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HEREDITARY RADICAL CLASSES OF LINEARLY ORDERED GROUPS

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The study of radical classes and semisimple classes of linearly ordered groups was begun by Chehata and Wiegandt [1]. The basic properties of the lattice \mathcal{R} of all radical classes of linearly ordered groups were described in [3]; for analogous questions concerning semisimple classes cf. [4]. In the papers [5], [7] and [8] radical classes and semisimple classes of abelian linearly ordered groups were dealt with.

In [3] and [4] it was proved that the lattice \mathcal{R} has no atoms, no antiatoms and fails to be modular.

A radical class $X \in \mathcal{R}$ is said to be hereditary if, whenever $G \in X$ and H is a convex subgroup of G , then $H \in X$. The collection of all hereditary radical classes will be denoted by \mathcal{R}_h .

In this note it will be shown that \mathcal{R}_h (partially ordered by inclusion) is a complete distributive lattice. In fact, \mathcal{R}_h fulfils the infinite distributive law

$$A \wedge (\bigvee B_i) = \bigvee (A \wedge B_i),$$

hence \mathcal{R}_h is a Brouwer lattice. The corresponding dual infinite distributive law does not hold in \mathcal{R}_h . Further, it will be proved that \mathcal{R}_h has infinitely many atoms and that the collection \mathcal{P} of all prime intervals of the lattice \mathcal{R}_h is a proper collection. Thus some properties of the lattice \mathcal{R}_h are analogous to those of the lattice of all radical classes of l -groups [2] or the lattice of all torsion classes of l -groups (cf. Martinez [6]).

The collection of all principal elements of \mathcal{R}_h will be denoted by \mathcal{R}_{hp} . It will be shown that if $X \in \mathcal{R}_h$, $Y \in \mathcal{R}_{hp}$ and $X \leq Y$, then $X \in \mathcal{R}_{hp}$. If $I \neq \emptyset$ is a set and $\{X_i\}_{i \in I} \subset \mathcal{R}_{hp}$, then $\bigvee_{i \in I} X_i$ belongs to \mathcal{R}_{hp} as well. (Let us remark that analogous results do not hold for principal elements of the lattice of all radical classes of abelian linearly ordered groups; cf. [5].)

1. BASIC NOTIONS

A collection X will be said to be propre if there exists a one-to-one mapping of the class of all cardinals into X .

The group operation in a linearly ordered group will be denoted by $+$; the commutativity of this operation is not assumed. We recall some definitions; cf. [1].

Let \mathcal{G} be the class of all linearly ordered groups. When considering a subclass X of \mathcal{G} we always suppose that X is closed with respect to isomorphisms and that the zero linearly ordered group $\{0\}$ belongs to X .

A subclass X of \mathcal{G} is said to be closed with respect to transfinite extensions if, whenever $G \in \mathcal{G}$ and

$$\{0\} = G_1 \subseteq G_2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq G_\alpha \subseteq \dots \quad (\alpha < \delta)$$

is an ascending chain of convex normal subgroups of G such that

$$G_\beta / \bigcup_{\gamma < \beta} G_\gamma \in X \quad \text{for each } \beta < \delta,$$

then $\bigcup_{\alpha < \delta} G_\alpha$ belongs to X .

We also say that the linearly ordered group $\bigcup_{\alpha < \delta} G_\alpha$ is a transfinite extension of linearly ordered groups G'_β ($\beta < \delta$), where G'_β is isomorphic to $G_\beta / \bigcup_{\gamma < \beta} G_\gamma$ for each $\beta < \delta$.

1.1. Definition. A class X of linearly ordered groups is called a radical class, if

- (a) X is closed under homomorphisms, and
- (b) X is closed with respect to transfinite extensions.

We denote by \mathcal{R} the collection of all radical classes. Further, let \mathcal{R}_h be the collection of all hereditary radical classes. Both \mathcal{R} and \mathcal{R}_h are partially ordered by inclusion. Then \mathcal{G} is the greatest element in both \mathcal{R} and \mathcal{R}_h ; the trivial variety R_0 containing all one-element l -groups is the least element in both \mathcal{R} and \mathcal{R}_h .

