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# BANASCHEWSKI'S THEOREM FOR GMV-ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. Banaschewski's theorem concerns subdirect product decompositions of lattice ordered groups. In the present paper we deal with the analogous investigation for the case of generalized MV-algebras (GMV-algebras, in short); we apply this notion in the sense studied by Galatos and Tsinakis.

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# 1. Introduction

We are concerned with the notion of generalized MV-algebra (GMV-algebra, in short) in the sense of [6]. Cf. also [1], [3], [5], [11], [12], [13].

The term 'generalized MV-algebra' was used in another meaning in [9] and in some other papers (in fact, the notion of generalized MV-algebra as used in [7] coincides with the notion of pseudo MV-algebra [3]).

Let **A** be any algebra. The system of all congruence relations of **A** is usually written as  $Con(\mathbf{A})$ ; in view of the notation used in the relevant papers [11] and [12], we will write  $C(\mathbf{A})$  rather than  $Con(\mathbf{A})$ . The system  $C(\mathbf{A})$  is partially ordered by set inclusion. If  $\varrho \in C(\mathbf{A})$ , then the corresponding quotient algebra is denoted by  $\mathbf{A}/\varrho$ .

Let **G** be a lattice ordered group and let  $C_1(\mathbf{G})$  be the system of all elements  $\varrho$  of  $C(\mathbf{A})$  such that  $\mathbf{G}/\varrho$  is a subdirect product of linearly ordered groups.

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A well-known theorem due to Banaschewski is concerned with the description of the least element of the system  $C_1(\mathbf{G})$  (cf. [1]). In response to a question raised in [1], the author provided an intrinsic description of  $C_1(\mathbf{G})$  in [9].

An analogous investigation was performed in [10] for the case of pseudo MV-algebras; we recall that the term 'generalized MV-algebra' was used in [10] (in the sense of [14]).

Let  $\mathbf{M}$  be a GMV-algebra. A fundamental result of [6] says that  $\mathbf{M}$  can be obtained by a truncation construction from a pair  $(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}_1)$  of lattice ordered groups. Moreover, in [4] it was shown that  $\mathbf{G}_1$  can be choosen in such a way that it satisfies a certain additional condition (for details, cf. Section 2 below).

In the present paper we prove a result concerning the GMV-algebra  $\mathbf{M}$  which is analogous to Banaschewski's theorem (cf. Theorem 2.5 in Section 2 below). In our construction, the elements of  $\mathbf{G}$  and of  $\mathbf{G}_1$  are used.

In view of [6], each lattice ordered group can be considered as a particular case of GMV-algebra. Thus the result of the present paper is an extension of Banaschewski's result.

# 2. Preliminaries

If **A** is any algebra, then we denote by A the underlying subset of **A**.

For lattice ordered groups we apply the terminology and the notation as in [4]. We recall that if **G** is a lattice ordered group then  $G^+ = \{x \in G : x \geq e\}$ ; if  $x \in G$ , then  $|x| = x \vee x^{-1}$ . A nonempty subset X of  $G^+$  is a filter if  $x_1 \wedge x_2 \in X$  for any  $x_1, x_2 \in X$ , and  $x_1 \vee y \in X$  whenever  $x_1 \in X$  and  $y \in G^+$ ; if, moreover, tX = Xt for each  $t \in G^+$ , then the filter X is normal.

Let **G** be a lattice ordered group and let  $W(\mathbf{G})$  be the union of all normal prime filters of the positive cone  $G^+$  of **G**. Put

$$K_0(\mathbf{G}) = \{ x \in G : |x| \notin W(\mathbf{G}) \}.$$

**THEOREM 2.1.** (Cf. [1].) For each lattice ordered group G,  $K_0(G)$  is an  $\ell$ -ideal of G. Let  $\varrho_0$  be the congruence relation of G which is generated by  $K_0(G)$ . Then  $\varrho_0$  is the least element of  $C_1(G)$ .

In [1] it was remarked that it may be of interest to have the characterizations of  $W(\mathbf{G})$  and  $K_0(\mathbf{G})$  in terms of elements of  $\mathbf{G}$ .

