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PRODUCT RADICAL CLASSES OF  $\ell$ -GROUPS

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The main results of this paper concern product radical classes of  $\ell$ -groups. We discuss the product radical mappings and the polar closure operator in the complete lattice  $T_{1,23'}$ , and generalize some results for torsion classes.

We use the standard terminology and notation of [1, 3, 5]. Throughout the paper  $G$  is an  $\ell$ -group. We use the additive group notation. Let  $\{G_\alpha \mid \alpha \in A\}$  be a family of  $\ell$ -groups and let  $\prod_{\alpha \in A} G_\alpha$  be their direct product. For an element  $g \in \prod_{\alpha \in A} G_\alpha$ , we denote the  $\alpha$ -component of  $g$  by  $g_\alpha$ . An  $\ell$ -group  $G$  is said to be a subdirect product of  $\ell$ -groups  $G_\alpha$ , in symbols  $G \subseteq' \prod_{\alpha \in A} G_\alpha$ , if  $G$  is an  $\ell$ -subgroup of  $\prod_{\alpha \in A} G_\alpha$  such that for each  $\alpha \in A$  and each  $g' \in G_\alpha$  there exists  $g \in G$  with the property  $g_\alpha = g'$ . We denote the  $\ell$ -subgroup of  $\prod_{\alpha \in A} G_\alpha$  consisting of the elements with only finitely many non-zero components by  $\sum_{\alpha \in A} G_\alpha$ . It is called the direct sum of  $G_\alpha$ . An  $\ell$ -group  $G$  is said to be a completely subdirect product of  $G_\alpha$ , if  $G$  is an  $\ell$ -subgroup of  $\prod_{\alpha \in A} G_\alpha$  and  $\sum_{\alpha \in A} G_\alpha \subseteq G$ .

Let  $G$  be an  $\ell$ -group.  $\mathcal{C}(G)$  will denote the complete lattice of all convex  $\ell$ -subgroups of  $G$ . For  $g \in G$ , let  $G(g)$  be the convex  $\ell$ -subgroup generated by  $g$ . If  $X \subseteq G$ ,  $X_G^\perp = \{f \in G \mid \text{for all } x \in X, |f| \wedge |x| = 0\}$  is called the polar of  $X$  in  $G$ . If there is no danger of confusion, we simply write  $X^\perp$ .

1. CLASSES OF  $\ell$ -GROUPS

We can form new  $\ell$ -groups from some original  $\ell$ -groups. These structure methods include:

1. taking  $\ell$ -subgroups,
- 1'. taking convex  $\ell$ -subgroups,
2. forming joins of convex  $\ell$ -subgroups,
- 2'. forming finite joins and chain joins of convex  $\ell$ -subgroups,

3. forming completely subdirect products,
- 3'. forming direct products,
- 3''. forming direct sums,
4. taking  $\ell$ -homomorphic images,
- 4'. taking complete  $\ell$ -homomorphic images,
- 4''. taking  $\ell$ -isomorphic images,
5. forming extensions, that is,  $G$  is an extension of  $A$  with respect to  $B$  if  $A$  is an  $\ell$ -ideal of  $G$  and  $B = G/A$ .

A family  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $\ell$ -groups is called a class, if it is closed under some of the above structures. If a class  $\mathcal{U}$  is closed under the structures  $i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4, i_5$ , we call  $\mathcal{U}$  an  $i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4 i_5$ -class, where  $i_1 \in \{1, 1', 4''\}$ ,  $i_2 \in \{2, 2', 4''\}$ ,  $i_3 \in \{3, 3', 3'', 4''\}$ ,  $i_4 \in \{4, 4', 4''\}$ ,  $i_5 \in \{5, 4''\}$ . All our classes are always assumed to contain along with a given  $\ell$ -group all its  $\ell$ -isomorphic copies, so we can omit the index  $4''$ . For example, we simply write the  $1'2'$ -class for the  $1'2'4''4''4''$ -class.

Thus, a radical class [7] is a  $1'2$ -class, a torsion class [12] is a  $24$ -class, a hereditary torsion class [11] is a  $1'24$ -class, a torsion-free class [11] is a  $1'3$ -class, a quasi-torsion class [10] is a  $1'24'$ -class, a complete torsion class [12] is a  $245$ -class, a variety is a  $134$ -class.

Let  $T_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4 i_5}$  be the collection of all  $i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4 i_5$ -classes, It is clear that an  $i_1 \dots i_{k-1} i_k$ -class is also an  $i_1 \dots i_{k-1}$ -class ( $2 \leq k \leq 5$ ), that is,  $T_{i_1 \dots i_{k-1} i_k} \subseteq T_{i_1 \dots i_{k-1}}$ . We also have  $T_{i_1 \dots i_k \dots i_5} \subseteq T_{i_1 \dots i'_k \dots i_5}$  ( $1 \leq k \leq 5$ ).

We could have at most  $3 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 = 216$  classes of  $\ell$ -groups, but some of them coincide. For example, we will show that  $T_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4 i_5} = T_{i_1 2' i_3 i_4 i_5}$  if  $i_1 \neq 4''$ . It is also clear that  $T_{1 i_2 3 i_4 i_5} = T_{1 i_2 3' i_4 i_5}$ . In general, for  $1'2 i_3 i_4 i_5$ -classes we have the following relations:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} T_{1'23} & \subseteq & T_{1'23'} & \subseteq & T_{1'23''} & = & T_{1'2} \supseteq T_{1'24} \\ \cup & & \cup & & \cup & & \cup \\ T_{1'235} & \subseteq & T_{1'23'5} & \subseteq & T_{1'23''5} & = & T_{1'25} \supseteq T_{1'245} \end{array}$$

A  $1'2'3'$ -class is called a product radical class. A  $1'2'3$ -class is called a subproduct radical class. In this paper we mainly discuss the product radical classes. We will prove that most of the results similar to those from [11] are valid for product radical classes. First, we give some examples of product radical classes:

$\mathcal{H}$ , the class of hyper-archimedean  $\ell$ -groups. An  $\ell$ -group belongs to  $\mathcal{H}$  if and only if every  $\ell$ -homomorphic image is archimedean.

$\mathcal{A}r$ , the class of all archimedean  $\ell$ -groups.

$\mathcal{C}D$ , the class of completely distributive  $\ell$ -groups.

$\mathcal{S}P$ , the class of strongly projectable  $\ell$ -groups, that is,  $\ell$ -groups for which each polar is a cardinal summand.

$\mathcal{B}as$ , the class of all  $\ell$ -groups with a basis ( an  $\ell$ -group has a basis if it has a maximal pairwise disjoint set of basic element).

$\mathcal{C}$ , the class of all complete  $\ell$ -groups.

