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INTRODUCTION

An *l*-group G is said to be σ -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 σ -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 §2 we show that if a singular *l*-group is conditionally orthogonally complete and σ -complete, then it is complete.

Let α 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 completely regular topological space (with the natural partial order) then G satisfies the following condition:

(*) If G is $(\alpha, 2)$ -distributive, then it is (α, α) -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 §3 we prove that each archimedean *l*-group G with the decomposition property satisfies (*). Lattice ordered groups with the decomposition property

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were studied by BERNAU [1]; for the case of vector lattices cf. VEKSLER and GEILER [19]. RABINOVIČ [13], [14] examined the analogous notion of lattices with the decomposition property. Each lattice ordered group that is σ -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

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For the standard notions concerning lattices and lattice ordered groups cf. BIRKHOFF [2] and FUCHS [5]. We denote lattice operations by \land and \lor , 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

$$X^{\delta} = \left\{ y \in G : |y| \land |x| = 0 \text{ for each } x \in X \right\}.$$

The set X^{δ} 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 $\emptyset = \{A_i\} \subset K^{0}(G)$ the meet $\bigwedge A_i$ in $K^{0}(G)$ coincides with $\bigcap A_i$ (Šik [18]). For $g \in G$ we denote $\{g\}^{\delta\delta} = \lceil g \rceil$.

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 uniquely 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 $\circ \in \{\land, \lor, +\}$ 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 $\{G_i\}$ $(i \in I)$ be a system of *l*-groups and let ΠG_i be their direct product. Let *H* be an *l*-subgroup of ΠG_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 $\{H_i\}_{i\in I}$ 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 $\varphi(g) = (\dots, g(H_i), \dots)_{i\in I}$ is an isomorphism of G into ΠH_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 $|x| \land |y| = 0$. 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 $e \land |x| = 0$ implies x = 0 for each $x \in G$. A system $\{A_i\}$ $(i \in I)$ 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 $|a_i| \land |a_j| = 0$.

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Let L be a lattice and let α , β be cardinals. Let T, S be sets satisfying card $T \leq \alpha$, card $S \leq \beta$. L is said to be $(\land, \lor) - (\alpha, \beta)$ -distributive, if the equation

(d)
$$\bigwedge_{t \in T} \bigvee_{s \in S} x_{t,s} = \bigvee_{\varphi \in S^T} \bigwedge_{t \in T} x_{t,\varphi(t)}$$

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 (α, β) -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 $s \land (s - x) = 0$ for each $x \in G$, $0 \leq x \leq s$ (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 $0 < s \leq g$.

The following two propositions are known (cf. Birkhoff [2], Chap. XIV, Thm. 17 and Jameson [10], Proposition 2.5.6).

2.1. Each σ -complete l-group is archimedean and commutative.

2.2. Let G be a σ -complete l-group, $0 < a \in G$. Then $G = \{a\}^{\delta} \otimes \{a\}^{\delta\delta}$.

2.3. Let $G \neq \{0\}$ be a σ -complete l-group and let $\{x_i\}$ be a maximal disjoint system of strictly positive elements of G, $H_i = [x_i]$. Then G is a complete subdirect product of l-subgroups H_i .

Proof. $\{H_i\}_{i \in I}$ 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

$$\varphi: x \to (\dots, x(H_i), \dots)_{i \in I}$$

is a homomorphism of G into ΠH_i . Let $y \in \varphi^{-1}(0)$, $y \ge 0$. Then $y(H_i) = 0$, thus $y \land x_i = 0$ for each $i \in I$. This implies y = 0. Therefore $\varphi^{-1}(0) = \{0\}$ and so φ is an isomorphism of G into H_i . Let $i \in I$, $h_i \in H_i$. Then $h_i(H_i) = h_i$ and $h_i(H_j) = 0$ 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 $\{x_i\}$ be a maximal disjoint system of S(G). Then $\{x_i\}$ is a maximal disjoint system of G. Proof. Let $0 \le y \in G$ be disjoint with each x_i . If 0 < y, then there is $s \in S(G)$ with $0 < s \le y$ 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 σ -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 σ -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 σ -complete *l*-group is singular and σ -complete.

