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Abstract. The main result of Romanowska A., Roszkowska B., On some groupoid modes, Demonstratio Math. **20** (1987), no. 1–2, 277–290, provides us with an explicit description of the lattice of varieties of differential groupoids. In the present article, we show that this variety is Q-universal, which means that there is no convenient explicit description for the lattice of quasivarieties of differential groupoids. We also find an example of a subvariety of differential groupoids with a finite number of subquasivarieties.

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Introduction

A *differential groupoid* is a structure with one fundamental binary operation satisfying the identities

(I)
$$x \cdot x = x$$
,

(E)
$$(x \cdot y) \cdot (z \cdot t) = (x \cdot z) \cdot (y \cdot t),$$

(D)
$$x \cdot (x \cdot y) = x.$$

Let **Dm** denote the variety of differential groupoids.

Many authors use the term *medial* groupoid instead of *entropic*, i.e., satisfying (E), see [3]. Differential groupoids were studied in [5]-[7], where they were called LIR-groupoids (*left normal, idempotent, and reductive groupoids*) and a different basis for identities was used. The term *differential groupoid* appeared in [8]. For more information, the reader is referred to the monograph [9].

For $i \ge 0$ and n > 0, let $\mathbf{D}_{i,n}$ denote the subvariety of \mathbf{Dm} defined by the identity

(1)
$$xy^{i+n} = xy^i$$

where $xy^k = (\dots ((x \cdot \underline{y}) \cdot y) \dots) \cdot y$. The structure of the lattice $L_{\nu}(\mathbf{Dm})$ of

subvarieties of **Dm** is described by [6, Theorem 5.3], cf. also [9, Theorem 8.4.14].

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Proposition 1. Let \mathbb{N}_c denote the lattice of natural numbers with the usual order and let \mathbb{N}_d denote the lattice of positive integers ordered by the divisibility relation.

Proper subvarieties of **Dm** form a lattice which is isomorphic to the direct product $\mathbb{N}_c \times \mathbb{N}_d$. Moreover, a pair (i, n) corresponds to the variety $\mathbf{D}_{i,n}$.

A quasivariety **K** of groupoids is said to be \mathcal{Q} -universal if, for every quasivariety **K'** of structures of finite type, the lattice $L_q(\mathbf{K}')$ of subquasivarieties of **K'** is a homomorphic image of some sublattice of the lattice $L_q(\mathbf{K})$ of subquasivarieties of **K**. For every \mathcal{Q} -universal quasivariety **K**, the lattice $L_q(\mathbf{K})$ is highly complicated. Namely, $|L_q(\mathbf{K})| = 2^{\omega}$; moreover, this lattice satisfies no nontrivial lattice identity and contains a sublattice that is isomorphic to the ideal lattice of a free ω -generated lattice.

In Section 1, we prove that the variety \mathbf{Dm} is \mathcal{Q} -universal. This shows that there is no convenient description for the lattice $L_q(\mathbf{Dm})$. The following question naturally arises: Which proper subvarieties of differential groupoids are \mathcal{Q} -universal? In Section 2, we show that $\mathbf{D}_{1,1}$ is not \mathcal{Q} -universal.

1. The variety Dm is Q-universal

We use the standard notation for class operators. Namely, **Q** stands for taking the least quasivariety containing a given class, while \mathbf{P}_s , **S**, and **H** stand for formation of subdirect products, subgroupoids, and homomorphic images, respectively. For every class operator **O** and classes **X** and **K**, we denote by $(\mathbf{O} \cap \mathbf{K})(\mathbf{X})$ the class $\mathbf{O}(\mathbf{X}) \cap \mathbf{K}$.

Our proof is based on the following sufficient condition for Q-universality (cf. [2, Theorem 5.4.26]).

Proposition 2. A quasivariety **K** of groupoids is Q-universal if there exist a subclass **B** of **K** and a family $(A_i)_{i < \omega}$ of finite groupoids in **B** such that the following conditions are satisfied.

