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## ON BISEMILATTICES WITH GENERALIZED ABSORPTION LAWS, I

0. The aim of this paper is to present some results concerning powers of bisemilattices with generalized absorption laws ([4]).

An algebra  $\mathcal{A} = (A, +, \cdot)$  of type (2.2) is called a bisemilattice if it satisfies the following conditions ([8], [9]):

$$\begin{aligned} x+x &= x & xx &= x; \\ x+y &= y+x, & xy &= yx; \\ (x+y)+z &= x+(y+z), & (xy)z &= x(yz). \end{aligned}$$

For a bisemilattice  $\mathcal{A}$  we can define two partial orders on  $A$  ([1], [10]):  $x \leq_+ y$  iff  $x+y = y$ ;  $x \leq_\cdot y$  iff  $xy = x$ . The partial order  $\leq_+$  satisfies the least upper bound condition for finite subsets of  $A$ ; the partial order  $\leq_\cdot$  satisfies the greatest lower bound condition for finite subsets of  $A$ . On a set with two partial orders which satisfy the above conditions we can define a bisemilattice structure.

For a polynomial  $f$  over a bisemilattice we define the dual polynomial  $\hat{f}$  as follows:  $\hat{x} = x$ ,  $\hat{y} = y$ ,  $\widehat{x+y} = \hat{x}\hat{y}$ ,  $\widehat{xy} = \hat{x}+\hat{y}$  and the following polynomials are obtained by induction.

As in [4] we define the following sequence of binary polynomials:

$$f_0(x, y) = x+y, \quad f_{n+1}(x, y) = f_n(x, y)(n)y,$$

where  $(n)$  is  $\cdot$  if  $n$  is even and  $+$  if  $n$  is odd.

The following identities are called the n-generalized absorption laws ([4]):

$$(a_n) \quad f_n(x, y) = y,$$

$$(\hat{a}_n) \quad \hat{f}_n(x, y) = y.$$

Let Bsl denote the variety of all bisemilattices, Bsl( $a_n$ ) denote the subvariety of the variety Bsl which is defined by the identity ( $a_n$ ). Analogously we define the subvariety Bsl( $\hat{a}_n$ ). Let  $L_n$  denote the subvariety of the variety Bsl which is defined by the identities ( $a_n$ ) and ( $\hat{a}_n$ ) ([4]).

By Lemma 2.2 in [4] we have that for every natural number  $n$ ,  $\text{Bsl}(a_n) \cup \text{Bsl}(\hat{a}_n) \subseteq L_{n+1}$ . It is easily checked that for the elements  $a, a'$  of the bisemilattice  $\alpha_{n+1}$  defined in [4], we have  $f_n(a', a) \neq a$  and  $\hat{f}_n(a', a) \neq a$  (cf. [4] item 9 of the proof of Lemma 2.4). It is also shown in [4] that  $\alpha_{n+1}$  is an element of  $L_{n+1}$ . Then we have the following inclusions:

$$(1) \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{Bsl}(a_n) \\ \subseteq \\ L_n \subseteq \text{Bsl}(\hat{a}_n) \end{array} \subseteq \text{Bsl}(a_n) \cup \text{Bsl}(\hat{a}_n) \subseteq L_{n+1}.$$

1. Proposition 1.1. Let  $\alpha \in \text{Bsl}(a_{n+1})$  for a natural number  $n$ . Then  $\alpha \in \text{Bsl}(a_{n+1}) \setminus \text{Bsl}(a_n)$  iff there exist two elements  $a, b \in A$  such that the elements  $f_0(a, b), \dots, f_n(a, b), f_{n+1}(a, b) = b$  are all distinct.

The dual version of this proposition is also true.

Proof.  $\Leftarrow$  By the assumption  $f_n(a, b) \neq b$ . Thus  $\alpha \notin \text{Bsl}(a_n)$ .

$\Rightarrow$ . Suppose that for any  $a, b \in A$  there exists  $r, s \leq n+1$  such that  $f_r(a, b) = f_s(a, b)$  and  $r \neq s$ . Take  $a, b \in A$  and  $r, s \leq n+1$  satisfying the above assumption. Without loss of generality we can assume that  $r < s$ . Then  $f_r(a, b)(s)b = f_s(a, b)(s)b = f_{s+1}(a, b)$ ,  $f_r(a, b)(s)b(s+1)b = f_{s+1}(a, b)(s+1)b = f_{s+2}(a, b)$  and so on. Thus we obtain that  $f_r(a, b)(s)b \dots (\hat{p})b = f_{n+1}(a, b) = b$ . By the definition of the operation ( $\#$ ) one

