

## ON $L$ -IMPLICATIVE-GROUPS AND ASSOCIATED ALGEBRAS OF LOGIC

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### Abstract

The  $l$ -implicative-group is a term equivalent definition of the group coming from algebras of logic. In this paper, we study the representability of  $l$ -implicative-groups and of associated algebras of logic. First, we find equivalent conditions for an  $l$ -implicative-group to be representable. Then, we prove that representability at  $l$ -implicative-group level is inherited by the algebras obtained by restricting the  $l$ -implicative-group operations to the negative, positive cones.

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## 1 Introduction

Pseudo-MV algebras, the non-commutative generalizations of Chang's MV algebras [5], were introduced in 1999 [9] and developed in [11] (see also [17]). Pseudo-MV algebras are particular cases of bounded (non-commutative) residuated lattices and are intervals [6] ([16], in the commutative case) in  $l$ -groups.

On the other hand, pseudo-Wajsberg algebras, the non-commutative generalizations of Wajsberg algebras [7], are term equivalent [3], [4] to pseudo-MV algebras. Pseudo-Wajsberg algebras are particular cases of bounded pseudo-BCK(pP) lattices [10], [13]. And (bounded) pseudo-BCK(pP) lattices are categorically equivalent to (bounded) residuated lattices [12].

Hence, pseudo-Wajsberg algebras had to be connected to (are intervals in) a notion that is term equivalent to the  $l$ -group: that notion is the  *$l$ -implicative-group*, introduced and studied in [14], [15].

Note that, usually in the literature, looking from algebraic point of view, the case of *right-pseudo-MV algebras* (the *right-algebras* in general) is considered, since in po-groups,  $l$ -groups the *positive cone* is usually considered.

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But, note also that, looking from logical point of view, where the truth is represented by 1, and not by 0, we arrive to consider the case of *left-pseudo-MV algebras* (the *left-algebras* in general) and the *negative cone* of po-groups, *l*-groups. The reader finds more on *left-algebras* and *right-algebras* of logic in [13].

Therefore, in [14], [15] we have studied both left- and right-algebras of logic.

In this paper, we present in details some of the results from [15] announced at the Seventh Congress of Romanian Mathematicians, June 29 - July 5, 2011, Braşov, Romania, namely those concerning the representability of *l*-implicative-groups and of associated algebras of logic. First, in Section 3, we find equivalent conditions for an *l*-implicative-group to be representable (Theorem 3.2). Then, in Section 4, we prove that the representability at *l*-implicative-group level is inherited by the algebras obtained by restricting the *l*-implicative-group operations to the negative, positive cones (Theorem 4.2). Another important result here is Theorem 4.3. Some open problems are presented.

## 2 Preliminaries

Recall first the following notations from [14], [15] (where  $^d$  means “dual”), in the case of pseudo-BCK lattices:

$$\begin{aligned}
(\text{pP}) \quad & \exists x \odot y \stackrel{\text{notation}}{=} \min\{z \mid x \leq y \rightarrow^L z\} = \min\{z \mid y \leq x \rightsquigarrow^L z\}, \\
(\text{pS}) \quad & \exists x \oplus y \stackrel{\text{notation}}{=} \max\{z \mid x \geq y \rightarrow^R z\} = \max\{z \mid y \geq x \rightsquigarrow^R z\}, \\
(\text{pC}) \quad & x \vee y = (x \rightsquigarrow^L y) \rightarrow^L y = (x \rightarrow^L y) \rightsquigarrow^L y, \\
(\text{pC}^d) \quad & x \wedge y = (x \rightarrow^R y) \rightsquigarrow^R y = (x \rightsquigarrow^R y) \rightarrow^R y; \\
(\text{pprel}) \quad & (\text{pseudo-prelinearity}) \quad (x \rightarrow^L y) \vee (y \rightarrow^L x) = 1 = (x \rightsquigarrow^L y) \vee (y \rightsquigarrow^L x), \\
(\text{pdiv}) \quad & (\text{pseudo-divisibility}) \quad x \wedge y = (x \rightarrow^L y) \odot x = x \odot (x \rightsquigarrow^L y), \\
(\text{pprel}^d) \quad & (x \rightarrow^R y) \wedge (y \rightarrow^R x) = 0 = (x \rightsquigarrow^R y) \wedge (y \rightsquigarrow^R x), \\
(\text{pdiv}^d) \quad & x \vee y = (x \rightarrow^R y) \oplus x = x \oplus (x \rightsquigarrow^R y).
\end{aligned}$$

Recall also [13] that condition (pC) implies conditions (pprel), (pdiv) and dually, condition (pC $^d$ ) implies conditions (pprel $^d$ ), (pdiv $^d$ ).

We now recall from [14] some of the necessary results needed in the sequel concerning the (implicative-) groups.

### 2.1 Groups, po-groups, *l*-groups

• Let  $\mathcal{G} = (G, +, -, 0)$  be a group, in additive notation in this paper. We introduced the new operations  $\rightarrow$  and  $\rightsquigarrow$  on  $G$ , called “implications”, defined by: for all  $x, y \in G$ ,

$$x \rightarrow y \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} -[x + (-y)] = y + (-x), \quad x \rightsquigarrow y \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} -[(-y) + x] = (-x) + y. \quad (2.1)$$

The two implications satisfy the following properties: for all  $x, y, z \in G$ ,

$$x + y = -(x \rightarrow (-y)) = (-y) \rightarrow x, \quad x + y = -(y \rightsquigarrow (-x)) = (-x) \rightsquigarrow y, \quad (2.2)$$

$$y \rightarrow z = (z \rightarrow x) \rightsquigarrow (y \rightarrow x), \quad y \rightsquigarrow z = (z \rightsquigarrow x) \rightarrow (y \rightsquigarrow x), \quad (2.3)$$

$$(y \rightarrow x) \rightsquigarrow x = y = (y \rightsquigarrow x) \rightarrow x, \quad (2.4)$$

$$-x = x \rightarrow 0 = x \rightsquigarrow 0, \quad (2.5)$$

$$x = y \iff x \rightarrow y = 0 \iff x \rightsquigarrow y = 0, \quad (2.6)$$

$$x + y = z \iff x = y \rightarrow z \iff y = x \rightsquigarrow z \quad (\text{see [8], page 160}). \quad (2.7)$$

• Let now  $\mathcal{G} = (G, \leq, +, -, 0)$  be a partially-ordered group (po-group). Then the following properties hold: for all  $x, y, z \in G$ ,

$$(i) \quad x + y \leq z \iff x \leq y \rightarrow z \iff y \leq x \rightsquigarrow z, \quad \text{and dually} \quad (2.8)$$

$$(ii) \quad x + y \geq z \iff x \geq y \rightarrow z \iff y \geq x \rightsquigarrow z,$$

$$x \leq y \implies z \rightarrow x \leq z \rightarrow y \text{ and } z \rightsquigarrow x \leq z \rightsquigarrow y, \quad (2.9)$$

$$x \leq y \implies y \rightarrow z \leq x \rightarrow z \text{ and } y \rightsquigarrow z \leq x \rightsquigarrow z. \quad (2.10)$$

