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## COMPLEMENTARY PAIR OF QUASI-ANTIORDERS

**A b s t r a c t.** The aims of the present paper are to introduce and investigate notions of complementary pairs of quasi-antiorders and half-space quasi-antiorder on a given set. For a pair  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  of quasi-antiorders on a given set  $A$  we say that they are complementary pair if  $\alpha \cup \beta = \neq_A$  and  $\alpha \cap \beta = \emptyset$ . In that case,  $\alpha$  (and  $\beta$ ) is called half-space on  $A$ . Assertion, if  $\alpha$  is a half-space quasi-antiorder on  $A$ , then the induced anti-order  $\theta$  on  $A/(\alpha \cup \alpha^{-1})$  is a half-space too, is the main result of this paper.

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## 1. Introduction

This paper is a continuation of the corresponding author's recent papers [4], [9], [10], and [11]. Our setting is Bishop's constructive mathematics ([1], [2], [6], [12]).

The concept of a relational system was introduced by A.I.Maltsev ([5]) and developed by many mathematicians (see, for example [3]). We will restrict our consideration to relational systems with only one binary relation. Hence, by a relational system we will take a pair  $\mathbf{A} = (A, R)$ , where  $(A, =, \neq)$  is a set with apartness and  $R \subseteq A \times A$ , i. e.,  $R$  is a binary relation on  $A$ . Relational systems play an important role both in mathematics and in applications since every formal description of a real system can be done by means of relations. For these considerations we often ask about a certain factorization of a relational system  $\mathbf{A} = (A, R)$  because it enables us to introduce the method of abstraction on  $\mathbf{A}$ . Hence, if  $q$  is a coequality on  $A$ , we ask about a 'factor relation'  $R/q$  on the factor set  $A/q$  such that the factor system  $(A/q, R/q)$  shares some of 'good' properties of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

In this paper, we are mostly interested in relational systems  $\mathbf{A} = (A, R)$  where  $R$  is *consistent*, i.e.  $(\forall x, y \in A)((x, y) \in R \implies x \neq y)$  and *cotransitive*, i.e.  $(a, c) \in R$  imply  $(\forall b \in A)((a, b) \in R \vee (b, c) \in R)$ . In that case,  $\mathbf{A}$  is called a *consistent and cotransitive system* or a *quasi-antiorder system*. Our intention is to study the situation on  $\mathbf{A}$  such that the system  $(A/q, R/q)$  is also consistent and cotransitive.

Let us note that a similar task for anti-ordered sets was already studied in [4], [9]-[11]. According to [9] and [10], if  $(S, =, \neq, \cdot, \alpha)$  is an anti-ordered semigroup and  $\sigma$  a quasi-antiorder on  $S$ , then the relation  $q$  on  $S$ , defined by  $q = \sigma \cup \sigma^{-1}$ , is an anticongruence on  $S$  and the set  $S/q$  is an anti-ordered semigroup under anti-order  $\theta$  defined by  $(xq, yq) \in \theta \iff (x, y) \in \sigma$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $(A, =, \neq)$  be a set in the sense of books [1], [2], [6] and [12], where " $\neq$ " is a binary relation on  $A$  which satisfies the following properties:

$$\begin{aligned} \neg(x \neq x), \quad x \neq y \implies y \neq x, \quad x \neq z \implies x \neq y \vee y \neq z, \\ x \neq y \wedge y = z \implies x \neq z, \end{aligned}$$

called *apartness* (A. Heyting). Let  $Y$  be a subset of  $A$  and  $x \in A$ . The subset  $Y$  of  $A$  is *strongly extensional* in  $A$  if and only if  $y \in Y \implies y \neq x \vee x \in Y$  ([1], [2]). We define ([7]-[11])  $x \bowtie Y$  by  $(\forall y \in Y)(y \neq x)$  and  $Y^C = \{x \in A : x \bowtie Y\}$ . For a subset  $Y$  of  $A$  we say that it is a *detachable subset* of  $A$  if the following  $x \in A \implies x \in Y \vee x \bowtie Y$  holds ([12]).

