + y) = \neg\sim x + \neg\sim y.$$

*Proof.* Every dual pseudo *BL-algebra* satisfies, among others, the identity  $\sim(x \vee y) = \sim x \wedge \sim y$ . Hence by Lemmas 1, 2 and 3 we get  $\neg\sim(x + y) = \neg\sim(x + y) \vee \neg\sim x = \neg\sim x + (\neg\sim(x + y) \leftarrow \neg\sim x) = \neg\sim x + (\sim\neg(x + y) \leftarrow \neg\sim x) = \neg\sim x + (\sim(\neg y \rightarrow x) \leftarrow \neg\sim x) = \neg\sim x + (\sim(\neg y \rightarrow \neg\sim x) \leftarrow \neg\sim x) = \neg\sim x + \sim((\neg y \rightarrow \neg\sim x) + \neg\sim x) = \neg\sim x + \sim(\neg y \vee \neg\sim x) = \neg\sim x + \sim(\neg\sim x \vee \neg y) = \neg\sim x + (\sim x \wedge \sim\neg y) = \neg\sim x + (\sim x \wedge \neg\sim y) = (\neg\sim x + \sim x) \wedge (\neg\sim x + \neg\sim y) = 1 \wedge (\neg\sim x + \neg\sim y) = \neg\sim x + \neg\sim y.  $\square$$

**Remark.** The class of bounded *DRℓ-monoids* satisfying the identities from Lemma 4 is essentially larger than the class of good dual pseudo *BL-algebras*. For instance, every Brouwerian algebra is a bounded (commutative) *DRℓ-monoid* that fulfils these identities.

*GMV-algebras* were introduced in [15] (equivalently as *pseudo MV-algebras* in [8]) as a non-commutative generalization of *MV-algebras*. If  $A = (A; \oplus, \neg, \sim, 0, 1)$  is a *GMV-algebra*, set  $x + y := x \oplus y$ ,  $x \odot y := \sim(\neg x \oplus \neg y)$ ,  $x \rightarrow y := \neg y \odot x$ ,  $x \leftarrow y := x \odot \sim y$ ,  $x \vee y := x \oplus (y \odot \sim x)$  and  $x \wedge y := x \odot (y \oplus \sim x)$ . Then  $M = M(A) = (A; +, 0, 1, \rightarrow, \leftarrow, \vee, \wedge)$  is a bounded *DRℓ-monoid*. (Recall that from this point of view, *GMV-algebras* form a proper subclass of the class of dual pseudo *BL-algebras*.)

By [15], *DRℓ*-monoids induced by *GMV*-algebras can be characterized by means of identities with negations. Namely, a bounded *DRℓ*-monoid  $M$  is induced by a *GMV*-algebra if and only if  $M$  satisfies the identities

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \rightarrow (1 \leftarrow x) &= x = 1 \leftarrow (1 \rightarrow x), \\ 1 \rightarrow ((1 \leftarrow x) + (1 \leftarrow y)) &= 1 \leftarrow ((1 \rightarrow x) + (1 \rightarrow y)), \end{aligned}$$

that means

$$\neg \sim x = x = \sim \neg x, \quad \neg(\sim x + \sim y) = \sim(\neg x + \neg y).$$

We have proved in Lemma 3(1) that the last identity is satisfied in any good bounded *DRℓ*-monoid, therefore a good bounded *DRℓ*-monoid is induced by a *GMV*-algebra if and only if it is regular.

Let us show that the class of good dual pseudo *BL*-algebras is also a variety of bounded *DRℓ*-monoids that satisfies certain identities with negations.

**PROPOSITION 5.** *Let  $M$  be a bounded good *DRℓ*-monoid. Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

- (1)  $\neg \sim(x \wedge y) = \neg \sim x \wedge \neg \sim y$ ;
- (2)  $\neg(x \vee y) = \neg x \wedge \neg y$ ,  $\sim(x \vee y) = \sim x \wedge \sim y$ ;
- (3)  $\neg(x \vee y) + ((x \rightarrow y) \wedge (y \rightarrow x)) = \neg(x \vee y)$ ,  
 $((x \leftarrow y) \wedge (y \leftarrow x)) + \sim(x \vee y) = \sim(x \vee y)$ .

