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## PROJECTABLE KERNEL OF A LATTICE ORDERED GROUP

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Let  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  be non-empty classes of lattice ordered groups. Consider the following condition for  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$ :

- (a) For each  $G \in \mathcal{G}$  there exists a convex  $l$ -subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  such that (i)  $H$  belongs to  $\mathcal{X}$ , and (ii) whenever  $H_1$  is a convex  $l$ -subgroup of  $G$  with  $H_1 \in \mathcal{X}$ , then  $H_1 \subseteq H$ .

If (a) is valid, then we express this fact by saying that  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{G})$ -kernels do exist. Under the denotations as in (a), the lattice ordered group  $H$  is said to be the  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{G})$ -kernel of  $G$ . Let  $\mathcal{G}_1$  be the class of all lattice ordered groups; the  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{G}_1)$ -kernels will be denoted as  $\mathcal{X}$ -kernels.

The existence of  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{G})$ -kernels were investigated by several authors (cf. Byrd and Lloyd [3], Černák [4], Conrad [5], Gavalcová [6], Holland [7], Jakubík [8], [10], [11], [12], Kenny [14], Martínez [15], Redfield [16]). Let us mention the following typical results:

- (i) Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a variety of lattice ordered groups. Then  $\mathcal{X}$ -kernels do exist. (Cf. Holland [7].)
- (ii) Let  $\mathcal{X}_1$  be the class of all archimedean lattice ordered groups. Then  $\mathcal{X}_1$ -kernels do exist. (Cf. Redfield [16].)
- (iii) Let  $\mathcal{X}_2$  be the class of all complete lattice ordered groups. Then  $\mathcal{X}_2$ -kernels do exist. (Cf. Jakubík [8].)

The following negative result is easy to verify (cf. Example 2 below):

- (iv) Let  $\mathcal{X}_0$  be the class of orthogonally complete lattice ordered groups. Then  $\mathcal{X}_0$ -kernels do not exist.

In this paper the following result will be established:

- (v) Let  $\mathcal{X}_3$  and  $\mathcal{X}_4$  be the class of all strongly projectable or projectable lattice ordered groups, respectively. Then  $\mathcal{X}_3$ -kernels and  $\mathcal{X}_4$ -kernels do exist.

Let us remark that neither of the classes  $\mathcal{X}_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ) is a variety.

Projectable and strongly projectable lattice ordered groups and vector lattices have been dealt with in several papers (cf., e.g. Anderson, Conrad and Kenny [1], Bernau [2], Veksler [18], Jakubík [13]).

Let  $G$  be a lattice ordered group,  $X \subseteq G$ . The set

$$X^d = \{y \in G: |y| \wedge |x| = 0 \text{ for each } x \in X\}$$

is said to be a *polar* of  $G$  (cf. Šik [17]). If  $X$  is a one-element set, then  $X$  is called a *principal polar*. Each polar of  $G$  is a closed convex  $l$ -subgroup of  $G$ . The sets  $X^d$  and  $X^{dd}$  are said to be *complementary polars* of  $G$ .

Let  $a, b \in G$ ,  $a \leq b$ ,  $X \subseteq [a, b]$ ,  $Y_0 = \{g \in G: g \geq a\}$ ,  $y \in Y_0$ . Put

$$X^d(a, b) = \{y \in [a, b]: y \wedge x = a \text{ for each } x \in X\},$$

$$X^{dd}(a, b) = Z^d(a, b) \quad \text{where} \quad Z = X^d(a, b),$$

$$Y^d(a) = \{t \in G: t \wedge y = a \text{ for each } y \in Y\},$$

$$Y^{dd}(a) = Z^d(a) \quad \text{where} \quad Z = Y^d(a).$$

The sets  $Y^d(a)$  and  $X^d(a, b)$  will be called *relative polars* and *relative bounded polars*, respectively. The sets  $X^d(a, b)$  and  $X^{dd}(a, b)$  are said to be *complementary relative polars* in the interval  $[a, b]$ . If  $\text{card} X = 1$ , then  $X^{dd}(a, b)$  is called a *principal relative polar*.

The lattice ordered group  $G$  is said to be *strongly projectable* (*projectable*) if each polar (each principal polar) of  $G$  is a direct factor of  $G$ . It is well known that a polar  $P$  of  $G$  is a direct factor of  $G$  if and only if the following condition is fulfilled:

(\*) For each  $0 \leq g \in G$ , the set  $P \cap [0, g]$  has the greatest element. Moreover, if a polar  $P$  is a direct factor of  $G$ , then  $P^d$  is also a direct factor.

