

# PhD course on $\ell$ -groups and polyhedral geometry

Fundamental results in the theory of  $\ell$ -groups.

1. Hölder theorem (1901) "Every Archimedean linearly ordered  $\ell$ -group embeds into  $(\mathbb{R}, +, \leq_1, \min, \max)$ "
2. Weinberg theorem (1965) " $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \leq_1, \min, \max)$  generates the variety of ab.  $\ell$ -group"
3. Bernau theorem (1965) "Every Archimedean  $\ell$ -group is commutative"
4. Hölder - linearly ordered = Yosida's representation (1940's)
5. Hölder - Archimedean = Hahn's embedding theorem (.1907)
6. Hahn - linearly ordered = Howey-Holland (1962)
7. Yosida + finitely presented = Baker-Beynon (1970's)
8. Yosida + vector lattice + complete in the norm = Kakutani duality (1940's)
9. Mundici's equivalence (1986) = "The category of abelian  $\ell$ -groups with strong order unit is equivalent to TV-algebras,

**Def** A group  $(G, +, -, \circ, \leq)$  is said to be partially ordered if it  $\leq$  is a partial order compatible with  $+$  (or translation invariant), i.e.,  $\forall x \forall y \forall z \in G \quad x \leq y \Rightarrow x+z \leq y+z$  and  $z+x \leq z+y$ . A partially ordered group is called ordered group ( $\circ$ -group) if the order is linear and it is called lattice (ordered) group ( $\ell$ -group) if the order is a lattice order.

**Remark** If  $G$  is a partially ordered group, define

$$G^+ = \{x \in G \mid x > 0\} \quad \text{the positive cone of } G$$

the partial order of  $G$  is completely determined by  $G^+$

$$x > y \iff x-y > 0 \iff x-y \in G^+$$

In general if  $P \subseteq G$  such that  $P$  is closed under addition, (normal), and such that  $P \cap -P = \emptyset$  the  $P$  induces a partial order |

that makes  $G$  a partially ordered group

$$g + P - g = P$$

Lemme 1 + distributes over  $\vee$  and  $\wedge$

Proof

$$x + (y \vee z) = (x+y) \vee (x+z)$$

$$\begin{aligned} y \vee z \geq y &\Rightarrow x + (y \vee z) \geq x + y \\ y \vee z \geq z &\Rightarrow x + (y \vee z) \geq x + z \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} x + (y \vee z) \geq (x+y) \vee (x+z) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\text{Suppose that } w \geq (x+y) \vee (x+z) \Rightarrow w \geq x+y \Rightarrow w - x \geq y \stackrel{=}{} w - x \geq z$$

$$\Rightarrow w - x \geq y \vee z \Rightarrow w \geq x + (y \vee z)$$

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Lemme 2

$$1) \quad x \geq 0 \Rightarrow -x \leq 0$$

$$2) \quad x \leq y \Rightarrow -y \leq -x$$

Proof

$$1) \quad x \geq 0 \Rightarrow x - x \geq -x \Rightarrow 0 \geq -x$$

$$2) \quad x \leq y \Rightarrow x - y \leq 0 \Rightarrow -(x-y) \geq 0 \Rightarrow y - x \geq 0 \Rightarrow -x \geq -y \quad \square$$

Corollary

$$1) \quad - (x \wedge y) = -x \vee -y$$

$$2) \quad - (x \vee y) = -x \wedge -y$$

**Remark**

By the previous corollary if a partially ordered group is  
 a  $\wedge$ -semilattice or  $\vee$ -semilattice, then it is an  $\ell$ -group.

**Lemma 3**

$$x - (x \wedge y) + y = x \vee y$$

Proof

$$x - (x \wedge y) = x + (-x \vee -y) = (x-x) \vee (x-y) = (y-y) \vee (x-y)$$

$$= (x \vee y) - y$$

$$\Rightarrow x - (x \wedge y) = (x \vee y) - y \Rightarrow x - (x \wedge y) + y = x \vee y \quad \square$$

**Definition**

$$\text{If } g \in G \quad g^+ := g \vee 0 \quad g^- := (-g) \vee 0$$

$$|g| = g^+ + g^-$$

$$\text{Notice that } g + g^- = g + (-g \vee 0) = (g-g) \vee g \vee 0 = 0 \vee g = g^+$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$g = g^+ - g^-$$

$$g^+ \wedge g^- = (g^+ + g^-) \wedge g^- = (g^+ + g^-) \wedge (0 + g^-) = (g^+ \wedge 0) + g^- = -g^- + g^- = 0$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$g^+ \wedge g^- = 0 \quad g^+, g^- \text{ are orthogonal.}$$

Lemme 4

$$g = |g| \Leftrightarrow g \geq 0$$

Proof Recall

$$|g| := g^+ - g^-$$

$\Leftarrow$  Suppose  $g \geq 0$   $g \vee 0 = g$  and  $-g \vee 0 = 0 \Rightarrow g = g^+ + g^- = |g|$

$\Rightarrow$  Suppose  $g = |g| \Rightarrow g^+ - g^- = g^+ + g^- \Rightarrow 2g^- = 0 \Rightarrow g^- = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow -g \vee 0 = 0 \Rightarrow -g \leq 0 \Rightarrow g \geq 0$

Lemme 5

Any  $\ell$ -group is torsion-free

$$ng = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} n(-g) = 0 \\ \text{---} \\ -ng \end{matrix}$$

Proof. Suppose  $ng = g + \dots + g = 0$   
 $n$  times

$$n(g \vee 0) = (g \vee 0) + (n-1)(g \vee 0) = \cancel{ng} \vee (n-1)g \vee \dots \vee g \vee 0 = (n-1)(g \vee 0)$$

$$\text{So } n(g \vee 0) = (n-1)(g \vee 0) \Rightarrow g \vee 0 = 0$$

Similarly one proves that  $-g \vee 0 = 0$ . Hence  $g = 0 \quad \square$