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## ON COMMUTATIVITY OF PO-MAXIMAL LATTICE ORDERED GROUPS

### Annotation

A partially ordered structure  $(M, \leq, \dots)$  is called *po-maximal* if for any definable subset  $A$  and any maximal chain  $B$  in  $M$  there exist both the maximal and the minimal convex components of the intersection of  $A$  and  $B$ . In the paper we prove that any po-maximal lattice ordered group is abelian.

Since in 1986 Anand Pillay and Charles Cteinhorn [1–3] introduced and developed notion of o-minimality, investigations of non-stable, namely, of ordered structures became much more numerous and fruitful. Later on Dugald Macpherson, David Marker and Charles Cteinhorn developed weak o-minimality which is a generalization of o-minimality. Further generalization was pseudofinite o-minimality, introduced in [5]. KanatKudaibegrenov considered generalization of o-minimality to partial orderings in [6]. Here we suggest one more generalization of o-minimality on partially ordered structures.

Recall that a subset  $A$  of a partially ordered structure is called an *antichain* if for all  $a_1, a_2 \in A$  it holds that  $(a_1 \leq a_2 \vee a_2 \leq a_1) \rightarrow a_1 = a_2$ . A subset  $A$  is *convex* if for all  $a, b \in A$  it holds that  $\forall x (a < x < b \rightarrow x \in A)$ . It is quite easy to see that any antichain is convex, just because if the hypothesis of an implication is false, then this implication is true.

Also recall that a *chain* is a totally ordered subset of a poset and that a *convex component* of a subset  $B$  of a totally ordered set  $A$  is a maximal convex subset of  $B$ .

**Definition** A partially ordered structure  $(M, \leq, \dots)$  is called *po-maximal* if for any formula  $\varphi(x)$  and any maximal chain  $A$  of  $M$  there exist both maximal and minimal convex component of  $\varphi(M) \cap A$ .

**Theorem 1** Any definable subgroup of a po-minimal directed group  $G$  is convex.

Proof. Let  $H < G$  be definable. Assume the contrary, that  $H$  is not convex. Then there exist  $h_1, h_2 \in H, g \in G$  such that  $h_1 < g < h_2$  and  $g \notin H$ .

Note that  $\{e < h_1^{-1}g < h_1^{-1}h_2\}$  and that  $h_1^{-1}h_2 > e$ .

Let  $A_1$  be a chain which contains  $h_1 < g_2 < h_2$  and satisfies the condition that if an element  $a$  belongs to  $A_1$  then both  $ah_1^{-1}g$  and  $ah_1^{-1}h_2$  belong to  $A_1$ . Let  $A$  be a maximal chain which contains  $A_1$ .

Note that

$$h_1 < g < h_1(h_1^{-1}h_2) < g(h_1^{-1}h_2) < h_1(h_1^{-1}h_2)^2 < g(h_1^{-1}h_2)^2 < \dots$$

Let  $B$  be a maximal convex component of  $A \cap H$ . Let  $b \in B$ , then  $b < (h_1^{-1}g)b < b(h_1^{-1}h_2) < \dots$

Since  $h_1^{-1}h_2b, h_1^{-1}gb$ , if  $a \in A$  then  $a(h_1^{-1}h_2) \in A$

By construction of the set  $A$  it holds that  $bh_1^{-1}h_2 \in A$ . Since  $B$  is a maximal convex component of  $A \cap H$ , so  $bh_1^{-1}h_2 \in B$ . Then  $bh_1^{-1}g \in B$  so  $bh_1^{-1}g \in H$ .

Recall that  $bh_1 \in H \Rightarrow b^{-1}h_1 \in H \Rightarrow b^{-1}bh_1^{-1}g = h_1^{-1}g \in H$ . Then  $h_1h_1^{-1}g = g \in H$  for a contradiction.

