

## WEAK MV-ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. In a recent paper [CHAJDA, I.—KÜHR, J.: *A non-associative generalization of MV-algebras*, Math. Slovaca **57**, (2007), 301–312], authors introduced and studied a non-associative generalization of MV-algebras called NMV-algebras. In contrast to MV-algebras, sections (i.e. principal filters) in NMV-algebras which are proper (i.e. are not MV-algebras), do not admit a structure of an NMV-algebra with respect to the operations defined in a natural way. The aim of the paper is to present a new class of algebras generalizing MV-algebras but sharing the above property.

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### 1. Introduction

Recall that MV-algebras were introduced in 50'ties by C. C. Chang as an algebraic semantics of the Łukasiewicz many valued propositional logic (see [6], [7]). More precisely, an MV-algebra is an algebra  $(A, \oplus, \neg, 0)$  of type  $(2, 1, 0)$  satisfying the identities:

- (MV1)  $x \oplus (y \oplus z) = (x \oplus y) \oplus z$
- (MV2)  $x \oplus y = y \oplus x$
- (MV3)  $x \oplus 0 = x$
- (MV4)  $\neg\neg x = x$
- (MV5)  $x \oplus 1 = 1$  (where  $1 := \neg 0$ )
- (MV6)  $\neg(\neg x \oplus y) \oplus y = \neg(\neg y \oplus x) \oplus x$ .

A typical example of an MV-algebra can be obtained as follows: consider any abelian lattice ordered group  $(G, +, -, 0, \wedge, \vee)$  and take  $0 < u \in G$ . Then the interval  $[0, u] = \{x \in G : 0 \leq x \leq u\}$  with the operations defined by

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$x \oplus y := (x + y) \wedge u$  and  $\neg x := u - x$  becomes an MV-algebra. Denoting such an MV-algebra as  $\Gamma(G, u)$ , D. Mundici [15] (see also [8]) proved that for every MV-algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  there exists an abelian l-group  $G$  and  $0 < u \in G$  with  $\mathcal{A} \cong \Gamma(G, u)$ .

Given an MV-algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ , the relation  $\leq$  defined by

$$(1) \quad x \leq y \iff \neg x \oplus y = 1,$$

is known to be a lattice order on  $A$  with  $x \vee y = \neg(\neg x \oplus y) \oplus y$  and  $x \wedge y = \neg(\neg x \vee \neg y)$ , the top or the bottom element of which is 1 or 0, respectively.

Moreover, for any MV-algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $p \in A$ , one can define on the interval  $[p, 1]$  (usually called *section*) a structure of an MV-algebra (called *section MV-algebra* on  $[p, 1]$ ) in a natural way as follows:

$$(2) \quad x \oplus_p y = \neg(\neg x \oplus p) \oplus y, \quad \neg_p x = \neg x \oplus p.$$

In the recent years a non-commutative generalization of MV-algebras was introduced and studied by G. Georgescu and A. Iorgulescu [11] as pseudo MV-algebras and independently by J. Rachůnek under the name GMV-algebras ([16]).

In principle, these are algebras with a binary operation  $\oplus$  and two unary operations  $\sim$  and  $\neg$  (negations) coinciding whenever  $\oplus$  is commutative. More precisely, given any (not necessarily commutative) l-group  $G$  and  $0 < u \in G$ , then upon defining  $x \oplus y := (x + y) \wedge u$ ,  $\neg x := u - x$ ,  $\sim x = -x + u$ , the resulting algebra  $\Gamma(G, u) = ([0, u], \oplus, \neg, \sim, 0)$  becomes a GMV-algebra.

Similarly as for a commutative case, A. Dvurečenskij [9] proved that all GMV-algebras are of the form  $\Gamma(G, u)$  for any l-group  $G$ .

