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## CONCRETE REPRESENTATION OF SOME EQUIVALENCE LATTICES

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### 1. Notation and introduction

The present paper generalizes some results of [5] and [4] which are given below in a slightly modified form (see 1.5—1.8). Two representation theorems are given for some distributive equivalence lattices with permutable elements.

The cardinality of a set  $X$  is denoted by  $\text{card}(X)$ . Every ordinal number  $\alpha$  is considered as the set of all ordinal numbers less than  $\alpha$ , hence we can speak about  $\text{card}(\alpha)$ . The signs  $\cap, \cup, \bigcap, \bigcup$  are used for set-theoretical operations, and the signs  $\wedge, \vee, \bigwedge, \bigvee$  for lattice (or complete lattice) operations;  $\wedge, \vee$  are also used as logical connectives. Throughout the whole paper  $A$  is a nonempty set. The ordered  $n$ -tuple  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in A^n$  is denoted by  $\bar{a}_n$ , and analogously for  $\bar{x}_n, \bar{y}_n, \dots$ . An  $n$ -ary (partial) function on the set  $A$  is a mapping of (a subset of) the set  $A^n$  into  $A$ ; we always consider only the partial functions of finite arity.  $\text{Dom}(g)$  and  $\text{Rng}(g)$  denote the domain and the range of the partial function  $g$ , respectively. If  $f, g$  are partial functions on  $A$  and  $f \subseteq g$ ,  $g$  is said to be an extension of  $f$  (and  $f$  a restriction of  $g$ ). If, moreover,  $g$  is a function,  $g$  is called a completion of  $f$ .

The set of all equivalence relations on  $A$  is denoted by  $\text{Eq}(A)$ ; it is considered as a complete lattice with respect to  $\subseteq$ . Elements of  $\text{Eq}(A)$  are denoted by the Greek letters  $\vartheta, \eta, \xi, \dots$ , and we write  $a\xi b$  instead of  $(a, b) \in \xi$ . Further we denote  $\xi(x) = \{y \in A; y\xi x\}$  for all  $\xi \in \text{Eq}(A)$ ,  $x \in A$ . For  $\bar{x}_n, \bar{y}_n \in A^n$  and  $\xi \in \text{Eq}(A)$  we write  $\bar{x}_n \xi \bar{y}_n$  instead of  $x_1 \xi y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_n \xi y_n$ .

Let  $m \geq \aleph_0$ . An  $m$ -complete sublattice of  $\text{Eq}(A)$  is a (nonempty) subset  $L$  of  $\text{Eq}(A)$  such that  $\bigwedge X \in L, \bigvee X \in L$  for all  $X \subseteq L$ ,  $\text{card}(X) < m$ . Since  $\emptyset \subseteq L$ , we have  $\text{id}_A = \{(x, x); x \in A\} \in L$  and  $A \times A \in L$  for every  $m$ -complete sublattice of  $\text{Eq}(A)$ .

**1.1. Definition.** Let  $f$  be an  $n$ -ary partial function on  $A$ ,  $L \subseteq \text{Eq}(A)$  and  $\vartheta \in \text{Eq}(A)$ .

1. We shall say that  $f$  is compatible with the equivalence  $\vartheta$  (or briefly:  $\vartheta$ -compatible) if for all  $\bar{x}_n, \bar{y}_n \in \text{Dom}(f)$  such that  $\bar{x}_n \vartheta \bar{y}_n$  there holds  $f(\bar{x}_n) \vartheta f(\bar{y}_n)$ .

2. We shall say that  $f$  is compatible with the set  $L$  (or briefly:  $L$ -compatible) if  $f$  is  $\vartheta$ -compatible for all  $\vartheta \in L$ .

The congruence lattice  $\text{Con}(\mathcal{A})$  of an algebra  $\mathcal{A} = (A; (f_i; i \in I))$  can be described as the greatest set  $L \subseteq \text{Eq}(A)$  such that all  $f_i, i \in I$  are  $L$  compatible. In what follows we study mainly the case when  $L \subseteq \text{Eq}(A)$  is an  $m$ -arithmetical sublattice of  $\text{Eq}(A)$  (see 1.3) or an equivalence lattice of type 0 (see 1.4).

**1.2. Definition.** 1. For every  $\vartheta \in \text{Eq}(A)$  we denote by  $\text{Part}(\vartheta)$  the partition belonging to  $\vartheta$ , i.e.  $\text{Part}(\vartheta) = \{\vartheta(x); x \in A\}$ , where  $\vartheta(x) = \{y \in A; y\vartheta x\}$ .