By induction we define the subsets  $K_n$  and  $\overline{K}_n$  of **G** by putting  $K_1 = \overline{K}_1 = \{e\}$ ; if  $1 < n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then let  $K_n$  be the set of all  $a \in G^+$  such that

$$(x_1 a x_1^{-1}) \wedge (x_2 a x_2^{-1}) \in \overline{K}_{n-1}$$

for some  $x_1, x_2 \in G$ . Further, let  $\overline{K}_n$  be the set of all  $b \in G$  which can be expressed in the form  $b = a_1 a_2 \dots a_m$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m \in K_n$ . We put

$$\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{K}_n = K(\mathbf{G}).$$

THEOREM 2.2. (Cf. [9].) For each lattice ordered group G we have

$$K_0(\mathbf{G}) = K(\mathbf{G}).$$

For the sake of completeness and for fixing the notation we recall the basic definitions concerning GMV-algebras. Let  $\mathbf{M} = (M; \wedge, \vee, \cdot, \setminus, /, e)$  be an algebra of type (2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 0) such that

- (i)  $(M; \land, \lor)$  is a lattice;
- (ii)  $(M; \cdot, e)$  is a monoid;
- (iii)  $x \cdot y \le z \iff x \le z/y \iff y \le x \setminus z \text{ for each } x, y, z \in M;$
- (iv)  $x/((x \vee y) \setminus x) = x \vee y = (x/(x \vee y)) \setminus x$  for each  $x, y \in M$ .

Then  $\mathbf{M}$  is a GMV-algebra.

Let  $\mathbf{G} = (G; \wedge, \vee, \cdot, e)$  be a lattice ordered group and  $x, y \in G$ ; we put

$$x \setminus y = x^{-1}y, \quad y/x = yx^{-1}.$$

Then the algebra  $\mathbf{G}^* = (G; \wedge, \vee, \cdot, \setminus, /, e)$  is a GMV-algebra.

Assume that  $G_1$  is a lattice ordered group and that  $L_{\gamma}$  is a filter of the lattice  $(G_1^-; \wedge, \vee)$  such that for each  $x \in G_1^-$  there exists the element  $\overline{x} = \min\{z \in L_{\gamma} : z \geq x\}$ . For  $x, y \in L_{\gamma}$  we put

$$x \circ y = \overline{xy}, \quad x \setminus_{L_{\sim}} y = (x^{-1}y) \wedge e, \quad y/x = (yx^{-1}) \wedge e.$$

Then the algebra

$$\mathbf{L}_{\gamma} = (L_{\gamma}; \wedge, \vee, \circ, \setminus_{L_{\gamma}}, /_{L_{\gamma}}, e)$$

is a GMV-algebra. We say that  $\mathbf{L}_{\gamma}$  is obtained by a truncation construction from  $\mathbf{G}_{1}$ .

A GMV-algebra **A** is a *direct sum* of its subalgebras **B** and **C**, in symbols,  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B} \oplus \mathbf{C}$ , if the map  $f \colon B \times C \to A$  defined by  $f(x,y) = x \cdot y$  is an isomorphism. The subalgebras **B** and **C** are *direct summands* of **A**.

**THEOREM 2.3.** (Cf. [2].) Let  $\mathbf{M}$  be a GMV-algebra. Then there exists a pair of lattice ordered groups  $(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}_1)$  such that  $\mathbf{M}$  can be expressed in the form

$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{G}^* \oplus \mathbf{L}_{\gamma},\tag{1}$$

where  $\mathbf{L}_{\gamma}$  is a GMV-algebra obtained by a truncation construction  $\mathbf{G}_1$ .

**PROPOSITION 2.4.** (Cf. [4].) Let  $\mathbf{M}$  be a GMV-algebra. There exist  $\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}_1$  and  $\mathbf{L}_{\gamma}$  such that the conditions from Theorem 2.3 are satisfied and, moreover, the following condition is valid:

(m) For each  $g \in G_1^-$  there exist elements  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n \in L_{\gamma}$  with  $g = x_1 x_2 \ldots x_n$ .

If  $\varrho$  is a congruence relation on a GMV-algebra M, then the set  $\varrho(e) = \{x \in M : x \varrho e\}$  will be said to be the *kernel* of  $\varrho$ .

