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DIRECT PRODUCT DECOMPOSITIONS OF BOUNDED  
COMMUTATIVE RESIDUATED  $\ell$ -MONOIDS

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*Abstract.* The notion of bounded commutative residuated  $\ell$ -monoid (*BCR*  $\ell$ -monoid, in short) generalizes both the notions of *MV*-algebra and of *BL*-algebra. Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a *BCR*  $\ell$ -monoid; we denote by  $\ell(\mathcal{A})$  the underlying lattice of  $\mathcal{A}$ . In the present paper we show that each direct product decomposition of  $\ell(\mathcal{A})$  determines a direct product decomposition of  $\mathcal{A}$ . This yields that any two direct product decompositions of  $\mathcal{A}$  have isomorphic refinements. We consider also the relations between direct product decompositions of  $\mathcal{A}$  and states on  $\mathcal{A}$ .

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

A bounded commutative residuated  $\ell$ -monoid (*BCR*  $\ell$ -monoid, in short) is an algebra  $\mathcal{A} = (A; \odot, \rightarrow, \vee, \wedge, 1, 0)$  of type  $(2, 2, 2, 2, 0, 0)$  satisfying certain axioms (cf. Dvurečenskij and Rachůnek [3], [4]; cf. also Section 2 for a detailed definition). The algebra  $\ell(\mathcal{A}) = (A; \vee, \wedge, 1, 0)$  is a lattice with the greatest element 1 and the least element 0; we say that  $\ell(\mathcal{A})$  is the underlying lattice of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Particular cases of *BCR*  $\ell$ -monoids are *MV*-algebras (cf. Cignoli, D'Ottaviano and Mundici [2]) and *BL*-algebras (cf. Hájek [5]). On the other hand, the notion of *BCR*  $\ell$ -monoid is a particular case of the notion of the commutative residuated  $\ell$ -monoid. This is a dual of the notion of the *DRL*-monoid which was introduced and studied by Swamy [13].

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Direct product decompositions of  $MV$ -algebra were dealt with by the author [7]; for the case of pseudo  $MV$ -algebras and pseudo effect algebras cf. [8] or [9], respectively.

Two-factor direct product decompositions of dually residuated lattice ordered monoids were investigated by Rachůnek and Šalounová [12].

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $BCR$   $\ell$ -monoid. In the present paper we prove that each direct product decomposition of the lattice  $\ell(\mathcal{A})$  determines a direct product decomposition of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Any two internal direct product decompositions of  $\mathcal{A}$  have a common refinement. Hence any two direct product decompositions of  $\mathcal{A}$  have isomorphic refinements. We consider also the relations between direct product decompositions of  $\mathcal{A}$  and states on  $\mathcal{A}$ .

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

We recall the definition of a  $BCR$   $\ell$ -monoid (cf. [3]).

A  $BCR$   $\ell$ -monoid is an algebra  $\mathcal{A} = (A; \odot, \rightarrow, \vee, \wedge, 1, 0)$  of type  $(2, 2, 2, 2, 0, 0)$  which satisfies the following conditions:

- (i)  $(A; \odot, 1)$  is a commutative monoid.
- (ii)  $(A; \vee, \wedge, 0, 1)$  is a lattice with the least element  $0$  and the greatest element  $1$ .
- (iii) The operation  $\odot$  distributes over the operations  $\vee$  and  $\wedge$ .
- (iv)  $x \odot y \leq z$  if and only if  $x \leq y \rightarrow z$  for any  $x, y, z \in A$ .
- (v) The identity  $(x \rightarrow y) \odot x = x \wedge y$  is valid in  $A$ .

For each  $x, y \in A$  we put

$$x^- = x \rightarrow 0,$$

$$d(x, y) = (x \rightarrow y) \wedge (y \rightarrow x).$$

The following basic rules are consequences of the axioms (i)–(v) (cf. e.g. [3]):

- (b1)  $x \leq y \Leftrightarrow x \rightarrow y = 1$ .
- (b2)  $x \rightarrow (y \wedge z) = (x \rightarrow y) \wedge (x \rightarrow z)$ .
- (b3)  $d(x, y) = (x \vee y) \rightarrow (x \wedge y)$ .
- (b4)  $x \odot y = 0 \Leftrightarrow y \leq x^-$ .

