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# AGEBRAS DETERMIED BY THEIR ENDOMORPHISM MONOIDS

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Résumé. Deux objets A, B d'une catégorie K son dits équimorphes si leurs monoïdes des endomorphismes sont isomorphes. Si la cardinalité de toute famille d'objets de K deux-à-deux équimorphes mais non isomorphes est inférieure à un cardinal  $\alpha$  on dira que la catégorie K est  $\alpha$ -déterminée.

Notre but est de jeter les bases d'une théorie de  $\alpha$ -déterminisme pour les catégories additives et les catégories sur les relations. Comme conséquences de cette théorie générale nous obtenons les résultats suivants:

a) une description des catégories 3-déterminés de treillis généralisant les résultats connus de B. M. Schein, R. Ribenboim, R. McKenzie et C. Tsinakis;

b) une nouvelle preuve du fait que la variété  $B_2$  des *p*-algèbres distributives est 3-déterminée;

c) certaines variétés finiment engendrées d'algèbres de Heyting qui sont 3-déterminées;

d) pour les groupes Abéliens avec base l'équimorphisme entraîne l'isomorphisme.

#### INTRODUCTION

Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a category. The endomorphism monoid of an  $\mathcal{K}$ -object A will be denoted by  $End_{\mathcal{K}}(A)$  (or End(A), if the category  $\mathcal{K}$  is apparent from the context). Numerous papers studied various properties of End(A) in a given category  $\mathcal{K}$ . For example, many familiar categories are universal, and hence monoid universal, that is, such that every monoid is isomorphic to End(A) for some object A – see the monograph by Pultr and Trnková [22].

The present paper aims to study how  $End_{\mathcal{K}}(A)$  determines the object A within a given category  $\mathcal{K}$ . In any universal category  $\mathcal{K}$  for any monoid M there is a proper class of non-isomorphic objects A of  $\mathcal{K}$  with  $End(A) \cong M$ , see [22]. Thus we shall deal with categories whose properties are diametrally opposite to universality.

We say that objects A, B in a category  $\mathcal{K}$  are equimorphic if End(A) and End(B) are isomorphic and we write  $End(A) \simeq End(B)$ . Isomorphic objects are always

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equimorphic but the converse does not hold. We shall study categories in which at least a partial converse is true.

Let  $\alpha$  be a cardinal. We say that a category  $\mathcal{K}$  is  $\alpha$ -determined if every set of non-isomorphic equimorphic objects of  $\mathcal{K}$  has a cardinality smaller than  $\alpha$ . For example, the following categories  $\mathcal{K}$  are

(1) 2-determined, i.e. equimorphic implies isomorphic:

 $\mathcal{K}$  =boolean algebras, see - Maxson [17], Magill [16], and Schein [25];

 $\mathcal{K}$  =distributive (0)-lattices - see Ribenboim [24];

 $\mathcal{K}$  =median algebras, see Bandelt [5];

 $\mathcal{K} =$  Stone algebras, see [2];

 $\mathcal{K}$  =principal Brouwerian semilattices – see Köhler [12], and Tsinakis [29]. (2) 3-determined:

 $\mathcal{K} = \text{posets} - \text{see Gluskin} [10], \text{ and Schein} [25];$ 

 $\mathcal{K}$  =distributive lattices – see Schein [25];

 $\mathcal{K}$  =distributive (0,1)-lattices - see McKenzie and Tsinakis [18];

 $\mathcal{K}$  =normal bands - see Schein [26];

 $\mathcal{K}$  =variety of distributive *p*-algebras generated by the four element Boolean algebra with adjoined a new 1, see Adams, Koubek, and Sichler [2];

(in fact, in the first three examples equimorphic objects are either isomorphic or anti-isomorphic).

(3) 5-determined:

 $\mathcal{K} =$  left or right regular bands - see Demlová and Koubek [7].

Moreover, another variety of distributive *p*-algebras is not  $\alpha$ -determined for any cardinal  $\alpha$ , see [2].

The correlation between endomorphism monoids and clone algebras in universal algebra was investigated by Adams and Clark [1], and analogous problems were studied also by Trnková [30] and Taylor [28].

The present paper has five sections. The first one introduces definitions and basic facts about  $\alpha$ -determinacy in general. The second section deals with a general theory of  $\alpha$ -determined subcategories of *n*-ary relations and its consequences for certain categories of posets and topological posets. In addition, we show that equimorphic lattices with a prime ideal or (0, 1)-equimorphic (0, 1)-lattices with a three-element chain of prime ideals are either isomorphic or anti-isomorphic, while 0-equimorphic 0-lattices with a two-element chain of prime ideals are isomorphic. The third section is devoted to varieties of distributive *p*-algebras, and it contains a new proof of the determinacy results of [2]. The fourth section exhibits some 2-determined and 3-determined varieties of Heyting algebras. In the last section we investigate categories with zero in general, and  $\alpha$ -determined subcategories of Abelian groups; we show that equimorphic Abelian groups with a basis are isomorphic.

## 1. BASIC DEFINITIONS AND FACTS

For any mapping  $f : X \longrightarrow Y$  denote by Ker(f) the equivalence on X with  $(x, y) \in Ker(f)$  if and only if f(x) = f(y), and Im(f) the subset of Y with  $Im(f) = \{y \in Y; \exists x \in X, f(x) = y\}$ .

For a cardinal  $\alpha$  denote by  $\alpha^+$  the cardinal successor of  $\alpha$ .

The definitions of standard semigroup notions (for example left (or right) zero, Green relations, left (or right) divisor, left (or right) ideal) using here can be found in the monograph of Clifford and Preston see [6].

We say that a property  $\mathcal{P}$  of elements, (or n-tuples of elements, or subsets, or family of subsets) is an *isoproperty* if for every semigroup isomorphism  $f: S \longrightarrow T$ and any element s of S (or any n-tuple of elements of S, or any subset of S, or any family of subsets of S, respectively), s has the property  $\mathcal{P}$  in S if and only if f(s) has the property  $\mathcal{P}$  in T. We say that a property  $\mathcal{P}$  is an element property (or n-tuple property, or set property, or family of sets property) if  $\mathcal{P}$  concerns of elements (or n-tuples, or subsets, or family of subsets, respectively) of a given semigroup.

The study of  $\alpha$ -determinacy in concrete categories is based on transformation monoids. A transformation monoid is a pair (X, M) where X is a set and M is a set of mappings of X into itself closed under composition and containing the identity mapping. The set M with the operation of composition and the identity mapping is a monoid. Let (X, M), (Y, N) be transformation monoids then an isomorphism  $\varphi$  from M to N is called strong if there exists a bijection  $g: X \longrightarrow Y$  with  $g \circ f = \varphi(f) \circ g$  for every  $f \in M$ . The bijection g is called a *carrier* of the isomorphism  $\varphi$ . For a submonoid M' of M and for  $x \in X$  denote by Stab(M', x) = $\{f \in M'; f(x) = x\}$ . Clearly, Stab(M', x) is a submonoid of M. For  $A, B \subseteq M$ we shall write  $A \circ B = \{f \circ g; f \in A, g \in B\}$ . Thus  $M \circ f$  for  $f \in M$  is a right ideal in M generated by f. For a subset  $A \subseteq M$  define an equivalence  $\cong_A$  as the smallest equivalence such that  $f \cong_A f \circ g$  for every  $f \in M$ ,  $g \in A$ . A right ideal  $Q \subseteq M$  is called left 1-transitive if there exists a left congruence  $\sim$  on Q such that for every  $y \in X$  there exists exactly one class  $Q_y$  of  $\sim$  on Q such that for  $f \in Q$ we have f(x) = y if and only if  $f \circ Q_x \subseteq Q_y$ . We say that  $\sim$  is associated with Q. For a right ideal Q if there exists  $x \in X$  - which is called a *source* - such that for every  $y \in X$  there exists  $f \in Q$  with f(x) = y then Q is left 1-transitive where the associated congruence  $\sim$  on Q is defined as follows:  $f \sim q$  just when f(x) = q(x). If there exists a source  $x \in X$  with  $\sim \cong_{Stab(Q,x)}$  then we say that Q is 1-transitive and if  $\sim$  is identical then Q is strictly 1-transitive. First we give some elementary properties.

Lemma 1.1. Let (X, M) be a transformation monoid. Then the following hold

- (1) For every  $A \subseteq M$ , the equivalence  $\cong_A$  is a left congruence;
- (2) For every 1-transitive ideal Q, if Stab(Q, x) = {f} then f is idempotent and Q is strictly 1-transitive.
- (3) For every idempotent  $g \in M$ , and every  $f \in M$  we have  $Im(f) \subseteq Im(g)$  if

and only if  $g \circ f = f$ .