We denote by  $C_1(\mathbf{M})$  the set of all  $\varrho \in C(\mathbf{M})$  such that  $\mathbf{M}/\varrho$  is a subdirect product of linearly ordered GMV-algebras.

In the present paper we prove

**Theorem 2.5.** Assume that M is a GMV-algebra and that G,  $G_1$  and  $L_{\gamma}$  are as in Proposition 2.4. Put

$$M_0 = K_0(\mathbf{G}) \cdot (K_0(\mathbf{G}_1) \cap L_{\gamma}).$$

Then

- (i) there exists a uniquely determined congruence relation  $\varrho_m$  on  $\mathbf{M}$  such that  $M_0$  is the kernel of  $\varrho$ ;
- (ii)  $\varrho_m$  is the least element of the system  $C_1(\mathbf{M})$ .

For an GMV-algebra  $\mathbf{M}$  we put

$$\mathbf{M}^{-} = (M^{-}; \wedge, \vee, \cdot, \setminus_{M^{-}}, /_{M^{-}}, e),$$

where  $M^- = \{x \in M : x \le e\}$  and

$$x \setminus_{M^-} y = (x \setminus y) \wedge e, \quad x/_{M^-} y = (x/y) \wedge e.$$

Then  $\mathbf{M}^-$  is a GMV-algebra. In the case when  $\mathbf{G}$  is as in Theorem 2.3 and  $G = \{e\}$ , then we obtain the same result if we take  $L_{\gamma} = M^-$  and if we consider the GMV-algebra  $\mathbf{L}_{\gamma}$  as defined in Section 2.

Now, assume that  $\mathbf{G}_1$  is a lattice ordered group; applying the definition as above, we obtain the GMV-algebra  $(\mathbf{G}_1^*)^-$ , where  $\mathbf{G}_1^*$  is as in Section 2. In this case we have  $M^- = G_1^-$ .

In this section we prove that the lattices  $C(\mathbf{G}_1)$  and  $C((G_1^*)^-)$  are isomorphic. On the other hand, the lattices  $C(\mathbf{G}_1)$  and  $C(\mathbf{G}_1^-)$  need not be isomorphic in general. (Here, the symbol  $\mathbf{G}_1^-$  denotes the algebra  $(G_1^-; \wedge, \vee, \cdot, e)$ .) We obviously have  $C(\mathbf{G}_1) = C(\mathbf{G}_1^*)$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** The lattices  $C(\mathbf{G}_1)$  and  $C((\mathbf{G}_1^*)^-$  are isomorphic.

Proof. Let us make use of the characterization of congruences on residuated lattices given in [3]. Residuated lattices are defined by omitting condition (iv) in the definition of GMV-algebras. Congruences in residuated lattices are in bijective correspondence to convex, normal subalgebras: this extends to a lattice isomorphism from  $Con(\mathbf{A})$  to the lattice of convex normal subalgebras of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

First recall that normality for a subset B of A is defined as closure under the conjugates  $\lambda_x(b) = x \backslash bx \wedge e$  and  $\varrho_x(b) = xb/x \wedge e$ . As for a congruence  $\theta$ ,  $[e]_{\theta}$  is a convex normal subalgebra (CNS) of  $\mathbf{A}$ ; this defines a lattice isomorphism. Also, the negative cone of  $[e]_{\theta}$  is a convex subset of  $A^-$  that is a submonoid of  $A^-$  and normal in  $\mathbf{A}$ , i.e. a convex normal submonoid (CNM); this defines another lattice isomorphism.