- (Q1) For every $n < \omega$ and **B**-congruences θ and θ' on \mathcal{A}_n , if \mathcal{A}_n/θ' is embeddable into \mathcal{A}_n/θ then either $\theta = \theta'$ or \mathcal{A}_n/θ' is a trivial groupoid.
- (Q2) For every $n < \omega$, the meet semilattice L_n of **B**-congruences on \mathcal{A}_n is a subsemilattice of the meet semilattice of congruences on \mathcal{A}_n . Moreover, the meet semilattice of subsets of an *n*-element set is embeddable into L_n .
- (Q3) If $m \neq n$ then the class $\mathbf{A}_n \cap \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{A}_m)$, where $\mathbf{A}_n = \mathbf{H}(\mathcal{A}_n) \cap \mathbf{B}$, consists of trivial groupoids only.
- (Q4) For every $\mathbf{X} \subseteq \mathbf{K}$ and $n < \omega$, we have

$$\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{X}) \cap \mathbf{A}_n = (\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{s}} \cap \mathbf{A}_n)(\mathbf{S} \cap \mathbf{A}_n)(\mathbf{X}).$$

For more information on Q-universal quasivarieties, the reader is referred to [1, Section 5].

Recall that a groupoid G is called a *left zero band* if G satisfies the identity $x \cdot y = x$, i.e., if $G \in \mathbf{D}_{0,1}$. We say that a groupoid G is an **Lz-Lz**-sum (of left zero bands G_i over a left zero band I) satisfying the left normal law if there exists a partition $G = \bigcup_{i \in I} G_i$ and, for every pair $(i, j) \in I^2$, there exists a map $h_{ij}: G_i \to G_i$ such that the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i) h_{ii} is the identity map for every $i \in I$,
- (ii) $h_{ij}(h_{ik}(x)) = h_{ik}(h_{ij}(x))$ for all $i, j, k \in I$ and $x \in G_i$,
- (iii) $a_i \cdot a_j = h_{ij}(a_i)$ for all $i, j \in I$, $a_i \in G_i$, and $a_j \in G_j$.

The structure of differential groupoids was completely described in [6, Section 2], cf. also [4, 5, 7]. Namely, we have $G \in \mathbf{Dm}$ if and only if G is an **Lz-Lz**-sum satisfying the left normal law.

Let C_0 denote the trivial groupoid whose universe is $\{\infty\}$. For every n > 0, let C_n denote the **Lz-Lz**-sum of $G_1 = \{0, 1, \ldots, n-1\}$ and $G_2 = \{\infty\}$, where $h_{12}(k) \equiv k+1 \pmod{n}$ and h_{21} is the identity map. We have $C_n \in \mathbf{Dm}$ for each $n \ge 0$.

We describe congruences on the constructed groupoids. Let m divide n. For every k < n, let r_k denote the remainder in the division of k by m. It is easy to see that the map defined by the rule

$$\infty \mapsto \infty, \quad k \mapsto r_k$$

is a homomorphism from \mathcal{C}_n onto \mathcal{C}_m . Let θ_m denote the kernel of this homomorphism.

Lemma 3. Let n > 0 and let θ be a congruence on C_n . Then either C_n/θ is a trivial groupoid or $\theta = \theta_m$ for some divisor m of n.

PROOF: If $(\infty, k) \in \theta$, where $0 \leq k < n$, then, as in [4, p. 378], we find that C_n/θ is a trivial groupoid. If $(\infty, k) \notin \theta$ for all k with $0 \leq k < n$ then $\theta \leq \theta_1$. By [7, Propositions 2.2 and 2.5], we conclude that the restriction of θ to G_1 is a congruence on a cyclic abelian group of order n. Hence, $\theta = \theta_m$ for some m dividing n.

Let **B** denote the subclass of **Dm** consisting of trivial groupoids and differential groupoids that are not left zero bands. We have $C_n \in \mathbf{B}$ if and only if $n \neq 1$.

Let \mathbb{P} denote the set of prime numbers. Consider a partition $\mathbb{P} = \bigcup_{i < \omega} P_i$ with $|P_i| = i + 1$ for all $i < \omega$ and $P_i \cap P_j = \emptyset$ for all $i \neq j$. Let $k_i = \prod_{p \in P_i} p$. Put $\mathcal{A}_i = \mathcal{C}_{k_i}$ for $i < \omega$.

Theorem 4. The class **B** and the family $(\mathcal{A}_i)_{i < \omega}$ satisfy conditions (Q1)–(Q4) of Proposition 2. Hence, **Dm** is a \mathcal{Q} -universal quasivariety.

PROOF: We have $(\mathcal{A}_i)_{i < \omega} \subseteq \mathbf{B}$. It is easy to see that, for $i, j < \omega$, the groupoid \mathcal{C}_i is embeddable into the groupoid \mathcal{C}_j if and only if i = j. By Lemma 3, this

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immediately implies (Q1) and (Q3). Since L_i is obtained from the meet semilattice of congruences on \mathcal{A}_i by removing the congruence θ_1 , we also obtain (Q2).