If $\{A_i\}_{i \in I}$ is a non-empty collection of hereditary radical classes, then $\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i$ also is a hereditary radical class. Thus \mathcal{R}_h is a complete lattice. The lattice operations in \mathcal{R}_h will be denoted by \wedge and \vee . The operation \wedge in \mathcal{R}_h coincides with the intersection of classes.

Let $Y \subseteq \mathcal{G}$ and $G \in \mathcal{G}$. The intersection of all hereditary radical classes X with $Y \subseteq X$ will be denoted by $T_h(X)$. Similarly, the intersection of all hereditary radical classes Z with $G \in Z$ is denoted by $T_h(G)$; the hereditary radical class $T_h(G)$ is said to be principal. We denote by \mathcal{R}_{hp} the collection of all principal hereditary radical classes.

2. THE OPERATION \vee IN THE LATTICE \mathcal{R}_h

Let X be a subclass of \mathcal{G} . We denote by

Hom X — the class of all homomorphic images of linearly ordered groups belonging to X ;

Sub X — the class of all convex subgroups of linearly ordered groups belonging to X ;

$\text{Ext } X$ – the class of all transfinite extensions of linearly ordered groups belonging to X .

Now we define for each ordinal κ the class $\text{Ext}_\kappa X$ by induction as follows. We put $\text{Ext}_1 X = \text{Ext } X$; if $\kappa > 1$, then we set

$$\text{Ext}_\kappa X = \text{Ext } \bigcup_{\tau < \kappa} \text{Ext}_\tau X .$$

Next we denote

$$\text{ext } X = \bigcup_\kappa \text{Ext}_\kappa X ,$$

where κ runs over the class of all ordinals.

2.1. Theorem. *Let X be a subclass of \mathcal{G} . Then $T_h(X) = \text{ext Hom Sub } X$.*

Proof. Denote $\text{ext Hom Sub } X = Z$. Clearly $Z \subseteq T_h(X)$ and $X \subseteq Z$. Hence it suffices to prove that Z is a hereditary radical class. Thus we have to verify that Z fulfils the following conditions: (i) $\text{Ext } Z \subseteq Z$, (ii) $\text{Sub } Z \subseteq Z$; (iii) $\text{Hom } Z \subseteq Z$.

For each subclass Z_1 of \mathcal{G} we have $\text{Ext ext } Z_1 = \text{ext } Z_1$, hence (i) is valid. In [3] (Lemma 2.1) it was proved that for each subclass Z_2 of \mathcal{G} the relation

$$\text{Hom ext Hom } Z_2 = \text{ext Hom } Z_2$$

holds; therefore (iii) holds as well.

Let $G \in Z$ and let H be a convex subgroup of G with $H \subset G$. Hence there is an ordinal κ such that $G \in \text{Ext}_\kappa \text{Hom Sub } X$. Thus it suffices to verify that for each ordinal κ we have

$$(1) \quad \text{Sub Ext}_\kappa \text{Hom Sub } X \subseteq \text{Ext}_\kappa \text{Hom Sub } X .$$

a) Let $\kappa = 1$. There is an ascending chain of convex normal subgroups

$$(2) \quad \{0\} = G_1 \subseteq G_2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq G_\alpha \subseteq \dots \quad (\alpha < \delta)$$

of G such that

$$(3) \quad \bigcup_{\alpha < \delta} G_\alpha = G$$

and for each $\beta < \delta$, $G_\beta / \bigcup_{\gamma < \beta} G_\gamma \in \text{Hom Sub } X$. Let λ be the first ordinal with $\lambda < \delta$ and $G_\lambda \supseteq H$. Denote $H_\alpha = H \cap G_\alpha$ for each $\alpha < \delta$. Then $\{H_\alpha\}$ ($\alpha < \delta$) is an ascending chain of convex normal subgroups of H and $\bigcup_{\alpha < \delta} H_\alpha = H$. If $\beta < \lambda$, then

