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# ON $\sigma$-COMPLETE LATTICE ORDERED GROUPS 

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## INTRODUCTION

An $l$-group $G$ is said to be $\sigma$-complete if each bounded countable subset of $G$ has the supremum and the infimum. The concept of a singular $l$-group was used by Conrad and McAllister [4]. The importance of singular l-groups is emphasized by the fact that each complete $l$-group is a direct product of a singular $l$-group and a vector lattice. Rotkovič [15] examined $\sigma$-complete $l$-groups without semilinear elements. An $l$-group does not contain semilinear elements if and only if it is singular (Lemma 2.5.1).

An l-group $G$ is called (conditionally) orthogonally complete if each (bounded) disjoint subset of $G$ has the supremum. Analogously we can define orthogonal completennes of Boolean algebras. Orthogonally complete $l$-groups and vector lattices were studied in several papers (cf., e.g., Pinsker [12], Bernau [1], Conrad [3], JaKubík [6]). It is well-known that an orthogonally complete Boolean algebra must be complete (Smith - Tarski [17]). On the other hand, simple examples show that an orthogonally complete $l$-group need not be complete. Veksler and Gejler [19] have found necessary and sufficient conditions for a conditionally orthogonally complete vector lattice to be complete. In $\S 2$ we show that if a singular $l$-group is conditionally orthogonally complete and $\sigma$-complete, then it is complete.

Let $\alpha$ be an infinite cardinal. Weinberg [20] proved that if $G$ is the additive $l$-group consisting of all continuous real-valued functions defined on a Hausdorff completelly regular topological space (with the natural partial order) then $G$ satisfies the following condition:
(*) If $G$ is $(\alpha, 2)$-distributive, then it is $(\alpha, \alpha)$-distributive.
By using the decomposition of a complete $l$-group $G$ into a direct product of a singular $l$-group and a vector lattice it was proved in [7] that each complete $l$-group $G$ fulfils $(*)$. In $\S 3$ we prove that each archimedean $l$-group $G$ with the decomposition property satisfies $(*)$. Lattice ordered groups with the decomposition property
were studied by Bernau [1]; for the case of vector lattices cf. Veksler and Gejler [19]. Rabinovič [13], [14] examined the analogous notion of lattices with the decomposition property. Each lattice ordered group that is $\sigma$-complete and conditionally orthogonally complete has the decomposition property; therefore such an l-group fulfils (*). The problem (proposed by Weinberg [20]) wheather $(*)$ holds for each $l$-group remains still open.

## 1. BASIC NOTIONS

For the standard notions concerning lattices and lattice ordered groups ef. Birkhoff [2] and Fuchs [5]. We denote lattice operations by $\wedge$ and $\vee$, the group operation is denoted by + (though it need not be commutative). Let $G$ be an $l$-group, $\emptyset \neq X \subset G$. We put

$$
X^{\delta}=\{y \in G:|y| \wedge|x|=0 \text { for each } x \in X\}
$$

The set $X^{\delta}$ is said to be a polar of $G$. Each polar is a closed convex $l$-subgroup of $G$. Let $K^{0}(G)$ be the set of all polars of $G$; this system is partially ordered by the inclusion. $K^{0}(G)$ is a complete Boolean algebra and for each subset $\emptyset \neq\left\{A_{i}\right\} \subset K^{0}(G)$ the meet $\wedge A_{i}$ in $K^{0}(G)$ coincides with $\bigcap A_{i}\left(\right.$ Šik [18]). For $g \in G$ we denote $\{g\}^{\delta \delta}=[g]$.

Let $A, B$ be convex $l$-subgroups of $G$ such that $A \cap B=\{0\}$ and $A+B=G$. Then each element $g \in G$ can be written uniquelly as $x=a+b$ with $a \in A, b \in B$; the elements $a, b$ are components of $g$ in $A$ or $B$, respectively. It is easy to verify that each operation $\circ \in\{\wedge, \vee,+\}$ in $G$ is performed componentwise. The $l$-group $G$ is said to be a direct product of its $l$-subgroups $A, B$; in symbols $G=A \otimes B$. The $l$-groups $A, B$ are direct factors of $G$. The component of $x$ in $A$ will be denoted by $x(A)$. In the case $A=[g]$ for some $g \in G$ we write $x(A)=x[g]$.

An $l$-group $G$ is said to have the decomposition property if $G=X^{\delta} \otimes X^{\delta \delta}$ for each $\emptyset \neq X \subset G$ (cf. Jameson [10]; another terminology is used by Bernau [1]).

