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# **ON ISOMETRIES OF LATTICES**

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Metrics defined on lattices with values in an abelian partially ordered group are dealt with in this note. Smarda [7] investigated metrics defined on lattice ordered groups with values in an abelian lattice ordered group. Swamy [6] studied a metric d(x, y) on an abelian lattice ordered group G with values in G, where d(x, y) = |x - y| for each x,  $y \in G$ .

# 1. Preliminaries

Let L be a lattice and let H be an abelian partially ordered group. Let v be a mapping of L into H such that

$$v(x) - v(x \wedge y) = v(x \vee y) - v(y)$$

is valid for each pair of elements  $x, y \in L$ . Then v is said to be a *H*-valuation on *L*. If v(x) < v(y) whenever x < y, then v is called a positive *H*-valuation.

Let d be a mapping of  $L \times L$  into H which satisfies the following conditions for each x, y,  $z \in L$ :

(i) d(x, y) = d(y, x);

(ii)  $d(x, y) \ge 0$ , and d(x, y) = 0 iff x = y;

(iii)  $d(x, y) + d(y, z) \ge d(x, z);$ 

(iv)  $d(x \wedge z, y \wedge z) + d(x \vee z, y \vee z) \leq d(x, y)$ .

Then d is called an H-metric on L.

**1.1. Lemma.** Let  $v: L \rightarrow H$  be a positive H-valuation. Then the lattice L is modular.

The proof is the same as in [1], p. 232, Thm. 2.

The relation between H-metrics and positive H-valuations is given by the following propositions 1.2 and 1.3.

**1.2. Proposition.** Let v be a positive H-valuation on L. Put

$$d(x, y) = v(x \lor y) - v(x \land y)$$

for each x,  $y \in L$ . Then d is an H-metric on L.

The proof can be performed by using the same steps as in [1], p. 230, Thm. 1 (cf. also [1], p. 234, Exercise 4).

**1.3. Proposition.** Let d be an H-metric on L. Let  $x_0 \in L$ . For each  $x \in L$  we set

 $v(x) = d(x_0, x_0 \lor x) - d(x_0 \lor x, x).$ 

Then v is a positive H-valuation on L.

Proof. At first we verify that

(a) 
$$x \leq z \leq y \Rightarrow d(x, z) + d(z, y) = d(x, y)$$

is valid. In fact, from (iv) and from  $x \le z \le y$  we obtain

 $d(x, z) + d(z, y) \leq d(x, y),$ 

and hence in view of (iii), d(x, z) + d(z, y) = d(x, y) holds.

Now we prove that for each pair x,  $y \in L$  the relation

(
$$\beta$$
)  $d(x, x \wedge y) = d(x \vee y, y)$ 

is valid. Namely, from (iv) we infer (by putting  $v_1 = x \lor y$  and  $u_1 = x \land y$  that

$$d(v_1 \wedge y, x \wedge y) + d(v_1 \vee y, x \vee y) \leq d(v_1, x)$$
  
$$d(u_1 \wedge x, y \wedge x) + d(u_1 \vee x, y \vee x) \leq d(u_1, y),$$

hence  $d(y, u_1) \leq d(v_1, x)$  and  $d(x, v_1) \leq d(u_1, y)$ , implying that ( $\beta$ ) holds.

From (a) it follows that for each  $t \in L$  with  $t \ge x_0 \lor x$  the relation

( $\gamma$ )  $v(x) = d(x_0, t) - d(t, x)$ 

is valid. Moreover, ( $\alpha$ ) and ( $\gamma$ ) imply that whenever x < y, then

$$v(y) - v(x) = d(x, y) > 0$$

holds. Therefore in view of  $(\beta)$ ,

$$v(x \lor y) - v(y) = d(x \lor y, y) = d(x, x \land y) = v(x) - v(y)$$

We have verified that v is a positive *H*-valuation on *L*.

**1.4. Lemma.** Let d be an H-metric on L. Let  $x, y \in L, u_1 = x \land y, v_1 = x \lor y$ . Then  $d(x, y) = d(x, u_1) + d(u_1, y) = d(x, v_1) + d(v_1, y)$  and  $d(x, y) = d(u_1, v_1)$ .