Since every variety of  $\ell$ -groups is a torsion class [6] and a torsion-free class, so every variety is a product radical class. Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be the variety of all  $\ell$ -groups. A product radical class  $\mathcal{R}$  is called proper if  $\mathcal{R} \neq \mathcal{L}$ .

## 2. THE PRODUCT RADICAL MAPPINGS

Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be a product radical class and  $G$  an  $\ell$ -group. By Zorn's Lemma there exists a maximal convex  $\ell$ -subgroups of  $G$  belonging to  $\mathcal{R}$ . We denote it by  $\mathcal{R}(G)$ . Since  $\mathcal{R}$  is closed under finite joins,  $\mathcal{R}(G)$  is the unique largest convex  $\ell$ -subgroup of  $G$  belonging to  $\mathcal{R}$ .  $\mathcal{R}(G)$  is called a product radical of  $G$ ; it is invariant under all  $\ell$ -automorphisms of  $G$ , and in particular it is an  $\ell$ -ideal. Let  $R(G) = \{\mathcal{R}(G) \mid \mathcal{R} \in T_{1'2'3'}\}$  [9].

We have the following elementary fact.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Suppose that  $\mathcal{R}$  is a product radical class. Then*

- (i) *if  $A$  is a convex  $\ell$ -subgroup of  $G$  then  $\mathcal{R}(A) = A \cap \mathcal{R}(G)$ ;*
- (ii) *if  $\{G_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  is a family of  $\ell$ -groups then  $\mathcal{R}\left(\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda\right) = \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{R}(G_\lambda)$ .*

Conversely, if we associate with each  $\ell$ -group  $G$  an  $\ell$ -ideal  $\mathcal{U}(G)$  subject to (i) and (ii) above, and set  $\mathcal{R} = \{G \mid \mathcal{U}(G) = G\}$ , then  $\mathcal{R}$  is a product radical class, and for each  $\ell$ -group  $G$ ,  $\mathcal{R}(G) = \mathcal{U}(G)$ .

*Proof.*  $A \cap \mathcal{R}(G)$  is a convex  $\ell$ -subgroup of  $\mathcal{R}(G)$  and belongs to  $\mathcal{R}$ , so  $A \cap \mathcal{R}(G) \subseteq \mathcal{R}(A)$ .  $\mathcal{R}(A)$  is a convex  $\ell$ -subgroup of  $G$  and belongs to  $\mathcal{R}$ , so  $\mathcal{R}(A) \subseteq A \cap \mathcal{R}(G)$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{R}(A) = A \cap \mathcal{R}(G)$ .

Let  $\{G_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be a family of  $\ell$ -groups. Then

$$(1) \quad \mathcal{R}\left(\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda\right) \supseteq \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{R}(G_\lambda).$$

On the other hand, let  $\bar{G}_\lambda = \{g \in \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda \mid \delta \neq \lambda \Rightarrow g_\delta = 0\}$ , then  $\bar{G}_\lambda \cong G_\lambda$ .

We see that  $\mathcal{R}\left(\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda\right) \cap \bar{G}_\lambda$  is a convex  $\ell$ -subgroup of  $\mathcal{R}\left(\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda\right)$  and  $\bar{G}_\lambda$ , so  $\mathcal{R}\left(\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda\right) \cap \bar{G}_\lambda \subseteq \mathcal{R}(\bar{G}_\lambda)$ . Since  $\mathcal{R}\left(\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda\right)$  is a convex  $\ell$ -subgroup of  $\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda$ ,

$$\mathcal{R}\left(\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda\right)^+ \subseteq \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \left[\mathcal{R}\left(\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda\right)^+ \cap \bar{G}_\lambda\right] \subseteq \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \left[\mathcal{R}\left(\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda\right) \cap \bar{G}_\lambda\right].$$

Hence

$$(2) \quad \mathcal{R}\left(\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda\right) \subseteq \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \left[\mathcal{R}\left(\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda\right) \cap \bar{G}_\lambda\right] \subseteq \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{R}(\bar{G}_\lambda) = \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{R}(G_\lambda).$$

Combining (1) and (2) we get (ii).

Conversely, suppose the function  $\mathcal{U}$  satisfies (i) and (ii), and  $\mathcal{R}\{G \mid \mathcal{U}(G) = G\}$ . If  $G \in \mathcal{R}$  and  $A$  is a convex  $\ell$ -subgroup of  $G$ , then  $\mathcal{U}(A) = A \cap \mathcal{U}(G) = A \cap G = A$ , hence  $A \in \mathcal{R}$ . Next, suppose  $\{C_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  is a family of convex  $\ell$ -subgroups of an  $\ell$ -group  $G$ ,  $C = \bigvee_{\lambda \in \Lambda} C_\lambda$ , and  $C_\lambda \in \mathcal{R}$  for each  $\lambda$ . Then  $C_\lambda = \mathcal{U}(C_\lambda) = C_\lambda \cap \mathcal{U}(G) \in \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{U}(G))$ , so  $\bigvee_{\lambda \in \Lambda} C_\lambda \in \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{U}(G))$ . But  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{U}(G)) = \mathcal{U}(G)$  implies  $\mathcal{U}(G) \in \mathcal{R}$ . By the above we get  $\bigvee_{\lambda \in \Lambda} C_\lambda \in \mathcal{R}$ . This implies that  $\mathcal{R}$  is closed under the structure 2, in particular,  $\mathcal{R}$  is closed under the structure 2'.

Suppose that  $\{G_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  is a family of  $\ell$ -groups, and  $G_\lambda \in \mathcal{R}$  for each  $\lambda$ . Then  $\mathcal{U}\left(\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda\right) = \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{U}(G_\lambda) = \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda$ , hence  $\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda \in \mathcal{R}$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{R}$  is a product radical class.  $\mathcal{U}(G) \in \mathcal{R}$  implies  $\mathcal{U}(G) \subseteq \mathcal{R}(G)$ . On the other hand,  $\mathcal{R}(G) = \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{R}(G)) = \mathcal{R}(G) \cap \mathcal{U}(G) \subseteq \mathcal{U}(G)$ . Hence  $\mathcal{R}(G) = \mathcal{U}(G)$ .  $\square$

Any mapping  $G \rightarrow \mathcal{U}(G)$  on the variety  $\mathcal{L}$  of all  $\ell$ -groups satisfying the above properties (i) and (ii) is called a product radical mapping. Thus there exists a 1-1 correspondence between the product radical classes and the product radical mappings. From the above proof we see that a product radical class is always closed under forming joins of convex  $\ell$ -subgroups, by a product radical class we always mean a 1'23'-class. In the general we have

**Corollary 2.2.**  $T_{i_1 2 i_3 i_4 i_5} = T_{i_1 2' i_3 i_4 i_5}$  if  $i_1 \neq 4''$ . In particular,  $T_{1' 2' 3'} = T_{1' 23'}$ .