• Let finally  $\mathcal{G} = (G, \vee, \wedge, +, -, 0)$  be a lattice-ordered group ( $l$ -group). Then we have, for all  $x, y, z \in G$ :

$$(x \vee z) \rightarrow y = (x \rightarrow y) \wedge (z \rightarrow y), \quad (x \vee z) \rightsquigarrow y = (x \rightsquigarrow y) \wedge (z \rightsquigarrow y) \quad \text{and dually} \quad (2.11)$$

$$(x \wedge z) \rightarrow y = (x \rightarrow y) \vee (z \rightarrow y), \quad (x \wedge z) \rightsquigarrow y = (x \rightsquigarrow y) \vee (z \rightsquigarrow y); \quad (2.12)$$

$$y \rightarrow (x \vee z) = (y \rightarrow x) \vee (y \rightarrow z), \quad y \rightsquigarrow (x \vee z) = (y \rightsquigarrow x) \vee (y \rightsquigarrow z) \quad \text{and dually} \quad (2.13)$$

$$y \rightarrow (x \wedge z) = (y \rightarrow x) \wedge (y \rightarrow z), \quad y \rightsquigarrow (x \wedge z) = (y \rightsquigarrow x) \wedge (y \rightsquigarrow z). \quad (2.14)$$

## 2.2 Implicative-groups, po-implicative-groups, $l$ -implicative-groups

• An *implicative-group* ([14], Definition 4.1) is an algebra  $\mathcal{G} = (G, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 0)$  of type  $(2, 2, 0)$  such that the following axioms hold: for all  $x, y, z \in G$ ,

$$(I1) \quad y \rightarrow z = (z \rightarrow x) \rightsquigarrow (y \rightarrow x), \quad y \rightsquigarrow z = (z \rightsquigarrow x) \rightarrow (y \rightsquigarrow x),$$

$$(I2) \quad y = (y \rightarrow x) \rightsquigarrow x, \quad y = (y \rightsquigarrow x) \rightarrow x,$$

$$(I3) \quad x = y \iff x \rightarrow y = 0 \iff x \rightsquigarrow y = 0,$$

$$(I4) \quad x \rightarrow 0 = x \rightsquigarrow 0.$$

The implicative-group is said to be *commutative or abelian* if  $\rightarrow = \rightsquigarrow$ .

Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be an implicative-group. Then, we have, for all  $x, y, z \in G$ :

$$(I7) \quad 0 \rightarrow x = x = 0 \rightsquigarrow x,$$

$$(I8) \quad z \rightsquigarrow (y \rightarrow x) = y \rightarrow (z \rightsquigarrow x),$$

$$(I9) \quad x \rightarrow x = 0 = x \rightsquigarrow x,$$

$$z \rightarrow x = (y \rightarrow z) \rightarrow (y \rightarrow x), \quad z \rightsquigarrow x = (y \rightsquigarrow z) \rightsquigarrow (y \rightsquigarrow x). \quad (2.15)$$

The groups and the implicative-groups are termwise equivalent:

**Theorem 2.1.** ([14], Theorem 4.13)

(1) Let  $\mathcal{G} = (G, +, -, 0)$  be a group. Define  $\Phi(\mathcal{G}) = (G, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 0)$  by: for all  $x, y \in G$ ,  
 $x \rightarrow y \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} -(x + (-y)) = -(x - y) = y - x,$

$$x \rightsquigarrow y \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} -((-y) + x) = -(-y + x) = -x + y.$$

Then  $\Phi(\mathcal{G})$  is an implicative-group.

(1') Conversely, let  $\mathcal{G} = (G, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 0)$  be an implicative-group. Define  $\Psi(\mathcal{G}) = (G, +, -, 0)$  by: for all  $x, y \in G$ ,

$$-x \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} x \rightarrow 0 \stackrel{(I4)}{=} x \rightsquigarrow 0, \quad x + y \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} -(x \rightarrow (-y)) = -(y \rightsquigarrow (-x)).$$

Then  $\Psi(\mathcal{G})$  is a group.

(2) The maps  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$  are mutually inverse.

The implicative-group is commutative if and only if the term equivalent group is commutative.

• A *partially-ordered implicative-group* (*po-implicative-group*) ([14], Definition 4.17) is a structure  $\mathcal{G} = (G, \leq, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 0)$ , where  $(G, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 0)$  is an implicative-group and  $\leq$  is a partial order on  $G$  compatible with  $\rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow$ , i.e. we have: for all  $x, y, z \in G$ ,

(I5)  $x \leq y$  implies  $z \rightarrow x \leq z \rightarrow y$  and  $z \rightsquigarrow x \leq z \rightsquigarrow y$ .

The po-groups and the po-implicative-groups are termwise equivalent ([14], Theorem 4.23).

• If the partial order relation  $\leq$  is a lattice order relation, then  $\mathcal{G}$  is a *lattice-ordered implicative-group* (*l-implicative-group*) denoted  $\mathcal{G} = (G, \vee, \wedge, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 0)$ .

The  $l$ -groups and the  $l$ -implicative-groups are termwise equivalent ([14], Corollary 4.31).

### 2.3 “Vertical” connections (between group level and algebras of logic level)

**Theorem 2.2.** (see [14], Theorem 5.3) Let  $\mathcal{G} = (G, \vee, \wedge, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 0)$  be an  $l$ -implicative-group.

(1) Define, for all  $x, y \in G^-$ :

$$x \rightarrow^L y \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} (x \rightarrow y) \wedge 0, \quad x \rightsquigarrow^L y \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} (x \rightsquigarrow y) \wedge 0. \quad (2.16)$$

Then,  $\mathcal{G}^L = (G^-, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow^L, \rightsquigarrow^L, \mathbf{1} = 0)$  is a left-pseudo-BCK( $pP$ ) lattice (with the pseudo-product  $\odot = +$ ), lattice that is distributive, verifying condition ( $pC$ ).

(1') Define, for all  $x, y \in G^+$ :

$$x \rightarrow^R y \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} (x \rightarrow y) \vee 0, \quad x \rightsquigarrow^R y \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} (x \rightsquigarrow y) \vee 0. \quad (2.17)$$

Then,  $\mathcal{G}^R = (G^+, \vee, \wedge, \rightarrow^R, \rightsquigarrow^R, \mathbf{0} = 0)$  is a right-pseudo-BCK( $pS$ ) lattice (with the pseudo-sum  $\oplus = +$ ), lattice that is distributive, verifying the dual condition ( $pC^d$ ).

## 3 Representable $l$ -groups, $l$ -implicative-groups

Recall (see [1], for example) that an  $l$ -group is *representable* if it is a subdirect product of totally-ordered groups. Recall also the following theorem that gives characterizations of representable  $l$ -groups, some of them needed in the sequel.