Now, the assertion of the theorem follows from the isomorphism of the lattices of CNMs of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{A}^-$ , for an  $\ell$ -group  $\mathbf{A}$ . Actually, these are not just isomorphic but equal lattices. Let M be a CNM for  $\mathbf{A}$ . Clearly, then it is a convex submonoid for  $\mathbf{A}^-$ . It is also normal in  $\mathbf{A}^-$ : for  $b \in M$  and  $x \in A^-$ , we have  $\lambda_x(b) = x \backslash_{\mathbf{A}^-} bx \wedge e = x^{-1}bx \wedge e \wedge e = x \backslash_{\mathbf{A}^-} bx \wedge e$ , which is in M by normality in  $\mathbf{A}$ . Conversely, let N be a CNM for  $\mathbf{A}^-$ . Clearly, then it is a convex submonoid for  $\mathbf{A}$ . It is also normal in  $\mathbf{A}$ : for  $b \in N$  and  $x \in A$ , we have  $x = y^{-1}z$ , where  $y, z \in A^-$ . Also,  $\lambda_x^{\mathbf{A}^-}(b) = x^{-1}bx \wedge e = z^{-1}yby^{-1}z \wedge e = \lambda_z^{\mathbf{A}}(yby^{-1})$ . As  $b \in A^-$ , we have  $yby^{-1} \in A^-$ , which is in N by normality in  $\mathbf{A}^-$ , since  $z \in A^-$ .

Let us now deal with the relations between the lattices  $C((\mathbf{G}_1^*)^-)$  and  $C(\mathbf{L}_{\gamma})$ , where  $\mathbf{G}_1$  and  $\mathbf{L}_{\gamma}$  are as above. We assume that the condition (m) from Preposition 2.4 is satisfied. For each  $H \in C((\mathbf{G}_1^*)^-)$  we put  $\varphi_2(H) = H \cap L_{\gamma}$ .

**THEOREM 2.7.** The mapping  $\varphi_2(H)$  is an isomorphism of  $C((\mathbf{G}_1^*)^-)$  onto  $C(\mathbf{L}_{\gamma})$ .

Proof. Consider the GMV-algebra  $\mathbf{G}_1^*$ , for some  $\ell$ -group  $\mathbf{G}_1$ , let  $\mathbf{L} = (G_1^*)^-$ , and let  $\gamma$  be a nucleus on  $\mathbf{L}$  with image  $\mathbf{L}_{\gamma}$ . We need to show that the lattices  $C(\mathbf{L})$  and  $C(\mathbf{L}_{\gamma})$  are isomorphic, or, what amounts to the same, the lattices  $CN(\mathbf{L})$  and  $CN(\mathbf{L}_{\gamma})$  are isomorphic. Let  $\varphi_2 \colon CN(\mathbf{L}) \to CN(\mathbf{L}_{\gamma})$  be the map defined by  $\varphi_2(H) = H \cap L_{\gamma} = \gamma[H]$ . One easily checks that  $\varphi_2$  is well defined; namely, whenever  $H \in CN(L)$ , then  $H \cap L_{\gamma} \in CN(\mathbf{L}_{\gamma})$ . To prove that  $\varphi_2$  is injective, consider  $H_1, H_2 \in CN(\mathbf{L})$  such that  $H_1 \cap L_{\gamma} = H_2 \cap L_{\gamma}$ . Let  $a \in H_1$ . There exist elements  $a_1, \ldots, a_n \in L_{\gamma}$  such that  $a = a_1 \ldots a_n$ , where the product takes place in  $\mathbf{L}$ . Now, each  $a_i \geq a$ , and so,  $a_i \in H_1$ . But then,  $a_i \in H_2$  by assumption. It follows that  $a \in H_2$  is closed under multiplication. Thus,  $H_1 \subseteq H_2$ , and, by symmetry,  $H_1 = H_2$ .

It is worth mentioning here that this part of the proof works for arbitrary residuated lattices. However, the proof of the fact that  $\varphi_2$  is surjective seems to require special assumptions. Let  $J \in \operatorname{CN}(\mathbf{L}_{\gamma})$ , and let  $\operatorname{cn}(J)$  denote the convex normal subalgebra of  $\mathbf{L}$  generated by J. We claim that  $\varphi_2(\operatorname{cn}(J)) = \operatorname{cn}(J) \cap L_{\gamma} = J$ . To prove this, consider  $a \in \operatorname{cn}(j) \cap L_{\gamma}$ . By [3, Lemma 5.3] of the paper by Blount and Tsinakis, as well as the assumption that  $\mathbf{L}$  is the negative cone of an  $\ell$ -group, there exist elements  $k_1, \ldots, k_n \in L_{\gamma}$ , and arbitrary elements  $a_1, \ldots, a_n \in L$  such that  $[(a_1^{-1}k_1a_1) \wedge e] \ldots [(a_n^{-1}k_na_n) \wedge e] \leq x$ . Since, in addition,  $x \in L_{\gamma}$  and  $\gamma$  is a nucleus, we have

