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# Amalgamation and interpolation in ordered algebras

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## ABSTRACT

The first part of this paper provides a comprehensive and self-contained account of the interrelationships between algebraic properties of varieties and properties of their free algebras and equational consequence relations. In particular, proofs are given of known equivalences between the amalgamation property and the Robinson property, the congruence extension property and the extension property, and the flat amalgamation property and the deductive interpolation property, as well as various dependencies between these properties. These relationships are then exploited in the second part of the paper in order to provide new proofs of amalgamation and deductive interpolation for the varieties of lattice-ordered abelian groups and MV-algebras, and to determine important subvarieties of residuated lattices where these properties hold or fail. In particular, a full description is given of all subvarieties of commutative GMV-algebras possessing the amalgamation property.

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## 1. Introduction

In Universal Algebra, a crucial and often extremely fruitful role is played by the fact that certain properties of a variety are “mirrored” by properties of their free algebras.

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In some cases, properties of free algebras may themselves be expressed as properties of associated equational consequence relations for the variety. The synthesis of these characterizations then provides an illuminating and potentially very useful “bridge” between the realms of algebra and logic.

A fundamental example of such a bridge is the relationship between the algebraic (or model-theoretic) property of amalgamation and the logical (or syntactic) property of interpolation. In this case, the amalgamation property for a variety is equivalent to the Robinson property for its consequence relations, which is equivalent in turn to a property of free algebras. These properties each imply the deductive interpolation property, which itself corresponds to an important property of free products: the flat amalgamation property. Conversely, the deductive interpolation property implies the amalgamation property in the presence of the congruence extension property or its syntactic equivalent, the extension property.

Relationships between these and other amalgamation, extension, and interpolation properties have received considerable attention in the literature. Publications of particular relevance to our discussion include Bacsich [4], Czelakowski and Pigozzi [14], Gabbay and Maksimova [22], Galatos and Ono [24], Kihara and Ono [43,44], Madarász [45], Maksimova [46–48], Montagna [53], Pierce [61], Pigozzi [62], Powell and Tsinakis [63–66], and Wroński [73,74]. We defer more precise historical and bibliographical details to the appropriate points in the text.

Our goal in the first part of this paper is to provide a comprehensive and self-contained presentation in a universal algebra setting of the most important interrelationships existing between amalgamation, interpolation, and extension properties. In contrast to the many other authors to have tackled these topics – in particular, the more general model-theoretic and abstract algebraic logic approaches of [4] and [14], respectively – we focus for clarity of exposition on varieties of algebras and make use only of quite basic concepts from universal algebra in developing our account. The result is a more direct and accessible (but of course more restricted in scope) presentation of the topics. A further novelty of our approach is that we emphasize the fundamental role played by the equational consequence relation of a variety (relative to equations defined over a fixed countably infinite set of variables), thereby obtaining equivalent formulations of algebraic properties restricted to countable algebras.

The broad goal of the second part of the paper is to make use of the afore-mentioned relationships in order to investigate amalgamation and interpolation properties for specific varieties of ordered algebras. We first provide new “syntactic” proofs of the amalgamation property for abelian lattice-ordered groups and MV-algebras. We then turn our attention to varieties of residuated lattices, a framework that provides algebraic semantics for substructural logics as well as covering other important classes of algebras such as lattice-ordered groups. We study in some depth the amalgamation property for subvarieties of GBL-algebras; in particular, we provide a full description of all subvarieties of commutative GMV-algebras that have the amalgamation property.

Let us now be more specific about the structure and results of the paper. First, in Section 2, we recall some necessary background from universal algebra and examine the relationship between free algebras and equational consequence relations. In Section 3, we investigate the relationship between amalgamation and the Robinson property. In particular, (i) a criterion is given for a variety to have the amalgamation property (Theorem 9); (ii) it is shown that a variety has the amalgamation property if and only if (henceforth, iff) it has the Robinson property (Theorem 13). Similarly, in Section 4, it is shown that a variety has the congruence extension property iff its equational consequence relation has the extension property (Theorem 20). Section 5 is then devoted to interpolation properties. We show that the amalgamation property both implies the deductive interpolation property, and is implied by the conjunction of this property and the extension property (Theorem 22). We then establish the equivalence of the deductive interpolation property with the flat amalgamation property, a property of free products (Theorem 23), and a stronger version of the deductive interpolation property with the weak amalgamation property (Theorem 25). Finally, we show that the conjunction of the amalgamation property and the congruence extension property corresponds both to the Maehara interpolation property and to the transferable injections property (Theorem 29).

In Section 6, we make use of the results of the previous sections to obtain new syntactic proofs of the generation of the class of lattice-ordered abelian groups as a quasivariety by the integers (Theorem 35) and the deductive interpolation and amalgamation properties for this class (Theorem 36). We obtain, similarly, a new syntactic proof of the deductive interpolation and amalgamation properties for the variety of MV-algebras (Theorem 40). In Section 7, we introduce the class of residuated lattices and show that a variety of semilinear residuated lattices satisfying the congruence extension property has the amalgamation property iff the class of its totally ordered members has the amalgamation property (Theorem 49). We also investigate the connection between the amalgamation property for a class of bounded residuated lattices and the class of its residuated lattice reducts (Theorem 50), and amalgamation in the join of two independent varieties of residuated lattices (Theorem 52). Finally, in Section 8, we consider amalgamation in classes of GBL-algebras. We obtain a complete characterization of varieties of commutative GMV-algebras with the amalgamation property (Theorem 63), and establish when amalgamation holds or fails for various classes of commutative GBL-algebras and  $n$ -potent GBL-algebras (Theorems 66, 68, 69, 75, and 76).

## 2. Equational consequence relations and free algebras

Our main goal in this preliminary section will be to relate the equational consequence relations of a variety of algebras to properties of the free algebras of the variety. To this end, let us first fix some terminology from universal algebra, referring to [9], [29], or [51] for all undefined notions.

Throughout this paper, we will understand a *signature* of algebras to be a pair  $\mathcal{L} = \langle L, \tau \rangle$  consisting of a non-empty countable set  $L$  of *operation symbols* and a map  $\tau : L \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  where the image of an operation symbol under  $\tau$  is called its *arity*. Nullary operation symbols will most often be referred to as *constant symbols* or simply as *constants*. We also fix for the whole paper a countably infinite set  $\mathbb{X}$  of *variables*, denoting variables in general, which may belong to any set, by  $x, y, z$ .

The *formula (term) algebra*  $\mathbf{Fm}(Y)$  for  $\mathcal{L}$  over a set of variables  $Y$  is defined if either  $Y \neq \emptyset$  or  $\mathcal{L}$  has a constant, and we call its members, denoted by  $\alpha, \beta$ , *formulas*. We also let  $\text{Eq}(Y)$  be the set of ordered pairs of formulas from  $\mathbf{Fm}(Y)$ , called *equations*, written as  $(\alpha, \beta)$  or  $\alpha \approx \beta$  and denoted by  $\varepsilon, \delta$ . Sets of equations will be denoted by  $\Sigma, \Pi, \Delta$ . The variables occurring in a formula, equation, or set of equations  $S$ , is denoted by  $\text{Var}(S)$ .

Given a variety  $\mathcal{V}$  of algebras, we denote the *free algebra of  $\mathcal{V}$  on a set  $Z$  of free generators* by  $\mathbf{F}_{\mathcal{V}}(Z)$  or simply  $\mathbf{F}(Z)$ . Considering the *natural map*  $h_{\mathcal{V}}^Z : \mathbf{Fm}(Z) \rightarrow \mathbf{F}_{\mathcal{V}}(Z)$ , we write  $\bar{\alpha}$  for  $h_{\mathcal{V}}^Z(\alpha)$  for each  $\alpha \in \mathbf{Fm}(Z)$ . Similarly, we write  $\bar{\varepsilon}$  for  $\varepsilon = (\bar{\alpha}, \bar{\beta})$  with  $(\alpha, \beta) \in \text{Eq}(Z)$  and  $\bar{\Sigma} = \{\bar{\varepsilon} \mid \varepsilon \in \Sigma\}$  for  $\Sigma \subseteq \text{Eq}(Z)$ . We also define  $\Theta_{\mathcal{V}}^Z = \ker h_{\mathcal{V}}^Z$ .

We denote the *congruence lattice* of an algebra  $\mathbf{A}$  by  $\text{Con}(\mathbf{A})$  and for  $R \subseteq A^2$ , we write  $\text{Cg}_{\mathbf{A}}(R)$  to denote the congruence relation on  $\mathbf{A}$  generated by  $R$ , abbreviating to  $\text{Cg}_{\mathbf{A}}(a, b)$  for the principal congruence on  $\mathbf{A}$  generated by a pair  $(a, b) \in A^2$ . For  $\Theta \in \text{Con}(\mathbf{A})$  and  $a \in A$ , we denote the equivalence class of  $a$  relative to  $\Theta$  by  $[a]_{\Theta}$  or simply  $[a]$ .

Let us now begin by noting the following useful result:

**Lemma 1.** *For any surjective homomorphism  $\varphi : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$  and  $R \subseteq A^2$ ,*

$$\varphi^{-1}[\text{Cg}_{\mathbf{B}}(\varphi[R])] = \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{A}}(R) \vee \ker(\varphi),$$

where the join on the right-hand side of the equality takes place in  $\text{Con}(\mathbf{A})$ .

**Proof.** The proof of the lemma is a direct consequence of the correspondence theorem relating congruences of an algebra to those of an epimorphic image, see for example [9, p. 49]. In view of this result,  $\varphi^{-1}[\text{Cg}_{\mathbf{B}}(\varphi[R])] \in \text{Con}(\mathbf{A})$  and clearly  $\varphi^{-1}[\text{Cg}_{\mathbf{B}}(\varphi[R])] \supseteq \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{A}}(R) \vee \ker(\varphi)$ . To prove the reverse inclusion, set  $\Theta = \varphi[\text{Cg}_{\mathbf{A}}(R) \vee \ker(\varphi)]$ . Note that  $\Theta \in \text{Con}(\mathbf{B})$  by the correspondence theorem and  $\varphi[R] \subseteq \Theta \in \text{Con}(\mathbf{B})$ . Hence also  $\text{Cg}_{\mathbf{B}}(\varphi[R]) \subseteq \Theta$  and so  $\varphi^{-1}[\text{Cg}_{\mathbf{B}}(\varphi[R])] \subseteq \varphi^{-1}[\Theta] = \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{A}}(R) \vee \ker(\varphi)$ .  $\square$

A crucial role will be played in this paper by the fact that properties of the free algebras of a variety may be reflected in properties of the corresponding equational consequence relations of the variety; in particular, we may focus on properties of the equational consequence relation for the countably infinite set  $\mathbb{X}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a class of algebras of the same signature and  $Y$  an arbitrary set of variables. For any  $\Sigma \cup \{\varepsilon\} \subseteq \text{Eq}(Y)$ , we define

$$\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{K}}^Y \varepsilon \iff \text{for all } \mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{K} \text{ and } \varphi \in \text{hom}(\mathbf{Fm}(Y), \mathbf{A}),$$

$$\Sigma \subseteq \ker(\varphi) \text{ implies } \varepsilon \in \ker(\varphi).$$

For any  $\Sigma \cup \Delta \subseteq \text{Eq}(Y)$ , we also write  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{K}}^Y \Delta$  to denote that  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{K}}^Y \varepsilon$  for all  $\varepsilon \in \Delta$ . We also drop the curly brackets and write  $\Sigma \models_{\mathbf{A}}^Y \varepsilon$  when  $\mathcal{K}$  consists of just one algebra  $\mathbf{A}$ .

It follows that  $\models_{\mathcal{K}}^Y$  is a “substitution-invariant consequence relation” in the sense that it satisfies for all  $\Sigma \cup \Pi \cup \{\varepsilon, \delta\} \subseteq \text{Eq}(Y)$ :

- (i)  $\{\varepsilon\} \models_{\mathcal{K}}^Y \varepsilon$  (reflexivity);
- (ii)  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{K}}^Y \varepsilon$  implies  $\Sigma \cup \Pi \models_{\mathcal{K}}^Y \varepsilon$  (monotonicity);
- (iii)  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{K}}^Y \varepsilon$  and  $\Sigma \cup \{\varepsilon\} \models_{\mathcal{K}}^Y \delta$  imply  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{K}}^Y \delta$  (transitivity);
- (iv)  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{K}}^Y \varepsilon$  implies  $\sigma(\Sigma) \models_{\mathcal{K}}^Y \sigma(\varepsilon)$  for any  $\sigma \in \text{hom}(\mathbf{Fm}(Y), \mathbf{Fm}(Y))$  (substitution-invariance).

Moreover, if  $\mathcal{K}$  is a variety, then (see Corollary 3) also

- (v)  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{K}}^Y \varepsilon$  implies  $\Sigma' \models_{\mathcal{K}}^Y \varepsilon$  for some finite  $\Sigma' \subseteq \Sigma$  (finitarity).

A first characterization of equational consequence relations in terms of free algebras is obtained for varieties as follows:

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a variety and  $\Sigma \cup \{\varepsilon\} \subseteq \text{Eq}(Y)$ . The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{V}}^Y \varepsilon$ ;
- (2)  $\varepsilon \in \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{Fm}(Y)}(\Sigma) \vee \Theta_{\mathcal{V}}^Y$ ;
- (3)  $\bar{\varepsilon} \in \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Y)}(\bar{\Sigma})$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Clearly,  $\mathbf{Fm}(Y)/(\text{Cg}_{\mathbf{Fm}(Y)}(\Sigma) \vee \Theta_{\mathcal{V}}^Y)$  is a member of  $\mathcal{V}$ . So let  $\psi$  be the natural map from  $\mathbf{Fm}(Y)$  to  $\mathbf{Fm}(Y)/(\text{Cg}_{\mathbf{Fm}(Y)}(\Sigma) \vee \Theta_{\mathcal{V}}^Y)$ . Then  $\ker(\psi) = \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{Fm}(Y)}(\Sigma) \vee \Theta_{\mathcal{V}}^Y$ . Since  $\Sigma \subseteq \ker(\psi)$  and  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{V}}^Y \varepsilon$ , also  $\varepsilon \in \ker(\psi)$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Consider  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{V}$  and  $\varphi \in \text{hom}(\mathbf{Fm}(Y), \mathbf{A})$  and suppose that  $\Sigma \subseteq \ker(\varphi)$ . Notice that  $\text{Cg}_{\mathbf{Fm}(Y)}(\Sigma) \subseteq \ker(\varphi)$  and  $\Theta_{\mathcal{V}}^Y \subseteq \ker(\varphi)$ . So also  $\text{Cg}_{\mathbf{Fm}(Y)}(\Sigma) \vee \Theta_{\mathcal{V}}^Y \subseteq \ker(\varphi)$  and  $\varepsilon \in \ker(\varphi)$ .

(2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3) We make use of Lemma 1, taking  $\varphi$  to be the mapping  $h_{\mathcal{V}}^Y : \mathbf{Fm}(Y) \rightarrow \mathbf{F}_{\mathcal{V}}(Y)$  sending  $\alpha$  to  $\bar{\alpha}$ . Notice that  $\ker(\varphi) = \Theta_{\mathcal{V}}^Y$ . Hence  $\varepsilon \in \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{Fm}(Y)}(\Sigma) \vee \ker(\varphi)$  iff  $\bar{\varepsilon} \in \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Y)}(\bar{\Sigma})$  as required.  $\square$

Observe that in (3) above,  $\text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Y)}(\bar{\Sigma}) = \bigcup \{ \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Y)}(\bar{\Sigma}') \mid \Sigma' \subseteq \Sigma, \Sigma' \text{ finite} \}$ , and hence we obtain immediately:

**Corollary 3.** *Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a variety and  $\Sigma \cup \{\varepsilon\} \subseteq \text{Eq}(Y)$ . If  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{K}}^Y \varepsilon$ , then  $\Sigma' \models_{\mathcal{K}}^Y \varepsilon$  for some finite  $\Sigma' \subseteq \Sigma$ .*

The characterization presented in Lemma 2 may be sharpened to relate the condition  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{V}}^Y \varepsilon$  to free algebras for  $\mathcal{V}$  over any countable set that includes the variables in  $\Sigma$  and  $\varepsilon$ . Algebraically, this corresponds to the possibility of extending congruences on free algebras as explained below.

Let  $\mathbf{B}$  be a subalgebra of an algebra  $\mathbf{A}$ . We say that a congruence  $\Theta \in \text{Con}(\mathbf{B})$  can be *extended*, or has an *extension*, to  $\mathbf{A}$  provided there exists a congruence  $\Phi \in \text{Con}(\mathbf{A})$  such that  $\Phi \cap B^2 = \Theta$ ; we then refer to  $\Phi$  as an *extension* of  $\Theta$  to  $\mathbf{A}$ .

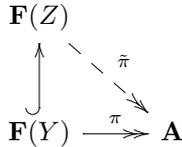
The proof of the following result is immediate.

**Lemma 4.** *Let  $\mathbf{B}$  be a subalgebra of an algebra  $\mathbf{A}$ , and let  $R \subseteq B^2$ . Then  $\text{Cg}_{\mathbf{B}}(R)$  has an extension to  $\mathbf{A}$  iff  $\text{Cg}_{\mathbf{A}}(R)$  is one such extension.*

The next result shows that free algebras have a restricted form of the congruence extension property considered in Section 4.

**Lemma 5.** *If  $Y \subseteq Z$ , then any congruence of  $\mathbf{F}(Y)$  extends to  $\mathbf{F}(Z)$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\Theta \in \text{Con}(\mathbf{F}(Y))$ . We prove  $\text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Z)}(\Theta) \cap F(Y)^2 \subseteq \Theta$ , guided by the following diagram:



Let  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{F}(Y)/\Theta$ , and let  $\pi : \mathbf{F}(Y) \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$  be the canonical epimorphism. Supposing first that  $Y \neq \emptyset$ , let us fix  $y_0 \in Y$  and define a homomorphism  $\tilde{\pi} : \mathbf{F}(Z) \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$  such that  $\tilde{\pi}|_Y = \pi|_Y$ , and  $\tilde{\pi}|_{X-Y}$  is the constant map with value  $\pi(y_0)$ . We have for  $(u, v) \in F(Y)^2$ ,  $(u, v) \in \Theta$  iff  $\pi(u) = \pi(v)$  iff  $\tilde{\pi}(u) = \tilde{\pi}(v)$  (since  $\tilde{\pi}|_Y = \pi|_Y$  iff  $(u, v) \in \ker(\tilde{\pi})$ ). Therefore  $\Theta = \ker(\tilde{\pi}) \cap F(Y)^2$ . Since  $\ker(\tilde{\pi}) \supseteq \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Z)}(\Theta)$ , we get  $\text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Z)}(\Theta) \cap F(Y)^2 \subseteq \Theta$  as required. If  $Y = \emptyset$ , then  $\mathbf{F}(Y)$  exists only when the signature contains nullary operations, and hence in this case  $\mathbf{F}(Y)$  is just the subalgebra of  $\mathbf{F}(Z)$  generated by these operations. Assign the elements of  $Z$  to arbitrary elements of  $F(Y)$ , and let  $\varphi : \mathbf{F}(Z) \rightarrow \mathbf{F}(Y)$  be the homomorphism extending this assignment. Clearly  $\varphi$  is onto and fixes the elements of  $F(Y)$ . Thus, if we let  $\tilde{\pi} = \pi\varphi$ , then for  $(u, v) \in F(Y)^2$ ,  $(u, v) \in \Theta$  iff  $\pi(u) = \pi(v)$  iff  $\tilde{\pi}(u) = \tilde{\pi}(v)$  iff  $(u, v) \in \ker(\tilde{\pi})$ , and the remainder of the proof proceeds as above.  $\square$

Combining Lemmas 2 and 5, we obtain:

**Corollary 6.** Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a variety,  $Y \subseteq Z$ , and  $\Sigma \cup \{\varepsilon\} \subseteq \text{Eq}(Y)$ . The following conditions are equivalent:

- (1)  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{V}}^Z \varepsilon$ ;
- (2)  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{V}}^Y \varepsilon$ ;
- (3)  $\varepsilon \in \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{Fm}(Z)}(\Sigma) \vee \Theta_{\mathcal{V}}^Z$ ;
- (4)  $\bar{\varepsilon} \in \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Z)}(\bar{\Sigma})$ ;
- (5)  $\varepsilon \in \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{Fm}(Y)}(\Sigma) \vee \Theta_{\mathcal{V}}^Y$ ;
- (6)  $\bar{\varepsilon} \in \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Y)}(\bar{\Sigma})$ .

The result below, which is an immediate consequence of the preceding lemma, describes more precisely the relationship between equational consequence relations defined for different sets of variables.

**Lemma 7.** Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a variety and let  $\psi : \mathbf{Fm}(Y) \rightarrow \mathbf{Fm}(Z)$  be an isomorphism such that  $\psi[Y] = Z$ . For all  $\Sigma \cup \{\varepsilon\} \subseteq \text{Eq}(Y)$ :

$$\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{V}}^Y \varepsilon \quad \text{iff} \quad \psi(\Sigma) \models_{\mathcal{V}}^Z \psi(\varepsilon).$$

**Proof.** In view of [Corollary 6](#),

$$\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{V}}^Y \varepsilon \quad \text{iff} \quad \psi(\Sigma) \models_{\mathcal{V}}^{\psi[Y]} \psi(\varepsilon) \quad \text{iff} \quad \psi(\Sigma) \models_{\mathcal{V}}^Z \psi(\varepsilon). \quad \square$$

In light of this lemma, let us henceforth write  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varepsilon$  to denote that  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{V}}^Y \varepsilon$  for any  $Y \supseteq \text{Var}(\Sigma \cup \{\varepsilon\})$ . Note also that if  $\text{Var}(\Sigma \cup \{\varepsilon\})$  is countable, then it can be identified with a subset of  $\mathbb{X}$  and we have  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varepsilon$  iff  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{V}}^{\mathbb{X}} \varepsilon$ .

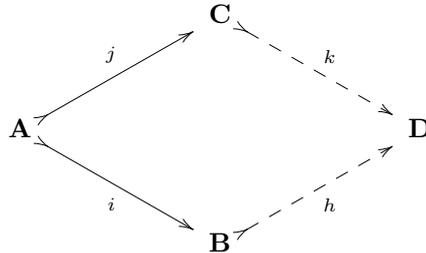
### 3. Amalgamation and the Robinson property

This section has two main goals. First, we provide criteria for a variety  $\mathcal{V}$  to admit the amalgamation property ([Theorem 9](#)). Secondly, we establish, in a self-contained exposition, a bridge between amalgamation for  $\mathcal{V}$  and the Robinson property of the corresponding equational consequence relation  $\models_{\mathcal{V}}$  ([Theorem 13](#)). A crucial intermediary role is played here by the Pigozzi property which characterizes amalgamation for a variety in terms of its free algebras.

The word “amalgamation” refers to the process of combining a pair of algebras in such a way as to preserve a common subalgebra. This is made precise in the following definitions.

Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a class of algebras of the same signature. A *V-formation in  $\mathcal{K}$*  is a 5-tuple  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, i, j)$  where  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C} \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $i, j$  are embeddings of  $\mathbf{A}$  into  $\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}$ , respectively. Given two classes of algebras  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $\mathcal{K}'$  of the same signature and a V-formation  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, i, j)$  in  $\mathcal{K}$ ,  $(\mathbf{D}, h, k)$  is said to be an *amalgam* of  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, i, j)$  in  $\mathcal{K}'$  if  $\mathbf{D} \in \mathcal{K}'$

and  $h, k$  are embeddings of  $\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}$ , respectively, into  $\mathbf{D}$  such that the compositions  $hi$  and  $kj$  coincide.



$\mathcal{K}$  has the amalgamation property with respect to  $\mathcal{K}'$  if each V-formation in  $\mathcal{K}$  has an amalgam in  $\mathcal{K}'$ . In particular,  $\mathcal{K}$  has the *amalgamation property* AP if each V-formation in  $\mathcal{K}$  has an amalgam in  $\mathcal{K}$ .

Amalgamations were first considered for groups by Schreier [69] in the form of amalgamated free products. The general form of the amalgamation property was first formulated by Fraïsse [21], and the significance of this property to the study of algebraic systems was further demonstrated in Jónsson’s pioneering work on the topic [36–40].

The following lemma, due to Grätzer [27], provides a useful necessary and sufficient condition for a variety  $\mathcal{V}$  to have the amalgamation property.

**Lemma 8.** *The following are equivalent for any variety  $\mathcal{V}$ :*

- (1)  $\mathcal{V}$  has the amalgamation property.
- (2) For any V-formation  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, i, j)$  and  $x \neq y \in B$  (respectively,  $x \neq y \in C$ ), there exist  $\mathbf{D}_{xy} \in \mathcal{V}$  and homomorphisms  $h_{xy} : \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}_{xy}$  and  $k_{xy} : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}_{xy}$  such that  $h_{xy}i = k_{xy}j$  and  $h_{xy}(x) \neq h_{xy}(y)$  (respectively,  $k_{xy}(x) \neq k_{xy}(y)$ ).

**Proof.** It suffices to show that (2) implies (1). Let  $\mathbf{D}$  be the direct product of the algebras  $\mathbf{D}_{xy}$  for all two-element sets  $\{x, y\}$  as in the statement of (2). By the co-universality of  $\mathbf{D}$ , the homomorphisms  $h_{xy} : \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}_{xy}$  and  $k_{xy} : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}_{xy}$  induce homomorphisms  $h : \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$  and  $k : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$ . The assumptions about  $h_{xy}$  and  $k_{xy}$  guarantee that  $h$  and  $k$  are injective and that  $hi = kj$ .  $\square$

We now establish a set of sufficient conditions for a variety to have the amalgamation property, referring to [31] (Theorem 3) for a closely related result.

**Theorem 9.** *Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a subclass of a variety  $\mathcal{V}$  satisfying the following conditions:*

- (i) Every subdirectly irreducible member of  $\mathcal{V}$  is in  $\mathcal{S}$ ;
- (ii)  $\mathcal{S}$  is closed under isomorphisms and subalgebras;

- (iii) For any algebra  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathcal{V}$  and subalgebra  $\mathbf{A}$  of  $\mathbf{B}$ , if  $\Theta \in \text{Con}(\mathbf{A})$  and  $\mathbf{A}/\Theta \in \mathcal{S}$ , then there exists  $\Phi \in \text{Con}(\mathbf{B})$  such that  $\Phi \cap A^2 = \Theta$  and  $\mathbf{B}/\Phi \in \mathcal{S}$ ;
- (iv) Each V-formation consisting of algebras in  $\mathcal{S}$  has an amalgam in  $\mathcal{V}$ .

Then  $\mathcal{V}$  has the amalgamation property.

**Proof.** We prove that  $\mathcal{V}$  satisfies condition (2) of Lemma 8. Consider a V-formation  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, i, j)$  in  $\mathcal{V}$  and  $x \neq y \in \mathbf{B}$ . Let  $\Psi$  be a congruence of  $\mathbf{B}$  that is maximal with respect to  $(x, y) \notin \Psi$ . Set  $\Theta = \Psi \cap A^2$  and note that the map  $i/\Theta$  sending  $[a]_\Theta \in \mathbf{A}/\Theta$  to  $[a]_\Psi$  is an embedding of  $\mathbf{A}/\Theta$  into  $\mathbf{B}/\Psi$ . (If  $[a]_\Theta \neq [b]_\Theta$ , then  $(a, b) \notin \Theta$ , therefore  $(a, b) \notin \Psi$ , since  $\Theta = \Psi \cap A^2$ .) Now  $\mathbf{B}/\Psi$  is subdirectly irreducible, and hence belongs to  $\mathcal{S}$  by condition (i). It follows that  $\mathbf{A}/\Theta \in \mathcal{S}$  by condition (ii). Hence, by condition (iii), there is  $\Phi \in \text{Con}(\mathbf{C})$  such that  $\Phi \cap A^2 = \Theta$  and  $\mathbf{C}/\Phi \in \mathcal{S}$ . Once again, the map  $j/\Theta$  sending any  $[a]_\Theta \in \mathbf{A}/\Theta$  to  $[a]_\Phi$  is an embedding of  $\mathbf{A}/\Theta$  into  $\mathbf{C}/\Phi$ .

It follows that  $(\mathbf{A}/\Theta, \mathbf{B}/\Psi, \mathbf{C}/\Phi, i/\Theta, j/\Theta)$  is a V-formation in  $\mathcal{S}$ , and condition (iv) guarantees the existence of an amalgam  $(\mathbf{D}, h, k)$  in  $\mathcal{V}$ . Consider the homomorphisms  $h_\Psi : \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$  and  $k_\Phi : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$  defined by  $h_\Psi(b) = h([b]_\Psi)$  and  $k_\Phi(c) = k([c]_\Phi)$ , for all  $b \in B$  and  $c \in C$ . We have that  $h_\Psi(x) \neq h_\Psi(y)$  (as  $h$  is injective and  $[x]_\Psi \neq [y]_\Psi$ ) and for all  $a \in \mathbf{A}$ ,  $h_\Psi i(a) = h_\Psi(i(a)) = h([i(a)]_\Psi) = h((i/\Theta)([a]_\Theta)) = k((j/\Theta)([a]_\Theta)) = k([j(a)]_\Phi) = k_\Phi(j(a)) = k_\Phi j(a)$ .

Thus the claim follows from Lemma 8.  $\square$

We now consider a characterization of the amalgamation property for a variety in terms of its free algebras, introduced by Pigozzi in [62].

A variety  $\mathcal{V}$  has the Pigozzi property PP if for any sets  $Y, Z$ , whenever

- (i)  $Y \cap Z \neq \emptyset$ ;
- (ii)  $\Theta_Y \in \text{Con}(\mathbf{F}(Y))$  and  $\Theta_Z \in \text{Con}(\mathbf{F}(Z))$ ;
- (iii)  $\Theta_Y \cap F(Y \cap Z)^2 = \Theta_Z \cap F(Y \cap Z)^2$ ,

$\Theta_Y$  and  $\Theta_Z$  have a common extension to  $\mathbf{F}(Y \cup Z)$ ; explicitly, there exists  $\Theta \in \text{Con}(\mathbf{F}(Y \cup Z))$  with  $\Theta_Y = \Theta \cap F(Y)^2$  and  $\Theta_Z = \Theta \cap F(Z)^2$ .