**Lemma 1.2.** Let  $Q \subseteq M$  be a 1-transitive right ideal in a transformation monoid (X, M) with a source  $x \in X$ . Then for every  $f \in M$  hold

- (1) f(y) = z if and only if  $f \circ h \in Q_z$  for every  $h \in Q_y$ ;
- (2)  $Im(f) = \{y \in X; f \circ h \in Q_y \text{ for some } h \in M\};$
- (3)  $(z, y) \in Ker(f)$  if and only if for every  $h \in Q_z$ ,  $g \in Q_y$  we have  $f \circ g \cong_{Stab(Q,x)} f \circ h$ ;
- (4) for every  $y \in X$ ,  $f^{-1}(y) = \{z \in X; f \circ h \in Q_y \text{ for } h \in Q_z\}.$

*Proof.* Since Q is a right ideal we obtain that  $f \circ h \in Q$  for every  $h \in Q_y$ ,  $y \in X$ . Since  $f \circ h(x) = f(y)$  we conclude that  $f \circ h \in Q_{f(y)}$  and (1) is proved. The rest is a consequence of (1).  $\Box$ 

In this paper every considered category  $\mathcal{K}$  will have a factorization system  $(\mathcal{E}, M)$ . Thus every morphism  $f \in \mathcal{K}$  has a unique decomposition, up to isomorphism, into  $f = h \circ g$  where  $g \in \mathcal{E}, h \in \mathcal{M}$ . We shall write  $g = \mathcal{E}(f), h = \mathcal{M}(f)$ . The range object of  $\mathcal{E}(f)$  will be denoted by O(f). Thus, if  $f : A \longrightarrow B \in \mathcal{K}$  is an idempotent then  $\mathcal{E}(f) : A \longrightarrow O(f) \in \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{M}(f) : O(f) \longrightarrow B \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $f = \mathcal{M}(f) \circ \mathcal{E}(f)$ . Note, if  $f : A \longrightarrow A \in \mathcal{K}$  then  $\mathcal{E}(f) \circ \mathcal{M}(f) = 1_{O(f)}$ . We recall the diagonalization property of a factorization system which we will often apply without reference, if  $\epsilon : A \longrightarrow B \in \mathcal{E}, g : B \longrightarrow D, f : A \longrightarrow C, \mu : C \longrightarrow D \in \mathcal{M}$  are  $\mathcal{K}$ -morphisms with  $g \circ \epsilon = \mu \circ f$  then there exists a  $\mathcal{K}$ -morphism  $h : B \longrightarrow C$  with  $h \circ \epsilon = f$ ,  $\mu \circ h = g$ .

We show two basic facts about the correlation between the endomorphism monoid of an object and endomorphism monoids of its subobjects. First denote by  $Id_{\mathcal{K}}(A) =$  $\{f \in End_{\mathcal{K}}(A); f \circ f = f\} \subseteq End_{\mathcal{K}}(A)$  for any  $\mathcal{K}$ -object A. For a concrete category  $\mathcal{K}$  and for every  $\mathcal{K}$ -object A define  $Fin_{\mathcal{K}}(A) = \{f \in End_{\mathcal{K}}(A); Im(f) \text{ is finite}\}$ . If the category  $\mathcal{K}$  is clear we omit the index  $\mathcal{K}$ .

**Lemma 1.3.** Let A be a K-object and let  $f \in Id(A)$  then End(O(f)) and  $f \circ End(A) \circ f$  are isomorphic monoids.

Proof. Let  $\Phi : End(O(f)) \longrightarrow End(A)$  be a mapping such that  $\Phi(g) = \mathcal{M}(f) \circ g \circ \mathcal{E}(f)$  for any  $g \in End(O(f))$ . Since  $\mathcal{E}(f)$  is an epimorphism and  $\mathcal{M}(f)$  is a monomorphism we conclude that  $\Phi$  is injective. Since  $\mathcal{M}(f) \circ \mathcal{E}(f) \circ \mathcal{M}(f) = \mathcal{M}(f)$  and  $\mathcal{E}(f) \circ \mathcal{M}(f) \circ \mathcal{E}(f) = \mathcal{E}(f)$  we conclude for every  $g \in End(O(f))$  that  $f \circ \Phi(g) \circ f = \Phi(g)$  and for every  $g \in End(A)$  that  $\Phi(h) = f \circ g \circ f$  for  $h = \mathcal{E}(f) \circ g \circ \mathcal{M}(f) \in End(O(f))$ . Hence  $Im(\Phi) = f \circ End(A) \circ f$ . It remains to show that  $\Phi$  is a homomorphism. It is clear because  $\Phi(g) \circ \Phi(h) = \mathcal{M}(f) \circ g \circ \mathcal{E}(f) \circ \mathcal{M}(f) \circ h \circ \mathcal{E}(f) = \mathcal{M}(f) \circ g \circ h \circ \mathcal{E}(f) = \Phi(g \circ h)$  for every  $g, h \in End(O(f))$ .  $\Box$ 

**Lemma 1.4.** Let A be an object of K and let  $f, g \in Id(A)$  then O(f) and O(g) are isomorphic if and only if there exist  $k, h \in End(A)$  with  $h \circ g = f \circ h = h$ ,  $k \circ f = g \circ k = k$ ,  $k \circ h = g$ ,  $h \circ k = f$ .

Proof. If O(f) and O(g) are isomorphic then there exist  $m : O(f) \longrightarrow O(g), n : O(g) \longrightarrow O(f)$  with  $n \circ m = 1_{O(f)}, m \circ n = 1_{O(g)}$ . Define  $k = \mathcal{M}(g) \circ m \circ \mathcal{E}(f), h = \mathcal{M}(f) \circ n \circ \mathcal{E}(g)$ . By a direct calculation we obtain that h and k satisfy the required conditions. On the other hand if there exist  $h, k \in End(A)$  satisfying the required conditions then by a diagonalization property of a factorization system there exist  $\phi : O(k) \longrightarrow O(g)$  with  $\mathcal{M}(g) \circ \phi = \mathcal{M}(k), \psi : O(g) \longrightarrow O(h)$  with  $\psi \circ \mathcal{E}(g) = \mathcal{E}(h), \omega : O(f) \longrightarrow O(k)$  with  $\omega \circ \mathcal{E}(f) = \mathcal{E}(k), \nu : O(h) \longrightarrow O(f)$  with  $\mathcal{M}(f) \circ \nu = \mathcal{M}(h), \sigma : O(h) \longrightarrow O(g)$  with  $\mathcal{E}(g) = \sigma \circ \mathcal{E}(h), \tau : O(g) \longrightarrow O(k)$  with  $\mathcal{M}(k) \circ \tau = \mathcal{M}(g), \eta : O(k) \longrightarrow O(f)$  with  $\mathcal{E}(f) = \eta \circ \mathcal{E}(k), \theta : O(f) \longrightarrow O(h)$  with  $\mathcal{M}(f) = \mu \circ \mathcal{E}(f)$  and thus  $\psi \circ \sigma = 1_{O(h)}, \sigma \circ \psi = 1_{O(g)}, \omega \circ \eta = 1_{O(k)}, \eta \circ \omega = 1_{O(f)}$ . Therefore  $\psi^{-1} = \sigma, \omega^{-1} = \eta$ , and analogously  $\tau = \phi^{-1}, \psi = \nu^{-1}$ . Thus O(f) and O(g) are isomorphic.  $\Box$ 

The categories of main interest in this paper will be concrete categories, i.e. category  $\mathcal{K}$  with a forgetful functor  $|-|: \mathcal{K} \longrightarrow SET$  where SET is the category of all sets and mappings. Then every endomorphism monoid End(A) corresponds to a transformation monoid on the set |A| with the set  $\{|f|; f \in End(A)\}$  of mappings. If the misunderstanding cannot occur then we will identify End(A) and the transformation monoid corresponding to End(A).

A subcategory  $\mathcal{L}$  of  $\mathcal{K}$  is called *isomorphism-full* if any pair A, B of  $\mathcal{L}$ -objects is isomorphic in  $\mathcal{L}$  if and only if it is isomorphic in  $\mathcal{K}$ . We say that a concrete category  $\mathcal{K}$  is *amenable* if for every  $\mathcal{K}$ -object A and for every bijection  $f: |A| \longrightarrow X$  where Xis a set there exist an  $\mathcal{K}$ -object B with |B| = X and an  $\mathcal{K}$ -isomorphism  $\varphi: A \longrightarrow B$ with  $|\varphi| = f$ . A concrete category  $\mathcal{K}$  has a *unique empty object* if there exists at most one  $\mathcal{K}$ -object A, up to isomorphism, with  $|A| = \emptyset$ , then it is called an *empty object* and the other objects are *non-empty*.

Two K-objects A, B are called strongly equimorphic if End(A) = End(B) (as transformation monoids, not only isomorphic). Clearly, strongly equimorphic objects are equimorphic, the following easy proposition gives a partial converse of this fact.

**Proposition 1.5.** Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be an amenable concrete category. If  $f : End(A) \longrightarrow End(B)$  is a strong isomorphism where  $A, B \in \mathcal{K}$  then there exists a  $\mathcal{K}$ -object C isomorphic to B such that A and C are strongly equimorphic.

**Proof.** Let  $g: |A| \longrightarrow |B|$  be a carrier of f. Since  $\mathcal{K}$  is amenable there exists a  $\mathcal{K}$ -object C isomorphic with B such that  $g^{-1}$  is an underlying mapping of an isomorphism between B and C. Then  $g^{-1}$  is a carrier of the isomorphism between End(B) and End(C) and thus End(A) = End(C).  $\Box$  A pair  $(\mathcal{P}_0, \mathcal{P}_1)$  of isoproperties is called a *coordination property* for a concrete category  $\mathcal{K}$  if  $\mathcal{K}$  has a unique empty object, for every non-empty  $\mathcal{K}$ -object A there exists  $Q \subseteq End(A)$  satisfying  $\mathcal{P}_0$ , and if  $Q \subseteq End(A)$  satisfies  $\mathcal{P}_0$  where A is a non-empty  $\mathcal{K}$ -object then Q is a left 1-transitive right ideal in End(A). A subset  $R \subseteq Q \times Q$  satisfies  $\mathcal{P}_1$  if and only if R is a left congruence associated with Q. If Q is 1-transitive then the isoproperty  $\mathcal{P}_1$  is the set property and  $R \subseteq Q$  satisfies  $\mathcal{P}_1$  if and only if R = Stab(Q, x) for some source  $x \in |A|$ . If Q is strictly 1-transitive then  $\mathcal{P}_1$  is omitted.

# **Theorem 1.6.** Assume that a concrete category $\mathcal{K}$ has a coordination property. Then every isomorphism $\varphi : End(A) \longrightarrow End(B)$ between $\mathcal{K}$ -objects A, B is strong.

