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## THE LATTICE OF REGULAR COEQUALITIES

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*Abstract.* For a coequality  $q$  we say that it is regular coequality on set  $X$  ordered under the anti-order  $\alpha$  if there exists an anti-order  $\theta$  on  $X/q$  such that the natural mapping  $\pi : X \rightarrow X/q$  is a reverse isotone surjection of anti-ordered sets. The lattice of regular coequalities is described.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

This short investigation, in the framework of Bishop's constructive mathematics ([1–3] and [9]), is continuation of the author's previous papers [6–8]. Bishop's constructive mathematics is developed on Constructive Logic ([9]) - logic without the Law of Excluded Middle  $P \vee \neg P$ . Let us note that in Constructive Logic the 'Double Negation Law'  $P \iff \neg\neg P$  does not hold, but the implication  $P \implies \neg\neg P$  holds even in Minimal Logic. We have to note that 'the crazy axiom'  $\neg P \implies (P \implies Q)$  is included in the Constructive Logic. In Constructive Logic the 'Weak Law of Excluded Middle'  $\neg P \vee \neg\neg P$  does not hold, too. It is interesting, that in Constructive Logic the following deduction principle

$$A \vee B, \neg A \vdash B$$

holds, but this is impossible to prove without 'the crazy axiom'. Bishop's Constructive Mathematics is consistent with Classical Mathematics.

A relational structure  $(X, =, \neq)$ , where the relation " $\neq$ " is a binary relation on  $X$ , which satisfies the following properties:

$\neg(x \neq x), x \neq y \implies y \neq x, x \neq z \implies x \neq y \vee y \neq z, x \neq y \wedge y = z \implies x \neq z$  will be called a set. Following Heyting, the relation  $\neq$  is called *apartness*. A relation  $q$  on  $X$  is a *coequality relation* on  $X$  if and only if it is consistent, symmetric and

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cotransitive ([4, 5]):

$$q \subseteq \neq, q^{-1} = q, q \subseteq q * q,$$

where " $*$ " is the *filled product* between relations (see [4]). Let  $\beta$  be a consistent relation on  $X$ . We put  $^1\beta = \beta$  and  $^n\beta = \beta * \dots * \beta$  ( $n$  factors,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ). Then ([4]) the relation  $c(\beta) = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} ^n\beta$ , the *cotransitive fulfillment* of  $\beta$ , is the maximal consistent and cotransitive relation on the set  $X$  under  $\beta$ .

A relation  $\alpha$  on  $X$  is an *antiorder* ([6]) on  $X$  if and only if

$$\alpha \subseteq \neq, \alpha \subseteq \alpha * \alpha, \neq \subseteq \alpha \cup \alpha^{-1} (\text{linearity}).$$

A relation  $\sigma$  on  $X$  is a *quasi-antiorder* ([6]) on  $X$  if

$$\sigma \subseteq \neq, \sigma \subseteq \sigma * \sigma.$$

Let  $x$  be an element of  $X$  and let  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ . We use the notation  $x \bowtie A$  if and only if  $(\forall a \in A)(x \neq a)$ , and  $A^C = \{x \in X : x \bowtie A\}$ . If  $\sigma$  is a quasi-antiorder on  $X$ , then the relation  $q = \sigma \cup \sigma^{-1}$  is a coequality on  $X$ . Firstly, the relation  $q^C = \{(x, y) \in X \times X : (x, y) \bowtie q\}$  is an equality relation on  $X$  compatible with  $q$ , in the following sense  $(\forall a, b, c \in X)((a, b) \in q^C \wedge (b, c) \in q \implies (a, c) \in q)$ . We can construct the factor-set  $X/(q^C, q) = \{aq^C : a \in X\}$  with

$$aq^C =_1 bq^C \iff (a, b) \bowtie q, aq^C \neq_1 bq^C \iff (a, b) \in q.$$

We can also construct the factor-set  $X/q = \{aq : a \in X\}$  with

$$aq =_1 bq \iff (a, b) \bowtie q, aq \neq_1 bq \iff (a, b) \in q.$$

It is easy to check that  $X/(q^C, q) \cong X/q$ . The mapping  $\pi : X \longrightarrow X/q$ , defined by  $\pi(a) = aq$  for any  $a \in X$ , is a strongly extensional surjection.

Secondly, note that the relation  $\alpha^C$  is an order relation on set  $(X, \neg \neq, \neq)$ . If the relation  $\neg \alpha$  is an order relation on  $(X, =, \neq)$ , when the apartness is tight,  $\neg \neq \subseteq =$  ([5]), then the relation  $\alpha$  is called *excise relation* on  $X$ . (The notion of anti-order relation is more general than notion of excise relation.)