Let  $\alpha \subseteq A \times B$  and  $\beta \subseteq B \times C$  be relations. The *filled product* ([7], [8]) of relations  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  is the relation

$$\beta * \alpha = \{(a, c) \in A \times C : (\forall b \in B)((a, b) \in \alpha \vee (b, c) \in \beta)\}.$$

It is easy to check that the filled product is associative. (See, for example, [8]) For  $\beta = \alpha$  we put  ${}^2\alpha = \alpha * \alpha$ , and for given natural  $n$ , by induction, we define

$${}^{n+1}\alpha = {}^n\alpha * \alpha (= \alpha * {}^n\alpha), \quad {}^1\alpha = \alpha.$$

Besides, for any relation  $\alpha \subseteq X \times X$ , we can construct the relation

$$c(\alpha) = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} {}^n\alpha.$$

It is clear that  $c(\alpha) \subseteq \alpha$  and the following  $c(\alpha) \subseteq c(\alpha) * c(\alpha)$  is valid. It is called *cotransitive internal fulfilment* of  $\alpha$ . This notion was studied by the third author in his articles [7], [8] and [11]. If  $\alpha$  is a consistent relation on set  $A$ , then  $c(\alpha)$  is the maximal quasi-antiorder on  $A$  under  $\alpha$  (see, for example, article [7] or Theorem 3 in [11]).

A relation  $q \subseteq A \times A$  is a *coequality relation* on  $A$  if and only if holds:

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

If  $q$  is a coequality relation on set  $(A, =, \neq)$ , we can construct factor-set  $(A/q, =_1, \neq_1)$  with

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

A relation  $\alpha$  on  $A$  is *antiorder* ([9]-[11]) on  $A$  if and only if

$$\alpha \subseteq \neq, \quad \alpha \subseteq \alpha * \alpha, \quad \neq \subseteq \alpha \cup \alpha^{-1}.$$

Antiorder  $\alpha$  is a *linear antiorder* if  $\alpha \cap \alpha^{-1} = \emptyset$  holds. As in [9], a relation  $\tau \subseteq A \times A$  is a *quasi-antiorder* on  $A$  if and only if

$$\tau \subseteq (\alpha \subseteq) \neq, \quad \tau \subseteq \tau * \tau.$$

It is easy to check that (quasi-)antiordeer is a strongly extensional subset of  $A \times A$ . Let us note that families  $\mathfrak{S}(A)$  of all quasi-antiordeers on set  $A$  is a completely lattice. Indeed, in the following lemma we give proof for this fact:

**Lemma 0** *If  $\{\tau_k\}_{k \in J}$  is a family of quasi-antiordeers on a set  $(A, =, \neq)$ , then  $\cup_{k \in J} \tau_k$  and  $c(\cap_{k \in J} \tau_k)$  are quasi-antiordeers in  $A$ . So, the family  $\mathfrak{S}(X)$  is a completely lattice.*

**Proof:** (1) Let  $\{\tau_k\}_{k \in J}$  be a family of quasi-antiordeers on a set  $(A, =, \neq)$  and let  $x, z$  be arbitrary elements of  $A$  such that  $(x, z) \in \cup_{k \in J} \tau_k$ . Then, there exists  $k$  in  $J$  such that  $(x, z) \in \tau_k$ . Hence, for every  $y \in A$  we have  $(x, y) \in \tau_k \vee (y, z) \in \tau_k$ . So,  $(x, y) \in \cup_{k \in J} \tau_k \vee (y, z) \in \cup_{k \in J} \tau_k$ . At the other side, for every  $k$  in  $J$  holds  $\tau_k \subseteq \neq$ . From this we have  $\cup_{k \in J} \tau_k \subseteq \neq$ . So, we can put  $\vee\{\tau_k : k \in J\} = \cup_{k \in J} \tau_k$ .

(2) Let  $R(\subseteq \neq)$  be a relation on a set  $(A, =, \neq)$ . Then for an inhabited family of quasi-antiordeers under  $R$  there exists the biggest quasi-antiordeer relation under  $R$ . That relation is exactly the relation  $c(R)$ . In fact:

By (1), there exists the biggest quasi-antiordeer relation on  $A$  under  $R$ .