*Proof.* Let  $\varphi : End(A) \longrightarrow End(B)$  be an isomorphism. If  $|A| = \emptyset$  then  $\varphi$  is strong because K has a unique empty object. Assume that  $|A| \neq \emptyset$ . Since K has a coordination property  $(\mathcal{P}_0, \mathcal{P}_1)$  there exists  $Q \subseteq End(A)$  satisfying  $\mathcal{P}_0$  and Q is a left 1-transitive right ideal in End(A). Then  $\varphi(Q)$  satisfies  $\mathcal{P}_0$  and thus  $\varphi(Q)$  is a left 1-transitive right ideal in End(B). Further there exists  $R \subset Q \times Q$  satisfying  $\mathcal{P}_1$  and  $R = \sim$  is a left congruence associated with Q. Then  $\varphi(R) \subset \varphi(Q) \times \varphi(Q)$ satisfies  $\mathcal{P}_1$  because  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism and thus  $\varphi(R) = \sim_1$  is associated with  $\varphi(Q)$ . Since Q is a left 1-transitive right ideal with the associated left congruence ~ there exists a surjection  $\phi: Q \longrightarrow X$  with  $\phi(f) = \phi(g)$  for  $f, g \in Q$  just when  $f \sim g$  and  $\phi(f \circ g) = f(\phi(g))$  for every  $g \in Q$ ,  $f \in End(A)$ . Analogously, there exists a surjection  $\phi': \varphi(Q) \longrightarrow B$  with  $\phi'(f) = \phi'(g)$  for  $f,g \in \varphi(Q)$  just when  $f \sim_1 g$  and  $\phi'(f \circ g) = f(\phi'(g))$  for every  $g \in \varphi(Q), f \in End(B)$ . Define a mapping  $h: |A| \longrightarrow |B|$  such that  $h(u) = \phi'(\varphi(g))$  where  $g \in Q$  with  $\phi(g) = u$ . We prove that h is correctly defined and that h is a bijection. If  $f, g \in Q$  with  $f \sim g$  then  $\varphi(f) \sim_1 \varphi(g)$  and we conclude that  $\phi'(\varphi(f)) = \phi'(\varphi(g))$  and thus h is correctly defined. Since  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism we have for  $f, g \in Q$  that  $f \sim g$  if and only if  $\varphi(f) \sim_1 \varphi(g)$  and thus h is injective. Since  $\phi$  and  $\phi'$  are surjections we conclude that h is a surjection and whence h is a bijection. It remains to show that  $\varphi(k) \circ h = h \circ k$  for every  $k \in End(A)$ . For any  $u \in |A|$  there exists  $g \in Q$  with  $\phi(g) = u. \text{ Then } h \circ k(u) = h(k \circ \phi(g)) = \phi'(\varphi(k \circ g)) = \varphi(k)(\phi'(\varphi(g))) = \varphi(k)(h(u))$ because  $k \circ g \in Q$ . Thus h is a carrier of  $\varphi$ .  $\Box$ 

Note that if a concrete category  $\mathcal{K}$  has a coordination property then the following ones are isoproperties:

- (1)  $f \in End(A)$  is one-to-one for  $a \in \mathcal{K}$ ;
- (2) card(Im(f)) = n for  $f \in End(A)$ ,  $A \in \mathcal{K}$ , and a natural number n;
- (3)  $card(f^{-1}(x) \cap Im(f)) = n$  for some  $x \in Im(f)$ ,  $f \in Id(A) A \in \mathcal{K}$ , and a natural number n.

We give two sufficient conditions for the existence of a coordination property in a concrete category  $\mathcal{K}$ .

**Proposition 1.7.** Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a concrete category with a unique empty object such

that for every non-empty object A of  $\mathcal{K}$  any constant mapping of |A| is an underlying mapping of an endomorphism of A. Then the isoproperty  $\mathcal{P}_0$  such that Q is the set of all left zeros of End(A);

is a coordination property.

**Proof.** Obviously, if a transformation monoid (X, M) contains all constants of X then the set Q of all left zeros is strictly 1-transitive right ideal. Since  $f \in M$  is a constant if and only if f is a left zero in M the proof is complete.  $\Box$ 

For a concrete category  $\mathcal{K}$  and a non-empty  $\mathcal{K}$ -object A denote by  $Kernel_{\mathcal{K}}(A)$ the smallest non-empty both-sided ideal in End(A) if it exists. We can omit the index  $\mathcal{K}$  if the misunderstanding cannot occur. If Kernel(A) exists then the smallest subset  $U \subseteq |A|$  such that  $Im(f) \subseteq U$  for any  $f \in Kernel(A)$  and  $f(U) \subseteq U$  for every  $f \in End(A)$  is denoted by  $A_{Ker}$ . We say that  $\mathcal{K}$  has kernels if it has a unique empty object and Kernel(A) exists for every non-empty  $\mathcal{K}$ -object A. We say that an element isoproperty  $\mathcal{P}$  coordinatizes kernels in  $\mathcal{K}$  if for every  $\mathcal{K}$ -object A there exists  $f \in Id(A)$  satisfying  $\mathcal{P}$  and if  $|A| = A_{Ker}$  then every  $f \in Id(A)$  satisfying  $\mathcal{P}$  generates the strictly 1-transitive right ideal and f belongs to Kernel(A) and if  $|A| \neq A_{Ker}$  then no  $f \in Id(A)$  satisfies both  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $Im(f) \subseteq A_{Ker}$ .

**Theorem 1.8.** Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a concrete category with kernels. Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a property coordinatizing kernels such that every  $f \in Id(A)$  satisfying both  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $Im(f) \setminus A_{Ker} = \{x\}$  for  $x \in |A| \setminus A_{Ker}$  fulfils

- (1)  $End(A) \circ f$  is 1-transitive with a source x;
- (2)  $Stab(End(A) \circ f, x)$  is a group;
- (3)  $g \in Kernel(A)$  whenever  $g \in End(A) \circ f \circ End(A)$  and  $Im(g) \subseteq A_{Ker}$ .

Moreover, if  $|A| \neq A_{Ker}$  then there exists  $f \in Id(A)$  satisfying both  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $card(Im(f) \setminus A_{Ker}) = 1$ . Then  $\mathcal{K}$  has a coordination property.

**Proof.** We must show that there exists an element isoproperty  $\mathcal{P}'$  such that  $f \in Id(A)$  satisfying  $\mathcal{P}'$  satisfies  $\mathcal{P}$  and if  $Ker_A \neq |A|$  then  $card(Im(f) \setminus A_{Ker}) = 1$  (i.e.  $f \notin Kernel(A)$ ) for every non-empty  $\mathcal{K}$ -object A. Consider the property  $\mathcal{P}'$  such that:

 $f \in Id(A)$  satisfies  $\mathcal{P}$  and for every  $h \in Id(A)$  satisfying  $\mathcal{P}$  either  $f \circ k \circ h \in Kernel(A)$  for every  $k \in End(A)$  or there exist  $k, k_1 \in End(A)$  with  $f \circ k \circ h \circ k_1 \circ f = f$ .

Clearly,  $\mathcal{P}'$  is an isoproperty. Let A be a non-empty K-object. If  $A_{Ker} = |A|$  then there exists  $f \in Id(A)$  satisfying  $\mathcal{P}$  because  $\mathcal{P}$  coordinatizes kernels and  $f \in Kernel(A)$ . Thus f satisfies  $\mathcal{P}'$  because  $f \circ k \in Kernel(A)$  for every  $k \in End(A)$ .

Assume that  $|A| \neq A_{Ker}$  and  $f \in Id(A)$  satisfies  $\mathcal{P}'$ . Then  $Im(f) \not\subseteq A_{Ker}$ and thus there exists  $y \in |A|$  with  $f(y) \notin A_{Ker}$ . By the assumption on  $\mathcal{K}$  there exists  $g \in Id(A)$  satisfying  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $card(Im(g) \setminus A_{Ker}) = 1$ . Since  $End(A) \circ g$  is 1transitive for a source  $x \in |A|$ , there exists  $h \in End(A) \circ g$  with h(x) = y and hence  $f \circ h \notin Kernel(A)$ . Therefore there exist  $k, k_1 \in End(A)$  with  $f \circ k \circ g \circ k_1 \circ f = f$ . Since  $l(A_{Ker}) \subseteq A_{Ker}$  for every  $l \in End(A)$  and  $card(Im(g) \setminus A_{Ker}) = 1$  we conclude that  $card(Im(f) \setminus A_{Ker}) \leq 1$  and thus  $card(Im(f) \setminus A_{Ker}) = 1$ .

Conversely, assume that a  $f \in Id(A)$  satisfies  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $Im(f) \setminus A_{Ker} = \{x\}$ . Let  $g \in Id(A)$  satisfy  $\mathcal{P}$  and assume that there exists  $h \in End(A)$  with  $f \circ h \circ g \notin Kernel(A)$ . Then there exists  $z \in |A|$  with  $x = f \circ h \circ g(z) \notin A_{Ker}$ . Since  $End(A) \circ f$  is 1-transitive there exists  $h_1 \in End(A)$  with  $x = f \circ h \circ g \circ h_1 \circ f(z)$  and thus  $f \circ h \circ g \circ h_1 \circ f \in Stab(End(A) \circ f, z)$ . Since  $Stab(End(A) \circ f, z)$  is a group and  $f \in Stab(End(A) \circ f, z)$  is an idempotent we conclude that f is the unity of  $Stab(End(A) \circ f, z)$  and therefore there exists  $h_2 \in Stab(End(A) \circ f, z)$  with  $h_2 \circ h \circ g \circ h_1 \circ f = f = f \circ h_2 \circ h \circ g \circ h_1 \circ f$  and thus f satisfies  $\mathcal{P}'$ .

