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## TERNARY $t$ -DEDUCTIVE SYSTEMS

**Abstract.** The concept of deductive systems was introduced by A. Diego [6] in Hilbert algebras. For universal algebras, it was generalized in [3], and the ternary version was occurred in [1] where a basic connection between ternary deductive systems and congruence classes was established. An approach using Galois connections for binary deductive systems was developed in [4]. In the present paper, an approach similar to that of [4] is applied for a modified version of ternary deductive systems.

The concept of deductive system was introduced by A. Diego [6] in the so called Hilbert algebras which form an algebraic counterpart of the implication reduct of an arbitrary intuitionistic logic. It is relatively easy to show that every such a deductive system of a Hilbert algebra  $\mathcal{H}$  is a congruence kernel (i.e. 1-class) of some  $\Theta \in \text{Con } \mathcal{H}$  and vice versa. It was pointed by the author in [3] that this property of deductive systems is true also on every algebra of a weakly regular variety. Of course, one can generalize the concept of deductive system for universal algebras what is the proper reason of the papers [3], [4]. A certain ternary version of this concept is given in [1] where connections with congruence classes are studied in general and in particular with respect to the computational complexity, see also [2]. A bit more different approach was developed in [4] where connections between the binary term function inducing deductive systems and the properties of their lattices are studied by means of Galois connections. Our aim is to set up a definition of deductive system induced by a ternary term function  $t$  and study the correspondence between  $t$  and congruence classes.

For an algebra  $\mathcal{A} = (A, F)$ , we denote by  $\mathbf{T}_3(\mathcal{A})$  the set of all ternary term functions on  $\mathcal{A}$  and by  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{A})$  the set of all subsets of  $A$ , i.e. the so called power set of  $A$ . Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a variety of algebras and  $t$  be an  $n$ -ary term

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of  $\mathcal{V}$ . If  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{V}$ , the  $n$ -ary term function  $t^{\mathcal{A}}$  induced on  $\mathcal{A}$  by the term  $t$  will be denoted by the same symbol  $t$  for the sake of brevity since there is no danger of misunderstanding. We are ready to introduce the basic concepts:

**DEFINITION 1.** Let  $\mathcal{A} = (A, F)$  be an algebra and  $t \in \mathbf{T}_3(\mathcal{A})$ . By a *t-translation* is meant a unary function  $\tau : A \rightarrow A$  such that either it is a translation, i.e.

$$\tau(x) = f(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, x, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n)$$

for some  $n$ -ary  $f \in F$ ,  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  and  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$  or

$$\tau(x) = t(a, x, b) \text{ or } \tau(x) = t(x, a, b)$$

for some  $a, b \in A$ .

**DEFINITION 2.** Let  $\mathcal{A} = (A, F)$  be an algebra,  $z \in A$  and  $t \in \mathbf{T}_3(\mathcal{A})$ . A subset  $D \subseteq A$  is called a *t-deductive system of  $\mathcal{A}$  relative to  $z$*  whenever

- (i)  $z \in D$
- (ii)  $a \in D$  and  $t(a, b, z) \in D$ ,  $t(b, a, z) \in D$  imply  $b \in D$
- (iii)  $a \in D$  implies  $t(z, a, z) \in D$  and  $t(a, z, z) \in D$
- (iv)  $t(a, b, z) \in D$  and  $t(b, a, z) \in D$  imply  $t(\tau(a), \tau(b), z) \in D$  for any  $t$ -translation  $\tau$ .

**DEFINITION 3.** Let  $\mathcal{A} = (A, F)$  be an algebra,  $z \in A$ ,  $t \in \mathbf{T}_3(\mathcal{A})$  and  $D \subseteq A$ . A binary relation  $\Theta_D$  on  $A$  defined by the setting

$$\langle a, b \rangle \in \Theta_D \text{ if and only if } t(a, b, z) \in D \text{ and } t(b, a, z) \in D \quad (*)$$

will be called *t-induced by  $D$  and  $z$* .

At first, we are interested in the relationship between  $t$ -deductive systems and congruence classes:

**THEOREM 1.** Let  $\mathcal{A} = (A, F)$  be an algebra,  $z \in A$ ,  $D \subseteq A$  and  $t \in \mathbf{T}_3(\mathcal{A})$ . Consider the relation  $\Theta_D$  that is  $t$ -induced by  $D$  and  $z$ . If  $\Theta_D$  is a congruence on  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $D = [z]_{\Theta_D}$  then  $D$  is a  $t$ -deductive system of  $\mathcal{A}$  relative to  $z$ .