Let $\left\{G_{i}\right\}(i \in I)$ be a system of $l$-groups and let $\Pi G_{i}$ be their direct product. Let $H$ be an $l$-subgroup of $\Pi G_{i}$ such that for each $i \in I$ and each $g_{i} \in G_{i}$ there exists $h \in H$ with the property $h(i)=g_{i}, h(j)=0$ for each $j \in I, j \neq i$. Then $H$ is said to be a completely subdirect product of $l$-groups $G_{i}$.

Let $\left\{H_{i}\right\}_{i \in I}$ be a system of $l$-subgroups of an $l$-group $G$ such that each $H_{i}$ is a direct factor of $G$. Assume that the mapping $\varphi(g)=\left(\ldots, g\left(H_{i}\right), \ldots\right)_{i \in I}$ is an isomorphism of $G$ into $\Pi H_{i}$ such that $\varphi(G)$ is a completely by subdirect product of $l$-groups $H_{i}$. Then $G$ is called a completely by subdirect product of its $l$-subgroups $H_{i}$.

Elements $x, y \in G$ are called disjoint if $|x| \wedge|y|=0$. A system $X \subset G^{+}$is said to be disjoint if any two distinct elements of $X$ are disjoint.

An element $0<e \in G$ is a weak unit of $G$ if $e \wedge|x|=0$ implies $x=0$ for each $x \in G$. A system $\left\{A_{i}\right\}(i \in I)$ of convex $l$-subgroups of $G$ is disjoint if for any pair $i, j$ of distinct elements of $I$ and each $a_{i} \in A_{i}, a_{j} \in A_{j}$ we have $\left|a_{i}\right| \wedge\left|a_{j}\right|=0$.

Let $L$ be a lattice and let $\alpha, \beta$ be cardinals. Let $T, S$ be sets satisfying card $T \leqq \alpha$, card $S \leqq \beta$. Lis said to be $(\wedge, \vee)-(\alpha, \beta)$-distributive, if the equation

$$
\begin{equation*}
\bigwedge_{t \in T} \bigvee_{s \in S} x_{t, s}=\bigvee_{\varphi \in S T} \Lambda_{t \in T} x_{t, \varphi(t)} \tag{d}
\end{equation*}
$$

holds in $L$ identically whenever all joins and meets standing in (d) exist in $L$. The $(\vee, \wedge)-(\alpha, \beta)$-distributivity is defined dually. If $L$ satisfies both these laws then it is called $(\alpha, \beta)$-distributive.

Let $B$ be a Boolean algebra and let $X(B)$ be the Boolean space of $B$. We denote by $F(B)$ the system of all integer valued functions $f$ on $X(B)$ such that for each integer $n$, the set $\{x \in X(B): f(x)=n\}$ is clopen in $X(B)$. Then $F(B)$ (with the natural partial order) is an additive lattice ordered group.

## 2. SINGULAR $l$-GROUPS

Let $G$ be an $l$-group. An element $0<s \in G$ is called singular if $s \wedge(s-x)=0$ for each $x \in G, 0 \leqq x \leqq s$ (Conrad - McAllister [4]). Also, $s$ is singular if and only if the interval $[0, s]$ is a Boolean algebra [7]. $G$ is said to be singular if for each $0<g \in G$ there is a singular element $s \in G$ such that $0<s \leqq g$.

The following two propositions are known (cf. Birkhoff [2], Chap. XIV, Thm. 17 and Jameson [10], Proposition 2.5.6).
2.1. Each $\sigma$-complete l-group is archimedean and commutative.
2.2. Let $G$ be a $\sigma$-complete l-group, $0<a \in G$. Then $G=\{a\}^{\delta} \otimes\{a\}^{\delta \delta}$.
2.3. Let $G \neq\{0\}$ be a $\sigma$-complete l-group and let $\left\{x_{i}\right\}$ be a maximal disjoint system of strictly positive elements of $G, H_{i}=\left[x_{i}\right]$. Then $G$ is a complete subdirect product of $l$-subgroups $H_{i}$.