Another important approach to generalize MV-algebras by omitting associativity (MV1) but keeping commutativity (MV2) was done by I. Chajda and J. Kühr [3]. More precisely, they considered algebras  $(A, \oplus, \neg, 0)$  of type  $(2, 1, 0)$  satisfying the axioms (MV2)–(MV6), where the axiom (MV1) was substituted by two more axioms

$$(WA) \quad \neg x \oplus (\neg(\neg(\neg(\neg x \oplus y) \oplus y) \oplus z) \oplus z) = 1$$

(here so-called *weak associativity*)

and

$$(H) \quad \neg x \oplus (x \oplus y) = 1.$$

These algebras are called *NMV-algebras* (non-associative MV-algebras) ([3]). Clearly, every MV-algebra fulfils the axioms (WA) and (H), but the converse is not true.

To clarify the role of the axiom (WA), its validity enables to prove that the relation  $\leq$  defined by (1) remains transitive (and hence being the order relation). From a logical point of view, such a property is quite natural since in all reasonable logics the set of truth values should be partially ordered.

We have seen that the sections in MV-algebras form MV-algebras as given by (2). However, this property is not true for NMV-algebras: I. Chajda recently proved that given an NMV-algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ , the sections  $[p, 1]$  have a structure of an NMV-algebra as defined by (2) iff  $\oplus$  is associative. In other words, an NMV-algebra shares the mentioned property iff it is an MV-algebra.

The aim of this paper is to find a new class of generalized MV-algebras admitting the same structure on sections.

## 2. Weak MV-algebras

**DEFINITION 1.** An algebra  $(A, \oplus, \neg, 0)$  is called a weak MV-algebra of type  $(2, 1, 0)$  or *WMV-algebra* briefly if it satisfies the axioms  $(1 := \neg 0)$ :

- (WMV1)  $\neg\neg x = x$
- (WMV2)  $\neg x \oplus (\neg(\neg(\neg(\neg x \oplus y) \oplus y) \oplus z) \oplus z) = 1$
- (WMV3)  $\neg(\neg x \oplus y) \oplus y = \neg(\neg y \oplus x) \oplus x$ .
- (WMV4)  $x \oplus 0 = 0 \oplus x = x$
- (WMV5)  $\neg y \oplus (\neg x \oplus y) = 1$
- (WMV6)  $p \leq x \leq y \implies \neg y \oplus p \leq \neg x \oplus p$ , where  $\leq$  is defined by (1).

Note that applying (WMV4) and (WMV5), every WMV-algebra satisfies the identity

$$x \oplus 1 = 1 \oplus x = 1.$$

To show that the relation defined by (1) is a partial order on  $A$  for any WMV-algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ , we use the same arguments as in the case of NMV-algebras: putting  $x = 0$  in (WMV5), with respect to (WMV4), we obtain the identity  $\neg y \oplus y = 1$ , so  $\leq$  is reflexive. The antisymmetry of  $\leq$  is guaranteed just by (WMV1), (WMV4) and (WMV3). Finally, if  $x \leq y$  and  $y \leq z$  then  $\neg x \oplus y = \neg y \oplus z = 1$ , hence (WMV2) together with (WMV4) entail  $\neg x \oplus z = 1$ . Altogether,  $\leq$  is a partial order on  $A$ .

In the sequel we will discuss a structure of sections in WMV-algebras. To this aim, we need the following terminology.

Given a poset  $(P, \leq)$ , we denote  $L(x, y) = \{a \in P : a \leq x, a \leq y\}$  and  $U(x, y) = \{a \in P : a \geq x, a \geq y\}$  for any  $x, y \in P$ . A poset  $(P, \leq)$  is called *upwards (downwards) directed* if  $U(x, y) \neq \emptyset$  ( $L(x, y) \neq \emptyset$ ) holds for all  $x, y \in P$ . Directed poset is both upwards and downwards directed.

In his unpublished thesis [17], V. Snášel introduced the concept of a  $\lambda$ -semilattice as a natural generalization of semilattices:

an algebra  $(L, \cup)$  of type (2) is called a  $\lambda$ -*semilattice* if it satisfies the identities

- (S1)  $x \cup x = x$  (idempotency)
- (S2)  $x \cup y = y \cup x$  (commutativity)
- (S3)  $x \cup ((x \cup y) \cup z) = (x \cup y) \cup z$  (weak associativity).

Remark that  $\lambda$ -semilattices were studied by J. Ježek and R. Quackenbush under the name *directoids*, see [12].