2. For every  $L \subseteq \text{Eq}(A)$  we denote  $\text{Part}(L) = \bigcup\{\text{Part}(\vartheta); \vartheta \in L\}$ .

**1.3. Definition.** Let  $m$  be an infinite cardinal. A sublattice  $L$  of  $\text{Eq}(A)$  will be called  $m$ -arithmetical if

1.  $L$  is distributive and all its elements are pairwise permutable;
2. every chain  $B \subseteq \text{Part}(L)$ ,  $\text{card}(B) < m$ , has a nonempty intersection.

For  $m = \aleph_0$  the second condition is trivial, because the chains considered in it are finite, hence they have the least element. The same holds if  $\text{Part}(L)$  fulfils the descending chain condition, e.g. when  $L$  is finite.

**1.4. Definition.** A sublattice  $L$  of  $\text{Eq}(A)$  is said to be of type 0 if  $\xi \vee \eta = \xi \cup \eta$  for all  $\xi, \eta \in L$ .

This definition is to a certain extent analogous to the definition of a representation by equivalence relations of type  $n$  in [1]. (The exact analogy would be  $\xi \vee \eta = \xi$  instead of  $\xi \vee \eta = \xi \cup \eta$ ; it is useless, because it implies  $\text{card}(L) = 1$ .) The lattices  $L \subseteq \text{Eq}(A)$  of type 0 will be considered in the fourth section of the present paper.

Using Definition 1.3 we can formulate Lemma 3.1 and Theorem 3.2 of [5] as follows.

**1.5. Lemma.** Let  $L$  be a finite  $\aleph_0$ -arithmetical sublattice of  $\text{Eq}(A)$ . Then there is a ternary  $L$ -compatible function  $f$  satisfying

$$(1.5.1) \quad f(x, x, z) = f(z, x, x) = f(z, x, z) = z$$

for all  $x, z \in A$ .

**1.6. Theorem.** Let  $L$  be a finite complete sublattice of  $\text{Eq}(A)$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i)  $L$  is  $\aleph_0$ -arithmetical;
- (ii) there is a ternary  $L$ -compatible function  $f$  satisfying (1.5.1) for all  $x, z \in A$ .

In the proof of (ii)  $\rightarrow$  (i) the finiteness of  $L$  was not used; it was used only in the proof of (i)  $\rightarrow$  (ii), i.e. essentially in the proof of Lemma 1.5. A. F. Pixley stated the problem whether the finiteness of  $L$  in Lemma 1.5 can be omitted. We shall not omit this condition, but we shall replace it by a weaker one, namely the  $\text{card}(A)$ -arithmeticity. In [4] this condition was replaced as follows.

**1.7. Theorem.** Let  $A$  be a countable set and  $L$  be an  $\aleph_0$ -arithmetical sublattice of  $\text{Eq}(A)$ . Then there is a ternary  $L$ -compatible function  $f$  which satisfies (1.5.1) for all  $x, z \in A$ .

**1.8. Theorem.** Let  $A$  be a countable set and let  $L$  be a complete sublattice of  $\text{Eq}(A)$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i)  $L$  is  $\aleph_0$ -arithmetical;
- (ii) there is a ternary  $L$ -compatible function  $f$  which satisfies (1.5.1) for all  $x, z \in A$ ;
- (iii)  $L$  is the congruence lattice of an algebra, among the fundamental operations of which there is a ternary function  $f$  satisfying (1.5.1) for all  $x, z \in A$ .

We shall not repeat the proof of the above theorems. They will follow from the results below.

## 2. Infinite Chinese remainder theorem

In this section we shall generalize the following Chinese remainder theorem [5, Lemma 2.1; 2, Exercise 68, page 211].

**2.1. Theorem** For every sublattice  $L$  of  $\text{Eq}(A)$  such that  $\text{id}_A, A \times A \in L$  the following conditions are equivalent:

- 1.  $L$  is  $\aleph_0$ -arithmetical;
- 2. for every finite sequence  $\vartheta_1, \dots, \vartheta_n$  of elements of  $L$  and every finite sequence  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  of elements of  $A$  satisfying

$$(2.1.1) \quad x_i(\vartheta_i \vee \vartheta_j)x_j \quad \text{for all } i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$$

there is an  $x \in A$  which satisfies

$$(2.1.2) \quad x\vartheta x_i \quad \text{for all } i = 1, \dots, n.$$

To generalize Theorem 2.1 we shall need the following lemma.