Since  $0$  is the least element of  $\ell(\mathcal{A})$ , from (b4) we obtain

$$(*_1) \quad x \odot 0 = 0 \text{ for } x \in A.$$

Further, (v) implies  $(1 \rightarrow x) \odot 1 = 1 \wedge x$ , hence

$$(*_2) \quad 1 \rightarrow x = x \text{ for } x \in A.$$

Since  $x \vee 1 = 1$  for each  $x \in A$ , in view of (iii) we get, for each  $x, y \in A$ ,

$$(x \odot y) \vee (1 \odot y) = 1 \odot y,$$

$$(x \odot y) \vee y = y.$$

Therefore

$$(*_3) \quad x \odot y \leq y \text{ and } x \odot y \leq x \text{ for each } x, y \in A.$$

In view of [3], Section 3 we have

$$(*_4) \quad x_1 \leq x_2 \text{ and } y_1 \leq y_2 \text{ imply } x_1 \odot y_1 \leq x_2 \odot y_2 \text{ for each } x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2 \in A.$$

Also, according to [3],

$$(*_5) \quad \text{the lattice } \ell(\mathcal{A}) \text{ is distributive.}$$

Let  $I$  be a nonempty set and for each  $i \in I$  let  $\mathcal{A}_i$  be a BCR  $\ell$ -monoid. The direct product  $\prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{A}_i$  is defined in the usual way. If  $I = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , then we apply also the notation  $\mathcal{A}_1 \times \dots \times \mathcal{A}_n$ . The elements of  $\prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{A}_i$  are written in the form  $x = (x_i)_{i \in I}$ ;  $x_i$  is the *component* of  $x$  in  $\mathcal{A}_i$ . We write also  $x_i = x(\mathcal{A}_i)$ .

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a BCR  $\ell$ -monoid. An isomorphism of the form

$$(1) \quad \varphi: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{A}_i$$

is a *direct product decomposition* of  $\mathcal{A}$ . If  $a \in A$  and  $\varphi(a) = (a_i)_{i \in I}$  then instead of  $\varphi(a)(\mathcal{A}_i) = a_i$  we write shortly  $a(\mathcal{A}_i) = a_i$ .

For each  $i \in I$  we put

$$A_{i0} = \{a \in A: a(\mathcal{A}_j) = 1(\mathcal{A}_j) \text{ for each } j \in I \setminus \{i\}\}.$$

Let  $x^i \in A_i$ , where  $A_i$  is the underlying set of  $\mathcal{A}_i$ . We denote by  $\varphi_i(x^i)$  the element of  $A_{i0}$  whose  $i$ -th component is  $x^i$ ; i.e., we have

$$\varphi_i(x^i)(\mathcal{A}_i) = x^i.$$

Let  $0^i$  be the least element of  $\ell(\mathcal{A}_i)$ ; we set  $\varphi_i(0^i) = c_i$ . Then  $A_{i0}$  is the interval  $[c_i, 1]$  of  $\ell(\mathcal{A})$ . The set  $A_{i0}$  is closed with respect to the operations  $\odot, \rightarrow, \vee$  and  $\wedge$ . It is easy to verify that the algebra

$$\mathcal{A}_{i0} = (A_{i0}; \odot, \rightarrow, \vee, \wedge, 1, c_i)$$

is a BCR  $\ell$ -monoid and that the mapping

$$(2) \quad \varphi_i: \mathcal{A}_i \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{i0}$$

is an isomorphism.

For each  $a \in A$  we set

$$\varphi_0(a) = (\varphi_i(a_i))_{i \in I}.$$

Then in view of (1) and (2) we conclude that the mapping

$$(3) \quad \varphi_0: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{A}_{i0}$$

is a direct product decomposition of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

We say that  $\mathcal{A}_{i0}$  ( $i \in I$ ) are *internal direct factors* of  $\mathcal{A}$  and that (3) is an *internal direct product decomposition* of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

For a similar terminology concerning groups cf., e.g., Kurosh [11].

Further, we apply the analogous terminology and notation in the case when instead of  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $(\mathcal{A}_{i0})_{i \in I}$  we deal with a bounded lattice  $L$  and an indexed system  $(L_i)_{i \in I}$  of bounded lattices. The greatest element and the least element of  $L$  are denoted by 1 and by 0, respectively; the symbols  $1^i$  and  $0^i$  have analogous meanings with respect to the lattice  $L_i$  for  $i \in I$ .