$$G_\beta / \bigcup_{\gamma < \beta} G_\gamma = H_\beta / \bigcup_{\gamma < \beta} H_\gamma ;$$

if $\beta > \lambda$, then $H_\beta / \bigcup_{\gamma < \beta} H_\gamma = \{0\}$. In the case $\beta = \lambda$ we have

$$H_\beta / \bigcup_{\gamma < \beta} H_\gamma \in \text{Sub } \{G_\beta / \bigcup_{\gamma < \beta} G_\gamma\} \subseteq \text{Sub Hom Sub } X = \text{Hom Sub } X ,$$

thus for $\kappa = 1$ the relation (1) holds. (We use the well-known relation $\text{Sub Hom } Y \subseteq \text{Hom Sub } Y$ which is valid for each $Y \subseteq \mathcal{G}$.)

b) Assume that $\kappa > 1$ and that (1) holds for each ordinal less than κ . Then there is an ascending chain of convex normal subgroups (2) of G such that (3) is valid and for each $\beta < \delta$ there is an ordinal $\tau(\beta) < \kappa$ having the property

$$G_\beta / \bigcup_{\gamma < \beta} G_\gamma \in \text{Ext}_{\tau(\beta)} \text{Hom Sub } X.$$

Let λ and H_α ($\alpha < \gamma$) be as in part a). The cases $b < \lambda$ and $b > \lambda$ are analogous as in a). Let $b = \lambda$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} H_\beta / \bigcup_{\gamma < \beta} H_\gamma &\in \text{Sub} \{G_\beta / \bigcup_{\gamma < \beta} G_\gamma\} \subseteq \text{Sub Ext}_{\tau(\beta)} \text{Hom Sub } X = \\ &= \text{Ext}_{\tau(\beta)} \text{Hom Sub } X, \end{aligned}$$

hence (1) is valid for each ordinal κ , which completes the proof.

2.2. Theorem. *Let I be a nonempty class and for each $i \in I$ let X_i be a hereditary radical class. Then $\bigvee_{i \in I} X_i = \text{ext } \bigcup_{i \in I} X_i$.*

Proof. From 2.1 it follows immediately that the relation

$$\bigvee_{i \in I} X_i = \text{ext Hom Sub } \bigcup_{i \in I} X_i$$

is valid. Since X_i are hereditary radical classes, we have $\text{Hom Sub } X_i = X_i$, therefore $\bigvee_{i \in I} X_i = \text{ext } \bigcup_{i \in I} X_i$.

From 2.2 and [3] (Thm. 2.3) we obtain:

2.2.1. Corollary. \mathcal{R}_h is a closed sublattice of the complete lattice \mathcal{R} .

2.3. Theorem. *Let $A \in \mathcal{R}_h$, $\{B_i\}_{i \in I} \subseteq \mathcal{R}_h$. Then*

$$A \wedge \left(\bigvee_{i \in I} B_i \right) = \bigvee_{i \in I} (A \wedge B_i).$$

Proof. It suffices to verify that $A \wedge \left(\bigvee_{i \in I} B_i \right) \leq \bigvee_{i \in I} (A \wedge B_i)$. Let $G \in A \wedge \left(\bigvee_{i \in I} B_i \right)$. Hence $G \in A$ and $G \in \bigvee_{i \in I} B_i$. In view of 2.2, $G \in \text{ext } \bigcup_{i \in I} B_i$. Thus G is constructed by the operation ext from certain linearly ordered groups G_{ij} ($i \in I$, $j \in K_i$) such that G_i belongs to B_i for each $i \in I$ and each $j \in K_i$.

According to the definition of ext , for each G_{ij} there exists a normal convex subgroup H_{ij} of G and a homomorphic image G'_{ij} of H_{ij} such that G'_{ij} is isomorphic to G_{ij} . Because A is hereditary the linearly ordered group H_{ij} belongs to A and hence $G_{ij} \in A$. Thus $G_{ij} \in A \wedge B_i$ for each $i \in I$ and each $j \in K_i$. Therefore $G \in \text{ext } \bigcup_{i \in I} (A \wedge B_i) = \bigvee_{i \in I} (A \wedge B_i)$.