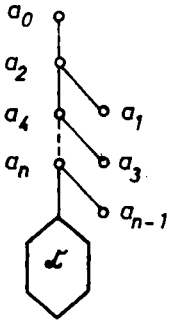
has:  $f_r(a,b)(s)b = f_r(a,b)$  or  $f_r(a,b)(s)b = f_{r+1}(a,b)$ ;  
 $f_r(a,b)(s)b(s+1)b = f_r(a,b)(s+1)b = f_{r+1}(a,b)$  or  
 $f_r(a,b)(s)b(s+1)b = f_{r+1}(a,b)(s+1)b = f_{r+2}(a,b)$  and so on.  
 Then  $f_r(a,b)(s)b \dots (n)b = f_{r+n-s}(a,b)$  or  $f_r(a,b)(s)b \dots (n)b =$   
 $= f_{r+n-s+1}(a,b)$ . Hence  $f_{r+n-s}(a,b) = b$  or  $f_{r+n-s+1}(a,b) = b$ .  
 Analogously as in Lemma 2.2 of [4] we conclude that  $f_n(a,b) = b$   
 (because  $r+n-s \leq r+n-s+1 \leq n$ ). Then for all  $a, b \in A$   $f_n(a,b) = b$ ,  
 a contradiction with the assumption that  $\mathcal{A} \notin \text{Bsl}(a_n)$ .

Analogously we prove the dual version of this proposition.

2. Let  $\mathcal{L} = (C, \leq)$  be a nonempty chain. It is obvious that  
 $(C, \leq, \leq)$  is a bisemilattice. For every natural number  $n$   
 let us consider two bisemilattices  $\mathcal{M}_{n,\mathcal{L}}$  and  $\mathcal{M}'_{n,\mathcal{L}}$  defined  
 as follows: the underlying set of  $\mathcal{M}_{n,\mathcal{L}}$  is ordered as in  
 Figure 1 if  $n$  is even and as in Figure 3 if  $n$  is odd, the  
 underlying set of  $\mathcal{M}'_{n,\mathcal{L}}$  is ordered as in Figure 2 if  $n$  is  
 even and as in Figure 4 if  $n$  is odd, where  $\mathcal{L}$  is a subbise-  
 milattice of  $\mathcal{M}_{n,\mathcal{L}}$  and  $\mathcal{M}'_{n,\mathcal{L}}$  for every  $n$ .

$n$  even:

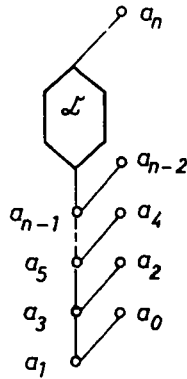
$\mathcal{M}_{n,\mathcal{L}}$ :



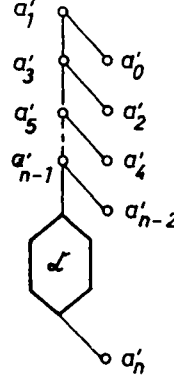
$\leq_+$

Fig.1

$\mathcal{M}'_{n,\mathcal{L}}$ :

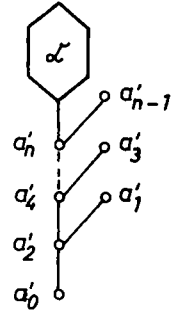


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$\leq_+$

Fig.2



$\leq$

$n$  odd:

$\mathfrak{M}_{n,\alpha}$ :

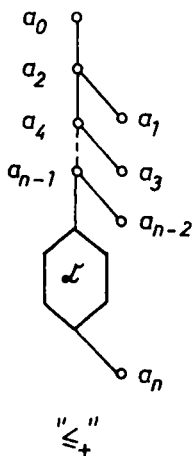


Fig.3

$\mathfrak{M}'_{n,\alpha}$ :

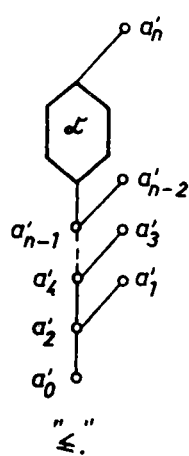
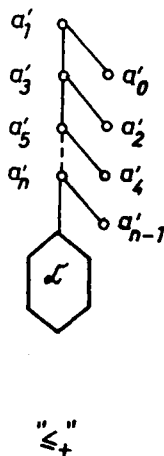
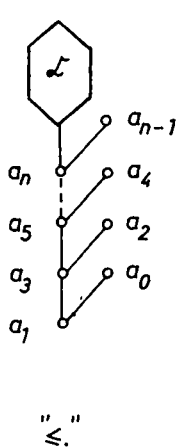


Fig.4

**Remark:** We can easily see that  $C \cap \{a_0, \dots, a_n\} = \emptyset$ ,  
 $C \cap \{a'_0, \dots, a'_n\} = \emptyset$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** For every positive number  $n$   
 $\mathfrak{M}_{n,\alpha} \in \text{Bsl}(\hat{a}_n) \setminus \text{Bsl}(a_n)$ ,  $\mathfrak{M}'_{n,\alpha} \in \text{Bsl}(a_n) \setminus \text{Bsl}(\hat{a}_n)$ .