*Proof.*

(1)  $\implies$  (2): By Lemma 2(12) and Lemma 3(5),  $\neg x \wedge \neg y = \neg \sim(\neg x \wedge \neg y) = \neg(\sim \neg x \vee \sim \neg y) = \neg(\sim \neg(x \vee y)) = \neg(x \vee y)$ . Analogously  $\sim(x \vee y) = \sim x \wedge \sim y$ .

(2)  $\implies$  (1): Using Lemma 2(12), we have  $\neg \sim x \wedge \neg \sim y = \neg(\sim x \vee \sim y) = \neg(\sim(x \wedge y)) = \neg \sim(x \wedge y)$ .

(2)  $\implies$  (3): By Lemma 1,  $\neg x = 1 \rightarrow x = (1 \rightarrow (x \vee y)) + ((x \vee y) \rightarrow x) = \neg(x \vee y) + (y \rightarrow x)$ . Analogously  $\neg y = \neg(x \vee y) + (x \rightarrow y)$ .

From this we get  $\neg(x \vee y) = \neg x \wedge \neg y = (\neg(x \vee y) + (y \rightarrow x)) \wedge (\neg(x \vee y) + (x \rightarrow y)) = \neg(x \vee y) + ((y \rightarrow x) \wedge (x \rightarrow y))$ .

Similarly, by Lemma 1,  $\sim x = 1 \leftarrow x = ((x \vee y) \leftarrow x) + (1 \leftarrow (x \vee y))$  and  $\sim y = 1 \leftarrow y = ((x \vee y) \leftarrow y) + (1 \leftarrow (x \vee y))$ , hence  $\sim(x \vee y) = ((x \leftarrow y) \wedge (y \leftarrow x)) + \sim(x \vee y)$ .

(3)  $\implies$  (2):  $\neg x \wedge \neg y = (\neg(x \vee y) + (y \rightarrow x)) \wedge (\neg(x \vee y) + (x \rightarrow y)) = \neg(x \vee y) + ((y \rightarrow x) \wedge (x \rightarrow y)) = \neg(x \vee y)$ .

Similarly  $\sim x \wedge \sim y = \sim(x \vee y)$ . □

Let us recall that the duals of pseudo *BL*-algebras are exactly the bounded *DRℓ*-monoids satisfying the equalities

$$(x \rightarrow y) \wedge (y \rightarrow x) = 0, \quad (x \leftarrow y) \wedge (y \leftarrow x) = 0.$$

**COROLLARY 6.** *Every good dual pseudo BL-algebra satisfies all the identities from the preceding proposition.*

### 3. Regular and dense elements

Let  $M$  be a bounded DRℓ-monoid and  $x \in M$ . Then  $x$  is called a *regular element* in  $M$  if  $\neg\sim x = x = \sim\neg x$ .

Denote by  $R(M)$  the set of all regular elements in  $M$ .

**PROPOSITION 7.** *If a bounded DRℓ-monoid  $M$  is good, then  $R(M)$  is a subalgebra of the reduct  $(M; 0, 1, \vee, \rightarrow, \leftarrow)$ .*

*Proof.* It follows from Lemma 2(1) and Lemma 3(3), (5). □

As a consequence of preceding propositions we get the following theorem.

**THEOREM 8.**

- (a) *If  $M$  is a bounded good DRℓ-monoid satisfying the identity  $\neg\sim(x + y) = \neg\sim x + \neg\sim y$ , then  $R(M)$  is a subalgebra of  $(M; +, 0, 1, \vee, \rightarrow, \leftarrow)$  and the mapping  $x \mapsto \neg\sim x$  is a retract of  $(M; +, 0, 1, \vee, \rightarrow, \leftarrow)$  onto  $(R(M); +, 0, 1, \vee, \rightarrow, \leftarrow)$ .*
- (b) *If  $M$  is a good dual BL-algebra, then  $R(M)$  is a subalgebra of  $M$ .*

**THEOREM 9.** *If a bounded good DRℓ-monoid  $M$  satisfies the identity  $\neg\sim(x + y) = \neg\sim x + \neg\sim y$ , then  $R(M) = (R(M); +, 0, 1, \vee, \wedge_{R(M)}, \rightarrow, \leftarrow)$ , where  $y \wedge_{R(M)} z = \neg\sim(y \wedge z)$  for any  $y, z \in R(M)$ , is a DRℓ-monoid induced by a GMV-algebra.*