It remains to find an isoproperty characterizing  $Stab(End(A) \circ f, x)$  if  $f \in Id(A)$ satisfies  $\mathcal{P}'$  and  $Im(f) \setminus A_{Ker} = \{x\}$ . Consider a maximal subgroup  $G \subseteq End(A)$ of End(A) containing f. Then for every  $g \in G$  we have  $g \circ f = g$  and therefore  $G \subseteq End(A) \circ f$ . Further  $f \circ g = g$  implies that  $Im(g) \subseteq Im(f)$  and since  $f = h \circ g$  for some  $h \in G$  we conclude that  $g(x) \notin A_{Ker}$  and thus g(x) = x. Hence  $G \subseteq Stab(End(A) \circ f, x)$  and  $Stab(End(A) \circ f, x)$  is the  $\mathcal{H}$ -class containing f - this is an isoproperty describing  $Stab(End(A) \circ f, x)$ .  $\Box$ 

The notion of  $\alpha$ -determinacy can be strengthened for concrete categories. We say that a concrete category  $\mathcal{K}$  is strongly  $\alpha$ -determined, where  $\alpha$  is a cardinal, if every set of non-isomorphic strongly equimorphic  $\mathcal{K}$ -objects has a cardinality smaller than  $\alpha$ . The following theorem shows that for suitable concrete categories the notion of  $\alpha$ -determinacy coincides with strong  $\alpha$ -determinacy.

**Theorem 1.9.** Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a concrete amenable category such that any isomorphism between End(A) and End(B) for  $\mathcal{K}$ -objects A, B is strong. Then  $\mathcal{K}$  is  $\alpha$ -determined if and only if  $\mathcal{K}$  is strongly  $\alpha$ -determined.

Proof. Clearly, every  $\alpha$ -determined category is also strongly  $\alpha$ -determined. Conversely, assume that  $\mathcal{K}$  is strongly  $\alpha$ -determined. Let  $\{A_i; i \in I\}$  be a set of nonisomorphic equimorphic  $\mathcal{K}$ -objects. Choose  $i_0 \in I$ . Since for every  $i \in I$  an isomorphism between  $End(A_i)$  and  $End(A_{i_0})$  is strong we obtain by Proposition 1.5 that for every  $i \in I \setminus \{i_0\}$  there exists a  $\mathcal{K}$ -object  $B_i$  isomorphic with  $A_i$  on the set  $|A_{i_0}|$  such that  $End(B_i) = End(A_{i_0})$ . Set  $B_{i_0} = A_{i_0}$ , then  $\{B_i; i \in I\}$  is the set of non-isomorphic strongly equimorphic  $\mathcal{K}$ -objects and hence  $|I| < \alpha$ . Thus  $\mathcal{K}$  is  $\alpha$ -determined.  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 1.10.** Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a concrete amenable category with a coordination property. Then  $\mathcal{K}$  is  $\alpha$ -determined if and only if  $\mathcal{K}$  is strongly  $\alpha$ -determined.  $\Box$ 

## 2. SUBCATEGORIES OF RELATIONS

Denote by *POSET* the category of all posets and order preserving mappings. Gluskin proved

# **Theorem 2.1.** [10] If two posets $P_0$ , $P_1$ are equimorphic then either $P_0$ and $P_1$ are isomorphic or antiisomorphic. $\Box$

The method of the proof was generalized by Schein [25]. He defined a sufficient subsemigroup and by this notion generalized Theorem 2.1 for semilattices and distributive lattices. We attempt to generalize Gluskin's idea by another way. We generalize his method for subcategories of *n*-ary relations over a concrete category. Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a concrete category. Objects of the category  $REL_n(\mathcal{L})$  of *n*-ary relations over  $\mathcal{L}$  are pairs (A, R) where A is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -object and R is an *n*-ary relation over |A|, morphisms from (A, R) into (B, S) are all  $\mathcal{L}$ -morphisms  $f : A \longrightarrow B$  with  $f^n(R) \subseteq S$  (i.e. |f| is a compatible mapping of relations). If  $\mathcal{L} = SET$  then we shall write only  $REL_n(\mathcal{L})$  and for an arc  $\alpha = \langle x_1, x_2, ..., x_n \rangle \in R$  denote by  $d(\alpha) = \{x_1, x_2, ..., x_n\}$ , and for a subset  $Q \subseteq R$  denote by  $d(Q) = \{d(\alpha); \alpha \in Q\}$ .

As concrete application of general theorems we shall investigate relations over SET or over TOP - the category of topological spaces and continuous mappings. Denote by SEM the category of all semilattices and semilattice homomorphisms,  $SEM_c$  the full subcategory of SEM formed by all semilattices with at least one pair of incomparable elements,  $Lat_1$  (or  $0 - Lat_1$ ) the category of all lattices (or 0-lattices i.e. lattices with 0) having a prime ideal and lattice homomorphisms (0-homomorphisms, respectively),  $0 - Lat_2$  (or  $(0, 1) - Lat_2$ ) is the category of 0lattices (or (0,1)-lattices, i.e. lattices with 0,1) having two distinct prime ideals  $I_0, I_1$ with  $I_0 \subseteq I_1$  and lattice 0-homomorphisms, ((0,1)-homomorphisms, respectively),  $(0,1) - Lat_3$  is the full subcategory of  $(0,1) - Lat_2$  formed by all lattices having three distinct prime ideals  $I_0, I_1, I_2$  with  $I_0 \subseteq I_1 \subseteq I_2$ . The categories  $SEM, SEM_c$ ,  $Lat_1$ ,  $0 - Lat_1$ ,  $0 - Lat_2$ ,  $(0, 1) - Lat_2$ ,  $(0, 1) - Lat_3$  are amenable isomorphismfull subcategories of  $REL_2$ . Moreover, any semilattice S can be identified with a ternary relation (|S|, R) where  $R = \{(x, y, x \land y); x, y \in |S|\}$  (we assume that every semilattice is a meet-semilattice) then SEM and  $SEM_c$  are amenable full subcategories of  $REL_3$ . Clearly, every distributive lattice belongs to  $Lat_1$ .

Denote by PRIEST the category of all Priestley spaces – Priestley space is a triple  $(X, \leq, \tau)$  where X is a set,  $\leq$  is an ordering on X,  $\tau$  is a compact topology on X such that for every  $x \leq y$  there exists a *clopen* (i.e. closed and open) decreasing set U with  $y \in U$ ,  $x \notin U$ , and morphisms are all continuous order preserving mappings (a set U is *decreasing* if  $u \in U, v \leq u$  imply  $v \in U$ , the dual notion is an *increasing* set, for a set U denote by [U) the smallest increasing set containing U, (U] the smallest decreasing containing U). We recall that by the standard topological arguments we obtain that for closed disjoint sets  $Z, Y \subseteq X$  such that Z is decreasing there exists a clopen decreasing set  $U \subseteq X$  with  $Z \subseteq U$  and  $U \cap Y = \emptyset$ . Clearly, PRIEST, is an amenable isomorphism-full subcategory of  $REL_2(TOP)$ . Every constant mapping is a morphism of POSET, SEM,  $Lat_1$ , PRIEST have a coordination property. Priestley proved

**Theorem 2.2.** [19] The category PRIEST is dually isomorphic to the category of distributive (0,1)-lattices and lattice (0,1)-homomorphisms.  $\Box$ 

Let K be a subcategory of  $REL_n(\mathcal{L})$  and let  $(A, R) \in \mathcal{K}$ . Denote by  $R^t = \{\alpha \in \mathcal{L}\}$ R; for every  $(A, R') \in \mathcal{K}, \alpha \in R'$  and  $R^r = R \setminus R^t$ . A subset  $S \subseteq R$  is called weak K-origin (or shortly weak origin) if for every  $\rho \in R^r$  there exist  $\sigma \in S$  and  $f \in End_{\mathcal{K}}(A, R)$  with  $f(\sigma) = \rho$ . A weak  $\mathcal{K}$ -origin is called  $\mathcal{K}$ -origin if for every  $\sigma \in S$ and  $\tau \in R$  with  $d(\tau) = d(\sigma)$  we have  $\tau \in S$ , and for every pair  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 \in S$  there exist a finite sequence  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, ..., \alpha_m$  of elements of S and finite sequences  $f_1, f_2, ..., f_{m-1}$ ,  $g_1, g_2, ..., g_{m-1}$  of endomorphisms of (A, R) in  $\mathcal{K}$  with  $\sigma_1 = \alpha_1, \sigma_2 = \alpha_m, |f_i|$  is one-to-one on  $d(\alpha_i)$ ,  $|g_i|$  is one-to-one on  $d(\alpha_{i+1})$ , and  $|f_i|(\alpha_i) = |g_i|(\alpha_{i+1})$  for every i = 1, 2, ..., m - 1. We say that K has weak origins (or origins) if every K-object has a weak origin (or origin, respectively). An element semigroup property  $\mathcal{P}$  is called arc-determining in K if for every K-object (A, R) and every  $f \in End_{\mathcal{K}}(A, R)$ satisfying  $\mathcal{P}$  a subset  $\mathcal{P}(f) \subset A$  is determined such that there exists an arc  $\alpha \in R$ with  $\mathcal{P}(f) = d(\alpha)$ . We say that a set semigroup property  $\mathcal{P}$  is subset-determining in K if there exists a natural number  $s(\mathcal{P})$  such that  $card(Q) \leq s(\mathcal{P})$  for every  $Q \subseteq End_{\mathcal{K}}(A,R)$  satisfying  $\mathcal{P}$  and every  $\mathcal{K}$ -object (A,R), and for every  $f \in Q$  a unique arc-determining property  $\mathcal{P}_f$  is given. Denote by  $\mathcal{P}(Q) = \{\mathcal{P}_f(f); f \in Q\}$ . A subset semigroup isoproperty  $\mathcal{P}$  is called determining  $\mathcal{K}$ -origin (or determining weak  $\mathcal{K}$ -origin) if it is subset-determining and for every  $\mathcal{K}$ -object (A, R) if a subset  $Q \subseteq End_{\mathcal{K}}(A, R)$  satisfies  $\mathcal{P}$  then there is a origin S (or a weak origin) of (X, R)with  $d(S) = \mathcal{P}(Q)$ , and if (X, R) has a origin (or weak origin, respectively) then there exists  $Q \subseteq End_{\mathcal{K}}(A, R)$  satisfying  $\mathcal{P}$ . Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a determining weak  $\mathcal{K}$ -origin property. For any K-object (A, R), any subset  $Q \subset End(A, R)$ , and a weak origin S with  $d(S) = \mathcal{P}(Q)$ , denote by  $s_{Q,(A,R)}$  the number of  $f \in Q$  such that there exists a strongly equimorphic  $\mathcal{K}$ -object (A, R') with (A, R) having a weak origin T with  $d(T) = \mathcal{P}(Q)$  and  $\{\alpha \in S; d(\alpha) = d(f)\} \neq \{\beta \in T; d(\beta) = d(f)\}$ . Set  $s_{\mathcal{P}} = max\{s_{Q,(A,R)}; (A,R) \text{ is a } \mathcal{K}\text{-object}, Q \subseteq End(A,R) \text{ satisfies } \mathcal{P}\}.$ 