Proof. $\left\{H_{i}\right\}_{i \in I}$ is a maximal disjoint system of convex $l$-subgroups $\neq\{0\}$ of $G$ and according to 2.2 each $H_{i}$ is a direct factor of $G$. Hence the mapping

$$
\varphi: x \rightarrow\left(\ldots, x\left(H_{i}\right), \ldots\right)_{i \in I}
$$

is a homomorphism of $G$ into $\Pi H_{i}$. Let $y \in \varphi^{-1}(0), y \geqq 0$. Then $y\left(H_{i}\right)=0$, thus $y \wedge x_{i}=0$ for each $i \in I$. This implies $y=0$. Therefore $\varphi^{-1}(0)=\{0\}$ and so $\varphi$ is an isomorphism of $G$ into $H_{i}$. Let $i \in I, h_{i} \in H_{i}$. Then $h_{i}\left(H_{i}\right)=h_{i}$ and $h_{i}\left(H_{j}\right)=0$ for each $j \in I, j \neq i$. Hence $\varphi(G)$ is a completely subdirect product of $l$-groups $H_{i}$.

We denote by $S(G)$ the system of all singular elements of $G$.
2.4. Let $G$ be a singular l-group and let $\left\{x_{i}\right\}$ be a maximal disjoint system of $S(G)$. Then $\left\{x_{i}\right\}$ is a maximal disjoint system of $G$.

Proof. Let $0 \leqq y \in G$ be disjoint with each $x_{i}$. If $0<y$, then there is $s \in S(G)$ with $0<s \leqq y$ and so the element $s$ is disjoint with each $x_{i}$, a contradiction. Therefore $y=0$.

Obviously for each $0<g \in G$, the element $g$ is a weak unit of [g].
2.5. Let $G$ be a $\sigma$-complete singular l-group. Then $G$ is a completely subdirect product of l-groups $H_{i}(i \in I)$ where each $H_{i}$ is a $\sigma$-complete singular l-group with $a$ weak unit $e_{i}$ such that $e_{i}$ is singular.

The proof follows from 2.3, 2.4 and from the fact that each direct factor of a singular and $\sigma$-complete $l$-group is singular and $\sigma$-complete.

An element $x \neq 0$ of an $l$-group $G$ is called semilinear (Rotкоvič [15]) if for each $x^{\prime} \in G$ with $0<x^{\prime} \leqq|x|$ there exists $y \in G$ such that

$$
0<2 y \leqq x^{\prime}
$$

2.5.1. Let $G$ be an l-group. The following conditions are equivalent:
(a) $G$ is singular.
(b) $G$ does not contain semilinear elements.

Proof. Let $G$ be singular, $0 \neq x \in G$. Then there is a singular element $0 \neq x^{\prime} \in G$ with $x^{\prime} \leqq|x|$. Let $y, z \in G, 0<y \leqq x^{\prime}, x^{\prime}=y+z$. We have $x^{\prime}=y \vee z, y \wedge z=$ $=0$, therefore $2 y \wedge z=0$ and hence by using distributivity of $G$,

$$
x^{\prime} \wedge 2 y=y
$$

thus $2 y$ non $\leqq x^{\prime}$. This shows that $G$ has no semilinear elements. Conversely, assume that (b) is valid. Hence for each $0 \neq x \in G$ there exists $x^{\prime} \in G, 0<x^{\prime} \leqq|x|$ such that for each $0<y \in G$ we have $2 y$ non $\leqq x^{\prime}$. We show that the element $x^{\prime}$ is singular.

Let $z, t \in G^{+}, z+t=x^{\prime}$. Denote $z \wedge t=u$ and let $u+z_{1}=z, u+t_{1}=t$. Then we have $u, z_{1}, t_{1} \in G^{+}$and

$$
2 u \leqq u+z_{1}+u+t_{1}=x^{\prime}
$$

thus $u=0$ and hence $z \wedge t=0, z+t=z \vee t$. Therefore $z \wedge\left(x^{\prime}-z\right)=0$ for each $z \in\left[0, x^{\prime}\right]$. The element $x^{\prime}$ is singular and $G$ is a singular $l$-group.

By using 2:5.1, the proposition 2.5 can be deduced also from [15], Thm. 5.
If $G$ is an archimedean $l$-group, then we denote by $G^{\wedge}$ the Dedekind completion of $G$. We may assume that $G$ is a closed $l$-subgroup of $G^{\wedge}$ and that each element $0<x \in G^{\wedge}$ is the least upper bound of a subset of $G^{+}$.
2.6. Let $H$ be an archimedean l-group with a weak unit e such that $e$ is singular in $H$. Then $e$ is singular in $H^{\wedge}$.

Proof. We denote by $[0, e]$ the interval of $H^{\wedge}$ with the endpoints 0 and $e$. Since each element of $[0, e]$ is a supremum of some subset of $[0, e] \cap H$ it follows that $[0, e]$ is the Dedekind completion of the lattice $[0, e] \cap H$. According to the assumption the lattice $[0, e] \cap H$ is a Boolean algebra and therefore its Dedekind completion $[0, e]$ is a Boolean algebra as well; thus $e$ is a singular element of $H^{\wedge}$.