*Proof.* From Lemma 2(2) and from the fact that operations  $\rightarrow$  and  $\leftarrow$  are antitone in the second variable it follows that  $\neg\sim$  is an interior operator on the lattice  $(M; \vee, \wedge)$ . Hence  $\neg\sim x$  is the greatest element in  $R(M)$  which is contained in  $x \in M$ . Furthermore,  $(R(M); \leq)$  is a lattice and for any  $y, z \in R(M)$  it holds that

$$y \vee_{R(M)} z = y \vee z, \quad y \wedge_{R(M)} z = \neg\sim(y \wedge z).$$

Let  $w, y, z \in R(M)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} w + (y \wedge_{R(M)} z) &= w + \neg\sim(y \wedge z) = \neg\sim w + \neg\sim(y \wedge z) = \neg\sim(w + (y \wedge z)) \\ &= \neg\sim((w + y) \wedge (w + z)) = (w + y) \wedge_{R(M)} (w + z). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we can prove the distributivity from the right. Moreover, if  $y, z \in R(M)$ , then

$$y \rightarrow_{R(M)} z \quad \text{and} \quad y \leftarrow_{R(M)} z$$

exist and

$$y \rightarrow_{R(M)} z = y \rightarrow z \quad \text{and} \quad y \leftarrow_{R(M)} z = y \leftarrow z.$$

Thus  $(R(M); +, 0, 1, \vee, \wedge_{R(M)}, \rightarrow, \leftarrow)$  is a bounded *DRℓ*-monoid. Since it is regular, it is induced by a *GMV*-algebra.  $\square$

Let  $M$  be a bounded *DRℓ*-monoid. Then an element  $x \in M$  is called *dense* if  $\neg \sim x = \sim \neg x = 0$ . Denote by  $D(M)$  the set of all dense elements in  $M$ .

Let us recall the notions of an ideal and a normal ideal of  $M$ . Let again  $M$  be a bounded *DRℓ*-monoid and  $\emptyset \neq I \subseteq M$ . Then  $I$  is called an *ideal* of  $M$  if

- (a)  $x, y \in I \implies x + y \in I$ ;
- (b)  $x \in I, z \in M, z \leq x \implies z \in I$ .

An ideal  $I$  is called *normal* if for any  $x, y \in M$ ,

- (c)  $x \rightarrow y \in I \iff x \leftarrow y \in I$ .

By [13], normal ideals of  $M$  are in a one-to-one correspondence with congruences on  $M$ . Namely, let  $I$  be a normal ideal of  $M$ . Then  $\Theta(I)$ , the congruence on  $M$  induced by  $I$ , is determined as follows: If  $x, y \in M$ , then

$$\langle x, y \rangle \in \Theta(I) \iff (x \rightarrow y) \vee (y \rightarrow x) \in I$$

(which is equivalent to  $(x \leftarrow y) \vee (y \leftarrow x) \in I$ ).

Conversely, let  $\Theta$  be a congruence on  $M$ . Then  $I(\Theta) = [0]_{\Theta} = \{x \in M : \langle x, 0 \rangle \in \Theta\}$  is the normal ideal of  $M$  corresponding to  $\Theta$ .

**THEOREM 10.** *If  $M$  is a bounded good *DRℓ*-monoid, then  $D(M)$  is a normal ideal of  $M$  and  $M/D(M) \cong R(M)$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $x, y \in D(M)$ . Then by Lemma 3(4),  $\neg \sim(x + y) \leq \neg \sim x + \neg \sim y = 0$ , thus  $x + y \in D(M)$ . If  $x \in D(M)$ ,  $z \in M$  and  $z \leq x$ , then  $\neg \sim z \leq \neg \sim x = 0$ , hence  $z \in D(M)$ . Therefore  $D(M)$  is an ideal of  $M$ .

Further, if  $x, y \in M$ , then  $x \rightarrow y \in D(M)$  iff  $\neg \sim(x \rightarrow y) = 0$  iff (by Lemmas 3(3) and 1)  $\neg \sim x \leftarrow \neg \sim y = 0$ , hence again by Lemma 3(3) iff  $\neg \sim(x \leftarrow y) = 0$ , i.e. iff  $x \leftarrow y \in D(M)$ . Therefore the ideal  $D(M)$  is normal.

