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## GRAPH ISOMORPHISMS OF SEMIMODULAR LATTICES

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This note is a continuation of a former paper of the author [4], where it was proved that a condition concerning sublattices of type  $C$  (for denotations, cf. below) is sufficient for semimodular lattices  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_1$  of locally finite length with isomorphic graphs to have direct product representations  $f: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{B}$  and  $g: \mathcal{L}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{B}^-$  such that  $h = g^{-1}f$  (where  $\mathcal{B}^-$  is dual to  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $h$  is the given graph isomorphism of  $\mathcal{L}$  onto  $\mathcal{L}_1$ ).

In the present paper it will be shown that the condition concerning sublattices of type  $C$  is also necessary for the existence of such direct product representations. A further result on graph isomorphisms of semimodular lattices (dealing with sublattices of type  $C_1$ ) is established.

Graph isomorphisms of distributive lattices were studied in [7]; for the case of modular lattices cf. Birkhoff [1] and the author [3], [5].

We recall some notions of graphs of lattices. Let  $\mathcal{L} = (L; \cong)$  be a lattice.  $\mathcal{L}$  is said to be of locally finite length if each bounded chain in  $\mathcal{L}$  is finite. In what follows all lattices are assumed to be of locally finite length. If  $a, b \in L$  and  $a$  is covered by  $b$  (i.e.,  $a < b$  and the interval  $[a, b]$  is prime), then we write  $a < b$  or  $b > a$ . The lattice  $\mathcal{L}$  is called semimodular if and only if its elements satisfy

( $\xi'$ ) *If  $x$  and  $y$  cover  $a$ , and  $x \neq y$ , then  $x \vee y$  covers  $x$  and  $y$ . (Cf. [2a], p. 100; in [2b], p. 15, the term 'semimodularity' has a different meaning.)*

By the graph  $G(\mathcal{L})$  we mean the undirected graph whose set of vertices is  $L$  and whose edges are those pairs  $\{a, b\}$  which satisfy either  $a < b$  or  $b < a$ . If  $\mathcal{G}_1$  and  $\mathcal{G}_2$  are graphs with sets of vertices  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  and if  $h: G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  is a bijection such that, for any  $x$  and  $y$  from  $G_1$  the pair  $\{x, y\}$  is an edge in  $\mathcal{G}_1$  if and only if  $\{h(x), h(y)\}$  is an edge in  $\mathcal{G}_2$ , then  $h$  is said to be an isomorphism of  $\mathcal{G}_1$  onto  $\mathcal{G}_2$ .

If  $\mathcal{L}_1 = (L_1; \cong_1)$  is a lattice and  $h$  is an isomorphism of  $G(\mathcal{L})$  onto  $G(\mathcal{L}_1)$ , then  $h$  is called a graph isomorphism of the lattice  $\mathcal{L}$  onto  $\mathcal{L}_1$ . The covering relation in  $\mathcal{L}_1$  is denoted by  $<_1$ .

Now let  $h: L \rightarrow L_1$  be any bijection and let  $T \subseteq L$ . The subset  $T$  is said to be preserved (reversed) under  $h$  if, whenever  $t_1, t_2 \in T$ ,  $x_1, x_2 \in L$  and  $t_1 \cong x_1 < x_2 \cong t_2$ , then  $h(x_1) <_1 h(x_2)$  (or  $h(x_1) >_1 h(x_2)$ , respectively).

Let  $C$  be the lattice in Fig. 1. A lattice is said to be of type  $C$  if it is isomorphic to  $C$ . Consider the following conditions for the lattices  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_1$  and for the mapping  $h$ :

( $\alpha_1$ ) All sublattices of type  $C$  of  $\mathcal{L}$  are preserved under  $h$  and all sublattices of type  $C$  of  $\mathcal{L}_1$  are preserved under  $h^{-1}$ .

( $\alpha_2$ ) There are lattices  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  and direct product representations  $f: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{B}$ ,  $g: \mathcal{L}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{B}$  such that  $h = g^{-1}f$ .

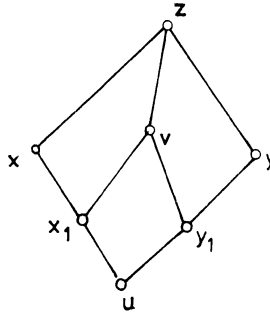


Fig 1

The following result was proved in [4]:

(A) ([4], Theorem 2.) Let  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_1$  be semimodular lattices and let  $h$  be a graph isomorphism of  $\mathcal{L}$  onto  $\mathcal{L}_1$ . Then ( $\alpha_1$ )  $\Rightarrow$  ( $\alpha_2$ ).