Let $H$ be as in 2.6. Let $H_{1}$ be the orthogonal completion of $H^{\wedge}$. Thus $H_{1}$ is a complete $l$-group that is orthogonally complete, $H^{\wedge}$ is a closed convex $l$-subgroup of $H_{1}$ and for each $0<h_{1} \in H_{1}$ there is a disjoint subset $\left\{x_{j}\right\}(j \in J)$ of $H^{\wedge}$ such that $h_{j}=\bigvee x_{j}$. (Cf. [6].) From this and from 2.6 it follows that $e$ is a singular element of $H_{1}$ and that $e$ is a weak unit of $H_{1}$. Therefore the $l$-group $H_{1}$ is singular.

The following assertion was proved in [8].
2.7. Let $H \neq\{0\}$ be an l-group that is singular, complete and orthogonally complete. Assume that $H$ has a weak unit e such that e is a singular element of $H$. Let $0 \leqq h \in H$. Then $h$ can be uniquelly represented in the form $h=\bigvee n e_{n}^{*}(n=$ $=1,2, \ldots)$ such that $e_{n_{1}}^{*} \wedge e_{n_{2}}^{*}=0$ for $n_{1} \neq n_{2}$ and $\bigvee e_{n}^{*}=e^{*} \leqq e$. If $0=h^{\prime}=$ $=\bigvee n e_{n}^{\prime}$ is another such representation for $h^{\prime} \in H$, then $h \leqq h^{\prime}$ if and only if $e^{*} \leqq e^{\prime}=\bigvee e_{n}^{\prime}$ and $e_{i}^{*} \wedge e_{j}^{\prime}>0 \Rightarrow i \leqq j$.

Let $0 \leqq h \in H, 0 \leqq h^{\prime} \in H$. Under the same denotations as above put $e_{0}^{*}=e-e^{*}$, $e_{0}^{\prime}=e-e^{\prime}$. Since $[0, e]$ is a Boolean algebra we infer that $e=\bigvee e_{n}^{*}=\bigvee e_{n}^{\prime}(n=$ $=0,1,2, \ldots)$ and $h=\bigvee n e_{n}^{*}, h^{\prime}=\bigvee n e_{n}^{\prime}(n=0,1,2, \ldots)$. Then we have:
2.7.1. $h \leqq h^{\prime}$ if and only if $e_{n}^{*} \leqq \bigvee e_{i}^{\prime}(i \geqq n)$ for each $n \geqq 1$.

Proof. Let $h \leqq h^{\prime}, n \geqq 1$. Then $e^{*} \leqq e^{\prime}$ and $e_{n}^{*} \wedge e_{j}^{\prime}=0$ for $1 \leqq j<n$, thus from

$$
e_{n}^{*} \leqq e^{\prime}=\left(e_{1}^{\prime} \vee \ldots \vee e_{n-1}^{\prime}\right) \vee\left(\bigvee_{j \geqq n} e_{j}^{\prime}\right)
$$

we obtain that $e_{n}^{*} \leqq \mathrm{~V}_{j \geqq n} e_{j}^{\prime}, n=1,2, \ldots$
Conversely, assume that $e_{n}^{*} \leqq \mathrm{~V}_{j \geqq n} e_{j}^{\prime}$ for each $n \geqq 1$. Then $\mathrm{V}_{n \geqq 1} e_{n}^{*} \leqq \mathrm{~V}_{n \geqq 1} e_{n}^{\prime}$ and $e_{n}^{*} \wedge e_{j}^{\prime}=0$ for $j=1,2, \ldots, n-1$. Therefore $h \leqq h^{\prime}$.

For a Boolean algebra $B$ let $F(B)$ have the same meaning as in $\S 1$.
2.8. Let $\{0\} \neq H$ be an archimedean l-group with a weak unit e that is singular in $H$. Let $B=[0, e], F=F(B)$. Then $H$ is isomorphic with an l-subgroup of $F$.