$$\gamma[(a_1^{-1}k_1a_1) \wedge e] * \cdots * \gamma[(a_n^{-1}k_na_n) \wedge e] \le x,$$

where \* denotes the multiplication in  $\mathbf{L}_{\gamma}$ . But for each  $i \in \{1, \ldots, n\}$ ,

$$\gamma[(a_1^{-1}k_ia_i)\wedge e] = \left[\gamma(a_i^{-1})*\gamma(k_i)*\gamma(a_i)\right]\wedge e \geq \left[\gamma(a_i)^{-1}*\gamma(k_i)*\gamma(a_i)\right]\wedge e.$$

Thus, again by the same lemma,  $x \in J$ , showing that  $\operatorname{cn}(J) \cap L_{\gamma} \subseteq J$ . Since the reverse inclusion is itrivial, we have the required equality.

Lastly, it is clear that  $\varphi_2$  is an order-isomorphism, thereby completing the proof of the theorem.

Concerning the proofs of Theorem 2.6 and Theorem 2.7, cf. "Acknowledgements" at the end of the present paper.

Theorem 2.6 and Theorem 2.7 yield:

**THEOREM 2.8.** There exists an isomorphism  $\varphi^0$  of  $C(\mathbf{G}_1^*)$  onto  $C(\mathbf{L}_{\gamma})$  such that if  $\varrho \in C(\mathbf{L}_{\gamma})$  and X is the kernel of  $\varrho$ , then  $\varrho \cap L_{\gamma}$  is the kernel of  $\varphi^0(\varrho)$ .

# 3. Linearly ordered quotients

The following result is well-known.

**Lemma 3.1.** Let **H** be a lattice ordered group. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) **H** fails to be linearly ordered.
- (ii) There are elements x and y in H such that x > e, y > e and  $x \wedge y = e$ .
- (iii) There are elements x and y in H such that x < e, y < e and  $x \lor y = e$ .

We will apply the notation as above; in particular,  $\mathbf{M}, \mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}_1$  and  $\mathbf{L}_{\gamma}$  are as in Proposition 2.4.

**Lemma 3.2.** The following conditions are equivalent:

- (i)  $\mathbf{L}_{\gamma}$  fails to be linearly ordered.
- (ii) There are elements  $x_1$  and  $y_1$  in  $L_{\gamma}$  such that  $x_1 \neq e \neq y_1$  and  $x_1 \vee y_1 = e$ .

Proof. The validity of the implication (ii)  $\Longrightarrow$  (i) is obvious. Assume that (i) is satisfied. Hence there are  $x, y \in L_{\gamma}$  such that x is incomparable with y. Put  $v = x \vee y$ . Hence v > x and v > y. Let us consider the elements

$$v_1 = v \setminus_{L_{\gamma}} v, \quad x_1 = v \setminus_{L_{\gamma}} x, \quad y_1 \setminus_{L_{\gamma}} y.$$

Then we have

$$v_1 = e, \quad x_1 = v^{-1}x, \quad y_1 = v^{-1}y.$$

This yields

$$x_1 < e, \quad y_1 < e, \quad x_1 \lor y_1 = e.$$

Hence the condition (ii) hodls.

**Lemma 3.3.** Let  $\varrho \in C(\mathbf{G}_1)$ . The following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) The quotient  $G_1/\varrho$  is linearly ordered.
- (ii) Whenever  $x, y \in G_1$  such that x < e, y < e and  $x \lor y = e$ , then either  $x \varrho e$  or  $y \varrho e$ .

Analogously, using Lemma 3.2, we obtain

**Lemma 3.3.1.** Let  $\beta \in C(\mathbf{L}_{\gamma})$ . The following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) The quotient  $\mathbf{L}_{\gamma}/\beta$  is linearly ordered.
- (ii) Whenever  $x, y \in L_{\gamma}$  such that  $x \neq e \neq y$  and  $x \vee y = e$ , then either  $x \beta e$  or  $y \beta e$ .

