

## Order And multiplication Reversing In Lattice Ordered Groups

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### عكس الترتيب والضرب في المجموعات المرتبة شبكيًا

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#### Abstract:

For any lattice ordered group  $\mathcal{G}$  there are two closely associated lattice ordered groups:  $\mathcal{G}^R$ , obtained from  $\mathcal{G}$  by reversing the order, and  $\mathcal{G}_W$ , obtained from  $\mathcal{G}$  by reversing the multiplication. The primary objective of this study is to demonstrate that, for any lattice ordered group,  $\mathcal{G}^R$  and  $\mathcal{G}_W$ , are isomorphic. Furthermore, we investigate the relationships between  $\mathcal{G}$ ,  $\mathcal{G}^R$  and  $\mathcal{G}_W$ , and identify the identities that hold within each. Additionally, for any variety  $\mathcal{V}$  of  $\mathcal{L}$ -group, we establish that the mapping  $\theta: \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}^R$  where  $\mathcal{V}^R = \{\mathcal{G}^R: \mathcal{G} \in \mathcal{V}\}$ , is both a lattice and a semigroup automorphism of the set of varieties of lattice ordered groups.

**Keywords:** Order, Revers, Lattice, Automorphism, Varieties.

#### الملخص

لكل زمرة مرتبة شبكيًا (Lattice-ordered group)  $\mathcal{G}$ , توجد زمرتان مرتبتان شبكيًا مرتبطتان بها ارتباطاً وثيقاً:  $\mathcal{G}^R$ ، زمرة التي يتم الحصول عليها عن طريق عكس الترتيب، والزمرة  $\mathcal{G}_W$  التي يتم الحصول عليها عن طريق عكس عملية الضرب. تتمثل الأهداف الرئيسية لهذه الدراسة في إثبات أن الزمرتين  $\mathcal{G}^R$  و  $\mathcal{G}_W$  هما زمرتان متماثلتان شبكيًا (Isomorphic lattice-ordered groups) لأي زمرة مرتبة شبكيًا. كما تتناول دراسة العلاقات بين  $\mathcal{G}$ ،  $\mathcal{G}^R$ ،  $\mathcal{G}_W$ ، المتطابقات التي تتحقق في كل منها. بالإضافة إلى ذلك، ثبت لأي تنوع (Variety)  $\mathcal{V}$  من الزمر المرتبة شبكيًا، أن التطبيق (Mapping)  $\theta: \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}^R$  حيث  $\mathcal{V}^R = \{\mathcal{G}^R: \mathcal{G} \in \mathcal{V}\}$  يمثل تبليانًا ذاتيًّا (Automorphism) لكل من الشبكية ونصف الزمرة (Semigroup) لمجموعة تنوعات الزمر المرتبة شبكيًا.

**الكلمات المفتاحية:** الترتيب، الانعكاس، الشبكة، التماثل الذاتي، الأصناف.

#### Introduction

Recall that a lattice ordered group is a group endowed with a lattice structure that is compatible with the group operations:

$$a(x \bigvee y)b = (axb) \bigvee (ayb),$$

$$a(x \bigwedge y)b = (axb) \bigwedge (ayb)$$

In particular, by an  $\mathcal{L}$ -homomorphism (respectively,  $\mathcal{L}$ -isomorphism) between two  $\mathcal{L}$ -group is meant a mapping which is both a group and a lattice homomorphism (respectively, group and lattice isomorphism). Also, an  $\mathcal{L}$ -subgroup means a subgroup which is also a sublattice and an  $\mathcal{L}$ -ideal means a convex normal  $\mathcal{L}$ -subgroup. For any element  $x$  of an  $\mathcal{L}$ -group, we write

$$x^+ = x \vee 1, \quad x^- = x \wedge 1, \quad |x| = x^+ \vee x^-,$$

where 1 denotes the identity of  $\mathcal{G}$ .