**2.2. Lemma.** Let  $L$  be an  $m$ -arithmetical sublattice of  $\text{Eq}(A)$  and let  $\tau$  be an ordinal number,  $\text{card } \tau < m$ , Let  $(\vartheta_\alpha; 0 \leq \alpha < \tau)$  be such a transfinite sequence of elements of  $L$ , that

$$(2.2.1) \quad \bigcap \{\vartheta_\beta; \beta < \gamma\} \in L \quad \text{for all } \gamma \leq \tau$$

and let  $(a_\alpha; 0 \leq \alpha < \tau)$  be a transfinite sequence of elements of  $A$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:

$$(2.2.2) \quad a_\alpha \vartheta_\alpha \vartheta_\beta a_\beta \quad \text{for all } \alpha, \beta, 0 \leq \alpha, \beta < \tau$$

$$(2.2.3) \quad \text{there is an } x \in A \text{ such that } x\vartheta_\alpha a_\alpha \text{ for all } \alpha, 0 \leq \alpha < \tau.$$

**Proof.** Since (2.2.3)  $\rightarrow$  (2.2.2) is obvious, we shall prove only the direct implication; let (2.2.2) hold. For every  $\beta < \tau$  denote  $B_\beta = \vartheta_\beta(a_\beta)$ .

Then (2.2.2), (2.2.3) can be formulated as

$$(2.2.4) \quad B_\alpha \cap B_\beta \neq \emptyset \quad \text{for all } \alpha, \beta, 0 \leq \alpha, \beta < \tau$$

$$(2.2.5) \quad \bigcap \{B_\beta; \beta < \tau\} \neq \emptyset,$$

respectively; in (2.2.3)  $x$  can be an arbitrary element of the left-hand side of (2.2.5). Assume now that (2.2.5) does not hold. Consider the set  $Y$  of all ordinal numbers  $\alpha \leq \tau$  with the following property:

there is a finite set  $M = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  of ordinal numbers less than  $\tau$  such that

$$(2.2.6) \quad \bigcap \{B_\beta; \beta < \alpha \vee \beta \in M\} = \emptyset.$$

The set  $Y$  is nonempty because it contains the ordinal  $\tau$ . Let  $\alpha$  be the least element of the set  $Y$ . The ordinal number  $\alpha$  must be zero or a limit ordinal. For  $\alpha = 0$  we have  $\bigcap \{B_\beta; \beta \in M\} = \emptyset$ , which contradicts Theorem 2.1 (used for  $n = \text{card}(M)$ ,  $x_i = a_{\alpha_i}$ ,  $\vartheta_i = \vartheta_{\alpha_i}$ ). Now let  $\alpha$  be a limit number. For every  $\gamma \leq \alpha$  denote

$$A_\gamma = \bigcap \{B_\beta; \beta < \gamma \vee \beta \in M\}.$$

Then (2.2.6) obviously implies  $\bigcap \{A_\gamma; \gamma < \alpha\} = \emptyset$ . However, every set  $A_\gamma$ ,  $\gamma < \alpha$  is nonempty, hence it is a class of the equivalence relation

$$\bigcap \{\vartheta_\beta; \beta < \gamma \vee \beta \in M\} = \bigcap \{\vartheta_\beta; \beta < \gamma\} \cap \bigcap \{\vartheta_\beta; \beta \in M\},$$

which belongs to  $L$  by the assumption of Lemma 2.2. The set  $\{A_\gamma; \gamma < \alpha\} \subseteq \text{Part}(L)$  is obviously a chain of cardinality less than  $m$ , hence  $\bigcap \{A_\gamma; \gamma < \alpha\} \neq \emptyset$ , which is a contradiction.

**2.3. Theorem.** (Infinite Chinese remainder theorem.) *For every  $m$ -complete sublattice  $L$  of  $\text{Eq}(A)$  the following conditions are equivalent:*

1)  $L$  is  $m$ -arithmetical;

2) for every set  $I$ ,  $\text{card}(I) < m$  and every two systems  $(x_i; i \in I)$ ,  $(\vartheta_i; i \in I)$  of elements of  $A$ , resp.  $L$ , satisfying

$$(2.3.1) \quad x_i(\vartheta_j \vee \vartheta_i)x_k \quad \text{for all } i, j \in I$$

there is an  $x \in A$  such that

$$(2.3.2) \quad x\vartheta_i x_i \quad \text{for all } i \in I.$$

**Proof.** The implication 1)  $\rightarrow$  2) follows from Lemma 2.2. Let now 2) hold; then Theorem 2.1 implies that  $L$  is  $\aleph_0$ -arithmetical. It remains to show that every chain  $B \subseteq \text{Part}(L)$ ,  $\text{card}(B) < m$  has a nonempty intersection. Let  $B = \{\vartheta_i(x_i); i \in I\}$  for some  $I$ ,  $\text{card}(I) = \text{card}(B) < m$ . The systems  $(x_i; i \in I)$ ,  $(\vartheta_i; i \in I)$  fulfil the

condition (2.3.1) and hence also (2.3.2). The element  $x$  from (2.3.2) belongs to  $\bigcap B$ , hence  $\bigcap B \neq \emptyset$ , q. e. d.