An element $x \neq 0$ of an *l*-group G is called semilinear (ROTKOVIČ [15]) if for each $x' \in G$ with $0 < x' \leq |x|$ there exists $y \in G$ such that

$$0 < 2y \leq x'.$$

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 $0 \neq x' \in G$ with $x' \leq |x|$. Let $y, z \in G, 0 < y \leq x', x' = y + z$. We have $x' = y \lor z, y \land z =$ = 0, therefore $2y \land z = 0$ and hence by using distributivity of G,

$$x' \wedge 2y = y$$

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

Let $z, t \in G^+$, z + t = x'. 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

$$2u \leq u + z_1 + u + t_1 = x'$$
,

thus u = 0 and hence $z \wedge t = 0$, $z + t = z \vee t$. Therefore $z \wedge (x' - z) = 0$ for each $z \in [0, x']$. The element x' 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} .

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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 $\{x_j\}$ $(j \in J)$ 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 $0 \leq h \in H$. Then h can be uniquelly represented in the form $h = \bigvee ne_n^*$ (n = 1, 2, ...) such that $e_{n_1}^* \wedge e_{n_2}^* = 0$ for $n_1 \neq n_2$ and $\bigvee e_n^* = e^* \leq e$. If $0 = h' = \bigvee ne'_n$ is another such representation for $h' \in H$, then $h \leq h'$ if and only if $e^* \leq e' = \bigvee e'_n$ and $e_i^* \wedge e'_i > 0 \Rightarrow i \leq j$.

Let $0 \leq h \in H$, $0 \leq h' \in H$. Under the same denotations as above put $e_0^* = e - e^*$, $e_0' = e - e'$. Since [0, e] is a Boolean algebra we infer that $e = \bigvee e_n^* = \bigvee e_n'$ (n = 0, 1, 2, ...) and $h = \bigvee ne_n^*$, $h' = \bigvee ne_n'$ (n = 0, 1, 2, ...). Then we have:

2.7.1. $h \leq h'$ if and only if $e_n^* \leq \bigvee e_i' \ (i \geq n)$ for each $n \geq 1$.

Proof. Let $h \leq h'$, $n \geq 1$. Then $e^* \leq e'$ and $e_n^* \wedge e_j' = 0$ for $1 \leq j < n$, thus from

$$e_n^* \leq e' = (e_1' \lor \ldots \lor e_{n-1}') \lor (\bigvee_{j \geq n} e_j')$$

we obtain that $e_n^* \leq \bigvee_{j \geq n} e'_j$, n = 1, 2, ...

Conversely, assume that $e_n^* \leq \bigvee_{j \geq n} e_j'$ for each $n \geq 1$. Then $\bigvee_{n \geq 1} e_n^* \leq \bigvee_{n \geq 1} e_n'$ and $e_n^* \wedge e_j' = 0$ for j = 1, 2, ..., n - 1. Therefore $h \leq h'$.

For a Boolean algebra B let F(B) have the same meaning as in §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 $0 \le h \in H$ can be uniquelly represented in the form $h = \bigvee ne_n^*$ (n = 0, 1, 2, ...), $e_n^* \in H_1$, $\bigvee e_n^* = e$, $e_{n_1}^* \land e_{n_2}^* = 0$ for $n_1 \ne n_2$. 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 $\overline{e_n}$ 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) = nwhenever $x \in \bar{e}_n$ (n = 0, 1, 2, ...). Then the mapping $h \to f$ 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 $g_i \in G$ $(j \in J)$, $g \in G$, $0 \leq g_i \leq g$ for each $j \in J$. Then

