

204. Decompositions of Generalized Algebras. II

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Theorem 3. *Every genalgebra $\mathfrak{S} = \langle G, o_1, \dots, o_n, A \rangle$ with finitary operations is isomorphic with a subdirect product of subdirectly irreducible genalgebras.*

Proof. Consider arbitrary elements $x, y \in G, a, b \in A$ such that $x \neq y$ and $a \neq b$. Let $\mathcal{L}(x, y; a, b)$ be the family of all reduced congruences (θ, φ) of $\mathcal{L}(x, y; a, b)$ such that

$$(x, y) \notin \theta \text{ and } (a, b) \notin \varphi.$$

Since $(\Delta_G, \Delta_A) \in \mathcal{L}(x, y; a, b)$, then $\mathcal{L}(x, y; a, b) \neq \emptyset$. It is partially ordered and every linearly ordered subset of it possesses an upper bound given by its join. Hence, by Zorn's lemma, $\mathcal{L}(x, y; a, b)$ has a maximal element $(\theta_{xy}, \varphi_{ab})$. To show that the quotient genalgebra

$$\mathfrak{S}/(\theta_{xy}, \varphi_{ab}) = \langle G/\theta_{xy}, o_1, \dots, o_n, A/\varphi_{ab} \rangle$$

is subdirectly irreducible, it suffices to show that it has no proper reduced congruences and hence no proper congruences. If it does possess proper reduced congruences, let $(\tilde{\theta}_\lambda, \tilde{\varphi}_\lambda)$ ($\lambda \in A$) be the family of all reduced congruences in $\mathfrak{S}/(\theta_{xy}, \varphi_{ab})$. By Theorem C each such congruence $(\tilde{\theta}_\lambda, \tilde{\varphi}_\lambda)$ corresponds to a reduced congruence $(\theta_\lambda, \varphi_\lambda)$ in \mathfrak{S} such that

$$(\theta_\lambda, \varphi_\lambda) \supseteq (\theta_{xy}, \varphi_{ab}).$$

Clearly, $\theta_\lambda \supseteq \theta_{xy}$ for all $\lambda \in A$; for, if $\theta_\lambda = \theta_{xy}$, then $\varphi_\lambda = \varphi_{ab}$, since both congruences are reduced. Thus we have $\bigcap_{\lambda \in A} \theta_\lambda \supseteq \theta_{xy}$ and in any case

$$\bigcap_{\lambda \in A} (\theta_\lambda, \varphi_\lambda) \supseteq (\theta_{xy}, \varphi_{ab}).$$

The reduction

$$\bigcap_{\lambda \in A} (\theta_\lambda, \varphi)$$

of the congruence on the left side must properly contain the congruence on the right side; for, if $\varphi \subsetneq \varphi_{ab}$, then

$$\left(\bigcap_{\lambda \in A} \theta_\lambda, \varphi \right) \cap (\theta_{xy}, \varphi_{ab}) = \left(\bigcap_{\lambda \in A} \theta_\lambda \cap \theta_{xy}, \varphi \cap \varphi_{xy} \right) = (\theta_{xy}, \varphi)$$

contrary to the fact that $(\theta_{xy}, \varphi_{ab})$ is reduced. Whence the genalgebra $\mathfrak{S}/(\theta_{xy}, \varphi_{ab})$ is subdirectly irreducible. Obviously,

$$\bigcap_{x \neq y} \bigcap_{a \neq b} (\theta_{xy}, \varphi_{ab}) = \left(\bigcap_{x \neq y} \theta_{xy}, \bigcap_{a \neq b} \varphi_{ab} \right) = (\Delta_G, \Delta_A)$$

and therefore the final conclusion follows.