### 3. Representation of $m$ -arithmetical lattices

In this section we shall generalize Theorems 1.7 and 1.8 in such a way that the cardinal  $\aleph_0$  will be replaced by an infinite cardinal  $m$ .

**3.1. Definition.** 1) For every subset  $L$  of  $\text{Eq}(A)$  and arbitrary  $B, C \subseteq A^n$  we denote

$$L(B, C) = \{\vartheta \in L; (\exists \bar{x}_n \in B)(\exists \bar{y}_n \in C)(\bar{x}_n \vartheta \bar{y}_n)\}.$$

2) We shall write  $L(x_n, C)$  instead of  $L(\{\bar{x}_n\}, C)$  and  $L(B, \bar{y}_n)$  instead of  $L(B, \{\bar{y}_n\})$ .

**3.2. Definition.** 1) Let  $m$  be a cardinal and  $L \subseteq \text{Eq}(A)$ . A set  $B \subseteq A^n$  is said to be  $(m, L)$ -determining if for every  $\bar{x}_n \in A^n$  there is a set  $C \subseteq B$ ,  $\text{card}(C) < m$  such that  $L(\bar{x}_n, B) = L(\bar{x}_n, C)$ .

2) Instead of “ $(\aleph_0, L)$ -determining” we shall write simply  $L$ -determining.

If  $B \subseteq A^n$  is  $L$ -determining, it is obviously  $(m, L)$ -determining for every infinite cardinal  $m$ . The set  $B^* = \{\vartheta(\bar{x}_n); \vartheta \in L(\bar{x}_n, B)\} \subseteq \text{Part}(L)$  determines in some sense (not necessarily uniquely) the  $n$ -tuple  $\bar{x}_n$ . If  $B$  is  $L$ -determining, then there is a finite subset  $C \subseteq B$  such that the set  $C^* = \{\vartheta(\bar{x}_n); \vartheta \in L(\bar{x}_n, C)\}$  is equal to  $B^*$ , hence it determines the  $n$ -tuple  $\bar{x}_n$  “as well as” the set  $B^*$  does. There are similar reasons for the term “ $(m, L)$ -determining set”.

**3.3. Lemma.** Let  $L \subseteq \text{Eq}(A)$  and  $m$  be an infinite cardinal. Then

1) every set  $B \subseteq A^n$ ,  $\text{card}(B) < m$  is  $(m, L)$ -determining;

2) if  $B_1, B_2 \subseteq A^n$  are  $(m, L)$ -determining, then the set  $B_1 \cup B_2$  is also  $(m, L)$ -determining.

The proof is obvious; notice that the second statement can be generalized to the union of systems of cardinality less than  $m$ .

**3.4. Lemma.** Let  $L \subseteq \text{Eq}(A)$  and  $n, k$  be natural numbers. Then the set

$$A_{n,k} = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in A^n; \text{card}(\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}) < k\}$$

is an  $L$ -determining subset of  $A^n$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\bar{x}_n \in A^n$ . The set  $B = A_{n,k} \cap \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}^n$  is finite. We shall show that  $L(x_n, A_{n,k}) = L(\bar{x}_n, B)$ ; it suffices to show  $\subseteq$ . Let  $\bar{z}_n \in A_{n,k}$ ,  $\vartheta \in L$  and  $\bar{x}_n \vartheta \bar{z}_n$ . For every  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  let  $r(i)$  be the least integer satisfying  $z_{r(i)} = z_i$ . For all  $i = 1, \dots, n$  we have  $x_{r(i)} \vartheta z_{r(i)} = z_i \vartheta x_i$ , hence  $(x_{r(1)}, \dots, x_{r(n)}) \vartheta \bar{x}_n$ . Further,  $\text{card}(\{r(1), \dots, r(n)\}) < k$  and thus  $(x_{r(1)}, \dots, x_{r(n)}) \in B$ . Therefore  $\vartheta \in L(\bar{x}_n, B)$ , q. e. d.

In fact we have proved that the set  $A_{n,k}$  is  $(n+1, L)$ -determining; Lemma 3.4 also holds for  $k > n$  (then  $A_{n,k} = A^n$ ) and  $k = 1$  (then  $A_{n,k} = \emptyset$ ).