**Varieties of lattice-ordered groups** ( $\mathcal{L}$ -groups) are classes of  $\mathcal{L}$ -groups defined by a set of algebraic **identities**. Below are the primary examples, ordered from smallest to largest in the lattice of varieties :

1. **Trivial Variety  $E$ :** Consists only of the single-element group  $\{e\}$  and is defined by the identity  $x = e$
2. **Abelian Variety  $\mathcal{A}$ :** The smallest non-trivial variety, defined by the commutativity identity  $xy = yx$
3. **Representable Variety  $\mathcal{R}$ :** Contains all  $\mathcal{L}$ -groups that can be expressed as a subdirect product of **totally ordered groups**. It is defined by the identity

$$(x - 1(y \vee e)x) \wedge (y - 1 \vee e) = e$$

4. **Normal Valued Variety  $\mathcal{N}$ :** This is the largest proper variety of  $\mathcal{L}$ -groups. It is defined by the Wolfenstein identity :

$$(x \vee e)(y \vee e) \leq (y \vee e)2(x \vee e)2$$

5. **Scrimger Varieties)  $\mathcal{S}_n$ :** A sequence of varieties that sit between the Abelian and non-Abelian varieties, often defined through specific **wreath products** of groups.
6. **The Variety of All  $\mathcal{L}$ -groups)  $\mathcal{L} \mathcal{G}$ :** The largest possible variety, containing every lattice-ordered group without additional identity constraints .

**Notation1.1.** For any  $\mathcal{L}$ -group  $\mathcal{G}$ , we denote by  $\mathcal{V}(\mathcal{G})$  the variety of  $\mathcal{L}$ -groups generated by  $\mathcal{G}$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{L}$  the lattice of varieties of  $\mathcal{L}$ -group.

We shall require the following useful observation.

**Lemma1.2.** (Martinez, J.1974, p265-284) If  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathcal{V}$ . are  $\mathcal{L}$ -group varieties, an  $\mathcal{L}$ -group  $\mathcal{G}$  belongs to  $\mathcal{U} \mathcal{V} \mathcal{V}$  if and only if there exist  $\mathcal{L}$ -ideals  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{N}$  of  $\mathcal{G}$  such that  $\mathcal{G} / \mathcal{M} \in \mathcal{U}, \mathcal{G} / \mathcal{N} \in \mathcal{V}$  and  $\mathcal{M} \cap \mathcal{N} = \{1\}$ .

## SECTION 2: DUALITY AND ORDER INVERSION.

**Definition 2.1.** For any  $\mathcal{L}$ -group Defining  $\mathcal{G}^R$  and  $\mathcal{G}_W$  In  $\mathcal{L}$ -group theory, these are ways to transform a group  $(\mathcal{G}, \cdot, \leq)$ :

**$\mathcal{G}^R$  (The Opposite 1-group):**  $\mathcal{G}^R = (\mathcal{G}, \leq^R)$  denote the  $\mathcal{L}$ -group obtained from  $\mathcal{G}$  by reversing the order; thus  $a \leq^R b$  if and only if  $b \leq a$  .keeping the same group operation but **reversing the lattice order**.

**$\mathcal{G}_W$  (The Dual 1-group):**  $\mathcal{G}_W = (\mathcal{G}_W, \leq)$  denote the  $\mathcal{L}$ -group obtained from  $\mathcal{G}$  by reversing the multiplication. Specifically, for any  $a, b \in \mathcal{G}$  ,the new operation  $*$  is defined by  $a * b = b a$ . **reversing the multiplication** while keeping the original lattice order.

That  $\mathcal{G}^R$  and  $\mathcal{G}$ , are both  $\mathcal{L}$ -groups are easily verified. A variety  $\mathcal{V}$  of  $\mathcal{L}$ -groups is reversible if  $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{V}^R$ , where  $\mathcal{V}^R = \{\mathcal{G}^R : \mathcal{G} \in \mathcal{V}\}$ .