**Proof.** Suppose  $\Theta_D \in \text{Con } \mathcal{A}$  and  $D = [z]_{\Theta_D}$ . Then  $D$  satisfies (i) of Definition 2 trivially. Prove (ii): let  $a \in D$  and  $t(a, b, z) \in D$ ,  $t(b, a, z) \in D$ . Since  $D = [z]_{\Theta_D}$ , we have  $\langle a, z \rangle \in \Theta_D$  and, by (\*), also  $\langle b, a \rangle \in \Theta_D$ . Due to transitivity of  $\Theta_D$ , we conclude  $\langle b, z \rangle \in \Theta_D$  proving  $b \in [z]_{\Theta_D} = D$ .

Prove (iii): let  $a \in D$ . Then  $\langle a, z \rangle \in \Theta_D$  and (iii) follows directly by (\*). Prove (iv): let  $t(a, b, z) \in D$  and  $t(b, a, z) \in D$ . By (\*), we have  $\langle a, b \rangle \in \Theta_D$  and, due to reflexivity and the substitution property of  $\Theta_D$ , also  $\langle \tau(a), \tau(b) \rangle \in \Theta_D$  for every  $t$ -translation  $\tau$  if  $\mathcal{A}$ . Applying (\*) once more, we get  $t(\tau(a), \tau(b), z) \in D$ . ■

The converse of Theorem 1 is also valid under a certain natural assumption on the term function  $t$ :

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $\mathcal{A} = (A, F)$  be an algebra,  $z \in A$ ,  $z \in D \subseteq A$  and  $t \in \mathbf{T}_3(\mathcal{A})$  satisfy the identity  $t(x, x, z) = z$ . If  $D$  is a  $t$ -deductive system of  $\mathcal{A}$  relative to  $z$  then the relation  $\Theta_D$   $t$ -induced by  $D$  and  $z$  is a congruence on  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $D = [z]_{\Theta_D}$ .*

**Proof.** By using of the identity  $t(x, x, z) = z$  we get by  $(*)$  that the relation  $\Theta_D$  is reflexive. Symmetry of  $\Theta_D$  is evident. Prove transitivity: let  $\langle a, b \rangle \in \Theta_D$  and  $\langle b, c \rangle \in \Theta_D$ . By  $(*)$  we have

$$t(a, b, z) \in D, t(b, a, z) \in D \text{ and } t(b, c, z) \in D, t(c, b, z) \in D.$$

Consider the  $t$ -translation  $\tau(x) = t(c, x, z)$ . Due to (iv) of Definition 2, we have also

$$t(\tau(b), \tau(a), z) \in D \text{ and } t(\tau(a), \tau(b), z) \in D,$$

i.e.

$$t(t(c, b, z), t(c, a, z), z) \in D \text{ and } t(t(c, a, z), t(c, b, z), z) \in D.$$

Since  $t(b, c, z) \in D$  and  $t(c, b, z) \in D$ , the foregoing relationship infer by (ii) of Definition 2 also

$$t(c, a, z) \in D.$$

Applying the  $t$ -translation  $\tau'(x) = t(x, c, z)$ , we obtain analogously also

$$t(a, c, z) \in D.$$

Hence, by means of  $(*)$ , we have  $\langle a, c \rangle \in \Theta_D$ .

Applying (iv) of Definition 2 for a translation  $\tau(x)$  (induced by basic operations of  $F$ ), we derive easily the substitution property of  $\Theta_D$  with respect to each  $f \in F$ . Thus  $\Theta_D \in \text{Con } \mathcal{A}$ .

It remains to show that  $D = [z]_{\Theta_D}$ . If  $a \in D$  then, by (iii) of Definition 2, also  $t(z, a, z) \in D$  and  $t(a, z, z) \in D$  thus  $\langle a, z \rangle \in \Theta_D$ , i.e.  $a \in [z]_{\Theta_D}$ . Conversely, if  $a \in [z]_{\Theta}$  then  $\langle a, z \rangle \in \Theta_D$  and, by  $(*)$ ,  $t(a, z, z) \in D$  and  $t(z, a, z) \in D$ . By (i),  $z \in D$  and, due to (ii), also  $a \in D$ . ■