For a given anti-ordered set  $(X, =, \neq, \alpha)$  it is essential to know if there exists a coequality relation  $q$  on  $X$  such that  $X/q$  is an anti-ordered set. This plays an important role in the investigation of anti-ordered sets. The following question is natural: If  $(X, =, \neq, \alpha)$  is an anti-ordered set and  $q$  a coequality on  $X$ , is the set  $X/q$  an anti-ordered set? A possible anti-order on  $X/q$  could be the relation  $\Theta$  on  $X/q$  defined by the anti-order  $\alpha$  on  $X$ , where  $\Theta = \{(xq, yq) \in X/q \times X/q : (x, y) \in \alpha\}$ . But it is not an anti-order, in general. The following question arises: Is there a coequality  $q$  on  $X$  for which  $X/q$  is an anti-ordered set? The concept of quasi-antiorder relation was introduced in [6]. According to [6], if  $(X, =, \neq, \alpha)$  is an anti-ordered set and  $\sigma$  a quasi-antiorder on  $X$ , then the relation  $q$  on  $X$ , defined by  $q = \sigma \cup \sigma^{-1}$

is a coequality relation on  $X$  and the set  $X/q$  is an ordered set under anti-order  $\Theta$  defined by  $(xq, yq) \in \Theta \iff (x, y) \in \sigma$ . So, according to the results in [6], each quasi-antiorder  $\sigma$  on an ordered set  $X$  under anti-order  $\alpha$  induces a coequality relation  $q = \sigma \cup \sigma^{-1}$  on  $X$  such that  $X/q$  is an ordered set under antiorder  $\Theta$ . In [7] we prove that the converse of this statement also holds. If  $(X, =, \neq, \alpha)$  is an anti-ordered set and  $q$  a coequality relation on  $X$  and if there exists an antiorder relation  $\theta_1$  on  $X/q$  such that  $(X/q, =_1, \neq_1, \theta_1)$  is an ordered set under antiorder  $\theta_1$ , then there exists a quasi-antiorder  $\sigma$  on  $X$  such that  $q = \sigma \cup \sigma^{-1}$  and  $\theta_1 = \Theta$ . So, each coequality relation  $q$  on a set  $(X, =, \neq, \alpha)$  such that  $X/q$  is an anti-ordered set induces a quasi-antiorder on  $X$ . This was the motivation of a new notion. For that we need the following notion: Let  $f$  be a strongly extensional mapping of anti-ordered sets from  $(X, =, \neq, \alpha)$  into  $(Y, =, \neq, \beta)$ . For  $f$  we say that it is *reverse isotone* if

$$(\forall a, b \in X)((f(a), f(b)) \in \beta \implies (a, b) \in \alpha)$$

holds. A coequality relation  $q$  on  $X$  is called *regular* if there is an antiorder " $\theta_1$ " on  $X/q$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (1)  $(X/q, =_1, \neq_1, \theta_1)$  is an anti-ordered set;
- (2) The mapping  $\pi : X \ni a \mapsto aq \in X/q$  is an anti-order reverse isotone surjection.

We call the antiorder " $\theta_1$ " on  $X/q$  a *regular antiorder with respect* to a regular coequality  $q$  on  $X$  and the anti-order  $\alpha$ .

It is obviously that the regular antiorder on  $X/q$  with respect to a regular coequality  $q$  and to the antiorder  $\alpha$  on  $X$  is in general not unique. The following questions now naturally arise: Does there exist the maximal regular antiorder on  $X/q$  with respect to a regular coequality  $q$  on  $X$ ? Are all coequalities on anti-ordered sets regular? Trying to find an answers for the above questions, in this note we give a description of the family of regular coequalities. In Theorem 1 and Theorem 2 we give necessary and sufficient conditions such that coequality on an anti-ordered set is regular. In Theorem 3 we give a construction of the maximal quasi-antiorder on the anti-ordered set  $X$  induced by a regular coequality  $q$  on  $X$ . The section "The lattice of regular coequalities" contains the main results of this paper. We prove that the family of all regular coequalities with respect to the one anti-order relation on ordered set is a complete lattice and describe that lattice.

For the necessary undefined notions, the reader is referred to books [1–3, 9] and to papers [4–8].

## 2. REGULAR ANTICONGRUENCES

In the following lemma we describe classes of a quasi-antiorder relation:

**Lemma 1** ([7, Lemma 0]). *Let  $\sigma$  be a quasi-antiorder on set  $X$ . Then  $x\sigma$  ( $\sigma x$ ) is a strongly extensional subset of  $X$ , such that  $x \bowtie x\sigma$  ( $x \bowtie \sigma x$ ), for each  $x \in X$ .*

In order to obtain the relationship between regular anticongruence and quasi-antiorder on  $X$ , the following theorem is essential.