**Proposition 2.3.** Suppose that  $\mathcal{R}$  is a product radical class and  $\{G_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  is a family of convex  $\ell$ -subgroups of the  $\ell$ -group  $G$ . Then

- (1)  $\mathcal{R}\left(\bigvee_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda\right) = \bigvee_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{R}(G_\lambda)$ ,
- (2)  $\mathcal{R}\left(\bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda\right) = \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{R}(G_\lambda)$ .

The proof of this proposition is similar to the proof of Proposition 1.1 and Proposition 1.3 in [11].

### 3. THE COMPLETE LATTICE $T_{1' 23'}$

Suppose  $\{\mathcal{U}_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\} \subseteq T_{1' 23'}$ . Since the intersection of a family of product radical classes is also a product radical class, we can define

$$\bigwedge_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{U}_\lambda = \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{U}_\lambda,$$

$$\bigvee_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{U}_\lambda = \bigcap \{ \mathcal{U} \in T_{1' 23'} \mid \mathcal{U} \supseteq \mathcal{U}_\lambda \text{ for each } \lambda \in \Lambda \}.$$

**Theorem 3.1.**  $T_{1'23'}$  is a complete lattice. If  $\{U_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\} \subseteq T_{1'23'}$ ,  $\{U_i \mid i = 1, \dots, n\} \subseteq T_{1'23'}$ , then for each  $\ell$ -group  $G$ ,

$$(3) \quad \left( \bigwedge_{\lambda \in \Lambda} U_\lambda \right) (G) = \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} U_\lambda(G)$$

and

$$(4) \quad \left( \bigvee_{i=1}^n U_i \right) (G) = \bigvee_{i=1}^n U_i(G),$$

where  $\bigvee_{i=1}^n U_i(G)$  is the convex  $\ell$ -subgroup generated by  $U_i(G)$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ). Hence  $T_{1'23'}$  is a sublattice of  $T_{1'2}$  and the meets of  $T_{1'23'}$  agree with those of  $T_{1'2}$ .

**Proof.** The formula (3) is clear. We only prove (4). First,  $G \rightarrow \bigvee_{i=1}^n U_i(G)$  is a product radical mapping. In fact,  $\bigvee_{i=1}^n U_i(A) = \bigvee_{i=1}^n (A \cap U_i(G)) = A \cap \left( \bigvee_{i=1}^n U_i(G) \right)$  for each  $A \in \mathcal{C}(G)$ . For any family  $\{G_\delta \mid \delta \in \Delta\}$  of  $\ell$ -groups, evidently  $\prod_{\delta \in \Delta} \bigvee_{i=1}^n U_i(G_\delta) \supseteq \bigvee_{i=1}^n \prod_{\delta \in \Delta} U_i(G_\delta)$ . If  $a = (\dots, a_\delta, \dots) \in \prod_{\delta \in \Delta} \bigvee_{i=1}^n U_i(G_\delta)$ , then for each  $\delta \in \Delta$   $a_\delta = a_{\delta_1} + \dots + a_{\delta_n}$ ,  $a_{\delta_i} \in U_i(G_\delta)$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ). So  $a = (\dots, a_{\delta_1}, \dots) + \dots + (\dots, a_{\delta_n}, \dots)$ , where  $(\dots, a_{\delta_i}, \dots) \in \prod_{\delta \in \Delta} U_i(G_\delta)$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ). Hence  $a \in \bigvee_{i=1}^n \prod_{\delta \in \Delta} U_i(G_\delta)$ . Therefore  $\prod_{\delta \in \Delta} \bigvee_{i=1}^n U_i(G_\delta) = \bigvee_{i=1}^n \prod_{\delta \in \Delta} U_i(G_\delta)$ . Thus, (i) and (ii) of Theorem 2.1 are satisfied and  $\bigvee_{i=1}^n U_i(G)$  defines a product radical class  $\mathcal{U} = \{G \mid G = \bigvee_{i=1}^n U_i(G)\}$ . If  $\mathcal{R}$  is a product radical class such so that  $\mathcal{R} \supseteq U_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ) and  $G \in \mathcal{U}$ , then  $\mathcal{R}(G) = \mathcal{R}\left(\bigvee_{i=1}^n U_i(G)\right) = \bigvee_{i=1}^n \mathcal{R}(U_i(G)) = \bigvee_{i=1}^n U_i(G) = G$  and  $G \in \mathcal{R}$ . It follows that  $\mathcal{U} = \bigvee_{i=1}^n U_i$  and  $\left(\bigvee_{i=1}^n U_i\right)(G) = \bigvee_{i=1}^n U_i(G)$ .  $\square$

**Note 1.** From the formulas (3) and (4) we have  $\mathcal{I} \wedge \left(\bigvee_{i=1}^n U_i\right) = \bigvee_{i=1}^n (\mathcal{I} \wedge U_i)$ . Nonetheless, it is not generally true that  $\mathcal{I}\left(\bigvee_{\lambda \in \Lambda} U_\lambda\right) = \bigvee_{\lambda \in \Lambda} (\mathcal{I} \wedge U_\lambda)$ . So  $T_{1'23'}$  is not a Brouwerian lattices. Nor is it generally true that  $\mathcal{I} \vee \left(\bigwedge_{\lambda \in \Lambda} U_\lambda\right) = \bigwedge_{\lambda \in \Lambda} (\mathcal{I} \vee U_\lambda)$ . In general,  $\mathcal{I} \vee \left(\bigwedge_{\lambda \in \Lambda} U_\lambda\right) \subseteq \bigwedge_{\lambda \in \Lambda} (\mathcal{I} \vee U_\lambda)$ .

Note 2. The general form of (4) is  $\left(\bigvee_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{U}_\lambda\right)(G) = \bigvee_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{U}_\lambda(G)$ . It is valid for radical classes and torsion classes. Let  $\{\mathcal{U}_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be a family of  $1'2i_3i_4i_5$ -classes. From the proof of Theorem 3.1 we know that  $\left(\bigvee_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{U}_\lambda\right)(G) = \bigvee_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{U}_\lambda(G)$ , if and only if  $\mathcal{R} = \{G \mid G = \bigvee_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{U}_\lambda(G)\}$  defines a  $1'2i_3i_4i_5$ -class if and only if  $T_{1'2i_3i_4i_5}$  is a complete sublattice of  $T_{1'2}$ .  $T_{1'23'}$  is not a complete sublattice of  $T_{1'2}$ .

Note 3. By Theorem 3.1 we see that  $R(G)$  is a sublattice of  $\mathcal{C}(G)$  for an  $\ell$ -group  $G$ .

Since a product radical class is a radical class, for any two product radical classes  $\mathcal{I}$  and  $\mathcal{U}$  we also have their product  $\mathcal{I}\mathcal{U} = \{G \mid G/\mathcal{I}(G) \in \mathcal{U}\}$  [8].