We recall that in the terminology of [10] concerning internal direct product decompositions of partially ordered sets, we now deal with the case when the element 1 of the lattice  $L = \ell(\mathcal{A})$  is taken as the central element in the direct product decomposition under consideration (according to [10], any element of  $L$  could be taken as central for such decompositions of the lattice  $L$ ).

### 3. TWO-FACTOR DIRECT PRODUCT DECOMPOSITIONS

Again, let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a *BCR*  $\ell$ -monoid and  $L = \ell(\mathcal{A})$ . In this section we assume that  $L$  has a two-factor direct product decomposition

$$(1) \quad \varphi: L \rightarrow L_1 \times L_2.$$

Since the lattice  $L$  is bounded, in view of (1) we obtain that the lattice  $L_i$  is bounded as well, where  $i \in \{1, 2, \}$ ; let  $1^i$  and  $0^i$  be the greatest and the least element of  $L_i$ , respectively. We put

$$\varphi^{-1}((1^1, 0^2)) = p, \quad \varphi^{-1}((0^1, 1^2)) = q.$$

Then we have

$$(2) \quad p \vee q = 1, \quad p \wedge q = 0.$$

Let  $t \in A$ ,  $\varphi(t) = (t_1, t_2)$ . Further, let  $\varphi_0$  be as in Section 2. Then  $\varphi_0(t) = (\bar{t}_1, \bar{t}_2)$ , where

$$\varphi(\bar{t}_1) = (t_1, 1), \quad \varphi(\bar{t}_2) = (1, t_2).$$

Therefore

$$\bar{t}_1 = p \vee t, \quad \bar{t}_2 = q \vee t, \quad \bar{t}_1 \wedge \bar{t}_2 = t.$$

Applying the notation from Section 2, we have an internal direct product decomposition

$$(1') \quad \varphi_0: L_{10} \times L_{20}.$$

Clearly,  $L_{10}$  is the interval  $[p, 1]$  of  $L$ ; similarly,  $L_{20}$  is the interval  $[q, 1]$  of  $L$ .

**Lemma 3.1.**  $p \odot q = 0$ ,  $p \odot p = p$  and  $q \odot q = q$ .

*Proof.* From the relation  $p \wedge q = 0$  and from  $(*_3)$  we obtain  $p \odot q = 0$ . Further, from  $p \vee q = 1$  we get

$$(p \odot p) \vee (p \odot q) = p \odot 1,$$

thus  $p \odot p = p$ . Similarly,  $q \odot q = q$ . □

**Lemma 3.2.** The interval  $[p, 1]$  of  $\ell(\mathcal{A})$  is closed with respect to the operation  $\odot$ .

*Proof.* This is a consequence of the relation  $p \odot p = p$  and of  $(*_4)$ . □

**Lemma 3.3.** The interval  $[p, 1]$  of  $\ell(\mathcal{A})$  is closed with respect to the operation  $\rightarrow$ .

*Proof.* Let  $y, z \in [p, 1]$ . We have to verify that the relation  $p \leq y \rightarrow z$  is valid. In view of (iv) it suffices to show that  $p \odot y \leq z$ .

According to 3.1,  $(*_4)$  and  $(*_3)$  we get

$$p = p \odot p \leq p \odot y \leq p,$$

whence  $p \odot y = p$ . Therefore  $p \odot y \leq z$ . □

**Lemma 3.4.** The algebra  $\mathcal{A}_1 = ([p, 1]; \odot, \rightarrow, \vee, \wedge, 1, p)$  is a BCR  $\ell$ -monoid.

*Proof.* This is a consequence of 3.2 and 3.3. □

An analogous result holds for the algebra  $\mathcal{A}_2 = ([q, 1], \odot, \rightarrow, \vee, \wedge, 1, q)$ .

**Lemma 3.5.** For each  $x \in A$  let us put  $\varphi_1(x) = x \vee p$ . Then for each  $x, y \in A$  we have

- a)  $\varphi_1(x \vee y) = \varphi_1(x) \vee \varphi_1(y)$ ;
- b)  $\varphi_1(x \wedge y) = \varphi_1(x) \wedge \varphi_1(y)$ ;
- c)  $\varphi_1(x \odot y) = \varphi_1(x) \odot \varphi_1(y)$ .