Proof. Let $H_{1}$ be as above. The l-group $H_{1}$ is orthogonally complete and also complete; $H$ is a closed $l$-subgroup of $H_{1}$. According to 2.7.1 each $0 \leqq h \in H$ can be uniquelly represented in the form $h=\bigvee n e_{n}^{*}(n=0,1,2, \ldots), e_{n}^{*} \in H_{1}, \bigvee e_{n}^{*}=e$, $e_{n_{1}}^{*} \wedge e_{n_{2}}^{*}=0$ for $n_{1} \neq n_{2}$. From the construction of the elements $e_{n}^{*}$ described in [8] and from the fact that $H$ is a closed $l$-subgroup of $H_{1}$ it follows that each $e_{n}^{*}$ belongs to $H$ and hence $e_{n}^{*} \in B$. Let $\bar{e}_{n}$ be the subset of the Boolean space $X(B)$ of the Boolean
algebra $B$ that corresponds to the element $e_{n}^{*} \in B$. Then $\bar{e}_{n}$ is a clopen subset of $X(B)$ and $\bar{e}_{n_{1}} \cap \bar{e}_{n_{2}}=\emptyset$ for $n_{1} \neq n_{2}$. Consider the function $f \in F$ such that $f(x)=n$ whenever $x \in \bar{e}_{n}(n=0,1,2, \ldots)$. Then the mapping $h \rightarrow f$ is an isomorphism of the lattice ordered semigroup $H^{+}$into $F^{+}$. From this we obtain that there exists an isomorphism of the $l$-group $H$ into $F$.

From the method of the above proof we simultaneously obtain the following generalization of 2.7:
2.9. Let $H \neq\{0\}$ be an l-group that is singular, archimedean and conditionally orthogonally complete. Assume that $H$ has a weak unit e such that e is a singular element of $H$. Then the assertion of 2.7 is valid for $H$.
2.10. Let $G$ be an l-group that is a completely subdirect product of l-subgroups $H_{i}$ $(i \in I)$. Assume that $G$ is conditionally orthogonally complete and that each $H_{i}$ is a complete l-group. Then $G$ is a complete l-group.

Proof. Let $g_{j} \in G(j \in J), g \in G, 0 \leqq g_{j} \leqq g$ for each $j \in J$. Then

$$
0 \leqq g_{j}\left(H_{i}\right) \leqq g\left(H_{i}\right)
$$

for each $j \in J$ and each $i \in I$. Since $H_{i}$ is a complete $l$-group, there exists

$$
\bigvee_{j \in J} g_{j}\left(H_{i}\right)=\bar{g}_{i}
$$

in $H_{i}$. We have $\bar{g}_{i} \leqq g\left(H_{i}\right) \leqq g$. Since the system $\left\{\bar{g}_{i}\right\}(i \in I)$ is disjoint and $G$ is conditionally orthogonally complete, $\mathrm{V} \bar{g}_{i}=x$ exists in $G$. Then $x\left(H_{i}\right)=\bar{g}_{i} \geqq$ $\geqq g_{j}\left(H_{i}\right)$ for each $i \in I$ and each $j \in J$, thus $x \geqq g_{j}$ for each $j \in J$. Let $y \in G, g_{j} \leqq y$ for each $j \in J$. Hence $g_{j}\left(H_{i}\right) \leqq y\left(H_{i}\right)$ for each $i \in I$ and each $j \in J$. Therefore $x\left(H_{i}\right)=$ $=\bar{g}_{i} \leqq y\left(H_{i}\right)$ for each $i \in I$ and this implies $x \leqq y$. Thus $x=\mathrm{V}_{j \in J} g_{j}$. This shows that $G$ is a complete $l$-group.
2.11. Theorem. Let $H$ be an l-group that is conditionally orthogonally complete and archimedean. Assume that $H$ has a weak unit e such that e is a singular element of $H$. Then $H$ is a complete l-group.

Proof. Because the weak unit $e$ is singular, the $l$-group $H$ is singular. Since $H$ is conditionally orthogonally complete, the Boolean algebra $B=[0, e]$ is orthogonally complete. Hence $B$ is complete (Smith - Tarski [17]; cf. also Sikorski [15], Thm. 20.1). Let $g, g_{k} \in H^{+}(k \in K), g_{k} \leqq g$ for each $k \in K$. According to 2.9 the elements $g, g_{k}$ can be represented in the form described in 2.7; let

$$
g=\bigvee n e_{n}^{\prime}, \quad g_{k}=\bigvee n e_{n}(k) \quad(n=0,1,2, \ldots)
$$

be such representations. All elements $e_{n}^{\prime}, e_{n}(k)$ belong to the complete Boolean algebra $B$. From $g_{k} \leqq g$ it follows $e_{n}(k) \leqq \bigvee_{i \geqq n} e_{i}^{\prime}$ for each $k \in K$ and each $n \geqq 1$.