**REMARK 1.** Under the assumption of Theorem 2,  $\Theta_D$  is the greatest congruence on  $\mathcal{A}$  having the class  $D$ . Indeed, if  $\Phi \in \text{Con } \mathcal{A}$  and  $[z]_{\Phi} = D$  then for  $\langle a, b \rangle \in \Phi$  we have

$$\langle t(a, b, z), z \rangle = \langle t(a, b, z), t(a, a, z) \rangle \in \Phi \text{ and}$$

$$\langle t(b, a, z), z \rangle = \langle t(b, a, z), t(a, a, z) \rangle \in \Phi$$

whence  $t(a, b, z) \in D$  and  $t(b, a, z) \in D$  giving  $\langle a, b \rangle \in \Theta_D$ , i.e.  $\Phi \subseteq \Theta_D$ .

Recall that an algebra  $\mathcal{A} = (A, F)$  is *regular* if every congruence on  $\mathcal{A}$  is determined by every of its class, i.e. if  $\Theta, \Phi \in \text{Con } \mathcal{A}$  and  $[a]_{\Theta} = [a]_{\Phi}$

for some  $a \in A$  then  $\Theta = \Phi$ . A variety  $\mathcal{V}$  is *regular* if each  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{V}$  has this property. Denote by  $\omega_A$  the identity relation on a set  $A$ ; of course,  $\omega_A$  is the least congruence on  $\mathcal{A}$ . Hence, if  $\mathcal{A}$  is regular and  $\Theta \in \text{Con } \mathcal{A}$  has a class which is a singleton then  $\Theta = \omega_A$ .

The following characterization of regular varieties was involved by B. Csákány in [5]:

**PROPOSITION.** *A variety  $\mathcal{V}$  is regular if and only if there exist  $n \geq 1$  and ternary terms  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  such that*

$$t_1(x, y, z) = \dots = t_n(x, y, z) = z \text{ if and only if } x = y.$$

For groups, rings and Boolean algebras, one can take  $n = 1$  and

$$t_1(x, y, z) = x \cdot y^{-1} \cdot z \text{ or}$$

$$t_1(x, y, z) = x - y + z \text{ or}$$

$$t_1(x, y, z) = x \oplus y \oplus z,$$

respectively (where for Boolean algebras the symbol  $\oplus$  denotes the so called *symmetrical difference*). All of those terms have one property in common which is a particular case of a bit more general one:

$$(C) \quad t(x, y, z) = t(y, x, z) = z \text{ if and only if } x = y.$$

To remember the original result included in the Proposition, a ternary term  $t(x, y, z)$  satisfying (C) will be called a *Csákány's term*. Hence, every variety of groups, rings, quasigroups as well as the variety of Boolean algebras has a Csákány's term. Conversely, if a variety  $\mathcal{V}$  has a Csákány's term then, by the Proposition,  $\mathcal{V}$  is regular.

The following lemma is easy:

**LEMMA.** *Let  $t(x, y, z)$  be a Csákány's term of a variety  $\mathcal{V}$ , let  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{V}$  and  $\Theta \in \text{Con } \mathcal{A}$ . Then*

$$\langle a, b \rangle \in \Theta \text{ if and only if } t(a, b, z) \in [z]_\Theta \text{ and } t(b, a, z) \in [z]_\Theta.$$

**Proof.** Let  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{V}$ ,  $\Theta \in \text{Con } \mathcal{A}$  and suppose  $\langle a, b \rangle \in \Theta$ . Then

$$\langle t(a, b, z), z \rangle = \langle t(a, b, z), t(a, a, z) \rangle \in \Theta \text{ and}$$

$$\langle t(b, a, z), z \rangle = \langle t(b, a, z), t(a, a, z) \rangle \in \Theta$$

proving  $t(a, b, z) \in [z]_\Theta$  and  $t(b, a, z) \in [z]_\Theta$ .