**Theorem 3.2.**  *$\mathcal{I}\mathcal{U}$  is a product radical class whenever  $\mathcal{I}$  and  $\mathcal{U}$  are; if  $G$  is an  $\ell$ -group, the product radical  $\mathcal{I}\mathcal{U}(G)$  is defined by the equation  $\mathcal{I}\mathcal{U}(G)/\mathcal{I}(G) = \mathcal{U}(G/\mathcal{I}(G))$ . Consequently,  $T_{1'23'}$  is a subsemigroup of  $T_{1'2}$ .*

Proof. We will prove that  $\mathcal{I}\mathcal{U}(G)$  satisfies (i) and (ii) of Theorem 2.1. Suppose that  $A$  is a convex  $\ell$ -subgroup of  $G$ . To show that  $\mathcal{I}\mathcal{U}(A) = A \cap \mathcal{I}\mathcal{U}(G)$  we prove that  $[A \cap \mathcal{I}\mathcal{U}(G)]/\mathcal{I}(A) = \mathcal{U}(A/\mathcal{I}(A))$ .

$$\begin{aligned} [A \cap \mathcal{I}\mathcal{U}(G)]/\mathcal{I}(A) &= [A \cap \mathcal{I}\mathcal{U}(G)]/[A \cap \mathcal{I}(G)] \\ &\cong \{[A \cap \mathcal{I}\mathcal{U}(G)] \vee \mathcal{I}(G)\}/\mathcal{I}(G) = [A \vee \mathcal{I}(G)] \cap \mathcal{I}\mathcal{U}(G)/\mathcal{I}(G) \\ &= [A \vee \mathcal{I}(G)/\mathcal{I}(G)] \cap [\mathcal{I}\mathcal{U}(G)/\mathcal{I}(G)] \\ &= [A \vee \mathcal{I}(G)/\mathcal{I}(G)] \cap \mathcal{U}(G/\mathcal{I}(G)) = \mathcal{U}(A \vee \mathcal{I}(G))/\mathcal{I}(G) \\ &\cong \mathcal{U}(A/A \cap \mathcal{I}(G)) = \mathcal{U}(A/\mathcal{I}(A)). \end{aligned}$$

Next, let  $\{G_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be a family of  $\ell$ -groups. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{I}\mathcal{U}(G_\lambda)\right]/\mathcal{I}\left(\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda\right) &= \left[\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{I}\mathcal{U}(G_\lambda)\right]/\left[\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{I}(G_\lambda)\right] \\ &= \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \left[\mathcal{I}\mathcal{U}(G_\lambda)/\mathcal{I}(G_\lambda)\right] = \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{U}(G_\lambda/\mathcal{I}(G_\lambda)) \\ &= \mathcal{U}\left(\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} (G_\lambda/\mathcal{I}(G_\lambda))\right) = \mathcal{U}\left(\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda / \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{I}(G_\lambda)\right) \\ &= \mathcal{U}\left(\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda / \mathcal{I}\left(\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda\right)\right) = \mathcal{I}\mathcal{U}\left(\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} g_\lambda\right) / \mathcal{I}\left(\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda\right). \end{aligned}$$

That is,  $\mathcal{I}\mathcal{U}\left(\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda\right) = \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{I}\mathcal{U}(G_\lambda)$ . Hence  $\mathcal{I}\mathcal{U}(G)$  is a product radical. It is clear that  $G \in \mathcal{I}\mathcal{U}$  if and only if  $\mathcal{I}\mathcal{U}(G) = G$ . So  $\mathcal{I}\mathcal{U}$  is the product radical class defined by  $\mathcal{I}\mathcal{U}(G)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.3.** Suppose  $\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{U}, \mathcal{U}' \in T_{1',23'}$ . If  $\mathcal{U} \supseteq \mathcal{U}'$ , then  $\mathcal{I}.\mathcal{U} \supseteq \mathcal{I}.\mathcal{U}'$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $\mathcal{U}, \{\mathcal{I}_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}, \{\mathcal{I}_i \mid i = 1, \dots, n\}$  be product radical classes. Then

$$(1) \mathcal{U} \cdot \left( \bigwedge_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{I}_\lambda \right) = \bigwedge_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{U}.\mathcal{I}_\lambda,$$

$$(2) \bigvee_{i=1}^n \mathcal{U}.\mathcal{I}_i = \mathcal{U} \cdot \left( \bigvee_{i=1}^n \mathcal{I}_i \right).$$

*Proof.* (1) By Theorem 3.1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{U} \cdot \left( \bigwedge_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{I}_\lambda \right)(G)/\mathcal{U}(G) &= \left( \bigwedge_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{I}_\lambda \right)(G/\mathcal{U}(G)) \\ &= \bigwedge_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{I}_\lambda(G/\mathcal{U}(G)) = \bigwedge_{\lambda \in \Lambda} [\mathcal{U}.\mathcal{I}_\lambda(G)/\mathcal{U}(G)] \\ &= \left[ \bigwedge_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{U}.\mathcal{I}_\lambda(G) \right]/\mathcal{U}(G) = \left( \bigwedge_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{U}.\mathcal{I}_\lambda \right)(G)/\mathcal{U}(G). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\mathcal{U} \cdot \left( \bigwedge_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{I}_\lambda \right)(G) = \left( \bigwedge_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{U}.\mathcal{I}_\lambda \right)(G)$  for any  $\ell$ -group  $G$ , and so  $\mathcal{U} \cdot \left( \bigwedge_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{I}_\lambda \right) = \bigwedge_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{U}.\mathcal{I}_\lambda$ .

(2) It follows from Theorem 3.1 that

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \mathcal{U} \cdot \left( \bigvee_{i=1}^n \mathcal{I}_i \right) \right](G)/\mathcal{U}(G) &= \left( \bigvee_{i=1}^n \mathcal{I}_i \right)(G/\mathcal{U}(G)) \\ &= \bigvee_{i=1}^n \mathcal{I}_i(G/\mathcal{U}(G)) = \bigvee_{i=1}^n [\mathcal{U}.\mathcal{I}_i(G)/\mathcal{U}(G)] \\ &= \left[ \bigvee_{i=1}^n \mathcal{U}.\mathcal{I}_i(G) \right]/\mathcal{U}(G) = \left( \bigvee_{i=1}^n \mathcal{U}.\mathcal{I}_i \right)(G)/\mathcal{U}(G). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\left[ \mathcal{U} \cdot \left( \bigvee_{i=1}^n \mathcal{I}_i \right) \right](G) = \left( \bigvee_{i=1}^n \mathcal{U}.\mathcal{I}_i \right)(G)$  for any  $\ell$ -group  $G$ , and so  $\mathcal{U} \cdot \left( \bigvee_{i=1}^n \mathcal{I}_i \right) = \bigvee_{i=1}^n \mathcal{U}.\mathcal{I}_i$ .  $\square$