Similarly as for lattices, by a  $\lambda$ -lattice ([18]) we mean a structure  $(L, \cup, \cap)$ , where  $(L, \cup)$  and  $(L, \cap)$  are two  $\lambda$ -semilattices connected by absorption laws

$$(Ab) \quad x \cap (x \cup y) = x, \quad x \cup (x \cap y) = x.$$

It is quite easy to show that given a  $\lambda$ -semilattice  $(L, \cup)$ , the relation  $\leq$  defined by

$$(3) \quad x \leq y \iff x \cup y = y$$

is partial order on  $L$ , where  $x \cup y \in U(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in L$ .

An order relation defined by (3) will be referred as an *induced order*. Thus  $(L, \leq)$  is an upwards directed poset.

Remark that given a  $\lambda$ -lattice  $\mathcal{L} = (L, \cup, \cap)$ , the induced order  $\leq$  defined by (3) coincides with that given by  $x \leq y \iff x \cap y = x$ . Hence we can refer to  $\leq$  as the induced order on a  $\lambda$ -lattice  $\mathcal{L}$ .

Given a  $\lambda$ -semilattice  $\mathcal{L} = (L, \cup)$  with the induced ordering  $\leq$ , a mapping  $f: L \rightarrow L$  is called an *antitone involution* on  $\mathcal{L}$  if

- (i)  $f(f(x)) = x$
- (ii)  $x \leq y \implies f(x) \geq f(y)$ .

A structure  $(L, \cup, f)$  is then said to be a  $\lambda$ -semilattice with an antitone involution  $f$ .

By a  $\lambda$ -lattice with an antitone involution  $f$  we mean a structure  $(L, \cup, \cap, f)$ , where  $(L, \cup, f)$  is a  $\lambda$ -semilattice with an antitone involution  $f$ .

The next statement shows that each WMV-algebra can be viewed as a  $\lambda$ -semilattice of WMV-algebras:

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $(A, \oplus, \neg, 0)$  be a WMV-algebra,  $p \in A$ ,  $x, y \in [p, 1]$ . Then upon defining*

$$\begin{aligned} x \oplus_p y &:= \neg(\neg x \oplus p) \oplus y, \\ \neg_p x &:= \neg x \oplus p, \end{aligned}$$

*the structure  $([p, 1], \oplus_p, \neg_p, p)$  is a WMV-algebra. Moreover, putting*

$$\begin{aligned} x \cup y &:= \neg(\neg x \oplus y) \oplus y, \\ x \cap_p y &:= \neg_p(\neg_p x \cup \neg_p y), \end{aligned}$$

*the algebra  $([p, 1], \cap_p, \cup, \neg_p)$  is a  $\lambda$ -lattice with an antitone involution.*

*Proof.* First we show that  $(A, \cup)$  is a  $\lambda$ -semilattice. Indeed, putting  $y = z = 0$  in (WMV2) we obtain  $\neg x \oplus x = 1$ , thus  $x \cup x = \neg(\neg x \oplus x) \oplus x = \neg 1 \oplus x = 0 \oplus x = x$  due to (WMV4). Clearly (WMV3) just means that  $x \cup y = y \cup x$ . The axiom (WMV2) can be rewritten to  $\neg x \oplus ((x \cup y) \cup z) = 1$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} x \cup ((x \cup y) \cup z) &= \neg(\neg x \oplus ((x \cup y) \cup z)) \oplus ((x \cup y) \cup z) \\ &= \neg 1 \oplus ((x \cup y) \cup z) = 0 \oplus ((x \cup y) \cup z) = (x \cup y) \cup z. \end{aligned}$$

Further, the axiom (WMV5) is equivalent to  $y \leq \neg x \oplus y$ , hence for each  $p \in A$ ,  $\cup$  is a binary operation on  $[p, 1]$ .

To show that  $([p, 1], \cap_p)$  is a  $\lambda$ -semilattice, we compute

$$x \cap_p x = \neg_p(\neg_p x \cup \neg_p x) = \neg_p \neg_p x = \neg(\neg x \oplus p) \oplus p = x \cup p = x$$

for each  $x \in [p, 1]$ . The commutativity of  $\cap_p$  is easily seen from its definition.