**3.5. Extension lemma.** *Let  $L$  be an  $m$ -arithmetical complete sublattice of  $\text{Eq}(A)$ ,  $g$  be an  $n$ -ary  $L$ -compatible partial function and  $\text{Dom}(g)$  be an  $(m, L)$ -determining set. Then to every  $\bar{x}_n \in A^n$  there is such a  $y \in A$  that the partial function  $g \cup \{(\bar{x}_n, y)\}$  is  $L$ -compatible.*

**Proof.** If  $\bar{x} \in \text{Dom}(g)$ , it suffices to take  $y = g(\bar{x}_n)$ , assume  $\bar{x}_n \notin \text{Dom}(g)$ . Let  $B = \{t_i; i \in I\} \subseteq \text{Dom}(g)$ ,  $\text{card}(I) < m$  and  $L(\text{Dom}(g), \bar{x}_n) = L(B, \bar{x}_n)$ . For every  $t_i \in B$  denote by  $\vartheta_i$  the least element of  $L$  satisfying  $t_i \vartheta \bar{x}_n$ . Then we have  $t_i \vartheta_i \vartheta_j$  for all  $i, j \in I$  and since  $g$  is  $L$ -compatible we also have  $g(t_i) \vartheta_i g(t_j)$  for all  $i, j \in I$ . Hence by the Infinite Chinese remainder theorem 2.3 there is a  $y \in A$  such that  $y \vartheta_i g(t_i)$  for all  $i \in I$ . We shall prove that  $g \cup \{(\bar{x}_n, y)\}$  is  $L$ -compatible. It suffices to show  $g(\bar{z}_n) \vartheta$  for all  $\vartheta \in L$ ,  $\bar{z}_n \in \text{Dom}(g)$ ,  $\bar{z}_n \vartheta \bar{x}_n$ . If  $\bar{z}_n \vartheta \bar{x}_n$ , then  $\vartheta \in L(\text{Dom}(g), \bar{x}_n) = L(B, \bar{x}_n)$ . Therefore there is an  $i \in I$  such that  $t_i \vartheta \bar{x}_n$ ; then  $\vartheta_i \leq \vartheta$ . By the choice of  $y$  we have  $y \vartheta_i g(t_i)$  and hence  $y \vartheta g(t_i)$ . On the other hand  $\bar{z}_n \vartheta \bar{x}_n \vartheta t_i$ , hence  $g(\bar{z}_n) \vartheta g(t_i)$ . Together we have  $g(\bar{z}_n) \vartheta y$ , q. e. d.

**3.6. Completion theorem.** *Let  $\text{card}(A) \leq m$ , let  $L$  be an  $m$ -arithmetical complete sublattice of  $\text{Eq}(A)$ , let  $g$  be an  $n$ -ary  $L$ -compatible partial function and let its domain  $\text{Dom}(g)$  be an  $(m, L)$ -determining set. Then there is an  $n$ -ary  $L$ -compatible function  $f$  which is a completion of  $g$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\tau$  be the least ordinal of the cardinality  $m$  and let  $A^n - \text{Dom}(g) = \{t_\alpha; \alpha < \tau\}$ . By the transfinite induction we shall construct an ascending chain  $\{g_\alpha; \alpha \leq \tau\}$  of  $L$ -compatible extensions of  $g$  such that  $\text{Dom}(g_\alpha) = \text{Dom}(g) \cup \{t_\alpha; \beta < \alpha\}$  for all  $\alpha$ ; then it is sufficient to take  $f = g_\tau$ .

- 1) For  $\alpha = 0$  we define  $g_0 = g$ .
- 2) If  $\alpha$  is a limit ordinal (especially, if  $\alpha = \tau$ ), let  $g_\alpha = \bigcup \{g_\beta; \beta < \alpha\}$ .
- 3) Let an  $L$ -compatible extension  $g_\alpha$  of  $g$  be constructed, and we have to construct

$$g_{\alpha+1}, \text{Dom}(g_{\alpha+1}) = \text{Dom}(g_\alpha) \cup \{t_\alpha\}.$$

Since  $\text{card}(\text{Dom}(g_\alpha) - \text{Dom}(g)) < m$ , the set  $\text{Dom}(g_\alpha)$  is  $(m, L)$ -determining; the other assumptions of Lemma 3.5 are also fulfilled. Hence there is an  $a_\alpha \in A$  such that  $g_{\alpha+1} = g_\alpha \cup \{(t_\alpha, a_\alpha)\}$  is  $L$ -compatible, q. e. d.