Theorem 4. *The necessary and sufficient conditions for a genalgebra $\mathfrak{S} = \langle G, o_1, \dots, o_n, A \rangle$ to be isomorphic to a direct product of genalgebras $\mathfrak{S}_\lambda = \langle G_\lambda, o_1^\lambda, \dots, o_n^\lambda, A_\lambda \rangle$ ($\lambda \in A$) are that (1) there exists*

for each $\lambda \in A$ a homomorphism (h_λ, k_λ) of \mathfrak{S} onto \mathfrak{S}_λ whose kernels $(\theta_\lambda, \varphi_\lambda) = (h_\lambda h_\lambda^{-1}, k_\lambda k_\lambda^{-1})$ satisfy the condition

$$\bigcap_{\lambda \in A} (\theta_\lambda, \varphi_\lambda) = (\Delta_G, \Delta_A); \quad \text{and}$$

(2) for each pair of subsets $\{x_\lambda \mid \lambda \in A\} \subseteq G$ and $\{a_\lambda \mid \lambda \in A\} \subseteq A$, there exist elements $x \in G$ and $a \in A$ such that

$$(x, x_\lambda) \in \theta_\lambda \quad \text{and} \quad (a, a_\lambda) \in \varphi_\lambda$$

for all $\lambda \in A$.

Proof. If \mathfrak{S} is isomorphic onto $\prod_{\lambda \in A} \mathfrak{S}_\lambda$ under (f, g) , then clearly condition (1) holds. To prove condition (2), consider any $\{x_\lambda \mid \lambda \in A\} \subseteq G$. Let $\chi \in \prod_{\lambda \in A} \mathfrak{S}_\lambda$ such that $\chi(\lambda) = f(x_\lambda)(\lambda)$ for $\lambda \in A$. Let $x \in G$ such that $f(x) = \chi$. Then $f(x)(\lambda) = \chi(\lambda) = f(x_\lambda)(\lambda)$ and hence $h_\lambda(x) = p_\lambda f(x) = p_\lambda f(x_\lambda) = h_\lambda(x_\lambda)$ for $\lambda \in A$. Thus, $(x, x_\lambda) \in \theta_\lambda$ for all $\lambda \in A$. In an analogous manner, there exists an $a \in A$ such that $(a, a_\lambda) \in \varphi_\lambda$ for all $\lambda \in A$.

Conversely, suppose conditions (1) and (2) hold. By Theorem 1, \mathfrak{S} is isomorphic to a subgenalgebra of the direct product $\prod_{\lambda \in A} \mathfrak{S}/(\theta_\lambda, \varphi_\lambda)$ under (f, g) such that

$$f(x)(\lambda) = x/\theta_\lambda \quad \text{and} \quad g(a)(\lambda) = a/\varphi_\lambda$$

where $\theta_\lambda = h_\lambda h_\lambda^{-1}$ and $\varphi_\lambda = k_\lambda k_\lambda^{-1}$. Thus, it suffices to show that both f and g are onto. Let $\chi \in \prod_{\lambda \in A} \mathfrak{S}/(\theta_\lambda, \varphi_\lambda)$ such that

$$\chi(\lambda) = x_\lambda/\theta_\lambda \quad \text{for } \lambda \in A.$$

Corresponding to $\{x_\lambda \mid \lambda \in A\} \subseteq G$, by (2), there exists an element $x \in G$ such that $(x, x_\lambda) \in \theta_\lambda$, in other words, $x/\theta_\lambda = x_\lambda/\theta_\lambda$ for $\lambda \in A$. Whence $f(x) = \chi$. Similarly for g .

Corollary 5. *There exists a one-to-one correspondence between the direct product representations of a genalgebra \mathfrak{S} and the collection of all sets of congruences $\{(\theta_\lambda, \varphi_\lambda) \mid \lambda \in A\}$ of \mathfrak{S} satisfying the conditions*

$$(1) \quad \bigcap_{\lambda \in A} (\theta_\lambda, \varphi_\lambda) = (\Delta_G, \Delta_A);$$

(2) for $\{x_\lambda \mid \lambda \in A\} \subseteq G$ and $\{a_\lambda \mid \lambda \in A\} \subseteq A$, there are elements $x \in G$ and $a \in A$ such that

$$(x, x_\lambda) \in \theta_\lambda \quad \text{and} \quad (a, a_\lambda) \in \varphi_\lambda$$

for $\lambda \in A$.