We define by induction elements $e_{n} \in B(n=0,1,2, \ldots)$ as follows. We put

$$
e_{0}=\bigvee_{k \in K} e_{0}(k)
$$

Assume that $e_{0}, \ldots, e_{n}$ are defined and the system $\left\{e_{0}, \ldots, e_{n}\right\}$ is disjoint. Denote $f_{n}=e_{0} \vee \ldots \vee e_{n}$ and let $g_{n}^{\prime}$ be the complement of $f_{n}$ in $B$. We put

$$
e_{n+1}=g_{n}^{\prime} \wedge\left(\bigvee_{k \in K} e_{n+1}(k)\right)
$$

Then the system $\left\{e_{n}\right\}(n=1,2, \ldots)$ is disjoint and hence the system $\left\{n e_{n}\right\}$ ( $n=$ $=1,2, \ldots)$ is disjoint as well. Let $k \in K$ be fixed. We will verify that

$$
n e_{n} \leqq g_{k} \quad(n=1,2, \ldots)
$$

We have to show that

$$
e_{n} \leqq \bigvee_{i \geqq n} e_{i}(k)
$$

Thus it suffices to prove that

$$
\begin{equation*}
e_{n} \wedge e_{t}(k)=0 \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

for each $t<n$. From $e=e_{0} \vee e_{1} \vee \ldots \vee e_{n-1} \vee g_{n-1}^{\prime}$ we obtain $e_{n}(k)=\left(e_{n}(k) \wedge\right.$ $\left.\wedge e_{0}\right) \vee\left(e_{n}(k) \wedge e_{1}\right) \vee \ldots \vee\left(e_{n}(k) \wedge e_{n-1}\right) \vee\left(e_{n}(k) \wedge g_{n-1}^{\prime}\right) \leqq e_{0} \vee \ldots \vee e_{n-1} \vee$ $\vee\left(\bigvee_{j \in K} e_{n}(j) \wedge g_{n-1}^{\prime}\right)=e_{0} \vee \ldots \vee e_{n-1} \vee e_{n}$ and therefore

$$
e_{n}(k) \wedge e_{n+j}=0 \quad \text { for } \quad j \geqq 1
$$

Thus the relation (1) is proved. Hence the system $\left\{n e_{n}\right\}(n=0,1,2, \ldots)$ is bounded and so according to the assumtpion there exists the element

$$
h=\bigvee n e_{n} \quad(n=0,1,2, \ldots)
$$

in $H$ and $h \leqq g_{k}$ for each $k \in K$.
Let $0<h^{\prime} \in H, h^{\prime} \leqq g_{k}$ for each $k \in K$. The element $h^{\prime}$ can be represented in the form $h^{\prime}=\mathrm{V} n e_{n}^{\prime \prime}(n=0,1, \ldots)$ where the system $\left\{e_{n}^{\prime \prime}\right\}$ is disjoint and $\bigvee e_{n}^{\prime \prime}=e$. From $h^{\prime} \leqq g_{k}$ we obtain

$$
e_{n}^{\prime \prime} \wedge e_{m}(k)=0
$$

for each $n \geqq 1, m<n, k \in K$ and therefore

$$
e_{n}^{\prime \prime} \wedge e_{m} \leqq e_{n}^{\prime \prime} \wedge\left(\bigvee_{k \in K} e_{m}(k)\right)=0
$$

for each $n \geqq 1$ and each $m<n$. This implies that $h^{\prime} \leqq h$. We have proved that $h=$ $=\Lambda g_{k}(k \in K)$. From this it follows that $H$ is complete.
2.12. Theorem. Let $G$ be a singular l-group. Then the following conditions are equivalent:
(i) $G$ is complete.
(ii) $G$ is $\sigma$-complete and conditionally orthogonally complete.

Proof. Obviously (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii). From 2.5, 2.10 and 2.11 it follows that (ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i).
2.13. Let $G$ be a vector lattice. Then the conditions (i). and (ii) from 2.12 are equivalent.

This follows from [19], Thm. 3 and 4.
It remains as an open question whether the assertion of Thm. 2.12 holds for each $l$-group $G$.

## 3. THE ( $\alpha, \beta$ )-DISTRIBUTIVITY

In this section we prove that if $G$ is an archimedean $l$-group with the decomposition property that is $(\alpha, 2)$-distributive, then it is $(\alpha, \alpha)$-distributive and the Dedekind completion $G^{\wedge}$ of $G$ is also $(\alpha, \alpha)$-distributive. In particular, an orthogonally complete and $\sigma$-complete $l$-group that is $(\alpha, 2)$-distributive must be $(\alpha, \alpha)$-distributive.
3.1. Let $G$ be an archimedean l-group. Then the mapping $A \rightarrow A \cap G(A \in$ $\in K^{0}\left(G^{\wedge}\right)$ ) is an isomorphism of the Boolean algebra $K^{0}\left(G^{\wedge}\right)$ onto $K^{0}(G)$.