$$0 \leq g_i(H_i) \leq g(H_i)$$

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

$$\bigvee_{j \in J} g_j(H_i) = \bar{g}_i$$

in H_i . We have $\bar{g}_i \leq g(H_i) \leq g$. Since the system $\{\bar{g}_i\}$ $(i \in I)$ is disjoint and G is conditionally orthogonally complete, $\bigvee \bar{g}_i = x$ exists in G. Then $x(H_i) = \bar{g}_i \geq$ $\geq g_j(H_i)$ for each $i \in I$ and each $j \in J$, thus $x \geq g_j$ for each $j \in J$. Let $y \in G$, $g_j \leq y$ for each $j \in J$. Hence $g_j(H_i) \leq y(H_i)$ for each $i \in I$ and each $j \in J$. Therefore $x(H_i) =$ $= \bar{g}_i \leq y(H_i)$ for each $i \in I$ and this implies $x \leq y$. Thus $x = \bigvee_{j \in J} g_j$. 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 $g, g_k \in H^+$ ($k \in K$), $g_k \leq g$ 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

$$g = \bigvee ne'_n$$
, $g_k = \bigvee ne_n(k)$ $(n = 0, 1, 2, ...)$

be such representations. All elements e'_n , $e_n(k)$ belong to the complete Boolean algebra B. From $g_k \leq g$ it follows $e_n(k) \leq \bigvee_{i \geq n} e'_i$ for each $k \in K$ and each $n \geq 1$.

We define by induction elements $e_n \in B$ (n = 0, 1, 2, ...) 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 $\{e_0, \ldots, e_n\}$ is disjoint. Denote $f_n = e_0 \vee \ldots \vee e_n$ and let g'_n be the complement of f_n in B. We put

$$e_{n+1} = g'_n \wedge \left(\bigvee_{k \in K} e_{n+1}(k) \right).$$

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

$$ne_n \leq g_k \quad (n = 1, 2, \ldots).$$

We have to show that

$$e_n \leq \bigvee_{i \geq n} e_i(k) \, .$$

Thus it suffices to prove that

(1)
$$e_n \wedge e_t(k) = 0$$

for each t < n. From $e = e_0 \lor e_1 \lor \ldots \lor e_{n-1} \lor g'_{n-1}$ we obtain $e_n(k) = (e_n(k) \land \land e_0) \lor (e_n(k) \land e_1) \lor \ldots \lor (e_n(k) \land e_{n-1}) \lor (e_n(k) \land g'_{n-1}) \le e_0 \lor \ldots \lor e_{n-1} \lor \lor (\bigvee_{i \in K} e_n(j) \land g'_{n-1}) = e_0 \lor \ldots \lor e_{n-1} \lor e_n$ and therefore

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

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

$$h = \bigvee ne_n \quad (n = 0, 1, 2, ...)$$

in H and $h \leq g_k$ for each $k \in K$.

Let $0 < h' \in H$, $h' \leq g_k$ for each $k \in K$. The element h' can be represented in the form $h' = \bigvee ne''_n$ (n = 0, 1, ...) where the system $\{e''_n\}$ is disjoint and $\bigvee e''_n = e$. From $h' \leq g_k$ we obtain

$$e_n'' \wedge e_m(k) = 0$$

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

$$e_n'' \wedge e_m \leq e_n'' \wedge (\bigvee_{k \in K} e_m(k)) = 0$$

for each $n \ge 1$ and each m < n. This implies that $h' \le h$. We have proved that $h = \bigwedge g_k \ (k \in K)$. 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 σ -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 (α, β) -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 (α, α) -distributive and the Dedekind completion G^{\wedge} of G is also (α, α) -distributive. In particular, an orthogonally complete and σ -complete *l*-group that is $(\alpha, 2)$ -distributive must be (α, α) -distributive.

3.1. Let G be an archimedean l-group. Then the mapping $A \to A \cap G$ ($A \in \in K^{0}(G^{\wedge})$) is an isomorphism of the Boolean algebra $K^{0}(G^{\wedge})$ onto $K^{0}(G)$.