Theorem 6. *A necessary and sufficient condition for a genalgebra \mathfrak{S} to be directly reducible is that there exist two congruences $(\theta_1, \varphi_1) \neq (\Delta_G, \Delta_A)$ and $(\theta_2, \varphi_2) \neq (\Delta_G, \Delta_A)$ such that*

$$(1) \quad \theta_1 \theta_2 = \theta_2 \theta_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi_1 \varphi_2 = \varphi_2 \varphi_1;$$

$$(2) \quad (\theta_1, \varphi_1) \vee (\theta_2, \varphi_2) = (G \times G, A \times A);$$

$$(3) \quad (\theta_1, \varphi_1) \cap (\theta_2, \varphi_2) = (\Delta_G, \Delta_A).$$

Under these conditions

$$\mathfrak{S} \cong \mathfrak{S}/(\theta_1, \varphi_1) \times \mathfrak{S}/(\theta_2, \varphi_2).$$

Proof. First suppose \mathfrak{S} is isomorphic to $\mathfrak{S}_1 \times \mathfrak{S}_2$ under (f, g) such that $f(x) = (x_1, x_2)$ and $g(a) = (a_1, a_2)$, where the homomorphisms (h_λ, k_λ) defined by $h_\lambda(x) = x_\lambda$ and $k_\lambda(a) = a_\lambda$ are non-isomorphisms. This means $(\theta_\lambda, \varphi_\lambda) = (h_\lambda h_\lambda^{-1}, k_\lambda k_\lambda^{-1}) \neq (\Delta_G, \Delta_A)$. Let $x, y \in G$ such that $f(x) = (x_1, x_2)$ and $f(y) = (y_1, y_2)$. Then

$$(f^{-1}(x_1, x_2), f^{-1}(x_1, y_2)) \in \theta_1 \quad \text{and} \quad (f^{-1}(x_1, y_2), f^{-1}(y_1, y_2)) \in \theta_2.$$

Hence $(x, y) = (f^{-1}(x_1, x_2), f^{-1}(y_1, y_2)) \in \theta_1 \theta_2$. Thus, $\theta_1 \theta_2 = G \times G$ and similarly $\theta_2 \theta_1 = G \times G$. Whence $\theta_1 \theta_2 = \theta_2 \theta_1$. The same conclusion may be derived for φ_1 and φ_2 . Therefore,

$$(\theta_1, \varphi_1) \vee (\theta_2, \varphi_2) = (\theta_1 \vee \theta_2, \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2) = (\theta_1 \theta_2, \varphi_1 \varphi_2) = (G \times G, A \times A).$$

If $(x, y) \in \theta_1 \cap \theta_2$, so that $(x, y) \in \theta_1$ and $(x, y) \in \theta_2$, then $x_1 = y_1$ and $x_2 = y_2$. Since f is one-to-one, then $x = y$ or $(x, y) \in \Delta_G$. Hence $\theta_1 \cap \theta_2 = \Delta_G$ and in an analogous manner, $\varphi_1 \cap \varphi_2 = \Delta_A$. The conclusion follows.

Conversely, suppose (θ_i, φ_i) ($i=1, 2$) are non-trivial congruences satisfying (1) and (2). Consider the product genalgebra $\mathfrak{S}/(\theta_1, \varphi_1) \times \mathfrak{S}/(\theta_2, \varphi_2) = \langle G/\theta_1 \times G/\theta_2, O_1, \dots, O_n, A/\varphi_1 \times A/\varphi_2 \rangle$ and define $f: G \Rightarrow G/\theta_1 \times G/\theta_2$ and $g: A \Rightarrow A/\varphi_1 \times A/\varphi_2$ such that $f(x) = (x/\theta_1, x/\theta_2)$ and $g(a) = (a/\varphi_1, a/\varphi_2)$. The pair (f, g) is clearly a homomorphism, for, if $i=1, \dots, n$ and $x_1, \dots, x_{m_i} \in G$, then