**Theorem 1** ([7, Theorem 1]). *Let  $(X, =, \neq, \alpha)$  be an anti-ordered set, let  $q$  be a coequality on  $X$ . The following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $q$  is regular.
- (2) there exists a quasi-antiorder  $\sigma$  on  $X$ , such that  $q = \sigma \cup \sigma^{-1}$ .

**Theorem 2** ([7, Corollary 2]). *Let  $(X, =, \neq, \alpha)$  be an anti-ordered set and let  $q$  be a coequality on  $X$ . The following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $q$  is regular;
- (2) there exists an anti-ordered set  $(T, =, \neq, \theta)$  and a strongly extensional reverse isotone mapping  $\varphi : S \longrightarrow T$  such that  $q = \{(a, b) \in X \times X : \varphi(a) \neq \varphi(b)\}$ .

Recall that, by Lemma 1, any class  $aq$  of coequality relation  $q$ , generated by the element  $a \in X$ , is strongly extensional subset of  $X$ . Besides, we have the following assertion, which is crucial for the characterization of regular coequality on an anti-ordered set  $(X, =, \neq, \alpha)$ : If  $q$  is a regular coequality relation on an anti-ordered set  $X$ , then for every  $q$ -class  $aq$  in  $X$  we have

$$((x, y) \bowtie \alpha \wedge (y, z) \bowtie \alpha \wedge x, z \bowtie aq) \implies y \bowtie aq$$

for any  $x, y, z, a \in X$ . If  $q$  is a regular coequality on a set  $X$ , then there exists an anti-order relation  $\theta$  on  $X/q$  such that the natural mapping  $\pi : X \longrightarrow X/q$  is a strongly extensive reverse isotone surjection. Besides, there exists a quasi-antiorder  $\sigma$  under  $\alpha$ , defined by  $(x, y) \in \sigma \iff (xq, yq) \in \theta$  such that  $\sigma \cup \sigma^{-1} = q$ . Let  $t$  be an arbitrary element of  $aq$ . Then  $(a, t) \in q = \sigma \cup \sigma^{-1}$ . Thus  $(a, t) \in \sigma$  or  $(t, a) \in \sigma$ . Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (a, t) \in \sigma &\implies ((a, x) \in \sigma \subseteq q \vee (x, y) \in \sigma \subseteq \alpha \vee (y, t) \in \sigma \subseteq q \subseteq \neq) \\ &\implies t \neq y; \\ (t, a) \in \sigma &\implies ((t, y) \in \sigma \subseteq \neq \vee (y, z) \in \sigma \subseteq \alpha \vee (z, a) \in \sigma \subseteq q) \\ &\implies t \neq y. \end{aligned}$$

So, in both cases, we have that  $t \in aq \implies t \neq y$ . Therefore,  $y \bowtie aq$ .

We also have

$$((x, y) \bowtie \alpha \wedge (y, z) \bowtie \alpha \wedge y \in aq) \implies x \in aq \vee z \in aq$$

for any  $x, y, a \in X$ . Indeed, if  $x, y, z, a \in X$  such that  $(x, y) \bowtie \alpha$  and  $(y, z) \bowtie \alpha$  and  $x \in aq$ , then  $(a, y) \in q = \sigma \cup \sigma^{-1} \implies ((a, y) \in \sigma \vee (y, a) \in \sigma)$ . Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} ((a, y) \in \sigma \vee (y, a) \in \sigma) &\implies \\ ((a, x) \in \sigma \subseteq q \vee (x, y) \in \sigma \subseteq \alpha) \vee ((y, z) \in \sigma \subseteq \alpha \vee (z, a) \in \sigma \subseteq q) &\implies \\ x \in aq \vee z \in aq. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $q$  be a regular coequality relation on the anti-ordered set  $(X, =, \neq, \alpha)$ . Then there exists anti-order  $\theta$  on  $X/q$  such that the natural mapping  $\pi : X \longrightarrow X/q$  is reverse isotone. Hence, by [7], there exists a quasi-antiorder  $\sigma$  under  $\alpha$  such that  $q = \sigma \cup \sigma^{-1}$  and  $\theta \subseteq \{(aq, bq) \in X/q \times X/q : (a, b) \in \sigma\}$ . In the following theorem we show that there exists such maximal quasi-antiorder  $\tau$  under  $\alpha$  and we prove that there exists such construction of that relation.

