

### 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  $(\theta, \varphi)$  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  $(h_\lambda, k_\lambda)$  of  $\mathfrak{S}$  onto  $\mathfrak{S}_\lambda$  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  $(h_\lambda, k_\lambda)$  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  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$ . 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  $(\theta_i, \varphi_i)$  ( $i=1, 2$ ) 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  $(\theta_1, \varphi_1)$  and  $(\theta_2, \varphi_2)$  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  $(h_\lambda, k_\lambda)$  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  $(\theta_j, \varphi_j)$  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  $(\theta_j, \varphi_j)$  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  $(\theta_j, \varphi_j)$  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  $(\zeta_\mu, \eta_\mu)$  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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