It will be shown that the strong projectability of  $G$  can be expressed by properties of bounded polars of  $G$ . Namely, the following result will be proved:

**THEOREM 1.** *The following conditions for a lattice ordered group  $G$  are equivalent:*

- (i)  $G$  is strongly projectable;
- (ii) If  $a, b \in G$ ,  $a \leq b$ ,  $X \subseteq [a, b]$ ,  $x \in [a, b]$ , then there are elements  $y \in X^d(a, b)$ ,  $z \in X^{dd}(a, b)$  such that  $x = y \vee z$ .

We need some lemmas.

**LEMMA 1.** *Let  $a, b \in G$ ,  $a \leq b$ ,  $X \subseteq [a, b]$ . Then*

$$X^d(a, b) = a + ((-a + X)^d(0, -a + b)).$$

This follows immediately from the fact that the mapping  $\varphi(t) = -a + t$  ( $t \in [a, b]$ ) is an isomorphism of the lattice  $[a, b]$  onto the lattice  $[0, -a + b]$ .

From Lemma 1 we obtain:

**LEMMA 2.** *The condition (ii) of Theorem 1 is equivalent to the following condition:*

- (iii) If  $c \in G$ ,  $c > 0$ ,  $X \subseteq [0, c]$ , then there are elements  $y \in X^d(0, c)$ ,  $z \in X^{dd}(0, c)$  such that  $c = y \vee z$ .

**LEMMA 3.** *Let  $0 \leq c \in G$ ,  $X \subseteq [0, c]$ . Then*

$$X^d(0, c) = X^d \cap [0, c], \quad X^{dd}(0, c) = X^{dd} \cap [0, c].$$

*Proof.* The first relation follows immediately from the definition of  $X^d(0, c)$ . Write  $X^d(0, c) = Y_0$ . From  $Y_0 \subseteq X^d$  we obtain  $Y_0^d \supseteq X^{dd}$ , and thus

$$Y_0^d(0, c) = Y_0^d \cap [0, c] \supseteq X^{dd} \cap [0, c].$$

Let  $y \in Y_0^d \cap [0, c]$  and suppose that  $y$  does not belong to the set  $X^{dd} \cap [0, c]$ . Then  $y$  does not belong to  $X^{dd}$ . Hence there is  $0 < z \in X^d$  with  $y \wedge z > 0$ . Moreover,  $y \wedge z \in Y_0$  and  $y \wedge (y \wedge z) = y \wedge z > 0$ , thus  $y$  does not belong to  $Y^d$ , which is a contradiction. Hence  $X^{dd}(0, c) = Y_0^d(0, c) = X^{dd} \cap [0, c]$ .

**LEMMA 4.** *Let  $0 < c \in G$ ,  $X \subseteq G$ . Put  $Y = X^{dd} \cap [0, c]$ ,  $Z = X^d \cap [0, c]$ . Then  $Y^{dd}(0, c) = Y$  and  $Z^{dd}(0, c) = Z$ . Moreover, we have*

$$Z^d(0, c) = Y, \quad Y^d(0, c) = Z.$$

*Proof.* Since  $Y \subseteq [0, c]$ , according to Lemma 3 we have

$$Y^{dd}(0, c) = Y^{dd} \cap [0, c].$$

Since  $Y \subseteq X^{dd}$ , we infer that

$$Y^{dd} \subseteq (X^{dd})^{dd} = X^{dd},$$

and hence

$$Y^{dd}(0, c) \subseteq X^{dd} \cap [0, c] = Y.$$

From the definition of  $Y^{dd}(0, c)$  it follows immediately that  $Y \subseteq Y^{dd}(0, c)$ . Thus  $Y = Y^{dd}(0, c)$ . The relation  $Z = Z^{dd}(0, c)$  can be verified analogously.

Let  $t \in [0, c]$ ,  $t \wedge z = 0$  for each  $z \in Z$ . Suppose that  $t$  does not belong to the set  $Y$ . Hence  $t$  cannot belong to  $X^{dd}$ . Thus there is  $u \in X^d$  with  $t_1 = t \wedge u > 0$ . We have  $t_1 \wedge z = 0$  for each  $z \in Z$ . On the other hand,  $t_1 \in [0, c] \cap X^d = Z$ , and hence  $t_1 \wedge t_1 = 0$ , a contradiction. Therefore,  $Z^d(0, c) \subseteq Y$ . Obviously,  $Y \subseteq Z^d(0, c)$  and so  $Z^d(0, c) = Y$ . Analogously we can prove the relation  $Y^d(0, c) = Z$ .