**3.7. Lemma.** *The ternary partial function  $g$  with the domain  $\text{Dom}(g) = A_{3,3} = \{(x, y, z) \in A^3; \text{card}(\{x, y, z\}) < 3\}$  such that*

$$(3.7.1) \quad g(x, x, z) = g(z, x, x) = g(z, x, z) = z$$

for all  $x, z \in A$ , is  $\text{Eq}(A)$ -compatible.

The proof of Lemma 3.7 is obvious. Now we can prove the following generalization of Theorem 1.7.

**3.8. Theorem.** *Let  $\text{card}(A) \leq m$  and let  $L$  be an  $m$ -arithmetical complete sublattice of  $\text{Eq}(A)$ . Then there is a ternary  $L$ -compatible function  $f$  which satisfies (1.5.1) for all  $x, z \in A$ .*

**Proof.** Every completion  $f$  of the partial function  $g$  of Lemma 3.7 fulfils (1.5.1). Hence it suffices to show that  $g$  has an  $L$ -compatible completion. Since  $g$  is  $\text{Eq}(A)$ -compatible, it is  $L$ -compatible. The set  $\text{Dom}(g) = A_{3,3}$  is  $L$ -determining, and thus  $(m, L)$ -determining. Therefore by the Completion theorem 3.6 there is an  $L$ -compatible completion of  $g$ , q. e. d.

**3.9. Lemma.** *Let  $\text{card}(A) \leq m$ ,  $L$  be an  $m$ -arithmetical complete sublattice of  $\text{Eq}(A)$  and  $\eta \in \text{Eq}(A) - L$ . Then there is a unary  $L$ -compatible function  $g$  which is not  $\eta$ -compatible.*

**Proof.** By [4] there are  $a, b, c, d \in A$  such that the unary partial function  $g = \{(a, c), (b, d)\}$  is  $L$ -compatible and not  $\eta$ -compatible. Then no completion of  $g$  is  $\eta$ -compatible. On the other hand,  $g$  is  $L$ -compatible and  $\text{Dom}(g)$  is  $(m, L)$ -determining, hence by Theorem 3.6  $g$  has an  $L$ -compatible completion, q. e. d.

Lemma 3.9 and Theorem 3.8 imply the following representation theorem.

**3.10. Theorem.** *Let  $\text{card}(A) \leq m$  and let  $L$  be an  $m$ -arithmetical complete sublattice of  $\text{Eq}(A)$ . Then there is an algebra with the congruence lattice  $L$ , among the fundamental operations of which there is a ternary function  $f$  satisfying (1.5.1) for all  $x, z \in A$ .*

Lemma 1.5 and the direct implication in Theorem 1.6 can be obtained from 3.10 by putting  $m = \aleph_0 + \text{card}(A)$ . Then the lattice  $L$  is  $m$ -arithmetical because it is  $\aleph_0$ -arithmetical and finite. The implications (i)  $\rightarrow$  (ii) and (i)  $\rightarrow$  (iii) in Theorem 1.8 can be obtained from 3.8 and 3.10 by putting  $m = \aleph_0$ .

#### 4. Representation of equivalence lattices of type 0.

We shall begin the section with a characterization of equivalence lattices of type 0. All the conditions will be formulated not only for sublattices of  $\text{Eq}(A)$  but even for directed subsets of  $\text{Eq}(A)$ ; a partial ordered set  $L$  is said to be directed if every two its elements have an upper bound and a lower bound in  $L$ . The proof of Lemma 4.1 is straightforward and will be omitted.

**4.1. Lemma.** *For every directed subset  $L$  of  $\text{Eq}(A)$  the following conditions are equivalent:*



- (i) every interval of Part (L) is a chain;
- (ii) for every  $B, C \in \text{Part}(L)$  there holds  $B \cap C = \emptyset \vee B \subseteq C \vee C \subseteq B$
- (iii)  $\xi \vee \eta = \xi \cup \eta$  for all  $\xi, \eta \in L$ ;
- (iv)  $\xi \eta = \xi \cup \eta$  for all  $\xi, \eta \in L$ ;
- (v) for all  $\xi, \eta \in L$  and all  $x, y \in A$ ,  $x\xi\eta y \rightarrow x\xi y \vee x\eta y$ .

**4.2. Lemma.** Let  $L$  be a sublattice of  $\text{Eq}(A)$  and let every interval of  $\text{Part}(L)$  be a chain. Let  $g$  be an  $n$ -ary  $L$ -compatible partial function satisfying

$$(4.2.1) \quad g(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$$

for all  $\bar{x}_n \in \text{Dom}(g)$ . Then for every  $\bar{a}_n = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in A^n$  there is a  $b \in \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  such that the partial function  $g \cup \{(\bar{a}_n, b)\}$  is  $L$ -compatible.