Let us prove the identity  $x \cap_p ((x \cap_p y) \cap_p z) = (x \cap_p y) \cap_p z$  for all  $x, y, z \in [p, 1]$ . To simplify expressions, denote by  $P = (x \cap_p y) \cap_p z$  and  $x \bullet p = \neg x \oplus p$ . Then we have  $x \cup y = (x \bullet y) \bullet y = (y \bullet x) \bullet x$  and

$$P = (((((x \bullet p) \cup (y \bullet p)) \bullet p) \bullet p) \cup (z \bullet p)) \bullet p = (((((x \bullet p) \cup (y \bullet p)) \cup p) \cup (z \bullet p)) \bullet p).$$

According to (WMV5),  $x \bullet p, y \bullet p \geq p$ , hence  $((x \bullet p) \cup (y \bullet p)) \cup p = (x \bullet p) \cup (y \bullet p)$  and  $P = (((x \bullet p) \cup (y \bullet p)) \cup (z \bullet p)) \bullet p$ . This yields

$$P \bullet p = (((x \bullet p) \cup (y \bullet p)) \cup (z \bullet p)) \cup p = ((x \bullet p) \cup (y \bullet p)) \cup (z \bullet p) \geq x \bullet p$$

by (WMV2), hence also

$$x \cap_p P = ((x \bullet p) \cup (P \bullet p)) \bullet p = (P \bullet p) \bullet p = P \cup p = P.$$

Finally, we show the validity of absorption laws: we have

$$x \cap_p (x \cup y) = ((x \bullet p) \cup ((x \cup y) \bullet p)) \bullet p = (x \bullet p) \bullet p = x \cup p = x,$$

since  $x \bullet p \geq (x \cup y) \bullet p$  by (WMV6). Applying (WMV6) again we obtain

$$x \cap_p y = ((x \bullet p) \cup (y \bullet p)) \bullet p \leq (x \bullet p) \bullet p = x,$$

which gives

$$x \cup (x \cap_p y) = (((((x \bullet p) \cup (y \bullet p)) \bullet p) \bullet x) \bullet x) = 1 \bullet x = x,$$

and we are done.

Now we show that  $([p, 1], \oplus_p, \neg_p, p)$  is a WMV-algebra.

(WMV1) We have  $\neg_p \neg_p x = (x \bullet p) \bullet p = x \cup p = x$ .

(WMV2) Given  $x, y \in [p, 1]$ , we compute

$$\neg_p x \oplus_p y = ((x \bullet p) \bullet p) \bullet y = (x \cup p) \bullet y = x \bullet y = \neg x \oplus y.$$

Hence, the validity of (WMV2) for  $[p, 1]$  is a conclusion of (WMV2) for  $\mathcal{A}$ .

(WMV3) Again, take  $x, y \in [p, 1]$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \neg_p(\neg_p x \oplus_p y) \oplus_p y &= (((((x \bullet p) \bullet p) \bullet y) \bullet p) \bullet p) \bullet y \\ &= (((x \bullet y) \bullet p) \bullet p) \bullet y = ((x \bullet y) \cup p) \bullet y. \end{aligned}$$

Clearly, due to (WMV6),  $p \leq y \leq x \bullet y$ , hence

$$\neg_p(\neg_p x \oplus_p y) \oplus_p y = x \cup y = y \cup x = \neg_p(\neg_p y \oplus_p x) \oplus_p x.$$

(WMV4) For  $x \in [p, 1]$  we derive  $x \oplus_p y = (x \bullet p) \bullet p = x \cup p = x$ ,  $p \oplus_p x = (p \bullet p) \bullet x = 1 \bullet x = x$ .

(WMV5) If  $x, y \in [p, 1]$ , then by (WMV2),  $\neg_p y \oplus_p(\neg_p x \oplus_p y) = \neg_p y \oplus_p(x \bullet y) = ((y \bullet p) \bullet p) \bullet (x \bullet y) = (y \cup p) \bullet (x \bullet y) = y \bullet (x \bullet y) = 1$ .