**Lemma 10.** A variety  $\mathcal{V}$  has the amalgamation property iff it has the Pigozzi property.

**Proof.** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose first that  $\mathcal{V}$  has the AP. Let  $Y, Z, \Theta_Y$ , and  $\Theta_Z$  be as in the definition of the PP, and let  $\Theta_0 = \Theta_Y \cap F(Y \cap Z)^2 = \Theta_Z \cap F(Y \cap Z)^2$ . Let  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{F}(Y \cap Z)/\Theta_0$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{F}(Y)/\Theta_Y$ , and  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{F}(Z)/\Theta_Z$ . The maps  $i : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$  and  $j : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ , defined, respectively, by  $i([a]_{\Theta_0}) = [a]_{\Theta_Y}$  and  $j([a]_{\Theta_0}) = [a]_{\Theta_Z}$  for all  $a \in F(Y \cap Z)$ , are embeddings. Since  $\mathcal{V}$  has the AP, the V-formation  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, i, j)$  has an amalgam  $(\mathbf{D}, h, k)$  in  $\mathcal{V}$ . We may assume, without loss of generality, that  $\mathbf{D}$  is generated

by  $h(B) \cup k(C)$ . Now let  $g : Y \cup Z \rightarrow D$  be defined, for  $y \in Y$  and  $z \in Z$ , by  $g(y) = h([y]_{\Theta_Y})$  and  $g(z) = k([z]_{\Theta_Z})$ . Note that  $g$  is well defined. Indeed, if  $u \in Y \cap Z$ , then  $h([u]_{\Theta_Y}) = h(i([u]_{\Theta_0})) = k(j([u]_{\Theta_0})) = [u]_{\Theta_Z}$ . Let  $\tilde{g} : \mathbf{F}(Y \cup Z) \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$  be the homomorphism extending  $g$ . Note that  $\tilde{g}$  is surjective, since  $\mathbf{D}$  is generated by  $h(B) \cup k(C)$ . Now let  $\Theta = \ker(\tilde{g})$ . We claim that  $\Theta \cap F(Y)^2 = \Theta_Y$  and  $\Theta \cap F(Z)^2 = \Theta_Z$ . We just prove the non-trivial inclusion of the first equality. Suppose  $(u, v) \in \Theta \cap F(Y)^2$ . Then  $\tilde{g}(u) = \tilde{g}(v)$ , and hence  $h([u]_{\Theta_Y}) = h([v]_{\Theta_Y})$ . Since  $h$  is injective, we have  $[u]_{\Theta_Y} = [v]_{\Theta_Y}$ , and  $(u, v) \in \Theta_Y$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose now that  $\mathcal{V}$  has the PP. Let  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, i, j)$  be a V-formation in  $\mathcal{V}$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $i$  and  $j$  are inclusion maps. Hence  $A, B$ , and  $C$  will play the role of  $Y \cap Z, Y$ , and  $Z$ , respectively, in the definition of the PP. Consider the surjective morphisms  $\pi_A : \mathbf{F}(A) \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$ ,  $\pi_B : \mathbf{F}(B) \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ , and  $\pi_C : \mathbf{F}(C) \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  extending the identity maps on  $A, B$ , and  $C$ , respectively. Let  $\Theta_A = \ker(\pi_A)$ ,  $\Theta_B = \ker(\pi_B)$ , and  $\Theta_C = \ker(\pi_C)$ . Since the restrictions of  $\pi_B$  and  $\pi_C$  to  $A$  are  $\pi_A$ , it follows that  $\Theta_A = \Theta_B \cap F(A)^2 = \Theta_C \cap F(A)^2$ . Therefore, by the PP, there exists  $\Theta \in \text{Con}(\mathbf{F}(B \cup C))$  such that  $\Theta \cap F(B)^2 = \Theta_B$  and  $\Theta \cap F(C)^2 = \Theta_C$ . Let  $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{F}(B \cup C)/\Theta$ , and let  $\pi : \mathbf{F}(B \cup C) \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$  be the canonical homomorphism. Consider the inclusion homomorphisms  $\varphi_B : \mathbf{F}(B) \rightarrow \mathbf{F}(B \cup C)$  and  $\varphi_C : \mathbf{F}(C) \rightarrow \mathbf{F}(B \cup C)$ . Then  $\ker(\pi\varphi_B) = \ker(\pi_B)$  and  $\ker(\pi\varphi_C) = \ker(\pi_C)$ . So the general homomorphism theorem guarantees the existence of injective homomorphisms  $h : \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$  and  $k : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$  such that  $h\pi_B = \pi\varphi_B$  and  $h\pi_C = \pi\varphi_C$ . Lastly, it is routine to verify that  $hi = kj$ , and so  $(h, k, \mathbf{D})$  is an amalgam of  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, i, j)$  in  $\mathcal{V}$ .  $\square$

The Pigozzi property may now be reformulated in terms of equational consequence relations, the result being a property introduced in the context of first-order logic by Robinson [68] (see also [11]). Its relationship with the amalgamation property was characterized by Bacsich in a model-theoretic setting in [4] and also by Czelakowski and Pigozzi in an abstract algebraic logic setting [14] where it is referred to as the “ordinary amalgamation property”. Our exposition here, apart from the focus on properties of countable sets, may be understood as a more direct account of their results in the more narrow setting of universal algebra.

A variety  $\mathcal{V}$  has the *Robinson property* RP if for each set  $Y$ , whenever

- (i)  $\Sigma \cup \Pi \cup \{\varepsilon\} \subseteq \text{Eq}(Y)$  and  $\text{Var}(\Sigma) \cap \text{Var}(\Pi) \neq \emptyset$ ;
- (ii)  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{V}} \delta$  iff  $\Pi \models_{\mathcal{V}} \delta$ , for all  $\delta \in \text{Eq}(Y)$  with  $\text{Var}(\delta) \subseteq \text{Var}(\Sigma) \cap \text{Var}(\Pi)$ ;
- (iii)  $\text{Var}(\varepsilon) \cap \text{Var}(\Pi) \subseteq \text{Var}(\Sigma)$ ;
- (iv)  $\Sigma \cup \Pi \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varepsilon$ ,

also  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varepsilon$ . We will say that  $\mathcal{V}$  has the *countable Robinson property* (countable RP) if the above holds in particular for the set  $\mathbb{X}$ .

Observe that the Robinson property is essentially the logical analogue of the Pigozzi property (see Lemma 11 below), taking into account that condition (iii) may be replaced by

$$(iii)' \text{ Var}(\varepsilon) \subseteq \text{Var}(\Sigma).$$

Let us verify that (iii) and (iii)' are indeed equivalent in the presence of conditions (i), (ii), and (iv). It is clear that (iii)' implies (iii). To prove the opposite implication, suppose that conditions (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv) hold. Consider the set  $\Sigma' = \Sigma \cup \{x \approx x \mid x \in \text{Var}(\varepsilon) - \text{Var}(\Pi)\}$ . Then conditions (i), (ii), (iii)', and (iv) hold when  $\Sigma$  is replaced by  $\Sigma'$ ; with regard to (ii), note that  $\text{Var}(\Sigma') \cap \text{Var}(\Pi) = \text{Var}(\Sigma) \cap \text{Var}(\Pi)$ . Hence (i), (ii), (iii)', and (iv) imply that  $\Sigma' \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varepsilon$ , and it follows that also  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varepsilon$ .

**Lemma 11.** *A variety  $\mathcal{V}$  has the Pigozzi property iff it has the Robinson property.*

**Proof.** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose that  $\mathcal{V}$  has the PP and that conditions (i), (ii), (iii)', and (iv) above are satisfied for the RP. Let  $Y = \text{Var}(\Sigma)$  and  $Z = \text{Var}(\Pi)$ . Let  $\Theta_Y = \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Y)}(\bar{\Sigma})$  and  $\Theta_Z = \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Z)}(\bar{\Pi})$ . Then by condition (ii),  $\Theta_Y \cap F(Y \cap Z)^2 = \Theta_Z \cap F(Y \cap Z)^2$ . So by the PP, there exists  $\Theta \in \text{Con}(\mathbf{F}(Y \cup Z))$  such that  $\Theta_Y = \Theta \cap F(Y)^2$  and  $\Theta_Z = \Theta \cap F(Z)^2$ . We may assume that  $\Theta = \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Y \cup Z)}(\Theta_Y \cup \Theta_Z)$ , in view of Lemma 4. Hence, by condition (iv),  $\bar{\varepsilon} \in \Theta$ . But since  $\text{Var}(\varepsilon) \subseteq Y$ , we have  $\bar{\varepsilon} \in \Theta_Y$  and  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varepsilon$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Now suppose that  $\mathcal{V}$  has the RP and that conditions (i), (ii), and (iii) are satisfied for the PP. We choose  $\Sigma$  and  $\Pi$  such that  $\Theta_Y = \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Y)}(\bar{\Sigma})$  and  $\Theta_Z = \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Z)}(\bar{\Pi})$ . Clearly conditions (i) and (ii) of the RP hold. Let  $\Theta = \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Y \cup Z)}(\Theta_Y \cup \Theta_Z)$ . Then if  $\bar{\varepsilon} \in \Theta \cap F(Y)^2$ , we have  $\Sigma \cup \Pi \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varepsilon$  and  $\text{Var}(\varepsilon) \subseteq \text{Var}(\Sigma)$ . So by the RP,  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varepsilon$ . Hence  $\bar{\varepsilon} \in \Theta_Y$  and so  $\Theta_Y = \Theta \cap F(Y)^2$ . By the same reasoning, also  $\Theta_Z = \Theta \cap F(Z)^2$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 12.** *A variety  $\mathcal{V}$  has the Robinson property iff it has the countable Robinson property.*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $\mathcal{V}$  has the countable RP and consider an arbitrary set  $Y$ . Exploiting compactness (Corollary 3), let us first fix for each  $\Sigma \cup \{\delta\} \subseteq \text{Eq}(Y)$  satisfying  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{V}} \delta$ , a finite set  $\Sigma_{\delta} \subseteq \Sigma$  such that  $\Sigma_{\delta} \models_{\mathcal{V}} \delta$ .

Now suppose that conditions (i)–(iv) hold for the RP. By compactness (Corollary 3), there exist countable (in fact, finite) sets  $\Sigma_0 \subseteq \Sigma$  and  $\Pi_0 \subseteq \Pi$  such that  $\Sigma_0 \cup \Pi_0 \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varepsilon$ . For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and countable sets  $\Sigma_n \subseteq \Sigma$  and  $\Pi_n \subseteq \Pi$  satisfying  $\Sigma_n \cup \Pi_n \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varepsilon$ , let

$$\Sigma_{n+1} = \Sigma_n \cup \bigcup \{ \Sigma_{\delta} \subseteq \Sigma \mid \Sigma \models_{\mathcal{V}} \delta, \delta \in \text{Eq}(\text{Var}(\Sigma_n) \cap \text{Var}(\Pi_n)) \},$$

$$\Pi_{n+1} = \Pi_n \cup \bigcup \{ \Pi_{\delta} \subseteq \Pi \mid \Pi \models_{\mathcal{V}} \delta, \delta \in \text{Eq}(\text{Var}(\Sigma_n) \cap \text{Var}(\Pi_n)) \}.$$

Clearly  $\Sigma_{n+1} \cup \Pi_{n+1} \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varepsilon$ . Moreover, since there are countably many equations with variables in  $\Sigma_n$  and  $\Pi_n$  and each  $\Sigma_\delta$  and  $\Pi_\delta$  is finite,  $\Sigma_{n+1}$  and  $\Pi_{n+1}$  are countable unions of countable sets, and hence themselves countable. Now define

$$\Sigma' = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \Sigma_n \quad \text{and} \quad \Pi' = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \Pi_n.$$

Then  $\Sigma' \cup \Pi' \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varepsilon$ , and  $\Sigma'$  and  $\Pi'$  are countable. Moreover, by [Lemma 7](#), we may assume that  $\text{Var}(\Sigma' \cup \Pi') \subseteq \mathbb{X}$ .

Suppose that  $\Sigma' \models_{\mathcal{V}} \delta$  for some  $\delta \in \text{Eq}(Y)$  satisfying  $\text{Var}(\delta) \subseteq \text{Var}(\Sigma') \cap \text{Var}(\Pi')$ . Then by monotonicity, also  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{V}} \delta$ . So by condition (ii),  $\Pi \models_{\mathcal{V}} \delta$ . But  $\text{Var}(\delta) \subseteq \text{Var}(\Sigma_n) \cap \text{Var}(\Pi_n)$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , so  $\Pi_{n+1} \models_{\mathcal{V}} \delta$ . That is, by monotonicity again,  $\Pi' \models_{\mathcal{V}} \delta$ . By the same reasoning,  $\Sigma' \models_{\mathcal{V}} \delta$  iff  $\Pi' \models_{\mathcal{V}} \delta$ , for all  $\delta \in \text{Eq}(Y)$  satisfying  $\text{Var}(\delta) \subseteq \text{Var}(\Sigma') \cap \text{Var}(\Pi')$ . That is, the countable sets  $\Sigma'$  and  $\Pi'$  satisfy conditions (i)–(iv) of the countable RP. So  $\Sigma' \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varepsilon$  and, using monotonicity,  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varepsilon$  as required.  $\square$

Putting together [Lemmas 10, 11, and 12](#), we obtain:

**Theorem 13.** *For a variety  $\mathcal{V}$ , the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $\mathcal{V}$  has the amalgamation property.
- (2)  $\mathcal{V}$  has the Pigozzi property.
- (3)  $\mathcal{V}$  has the Robinson property.
- (4)  $\mathcal{V}$  has the countable Robinson property.

It follows also that a variety  $\mathcal{V}$  has the amalgamation property iff every  $V$ -formation of countable algebras from  $\mathcal{V}$  has an amalgam in  $\mathcal{V}$ . Moreover, let us note the following stronger result (not required for the rest of this paper) of Grätzer and Lakser [\[31\]](#) (see also Grätzer [\[28, V.4, Corollaries 2, 3\]](#)):

**Proposition 14.** *(See [\[31\]](#).) A variety  $\mathcal{V}$  has the amalgamation property iff every  $V$ -formation of finitely generated algebras from  $\mathcal{V}$  has an amalgam in  $\mathcal{V}$ .*

#### 4. The congruence extension property

An algebra  $\mathbf{A}$  has the *congruence extension property* CEP if any congruence of a subalgebra of  $\mathbf{A}$  extends to  $\mathbf{A}$ . A variety  $\mathcal{V}$  has the congruence extension property if all algebras in  $\mathcal{V}$  have this property.

The aim of this section is to describe the congruence extension property for varieties in terms of their free algebras and equational consequence relations. This characterization will then play a key role in relating the amalgamation property to the interpolation properties investigated in [Section 5](#). We first provide a necessary and sufficient condition for every homomorphic image of an algebra to have the congruence extension property

(Proposition 16), which then leads naturally to Lemma 17, stating that the congruence extension property can be captured by a congruence condition on free algebras. Theorem 20 shows that this condition is equivalent to the “extension property” for the equational consequence relations of the variety. This latter property was studied in [58] under the name “limited GINT” and Theorem 20 here may be viewed as a refinement of Theorem 8 from this paper; it also appears in an abstract algebraic logic setting as the “extension interpolation property” and is shown to be equivalent to the “theory extension property” in [14], and as one of the model-theoretic properties considered in [4].

We show first that we can restrict our attention to compact congruences.

**Lemma 15.** *An algebra  $\mathbf{A}$  has the congruence extension property if the compact congruences of every subalgebra of  $\mathbf{A}$  extend to  $\mathbf{A}$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\mathbf{B}$  be a subalgebra of  $\mathbf{A}$ . By assumption, every compact – that is, finitely generated – congruence of  $\mathbf{B}$  has an extension to  $\mathbf{A}$ . In view of Lemma 4, this means that if  $R$  is a finite subset of  $B^2$ , then  $\text{Cg}_{\mathbf{B}}(R) = \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{A}}(R) \cap B^2$ . Consider now some  $\theta \in \text{Con}(\mathbf{B})$ . We have  $\theta = \bigcup \{ \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{B}}(R) \mid R \subseteq \theta, R \text{ finite} \} = \bigcup \{ \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{A}}(R) \mid R \subseteq \theta, R \text{ finite} \} \cap B^2$ . Now  $\{ \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{A}}(R) \mid R \subseteq \theta, R \text{ finite} \}$  is an up-directed family of congruences of  $\mathbf{A}$ , and hence  $\Phi = \bigcup \{ \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{A}}(R) \mid R \subseteq \theta, R \text{ finite} \} \in \text{Con}(\mathbf{A})$ . So  $\theta = \Phi \cap B^2$  and  $\Phi$  is an extension of  $\theta$  to  $\mathbf{A}$ .  $\square$

The next result provides a crucial step in relating the congruence extension property to properties of free algebras.

**Proposition 16.** *For an algebra  $\mathbf{A}$ , the following are equivalent:*

- (1) *Every homomorphic image of  $\mathbf{A}$  has the congruence extension property.*
- (2) *If  $\mathbf{B}$  is a subalgebra of  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\theta \in \text{Con}(\mathbf{A})$ , and  $R \subseteq B^2$ , then*

$$[\theta \vee \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{A}}(R)] \cap B^2 = (\theta \cap B^2) \vee' \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{B}}(R)$$

where  $\vee$  denotes the join in  $\text{Con}(\mathbf{A})$  and  $\vee'$  denotes the join in  $\text{Con}(\mathbf{B})$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Suppose that every homomorphic image of  $\mathbf{A}$  has the CEP. Consider a subalgebra  $\mathbf{B}$  of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Further, let  $\theta \in \text{Con}(\mathbf{A})$  and  $R \subseteq B^2$ , and let  $\pi : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}/\theta$  be the canonical epimorphism and  $\pi|_{\mathbf{B}}$  the restriction of  $\pi$  to  $\mathbf{B}$ . Then  $\ker(\pi) = \theta$  and  $\ker(\pi|_{\mathbf{B}}) = \theta \cap B^2$ . Let  $\pi[\mathbf{A}] = \mathbf{A}/\theta$ , and let  $\pi[\mathbf{B}]$  be the image of  $\mathbf{B}$  under  $\pi$ , referring to the commutative diagram below.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbf{B} & \hookrightarrow & \mathbf{A} \\
 \pi|_{\mathbf{B}} \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \\
 \pi[\mathbf{B}] & \hookrightarrow & \pi[\mathbf{A}]
 \end{array}$$

We obtain for  $x, y \in B$ :

$$\begin{aligned} (x, y) &\in [\Theta \vee \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{A}}(R)] \cap B^2 \quad \text{iff} \\ (\pi(x), \pi(y)) &\in \text{Cg}_{\pi[\mathbf{A}]}(\pi[R]) \cap \pi[B]^2 \quad (\text{by Lemma 1}) \quad \text{iff} \\ (\pi(x), \pi(y)) &\in \text{Cg}_{\pi[\mathbf{B}]}(\pi[R]) \quad (\text{by the CEP for } \pi[\mathbf{A}]) \quad \text{iff} \\ (x, y) &\in (\Theta \cap B^2) \vee' \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{B}}(R) \quad (\text{by Lemma 1}). \end{aligned}$$

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Suppose now that  $\mathbf{A}$  satisfies condition (2). Then  $\mathbf{A}$  has the CEP: just let  $\Theta$  be the identity congruence. Hence it suffices to show that also every homomorphic image of  $\mathbf{A}$  satisfies (2). In other words, let  $\mathbf{A}_1$  be a homomorphic image of  $\mathbf{A}$ , and let  $\pi : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}_1$  be the corresponding surjective homomorphism. Further, let  $\mathbf{B}_1$  be a subalgebra of  $\mathbf{A}_1$ ,  $\Theta_1$  a congruence of  $\mathbf{A}_1$ , and  $R_1 \subseteq B_1^2$ . We claim that

$$(\Theta_1 \vee \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{A}_1}(R_1)) \cap B_1^2 = (\Theta_1 \cap B_1^2) \vee' \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{B}_1}(R_1).$$

As before,  $\vee$  is the join in  $\text{Con}(\mathbf{A}_1)$ , and  $\vee'$  is the join in  $\text{Con}(\mathbf{B}_1)$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{B} & \hookrightarrow & \mathbf{A} \\ \pi \upharpoonright_{\mathbf{B}} \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \\ \mathbf{B}_1 & \hookrightarrow & \mathbf{A}_1 \\ \pi_1 \upharpoonright_{\mathbf{B}_1} \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi_1 \\ \pi_1[\mathbf{B}_1] & \hookrightarrow & \pi_1[\mathbf{A}_1] \end{array}$$

Let  $\Theta = \ker(\pi)$  and let  $\mathbf{B}$  be the subalgebra of  $\mathbf{A}$  corresponding to the subuniverse  $B = \pi^{-1}[B_1]$ . If  $\pi \upharpoonright_{\mathbf{B}}$  denotes the restriction of  $\pi$  to  $\mathbf{B}$ , we have  $\ker(\pi \upharpoonright_{\mathbf{B}}) = \Theta \cap B^2$ . Let  $\pi_1 : \mathbf{A}_1 \rightarrow \mathbf{A}_1/\Theta_1$  be the canonical epimorphism, and let  $\pi_1 \upharpoonright_{\mathbf{B}_1}$  be the restriction of  $\pi_1$  to  $\mathbf{B}_1$ . We have  $\ker(\pi_1) = \Theta_1$  and  $\ker(\pi_1 \upharpoonright_{\mathbf{B}_1}) = \Theta_1 \cap B_1^2$ . We denote the images of  $\mathbf{B}_1$  and  $\mathbf{A}_1$  under  $\pi_1$  by  $\pi_1[\mathbf{B}_1]$  and  $\pi_1[\mathbf{A}_1]$ , respectively (see the commutative diagram above). Set  $\varphi = \pi_1\pi$ , and let  $\Phi = \ker(\varphi)$ .

Let  $R$  be the inverse image of  $R_1$  under  $\pi \upharpoonright_{\mathbf{B}}$ . Consider an element  $(x_1, y_1) \in (\Theta_1 \vee \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{A}_1}(R_1)) \cap B_1^2$ . There exist  $x, y \in B$  such that  $x_1 = \pi(x)$  and  $y_1 = \pi(y)$ . So  $(\pi_1(x_1), \pi_1(y_1)) \in \pi_1[(\Theta_1 \vee \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{A}_1}(R_1)) \cap B_1^2] = (\text{by Lemma 1}) \text{Cg}_{\pi_1[\mathbf{A}_1]}(\pi_1[R_1]) \cap \pi_1[\mathbf{B}_1]^2$ . I.e.,  $(\varphi(x), \varphi(y)) \in \text{Cg}_{\pi_1[\mathbf{A}_1]}(\varphi[R]) \cap \pi_1[\mathbf{B}_1]^2$ . By Lemma 1 and the fact that  $\mathbf{A}$  satisfies condition (2), we obtain  $(x, y) \in (\text{Cg}_{\mathbf{A}}(R) \vee \Phi) \cap B^2 = \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{B}}(R) \vee' (\Phi \cap B^2) = \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{B}}(R) \vee' \ker(\pi \upharpoonright_{\mathbf{B}}) \vee' (\Phi \cap B^2)$ . Lastly, observe that  $\ker(\pi \upharpoonright_{\mathbf{B}}) = \Theta \cap B^2 \subseteq \Phi \cap B^2$ , and  $\pi[\Phi \cap B^2] \subseteq \Theta_1 \cap B_1^2$ . Thus, using the correspondence theorem of universal algebra and Lemma 1, we get  $(x_1, y_1) = (\pi(x), \pi(y)) \in \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{B}_1}(R_1) \vee' \pi[\Phi \cap B^2] \subseteq \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{B}_1}(R_1) \vee' (\Theta_1 \cap B_1^2)$ . We have shown that  $(\Theta_1 \vee \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{A}_1}(R_1)) \cap B_1^2 \subseteq \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{B}_1}(R_1) \vee' (\Theta_1 \cap B_1^2)$ . Since the reverse inclusion is trivial, we have the desired equality.  $\square$

Applying now Proposition 16 with  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{F}(Y)$  for some set  $Y$ , we obtain a necessary and sufficient condition for a variety  $\mathcal{V}$  to have the congruence extension property in terms of free algebras.

**Lemma 17.** *For a variety  $\mathcal{V}$ , the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $\mathcal{V}$  has the congruence extension property.
- (2) If  $Z \subseteq Y$ ,  $\Theta \in \text{Con}(\mathbf{F}(Y))$ , and  $R \subseteq F(Z)^2$ , then

$$(\Theta \vee \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Y)}(R)) \cap F(Z)^2 = (\Theta \cap F(Z)^2) \vee' \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Z)}(R)$$

where  $\vee$  denotes the join in  $\text{Con}(\mathbf{F}(Y))$  and  $\vee'$  denotes the join in  $\text{Con}(\mathbf{F}(Z))$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Follows directly from Lemma 16.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Suppose that condition (2) is satisfied and consider  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{V}$ . Let  $\mathbf{B}$  be a subalgebra of  $\mathbf{A}$ , and let  $\text{Cg}_{\mathbf{B}}(R') \in \text{Con}(\mathbf{B})$ . We need to prove that  $\text{Cg}_{\mathbf{B}}(R') = \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{A}}(R') \cap B^2$ . Choose  $Z \subseteq Y$  and surjective maps  $\pi_B : Z \rightarrow B$  and  $\pi_A : Y \rightarrow A$  such that  $\pi_A \upharpoonright_Z = \pi_B$ . We use the same symbols to denote the homomorphic extensions  $\pi_B : \mathbf{F}(Z) \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$  and  $\pi_A : \mathbf{F}(Y) \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$ . It is clear that if  $\Theta_A = \ker(\pi_A)$  and  $\Theta_B = \ker(\pi_B)$ , then  $\Theta_A \cap F(Z)^2 = \Theta_B$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{F}(Z) & \hookrightarrow & \mathbf{F}(Y) \\ \pi_B \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi_A \\ \mathbf{B} & \hookrightarrow & \mathbf{A} \end{array}$$

Let  $R \subseteq F(Z)^2$  be such that  $\pi_B[R] = R'$ . Also, let  $x', y' \in B$  and  $x, y \in F(Z)$  be such that  $(x', y') \in \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{A}}(R') \cap B^2$ ,  $\pi_B(x) = x'$ , and  $\pi_B(y) = y'$ . Now,  $(x', y') \in \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{A}}(R')$  implies, by Lemma 1,  $(x, y) \in \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Y)}(R) \vee \Theta_A$ , and so  $(x, y) \in [\text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Y)}(R) \vee \Theta_A] \cap F(Z)^2$ . Using condition (2) and the relation  $\Theta_A \cap F(Z)^2 = \Theta_B$ , we get  $(x, y) \in \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Z)}(R) \vee' \Theta_B$ . Another application of Lemma 1 gives  $(x', y') \in \pi_B[\text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Z)}(R) \vee' \Theta_B] = \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{B}}(R')$ . We have shown that  $\text{Cg}_{\mathbf{A}}(R') \cap B^2 \subseteq \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{B}}(R')$ . The reverse inclusion is trivial, and hence the proof of this implication is complete.  $\square$

We now consider a property of the equational consequence relation  $\models_{\mathcal{V}}$  of a variety  $\mathcal{V}$  that corresponds directly to the congruence extension property for  $\mathcal{V}$ .

A variety  $\mathcal{V}$  has the *extension property* EP if for any set  $Y$ , whenever

- (i)  $\Sigma \cup \Pi \cup \{\varepsilon\} \subseteq \text{Eq}(Y)$ ;
- (ii)  $\Sigma \cup \Pi \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varepsilon$ ,

there exists  $\Delta \subseteq \text{Eq}(Y)$  such that

- (iii)  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{V}} \Delta$ ;
- (iv)  $\Delta \cup \Pi \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varepsilon$ ;
- (v)  $\text{Var}(\Delta) \subseteq \text{Var}(\Pi \cup \{\varepsilon\})$ .

We say also that  $\mathcal{V}$  has the *countable extension property* (countable EP) if the above holds for the set  $\mathbb{X}$ .

**Lemma 18.** *A variety  $\mathcal{V}$  has the extension property iff it has the countable extension property.*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $\mathcal{V}$  has the countable EP and consider a set  $Y$  satisfying (i) and (ii) above. By compactness, there exist finite  $\Sigma' \subseteq \Sigma$  and  $\Pi' \subseteq \Pi$  such that  $\Sigma' \cup \Pi' \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varepsilon$ . The result then follows using Lemma 7 and the countable EP.  $\square$

It is immediate using Corollary 6 that the extension property can be expressed in terms of congruences of free algebras as follows:

**Lemma 19.** *For a variety  $\mathcal{V}$ , the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $\mathcal{V}$  has the extension property.
- (2) Whenever
  - (i)  $Z \subseteq Y$ ;  $P \subseteq F(Y)^2$ ;  $R \cup \{(u, v)\} \subseteq F(Z)^2$ ;
  - (ii)  $(u, v) \in \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Y)}(R) \vee \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Y)}(P)$ ,
 there exists  $D \subseteq F(Z)^2$  such that
  - (iii)  $\text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Y)}(D) \subseteq \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Y)}(P)$ ;
  - (iv)  $(u, v) \in \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Y)}(R) \vee \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Y)}(D)$ .

We are now ready to establish the main result of this section.

**Theorem 20.** *For a variety  $\mathcal{V}$ , the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $\mathcal{V}$  has the congruence extension property.
- (2)  $\mathcal{V}$  has the extension property.
- (3)  $\mathcal{V}$  has the countable extension property.

**Proof.** It suffices to prove that conditions (2) of Lemmas 17 and 19 are equivalent. Assume first that the variety  $\mathcal{V}$  satisfies condition (2) of Lemma 19. Let  $Z \subseteq Y$ ,  $\Theta \in \text{Con}(\mathbf{F}(Y))$ ,  $R \subseteq F(Z)^2$ , and  $(u, v) \in (\Theta \vee \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Y)}(R)) \cap F(Z)^2$  where  $\vee$  is the join in  $\text{Con}(\mathbf{F}(Y))$ . By assumption, there exists  $D \subseteq \Theta \cap F(Z)^2$  such that  $(u, v) \in (\text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Y)}(D) \vee \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Y)}(R)) \cap F(Z)^2 = (\text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Y)}(D \cup R)) \cap F(Z)^2 = \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Z)}(D \cup R)$ . The last equality is a consequence of Lemma 5. So  $(u, v) \in \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Z)}(D) \vee' \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Z)}(R) \subseteq (\Theta \cap F(Z)^2) \vee' \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Z)}(R)$ , where  $\vee'$  denotes the join in  $\text{Con}(\mathbf{F}(Z))$ . Hence  $(\Theta \vee \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Y)}(R)) \cap F(Z)^2 \subseteq$

$(\Theta \cap F(Z)^2) \vee' \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Z)}(R)$ , which proves condition (2) of Lemma 17, since the reverse inclusion is trivial.