Example. Assume POSET, SEM, PRIEST as categories of binary relations. If A = (X, R) is a poset, or a semilattice, or a Priestley space then  $R^r = \{(x, y); x \leq y, x \neq y\}$ . Assume that there exist  $x, y \in |A|$  with x < y then  $\{(x, y)\}$  is an origin of A - indeed if  $u \leq v$  is another pair in A, consider in the case POSET, or SEM the mapping  $f : |A| \longrightarrow |A|$  such that f(z) = v for  $z \geq y$ , f(z) = x otherwise. Clearly,  $f \in End(A)$ . In the case of Priestley space choose a clopen decreasing set  $Z \subseteq A$  with  $x \in Z$ ,  $y \notin Z$  and define  $f : |A| \longrightarrow |A|$  such that f(z) = u for  $z \in Z$ , f(z) = v otherwise, then  $f \in End(A)$ . If such a pair in A does not exist then the empty set is an origin of A thus POSET, SEM, PRIEST as binary relations have origins. If  $L \in Lat_1$  then again  $R^r = \{(x, y); x \leq y, x \neq y\}$ . Choose x < y such that  $x \in I$ ,  $y \notin I$  for a prime ideal I and for an arbitrary pair  $u \leq v$  in L we define a mapping f such that f(z) = u if  $z \in I$ , f(z) = v otherwise. Thus  $Lat_1$  has origins. Consider  $SEM_c$  as a subcategory of  $REL_3$ . Let S be a semilattice then  $R^r = \{(x, y, x \land y); x, y \in |S|, x \neq y\}$ . If there exist incomparable elements

 $x, y \in S$  such that no element  $u \in S$  satisfies  $u \ge x, y$  then  $\{(x, y, x \land y\}$  is a origin of S. Indeed, for every  $u, v \in S$  define  $f : S \longrightarrow S$  such that f(z) = u if  $z \ge x$ , f(z) = v if  $z \ge y$ ,  $f(z) = u \land v$  otherwise, then  $f \in End(S)$ . If for every pair of incomparable elements  $x, y \in S$  there exists  $z \in S$  with  $z \ge x, y$  then  $\{(x, y, x \land y)\}$ is an origin whenever x and y are incomparable. Indeed, for  $u, v \in S$  choose  $w \in S$ with  $w \ge u, v$  (by the assumption such w exists) and define  $f : S \longrightarrow S$  such that f(z) = w if  $z \ge x, y, f(z) = u$  if  $z \ge x$  and  $z \ge y, f(z) = v$  if  $z \ge y$  and  $z \ge x, f(z) = u \land v$  otherwise, then  $f \in End(S)$ . Hence  $SEM_c$  as ternary relations has origins.

Example. Consider POSET, SEM, Lat<sub>1</sub>, PRIEST as binary relations. Let A be a poset, or semilattices, or lattice with a prime ideal, or Priestley space. There exists a pair  $\{x, y\}$  of elements of A such that  $\{x, y\}$  is an origin from the foregoing example if and only if there exists  $f \in Id(A)$  with  $Im(f) = \{x, y\}$  and  $card(f \circ End(A) \circ f) = 3$ . Thus by note after Proposition 1.5 there exists a determining origin property  $\mathcal{P}$  in POSET, SEM, Lat<sub>1</sub>, PRIEST. Consider  $SEM_c$  as a subcategory of  $REL_3$ . Let  $S \in SEM_c$ . If  $f \in Id(S)$  with card(Im(f)) = 3 and such that Im(f) is not a chain, then over Im(f) there exists an origin from the foregoing example. By easy calculation we obtain that Im(f) is not chain if and only if  $card(f \circ End(S) \circ f) = 9$ . On the other hand if  $\{(x, y, x \land y)\}$  is an origin such that no  $z \in S$  satisfies  $z \ge x, y$ then such endomorphism exists. If for every  $f \in Id(S)$  with card(Im(f)) = 3 we have that Im(f) is a chain then for every  $f \in Id(S)$  such that card(Im(f)) = 4and Im(f) is not chain there is an origin on  $Im(f) \setminus \{u\}$  where u is the greatest element of Im(f). Since for  $f \in Id(S)$  with card(Im(f)) = 4 we easily obtain that Im(f) is not chain if and only if  $card(f \circ End(S) \circ f) = 25$  it suffices to recognize the set  $Im(f) \setminus \{u\}$  - it is the unique 3-element subset  $Z \subseteq Im(f)$  such that there exists  $g \in f \circ End(S) \circ f$  with card(g(Z)) = 1. Thus by Lemma 1.2 and Proposition 1.5 we conclude that there exists a determining  $SEM_c$ -origin property  $\mathcal{P}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a category of *n*-ary relations over  $\mathcal{L}$ . A permutation  $\varphi$  of the set  $\{1, 2, \ldots, n\}$  is called a  $\mathcal{K}$ -permutation if there exist  $\mathcal{K}$ -objects (A, R), (A, R') with

$$R' = \{(x_{arphi(1)}, x_{arphi(2)}, \ldots, x_{arphi(n)}); (x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n) \in R\}$$
 ,

$$End_{\mathcal{K}}(A,R) = End_{\mathcal{K}}(A,R'),$$

and  $R \neq R'$ . We say that a  $\mathcal{K}$ -object (B, S) is  $\varphi$ -isomorphic to (A, R) if (B, S)and (A, R') are isomorphic in  $\mathcal{K}$ . For example, antiisomorphic posets or lattices are  $\varphi$ -isomorphic where  $\varphi$  is a permutation of  $\{1, 2\}$  with  $\varphi(1) = 2$ . Let  $\rho_{\mathcal{K}}$  be the number of  $\mathcal{K}$ -permutations. If the following categories are considered as binary relations then  $\rho_{POSET} = \rho_{SEM} = \rho_{Lat_1} = \rho_{PRIEST} = \rho_{(0,1)-Lat_1} = 1$ ,  $\rho_{0-Lat_1} = 0$ (because we cannot exchange pair (0, x) for  $x \neq 0$ ). If we consider  $SEM_c$  as ternary relations then  $\rho_{SEM_c} = 0$ . Indeed, assume that  $\varphi$  is a  $SEM_c$ -permutation of the set  $\{1, 2, 3\}$ . Since every semilattice  $S \in SEM_c$  contains incomparable elements we conclude that  $\varphi(3) = 3$ . Since semilattices are commutative by the exchange of 1 and 2 we obtain the same object – a contradiction.

For a category  $\mathcal{K}$  of relations denote by

$$m_{\mathcal{K}} = max\{k; \exists (A, R) \in \mathcal{K} \text{ and there exist } \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k \in R\}$$

with 
$$d(\alpha_1) = d(\alpha_2) = \ldots = d(\alpha_k)$$
.

Obviously,

$$m_{POSET} = m_{SEM} = m_{Lat_1} = m_{0-Lat_1} = m_{(0,1)-Lat_1} = m_{PRIEST} = 1$$

where all categories are taken as binary relations. If SEM is taken as ternary relations then  $m_{SEM} = 2$ .

For natural numbers n,m with  $1 \le m \le n$  denote by  $t(n,m) = \Sigma\{\binom{n}{j}; 1 \le j \le m\}$ . Obviously  $t(n,m) \le \binom{n+m}{m}$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be an amenable isomorphism-full subcategory of  $REL_n(\mathcal{L})$ such that  $\mathcal{K}$  has weak origins and a determining weak  $\mathcal{K}$ -origin property  $\mathcal{P}$ . Moreover, for  $\mathcal{L}$ -objects A, B assume that A = B whenever  $End_{\mathcal{K}}(A, R) = End_{\mathcal{K}}(B, S)$ for some  $\mathcal{K}$ -objects (A, R), (B, S). Then  $\mathcal{K}$  is strongly  $(t(n!, m_{\mathcal{K}})s_{\mathcal{P}} + 1)$ -determined. If  $\mathcal{K}$  has a coordination property then  $\mathcal{K}$  is  $(t(n!, m_{\mathcal{K}})s_{\mathcal{P}} + 1)$ -determined.