**Proof.** The relation a) is obvious. In view of the distributivity of  $\ell(\mathcal{A})$ , b) is valid. The condition (iii) implies that c) holds.  $\square$

We clearly have  $\varphi_1(x) = x$  for each  $x \in [p, 1]$ , hence  $\varphi_1$  is a surjective mapping of  $A$  onto  $[p, 1]$ .

For the mapping  $\varphi_2(x) = x \vee q$  we have an analogous result.

Consider the algebra  $\mathcal{A}^* = (A; \odot, \vee, \wedge, 1, 0)$ . Let  $\varphi_0$  be as in (1'). Then in view of 3.5 we obtain

**Lemma 3.6.** The mapping

$$(1'') \quad \varphi_0: \mathcal{A}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_1^* \times \mathcal{A}_2^*$$

is an internal direct product decomposition of  $\mathcal{A}^*$  (where  $\mathcal{A}_1^*$  and  $\mathcal{A}_2^*$  are defined analogously to  $\mathcal{A}^*$ ).

Now let us deal with the operation  $\rightarrow$ .

Let  $y, z \in A$ . We put  $X = \{x \in A: x \odot y \leq z\}$ . Then according to (iv) we get

$$(3) \quad y \rightarrow z = \max X.$$

Consider the set

$$X_1 = \{t \in [p, 1]: t \odot \varphi_1(y) \leq \varphi_1(z)\}.$$

Analogously to (3),

$$(3') \quad \varphi_1(y) \rightarrow \varphi_1(z) = \max X_1.$$

In view of 3.6, we have

**Lemma 3.7.** Let  $x \in A$ . Then  $x \odot y \leq z$  if and only if  $\varphi_1(x) \odot \varphi_1(y) \leq \varphi_1(z)$  and  $\varphi_2(x) \odot \varphi_2(y) \leq \varphi_2(z)$ .

Put  $X_0 = \{\varphi_1(x) : x \in X\}$ . Applying 3.6 again, we get

$$(3'') \quad \varphi_1(y \rightarrow z) = \max X_0.$$

Also,  $\varphi_1(x) = x \vee p \in X_1$  for each  $x \in X$ , hence

$$(4) \quad X_0 \subseteq X_1.$$

Let  $v \in X_1$ . Hence  $v \odot \varphi_1(y) \leq \varphi_1(z)$ . Since  $v \in [p, 1]$ , we obtain  $v = \varphi_1(v)$ , thus

$$(5) \quad \varphi_1(v) \odot \varphi_1(y) \leq \varphi_1(z).$$

We take any fixed  $t \in X$ . In view of 3.7,

$$(6) \quad \varphi_2(t) \odot \varphi_2(y) \leq \varphi_2(z).$$

According to Lemma 3.6 there exists  $u \in A$  such that

$$\varphi_1(u) = \varphi_1(v), \quad \varphi_2(u) = \varphi_2(t).$$

Then in view of (5), (6) and 3.7 we conclude that  $u$  is an element of  $X$ . Therefore  $\varphi_1(u) \in X_0$ . Since  $\varphi_1(u) = v$ , we get  $v \in X_0$ . Hence  $X_1 \subseteq X_0$ . Summarizing, we have  $X_1 = X_0$ . Thus from (3') and (3'') we obtain

$$\mathbf{Lemma 3.8.} \quad \varphi_1(y \rightarrow z) = \varphi_1(y) \rightarrow \varphi_1(z).$$

Similarly, the relation

$$(7) \quad \varphi_2(y \rightarrow z) = \varphi_2(y) \rightarrow \varphi_2(z)$$

is valid.

Now from Lemma 3.6, Lemma 3.8 and (7) we conclude

**Lemma 3.9.** *The mapping*

$$\varphi_0: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_1 \times \mathcal{A}_2$$

*is an internal direct product decomposition of  $\mathcal{A}$ .*

We have verified that each two-factor direct product decomposition of the lattice  $\ell(\mathcal{A})$  determines a two-factor internal direct product decomposition of the BCR  $\ell$ -monoid  $\mathcal{A}$ .



In the next section we will extend this result to the case when the direct product decomposition of  $\ell(\mathcal{A})$  can have more than two factors.