**Example:** A primary example of reversible varieties of lattice-ordered groups ( $\mathcal{L}$ -groups) obtained by reversing the order is the variety of **abelian  $\mathcal{L}$ -groups** ( $\mathcal{A}$ ). For any abelian  $\mathcal{L}$ -group  $\mathcal{G}$ , the  $\mathcal{L}$ -group  $\mathcal{G}^R$  (same group operation, opposite order  $a \leq^R b \Leftrightarrow b \leq a$ ) is also abelian and satisfies the same identities, making  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}^R$  a reversible variety.

For any  $\mathcal{L}$ -group  $(\mathcal{G}, \leq)$ , the reversed structure  $(\mathcal{G}, \geq)$  remains an  $\mathcal{L}$ -group, but the lattice operations are swapped:

**New Join:**  $x \vee* y = x \wedge y$  (The old "meet" becomes the new "join").

**New Meet:**  $x \wedge* y = x \vee y$  (The old "join" becomes the new "meet").

**Examples:**

**1-Standard Integers ( $\mathbb{Z}$ ):** *Original:*  $5 \vee 10 = 10$ .

*Reversed:*  $5 \leq^* 10$  actually means  $10 \leq 5$  in the old system. Therefore, the "larger" number in the reversed order is 5.

*Calculation:*  $5 \vee* 10 = \min(5, 10) = 5$ .

**2-Product Group ( $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ ):** *Original:*  $(1,5) \vee (2,3) = (2,5)$ .

*Reversed:* We take the component-wise minimum instead of the maximum.

*Calculation:*  $(1,5) \vee* (2,3) = (\min(1,2), \min(5,3)) = (1,3)$ .

**3-Lexicographic Product ( $\mathbb{Z} \times \vec{\mathbb{Z}}$ ):** *Original:*  $(1, -100) > (0, 50)$ .

*Reversed:* the "positive" cone is flipped. Now,  $(a, b) >^* (0,0)$  if  $a < 0$ , or if  $a = 0$  and  $b < 0$ .

*Calculation:*  $(0, 50)$  is now "larger" than  $(1, -100)$ .

**Definition 2.2:** A variety  $\mathcal{V}$  of  $\mathcal{L}$ -groups is reversible if  $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{V}^R$ , where  $\mathcal{V}^R = \{G^R : G \in \mathcal{V}\}$ .

**Other Examples:** While  $\mathcal{A}$  is the most straightforward example, many varieties generated by particular types of  $\mathcal{L}$ -groups are not reversible, as  $G^R$  is not always isomorphic to  $G$  in terms of lattice structure, even if they share the same algebraic group structure.

The reversing of order turns meets into joins ( $\vee \rightarrow \wedge$ ), which is why only specific structures (like abelian or certain other special classes) are reversible.

**Notation 2.3.** For any  $\mathcal{L}$ -group  $G$ , we denote the lattice operations in  $G^R$  by  $\vee^R \wedge^R$  and write, for  $x \in G$ ,

$$x^{+R} = x \vee^R 1, \quad x^{-R} = (x \wedge^R 1)^{-1}, \quad |x|^R = x^{+R} \vee^R x^{-R}.$$

Note that for  $x, y$  in  $G$ ,

$$x \vee^R y = x \wedge y$$

and

$$x \wedge^R y = x \vee y.$$

**Lemma 2.4.** (Reilly, N. R. Huss, E. M., 1984, 176-191) The mapping  $\varphi: \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^{-1}$  defined by  $\varphi(g) = g^{-1}$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -isomorphism of  $\mathcal{G}^R$  onto  $\mathcal{G}^W$ .

Proof: For  $g, h \in \mathcal{G}^R$ ,

$$\varphi(gh) = (gh)^{-1} = h^{-1}g^{-1} = \varphi(g)\varphi(h)$$

so that  $\varphi$  is a group isomorphism. Since

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi\left(g \bigvee^R h\right) &= \left(g \bigvee^R h\right)^{-1} \\ &= (g \bigwedge h)^{-1} \\ &= g^{-1} \bigvee h^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \varphi(g) \bigvee \varphi(h)$$

and similarly,

$$\varphi(g \bigwedge^R h) = \varphi(g) \bigwedge \varphi(h)$$

we see that  $\varphi$ , is also a lattice isomorphism.