**Proof.** Let us take two elements  $a, b$  from  $\mathfrak{M}_{n,\alpha}$  or from  $\mathfrak{M}'_{n,\alpha}$ . If  $a, b \in C$  then  $f_1(a, b) = \hat{f}_1(a, b) = b$  (for every  $n$ ). Without loss of generality we can assume that  $a \neq b$  and  $a \notin C$ . We proceed by induction on  $n$ . For  $n = 1$  we have the following bisemilattices:

$\mathfrak{M}_{1,\alpha}$ :

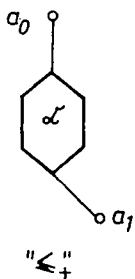


Fig.5

$\mathfrak{M}'_{1,\alpha}$ :

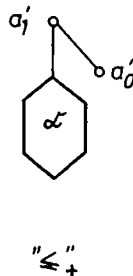
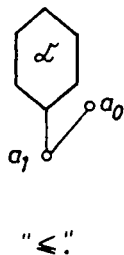
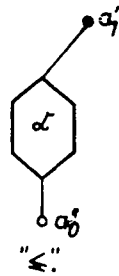


Fig.6



Let  $a, b \in \mathcal{M}_{1, \alpha}$ . If  $b \notin C$  or  $a = a_1$  then the elements  $a, b$  form a two-element sublattice and  $f_1(a, b) = \hat{f}_1(a, b) = b$ ,  $f_1(b, a) = \hat{f}_1(b, a) = a$ . Assume that  $b \in C$ ,  $a = a_0$ . Then we have  $f_1(a, b) = f_1(a_0, b) = (a_0 + b)b = a_0b = a_1 \neq b$ ;  $\hat{f}_1(a, b) = \hat{f}_1(a_0, b) = a_0b + b = a_1 + b = b$ ,  $\hat{f}_1(b, a) = \hat{f}_1(b, a_0) = ba_0 + a_0 = a_1 + a_0 = a_0$ . Thus  $\mathcal{M}_{1, \alpha} \in \text{Bsl}(\hat{a}_1) \setminus \text{Bsl}(a_1)$ . Analogously we prove that  $\mathcal{M}'_{1, \alpha} \in \text{Bsl}(a_1) \setminus \text{Bsl}(\hat{a}_1)$ . Assume that the lemma is true for  $n-1$ . Moreover assume that  $n$  is even. (The case of  $n$  odd is similar). Let  $a, b \in \mathcal{M}_{n, \alpha}$ . If  $b \notin C$  then  $a, b$  belong to  $\mathcal{M}_{n-1, \alpha_n}$ , where  $\alpha_n$  is the one-element chain  $(a_n)$ . Then by induction hypothesis and by Lemma 2.2 of [4] we have  $\hat{f}_n(a, b) = b$ ,  $\hat{f}_n(b, a) = a$ . If  $b \in C$ ,  $a \neq a_0$  then  $a, b$  belong to a subbisemilattice isomorphic to  $\mathcal{M}'_{n-1, \alpha}$ . Then by the induction hypothesis and by Lemma 2.2 of [4] we have  $\hat{f}_n(a, b) = b$ ,  $\hat{f}_n(b, a) = a$ . Let  $b \in C$ ,  $a = a_0$ . Then  $f_0(b, a) = f_0(b, a_0) = b + a_0 = a_0$ ,  $f_n(b, a_0) = a_0 = a$ ;  $f_0(a, b) = \hat{f}_0(a_0, b) = a_0 + b = a_0$ ,  $f_1(a, b) = a_0b = a_1, \dots, f_n(a, b) = a_{n-1} + b = a_n \neq b$ ;  $\hat{f}_0(b, a) = \hat{f}_0(b, a_0) = ba_0 = a_1$ ,  $\hat{f}_1(b, a) = \hat{f}_1(b, a_0) = a_1 + a_0 = a_0$ ,  $\hat{f}_n(b, a) = \hat{f}_n(b, a_0) = a_0 = a$ ;  $\hat{f}_0(a, b) = \hat{f}_0(a_0, b) = a_0b = a_1$ ,  $\hat{f}_1(a, b) = a_1 + b = a_2, \dots, \hat{f}_{n-1}(a, b) = a_{n-1} + b = a_n$ ,  $\hat{f}_n(a, b) = a_nb = b$ . Therefore  $(\hat{a}_n)$  holds in  $\mathcal{M}_{n, \alpha}$  but  $(a_n)$  does not hold in  $\mathcal{M}_{n, \alpha}$ . Thus  $\mathcal{M}_{n, \alpha} \in \text{Bsl}(\hat{a}_n) \setminus \text{Bsl}(a_n)$ .