(WMV6) Let  $p \leq q \leq x \leq y$ . Then we conclude  $\neg_p y \oplus_p p = \neg y \oplus p$ ,  $\neg_p x \oplus_p p = \neg x \oplus p$ . Hence  $\neg y \oplus p \leq \neg x \oplus p$  by (WMV6); moreover, denoting  $\leq_p$  the order on  $[p, 1]$  given by  $x \leq_p y$  iff  $\neg_p x \oplus_p y = 1$ , we have  $\neg_p x \oplus_p y = \neg x \oplus y$ , thus  $\leq$  is the same as  $\leq_p$  and we are done.  $\square$

### 3. $\lambda$ -semilattices with section antitone involutions

By a  $\lambda$ -semilattice with section antitone involutions we mean a  $\lambda$ -semilattice  $(S, \cup)$  with the top element 1, where every section  $[p, 1]$  has an antitone involution  $p: x \mapsto x^p$ . If, moreover,  $(S, \cup)$  has a least element 0, we speak about a *bounded*  $\lambda$ -semilattice with section antitone involutions.

Thus a  $\lambda$ -semilattice with section antitone involutions is a structure of type  $(S, \cup, ({}^a)_{a \in S}, 1)$ .

In order to overcome the difficulties with many partial unary operations  $p$ , one can define a total binary operation  $\bullet$  on  $S$  by

$$(4) \quad x \bullet y := (x \cup y)^y.$$

Clearly  $x \bullet y$  is well defined since  $x \cup y \in [y, 1]$ .

The following easy lemma shows that  $\lambda$ -semilattices with section antitone involutions can be axiomatized by identities:

**LEMMA 1.** *A  $\lambda$ -semilattice  $(S, \cup)$  with the top element 1 is a  $\lambda$ -semilattice with section antitone involutions iff there is a binary operation  $\bullet$  on  $S$  having the properties:*

- (i)  $((x \cup p) \cup y) \bullet p \bullet ((x \cup p) \bullet p) = 1$ ,
- (ii)  $x \cup y = (x \bullet y) \bullet y$ ,
- (iii)  $((x \bullet y) \bullet y) \bullet y = x \bullet y$ .

PROOF. Let  $(S, \cup)$  be a  $\lambda$ -semilattice with section antitone involutions with the induced order  $\leq$  and let  $\bullet$  be defined by (4). Observe that  $x \leq y$  iff  $x \bullet y = 1$ .

Now given  $x, y, p \in S$ , clearly  $\alpha = (x \cup p) \cup y \geq x \cup p \geq p$ . Since the involution  $p$  on  $[p, 1]$  is antitone, we have  $\alpha^p \leq (x \cup p)^p$ , thus  $\alpha^p \bullet (x \cup p)^p = 1$ , which is just (i).

To prove (ii), we compute  $(x \bullet y) \bullet y = ((x \cup y)^y \cup y)^y = (x \cup y)^{yy} = x \cup y$ . Finally, applying (i) we get  $((x \bullet y) \bullet y) \bullet y = (x \cup y) \bullet y = ((x \cup y) \cup y)^y = (x \cup y)^y = x \bullet y$ .

Conversely, assume that  $\bullet$  satisfies the conditions (i)–(iii). For  $x \in [p, 1]$ , define  $x^p := x \bullet p$ . By (ii) and (iii),  $(x \bullet p) \cup p = ((x \bullet p) \bullet p) \bullet p = x \bullet p$ , thus  $x^p = x \bullet p \geq p$  and so  $x^p \in [p, 1]$ . Further,  $x^{pp} = (x \bullet p) \bullet p = x \cup p = x$  by (ii), hence  $x \mapsto x^p$  is an involution on  $[p, 1]$ . To show that  $x \mapsto x^p$  is antitone, assume  $p \leq x \leq y$ . Then  $(x \cup p) \cup y = x \cup y = y$ ,  $x \cup p = x$ , which due to (i) gives  $y^p \leq x^p$  as desired. Moreover, in view of (ii) and (iii)  $x \bullet y = ((x \bullet y) \bullet y) \bullet y = (x \cup y) \bullet y = (x \cup y)^y$ . □

Lemma 1 shows that  $\lambda$ -semilattices with section antitone involutions can be considered as algebras  $(S, \cup, 1, \bullet)$  of type  $(2, 0, 2)$ , where  $(S, \cup, 1)$  is a  $\lambda$ -semilattice with a top element 1 satisfying the identities (i)–(iii).