$$\begin{aligned} g(o_i(x_1, \dots, x_{m_i})) &= (o_i(x_1, \dots, x_{m_i})/\varphi_1, o_i(x_1, \dots, x_{m_i})/\varphi_2) \\ &= (O_i^1(x_1/\theta_1, \dots, x_{m_i}/\theta_1), O_i^2(x_1/\theta_2, \dots, x_{m_i}/\theta_2)) \\ &= O_i((x_1/\theta_1, x_1/\theta_2), \dots, (x_{m_i}/\theta_1, x_{m_i}/\theta_2)) = O_i(f(x_1), \dots, f(x_{m_i})). \end{aligned}$$

If $(x/\theta_1, x/\theta_2) = (y/\theta_1, y/\theta_2)$, so that $(x, y) \in \theta_1$ and $(x, y) \in \theta_2$, then $(x, y) \in \theta_1 \cap \theta_2 = \Delta_G$. Whence $x = y$. Finally, if $(x_1/\theta_1, x_2/\theta_2) \in G/\theta_1 \times G/\theta_2$, then, inasmuch as $G \times G = \theta_1 \vee \theta_2 = \theta_1 \theta_2$, there exists an $x \in G$ such that

$$(x, x_1) \in \theta_1 \quad \text{and} \quad (x, x_2) \in \theta_2.$$

Thus, $(x_1/\theta_1, x_2/\theta_2) = (x/\theta_1, x/\theta_2) = f(x)$. Therefore, f (and similarly g) is onto. The proof is now complete.

For convenience, let us call a family of congruences in a genalgebra *permutable* if and only if for each pair (θ_1, φ_1) and (θ_2, φ_2) of the family we have $\theta_1 \theta_2 = \theta_2 \theta_1$ and $\varphi_1 \varphi_2 = \varphi_2 \varphi_1$.

Theorem 7. *Let \mathfrak{S} be a genalgebra with permutable congruences. Then \mathfrak{S} is isomorphic with a direct product of the genalgebras $\mathfrak{S}_j = \langle G_j, o_j^1, \dots, o_j^n, A_j \rangle$ ($j=1, \dots, m$) if and only if for each $j=1, \dots, m$, there exists a homomorphism (h_λ, k_λ) of \mathfrak{S} onto \mathfrak{S}_j whose kernels $(\theta_j, \varphi_j) = (h_j h_j^{-1}, k_j k_j^{-1})$ satisfy the conditions*

- (1) $\bigcap_{j=1}^m (\theta_j, \varphi_j) = (\Delta_G, \Delta_A)$;
- (2) $\bigcap_{j=1}^{k-1} (\theta_j, \varphi_j) \vee (\theta_k, \varphi_k) = (G \times G, A \times A)$

for each $k=2, 3, \dots, m$.