**Theorem 3.1.** (see [1], Theorem 4.1.1)

Let  $\mathcal{G} = (G, \vee, \wedge, +, -, 0)$  be an  $l$ -group. The following are equivalent:

- (a)  $\mathcal{G}$  is representable.
  - (b) For all  $a, b \in G$ ,  $2(a \wedge b) = 2a \wedge 2b$ ;
  - (b<sup>d</sup>) For all  $a, b \in G$ ,  $2(a \vee b) = 2a \vee 2b$ .
  - (c) For all  $a, b \in G$ ,  $a \wedge (-b - a + b) \leq 0$ ;
  - (c<sup>d</sup>) For all  $a, b \in G$ ,  $a \vee (-b - a + b) \geq 0$ .
  - (d) Each polar subgroup is normal.
  - (e) Each minimal prime subgroup is normal.
  - (f) For each  $a \in G$ ,  $a > 0$ ,  $a \wedge (-b + a + b) > 0$ , for all  $b \in G$ ;
  - (f<sup>d</sup>) For each  $a \in G$ ,  $a < 0$ ,  $a \vee (-b + a + b) < 0$ , for all  $b \in G$ .
- Note that <sup>d</sup> means “dual”.

**Remark 3.1.** Note that in commutative  $l$ -groups we have, for all  $a, b \in G$ :

$$2(a \wedge b) = 2a \wedge 2b \iff (b \rightarrow a) \wedge (a \rightarrow b) \leq 0.$$

$$2(a \vee b) = 2a \vee 2b \iff (b \rightarrow a) \vee (a \rightarrow b) \geq 0.$$

Indeed, for example:

$$\begin{aligned} 2(a \vee b) = 2a \vee 2b &\iff (a \vee b) + (a \vee b) = 2a \vee 2b \iff \\ 2a \vee 2b &= [a + (a \vee b)] \vee [b + (a \vee b)] \iff 2a \vee 2b = 2a \vee (a + b) \vee (b + a) \vee 2b \iff \\ 2a \vee 2b &= 2a \vee 2b \vee (a + b) \iff 2a \vee 2b \geq a + b \iff (2a \vee 2b) - b \geq a \iff \\ (2a - b) \vee b &\geq a \iff [(2a - b) \vee b] - a \geq 0 \iff (a - b) \vee (b - a) \geq 0 \iff (b \rightarrow a) \vee (a \rightarrow b) \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

We obtain in the non-commutative case the following results.

**Proposition 3.1.** Let  $\mathcal{G} = (G, \vee, \wedge, +, -, 0)$  be an  $l$ -group. Then

$$(b) \iff (b1) \iff (b2), \quad (b^d) \iff (b1^d) \iff (b2^d),$$

where:

- (b1) for all  $a, b \in G$ ,  $(b \rightarrow a) \wedge (a \rightsquigarrow b) \leq 0 \wedge [(b \rightsquigarrow a) \rightsquigarrow (b \rightarrow a)]$ ,
- (b2) for all  $a, b \in G$ ,  $(b \rightsquigarrow a) \wedge (a \rightarrow b) \leq 0 \wedge [(b \rightarrow a) \rightarrow (b \rightsquigarrow a)]$ ;
- (b1<sup>d</sup>) for all  $a, b \in G$ ,  $(b \rightarrow a) \vee (a \rightsquigarrow b) \geq 0 \vee [(b \rightsquigarrow a) \rightsquigarrow (b \rightarrow a)]$ ,
- (b2<sup>d</sup>) for all  $a, b \in G$ ,  $(b \rightsquigarrow a) \vee (a \rightarrow b) \geq 0 \vee [(b \rightarrow a) \rightarrow (b \rightsquigarrow a)]$ .

*Proof.* (b<sup>d</sup>)  $\iff$  (b1<sup>d</sup>):

$$\begin{aligned} 2(a \vee b) = 2a \vee 2b &\iff (a \vee b) + (a \vee b) = 2a \vee 2b \iff \\ [a + (a \vee b)] \vee [b + (a \vee b)] &= 2a \vee 2b \iff 2a \vee (a + b) \vee (b + a) \vee 2b = 2a \vee 2b \iff \\ 2a \vee 2b \vee (a + b) \vee (b + a) &= 2a \vee 2b \iff 2a \vee 2b \geq (a + b) \vee (b + a) \iff \\ (2a \vee 2b) - b &\geq [(a + b) \vee (b + a)] - b \iff (2a - b) \vee b \geq a \vee (b + a - b) \iff \\ -a + [(2a - b) \vee b] &\geq -a + [a \vee (b + a - b)] \iff \\ (a - b) \vee (-a + b) &\geq 0 \vee (-a + b + a - b) \iff \\ (b \rightarrow a) \vee (a \rightsquigarrow b) &\geq -a + b + [(-b + a) \vee (a - b)] = -(-b + a) + [(b \rightsquigarrow a) \vee (b \rightarrow a)] \iff \\ (b \rightarrow a) \vee (a \rightsquigarrow b) &\geq (b \rightsquigarrow a) \rightsquigarrow [(b \rightsquigarrow a) \vee (b \rightarrow a)] \stackrel{(2.13)}{=} 0 \vee [(b \rightsquigarrow a) \rightsquigarrow (b \rightarrow a)]. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& (b^d) \iff (b2^d): \\
& 2(a \vee b) = 2a \vee 2b \iff \dots \iff 2a \vee 2b \geq (b + a) \vee (a + b) \iff \\
& [a \vee (2b - a)] + a \geq [b \vee (a + b - a)] + a \iff a \vee (2b - a) \geq b \vee (a + b - a) \iff \\
& b + [(-b + a) \vee (b - a)] \geq b + [0 \vee (-b + a + b - a)] \iff \\
& (-b + a) \vee (b - a) \geq 0 \vee (-b + a + b - a) \iff \\
& (b \rightsquigarrow a) \vee (a \rightarrow b) \geq [(a - b) \vee (-b + a)] + b - a \iff \\
& (b \rightsquigarrow a) \vee (a \rightarrow b) \geq [(a - b) \vee (-b + a)] - (a - b) \iff \\
& (b \rightsquigarrow a) \vee (a \rightarrow b) \geq (b \rightarrow a) \rightarrow [(b \rightarrow a) \vee (b \rightsquigarrow a)] = 0 \vee [(b \rightarrow a) \rightarrow (b \rightsquigarrow a)].
\end{aligned}$$

The rest of the proof is similar.  $\square$

**Remark 3.2.** (see Remark 3.1)

Note that

$$(b1) \implies (b1''), \quad (b2) \implies (b2''); \quad (b1^d) \implies (b1^{d''}), \quad (b2^d) \implies (b2^{d''}),$$

where:

(b1'') for all  $a, b \in G$ ,  $(b \rightarrow a) \wedge (a \rightsquigarrow b) \leq 0$ ,

(b2'') for all  $a, b \in G$ ,  $(b \rightsquigarrow a) \wedge (a \rightarrow b) \leq 0$ ;

(b1<sup>d''</sup>) for all  $a, b \in G$ ,  $(b \rightarrow a) \vee (a \rightsquigarrow b) \geq 0$ ,

(b2<sup>d''</sup>) for all  $a, b \in G$ ,  $(b \rightsquigarrow a) \vee (a \rightarrow b) \geq 0$ .