Proof. From (iv) we obtain (by putting x = z)

$$d(x, y) \ge d(x, u_1) + d(x, v_1)$$

Hence in view of  $(\beta)$  and (iii),

$$d(x, y) \ge d(x, u_1) + d(u_1, y) \ge d(x, y).$$

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The relation  $d(x, y) = d(x, v_1) + d(v_1, y)$  can be verified analogously. From ( $\alpha$ ) and ( $\beta$ ) we infer  $d(u_1, v_1) = d(u_1, x) + d(x, v_1) = d(u_1, x) + d(u_1, y) = d(x, y)$ .

Let L' be a lattice and let d' be a H-metric on L'. Suppose that  $h: L \to L'$  is bijection such that

$$d(x, y) = d'(h(x), h(y))$$

is valid for each x,  $y \in L$ . Then h is said to be an H-isometry.

If the abelian partially ordered group H is fixed, then we use the term valuation instead of H-valuation, and in a similar sense we apply the notions of metric and isometry.

The results of this section will be applied below without quotation.

## 2. Basic properties of isometries

Let L, L', d, d' and H be as in § 1 and let h be an isomery of L onto L'. For each  $x \in L$  we put h(x) = x'. (If  $z' \in L'$ , then z is the element of L with h(z) = z'.)

**2.1. Lemma.** Let x, y,  $a \in L$ ,  $x \leq a \leq y$ ,  $x' \leq y'$ . Then  $x' \leq a' \leq y'$ . Proof. We have d(x, a) + d(a, y) = d(x, y), hence

$$d'(x', a') + d'(a', y') = d'(x', y').$$

Put  $x' \wedge a' = u'$ ,  $y' \vee a' = v'$ . Then

$$d'(x', y') \leq d'(u', v') = d'(u', a') + d'(a', v') \leq \\ \leq d'(x', u') + d'(u', a') + d'(y', v') + d'(a', v') = \\ = d'(x', a') + d'(a', y') = d'(x', y'),$$

whence d'(x', u') = 0 and d'(y', v') = 0. Therefore u' = x' and v' = y'; thus  $x' \le a' \le y'$ .

Analogously we can prove

**2.1'. Lemma.** Let x, y,  $a \in L$ ,  $x \leq a \leq y$ ,  $x' \geq y'$ . Then  $x' \geq a' \geq y'$ .

**2.2. Lemma.** Let  $x, y \in L, x \leq y, x' \wedge y' = u'$ . Then  $x \leq u \leq y$ .

Proof. Put  $x \wedge u = u_1$ ,  $y \vee v = v_1$ . We have d'(x', u') + d'(u', y') = d'(x', y'), hence d(x, u) + d(u, y) = d(x, y). Thus

$$d(x, y) \leq d(u_1, v_1) = d(u_1, u) + d(u, v_1) \leq d(x, u_1) + d(u_1, u) + d(y, v_1) + d(v_1, u) = d(x, u) + d(u, y) = d(x, y),$$

whence  $d(x, u_1) = 0$  and  $d(y, v_1) = 0$ , implying  $x = u_1$  and  $y = v_1$ . Therefore  $x \le u \le y$ .

Similarly we can prove

**2.2.'. Lemma.** Let  $x, y \in L, x \leq y, x' \lor y' = v'$ . Then  $x \leq v \leq y$ .

**2.3. Lemma.** Let x, y, u, v be as in 2.2 and 2.2'. Then  $u \wedge v = x$  and  $u \vee v = y$ . Proof. Put  $u \wedge v = x_1$ ,  $u \vee v = y_1$ . In view of 2.2 and 2.2' we have  $x_1, y_1 \in [x, y]$ . Hence

$$d(x, y) = d(x, x_1) + d(x_1, y_1) + d(y_1, y) =$$
  
=  $d(x, x_1) + d(u, v) + d(y_1, y) = d(x, x_1) + d'(u', v') + d(y_1, y) =$   
=  $d(x, x_1) + d(x, y) + d(y_1, y).$ 

Thus  $d(x, x_1) = 0$  and  $d(y, y_1) = 0$ ; hence  $x = x_1$  and  $y = y_1$ .