**Proof.** We may obviously assume  $a_n \in \text{Dom}(g)$ . Consider the set  $M = \{\xi(g(\bar{x}_n)); \bar{x}_n \in \text{Dom}(g) \wedge \xi \in L \bar{x}_n \xi \bar{a}_n\}$ . For every  $\xi, \eta \in L$ ,  $\bar{x}_n, \bar{y}_n \in \text{Dom}(g)$ ,  $x_n \xi \bar{a}_n, \bar{y}_n \eta \bar{a}_n$  we have  $\bar{x}_n \xi \eta \bar{y}_n, \xi \eta \in L$ , hence  $g(\bar{x}_n) \xi \eta g(\bar{y}_n), \xi(g(\bar{x}_n) \cap \eta(g(\bar{y}_n))) \neq \emptyset$ . Then by (ii) of Lemma 4.1 the sets  $\xi(g(\bar{x}_n)), \eta(g(\bar{y}_n))$  are comparable. Therefore the set  $M$  is a chain. Now consider the sets  $M_i = \{\xi(x_i); x_n \in \text{Dom}(g) \wedge g(\bar{x}_n) = x_i \wedge \xi \in L \wedge \bar{x}_n \xi \bar{a}_n\}$ . Since obviously  $M = M_1 \cup \dots \cup M_n$  and  $M$  is a chain, we can choose a number  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  such that  $\bigcap M = \bigcap M_i$ . Take  $b = a_i$ . We have to prove that  $g \cup \{(\bar{a}_n, b)\}$  is  $L$ -compatible. It suffices to prove  $g(\bar{x}_n) \xi a_i$  for every  $\bar{x}_n \in \text{Dom}(g)$  and  $\xi \in L$  satisfying  $\bar{x}_n \xi \bar{a}_n$ . For every such  $\bar{x}_n$  and  $\xi$  there are  $\bar{y}_n \in \text{Dom}(g)$  and  $\eta \in L$  such that  $\bar{y}_n \eta \bar{a}_n, g(\bar{y}_n) = y_i$  and  $\eta(y_i) \subseteq \xi(g(\bar{x}_n))$ . Then  $a_i \in \eta(y_i) \subseteq \xi(g(\bar{x}_n))$ , i.e.  $g(\bar{x}_n) \xi a_i$ , q. e. d.

**4.3. Theorem.** Let  $L$  be a sublattice of  $\text{Eq}(A)$  of type 0 and let  $g$  be an  $n$ -ary  $L$ -compatible partial function satisfying (4.2.1) for all  $\bar{x}_n \in \text{Dom}(g)$ . Then there is an  $L$ -compatible completion  $f$  of  $g$  such that

$$(4.3.1) \quad f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$$

for all  $\bar{x}_n \in A^n$ .

**Proof.** Consider the set  $M$  of all  $L$ -compatible extensions  $f$  of the partial function  $g$  which satisfy (4.3.1) for all  $\bar{x}_n \in \text{Dom}(f)$ . Zorn's lemma implies that the set  $M$  has a maximal element. By Lemma 4.2 it must be a function, q. e. d.

**4.4. Theorem.** For every sublattice  $L$  of  $\text{Eq}(A)$  the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i)  $L$  is of type 0;
- (ii) there is an  $L$ -compatible function  $f$  which satisfies (1.5.1) for all  $x, z \in A$  and

$$(4.4.1) \quad f(x, y, z) \in \{x, y, z\}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in A$ .

**Proof.** Do not let (i) hold and let (ii) hold. There are  $a, b, c \in A$  and  $\xi, \eta \in L$  satisfying  $a\xi b, \neg b\xi c, b\eta c, \neg a\eta b$ . Denote  $d = f(a, b, c)$ . Since  $(a, a, c) \xi (a, b, c) \eta (a, c, c)$ , we have  $c\xi d\eta a$ . However, no element  $d \in \{a, b, c\}$  satisfies this condition, which is a contradiction.

Conversely, let (i) hold and let  $g$  be the partial function of Lemma 3.7. Every completion  $f$  of  $g$  fulfils the condition (1.5.1),  $g$  is  $L$ -compatible and fulfils (4.2.1). Hence by Theorem 4.3  $g$  has an  $L$ -compatible completion  $f$ , which satisfies (1.5.1) and (4.4.1) q. e. d.