Note that the converse implications are not true.

Note also that (b1'') and (b2'') coincide and that (b1<sup>d''</sup>) and (b2<sup>d''</sup>) coincide.

**Proposition 3.2.** Let  $\mathcal{G} = (G, \vee, \wedge, +, -, 0)$  be an  $l$ -group. Then

$$(c) \iff (c1) \iff (c2), \quad (c^d) \iff (c1^d) \iff (c2^d),$$

where:

(c1) for all  $x, y, z, w \in G$ ,  $(x \rightsquigarrow y) \wedge ((([(y \rightsquigarrow x) \rightsquigarrow z] \rightsquigarrow z) \rightarrow w) \rightarrow w) \leq 0$ ,

(c2) for all  $x, y, z, w \in G$ ,  $(x \rightarrow y) \wedge ((([(y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow z] \rightarrow z) \rightsquigarrow w] \rightsquigarrow w) \leq 0$ ;

(c1<sup>d</sup>) for all  $x, y, z, w \in G$ ,  $(x \rightsquigarrow y) \vee ((([(y \rightsquigarrow x) \rightsquigarrow z] \rightsquigarrow z) \rightarrow w) \rightarrow w) \geq 0$ ,

(c2<sup>d</sup>) for all  $x, y, z, w \in G$ ,  $(x \rightarrow y) \vee ((([(y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow z] \rightarrow z) \rightsquigarrow w] \rightsquigarrow w) \geq 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{Proof. } (c^d) \implies (c1^d): (x \rightsquigarrow y) \vee ((([(y \rightsquigarrow x) \rightsquigarrow z] \rightsquigarrow z) \rightarrow w) \rightarrow w) = \\
& (-x + y) \vee ((([-(-(-y + x) + z) + z] \rightarrow w) \rightarrow w) = \\
& (-x + y) \vee ((([-(-x + y + z) + z] \rightarrow w) \rightarrow w) = \\
& (-x + y) \vee ((([-z - y + x + z] \rightarrow w) \rightarrow w) = \\
& (-x + y) \vee (((w - [-z - y + x + z]) \rightarrow w) = \\
& (-x + y) \vee (((w - z - x + y + z) \rightarrow w) = \\
& (-x + y) \vee (w - (w - z - x + y + z)) = \\
& (-x + y) \vee (w - z - y + x + z - w) = \\
& (-x + y) \vee ((w - z) - (-x + y) + (z - w)) = \\
& a \vee (-b - a + b) \geq 0, \text{ by } (c^d).
\end{aligned}$$

(c1<sup>d</sup>)  $\implies$  (c<sup>d</sup>): Take  $x = 0$ ,  $y = a$ ,  $z = 0$ ,  $w = -b$  in (c1<sup>d</sup>); we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
& (0 \rightsquigarrow a) \vee ((([(a \rightsquigarrow 0) \rightsquigarrow 0] \rightsquigarrow 0] \rightarrow -b) \rightarrow -b) \geq 0 \iff \\
& a \vee ((-a \rightarrow -b) \rightarrow -b) \geq 0 \iff
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& a \vee ((-b - (-a)) \rightarrow -b) \geq 0 \iff \\
& a \vee ((-b + a) \rightarrow -b) \geq 0 \iff \\
& a \vee (-b - (-b + a)) \geq 0 \iff \\
& a \vee (-b - a + b) \geq 0. \text{ Thus } (c^d) \iff (c1^d).
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(c^d) \implies (c2^d): & (x \rightarrow y) \vee ((([(y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow z] \rightsquigarrow w) \rightsquigarrow w) = \\
& (y - x) \vee (([z - (z - (x - y))] \rightsquigarrow w) \rightsquigarrow w) = \\
& (y - x) \vee (([z - (z + y - x)] \rightsquigarrow w) \rightsquigarrow w) = \\
& (y - x) \vee (([z + x - y - z] \rightsquigarrow w) \rightsquigarrow w) = \\
& (y - x) \vee ((-[z + x - y - z] + w) \rightsquigarrow w) = \\
& (y - x) \vee ((z + y - x - z + w) \rightsquigarrow w) = \\
& (y - x) \vee (-(z + y - x - z + w) + w) = \\
& (y - x) \vee (-w + z + x - y - z + w) = \\
& a \vee (-b - a + b) \geq 0, \text{ by } (c^d).
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(c2^d) \implies (c^d): & \text{ Take } x = 0, y = a, z = 0, w = b \text{ in } (c2^d); \text{ we obtain:} \\
& (0 \rightarrow a) \vee ((([(a \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow 0] \rightsquigarrow b) \rightsquigarrow b) \geq 0 \iff \\
& a \vee ((-a \rightsquigarrow b) \rightsquigarrow b) \geq 0 \iff \\
& a \vee ((a + b) \rightsquigarrow b) \geq 0 \iff \\
& a \vee (-b - a + b) \geq 0. \text{ Thus } (c^d) \iff (c2^d).
\end{aligned}$$

The rest of the proof is similar.  $\square$

We shall say that an  $l$ -implicative-group is *representable* if it is a subdirect product of totally-ordered implicative-groups. Consequently, an  $l$ -implicative-group is representable if and only if its term equivalent  $l$ -group is representable. Then we have the following result, needed in the sequel.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $\mathcal{G} = (G, \vee, \wedge, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 0)$  be an  $l$ -implicative-group. The following are equivalent:*

$$(a) \mathcal{G} \text{ is representable, } (b1), (b2), (b1^d), (b2^d), (c1), (c2), (c1^d), (c2^d).$$

*Proof.* By Theorem 3.1 and Propositions 3.1, 3.2.  $\square$

We can put together Theorems 3.1 and 3.2 in the following resuming statement:

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $\mathcal{G} = (G, \vee, \wedge, +, -, 0)$  be an  $l$ -group or, equivalently, let  $\mathcal{G} = (G, \vee, \wedge, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 0)$  be an  $l$ -implicative-group. The following are equivalent:*

(a)  $\mathcal{G}$  is representable.