#### 4. THE POLAR CLOSURE OPERATOR

In this section we define some new product radical classes from the old ones by taking closures of the product radicals. Suppose that  $\mathcal{R}$  is a product radical class. Let  $\mathcal{R}^\perp = \{G \mid \mathcal{R}(G) = 0\}$ . Clearly  $\mathcal{R}^\perp$  is also a product radical class.  $\mathcal{R}^\perp$  is called the polar of  $\mathcal{R}$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** *For any product radical class  $\mathcal{R}$ ,  $\mathcal{R}^\perp(G) = \mathcal{R}(G)^\perp$ .*

*Proof.* We show that  $G \rightarrow \mathcal{R}(G)^\perp$  is a product radical mapping. Let  $A \in \mathcal{C}(G)$ . Then  $\mathcal{R}(A)^\perp = (A \cap \mathcal{R}(G))^\perp_A = A \cap \mathcal{R}(G)^\perp$ . Let  $\{G_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be a family of  $\ell$ -groups. Then  $\left[\mathcal{R}\left(\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda\right)\right]^\perp_{\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda} = \left[\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{R}(G_\lambda)\right]^\perp_{\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda} = \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{R}(G_\lambda)^\perp_{G_\lambda}$ . Thus  $\mathcal{R}(G)^\perp$  defines a product radical class  $\mathcal{I}$ . It is obvious that  $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{R}^\perp$ .  $\square$

Let  $G$  be an  $\ell$ -group. By Proposition 1.2.6 of [1],  $\mathcal{R}(G)^\perp$  is the unique largest convex  $\ell$ -subgroup for which  $\mathcal{R}(G) \cap \mathcal{R}(G)^\perp = 0$ .

This and Theorem 3.1 imply that  $\mathcal{R}^\perp$  is the unique largest product radical class for which  $\mathcal{R} \wedge \mathcal{R}^\perp = 0$ . This complementation polar operator defines a Galois connection which has the following properties: Let  $\mathcal{R}$  and  $\mathcal{I}$  be product radical classes. Define  $\mathcal{R}^{\perp\perp} = (\mathcal{R}^\perp)^\perp$ . Then

- (1)  $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathcal{R}^{\perp\perp}$ ;
- (2) if  $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathcal{I}$ , then  $\mathcal{R}^\perp \supseteq \mathcal{I}^\perp$ ;
- (3)  $\mathcal{R}^\perp = \mathcal{R}^{\perp\perp\perp}$ ;
- (4)  $(\mathcal{R} \vee \mathcal{I})^\perp = \mathcal{R}^\perp \wedge \mathcal{I}^\perp$ .

From Theorem 4.1 in [4] we have

**Corollary 4.2.** *The polar operator in  $T_{1',23'}$  agrees with that in  $T_{1',2}$ .*

From the formula (5) and Lemma 1 in [2] we get

**Proposition 4.3.** *The mapping  $\mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^{\perp\perp}$  is a closure operator in  $T_{1',23'}$ ;*

- (1)  $\mathcal{R}^{\perp\perp} = (\mathcal{R}^{\perp\perp})^{\perp\perp}$ ;
- (2) if  $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathcal{I}$ , then  $\mathcal{R}^{\perp\perp} \subseteq \mathcal{I}^{\perp\perp}$ ;
- (3)  $(\mathcal{R} \cap \mathcal{I})^{\perp\perp} = \mathcal{R}^{\perp\perp} \cap \mathcal{I}^{\perp\perp}$ .

A product radical class  $\mathcal{R}$  is said to be a polar product radical class if  $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}^{\perp\perp}$ . Let  $T_{1',23'}^p$  be the set of all polar product radical classes. Then  $T_{1',23'}^p$  is a complete Boolean algebra under inclusion, in which meets agree with those of  $T_{1',23'}$  but joins need not.

A product radical class  $\mathcal{I}$  is called complete (or idempotent), if  $\mathcal{I} \in T_{1',23'}^p$ , that is  $\mathcal{I} \cdot \mathcal{I} = \mathcal{I}$ . We now seek to give a more precise description of complete product

radical classes. Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be a product radical class and  $\sigma$  an ordinal number. We define an ascending sequence  $\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{I}^2, \dots, \mathcal{I}^\sigma, \dots$  as follows:

$$\mathcal{I}^\sigma = \begin{cases} \mathcal{I} \cdot \mathcal{I}^{\sigma-1} & \text{if } \sigma \text{ is not a limit ordinal,} \\ \{G \mid G = \bigcup_{\alpha < \sigma} \mathcal{I}^\alpha(G)\} & \text{if } \sigma \text{ is a limit ordinal.} \end{cases}$$

We will show that  $\mathcal{I}^\sigma$  is a product radical class for each  $\sigma$ . In fact, using the transfinite inclusion we can show that

$$G \rightarrow \mathcal{I}^\sigma(G) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{I} \cdot \mathcal{I}^{\sigma-1}(G) & \text{if } \sigma \text{ is not a limit ordinal,} \\ \bigcup_{\alpha < \sigma} \mathcal{I}^\alpha(G) & \text{if } \sigma \text{ is a limit ordinal} \end{cases}$$

are product radical mappings. It suffices to verify that  $G \rightarrow \bigcup_{\alpha < \sigma} \mathcal{I}^\alpha(G)$  are product radical mappings for limit numbers  $\sigma$ . For any  $A \in \mathcal{C}(G)$  we have  $\mathcal{I}^\sigma(A) = \bigcup_{\alpha < \sigma} \mathcal{I}^\sigma(A) = \bigcup_{\alpha < \sigma} [A \cap \mathcal{I}^\alpha(G)] = A \cap [\bigcup_{\alpha < \sigma} \mathcal{I}^\alpha(G)] = A \cap \mathcal{I}^\sigma(G)$ . Let  $\{G_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be a family of  $\ell$ -groups. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}^\sigma \left( \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda \right) &= \bigcup_{\alpha < \sigma} \mathcal{I}^\alpha \left( \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda \right) = \bigcup_{\alpha < \sigma} \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{I}^\alpha(G_\lambda) \\ &\subseteq \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \left[ \bigcup_{\alpha < \sigma} \mathcal{I}^\alpha(G_\lambda) \right] = \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{I}^\sigma(G_\lambda). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, let  $a \in \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \left[ \bigcup_{\alpha < \sigma} \mathcal{I}^\alpha(G_\lambda) \right]$ ,  $a = (\dots, a_\lambda, \dots)$ , where  $a_\lambda \in \mathcal{I}^{\alpha_\lambda}(G_\lambda)$  for  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ . Put  $\overline{\mathcal{I}^{\alpha_\lambda}(G_\lambda)} = \{f \in \prod_{\lambda' \in \Lambda} \mathcal{I}^{\alpha_\lambda}(G_{\lambda'}) \mid \text{if } \lambda' \neq \lambda, f_{\lambda'} = 0\}$ . Then

$$\overline{\mathcal{I}^{\alpha_\lambda}(G_\lambda)} \subseteq \prod_{\lambda' \in \Lambda} \mathcal{I}^{\alpha_\lambda}(G_{\lambda'}) \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha < \sigma} \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{I}^\alpha(G_\lambda).$$