**2.4. Lemma.** Let  $a, b \in L$ ,  $a \wedge b = u$ ,  $a \vee b = v$ ,  $a' \leq u'$ ,  $u' \leq b'$ . Then  $u' \wedge v' = a'$  and  $u' \vee v' = b'$ .

Proof. We have  $a' \leq b'$ . From 2.3 we obtain (if h is replaced by  $h^{-1}$ ) that  $u' \wedge v' = a'$  and  $u' \vee v' = b'$  is valid.

**2.5. Lemma.** Let  $a, b \in L$ ,  $a \land b = u$ ,  $a \lor b = v$ ,  $u' \leq a'$ ,  $u' \leq b'$ . Then  $a' \land b' = u'$  and  $a' \lor b' = v'$ .

Proof. a) Denote  $a' \wedge b' = u'_1$ . In view of 2.1 (if we replace h by  $h^{-1}$ ) the relation  $u_1 \in [u, a] \cap [u, b]$  must be valid, hence  $u = u_1$ .

b) Denote  $a'_1 = a' \lor v'$ ,  $b'_1 = b' \lor v'$ . According to 2.2' we have  $a_1 \in [a, v]$  and  $b_1 \in [b, v]$ . Put  $u_0 = a_1 \land b_1$ . In view of 2.1 (with *h* replaced by  $h^{-1}$ ) the relations  $u' \leq u'_0 \leq a'_1$ ,  $u'_0 \leq b'_1$  are valid; hence from a) we obtain  $u'_0 = a'_1 \land b'_1$ . Further we have  $v' \leq a'_1$ ,  $v' \leq b'_1$ , thus  $v' \leq u'_0$ . Because of  $u_0 \leq a_1 \leq v$ , from 2.1' (and with *h* replaced by  $h^{-1}$ ) we infer that  $v' \leq a'_1 \leq u'_0$  must be valid. Thus  $u_0 = a_1$ . Similarly we obtain  $b_1 = u_0$ . In view of  $u_0 \in [a, v] \cap [b, v]$  we get  $u_0 = v$ , hence  $a' \leq v'$  and  $b' \leq v'$ . Thus according to the dual of a),  $v' = a' \lor b'$  is valid.

The assertions dual to 2.4 and 2.5 can be proved analogously.

**2.6. Lemma.** Let  $x, y, z \in L$ ,  $x_1 = x \lor z$ ,  $y_1 = y \lor z$ ,  $x \leq y$ ,  $x' \leq y'$ . Then  $x'_1 \leq y'_1$ .

Proof. Put  $x_1 \wedge y = p$ ,  $p' \vee x'_1 = v'$ . In view of 2.2' we have  $p \leq v \leq x_1$ . Next, lemma 2.1 (with *h* replaced by  $h^{-1}$ ) yields  $p' \leq y'$ . Denote  $v_1 = y \vee v$ . According to 2.5,  $v'_1 = y' \vee v'$ .

From the relations  $v \leq v_1$ ,  $v' \leq v'_1$ ,  $v \leq x_1$ ,  $v' \geq x'_1$  we infer (using 2.1 and the dual of 2.1) that  $v_1 \wedge x_1 = v$  is valid. Thus (since  $v_1 \vee x_1 = y_1$ ) in view of 2.4  $x'_1 \leq y'_1$  holds.

## 3. Direct product decompositions corresponding to isometries

Again, let L, L', d, d', H and h be as above.

Let x,  $y \in L$ ,  $u = x \land y$ ,  $v = x \lor y$ . If  $u' \leq v'$  (or  $u' \geq u'$ , respectively), then we put  $xR_1y(xR_2y)$ .

From 2.6 (and using duality) we obtain:

**3.1. Lemma.** Let  $x, y, z \in L$ ,  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ ,  $xR_iy$ . Then  $x \lor zR_iy \lor z$  and  $x \land zR_iy \land z$ . Both  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are obviously reflexive and symmetric.