Conversely, suppose that condition (2) of Lemma 17 holds. Let  $Z \subseteq Y$ ,  $P \subseteq F(Y)^2$ ,  $R \cup \{(u, v)\} \subseteq F(Z)^2$ , and  $(u, v) \in \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Y)}(R) \vee \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Y)}(P)$ . We have:  $(u, v) \in (\text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Y)}(R) \vee \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Y)}(P)) \cap F(Z)^2 = \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Z)}(R) \vee' (\text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Y)}(P) \cap F(Z)^2) \subseteq \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Y)}(R) \vee \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Y)}(D)$ , where  $D = \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(Y)}(P) \cap F(Z)^2$ .  $\square$

It follows from the proof of the previous theorem that a variety  $\mathcal{V}$  has the congruence extension property iff all countable algebras in  $\mathcal{V}$  have this property. However, as in the case of the amalgamation property, we may obtain the following stronger result:

**Proposition 21.** *A variety  $\mathcal{V}$  has the congruence extension property iff all finitely generated algebras in  $\mathcal{V}$  have this property.*

**Proof.** Let us assume that all finitely generated algebras in  $\mathcal{V}$  have the CEP. Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{V}$ , and let  $\mathbf{B}$  be a subalgebra of  $\mathbf{A}$ . In view of Lemma 5, we need to prove that every compact congruence of  $\mathbf{B}$  extends to  $\mathbf{A}$ . Let  $\Theta$  be such a congruence. There is a finite set  $R \subseteq B^2$  such that  $\Theta = \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{B}}(R)$ . Observe that if  $\Theta$  cannot be extended to  $\mathbf{A}$ , then there exists a finitely generated subalgebra  $\mathbf{C}$  of  $\mathbf{B}$  such that  $\text{Cg}_{\mathbf{C}}(R)$  cannot be extended to  $\mathbf{A}$ . Indeed, suppose that  $(x, y) \in \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{A}}(R) \cap B^2$ , but  $(x, y) \notin \Theta$ . Let  $Y$  be a finite subset of  $B$  such that  $\{(x, y)\} \cup R \subseteq Y^2$ , and let  $\mathbf{C}$  be the subalgebra of  $\mathbf{B}$  generated by  $Y$ . It is now clear that  $\text{Cg}_{\mathbf{C}}(R)$  does not extend to  $\mathbf{A}$ , since  $(x, y) \in \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{A}}(R) \cap C^2$ , but  $(x, y) \notin \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{C}}(R) \subseteq \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{B}}(R)$ .

Hence we may assume that  $\mathbf{B}$  is finitely generated. Consider the set  $\mathcal{S}$  of all finitely generated subuniverses of  $\mathbf{A}$  that contain  $B$ . Clearly,  $\mathcal{S}$  is an up-directed family under set-inclusion, and  $\bigcup \mathcal{S} = \mathbf{A}$ . By assumption, we have  $\Theta = \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{C}}(R) \cap B^2$ , for every  $C \in \mathcal{S}$ . It is routine to verify that  $\Phi = \bigcup \{\text{Cg}_{\mathbf{C}}(R) \mid C \in \mathcal{S}\} \in \text{Con}(\mathbf{A})$ , and  $\Phi \cap B^2 = \Theta$ . Thus,  $\Phi$  extends  $\Theta$  to  $\mathbf{A}$ .  $\square$

### 5. Interpolation properties

As shown in Section 3, the amalgamation property for a variety may be described using either the Pigozzi property for the free algebras of the variety or the Robinson property for the corresponding equational consequence relations (Theorem 13). Similarly, in Section 4, we have seen that the congruence extension property for a variety corresponds both to a property of its free algebras (Lemma 17) and to the extension property for its equational consequence relations (Theorem 20). In both cases, these properties may be restricted to, respectively, countable algebras and the equational consequence relation over countably infinitely many variables. In this section we consider other closely related “interpolation properties” of equational consequence relations and their algebraic equivalents: in particular, the deductive interpolation property, contextualized deductive interpolation property, and Maehara interpolation property.

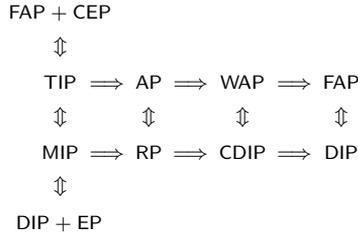


Fig. 1. Relationships between algebraic and syntactic properties.

We first give simple direct syntactic proofs that the Robinson property (equivalently, the amalgamation property) both implies the deductive interpolation property, and is implied by the conjunction of the deductive interpolation property and the extension property (Theorem 22). The first proof of this useful fact appeared in [40], and is credited there to unpublished work of H.J. Keisler. As observed in [62], the essential ideas underlying the proof may be traced back to Magnus’ work in group theory. Moreover, it was already noted in [38] (see also [31]) that a seemingly stronger algebraic condition, referred to below as the weak amalgamation property, implies the amalgamation property in the presence of the congruence extension property. Our second objective here is to show that the weak amalgamation property corresponds to a strengthening of the deductive interpolation property that we call the contextualized deductive interpolation property (Theorem 25), while the deductive interpolation property itself corresponds algebraically to an important property of free products, called the flat amalgamation property (Theorem 23). Finally, we show that the Maehara interpolation property, a strengthening of both the deductive interpolation property and the contextualized deductive interpolation property – studied, for example, in [16,58,73] – corresponds both to the conjunction of the amalgamation property and the congruence extension property, and to the transferable injections property. These relationships are summarized for the reader’s convenience in Fig. 1.

A variety  $\mathcal{V}$  has the *deductive interpolation property* DIP if for any set of variables  $Y$ , whenever

- (i)  $\Sigma \cup \{\varepsilon\} \subseteq \text{Eq}(Y)$  and  $\text{Var}(\Sigma) \cap \text{Var}(\varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ ;
- (ii)  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varepsilon$ ,

there exists  $\Delta \subseteq \text{Eq}(Y)$  such that

- (iii)  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{V}} \Delta$ ;
- (iv)  $\Delta \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varepsilon$ ;
- (v)  $\text{Var}(\Delta) \subseteq \text{Var}(\Sigma) \cap \text{Var}(\varepsilon)$ .

We say also that  $\mathcal{V}$  has the *countable deductive interpolation property* (countable DIP) if the above holds for the set  $\mathbb{X}$ .

**Theorem 22.** *Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a variety.*

- (a)  $\mathcal{V}$  has the deductive interpolation property iff  $\mathcal{V}$  has the countable deductive interpolation property.
- (b) If  $\mathcal{V}$  has the Robinson property (equivalently, the amalgamation property), then  $\mathcal{V}$  has the deductive interpolation property.
- (c) If  $\mathcal{V}$  has the deductive interpolation property and the extension property, then it has the Robinson property (also, the amalgamation property).

**Proof.** (a) Follows exactly the same pattern as the proof of Lemma 18, using Lemma 7 and compactness (Corollary 3).

(b) Suppose that  $\Sigma \cup \{\varepsilon\} \subseteq \text{Eq}(Y)$ ,  $\text{Var}(\Sigma) \cap \text{Var}(\varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ , and  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varepsilon$ . Let

$$\Delta = \{\delta \in \text{Eq}(Y) \mid \text{Var}(\delta) \subseteq \text{Var}(\Sigma) \cap \text{Var}(\varepsilon) \text{ and } \Sigma \models_{\mathcal{V}} \delta\}.$$

Clearly,  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{V}} \Delta$  and  $\text{Var}(\Delta) \subseteq \text{Var}(\Sigma) \cap \text{Var}(\varepsilon)$ . Moreover, (i)–(iv) in the definition of the RP are satisfied (with  $\Delta$  taking the role of  $\Sigma$  and  $\Sigma$  taking the role of  $\Pi$ ), and hence  $\Delta \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varepsilon$ .

(c) Suppose that the conditions of the RP are satisfied:

- (i)  $\Sigma \cup \Pi \cup \{\varepsilon\} \subseteq \text{Eq}(Y)$  and  $\text{Var}(\Sigma) \cap \text{Var}(\Pi) \neq \emptyset$ ;
- (ii)  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{V}} \delta$  iff  $\Pi \models_{\mathcal{V}} \delta$ , for all  $\delta \in \text{Eq}(Y)$  with  $\text{Var}(\delta) \subseteq \text{Var}(\Sigma) \cap \text{Var}(\Pi)$ ;
- (iii)  $\text{Var}(\varepsilon) \cap \text{Var}(\Pi) \subseteq \text{Var}(\Sigma)$ ;
- (iv)  $\Sigma \cup \Pi \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varepsilon$ .

By the EP, there exists  $\Delta' \subseteq \text{Eq}(Y)$  such that  $\Sigma \cup \Delta' \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varepsilon$  and  $\Pi \models_{\mathcal{V}} \Delta'$  with  $\text{Var}(\Delta') \subseteq \text{Var}(\Sigma) \cup \text{Var}(\varepsilon)$ . Now, applying the DIP to  $\Pi \models_{\mathcal{V}} \delta$  for each  $\delta \in \Delta'$ , there exists  $\Delta_{\delta} \subseteq \text{Eq}(Y)$  such that  $\Pi \models_{\mathcal{V}} \Delta_{\delta}$  and  $\Delta_{\delta} \models_{\mathcal{V}} \delta$  with  $\text{Var}(\Delta_{\delta}) \subseteq \text{Var}(\Pi) \cap [\text{Var}(\Sigma) \cup \text{Var}(\varepsilon)] \subseteq \text{Var}(\Pi) \cap \text{Var}(\Sigma)$ . Let  $\Delta = \bigcup \{\Delta_{\delta} \mid \delta \in \Delta'\}$ . Then it follows that  $\Pi \models_{\mathcal{V}} \Delta$  and  $\Delta \models_{\mathcal{V}} \Delta'$  with  $\text{Var}(\Delta) \subseteq \text{Var}(\Pi) \cap \text{Var}(\Sigma)$ . Since  $\Sigma \cup \Delta' \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varepsilon$  and  $\Delta \models_{\mathcal{V}} \Delta'$ , we obtain  $\Sigma \cup \Delta \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varepsilon$ . But also since  $\Pi \models_{\mathcal{V}} \Delta$  and  $\text{Var}(\Delta) \subseteq \text{Var}(\Pi) \cap \text{Var}(\Sigma)$ , by condition (ii) above, we obtain  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{V}} \Delta$ . So  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varepsilon$  as required.  $\square$

The deductive interpolation property corresponds to an important property of free products: the flat amalgamation property, presented in [38]. Before introducing this property, we recall the concept of a free product. Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a class of algebras of the same signature, and let  $(\mathbf{A}_i \mid i \in I)$  be a family of algebras in  $\mathcal{K}$ . The  $\mathcal{K}$ -free product of this family is an algebra  $\mathbf{A}$  together with a family of injective homomorphisms  $(\varphi_i : \mathbf{A}_i \rightarrow \mathbf{A} \mid i \in I)$  such that

1.  $\bigcup_{i \in I} \varphi_i[A_i]$  generates  $\mathbf{A}$ ;

2. for any algebra  $\mathbf{B}$  in  $\mathcal{K}$  and any family of homomorphisms  $(\psi_i : \mathbf{A}_i \rightarrow \mathbf{B} \mid i \in I)$ , there exists a (necessarily unique) homomorphism  $\psi : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$  satisfying  $\psi\varphi_i = \psi_i$  for all  $i \in I$ .

The algebra  $\mathbf{A}$  in the preceding definition is denoted by  $*_{i \in I}^{\mathcal{K}} \mathbf{A}_i$  or simply  $*_{i \in I} \mathbf{A}_i$ . Following usual practice, we speak of  $*_{i \in I} \mathbf{A}_i$  as the  $\mathcal{K}$ -free product of the family  $(\mathbf{A}_i \mid i \in I)$ . To further simplify the notation, we use the “internal” definition of a free product; that is, we identify each free factor  $\mathbf{A}_i$  with its isomorphic image  $\varphi_i[A_i]$  in  $*_{i \in I} \mathbf{A}_i$ ; thus we think of each  $\mathbf{A}_i$  as a subalgebra of  $*_{i \in I} \mathbf{A}_i$ , and each  $\varphi_i$  as the inclusion homomorphism.

The reader has undoubtedly noted that free products are just coproducts satisfying the additional assumption that the associated homomorphisms are injective. In what follows, we only consider  $\mathcal{V}$ -free products when  $\mathcal{V}$  is a variety. In this setting,  $\mathcal{V}$ -coproducts always exist (see, for example, [29, p. 186]); this is not the case with  $\mathcal{V}$ -free products. Their existence is a consequence of the *embedding property* for  $\mathcal{V}$ : given any two algebras  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  in  $\mathcal{V}$ , there exists an algebra  $\mathbf{C}$  in  $\mathcal{V}$  into which both  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  can be embedded. Many significant varieties of algebras admit free products. For example, this is the case for all varieties of residuated lattices (see Section 7), groups, etc. To see this, note that each residuated lattice has a one-element subalgebra  $\{e\}$ , and so  $\mathbf{C}$  can be taken to be the direct product  $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}$ . Moreover, it also holds in all varieties of integral bounded residuated lattices, such as Boolean algebras and MV algebras, even though its verification is less obvious. In what follows, we use the expression “the variety  $\mathcal{V}$  admits free products” to indicate that the free product of any family of algebras in  $\mathcal{V}$  exists.

Suppose that  $\mathcal{V}$  admits free products.  $\mathcal{V}$  has the *flat amalgamation property* FAP if whenever  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are algebras in  $\mathcal{V}$ , with  $\mathbf{A}$  a subalgebra of  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $Y$  any non-empty set, the induced homomorphism  $\mathbf{A} * \mathbf{F}(Y) \rightarrow \mathbf{B} * \mathbf{F}(Y)$  is injective.

**Theorem 23.** *Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a variety admitting free products. The following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $\mathcal{V}$  has the countable deductive interpolation property.
- (2)  $\mathcal{V}$  has the deductive interpolation property.
- (3)  $\mathcal{V}$  has the flat amalgamation property.

**Proof.** The proof of this result is a simpler version of the forthcoming proof of [Theorem 25](#), and is therefore omitted.  $\square$

**Corollary 24.** *If a variety admitting free products has the flat amalgamation property and the congruence extension property, then it has the amalgamation property.*

As already remarked at the beginning of this section, there is an algebraic condition – an important property of free products introduced in [38], apparently stronger than

the flat amalgamation property – that also implies the amalgamation property in the presence of the congruence extension property.

Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a variety admitting free products.  $\mathcal{V}$  has the *weak amalgamation property* WAP if whenever  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are algebras in  $\mathcal{V}$ , and  $\mathbf{A}_1$  is a subalgebra of  $\mathbf{A}$ , the subalgebra of the free product  $\mathbf{A} * \mathbf{B}$  generated by  $A_1 \cup B$  is isomorphic to the free product  $\mathbf{A}_1 * \mathbf{B}$ . Equivalently,  $\mathcal{V}$  has the weak amalgamation property iff whenever  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are algebras in  $\mathcal{V}$ , and  $\mathbf{A}_1$  and  $\mathbf{B}_1$  are subalgebras of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ , respectively, the subalgebra of the free product  $\mathbf{A} * \mathbf{B}$  generated by  $A_1 \cup B_1$  is isomorphic to the free product  $\mathbf{A}_1 * \mathbf{B}_1$ .

The weak amalgamation property corresponds to a variant of the deductive interpolation property. A variety  $\mathcal{V}$  has the *contextualized deductive interpolation property* CDIP if for any set  $Y$ , whenever

- (i)  $\Sigma \cup \Pi \cup \{\varepsilon\} \subseteq \text{Eq}(Y)$ ,  $\text{Var}(\Sigma) \cap \text{Var}(\Pi) = \emptyset$ , and  $\text{Var}(\Sigma) \cap \text{Var}(\varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ ;
- (ii)  $\Sigma \cup \Pi \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varepsilon$ ,

there exists  $\Delta \subseteq \text{Eq}(Y)$  such that

- (iii)  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{V}} \Delta$ ;
- (iv)  $\Delta \cup \Pi \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varepsilon$ ;
- (v)  $\text{Var}(\Delta) \subseteq \text{Var}(\Sigma) \cap \text{Var}(\varepsilon)$ .

$\mathcal{V}$  has the *countable contextualized deductive interpolation property* (countable CDIP) if the above holds for the set  $\mathbb{X}$ .

Note that  $\mathcal{V}$  has the contextualized deductive interpolation property iff, for any set  $Y$ , whenever

- (i)  $\Sigma \cup \Pi \cup \{\varepsilon\} \subseteq \text{Eq}(Y)$ ,  $\text{Var}(\Sigma) \cap \text{Var}(\Pi) = \emptyset$ ,  $\text{Var}(\Sigma) \cap \text{Var}(\varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ , and  $\text{Var}(\Pi) \cap \text{Var}(\varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ ;
- (ii)  $\Sigma \cup \Pi \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varepsilon$ ;

there exists  $\Delta_1 \cup \Delta_2 \subseteq \text{Eq}(Y)$  such that

- (iii)  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{V}} \Delta_1$  and  $\Pi \models_{\mathcal{V}} \Delta_2$ ;
- (iv)  $\Delta_1 \cup \Delta_2 \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varepsilon$ ;
- (v)  $\text{Var}(\Delta_1) \subseteq \text{Var}(\Sigma) \cap \text{Var}(\varepsilon)$  and  $\text{Var}(\Delta_2) \subseteq \text{Var}(\Pi) \cap \text{Var}(\varepsilon)$ .

**Theorem 25.** *Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a variety admitting free products. The following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $\mathcal{V}$  has the countable contextualized deductive interpolation property.
- (2)  $\mathcal{V}$  has the contextualized deductive interpolation property.
- (3)  $\mathcal{V}$  has the weak amalgamation property.

**Proof.** (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2) Again, as in the proof of [Lemma 18](#), using [Lemma 7](#) and compactness ([Corollary 3](#)).

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Suppose that  $\mathcal{V}$  has the CDIP. Let  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathcal{V}$  and let  $\mathbf{A}_1$  be a subalgebra of  $\mathbf{A}$ . We need to prove that  $\mathbf{A}_1 * \mathbf{B}$  is isomorphic to the subalgebra  $\langle A_1 \cup B \rangle$  of  $\mathbf{A} * \mathbf{B}$  generated by  $A_1 \cup B$ . We may assume that  $A \cup B \subseteq Y$  and  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .

Let  $\pi_{\mathbf{A}} : \mathbf{F}(A) \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$  be the homomorphism that extends the identity on  $A$ , and likewise for  $\pi_{\mathbf{B}} : \mathbf{F}(B) \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ . Let  $\Theta_{\mathbf{A}} = \ker(\pi_{\mathbf{A}})$  and  $\Theta_{\mathbf{B}} = \ker(\pi_{\mathbf{B}})$ . Then the homomorphism  $\pi : \mathbf{F}(A \cup B) \rightarrow \mathbf{A} * \mathbf{B}$  that extends the identity on  $A \cup B$  has as kernel the congruence  $\text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(A \cup B)}(\Theta_{\mathbf{A}} \cup \Theta_{\mathbf{B}})$ . In the diagram below

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{F}(A_1 \cup B) & \hookrightarrow & \mathbf{F}(A \cup B) \\ \pi' \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \\ \langle A_1 \cup B \rangle & \hookrightarrow & \mathbf{A} * \mathbf{B} \end{array}$$

$\pi' : \mathbf{F}(A_1 \cup B) \rightarrow \langle A_1 \cup B \rangle$  is the restriction of  $\pi$  to  $\mathbf{F}(A_1 \cup B)$ . Note that  $\ker(\pi') = \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(A \cup B)}(\Theta_{\mathbf{A}} \cup \Theta_{\mathbf{B}}) \cap F(A_1 \cup B)^2$ .

Consider the homomorphism  $\pi_{\mathbf{A}_1} : \mathbf{F}(A_1) \rightarrow \mathbf{A}_1$  extending the identity map on  $A_1$ , and let  $\Theta_{\mathbf{A}_1}$  be its kernel. To prove that  $\langle A_1 \cup B \rangle \cong \mathbf{A}_1 * \mathbf{B}$ , it will suffice to verify that  $\text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(A \cup B)}(\Theta_{\mathbf{A}} \cup \Theta_{\mathbf{B}}) \cap F(A_1 \cup B)^2 = \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(A_1 \cup B)}(\Theta_{\mathbf{A}_1} \cup \Theta_{\mathbf{B}})$ . We verify the inclusion  $\text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(A \cup B)}(\Theta_{\mathbf{A}} \cup \Theta_{\mathbf{B}}) \cap F(A_1 \cup B)^2 \subseteq \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(A_1 \cup B)}(\Theta_{\mathbf{A}_1} \cup \Theta_{\mathbf{B}})$ , since the reverse inclusion is trivial. Let  $\bar{\varepsilon}$  be an element of the left-hand side. Applying the CDIP to  $\bar{\varepsilon}$  and  $\text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(A \cup B)}(\Theta_{\mathbf{A}} \cup \Theta_{\mathbf{B}})$ , we conclude that there exists a subset  $S \subseteq F(A_1)^2$  such that  $\bar{\varepsilon} \in \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(A \cup B)}(S \cup \Theta_{\mathbf{B}})$  and  $\text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(A \cup B)}(S) \subseteq \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(A \cup B)}(\Theta_{\mathbf{A}})$ . Now  $S \cup \Theta_{\mathbf{B}} \subseteq F(A_1 \cup B)^2$ , and so by [Lemma 4](#),  $\bar{\varepsilon} \in \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(A \cup B)}(S \cup \Theta_{\mathbf{B}}) \cap F(A_1 \cup B)^2 = \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(A_1 \cup B)}(S \cup \Theta_{\mathbf{B}}) \subseteq \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(A_1 \cup B)}(\Theta_{\mathbf{A}_1} \cup \Theta_{\mathbf{B}})$ . The last inclusion follows from the relation  $S \subseteq \Theta_{\mathbf{A}_1}$ . The proof of the implication is now complete.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Suppose that  $\mathcal{V}$  has the WAP. Let  $\Sigma, \Pi$ , and  $\varepsilon$  satisfy (i) and (ii) of the CDIP. Without loss of generality we may assume that  $\text{Var}(\varepsilon) \subseteq \text{Var}(\Sigma) \cup \text{Var}(\Pi)$ . We need to verify conditions (iii)–(v). Define  $A = \text{Var}(\Sigma)$ ,  $B = \text{Var}(\Pi)$ , and  $A_1 = \text{Var}(\Sigma) \cap \text{Var}(\varepsilon)$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{F}(A_1 \cup B) & \hookrightarrow & \mathbf{F}(A \cup B) \\ \bar{\pi}' \downarrow & & \downarrow \bar{\pi} \\ \bar{\mathbf{A}}_1 * \bar{\mathbf{B}} & \hookrightarrow & \bar{\mathbf{A}} * \bar{\mathbf{B}} \end{array}$$

Let  $\Phi_A = \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(\mathbb{X})}(\bar{\Sigma}) \cap F(A)^2$ ,  $\Phi_B = \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(\mathbb{X})}(\bar{\Pi}) \cap F(B)^2$ ,  $\bar{\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{F}(A)/\Phi_A$ , and  $\bar{\mathbf{B}} = \mathbf{F}(B)/\Phi_B$ . Further, let  $\bar{\pi}_A : \mathbf{F}(A) \rightarrow \bar{\mathbf{A}}$  and  $\bar{\pi}_B : \mathbf{F}(B) \rightarrow \bar{\mathbf{B}}$  be the canonical epimorphisms, and let  $\bar{\mathbf{A}}_1$  be the subalgebra of  $\bar{\mathbf{A}}$  with subuniverse  $\bar{A}_1 = \bar{\pi}_A[A_1]$ . Let  $\bar{\pi} : \mathbf{F}(A \cup B) \rightarrow \bar{\mathbf{A}} * \bar{\mathbf{B}}$  be the epimorphism extending  $\bar{\pi}_A$  and  $\bar{\pi}_B$ , and let  $\bar{\pi}'$  be the restriction of  $\bar{\pi}$  to  $\mathbf{F}(A_1 \cup B)$ . Note that  $\ker(\bar{\pi}) = \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(\mathbb{X})}(\Phi_A \cup \Phi_B) \cap F(A \cup B)^2$ , and

$\ker(\bar{\pi}') = \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(\mathbb{X})}(\Phi_A \cup \Phi_B) \cap F(A_1 \cup B)^2$ . In particular,  $\bar{\varepsilon} \in \ker(\bar{\pi}')$ . Now the image of  $\bar{\pi}'$  is the subalgebra  $\langle A_1 \cup B \rangle$  of  $\bar{\mathbf{A}} * \bar{\mathbf{B}}$  generated by  $A_1 \cup B$ . Since  $\mathcal{V}$  has the WAP, it follows that  $\langle A_1 \cup B \rangle \cong \bar{\mathbf{A}}_1 * \bar{\mathbf{B}}$ . But this implies that  $\ker(\bar{\pi}') = \text{Cg}_{\mathbf{F}(A_1 \cup B_1)}([\Phi_A \cap F(A_1 \cup B)^2] \cup [\Phi_B \cap F(A_1 \cup B)^2])$ . Let  $\Delta$  be such that  $\bar{\Delta} = \Phi_A \cap F(A_1 \cup B_1)^2$ . Then it is clear that  $\Sigma$ ,  $\Pi$ ,  $\Delta$ , and  $\varepsilon$  satisfy (iii)–(v) of the CDIP.  $\square$

We conclude this section with a discussion of another important interpolation property: the Maehara interpolation property. This property implies all the interpolation properties discussed until now, and is equivalent to the conjunction of the deductive interpolation property and the extension property. Its algebraic counterpart is a strengthening of the amalgamation property called the transferable injections property.

A variety  $\mathcal{V}$  has the *Maehara interpolation property* MIP if for any set  $Y$ , whenever

- (i)  $\Sigma \cup \Pi \cup \{\varepsilon\} \subseteq \text{Eq}(Y)$  and  $\text{Var}(\Sigma) \cap \text{Var}(\Pi \cup \{\varepsilon\}) \neq \emptyset$ ;
- (ii)  $\Sigma \cup \Pi \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varepsilon$ ,

there exists  $\Delta \subseteq \text{Eq}(Y)$  such that

- (iii)  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{V}} \Delta$ ;
- (iv)  $\Delta \cup \Pi \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varepsilon$ ;
- (v)  $\text{Var}(\Delta) \subseteq \text{Var}(\Sigma) \cap \text{Var}(\Pi \cup \{\varepsilon\})$ .

We say also that  $\mathcal{V}$  has the *countable Maehara interpolation property* (countable MIP) if the above holds for the set  $\mathbb{X}$ .

**Lemma 26.** *A variety  $\mathcal{V}$  has the Maehara interpolation property iff it has both the extension property and the deductive interpolation property.*

**Proof.** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) It is immediate that the EP follows from the MIP; also, the DIP is the special case of the MIP where  $\Pi = \emptyset$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Conversely, suppose that both the EP and the DIP hold, and that  $\Sigma \cup \Pi \cup \{\varepsilon\} \subseteq \text{Eq}(Y)$ ,  $\text{Var}(\Sigma) \cap \text{Var}(\Pi \cup \{\varepsilon\}) \neq \emptyset$ , and  $\Sigma \cup \Pi \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varepsilon$ . By the EP, there exists  $\Delta' \subseteq \text{Eq}(Y)$  such that  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{V}} \Delta'$ ,  $\Delta' \cup \Pi \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varepsilon$ , and  $\text{Var}(\Delta') \subseteq \text{Var}(\Pi \cup \{\varepsilon\})$ . Then by the DIP, there exists  $\Delta \subseteq \text{Eq}(Y)$  such that  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{V}} \Delta$ ,  $\Delta \models_{\mathcal{V}} \Delta'$ , and  $\text{Var}(\Delta) \subseteq \text{Var}(\Sigma) \cap \text{Var}(\Pi \cup \{\varepsilon\})$ . But then also  $\Delta \cup \Pi \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varepsilon$  as required.  $\square$

**Corollary 27.** *The Maehara interpolation property implies the Robinson property and the contextualized deductive interpolation property.*

**Proof.** The MIP implies the DIP and the EP, which together imply the RP; also, the CDIP is the special case of the MIP where  $\text{Var}(\Sigma) \cap \text{Var}(\Pi) = \emptyset$ , and  $\text{Var}(\Sigma) \cap \text{Var}(\varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ .  $\square$

A variety  $\mathcal{V}$  has the *transferable injections property* TIP if whenever  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C} \in \mathcal{V}$ ,  $i$  is an embedding of  $\mathbf{A}$  into  $\mathbf{B}$ , and  $j$  is a homomorphism from  $\mathbf{A}$  into  $\mathbf{C}$ , there exist an algebra  $\mathbf{D} \in \mathcal{V}$ , a homomorphism  $h$  from  $\mathbf{B}$  into  $\mathbf{D}$ , and an embedding  $k$  from  $\mathbf{C}$  into  $\mathbf{D}$  such that  $hi = kj$ .

**Lemma 28.** *A variety  $\mathcal{V}$  has the transferable injections property iff it has both the amalgamation property and the congruence extension property.*

**Proof.** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) If we assume in the definition of the TIP that both  $i$  and  $j$  are embeddings, then the TIP provides homomorphisms  $h_{x,y}$  and  $k_{x,y}$  as in Lemma 8 for all  $x \neq y$  in  $B$ . Hence the AP holds. Moreover, if we assume  $j$  to be surjective in the definition of the TIP, then we obtain the CEP. Indeed, given a subalgebra  $\mathbf{A}$  of  $\mathbf{B}$  in  $\mathcal{V}$  and  $\Theta \in \text{Con}(\mathbf{A})$ , let  $j_\Theta : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}/\Theta$  be the epimorphism induced by  $\Theta$ , and let  $i : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$  be the inclusion homomorphism. Then by the TIP, there exist  $\mathbf{D} \in \mathcal{V}$  and homomorphisms  $h : \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$  and  $k : \mathbf{A}/\Theta \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$  such that  $k$  is an embedding, and  $kj_\Theta = hi$ . Since  $k[\mathbf{A}/\Theta] = (hi)[\mathbf{A}] \subseteq [\mathbf{B}]$ , we may assume without loss of generality that  $\mathbf{D} = h[\mathbf{B}]$ . Let  $\Phi = \ker(h)$ . Since  $hi = kj_\Theta$  and  $k$  is injective, it follows that  $\Phi$  is an extension of  $\Theta$  to  $\mathbf{B}$ . So  $\mathcal{V}$  has the CEP.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Conversely, suppose that  $\mathcal{V}$  has the AP and CEP. Given  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}$ ,  $i$ , and  $j$  as in the definition of the TIP, let  $\mathbf{C}' = j[\mathbf{A}]$ . Then  $j : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}'$  is surjective, and by the CEP there are  $\mathbf{D}' \in \mathcal{V}$ , an embedding  $h : \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}'$ , and a homomorphism  $k : \mathbf{C}' \rightarrow \mathbf{D}'$  such that  $hi = kj$ . Now by the AP, the V-formation  $\langle \mathbf{C}', \mathbf{D}', \mathbf{C}, h, id \rangle$ , where  $id = id_{\mathbf{C}'} : \mathbf{C}' \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  is the inclusion homomorphism, has an amalgam  $\langle \mathbf{D}, f, g \rangle$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \mathbf{B} & \xrightarrow{h} & \mathbf{D}' & \xrightarrow{f} & \mathbf{D} \\
 \uparrow i & & \uparrow k & & \uparrow g \\
 \mathbf{A} & \xrightarrow{j} & \mathbf{C}' & \xrightarrow{id} & \mathbf{C}
 \end{array}$$

But then  $\mathbf{D}$  and the homomorphisms  $fh$  and  $g$  witness the validity of the TIP.  $\square$

**Theorem 29.** *For a variety  $\mathcal{V}$ , the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  $\mathcal{V}$  has the countable Maehara interpolation property.
- (2)  $\mathcal{V}$  has the Maehara interpolation property.
- (3)  $\mathcal{V}$  has the extension property and deductive interpolation property.
- (4)  $\mathcal{V}$  has the amalgamation property and congruence extension property.
- (5)  $\mathcal{V}$  has the transferable injections property.

**Proof.** (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2) This equivalence follows as in the proof of Lemma 18, using Lemma 7 and compactness (Corollary 3).

(2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3) By Lemma 26.