So

$$a \in \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{I}^{\alpha_\lambda}(G_\lambda) = \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \overline{\mathcal{I}^{\alpha_\lambda}(G_\lambda)} \subseteq \bigcup_{\alpha < \sigma} \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{I}^\alpha(G_\lambda).$$

Therefore

$$\mathcal{I}^\sigma \left( \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda \right) = \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{I}^\sigma(G_\lambda).$$

We define

$$\mathcal{I}^* = \bigcup_{\sigma} \mathcal{I}^\sigma.$$

**Theorem 4.4.** *Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be a product radical class. Then  $\mathcal{I}^*$  is a complete product radical class. It is the smallest complete product radical class containing  $\mathcal{I}$ . Hence  $\mathcal{I}$  is complete if and only if  $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{I}^*$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $G$  be an  $\ell$ -group. For sufficiently large  $\sigma$  (depending on  $G$ ),  $\mathcal{I}^\sigma(G) = \mathcal{I}^{\sigma+1}(G) = \dots$ . For such  $\sigma$ , we define  $\mathcal{I}^*(G) = \mathcal{I}^\sigma(G)$ . Clearly  $G \in \mathcal{I}^*$  if and only if  $\mathcal{I}^*(G) = G$ . We will show that  $\mathcal{I}^*(G)$  satisfies (i) and (ii) of Theorem 2.1. For  $A \in \mathcal{C}(G)$ ,  $\mathcal{I}^\sigma(G) = \mathcal{I}^{\sigma+1}(G) = \dots$  implies  $\mathcal{I}^\sigma(A) = A \cap \mathcal{I}^\sigma(G) = A \cap \mathcal{I}^{\sigma+1}(G) = \mathcal{I}^{\sigma+1}(A) = \dots$ . So  $\mathcal{I}^*(A) = \mathcal{I}^\sigma(A) = A \cap \mathcal{I}^\sigma(G) = A \cap \mathcal{I}^*(G)$ .

Let  $\{G_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}$  be a family of  $\ell$ -groups. For sufficiently large  $\sigma$   $\mathcal{I}^\sigma\left(\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda\right) = \mathcal{I}^{\sigma+1}\left(\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda\right) = \dots$ . Hence  $\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{I}^\sigma(G_\lambda) = \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{I}^{\sigma+1}(G_\lambda) = \dots$ , and so  $\mathcal{I}^\sigma(G_\lambda) = \mathcal{I}^{\sigma+1}(G_\lambda) = \dots$  for each  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ . It follows that

$$\mathcal{I}^*\left(\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda\right) = \mathcal{I}^\sigma\left(\prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda\right) = \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{I}^\sigma(G_\lambda) = \prod_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \mathcal{I}^*(G_\lambda).$$

This proves that  $\mathcal{I}^*$  is a product radical class.

By using the transfinite induction we can show that  $\mathcal{I}^* \cdot \mathcal{I}^\sigma = \mathcal{I}^*$ , so  $\mathcal{I}^*$  is complete. If  $\mathcal{U}$  is a complete product radical class containing  $\mathcal{I}$  then by another induction approach we have  $\mathcal{I}^\sigma \subseteq \mathcal{U}$  for each ordinal  $\sigma$ . Thus  $\mathcal{I}^* \subseteq \mathcal{U}$  as claimed.  $\square$

$\mathcal{I}^*$  is called the completion of  $\mathcal{I}$ .

Similarly to Theorem 1.7 in [11] we have

**Proposition 4.5.** *Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be a product radical class, and let  $G$  be an  $\ell$ -group. Then  $\mathcal{I}^*(G) \subseteq \mathcal{I}(G)^{\perp\perp}$ . That is,  $\mathcal{I}^* \subseteq \mathcal{I}^{\perp\perp}$ .*

**Corollary 4.6.** *A polar product radical class is complete, that is,  $T_{1'23'}^{\mathcal{P}} \subseteq T_{1'23'5} \subseteq T_{1'23'} \subseteq T_{1'2}$ .*

From Proposition 4.3 and Proposition 4.5 we also get

**Corollary 4.7.** *For any product radical class  $\mathcal{I}$ ,  $(\mathcal{I}^*)^{\perp\perp} = \mathcal{I}^{\perp\perp}$ .*

Now we give a more precise description of the polar product radical class.

**Propositon 4.8.** *Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be a product radical class, then  $\mathcal{R}^{\perp\perp} = \{G \mid \mathcal{R}(C) \neq 0 \text{ for each convex } \ell\text{-subgroup } C \neq 0 \text{ of } G\}$ .*

**Proof.**  $\mathcal{R}^\perp(G)$  is the largest convex  $\ell$ -subgroup  $C$  of  $G$  such that  $\mathcal{R}(C) = 0$ . So  $\mathcal{R}^\perp(G) = 0$  if and only if  $\mathcal{R}(C) \neq 0$  for each convex  $\ell$ -subgroup  $C \neq 0$  of  $G$ . It follows from Theorem 4.1 that  $G \in \mathcal{R}^{\perp\perp}$  if and only if  $\mathcal{R}^\perp(G) = 0$ , if and only if  $\mathcal{R}(C) \neq 0$  for each convex  $\ell$ -subgroup  $C \neq 0$  of  $G$ .  $\square$

The following theorem is a direct consequence of Proposition 4.8.

**Theorem 4.9.** *Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be a product radical class. Then the following assertions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $\mathcal{R}$  is a polar product radical class.
- (2) If  $\mathcal{R}(C) \neq 0$  for each convex  $\ell$ -subgroup  $C$  of  $G$ , then  $G \in \mathcal{R}$ .
- (3) If for each  $0 < x \in G$  there exists an element  $0 < y \leq nx$  (with a suitable integer  $n$ ) such that  $G(y) \in \mathcal{R}$ , then  $G \in \mathcal{R}$ .