We prove (Q4). Let $\mathbf{X} \subseteq \mathbf{Dm}$ and let $n < \omega$. The inclusion $\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{X}) \cap \mathbf{A}_n \supseteq (\mathbf{P_s} \cap \mathbf{A}_n)(\mathbf{S} \cap \mathbf{A}_n)(\mathbf{X})$ is obvious.

Consider a nontrivial groupoid $\mathcal{B} \in \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{X}) \cap \mathbf{A}_n$. By [2, Corollary 2.3.4], we have $\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{SP}_{\mathbf{u}}\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{X})$, where \mathbf{P} and $\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{u}}$ are the class operators for formation of direct products and ultraproducts. Hence, there exists a family $(\mathcal{B}_i)_{i \in I}$ of groupoids and an ultrafilter U over I such that \mathcal{B} is a subgroupoid of the ultraproduct $\prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{B}_i/U$. Moreover, each \mathcal{B}_i is the direct product of a family $(\mathcal{B}_{ij})_{i \in I_i}$ of groupoids in \mathbf{X} .

Since \mathcal{B} is a homomorphic image of the finite groupoid \mathcal{A}_n , we conclude that \mathcal{B} is a finite groupoid too. There exists a first-order sentence φ such that, for every groupoid \mathcal{X} , the following two conditions are equivalent: (a) \mathcal{X} satisfies φ ; (b) \mathcal{B} is embeddable into \mathcal{X} . In particular, $\prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{B}_i / U$ satisfies φ . By the Loś Theorem, there exists an $i \in I$ such that \mathcal{B}_i satisfies φ . Hence, there exists an embedding $\alpha : \mathcal{B} \to \mathcal{B}_i$.

Let $\pi_j : \prod_{j \in I_i} \mathcal{B}_{ij} \to \mathcal{B}_{ij}$ be the *j*th projection map. Denote by ψ_j the composition $\pi_j \circ \alpha$ of homomorphisms. For every $j \in I_i$, let \mathcal{G}_j be the homomorphic image of \mathcal{B} with respect to ψ_j . Then \mathcal{G}_j is a subgroupoid of \mathcal{B}_{ij} and a homomorphic image of \mathcal{A}_n .

We show that \mathcal{B} is a subdirect product of the family $(\mathcal{G}_j)_{j \in I_i}$, i.e., if $x, y \in B$ and $x \neq y$ then there exists a $j \in I_i$ such that $\psi_j(x) \neq \psi_j(y)$ (or, which is equivalent, $\bigcap_{j \in I_i} \ker \psi_j$ is the equality relation Δ_B on B). Indeed, since α is an embedding, we have $\alpha(x) \neq \alpha(y)$. Since each π_j , $j \in I_i$, is a projection, we have $\psi_j(x) = \pi_j(\alpha(x)) \neq \pi_j(\alpha(y)) = \psi_j(y)$ for at least one $j \in I_i$.

Let $J = \{j \in I_i : \mathcal{G}_j \notin \mathbf{D}_{0,1}\}$. If $J = \emptyset$ then \mathcal{B} is a left zero band, a contradiction. By Lemma 3, we have $\ker \psi_j \subseteq \ker \psi_k$ for all $j \in J$ and $k \in I_i \setminus J$. Hence $\bigcap_{j \in J} \ker \psi_j = \bigcap_{j \in I_i} \ker \psi_j = \Delta_B$. Therefore, \mathcal{B} is a subdirect product of the family $(\mathcal{G}_j)_{j \in J} \subseteq \mathbf{B}$. Consequently, $\mathcal{B} \in (\mathbf{P_s} \cap \mathbf{A}_n)(\mathbf{S} \cap \mathbf{A}_n)(\mathbf{X})$. \Box

2. The variety $D_{1,1}$ is not Q-universal

In this section, we find subdirectly irreducible groupoids in $\mathbf{D}_{1,1}$ and show that the lattice $L_q(\mathbf{D}_{1,1})$ is finite.