**4.5. Lemma.** *Let  $L$  be a complete sublattice of  $\text{Eq}(A)$  of type 0 and let  $\eta \in \text{Eq}(A) - L$ . Then there is a ternary  $L$ -compatible function  $f$  which is not  $\eta$ -compatible and satisfies (4.4.1) for all  $x, y, z \in A$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $a, b, c, d$  be chosen similarly as in the proof of Lemma 3.9, i.e. in such a way that the partial function  $g' = \{(a, c), (b, d)\}$  is  $L$ -compatible and not  $\eta$ -compatible. Let  $g = \{(a, c, d, c), (b, c, d, d)\}$  (i.e.  $g(a, c, d) = c, g(b, c, d) = d$ ). Then  $g$  is  $L$ -compatible and not  $\eta$ -compatible. Moreover,  $g$  fulfils (4.2.1) and hence it has an  $L$ -compatible completion  $f$  satisfying (4.4.1) which is not  $\eta$ -compatible, q.e.d.

**4.6. Theorem.** *For every complete sublattice of  $\text{Eq}(A)$  the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $L$  is of type 0;
- (ii)  $L$  is the congruence lattice of an algebra, among the fundamental operation of which there is a ternary function  $f$  satisfying (1.5.1) and (4.4.1) for all  $x, y, z \in A$ ;
- (iii)  $L$  is the congruence lattice of such an algebra  $\mathcal{A} = (A; (f_i; i \in I))$  that every (nonempty) subset of  $A$  forms a subalgebra of  $\mathcal{A}$  and among the fundamental operations of  $\mathcal{A}$  there is a ternary function  $f$  satisfying (1.5.1) and (4.4.1) for all  $x, y, z \in A$ .

**Proof.** (i)  $\rightarrow$  (iii) follows from Theorem 4.4 and Lemma 4.5, (iii)  $\rightarrow$  (ii) is obvious and (ii)  $\rightarrow$  (i) follows from Theorem 4.4.

Clearly, Theorem 3.10 does not follow from Theorem 4.6. The example below shows that the Representation theorem 4.6 is not a corollary of Theorem 3.10.

**4.7. Example.** Let  $Z$  be the set of integers and let  $A$  be the set of irrational reals. For every integer  $k$  let us denote by  $\vartheta_k$  the equivalence relation on  $A$  satisfying

$$x\vartheta_k y \leftrightarrow [x \cdot 2^k] = [y \cdot 2^k]$$

for all  $x, y \in A$ . Further, denote  $\xi = \bigvee \{\vartheta_k; k \in Z\}$ . Then  $L = \{\vartheta_k; k \in Z\} \cup \{\xi, \text{id}_A, A \times A\}$  is a complete sublattice of  $\text{Eq}(A)$ ; since  $L$  is a chain, it is of type 0. Hence by Theorem 4.6 there is an  $L$ -compatible ternary function  $f$

satisfying (1.5.1) for all  $x, z \in A$ . Theorem 3.10 could not be applied because  $\text{card}(A) = c$  and the lattice  $L$  is not  $c$ -arithmetical. Indeed, the set  $\text{Part}(L)$  contains the countable chain

$$\{\{x \in A; [2^k \cdot x] = 0\}; k \in \mathbb{Z}\},$$

the intersection of which is empty.

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#### КОНКРЕТНОЕ ПРЕДСТАВЛЕНИЕ НЕКОТОРЫХ РЕШЕТОК ОТНОЧЕНИЙ ЭКВИВАЛЕНТНОСТИ

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Пусть  $L$ -подрешетка решетки  $\text{Eq}(A)$  всех отношений эквивалентности на множестве  $A$ . Обозначим  $\text{Part}(L)$  множество всех классов всех отношений эквивалентности из  $L$ . Решетка  $L$  называется арифметической, если она дистрибутивна и все ее элементы попарно перестановочны. Решетка  $L$  называется  $m$ -арифметической ( $m$  — бесконечная мощность), если  $L$  является арифметической и если всякая цепь из  $\text{Part}(L)$  с мощностью меньше  $m$  имеет непустое пересечение. Решетка  $L$  называется решеткой типа 0, если теоретико-множественное объединение любых двух ее элементов принадлежит  $L$ . Доказывается следующее обобщение некоторых результатов из [4] и [5]: Если  $A$  есть множество с мощностью не больше  $m$  и  $L$  — полная  $m$ -арифметическая подрешетка решетки  $\text{Eq}(A)$ , то существует трехместная функция  $f$  на множестве  $A$ , совместимая с  $L$ , для которой выполняется (1.5.1). Дальше доказывается: Если  $L$  — полная подрешетка решетки  $\text{Eq}(A)$ , то  $L$  является решеткой типа 0 тогда и только тогда, когда существует трехместная функция  $f$  на множестве  $A$ , для которой выполняются условия (1.5.1) и (4.4.1).