Let  $\varphi^0$  be as in Theorem 2.8.

**Lemma 3.4.** Let  $\varrho \in C(\mathbf{G}_1^*)$  and  $\beta = \varphi^0(\varrho)$ . The following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) The quotient  $\mathbf{L}_{\gamma}/\beta$  is linearly ordered.
- (ii) The quotient  $G_1/\varrho$  is linearly ordered.

Proof. Consider the kernel  $\varrho(e)$  of  $\varrho$  and the kernel  $\beta(e)$  of  $\beta$ . Since  $\beta = \varphi^0(\varrho)$ , the relation

$$\beta(e) = \varrho(e) \cap L_{\gamma} \tag{1}$$

is valid.

a) Assume that the condition (i) holds. Let  $x, y \in G_1$ , x < e,  $x \lor y = e$ . In view of the condition (m) from Proposition 2.4 there exist elements  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n \in L_\gamma$  and  $y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_m \in L_\gamma$  such that

$$x = x_1 x_2 \dots x_n, \quad y = y_1 y_2 \dots y_m.$$

Without loss of generality we can suppose that  $x_i < e$  for i = 1, 2, ..., n and  $y_j < e$  for j = 1, 2, ..., m.

We have  $x_1 \geq x$  for i = 1, 2, ..., n and  $y_j \geq y$  for j = 1, 2, ..., m, hence  $x_i \vee y_j = e$ .

Suppose that x does not belong to  $\varrho(e)$ . Then there exists  $i \in \{1, 2, ..., n\}$  such that  $x_i$  does not belong to  $\varrho(e)$ . Thus according to (1),  $x_i$  does not belong to  $\beta(e)$ . Hence in view of Lemma 3.3.1, all elements  $y_1, y_2, ..., y_m$  belong to  $\beta(e)$ . Therefore  $y_1, y_2, ..., y_m \in \varrho(e)$  and then we have  $y \in \varrho(e)$ . Thus Lemma 3.3 yields that the condition (ii) is satisfied.

b) Assume that the condition (ii) is valid. Let  $x, y \in L_{\gamma}$  such that  $x \neq e \neq y$  and  $x \vee y = e$ .

Suppose that x does not belong to  $\beta(e)$ . Then in view of (1), x does not belong to  $\varrho(e)$ . We have  $x, y \in G_1$ , thus according to (ii) and Lemma 3.3 we infer that y belongs to  $\varrho(e)$ . Hence in view of (1), y belongs to  $\beta(e)$ . According to Lemma 3.3.1 we conclude that the condition (i) is satisfied.

We denote by  $C_L(\mathbf{G}_1)$  the set of all  $\varrho \in C(\mathbf{G}_1)$  such that the quotient  $\mathbf{G}_1/\varrho$  is linearly ordered. The set  $C_L(\mathbf{L}_{\gamma})$  is defined analogously.

Further, let  $C_1(\mathbf{G}_1)$  be the set of all  $\varrho \in C(\mathbf{G}_1)$  such that  $\varrho$  can be expressed as a meet of some nonempty subset of  $C_L(\mathbf{G}_1)$ . The meaning of the symbol  $C_1(\mathbf{L}_{\gamma})$  is analogous.

From the well-known Birkhoff's theorem concerning subdirect product decompositions of algebras we easily obtain that if  $\varrho \in C(\mathbf{G}_1)$  then the quotient  $\mathbf{G}_1/\varrho$  is a subdirect product of linearly ordered groups if and only if  $\varrho$  belongs to  $C_1(\mathbf{G}_1)$ . An analogous result holds for elements of  $C(\mathbf{L}_{\gamma})$ .

Let us remark that in view of Lemma 3.1, here (and also in Theorem 2.8) we can replace  $G_1$  by  $G_1^*$ . According to Theorem 2.8 we obtain

$$\varphi^{0}(C_{L}(\mathbf{G}_{1})) = C_{L}(\mathbf{L}_{\gamma}),$$
  

$$\varphi^{0}(C_{1}(\mathbf{G}_{1})) = C_{1}(\mathbf{L}_{\gamma}).$$
(2)

Let us apply the notation as in Section 2. Consider the  $\ell$ -ideal  $K_0(\mathbf{G}_1)$  of  $\mathbf{G}_1$  and let  $\varrho_1$  be the congruence relation of  $\mathbf{G}_1$  which is generated by  $K_0(\mathbf{G}_1)$ . Put  $\beta_1 = \varphi^0(\varrho_1)$ .