(3)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (4) The CEP and EP are equivalent by [Theorem 20](#). But also, the AP implies the DIP, and the DIP and EP together imply the AP.

(4)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (5) By [Lemma 28](#).  $\square$

The equivalence between the Maehara interpolation property and the transferable injections property is shown in [\[73\]](#). That the Maehara interpolation property is equivalent to the deductive interpolation property plus the congruence extension property is shown in [\[15, Theorem 2.2\]](#), where the congruence extension property is called the *filter extension property*. Finally, the equivalence between the Maehara interpolation property and the Robinson property plus the extension property is proved in [\[58, Theorem 4\]](#), where the Maehara interpolation property, Robinson property, and extension property are called the GINT, ROB\*, and limited GINT, respectively.

### 6. Lattice-ordered abelian groups and MV-algebras

In this section, we obtain new proofs of the amalgamation property for the varieties  $\mathcal{A}$  of lattice-ordered abelian groups (abelian  $\ell$ -groups) and  $\mathcal{MV}$  of MV-algebras by establishing the deductive interpolation property for these varieties and then applying the results of the preceding sections. We also obtain a new proof of Weinberg’s theorem [\[70\]](#) that  $\mathcal{A}$  is generated as a quasivariety by the abelian  $\ell$ -group  $\mathbf{Z}$  of the integers. Amalgamation was first established for  $\mathcal{A}$  by Pierce in [\[61\]](#); other algebraic proofs are given by Powell and Tsinakis in [\[63,64\]](#). The self-contained proof given below is closest to the model-theoretic approach of Weispfenning [\[71\]](#) based on quantifier elimination for totally and densely ordered abelian  $\ell$ -groups. Here, however, we prove the deductive interpolation property via an elimination step that is sound for all abelian  $\ell$ -groups and invertible for  $\mathbf{Z}$ , thereby obtaining also a direct proof that  $\mathbf{Z}$  generates  $\mathcal{A}$  as a quasivariety.

An *abelian  $\ell$ -group* is an algebra  $(A, \wedge, \vee, +, -, 0)$  such that  $(A, \wedge, \vee)$  is a lattice,  $(A, +, -, 0)$  is an abelian group, and  $+$  is order preserving; namely,  $a \leq b$  implies  $a + c \leq b + c$  for all  $a, b, c \in A$ . It follows also that the lattice  $(A, \wedge, \vee)$  is distributive, that the De Morgan equations  $-(x \wedge y) \approx -x \vee -y$ ,  $-(x \vee y) \approx -x \wedge -y$  and the condition  $0 \leq x \vee -x$  are satisfied, and that  $+$  distributes over  $\wedge$  and  $\vee$ . The fundamental example of an abelian  $\ell$ -group for our investigations in this section will be  $\mathbf{Z} = (\mathbb{Z}, \min, \max, +, -, 0)$ .

Given elements  $a, b, a_1, \dots, a_n$  of any algebra of this signature (including  $\mathbf{Fm}(\mathbb{X})$ ), we write as usual  $a - b$  for  $a + (-b)$  and  $a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n$  for  $a_1 + (a_2 + (\dots + a_n) \dots)$ . We also define  $0a = 0$  and  $(n + 1)a = a + na$ ,  $-(n + 1)a = (-n)a - a$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . We call terms in  $\mathbf{Fm}(\mathbb{X})$  containing only variables,  $+$ ,  $-$ , and  $0$ , *group formulas*. We also make frequent use of the (easily proved) fact that for any abelian  $\ell$ -group equation  $\varepsilon \in \text{Eq}(\mathbb{X})$ , there exist *conjunctive* and *disjunctive forms*, respectively,

$$\varepsilon_1 = \left( 0 \leq \bigwedge_{i \in I} \bigvee_{j \in J} \alpha_{ij} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad \varepsilon_2 = \left( 0 \leq \bigvee_{i \in I'} \bigwedge_{j \in J'} \beta_{ij} \right)$$

such that  $\alpha_{ij}$  and  $\beta_{i'j'}$  are group formulas for  $i \in I, j \in J, i' \in I', j' \in J'$ , and  $\{\varepsilon_i\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \varepsilon$  and  $\{\varepsilon\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \varepsilon_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .

The variety  $\mathcal{A}$  is term-equivalent to a variety of commutative pointed residuated lattices. These structures are defined and investigated in some detail in Section 7. Here, however, we make use only of Lemma 43, which tells us in particular that  $\mathcal{A}$  has the extension property and congruence extension property. From this it follows that to establish the amalgamation property for  $\mathcal{A}$ , it suffices to establish the deductive interpolation property for this variety.

We begin by proving some useful properties of the equational consequence relation of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Lemma 30.**

- (a)  $\{0 \leq (x + y) \vee z\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} 0 \leq x \vee y \vee z$ ;
- (b)  $\{0 \leq nx \vee y\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} 0 \leq x \vee y$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ;
- (c)  $\{0 \leq x \wedge y \wedge z\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} 0 \leq (x + y) \wedge z$ ;
- (d)  $\models_{\mathcal{A}} n(x \vee y) \leq nx \vee ny$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

**Proof.** (a) Since  $\models_{\mathcal{A}} 0 \leq -x \vee x$ , also  $\models_{\mathcal{A}} 0 \leq -(x + y) + y \vee (0 + x)$ . By monotonicity,  $\models_{\mathcal{A}} 0 \leq -(x + y) + (x \vee y) \vee (0 + (x \vee y))$ , and using distributivity properties,  $\models_{\mathcal{A}} 0 \leq -((x + y) \wedge 0) + (x \vee y)$ . So  $\models_{\mathcal{A}} (x + y) \wedge 0 \leq x \vee y$ . Hence also  $\models_{\mathcal{A}} ((x + y) \wedge 0) \vee z \leq x \vee y \vee z$ . So if  $0 \leq (a + b) \vee c$  in some abelian  $\ell$ -group  $\mathbf{A}$ , then  $0 \leq ((a + b) \wedge 0) \vee c$  in  $\mathbf{A}$  and, as required,  $0 \leq a \vee b \vee c$  in  $\mathbf{A}$ .

(b) Follows immediately from (a).

(c) If  $0 \leq a \wedge b \wedge c$  in some abelian  $\ell$ -group  $\mathbf{A}$ , then also  $0 \leq a, 0 \leq b$ , and  $0 \leq c$  in  $\mathbf{A}$ . So also  $0 \leq a + b$  holds in  $\mathbf{A}$  and, as required,  $0 \leq (a + b) \wedge c$  in  $\mathbf{A}$ .

(d) We proceed by induction on  $n$ . The base case  $n = 1$  is immediate. For the inductive step, note first that  $\models_{\mathcal{A}} 0 \leq (n - 1)(x - y) \vee (n - 1)(y - x)$  and hence, using (b),  $\models_{\mathcal{A}} 0 \leq (x - y) \vee (n - 1)(y - x)$ . Adding  $y + (n - 1)x$  to both sides and distributing,  $\models_{\mathcal{A}} y + (n - 1)x \leq nx \vee ny$ . Clearly also  $\models_{\mathcal{A}} x + (n - 1)x \leq nx \vee ny$ , so  $\models_{\mathcal{A}} (x \vee y) + (n - 1)x \leq nx \vee ny$ . Following the same reasoning,  $\models_{\mathcal{A}} (x \vee y) + (n - 1)y \leq nx \vee ny$ , so we obtain  $\models_{\mathcal{A}} (x \vee y) + ((n - 1)x \vee (n - 1)y) \leq nx \vee ny$ . Finally, using the induction hypothesis,  $\models_{\mathcal{A}} n(x \vee y) \leq nx \vee ny$  as required.  $\square$

**Lemma 31.** *Suppose that  $\Sigma \subseteq \text{Eq}(\mathbb{X})$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \text{Fm}(\mathbb{X})$ . If  $\Sigma \cup \{0 \leq \alpha\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \varepsilon$  and  $\Sigma \cup \{0 \leq \beta\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \varepsilon$ , then  $\Sigma \cup \{0 \leq \alpha \vee \beta\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \varepsilon$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $\Sigma \cup \{0 \leq \alpha\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \varepsilon$  and  $\Sigma \cup \{0 \leq \beta\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \varepsilon$ . We may assume also that  $\varepsilon = (0 \leq \gamma)$ . By Lemma 43 (which holds for all varieties of pointed commutative residuated lattices and does not rely on any of the results of this section),  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{A}} m(\alpha \wedge 0) \leq \gamma$  and  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{A}} n(\beta \wedge 0) \leq \gamma$  for some  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{A}} \max(m, n)(\alpha \wedge 0) \vee \max(m, n)(\beta \wedge 0) \leq \gamma$ . Using Lemma 30 (d),  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{A}} \max(m, n)((\alpha \wedge 0) \vee (\beta \wedge 0)) \leq \gamma$ .

By distributivity,  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{A}} \max(m, n)((\alpha \vee \beta) \wedge 0) \leq \gamma$ . So finally by Lemma 43 again, we conclude that  $\Sigma \cup \{0 \leq \alpha \vee \beta\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \varepsilon$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 32.**

- (a) For any join of group formulas  $\bigvee_{i \in I} \alpha_i$  and a variable  $x$ , there exists  $\emptyset \neq D \subseteq \{\gamma, (\alpha - nx), (nx + \beta)\}$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and formulas  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  not containing  $x$  such that  $\{0 \leq \bigvee_{i \in I} \alpha_i\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} 0 \leq \bigvee D$  and  $\{0 \leq \bigvee D\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} 0 \leq \bigvee_{i \in I} \alpha_i$ .
- (b) For any meet of group formulas  $\bigwedge_{i \in I} \alpha_i$  and a variable  $x$ , there exists  $\emptyset \neq D \subseteq \{\gamma, (\alpha - nx), (nx + \beta)\}$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and formulas  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  not containing  $x$  such that  $\{0 \leq \bigwedge_{i \in I} \alpha_i\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} 0 \leq \bigwedge D$  and  $\{0 \leq \bigwedge D\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} 0 \leq \bigwedge_{i \in I} \alpha_i$ .

**Proof.** (a) We may assume that

$$\bigvee_{i \in I} \alpha_i = \bigvee_{i \in I_1} \alpha'_i \vee \bigvee_{i \in I_2} (\alpha'_i - n_i x) \vee \bigvee_{i \in I_3} (n_i x + \alpha'_i)$$

where  $n_i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $\alpha'_i$  does not contain  $x$  for  $i \in I_1 \cup I_2 \cup I_3$ . For  $I_2 \cup I_3 \neq \emptyset$ , let  $n$  be the least common multiple of the  $n_i$  for  $i \in I_2 \cup I_3$ . We define for  $I_1 \neq \emptyset$ ,  $I_2 \neq \emptyset$ , and  $I_3 \neq \emptyset$  respectively,

$$\gamma = \bigvee_{i \in I_1} \alpha'_i, \quad \alpha = \bigvee_{i \in I_2} (n/n_i)\alpha'_i, \quad \text{and} \quad \beta = \bigvee_{i \in I_3} (n/n_i)\alpha'_i,$$

and let  $D$  contain  $\gamma$  if  $I_1 \neq \emptyset$ ,  $(\alpha - nx)$  if  $I_2 \neq \emptyset$ , and  $(nx + \beta)$  if  $I_3 \neq \emptyset$ . The claim follows by Lemma 30 (b), monotonicity, and the distributivity of  $+$  over  $\vee$ .

(b) Very similar to (a).  $\square$

We now establish the crucial lemma (essentially a quantifier elimination step) that allows us to reduce the number of different variables in consequences between certain equations. Since it will be helpful to have an equation that fails in all non-trivial abelian  $\ell$ -groups, we reserve a variable  $x_0 \in \mathbb{X}$  and fix  $\mathbb{X}_0 = \mathbb{X} - \{x_0\}$ .

**Lemma 33.** Suppose that  $x \in \mathbb{X}_0 - \text{Var}(\{\gamma_\delta, \gamma_\varepsilon, \alpha, \beta, \alpha', \beta'\})$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , and

$$\delta = \left(0 \leq \bigwedge D\right) \in \text{Eq}(\mathbb{X}_0) \quad \text{for } \emptyset \neq D \subseteq \{\gamma_\delta, (\alpha' - nx), (nx + \beta')\},$$

$$\varepsilon = \left(0 \leq \bigvee E\right) \in \text{Eq}(\mathbb{X}_0) \cup \{0 \leq x_0\} \quad \text{for } \emptyset \neq E \subseteq \{\gamma_\varepsilon, (\alpha - nx), (nx + \beta)\}.$$

Let  $D'$  and  $E'$  be the smallest sets satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_\delta \in D &\Rightarrow \gamma_\delta \in D', \\ \gamma_\varepsilon \in E &\Rightarrow \gamma_\varepsilon \in E', \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\alpha' - nx) \in D \quad \text{and} \quad (nx + \beta') \in D &\Rightarrow (\alpha' + \beta') \in D', \\
 (\alpha - nx) \in E \quad \text{and} \quad (nx + \beta) \in E &\Rightarrow (\alpha + \beta) \in E', \\
 (\alpha - nx) \in D \quad \text{and} \quad (\alpha' - nx) \in E &\Rightarrow (\alpha - \alpha') \in E', \\
 (nx + \beta) \in D \quad \text{and} \quad (nx + \beta') \in E &\Rightarrow (\beta - \beta') \in E'
 \end{aligned}$$

and define

$$\delta' = \begin{cases} 0 \leq 0 & \text{if } D' = \emptyset, \\ 0 \leq \bigwedge D' & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \varepsilon' = \begin{cases} 0 \leq x_0 & \text{if } E' = \emptyset, \\ 0 \leq \bigvee E' & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then  $\delta' \in \text{Eq}(\mathbb{X}_0 - \{x\})$  and  $\varepsilon' \in \text{Eq}(\mathbb{X}_0 - \{x\}) \cup \{0 \leq x_0\}$  satisfy

- (i)  $\{\delta\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \delta'$ ;
- (ii) If  $\{\delta'\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \varepsilon'$ , then  $\{\delta\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \varepsilon$ ;
- (iii) If  $x \notin \text{Var}(\delta)$ , then  $\delta' = \delta$  and  $\{\varepsilon'\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \varepsilon$ ;
- (iv) If  $x \notin \text{Var}(\varepsilon)$ , then  $\varepsilon' = \varepsilon$ ;
- (v) If  $\{\delta\} \models_{\mathbf{Z}} \varepsilon$ , then  $\{\delta'\} \models_{\mathbf{Z}} \varepsilon'$ .

**Proof.** Notice first that (i), i.e.,  $\{\delta\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \delta'$ , follows directly from Lemma 30 (c). Also, using Lemma 30 (a) and monotonicity:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \{0 \leq \alpha + \beta\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} 0 \leq (\alpha - nx) \vee (nx + \beta), \\
 \{0 \leq \alpha - \alpha', 0 \leq \alpha' - nx\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} 0 \leq \alpha - nx, \\
 \{0 \leq \beta - \beta', 0 \leq nx + \beta'\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} 0 \leq nx + \beta.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by repeated applications of Lemma 31,  $\{\varepsilon', \delta\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \varepsilon$ . Consider, for example, the most complicated case where

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varepsilon' = 0 &\leq \gamma_{\varepsilon} \vee (\alpha + \beta) \vee (\alpha - \alpha') \vee (\beta - \beta'), \\
 \delta = 0 &\leq \gamma_{\delta} \wedge (\alpha' - nx) \wedge (nx + \beta'), \\
 \varepsilon &= \gamma_{\varepsilon} \vee (\alpha - nx) \vee (nx + \beta).
 \end{aligned}$$

If  $\varepsilon'$  and  $\delta$  are satisfied in an abelian  $\ell$ -group  $\mathbf{A}$ , then  $0 \leq \alpha' - nx$  and  $0 \leq nx + \beta'$  are satisfied in  $\mathbf{A}$  and by monotonicity also  $0 \leq \gamma_{\varepsilon} \vee (\alpha + \beta) \vee (\alpha - nx) \vee (nx + \beta)$  is satisfied in  $\mathbf{A}$ . But then replacing  $\alpha + \beta$  with  $(\alpha - nx) + (nx + \beta)$ , by Lemma 30 (a), also  $\varepsilon$  is satisfied in  $\mathbf{A}$ . I.e.,  $\{\varepsilon', \delta\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \varepsilon$ .

It follows that if  $\{\delta'\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \varepsilon'$ , then, since also  $\{\delta\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \delta'$ , we obtain  $\{\delta\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \varepsilon$  as required for (ii).

Suppose  $x \notin \text{Var}(\delta)$ . Then  $\delta' = \delta = (0 \leq \gamma_{\delta})$ . Also, either  $\varepsilon' = \varepsilon = (0 \leq \gamma_{\varepsilon})$ , or  $\varepsilon = (0 \leq \gamma_{\varepsilon} \vee (\alpha - nx) \vee (nx + \beta))$  and  $\varepsilon' = (0 \leq \gamma_{\varepsilon} \vee (\alpha + \beta))$ . Hence, using

**Lemma 30** (a) for the latter case,  $\{\varepsilon'\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \varepsilon$ . I.e., (iii) is satisfied. Similarly, if  $x \notin \text{Var}(\varepsilon)$ , then  $\varepsilon' = \varepsilon = (0 \leq \gamma_\varepsilon)$ , so (iv) is satisfied.

Finally, for (v), let us assume, since other cases are very similar (in fact, more straightforward), that

$$\begin{aligned} \delta &= (0 \leq \gamma_\delta \wedge (\alpha' - nx) \wedge (nx + \beta')), \\ \varepsilon &= (0 \leq \gamma_\varepsilon \vee (\alpha - nx) \vee (nx + \beta)), \\ \delta' &= (0 \leq \gamma_\delta \wedge (\alpha' + \beta')), \\ \varepsilon' &= (0 \leq \gamma_\varepsilon \vee (\alpha + \beta) \vee (\alpha - \alpha') \vee (\beta - \beta')). \end{aligned}$$

Suppose contrapositively that  $\{\delta'\} \not\models_{\mathbf{Z}} \varepsilon'$ . Then for some  $\varphi : \mathbf{Fm}(\mathbb{X} - \{x\}) \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$ , we have  $0 \leq \varphi(\gamma_\delta)$ ,  $-\varphi(\alpha') \leq \varphi(\beta')$ ,  $\varphi(\gamma_\varepsilon) < 0$ ,  $\varphi(\alpha) < -\varphi(\beta)$ ,  $\varphi(\alpha) < \varphi(\alpha')$ , and  $\varphi(\beta) < \varphi(\beta')$ . These same inequalities hold for any  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $\varphi_m : \mathbf{Fm}(\mathbb{X} - \{x\}) \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$  defined by  $\varphi_m(y) = m\varphi(y)$  for all  $y \in \mathbb{X} - \{x\}$ . Hence we may assume that  $\varphi(\alpha)$  is divisible by  $2n$  for any  $\alpha \in \mathbf{Fm}(\mathbb{X} - \{x\})$ .

Our aim now is to extend  $\varphi$  to  $\varphi : \mathbf{Fm}(\mathbb{X}) \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$  by choosing an appropriate value of  $x$  such that  $0 \leq \varphi(\delta)$  and  $0 > \varphi(\varepsilon)$ . We define

$$\varphi(x) = \frac{\min(\varphi(\alpha'), -\varphi(\beta)) + \max(\varphi(\alpha), -\varphi(\beta'))}{2n}.$$

By calculation in  $\mathbf{Z}$ , it follows that  $\varphi(\alpha') \geq \varphi(nx)$ ,  $-\varphi(nx) \geq \varphi(\beta')$ ,  $\varphi(\alpha) < \varphi(nx)$ , and  $-\varphi(nx) < \varphi(\beta)$ . So  $\{\delta\} \not\models_{\mathbf{Z}} \varepsilon$  as required.  $\square$

**Example 34.** Consider the equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta &= (0 \leq (4y + 3z) \wedge (3y + 5z - 8x) \wedge (8x + 2y - 3z)), \\ \varepsilon &= (0 \leq (3y - 2z) \vee (2y - 8x) \vee (8x + 4y - z)). \end{aligned}$$

Following the construction in **Lemma 33**, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \delta' &= (0 \leq (4y + 3z) \wedge (5y + 2z)), \\ \varepsilon' &= (0 \leq (3y - 2z) \vee (6y - z) \vee (y + 5z) \vee (-2y - 2z)). \end{aligned}$$

This reduction lemma provides the key ingredient for a new proof of Weinberg’s generation theorem [70] for abelian  $\ell$ -groups.

**Theorem 35.** For any  $\Sigma \cup \{\varepsilon\} \subseteq \text{Eq}(\mathbb{X})$ :

$$\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{A}} \varepsilon \iff \Sigma \models_{\mathbf{Z}} \varepsilon.$$

I.e.,  $\mathcal{A}$  is generated by  $\mathbf{Z}$  as a quasivariety.

**Proof.** The left-to-right direction is immediate. For the converse direction, by [Corollary 3](#) and renaming of variables, we can consider a finite  $\Sigma \cup \{\varepsilon\} \subseteq \text{Eq}(\mathbb{X}_0)$ . Hence, taking a suitable equation in place of  $\Sigma$ , it suffices to show that for any  $\delta \in \text{Eq}(\mathbb{X}_0)$  and  $\varepsilon \in \text{Eq}(\mathbb{X}_0) \cup \{0 \leq x_0\}$ :

$$\{\delta\} \models_{\mathbf{Z}} \varepsilon \quad \Rightarrow \quad \{\delta\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \varepsilon.$$

We may assume that  $\delta$  is in disjunctive form and that  $\varepsilon$  is in conjunctive form. Observe also that  $\{0 \leq \alpha_1 \vee \alpha_2\} \models_{\mathbf{Z}} \varepsilon$  if and only if  $\{0 \leq \alpha_1\} \models_{\mathbf{Z}} \varepsilon$  and  $\{0 \leq \alpha_2\} \models_{\mathbf{Z}} \varepsilon$ , and  $\{0 \leq \alpha_1 \vee \alpha_2\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \varepsilon$  if and only if  $\{0 \leq \alpha_1\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \varepsilon$  and  $\{0 \leq \alpha_2\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \varepsilon$ . So we may assume that  $\delta = (0 \leq \bigwedge_{i \in I} \alpha_i)$  where each  $\alpha_i$  is a group formula. Similarly, we may assume that  $\varepsilon = (0 \leq \bigvee_{j \in J} \beta_j)$  where each  $\beta_j$  is a group formula. Finally, using [Lemma 32](#), we can assume that  $\delta$  and  $\varepsilon$  have the form required by [Lemma 33](#).

We now prove the claim by induction on  $|(\text{Var}(\varepsilon) \cup \text{Var}(\delta)) - \{x_0\}|$ . If  $\text{Var}(\varepsilon) \cup \text{Var}(\delta) = \emptyset$ , then  $\varepsilon$  and  $\delta$  contain no variables and both hold in all members of  $\mathcal{A}$ . I.e.,  $\{\delta\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \varepsilon$ . If  $\text{Var}(\varepsilon) = \{x_0\}$  and  $\text{Var}(\delta) = \emptyset$ , then  $\varepsilon = (0 \leq x_0)$ . Hence, evaluating  $x_0$  as  $-1$ , we obtain  $\{\delta\} \not\models_{\mathbf{Z}} \varepsilon$ .

For the induction step, pick  $x \in (\text{Var}(\varepsilon) \cup \text{Var}(\delta)) - \{x_0\}$ . Using [Lemma 33](#), we obtain  $\delta' \in \text{Eq}(\mathbb{X}_0 - \{x\})$  and  $\varepsilon' \in \text{Eq}(\mathbb{X}_0 - \{x\}) \cup \{0 \leq x_0\}$  such that

$$\{\delta\} \models_{\mathbf{Z}} \varepsilon \quad \Rightarrow \quad \{\delta'\} \models_{\mathbf{Z}} \varepsilon' \quad \text{and} \quad \{\delta'\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \varepsilon' \quad \Rightarrow \quad \{\delta\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \varepsilon.$$

If  $\{\delta\} \models_{\mathbf{Z}} \varepsilon$ , then by the first implication,  $\{\delta'\} \models_{\mathbf{Z}} \varepsilon'$ . So, by the induction hypothesis,  $\{\delta'\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \varepsilon'$ , and, by the second implication,  $\{\delta\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \varepsilon$ .  $\square$

Note, moreover, that the proof of [Lemma 33](#) describes explicitly how to check  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{A}} \varepsilon$  when  $\Sigma$  is finite by constructing  $\Sigma'$  and  $\varepsilon'$  containing one fewer variable than  $\Sigma$  and  $\varepsilon$ , such that  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{A}} \varepsilon$  iff  $\Sigma' \models_{\mathcal{A}} \varepsilon'$ . Repeating the process with  $\Sigma'$  and  $\varepsilon'$ , the algorithm terminates after finitely many steps. That is, the quasiequational theory of  $\mathcal{A}$  is decidable.

We now tackle the main result of this section for abelian  $\ell$ -groups.

**Theorem 36.** *The variety of abelian  $\ell$ -groups has the deductive interpolation property, amalgamation property, and Robinson property.*

**Proof.** By [Lemma 43](#),  $\mathcal{A}$  has the extension property EP. Hence, by [Theorem 22](#) (c), to show that  $\mathcal{A}$  has the amalgamation property AP and Robinson property RP, it suffices to show that  $\mathcal{A}$  has the DIP. Note also that, using the compactness of the consequence relation ([Corollary 3](#)) and equivalences in abelian  $\ell$ -groups, it suffices to establish this property with just one equation on the left.

Suppose then that

- (i)  $\{\delta, \varepsilon\} \subseteq \text{Eq}(\mathbb{X}_0)$  with  $\text{Var}(\delta) \cap \text{Var}(\varepsilon) \neq \emptyset$ ;
- (ii)  $\{\delta\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \varepsilon$ .

We show that there exists  $\gamma \in \text{Eq}(\mathbb{X}_0)$  such that

- (iii)  $\{\delta\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \gamma$ ;
- (iv)  $\{\gamma\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \varepsilon$ ;
- (v)  $\text{Var}(\gamma) \subseteq \text{Var}(\delta) \cap \text{Var}(\varepsilon)$ .

We may assume that  $\delta$  is in disjunctive form and that  $\varepsilon$  is in conjunctive form. Note also that if  $\delta = (0 \leq \alpha_1 \vee \alpha_2)$ , then  $\{0 \leq \alpha_1\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \varepsilon$  and  $\{0 \leq \alpha_2\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \varepsilon$ . But if (iii)–(v) are satisfied with  $\delta$  and  $\gamma$  replaced by  $\delta_i$  and  $\gamma_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$ , then (iii)–(v) are satisfied with  $\delta = (0 \leq \alpha_1 \vee \alpha_2)$ . So we may assume that  $\delta = (0 \leq \bigwedge_{i \in I} \alpha_i)$  where each  $\alpha_i$  is a group formula. Similarly, we may assume that  $\varepsilon = (0 \leq \bigvee_{j \in J} \beta_j)$  where each  $\beta_j$  is a group formula. Finally, using Lemma 32, we can assume that  $\delta$  and  $\varepsilon$  have the form required by Lemma 33.

We proceed now by induction on  $|\text{Var}(\delta) - \text{Var}(\varepsilon)|$ . If  $\text{Var}(\delta) \subseteq \text{Var}(\varepsilon)$ , then we can take  $\gamma$  to be  $\delta$ . Otherwise, choose  $x \in \text{Var}(\delta) - \text{Var}(\varepsilon)$ . Using Lemma 33 and Theorem 35, we obtain  $\delta' \in \text{Eq}(\mathbb{X}_0)$  with  $\text{Var}(\delta') \subseteq \text{Var}(\delta) - \{x\}$  (noting that in Lemma 33, the  $\varepsilon'$  is  $\varepsilon$  since  $x \notin \text{Var}(\varepsilon)$ ) such that  $\{\delta\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \delta'$  and  $\{\delta'\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \varepsilon$ . By the induction hypothesis, there exists  $\gamma \in \text{Eq}(\mathbb{X}_0)$  such that  $\{\delta'\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \gamma$ ,  $\{\gamma\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \varepsilon$ , and  $\text{Var}(\gamma) \subseteq \text{Var}(\delta') \cap \text{Var}(\varepsilon)$ . But then also  $\{\delta\} \models_{\mathcal{A}} \gamma$  and  $\text{Var}(\gamma) \subseteq \text{Var}(\delta) \cap \text{Var}(\varepsilon)$ , so we are done.  $\square$

We turn our attention now to the variety  $\mathcal{MV}$  of MV-algebras, the algebraic semantics of Łukasiewicz logic. Amalgamation for  $\mathcal{MV}$  follows from the categorical equivalence between MV-algebras and abelian  $\ell$ -groups with strong unit established in [54] (see also [12,57] for further details regarding MV-algebras and Łukasiewicz logic). A direct geometrical proof established via the Robinson property for  $\mathcal{MV}$  is given by Busaniche and Mundici in [10]. Here we provide a shorter proof that makes use of the fact that consequences in the standard MV-algebra  $[0, 1]$  on the real unit interval can be translated back-and-forth between consequences in an abelian  $\ell$ -group with strong unit based on the real numbers. The categorical equivalence is not required for this step; however, in concluding that the variety of MV-algebras has the deductive interpolation property, we make use of Di Nola and Lettieri’s result that the standard MV-algebra generates  $\mathcal{MV}$  as a quasivariety. We note also that a related proof of the deductive interpolation property for  $\mathcal{MV}$ , obtained independently by Mundici in a geometric setting (subsequently to the proof given here) has appeared in [56].

Let  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{MV}}$  be the signature with a binary operation  $\oplus$ , a unary operation  $\neg$ , and a constant 0. An *MV-algebra* is an algebraic structure  $\mathbf{A} = (A, \oplus, \neg, 0)$  for  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{MV}}$  such that  $(A, \oplus, 0)$  is a commutative monoid and  $\neg\neg x = x$ ,  $x \oplus \neg 0 = \neg 0$ , and  $\neg(\neg x \oplus y) \oplus y = \neg(\neg y \oplus x) \oplus x$  for all  $x, y \in A$ . Further operations are defined as  $1 = \neg 0$ ,  $x \odot y = \neg(\neg x \oplus \neg y)$ ,  $x \vee y = \neg(\neg x \oplus y) \oplus y$ , and  $x \wedge y = \neg(\neg x \vee \neg y)$ . It is easily verified that with these definitions  $(A, \wedge, \vee, 0, 1)$  is a bounded lattice.

The fundamental example of an MV-algebra is  $[0, 1] = ([0, 1], \oplus, \neg, 0)$  where  $x \oplus y = \min(x + y, 1)$  and  $\neg x = 1 - x$ . We will make use in what follows of the result that  $\mathcal{MV}$

is generated as a quasivariety by this algebra (see [12] for a proof and references). In particular, we show that  $\mathcal{MV}$  has the deductive interpolation property and hence also the amalgamation property, by exploiting a relationship between the algebra  $[0, 1]$  and the abelian  $\ell$ -group with strong unit  $\mathbf{R} = (\mathbb{R}, \min, \max, +, -, 0, 1)$  in the signature of abelian  $\ell$ -groups with an additional constant 1, which we denote  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}}$ .