$$(b) \text{ For all } a, b \in G, 2(a \wedge b) = 2a \wedge 2b,$$

$$(b1) \text{ For all } a, b \in G, (b \rightarrow a) \wedge (a \rightsquigarrow b) \leq 0 \wedge [(b \rightsquigarrow a) \rightsquigarrow (b \rightarrow a)],$$

$$(b2) \text{ For all } a, b \in G, (b \rightsquigarrow a) \wedge (a \rightarrow b) \leq 0 \wedge [(b \rightarrow a) \rightarrow (b \rightsquigarrow a)];$$

$$(b^d) \text{ For all } a, b \in G, 2(a \vee b) = 2a \vee 2b,$$

$$(b1^d) \text{ For all } a, b \in G, (b \rightarrow a) \vee (a \rightsquigarrow b) \geq 0 \vee [(b \rightsquigarrow a) \rightsquigarrow (b \rightarrow a)],$$

$$(b2^d) \text{ For all } a, b \in G, (b \rightsquigarrow a) \vee (a \rightarrow b) \geq 0 \vee [(b \rightarrow a) \rightarrow (b \rightsquigarrow a)].$$

$$(c) \text{ For all } a, b \in G, a \wedge (-b - a + b) \leq 0,$$

- (c1) For all  $x, y, z, w \in G$ ,  $(x \rightsquigarrow y) \wedge (((y \rightsquigarrow x) \rightsquigarrow z) \rightsquigarrow z] \rightarrow w) \rightarrow w \leq 0$ ,  
(c2) For all  $x, y, z, w \in G$ ,  $(x \rightarrow y) \wedge (((y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow z) \rightarrow z] \rightsquigarrow w) \rightsquigarrow w \leq 0$ ;  
(c<sup>d</sup>) For all  $a, b \in G$ ,  $a \vee (-b - a + b) \geq 0$ ,  
(c1<sup>d</sup>) For all  $x, y, z, w \in G$ ,  $(x \rightsquigarrow y) \vee (((y \rightsquigarrow x) \rightsquigarrow z) \rightsquigarrow z] \rightarrow w) \rightarrow w \geq 0$ ,  
(c2<sup>d</sup>) For all  $x, y, z, w \in G$ ,  $(x \rightarrow y) \vee (((y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow z) \rightarrow z] \rightsquigarrow w) \rightsquigarrow w \geq 0$ .

(d) Each polar subgroup is normal.

(e) Each minimal prime subgroup is normal.

- (f) For each  $a \in G$ ,  $a > 0$ ,  $a \wedge (-b + a + b) > 0$ , for all  $b \in G$ ;  
(f<sup>d</sup>) For each  $a \in G$ ,  $a < 0$ ,  $a \vee (-b + a + b) < 0$ , for all  $b \in G$ .

## 4 Connections between the representability at $l$ -implicative-group level and the representability at negative, positive cones level

- Recall that in the **commutative case**:

A left-residuated lattice  $\mathcal{A}^L = (A^L, \wedge, \vee, \odot, \rightarrow^L, 1)$  or, equivalently, a left-BCK(P) lattice  $\mathcal{A}^L = (A^L, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow^L, 1)$  with the product  $\odot$ :

(P) there exist  $x \odot y \stackrel{\text{notation}}{=} \min\{z \mid x \leq y \rightarrow^L z\}$ , for all  $x, y \in A^L$ ,

is *representable* if it is a subdirect product of linearly-ordered ones. It is known that representable such algebras are characterized by the prelinearity condition:

$$(prel) \quad (x \rightarrow^L y) \vee (y \rightarrow^L x) = 1.$$

Dually, a right-residuated lattice  $\mathcal{A}^R = (A^R, \vee, \wedge, \oplus, \rightarrow^R, 0)$  or, equivalently, a right-BCK(S) lattice  $\mathcal{A}^R = (A^R, \vee, \wedge, \rightarrow^R, 0)$  with the sum  $\oplus$ :

(S) there exist  $x \oplus y \stackrel{\text{notation}}{=} \max\{z \mid x \geq y \rightarrow^R z\}$ , for all  $x, y \in A^R$ ,

is *representable* if it is a subdirect product of linearly-ordered ones; representable such algebras are characterized by the dual prelinearity condition:

$$(prel^d) \quad (x \rightarrow^R y) \wedge (y \rightarrow^R x) = 0.$$

Then we have the following result:

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{G} = (G, \vee, \wedge, \rightarrow, 0)$  be a representable commutative  $l$ -implicative-group.*

(1) *Define, for all  $x, y \in G^-$ :*

$$x \rightarrow^L y \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} (x \rightarrow y) \wedge 0. \tag{4.18}$$

*Then,  $\mathcal{G}^L = (G^-, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow^L, \mathbf{1} = 0)$  is a representable left-BCK(P) lattice.*

(1') Define, for all  $x, y \in G^+$ :

$$x \rightarrow^R y \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} (x \rightarrow y) \vee 0. \quad (4.19)$$

Then,  $\mathcal{G}^R = (G^+, \vee, \wedge, \rightarrow^R, \mathbf{0} = 0)$  is a representable right-BCK(S) lattice.

*Proof.* (1): By Theorem 2.2,  $\mathcal{G}^L$  is a left-BCK(P) lattice. To prove that it is representable, we must prove that (prel) holds. Indeed,  $(x \rightarrow^L y) \vee (y \rightarrow^L x) = [(x \rightarrow y) \wedge 0] \vee [(y \rightarrow x) \wedge 0] = [(x \rightarrow y) \vee (y \rightarrow x)] \wedge 0 = 0$ , by Theorem 3.1 and Remark 3.1.

(1') By Theorem 2.2,  $\mathcal{G}^R$  is a right-BCK(S) lattice. To prove that it is representable, we must prove that (prel<sup>d</sup>) holds. Indeed,  $(x \rightarrow^R y) \wedge (y \rightarrow^R x) = [(x \rightarrow y) \vee 0] \wedge [(y \rightarrow x) \vee 0] = [(x \rightarrow y) \wedge (y \rightarrow x)] \vee 0 = 0$ , by Theorem 3.1 and Remark 3.1.  $\square$

• Recall that in the **non-commutative case**:

A non-commutative left-residuated lattice  $\mathcal{A}^L = (A^L, \wedge, \vee, \odot, \rightarrow^L, \rightsquigarrow^L, 1)$  or, equivalently, a left-pseudo-BCK(pP) lattice  $\mathcal{A}^L = (A^L, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow^L, \rightsquigarrow^L, 1)$  (with the pseudo-product  $\odot$ ) is *representable* if it is a subdirect product of linearly-ordered ones. C.J. van Alten [2] proved that such non-commutative algebras are representable if and only if they satisfy the identity:

$$(x \rightsquigarrow^L y) \vee (((y \rightsquigarrow^L x) \rightsquigarrow^L z) \rightsquigarrow^L z] \rightarrow^L w) \rightarrow^L w = 1, \quad (4.20)$$

or the identity

$$(x \rightarrow^L y) \vee (((y \rightarrow^L x) \rightarrow^L z) \rightarrow^L z] \rightsquigarrow^L w) \rightsquigarrow^L w = 1. \quad (4.21)$$

Dually,

a non-commutative right-residuated lattice  $\mathcal{A}^R = (A^R, \vee, \wedge, \oplus, \rightarrow^R, \rightsquigarrow^R, 0)$  or, equivalently, a right-pseudo-BCK(pS) lattice  $\mathcal{A}^R = (A^R, \vee, \wedge, \rightarrow^R, \rightsquigarrow^R, 0)$  (with the pseudo-sum  $\oplus$ ) is *representable* if it is a subdirect product of linearly-ordered ones. Representable such algebras are characterized then by the dual condition:

$$(x \rightsquigarrow^R y) \wedge (((y \rightsquigarrow^R x) \rightsquigarrow^R z) \rightsquigarrow^R z] \rightarrow^R w) \rightarrow^R w = 0, \quad (4.22)$$

or

$$(x \rightarrow^R y) \wedge (((y \rightarrow^R x) \rightarrow^R z) \rightarrow^R z] \rightsquigarrow^R w) \rightsquigarrow^R w = 0. \quad (4.23)$$

We shall prove the following result:

**Theorem 4.2.** (see Theorem 2.2)

Let  $\mathcal{G} = (G, \vee, \wedge, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 0)$  be a representable  $l$ -implicative-group. Then,

(1)  $\mathcal{G}^L = (G^-, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow^L, \rightsquigarrow^L, \mathbf{1} = 0)$  is a representable left-pseudo-BCK(pP) lattice (with the pseudo-product  $\odot = +$ ).