**3.2. Lemma.** The relation  $R_1$  is transitive.

**Proof.** Let x, y,  $z \in L$ ,  $xR_1y$ ,  $yR_1z$ . Put  $x \wedge y = u_1$ ,  $x \vee y = v_1$ ,  $y \wedge z = u_2$ ,  $y \vee z = v_2$ ,  $u_1 \wedge u_2 = u_3$ ,  $v_1 \vee v_2 = v_3$ .

In view of 2.1, we have  $u_1R_1y$  and  $u_2R_1y$ , hence  $u_1R_1(u_1 \lor u_2)$  and  $u_2R_1(u_1 \lor u_2)$ . From this and from the dual of 2.5 we infer that  $u_3R_1u_1$  and  $u_3R_1u_2$  holds. We have  $u_1R_1x$  and  $u_2R_1z$ , thus  $u_3R_1x$  and  $u_3R_1z$ . Since  $u_3 \le x \land z$ , using 2.1 again we obtain that  $(x \land z)' \le x'$  is valid. By a dual argument,  $x' \le (x \lor z)'$  holds. Hence  $xR_1z$ .

Similarly we can verify that  $R_2$  is transitive. Hence according to 3.1, both  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are congruence relations on L.

**3.3. Lemma.** Let  $x, y \in L$ ,  $xR_1y$  and  $xR_2y$ . Then x = y.

Proof. We have  $(x \land y)' \leq (x \lor y)'$  and, at the same time,  $(x \land y)' \geq (x \lor y)'$ . Thus  $x \land y = x \lor y$  and hence x = y.

**3.4. Lemma.**  $R_1 \lor R_2$  is the greatest congruence relation on L.

Proof. Let  $a, b \in L$ ; we have to verify that  $aR_1 \lor R_2 b$  holds. Put  $x = a \land b$ ,  $y = a \lor b$ ,  $u' = x' \land y'$ . In view of 2.2, the relations  $xR_2u$ ,  $uR_1y$  are valid, hence  $xR_1 \lor R_2y$  holds. Thus  $aR_1 \lor R_2b$ .

**3.5. Lemma.** The congruence relations  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are permutable.

Proof. Let  $x, y \in L, x \leq y, u' = x' \wedge y', v' = x' \vee y'$ . In the proof of 3.4 we have already verified that  $xR_2u$  and  $uR_1y$  is valid. In view of 2.2', the relations  $xR_1v$  and  $vR_1y$  hold. Now it suffices to apply Ex. 10, p. 163, [1].

For  $x \in L$  and  $i \in \{1, 2\}$  we denote  $\{z \in L: zR_ix\} = x(R_i)$ . Let  $\varphi_i: L \to L/R_i$  be the mapping defined by  $\varphi_i(x) = x(R_i)$  for each  $x \in L$ . From 3.3, 3.4, 3.5 and [1], Thm. 5, Chap. VII we obtain:

**3.6. Theorem.** The mapping  $\varphi': L \rightarrow L/R_1 \times L/R_2$  defined by  $\varphi(x) = (\varphi_1(x), \varphi_2(x))$  for each  $x \in L$  is an isomorphism of the lattice L onto the lattice  $L/R_1 \times L/R_2$ .

Now we introduce analogous notions and denotations for the lattice L'.

Let  $x', y' \in L', u' = x' \land y', v' = x' \lor y'$ . If  $u \leq v$  (or  $u \geq v$ ), then we put  $x'R'_1y'$ ( $x'R'_2y'$ ). Analogously as we did for  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  we can verify that  $R'_1$  and  $R'_2$  are congruence relations on the lattice L'; if  $\varphi'_1, \varphi'_2$  and  $\varphi'$  are defined similarly as  $\varphi_1$ ,  $\varphi_2$  and  $\varphi$ , then we have

**3.6'. Theorem.** The mapping  $\varphi: L' \rightarrow L'/R'_1 \times L'/R'_2$  defined by  $\varphi'(x') = (\varphi'_1(x'), \varphi'_2(x'))$  for each  $x' \in L'$  is an isomorphism of L' onto  $L'/R_1 \times L'/R_2$ .