(In [4] it was assumed that  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_1$  are finite, but the proof established in [4] remains valid in the case when  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_1$  are of locally finite length. Also, in Thm. 2 of [4] it was asserted only that there are lattices  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $\mathcal{L} \cong \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_1 \cong \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{B}^-$ ; but, in fact, the stronger result ( $\alpha_1$ )  $\Rightarrow$  ( $\alpha_2$ ) was proved in [4]. If ( $\alpha_2$ ) holds, then  $h$  is a graph isomorphism of  $\mathcal{L}$  onto  $\mathcal{L}_1$ .)

**1. Lemma.** Let  $\mathcal{T} = (T; \cong)$  be a lattice of type  $C$ . Then  $\mathcal{T}$  is subdirectly irreducible.

The proof is simple; it will be omitted.

Now let  $\mathcal{L}$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_1$  and  $h$  be as above. Assume that ( $\alpha_2$ ) holds. We denote  $\mathcal{A} = (A; \cong)$ ,  $\mathcal{B} = (B; \cong)$ . In view of the assumption, there exists an isomorphism  $f$  of  $\mathcal{L}$  onto  $\mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{B}$ . If  $x \in L$  and  $f(x) = (a, b)$ , then we write also  $a = x(A)$ ,  $b = x(B)$ . For  $M \subseteq L$  we put  $M(A) = \{x(A) : x \in M\}$ ,  $M(B) = \{x(B) : x \in M\}$ .

**2. Lemma.** Let  $\mathcal{T} = (T; \cong)$  be a sublattice of  $\mathcal{L}$  and suppose that  $\mathcal{T}$  is of type  $C$ . Then we have either (i)  $\text{card } T(A) = 1$ , or (ii)  $\text{card } T(B) = 1$ .

**Proof.** Put  $\mathcal{T}_1 = (T(A); \cong)$ ,  $\mathcal{T}_2 = (T(B); \cong)$ . The injection defined by  $f|_T: \mathcal{T} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_1 \times \mathcal{T}_2$  is a subdirect product representation of  $\mathcal{T}$ ; in view of Lemma 1 we infer that either (i) or (ii) is valid

If (i) holds, then clearly  $T$  is reversed under  $f$ ; if (ii) is valid, then  $T$  is preserved under  $f$ .

**3. Lemma.** *Let  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_1$  be semimodular lattices. Then  $(\alpha_2) \Rightarrow (\alpha_1)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $h: L \rightarrow L_1$  be a bijection. Assume that  $(\alpha_2)$  is valid. Then  $h = g^{-1}f$ , and as already remarked above,  $h$  is a graph isomorphism. By way of contradiction, suppose that there is a sublattice  $\mathcal{T}$  in  $\mathcal{L}$  such that  $\mathcal{T}$  is of type  $C$  and  $T$  is not preserved under  $h$ . (If in this supposition  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{H}$  are replaced by  $\mathcal{L}_1$  and  $h^{-1}$ , then we proceed analogously.) Thus the condition (i) of Lemma 2 holds and hence  $\mathcal{T}$  is reversed under  $h$ . Also, from  $(\alpha_2)$  we easily obtain that  $(h(T); \leq_1) = \mathcal{T}_1$  is a sublattice of  $\mathcal{L}_1$  which is dually isomorphic to  $C$ . By using [8], § 45 it is easy to verify that  $\mathcal{L}_1$  is not semimodular, which is a contradiction.

Theorem (A) and Lemma 3 yield:

**4. Theorem.** *Let  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_1$  be semimodular lattices and let  $h$  be a graph isomorphism of  $\mathcal{L}$  onto  $\mathcal{L}_1$ . Then the conditions  $(\alpha_1)$  and  $(\alpha_2)$  are equivalent.*

Let  $\mathcal{T} = (T; \leq)$  be a sublattice of a lattice  $\mathcal{L} = (L; \leq)$ . Assume that there exists an isomorphism  $\varphi$  of  $C$  onto  $\mathcal{T}$  such that  $\varphi(u) < \varphi(x_1) < \varphi(v)$ ,  $\varphi(u) < \varphi(y_1) < \varphi(v)$ ,  $\varphi(x) < \varphi(z)$  and  $\varphi(y) < \varphi(z)$ . Then  $\mathcal{T}$  will be called a  $C_1$ -sublattice of  $\mathcal{L}$ . If, moreover,  $\varphi(x_1) < \varphi(x)$ ,  $\varphi(v) < \varphi(z)$  and  $\varphi(y_1) < \varphi(y)$ , then  $\mathcal{T}$  is said to be a  $C_2$ -sublattice of  $\mathcal{L}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{L}_1 = (L_1; \leq_1)$  be a lattice and let  $h: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_1$  be a bijection. Consider the following conditions ( $i = 1, 2$ ):

$(\alpha_{1i})$  All  $C_i$ -sublattices of  $\mathcal{L}$  are preserved under  $h$  and all  $C_i$ -sublattices of  $\mathcal{L}_1$  are preserved under  $h^{-1}$ .