(1')  $\mathcal{G}^R = (G^+, \vee, \wedge, \rightarrow^R, \rightsquigarrow^R, \mathbf{0} = 0)$  is a representable right-pseudo-BCK(pS) lattice (with the pseudo-sum  $\oplus = +$ ).

*Proof.* (1): By Theorem 2.2,  $\mathcal{G}^L$  is a left-pseudo-BCK(pP) lattice. To prove that  $\mathcal{G}^L$  is representable, we must prove that condition (4.20), for example, holds. First denote:

$$A \stackrel{\text{notation}}{=} ((y \rightsquigarrow^L x) \rightsquigarrow^L z) \rightsquigarrow^L z,$$

$$B \stackrel{\text{notation}}{=} (A \rightarrow^L w) \rightarrow^L w,$$

$$C \stackrel{\text{notation}}{=} (x \rightsquigarrow^L y) \vee B.$$

We must prove, by (4.20), that  $C = \mathbf{1}$ . Indeed,

• **First proof:**

$$\begin{aligned} A &= ((y \rightsquigarrow^L x) \rightsquigarrow^L z) \rightsquigarrow^L z = [((-y + x) \wedge 0] \rightsquigarrow^L z) \rightsquigarrow^L z = \\ &[(-[(-y + x) \wedge 0] + z) \wedge 0] \rightsquigarrow^L z = \\ &[[(-x + y) \vee 0] + z) \wedge 0] \rightsquigarrow^L z = \\ &[(-x + y + z) \vee z] \wedge 0] \rightsquigarrow^L z = \\ &(-[[(-x + y + z) \vee z] \wedge 0] + z) \wedge 0 = \\ &[-((-x + y + z) \vee z) \vee 0] + z) \wedge 0 = \\ &[[(-z - y + x) \wedge (-z)] \vee 0] + z) \wedge 0 = \\ &((( -z - y + x) \wedge (-z)) + z) \vee z) \wedge 0 = \\ &((( -z - y + x + z) \wedge 0) \vee z) \wedge 0 = \\ &[(-z - y + x + z) \wedge 0] \vee z = \\ &[(-z - y + x + z) \vee z] \wedge 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B &= (A \rightarrow^L w) \rightarrow^L w = \\ &[(w - A) \wedge 0] \rightarrow^L w = \\ &(w - [(w - A) \wedge 0]) \wedge 0 = \\ &(w + [(A - w) \vee 0]) \wedge 0 = \\ &((w + A - w) \vee w) \wedge 0 = \\ &[(w + [((-z - y + x + z) \vee z] \wedge 0) - w) \vee w] \wedge 0 = \\ &[[[(w + [(-z - y + x + z) \vee z]) \wedge w] - w] \vee w] \wedge 0 = \\ &[[[(w - z - y + x + z) \vee (w + z)] \wedge w] - w] \vee w] \wedge 0 = \\ &[[[(w - z - y + x + z - w) \vee (w + z - w)] \wedge 0] \vee w] \wedge 0 = \\ &[[[(w - z - y + x + z - w) \wedge 0] \vee [(w + z - w) \wedge 0] \vee w] \wedge 0 = \\ &[(w - z - y + x + z - w) \wedge 0] \vee [(w + z - w) \wedge 0] \vee w \geq \\ &(w - z - y + x + z - w) \wedge 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} C &= (x \rightsquigarrow^L y) \vee B \geq \\ &[(-x + y) \wedge 0] \vee [(w - z - y + x + z - w) \wedge 0] = \\ &[(-x + y) \vee (w - z - y + x + z - w)] \wedge 0 = \\ &[a \vee (-b - a + b)] \wedge 0, \text{ with } a = -x + y, b = z - w. \end{aligned}$$

But  $\mathcal{G}$  is representable, hence by Theorem 3.1 ( $c^d$ ), for all  $a, b \in G$ ,  $a \vee (-b - a + b) \geq 0$ .

Hence  $C \geq 0$  and thus  $C = 0$ , i.e.  $C = \mathbf{1}$ .

• **Second proof:** Denote

$$D \stackrel{\text{notation}}{=} ((y \rightsquigarrow x) \rightsquigarrow z) \rightsquigarrow z,$$

$$E \stackrel{\text{notation}}{=} (D \rightarrow w) \rightarrow w.$$

By Theorem 3.2 ( $c1^d$ ), we have

$$(x \rightsquigarrow y) \vee E \geq 0. \quad (4.24)$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} A &= ((y \rightsquigarrow^L x) \rightsquigarrow^L z) \rightsquigarrow^L z = [((y \rightsquigarrow x) \wedge 0] \rightsquigarrow z) \wedge 0] \rightsquigarrow^L z \stackrel{(2.12)}{=} \\ & [(((y \rightsquigarrow x) \rightsquigarrow z) \vee (0 \rightsquigarrow z)) \wedge 0] \rightsquigarrow^L z = \\ & [(((y \rightsquigarrow x) \rightsquigarrow z) \vee z) \wedge 0] \rightsquigarrow^L z \stackrel{distrib.}{=} \\ & [((y \rightsquigarrow x) \rightsquigarrow z) \wedge 0] \vee (z \wedge 0)] \rightsquigarrow^L z \\ & ([((y \rightsquigarrow x) \rightsquigarrow z) \wedge 0] \vee z] \rightsquigarrow z) \wedge 0 \stackrel{(2.11)}{=} \\ & [((y \rightsquigarrow x) \rightsquigarrow z) \wedge 0] \rightsquigarrow z) \wedge (z \rightsquigarrow z) \wedge 0 \stackrel{(2.12)}{=} \\ & [((y \rightsquigarrow x) \rightsquigarrow z) \rightsquigarrow z] \vee (0 \rightsquigarrow z)) \wedge 0 = (D \vee z) \wedge 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B &= (A \rightarrow^L w) \rightarrow^L w = ([((D \vee z) \wedge 0] \rightarrow w) \wedge 0] \rightarrow^L w \stackrel{(2.12)}{=} \\ & [((D \vee z) \rightarrow w) \vee (0 \rightarrow w)] \wedge 0] \rightarrow^L w = \\ & [(((D \vee z) \rightarrow w) \vee w) \wedge 0] \rightarrow w) \wedge 0 \stackrel{(2.12)}{=} \\ & ([(((D \vee z) \rightarrow w) \vee w) \rightarrow w) \vee (0 \rightarrow w)) \wedge 0 \stackrel{(2.11)}{=} \\ & [(((D \vee z) \rightarrow w) \rightarrow w) \wedge (w \rightarrow w)] \vee w) \wedge 0 \stackrel{distrib.}{=} \\ & [(((D \vee z) \rightarrow w) \rightarrow w) \vee w] \wedge (0 \vee w)] \wedge 0 = \\ & [(((D \vee z) \rightarrow w) \rightarrow w) \vee w] \wedge 0 \stackrel{(2.11)}{=} \\ & [([((D \rightarrow w) \wedge (z \rightarrow w)] \rightarrow w) \vee w] \wedge 0 \stackrel{(2.12)}{=} \\ & [((D \rightarrow w) \rightarrow w) \vee ((z \rightarrow w) \rightarrow w)] \vee w] \wedge 0 = \\ & [E \vee ((z \rightarrow w) \rightarrow w) \vee w] \wedge 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$C = (x \rightsquigarrow^L y) \vee B =$$