**Corollary 2.5.** (Huss, E. M., 1984) For any  $\mathcal{L}$ -group  $\mathcal{G}$ ,  $\mathcal{V}(\mathcal{G}^R) = \mathcal{V}(\mathcal{G}_W)$ .

In the light of Lemma 2.4, we may work with whichever is the more convenient of  $\mathcal{G}^R$  or  $\mathcal{G}_W$ , in any given situation.

Although, as we shall see, some of the properties of  $\mathcal{G}$  and  $\mathcal{G}^R$  can be quite different, some features are invariant under order reversal.

**Lemma 2.6.** Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be an  $\mathcal{L}$ -group and  $\mathcal{H} \subseteq \mathcal{G}$ . Then  $\mathcal{H}$  is a sublattice (respectively, subgroup,  $\mathcal{L}$ -subgroup or  $\mathcal{L}$ -ideal) of  $\mathcal{G}$  if and only if  $\mathcal{H}^R$  is a sublattice (respectively subgroup,  $\mathcal{L}$ -subgroup or  $\mathcal{L}$ -ideal) of  $\mathcal{G}^R$ .

Furthermore, if  $\mathcal{H}$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -ideal, then  $(\mathcal{G}/\mathcal{H})^R$  is  $\mathcal{L}$ -isomorphic to  $\mathcal{G}^R/\mathcal{H}^R$ .

The next observation follows easily from the fact that the lattice structure of an  $\mathcal{L}$ -group is distributive.

**Lemma 2.7.** (Huss, E. M., 1984) Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the free  $\mathcal{L}$ -group on the non-empty set  $\mathcal{X}$ . Then any element  $u \in \mathcal{F}$  can be written in the form

$$u = \bigvee_I \bigwedge_J \prod_K x_{ijk}$$

where  $I, J$  and  $K$  are finite sets and  $x_{ijk} \in \mathcal{X} \cup \mathcal{X}^{-1} \cup \{1\}$  for all  $i \in I, j \in J, k \in K$ .

**Lemma 2.8.** (Huss, E. M., 1984) For any  $\mathcal{L}$ -group  $\mathcal{G}$  and any  $u = \bigvee_I \bigwedge_J \prod_K x_{ijk} \in \mathcal{F}$  the following are equivalent.

(i) The identity  $u = 1$  holds in  $\mathcal{G}$ .

(ii) The identity  $u^R = 1$  holds in  $\mathcal{G}^R$ .

(iii) The identity  $u^1 = 1$  holds in  $\mathcal{G}^R$ .

Proof, clearly  $\mathcal{G}$  satisfies the law  $\bigvee_I \bigwedge_J \prod_K x_{ijk} = 1$  if and only if  $\mathcal{G}^R$  satisfies the law  $\bigvee_I^R \bigwedge_J^R \prod_K x_{ijk} = 1$ . But

$$\begin{aligned} & \bigvee_I^R \bigwedge_J^R \prod_K x_{ijk} = 1 \\ \Leftrightarrow & \bigvee_I^R \left( \bigwedge_J^R \left( \prod_K x_{ijk} \right)^{-1} \right)^{-1} = 1 \\ \Leftrightarrow & \left( \bigvee_I^R \bigwedge_J^R \left( \prod_K x_{ijk} \right)^{-1} \right)^{-1} = 1 \\ \Leftrightarrow & \bigvee_I^R \bigwedge_J^R \left( \prod_K x_{ijk} \right)^{-1} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\mathcal{G}$  satisfies a law  $u = 1$  if and only if  $\mathcal{G}^R$  satisfies  $u^R = 1$ , which establishes the equivalence of (i) and (ii).