**THEOREM 3.5.**  $\beta_1$  is the least element of  $C(\mathbf{L}_{\gamma})$  having the property that the corresponding quotient  $\mathbf{L}_{\gamma}/\beta_1$  is a subdirect product of linearly ordered GMV-algebras. The kernel of  $\beta_1$  is equal to  $K_0(\mathbf{G}_1) \cap \mathbf{L}_{\gamma}$ .

Proof. This is a consequence of Theorem 2.1, Theorem 2.8 and the relation (2).

# 4. The system $C(\mathbf{M})$

Assume that  $\mathbf{M}$  is a GMV-algebra; we apply the notation as in Section 2. The condition (m) from Theorem 2.4 is supposed to be satisfied.

It is well-known that each element of  $C(\mathbf{G})$  is uniquely determined by its kernel, and similarly for  $C(\mathbf{G}_1)$ . In view of Theorem 2.8, this holds also for the lattice  $C(\mathbf{L}_{\gamma})$ . From this and from Theorem 2.3 we conclude that an analogous situation occurs for the lattice  $C(\mathbf{M})$ .

In the present section we prove Theorem 2.5 from Section 2.

If 
$$z \in M, x \in G, y \in L_{\gamma}$$
 and  $z = xy$ , then we write  $x = z(\mathbf{G}), y = z(\mathbf{L}_{\gamma})$ .

In accordance with the above notation,  $C(\mathbf{M})$  is the system of all congruence relations of  $\mathbf{M}$ . Further, let  $C_L(\mathbf{M})$  be the system of all  $\tau \in C(M)$  such that the quotient  $\mathbf{M}/\tau$  is linearly ordered. The symbol  $C_1(\mathbf{M})$  denotes the system of all  $\tau \in C(\mathbf{M})$  such that  $\tau$  is a meet of some nonempty subsystem of  $C_L(\mathbf{M})$ .

We remark that analogously as in the case of  $C(\mathbf{G}_1)$  (cf. Section 3), for any  $\tau \in C(\mathbf{M})$ , the quotient  $\mathbf{M}/\varrho$  is a subdirect product of linearly ordered GMV-algebras if and only if  $\tau$  belongs to  $C_1(\mathbf{M})$ .

Let  $z_1, z_2 \in M$ ,  $\varrho \in C(\mathbf{G})$  and  $\beta \in C(\mathbf{L}_{\gamma})$ . We put  $z_1 \overline{\varrho} z_2$  if  $z_1(G) \varrho z_2(G)$ . Similarly, we set  $z_1 \overline{\beta} z_2$  if  $z_1(\mathbf{L}_{\gamma}) \beta z_2(\mathbf{L}_{\gamma})$ .

Then  $\overline{\varrho}, \overline{\beta} \in C(\mathbf{M})$  and for the corresponding kernels we have

$$\overline{\varrho}(e) = \varrho(e) \cdot L_{\gamma}, \quad \overline{\beta}(e) = G \cdot \beta(e).$$

The following assertion is easy to verify.

**Lemma 4.1.** Let  $\{\varrho_i\}_{i\in I}\subseteq C(\mathbf{G})$  and  $\{\beta_j\}_{j\in J}\subseteq C(\mathbf{L}_{\gamma})$ . Put

$$\varrho = \bigwedge_{i \in I} \varrho_i, \quad \beta = \bigwedge_{j \in J} \beta_j.$$

Then

$$\overline{\varrho} = \bigwedge_{i \in I} \overline{\varrho}_i, \quad \overline{\beta} = \bigwedge_{j \in J} \overline{\beta}_j.$$

Also, for any  $\varrho \in C(\mathbf{G})$  and  $\beta \in C(\mathbf{L}_{\gamma})$  we have

$$\mathbf{M}/\overline{\varrho} \simeq \mathbf{G}^*/\varrho, \quad \mathbf{M}/\overline{\beta} \simeq \mathbf{L}_{\gamma}/\beta.$$
 (1)

According to Lemma 3.1 and in view of (1), we conclude

**Lemma 4.2.** Let  $\tau C(\mathbf{M})$ . Then  $\tau$  belongs to  $C_L(\mathbf{M})$  if and only if some of the following conditions is satisfied:

- (i)  $\tau = \overline{\varrho} \text{ for some } \varrho \in C_L(\mathbf{G});$
- (ii)  $\tau = \overline{\beta}$  for some  $\beta \in C_L(\mathbf{L}_{\gamma})$ .