**Corollary 4.10.** *Let  $\mathcal{I}$  and  $\mathcal{R}$  be product radical classes and  $\mathcal{I} \cap \mathcal{R} = 0$ . Then  $\mathcal{I}^{\perp\perp} \cap \mathcal{R}^{\perp\perp} = 0$  and  $\mathcal{I}^* \cap \mathcal{R}^* = 0$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $\mathcal{I} \cap \mathcal{R} = 0$  and  $0 \neq G \in \mathcal{I}^{\perp\perp} \cap \mathcal{R}^{\perp\perp}$ . It follows from Proposition 4.8 that  $\mathcal{I}(C) \neq 0$  for each convex  $\ell$ -subgroup  $C \neq 0$  of  $G$ . In particular,  $\mathcal{I}(G) \neq 0$ .  $\mathcal{I}(G) \in \mathcal{R}^{\perp\perp}$  implies  $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{I}(G)) \neq 0$ . Thus  $0 \neq \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{I}(G)) \in \mathcal{I} \cap \mathcal{R}$ . This contradicts  $\mathcal{I} \cap \mathcal{R} = 0$ . Hence  $\mathcal{I}^{\perp\perp} \cap \mathcal{R}^{\perp\perp} = 0$ . It follows from Proposition 4.5 and  $\mathcal{I}^{\perp\perp} \cap \mathcal{R}^{\perp\perp} = 0$  that  $\mathcal{I}^* \cap \mathcal{R}^* = 0$ . □

From Proposition 4.4 in [4] and the above Proposition 3.2 and Corollary 4.2 we get

**Corollary 4.11.** *For any product radical class  $\mathcal{R}$ ,  $\mathcal{R}^{\perp\perp}$  is complete.*

This corollary is also a consequence of Proposition 4.3(1) and Corollary 4.6. Similarly to Theorem 4.8 in [4] we have

**Propositon 4.12.** *The mapping  $\mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^{\perp\perp}$  is a semigroup endomorphism in  $T_{1'23'}$ .*

**Corollary 4.13.**  *$T_{1'23'}^p$  is a subsemigroup of  $T_{1'23'}$ .*

## 5. 1'23'-HOMOGENEOUS $\ell$ -GROUPS

For a family  $X$  of  $\ell$ -groups we denote by  $\mathcal{R}(X)$  the intersection of all  $\mathcal{I} \in T_{1'23'}$  with  $X \subseteq \mathcal{I}$ . It is said to be the product radical class generated by  $X$ . The product radical class generated by an  $\ell$ -group  $G$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{R}_G$ . For a family  $X$  of  $\ell$ -groups let  $J(X)$  be the joins  $G = \bigvee_{\lambda \in \Lambda} G_\lambda$  with  $G_\lambda \in X \cap \mathcal{C}(G)$  ( $\lambda \in \Lambda$ ). Let  $P(X)$  and  $C(X)$  denote the classes of  $\ell$ -groups which are products or convex  $\ell$ -subgroups, respectively, of elements of  $X$ . Clearly  $J(X)$ ,  $P(X)$  and  $C(X)$  are the classes containing  $X$  and belonging to  $T_2$ ,  $T_{3'}$  and  $T_{1'}$ , respectively.

**Theorem 5.1.** *Suppose that  $X$  is any family of  $\ell$ -groups. Then  $\mathcal{R}(X) = JCP(X)$  provided  $CP(X)$  is closed under forming finite joins of convex  $\ell$ -subgroups.*

*Proof.* It is clear that  $JCP(X)$  is closed under taking convex  $\ell$ -subgroups and forming joins of convex  $\ell$ -subgroups. We proceed in the following two steps to show that  $JCP(X)$  is closed under forming the direct products.

(a)  $CP(X)$  is closed under forming the direct product. In fact, let  $\{G_\alpha \mid \alpha \in A\} \subseteq CP(X)$ , that is  $G_\alpha \in \mathcal{C}\left(\prod_{\alpha_\lambda \in \Lambda_\alpha} G_{\alpha_\lambda}\right)$  ( $\alpha \in A$ ) where  $G_{\alpha_\lambda} \in X$  for each  $\alpha_\lambda$ .

Then  $\prod_{\alpha \in A} G_\alpha \in \mathcal{C}\left(\prod_{\alpha \in A} \left(\prod_{\alpha_\lambda \in \Lambda_\alpha} G_{\alpha_\lambda}\right)\right) = \mathcal{C}\left(\prod_{\alpha_\lambda \in \Lambda_\alpha} G_{\alpha_\lambda}\right)$ .

(b) Let  $\{G_{\alpha_\lambda} \mid \alpha_\lambda \in \Lambda_\alpha\} \subseteq CP(X)$  and  $G^\alpha = \bigvee_{\alpha_\lambda \in \Lambda_\alpha} G_{\alpha_\lambda}$  where  $G_{\alpha_\lambda} \in \mathcal{C}(G^\alpha)$

( $\alpha \in A$ ). For each  $\alpha \in A$  put  $G_{\alpha_{\lambda_1} \dots \alpha_{\lambda_n}} = \bigvee_{i=1}^n G_{\alpha_{\lambda_i}}$  where  $\alpha_{\lambda_i} \in \Lambda_\alpha$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ).

Let  $\mathcal{H}_\alpha$  be the set of all  $\ell$ -groups of the form  $G_{\alpha_{\lambda_1} \dots \alpha_{\lambda_n}}$  ( $\alpha \in A$ ). By the assumption  $\mathcal{H}_\alpha \subseteq CP(X)$  and clearly  $\mathcal{H}_\alpha \subseteq \mathcal{C}(G^\alpha)$ . By (a),  $\prod\{H_\alpha \in \mathcal{H}_\alpha \mid \alpha \in A\} \in CP(X)$ . It is also clear that each  $\prod\{H_\alpha \in \mathcal{H}_\alpha \mid \alpha \in A\}$  is a convex  $\ell$ -subgroup of  $\prod_{\alpha \in A} G^\alpha$ .

Then

$$(6) \quad \bigvee \prod\{H_\alpha \in \mathcal{H}_\alpha \mid \alpha \in A\} \subseteq \prod_{\alpha \in A} G^\alpha.$$

For any  $a = (\dots, a_\alpha, \dots) \in \prod_{\alpha \in A} G^\alpha$ ,  $a_\alpha$  belongs to some  $H_\alpha \in \mathcal{H}_\alpha$  ( $\alpha \in A$ ). Consequently,  $a = (\dots, a_\alpha, \dots)$  belongs to some  $\prod\{H_\alpha \in \mathcal{H}_\alpha \mid \alpha \in A\}$ . Hence

$$(7) \quad \prod_{\alpha \in A} G^\alpha \subseteq \bigvee \prod\{H_\alpha \in \mathcal{H}_\alpha \mid \alpha \in A\}.$$

Combining (6) and (7) we get

$$\prod_{\alpha \in A} G^\alpha = \bigvee \prod\{H_\alpha \in \mathcal{H}_\alpha \mid \alpha \in A\}.$$

Therefore  $\prod_{\alpha \in A} G^\alpha \in JCP(X)$ .