By a  $\lambda$ -lattice with section antitone involutions we mean a structure  $(A, \cup, \cap, 1, \bullet)$ , where  $(A, \cup, \cap, 1)$  is  $\lambda$ -lattice with a top element 1 and  $(A, \cup, 1, \bullet)$  is a  $\lambda$ -semilattice with section antitone involutions.

We show that  $\lambda$ -lattices with section antitone involutions fulfill from a congruence point of view as much as we can hope:

**THEOREM 2.** *The variety of all  $\lambda$ -lattices with sectional antitone involutions is regular and arithmetical.*

PROOF. Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be the variety of  $\lambda$ -lattices with section antitone involutions.

$\mathcal{V}$  is regular: Let

$$t_1(x, y, z) = ((x \bullet y) \cap (y \bullet x)) \cap z,$$

$$t_2(x, y, z) = ((x \bullet y) \bullet z) \cup ((y \bullet x) \bullet z).$$

We show that  $t_1(x, y, z) = t_2(x, y, z) = z$  iff  $x = y$ .

Obviously,  $t_1(x, x, z) = t_2(x, x, z) = z$ . Conversely, assume that  $t_1(x, y, z) = t_2(x, y, z) = z$ . Then  $z \leq x \bullet y, y \bullet x$  and  $z \geq (x \bullet y) \bullet z, (y \bullet x) \bullet z$ . But by

Lemma 1(iii) we have  $(x \bullet y) \bullet z, (y \bullet x) \bullet z \geq z$ , so that  $(x \bullet y) \bullet z = z = (y \bullet x) \bullet z$ , whence  $x \bullet y = (x \bullet y) \cup z = ((x \bullet y) \bullet z) \bullet z = z \bullet z = 1$ , so  $x \leq y$ . Similarly  $y \leq x$ , and hence  $x = y$ .

$\mathcal{V}$  is arithmetical: Let

$$m(x, y, z) = (((x \bullet y) \bullet z) \cap ((z \bullet y) \bullet x)) \cap (x \cup z).$$

Prove that  $m(x, y, y) = m(x, y, x) = m(y, y, x) = x$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} m(x, y, y) &= (((x \bullet y) \bullet y) \cap ((y \bullet y) \bullet x)) \cap (x \cup y) = ((x \cup y) \cap x) \cap (x \cup y) = x, \\ m(x, y, x) &= (((x \bullet y) \bullet x) \cap ((x \bullet y) \bullet x)) \cap (x \cup x) = ((x \bullet y) \bullet x) \cap x = x \end{aligned}$$

since  $(x \bullet y) \bullet x \geq x$  by Lemma 1(ii) and (iii), and  $m(y, y, x) = (((y \bullet y) \bullet x) \cap ((x \bullet y) \bullet y)) \cap (y \cup x) = (x \cap (x \cup y)) \cap (y \cup x) = x$ .  $\square$

We shall prove that there is a 1–1 correspondence between WMV-algebras and bounded  $\lambda$ -semilattices with section antitone involutions:

**THEOREM 3.**

(a) *Let  $(A, \oplus, \neg, 0)$  be a WMV-algebra. Define*

$$\begin{aligned} x \cup y &:= \neg(\neg x \oplus y) \oplus y \text{ and} \\ x \bullet y &:= \neg x \oplus y. \end{aligned}$$

*Then  $\Phi(A) = (A, \cup, \bullet, 0, 1)$  is a bounded  $\lambda$ -semilattice with section antitone involutions.*

(b) *Let  $(S, \cup, \bullet, 0, 1)$  be a bounded  $\lambda$ -semilattice with section antitone involutions. If we define*

$$\begin{aligned} x \oplus y &:= (x \bullet 0) \bullet y, \\ \neg x &:= x \bullet 0, \end{aligned}$$