**3.7. Lemma.** Let  $x, y \in L$ . Then  $xR_1y$  iff  $x'R'_1y'$ .

**Proof.** Let  $xR_1y$ ,  $u = x \land y$ ,  $v = x \lor y$ . Hence  $u' \leq v'$ . From 2.1 and from the

assertion that we obtain from 2.1 if we replace h by  $h^{-1}$  it follows that the mapping h maps isomorphically the interval [u, v] of L onto the interval [u', v'] of L'; in particular, the relations  $u' = x' \wedge y'$  and  $v' = x' \vee y'$  are valid. Thus  $x'R'_1y'$ . The inverse implication can be verified similarly.

Analogously we can prove (by applying 2.1'):

**3.7'. Lemma.** Let  $x, y \in L$ . Then  $xR_2y$  iff  $x'R'_2y'$ .

For each lattice K, we denote by  $K^{\sim}$  the lattice dual to K.

Let us consider the mappings  $\psi_1: L'/R'_1 \rightarrow L/R_1$  and  $\psi_2: L'/R'_2 \rightarrow L/R_2$  defined by  $\psi_1(x'(R'_1)) = x(R_1)$  and  $\psi_2(x'(R'_2)) = x(R_2)$ . From 3.7 and 3.7' it follows that  $\psi_1$ and  $\psi_2$  are correctly defined; moreover, from the definitions of  $R_i$  and  $R'_i$  (i = 1, 2)we infer that  $\psi_1$  is a dual isomorphism and  $\psi_2$  is an isomorphism. Therefore from 3.6' we obtain

**3.8. Theorem.** Let  $\psi$ :  $L' \rightarrow L/R_1 \times L/R_2$  be the mapping defined by  $\psi(x') = (x(R_1), x(R_2))$  for each  $x' \in L'$ . Then (i)  $\psi$  is an isomorphism of the lattice L onto the lattice  $(L/R_1)^{\sim} \times (L/R_2)$ ; (ii)  $\varphi = h \circ \psi$ .

Theorems 3.8 and 3.6 yield:

**3.9. Corollary.** Let h be an isometry of a lattice L onto a lattice L'. Then there exist lattices A, B and direct product representations  $f_1: L \rightarrow A \times B$ ,  $f_2: L' \rightarrow A^{\sim} \times B$ , such that  $f_1 = h \circ f_2$ .

Let R be the additive group of all reals with the natural linear order. R-isometries of lattices were investigated in [2]. The method of proving theorem 1 in [2] essentially differs from the direct method applied above (in [2] a result of M. Kolibiar [5] on the betweenness relation in lattices was used).

### 4. Isometries of *l*-groups

Let G and G' be abelian lattice ordered groups and let H be an abelian partially ordered group. The corresponding lattices (i. e., the structures that we obtain from G and G' if the group operations are not taken under consideration) will be denoted by L(G) and L(G'). Let h, d and d' be as in § 1 with the difference that L and L' are replaced by L(G) and L(G'). Then Corollary 3.9 is valid (with L and L' replaced by L(G) and L(G')).

Let us introduce the following denotation. Let L, P, Q be lattices and let us have a direct product representation  $f: L \rightarrow P \times Q$ . Let  $z_0 \in L$ ,  $f(z_0) = (p_0, q_0)$ . We denote by  $P_L[z_0]$  the set of all elements  $z \in L$  such that f(z) = (p, q) with  $q = q_0$ . The set  $Q_L[z_0]$  is defined analogously. Both  $P_L[z_0]$  and  $Q_L[z_0]$  are sublattices of L. For each  $z \in L$  we put  $f[z_0](z) = (p_1, q_1)$ , where (under the above denotations) we have  $p_1 \in P_L[z_0]$ ,  $q_1 \in Q_L[z_0]$ ,  $f(p_1) = (p, q_0)$  and  $f(q_1) = (p_0, q)$ . Then  $f[z_0]: L \rightarrow P_L[z_0] \times Q_L[z_0]$  is a direct product representation of the lattice L.

