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This note has been inspired by Jorge Martinez's paper [4] entitled 'Is the lattice of torsion classes algebraic?'. By using some results of the author's paper [2] it will be shown here that the answer is 'No'.

The standard denotations for lattice ordered groups will be used (cf. Conrad [1]). Let us recall some basic definitions concerning torsion classes.

For a lattice ordered group G we denote by $c(G)$ the system of all convex l-subgroups of G . The system $c(G)$ partially ordered by inclusion is a complete distributive lattice; the lattice operations in $c(G)$ will be denoted by \wedge, \vee . Let \mathcal{G} be the class of all lattice ordered groups. The class containing the zero group $\{0\}$ only will be denoted by $\bar{0}$. Let Ord be the class of all ordinals.

A nonempty class C of lattice ordered groups is called a *torsion class* [3] if it has the following properties:

- (a) Whenever $G \in C$ and $G_1 \in c(G)$, then $G_1 \in C$.
- (b) If $G \in \mathcal{G}$ and $\{G_i\}_{i \in I} \subseteq C \cap c(G)$, then $\bigvee_{i \in I} G_i \in C$.
- (c) The class C is closed with respect to homomorphisms.

Let Rad be the class of all torsion classes. The class Rad is partially ordered by inclusion. Then Rad is a complete lattice (cf. [3]); in fact, Rad is a proper class. If A is a subclass of Rad , then the symbols $\inf A$ and $\sup A$ are taken with respect to the complete lattice Rad .

Let C be a torsion class. C will be said to be α -compact, if, whenever $A \subseteq \text{Rad}$ and $C \leq \sup A$, then there is $A_1 \subseteq A$ such that A_1 is finite and $C \leq \sup A_1$. The torsion class C is called β -compact, if, whenever $A \subseteq \text{Rad}$, $C \leq \sup A$ and A is a set, then there is $A_1 \subseteq A$ such that A_1 is finite and $C \leq \sup A_1$.

Let A be a nonempty subclass of Rad such that, whenever $\emptyset \neq A_1 \subseteq A$, then $\sup A_1 \in A$ and $\inf A_1 \in A$ (in other words, A is a closed sublattice of Rad). Consider the following conditions for A :

- (α_1) For each $C \in A$ there exists $A_1 \subseteq A$ such that each element of A_1 is α -compact and $\sup A_1 = C$.

(β_1) For each $C \in A$ there exists a set $A_1 \subseteq A$ such that each element of A_1 is β -compact and $\sup A_1 = C$.

(γ_1) For each $C \in A$ there exists a set $A_1 \subseteq A$ such that each element of A_1 is α -compact and $\sup A_1 = C$.

A closed sublattice A of Rad is called α -algebraic (β -algebraic or γ -algebraic) if it fulfils the condition (α_1) (the condition (β_1) or (γ_1), respectively).

Let $G \in \mathcal{G}$. The intersection of all torsion classes containing G is a torsion class; it is said to be the *principal torsion class generated by G* . More generally, let $A_1 \subseteq \mathcal{G}$. The intersection A of all torsion classes B with $A_1 \subseteq B$ is a torsion class; it is called the *torsion class generated by A_1* and we express this situation by writing $A = [A_1]$.

Let $C_1, C_2 \in \text{Rad}$, $C_1 < C_2$. If the interval $[C_1, C_2]$ of the lattice Rad contains only the elements C_1 and C_2 , then C_2 is said to be an *atom over C_1* . The class of all atoms over C_1 is denoted by $a(C_1)$.

Proposition 1. (Cf. [4], Proposition 2.4.) *The α -compact elements of Rad are those torsion classes which can be generated by one lattice ordered group with a strong order unit.*

Proposition 2. (Cf. [4], Proposition 2.2 (b).) *The lattice Rad is α -algebraic.*

By using the above terminology the question proposed by J. Martinez in [4] can be expressed by asking whether the lattice Rad is β -algebraic.

Let us investigate the condition (γ) first.

Proposition 3. (Cf. [2], Lemma 3.4 and Proposition 4.4.) *Let $A_1 \neq \emptyset$ be a set of principal torsion classes, $C = \sup A_1$. Then $a(C) \neq \emptyset$.*

Proposition 4. (Cf. [2], Theorem 5.6.) *There exists $C \in \text{Rad}$ with $C \neq \mathcal{G}$ such that $a(C) = \emptyset$.*

Proposition 5. *There is $C \in \text{Rad}$ with $C \neq \mathcal{G}$ such that the lattice $[\bar{0}, C]$ is not γ -algebraic.*

Proof. This follows from Propositions 1, 3 and 4.

Corollary 1. *The lattice Rad is not γ -algebraic.*

Let $\emptyset \neq P \subseteq \mathcal{G}$. Let us denote by

$S_c(P)$ – the class of all lattice ordered groups H' such that H' is a convex l-subgroup of some lattice ordered group $H \in P$;

$h(P)$ – the class of all homomorphic images of lattice ordered groups belonging to P ;

$d(P)$ – the class of all lattice ordered groups that can be expressed as direct sums (= discrete direct products) of lattice ordered groups belonging to P ;

$l(P)$ – the class of all lattice ordered groups H' that can be expressed as $H' = \bigcup_{i \in I} H_i$, where H_i are convex l-subgroups of H' , $H_i \in P$ for each $i \in I$, and the system $\{H_i\}_{i \in I}$ (partially ordered by inclusion) is a chain.

Proposition 6. (Cf. [2], Thm. 2.9.) *Let $P \neq \emptyset$ be a class of linearly ordered groups. Then $[P] = d(l(h(S_c(P))))$.*

For any pair of ordinals δ_0, δ we denote by $s(\delta_0, \delta)$ the class of all ordinals τ such that $\tau = \delta_0 + \iota\delta$ for some $\iota(\tau) \in \text{Ord}$.