Let  $u, v, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  be distinct elements of  $L$  such that  $u < x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_m < v$ ,  $u < y_1 < y_2 < \dots < y_n < v$  and either (i)  $x_1 \vee y_1 = v$ , or (ii)  $x_m \wedge y_n = u$ . Then the set  $\{u, v, x_1, \dots, x_m, y_1, \dots, y_n\}$  is said to be a cycle in  $\mathcal{L}$ ; if moreover,  $m > 1$  or  $n > 1$ , then this cycle is called proper.

From [6] (Thm. 3.7 and Lemma 2.3) we obtain:

**5. Lemma.** *Let  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_1$  be lattices and let  $h$  be a graph isomorphism of  $\mathcal{L}$  onto  $\mathcal{L}_1$ . Then the condition  $(\alpha_2)$  is equivalent with the condition*

$(\alpha_3)$  *if  $C_0$  is a proper cycle of  $\mathcal{L}$  (of  $\mathcal{L}_1$ ), then  $C_0$  is either preserved or reversed under  $h$  (or  $h^{-1}$ , respectively).*

**6. Lemma.** *Let  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_1$  be semimodular lattices and let  $h$  be a graph isomorphism of  $\mathcal{L}$  onto  $\mathcal{L}_1$ . Then  $(\alpha_{11}) \Rightarrow (\alpha_2)$ .*

*Proof.* In establishing the proof of Theorem 2 in [4] the condition  $(\alpha_1)$  was used in the proofs of the lemmas 9 and 10 only; now for proving that  $(\alpha_{11}) \Rightarrow (\alpha_2)$  is valid it suffices to replace the expression 'a lattice of type  $C$ ' by 'a  $C_1$ -sublattice' in these lemmas.

**7. Lemma.** *Let  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_1$  be semimodular lattices and let  $h$  be a graph isomorphism of  $\mathcal{L}$  onto  $\mathcal{L}_1$ . Then  $(\alpha_2) \Rightarrow (\alpha_{11})$ .*

Proof. According to Lemma 3 we have  $(\alpha_2) \Rightarrow (\alpha_1)$ , and clearly  $(\alpha_1) \Rightarrow (\alpha_{11})$ .

Alternative proof: Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a  $C_1$ -sublattice of  $\mathcal{L}$ . Under the denotations as above, there exist elements  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_m, b_0, b_1, \dots, b_n \in L$  such that  $\varphi(x_1) = a_0 < a_1 < \dots < a_m = \varphi(x)$ ,  $\varphi(y_1) = b_0 < b_1 < b_2 < \dots < b_n = \varphi(y)$ . Then  $\{\varphi(u), \varphi(z), a_0, a_1, \dots, a_m, b_0, b_1, \dots, b_n\}$  is a proper cycle in  $\mathcal{L}$  (because  $a_m \wedge b_n = \varphi(u)$ ). Hence in view of Lemma 5, the interval  $J = [\varphi(u), \varphi(z)]$  is either preserved or reversed under  $h$ . If  $J$  is reversed under  $h$ , then we easily obtain from  $(\alpha_2)$  that  $h|_J$  is a dual isomorphism of  $J$  onto the interval  $[h(\varphi(z)), h(\varphi(u))]$  of  $\mathcal{L}_1$ , but this interval fails to be semimodular; thus  $\mathcal{L}_1$  is not semimodular, which is a contradiction. Hence  $T$  is preserved under  $h$ . Analogously we verify that each  $C_1$ -sublattice of  $\mathcal{L}_1$  is preserved under  $h^{-1}$ .

Theorem 4, Lemma 6 and Lemma 7 yield:

**8. Corollary.** *Let  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_1$  be semimodular lattices and let  $h$  be a graph isomorphism of  $\mathcal{L}$  onto  $\mathcal{L}_1$ . Then  $(\alpha_2) \Leftrightarrow (\alpha_{11}) \Leftrightarrow (\alpha_1)$ .*

The following question remains open:

Let  $\mathcal{L}$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_1$  and  $h$  be as in Corollary 8; are the conditions  $(\alpha_2)$  and  $(\alpha_{12})$  equivalent?

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#### ИЗОМОРФИЗМЫ ГРАФОВ ПОЛУДЕДЕКИНДОВЫХ РЕШЕТОК

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Резюме

В статье автора [4] найдено достаточное условие, при котором полудедекиндовы решетки  $\mathcal{L}$  и  $\mathcal{L}_1$  локально конечной длины с изоморфными графами отличаются только двойственностью некоторого прямого сомножителя; в предлагаемой заметке доказано, что это условие является тоже необходимым.