*Proof of Theorem 1.* According to Lemma 2 it suffices to verify that the conditions (i) and (iii) are equivalent. Assume that (i) is valid and let

$0 \leq c \in G$ ,  $X \subseteq [0, c]$ . According to (i),  $X^\delta$  and  $X^{\delta\delta}$  are direct factors of  $G$ ; since  $X^\delta \cap X^{\delta\delta} = \{0\}$ , we have

$$G = X^\delta \times X^{\delta\delta},$$

(the symbol  $\times$  denotes the operation of the direct product). Let  $c_1 = c(X^\delta)$  and  $c_2 = c(X^{\delta\delta})$  be the corresponding components of the element  $c$ . We have  $c = c_1 + c_2$ ,  $c_1 \geq 0$ ,  $c_2 \geq 0$ ,  $c_1 \wedge c_2 = 0$ , thus  $c = c_1 \vee c_2$ . Hence, in view of Lemma 3, (iii) holds.

Conversely, suppose that (iii) is valid. Let  $X_1 \subseteq G$ . We have to show that  $X_1^\delta$  is a direct factor of  $G$ . Let  $0 \leq c \in G$ . Write  $X = X_1^\delta \cap [0, c]$ . From Lemma 4 it follows

$$X^{\delta\delta}(0, c) = X.$$

According to (iii) there are elements  $y \in X^\delta(0, c)$ ,  $z \in Z$  with  $c = y \vee z$ . Let  $z_1 \in X_1^\delta \cap [0, c]$ . Clearly,  $z_1 \wedge y = 0$ . Then

$$z_1 = z_1 \wedge c = z_1 \wedge (y \vee z) = (z_1 \wedge y) \vee (z_1 \wedge z) = z_1 \wedge z.$$

Hence  $z$  is the greatest element of  $X_1^\delta \cap [0, c]$ . In view of (\*),  $X_1^\delta$  is a direct factor of  $G$ .

Let  $a, b \in G$ ,  $a \leq b$ . Consider the following condition for  $[a, b]$ :

( $\alpha$ ) For each  $X \subseteq [a, b]$  there are elements  $y \in X^\delta(a, b)$  and  $z \in X^{\delta\delta}(a, b)$  such that  $b = y \vee z$ .

LEMMA 5. Let  $a \in G$ ,  $X \subseteq G$ ,  $x \geq a$  for each  $x \in X$ ,  $y_i \geq 0$ ,  $a + y_i \in X^\delta(a)$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ). Then  $a + y_1 + y_2 \in X^\delta(a)$ .

Proof. We have

$$-a + X^\delta(a) = (-a + X)^\delta(0).$$

Since each polar of  $G$  is an  $l$ -subgroup of  $G$ , the set  $(-a + X)^\delta(0)$  (being the positive cone of  $(-a + X)^\delta$ ) is a subsemigroup of  $G$ . Since  $y_1, y_2 \in (-a + X)^\delta(0)$ , we have  $y_1 + y_2 \in (-a + X)^\delta(0)$  and thus  $a + y_1 + y_2 \in X^\delta(a)$ .

LEMMA 6. Let  $a, b, c \in G$ ,  $a \leq b \leq c$ . Assume that both  $[a, b]$  and  $[b, c]$  fulfil condition ( $\alpha$ ). Then  $[a, c]$  also fulfils condition ( $\alpha$ ).

Proof. Let  $X \subseteq [a, c]$ . Put

$$\begin{aligned} Y &= X^\delta(a, c), & Z &= X^{\delta\delta}(a, c), \\ Y_1 &= Y \cap [a, b], & Z_1 &= Z \cap [a, b]. \end{aligned}$$

By using the translation  $\varphi(g) = g + a$  ( $g \in G$ ) it follows from Lemma 4 that

$$\begin{aligned} Y_1^{\delta\delta}(a, b) &= Y_1, & Z_1^{\delta\delta}(a, b) &= Z_1, \\ Y_1^\delta(a, b) &= Z_1, & Z_1^\delta(a, b) &= Y_1. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $[a, b]$  fulfils ( $\alpha$ ), there are elements  $b_1 \in Y_1$ ,  $b_2 \in Z_1$  with

$$b = b_1 \vee b_2.$$

Clearly,  $b_1 \wedge b_2 = a$ .