Proof. Let $A \in K^{0}\left(G^{\wedge}\right)$. Then it is easy to verify that $A \cap G \in K^{0}(G)$ and the mapping $\varphi: A \rightarrow A \cap G$ is monotone. Let $B \in K^{0}(G)$ and let $X$ be the set of all elements $x \in G$ with $|x| \wedge|b|=0$ for each $b \in B$. Further let $\psi(B)=A_{1}$ be the set of all elements of $G^{\wedge}$ that are disjoint to each element of $X$. Then $A_{1} \in K^{0}\left(G^{\wedge}\right)$ and $\varphi\left(A_{1}\right)=B$; hence $\varphi$ is onto.
Let $A \in K^{0}\left(G^{\wedge}\right), \varphi(A)=B$, and let $X, A_{1}$ be as above, $0 \leqq a \in A$. There exists a system $\left\{g_{i}\right\} \subset G^{+}$such that $\bigvee g_{i}=a$. Then $\left\{g_{i}\right\} \subset A$, thus $g_{i} \in B$; therefore $g_{i} \wedge$ $\wedge|x|=0$ for each $x \in X$. Since $G$ is infinitely distributive, we obtain $a \wedge|x|=0$ and therefore $a \in A_{1}$. From this it follows $A \subset A_{1}$. Conversely, let $0 \leqq a_{1} \in A_{1}$. Again, there is a system $\left\{g_{i}^{\prime}\right\} \subset G^{+}$such that $\bigvee g_{i}^{\prime}=a_{1}$. We have $\left\{g_{i}^{\prime}\right\} \subset B \subset A$ and since $A$ is a closed sublattice of $G^{\wedge}$, we obtain $a_{1} \in A$. Therefore $A_{1} \subset A$. Thus $A_{1}=A$, hence $\varphi$ is a monomorphism. Because the mapping $\psi$ is monotone and $\psi=\varphi^{-1}, \varphi$ is an isomorphism.
3.2. Let $G$ be an l-group with the decomposition property, $A, B \in K^{0}(G)$ and let $C$ be the supremum of $\{A, B\}$ in $K^{0}(G), 0 \leqq g \in C$. Then there exist $a \in A^{+}, b \in B^{+}$ such that $g=a+b$.

Proof. This follows from the fact that the supremum in the lattice of direct factors is the sum ([18], Thm. 1).
3.3. Theorem. Let $G$ be an archimedean l-group with the decomposition property that is ( $\alpha, 2$ )-distributive. Then the l-group $G^{\wedge}$ is $(\alpha, \alpha)$-distributive.

Proof. Assume that $G^{\wedge}$ is not $(\alpha, \alpha)$-distributive. For any complete $l$-group $H$, the Boolean algebra $K^{0}(H)$ is $(\alpha, \alpha)$-distributive if and only if $H$ is $(\alpha, \alpha)$-distributive [9]. Hence the Boolean algebra $K^{0}\left(G^{\wedge}\right)$ is not $(\alpha, \alpha)$-distributive. Thus (cf. [11], [17]) $K^{0}\left(G^{\wedge}\right)$ is not $(\alpha, 2)$-distributive. According to 3.1, the Boolean algebra $K^{0}(G)$ is not $(\alpha, 2)$-distributive. Then there exists a system $\left\{X_{t, s}\right\} \subset K^{0}(G)(t \in T, s \in S$, card $T \leqq \alpha$, $S=\{1,2\})$ such that

$$
\bigwedge_{t \in T} \bigvee_{s \in S} X_{t, s}=X, \quad \bigvee_{\varphi \in S^{T}} \bigwedge_{t \in T} X_{t, \varphi(t)}=Y
$$

and $X \neq Y$. Hence $Y$ is a proper subset of $X$. Let $Y_{t, s}=\left(X_{t, s} \vee Y\right) \wedge X$. Since $K^{0}(G)$ is infinitely distributive, we have

$$
\bigwedge_{t \in T} \bigvee_{s \in S} Y_{t, s}=X, \quad \bigvee_{\varphi \in S^{T}} \bigwedge_{t \epsilon T} Y_{t, \varphi(t)}=Y
$$