The following example shows that the relation

$$A \vee \left(\bigwedge_{i \in I} B_i \right) = \bigwedge_{i \in I} (A \vee B_i)$$

does not hold in general in the lattice \mathcal{R}_h . (The symbols $\Gamma_{j \in I} G_j$ and $G_1 \circ G_2$ denote lexicographic products of linearly ordered groups; cf., e.g., [5].)

2.4. Example. Let N be the set of all positive integers with the natural linear order. Let J be the linearly ordered set dual to N and for each $j \in J$ let G_j be an archimedean linearly ordered group, $G_j \neq \{0\}$, such that $G_{j(1)}$ and $G_{j(2)}$ fail to be isomorphic whenever $j(1)$ and $j(2)$ are distinct elements of J . For each $j \in J$ let $J_j = \{k \in J : k \leq j\}$ (with the induced linear order). Put

$$\begin{aligned} G &= \Gamma_{j \in J} G_j, \\ G_{(j)} &= \Gamma_{k \in J_j} G_k \text{ for each } j \in J, \\ A &= \bigvee_{j \in J} T_h(G_j), \\ B_j &= T_h(G_{(j)}) \text{ for each } j \in J. \end{aligned}$$

Then we have $G \notin A$, $\bigwedge_{j \in J} B_j = R_0$, hence

$$A \vee (\bigwedge_{j \in J} B_j) = A$$

and thus $G \notin A \vee (\bigwedge_{j \in J} B_j)$.

On the other hand, $G \in A \vee B_j$ for each $j \in J$, hence

$$G \in \bigwedge_{j \in J} (A \vee B_j)$$

and therefore $A \vee (\bigwedge_{j \in J} B_j) \neq \bigwedge_{j \in J} (A \vee B_j)$.

2.5. Lemma. Let $X \subseteq \mathcal{G}$, $H \in T_h(X)$, $H \neq \{0\}$. Then there exists a convex subgroup H_1 of H with $H_1 \neq \{0\}$ such that $H_1 \in \text{Hom Sub } X$.

Proof. In view of 2.1 we have $H \in \text{ext Hom Sub } X$, hence there is an ordinal τ such that $H \in \text{Ext}_\tau \text{ Hom Sub } X$. Thus there is an ordinal $\kappa < \tau$ having the property that there exists a convex subgroup H' of H with $H' \neq \{0\}$ such that $H' \in \text{Ext}_\kappa \text{ Hom Sub } X$.

Now let χ be the first ordinal having the property that there is a convex subgroup H'' of H with $H'' \neq \{0\}$ such that $H'' \in \text{Ext}_\chi \text{ Hom Sub } X$. Assume that $\chi > 1$. Then there is $\chi' < \chi$ such that there exists a convex subgroup $H^* \neq \{0\}$ of H'' with $H^* \in \text{Ext}_{\chi'} \text{ Hom Sub } X$. Since H^* is a convex subgroup of H , we have arrived at a contradiction. Hence $\chi = 1$. Therefore there is a convex subgroup $H_1 \neq \{0\}$ of H'' such that $H_1 \in \text{Hom Sub } X$, which completes the proof.

3. ATOMS IN \mathcal{R}_h

3.1. Proposition. Let $G \in \mathcal{G}$, $G \neq \{0\}$. Assume that G is archimedean. Then $T_h(G)$ is an atom in the lattice \mathcal{R}_h .