Thus  $JCP(X)$  is a product radical class containing  $X$ . It is obvious that  $JCP(X)$  is the smallest product radical class containing  $X$ .  $\square$

In another paper we will determine the product radical classes generated by the integer group  $Z$  and by the real group  $R$  using the structure theory of a complete  $\ell$ -group [13] and Theorem 5.1. The main results are:

The following assertions are equivalent:

- (1)  $G \in \mathcal{R}_Z$ ,
- (2)  $G$  is an ideal subdirect product of  $Z$ ,
- (3)  $G$  is a complete  $\ell$ -group which has no continuous convex  $\ell$ -subgroup, and each convex  $\ell$ -subgroup of  $G$  has a singular element.

The following assertions are equivalent:

- (1)  $G \in \mathcal{R}_R$ ,
- (2)  $G$  is an ideal subdirect product of  $R$ ,
- (3)  $G$  is a complete  $\ell$ -group which has no continuous convex  $\ell$ -subgroup, and for each convex  $\ell$ -subgroup of  $K$  of  $G$  we have  $|K| > \aleph_0$ .

**Proposition 5.2.** *Let  $G$  be an  $\ell$ -group. Then there exists a unique largest product radical class  $\mathcal{R}^G$  such that  $\mathcal{R}^G(G) = 0$ .*

*Proof.*  $\mathcal{R}_G(G) = G$  implies  $\mathcal{R}_G^\perp(G) = [\mathcal{R}_G(G)]^\perp = G^\perp = 0$  by Theorem 4.1. Suppose that  $\mathcal{I}$  is a product radical class so that  $\mathcal{I}(G) = 0$  and  $\mathcal{I} \supseteq \mathcal{R}_G^\perp$ . Then

$$(8) \quad \mathcal{I}^{\perp\perp} \supseteq \mathcal{I} \supseteq \mathcal{R}_G^\perp$$

and  $\mathcal{I}^{\perp\perp}(G) = (\mathcal{I}(G)^\perp)^\perp = 0$ . On the other hand,  $(\mathcal{I}^{\perp\perp})^\perp(G) = [\mathcal{I}^{\perp\perp}(G)]^\perp = G$ , that is  $G \in \mathcal{I}^{\perp\perp\perp}$  and  $\mathcal{I}^{\perp\perp\perp} \supseteq \mathcal{R}_G$ . It follows from the formula (5) that

$$(9) \quad \mathcal{I}^{\perp\perp} = (\mathcal{I}^{\perp\perp\perp})^\perp \subseteq \mathcal{R}_G^\perp.$$

(8) and (9) infer  $\mathcal{I}^{\perp\perp} = \mathcal{R}_G^\perp$  and  $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{R}_G$ . Thus  $\mathcal{R}_G^\perp$  is the largest product radical class  $\mathcal{R}^G$  such that  $\mathcal{R}^G(G) = 0$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 5.3.** *For any  $\ell$ -group  $G$ ,  $\mathcal{R}^G \cap \mathcal{R}_G = 0$ .*

Since  $\mathcal{R}^G \cdot \mathcal{R}^G(G) / \mathcal{R}^G(G) = \mathcal{R}^G(G / \mathcal{R}^G(G))$ , that is  $\mathcal{R}^G \cdot \mathcal{R}^G(G) = \mathcal{R}^G(G) = 0$ , so  $\mathcal{R}^G$  is complete.

An  $\ell$ -group  $G$  is called 1'23'-homogeneous if for each product radical class  $\mathcal{I}$ , either  $G \in \mathcal{I}$  or else  $\mathcal{I}(G) = 0$ . If  $G$  is 1'23'-homogeneous, then  $\mathcal{R}^G$  is meet irreducible. Conversely, let a proper product radical class  $\mathcal{R}$  be meet irreducible. Let  $\mathcal{Y}$  be its cover. Select  $G \in \mathcal{Y} \setminus \mathcal{R}$ . Put  $G_0 = \mathcal{R}(G)^\perp$ . Then  $G_0 \neq 0$  and  $\mathcal{R}(G_0) = 0$  by Theorem 4.1. If  $\mathcal{I}$  is a product radical class with  $\mathcal{I}(G_0) \neq 0$ , then  $\mathcal{R} \vee \mathcal{I} \neq \mathcal{R}$  by the formula (4). Thus  $\mathcal{Y} \subseteq \mathcal{R} \vee \mathcal{I}$  and  $G_0 = \mathcal{Y}(G_0) \subseteq \mathcal{R}(G_0) + \mathcal{I}(G_0) = \mathcal{I}(G_0)$ , i.e.  $G_0 \in \mathcal{I}$ . Hence  $G_0$  is 1'23'-homogeneous. Clearly  $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathcal{R}^{G_0}$ . If  $\mathcal{R} \neq \mathcal{R}^{G_0}$ , then  $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathcal{Y} \subseteq \mathcal{R}^{G_0}$ . But  $\mathcal{Y}(G_0) = G_0$ , which contradicts  $\mathcal{R}^{G_0}(G_0) = 0$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}^{G_0}$ .

The above discussion yields the following result:

**Theorem 5.4.** *A product radical class  $\mathcal{R}$  is meet irreducible if and only if  $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}^G$  for some 1'23'-homogeneous  $\ell$ -group  $G$ .*

**Corollary 5.5.** *Any meet irreducible product radical class is complete.*

If  $G$  is 1'23'-homogeneous, then  $\mathcal{R}^G \vee \mathcal{R}_G$  is the cover of  $\mathcal{R}^G$ , and so  $\mathcal{R}_G$  is the cover of  $\mathcal{R}_G \wedge \mathcal{R}^G = 0$ . Hence  $\mathcal{R}_G$  is join irreducible. Conversely, if a product radical class  $\mathcal{R}$  is join irreducible, then since  $\mathcal{R} = \bigvee_{G \in \mathcal{R}} \mathcal{R}_G$ , we have  $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}_G$  for some  $G$  in  $\mathcal{R}$ .

Finally, we give a sufficient and necessary condition under which an  $\ell$ -group  $G$  is 1'23'-homogeneous.

**Proposition 5.6.** *Let  $G$  be an  $\ell$ -group. Then  $R(G)$  is lattice isomorphic into the interval  $[0, \mathcal{R}_G]$  of the lattice  $T_{1'23'}$ .*

*Proof.* For each  $G_1 \in R(G)$ , put  $\varphi(G_1) = \mathcal{R}_G$ . It is easy to show that  $\varphi$  is a lattice isomorphism from  $R(G)$  into  $[0, \mathcal{R}_G]$ .  $\square$

Since  $G$  is  $1'23'$ -homogeneous if and only if  $|R(G)| \leq 2$ , we get

**Theorem 5.7.** *An  $\ell$ -group  $G$  is  $1'23'$ -homogeneous if and only if  $\mathcal{R}_G$  is an atom of  $T_{1'23'}$ .*

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