Proof. Suppose \mathfrak{S} is isomorphic to $\prod_{j=1}^m \mathfrak{S}_j$ under (f, g) . Let $(p_j, q_j): \prod_{j=1}^m \mathfrak{S}_j \Rightarrow \mathfrak{S}_j$ denote the projection homomorphisms such that $p_j(x_1, \dots, x_m) = x_j$ and $q_j(a_1, \dots, a_m) = a_j$. For $j=1, \dots, m$, let $h_j = p_j f$ and $k_j = q_j g$. Then, obviously $h_j(G) = G_j$ and $k_j(A) = A_j$. If $(x, x') \in \bigcap_{j=1}^m \theta_j$, so that $h_j(x) = p_j(f(x)) = p_j(f(x')) = h_j(x')$ for $j=1, \dots, m$, then $f(x) = f(x')$. Thus, $x = x'$ or $(x, x') \in \Delta_G$. Therefore $\bigcap_{j=1}^m \theta_j = \Delta_G$ and similarly $\bigcap_{j=1}^m \varphi_j = \Delta_A$. Let $(x, x') \in G \times G$ with $f(x) = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$ and $f(x') = (x'_1, \dots, x'_m)$ and let $y \in G$ be such that $f(y) = (x_1, \dots, x_{k-1}, x'_k, \dots)$ for $k=1, \dots, m$. Then $h_j(x) = p_j f(x) = p_j f(y) = h_j(y)$ for $j=1, 2, \dots, k-1$ and $h_k(y) = p_k f(y) = p_k f(x') = h_k(x')$. In other words, $(x, y) \in \theta_j$ for $j=1, \dots, k-1$ and hence $(x, y) \in \bigcap_{j=1}^{k-1} \theta_j$ while $(y, x') \in \theta_k$. Thus, $(x, x') \in \bigcap_{j=1}^{k-1} \theta_j \vee \theta_k$. This means $\bigcap_{j=1}^{k-1} \theta_j \vee \theta_k = G \times G$ and in a similar manner $\bigcap_{j=1}^{k-1} \varphi_j \vee \varphi_k = A \times A$ for $k=2, \dots, m$.

The converse follows by a simple induction.

Corollary 8. *The representations of a genalgebra \mathfrak{S} with permutable congruences as a direct product of a finite number of genalgebras are in one-to-one correspondence with the collection of finite sets of congruences $\{(\theta_j, \varphi_j) | j=1, \dots, m\}$ of \mathfrak{S} such that*

- (1) $\bigcap_{j=1}^m (\theta_j, \varphi_j) = (\Delta_G, \Delta_A)$;
- (2) $\bigcap_{j=1}^{k-1} (\theta_j, \varphi_j) \vee (\theta_k, \varphi_k) = (G \times G, A \times A)$ for each $k=2, \dots, m$.

Theorem 9. *If the congruences of a genalgebra \mathfrak{S} permute and \mathfrak{S} is isomorphic to a subdirect product of simple genalgebras $\mathfrak{S}_j = \langle G_j, o_1^j, \dots, o_n^j, A_j \rangle (j=1, \dots, m)$, i.e. genalgebras with no proper congruences, then \mathfrak{S} is also isomorphic with a direct product of some subset of $\{\mathfrak{S}_j | j=1, \dots, m\}$.*

Proof. Corresponding to the simple subdirect factors $\mathfrak{S}_j (j=1, \dots, m)$ there exist reduced congruences (θ_j, φ_j) in \mathfrak{S} such that $\bigcap_{j=1}^m (\theta_j, \varphi_j) = (\Delta_G, \Delta_A)$ and $\mathfrak{S}_j \cong \mathfrak{S} / (\theta_j, \varphi_j)$. Since \mathfrak{S}_j are simple, then (θ_j, φ_j) are maximal reduced congruences. Choose a minimal subfamily of $\{(\theta_j, \varphi_j) | j=1, \dots, m\}$ such that its corresponding congruences satisfy

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^r (\theta_i, \varphi_i) = (\Delta_G, \Delta_A).$$

Then, for each $k=2, \dots, m$ note that we have

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^{k-1} (\theta_{j_i}, \varphi_{j_i}) \vee (\theta_{j_k}, \varphi_{j_k}) \geq (\theta_{j_k}, \varphi_{j_k}).$$

Thus, either

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^{k-1} (\theta_{j_i}, \varphi_{j_i}) \vee (\theta_{j_k}, \varphi_{j_k}) = (\theta_{j_k}, \varphi_{j_k})$$

or

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^{k-1} (\theta_{j_i}, \varphi_{j_i}) \vee (\theta_{j_k}, \varphi_{j_k}) = (G \times G, A \times A).$$

In the first case, then

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^{k-1} (\theta_{j_i}, \varphi_{j_i}) \leq (\theta_{j_k}, \varphi_{j_k})$$

and hence by maximality,

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^{k-1} (\theta_{j_i}, \varphi_{j_i}) = (\theta_{j_k}, \varphi_{j_k})$$

contrary to the minimality of the set $\{(\theta_{j_i}, \varphi_{j_i}) \mid i=1, \dots, r\}$. Whence the second condition prevails and the result follows.