**Proof.** Let  $\{A_i = (A_i, R_i); i \in I\}$  be a family of non-isomorphic strongly equimorphic K-objects. By the assumption on  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $\mathcal{L}$  we obtain that  $\mathcal{A}_i = (A, R_i)$ . Assume that  $\mathcal{P}$  is a determining weak K-origin property. Since every  $\mathcal{A}_i$  has a weak origin there exists  $Q \subseteq End_{\mathcal{K}}(\mathcal{A}_i)$  having  $\mathcal{P}$  and for every  $i \in I$  there exists a weak origin  $S_i$  of  $\mathcal{A}_i$  with  $d(S_i) = \mathcal{P}(Q)$ . Since  $R_i = \{|f|(\sigma); f \in End_{\mathcal{K}}(\mathcal{A}_i), \sigma \in S_i\} \cup R_i^t$ ,  $R_i^t = R_j^t$ , and  $End_{\mathcal{K}}(\mathcal{A}_i) = End_{\mathcal{K}}(\mathcal{A}_j)$  we obtain that  $S_i = S_j$  implies  $R_i = R_j$  thus for  $i \neq j$  we have  $S_i \neq S_j$ . Therefore for given  $Q \subseteq End_{\mathcal{K}}(\mathcal{A}_i)$  having  $\mathcal{P}$  we compute the number of distinct weak origins S with  $d(S) = \mathcal{P}(Q)$ . For any  $f \in Q$  we have  $card(\{\sigma \in S_i; d(\sigma) = \mathcal{P}_f(f)\}) = q \leq m_{\mathcal{K}}$  and for given q there exist  $\binom{n!}{q}$  such sets. Thus we conclude that for given  $f \in Q$  there are at most  $t(n!, m_{\mathcal{K}})$  sets  $\{\sigma \in S_i; d(\sigma) = \mathcal{P}_f(f)\}$ . Since the number of  $f \in Q$  such that f distinguishes distinct origins is at most  $s_{\mathcal{P}}$  we obtain  $card(I) \leq t(n!, m_{\mathcal{K}})s_{\mathcal{P}}$  and hence  $\mathcal{K}$  is strongly  $(t(n!, m_{\mathcal{K})s_{\mathcal{P}} + 1)$ -determined. If  $\mathcal{K}$  has a coordination property then we apply Corollary 1.10 and we obtain that  $\mathcal{K}$  is  $(t(n!, m_{\mathcal{K})s_{\mathcal{P}} + 1)$ -determined.  $\Box$ 

We say that a category  $\mathcal{K}$  is *maz-uniform* if for every  $\mathcal{K}$ -object (A, R) and for every  $\alpha \in R$  such that the cardinality of  $d(\alpha)$  is the greatest in R we have  $card(\{\beta \in R; d(\beta) = d(\alpha)\}) = m_{\mathcal{K}}$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** Assume that  $\mathcal{K}$  is an amenable max-uniform isomorphism-full subcategory of  $REL_n(\mathcal{L})$  such that  $\mathcal{K}$  has origins and a determining  $\mathcal{K}$ -origin property  $\mathcal{P}$ . Assume that A = B for  $\mathcal{L}$ -objects A, B whenever  $End_{\mathcal{K}}(A, R) = End_{\mathcal{K}}(B, S)$ for some  $\mathcal{K}$ -objects (A, R), (B, S). Then  $\mathcal{K}$  is strongly  $(\rho_{\mathcal{K}} + 2)$ -determined and every strongly equimorphic objects are either isomorphic or  $\varphi$ -isomorphic for a  $\mathcal{K}$ permutation  $\varphi$ . If  $m_{\mathcal{K}} = 1$  then  $\mathcal{K}$  is max-uniform. If  $\mathcal{K}$  has a coordination property then  $\mathcal{K}$  is  $(\rho_{\mathcal{K}} + 2)$ -determined and every equimorphic objects are either isomorphic or  $\varphi$ -isomorphic for a  $\mathcal{K}$ -permutation  $\varphi$ .

**Proof.** As in the proof of Theorem 2.3 let  $\{A_i = (A, R_i); i \in I\}$  be a family of non-isomorphic strongly equimorphic  $\mathcal{K}$ -objects with origins  $S_i$  such that  $d(S_i) =$  $d(S_j)$  for  $i, j \in I$ . Then  $S_i \neq S_j$  for  $i \neq j$ . We prove that  $\mathcal{A}_i$  and  $\mathcal{A}_j$  are  $\varphi$ isomorphic for some K-permutation  $\varphi$  whenever  $i \neq j$ . Choose  $\sigma_0 \in S_i, \tau_0 \in S_j$  with  $d(\sigma_0) = d(\tau_0)$ . We shall define a mapping  $\psi: S_i \longrightarrow S_j$  by induction:  $\psi(\sigma_0) = \tau_0$ . Assume that  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 \in S_i$  and that there exist  $f, g \in End_{\mathcal{K}}(\mathcal{A}_i)$  such that f is one-to-one on  $d(\sigma_1)$ , g is one-to-one on  $d(\sigma_2)$ , and  $f(\sigma_1) = g(\sigma_2)$ . If  $\psi(\sigma_1)$  is defined then  $d(\sigma_1) = d(\psi(\sigma_1))$  and by the assumptions on  $\mathcal{K}$  there exists exactly one  $\tau \in S_i$  with  $f(\psi(\sigma_1)) = g(\tau)$  and  $d(\sigma_2) = d(\tau)$  because  $card(\{\beta \in S_j; d(\beta) =$  $d(\sigma_1)\}) = card(\{\beta \in S_i; d(\beta) = d(\sigma_2)\}) = card(\{\beta \in R_i; d(\beta) = d(f(\psi(\sigma_1)))\}) =$  $m_{\mathcal{K}}$ . Further if  $\varphi$  is a permutation of  $\{1, 2, ..., n\}$  such that for  $\sigma_1 = \langle x_1, x_2, ..., x_n \rangle$ we have  $\psi(\sigma_1) = \langle x_{\varphi(1)}, x_{\varphi(2)}, ..., x_{\varphi(n)} \rangle$  then for  $\sigma_2 = \langle y_1, y_2, ..., y_n \rangle$  we have  $\tau = \langle y_{\varphi(1)}, y_{\varphi(2)}, ..., y_{\varphi(n)} \rangle$ . Define  $\psi(\sigma_2) = \tau$ . Then  $\psi$  is a bijection and there exists a permutation  $\varphi$  of  $\{1, 2, ..., n\}$  such that for every  $\sigma_1 = \langle x_1, x_2, ..., x_n \rangle \in S_i$ we have  $\psi(\sigma) = \langle x_{\varphi(1)}, x_{\varphi(2)}, ..., x_{\varphi(n)} \rangle$ . From the definition of the origin we conclude that  $R_j = \{(x_{\varphi(1)}, x_{\varphi(2)}, ..., x_{\varphi(n)}); (x_1, x_2, ..., x_n) \in R_i\}$ . Therefore  $\varphi$  is a  $\mathcal{K}$ -permutation and  $\mathcal{A}_i$  and  $\mathcal{A}_j$  are  $\varphi$ -isomorphic. If  $\mathcal{K}$  has a coordination property we apply Corollary 1.10. The rest is obvious.  $\Box$ 

For the case of  $\mathcal{L} = SET$  the implication that X = Y whenever  $End_{\mathcal{K}}(X, R) = End_{\mathcal{K}}(Y, S)$  is obvious because X is an underlying set of  $End_{\mathcal{K}}(X, R)$  and Y is an underlying set of  $End_{\mathcal{K}}(Y, S)$ . In the case  $\mathcal{L} = TOP$  we shall use the following folklore lemma.

**Lemma 2.5.** Let  $(X, \tau_i)$  be a topological  $T_1$  space with a subbase  $\mathcal{B}_i$  for i = 1, 2. If  $Q \subseteq Fin(X, \tau_1) \cap Fin(X, \tau_2)$  such that  $\mathcal{B}_1 \cup \mathcal{B}_2$  is contained in the Boolean closure of the sets  $\{f^{-1}(x); f \in Q, x \in Im(f)\}$  then  $\tau_1 = \tau_2$ .  $\Box$ 

Since the category POSET satisfies the assumption of Theorem 2.4,  $m_{\mathcal{K}} = 1$ and  $\rho_{\mathcal{K}} = 0$  we obtain Theorem 2.1 as a consequence of Theorem 2.4. Also SEM as a subcategory of binary relations and  $SEM_c$  as a subcategory of ternary relations satisfy the assumption of Theorem 2.4 ( $m_{SEM} = 1$ ,  $\rho_{SEM} = 1$ ,  $m_{SEM_c} = 2$ ,  $\rho_{SEM_c} = 0$  and  $SEM_c$  is max-uniform) we obtain a theorem proved originally by Schein [25]

**Theorem 2.6.** [25] Equimorphic semilattices are either isomorphic or antiisomorphic chains.  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 2.7.** Lat<sub>1</sub> is 3-determined, moreover two equimorphic lattices with a prime ideal are either isomorphic or antiisomorphic.

*Proof.* Apply Theorem 2.4,  $m_{Lat_1} = 1$ ,  $\rho_{Lat_1} = 1$ .  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 2.8.** *PRIEST* are 3-determined. Equimorphic Priestley spaces are either isomorphic or antiisomorphic.

**Proof.** If  $(X, \leq, \tau)$  is a Priestley space, then the set of all clopen decreasing and clopen increasing subsets of X is a subbase of  $\tau$ . For z < y and for a clopen decreasing set  $U \subseteq X$  define  $f: X \longrightarrow X$  such that f(z) = x for  $z \in U$ , f(z) = y otherwise -f is continuous order preserving. We apply Lemma 2.5 (if  $\leq$  is discrete then the assumptions of Lemma 2.5 are also satisfied) and we obtain that the assumptions of Theorem 2.4 are satisfied. Since  $m_{PRIEST} = 1$ ,  $\rho_{PRIEST} = 1$  the proof is complete.  $\Box$ 

The dual form of Corollary 2.8 was proved by McKenzie and Tsinakis [18] – the equimorphic distributive (0,1)-lattices are either isomorphic or antiisomorphic.

**Lemma 2.9.**  $0 - Lat_1$  has a coordination property,  $0 - Lat_2$  has origins and a determining origin property.  $(0, 1) - Lat_2$  has a coordination property,  $(0, 1) - Lat_3$  has origins and a determining origin property.

Proof. Let  $L \in 0-Lat_1$  then the constant mapping to 0 is an endomorphism which is a zero of End(L). Thus Kernel(L) consists of the constant to 0, and  $L_{Ker} = \{0\}$ . Since L has a prime ideal we conclude that card(L) > 1 and thus  $L \neq L_{Ker}$ . Hence the isoproperty  $\mathcal{P} = \{f \notin Kernel(L)\}$  coordinatizes kernels and  $f \in End(L)$ satisfies  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $card(Im(f) \setminus L_{Ker}) = 1$  if and only if card(Im(f)) = 2. Further there exists  $f \in Id(L)$  with card(Im(f)) = 2. Consider  $f \in Id(L)$  with  $Im(f) = \{0, y\}$ ,  $y \neq 0$ . Then  $I = f^{-1}(0)$  is a prime ideal in L and for  $x \in L$  define  $f_x : L \longrightarrow L$  such that  $f_x(z) = 0$  for  $z \in I$ ,  $f_x(z) = x$  otherwise. Clearly,  $f_x \in End(L)$  and  $\{f_x; x \in L\}$ is a strictly 1-transitive right ideal in End(L) generated by f with a source y,  $Stab(End(L) \circ f, y) = \{f\}$ , and  $f_x \in Kernel(L)$  if and only if  $Im(f_x) \subseteq L_{Ker}$ . By Theorem 1.8  $0 - Lat_1$  has a coordination property.