Proof. We have $R_0 < T_h(G)$. Let $A \in \mathcal{R}_h$, $R_0 < A \leq T_h(G)$. There exists $H \in A$ with $H \neq \{0\}$. In view of 2.1 we have $T_h(G) = \text{ext Hom Sub } \{G\}$. Since G is archimedean, $\text{Hom Sub } \{G\}$ is the class of all linearly ordered groups G' such that either $G' = \{0\}$ or G' is isomorphic to G . Hence H can be constructed by the operation ext

from a system of linearly ordered groups G_i ($i \in I$) such that each G_i is isomorphic to G . Let $i \in I$ be fixed. There exists a normal convex subgroup H_i of G and a homomorphic image G'_i of H_i such that G'_i is isomorphic to G_i . Since A is hereditary, we have $H_i \in A$ and thus $G'_i \in A$. Therefore $G \in A$ and hence $A = T_h(G)$.

Because there is an infinite set of mutually nonisomorphic archimedean linearly ordered groups, 3.1 implies:

3.2. Corollary. *The class of all atoms of the lattice \mathcal{R}_h is infinite.*

3.3. Proposition. *Let $X \in \mathcal{R}_h$, $X \neq R_0$. Then there exists an archimedean linearly ordered group $H \neq \{0\}$ such that $T_h(H) \leq X$.*

Proof. There exists $G \in X$ such that $G \neq \{0\}$. Choose $g \in G$, $g > 0$ and let $\mathcal{H} = \{H_i\}_{i \in I}$ be the set of all convex subgroups of G not containing the element g . Let H_1 be the convex subgroup of G generated by g . Because the set \mathcal{H} is linearly ordered, \mathcal{H} has a unique maximal element H_2 . Then H_2 is the largest proper convex subgroup of H_1 . Hence H_2 is a normal subgroup in H_1 . Therefore $H = H_1/H_2$ is o -simple and thus it is archimedean. Clearly $H \neq \{0\}$. Now we have $T_h(H) = T_h(H_1/H_2) \leq T_h(G) \leq T_h(X)$.

From 3.1 and 3.3 we infer:

3.4. Theorem. *Let $X \in \mathcal{R}_h$. Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i) X covers R_0 in the lattice \mathcal{R}_h .
- (ii) There is an archimedean linearly ordered group $H \neq \{0\}$ such that $X = T_h(G)$.

Let A_0 be a set of non-zero archimedean linearly ordered groups such that (a) if G_1 and G_2 are distinct elements of A_0 , then G_1 is not isomorphic to G_2 , and (b) for each non-zero archimedean linearly ordered group G there is $G' \in A_0$ such that G is isomorphic to G' . Put

$$X_0 = \bigvee_{G \in A_0} T_h(G).$$

A collection X will be said to be small if there exists a set Y and a mapping of Y onto X .

3.5. Proposition. *Let $\mathcal{G}_1 = [R_0, X_0]$ (the interval taken in \mathcal{R}_h). Then*

- (i) \mathcal{G}_1 is a small collection;
- (ii) \mathcal{G}_1 is a complete atomic Boolean algebra; the collection of atoms of \mathcal{G}_1 is $\{T_h(G)\}_{G \in A_0}$.

Proof. \mathcal{G}_1 is obviously a complete lattice and in view of 2.3, \mathcal{G}_1 is distributive. From 3.4 it follows that $A'_0 = \{T_h(G)\}_{G \in A_0}$ is the collection of all atoms of \mathcal{G}_1 . Let $R_0 \neq X \in \mathcal{G}_1$ and let $X' = \{T_h(G) : G \in A_0 \cap X\}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} X &= X \wedge X_0 = X \wedge \left(\bigvee_{G \in A_0} T_h(G) \right) = \bigvee_{G \in A_0} (X \wedge T_h(G)) = \\ &= \bigvee_{G \in A_0 \cap X} (X \wedge T_h(G)) = \sup X'. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, if $X'' \subseteq A'_0$ and $\sup X'' = X$, then 2.3 implies that $X' = X''$. Hence \mathcal{G}_1 is isomorphic to the Boolean algebra of all subsets of the set A'_0 .