Now the mapping  $x \rightarrow x^{-1}$  ( $x \in X$ ) of  $\mathcal{X}$  into  $\mathcal{F}$  clearly extends to an automorphism  $\varphi$ , say, of  $\mathcal{F}$ . Hence the identity holds in  $\mathcal{G}^R$  if and only if the identity  $u^R \varphi = 1$  holds in  $\mathcal{G}^R$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} u^R \varphi &= \bigvee_I^R \bigwedge_J^R \left( \prod_K x_{ijk} \right)^{-1} \varphi \\ &= \bigvee_I^R \bigwedge_J^R \prod_K (x_{ijk})^{-1} \varphi \\ &= \bigvee_I^R \bigwedge_J^R \prod_K (x_{ijk} \varphi)^{-1} \\ &= \bigvee_i^R \bigwedge_j^R \prod_k x_{ijk} \end{aligned}$$

the equivalence of (ii) and (iii) follows.

**Corollary 2.9.** (Huss, E. M., 1984) For any variety of  $\mathcal{L}$ -group  $\mathcal{V}$ ,  $\mathcal{V}^R$  is a variety. Moreover, the following are equivalent.

- (i)  $\mathcal{V}$  has a basis of identities  $[u_\alpha = 1, \alpha \in \mathcal{A}]$ .
- (ii)  $\mathcal{V}^R$  has a basis of identities  $[u_\alpha^R = 1, \alpha \in \mathcal{A}]$ .
- (iii)  $\mathcal{V}^R$  has a basis of identities  $[u_\alpha^1 = 1, \alpha \in \mathcal{A}]$ .

This leads naturally to the question of whether or not it is always the case that,  $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{V}^R$  or, equivalently, whether or not it is the case that for all  $\mathcal{L}$ -groups  $\mathcal{G}$  the varieties  $\mathcal{V}(\mathcal{G}^R)$  and  $\mathcal{V}(\mathcal{G}^R) = \mathcal{V}(\mathcal{G}_W)$  are always the same.

### 3. AN AUTOMORPHISM OF $\mathcal{L}$

Since there exist  $\mathcal{V} \in \mathcal{L}$  such that  $\mathcal{V} \neq \mathcal{V}^R$ , we consider the basic properties of the mapping  $\mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}^R$  in this section.

**Notation 3.1.** Let  $\theta: \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}^R$  be the mapping defined by

$$\mathcal{V} \theta = \mathcal{V}^R \quad (\mathcal{V} \in \mathcal{L}),$$

and let

$$\mathcal{F} = \{\mathcal{V} \in \mathcal{L} : \mathcal{V}^R = \mathcal{V}\}.$$

**Theorem 3.2.** The mapping  $\theta$  is a lattice automorphism of  $\mathcal{L}$  with the following properties:

- (i)  $\theta^2$  is the identity mapping;
- (ii)  $\theta$  preserves arbitrary joins and meets;
- (iii)  $\mathcal{F}$  is a complete sublattice of  $\mathcal{L}$ ;
- (iv) for any  $\mathcal{V} \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $\mathcal{V} \vee \mathcal{V}^R \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{V} \wedge \mathcal{V}^R \in \mathcal{F}$ .

Proof: For any word  $u \in \mathcal{F}$ , it is clear that  $(u^R)^R$  so that by Corollary 2.8, we have  $\mathcal{V} \theta^2 = \mathcal{V}$ , for all  $\mathcal{V} \in \mathcal{L}$ . Thus (i) holds. In addition, for any  $\mathcal{L}$ -group  $G$ ,

$$G \in \mathcal{V} \theta \Leftrightarrow G^R \in \mathcal{V} \theta^2 = \mathcal{V}.$$

Hence, for any family  $\{\mathcal{V}_\alpha : \alpha \in \mathcal{A}\} \subseteq \mathcal{L}$ ,

$$\mathcal{G} \in \left( \bigwedge \mathcal{V}_\alpha \right) \theta \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{G}^R \in \bigwedge \mathcal{V}_\alpha$$

$$\mathcal{G}^R \in \mathcal{V}_\alpha, \quad \text{for all } \alpha \in \mathcal{A},$$

$$\mathcal{G}^R \in \mathcal{V}_\alpha^R, \quad \text{for all } \alpha \in \mathcal{A},$$

$$\mathcal{G} \in \bigwedge \mathcal{V}_\alpha^R = \bigwedge \mathcal{V}_\alpha \theta$$

and  $\theta$  respects arbitrary meets.