Let  $L \in (0, 1) - Lat_2$  then  $Kernel(L) = \{f \in End(L); card(Im(f)) = 2\}$  which is the set of all right zeros of End(L). Further  $L_{Ker} = \{0, 1\}$ . Since there exist distinct prime ideals I, J with  $I \subseteq J \subseteq L$  we conclude that there exists  $f \in Id(L)$ with card(Im(f)) = 3 and thus  $L \neq L_{Ker}$ . The isoproperty  $\mathcal{P} = \{f \notin Kernel(L)\}$ coordinatizes kernels and  $f \in End(L)$  satisfies  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $card(Im(f) \setminus L_{Ker}) = 1$  if and only if card(Im(f)) = 3. Let  $f \in Id(L)$  with  $Im(f) = \{0, y, 1\}$  where  $0 \neq y \neq 1$ then  $f^{-1}(0) = I, f^{-1}(\{0, y\}) = J$  are distinct prime ideals with  $I \subseteq J \subseteq L$ . For every  $x \in L$  define a mapping  $f_x : L \longrightarrow L$  such that  $f_x(z) = 0$  if  $z \in I, f_x(z) = x$  if  $z \in J \setminus I, f_x(z) = 1$  if  $z \in L \setminus J$ . Clearly,  $f_x \in End(L)$  and  $\{f_x; x \in L\}$  is a strictly 1-transitive right ideal generated by f with a source  $y, Stab(End(L) \circ f, y) = \{f\}$ , and  $f_x \in Kernel(L)$  if and only if  $x \in L_{Ker}$ . By Theorem 1.8  $(0, 1) - Lat_2$  has a coordination property. Let  $L \in 0 - Lat_2$  with distinct prime ideals  $I \subseteq J \subseteq L$ . Choose  $x \in J \setminus I$ ,  $y \in L \setminus J$  with  $x \leq y$ . We show that  $\{(x, y)\}$  is an origin and there exists  $f \in Id(L)$ with  $Im(f) = \{0, x, y\}$ . Let  $u \leq v$  be elements of L. Define  $f : L \longrightarrow L$  such that f(z) = 0 for  $z \in I$ , f(z) = u for  $z \in J \setminus I$ , f(z) = v for  $z \in L \setminus J$ . Since  $f \in End(L)$  we conclude that  $\{(x, y)\}$  is an origin and there exists  $f \in Id(L)$  with  $Im(f) = \{0, x, y\}$ . If  $f \in Id(L)$  with card(Im(f)) = 3 then Im(f) is a chain. Assume  $Im(f) = \{0, x, y\}$  and  $x \leq y$  then  $f^{-1}(0)$ ,  $f^{-1}(\{0, x\})$  are prime ideals and  $\{(x, y)\}$  is an origin. Since  $0 - Lat_2$  has a coordination property we conclude that there exists a determining  $0 - Lat_2$ -origin property.

Let L be a (0,1)-lattice with distinct prime ideals  $I \subseteq J \subseteq K \subseteq L$ . Choose  $x \in J \setminus I, y \in K \setminus J$  with  $x \leq y$ . We prove that  $\{(x, y)\}$  is an origin of L and there exists an idempotent  $f \in End(L)$  with  $Im(f) = \{0, x, y, 1\}$ . For  $u \leq v$  in L define a mapping  $f : L \longrightarrow L$  with f(z) = 0 for  $z \in I, f(z) = u$  for  $z \in J \setminus I$ , f(z) = v for  $z \in K \setminus J, f(z) = 1$  for  $z \in L \setminus K$ . Since  $f \in End(L)$  we obtain that  $\{(x, y)\}$  is an origin of L. Let  $f \in Id(L)$  such that card(Im(f)) = 4 and Im(f) is a chain. Assume that  $Im(f) = \{0, x, y, 1\}$  and x < y then  $f^{-1}(0), f^{-1}(\{0, x\}), f^{-1}(\{0, x, y\})$  are distinct prime ideals and  $\{(x, y)\}$  is an origin of L. Since for  $f \in Id(L)$  with card(Im(f)) = 4 we have that Im(f) is a chain if and only if  $card(f \circ End(L) \circ f) = 10$  we conclude that  $(0, 1) - Lat_3$  has a determining origin property because  $(0, 1) - Lat_3$  has a coordination property.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 2.10.** Equimorphic lattices in  $0 - Lat_2$  are isomorphic. The category  $0 - Lat_2$  is 2-determined. Equimorphic lattices in  $(0, 1) - Lat_3$  are either isomorphic or antiisomorphic. The category  $(0, 1) - Lat_3$  is 3-determined.

**Proof.** By Lemma 2.9  $0 - Lat_2$  and  $(0, 1) - Lat_3$  satisfy the assumptions of Theorem 2.4. Since  $m_{0-Lat_2} = 1$ ,  $\rho_{0-Lat_2} = 0$ ,  $m_{(0,1)-Lat_3} = 1$ ,  $\rho_{(0,1)-Lat_3} = 1$  statements follow from Theorem 2.4.  $\Box$ 

## 3. DISTRIBUTIVE *p*-ALGEBRAS

We recall that a distributive (0,1)-lattice with added unary operation \* such that  $a \wedge b = 0$  if and only if  $b \leq a^*$  is called a *distributive p-algebra*. Ribenboim proved that distributive *p*-algebras form a variety, see [24]. Denote by  $B_n$  the distributive *p*-algebra obtained from the  $2^n$ -element Boolean algebra with adjoined new 1 and let  $L_n$  be a variety of distributive *p*-algebras generated by  $B_n$ .

For an investigation of distributive *p*-algebras we shall exploit the Priestley duality. A Priestley space  $A = (X, \leq, \tau)$  is called a *p*-space if for every clopen decreasing set  $U \subseteq X$  the set [U) is also clopen and a mapping  $f : X \longrightarrow Y$  is called *p*-mapping from  $(X, \leq, \tau)$  to  $(Y, \leq, \sigma)$  if it is continuous, order preserving mapping, and for every  $x \in X$  we have f(Min(x)) = Min(f(x)) where  $Min(x) = \{y; y \leq x \text{ and } y \text{ is a minimal element of } X\}$ . We recall that in every *p*-space the set of all minimal elements is closed. The subcategory of *PRIEST* formed by all *p*-spaces and *p*-mappings is denoted by P - SP. Priestley proved **Theorem 3.1.** [20] The category P - SP is dually isomorphic to the variety of all distributive p-algebras.  $\Box$ 

For a natural number  $n \ge 1$ , denote by  $P - SP_n$  the full subcategory of P - SPformed by all *p*-spaces fulfiling  $card(Min(x)) \le n$  for every element  $x \in X$ . Denote by  $P - SP^-$  the full subcategory of  $P - SP_2$  formed by all *p*-spaces in  $P - SP_2$  with non-discrete ordering, and  $P - SP^+$  the full subcategory of  $P - SP^-$  formed by all *p*-spaces  $A = (X, \le, \tau)$  such that either there exists  $x \in X$  which is not minimal and card(Min(x)) = 1 or every chain in X has length  $\le 1$ . The following statement was proved by Lee:

**Theorem 3.2.** [14] For every  $n \ge 1$ , the category  $P - SP_n$  is dually isomorphic to the variety  $L_n$ . Boolean algebras and the variety  $L_n$ ,  $n \ge 1$  are unique proper non-trivial subvarieties of distributive p-algebras.  $\Box$ 

Let  $A = (X, \leq, \tau)$  be a non-empty p-space. A constant mapping  $f : X \longrightarrow X$  is an endomorphism of A if and only if f is a constant mapping to a minimal element. Hence Kernel(A) exists and it consists of all left zeros, and  $A_{Ker}$  is the set of all minimal elements (and it is closed). Moreover,  $X = A_{Ker}$  if and only if  $\leq$  is discrete. For any  $f \in End(A)$  denote by  $M(f) = card(\{f \circ g \in Kernel(A); g \in Kernel(A)\})$ then  $M(f) = card(Im(f) \cap A_{Ker})$ . Clearly, M(f) = n is an element isoproperty and  $x \in Im(f) \cap A_{Ker}$  if and only if there exists  $h \in End(A)$  such that  $f \circ h$  is a constant mapping to x.

First we give an easy lemma of the existence of special *p*-mappings from a *p*-space  $A \in P - SP^-$  into itself. An endomorphism  $f \in End(A)$  is called *x*-spanning where  $x \in X$  if  $Im(f) = \{x\} \cup Min(x)$ .