Conversely, let  $t(a, b, z) \in [z]_\Theta$  and  $t(b, a, z) \in [z]_\Theta$  for some  $\Theta \in \text{Con } \mathcal{A}$ . In the quotient algebra  $\mathcal{A}/\Theta \in \mathcal{V}$  we have

$$t([b]_\Theta, [a]_\Theta, [z]_\Theta) = [t(b, a, z)]_\Theta = [z]_\Theta \text{ and}$$

$$t([a]_\Theta, [b]_\Theta, [z]_\Theta) = [t(a, b, z)]_\Theta = [z]_\Theta.$$

Since  $t$  is a Csákány's term of  $\mathcal{V}$ , we conclude  $[a]_\Theta = [b]_\Theta$  whence  $\langle a, b \rangle \in \Theta$ . ■

For the Csákány's term, we can get together our previous results to state the following

**THEOREM 3.** *Let  $t$  be a Csákány's term of a variety  $\mathcal{V}$ . Let  $\mathcal{A} = (A, F) \in \mathcal{V}$  and  $D \subseteq A$ . Then  $D$  is a congruence class containing  $z$ , i.e.  $D = [z]_\Theta$  for some  $\Theta \in \text{Con } \mathcal{A}$ , if and only if  $D$  is a  $t$ -deductive system of  $\mathcal{A}$  relative to  $z$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $t$  be a Csákány's term of  $\mathcal{V}$  and  $\mathcal{A} = (A, F) \in \mathcal{V}$ . Suppose  $D = [z]_\Theta$  for some  $\Theta \in \text{Con } \mathcal{A}$ . Clearly  $z \in D$ . Prove (ii) of Definition 2: if  $a \in D$  and  $t(a, b, z) \in D$ ,  $t(b, a, z) \in D$  then  $\langle a, z \rangle \in \Theta$  and  $\langle b, a \rangle \in \Theta$  thus also  $\langle b, z \rangle \in \Theta$ , i.e.  $b \in [z]_\Theta = D$ .

Prove (iii): let  $a \in D$ . Then  $\langle a, z \rangle \in \Theta$  and, due to the Lemma, we conclude (iii) immediately.

For (iv), let  $t(a, b, z) \in D$  and  $t(b, a, z) \in D$ , let  $\tau$  be a  $t$ -translation of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then  $\langle a, b \rangle \in \Theta$  and hence also  $\langle \tau(a), \tau(b) \rangle \in \Theta$ . Applying the Lemma, we are done. Thus  $D$  is a  $t$ -deductive system of  $\mathcal{A}$  relative to  $z$ .

The converse follows directly by Theorem 2. ■

Let  $\mathcal{A} = (A, F)$  be an algebra and  $z \in A$ . Define a binary relation  $R_z \subseteq \mathbf{T}_3(\mathcal{A}) \times \mathcal{P}(A)$  as follows:

$\langle t, D \rangle \in R_z$  iff  $D$  is a  $t$ -deductive system of  $\mathcal{A}$  relative to  $z$ .

This relation defines a pair of mappings  $(\rho, \sigma)$  which clearly forms a Galois connection:

for  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathbf{T}_3(\mathcal{A})$ ,  $\rho(\mathcal{S}) = \{D \subseteq A; D \text{ is a } t\text{-deductive system of } \mathcal{A} \text{ relative to } z \text{ for each } t \in \mathcal{S}\}$ ,

for  $\mathcal{L} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(A)$ ,  $\sigma(\mathcal{L}) = \{t \in \mathbf{T}_3(\mathcal{A}); \text{ each } D \in \mathcal{L} \text{ is a } t\text{-deductive system of } \mathcal{A} \text{ relative to } z\}$ .

For the sake of brevity, we will write  $\rho(t)$  instead of  $\rho(\{t\})$  whenever  $\mathcal{S} = \{t\}$  is a singleton. The proof of the following assertion is almost evident and hence omitted:

**THEOREM 4.** *Let  $\mathcal{A} = (A, F)$  be an algebra,  $z \in A$ ,  $\mathcal{L} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(A)$  and  $t \in \mathbf{T}_3(\mathcal{A})$ . Then*

(a)  $\rho(t)$  is the complete lattice of all  $t$ -deductive systems of  $\mathcal{A}$  relative to  $z$  (with respect to set inclusion); denote it by  $\text{Ded}_{\mathcal{A}}(t, z)$ .

(b)  $\rho(\sigma(\mathcal{L})) = \bigcap \{\text{Ded}_{\mathcal{A}}(t, z); t \in \sigma(\mathcal{L})\}$ .