*then  $\Psi(S) = (S, \oplus, \neg, 0)$  is a WMV-algebra.*

(c) *Moreover, we have  $\Psi(\Phi(A)) = A$  and  $\Phi(\Psi(S)) = S$ .*

**Proof.**

(a) We already know from Theorem 1 that  $(A, \cup)$  is a bounded  $\lambda$ -semilattice. We show that the conditions (i)–(iii) of Lemma 1 are satisfied. It is immediately seen from the definition of induced order  $\leq$  on  $A$  that

$$(5) \quad x \leq y \iff \neg x \oplus y = 1 \iff x \bullet y = 1.$$

Thus given  $x, y, p \in A$ , we have  $p \leq x \cup p \leq (x \cup p) \cup y$ , which due to (WMV6) yields

$$((x \cup p) \cup y) \bullet p = \neg((x \cup p) \cup y) \oplus p \leq \neg(x \cup p) \oplus p = (x \cup p) \bullet p.$$

This inequality is with respect to (5) just (i). The identity (ii) is just the transcription of the axiom (WMV3). Finally, to prove (iii) we compute

$$((x \bullet y) \bullet y) \bullet y = \neg(\neg(\neg x \oplus y) \oplus y) \oplus y = (\neg x \oplus y) \cup y = \neg x \oplus y = x \bullet y,$$

since  $y \leq \neg x \oplus y$  by (WMV5).

(b) Assume conversely that  $(S, \cup, \bullet, 0, 1)$  is a bounded  $\lambda$ -semilattice with section antitone involutions.

Observe that by (ii),  $\neg x \oplus y = ((x \bullet 0) \bullet 0) \bullet y = (x \cup 0) \bullet y = x \bullet y$ .

(WMV1)  $\neg \neg x = (x \bullet 0) \bullet 0 = x \cup 0 = x$  by (ii),

(WMV2)  $\neg x \oplus (\neg(\neg(\neg(\neg x \oplus y) \oplus y) \oplus z) \oplus z) = x \bullet (((x \bullet y) \bullet y) \bullet z) \bullet z = x \bullet ((x \cup y) \cup z) = 1$  since  $x \leq (x \cup y) \cup z$ .

(WMV3)  $\neg(\neg x \oplus y) \oplus y = (x \bullet y) \bullet y = x \cup y = y \cup x = \neg(\neg y \oplus x) \oplus x$  by (ii),

(WMV4)  $x \oplus 0 = (x \bullet 0) \bullet 0 = x \cup 0 = x$ ,  $0 \oplus x = (0 \bullet x) \bullet x = 1 \bullet x = 1^x = x$  as for each  $x \in A$  the involution  $^x$  on  $[x, 1]$  exchanges the elements  $x \leftrightarrow 1$ .

(WMV5)  $\neg x \oplus y = x \bullet y \geq y$ , hence  $\neg y \oplus (\neg x \oplus y) = 1$ .

(WMV6) Rewriting (i) in terms of  $\oplus$  and  $\neg$ , we get

$$\neg((x \cup p) \cup y) \oplus p \leq \neg(x \cup y) \oplus p,$$

which is just (WMV6).

Now, let  $(A, \oplus, \neg, 0)$  be a WMV-algebra and denote  $\Phi(A) = (A, \cup, \bullet, 0, 1)$ ,  $\Psi(\Phi(A)) = (A, \oplus', \neg', 0)$ . We have  $x \oplus' y = (x \bullet 0) \bullet y = \neg(\neg x \oplus 0) \oplus y = x \oplus y$ ,  $\neg' x = x \bullet 0 = \neg x \oplus 0 = \neg x$ . Hence  $\Psi(\Phi(A)) = A$ .

Conversely, let  $(S, \cup, \bullet, 0, 1)$  be a bounded  $\lambda$ -semilattice with section antitone involutions. Denote  $\Psi(S) = (S, \oplus, \neg, 0)$  and  $\Phi(\Psi(S)) = (S, \cup', \bullet', 0, 1')$ . Clearly  $x \cup' y = \neg(\neg x \oplus y) \oplus y = (x \bullet y) \bullet y = x \cup y$ ,  $x \bullet' y = \neg x \oplus y = x \bullet y$  and  $1' = \neg 0 = 0 \bullet 0 = 1$ , thus  $\Phi(\Psi(S)) = S$ .  $\square$

**COROLLARY.** *The variety of all WMV-algebras is regular and arithmetical.*

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