We remark that Lemma 3.9 is related to Proposition 2.1 in Dvurečenskij and Rachůnek [4]. Applying the terminology used at the end of Section 2 above, the differences between the two results are as follows:

1) In 3.9 we deal with internal direct product decompositions having the central element 1 (i.e., we have direct factors whose underlying sets are of the form  $[p, 1]$  while in 2.1 of [4], the central element is 0 (i.e., the factors are defined on intervals of type  $[0, e]$ ).

2) On the direct factor, we work with the original binary operation  $\rightarrow$  (as defined in  $\mathcal{A}$ ), while in 2.1 of [4], new operations  $\rightarrow_e$  are introduced.

In connection with the above situation let us also mention the well-known fact that if  $L$  is a distributive lattice with  $a, b, u, v \in L$  such that

$$[u, v] = L, \quad a \wedge b = u, \quad a \vee b = v,$$

then the mapping  $\psi: L \rightarrow [a, v] \times [b, v]$  defined by

$$\psi(x) = (x \vee a, x \vee b) \quad \text{for each } x \in L$$

yields a direct product decomposition of  $L$ . The corresponding dual result also holds.

#### 4. THE GENERAL CASE

Assume that  $\mathcal{A}$  is a BCR  $\ell$ -monoid and that for the corresponding lattice  $\ell(\mathcal{A})$  we have a direct product decomposition

$$(1) \quad \varphi: \ell(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \prod_{i \in I} L_i.$$

We suppose that  $I$  has at least two elements.

Let  $i$  be a fixed element of  $I$ . Put  $I^i = \{j \in I: j \neq i\}$  and

$$L'_i = \prod_{j \in I^i} L_j.$$

For  $a \in A$  we put

$$\begin{aligned} a(L'_i) &= (a(L_j))_{j \in I^i}, \\ \varphi^i(a) &= (a(L_i), a(L_j))_{j \in I^i}. \end{aligned}$$

Then we have a two factor direct product decomposition

$$(1') \quad \varphi^i: \ell(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow L_i \times L'_i.$$

We construct  $L_{i0}, L'_{i0}$  and  $\varphi_0^i$  as in Section 2. In this way we obtain a two-factor internal direct product decomposition

$$(1'') \quad \varphi_0^i: \ell(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow L_{i0} \times L'_{i0}.$$

In view of Lemma 3.9 we conclude that

1) the algebra  $(L_{i0}; \odot, \rightarrow, \vee, \wedge, 1, v^i)$  is a *BCR*  $\ell$ -monoid; it will be denoted by  $\mathcal{A}_{i0}$ ,

2) the algebra  $(L'_{i0}; \odot, \rightarrow, \vee, \wedge, 1, v^{i1})$  is a *BCR*  $\ell$ -monoid which will be denoted by  $\mathcal{A}'_{i0}$ ;

3) the mapping

$$(1''') \quad \varphi_0^i: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{i0} \times \mathcal{A}'_{i0}$$

is an internal direct product decomposition of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Let  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $i \in I$ . By virtue of (1''') we can consider the component  $a(\mathcal{A}_{i0})$  of  $a$  in  $\mathcal{A}_{i0}$ .

Now we put  $\varphi_0(a) = (a(\mathcal{A}_{i0}))_{i \in I}$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** *The mapping*

$$\varphi_0: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{A}_{i0}$$

is an internal direct product decomposition of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Proof.** Let  $i \in I$ . In view of (1'''), the mapping

$$a \rightarrow a(\mathcal{A}_{i0})$$

is a homomorphism of  $\mathcal{A}$  onto  $\mathcal{A}_{i0}$ . This implies that  $\varphi_0$  is a homomorphism of  $\mathcal{A}$  into  $\prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{A}_{i0}$ .