Write

$$Y' = b - a + Y, \quad Z' = b - a + Z.$$

Then  $Y'$  and  $Z'$  are complementary relative polars in the interval  $[b, b - a + c] \cong [b, c]$ . Put

$$Y_2 = Y' \cap [b, c], \quad Z_2 = Z' \cap [b, c].$$

Again, by translation and Lemma 4, we get

$$\begin{aligned} Y_2^{\delta\delta}(b, c) &= Y_2, & Z_2^{\delta\delta}(b, c) &= Z_2, \\ Y_2^\delta(b, c) &= Z_2, & Z_2^\delta(b, c) &= Y_2. \end{aligned}$$

Because  $[b, c]$  fulfils ( $\alpha$ ) there are elements  $c_1 \in Y_2$ ,  $c_2 \in Z_2$  with

$$c = c_1 \vee c_2.$$

Moreover,  $c_1 \wedge c_2 = b$ .

Put  $b_{01} = -a + b_1$ ,  $b_{02} = -a + b_2$ ,  $c_{01} = -b + c_1$ ,  $c_{02} = -b + c_2$ . From the definition of the sets  $Y'$  and  $Z'$  we obtain

$$a + c_{01} \in Y, \quad a + c_{02} \in Z.$$

Thus, in view of Lemma 5,

$$a + b_{01} + c_{01} \in X^\delta(a), \quad a + b_{02} + c_{02} \in X^{\delta\delta}(a).$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} (a + b_{01} + c_{01}) \wedge (a + b_{01} + c_{02}) &= a, \\ (b_{01} + c_{01}) \wedge (b_{02} + c_{02}) &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$(b_{01} + c_{01}) \vee (b_{02} + c_{02}) = (b_{01} + c_{01}) + (b_{02} + c_{02}).$$

Moreover,  $c_{01} \wedge b_{02} = 0$ , from which we infer

$$c_{01} + b_{02} = b_{02} + c_{01}.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} (a + b_{01} + c_{01}) \vee (a + b_{02} + c_{02}) &= a + ((b_{01} + c_{01}) \vee (b_{02} + c_{02})) \\ &= a + ((b_{01} + c_{01}) + (b_{02} + c_{02})) \\ &= a + (b_{01} + b_{02}) + (c_{01} + c_{02}) \\ &= a + (b_{01} \vee b_{02}) + (c_{01} \vee c_{02}) \\ &= [(a + b_{01}) \vee (a + b_{02})] + (c_{01} \vee c_{02}) \\ &= [b_1 \vee b_2] + (c_{01} \vee c_{02}) = b + (c_{01} \vee c_{02}) \\ &= (b + c_{01}) \vee (b + c_{02}) = c_1 \vee c_2 = c. \end{aligned}$$

Thus both the elements  $a + b_{01} + c_{01}$ ,  $a + b_{02} + c_{02}$  belong to the interval  $[a, c]$ . From Lemma 3 we obtain (by using a translation)

$$Z = X^{00}(a, c) = X^{00}(a) \cap [a, c],$$

and obviously

$$Y = X^0(a, c) = X^0(a) \cap [a, c].$$

Hence  $y = a + b_{01} + c_{01} \in Y$ ,  $z = a + b_{02} + c_{02} \in Z$  and  $y \vee z = c$ . Therefore the interval  $[a, c]$  fulfils condition  $(\alpha)$ .

**LEMMA 7.** Let  $0 \leq g_1 \in G$ ,  $0 \leq g_2 \in G$  and suppose that both the intervals  $[0, g_1]$  and  $[0, g_2]$  fulfil  $(\alpha)$ . Then  $[0, g_1 + g_2]$  also fulfils  $(\alpha)$ .

*Proof.* The interval  $[g_1, g_1 + g_2]$  being isomorphic with  $[0, g_2]$ , the assertion follows from Lemma 6.

**LEMMA 8.** Let  $c_1, c \in G$ ,  $0 \leq c_1 \leq c$ . Suppose that  $[0, c]$  fulfils condition  $(\alpha)$ . Then the interval  $[0, c_1]$  also fulfils condition  $(\alpha)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $X \subseteq [0, c_1]$ . Since  $[0, c]$  fulfils  $(\alpha)$ , there are elements  $y \in X^0(0, c)$ ,  $z \in X^{00}(0, c)$  with  $c = y \vee z$ . Write  $y_1 = y \wedge c_1$ ,  $z_1 = z \wedge c_1$ . Then  $c_1 = y_1 \vee z_1$  and from Lemma 2 we easily obtain  $y_1 \in X^0(0, c_1)$ ,  $z_1 \in X^{00}(0, c_1)$ . Hence  $[0, c_1]$  fulfils  $(\alpha)$ .

