

94. Ideals in Non-commutative Lattices

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§ 1. We published in 1953 a résumé of the theory of non-commutative lattices in C. R. Acad. Sci., Paris [11]. After this, we have received communications from Dr. F. Klein-Barmen and also from Prof. Dr. Pascual Jordan that Prof. P. Jordan with collaborators, Dr. E. Witt and Dr. W. Böge, had been constructing the theory of non-commutative lattices, independently of us, for the sake of applications in "theoretical physics" [3-6], and also independently, F. Klein published some excellent and interesting works on the similar articles [7-10].

Here, we shall make a survey of ideal theory in non-commutative lattices, from which the structure of some kinds of non-commutative lattices (normal and regular type) is decided (see § 3). This paper is also a résumé; and a full note, with complete proofs of [1], (titled "Theorie der nichtkommutativen Verbände I-II") will appear elsewhere.*)

§ 2. Let \mathfrak{A} be an algebraic system with binary operators $*$ and \circ , both of which are associative and idempotent, but not necessarily commutative. If an order $<$ in \mathfrak{A} , i.e. i) $x < x$, ii) $x < y, y < x \rightarrow x = y$, iii) $x < y, y < z \rightarrow x < z$ for $x, y, z \in \mathfrak{A}$, satisfies a further condition: for any $a \in \mathfrak{A}$,

$$(2.1) \quad x < y \rightarrow a*x < a*y \quad (\text{or } x*a < y*a),$$

then it is called left (resp. right) $*$ -order of \mathfrak{A} . And if a left (or right) $*$ -order $<$ of \mathfrak{A} fulfils

$$(2.2) \quad x < x*a \quad (\text{resp. } x < a*x) \quad \text{for any } x, a \in \mathfrak{A},$$

then such $<$ is called a left (resp. right) L - $*$ -order of \mathfrak{A} . Similarly, a left (or right) L - \circ -order of \mathfrak{A} is defined.

Theorem 1. *In order that \mathfrak{A} admit at least one left or right L - $*$ -order, it is necessary and sufficient that the following equality be kept in \mathfrak{A} ;*

$$(2.3) \quad \alpha) \quad x*a = x*a*x \quad \text{resp.} \quad \beta) \quad a*x = x*a*x.$$

An order $<$ (or \prec) is called *stronger* (resp. *weaker*) than \prec (resp. $<$) if $a \prec b$ yields $a < b$: then

Theorem 2. *Suppose that \mathfrak{A} satisfies the condition α) (or β) in (2.3) above: Then*

I) *The order in \mathfrak{A} defined by $a < b$ if and only if $b = a*x$ (resp.*

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