For i = n = 1, identity (1) has the following form:

Define a relation \leq on G as follows:

$$a \leq b \iff b = ax_1 \dots x_n$$
 for some $x_1, \dots, x_n \in G$,

where, $ax_1 \dots x_n = (\dots ((a \cdot x_1) \cdot x_2) \dots \cdot x_n)$. Using the left normal law

(L)
$$(x \cdot y) \cdot z = (x \cdot z) \cdot y$$

(see [9, Proposition 5.6.2]) and (1'), it is easy to check that the relation \leq is a partial order on G and

(2)
$$x \leqslant y$$
 implies $xz \leqslant yz$

for all $x, y, z \in G$.

Assume that G is a finite groupoid. Let M denote the set of maximal elements with respect to the order \leq and, for every $m \in M$, let G_m denote the order ideal generated by m (or the *orbit* of m). It is easy to see that $m_1 \neq m_2$ implies that $G_{m_1} \cap G_{m_2} = \emptyset$.

As in [9, p. 537] (cf. also [5]), let β denote the congruence on G defined as follows:

$$(a,b) \in \beta \iff a,b \in G_m \text{ for some } m \in M.$$

Then G is an **Lz-Lz**-sum of its β -orbits.

Let \mathcal{G}_0 denote the two-element left zero band with the universe $\{0, 1\}$. Let \mathcal{G}_1 denote the **Lz-Lz**-sum of β -orbits $\{0, 1\}$ and $\{2\}$, where 0 < 1, i.e., $0 \cdot 2 = 1$ and $x \cdot y = x$ if the pair (x, y) is different from (0, 2).

Theorem 5. A finite groupoid G is subdirectly irreducible in $\mathbf{D}_{1,1}$ if and only if G is isomorphic to either \mathcal{G}_0 or \mathcal{G}_1 .

PROOF: It is easy to see that \mathcal{G}_0 and \mathcal{G}_1 are subdirectly irreducible in $\mathbf{D}_{1,1}$ because 0 and 1 cannot be separated by *proper* homomorphisms, i.e., homomorphisms that are not isomorphisms.

We prove the "only if" part.

(i) Let $G \in \mathbf{D}_{1,1}$ and let $J = \{m \in M : |G_m| > 1\}$. Notice that, for every groupoid G that is subdirectly irreducible in $\mathbf{D}_{1,1}$, we have $|J| \leq 1$.

Indeed, let there exist $m_1, m_2 \in M$ such that $m_1 \neq m_2$ and $|G_{m_1}|, |G_{m_2}| > 1$. For j = 1, 2, consider the map ψ_j defined by the rule

(3)
$$\psi_j(x) = \begin{cases} x, & x \notin G_{m_j}, \\ m_j, & x \in G_{m_j}. \end{cases}$$

Since m_j is a maximal element and G_{m_j} is a non-singleton orbit, ψ_j is a proper homomorphism, j = 1, 2. It is easy to see that ker $\psi_1 \cap \ker \psi_2$ is the equality relation Δ_G , i.e., the homomorphisms ψ_1 and ψ_2 separate points of G. Therefore, if |J| > 1 then G is not subdirectly irreducible.

(ii) If $J = \emptyset$ then $G \in \mathbf{D}_{0,1}$, i.e., G is a left zero band. Each subdirectly irreducible groupoid in $\mathbf{D}_{0,1}$ is isomorphic to \mathcal{G}_0 . In the sequel, we only consider subdirectly irreducible groupoids in $\mathbf{D}_{1,1}$ that are not left zero bands and assume that |J| = 1, i.e.,

$$G = \bigcup_{1 \leq i \leq n} G_i, \text{ where } |G_1| > 1 \text{ and } G_i = \{g_i\} \text{ for } i > 1.$$

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(iii) Let $x, y \in G$ and let $x \neq y$. We show that x and y are separated by homomorphisms to \mathcal{G}_1 .

If either $x = g_i$ or $y = g_i$, $2 \leq i \leq n$, then it suffices to consider the homomorphism ψ_1 from (3).

Assume that $x, y \in G_1$ and $y \not\leq x$. Define a map φ_{xy} as follows:

$$\varphi_{xy}(a) = \begin{cases} 0, & a \leq x, \\ 1, & \text{either } a \in G_1 \text{ with } a \leq x \text{ or } a = g_k \text{ with } xg_k = x, \\ 2, & a = g_k \text{ with } xg_k \neq x. \end{cases}$$

It is clear that φ_{xy} is a map from G onto \mathcal{G}_1 and $\varphi_{xy}(x) = 0 \neq 1 = \varphi_{xy}(y)$. It remains to prove that φ_{xy} is a homomorphism.