**Theorem 3** ([7, Theorem 3]). *Let  $q$  be a regular coequality relation on anti-ordered set  $(X, =, \neq, \alpha)$ . Then there exists the maximal quasi-antiorder relation  $\tau$  under  $\alpha$  such that  $q = \tau \cup \tau^{-1}$  and  $\theta \subseteq \{(aq, bq) \in X/q \times X/q : (a, b) \in \tau\}$ . That relation is exactly the following relation  $c(q \cap \alpha) = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} {}^n(q \cap \alpha)$ .*

At the end of this consideration, we give the following assertion:

**Theorem 4** ([7, Corollary 4]). *Let  $q$  be a regular coequality on anti-ordered set  $(X, =, \neq, \alpha)$ . Then there exists the maximal antiorder relation on  $X/q$ . That relation is exactly the following relation  $\{(aq, bq) \in X/q \times X/q : (a, b) \in c(q \cap \alpha)\}$ .*

### 3. THE LATTICE OF REGULAR COEQUALITIES

Let  $(X, =, \neq, \alpha)$  be anti-ordered set. We denote by  $\mathfrak{R}(X, \alpha)$  the family of all regular coequality relations on  $X$  with respect to  $\alpha$  and  $\mathfrak{S}(X, \alpha)$  denotes the family of all quasi-antiorder relation on  $X$  included in  $\alpha$ .

**Theorem 5.** *Let  $X$  be an anti-ordered set. Then  $\mathfrak{R}(X, \alpha)$  is a complete lattice.*

*Proof.* Let  $\{q_k\}_{k \in K}$  be a family of regular coequality relations on  $X$ .

(1) Then  $\bigcup_k q_k$  is a regular coequality relation on  $X$ . If fact, if  $\theta_k$  is an anti-order relation on  $X/q_k$  with respect to  $q_k$  and  $\alpha$ , then  $\bigcup_k \theta_k$  is an anti-order relation on  $X/(\bigcup_k q_k)$  with respect to  $\bigcup_k q_k$  and  $\alpha$ .

(2) For each  $k$  there exists a quasi-antiorder relation  $\sigma_k$  on  $X$  under  $\alpha$  such that  $q_k = \sigma_k \cup (\sigma_k)^{-1}$ . Then  $\tau = c(\bigcap_k \sigma_k)$  is the maximal quasi-antiorder relation under  $(\bigcap_k \sigma_k \subseteq) \alpha$ . Thus, the relation  $q = \tau \cup \tau^{-1}$  is a coequality relation on  $X$  and the relation  $\theta = \pi \circ \tau \circ \pi^{-1}$  is an anti-order relation on  $X/q$ . So, the relation  $q$  is a regular coequality relation on  $X$  with respect to and  $\alpha$ .  $\square$

Let us note that family  $\mathfrak{S}(X, \alpha)$  is a completely lattice. Indeed, in the following theorem we give prove this fact:

**Theorem 6.** *If  $\{\tau_k\}_{k \in J}$  is a family of quasi-antiorders on a set  $(X, =, \neq, \alpha)$ , then  $\bigcup_{k \in J} \tau_k$  and  $c(\bigcap_{k \in J} \tau_k)$  are quasi-antiorders in  $X$ . So, the family  $\mathfrak{S}(X, \alpha)$  is a completely lattice.*

*Proof.* Let  $\{\tau_k\}_{k \in J}$  be a family of quasi-antiorders on a set  $(X, =, \neq, \alpha)$  under  $\alpha$  and let  $(x, z)$  be an arbitrary elements of  $X$  such that  $(x, z) \in \bigcup_{k \in J} \tau_k$ . Then, there exists  $k$  in  $J$  such that  $(x, z) \in \tau_k$ . Hence, for every  $y \in X$  we have  $(x, y) \in \tau_k$  and  $(y, z) \in \tau_k$ .

So,  $(x, y) \in \bigcup_{k \in J} \tau_k \vee (y, z) \in \bigcup_{k \in J} \tau_k$ . On the other hand, for every  $k$  in  $J$  holds  $\tau_k \subseteq \alpha$ . From this we have  $\bigcup_{k \in J} \tau_k \subseteq \alpha$ .