3.6. Lemma. *Let $X \in \mathcal{G}_1$, $X \neq R_0$. Let I be a linearly ordered set isomorphic to the set of all negative integers (with the natural linear order). Let $G = \Gamma_{i \in I} G_i$, where each G_i belongs to $A_0 \cap X$. Assume that for each $G' \in A_0 \cap X$ and each $j \in I$ there is $i \in I$ with $i < j$ such that G' is isomorphic to G_i . Then*

- (i) $T_h(G)$ covers X ,
- (ii) $T_h(G)$ does not belong to \mathcal{G}_1 ,
- (iii) $T_h(G) \wedge T_h(G') = R_0$ whenever $G' \in A_0$ and $G' \not\subseteq X$.

Proof. We apply the same notations as in the proof of 3.5. For each $G' \in A_0 \cap X$ we have $T_h(G') \leq T_h(G)$, hence $X = \bigvee_{G' \in A_0 \cap X} T_h(G') \leq T_h(G)$. In view of 2.5, $T_h(G)$ does not belong to \mathcal{G}_1 and thus $X < T_h(G)$. Let $Y \in \mathcal{R}_h$, $X < Y \leq T_h(G)$. There exists $H \in Y \setminus X$. Hence $H \in T_h(G)$. According to Thm. 2.1, H can be constructed from a subset S of the class $\text{Hom Sub } \{G\}$ by the operation ext . Because H does not belong to X , the set S must contain a linearly ordered group isomorphic to $\Gamma_{i \in I, i < j} G_i$ for some $j \in I$. Then we have $G \in Y$, whence $Y = T_h(G)$ and so (i) is valid. (iii) is a consequence of 2.1 and 2.3.

For each $X \in \mathcal{R}_h$ we denote by $a(X)$ the collection of all $Y \in \mathcal{R}_h$ such that Y covers X in the lattice \mathcal{R}_h .

From 3.6 we immediately obtain:

3.7. Corollary. *Let $X \in \mathcal{G}_1$, $X \neq R_0$. Then there exists $Y \in a(X) \cap \mathcal{R}_{hp}$ such that $Y \notin \mathcal{G}_1$.*

The proof of the following proposition will be omitted (it can be established by using similar arguments as in the proof of 3.6).

3.8. Proposition. *Let $X \in \mathcal{G}_1$, $X \neq R_0$. Let I be as in 3.6 and let $G = \Gamma_{i \in I} G_i$, where each G_i belongs to $A_0 \cap X$. Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i) $T_h(G)$ covers X ;
- (ii) for each $G' \in A_0 \cap X$ and each $j \in I$ there is $i \in I$ such that $i < j$ and G' is isomorphic to G_i .

4. PRINCIPAL ELEMENTS OF \mathcal{R}_h

4.1. Proposition. *Let $X, Y \in \mathcal{R}_h$, $X \leq Y$. Assume that Y is a principal element of \mathcal{R}_h . Then X is principal as well.*

Proof. Let $Y = T_h(G)$. In view of 2.1, $Y = \text{ext Hom Sub } \{G\}$. There exists a set $S = \{H_i\}_{i \in I}$ of linearly ordered groups such that $S \subset \text{Hom Sub } \{G\}$ and for each

$G_1 \in \text{Hom Sub } \{G\}$ there is $i \in I$ such that G_1 is isomorphic to H_i . Hence $Y = \text{ext } \{H_i\}_{i \in I}$ and $X \subseteq \text{ext } \{H_i\}_{i \in I}$. Thus there is $\emptyset \neq J \subseteq I$ such that $X = \text{ext } \{H_i\}_{i \in J}$. We can assume that J is well-ordered (by using the Axiom of Choice). Put $H = \Gamma_{i \in J} H_i$. Then $H_i \in T_h(H)$ holds for each $i \in J$, hence $X = \text{ext } \{H_i\}_{i \in J} = \bigvee_{i \in J} T_h(H_i) \leq T_h(H)$. On the other hand, $H \in \text{Ext } \{H_i\}_{i \in J}$ and so $T_h(H) \leq T_h(\{H_i\}_{i \in J}) = X$. Thus $X = T_h(H) \in \mathcal{R}_{hp}$.