Let  $H_1$  be the set of all elements  $a \in G$ ,  $a \geq 0$  such that  $[0, a]$  fulfils  $(\alpha)$ . Clearly,  $0 \in H_1$ . According to Lemma 7,  $H_1$  is a subsemigroup of the semigroup  $G^+$ . Moreover, by Lemma 8,  $H_1$  is a convex subset of  $G^+$ . Hence  $H_1$  is a sublattice of  $G^+$ . From this it follows that the set  $H = H_1 - H_1$  is a convex  $l$ -subgroup of  $G$ .

**THEOREM 2.**  $H$  is the strongly projectable kernel (i.e., the  $\mathcal{K}_3$ -kernel) of  $G$ .

*Proof.* From the definition of  $H$  and from the fact that each interval of  $H$  is isomorphic with some interval of the form  $[0, c]$  with  $0 \leq c \in H_1$  it follows that each interval of  $H$  fulfils condition  $(\alpha)$ . Hence, by Theorem 1,  $H$  is strongly projectable. Let  $A$  be a convex  $l$ -subgroup of  $G$  and suppose that  $A$  is strongly projectable. Let  $0 \leq a \in A$ . Then, in view of Theorem 1, the interval  $[0, a]$  fulfils  $(\alpha)$ . Thus we have  $a \in H$ . Therefore  $A^+ \subseteq G$  and from this it follows  $A \subseteq G$ , completing the proof.

**Remark 1.** If  $\mathcal{K}$  is a class of lattice ordered groups, and if  $H$  is a  $\mathcal{K}$ -kernel of a lattice ordered group  $G$ , then  $H$  is an  $l$ -ideal of  $G$ . In fact, for each  $g \in G$ ,  $-g + H + g$  is a convex  $l$ -subgroup of  $G$  isomorphic with  $H$ , whence  $-g + H + g \subseteq H$ .

**Remark 2.** For each lattice ordered group  $G$ , the archimedean kernel and the complete kernel (i.e., the  $\mathcal{K}_1$ -kernel and the  $\mathcal{K}_2$ -kernel) of  $G$  is

a closed  $l$ -ideal of  $G$ . (Cf. [8] and [10].) The following example shows that the strongly projectable kernel of  $G$  need not be closed.

**EXAMPLE 1.** Let  $F$  be the set of all real functions defined on the set  $\mathbf{R}$  of all reals. The group and lattice operations in  $F$  are defined component-wise. Let  $A$  be the set of all constant functions of  $F$  and let  $B$  be the set of all functions of  $F$  having a one-elements support. Further, let  $G$  and  $H$  be the subgroup of the group  $F$  generated by the set  $A \cup B$  or  $B$ , respectively. Then  $G$  and  $H$  are  $l$ -subgroups of  $F$ , and  $H$  is the  $\mathcal{K}_3$ -kernel of  $G$ . The lattice ordered group  $H$  fails to be closed in  $G$  (in fact,  $G$  is the smallest closed  $l$ -subgroup of  $G$  containing  $H$  as a subset, and  $G \neq H$ ).

The following example shows that orthogonally complete kernels (i.e.,  $\mathcal{K}_0$ -kernels, cf. the Introduction) need not exist.

**EXAMPLE 2.** Let  $G$ ,  $H$  and  $B$  be as in Example 1. For each  $b \in B$  let  $G_b$  be the convex  $l$ -subgroup of  $G$  generated by the element  $b$ . Then each  $G_b$  is linearly ordered and hence it is orthogonally complete. Clearly,

$$\bigvee_{b \in B} G_b = H,$$

and if  $H_1$  is a convex  $l$ -subgroup of  $G$  with  $H \subseteq H_1$ , then  $H_1$  fails to be orthogonally complete.

**EXAMPLE 3.** Let  $F$  be as in Example 1 and  $F_c$  be the set of all  $f \in F$  that are continuous. Then  $F_c$  is an  $l$ -subgroup of  $F$ ,  $F$  is strongly projectable and  $F_c$  fails to be projectable. Hence neither  $\mathcal{K}_3$  nor  $\mathcal{K}_4$  is a variety.