$$\begin{aligned} & [(x \rightsquigarrow y) \wedge 0] \vee [(E \vee ((z \rightarrow w) \rightarrow w) \vee w) \wedge 0] \stackrel{distrib.}{=} \\ & [(x \rightsquigarrow y) \vee E \vee ((z \rightarrow w) \rightarrow w) \vee w] \wedge 0 = 0, \end{aligned}$$

since  $(x \rightsquigarrow y) \vee E \vee ((z \rightarrow w) \rightarrow w) \vee w \geq (x \rightsquigarrow y) \vee E \geq 0$ , by (4.24), and hence  $[(x \rightsquigarrow y) \vee E] \wedge 0 = 0$ . Thus,  $C = \mathbf{1}$ .

(1') has a similar proof, using Theorem 3.1 (c), in the first proof, and Theorem 3.2 (c1), in the second proof.  $\square$

Finally, we present some intermediary results and an open problem.

**Theorem 4.3.** (see Theorem 2.2)

Let  $\mathcal{G} = (G, \vee, \wedge, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 0)$  be a representable  $l$ -implicative-group. Then,

(1) the left-pseudo-BCK( $pP$ ) lattice  $\mathcal{G}^L = (G^-, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow^L, \rightsquigarrow^L, \mathbf{1} = 0)$  (with the pseudo-product  $\odot = +$ ), verifying condition ( $pC$ ), verifies also the following conditions: for all  $a, b \in G^-$ ,

(i)  $(a \vee b)^2 = a^2 \vee b^2$ , i.e.  $(a \vee b) \odot (a \vee b) = (a \odot a) \vee (b \odot b)$ ,

(ii) Condition (i) is equivalent with condition

$$[b \rightarrow^L (a \rightsquigarrow^L (a \odot a))] \vee [a \rightsquigarrow^L (b \rightarrow^L (b \odot b))] = \mathbf{1}. \quad (4.25)$$

$$(iii) (b \rightarrow^L a) \vee (a \rightsquigarrow^L b) = \mathbf{1},$$

(iv) Condition (iii) implies condition (4.25).

(1') the right-pseudo-BCK(pS) lattice  $\mathcal{G}^R = (G^+, \vee, \wedge, \rightarrow^R, \rightsquigarrow^R, \mathbf{0} = 0)$  (with the pseudo-sum  $\oplus = +$ ), verifying the dual condition ( $pC^d$ ), verifies also the following conditions: for all  $a, b \in G^+$ ,

$$(i') 2(a \wedge b) = 2a \wedge 2b, \text{ i.e. } (a \wedge b) \oplus (a \wedge b) = (a \oplus a) \wedge (b \oplus b),$$

(ii') Condition (i') is equivalent with condition

$$[b \rightarrow^R (a \rightsquigarrow^R (a \oplus a))] \vee [a \rightsquigarrow^R (b \rightarrow^R (b \oplus b))] = \mathbf{0}. \quad (4.26)$$

$$(iii') (b \rightarrow^R a) \wedge (a \rightsquigarrow^R b) = \mathbf{0},$$

(iv') Condition (iii') implies condition (4.26).

*Proof.* We prove (1). We denote  $\rightarrow = \rightarrow^L$  and  $\rightsquigarrow = \rightsquigarrow^L$ .

(i): follows obviously by Theorem 3.3 ( $b^d$ ), since  $\mathcal{G}$  is representable.

(ii): We shall prove that (i)  $\iff$  (4.25). Indeed,

(i)  $\implies$  (4.25):

$$\begin{aligned} (i) \quad & (a \vee b) \odot (a \vee b) = (a \odot a) \vee (b \odot b) \iff \\ & [(a \vee b) \odot a] \vee [(a \vee b) \odot b] = (a \odot a) \vee (b \odot b) \iff \\ & a \odot a \vee b \odot a \vee a \odot b \vee b \odot b = a \odot a \vee b \odot b \iff \end{aligned}$$

$$a \odot b \vee b \odot a \leq a \odot a \vee b \odot b. \quad (4.27)$$

$$\text{And (4.27)} \implies a \odot b \leq a \odot a \vee b \odot b \implies b \rightarrow (a \odot b) \leq b \rightarrow (a \odot a \vee b \odot b) \implies$$

$$a \rightsquigarrow (b \rightarrow (a \odot b)) \leq a \rightsquigarrow (b \rightarrow (a \odot a \vee b \odot b)). \quad (4.28)$$

But  $a \rightsquigarrow (b \rightarrow (a \odot b)) = b \rightarrow (a \rightsquigarrow (a \odot b)) \leq b \rightarrow b = \mathbf{1}$ , since  $b \leq a \rightsquigarrow (a \odot b)$ . Hence,

$$(4.28) \implies a \rightsquigarrow (b \rightarrow (a \odot a \vee b \odot b)) = \mathbf{1} \stackrel{(pprel)}{\iff}$$

$$a \rightsquigarrow [(b \rightarrow a \odot a) \vee (b \rightarrow b \odot b)] = \mathbf{1} \stackrel{(pprel)}{\iff}$$

$$[a \rightsquigarrow (b \rightarrow a \odot a)] \vee [a \rightsquigarrow (b \rightarrow b \odot b)] = \mathbf{1} \iff$$

$$[b \rightarrow (a \rightsquigarrow (a \odot a))] \vee [b \rightarrow (a \rightsquigarrow (b \odot b))] = \mathbf{1}, \text{ i.e. (4.25) holds.}$$

Note that we have used an equivalent condition with (pprel) denoted (pprel $\implies\vee$ ) in [13], pag. 386:

$$(pprel\implies\vee) \quad x \rightarrow (y \vee z) = (x \rightarrow y) \vee (x \rightarrow z) \text{ and } x \rightsquigarrow (y \vee z) = (x \rightsquigarrow y) \vee (x \rightsquigarrow z).$$