Now suppose that  $\mathcal{G} \in (\bigvee \mathcal{V}_\alpha) \theta$ . Then  $\mathcal{G}^R \in \bigvee \mathcal{V}_\alpha$  and there exist  $V_\alpha \in \mathcal{V} (\alpha \in \mathcal{A})$ , a subdirect product  $\mathcal{H}$  of the  $V_\alpha$ , and an  $\mathcal{L}$ -epimorphism  $\psi: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^R$ :

$$\mathcal{H} \subseteq \prod V_\alpha$$

Clearly the same mapping  $\psi$  gives an  $\mathcal{L}$ -epimorphism  $\psi: \mathcal{H}^R \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^R$  where  $\mathcal{H}^R \subseteq \prod V_\alpha^R$  so that  $\mathcal{G} \in \bigvee \mathcal{V}_\alpha^R$ . Thus

$$\left( \bigvee (\mathcal{V}_\alpha) \theta \right) \subseteq \bigvee \mathcal{V}_\alpha^R = \bigvee \mathcal{V}_\alpha \theta$$

By applying the inverse map and following the same logical steps in reverse order, we have the reverse containment and therefore

$$\left( \bigvee (\mathcal{V}_\alpha) \theta \right) = \bigvee \mathcal{V}_\alpha \theta$$

and  $\theta$  preserves arbitrary joins. This establishes (ii). Since (i) clearly implies that  $\theta$  is a bijective, it now follows that  $\theta$  is an automorphism.

Property (iii) follows immediately from (ii).

(iv) For any  $\mathcal{V} \in \mathcal{L}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{V} \bigvee \mathcal{V}^R) \theta &= (\mathcal{V} \bigvee \mathcal{V} \theta) \theta \\ &= (\mathcal{V} \theta \bigvee \mathcal{V} \theta^2) \\ &= (\mathcal{V} \theta \bigvee \mathcal{V}) \\ &= (\mathcal{V} \bigvee \mathcal{V}^R) \end{aligned}$$

by (i) and since  $\theta$  is an automorphism. Hence

$$\mathcal{V} \bigvee \mathcal{V}^R \in \mathcal{F}$$

and similarly

$$\mathcal{V} \bigwedge \mathcal{V}^R \in \mathcal{F}$$

As an immediate consequence of Theorem 3.2(iii) we have the following corollary (Aboujanah, A., et al, 2025).

**Corollary 3.3.** Let  $\mathcal{V} \in \mathcal{L}$ . Then the following are equivalent:

(i)  $\mathcal{V} \in \mathcal{F}$ ;

(ii)  $\mathcal{V}$  and  $\mathcal{V}^R$  are comparable.

We now consider how  $\theta$  behaves relative to the semigroup structure of  $\mathcal{L}$ .

**Definition 3.4.** For  $\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V} \in \mathcal{L}$ , we denote by  $\mathcal{U}\mathcal{V}$  the class of all  $\mathcal{L}$ -groups  $G$  for which there exists an  $\mathcal{L}$ -ideal  $H$  with  $H \in \mathcal{U}$  and  $G/H \in \mathcal{V}$  and refer to  $\mathcal{U}\mathcal{V}$  as the product of the varieties  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathcal{V}$ . A variety  $\mathcal{W}$  is said to be indecomposable if  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{U}\mathcal{V}$  implies that either  $\mathcal{U}$  or  $\mathcal{V}$  is the trivial variety.

It was observed by (Martinez, J. 1972, 535-553) that  $\mathcal{L}$  is a semigroup with respect to the above defined product of varieties.

**Definition 3.5.** Let  $G$  be an  $\mathcal{L}$ -group. If, for every  $g \in G$  and every convex  $\mathcal{L}$ -subgroup  $M$  that is maximal with respect to not containing  $g$ ,  $M$  is normal in the convex  $\mathcal{L}$ -subgroup generated by  $M$  and  $g$ , then  $G$  is said to be normal valued. The class of all normal valued  $\mathcal{L}$ -groups will be denoted by  $\mathcal{N}$ .