Theorem 10. *If the lattice of congruences of a genalgebra \mathfrak{S} is distributive and \mathfrak{S} is isomorphic to a subdirect product of the genalgebras $\{\mathfrak{S}_j \mid j=1, \dots, m\}$ under (f, g) , then for each homomorphism (h, k) of \mathfrak{S} the genalgebra $(h, k)(\mathfrak{S}) = \langle h(G), O_1, \dots, O_n, k(A) \rangle$ is also isomorphic to a subdirect product of homomorphic images of the genalgebras \mathfrak{S}_j ($j=1, \dots, m$).*

Proof. By hypothesis and Theorem 1, there exists congruences (θ_j, φ_j) such that

$$\bigcap_{j=1}^m (\theta_j, \varphi_j) = (\Delta_G, \Delta_A)$$

and

$$\mathfrak{S}_j \cong \mathfrak{S} / (\theta_j, \varphi_j).$$

Let $\mathfrak{S} / (\theta, \varphi)$ be any quotient genalgebra of \mathfrak{S} and hence any homomorphic image $(h, k)(\mathfrak{S}) = \mathfrak{S} / (\theta, \varphi)$ of \mathfrak{S} . By Theorem 3, $\mathfrak{S} / (\theta, \varphi)$ is isomorphic to a subdirect product of irreducible genalgebras. Let the corresponding reduced congruences of this decomposition be given by $(\tilde{\zeta}_\mu, \tilde{\eta}_\mu) \mid \mu \in M$. From subdirect irreducibility, we have each of the congruences (completely) meet-irreducible. Also, each of the congruences $(\tilde{\zeta}_\mu, \tilde{\eta}_\mu)$ corresponds to a reduced congruence (ζ_μ, η_μ) of \mathfrak{S} . Considering an arbitrary $\mu \in M$, we have $(\zeta_\mu, \eta_\mu) = (\zeta_\mu, \eta_\mu) \vee \bigcap_{j=1}^m (\theta_j, \varphi_j) = \bigcap_{j=1}^m [(\zeta_\mu, \eta_\mu) \vee (\theta_j, \varphi_j)]$. By meet-irreducibility, then

$$(\zeta_\mu, \eta_\mu) = (\zeta_\mu, \eta_\mu) \vee (\theta_{j_\mu}, \varphi_{j_\mu})$$

or

$$(\zeta_\mu, \eta_\mu) \geq (\theta_{j_\mu}, \varphi_{j_\mu}) \quad \text{for some } j_\mu = 1, \dots, m.$$

Let then

$$(\psi_{j_\mu}, \omega_{j_\mu}) = \bigcap_{(\zeta_\mu, \eta_\mu) \geq (\theta_{j_\mu}, \varphi_{j_\mu})} (\zeta_\mu, \eta_\mu).$$

If $\Omega = \{(\psi_{j_\mu}, \omega_{j_\mu}) \mid \mu \in M\}$, then

$$\bigcap_{\theta \in \Omega} \tilde{\theta} = (\Delta_{G/\theta}, \Delta_{A/\varphi}).$$

Thus $\mathfrak{S} / (\theta, \psi)$ is isomorphic to a subdirect product of the genalgebras $\{(\mathfrak{S} / (\theta, \varphi)) / \tilde{\theta} \mid \theta \in \Omega\}$ or $\{\mathfrak{S} / \theta \mid \theta \in \Omega\}$, and hence of

$$\{(\mathfrak{S}/\theta_{j_\mu}, \varphi_{j_\mu})/(\tilde{\psi}_{j_\mu}, \tilde{\omega}_{j_\mu}) \mid \mu \in M\}$$

which are homomorphic images of $\mathfrak{S}_j(j=1, \dots, m)$. Q.E.D.

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