Let R_0 and R_1 be the additive group of all integers or all reals, respectively, with the natural linear order. For the notion of the lexicographic product of linearly ordered groups cf. Conrad [1]. If I is a linearly ordered set and G_i is a linearly ordered group for each $i \in I$, then $\Gamma_{i \in I} G_i$ denotes the corresponding lexicographic product.

Let δ_0, δ and \varkappa be ordinals, $\delta > 0$. Put

$$G(\delta_0, \delta, \varkappa) = \Gamma_{\tau < \varkappa} G_\tau,$$

where $G_\tau = R_0$ if $\tau \in s(\delta_0, \delta)$, and $G_\tau = R_1$ otherwise. Further, let P_δ be the class of all lattice ordered groups $G(\delta_0, \delta, \varkappa)$ (where δ_0 and \varkappa run over the class Ord).

If H is a convex l-subgroup of $G(\delta_0, \delta, \varkappa)$, then there is an ordinal $\varkappa_1 \leq \varkappa$ such that $H = \Gamma_{\tau < \varkappa_1} G_\tau$. If H_1 is a homomorphic image of $G(\delta_0, \delta, \varkappa)$, then there is $\varkappa_1 \leq \varkappa$ such that H_1 is isomorphic with $\Gamma_{\varkappa_1 \leq \tau < \varkappa} G_\tau$. Hence we have:

Lemma 1. *For each $0 < \delta \in \text{Ord}$, $S_c(P_\delta) = h(P_\delta) = P_\delta$.*

Lemma 2. *For each $0 < \delta \in \text{Ord}$, $l(P_\delta) = P_\delta$.*

The proof is simple.

If $\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta'_0, \delta'_2 \in \text{Ord}$, $0 < \delta_1 < \delta_2$, then $s(\delta_0, \delta_1) \neq s(\delta'_0, \delta_2)$. In fact, if $\tau \in s(\delta_0, \delta_1) \cap s(\delta'_0, \delta_2)$, then $\tau + \delta_1 \in s(\delta_0, \delta_1)$, but $\tau + \delta_1 \notin s(\delta'_0, \delta_2)$. Hence it follows that $P_\delta \cap P_\varepsilon = \emptyset$ whenever δ, ε are distinct ordinals. Therefore according to Proposition 6, Lemma 1 and Lemma 2 we obtain:

Lemma 3. *If δ and ε are distinct ordinals, $\delta > 0, \varepsilon > 0$, then $[P_\delta] \cap [P_\varepsilon] = \bar{0}$.*

Put $P = \bigcup_{0 < \delta \in \text{Ord}} P_\delta$, $C = [P]$.

Lemma 4. $C = d(P)$.

Proof. Lemmas 1–3 imply $S_c(P) = h(P) = l(P) = P$, hence according to Proposition 6 we have $C = d(P)$.

Corollary 2. $C = \bigvee_{0 < \delta \in \text{Ord}} [P_\delta]$.

For each torsion class K with $0 \neq K \leq C$ let Ord_K be the class of all ordinals

$\delta > 0$ with $K \cap [P_\delta] \neq \bar{0}$. Corollary 2 implies (cf. also [3])

$$(1) \quad K = K \wedge C = K \wedge (\bigvee_{0 < \delta \in \text{Ord}} [P_\delta]) = \bigvee_{0 < \delta \in \text{Ord}} (K \wedge [P_\delta]) = \\ = \bigvee_{\delta \in \text{Ord}_K} (K \wedge [P_\delta]).$$

Moreover, from Lemma 3 we get

$$(2) \quad (K \wedge [P_\delta]) \wedge (K \wedge [P_\varepsilon]) = \bar{0}$$

for each pair of distinct ordinals δ, ε .

Lemma 5. *Let K be a torsion class, $K \leq C$. Suppose that K is β -compact. Then the class Ord_K is finite.*

Proof. Assume that the class Ord_K is infinite. Then there are elements $\delta(n) \in \text{Ord}_K$, $\delta(n) < \delta(n+1)$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots$). Put $K_i = [P_{\delta(i)}]$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots$), $K_0 = \bigvee [P_\delta]$ ($\delta \in \text{Ord}_K \setminus \{\delta(1), \delta(2), \delta(3), \dots\}$). In view of (1) we have $K = \bigvee K_i$ ($i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$). Let n be a positive integer. Then $\bar{0} < K_{n+1} \leq K$ and according to (2),

$$K_{n+1} \wedge (\bigvee_{i=0,1,2,\dots,n} K_i) = \bigvee_{i=0,1,2,\dots,n} (K_{n+1} \wedge K_i) = \bar{0},$$

whence $K \neq \bigvee_{i=0,1,2,\dots,n} K_i$. Thus K fails to be β -compact, which is a contradiction.

Lemma 6. *Let $I \neq \emptyset$ be a set. For each $i \in I$ let K_i be a β -compact torsion class with $K_i \leq C$. Put $C_1 = \bigvee_{i \in I} K_i$. Then $C_1 < C$.*

Proof. Let us apply analogous denotations as above. Clearly $C_1 \leq C$. Put $\text{Ord}_1 = \bigcup_{i \in I} \text{Ord}_{K_i}$. From Lemma 5 it follows that Ord_1 is a set. Hence there is $\delta \in \text{Ord}$ with $\delta \notin \text{Ord}_1$. Then $C_1 \wedge [P_\delta] = \bar{0}$, whence $C_1 \neq C$.

Proposition 7. *The lattice Rad fails to be β -algebraic.*

This is a consequence of Lemma 6. Let us remark that Corollary 1 can be obtained also from Proposition 7.

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