The following lemma is proved in almost exactly the same way as Lemma 33. The main differences, which result in no essential changes in the proof are, firstly, that the conditions refer to the single structure  $\mathbf{R}$  rather than a class of structures, and, secondly, that since there is an additional constant 1, the equation that fails in  $\mathbf{R}$  may be taken to be  $1 \leq 0$  and there is no need for a reserved variable.

**Lemma 37.** *Suppose that  $x \in \mathbb{X} - \text{Var}(\{\gamma_\delta, \gamma_\varepsilon, \alpha, \beta, \alpha', \beta'\})$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , and*

$$\begin{aligned} \delta &= (0 \leq \bigwedge D) \in \text{Eq}(\mathbb{X}) \quad \text{for } \emptyset \neq D \subseteq \{\gamma_\delta, (\alpha' - nx), (nx + \beta')\}, \\ \varepsilon &= (0 \leq \bigvee E) \in \text{Eq}(\mathbb{X}) \quad \text{for } \emptyset \neq E \subseteq \{\gamma_\varepsilon, (\alpha - nx), (nx + \beta)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $D'$  and  $E'$  be the smallest sets satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_\delta \in D &\Rightarrow \gamma_\delta \in D', \\ \gamma_\varepsilon \in E &\Rightarrow \gamma_\varepsilon \in E', \\ (\alpha' - nx) \in D \quad \text{and} \quad (nx + \beta') \in D &\Rightarrow (\alpha' + \beta') \in D', \\ (\alpha - nx) \in E \quad \text{and} \quad (nx + \beta) \in E &\Rightarrow (\alpha + \beta) \in E', \\ (\alpha - nx) \in D \quad \text{and} \quad (\alpha' - nx) \in E &\Rightarrow (\alpha - \alpha') \in E', \\ (nx + \beta) \in D \quad \text{and} \quad (nx + \beta') \in E &\Rightarrow (\beta - \beta') \in E' \end{aligned}$$

and define

$$\delta' = \begin{cases} 0 \leq 0 & \text{if } D' = \emptyset, \\ 0 \leq \bigwedge D' & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \varepsilon' = \begin{cases} 0 \leq 1 & \text{if } E' = \emptyset, \\ 0 \leq \bigvee E' & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then  $\delta', \varepsilon' \in \text{Eq}(\mathbb{X} - \{x\})$  satisfy

- (i)  $\{\delta\} \models_{\mathbf{R}} \delta'$ ;
- (ii)  $\{\delta'\} \models_{\mathbf{R}} \varepsilon'$  iff  $\{\delta\} \models_{\mathbf{R}} \varepsilon$ ;
- (iii) If  $x \notin \text{Var}(\delta)$ , then  $\delta' = \delta$  and  $\{\varepsilon'\} \models_{\mathbf{R}} \varepsilon$ ;
- (iv) If  $x \notin \text{Var}(\varepsilon)$ , then  $\varepsilon' = \varepsilon$ .

Now for a formula  $\alpha$  of  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}}$ , let us define (following [12,67]):

$$\alpha^\# = (\alpha \wedge 0) \vee 1.$$

**Lemma 38.** For any formula  $\beta$  of  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{MV}}$ , there exists a formula  $\alpha$  of  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}}$  such that  $\text{Var}(\alpha) = \text{Var}(\beta)$  and  $\beta^{[0,1]} = (\alpha^\#)^{\mathbf{R}}$ .

**Proof.** We proceed by induction on the number of symbols in  $\beta$ . If  $\beta$  is a variable  $x$ , then let  $\alpha = x$ . For  $\beta = 0$ , let  $\alpha = 0$ . If  $\beta = \neg\beta_1$ , then by the induction hypothesis, we have a formula  $\alpha_1$  of  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}}$  such that  $\text{Var}(\alpha_1) = \text{Var}(\beta_1)$  and  $\beta_1^{[0,1]} = (\alpha_1^\#)^{\mathbf{R}}$ . The required formula is  $\alpha = 1 - \alpha_1$ . If  $\beta = \beta_1 \oplus \beta_2$ , then by the induction hypothesis, we have formulas  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  of  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}}$  such that  $\text{Var}(\alpha_i) = \text{Var}(\beta_i)$  and  $\beta_i^{[0,1]} = (\alpha_i^\#)^{\mathbf{R}}$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . The required formula is  $\alpha = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) \wedge 1$ .  $\square$

Now consider any group formula  $\alpha$  of  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}}$  built using  $+$ ,  $-$ ,  $0$ , and  $1$ . Such an  $\alpha$  is equivalent in  $\mathbf{R}$  to (assuming an order on the variables) a formula of the form  $k + \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_i$  where  $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{Z}$  for  $i = 1 \dots n$  and  $k$  stands for  $k(1)$  with  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Following again [12,67], we define the formula  $\beta_\alpha$  of  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{MV}}$  by induction on  $\sigma(\alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i|$ :

1. If  $\sigma(\alpha) = 0$ , then  $\alpha$  is equivalent to  $k$  and let

$$\beta_\alpha = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } k \geq 1, \\ 0 & \text{if } k \leq 0. \end{cases}$$

2. For  $\sigma(\alpha) > 0$ , let  $j = \min\{i \mid \lambda_i \neq 0\}$  and

$$\beta_\alpha = \begin{cases} (\beta_{\alpha-x_j} \oplus x_j) \odot \beta_{\alpha-x_j+1} & \text{if } \lambda_j > 0, \\ \neg((\beta_{1-\alpha-x_j} \oplus x_j) \odot \beta_{2-\alpha-x_j}) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

This definition is extended to all formulas  $\alpha$  of  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}}$  by observing that (as for abelian  $\ell$ -groups)  $\alpha$  is equivalent in  $\mathbf{R}$  to a formula  $\bigwedge_{i \in I} \bigvee_{j \in J_i} \alpha_{ij}$  where each  $\alpha_{ij}$  is a group formula, and defining  $\beta_\alpha = \bigwedge_{i \in I} \bigvee_{j \in J_i} \beta_{\alpha_{ij}}$ .

**Lemma 39.** For each formula  $\alpha$  of  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}}$ :  $(\alpha^\#)^{\mathbf{R}} = \beta_\alpha^{[0,1]}$ .

**Proof.** Let us consider the case where  $\alpha = k + \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i x_i$  is a group formula of  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}}$  since the more general case follows easily. We proceed by induction on  $\sigma(\alpha)$ . The base case is immediate. For  $\sigma(\alpha) > 0$ , suppose without loss of generality that  $\min\{i \mid \lambda_i \neq 0\} = 1$ . For  $\lambda_1 > 0$ , let  $\alpha' = k + (\lambda_1 - 1)x_1 + \sum_{i=2}^n \lambda_i x_i$ ; i.e.,  $\alpha'$  is equivalent to  $\alpha - x_1$ . Then  $\beta_\alpha = (\alpha' \oplus x_1) \odot \beta_{\alpha'+1}$ . By the induction hypothesis  $(\alpha' \#)^{\mathbf{R}} = \beta_{\alpha'}^{[0,1]}$  and  $((\alpha'+1) \#)^{\mathbf{R}} = \beta_{\alpha'+1}^{[0,1]}$ . We may then easily check in  $\mathbf{R}$  that  $(\alpha^\#)^{\mathbf{R}} = ((\alpha' + x_1) \#)^{\mathbf{R}} = \beta_\alpha^{[0,1]}$ . The case where  $\lambda_1 < 0$  is very similar.  $\square$

**Theorem 40.** The variety of MV-algebras has the deductive interpolation property, amalgamation property, and Robinson property.

**Proof.** It suffices to show that for any formulas  $\beta_1, \beta_2$  of  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{MV}}$  such that  $\{1 \leq \beta_1\} \models_{[0,1]} 1 \leq \beta_2$ , there exists a formula  $\beta_3$  of  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{MV}}$  with  $\text{Var}(\beta_3) \subseteq \text{Var}(\beta_1) \cap \text{Var}(\beta_2)$  satisfying  $\{1 \leq \beta_1\} \models_{[0,1]} 1 \leq \beta_3$  and  $\{1 \leq \beta_3\} \models_{[0,1]} 1 \leq \beta_2$ .

By Lemma 38, there exist formulas  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  of  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{A}}$  such that  $\text{Var}(\alpha_1) = \text{Var}(\beta_1)$ ,  $\text{Var}(\alpha_2) = \text{Var}(\beta_2)$ ,  $\beta_1^{[0,1]} = (\alpha_1^\#)^{\mathbf{R}}$ , and  $\beta_2^{[0,1]} = (\alpha_2^\#)^{\mathbf{R}}$ . Hence  $\{1 \leq \alpha_1^\#\} \models_{\mathbf{R}} 1 \leq \alpha_2^\#$ , and using Lemma 37, there exists  $\alpha_3$  with  $\text{Var}(\alpha_3) \subseteq \text{Var}(\alpha_1) \cap \text{Var}(\alpha_2)$  satisfying  $\{1 \leq \alpha_1^\#\} \models_{\mathbf{R}} 1 \leq \alpha_3$  and  $\{1 \leq \alpha_3\} \models_{\mathbf{R}} 1 \leq \alpha_2^\#$ . But then also  $\{1 \leq \alpha_1^\#\} \models_{\mathbf{R}} 1 \leq \alpha_3^\#$  and  $\{1 \leq \alpha_3^\#\} \models_{\mathbf{R}} 1 \leq \alpha_2^\#$ . By Lemma 39, there exists  $\beta_3 = \beta_{\alpha_3}$  with  $\text{Var}(\beta_3) \subseteq \text{Var}(\beta_1) \cap \text{Var}(\beta_2)$  such that  $(\alpha_3^\#)^{\mathbf{R}} = \beta_3^{[0,1]}$  and we have  $\{1 \leq \beta_1\} \models_{[0,1]} 1 \leq \beta_3$  and  $\{1 \leq \beta_3\} \models_{[0,1]} 1 \leq \beta_2$  as required.  $\square$

### 7. Residuated lattices

In this section we establish some general conditions for the amalgamation property (and therefore, by the results of Sections 3 through 5, also the deductive interpolation property) for varieties of residuated lattices and pointed residuated lattices. These varieties provide algebraic semantics for substructural logics and encompass other important classes of algebras such as lattice-ordered groups (see [23] or [52] for comprehensive overviews). We focus here in particular on semilinear (also referred to in the literature as “representable”) varieties: that is, varieties generated by their totally ordered members (see, e.g., [8]).

A *residuated lattice* is an algebra  $\mathbf{L} = (L, \cdot, \backslash, /, \vee, \wedge, e)$  satisfying:

- (a)  $(L, \cdot, e)$  is a monoid;
- (b)  $(L, \vee, \wedge)$  is a lattice with order  $\leq$ ; and
- (c)  $\backslash$  and  $/$  are binary operations satisfying the residuation property:

$$x \cdot y \leq z \quad \text{iff} \quad y \leq x \backslash z \quad \text{iff} \quad x \leq z / y.$$

The symbol  $\cdot$  is often omitted when writing elements of these algebras.

A *pointed residuated lattice* is an algebra  $\mathbf{L} = (L, \cdot, \backslash, /, \vee, \wedge, e, f)$  whose reduct  $(L, \cdot, \backslash, /, \vee, \wedge, e)$  is a residuated lattice. Since residuated lattices may be identified with pointed residuated lattices satisfying  $e = f$ , general theorems applying to classes of pointed residuated lattices apply also to classes of residuated lattices, although not necessarily vice versa. We will therefore write pointed residuated lattice when we mean an algebra of either of these classes.

We also define here a *bounded residuated lattice* to be a pointed residuated lattice with bottom element  $f$  (and therefore also, top element  $f \backslash f$ ), emphasizing that “bounded” implies that the constant  $f$  representing the bottom element is in the signature. A pointed residuated lattice is *integral* if its top element is  $e$ . Note, however, that in a bounded residuated lattice,  $e$  may not be the top element, and, conversely, an integral pointed residuated lattice may not be bounded.

A pointed residuated lattice is *commutative* if it satisfies  $xy = yx$ , in which case,  $x \setminus y$  and  $y/x$  coincide and are denoted by  $x \rightarrow y$ . Let us also define  $x^0 = e$  and  $x^{n+1} = x(x^n)$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . A pointed residuated lattice is *idempotent* if it satisfies  $x^2 = x$  and, more generally, *n-potent* for  $2 \leq n \in \mathbb{N}$ , if it satisfies  $x^{n+1} = x^n$ . A pointed residuated lattice is *divisible* if  $x \leq y$  implies  $y(y \setminus x) = (x/y)y = x$ , *cancellative* if  $xyu = xzu$  implies  $y = z$ , and *semilinear* if it is isomorphic to a subdirect product of totally ordered pointed residuated lattices.

It is easily shown (see [5,8]) that the class of pointed residuated lattices forms a congruence distributive variety and that all the preceding conditions may be expressed equationally. This variety provides algebraic semantics for the full Lambek calculus (pointed residuated lattices are therefore often referred to also as FL-algebras) and its subvarieties correspond to substructural logics. Moreover, lattice-ordered groups (or  $\ell$ -groups) (see [3,26]) can be presented as residuated lattices satisfying  $x(x \setminus e) = e$ . It suffices to let  $x \setminus y = x^{-1}y$  and  $y/x = yx^{-1}$ .

Let us now briefly recall some structure theory for pointed residuated lattices, referring to [8,23,35,52] for further details. We fix a pointed residuated lattice  $\mathbf{L}$ . If  $F \subseteq L$ , we write  $F^-$  for the set of “negative” elements of  $F$ ; i.e.,  $F^- = \{x \in F \mid x \leq e\}$ . The *negative cone* of a residuated lattice  $\mathbf{L}$  is the algebra  $\mathbf{L}^-$  with domain  $L^-$  where the lattice operations and the monoid operation of  $\mathbf{L}^-$  are the restrictions to  $\mathbf{L}^-$  of the corresponding operations in  $\mathbf{L}$ . The residuals  $\setminus^-$  and  $/^-$  are defined by

$$x \setminus^- y = (x \setminus y) \wedge e \quad \text{and} \quad y /^- x = (y/x) \wedge e$$

where  $\setminus$  and  $/$  denote the residuals of  $\mathbf{L}$ .

Given  $a \in L$ , define  $\rho_a(x) = (ax/a) \wedge e$  and  $\lambda_a(x) = (a \setminus xa) \wedge e$ , for all  $x \in L$ . We refer to  $\rho_a$  and  $\lambda_a$  respectively as *right conjugation* and *left conjugation* by  $a$ . An *iterated conjugation* map is a composition  $\gamma = \gamma_1 \gamma_2 \dots \gamma_n$ , where each  $\gamma_i$  is a right conjugation or a left conjugation by an element  $a_i \in L$ . The set of all iterated conjugation maps (on  $\mathbf{L}$ ) will be denoted by  $\Gamma$ .

A lattice filter  $F$  of a pointed residuated lattice  $\mathbf{L}$  is said to be *normal* if (i) it contains  $e$ ; (ii) it is *multiplicative*, that is, it is closed under multiplication; and (iii) for all  $x \in F$  and  $y \in L$ ,  $y \setminus xy \in F$  and  $yx/y \in F$ . Note that condition (iii) is equivalent to the following condition: (iii)'  $F$  is closed under all iterated conjugation maps.

Given a normal filter  $F$  of  $\mathbf{L}$ ,  $\Theta_F = \{(x, y) \in L^2 \mid (x \setminus y) \wedge (y \setminus x) \in F\}$  is a congruence of  $\mathbf{L}$ . Conversely, given a congruence  $\Theta$ , the upper set  $F_\Theta = \uparrow[e]_\Theta$  of the equivalence class  $[e]_\Theta$  is a normal filter. Moreover:

**Lemma 41.** ([7,8,35]; see also [23,72], or [52].) *The lattice  $\mathcal{NF}(\mathbf{L})$  of normal filters of a pointed residuated lattice  $\mathbf{L}$  is isomorphic to its congruence lattice  $\text{Con}(\mathbf{L})$ . The isomorphism is given by the mutually inverse maps  $F \mapsto \Theta_F$  and  $\Theta \mapsto \uparrow[e]_\Theta$ .*

In what follows, if  $F$  is a normal filter of  $\mathbf{L}$ , we write  $\mathbf{L}/F$  for the quotient algebra  $\mathbf{L}/\Theta_F$ . We mention the trivial fact that in a commutative pointed residuated lattice, a lattice filter is normal iff it satisfies conditions (i) and (ii) above.

**Lemma 42.** (See [8,35].) *If  $F$  is a normal filter of a pointed residuated lattice  $\mathbf{L}$ , then  $[e]_{\Theta_F} = \{x \mid x \wedge (x \setminus e) \wedge e \in F\} = \{x \mid \exists a \in F^-, a \leq x \leq a \setminus e\}$ .*

Amalgamation and interpolation properties for varieties of pointed residuated lattices (and their associated substructural logics) have been investigated by a number of authors (see, e.g., [24,44,49,50,53]), very often making use of various relationships between these properties. Let us begin here by recalling some useful facts for *commutative* varieties. In particular, such varieties possess the following local deduction property, a more refined version of the extension property discussed in Section 4.

The following is a reformulation of Lemma 2.7 and Corollary 2.8 in [32].

**Lemma 43.** (See [32].) *Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a variety of commutative pointed residuated lattices. The following are equivalent for  $\Sigma \subseteq \text{Eq}(\mathbb{X})$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \text{Fm}(\mathbb{X})$ :*

- (1)  $\Sigma \cup \{e \leq \alpha\} \models_{\mathcal{V}} e \leq \beta$ .
- (2)  $\Sigma \models_{\mathcal{V}} (\alpha \wedge e)^n \leq \beta$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Using the results of Sections 3 through 5, we then obtain:

**Corollary 44.** *For any variety  $\mathcal{V}$  of commutative pointed residuated lattices:*

- (a)  $\mathcal{V}$  has the extension property and the congruence extension property.
- (b)  $\mathcal{V}$  has the amalgamation property (equivalently, the Robinson property or the Pigozzi property) iff  $\mathcal{V}$  has the deductive interpolation property iff  $\mathcal{V}$  has the Maehara interpolation property (equivalently, the transferable injections property).

For a variety  $\mathcal{V}$  of commutative pointed residuated lattices, the deductive interpolation property is equivalent to the Craig interpolation property: if  $\models_{\mathcal{V}} \alpha \leq \beta$ , then there exists a formula  $\gamma$  with  $\text{Var}(\gamma) \subseteq \text{Var}(\alpha) \cap \text{Var}(\beta)$  such that  $\models_{\mathcal{V}} \alpha \leq \gamma$  and  $\models_{\mathcal{V}} \gamma \leq \beta$ . Also, in this setting, the deductive and Craig interpolation properties are equivalent to the so-called super-amalgamation property. We refer the reader to [44] for a detailed discussion of these relationships.

The Craig and deductive interpolation properties and hence also the amalgamation property have been established for many varieties of commutative pointed residuated lattices using a proof-theoretic strategy. This approach typically requires a suitable cut-free Gentzen-style calculus for the variety and constructs interpolants by induction on the

height of derivations in the calculus.<sup>1</sup> It succeeds for certain varieties of (integral, idempotent,  $n$ -potent, bounded) commutative pointed residuated lattices (see, e.g., [59,60]), but usually fails in the presence of divisibility and cancellativity where suitable calculi are not available. If commutativity is lacking, then Craig interpolation may be established, but the deductive interpolation property and amalgamation property may not follow. In the presence of semilinearity, Craig interpolation typically fails (see, e.g., [50]), but the deductive interpolation property and amalgamation property may still hold for the variety; this is the case, for example, for the varieties of MV-algebras [55] and BL-algebras [53]. Model-theoretic proofs (based on quantifier-elimination) of the deductive interpolation property and amalgamation property for semilinear varieties of commutative residuated lattices can be found in [13,49,50].<sup>2</sup>

In the remainder of this section, we describe some general conditions for the amalgamation property in varieties of pointed residuated lattices. In particular, we show that a variety  $\mathcal{V}$  of semilinear residuated lattices satisfying the congruence extension property has the amalgamation property iff the class  $\mathcal{V}_{lin}$  of totally ordered members of  $\mathcal{V}$  has the amalgamation property (Theorem 49). We also investigate the connection between the amalgamation property for a class of bounded residuated lattices and the class of its residuated lattice reducts (Theorem 50), and the amalgamation property in the join of two independent varieties of residuated lattices (Theorem 52). These conditions will be employed in subsequent sections to obtain new results for some specific varieties.

Our proof of Theorem 49 below makes use of Theorem 9 and four auxiliary lemmas. Recall first that a normal filter  $F$  in a pointed residuated lattice  $\mathbf{L}$  is called *prime* if it is prime in the usual lattice-theoretic sense; that is, whenever  $x, y \in L$  satisfy  $x \vee y \in F$ , then  $x \in F$  or  $y \in F$ .

**Lemma 45.** *Let  $\mathbf{L}$  be a semilinear pointed residuated lattice, and let  $F$  be a normal filter of  $\mathbf{L}$ . The following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  $F$  is prime.
- (2) For all  $x, y \in L$ , whenever  $x \vee y = e$ , then  $x \in F$  or  $y \in F$ .
- (3)  $\mathbf{L}/F$  is totally ordered.

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) By specialization.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Assume that (2) holds, and let  $[x], [y] \in L/F$ . We need to show that  $[x] \leq [y]$  or  $[y] \leq [x]$ . Now in  $\mathbf{L}$ ,  $e \leq (x \setminus y) \vee (y \setminus x)$ , since  $\mathbf{L}$  is semilinear, and so  $((x \setminus y) \wedge e) \vee ((y \setminus x) \wedge e) = e$ . By (2), either  $(x \setminus y) \wedge e \in F$  or  $(y \setminus x) \wedge e \in F$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $(x \setminus y) \wedge e \in F$ . Hence, by Lemma 42,  $[(x \setminus y) \wedge e] = [e]$ , so

<sup>1</sup> Note, however, that N. Galatos and K. Terui have announced a “proof-theoretically inspired” algebraic method for obtaining these results.

<sup>2</sup> Indeed, certain results of [49] and [50] rely on the previously announced Theorem 49.

$([x] \setminus [y]) \wedge [e] = [e]$ . So  $[e] \leq [x] \setminus [y]$  in  $\mathbf{L}/F$ , which implies that  $[x] \leq [y]$ . This establishes condition (3).

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Suppose that condition (3) is satisfied, and let  $x, y \in L$  be such that  $x \vee y \in F$ . We need to prove that  $x \in F$  or  $y \in F$ . Now,  $x \vee y \in F$  implies that  $(x \vee y) \wedge e = (x \wedge e) \vee (y \wedge e) \in F$ , and so by Lemma 42,  $[(x \wedge e) \vee (y \wedge e)] = [e]$ . Hence  $[x \wedge e] \vee [y \wedge e] = [e]$  in  $\mathbf{L}/F$ . Since  $\mathbf{L}/F$  is totally ordered, we may assume that  $[x \wedge e] \leq [y \wedge e]$ , and so  $[y \wedge e] = [e]$ . It follows that  $y \in \uparrow[e] = F$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 46.** (See [8].) *Let  $\mathbf{L}$  be a pointed residuated lattice, and let  $S \subseteq L^-$ . Denote by  $\Gamma$  the set of all iterated conjugate maps on  $\mathbf{L}$ . Then the normal filter of  $\mathbf{L}$  generated by  $S$  is the upper set  $\uparrow \hat{S}$ , where  $\hat{S}$  is the submonoid of  $\mathbf{L}$  generated by  $\{\gamma(s) \mid s \in S, \gamma \in \Gamma\}$ .*

**Lemma 47.** (See [8].) *Let  $\mathbf{L}$  be a pointed residuated lattice and  $\{a_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\}, \{b_j \mid 1 \leq j \leq m\} \subseteq L^-$  finite subsets of the negative cone of  $\mathbf{L}$  with the property that  $a_i \vee b_j = e$ , for any  $i$  and  $j$ . Then  $(\prod_{i=1}^n a_i) \vee (\prod_{j=1}^m b_j) = e$ .*

**Lemma 48.** (See [8].) *Let  $\mathbf{L}$  be a semilinear residuated lattice. Then for all  $a, b \in L^-$  and for any iterated conjugation maps  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2$ , if  $a \vee b = e$ , then  $\gamma_1(a) \vee \gamma_2(b) = e$ .*

**Theorem 49.** *Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a variety of semilinear pointed residuated lattices with the congruence extension property, and let  $\mathcal{V}_{lin}$  be the class of totally ordered members of  $\mathcal{V}$ . If every  $V$ -formation in  $\mathcal{V}_{lin}$  has an amalgam in  $\mathcal{V}$ , then  $\mathcal{V}$  has the amalgamation property.*

**Proof.** It suffices by Theorem 9 to show that:

- (a) All subdirectly irreducible members of  $\mathcal{V}$  are in  $\mathcal{V}_{lin}$ .
- (b)  $\mathcal{V}_{lin}$  is closed under (isomorphic images and) subalgebras.
- (c) For any  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathcal{V}$ , any subalgebra  $\mathbf{A}$  of  $\mathbf{B}$ , and  $P \in \mathcal{NF}(\mathbf{A})$  such that  $\mathbf{A}/P \in \mathcal{V}_{lin}$ , there is  $Q \in \mathcal{NF}(\mathbf{B})$  such that  $Q \cap A = P$  and  $\mathbf{B}/Q \in \mathcal{V}_{lin}$ .

It is clear that (a) and (b) are satisfied. We prove (c). Let  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}$ , and  $P$  be as in the statement of (c). Since  $\mathcal{V}$  has the CEP, there is a normal filter  $F$  of  $\mathbf{B}$ , such that  $P = F \cap A$ . Let  $\mathcal{X}$  denote the poset, under set-inclusion, of all normal filters of  $\mathbf{B}$  whose intersection with  $A$  is  $P$ .  $\mathcal{X} \neq \emptyset$ , since  $F \in \mathcal{X}$ . By Zorn’s lemma,  $\mathcal{X}$  has a maximal element  $Q$ .

Given elements  $x \in A$  and  $y \in B$ , we write  $[x]_P$  for the equivalence class of  $x$  in  $\mathbf{A}/P$ , and  $[y]_Q$  for the equivalence class of  $y$  in  $\mathbf{B}/Q$ . Since  $P = Q \cap A$ , the map  $\varphi : \mathbf{A}/P \rightarrow \mathbf{B}/Q$  is an embedding.

We complete the proof of (c) by showing that  $Q$  is a prime normal filter of  $\mathbf{B}$ , and hence, by Lemma 45,  $\mathbf{B}/Q \in \mathcal{V}_{lin}$ . Suppose otherwise, and let  $a, b \in B$  be such that  $a \vee b = e$ , but  $a \notin Q$  and  $b \notin Q$ . Let  $Q_a$  and  $Q_b$  be the normal filters of  $\mathbf{B}$  generated by  $Q \cup \{a\}$  and  $Q \cup \{b\}$ , respectively. Then, by the maximality of  $Q$ ,  $P$  is a proper subset of the normal filters  $Q_a \cap A$  and  $Q_b \cap A$  of  $\mathbf{A}$ . By Lemma 46, there exist elements  $c \in A - P$ ,

$d \in B - P$ ,  $q_1, \dots, q_k, r_1, \dots, r_l \in Q^-$ ,  $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_k, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_l \in \Gamma$  (the set of iterated conjugation maps), and  $n_1, \dots, n_k, m_1, \dots, m_l \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , such that  $\prod_{i=1}^k q_i \gamma_i(a^{n_i}) \leq c \leq e$ , and  $\prod_{j=1}^l r_j \delta_j(a^{m_j}) \leq d \leq e$ . Since  $a \vee b = e$ , by Lemmas 47 and 48,  $(\prod_{i=1}^k \gamma_i(a^{n_i})) \vee (\prod_{j=1}^l \delta_j(a^{m_j})) = e$ . Note further that, in view of Lemma 42, for any  $i, j$ ,  $[q_i]_Q = [r_j]_Q = [e]_Q$ . Thus,  $[\prod_{i=1}^k q_i \gamma_i(a^{n_i})]_Q \vee [\prod_{j=1}^l r_j \delta_j(a^{m_j})]_Q = [\prod_{i=1}^k \gamma_i(a^{n_i})]_Q \vee [\prod_{j=1}^l \delta_j(a^{m_j})]_Q = [(\prod_{i=1}^k \gamma_i(a^{n_i})) \vee (\prod_{j=1}^l \delta_j(a^{m_j}))]_Q = [e]_Q$ . On the other hand, since  $\mathbf{A}/P$  is totally ordered, we may assume that  $[c]_P \leq [d]_P$  in  $\mathbf{A}/P$ , and so  $[c]_Q \leq [d]_Q$  in  $\mathbf{B}/Q$ . But then,

$$[e]_Q = \left[ \prod_{i=1}^k q_i \gamma_i(a^{n_i}) \right]_Q \vee \left[ \prod_{j=1}^l r_j \delta_j(a^{m_j}) \right]_Q \leq [c]_Q \vee [d]_Q = [d]_Q.$$

Since  $[d]_Q \leq [e]_Q$ , we get that  $[d]_Q = [e]_Q$ . But then  $d \in Q \cap A = P$ , which is a contradiction. Thus,  $Q$  is a prime normal filter of  $\mathbf{B}$ , and the proof of the theorem is complete.  $\square$

Given a class  $\mathcal{K}$  of integral bounded residuated lattices, let us fix  $\mathcal{K}_*$  to be the class of all residuated lattice subreducts of algebras in  $\mathcal{K}$  (i.e., subalgebras of reducts of algebras in  $\mathcal{K}$  in the language of residuated lattices). The next result relates the amalgamation property for a variety  $\mathcal{V}$  of integral bounded residuated lattices to the amalgamation property for the class  $\mathcal{V}_*$ .

**Theorem 50.** *Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a variety of integral bounded residuated lattices that has the congruence extension property.*

- (a)  $\mathcal{V}_*$  is a variety.
- (b) If  $\mathcal{K} \subseteq \mathcal{V}$  and  $\mathcal{V} = \mathbb{V}(\mathcal{K})$ , then  $\mathcal{V}_* = \mathbb{V}(\mathcal{K}_*)$ .
- (c) If  $\mathcal{V}_*$  has the amalgamation property, then  $\mathcal{V}$  has the amalgamation property.

**Proof.** (a)  $\mathcal{V}_*$  is clearly closed under subalgebras and direct products. To prove that  $\mathcal{V}_*$  is closed under quotients, consider  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{V}$ , and let  $\mathbf{B}$  be a residuated lattice subreduct of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $F$  a normal filter of  $\mathbf{B}$ . Since  $\mathcal{V}$  has the CEP, there exists a normal filter  $F'$  of  $\mathbf{A}$  such that  $F' \cap B = F$ . It follows that  $\mathbf{B}/F$  embeds into the residuated lattice reduct of  $\mathbf{A}/F'$ , and that  $\mathbf{A}/F' \in \mathcal{V}$ . So  $\mathbf{B}/F \in \mathcal{V}_*$ .