A class  $\mathcal{K} \neq \emptyset$  of lattice ordered groups is said to be a *radical class* [9] if it fulfils the following conditions:

- (a)  $\mathcal{K}$  is closed with respect to isomorphisms.
- (b) Whenever  $G \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $G_1$  is a convex  $l$ -subgroup of  $G$ , then  $G_1 \in \mathcal{K}$ .
- (c) If  $G$  is a lattice ordered group and if  $\{G_i\}$  is a system of convex  $l$ -subgroups of  $G$  such that each  $G_i$  belongs to  $\mathcal{K}$ , then  $\bigvee G_i$  belongs to  $\mathcal{K}$  as well.

**PROPOSITION 1.**  $\mathcal{K}_3$  is a radical class.

*Proof.* Obviously,  $\mathcal{K}_3$  fulfils (a). From Theorem 2 it follows that  $\mathcal{K}_3$  satisfies (c). By using Lemma 8 we obtain that condition (b) holds for  $\mathcal{K}_3$ .

Until now we have been dealing with strong projectability and hence the power of the set  $X$  in the lemmas above might be arbitrary.

If we consider the projectability, then we have to investigate the case where  $X$  is a one-element set. We need the following lemma.

**LEMMA 9.** Let  $a, b, x \in G$ ,  $a \leq b$ ,  $a \leq x$ ,  $X = \{x\}$ . Then

$$(1) \quad X^0(a, b) = \{x \wedge b\}^0(a, b).$$

*Proof.* If  $y \in X^0(a, b)$ , then  $y \in [a, b]$  and  $y \wedge x = 0$ ; hence  $0 = (y \wedge b) \wedge x = y \wedge (b \wedge x)$  and thus  $y \in \{x \wedge b\}^0(a, b)$ . Conversely, let

$y \in \{x \wedge b\}^d(a, b)$  and assume that  $y$  does not belong to the set  $X^d(a, b)$ . Then  $y \wedge x = u > a$ ,  $u \leq x \wedge b$ , and hence  $u \wedge y = 0$ , which is a contradiction. Thus (1) is valid.

By using Lemma 9 and the same methods as in the investigation concerning the strong projectability (with the distinction that we always assume  $\text{card } X = 1$ ), we can verify that the following statements are valid:

**THEOREM 3.** *The  $\mathcal{K}_\lambda$ -kernels do exist.*

**PROPOSITION 2.**  *$\mathcal{K}_\lambda$  is a radical class.*

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## TWO CLOSURE OPERATORS WHICH PRESERVE $m$ -COMPACTICITY\*

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In this paper we shall investigate some properties of closure operators studied in [3] and [4]. The investigated problems are exactly formulated in Section 1.4.

### 1. Introductory remarks

**1.1.** Throughout this paper  $L$  will denote a given complete lattice with an ordering denoted by  $\leq$ . Further,  $m$  and  $n$  will denote infinite cardinals.

**1.2.** A subset  $X$  of  $L$  is called  *$m$ -directed in  $L$*  if for every  $Y \subseteq X$ ,  $|Y| < m$ , there exists  $x \in X$  such that for every  $y \in Y$  we have  $y \leq x$ . (See [4], Definition 5.) A closure operator  $u$  (abbreviation: CO) on  $L$  is called  *$m$ -algebraic* (abbreviation:  $m$ -ACO) if for every non-empty  $m$ -directed subset  $Y$  of  $u(L)$  there is  $V_L Y = V_{u(L)} Y$ . (See [3], Definition 1.3.) An element  $c \in L$  is called  *$m$ -compact in  $L$*  if for every  $X \subseteq L$  such that  $c \leq V_L X$ , there exists  $Y \subseteq X$  with  $|Y| < m$  and  $c \leq V_L Y$ . A lattice  $L$  is called  *$m$ -algebraic* if every element  $x$  of  $L$  can be written as the join of some set of  $m$ -compact elements in  $L$ . (See [2], p. 32.) The following assertion is proved in [3]:

(1) *Let  $m$  be regular and let  $u$  be an  $m$ -ACO on  $L$ . If  $c$  is  $n$ -compact in  $L$  for some infinite cardinal  $m \leq n$ , then  $u(c)$  is  $n$ -compact in  $u(L)$ . If  $L$  is  $n$ -algebraic, then also  $u(L)$  is  $n$ -algebraic.* (See [3], Theorem 2.1. For irregular cardinals  $m$  is the guess of the compacticity of  $u(c)$  more complicated, as shows the same Theorem 2.1 of [3].)

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