(4.25)  $\implies$  (i):

$$(4.25) \quad [b \rightarrow (a \rightsquigarrow (a \odot a))] \vee [a \rightsquigarrow (b \rightarrow (b \odot b))] = \mathbf{1} \iff$$

$$[a \rightsquigarrow (b \rightarrow (a \odot a))] \vee [a \rightsquigarrow (b \rightarrow (b \odot b))] = \mathbf{1} \stackrel{(pprel)}{\iff}$$

$$a \rightsquigarrow (b \rightarrow (a \odot a \vee b \odot b)) = \mathbf{1} \iff$$

$$\mathbf{1} \leq a \rightsquigarrow (b \rightarrow (a \odot a \vee b \odot b)) \implies a = a \odot \mathbf{1} \leq a \odot [a \rightsquigarrow (b \rightarrow (a \odot a \vee b \odot b))] \stackrel{(pdiv)}{\iff}$$

$$a \leq a \wedge (b \rightarrow (a \odot a \vee b \odot b)) \leq a \implies a = a \wedge (b \rightarrow (a \odot a \vee b \odot b)) \iff$$

$$a \leq (b \rightarrow (a \odot a \vee b \odot b)) \implies a \odot b \leq (b \rightarrow (a \odot a \vee b \odot b)) \odot b \stackrel{(pdiv)}{\iff}$$

$$a \odot b \leq b \wedge (a \odot a \vee b \odot b) \leq a \odot a \vee b \odot b \implies a \odot b \leq a \odot a \vee b \odot b.$$

Similarly,

$$b \odot a \leq b \odot b \vee a \odot a,$$

i.e.  $a \odot a \vee b \odot b$  is an upper bound of  $a \odot b$  and  $b \odot a$ . It follows that

$a \odot b \vee b \odot a \leq a \odot a \vee b \odot b$ , i.e. (4.27) holds. And we have seen above that (4.27)  $\iff$  (i).

(iii):  $(b \rightarrow^L a) \vee (a \rightsquigarrow^L b) = [(b \rightarrow a) \wedge 0] \vee [(a \rightsquigarrow b) \wedge 0] = [(b \rightarrow a) \vee (a \rightsquigarrow b)] \wedge 0 \geq (0 \vee [(b \rightsquigarrow a) \rightsquigarrow (b \rightarrow a)]) \wedge 0 = 0 = \mathbf{1}$ , by Theorem 3.3 ((a)  $\iff$  (b1<sup>d</sup>)).

(iv): Condition (iii) implies condition (4.25). Indeed, since  $a \leq a \rightsquigarrow^L (a \odot a)$  and  $b \leq b \rightarrow^L (b \odot b)$  by [13], condition (10.3), it follows that  $b \rightarrow^L a \leq b \rightarrow^L [a \rightsquigarrow^L (a \odot a)]$  and  $a \rightsquigarrow^L b \leq a \rightsquigarrow^L [b \rightarrow^L (b \odot b)]$ , hence  $\mathbf{1} = (b \rightarrow^L a) \vee (a \rightsquigarrow^L b) \leq (b \rightarrow^L [a \rightsquigarrow^L (a \odot a)]) \vee (a \rightsquigarrow^L [b \rightarrow^L (b \odot b)])$ , hence  $(b \rightarrow^L [a \rightsquigarrow^L (a \odot a)]) \vee (a \rightsquigarrow^L [b \rightarrow^L (b \odot b)]) = \mathbf{1}$ .

(1') has a similar proof.  $\square$

**Proposition 4.1.** (see Theorem 2.2)

Let  $\mathcal{G} = (G, \vee, \wedge, \rightarrow, \rightsquigarrow, 0)$  be an  $l$ -implicative-group.

(1) If  $\mathcal{G}$  verifies the condition (b1<sup>d''</sup>) from Remark 3.2: (b1<sup>d''</sup>) for all  $a, b \in G$ ,  $(b \rightarrow a) \vee (a \rightsquigarrow b) \geq 0$ , then the left-pseudo-BCK( $pP$ ) lattice  $\mathcal{G}^L = (G^-, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow^L, \rightsquigarrow^L, \mathbf{1} = 0)$  verifies the condition (iii) from Theorem 4.3 (1):

(iii) for all  $a, b \in G^-$ ,  $(b \rightarrow^L a) \vee (a \rightsquigarrow^L b) = \mathbf{1} = 0$ .

(1') If  $\mathcal{G}$  verifies the condition (b1'') from Remark 3.2:

(b1'') for all  $a, b \in G$ ,  $(b \rightarrow a) \wedge (a \rightsquigarrow b) \leq 0$ ,

then the right-pseudo-BCK( $pS$ ) lattice  $\mathcal{G}^R = (G^+, \vee, \wedge, \rightarrow^R, \rightsquigarrow^R, \mathbf{0} = 0)$  verifies the condition (iii') from Theorem 4.3 (1')

(iii') for all  $a, b \in G^+$ ,  $(b \rightarrow^R a) \wedge (a \rightsquigarrow^R b) = \mathbf{0} = 0$ .

*Proof.* (1):  $(b \rightarrow^L a) \vee (a \rightsquigarrow^L b) = [(b \rightarrow a) \wedge 0] \vee [(a \rightsquigarrow b) \wedge 0] \stackrel{\text{distrib.}}{=} [(b \rightarrow a) \vee (a \rightsquigarrow b)] \wedge 0 \stackrel{(b1^{d''})}{=} 0 = \mathbf{1}$ .

(1'):  $(b \rightarrow^R a) \wedge (a \rightsquigarrow^R b) = [(b \rightarrow a) \vee 0] \wedge [(a \rightsquigarrow b) \vee 0] = [(b \rightarrow a) \wedge (a \rightsquigarrow b)] \vee 0 \stackrel{(b1'')}{=} 0 = \mathbf{0}$ .  $\square$

#### Open problems 4.2.

(1) Find if there are connections between the representability of  $\mathcal{G}^L = (G^-, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow^L, \rightsquigarrow^L, \mathbf{1} = 0)$  (or of the left-pseudo-MV algebra  $[u', 0]$ ) and the conditions (i)  $\iff$  (4.25), (iii).

(1') Find if there are connections between the representability of  $\mathcal{G}^R = (G^+, \vee, \wedge, \rightarrow^R, \rightsquigarrow^R, \mathbf{0} = 0)$  (or of the right-pseudo-MV algebra  $[0, u]$ ) and the conditions (i')  $\iff$  (4.26), (iii').

**Open problem 4.3.** Find connections between the representability at  $l$ -group ( $l$ -implicative-group)  $G$  level and the representability at  $[u', 0] \subset G^-$ ,  $[0, u] \subset G^+$  level and at  $G^- \cup \{-\infty\}$ ,  $G^+ \cup \{+\infty\}$  level.

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