**Lemma 3.6** (Bigard, A., Keimel, K., & Wolfenstein, S. 1977) The class  $\mathcal{N}$  is the variety of  $\mathcal{L}$ -group defined by the identity

$$(x \vee 1)(y \vee 1) \leq (y \vee 1)^2(x \vee 1)^2$$

And is the largest varieties of  $\mathcal{L}$ -group.

**Theorem 3.7** (Glass, A. M. W., Holland, W. C., & McCleary, S. H. 1980, 1-20). The set  $\mathcal{L}$  of proper varieties of  $\mathcal{L}$ -groups other than  $\mathcal{N}$  forms a free semigroup on the set of indecomposable varieties.

**Theorem 3.8.** The mapping  $\theta$  is an automorphism of the semigroup structure of  $\mathcal{L}$ .

Proof: Since  $\theta$  is bijective, it remains to show that  $\theta$  is a semigroup

homomorphism. Let  $\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V} \in \mathcal{L}$ . Then, by Lemma 2.6,

$$\begin{aligned} G \in (\mathcal{U}\mathcal{V})\theta &\Leftrightarrow G^R \in \mathcal{U}\mathcal{V} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \text{there exists an } \mathcal{L}\text{-ideal } H \text{ of } G^R \text{ with } H \in \mathcal{U} \text{ and } G^R/H \in \mathcal{V} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \text{there exists an } \mathcal{L}\text{-ideal } K \text{ of } G \text{ (} K = H^R \text{) with } K \in \mathcal{U}\theta \text{ and } G/K \text{ (} \cong (G^R/H)^R \text{) } \in \mathcal{V}\theta \\ &\Leftrightarrow G \in (\mathcal{U}\theta)(\mathcal{V}\theta) \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $(\mathcal{U}\mathcal{V})\theta = (\mathcal{U}\theta)(\mathcal{V}\theta)$ , as required.

**Theorem 3.8** together with the next observation will enable us to make some observations regarding  $\mathcal{F}$  as a subset of the semigroup  $\mathcal{L}$ .

**Proposition 3.9.** Let  $\mathcal{U} \in \mathcal{L}^*$  and let  $\mathcal{U} = \mathcal{U}_1, \dots, \mathcal{U}_n$  where each  $\mathcal{U}_i \in \mathcal{L}$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ ) is indecomposable. Then  $\mathcal{U} \in \mathcal{F} \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{U}_i \in \mathcal{F}$ , for all  $i$ .

Proof: From Theorem 3.8, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{U}\theta &= (\mathcal{U}_1, \dots, \mathcal{U}_n)\theta \\ &= \mathcal{U}_1\theta, \dots, \mathcal{U}_n\theta \end{aligned}$$

where, since  $\theta$  is an automorphism of the semigroup  $\mathcal{L}$ , each  $\mathcal{U}_i\theta$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) must be indecomposable. Since the factorization of varieties in  $\mathcal{L}^*$  into indecomposable varieties is unique, by Theorem 3.7 it follows that

Thus

$$\mathcal{U} \in \mathcal{F} \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{U}_i \in \mathcal{F} \text{ for } i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$$

**Corollary 3.10.** The complement  $\mathcal{F}^c$  of  $\mathcal{F}$  in  $\mathcal{L}$  is a prime semigroup ideal (that is,  $\mathcal{U}\mathcal{V} \in \mathcal{F}^c$  implies  $\mathcal{U} \in \mathcal{F}^c$  or  $\mathcal{V} \in \mathcal{F}^c$ ). In particular,  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{F}^c$  are both sub semigroups of  $\mathcal{L}$ .

Proof: By their distinguished positions in the lattice  $\mathcal{L}$  it is clear that the trivial variety, the variety of all  $\mathcal{L}$ -group, and the variety,  $\mathcal{N}$  all lie in  $\mathcal{F}$ .

Thus  $\mathcal{F}^c \subseteq \mathcal{L}^*$ . The result now follows from theorem 3.8 and proposition 3.9.

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