Let  $\mathcal{Q}_R$  be the inhabited family of all quasi-antiordeer relation on  $A$  under  $R$ . With  $(R)$  we denote the biggest quasi-antiordeer relation  $\cup \mathcal{Q}_R$  on  $X$  under  $R$ . At the other side, the fulfillment  $c(R) = \cap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} {}^n R$  of the relation  $R$  is a cotransitive relation on set  $A$  under  $R$ . Therefore,  $c(R) \subseteq (R)$  holds.

We need to show that  $(R) \subseteq c(R)$ . Let  $\tau(\subseteq (R) = \cup \mathcal{Q}_R)$  be a quasi-antiordeer relation in  $A$  under  $R$ . The first, we have  $\tau \subseteq R = {}^1 R$ . Let  $(x, z) \in \tau$ . Then from  $(\forall y \in X)((x, y) \in \tau \vee (y, z) \in \tau)$  we conclude that for every  $y$  in  $X$  holds  $(x, y) \in R \vee (y, z) \in R$ , i.e. holds  $(x, z) \in R * R = {}^2 R$ . So,  $\tau \subseteq {}^2 R$ . Now, we will suppose that  ${}^n R$  and let  $(x, z) \in \tau$ . Then from  $(\forall y \in X)((x, y) \in \tau \vee (y, z) \in \tau)$  implies that  $(x, y) \in R \vee (y, z) \in {}^n R$  holds for every  $y \in A$ . Therefore,  $(x, z) \in {}^{n+1} R$ . So, we have  $\tau \subseteq {}^{n+1} R$ . Thus, by induction, we have  $\tau \subseteq {}^n R$  for any natural  $n$ . Remember that  $\tau$  is an arbitrary quasi-antiordeer on  $A$  under  $R$ . Hence, we proved that  $(R) = \cup \mathcal{Q}_R \subseteq c(R)$ . If  $\{\tau_k\}_{k \in J}$  is a family of quasi-antiordeers on a set  $(A, =, \neq)$ , then  $c(\cap_{k \in J} \tau_k)$  is a quasi-antiordeer in  $A$ , and we can set  $\bigwedge\{\tau_k : k \in J\} = c(\cap_{k \in J} \tau_k)$ .  $\square$

### 3. Complementary pair of quasi-antiorders

A pair of quasi-antiorders  $\alpha \subseteq A \times A$  and  $\beta \subseteq A \times A$  is said to be a *complementary pair* of quasi-antiorders if  $\alpha \cup \beta = \neq_A$  and  $\alpha \cap \beta = \emptyset$  holds. In this case, for  $\alpha$  we say that it is a *half-space* (of  $\neq_A$ ). Clearly, the complement  $\beta$  is also a half-space. The simplest examples of half-spaces are: linear antiorders, the apartness  $\neq_A$  and the empty relation on any set  $A$ . Complementary pair of quasi-antiorders are put into a pair of the form  $\alpha \perp \beta (\iff \beta \perp \alpha)$  and can be characterized in the lattice  $(\mathfrak{S}(A), \cup, \wedge)$  of all quasi-antiorders on  $A$  as follows.

**Theorem 1.** *For any quasi-antiorders  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathfrak{S}(A)$  the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $\alpha \perp \beta$ ,
- (2)  $\alpha \cup \beta = \neq_A$  and  $(\alpha \cup \gamma) \wedge (\beta \cup \gamma) = \gamma$  for all  $\gamma \in \mathfrak{S}(A)$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\implies$  (2):

$$\gamma = \emptyset \cup \gamma = (\alpha \cap \beta) \cup \gamma = (\alpha \cup \gamma) \cap (\beta \cup \gamma) \supseteq (\alpha \cup \gamma) \wedge (\beta \cup \gamma) \supseteq \gamma.$$