It is clear that the relation  $c(\bigcap_{k \in J} \tau_k)$  is the maximal quasi-antiorder relation under  $\bigcap_{k \in J} \tau_k (\subseteq \alpha)$ .  $\square$

As end of this consideration we establish connection between lattices  $\mathfrak{R}(X, \alpha)$  and  $\mathfrak{S}(X, \alpha)$

**Theorem 7.** *The mapping*

$$\varphi : \mathfrak{S}(X, \alpha) \longrightarrow \mathfrak{R}(X, \alpha),$$

defined by  $\varphi(\tau) = \tau \cup \tau^{-1}$ , is a strongly extensional surjective function. Relations  $\varepsilon = \text{Ker} \varphi$  and  $\omega = \text{Antiker} \varphi = \{(\tau, \sigma) \in \mathfrak{S}(X, \alpha) \times \mathfrak{S}(X, \alpha) : \tau \cup \tau^{-1} \neq \sigma \cup \sigma^{-1}\}$  are compatible equality and diversity relation on  $\mathfrak{S}(X, \alpha)$ , and the following isomorphism  $\mathfrak{S}(X, \alpha)/(\varepsilon, \omega) \cong \mathfrak{R}(X, \alpha)$  exists.

*Proof.* (1) The mapping  $\varphi$  is a well-defined strongly extensional function: If  $\tau$  is a quasi-antiorder relation on  $X$ , then  $q(\tau) = \tau \cup \tau^{-1}$  is a coequality relation on  $X$ . Then, there exists an anti-order relation  $\theta$  on  $X/q$  defined by  $(aq, bq) \in \theta \iff (a, b) \in \tau$  and the natural mapping  $\pi : X \longrightarrow X/q(\tau)$  is reverse isotone. This means that  $\varphi(\tau) = \tau \cup \tau^{-1} = q \in \mathfrak{R}(X, \alpha)$ . Let  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  be elements of  $\mathfrak{S}(X, \alpha)$  such that  $\tau\varepsilon = \sigma\varepsilon$ . Then  $(\tau, \sigma) \in \varepsilon$  and  $\varphi(\tau) = \tau \cup \tau^{-1} = \sigma \cup \sigma^{-1} = \varphi(\sigma)$ . Suppose that  $\varphi(\tau) = \tau \cup \tau^{-1} \neq \sigma \cup \sigma^{-1} = \varphi(\sigma)$  for some  $\sigma, \tau \in \mathfrak{S}(X, \alpha)$ . Then there exists an element  $(x, y) \in X \times X$  such that  $((x, y) \in \tau \cup \tau^{-1} \text{ and } (x, y) \not\in \sigma \cup \sigma^{-1})$  or  $((x, y) \in \sigma \cup \sigma^{-1} \text{ and } (x, y) \not\in \tau \cup \tau^{-1})$ . In the first case, we have:  
 $((x, y) \in \tau \vee (x, y) \in \tau^{-1}) \wedge (x, y) \not\in \sigma \wedge (x, y) \not\in \sigma^{-1} \implies$   
 $((x, y) \in \tau \wedge (x, y) \not\in \sigma) \vee ((x, y) \in \tau^{-1} \wedge (x, y) \not\in \sigma^{-1}) \iff$   
 $((x, y) \in \tau \wedge (x, y) \not\in \sigma) \vee ((y, x) \in \tau \wedge (y, x) \not\in \sigma) \implies \tau \neq \sigma.$

In the second case we derive similar implication analogously.

(2)  $\varphi$  is an injective function. In fact: let  $\tau$  and  $\sigma$  be elements of  $\mathfrak{S}(X, \alpha)$  such that  $\varphi(\tau) = \tau \cup \tau^{-1} = \sigma \cup \sigma^{-1} = \varphi(\sigma)$ . Then,  $(\tau, \sigma) \in \varepsilon$  and  $\tau\varepsilon = \sigma\varepsilon$ .

(3)  $\varphi$  is an embedding. Indeed, let  $\tau$  and  $\sigma$  be elements of  $\mathfrak{S}(X, \alpha)$  such that  $\tau\varepsilon \neq \sigma\varepsilon$ , i.e. such that  $(\tau, \sigma) \in \omega$ . It means  $\varphi(\tau) = \tau \cup \tau^{-1} \neq \sigma \cup \sigma^{-1} = \varphi(\sigma)$ .

(4)  $\varphi$  is a surjective function: Let  $q$  be a regular coequality relation on  $X$  with respect to  $\alpha$ , i.e. let  $q$  be a coequality relation on  $X$  such that there exists an anti-order  $\theta$  on  $X/q$  and the natural mapping  $\pi : X \longrightarrow X/q$  is reverse isotone. Then, there exists a quasi-antiorder  $\sigma (\subseteq \alpha)$  on  $X$  such that  $\sigma \cup \sigma^{-1} = q$ . Thus,  $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}(X, \alpha)$  and  $\varphi(\sigma\varepsilon) = \sigma \cup \sigma^{-1} = q$ .  $\square$

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