According to (1) and the definitions from Section 2,  $\varphi_0$  yields an internal direct product decomposition of  $\ell(\mathcal{A})$ . Hence the mapping  $\varphi_0$  is a bijection. Thus  $\varphi_0$  is an isomorphism of  $\mathcal{A}$  onto  $\prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{A}_{i0}$ . Moreover, in view of the above mentioned fact concerning  $\ell(\mathcal{A})$ ,  $\varphi_0$  is also an internal direct product decomposition of  $\mathcal{A}$ .  $\square$

Let  $\varphi_0$  be as in 4.1. Further, let

$$\psi_0: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \prod_{j \in J} \mathcal{B}_{j0}$$

be another internal direct product decomposition of  $\mathcal{A}$ . We say that  $\psi_0$  is a refinement of  $\varphi_0$  if for each  $i \in I$  there exists a subset  $J(i)$  of  $J$  such that we have an internal direct product decomposition

$$\mathcal{A}_{i0} \rightarrow \prod_{j \in J(i)} \mathcal{B}_{j0}.$$

An analogous terminology will be applied for internal direct product decompositions of bounded lattices.

Now let  $\varphi_0$  and  $\psi_0$  be any internal direct product decompositions of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_0: \ell(\mathcal{A}) &\rightarrow \prod_{i \in I} \ell(\mathcal{A}_{i0}), \\ \psi_0: \ell(\mathcal{A}) &\rightarrow \prod_{j \in J} \ell(\mathcal{A}_{j0}) \end{aligned}$$

are internal direct product decompositions of the lattice  $\ell(\mathcal{A})$ . According to the well-known result of Hashimoto [6], any two internal direct product decompositions of a bounded lattice  $L$  have a common refinement. From this it also follows that the system of all internal direct factors of  $L$  is a Boolean algebra. Therefore in view of Theorem 4.1 we obtain

**Theorem 4.2.** *Any two internal direct product decompositions of a BCR  $\ell$ -monoid  $\mathcal{A}$  have a common refinement. The system of all internal direct factors of  $\mathcal{A}$  is a Boolean algebra.*

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a BCR  $\ell$ -monoid. Consider direct product decompositions

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha: \mathcal{A} &\rightarrow \prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{A}_i, \\ \beta: \mathcal{A} &\rightarrow \prod_{j \in J} \mathcal{B}_j \end{aligned}$$

of  $\mathcal{A}$ . We say that  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are isomorphic if there exists a bijection  $\chi: I \rightarrow J$  such that  $\mathcal{A}_i \simeq \mathcal{B}_{\chi(i)}$  for each  $i \in I$ .

The following assertion is obvious.

**Lemma 4.3.** *Let  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  be direct product decompositions of a BCR  $\ell$ -monoid  $\mathcal{A}$ . Assume that  $\alpha$  is isomorphic to  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  is a refinement of  $\alpha$ . Then there exists a direct product decomposition  $\delta$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $\delta$  is a refinement of  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  is isomorphic to  $\delta$ .*

If  $\alpha$  is a direct product decomposition of a BCR  $\ell$ -monoid  $\mathcal{A}$ , then we denote by  $\alpha_0$  the corresponding internal direct product decomposition of  $\mathcal{A}$  (cf. the notation  $\varphi$  and  $\varphi_0$  in Section 2). It is obvious that  $\alpha$  is isomorphic to  $\alpha_0$ .

From Theorem 4.1 and Lemma 4.3 we obtain (cf. Fig. 1, where  $\gamma_0$  denotes the common refinement of  $\alpha_0$  and  $\beta_0$ )

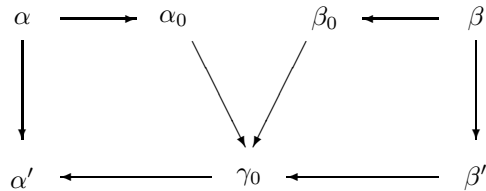


Fig. 1

**Proposition 4.4.** *Any two direct product decompositions of a BCR  $\ell$ -monoid have isomorphic refinements.*

## 5. STATES ON DIRECT PRODUCTS

As above, let  $\mathcal{A} = (A; \odot, \rightarrow, \vee, \wedge, 1, 0)$  be a BCR  $\ell$ -monoid.

**Definition 5.1** (Cf. [3]). A mapping  $s$  of the set  $A$  into the interval  $[0, 1]$  of reals is called a state on  $\mathcal{A}$  if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (S1)  $s(x) + s(x \rightarrow y) = s(y) + s(y \rightarrow x)$  for each  $x, y, z \in A$ ;
- (S2)  $s(0) = 0$  and  $s(1) = 1$ .

Assume that  $s$  is a state on  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then in view of Proposition 4.2 in [3], for each  $x, y \in A$  we have

- (S6)  $x \leq y \Rightarrow s(x) \leq s(y)$ ;
- (S13)  $s(x) + s(y) = s(x \vee y) + s(x \wedge y)$ .