Proof. Let $A \in K^{0}(G^{\wedge})$. Then it is easy to verify that $A \cap G \in K^{0}(G)$ and the mapping $\varphi : A \to A \cap G$ 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 $A_{1} \in K^{0}(G^{\wedge})$ and $\varphi(A_{1}) = B$; hence φ is onto.

Let $A \in K^0(G^{\wedge})$, $\varphi(A) = B$, and let X, A_1 be as above, $0 \leq a \in A$. There exists a system $\{g_i\} \subset G^+$ such that $\bigvee g_i = a$. Then $\{g_i\} \subset A$, thus $g_i \in B$; therefore $g_i \wedge |x| = 0$ 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 $0 \leq a_1 \in A_1$. Again, there is a system $\{g'_i\} \subset G^+$ such that $\bigvee g'_i = a_1$. We have $\{g'_i\} \subset B \subset A$ 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 φ is a monomorphism. Because the mapping ψ 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 $K^0(G), 0 \leq g \in C$. 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 (α, α) -distributive.

Proof. Assume that G^{\wedge} is not (α, α) -distributive. For any complete *l*-group *H*, the Boolean algebra $K^{0}(H)$ is (α, α) -distributive if and only if *H* is (α, α) -distributive [9]. Hence the Boolean algebra $K^{0}(G^{\wedge})$ is not (α, α) -distributive. Thus (cf. [11], [17]) $K^{0}(G^{\wedge})$ 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 $\{X_{t,s}\} \subset K^{0}(G)$ ($t \in T, s \in S$, card $T \leq \alpha$, $S = \{1, 2\}$) 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 $Y_{t,s} = (X_{t,s} \lor Y) \land X$. Since $K^0(G)$ is infinitely distributive, we have

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

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

$$Y_{t,1} \lor Y_{t,2} = X \quad \text{for each} \quad t \in T,$$

$$\bigwedge_{t \in T} Y_{t,\phi(t)} = Y \quad \text{for each} \quad \phi \in \{1, 2\}^T$$

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

(2)
$$A_{t,1} \lor A_{t,2} = A \neq \{0\}$$
 for each $t \in T$,

(3)
$$\bigwedge_{t \in T} A_{t,\varphi(t)} = \{0\}$$
 for each $\varphi \in \{1,2\}^T$.

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

(4)
$$a_{t,1} \lor a_{t,2} = a$$
 for each $t \in T$,

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

(5)
$$\bigwedge_{t \in T} a_{t,\varphi(t)} = 0 \quad \text{for each} \quad \varphi \in \{1, 2\}^T$$

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 (α, α) -distributive.

Since each complete *l*-group is an archimedean *l*-group with the decomposition property, we have:

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3.5. Corollary. ([7], Thm. 3.9.) If a complete l-group G is $(\alpha, 2)$ -distributive, then it is (α, α) -distributive.

3.6. Let G be a σ -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 $\{y_i\}$ $(i \in I)$, $0 \leq y_i$ 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 $0 \leq z \in G$. According to 2.2 for each $i \in I$ there exists $z[y_i]$. Clearly $z[y_i] \leq z$ and the system $\{z[y_i]\}$ $(i \in I)$ is disjoint. By the assumption, the join $\bigvee_{i \in I} z[y_i] = t$ exists in G. Then $z - t = z_0 \geq 0$. We have $t[y_i] \leq z[y_i]$ and $z[y_i] \leq t$, thus

$$z[y_i] = z[y_i] [y_i] \leq t[y_i];$$

therefore $z[y_i] = t[y_i]$ and hence $z_0[y_i] = 0$ 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 $0 \le z_0 \in X^{\delta\delta}$, $0 \le t \in X^{\delta}$. Therefore $G = X^{\delta\delta} \otimes X^{\delta}$.

From 3.4 and 3.6 we obtain:

3.7. Theorem. Let G be a σ -complete and conditionally orthogonally complete l-group. If G is $(\alpha, 2)$ -distributive, then it is (α, α) -distributive.

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