Theorems 3 and 4 yield the following

**COROLLARY.** *Let  $t$  be a Csákány's term of a variety  $\mathcal{V}$  and  $\mathcal{A} = (A, F) \in \mathcal{V}$ ,  $z \in A$ . Then  $\rho(t) = \text{Ded}_{\mathcal{A}}(t, z) \simeq \text{Con } \mathcal{A}$ .*

**Proof.** If  $t$  is a Csákány's term of  $\mathcal{V}$ ,  $\mathcal{V}$  is regular and hence the mapping  $[z]_{\Theta} \rightarrow \Theta$  is an isomorphism of the lattice of all congruence classes containing  $z$  onto  $\text{Con } \mathcal{A}$ . By Theorem 3, the lattice of congruence classes containing  $z$  coincides with  $\text{Ded}_{\mathcal{A}}(t, z)$ . Together with Theorem 4, we obtain the assertion. ■

Of course, the operation meet in the lattice  $\text{Ded}_{\mathcal{A}}(t, z)$  coincides with set intersection and  $A$  is the greatest element of it. On the other hand, one can ask about the least element of  $\text{Ded}_{\mathcal{A}}(t, z)$ . In general, it need not be a singleton  $\{z\}$ . We can prove the following:

**THEOREM 5.** *Let  $t$  be a ternary term of a variety  $\mathcal{V}$  satisfying  $t(x, x, z) = z$ . The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (a) *for each  $\mathcal{A} = (A, F) \in \mathcal{V}$  and each  $z \in A$ ,  $\{z\}$  is a  $t$ -deductive system of  $\mathcal{A}$  relative to  $z$ ;*
- (b) *for each  $\mathcal{A} = (A, F) \in \mathcal{V}$ , each  $z \in A$  and  $\Theta \in \text{Con } \mathcal{A}$ ,  $[z]_{\Theta}$  is a  $t$ -deductive system of  $\mathcal{A}$  relative to  $z$ ;*
- (c) *for each  $\mathcal{A} = (A, F) \in \mathcal{V}$  and each  $z \in A$ , the relation  $\Theta_{\{z\}}$   $t$ -induced by  $\{z\}$  and  $z$  is a congruence on  $\mathcal{A}$  having the class  $\{z\}$ .*

**Proof.** (b) $\Rightarrow$ (a) is trivial and (a) $\Rightarrow$ (c) by Theorem 2. It remains to prove (c) $\Rightarrow$ (b). Suppose  $\mathcal{A} = (A, F) \in \mathcal{V}$  and  $z \in A$ . Since  $\{z\}$  is a class of  $\Theta_{\{z\}} \in \text{Con } \mathcal{A}$ , we have

$$(**) \quad t(z, c, z) = z = t(c, z, z) \text{ iff } \langle c, z \rangle \in \Theta_{\{z\}}$$

immediately by (\*) of Definition 3.

Suppose now  $\Theta \in \text{Con } \mathcal{A}$  and  $D = [z]_{\Theta}$ . Then  $z \in D$  and we need to verify (ii), (iii) and (iv) of Definition 2. For (ii), let  $a \in D$  and  $t(a, b, z) \in D$ ,  $t(b, a, z) \in D$ . Then  $[a]_{\Theta} = [z]_{\Theta}$  and hence

$$t([z]_{\Theta}, [b]_{\Theta}, [z]_{\Theta}) = t([a]_{\Theta}, [b]_{\Theta}, [z]_{\Theta}) = [t(a, b, z)]_{\Theta} = D = [z]_{\Theta},$$

analogously

$$t([b]_{\Theta}, [z]_{\Theta}, [z]_{\Theta}) = [z]_{\Theta}.$$

Applying (\*\*) on the quotient algebra  $\mathcal{A}/\Theta \in \mathcal{V}$ , we get  $\langle [b]_{\Theta}, [z]_{\Theta} \rangle \in \Theta_{\{[z]_{\Theta}\}}$  whence  $[b]_{\Theta} = [z]_{\Theta}$ , i.e.  $b \in [z]_{\Theta} = D$ .

Prove (iii): if  $a \in D = [z]_{\Theta}$  then  $[a]_{\Theta} = [z]_{\Theta}$  and, by means of the identity  $t(x, x, z) = z$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} t([a]_{\Theta}, [z]_{\Theta}, [z]_{\Theta}) &= t([z]_{\Theta}, [z]_{\Theta}, [z]_{\Theta}) = [z]_{\Theta} \\ t([z]_{\Theta}, [a]_{\Theta}, [z]_{\Theta}) &= t([z]_{\Theta}, [z]_{\Theta}, [z]_{\Theta}) = [z]_{\Theta} \end{aligned}$$

thus  $t(a, z, z) \in D$  and  $t(z, a, z) \in D$ .