Applying the standard terminology of lattice theory (cf. Birkhoff [1]), from (S13) we conclude that  $s$  is a *valuation* on the lattice  $\ell(\mathcal{A})$ .

We will use the notation from Section 2 and Section 3.

**Proposition 5.2.** *Assume that*

$$\varphi_0: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{10} \times \mathcal{A}_{20}$$

*is an internal direct product decomposition of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let  $s$  be a state on  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then the mapping  $s$  is uniquely determined by the values  $s(t)$ , where  $t$  runs over the set  $A_{10} \cup A_{20}$ .*

**Proof.** The mapping  $\varphi_0$  yields also a direct product decomposition of the lattice  $\ell(\mathcal{A})$ ; we have

$$\varphi_0: \ell(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \ell(\mathcal{A}_{10}) \times \ell(\mathcal{A}_{20}).$$

Let  $p$  and  $q$  be as in Section 3; hence  $\ell(\mathcal{A}_{10})$  is an interval  $[p, 1]$  of  $\ell(\mathcal{A})$ ; similarly  $\ell(\mathcal{A}_{20})$  is an interval  $[q, 1]$  of  $\ell(\mathcal{A})$ .

For  $x \in A$  we put  $p_1 = p \vee x$  and  $q_1 = q \vee x$ . Then  $p_1, q_1 \in A_{10} \cup A_{20}$  and

$$p_1 \vee q_1 = 1, \quad p_1 \wedge q_1 = x.$$

Thus in view of (S13) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} s(p_1) + s(q_1) &= 1 + s(x), \\ s(x) &= s(p_1) + s(q_1) - 1. \end{aligned}$$

□

By the obvious induction, from Proposition 5.2 we get

**Proposition 5.3.** *Assume that*

$$\varphi_0: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{10} \times \dots \times \mathcal{A}_{1n}$$

*is an internal direct product decomposition of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let  $s$  be a state on  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then the mapping  $s$  is uniquely determined by the values  $s(t)$ , where  $t$  runs over the set  $A_{10} \cup \dots \cup A_{n0}$ .*

Let the assumptions of Proposition 5.2 be fulfilled and let  $p, q$  be as in the proof of 5.2. Then  $p \vee q = 1$  and  $p \wedge q = 0$ , whence in view of (S13) we get

$$(1) \quad s(p) + s(q) = 1.$$

Further, according to (S6), for each  $p_1 \in [p, 1]$  and each  $q_1 \in [q, 1]$  we have

$$(2) \quad s(p_1) \in [s(p), 1], \quad s(q_1) \in [s(q), 1].$$

Having in mind the relations (1) and (2) we consider the following construction. Assume that  $r_1, r_2$  are non-negative integers with  $r_1 + r_2 = 1$ .

Suppose that  $s_1$  is a mapping of the interval  $[p, 1]$  of  $\ell(\mathcal{A})$  into the interval  $[r_1, 1]$  of reals such that for any  $p_1, p_2 \in [p, 1]$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} s_1(p_1) + s_1(p_1 \rightarrow p_2) &= s_1(p_2) + s_1(p_2 \rightarrow p_1), \\ s_1(p) &= r_1, \quad s_1(1) = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Further, suppose that  $s_2: [q, 1] \rightarrow [r_2, 1]$  has analogous properties.

Recall (cf. Section 3) that for  $x \in A$  we have  $\varphi_0(x) = (x \vee p, x \vee q)$ . For each  $x \in A$  we put

$$(3) \quad s(x) = s_1(x \vee p) + s_2(x \vee q) - 1.$$

**Proposition 5.4.** *Let  $s$  be as in (3). Then  $s$  is a state on  $\mathcal{A}$ .*

*Proof.* By easy calculation we verify that  $s(0) = 0$  and  $s(1) = 1$ .