(2)  $\implies$  (1): For  $\gamma = \emptyset$ , we have  $\alpha \wedge \beta = (\alpha \cup \emptyset) \wedge (\beta \cup \emptyset) = \emptyset$ . Suppose that  $\alpha \cap \beta \neq \emptyset$ , then there exists  $(a, b) \in \alpha \cap \beta$  for some  $a, b \in A$ . Let us prove first that  $\gamma = (\alpha \cup \beta) \setminus \{(a, b)\}$  is a quasi-antiorder on  $A$ . Let  $(u, w)$  be an arbitrary element of  $\gamma$  and let  $v$  be an element of  $A$ . Then  $(u, w) \neq (a, b)$ , and hence  $u \neq a \vee w \neq b$ . Thus, we have  $(u \neq a \vee v \neq b) \vee (v \neq a \vee w \neq b)$ . Hence, the implication  $(u, w) \in \gamma \implies (u, v) \in \gamma \vee (v, w) \in \gamma$  is valid. Second, since  $\gamma$  is a quasi-antiorder on  $A$ , we have  $(\alpha \cup \gamma) \wedge (\beta \cup \gamma) = \gamma \subset \neq_A$ . It is a contradiction, because we have  $\alpha \cup \gamma = \neq_A$  and  $\beta \cup \gamma = \neq_A$ . Indeed, let  $(u, v)$  be an arbitrary element of the apartness  $\neq_A$ . Since  $\alpha$  is a strongly extensional subset of  $\neq_A$ , we have that out of  $(a, b) \in \alpha$  implies  $(a, b) \neq (u, v)$  or  $(u, v) \in \alpha$ . Thus,  $(u, v) \in \gamma$  or  $(u, v) \in \alpha$ . So,  $\neq_A = \alpha \cup \gamma$ . The proof of assertion  $\neq_A = \beta \cup \gamma$  we get analogously.  $\square$

**Example.** Let  $\alpha = \{(c, a), (c, b), (d, a), (d, b), (d, c), (e, a), (e, b), (e, c)\}$  and  $\beta = \{(a, b), (a, c), (a, d), (a, e), (b, a), (b, c), (b, d), (b, e), (c, d), (c, e), (d, e), (e, d)\}$  be relations on set  $A = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$ . Then  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are quasi-antiorders on  $A$  such that  $\alpha \cap \alpha^{-1} = \emptyset$ ,  $\alpha \cup \alpha^{-1} \subset \neq_A$ ,

$$\beta \cap \beta^{-1} = \{(b, a), (a, b), (e, d), (d, e)\},$$

$\beta \cup \beta^{-1} = \neq_A$ ,  $\alpha \cup \beta = \neq_A$  and  $\alpha \cap \beta = \emptyset$ . So, the pair  $(\alpha, \beta)$  is a nontrivial complementary pair of quasi-antiorders on  $A$ .

**Note.** Let  $x, y, z$  be elements of  $A$  and let  $\alpha$  be a half-space quasi-antiorder relation on  $A$ . Then, holds  $(x, y) \in \alpha^C \cap \neq_A$  and  $(y, z) \in \alpha^C \cap \neq_A$  implies  $(x, z) \in \alpha^C$ . Indeed, if  $(u, v)$  be an arbitrary element of  $\alpha$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} (u, v) \in \alpha &\implies (u, x) \in \alpha \vee (x, y) \in \alpha \vee (y, z) \in \alpha \vee (z, v) \in \alpha \\ &\implies u \neq x \vee z \neq v \\ &\implies (x, z) \neq (u, v) \in \alpha. \end{aligned}$$

For a half-space  $\alpha$  the inverse relation  $\alpha^{-1}$  is also a half-space, and if  $\alpha \perp \beta$  for  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathfrak{S}(A)$ , then  $\alpha^{-1} \perp \beta^{-1}$ . If  $B \subseteq A$  is a subset, then the restriction of a quasi-antiorder to  $B$  yields a quasi-antiorder on  $B$  and a similar statement holds for half-spaces,  $\alpha \perp \beta$  implies that  $\alpha \cap (B \times B) \perp \beta \cap (B \times B)$ .

**Theorem 2.** For a quasi-antiorder  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathfrak{S}(A)$  the following assertion is valid:

(1) If  $\alpha$  is a half-space then for any  $x, y$  of  $A$  holds

$$x \neq y \implies (x, y) \in \alpha \vee (x, y) \bowtie \alpha.$$

(2) If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are complementary pair of quasi-antiorders on  $A$ , then  $\beta = c(\alpha^C \cap \neq_A)$  holds, i.e. relation  $\beta$  is the maximal quasi-antiorder on  $A$  under the relation  $\alpha^C \cap \neq_A$ .