If G is an *l*-group and L = L(G), then we write  $P_G[z_0]$  instead of  $P_{L(G)}[z_0]$ .

**4.1. Proposition.** Assume that we have a direct product representation  $f: L(G) \rightarrow P \times Q$ . Then  $P_G[0]$  and  $Q_G[0]$  are *l*-subgroups of G and the mapping  $f[0]: G \rightarrow P_G[0] \times Q_G[0]$  is a direct product representation of the *l*-group G.

This was proved in [4] (Thm. 3) (under different denotations).

From 4.1 and 3.9 we infer:

**4.2. Theorem.** Let *h* be an *H*-isometry of an *l*-group *G* onto an *l*-group *G'*. (i) There are lattices *A*, *B* and direct product representations  $f_1: L(G) \rightarrow A \times B$ ,  $f_2: L(G') \rightarrow A^{\sim} \times B$  such that  $f_1 = h \circ f_2$ . (ii)  $A_G[0]$  and  $B_G[0]$  are *l*-subgroups of *G*, and  $A_{G'}[0]$ ,  $B_{G'}[0]$  are *l*-subgroups of *G'*; for the *l*-groups *G* and *G'* we have direct product representations

$$f_1[0]: G \to A_G[0] \times B_G[0],$$
  
$$f_2[0]: G' \to A_{\widetilde{G}'}[0] \times B_{G'}[0].$$

If we put H = G, then the 'simplest' positive *H*-valuation  $v_0$  on *G* is the identity. The *H*-metric  $d_0$  corresponding to  $v_0$  (cf. Lemma 1.2) is defined by

$$d_0(x, y) = x \lor y - x \land y = |x - y|$$

for each x,  $y \in G$ . In the particular case when also G' = G we have the following result:

**4.3. Proposition** (Cf. [3]). Let  $h: G \to G$  be a bijection such that h(0) = 0 and  $d_0(h(x), h(y)) = d_0(x, y)$  for each pair of elements  $x, y \in G$ . Then there exists a direct product representation  $f: G \to A \times B$  such that, whenever  $x \in G$  and f(x) = (a, b), then f(h(x)) = (-a, b).

Let us now return to the general case dealt with in Theorem 4.2 above. The lattices  $L(A_G[0])$  and  $L(A_{G'}[0])$  are isomorphic, and so are the lattices  $L(B_G[0])$  and  $L(B_{G'}[0])$ . Motivated by Proposition 4.3 we can now consider the question whether  $A_G[0]$  and  $A_{G'}[0]$  must be also isomorphic as groups, and similarly for  $B_G[0]$  and  $B_{G'}[0]$ . The following example shows that the answer is negative.

Let  $R_0$  and  $N_0$  be the additive group of all rational numbers or of all integers, respectively; both  $R_0$  and  $N_0$  are considered with the natural linear order. Let G be the lexicographic product  $R_{0\circ}N_0$  (the elements of G are pairs (x, y) with  $x \in R_0$ ,  $y \in N_0$ , the group operation is performed coordinatewise, and  $(x_1, y_1) \leq (x_2, y_2)$  if either  $y_1 < y_2$ , or  $y_1 = y_2$  and  $x_1 \leq x_2$ ). Put  $G' = H = R_0$ . There exists an isomorphism h of L(G) onto L(G'). For  $z_1, z_2 \in G$  and  $x_1, x_2 \in G'$  we put

$$d(z_1, z_2) = |h(z_1) - h(z_2)|, \quad d'(x_1, x_2) = |x_1 - x_2|.$$

Then d is a H-metric on G, d' is a H-metric on G' and h is an H-isometry of G onto G'. Both G and G' are directly indecomposable and they fail to be isomorphic.

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### Резюме

В статье исследуются метрики на решетках со значениями в частично упорядоченной абелевой группе. Найдены соотношения между изометриями и прямыми разложениями.