Let

$$C_{11}(\mathbf{M}) = \{\tau_i\}_{i \in I_1}$$

be the set of all elements  $\tau$  of  $C(\mathbf{M})$  satisfying the condition (i); similarly, let

$$C_{12}(\mathbf{M}) = \{\tau_j\}_{j \in I_2}$$

be defined analogously with respect to the condition (ii).

For  $i \in I_1$  let  $\varrho_i$  be the corresponding element of  $C_L(\mathbf{G})$  with  $\overline{\varrho}_i = \tau_i$ . Hence  $\{\varrho_i\}_{i \in I_1}$  is the set  $C_L(\mathbf{G})$  and thus in view of Theorem 2.1 we have

$$\bigwedge_{i \in I_1} \varrho_i = \varrho_0$$

and the kernel of  $\varrho_0$  is  $K_0(\mathbf{G})$ . Hence according to Lemma 4.1, we obtain

$$\bigwedge_{i\in I} \overline{\varrho}_i = \overline{\varrho}_0$$

and the kernel of  $\overline{\varrho}_0$  is  $K_0(\mathbf{G}) \cdot L_{\gamma}$ . Applying the above notation, we get

$$\overline{\varrho}_0 = \bigwedge_{i \in I_1} \tau_i.$$

Further, let us apply Theorem 2.1 for the lattice ordered group  $G_1$ ; we conclude that the least element  $\varrho_{01}$  of  $C_1(G_1)$  has the kernel  $K_0(G_1)$ .

For  $j \in I_2$  let  $\beta_j$  be the element of  $C_L(\mathbf{L}_{\gamma})$  with  $\tau_j = \overline{\beta}_j$ . Let  $\beta_1$  be as in Theorem 3.5. Then we have

$$\beta_1 = \bigwedge_{j \in I_2} \beta_j$$

and the kernel of  $\beta_1$  is equal to  $K_0(\mathbf{G}_1) \cap L_{\gamma}$ .

Thus in view of Lemma 4.1 we get

$$\overline{\beta}_1 = \bigwedge_{j \in I_2} \overline{\beta}_j$$

and the kernel of  $\overline{\beta}_1$  is  $G \cdot (K_0(\mathbf{G}_1) \cap L_{\gamma})$ .

Applying the relation  $\overline{\beta}_i = \tau_j$  for each  $j \in I_2$  we obtain

$$\overline{\beta}_1 = \bigwedge_{j \in I_2} \tau_j.$$

In view of the definition of  $C_1(\mathbf{M})$ , the element

$$\varrho_m = \inf C_L(\mathbf{M})$$

is the least element of  $C_1(\mathbf{M})$ . Hence according to Lemma 4.2 we get

$$\varrho_m = \left(\bigwedge_{i \in I_1} \tau_i\right) \wedge \left(\bigwedge_{j \in I_2} \tau_j\right) = \overline{\varrho}_0 \wedge \overline{\beta}_1.$$

Then the kernel of  $\rho_m$  is equal to

$$(K_0(\mathbf{G}) \cdot L_{\gamma}) \cap (G \cdot (K_0(\mathbf{G}_1) \cap L_{\gamma})).$$

Thus in view of Theorem 2.3 the kernel of  $\rho_m$  is

$$(K_0(\mathbf{G}) \cap G) \cdot (L_{\gamma} \cap (K_0(\mathbf{G}_1) \cap L_{\gamma})) = K_0(\mathbf{G}) \cdot (K_0(G_1) \cap L_{\gamma}).$$

We conclude that Theorem 2.5 is valid.

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