**Proof.** (1) Let  $\alpha$  is a half-space quasi-antiorder in  $A$  and let  $\beta$  be a quasi-antiorder in  $A$  such that  $\alpha \perp \beta$ , i.e. such that  $\neq_A = \alpha \cup \beta$  and  $\alpha \cap \beta = \emptyset$ . Thus, if  $x \neq y$ , then  $(x, y) \in \alpha$  or  $(x, y) \in \beta$ . In the second case, we have  $\neg((x, y) \in \alpha)$ . Hence, if  $(u, v)$  be an arbitrary element of  $\alpha$ , then  $(u, x) \in \alpha$  or  $(x, y) \in \alpha$  or  $(y, v) \in \alpha$ . Therefore, we have  $(x, y) \neq (u, v) \in \alpha$ , in the second case. So,  $(x, y) \bowtie \alpha$ .

(2) Firstly, the relation  $c(\alpha^C \cap \neq_A)$  is the maximal quasi-antiorder relation on  $A$  under set  $\alpha^C \cap \neq_A$  such that  $c(\alpha^C \cap \neq_A) \subseteq \beta$ . Secondly, if  $(u, v)$  is an arbitrary element of  $\beta$ , then we have  $u \neq v$  and by (1) of this lemma,  $(u, v) \in \alpha$  or  $(u, v) \bowtie \alpha$ . Thus, by elementary property of operator  $c$  ([7]), we have  $\beta = c(\beta) \subseteq c(\alpha^C \cap \neq_A)$ .  $\square$

As corollary of above assertion we have that any half-space quasi-antiorder on set  $A$  is a detachable subset of  $A \times A$ .

Let  $\alpha$  be a half-space quasi-antiorder in a set  $A$ . Then ([10]) the relation  $q = \alpha \cup \alpha^{-1}$  is a coequality relation on  $A$  and the factor-set  $A/(\alpha \cup \alpha^{-1})$  is ordered under induced anti-order  $\theta$ , defined by  $(aq, bq) \in \theta$  if and only if  $(a, b) \in \alpha$ . In the following theorem we show that induced anti-order  $\theta$  is a half-space, too.

**Theorem 3.** *If  $\alpha$  is a half-space quasi-antiorder on  $A$ , then the induced anti-order  $\theta$  is a half-space on  $A/(\alpha \cup \alpha^{-1})$  also.*

**Proof:** Put  $q = \alpha \cup \alpha^{-1}$ . If we take

$$B = \{a \in A : (\exists b \in A)((a, b) \in \alpha \vee (b, a) \in \alpha)\},$$

then  $\alpha \cap (B \times B)$  is a half-space quasi-antiorder in  $B$  and there exists a complementary half-space  $\beta'$  on  $B$  of  $\alpha \cap (B \times B)$  such that  $\neq_B = (\alpha \cap (B \times B)) \cup \beta'$  and  $(\alpha \cap (B \times B)) \cap \beta' = \emptyset$ . Let us define  $\theta'$  on  $A/(\alpha \cup \alpha^{-1})$  by  $(uq, vq) \in \theta'$  if and only if  $(u, v) \in \beta'$ . It is easy to check that  $\theta'$  is a quasi-antiorder on  $A/(\alpha \cup \alpha^{-1})$ . Thus, for arbitrary element  $(aq, bq)$  of  $A/q$ , if holds  $aq \neq_1 bq$ , we have  $(a, b) \in \alpha \cup \alpha^{-1}$ . Hence, we conclude that  $a, b \in B$  and  $a \neq_B b$ . So, by definition of complementary pair of half-space, we have  $(a, b) \in \alpha \cap (B \times B)$  or  $(a, b) \in \beta'$ . It means  $(aq, bq) \in \theta$  or  $(aq, bq) \in \theta'$ . The proof for  $\theta \cap \theta' = \emptyset$  we obtain simply.  $\square$

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