Let  $x, y \in A$ . Put  $x \vee p = p_1, x \vee q = q_1, y \vee p = p_2, y \vee q = q_2$ . In view of 3.9,

$$(x \rightarrow y) \vee p = (x \vee p) \rightarrow (y \vee p) = p_1 \rightarrow p_2.$$

Analogously we have

$$(x \rightarrow y) \vee q = q_1 \rightarrow q_2, \quad (y \rightarrow x) \vee p = p_2 \rightarrow p_1, \quad (y \rightarrow x) \vee q = q_2 \rightarrow q_1.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} s(x) &= s_1(p_1) + s_2(q_1) - 1, \\ s(y) &= s_1(p_2) + s_2(q_2) - 1, \\ s(x \rightarrow y) &= s_1(p_1 \rightarrow p_2) + s_2(q_1 \rightarrow q_2) - 1, \\ s(y \rightarrow x) &= s_1(p_2 \rightarrow p_1) + s_2(q_2 \rightarrow q_1) - 1. \end{aligned}$$

Using these relations and the above mentioned assumptions concerning  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  we obtain that (S1) holds. □

Similarly to Propositions 5.2 and 5.3, Proposition 5.4 can be generalized for  $n$ -factor direct product decompositions.

Now let us suppose that  $s$  is a state on a *BCR*  $\ell$ -monoid and that

$$\varphi_0: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{A}_{i0}$$

is an internal direct product decomposition of  $\mathcal{A}$  such that the set  $I$  is infinite.

We apply the notation as in the previous section. The case  $\text{card } A = 1$  being trivial we suppose that  $\text{card } A > 1$ ; then without loss of generality we can assume that  $\text{card } A_{i_0} > 1$  for each  $i \in I$ .

For  $i \in I$ ,  $v^i$  is the least element of  $A_{i_0}$  and 1 is the greatest element of  $A_{i_0}$ . Hence  $v^i < 1$ .

We prove the following result:

**Proposition 5.5.** *Let  $\varphi_0$  and  $s$  be as above. Put*

$$I_0 = \{i \in I : s(v^i) = 1\}.$$

Then  $\text{card}(I \setminus I_0) \leq \aleph_0$ .

Before proving Proposition 5.5 we need some auxiliary considerations.

Let  $i \in I$ . There exists  $q^i \in A$  such that

$$q^i(\mathcal{A}_{i_0}) = 1, \quad q^i(\mathcal{A}_{j_0}) = v^i \quad \text{for each } j \in I \setminus \{i\}.$$

Hence  $q^i \neq 0$ . If  $i(1)$  and  $i(2)$  are distinct elements of  $I$ , then

$$q^{i(1)} \wedge q^{i(2)} = 0, \quad q^{i(1)} \vee q^{i(2)} = 1.$$

Let  $I_0$  be as in 5.5. Further, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we set

$$I_n = \left\{ i \in I : \frac{1}{n+1} < s(q^i) \leq \frac{1}{n} \right\}.$$

Thus the sets  $I_0, I_1, I_2, \dots$  are mutually disjoint.

**Lemma 5.6.** *Let  $k$  be a positive integer. Then the set  $I_k$  is finite.*

*Proof.* By way of contradiction, assume that the set  $I_k$  is infinite. Then there exists a system of distinct elements  $\{i(k, n)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  belonging to  $I_k$ . Let  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . We denote

$$t_m = q^{i(k,1)} \vee \dots \vee q^{i(k,m)}.$$

Since the elements  $q^{i(k,1)}, \dots, q^{i(k,m)}$  are mutually orthogonal, from (S13) and by induction we obtain

$$s(t_m) = s(q^{i(k,1)}) + \dots + s(q^{i(k,m)}).$$

In view of the definition of  $I_k$ ,

$$\frac{1}{k+1} < s(q^{i(k,1)}), \dots, \frac{1}{k+1} < s(q^{i(k,m)}),$$

whence  $s(t_m) > m/(k+1)$ . For  $m > k+1$  we get  $s(t_m) > 1$ , which is a contradiction.  $\square$

Proof of Proposition 5.5. Put  $I^* = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} I_n$ . According to Lemma 5.6 we obtain  $\text{card } I^* \leq \aleph_0$ . For each  $i \in I$  we have

$$v^i \wedge q^i = 0, \quad v^i \vee q^i = 1.$$

Then in view of (S13) we get  $S(v^i) + S(q^i) = 1$ , whence

$$s(v^i) = 1 \Leftrightarrow s(q^i) = 0.$$

This yields  $I \setminus I_0 = I^*$ . Therefore  $\text{card}(I \setminus I_0) \leq \aleph_0$ . □

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