Let us consider the congruence  $\Theta(D(M))$  induced by  $D(M)$ . That means, if  $x, y \in M$ , then  $\langle x, y \rangle \in \Theta(D(M))$  iff  $(x \rightarrow y) \vee (y \rightarrow x) \in D(M)$ , hence iff  $\neg \sim((x \rightarrow y) \vee (y \rightarrow x)) = 0$ , hence by Lemma 3(5) iff  $\neg \sim(x \rightarrow y) \vee \neg \sim(y \rightarrow x) = 0$ , and by Lemma 3(3) iff  $(\neg \sim x \rightarrow \neg \sim y) \vee (\neg \sim y \rightarrow \neg \sim x) = 0$ , and this holds iff  $\neg \sim x \rightarrow \neg \sim y = 0 = \neg \sim y \rightarrow \neg \sim x$ . By Lemma 1 it is equivalent to  $\neg \sim x \leq \neg \sim y \leq \neg \sim x$ , i.e. with  $\neg \sim x = \neg \sim y$ .

Therefore  $M/D(M) \cong R(M)$ .  $\square$

**Remark.** In an analogous theorem in [17], for a commutative bounded *DRL*-monoid  $M$  it was, moreover, supposed that  $M$  satisfies the identity  $\neg\neg(x + y) = \neg\neg x + \neg\neg y$ . The proof of Theorem 10 shows that the mentioned assumption was superfluous.

A *DRL*-monoid  $M$  is called (*congruence*) *simple* if  $M$  is non-trivial and has no proper congruence different from the identity.

**THEOREM 11.** *If  $M$  is a bounded good *DRL*-monoid satisfying the identity  $\neg\sim(x + y) = \neg\sim x + \neg\sim y$ , then  $M$  is simple if and only if it is induced by a simple *GMV*-algebra.*

**Proof.** By Theorem 10,  $D(M)$  is a normal ideal in  $M$  for any bounded good *DRL*-monoid  $M$ . Let  $M$  satisfy the identity  $\neg\sim(x + y) = \neg\sim x + \neg\sim y$  and let  $M$  be simple. Then  $M$  has a unique proper normal ideal, hence  $D(M) = \{0\}$ . Therefore, by Theorem 9,  $M$  is induced by a *GMV*-algebra.  $\square$

Let  $M$  be a bounded *DRL*-monoid and  $I$  be a normal ideal in  $M$ . Then  $I$  is called a *GMV-ideal* if the *DRL*-monoid  $M/\Theta(I)$  is induced by a *GMV*-algebra.

**THEOREM 12.** *Let  $M$  be a bounded good *DRL*-monoid satisfying the identity  $\neg\sim(x + y) = \neg\sim x + \neg\sim y$  and  $I$  be a normal ideal in  $M$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

- (1)  $I$  is a *GMV-ideal*.
- (2)  $x \rightarrow \neg\sim x \in I$  for each  $x \in M$ .
- (3)  $\neg\sim x \in I \implies x \in I$  for each  $x \in M$ .
- (4)  $D(M) \subseteq I$ .

**Proof.**

(1)  $\iff$  (2): Since  $M$  is good,  $M/\Theta(I)$  is induced by a *GMV*-algebra if and only if  $\langle x, \neg\sim x \rangle \in \Theta(I)$  for each  $x \in M$ , i.e. if and only if  $(x \rightarrow \neg\sim x) \vee (\neg\sim x \rightarrow x) \in I$  for each  $x \in M$ , and this is equivalent to  $x \rightarrow \neg\sim x \in I$  for each  $x \in M$ .

(2)  $\implies$  (3): Let  $x \rightarrow \neg\sim x \in I$  and  $\neg\sim x \in I$ . Then  $x = x \vee \neg\sim x = (x \rightarrow \neg\sim x) + \neg\sim x \in I$ .

(3)  $\implies$  (4): Let  $y \in D(M)$ . Then  $\neg\sim y = 0 \in I$ , hence  $y \in I$ . Therefore  $D(M) \subseteq I$ .

(4)  $\implies$  (1): Let  $D(M) \subseteq I$ . Then  $M/\Theta(I)$  is isomorphic to a subalgebra of  $M/\Theta(D(M))$  which is induced by a *GMV*-algebra.  $\square$

**THEOREM 13.** *Let  $M$  be a bounded good *DRL*-monoid satisfying the identity  $\neg\sim(x + y) = \neg\sim x + \neg\sim y$ . If  $I$  is a maximal ideal in  $M$  and is normal, then  $I$  is a *GMV-ideal*.*

**Proof.** Let  $I$  be a maximal and normal ideal in  $M$ . Then  $M/I$  is a simple *DRL*-monoid, thus by Theorem 11 we have that  $I$  is a *GMV-ideal*.  $\square$

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