Recall notion of the centralizator:  $C(a) = \{g \in G: ga = ag\}$ , it is definable by the following formula  $\varphi(x) = xa = ax$ ,  $\varphi(G) = C(a)$ .

Since  $C(a)$  is a definable subgroup, it is convex. If  $1 < b < a$ , then  $ab = ba$ , because  $1, a \in C(a)$  and  $a^n \in C(a)$ , because  $a^n \cdot a = a^{n+1} = a \cdot a^n$ .

In the book [7] by Blyths the following two theorems were proved.

**Theorem 9.14** If  $G$  is a lattice-ordered group then, for all  $x, y \in G$ ,

$$(3) x = x_+ x_- = x_- x_+;$$

$$(4) x \leq y \text{ if and only if } x_+ \leq y_+ \text{ and } x_- \leq y_-.$$

Let  $b \leq a$ , then  $1 \leq b_+ \leq a_+$  and  $b_- \leq a_- \leq 1$

**Theorem 9.16** For a lattice-ordered group  $G$  the following statements are equivalent :

(1)  $G$  is commutative;

(2)  $P_G$  is commutative;

**Theorem 2** Let  $G$  be a po-maximal lattice-ordered group. Then  $G$  is abelian.

Proof. Let  $a, b \in G$ . Denote  $b^+ = b \vee 1$   $a^- = a \wedge 1$   $b^- = b \wedge 1$

$$a^+ = a \vee 1$$

Let  $P_G = \{g_+ : g \in G\}$  where  $g_+ = g \vee 1$ . By Theorem 9.16 from [7] it is sufficient to prove that any two elements from the positive cone  $P_G$  commute.

So let  $1 \leq a, 1 \leq b$ . Then  $1 \leq a \leq ab$ .

Since  $1, ab \in C(ab)$  and  $C(ab)$  is convex, so  $a \in C(ab)$ , that is  $a(ab) = (ab)a$ . By multiplying by  $a^{-1}$  from the left we obtain  $a^{-1}a(ab) = a^{-1}(ab)a, ab = (a^{-1}a)ba = ba$ . Thus  $ab = ba$ .

From now on we shall use the additive notation of the group operation.

**Theorem 3** Let  $G$  be a po-maximal lattice-ordered group. Then  $G$  is divisible, that is for any positive integer  $n$  and for any element  $g$  of  $G$  the equation  $nx = g$  has a solution in  $G$ .

Proof. Assume the contrary, that an element  $g$  is not  $n$ -divisible for some positive integer  $n$ . By theorem 9.14 of [7] it is sufficient to prove that any positive element is  $n$ -divisible. So we assume that the element  $g$  is positive.

Then in the chain

$$g < ng < (n+1)g < 2ng < (2n+1)g < \dots$$

elements with an odd place are not divisible by  $n$ , and the elements with an even place are divisible. So let a maximal chain  $A$  contains that sequence and is closed under adding  $g$ . Let  $B$  be the maximal convex component of the set of  $n$ -divisible elements from  $A$ . Let  $b$  be from the set  $B$ . Then  $b + g$  is not  $n$ -divisible and  $b + ng$  is  $n$ -divisible. Note that  $b < b + g < b + ng$ . But since  $B$  is the maximal convex component, the element  $b + ng$  belongs to  $B$ , then by convexity  $b + g$  belongs to  $B$  for a contradiction.

**Theorem 4** Let  $G$  be a po-maximal lattice-ordered group. Then  $G$  is dense.

Proof. Assume the contrary that there is a minimal positive element  $a$ . But we know that the element  $a$  is 2-divisible, so there is an element  $b$  such that  $2b = a$ . It is well-known that then  $b < a$  and  $0 < b$ , for a contradiction.

**Theorem 5.** Let  $R$  be a po-maximal lattice-ordered associative division ring. Then  $K$  is a field.

Proof. By Theorem 2 the multiplicative group of  $R$  is abelian, then it is a field.

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