4.2. Proposition. *Let I be a nonempty set and for each $i \in I$ let X_i be a principal element of \mathcal{R}_h . Then $X = \bigvee_{i \in I} X_i$ is a principal element of \mathcal{R}_h as well.*

Proof. There are $G_i \in \mathcal{G}$ such that $X_i = T_h(G_i)$. We clearly have $X = T_h(\{G_i\}_{i \in I}) = \text{ext Hom Sub } \{G_i\}_{i \in I}$. There is a set $S = \{H_j\}_{j \in J} \subset \mathcal{G}$ such that (i) $S \subset \text{Hom Sub } \{G_i\}_{i \in I}$, and (ii) for each $G_1 \in \text{Hom Sub } \{G_i\}_{i \in I}$ there is $j \in J$ having the property that G_1 is isomorphic to H_j . Again, we can assume that J is well-ordered. Put $H = \Gamma_{j \in J} H_j$. It is easy to verify that $X = T_h(H)$, hence X is principal.

Let α be a cardinal. We denote by $I(\alpha)$ the first ordinal having the property that the set of all ordinals less than $I(\alpha)$ has the cardinality α . Let $J(\alpha)$ be the linearly ordered set dual to $I(\alpha)$.

Let $G \in \mathcal{G}$, $G \neq \{0\}$. We put

$$G_{(\alpha)} = \Gamma_{j \in J(\alpha)} G_j,$$

where each G_j is isomorphic to G .

4.3. Lemma. *Let $G \in \mathcal{G}$, $G \neq \{0\}$, $\alpha > \text{card } G$. Then $T_h(G) < T_h(G_{(\alpha)})$.*

Proof. We have $G \in \text{Hom } \{G_{(\alpha)}\}$, hence $T_h(G) \leq T_h(G_{(\alpha)})$. In view of 2.5, $G_{(\alpha)} \notin T_h(G)$. Hence $T_h(G) < T_h(G_{(\alpha)})$.

4.4. Corollary. *The class \mathcal{R}_{hp} has no maximal element. In particular, \mathcal{G} does not belong to \mathcal{R}_{hp} .*

Let $G \in \mathcal{G}$, $G \neq \{0\}$. In view of 4.3 there is a least cardinal $\beta = \beta(G)$ such that $T_h(G) < T_h(G_{(\beta(G))})$.

The following proposition shows that there are many prime intervals in the lattice \mathcal{R}_h .

4.5. Proposition. *Let $G \in \mathcal{G}$, $G \neq \{0\}$. Then $T_h(G)$ is covered by $T_h(G_{(\beta(G))})$ in the lattice \mathcal{R}_h .*

Proof. We have $T_h(G) < T_h(G_{(\beta(G))})$. Let $X \in \mathcal{R}_h$, $T_h(G) < X \leq T_h(G_{(\beta(G))})$. There exists $G_1 \in X \setminus T_h(G)$. Then $G_1 \in \text{ext Hom Sub } \{G_{(\beta(G))}\}$. Hence there exists a set $S \subset \text{Hom Sub } \{G_{(\beta(G))}\}$ such that G_1 can be constructed by means of ext from the set S . In view of $G_1 \notin T_h(G)$ there is $H \in S$ such that H does not belong to $\text{Hom Sub } \{G\}$. Therefore, from the construction of $G_{(\beta(G))}$ it follows that there is a convex

subgroup H_1 of H such that H_1 is isomorphic to $G_{(\beta(G))}$. Since $H_1 \in X$ we obtain $G_{(\beta(G))} \in X$, implying $X = T_h(G_{(\beta(G))})$.

From 4.5 and 3.1 we infer:

4.6. Corollary. *Let $G \in \mathcal{R}_{hp}$. Then $a(T_h(G)) \cap \mathcal{R}_{hp} \neq \emptyset$.*

Let \mathcal{P} be the class of all prime intervals of the lattice R_h . From 4,5 and 4.2 we obtain:

4.7. Proposition. *\mathcal{P} is a proper collection.*

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