(b) The residuated lattice reducts of homomorphic images (subalgebras, direct products, respectively) of algebras in  $\mathcal{K}$  are clearly homomorphic images (subalgebras, direct products) of the residuated lattice reducts of the same algebras considered as elements of  $\mathcal{K}_*$ . Hence  $\mathbb{V}(\mathcal{K}_*)$  contains all the residuated lattice reducts of algebras of  $\mathcal{V}$ . Since  $\mathbb{V}(\mathcal{K}_*)$  is closed under subalgebras, it contains all residuated lattice subreducts of algebras in  $\mathcal{V}$ . That is,  $\mathcal{V}_* \subseteq \mathbb{V}(\mathcal{K}_*)$ , and since  $\mathcal{V}_*$  is a variety by (a) that contains  $\mathcal{K}_*$ ,  $\mathcal{V}_* = \mathbb{V}(\mathcal{K}_*)$ .

(c) Let  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, i, j)$  be a V-formation in  $\mathcal{V}$ , and let  $\mathbf{A}_*, \mathbf{B}_*$ , and  $\mathbf{C}_*$  denote the residuated lattice reducts of  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}$ , and  $\mathbf{C}$ . Since  $\mathcal{V}_*$  has the AP,  $(\mathbf{A}_*, \mathbf{B}_*, \mathbf{C}_*, i, j)$  has an

amalgam  $(\mathbf{D}_*, h, k)$  in  $\mathcal{V}_*$ . Let  $f$  be the minimum of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Then  $i(f)$  is the minimum of  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $j(f)$  is the minimum of  $\mathbf{C}$ . Let  $m = h(i(f)) = k(j(f))$ . Then  $m$  is an idempotent element of  $\mathbf{D}_*$ . Now let  $D_m$  be the set of all  $d \in D_*$  such that  $m \leq d \leq e$ . Then, making use of integrality,  $D_m$  is closed under all operations of residuated lattices and hence is the domain of a subalgebra  $\mathbf{D}_m$  of  $\mathbf{D}_*$ . Now let  $\mathbf{D}_{m,f}$  be the algebra obtained from  $\mathbf{D}_m$  by adding the interpretation of  $f$  as  $m$ . Then  $(\mathbf{D}_{m,f}, h, k)$  is an amalgam of  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, i, j)$  in  $\mathcal{V}$ .  $\square$

We close this section by investigating the amalgamation property for joins of independent varieties of residuated lattices. Recall that two varieties  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathcal{V}$  of the same signature are said to be *independent* [30] provided there exists a binary formula  $t(x, y)$  such that

$$\mathcal{U} \models t(x, y) \approx x \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{V} \models t(x, y) \approx y.$$

It is shown in [30] that if  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathcal{V}$  are independent varieties, then they are disjoint, meaning that their intersection consists of trivial algebras, and  $\mathcal{U} \vee \mathcal{V} = \mathcal{U} \times \mathcal{V}$ . The last equation simply means that every algebra in  $\mathcal{U} \vee \mathcal{V}$  decomposes as a direct product of an algebra in  $\mathcal{U}$  and an algebra in  $\mathcal{V}$ . The following partial converse, established in [42], also holds: If  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathcal{V}$  are disjoint subvarieties of a congruence permutable variety, then  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathcal{V}$  are independent and  $\mathcal{U} \vee \mathcal{V} = \mathcal{U} \times \mathcal{V}$ . In particular, two varieties of residuated lattices are independent iff they are disjoint.

Examples of independent varieties of residuated lattices are:

1. Any variety of  $\ell$ -groups and any variety of integral residuated lattices. In this case, let  $t(x, y) = ((x \setminus e) \setminus e)y(y \setminus e)$ .
2. Any variety of  $n$ -potent integral residuated lattices and any variety of negative cones of  $\ell$ -groups. In this example,  $t(x, y) = (x^n \setminus x^{n+1})((y^n \setminus y^{n+1}) \setminus y)$ .

**Lemma 51.** *Let  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathcal{V}$  be two independent varieties of residuated lattices.*

- (a) *For every algebra  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{U} \vee \mathcal{V}$ , there are subalgebras  $\mathbf{A}_1 \in \mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathbf{A}_2 \in \mathcal{V}$  of  $\mathbf{A}$  such that  $\mathbf{A}$  is the direct sum  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}_1 \oplus \mathbf{A}_2$ ; that is,  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \{e\}$ , and for every element  $a \in A$  there are uniquely determined elements  $x \in A_1$  and  $y \in A_2$  such that  $a = xy$ . Moreover,  $\mathbf{A}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{A}_1 \times \mathbf{A}_2$ .*
- (b) *With the same notation as in (a), let  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}_1 \oplus \mathbf{A}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B}_1 \oplus \mathbf{B}_2 \in \mathcal{U} \vee \mathcal{V}$ , and let  $\varphi : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$  be a homomorphism. Then there are homomorphisms  $\varphi_i : \mathbf{A}_i \rightarrow \mathbf{B}_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) such that for all  $x \in A_1$  and  $y \in A_2$ ,  $\varphi(xy) = \varphi_1(x)\varphi_2(y)$ . (We express this fact by writing  $\varphi = \varphi_1 \oplus \varphi_2$ .) Moreover,  $\varphi$  is an embedding iff both  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$  are embeddings.*

**Proof.** (a) We know that  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}'_1 \times \mathbf{A}'_2$  for some  $\mathbf{A}'_1 \in \mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathbf{A}'_2 \in \mathcal{V}$ . Let  $A_1 = \{(u, e_{\mathbf{A}'_2}) \mid u \in A'_1\}$  and  $A_2 = \{(e_{\mathbf{A}'_1}, v) \mid v \in A'_2\}$ . It is easy to see that  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are the domains of subalgebras of  $\mathbf{A}$  with the desired properties.

(b) Let  $\varphi_i$  be the restriction of  $\varphi$  to  $A_i$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ). Then for  $x \in A_1$  and  $y \in A_2$ ,  $\varphi(xy) = \varphi(x)\varphi(y) = \varphi_1(x)\varphi_2(y)$ . Moreover  $\varphi(x) \in \varphi[A_1]$  and  $\varphi(y) \in \varphi[A_2]$ . Since  $\varphi(A_i)$  is the domain of an algebra in  $\mathcal{V}_i$ , and  $\mathcal{V}_1, \mathcal{V}_2$  have in common only trivial algebras,  $\varphi[A_i] \subseteq B_i$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ),  $\varphi(x) \in B_1$ , and  $\varphi(y) \in B_2$ .

If  $\varphi$  is an embedding, then also  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$  are embeddings, because they are restrictions of  $\varphi$ . Moreover, by the uniqueness of the decomposition, if  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$  are embeddings, then  $\varphi$  is also an embedding.  $\square$

**Theorem 52.** *Let  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathcal{V}$  be two independent varieties of residuated lattices. The following are equivalent:*

- (1) *Both  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathcal{V}$  have the amalgamation property.*
- (2) *The join  $\mathcal{U} \vee \mathcal{V}$  (in the lattice of subvarieties of residuated lattices) has the amalgamation property.*

**Proof.** Suppose that  $\mathcal{U} \vee \mathcal{V}$  has the AP. Let  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, i, j)$  be a V-formation in  $\mathcal{U}$ . Then there is an amalgam  $(\mathbf{D}, h, k)$  of  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, i, j)$  in  $\mathcal{U} \vee \mathcal{V}$ . Moreover, by Lemma 51,  $\mathbf{D}$  has the form  $\mathbf{D}_1 \oplus \mathbf{D}_2$  with  $\mathbf{D}_1 \in \mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathbf{D}_2 \in \mathcal{V}$ , and  $h$  and  $k$  are embeddings of  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{C}$ , respectively, into  $\mathbf{D}_1 \oplus \mathbf{D}_2$ . Since  $h[\mathbf{B}], k[\mathbf{C}] \in \mathcal{U}$ ,  $h[B] \cap D_2 = k[C] \cap D_2 = \{e\}$ . Hence  $h[\mathbf{B}]$  and  $k[\mathbf{C}]$  are subalgebras of  $\mathbf{D}_1$ , and  $(\mathbf{D}_1, h, k)$  is an amalgam of  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, i, j)$  in  $\mathcal{U}$ . The same argument shows that  $\mathcal{V}$  has the AP.

Conversely, suppose that  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathcal{V}$  have the AP. Let  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, i, j)$  be a V-formation in  $\mathcal{U} \vee \mathcal{V}$ . By Lemma 51,  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}_1 \oplus \mathbf{A}_2$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{B}_1 \oplus \mathbf{B}_2$ , and  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{C}_1 \oplus \mathbf{C}_2$  with  $\mathbf{A}_1, \mathbf{B}_1, \mathbf{C}_1 \in \mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathbf{A}_2, \mathbf{B}_2, \mathbf{C}_2 \in \mathcal{V}$ . Moreover,  $i$  and  $j$  decompose as  $i = i_1 \oplus i_2$  and  $j = j_1 \oplus j_2$ , and so  $(\mathbf{A}_1, \mathbf{B}_1, \mathbf{C}_1, i_1, j_1)$  is a V-formation in  $\mathcal{U}$ , and  $(\mathbf{A}_2, \mathbf{B}_2, \mathbf{C}_2, i_2, j_2)$  is a V-formation in  $\mathcal{V}$ . Since  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathcal{V}$  have the AP, there is an amalgam  $(\mathbf{D}_1, h_1, k_1)$  of  $(\mathbf{A}_1, \mathbf{B}_1, \mathbf{C}_1, i_1, j_1)$  in  $\mathcal{U}$ , and an amalgam  $(\mathbf{D}_2, h_2, k_2)$  of  $(\mathbf{A}_2, \mathbf{B}_2, \mathbf{C}_2, i_2, j_2)$  in  $\mathcal{V}$ . It follows that  $(\mathbf{D}_1 \oplus \mathbf{D}_2, h_1 \oplus h_2, k_1 \oplus k_2)$  is an amalgam of  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, i, j)$  in  $\mathcal{U} \vee \mathcal{V}$ .  $\square$

### 8. GBL-algebras and GMV-algebras

In this section, we investigate the amalgamation property and deductive interpolation property for some varieties of residuated lattices that both enjoy a close relationship with lattice-ordered groups and encompass important classes of algebras from logic such as MV-algebras and BL-algebras. A *GBL-algebra* (see [25]) is a residuated lattice satisfying the divisibility condition

$$x \leq y \quad \text{implies} \quad y(y \setminus x) = (x/y)y = x,$$

and a *GMV-algebra* is a residuated lattice satisfying

$$y / ((x \setminus y) \wedge e) = ((y/x) \wedge e) \setminus y = x \vee y.$$

A GMV-algebra is a GBL-algebra, but the converse need not be true. An *MV-algebra* may be defined as a commutative integral bounded residuated lattice whose residuated lattice reduct is a GMV-algebra.<sup>3</sup> A *BL-algebra* is a commutative integral semilinear bounded residuated lattice whose residuated lattice reduct is a GBL-algebra. Moreover, a *Heyting algebra* may be defined as (or is term-equivalent to) a (commutative) idempotent bounded integral residuated lattice whose residuated lattice reduct is a GBL-algebra; a *Gödel algebra* is a semilinear Heyting algebra.

Let us recall some principal results from the literature on GBL-algebras and GMV-algebras. First, note that in [5] it is shown that the class of negative cones of  $\ell$ -groups, the class of cancellative and integral GMV-algebras, and the class of cancellative and integral GBL-algebras all coincide. Moreover, each GBL-algebra decomposes as follows:

**Proposition 53.** (See [25].) *Every GBL-algebra (GMV-algebra, respectively) is a direct product of an  $\ell$ -group and an integral GBL-algebra (GMV-algebra, respectively).*

**Corollary 54.** (See [33].) *Any totally ordered GMV-algebra is either an  $\ell$ -group, the GMV-reduct of a bounded and integral GMV-algebra, or the negative cone of an  $\ell$ -group.*

Thus we obtain a general negative result:

**Corollary 55.** *Any variety  $\mathcal{V}$  of GBL-algebras containing the class of all  $\ell$ -groups does not have the amalgamation property. In particular, the variety of GBL-algebras and the variety of GMV-algebras do not have the amalgamation property.*

**Proof.** If  $\mathcal{V}$  is the class of all  $\ell$ -groups, then it does not have the AP by a result of Pierce [61]. Otherwise, by Proposition 53,  $\mathcal{V}$  is the join of the variety of  $\ell$ -groups and a variety of integral GBL-algebras. Such varieties are independent. Since the variety of  $\ell$ -groups does not have the AP, the claim follows from Theorem 52.  $\square$

Since, by this corollary, the varieties of GMV-algebras and GBL-algebras do not themselves have the amalgamation property, we focus our attention in this section on smaller classes where we are able to obtain various characterizations of algebras admitting the amalgamation property. We first provide a complete account of the varieties of commutative GMV-algebras with the amalgamation property (Theorem 63), then investigate

<sup>3</sup> This definition is equivalent to that given in Section 6: for an MV-algebra as defined there, we obtain an MV-algebra in the new sense by letting  $x \cdot y = \neg(\neg x \oplus \neg y)$  and  $x \rightarrow y = \neg x \oplus y$ . Conversely, for an MV-algebra according to the present definition, we obtain an MV-algebra as defined in Section 6 by letting  $\neg x = x \rightarrow f$  and  $x \oplus y = (x \rightarrow f) \rightarrow y$ .

whether amalgamation holds or fails for various classes of commutative GBL-algebras and  $n$ -potent GBL-algebras (Theorems 66, 68, 69, 75, and 76).

### 8.1. Commutative GMV-algebras

A neat characterization of the amalgamable varieties of *MV-algebras* is provided by Di Nola and Lettieri in [19]: a variety of MV-algebras has the amalgamation property iff it is generated by a single chain. Observe, however, that for commutative GMV-algebras, the absence of the constant  $f$  makes a significant difference with respect to embeddings. In particular, any two GMV-algebras  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  embed into their direct product  $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}$  via the embeddings  $h$  and  $k$  defined, for  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ , by  $h(a) = (a, e_{\mathbf{B}})$  and  $k(b) = (e_{\mathbf{A}}, b)$ . But if  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are MV-algebras, then the maps  $h$  and  $k$  defined above do not preserve  $f$  and are therefore not MV-homomorphisms (they are, of course, homomorphisms of their GMV-reducts). More generally, if  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are finite MV-chains such that neither embeds into the other, then their GMV-reducts embed into the direct product, but the whole algebras do not.

In order to determine which varieties of commutative GMV-algebras admit the amalgamation property, we first provide a general description of these varieties. Varieties of MV-algebras are fully described in [18], while a description of the varieties of commutative integral GMV-algebras may be found in [2]. This latter characterization refers, however, to the term-equivalent class of *Wajsberg hoops* (see [6]): subreducts of MV-algebras with respect to the signature  $\cdot, \rightarrow, e$ . These algebras are lattice-ordered by  $x \leq y$  iff  $x \rightarrow y = e$  with lattice operations defined by  $x \wedge y = x \cdot (x \rightarrow y)$  and  $x \vee y = (x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow y$ , and  $\cdot$  and  $\rightarrow$  form a residuated pair with respect to this order; i.e.,  $x \cdot y \leq z$  iff  $x \leq y \rightarrow z$ . Hence Wajsberg hoops can be expanded to commutative integral residuated lattices satisfying  $(x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow y = x \vee y = (y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow x$ , and are therefore term-equivalent to commutative integral GMV-algebras.

Since every subdirectly irreducible Wajsberg hoop is either the negative cone of a totally ordered abelian group or the reduct of an MV-chain [2], Wajsberg hoops are semilinear, as are commutative integral GMV-algebras. Moreover, by Proposition 53, every commutative GMV-algebra is the direct product of an abelian  $\ell$ -group and an integral commutative GMV-algebra, so commutative GMV-algebras are semilinear.

In order to describe the varieties  $\mathcal{MV}$  of MV-algebras and  $\mathcal{CI}GMV$  of commutative integral GMV-algebras (equivalently, Wajsberg hoops), we begin by recalling some fundamental facts about these algebras. Note first that each MV-algebra can be identified with the interval  $[e, u]$  of an abelian  $\ell$ -group  $\mathbf{G}$  with strong unit  $u$  (i.e., for all  $a \in G$ , there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a \leq u^n$ ), written  $(\mathbf{G}, u)$ , with operations  $\cdot$  and  $\rightarrow$  defined by  $x \cdot y = (xyu^{-1}) \vee e$  and  $x \rightarrow y = (ux^{-1}y) \wedge u$ . The MV-algebra obtained in this way is denoted  $\Gamma(\mathbf{G}, u)$ . With reference to the definition given in Section 6, an MV-algebra is characterized as the interval  $[e, u]$  of  $(\mathbf{G}, u)$ , with operations  $\oplus$  and  $\neg$  defined by  $x \oplus y = (xy) \wedge u$  and  $\neg x = ux^{-1}$ .

The connection between MV-algebras and abelian  $\ell$ -groups with strong unit may be carried further. Let  $(\mathbf{G}, u)$ ,  $(\mathbf{H}, w)$  be abelian  $\ell$ -groups with strong unit. A morphism from  $(\mathbf{G}, u)$  into  $(\mathbf{H}, w)$  is a homomorphism  $h$  from  $\mathbf{G}$  into  $\mathbf{H}$  such that  $h(u) = w$ . For any such morphism  $h$  we denote by  $\Gamma(h)$  its restriction to  $\Gamma(\mathbf{G}, u)$ . Then  $\Gamma$  becomes a functor from the category of abelian  $\ell$ -groups with strong unit into the category of MV-algebras, with homomorphisms as morphisms. Moreover  $\Gamma$  has an adjoint  $\Gamma^{-1}$  such that the pair  $(\Gamma, \Gamma^{-1})$  is an equivalence of categories (see [54] for details).

Here, we will refer in fact to the isomorphic copy  $\Gamma(\mathbf{G}, u^{-1})$  of  $\Gamma(\mathbf{G}, u)$  defined as follows: the domain of  $\Gamma(\mathbf{G}, u^{-1})$  is the interval  $[u^{-1}, e]$  with top element  $e$  and bottom element  $u^{-1}$ ,  $x \cdot y = xy \vee u^{-1}$ , and  $x \rightarrow y = x^{-1}y \wedge e$ . We make use in particular of the abelian  $\ell$ -groups  $\mathbf{R}$  of reals and  $\mathbf{Z}$  of integers, denoting the group operation in these cases by  $+$ , the neutral element by  $0$ , and the inverse of  $x$  by  $-x$ .

The lattice of subvarieties of MV-algebras and the lattice of subvarieties of commutative GMV-algebras can now be described as follows (see [18] and [2]):

- (1) The variety  $\mathcal{MV}$  of MV-algebras is generated by  $\Gamma(\mathbf{R}, -1)$  and the variety  $\mathcal{CI}GMV$  of commutative integral GMV-algebras is generated by its GMV-reduct  $\Gamma(\mathbf{R}, -1)_*$  (see Theorem 50).

It may be worth mentioning in connection with (1) above that any commutative integral GMV-algebra is a subreduct of an MV-algebra. Indeed, it is shown in [25] that any such algebra satisfies the law  $(a \rightarrow b) \vee (b \rightarrow a) = e$ , and hence by [32], is semilinear, that is, a subdirect product of totally ordered commutative integral GMV-algebras. Now any totally ordered commutative integral GMV-algebra is either the reduct of an MV-algebra or the negative cone of an  $\ell$ -group (see Corollary 54 above). Further, the negative cone of a totally ordered  $\ell$ -group is a subreduct of a perfect MV-algebra [17]. Hence any commutative integral GMV-algebra embeds into the direct product of a family of totally ordered MV-algebras, and hence is the subreduct of an MV-algebra.

- (2) Every proper subvariety of  $\mathcal{MV}$  is generated by a finite number of chains having one of the forms:  $\mathbf{L}_n = \Gamma(\mathbf{Z}, -n)$  or  $\mathbf{K}_n = \Gamma(\mathbf{Z} \times_{lex} \mathbf{Z}, (-n, 0))$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\mathbf{Z} \times_{lex} \mathbf{Z}$  is the product of two copies of  $\mathbf{Z}$  with the lexicographic order. The varieties generated by  $\mathbf{L}_n$  and  $\mathbf{K}_n$  will be denoted by  $\mathcal{MV}_n$  and  $\mathcal{MV}_n^\omega$ , respectively.
- (3) Every proper subvariety of  $\mathcal{CI}GMV$  is generated by a finite number of chains of the form  $\mathbf{L}_{n*}$ ,  $\mathbf{K}_{n*}$  (the GMV-reducts of  $\mathbf{L}_n$  and  $\mathbf{K}_n$ ), and  $\mathbf{Z}^-$  (the negative cone of  $\mathbf{Z}$ ). The varieties of GMV-algebras generated by  $\mathbf{L}_{n*}$ ,  $\mathbf{K}_{n*}$ , and  $\mathbf{Z}^-$  will be denoted by  $\mathcal{MV}_{n*}$ ,  $\mathcal{MV}_{n*}^\omega$ , and  $\mathcal{A}^-$ , respectively.
- (4) The following inclusions hold (see [2,18]):  $\mathcal{MV}_n \subseteq \mathcal{MV}_m$  iff  $\mathcal{MV}_n^\omega \subseteq \mathcal{MV}_m^\omega$  iff  $\mathcal{MV}_n \subseteq \mathcal{MV}_m^\omega$  iff  $\mathcal{MV}_{n*} \subseteq \mathcal{MV}_{m*}$  iff  $\mathcal{MV}_{n*}^\omega \subseteq \mathcal{MV}_{m*}^\omega$  iff  $\mathcal{MV}_{n*} \subseteq \mathcal{MV}_{m*}^\omega$  iff  $n$  divides  $m$ . Moreover, each  $\mathcal{MV}_n$  and  $\mathcal{MV}_n^\omega$  is properly included in  $\mathcal{MV}$ , and each  $\mathcal{MV}_{n*}$  and  $\mathcal{MV}_{n*}^\omega$  is properly included in  $\mathcal{CI}GMV$ . Finally, for each  $n$ ,  $\mathcal{A}^- \subset \mathcal{MV}_{n*}^\omega$ . No other inclusions between varieties of the form  $\mathcal{MV}$ ,  $\mathcal{MV}_n$ , and  $\mathcal{MV}_n^\omega$  or of the form  $\mathcal{CI}GMV$ ,  $\mathcal{A}^-$ ,  $\mathcal{MV}_{n*}$ , and  $\mathcal{MV}_{n*}^\omega$  hold.

- (5) By Proposition 53, the variety  $\mathcal{CGMV}$  of commutative GMV-algebras is the join of the independent varieties  $\mathcal{CI GMV}$  and the variety of abelian  $\ell$ -groups  $\mathcal{A}$ , and is therefore generated by  $\Gamma(\mathbf{R}, -1)_*$  and  $\mathbf{Z}$ . Moreover, since  $\mathcal{A}$  is an atom in the lattice of varieties of residuated lattices, any proper subvariety of  $\mathcal{CGMV}$  which is not contained in  $\mathcal{CI GMV}$  is generated by  $\mathbf{Z}$  and a finite number of algebras of the form  $\mathbf{L}_{n*}$ ,  $\mathbf{K}_{n*}$ , or  $\mathbf{Z}^-$ , and hence is the join of  $\mathcal{A}$  and a finite number of varieties of the form  $\mathcal{MV}_{n*}$ ,  $\mathcal{MV}_{n*}^\omega$ , or  $\mathcal{A}^-$ .

Since any variety of residuated lattices is congruence distributive, we can make use of Jónsson’s result [41] that each subdirectly irreducible member of a congruence distributive join of two varieties is in one of the two varieties, to obtain:

**Lemma 56.**

- (a) Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be any commutative integral GMV-algebra that does not generate the whole of  $\mathcal{CI GMV}$ . Then  $\mathbf{A}$  is a subdirect product of a finite number of algebras from  $\mathcal{A}^-$ ,  $\mathcal{MV}_n$ , and  $\mathcal{MV}_n^\omega$ .
- (b) Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be any commutative GMV-algebra that generates a variety not containing  $\mathcal{CI GMV}$ . Then  $\mathbf{A}$  is a subdirect product of a finite number of algebras from  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}^-$ ,  $\mathcal{MV}_{n*}$ , and  $\mathcal{MV}_{n*}^\omega$ .

Now let  $\mathbf{A} = \Gamma(\mathbf{G}, u^{-1})$  be an MV-algebra and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . We say that  $u^{-1}$  has an  $n$ th root in  $\mathbf{A}$  if there is a (necessarily unique) element  $x \in A$  (denoted by  $u^{-\frac{1}{n}}$ ) such that  $x^n = u^{-1}$  in  $\mathbf{G}$ . In what follows, we write  $u^{-\frac{k}{n}}$  instead of  $(u^{-\frac{1}{n}})^k$ . We say that  $\nu \leq e$  is a co-infinitesimal of  $\mathbf{A}$  if  $\nu^n \geq u^{-1}$  holds in  $\mathbf{G}$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . It is easy to prove that  $\nu$  is co-infinitesimal iff the equation  $\nu = \nu^n \rightarrow \nu^{n+1}$  holds in  $\Gamma(\mathbf{G}, u^{-1})$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Finally, the set of all co-infinitesimals of an MV-algebra is the intersection of all its maximal filters (co-radical). The following lemma is almost immediate:

**Lemma 57.** For any MV-algebra  $\mathbf{A} = \Gamma(\mathbf{G}, u^{-1})$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ :

- (a)  $\mathbf{L}_n$  embeds into  $\mathbf{A}$  iff  $u^{-1}$  has an  $n$ th root in  $\mathbf{A}$ . Moreover, the isomorphic image of  $\mathbf{L}_n$  consists of  $e, u^{-\frac{1}{n}}, u^{-\frac{2}{n}}, \dots, u^{-\frac{(n-1)}{n}}, u^{-1}$ .
- (b) If  $\mathbf{L}_n$  embeds into  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\nu$  is a co-infinitesimal of  $\mathbf{A}$ , then  $\nu > u^{-\frac{1}{n}}$ .

As a consequence, we obtain a slightly simpler proof and a generalization of two results from [18].

**Lemma 58.** For any MV-algebra  $\mathbf{A} = \Gamma(\mathbf{G}, u^{-1})$  and  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  with  $q = \text{lcm}(m, n)$ :

- (a) If  $\mathbf{A}$  has subalgebras isomorphic to  $\mathbf{L}_n$  and  $\mathbf{L}_m$ , then it has a subalgebra isomorphic to  $\mathbf{L}_q$ .

- (b) If  $\mathbf{A}$  has subalgebras isomorphic to  $\mathbf{L}_n$  and  $\mathbf{K}_m$ , then it has a subalgebra isomorphic to  $\mathbf{K}_q$ .

**Proof.** (a) By Lemma 57,  $u^{-1}$  has both an  $n$ th root and an  $m$ th root in  $\mathbf{A}$ . Hence  $\mathbf{A}$  contains isomorphic copies of  $\mathbf{L}_n$  and  $\mathbf{L}_m$  consisting, respectively, of the elements  $e, u^{-\frac{1}{n}}, u^{-\frac{2}{n}}, \dots, u^{-\frac{n-1}{n}}, u^{-1}$  and  $e, u^{-\frac{1}{m}}, u^{-\frac{2}{m}}, \dots, u^{-\frac{m-1}{m}}, u^{-1}$ . We claim that  $u^{-1}$  has a  $q$ th root in  $\mathbf{A}$ . Let  $d = \gcd(n, m)$ . Then  $mn = qd$  and there are integers  $a, b$  such that  $an + bm = d$ , and hence  $a\frac{1}{m} + b\frac{1}{n} = \frac{1}{q}$ . Consider now the divisible hull,  $\mathbf{G}_d$ , of  $\mathbf{G}$ . In  $\mathbf{G}_d$ ,  $u^{-\frac{1}{q}} = u^{-\frac{a}{m} - \frac{b}{n}}$  and since  $u^{-\frac{1}{m}}$  and  $u^{-\frac{1}{n}}$  are in  $\mathbf{G}$ ,  $u^{-\frac{1}{q}} = (u^{-\frac{1}{m}})^a (u^{-\frac{1}{n}})^b \in \mathbf{G}$ . So  $u^{-1}$  has a  $q$ th root in  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{L}_q$  embeds into  $\mathbf{A}$ .

(b) Let  $\nu$  be the element in  $\mathbf{A}$  corresponding to  $(0, -1) \in \mathbf{K}_m = \Gamma(\mathbf{Z} \times_{lex} \mathbf{Z}, (m, 0))$ . Then  $\nu$  is a co-infinitesimal of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Since  $\mathbf{L}_m$  is a subalgebra of  $\mathbf{K}_m$ ,  $\mathbf{L}_m$  and  $\mathbf{L}_n$  are isomorphic to subalgebras of  $\mathbf{A}$ , and, by (a),  $\mathbf{A}$  contains the  $q$ th root  $u^{-\frac{1}{q}}$  of  $u^{-1}$ . Now let for every  $a, b \in \mathbf{Z}$ ,  $\phi(a, b) = u^{\frac{a}{q}} \nu^{-b}$ . Then  $\phi$  is an embedding of  $\mathbf{Z} \times_{lex} \mathbf{Z}$  into  $\mathbf{G}$  such that  $\phi(-q, 0) = u^{-1}$ . Hence the restriction of  $\phi$  to  $[(-q, 0), (0, 0)]$  is an embedding of  $\mathbf{K}_q$  into  $\mathbf{A}$ .  $\square$

We make use of the following result from [12] and a useful corollary:

**Proposition 59.** (See [12].)

- (a) An MV-chain belongs to  $\mathcal{MV}_n$  iff it is a subalgebra of  $\mathbf{L}_n$ .  
 (b) An MV-chain belongs to  $\mathcal{MV}_n^\omega$  iff its quotient modulo its co-radical belongs to  $\mathcal{MV}_n$ .

**Corollary 60.**

- (a) A commutative integral GMV-chain  $\mathbf{A}$  belongs to  $\mathcal{MV}_{n^*}$  iff it is a subalgebra of  $\mathbf{L}_{n^*}$ .  
 (b) A commutative integral GMV-chain  $\mathbf{A}$  belongs to  $\mathcal{MV}_{n^*}^\omega$  iff either it is the negative cone of an abelian  $\ell$ -group or its quotient modulo its co-radical belongs to  $\mathcal{MV}_{n^*}$ .

**Proof.** (a) By Theorem 50,  $\mathbf{A}$  is in  $\mathcal{MV}_{n^*}$  iff it is a subreduct of a chain in  $\mathcal{MV}_n$ , and the claim follows from Proposition 59.

(b) By Theorem 50,  $\mathbf{A}$  is in  $\mathcal{MV}_{n^*}^\omega$  iff it is a subreduct of a chain in  $\mathcal{MV}_n^\omega$ . This is the case if either  $\mathbf{A}$  is a negative cone of an abelian  $\ell$ -group or the reduct of a chain in  $\mathcal{MV}_n^\omega$ . The claim follows from Proposition 59.  $\square$

**Proposition 61.** (See [19].) For each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ :

- (a) For every MV-chain  $\mathbf{A}$ , there is a maximum subalgebra  $\mathbf{B}$  of  $\mathbf{A}$  such that  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathcal{MV}_n$ .  
 (b) For every MV-chain  $\mathbf{A}$ , there is a maximum subalgebra  $\mathbf{B}$  of  $\mathbf{A}$  such that  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathcal{MV}_n^\omega$ .  
 (c) For every commutative integral GMV-chain  $\mathbf{A}$ , there is a maximum subalgebra  $\mathbf{B}$  of  $\mathbf{A}$  such that  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathcal{MV}_{n^*}$ .