For (iv), let  $t(a, b, z) \in D$  and  $t(b, a, z) \in D$ . By the assumption,  $\Theta_{\{z\}_\Theta} \in \text{Con } \mathcal{A}/\Theta$  and hence

$$t([a]_\Theta, [b]_\Theta, [z]_\Theta) = [t(a, b, z)]_\Theta = D = [z]_\Theta \text{ and}$$

$$t([b]_\Theta, [a]_\Theta, [z]_\Theta) = [t(b, a, z)]_\Theta = D = [z]_\Theta$$

thus  $\langle [a]_\Theta, [b]_\Theta \rangle \in \Theta_{\{z\}_\Theta}$ . Hence also

$$\langle \tau([a]_\Theta), \tau([b]_\Theta) \rangle \in \Theta_{\{z\}_\Theta}$$

for every  $t$ -translation  $\tau$  on  $\mathcal{A}/\Theta$ . One can derive easily

$$[t(\tau(a), \tau(b), z)]_\Theta = t([\tau(a)]_\Theta, [\tau(b)]_\Theta, [z]_\Theta) = [z]_\Theta$$

whence  $t(\tau(a), \tau(b), z) \in [z]_\Theta = D$ . ■

For regular varieties, we can state stronger result concerning the term  $t$ :

**THEOREM 6.** *Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a regular variety and  $t$  be a ternary term of  $\mathcal{V}$  satisfying  $t(x, x, z) = z$ . If for each  $\mathcal{A} = (A, F) \in \mathcal{V}$  and every  $z \in A$  the singleton  $\{z\}$  is a  $t$ -deductive system of  $\mathcal{A}$  relative to  $z$  then  $t$  is a Csákány's term of  $\mathcal{V}$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose  $t(x, x, z) = z$  holds in  $\mathcal{V}$ ,  $\mathcal{A} = (A, F) \in \mathcal{V}$  and  $z \in A$ . Let  $\{z\}$  be a  $t$ -deductive system of  $\mathcal{A}$  relative to  $z$ . Let  $a, b \in A$  and  $t(a, b, z) = t(b, a, z) = z$ . Then  $t(a, b, z) \in \{z\}$  and  $t(b, a, z) \in \{z\}$  which yield  $\langle a, b \rangle \in \Theta_{\{z\}}$ . By Theorem 2,  $\Theta_{\{z\}} \in \text{Con } \mathcal{A}$  and  $[z]_{\Theta_{\{z\}}} = \{z\}$ . Since  $\mathcal{V}$  (and hence also  $\mathcal{A}$ ) is regular, we have  $\Theta_{\{z\}} = \omega_A$ . Thus  $a = b$ . Altogether,

$$t(x, y, z) = t(y, x, z) = z \text{ if and only if } x = y$$

holds in  $\mathcal{V}$ , i.e.  $t$  is a Csákány's term of  $\mathcal{V}$ . ■

**THEOREM 7.** *Let  $t$  be a Csákány's term of a variety  $\mathcal{V}$ . Let  $t_0$  be a ternary term of  $\mathcal{V}$  such that  $t_0(x, x, z) = z$  holds in  $\mathcal{V}$ . Then  $t_0 \in \sigma(\rho(t))$  for each  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{V}$  if and only if  $t_0$  is also a Csákány's term of  $\mathcal{V}$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $t$  be a Csákány's term of  $\mathcal{V}$ . Then  $\mathcal{V}$  is regular. Consider  $\mathcal{A} = (A, F) \in \mathcal{V}$  and  $z \in A$ . By Theorem 3,  $\{z\} \in \text{Ded}_{\mathcal{A}}(t, z)$  since it is a class of  $\omega_A$ . Thus  $\{z\} \in \rho(t)$ . Since  $t_0 \in \sigma(\rho(t))$ ,  $\{z\}$  is also a  $t_0$ -deductive system of  $\mathcal{A}$  relative to  $z$ .

Suppose  $t_0(a, b, z) = z = t_0(b, a, z)$  for  $a, b \in A$ . Then  $t_0(a, b, z) \in \{z\}$  and  $t_0(b, a, z) \in \{z\}$  and, due to Theorem 2,  $\langle a, b \rangle \in \Theta_{\{z\}}$ . Since  $\mathcal{V}$  is regular, we have  $\Theta_{\{z\}} = \omega_A$  whence  $a = b$ . Thus  $t_0$  is a Csákány's term of  $\mathcal{V}$ . ■

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