Further, since $Y_{t, s} \in[Y, X]$, we obtain

$$
\begin{array}{lll}
Y_{t, 1} \vee Y_{t, 2}=X & \text { for each } \quad t \in T \\
\bigwedge_{t \in T} Y_{t, \varphi(t)}=Y & \text { for each } & \varphi \in\{1,2\}^{T} .
\end{array}
$$

Let $A$ be the relative complement of $Y$ in the interval $[\{0\}, X]$ of $K^{0}(G)$. The mapping $\psi: Z \rightarrow A \wedge Z(Z \in[Y, X])$ is an isomorphism of $[Y, X]$ onto $[\{0\}, A]$. Put $A_{t, s}=$ $=\psi\left(Y_{t, s}\right)$. Then

$$
\begin{array}{lll}
A_{t, 1} \vee A_{t, 2}=A \neq\{0\} & \text { for each } & t \in T \\
\bigwedge_{t \in T} A_{t, \varphi(t)}=\{0\} & \text { for each } & \varphi \in\{1,2\}^{T} . \tag{3}
\end{array}
$$

There exists $0<a \in A$. According to (2) and 3.2 the element $a$ can be written in the form

$$
\begin{equation*}
a_{t, 1} \vee a_{t, 2}=a \quad \text { for each } t \in T, \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $0 \leqq a_{t, 1} \in A_{t, 1}, 0 \leqq a_{t, 2} \in A_{t, 2}$. From (3) we obtain $\cap A_{t, \varphi(t)}=\{0\}$ and therefore

$$
\begin{equation*}
\bigwedge_{t \epsilon T} a_{t, \varphi(t)}=0 \quad \text { for each } \quad \varphi \in\{1,2\}^{T} . \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

From (4) and (5) it follows that the $l$-group $G$ is not $(\alpha, 2)$-distributive, which is a contradiction.

Since $G$ is a closed $l$-subgroup of $G^{\wedge}$, we obtain from 3.3 immediately:
3.4. Corollary. Let $G$ be an archimedean l-group with the decomposition property that is $(\alpha, 2)$-distributive. Then $G$ is $(\alpha, \alpha)$-distributive.

Since each complete $l$-group is an archimedean $l$-group with the decomposition property, we have:
3.5. Corollary. ([7], Thm. 3.9.) If a complete l-group $G$ is ( $\alpha, 2$ )-distributive, then it is $(\alpha, \alpha)$-distributive.
3.6. Let $G$ be a $\sigma$-complete and conditionally orthogonally complete l-group. Then $G$ is an l-group with the decomposition property.

Proof. Let $X \subset G^{+}$. From the Axiom of Choice it follows that there exists a system $\left\{y_{i}\right\}(i \in I), 0 \leqq y_{i}$ such that (i) $y_{i_{1}} \wedge y_{i_{2}}=0$ for any pair of distinct elements $i_{1}, i_{2} \in I$, (ii) $y_{i} \wedge|x|=0$ for each $i \in I$ and each $x \in X$, and (iii) if $0<y \in X^{\delta}$, then $y \wedge y_{i}>0$ for some $i \in I$. Let $0 \leqq z \in G$. According to 2.2 for each $i \in I$ there exists $z\left[y_{i}\right]$. Clearly $z\left[y_{i}\right] \leqq z$ and the system $\left\{z\left[y_{i}\right]\right\}(i \in I)$ is disjoint. By the assumption, the join $\bigvee_{i \in I} z\left[y_{i}\right]=t$ exists in $G$. Then $z-t=z_{0} \geqq 0$. We have $t\left[y_{i}\right] \leqq z\left[y_{i}\right]$ and $z\left[y_{i}\right] \leqq t$, thus

$$
z\left[y_{i}\right]=z\left[y_{i}\right]\left[y_{i}\right] \leqq t\left[y_{i}\right] ;
$$

therefore $z\left[y_{i}\right]=t\left[y_{i}\right]$ and hence $z_{0}\left[y_{i}\right]=0$ for each $i \in I$. From this it follows that $z_{0} \in X^{\delta \delta}$. We have proved that each $z \in G^{+}$can be written in the form $z=$ $=z_{0}+t$ with $0 \leqq z_{0} \in X^{\delta \delta}, 0 \leqq t \in X^{\delta}$. Therefore $G=X^{\delta \delta} \otimes X^{\delta}$.

From 3.4 and 3.6 we obtain:
3.7. Theorem. Let $G$ be a $\sigma$-complete and conditionally orthogonally complete l-group. If $G$ is $(\alpha, 2)$-distributive, then it is $(\alpha, \alpha)$-distributive.

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