- (d) For every commutative integral GMV-chain  $\mathbf{A}$ , there is a maximum subalgebra  $\mathbf{B}$  of  $\mathbf{A}$  such that  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathcal{MV}_{n^*}^\omega$ .

**Proof.** (a) and (c). There are only finitely many chains in  $\mathcal{MV}_n$  ( $\mathcal{MV}_{n^*}$ , respectively): namely, all subalgebras of  $\mathbf{L}_n$  ( $\mathbf{L}_{n^*}$ , respectively) (see Proposition 59 and Corollary 60). Moreover, if  $\mathbf{L}_h$  and  $\mathbf{L}_k$  ( $\mathbf{L}_{h^*}$  and  $\mathbf{L}_{k^*}$ , respectively) are subalgebras of  $\mathbf{A}$ , then, by Lemma 58, also  $\mathbf{L}_q$  ( $\mathbf{L}_{q^*}$ , respectively) with  $q = lcm(h, k)$  is a subalgebra of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Hence the maximum subalgebra of  $\mathbf{A}$  in  $\mathcal{MV}_n$  ( $\mathcal{MV}_{n^*}$ , respectively) is  $\mathbf{L}_h$  ( $\mathbf{L}_{h^*}$ , respectively), where  $h$  is the greatest natural number which divides  $n$  such that  $u^{-1}$  has an  $h$ th root in  $\mathbf{A}$ .

(b) and (d). Suppose first that  $\mathbf{A}$  is an MV-chain or the reduct of an MV-chain. Let  $R$  be its co-radical and  $\mathbf{A}/R$  its associated quotient, and for all  $a \in A$ , let  $[a]_R$  denote the congruence class of  $a$  modulo  $R$ . Let  $h$  be the maximum natural number such that  $h$  divides  $n$  and  $u^{-1}$  has an  $h$ th root in  $\mathbf{A}/R$ . Then, by (a),  $\mathbf{L}_h$  ( $\mathbf{L}_{h^*}$ , respectively) is the maximum subalgebra of  $\mathbf{A}/R$  which is in  $\mathcal{MV}_n$  ( $\mathcal{MV}_{n^*}$  respectively) and by Proposition 59 and Corollary 60,  $\{a \in A \mid [a]_R \in L_h\}$  is the domain of the maximum subalgebra of  $\mathbf{A}$  in  $\mathcal{MV}_n$  ( $\mathcal{MV}_{n^*}$ , respectively).

Finally, if  $\mathbf{A}$  is the negative cone of an abelian  $\ell$ -group, then  $\mathbf{A}$  is itself in  $\mathcal{MV}_n^\omega$ .  $\square$

We are ready now to provide a characterization of amalgamable varieties of commutative GMV-algebras. As a bonus, we obtain a slightly simplified proof of Di Nola’s and Lettieri’s characterization of amalgamable varieties of MV-algebras. Our starting point is the following auxiliary result:

**Proposition 62.** *The classes of MV-chains and commutative integral GMV-chains have the amalgamation property.*

**Proof.** We begin by proving that the class of MV-chains has the AP. Note first that Mundici’s categorical equivalence between MV-algebras and abelian  $\ell$ -groups with strong unit [54] specializes to a categorical equivalence between ordered abelian groups with strong unit and MV-chains. Hence any V-formation of MV-chains (or of reducts of MV-chains) has the form

$$(\Gamma(\mathbf{G}, u_{\mathbf{G}}^{-1}), \Gamma(\mathbf{F}, u_{\mathbf{F}}^{-1}), \Gamma(\mathbf{H}, u_{\mathbf{H}}^{-1}), \Gamma(i), \Gamma(j)),$$

where  $(\mathbf{G}, u_{\mathbf{G}})$ ,  $(\mathbf{F}, u_{\mathbf{F}})$ ,  $(\mathbf{H}, u_{\mathbf{H}})$  are abelian  $\ell$ -groups with strong unit and  $i, j$  are homomorphisms from  $\mathbf{G}$  into  $\mathbf{F}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$ , respectively, which preserve the strong unit. But totally ordered abelian  $\ell$ -groups have the AP, and hence there is an amalgam,  $(\mathbf{K}, h, k)$ , of  $(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{H}, i, j)$  such that  $\mathbf{K}$  is a totally ordered abelian  $\ell$ -group. Clearly,  $h(u_{\mathbf{F}}) = h(i(u_{\mathbf{G}})) = k(i(u_{\mathbf{G}})) = k(u_{\mathbf{H}})$ . Moreover, after replacing  $\mathbf{K}$  by its convex subgroup generated by  $h(u_{\mathbf{F}})$ , we can assume without loss of generality that  $h(u_{\mathbf{F}})$  is a strong unit of  $\mathbf{K}$ . Hence  $(\Gamma(\mathbf{K}, h(u_{\mathbf{K}})^{-1}), \Gamma(h), \Gamma(k))$  is an amalgam of  $(\Gamma(\mathbf{G}, u_{\mathbf{G}}^{-1}), \Gamma(\mathbf{F}, u_{\mathbf{F}}^{-1}), \Gamma(\mathbf{H}, u_{\mathbf{H}}^{-1}), \Gamma(i), \Gamma(j))$  in the class of MV-chains.

Now consider a V-formation  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, i, j)$  of commutative integral GMV-chains. We distinguish several cases. First, if  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$ , and  $\mathbf{C}$  are reducts of MV-chains, then, since MV-chains have only two idempotent elements, the minimum and the maximum,  $i$  and  $j$  must preserve the minimum element. Hence they are also MV-homomorphisms and the proof proceeds as in the previous case. If  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$ , and  $\mathbf{C}$  are negative cones of abelian  $\ell$ -groups, the claim can be reduced to the AP for abelian  $\ell$ -groups, observing that the functor associating to every abelian  $\ell$ -group its negative cone and to each morphism of abelian  $\ell$ -groups its restriction to the negative cone induces an equivalence between the category of abelian  $\ell$ -groups and the category of their negative cones.

It remains to consider V-formations of commutative integral GMV-chains  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, i, j)$  where  $\mathbf{A}$  is a negative cone of an abelian  $\ell$ -group and either  $\mathbf{B}$  or  $\mathbf{C}$  (or both) is the reduct of an MV-chain. Assuming for instance that  $\mathbf{B}$  is the negative cone of an abelian  $\ell$ -group and  $\mathbf{C}$  is the reduct of an MV-chain, we reason as follows:  $j$ , being an embedding, maps  $\mathbf{A}$  into the co-radical,  $\mathbf{R}$ , of  $\mathbf{C}$  (considered as a subalgebra of  $\mathbf{C}$ ) which is the negative cone,  $\mathbf{F}^-$ , of a totally ordered abelian  $\ell$ -group  $\mathbf{F}$ . Hence  $\Gamma(\mathbf{Z} \otimes_{lex} \mathbf{F}, (-1, 0_{\mathbf{F}}))$  embeds into  $\mathbf{C}$  by the embedding  $l$  defined, for all  $f \in R = F^-$ , by  $l(-1, f^{-1}) = \neg f$  and  $l(0, f) = f$ . Moreover,  $i$  and  $j$  extend to embeddings  $i'$  and  $j'$  from  $\mathbf{A}' = \Gamma(\mathbf{Z} \otimes_{lex} \mathbf{G}, (-1, 0_{\mathbf{G}}))$  into  $\mathbf{B}' = \Gamma(\mathbf{Z} \otimes_{lex} \mathbf{H}, (-1, 0_{\mathbf{H}}))$  and  $\mathbf{C}$ , respectively, defined for all  $g \in A$ , by  $i'(-1, g^{-1}) = (-1, i(g)^{-1})$  and  $i'(0, g) = (0, i(g))$ , and by  $j'(-1, g^{-1}) = \neg j(g)$  and  $j'(0, g) = j(g)$ .

But then  $(\mathbf{A}', \mathbf{B}', \mathbf{C}, i', j')$  is a V-formation in the class of reducts of MV-chains, and there is an amalgam  $(\mathbf{D}, h, k)$  of  $(\mathbf{A}', \mathbf{B}', \mathbf{C}, i', j')$ . Taking the restriction  $h'$  of  $h$  to  $\mathbf{B}$ , we obtain an amalgam  $(\mathbf{D}, h', k)$  of  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, i, j)$  in the class of all commutative integral GMV-chains.

The case where  $\mathbf{A}$  is the negative cone of an abelian  $\ell$ -group and  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{C}$  are both reducts of MV-algebras is very similar.  $\square$

**Theorem 63.**

- (a) *A variety  $\mathcal{V}$  of MV-algebras has the amalgamation property iff either it is the trivial variety,  $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{MV}$ ,  $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{MV}_n$  for some  $n$ , or  $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{MV}_n^\omega$  for some  $n$ . In other words,  $\mathcal{V}$  has the amalgamation property iff it is generated by a single chain (see [19]).*
- (b) *A variety  $\mathcal{V}$  of commutative GMV-algebras has the amalgamation property iff either it is the trivial variety,  $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{CIGMV}$ ,  $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{MV}_{n*}$ ,  $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{MV}_{n*}^\omega$ ,  $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{A}^- \vee \mathcal{MV}_{n*}$  for some  $n$ , or  $\mathcal{V}$  is the join of one of the above varieties with  $\mathcal{A}$ , that is, if  $\mathcal{V}$  is one of  $\mathcal{A}$  (the join of  $\mathcal{A}$  with the trivial variety) or  $\mathcal{CGMV} = \mathcal{A} \vee \mathcal{CIGMV}$ ,  $\mathcal{A} \vee \mathcal{MV}_{n*}$ ,  $\mathcal{A} \vee \mathcal{MV}_{n*}^\omega$ , or  $\mathcal{A} \vee \mathcal{A}^- \vee \mathcal{MV}_{n*}$ , for some  $n$ .*

**Proof.** (a) That  $\mathcal{MV}$  has the AP is well-known [55] and has been proved directly in Section 6. It also follows immediately from Theorem 49 and Proposition 62. That the trivial variety has the AP is obvious. So, let us prove that for every  $n$ ,  $\mathcal{MV}_n$  and  $\mathcal{MV}_n^\omega$  have the AP. By Theorem 49, it is sufficient to prove that every V-formation  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, i, j)$  in

$\mathcal{MV}_n$  ( $\mathcal{MV}_n^\omega$ ) consisting of chains has an amalgam in  $\mathcal{MV}_n$  ( $\mathcal{MV}_n^\omega$ ). By Proposition 62,  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, i, j)$  has an amalgam  $(\mathbf{D}, h, k)$  in  $\mathcal{MV}$  such that  $\mathbf{D}$  is a chain. Now by Proposition 61, there is a maximum subalgebra  $\mathbf{D}_0$  of  $\mathbf{D}$  such that  $\mathbf{D}_0 \in \mathcal{MV}_n$  ( $\mathbf{D}_0 \in \mathcal{MV}_n^\omega$ , respectively). Moreover  $h(\mathbf{B})$  and  $k(\mathbf{C})$  are in  $\mathcal{MV}_n$  ( $\mathcal{MV}_n^\omega$ , respectively), because varieties are closed under homomorphic images. Hence  $h(\mathbf{B})$  and  $k(\mathbf{C})$  are subalgebras of  $\mathbf{D}_0$  and  $(\mathbf{D}_0, h, k)$  is an amalgam of  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, i, j)$  in  $\mathcal{MV}_n$  ( $\mathcal{MV}_n^\omega$ , respectively).

Now let  $\mathcal{V}$  be another variety of MV-algebras. Then  $\mathcal{V}$  is not generated by a single chain, but it is generated by a finite set of chains of the form  $\mathbf{L}_n$  or  $\mathbf{K}_n$ . Let  $X$  be a generating set with minimum cardinality. Suppose that  $\mathbf{L}_n$  and  $\mathbf{L}_m$  are distinct elements in  $X$ , and let  $q = lcm(n, m)$ . Then  $\mathbf{L}_q \notin \mathcal{V}$ , otherwise we might reduce the cardinality of  $X$  replacing  $\mathbf{L}_n$  and  $\mathbf{L}_m$  by  $\mathbf{L}_q$ . Now consider the V-formation  $(\mathbf{L}_1, \mathbf{L}_m, \mathbf{L}_n, i, j)$ , where  $\mathbf{L}_1$  is the two element MV-algebra and  $i$  and  $j$  are the unique embeddings of  $\mathbf{L}_1$  into  $\mathbf{L}_m$  and  $\mathbf{L}_n$ , respectively. If  $(\mathbf{A}, h, k)$  is an amalgam of  $(\mathbf{L}_1, \mathbf{L}_m, \mathbf{L}_n, i, j)$ , then  $\mathbf{A}$  must contain both  $\mathbf{L}_m$  and  $\mathbf{L}_n$ , and hence it must contain  $\mathbf{L}_q$ . Since  $\mathbf{L}_q \notin \mathcal{V}$ , the V-formation  $(\mathbf{L}_1, \mathbf{L}_m, \mathbf{L}_n, i, j)$  cannot have an amalgam in  $\mathcal{V}$ .

If we assume that  $\mathbf{K}_m, \mathbf{K}_n \in X$ , or that  $\mathbf{K}_m, \mathbf{L}_n \in X$ , then by the same argument we see that, if  $q = lcm(m, n)$ , then  $\mathbf{K}_q \notin \mathcal{V}$ , but if  $(\mathbf{A}, h, k)$  is an amalgam of  $(\mathbf{L}_1, \mathbf{K}_m, \mathbf{K}_n, i, j)$  ( $(\mathbf{L}_1, \mathbf{K}_m, \mathbf{L}_n, i, j)$ , respectively), then  $\mathbf{A}$  must contain  $\mathbf{K}_q$ . It follows that the V-formation  $(\mathbf{L}_1, \mathbf{K}_m, \mathbf{K}_n, i, j)$  ( $(\mathbf{L}_1, \mathbf{K}_m, \mathbf{L}_n, i, j)$ , respectively) cannot have an amalgam in  $\mathcal{V}$ .

(b) That  $CIGMV$  has the AP follows from Proposition 62 and Theorem 49. That  $\mathcal{A}^-$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  have the AP follows from the AP for abelian  $\ell$ -groups, see [61] and Section 6, and that the trivial variety has the AP is obvious. The proof that  $\mathcal{MV}_{n^*}$  and  $\mathcal{MV}_{n^*}^\omega$  have the AP is similar to the proof that  $\mathcal{MV}_n$  and  $\mathcal{MV}_n^\omega$  have the AP. If a variety  $\mathcal{V}$  of GMV-algebras is generated by a finite set  $X$  of algebras of the form  $\mathbf{K}_{m^*}$  or  $\mathbf{L}_{n^*}$ , but not by a single chain, then by letting  $\mathcal{V}_0$  be the variety generated by  $X_0 = \{\mathbf{K}_{m^*} \mid \mathbf{K}_{m^*} \in \mathcal{V}\} \cup \{\mathbf{L}_{m^*} \mid \mathbf{L}_{m^*} \in \mathcal{V}\}$ , we have that  $\mathcal{V}_0$  does not have the AP by (a). Moreover,  $\mathcal{V}$  is the class of residuated lattice subreducts of algebras in  $\mathcal{V}_0$ , and by Theorem 50,  $\mathcal{V}$  does not have the AP. Finally, by Theorem 52, if either  $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{V}' \vee \mathcal{A}^-$ , where  $\mathcal{V}' \subseteq CIGMV$  and  $\mathcal{A}^- \not\subseteq \mathcal{V}'$ , or  $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{A} \vee \mathcal{V}'$ , with  $\mathcal{V}' \subseteq CIGMV$ , then  $\mathcal{V}$  has the AP iff  $\mathcal{V}'$  has the AP.  $\square$

### 8.2. Commutative GBL-algebras

We turn our attention now to the amalgamation problem for varieties of commutative GBL-algebras, recalling that, by Corollary 55, the class of all GBL-algebras does not have the amalgamation property. Although we have not been able to solve the amalgamation problem for the whole class of commutative GBL-algebras (equivalently, by Theorem 52, the amalgamation problem for integral commutative GBL-algebras), we are nevertheless able to distinguish some important classes of commutative GBL-algebras having the amalgamation property. In particular, we focus here on varieties of semilinear commutative GBL-algebras, beginning with some auxiliary concepts and results.

Let  $(I, \leq)$  be a totally ordered set and  $(\mathbf{H}_i \mid i \in I)$  an ordered family of integral GBL-algebras such that for  $i \neq j$ ,  $H_i \cap H_j = \{e\}$ . Suppose also that for each  $i \in I$ , either  $e$  is join irreducible in  $\mathbf{H}_i$ ,  $i = \max(I)$ , or  $i$  has an immediate successor, denoted by  $s(i)$  (i.e.,  $i < s(i)$  and there is no  $j \in I$  with  $i < j < s(i)$ ) and  $\mathbf{H}_{s(i)}$  is bounded. The *ordinal sum*  $\bigoplus_{i \in I} \mathbf{H}_i$  of the family  $(\mathbf{H}_i \mid i \in I)$  consists of  $\bigcup_{i \in I} H_i$  with the following operations (where the subscript  $i$  denotes the realization of the operation in  $\mathbf{H}_i$ ):

$$\begin{aligned}
 x \cdot y &= \begin{cases} x \cdot_i y & \text{if } x, y \in H_i \ (i \in I), \\ x & \text{if } x \in H_i - \{e\}, y \in H_j \text{ with } i < j, \\ y & \text{if } y \in H_i - \{e\}, x \in H_j \text{ with } i < j, \end{cases} \\
 x \setminus y &= \begin{cases} x \setminus_i y & \text{if } x, y \in H_i \ (i \in I), \\ e & \text{if } x \in H_i - \{e\}, y \in H_j \text{ with } i < j, \\ y & \text{if } y \in H_i - \{e\}, x \in H_j \text{ with } i < j, \end{cases} \\
 y / x &= \begin{cases} y /_i x & \text{if } x, y \in H_i \ (i \in I), \\ e & \text{if } x \in H_i - \{e\}, y \in H_j \text{ with } i < j, \\ y & \text{if } y \in H_i - \{e\}, x \in H_j \text{ with } i < j, \end{cases} \\
 x \wedge y &= \begin{cases} x \wedge_i y & \text{if } x, y \in H_i \ (i \in I), \\ x & \text{if } x \in H_i - \{e\}, y \in H_j \text{ with } i < j, \\ y & \text{if } y \in H_i - \{e\}, x \in H_j \text{ with } i < j, \end{cases} \\
 x \vee y &= \begin{cases} e & \text{if } e \in \{x, y\}, \\ x \vee_i y & \text{if } x, y \in H_i \text{ and either } i = \max(I) \text{ or } x \vee_i y < e, \\ \min(\mathbf{H}_{s(i)}) & \text{if } i \neq \max(I), x, y \in H_i - \{e\}, \text{ and } x \vee_i y = e, \\ x & \text{if } y \in H_i - \{e\}, x \in H_j \text{ with } i < j, \\ y & \text{if } x \in H_i - \{e\}, y \in H_j \text{ with } i < j. \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

Note that if  $e$  is join irreducible in every  $\mathbf{H}_i$ , the third condition in the definition of  $x \vee y$  never occurs, and we do not need to assume that  $s(i)$  and  $\min(\mathbf{H}_{s(i)})$  exist.

It is easy to verify that the ordinal sum of any ordered family of integral GBL-algebras is an integral GBL-algebra. Moreover, the following is established in [1] (using the terminology of hoops):

**Theorem 64.** (See [1].) *Every commutative integral GBL-chain  $\mathbf{A}$  is the ordinal sum of an ordered family  $(\mathbf{U}_i \mid i \in I)$  of commutative integral GMV-algebras.*

We will refer to the algebras  $\mathbf{U}_i$  in Theorem 64 as the *GMV-components* of  $\mathbf{A}$ . We note also that Theorem 64 was extended by Dvurečenskij [20] to the non-commutative case.

We now introduce a definition of poset product of residuated lattices, taken from [33] (referred to there as *poset sums*). Let  $(P, \leq)$  be a poset and  $(\mathbf{A}_p \mid p \in P)$  a collection of

residuated lattices with a common neutral element  $e$ , such that if  $p$  is not minimal, then  $\mathbf{A}_p$  is integral and if  $p$  is not maximal, then  $\mathbf{A}_p$  has a minimum element  $0$  (common to all  $\mathbf{A}_p$  with  $p$  not minimal). The poset product  $\bigotimes_{p \in P} \mathbf{A}_p$  is the algebra consisting of all maps  $h \in \prod_{p \in P} A_p$  such that for any  $p \in P$  if  $h(p) \neq e$ , then for all  $q < p$ ,  $h(q) = 0$ , with monoid operation and lattice operations defined pointwise, and residual operations defined as follows:

$$(h \backslash g)(p) = \begin{cases} h(p) \backslash_p g(p) & \text{if for all } q > p, h(q) \leq_p g(q), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$(g / h)(p) = \begin{cases} g(p) /_p h(p) & \text{if for all } q > p, h(q) \leq_p (g), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where the subscript  $_p$  denotes realization of operations and order in  $\mathbf{A}_p$ .

In [33] and [34], the following is shown:

**Proposition 65.**

- (a) *The poset product of a collection of integral bounded GBL-algebras is an integral bounded GBL-algebra, which is commutative when all its factors are commutative.*
- (b) *Every finite GBL-algebra can be represented as the poset product of finite MV-chains.*
- (c) *Every  $n$ -potent GBL-algebra embeds into a poset product of finite  $n$ -potent MV-chains.*
- (d) *Every commutative integral GBL-algebra embeds into a poset product of MV-chains.*

Let us outline the construction in the proof of (c). First of all, any  $n$ -potent GBL-algebra  $\mathbf{A}$  is commutative and integral [33]. Let  $\Delta(\mathbf{A})$  be the collection of all completely meet irreducible filters (values) of  $\mathbf{A}$ , ordered by reverse inclusion. Using a result from [33], for each  $F \in \Delta(\mathbf{A})$ , the quotient  $\mathbf{A}/F$  decomposes as  $\mathbf{B}_F \oplus \mathbf{W}_F$ , where  $\mathbf{B}_F$  is an  $n$ -potent GBL-algebra and  $\mathbf{W}_F$  is a finite non-trivial  $n$ -potent MV-chain. Also, for every  $a \in A$ , if  $F$  is maximal among all filters  $G$  such that  $a \notin G$ , then  $[a]_F \in \mathbf{W}_F - \{e\}$ . Now let

$$h_a(F) = \begin{cases} [a]_F & \text{if } [a]_F \in \mathbf{W}_F, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then in [34] it is proved that the map  $\Phi : a \mapsto h_a$  is the desired embedding of  $\mathbf{A}$  into  $\bigotimes_{F \in \Delta(\mathbf{A})} \mathbf{W}_F$ .

The proof essentially shows that any  $n$ -potent GBL-algebra embeds into a poset product  $\bigotimes_{F \in \Delta(\mathbf{A})} \mathbf{W}_F$  in such a way that for every  $F \in \Delta(\mathbf{A})$ , the projection  $\pi_F$  of  $\mathbf{A}$  into  $\mathbf{W}_F$  – defined, for all  $h \in \bigotimes_{F \in \Delta(\mathbf{A})} \mathbf{W}_F$ , by  $\pi_F(h) = h(F)$  – is surjective. We express this property by saying that  $\mathbf{A}$  is a *subdirect poset product* of the family  $\{\mathbf{W}_F \mid F \in \Delta(\mathbf{A})\}$  with respect to the poset  $(\Delta(\mathbf{A}), \subseteq)$ , and we write  $\mathbf{A} \subseteq_s \bigotimes_{F \in \Delta(\mathbf{A})} \mathbf{W}_F$ .

Amalgamation for commutative semilinear GBL-algebras is essentially proved in [53], but here we present a slightly more general result (i.e., we do not assume integrality), and a slightly more elegant proof.

**Theorem 66.** *The variety of commutative semilinear GBL-algebras has the amalgamation property.*

**Proof.** The variety of commutative semilinear GBL-algebras is the join of the independent varieties of abelian  $\ell$ -groups and commutative integral semilinear GBL-algebras. Since the variety of abelian  $\ell$ -groups has the AP, by Theorem 52, it suffices to prove that the variety of commutative integral semilinear GBL-algebras has the AP. Moreover by Theorem 49, it suffices to prove that any V-formation  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, i, j)$  consisting of commutative integral GBL-chains has an amalgam.

Using Theorem 64, we can assume that  $\mathbf{A} = \bigoplus_{r \in R} \mathbf{U}_r$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = \bigoplus_{s \in S} \mathbf{V}_s$ , and  $\mathbf{C} = \bigoplus_{t \in T} \mathbf{W}_t$ , where  $\mathbf{U}_r$ ,  $\mathbf{V}_s$ , and  $\mathbf{W}_t$  are commutative integral GMV-chains and  $\mathbf{R} = (R, \leq_R)$ ,  $\mathbf{S} = (S, \leq_S)$ , and  $\mathbf{T} = (T, \leq_T)$  are totally ordered sets.

It follows from the definition of ordinal sum that two elements  $x, y$  of a commutative integral GBL-chain are in the same GMV-component iff  $(x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow y = (y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow x$ . Moreover, if  $x, y \neq e$  belong to different components  $\mathbf{U}_r$  and  $\mathbf{U}_{r'}$ , then  $r < r'$  iff  $(y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow x = e$ . Hence  $i$  and  $j$  map elements from the same component into elements of the same component. Moreover, letting for all  $r \in R$ ,  $i^*(r) = s$  iff for all  $x \in \mathbf{U}_r$ ,  $i(x) \in \mathbf{V}_s$  and  $j^*(r) = t$  iff for all  $x \in \mathbf{U}_r$ ,  $j(x) \in \mathbf{W}_t$ , the maps  $i^*$  and  $j^*$  are embeddings of  $\mathbf{R}$  into  $\mathbf{S}$  and  $\mathbf{T}$ , respectively.

Note that the V-formation  $(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{S}, \mathbf{T}, i^*, j^*)$  has an amalgam  $(\mathbf{M}, h^*, k^*)$  in the class of totally ordered sets such that  $M = h^*(S) \cup k^*(T)$  and  $h^*(S) \cap k^*(T) = h^*(i^*(R)) = k^*(j^*(R))$ .

In view of the fact that the class of commutative integral GMV-chains has the AP, for each V-formation  $(\mathbf{U}_r, \mathbf{V}_{i^*(r)}, \mathbf{W}_{j^*(r)}, i|_{\mathbf{U}_r}, j|_{\mathbf{U}_r})$ , we can obtain an amalgam  $(\mathbf{Z}_{h^*(i^*(r))}, h_{i^*(r)}, k_{j^*(r)})$  such that each  $\mathbf{Z}_{h^*(i^*(r))}$  is a commutative integral GMV-chain.

We are now ready to construct the desired amalgam  $(\mathbf{D}, h, k)$  of the V-formation  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, i, j)$ . We have defined  $\mathbf{Z}_m$  for  $m \in h^*(i^*(R))$ . If  $m \in M \setminus h^*(i^*(R))$ , then either  $m \in h^*(S) \setminus k^*(T)$  or  $m \in k^*(T) \setminus h^*(S)$ . In the former case, define  $\mathbf{Z}_m = \mathbf{V}_s$  where  $s$  is the unique  $s \in S$  such that  $h^*(s) = m$ . In the latter case, define  $\mathbf{Z}_m = \mathbf{W}_t$  where  $t$  is the unique  $t \in T$  such that  $k^*(t) = m$ . Up to isomorphism, we may assume that if  $m \neq m'$ , then  $Z_m \cap Z_{m'} = \{e\}$ . Now let  $\mathbf{D} = \bigoplus_{m \in M} \mathbf{Z}_m$ , and define, for  $x \in B$  and  $y \in C$ :

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} h_s(x) & \text{if } x \in \mathbf{V}_s \text{ and } s \in i^*(R), \\ x & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$k(y) = \begin{cases} k_t(x) & \text{if } x \in \mathbf{W}_t \text{ and } t \in i^*(R), \\ x & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

It is easily seen that  $(\mathbf{D}, h, k)$  is an amalgam of  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, i, j)$ .  $\square$

The proof of [Theorem 66](#) also shows that the variety of commutative integral semi-linear GBL-algebras has the amalgamation property. Since this variety is the class of subreducts of BL-algebras, by [Theorem 50](#) we obtain (see also [\[53\]](#)):

**Theorem 67.** *The variety of BL-algebras has the amalgamation property.*

For every positive integer  $n$ , the class of all commutative integral GBL-algebras that are subdirect products of ordinal sums of at most  $n$  GMV-chains, is a variety, denoted here by  $n\mathcal{CI}GB\mathcal{L}$ . Indeed, as shown in [\[1\]](#),  $n\mathcal{CI}GB\mathcal{L}$  is axiomatized in the signature of BL-algebras and hoops, by the equation

$$(n\mathcal{CI}GB\mathcal{L}) \quad \bigwedge_{i=1}^n ((x_{i+1} \rightarrow x_i) \rightarrow x_i) \leq \bigvee_{i=1}^{n+1} x_i.$$

Somewhat surprisingly, we can prove:

**Theorem 68.**  *$n\mathcal{CI}GB\mathcal{L}$  has the amalgamation property iff  $n = 1$ .*

**Proof.**  $1\mathcal{CI}GB\mathcal{L}$  is just the variety of commutative integral GMV-algebras, which is known to have the AP. We present a proof that  $2\mathcal{CI}GB\mathcal{L}$  does not have the AP, which then generalizes to any  $n > 1$ . Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be any non-trivial GMV-chain, and let  $\mathbf{A}_1$  and  $\mathbf{A}_2$  be two isomorphic copies of  $\mathbf{A}$  such that  $A_1 \cap A_2 = \{e\}$ . Let for every  $a \in A$ ,  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  denote the copies of  $a$  in  $\mathbf{A}_1$  and  $\mathbf{A}_2$ . Let  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A}_1 \oplus \mathbf{A}_2$  and let for  $a \in A$ ,  $i(a) = a_1$  and  $j(a) = a_2$ . Suppose that the V-formation  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, i, j)$  has an amalgam  $(\mathbf{D}, h, k)$  in  $2\mathcal{CI}GB\mathcal{L}$ . Let  $x \ll y$  mean that  $x < y$  and  $x$  and  $y$  are not in the same GMV component. Note that if  $x, y \neq e$ , then  $x \ll y$  iff  $(y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow x = e$ .