Analogously we prove that  $\mathcal{M}'_{n, \alpha} \in \text{Bsl}(a_n) \setminus \text{Bsl}(\hat{a}_n)$ .

### 3. Theorem 3.1.

1) Let  $n$  be a natural number.

- (i) If  $\alpha \in \text{Bsl}(a_{n+1}) \setminus \text{Bsl}(a_n)$  then  $\text{card} A \geq n+2$ .
- (ii) For every cardinal number  $m \geq n+2$  there exists a bisemilattice  $\alpha \in \text{Bsl}(a_{n+1}) \setminus \text{Bsl}(a_n)$  such that  $\text{card} A = m$ .

The dual versions of (i) and (ii) are also true.

2) Let  $n$  be a positive number.

- (i) If  $\alpha \in \text{Bsl}(\hat{a}_n) \setminus \text{Bsl}(a_n)$  then  $\text{card} A \geq n+2$ .
- (ii) For every cardinal number  $m \geq n+2$  there exists a bisemilattice  $\alpha \in \text{Bsl}(\hat{a}_n) \setminus \text{Bsl}(a_n)$  such that  $\text{card} A = m$ .

The dual versions of (i) and (ii) are also true.

3) Let  $n$  be a natural number.

(i) If  $\alpha \in L_{n+1} \setminus L_n$  then  $\text{card} A \geq n+2$ .

(ii) For every cardinal number  $m \geq n+2$  there exists a bisemilattice  $\alpha \in L_{n+1} \setminus L_n$  such that  $\text{card} A = m$ .

*P r o o f .* 1)(i) and its dual version are obtained as corollaries from Proposition 1.1.

2)(i). By Lemma 2.2 of [4] we get that  $\text{Bsl}(\hat{a}_n) \setminus \text{Bsl}(a_n) \subseteq \text{Bsl}(a_{n+1}) \setminus \text{Bsl}(a_n)$ . Therefore by 1)(i) we obtain 2)(i). Analogously we obtain the dual version of 2)(i).

3)(i). Let  $\alpha \in L_{n+1} \setminus L_n (= L_{n+1} \setminus (\text{Bsl}(a_n) \cap \text{Bsl}(\hat{a}_n)))$ .

Then  $\alpha \in (L_{n+1} \setminus \text{Bsl}(a_n)) \cup (L_{n+1} \setminus \text{Bsl}(\hat{a}_n)) \subseteq (\text{Bsl}(a_{n+1}) \setminus \text{Bsl}(a_n)) \cup (\text{Bsl}(\hat{a}_{n+1}) \setminus \text{Bsl}(\hat{a}_n))$ . Therefore by 1)(i) we get  $\text{card} A \geq n+2$ .

2)(ii). By Lemma 2.1  $\mathcal{W}_{n,\alpha} \in \text{Bsl}(\hat{a}_n) \setminus \text{Bsl}(a_n)$  (for every positive  $n$ ). If  $m$  is infinite, let us take a chain  $\mathcal{L}$  such that  $\text{card} C = m$ . Then  $\text{card} \mathcal{W}_{n,\alpha} = \text{card} C = m$ . If  $m$  is finite let us take a chain  $\mathcal{L}$  such that  $\text{card} C = m-n-1$ . Then  $\text{card} \mathcal{W}_{n,\alpha} = \text{card} C + n + 1 = m$ .

1)(ii). By Lemma 2.2 of [4] we have  $\text{Bsl}(\hat{a}_n) \setminus \text{Bsl}(a_n) \subseteq \text{Bsl}(a_{n+1}) \setminus \text{Bsl}(a_n)$ . Then we obtain 1)(ii) as a consequence of 2)(ii).

Analogously we obtain the dual versions of 1)(ii) and 2)(ii).

3)(ii). Lemma 2.2 of [4] implies that  $\text{Bsl}(\hat{a}_n) \setminus \text{Bsl}(a_n) \subseteq \text{Bsl}(\hat{a}_n) \setminus L_n \subseteq L_{n+1} \setminus L_n$ . Then by 2)(ii) we have 3)(ii).

As a corollary from Lemma 2.1 we have also a stronger form of the inclusions (1).

*C o r o l l a r y* 3.2. For every positive  $n$  we have the following inclusions:

$$(2) \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{Bsl}(a_n) \subsetneq L_n \\ \text{Bsl}(a_n) \cup \text{Bsl}(\hat{a}_n) \subsetneq L_{n+1} \\ \text{Bsl}(\hat{a}_n) \subsetneq L_n \end{array}$$

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