We show that $\varphi_{xy}(ab) = \varphi_{xy}(a)\varphi_{xy}(b)$. Three cases are possible.

(a) Let $\varphi_{xy}(a) = 0$, i.e., let $a \leq x$.

If $b \in G_1$ then ab = a and $\varphi_{xy}(a)\varphi_{xy}(b) = 0 \cdot z = 0 = \varphi_{xy}(a) = \varphi_{xy}(ab)$, where $z \in \{0, 1\}$.

If $\varphi_{xy}(b) = 1$ and $b \notin G_1$ then $b = g_i$ with $xg_i = x$. Since $a \leqslant x$, we have $ab = ag_i \leqslant xg_i = x$ by (2). Hence, $\varphi_{xy}(ab) = 0 = 0 \cdot 1 = \varphi_{xy}(a)\varphi_{xy}(b)$.

If $\varphi_{xy}(b) = 2$ then $b = g_i$ with $xg_i \neq x$. Assume that $ab = ag_i \leq x$. Since $a \leq x$, there exist $y_1, \ldots, y_n \in G$ such that $ay_1 \ldots y_n = x$. We obtain $xg_i = ay_1 \ldots y_n g_i = ag_i y_1 \ldots y_n \leq xy_1 \ldots y_n = x$ by using (L), (2), and (1'). Hence, $xg_i \leq x$. By definition, $x \leq xg_i$, which implies $x = xg_i$, a contradiction. Thus, $ab \leq x$ and $\varphi_{xy}(ab) = 1 = 0 \cdot 2 = \varphi_{xy}(a)\varphi_{xy}(b)$.

(b) Let $a \in G_1$ and let $a \notin x$.

For every $b \in G$, we have $ab \in G_1$ and $ab \notin x$. Since $1 \cdot z = 1$ in \mathcal{G}_1 , we obtain $\varphi_{xy}(ab) = 1 = 1 \cdot z = \varphi_{xy}(a) \cdot \varphi_{xy}(b)$ for every $b \in G$.

(c) Let $a = g_i$.

For every $b \in G$, we have ab = a. Since $1 \cdot z = 1$ and $2 \cdot z = 2$ in \mathcal{G}_1 , we obtain $\varphi_{xy}(ab) = t = t \cdot z = \varphi_{xy}(a) \cdot \varphi_{xy}(b)$ for every $b \in G$, where $t \in \{1, 2\}$.

Thus, if |G| > 3 then all points of G are separated by proper homomorphisms to \mathcal{G}_1 ; hence, G cannot be subdirectly irreducible in $\mathbf{D}_{1,1}$.

Lemma 6. If $G \in \mathbf{D}_{1,1} \setminus \mathbf{D}_{0,1}$ then \mathcal{G}_1 is embeddable into G.

PROOF: Since $G \notin \mathbf{D}_{0,1}$, there exist $a, b \in G$ such that $ab \neq a$. Define a map from \mathcal{G}_1 into G as follows:

$$0 \mapsto a, \quad 1 \mapsto ab, \quad 2 \mapsto ba.$$

It is easy to see that this is the required embedding.

Theorem 7. The lattice $L_q(\mathbf{D}_{1,1})$ is a three-element chain.

PROOF: Since $\mathbf{D}_{1,1}$ is locally finite and has finitely many finite subdirectly irreducible groupoids, there are no infinite subdirectly irreducible groupoids in $\mathbf{D}_{1,1}$. By the Birkhoff Subdirect Representation Theorem and Theorem 5, $\mathbf{D}_{1,1}$ is the quasivariety generated by \mathcal{G}_1 . The lattice $L_q(\mathbf{D}_{0,1})$ is a two-element chain. By Lemma 6, if a subquasivariety \mathbf{K} of $\mathbf{D}_{1,1}$ contains a groupoid G that is not a left zero band then $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{D}_{1,1}$.

3. Concluding remarks

We have proven that the variety **Dm** is Q-universal. It is easy to see that the method used in the proof of Theorem 4 does not allow us to prove that some subvariety of the form $\mathbf{D}_{i,n}$ is Q-universal. Indeed, the family $(\mathcal{A}_i)_{i < \omega}$ does not belong to such a subvariety. We have also shown that the variety $\mathbf{D}_{1,1}$ is not Q-universal. The following problem seems to be of an interest: Determine the borderline between simple and Q-universal varieties of differential groupoids.

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