Now for all  $a \in A \setminus \{e\}$ , we have  $i(a) \ll j(a)$  and this implies the equality  $(j(a) \rightarrow i(a)) \rightarrow i(a) = e$ . It follows that  $(k(j(a)) \rightarrow k(i(a))) \rightarrow k(i(a)) = e$  and  $(h(j(a)) \rightarrow h(i(a))) \rightarrow h(i(a)) = e$ . But  $k(j(a)) = h(i(a))$ , and hence, letting  $b_1 = k(i(a))$ ,  $b_2 = h(i(a)) = k(j(a))$ , and  $b_3 = h(j(a))$ , we have, for  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $(b_{i+1} \rightarrow b_i) \rightarrow b_i = e$ ; i.e.,  $b_1 \ll b_2 \ll b_3$ . It follows that  $\mathbf{D} \notin 2\mathcal{CI}GB\mathcal{L}$ , a contradiction.  $\square$

### 8.3. Varieties of $n$ -potent GBL-algebras

Finally, we investigate the amalgamation property for varieties of  $n$ -potent GBL-algebras. We will prove that the variety  $\mathcal{GB}\mathcal{L}n\mathcal{p}$  of all  $n$ -potent GBL-algebras has the amalgamation property iff  $n \leq 2$ . Nevertheless, for every  $n$  there is a variety of  $n$ -potent GBL-algebras with the amalgamation property, namely, the variety  $\mathcal{GB}\mathcal{L}_n$  consisting of all GBL-algebras which embed into the poset product of subalgebras of  $\mathbf{L}_{n^*}$ . As a particular case, for  $n = 1$  we obtain that the variety of Heyting algebras has the amalgamation property.

We prove the negative result first.

**Theorem 69.** *If  $n > 2$ , then the variety  $\mathcal{GBL}n_p$  of  $n$ -potent GBL-algebras does not have the amalgamation property.*

**Proof.** By Theorem 50, it suffices to prove that the variety  $\mathcal{GBL}n_{p_0}$  of  $n$ -potent bounded GBL-algebras does not have the AP. If  $n > 2$ , then there is an  $m < n$  such that  $m$  does not divide  $n$ . Now let  $i$  and  $j$  be the unique embeddings of  $\mathbf{L}_1$  into  $\mathbf{L}_n$  and into  $\mathbf{L}_m$ , respectively. Then the V-formation  $(\mathbf{L}_1, \mathbf{L}_n, \mathbf{L}_m, i, j)$  is in  $\mathcal{GBL}n_{p_0}$ , and it suffices to prove that it does not have an amalgam in  $\mathcal{GBL}n_{p_0}$ . Suppose, by way of contradiction, that  $(\mathbf{D}, h, k)$  is an amalgam of  $(\mathbf{L}_1, \mathbf{L}_n, \mathbf{L}_m, i, j)$  in  $\mathcal{GBL}n_{p_0}$ . Then  $\mathbf{D}$  is a subdirect poset product of the form  $\mathbf{D} \subseteq_s \bigotimes_{p \in \mathbf{P}} \mathbf{A}_p$ , where for every  $p$ ,  $\mathbf{A}_p$  is an MV-chain of cardinality at most  $n + 1$ .

Let  $a$  and  $b$  denote the coatoms of  $\mathbf{L}_n$  and of  $\mathbf{L}_m$ , respectively, and let  $c = h(a)$  and  $d = k(b)$ . Note that  $c^n = d^m = 0$ ,  $c^{n-1} = \neg c$ , and  $d^{m-1} = \neg d$ . It follows that for every  $p \in P$ ,  $c(p) < e$ , otherwise  $c^n(p) = e \neq 0$ . Likewise,  $d(p) < e$  for all  $p \in P$ . Hence, if  $p$  is not maximal in  $\mathbf{P}$ , then  $c(p) = 0$ , since otherwise, for all  $q > p$  we would have  $c(q) = e$ . Similarly,  $d(p) = 0$  for all non-maximal  $p \in P$ . Since  $c^{n-1} = \neg c$ , there must be a (necessarily maximal)  $p \in P$  such that  $c(p) > 0$ . But the maximality of  $p$ , together with the definition of poset product, entails  $c^{n-1}(p) = \neg c(p) = c(p) \rightarrow_p 0$ . Hence the equation  $\neg x = x^{n-1}$  has a solution in  $\mathbf{A}_p$ , and  $\mathbf{A}_p$  contains an isomorphic copy of  $\mathbf{L}_n$ . By the same token,  $\mathbf{A}_p$  contains an isomorphic copy of  $\mathbf{L}_m$ .

It follows that  $\mathbf{A}_p$  is an MV-algebra extending both  $\mathbf{L}_n$  and  $\mathbf{L}_m$ . Hence by Lemma 58, letting  $q = lcm(n, m)$ , we have that  $\mathbf{L}_q$  is a subalgebra of  $\mathbf{A}_p$ . But since  $q > n$ , this implies that  $\mathbf{A}_p$ , and hence  $\mathbf{D}$ , is not  $n$ -potent. It follows that the V-formation  $(\mathbf{L}_1, \mathbf{L}_n, \mathbf{L}_m, i, j)$  does not have an amalgam in  $\mathcal{GBL}n_{p_0}$ .  $\square$

We now investigate the amalgamation property for the class  $\mathcal{GBL}_n$  of all subdirect poset products of subalgebras of  $\mathbf{L}_{n^*}$ . We will prove that  $\mathcal{GBL}_n$  is a variety which enjoys the amalgamation property. As a corollary we will obtain that  $\mathcal{GBL}1_p$ ,  $\mathcal{GBL}2_p$ , as well as the variety  $\mathcal{H}$  of Heyting algebras, have the amalgamation property.

First we prove that  $\mathcal{GBL}_n$  is a variety by providing an explicit equational axiomatization. Clearly, every member of  $\mathcal{GBL}_n$  is an  $n$ -potent GBL-algebra, and hence satisfies the equation  $x^{n+1} = x^n$ . Moreover:

**Lemma 70.** *If  $m < n$  and  $m$  does not divide  $n$ , then every algebra in  $\mathcal{GBL}_n$  satisfies the equation*

$$(\mathbf{GBL}_{n,m}) \quad ((x \rightarrow x^n) \leftrightarrow x^{m-1})^n \leq x.$$

**Proof.** Let  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{GBL}_n$ . Then  $\mathbf{A}$  is a subdirect poset product of the form  $\mathbf{A} \subseteq_s \bigotimes_{p \in \mathbf{P}} \mathbf{W}_p$  where  $\mathbf{W}_p$  is a subalgebra of  $\mathbf{L}_{n^*}$  for every  $p$ . Now let  $f_m(x) = ((x \rightarrow x^n) \leftrightarrow x^{m-1})$  and  $g_m(x) = f_m(x)^n$ . We prove that for all  $p \in P$ ,  $g_m(x)(p) \leq x(p)$ . The claim is trivial if  $x(p) = e$ , so let us assume  $x(p) < e$ . We distinguish the following cases:

- (a)  $0 < x(p) < e$ . Then for all  $q > p$ ,  $x(q) = (x(q))^{m-1} = x(q)^n = e$ , and hence, by the definition of implication in a poset product, we obtain the equality  $((x \rightarrow x^n) \leftrightarrow x^{m-1})(p) = ((x(p) \rightarrow_p x(p)^n) \leftrightarrow_p x(p)^{m-1})$ , where the subscript  $p$  denotes the realization of operations in  $\mathbf{W}_p$ . Note now that  $x(p)^n = 0$ ,  $x(p) \rightarrow_p x(p)^n = \neg_p x(p)$ , and since  $m$  does not divide  $n$ , we have  $\neg_p x(p) \neq x(p)^{m-1}$  (since otherwise,  $\mathbf{L}_{m^*}$  would embed into  $\mathbf{W}_p$  and hence into  $\mathbf{L}_{n^*}$ ). It follows that  $f_m(x)(p) < e$  and  $g_m(x)(p) = f_m(p)^n = 0$ . Hence  $g_m(p) \leq x(p)$ .
- (b)  $x(p) = 0$  and there is  $q > p$  such that  $0 < x(q) < 1$ . Then by (a),  $g_m(x)(q) = 0$ , and by the definition of poset product,  $g_m(x)(p) = 0 \leq x(p)$ .
- (c)  $x(p) = 0$  and for all  $q > p$ , either  $x(q) = 0$  or  $x(q) = e$ . Hence for all  $q > p$ ,  $x(q) = x^n(q)$ . So  $(x \rightarrow x^n)(p) = x(p) \rightarrow_p x^n(p) = e$ . Since  $x^{m-1}(p) = 0$ ,  $((x \rightarrow x^n) \leftrightarrow x^{m-1})(p) = 0$ , and  $g_m(x)(p) = 0 \leq x(p)$ .

In each case,  $g_m(x)(p) \leq x(p)$ , and  $(\text{GBL}_{n,m})$  holds as required.  $\square$

**Theorem 71.**  *$\mathcal{GBL}_n$  is axiomatized by the equations  $x^{n+1} = x^n$  and all equations  $(\text{GBL}_{n,m})$  such that  $m < n$  and  $m$  does not divide  $n$  (thus  $\mathcal{GBL}_n$  is a finitely based variety).*

**Proof.** By Lemma 70, all equations  $(\text{GBL}_{n,m})$  such that  $m < n$  and  $m$  does not divide  $n$  are valid in  $\mathcal{GBL}_n$ . Clearly,  $\mathcal{GBL}_n$  satisfies the equation  $x^{n+1} = x^n$ .

For the other direction, suppose that a GBL-algebra  $\mathbf{A}$  satisfies  $x^{n+1} = x^n$  and all equations  $(\text{GBL}_{n,m})$  such that  $m < n$  and  $m$  does not divide  $n$ . Then  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $n$ -potent. Hence  $\mathbf{A}$  is a subdirect poset product  $\bigotimes_{p \in P} \mathbf{W}_p$ , where for every  $p \in P$ ,  $\mathbf{W}_p$  is an  $n$ -potent MV-chain, hence, an MV-chain with cardinality  $\leq n + 1$ . Let  $m_p = |W_p| - 1$ . If for every  $p \in P$ ,  $m_p$  divides  $n$ , then for every  $p$ ,  $\mathbf{W}_p$  is a subalgebra of  $\mathbf{L}_{n^*}$  and  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{GBL}_n$ . Now suppose, by way of contradiction, that for some  $p \in P$ ,  $m_p$  does not divide  $n$ . Let  $c$  be the coatom of  $\mathbf{W}_p$ , and let  $x \in A$  be such that  $x(p) = c$ . Then  $x^n(p) = 0$ , and  $x(q) = x^n(q) = e$  for all  $q > p$ . It follows that  $(x \rightarrow x^n)(p) = x(p) \rightarrow_p 0 = \neg_p x(p) = x(p)^{m_p-1}$  and  $g_{m_p}(x) = e > c = x(p)$ . Hence  $(\text{GBL}_{n,m_p})$  is not valid in  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{A} \notin \mathcal{GBL}_n$ .  $\square$

We prove now that every variety  $\mathcal{GBL}_n$  has the amalgamation property. Consider a V-formation  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, i, j)$  of algebras in  $\mathcal{GBL}_n$ . Without loss of generality, we will assume that  $\mathbf{A}$  is a subalgebra of  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{C}$  and that  $i$  and  $j$  are the identity embeddings. Then  $\mathbf{B} \subseteq_s \bigotimes_{F \in \Delta(\mathbf{B})} \mathbf{W}_F$  and  $\mathbf{C} \subseteq_s \bigotimes_{G \in \Delta(\mathbf{C})} \mathbf{W}_G$ , where for each  $F \in \Delta(\mathbf{B})$  and for each  $G \in \Delta(\mathbf{C})$ ,  $\mathbf{W}_F$  and  $\mathbf{W}_G$  are subalgebras of  $\mathbf{L}_{n^*}$ . Now for every  $F \in \Delta(\mathbf{B})$  (every  $G \in \Delta(\mathbf{C})$ , respectively), let  $F^*$  ( $G^*$ , respectively) denote the set of all filters  $H$  of  $\mathbf{C}$  (of  $\mathbf{B}$ , respectively) which are maximal with respect to the property  $H \cap A = F \cap A$  ( $H \cap A = G \cap A$ , respectively). By Zorn’s lemma,  $F^*$  and  $G^*$  are non-empty. We define a poset  $\Delta(\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C})$  as described below.

The domain of  $\Delta(\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C})$  is the set of all pairs  $(F, G)$  such that either  $F \in \Delta(\mathbf{B})$  and  $G \in F^*$ , or  $G \in \Delta(\mathbf{C})$  and  $F \in G^*$  (note that these possibilities are not mutually exclusive). The order  $\leq$  is as follows:  $(F, G) \leq (F', G')$  iff  $F \subseteq F'$  and  $G \subseteq G'$ . Now let  $\mathbf{D} = \bigotimes_{(F,G) \in \Delta(\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C})} \mathbf{W}_{(F,G)}$ , where for all  $(F, G) \in \Delta(\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C})$ ,  $\mathbf{W}_{(F,G)} = \mathbf{L}_{n^*}$ . Clearly,  $\mathbf{D} \in \mathcal{GBL}_n$ . Note that for every  $F \in \Delta(\mathbf{B})$  and for every  $G \in \Delta(\mathbf{C})$ , there is a unique embedding  $i_F$  ( $i_G$ , respectively) of  $\mathbf{W}_F$  ( $\mathbf{W}_G$ , respectively) into  $\mathbf{L}_{n^*}$ . We define maps  $h$  and  $k$  from  $B$  into  $D$  and from  $C$  into  $D$ , respectively, as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (h(b))(F, G) &= \begin{cases} e & \text{if } b \in F, \\ i_F([b]_F) & \text{if } F \in \Delta(\mathbf{B}), G \in F^*, \text{ and } [b]_F \in \mathbf{W}_F, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \\
 (k(c))(F, G) &= \begin{cases} e & \text{if } c \in G, \\ i_G([c]_G) & \text{if } G \in \Delta(\mathbf{C}), F \in G^*, \text{ and } [c]_G \in \mathbf{W}_G, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Warning.** It is possible that  $F \in \Delta(\mathbf{B})$ ,  $G \in \Delta(\mathbf{C})$ ,  $F \in G^*$ , and  $G \in F^*$ ; however, it is also possible that  $F \in \Delta(\mathbf{B})$ ,  $G \in \Delta(\mathbf{C})$ , and either  $F \notin G^*$  and  $G \in F^*$ , or  $F \in G^*$  and  $G \notin F^*$ . If for instance  $F \in \Delta(\mathbf{B}) \cap G^*$ ,  $G \in \Delta(\mathbf{C})$ ,  $G \notin F^*$ , and  $[b]_F \in \mathbf{W}_F$ , but  $b \notin F$ , then, according to our definition,  $h(b)(F) = 0$ .

**Theorem 72.**  $(\mathbf{D}, h, k)$  is an amalgam of  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, i, j)$ , and hence  $\mathcal{GBL}_n$  has the amalgamation property.

**Proof.** Let for every  $b \in B$  (for every  $c \in C$ , respectively),  $\Delta(\mathbf{B}, b)$  ( $\Delta(\mathbf{C}, c)$ , respectively) denote the set of filters  $H$  of  $\mathbf{B}$  (of  $\mathbf{C}$ , respectively) which are maximal with respect to the property that  $b \notin H$  ( $c \notin H$ , respectively). We require the following:

**Lemma 73.** *The following conditions hold:*

- (a)  $F \in \Delta(\mathbf{B}, b)$  iff  $[b]_F \in W_F - \{e\}$  and  $G \in \Delta(\mathbf{C}, c)$  iff  $[c]_G \in W_G - \{e\}$ .
- (b) For  $F \in \Delta(\mathbf{B})$ , if  $G \in F^*$  and  $(F, G) < (F', G')$ , then  $F \subset F'$ . Moreover, if  $b \in B$  and  $[b]_F \in W_F$ , then  $b \in F'$ . Likewise, for  $G \in \Delta(\mathbf{C})$ , if  $F \in G^*$  and  $(F, G) < (F', G')$ , then  $G \subset G'$ . Moreover, if  $c \in C$  and  $[c]_G \in W_G$ , then  $c \in G'$ .
- (c) Let  $a \in A$  and  $(F, G) \in \Delta(\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C})$ . Then  $a \in F$  iff  $a \in G$ . Moreover,  $F \in \Delta(\mathbf{B}, a)$  iff  $G \in \Delta(\mathbf{C}, a)$ , and in this case,  $F \in G^*$  and  $G \in F^*$ . Finally, the map from  $\mathbf{W}_F \cap \mathbf{A}/F$  into  $\mathbf{W}_G \cap \mathbf{A}/G$  sending  $[x]_F$  into  $[x]_G$  is a well defined isomorphism.

**Proof.** (a) It is readily seen that  $W_F$  is the minimum filter of  $\mathbf{B}/F$  (it coincides with the filter generated by the unique coatom of  $\mathbf{W}_F$ , which is also the unique coatom of  $\mathbf{B}/F$ ). Hence,  $F \in \Delta(\mathbf{B}, b)$  iff  $[b]_F \neq e$  is in the minimum filter of  $\mathbf{B}/F$  iff  $[b]_F \in W_F - \{e\}$ . The proof that  $G \in \Delta(\mathbf{C}, c)$  iff  $[c]_G \in W_G - \{e\}$  is similar.

(b) If  $F = F'$ , then from  $(F, G) < (F', G')$ , we deduce that  $G \subset G'$ . On the other hand, we must have  $F \cap A = G \cap A = F' \cap A = G' \cap A$ , which contradicts the maximality of  $G$  among all filters  $H$  of  $\mathbf{C}$  such that  $H \cap A = F \cap A$ . Now suppose that  $[b]_F \in W_F$ . By the second homomorphism theorem,  $\mathbf{B}/F' = (\mathbf{B}/F)/(F'/F)$ , where  $F'/F$  denotes the set of all equivalence classes, modulo the congruence associated to  $F$ , of all elements of  $F'$ . Since  $W_F$  is the minimum filter of  $\mathbf{B}/F$ ,  $F'/F$  contains  $W_F$ . Hence  $[b]_F \in F'/F$ , and  $b \in F'$ . The proof of the second half of (b) is similar.

(c) Since  $F \cap A = G \cap A$ , we have that  $a \in F$  iff  $a \in G$ . Now suppose that  $F \in \Delta(\mathbf{B}, a)$  and  $G \in F^*$ . We prove that  $F \cap A$  is maximal among the filters of  $\mathbf{A}$  which do not contain  $a$ . Indeed, for  $x \in A - F$  we have that  $a$  belongs to the filter of  $\mathbf{B}$ , generated by  $F \cup \{x\}$ . This implies that, for some  $n$ ,  $x^n \rightarrow a \in F$ , and since  $x^n \rightarrow a \in A$ , we conclude that  $x^n \rightarrow a \in F \cap A$ . Therefore,  $a$  belongs to the filter of  $\mathbf{A}$  generated by  $(F \cap A) \cup \{x\}$ . Hence, if  $K \supset G$ , then  $K \cap A \supset G \cap A = F \cap A$ , and  $a \in K$ . It follows that  $G$  is maximal among all filters of  $\mathbf{C}$  which do not contain  $a$ , that is,  $G \in \Delta(\mathbf{C}, a)$ . The same argument also shows that  $G$  is maximal with respect to the property  $G \cap A = F \cap A$ . Hence  $G \in \Delta(\mathbf{C}, a)$ , and  $F \in G^*$ .

Finally, for  $x, y \in A$ , we have  $[x]_F = [y]_F$  iff  $x \leftrightarrow y \in A \cap F$  iff  $x \leftrightarrow y \in A \cap G$  iff  $[x]_G = [y]_G$ . Hence the map  $[x]_F \mapsto [x]_G$  is well defined and is a bijection between  $\mathbf{W}_F \cap \mathbf{A}/F$  and  $\mathbf{W}_G \cap \mathbf{A}/G$ , because it has an inverse, namely, the map  $[x]_G \mapsto [x]_F$ . Clearly, the above defined map is a homomorphism, and hence it is an isomorphism. This settles (c).  $\square$

Continuing now the proof of [Theorem 72](#), we prove the following claims:

**Claim 1.**  *$h$  and  $k$  map  $B$  and  $C$ , respectively, into  $D$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $b \in B$  and  $(F, G) \in \Delta(\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C})$  be given. Suppose that  $(h(b))(F', G') < e$  and  $(F, G) < (F', G')$ . Then  $b \notin F'$ , and hence  $b \notin F$ . Hence, if either  $F \notin \Delta(\mathbf{B})$  or  $G \notin F^*$ , then  $h(b)(F, G) = 0$ . Suppose now  $F \in \Delta(\mathbf{B})$  and  $G \in F^*$ . Then by [Lemma 73](#),  $F \subset F'$ . Moreover,  $h(b)(F, G) > 0$  would imply  $[b]_F \in W_F$  and, again by [Lemma 73](#),  $b \in F'$ , contradicting our assumption. Thus, in any case  $h(b)(F, G) = 0$ . By the definition of poset product, this shows that  $h(b) \in D$  for all  $b \in B$ . The proof for  $k$  is similar.  $\square$

**Claim 2.**  *$h$  and  $k$  are homomorphisms of lattice-ordered monoids.*

**Proof.** The claim follows from the fact that lattice operations and the monoid operation in a poset product are defined pointwise.  $\square$

**Claim 3.**  *$h$  and  $k$  preserve implication.*

**Proof.** We prove the claim for  $h$ , the proof for  $k$  being similar. Let  $b, b' \in B$  and  $(F, G) \in \Delta(\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C})$  be given. We distinguish several cases:

(3.1) If  $b \rightarrow b' \in F$ , then  $h_{b \rightarrow b'}(F, G) = e$ . Moreover,  $[b]_F \leq [b']_F$ . Therefore, according to the definition of  $h$ ,  $(h(b))(F, G) \leq (h(b'))(F, G)$ , and for every  $(F', G') > (F, G)$ , we have  $b \rightarrow b' \in F'$  and hence  $(h(b))(F', G') \leq (h(b'))(F', G')$ . By the definition of implication in a poset product, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (h(b) \rightarrow h(b'))(F, G) &= (h(b))(F, G) \rightarrow_{\mathbf{W}_F} (h(b'))(F, G) \\ &= [b]_F \rightarrow_{\mathbf{W}_F} [b']_F \\ &= e \end{aligned}$$

and the claim follows.

(3.2) If  $b \rightarrow b' \notin F$ , but  $h_{b \rightarrow b'}(F, G) > 0$ , then, according to the definition of  $h$ , we must have  $F \in \Delta(\mathbf{B})$ ,  $G \in F^*$ ,  $h_{b \rightarrow b'}(F, G) = i_F([b \rightarrow b']_F) = i_F([b]_F \rightarrow_{\mathbf{B}/F} [b']_F) \in W_F - \{e\}$ . Moreover, recalling that  $\mathbf{B}/F$  has the form  $\mathbf{H}_F \oplus \mathbf{W}_F$ , by the definition of ordinal sum, if  $[b]_F \rightarrow_{\mathbf{B}/F} [b']_F \in W_F - \{e\}$ , then  $[b']_F \in W_F$ ,  $[b]_F \in W_F$  and  $[b']_F < [b]_F$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} h_{b \rightarrow b'}(F, G) &= i_F([b]_F \rightarrow_{\mathbf{B}/F} [b']_F) \\ &= i_F([b]_F \rightarrow_{\mathbf{W}/F} [b']_F) \\ &= i_F([b]_F) \rightarrow_{\mathbf{L}_{n^*}} i_F([b']_F). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, by Lemma 73 (b), if  $(F', G') > (F, G)$ , then  $b \in F'$ ,  $b' \in F'$ , and  $(h(b))(F', G') \leq (h(b'))(F', G') = e$ . By the definition of implication in a poset product,

$$\begin{aligned} (h(b \rightarrow b'))(F, G) &= (h(b))(F, G) \rightarrow_{\mathbf{L}_{n^*}} (h(b'))(F, G) \\ &= h_{b \rightarrow b'}(F, G). \end{aligned}$$

(3.3) If  $h_{b \rightarrow b'}(F, G) = 0$ , then  $b \rightarrow b' \notin F$ , and we have to distinguish the following subcases:

(3.3.a) If  $F \notin \Delta(\mathbf{B}, b \rightarrow b')$ , then there is  $F' \in \Delta(\mathbf{B}, b \rightarrow b')$  such that  $F \subset F'$ . Take  $G' \supseteq G$  maximal among all filters  $H$  of  $\mathbf{C}$  such that  $H \cap A = F' \cap A$ . Then  $G' \in F'^*$ ,  $(F', G') \in \Delta(\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C})$ ,  $(F', G') > (F, G)$ , and, by Lemma 73 (a),  $[(b \rightarrow b')]_{F'} \in W_{F'} - \{e\}$ . As in case (3.2), we see that  $[b]_{F'} \in W_{F'}$ ,  $[b']_{F'} \in W_{F'}$ , and  $[b]_{F'} > [b']_{F'}$ . Thus,  $h(b)(F', G') > h(b')(F', G')$  for some  $(F', G') > (F, G)$ , and by the definition of implication in a poset product,  $(h(b) \rightarrow h(b'))(F, G) = 0$ .

(3.3.b) If  $F \in \Delta(\mathbf{B}, b \rightarrow b')$  and  $G \notin F^*$ , then there is  $G' \in F^*$  such that  $G \subset G'$ . Then  $(F, G') > (F, G)$  and by Lemma 73 (a),  $(h(b \rightarrow b'))(F, G') \in W_{F'} - \{e\}$ . Hence, as in case (3.2), we obtain that  $[b]_{F'} \in W_{F'}$ , that  $[b']_{F'} \in W_{F'}$ , and that  $[b]_{F'} > [b']_{F'}$ . It follows that  $(h(b))(F, G') > (h(b'))(F, G')$  for some  $(F, G') > (F, G)$ , and by the definition of implication in a poset product, we obtain  $(h(b) \rightarrow h(b'))(F, G) = 0$ .

(3.3.c) If  $F \in \Delta(\mathbf{B}, b \rightarrow b')$  and  $G' \in F^*$ , then in view of Lemma 73 (a),  $[(b \rightarrow b')]_F \in W_F - \{e\}$  and  $0 = (h(b \rightarrow b'))(F, G) = i_F([(b \rightarrow b')]_F) \in W_F - \{e\}$ . By

the usual argument,  $[b]_F \in W_F$  and  $[b']_F \in W_F$ . Since  $0 = i_F([b]_F \rightarrow_{\mathbf{W}_F} [b']_F)$ , the only possibility is that  $[b]_F$  is the maximum of  $\mathbf{W}_F$  and  $[b']_F$  is the minimum of  $\mathbf{W}_F$ . Thus,  $(h(b))(F, G) = e$ ,  $(h(b'))(F, G) = 0$  and  $(h(b) \rightarrow h(b'))(F, G) = 0$ . This settles Claim 3.  $\square$

**Claim 4.**  $h$  and  $k$  are injective.

**Proof.** As usual, we only prove the claim for  $h$ . It suffices to prove that for all  $b \in B$ , if  $h(b) = e$ , then  $b = e$ . If  $b < e$ , then there is a filter  $F \in \Delta(\mathbf{B}, b)$  and a filter  $G \in F^*$ . Then  $(h(b))(F, G) = i_F([b]_F) < e$ , and the claim is proved.  $\square$

**Claim 5.**  $h(a) = k(a)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $(F, G) \in \Delta(\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C})$ . By Lemma 73, we have that  $a \in F$  iff  $a \in G$ . Hence,  $h(a)(F, G) = e$  iff  $a \in F$  iff  $a \in G$  iff  $k(a)(F, G) = e$ . Now suppose  $a \notin F$  and  $a \notin G$ . Then by Lemma 73 (c),  $F \in \Delta(a, \mathbf{B})$  iff  $G \in \Delta(a, \mathbf{C})$ . Thus if  $F \notin \Delta(a, \mathbf{B})$ , then  $G \notin \Delta(a, \mathbf{C})$ ,  $[a]_F \notin W_F$ ,  $[a]_G \notin W_G$  and  $h(a)(F, G) = k(a)(F, G) = 0$ . Finally, if  $F \in \Delta(a, \mathbf{B})$  and  $G \in \Delta(a, \mathbf{C})$ , then, again by Lemma 73 (c),  $F \in G^*$  and  $G \in F^*$ . Moreover  $[a]_F \in W_F$ ,  $[a]_G \in W_G$ ,  $h(a)(F, G) = i_F([a]_F)$  and  $k(a)(F, G) = i_G([a]_G)$ . Since the map  $[x]_F \mapsto [x]_G$  is an isomorphism from  $\mathbf{W}_F \cap \mathbf{A}/F$  onto  $\mathbf{W}_G \cap \mathbf{A}/G$ , the isomorphic copies of  $[a]_F$  and  $[a]_G$  in  $\mathbf{L}_{n*}$  must coincide, i.e.,  $h(a)(F, G) = i_F([a]_F) = i_G([a]_G) = k(a)(F, G)$ . This concludes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 74.**  $\mathcal{GBL}1p$ ,  $\mathcal{GBL}2p$ , and the variety  $\mathcal{H}$  of Heyting algebras have the amalgamation property.

**Proof.** Every 1-potent GBL-algebra is a subdirect poset product of algebras isomorphic to  $\mathbf{L}_{1*}$  and hence  $\mathcal{GBL}1p = \mathcal{GBL}_1$ . Moreover, every 2-potent GBL-algebra is a subdirect poset product of algebras isomorphic either to  $\mathbf{L}_{1*}$  or to  $\mathbf{L}_{2*}$ . Hence every 2-potent GBL-algebra is a subdirect poset product of subalgebras of  $\mathbf{L}_{2*}$ , and  $\mathcal{GBL}2p = \mathcal{GBL}_2$ . So  $\mathcal{GBL}1p$  and  $\mathcal{GBL}2p$  have the amalgamation property by Theorem 72.

The elements of  $\mathcal{GBL}_1$  are precisely the subreducts of Heyting algebras in the signature of commutative GBL-algebras, and the claim then follows from Theorem 72 and Theorem 50.  $\square$

Finally, we remark that notable non-equational classes of commutative GBL-algebras satisfying the amalgamation property include the class of *finite* GBL-algebras and the class of *finitely-potent* GBL-algebras: the GBL-algebras that are  $n$ -potent for some  $n$ . Each  $n$ -potent GBL-algebra is a subdirect poset product of algebras of the form  $\mathbf{L}_{m*}$  for some  $m \leq n$ . These algebras are subalgebras of  $\mathbf{L}_{n!*}$ , and hence,  $\mathcal{GBL}np \subseteq \mathcal{GBL}_{n!}$ . Moreover, a V-formation  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}, i, j)$  of finitely-potent GBL-algebras is a V-formation in  $\mathcal{GBL}np$  for some  $n$ , and hence a V-formation in  $\mathcal{GBL}_{n!}$ . By Theorem 72, such a

V-formation has an amalgam in  $\mathcal{GBL}_{n!}$ , and hence in the class of finitely-potent GBL-algebras. So we obtain:

**Theorem 75.** *The class of finitely-potent GBL-algebras has the amalgamation property.*

Now let us consider finite GBL-algebras. Clearly, a finite GBL-algebra is  $n$ -potent for a suitable  $n$ , and hence an element of  $\mathcal{GBL}_{n!}$ . Moreover, if in [Theorem 72](#) the algebras  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$ , and  $\mathbf{C}$  are finite, then  $\Delta(\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C})$  is finite and the resulting amalgam  $\mathbf{D}$  in  $\mathcal{GBL}_{n!}$  provided by the theorem is finite, being a poset product, with respect to a finite poset, of a finite family of finite algebras. We may conclude:

**Theorem 76.** *The class of finite GBL-algebras has the amalgamation property.*

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