**Lemma 3.3.** Let  $A = (X, \leq, \tau)$  be a p-space from  $P - SP^-$ .

- (1) If there exist distinct  $x, y \in X$  with card(Min(x)) = 2 and  $x \le y$  then for every  $u, v \in X$  with  $u \le v$  and Min(u) = Min(v) there exists  $f \in End(A)$ with f(x) = u, f(y) = v, and  $Im(f) = \{u, v\} \cup Min(u)$ ;
- (2) If there exist  $x, y \in X \setminus A_{Ker}$  with card(Min(x)) = 1, card(Min(y)) = 2, and  $x \leq y$  then for every  $u, v \in X$  with  $u \leq v$  and card(Min(u)) = 1 there exists  $f \in End(A)$  with f(x) = u, f(y) = v, and  $Im(f) = \{u, v\} \cup Min(v)$ ;
- (3) If there exist distinct  $x, y \in X \setminus A_{Ker}$  with card(Min(y)) = 1 and  $x \leq y$ then for every  $u, v \in X$  with  $u \leq v$  and card(Min(v)) = 1 there exists  $f \in End(A)$  with f(x) = u, f(y) = v, and  $Im(f) = \{u, v\} \cup Min(v)$ ;
- (4) For every clopen decreasing set  $U \subseteq X$  there exists  $f \in Fin(A)$  with [U] =
- $f^{-1}(V)$  for some  $V \subseteq Im(f)$ ; (5) If there exists  $x \in X \setminus A_{Ker}$  with card(Min(x)) = 1 then for every clopen increasing set  $U \subseteq X \setminus A_{Ker}$  there exist  $f \in Fin(A)$  and  $x \in Im(f)$  with  $f^{-1}(x) = U$ ;
- (6) If there exist distinct  $x, y \in X \setminus A_{Ker}$  with Min(x) = Min(y) then for every clopen increasing set  $U \subseteq X \setminus A_{Ker}$  and for every  $u \in U$  there exist  $f \in Fin(A)$  and  $v \in Im(f)$  with  $u \in f^{-1}(v) \subseteq U$ ;

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- (7) For every  $x \in X$  there exists x-spanning  $f \in Id(A)$ ;
- (8) If  $f \in Id(A)$  is x-spanning for some  $x \in X$  then  $g \in End(A) \circ f$  if and only if g is v-spanning for some  $v \in X$  and there exists  $k : \{x\} \cup Min(x) \longrightarrow$  $\{v\} \cup Min(v)$  with k(x) = v, k(Min(x)) = Min(v) and g(z) = k(f(z)) for every  $z \in X$ .

**Proof.** Assume that  $s, t \leq x \leq y$ ,  $s, t \in A_{Ker}$ ,  $s \neq t$ ,  $x \neq y$ . Then there exist clopen decreasing sets  $U_0, V_0$  with  $s \in U_0, t \notin U_0, x \in V_0, y \notin V_0$ . Since A is a p-space the following sets are clopen  $U = [U_0) \setminus [A_{Ker} \setminus U_0), W = [A_{Ker} \setminus U_0) \setminus [U_0), V = [A_{Ker} \setminus U_0) \cap [U_0) \cap V_0, T = ([A_{Ker} \setminus U_0) \cap [U_0)) \setminus V_0$ . Moreover, U, W are decreasing, T is increasing,  $A_{Ker} \subseteq U \cup W$ ,  $s \in U$ ,  $t \in W$ ,  $x \in V$ ,  $y \in T$  and  $\{U, W, V, T\}$  is a decomposition of X. For  $u, v \in X$  with  $u \leq v$ ,  $Min(u) = Min(v) = \{w_1, w_2\}$  define  $f: X \longrightarrow X$  such that  $f(z) = w_1$  for  $z \in U$ ,  $f(z) = w_2$  for  $z \in W$ , f(z) = u for  $z \in V$ , f(z) = v for  $z \in T$ . Then  $f \in End(A)$  and f(x) = u, f(y) = v,  $Im(f) = \{u, v, w_1, w_2\}$ . (1) is proved.

Assume that  $s \leq x \leq y \geq t$ ,  $s, t \in A_{Ker}$ ,  $x \neq s \neq t$ . Then there exists a clopen decreasing set  $U_0$  with  $s \in U_0$ ,  $t, x \notin U_0$ . Since A is a p-space the following sets are clopen  $U = U_0$ ,  $V = [U_0) \setminus ([A_{Ker} \setminus U_0) \cup U_0)$ ,  $W = [A_{Ker} \setminus U_0) \setminus [U_0)$ ,  $T = [A_{Ker} \setminus U_0) \cap [U_0]$ . Moreover, U, W are decreasing, T is increasing,  $A_{Ker} \subseteq U \cup W$ ,  $s \in U, t \in W, x \in V, y \in T$  and  $\{U, W, V, T\}$  is a decomposition of X. For  $u, v \in X$  with  $u \leq v$ ,  $Min(u) = \{w_1\}$ ,  $Min(v) = \{w_1, w_2\}$  define  $f : X \longrightarrow X$  such that  $f(z) = w_1$  for  $z \in U$ ,  $f(z) = w_2$  for  $z \in W$ , f(z) = u for  $z \in V$ , f(z) = v for  $z \in T$ . Then  $f \in End(A)$  and f(x) = u, f(y) = v,  $Im(f) = \{u, v, w_1, w_2\}$ . (2) is proved.

Assume that  $s \leq x \leq y$ ,  $s \in A_{Ker}$ ,  $s \neq x \neq y$ . Then there exist clopen decreasing sets  $U_0, V_0$  with  $s \in U_0, x \notin U_0, x \in V_0, y \notin V_0$  and  $A_{Ker} \subseteq U_0$ . Since A is a p-space the following sets are clopen  $U = U_0, V = (X \setminus U_0) \cap V_0, T = X \setminus (U_0 \cup V_0)$  moreover, U is decreasing, T is increasing,  $A_{Ker} \subseteq U$ ,  $s \in U$ ,  $x \in V$ ,  $y \in T$  and  $\{U, V, T\}$  is a decomposition of X. For  $u, v \in X$  with  $u \leq v$ ,  $Min(u) = Min(v) = \{w\}$  define  $f : X \longrightarrow X$  such that f(z) = w for  $z \in U, f(z) = u$  for  $z \in V, f(z) = v$  for  $z \in T$ . Then  $f \in End(A)$  and f(x) = u, f(y) = v,  $Im(f) = \{w, u, v\}$ . (3) is proved.

If  $x \in A_{Ker}$  then the constant mapping to x is the x-spanning idempotent. Assume that  $x \in X \setminus A_{Ker}$ . If  $Min(x) = \{y\}$  then choose an arbitrary increasing clopen set  $T \subseteq X$  with  $x \in T$ ,  $T \cap A_{Ker} = \emptyset$  and define  $f : X \longrightarrow X$  with f(z) = x for  $z \in T$ , f(z) = y for  $z \in X \setminus T$ . Clearly,  $f \in Id(A)$  is x-spanning. If  $Min(x) = \{y_1, y_2\}$  with  $y_1 \neq y_2$  then choose a clopen decreasing set  $U_0 \subseteq X$ with  $y_1 \in U_0$ ,  $y_2 \notin U_0$ . The following sets are clopen  $U = [U_0) \setminus [A_{Ker} \setminus U_0)$ ,  $W = [A_{Ker} \setminus U_0) \setminus [U_0)$ ,  $V = [U_0) \cap [A_{Ker} \setminus U_0)$ . Further U, W are decreasing, V is increasing,  $y_1 \in U$ ,  $y_2 \in W$ ,  $x \in V$ , and  $\{U, W, V\}$  is a decomposition of X. Define  $f : X \longrightarrow X$  such that  $f(z) = y_1$  for  $z \in U$ ,  $f(z) = y_2$  for  $z \in W$ , f(z) = x for  $z \in V$ . Clearly,  $f \in Id(A)$  is x-spanning. (7) is proved.

If [U) is not decreasing then there exists  $x \in [U)$  with  $Min(x) = \{y_1, y_2\}, y_1 \in U$ ,  $y_2 \notin U$  and by the foregoing part of the proof there exists an x-spanning  $f \in Id(A)$ with  $f \in Fin(A)$  and  $U = f^{-1}(\{x, y_1\})$ . If [U) is decreasing and  $[U) \neq X$  then choose  $x \in [U) \cap A_{Ker}$ ,  $y \in A_{Ker} \setminus [U)$  and define  $f: X \longrightarrow X$  such that f(z) = xfor  $z \in [U)$ , f(z) = y for  $z \in X \setminus [U]$ . Obviously,  $f \in Fin(A)$  and  $f^{-1}(x) = [U]$ . If [U) = X then for any constant f to a minimal element  $x \in A_{Ker}$  we have  $f^{-1}(x) = [U] = X$ . (4) is proved.

Assume that there exists  $z \in X \setminus A_{Ker}$  with  $Min(z) = \{y\}$ . Then for every clopen increasing set  $T \subseteq X \setminus A_{Ker}$  define  $f : X \longrightarrow X$  such that f(z) = x for  $z \in T$ , f(z) = y for  $z \in X \setminus T$ . Obviously,  $f \in Fin(A)$  and  $T = f^{-1}(z)$ . (5) is proved.

Assume that there exist distinct  $x, y \in X$  with Min(x) = Min(y). Let  $T_0 \subseteq X \setminus A_{Ker}$  be a clopen increasing set. If there exists  $u \in X \setminus A_{Ker}$  with card(Min(u)) = 1then by (5) there exist  $f \in Fin(A)$ ,  $v \in Im(f)$  with  $f^{-1}(v) = T_0$ . Assume that card(Min(v)) = 2 for every  $v \in X \setminus A_{Ker}$ . Choose  $u \in T_0$  and assume  $Min(u) = \{v_1, v_2\}$ . There exists a clopen decreasing set  $U_0$  with  $v_1 \in U_0$ ,  $v_2 \notin U_0$ . Since A is a p-space the following sets are clopen  $U = [U_0) \setminus [A_{Ker} \setminus U_0)$ ,  $W = [A_{Ker} \setminus U_0) \setminus [U_0)$ ,  $T = [A_{Ker} \setminus U_0) \cap [U_0) \cap T_0$ ,  $V = ([A_{Ker} \setminus U_0) \cap [U_0)) \setminus T_0$  moreover, U, W are decreasing, T is increasing,  $A_{Ker} \subseteq U \cup W$ ,  $v_1 \in U$ ,  $v_2 \in W$ ,  $u \in T$ ,  $T \subseteq T_0$ , and  $\{U, W, V, T\}$  is a decomposition of X. Let  $x, y \in X \setminus A_{Ker}$  be distinct with  $Min(x) = \{w_1, w_2\}$  such that  $x \leq y$  whenever there exists a chain in A of length > 1. Define  $f : X \longrightarrow X$  such that  $f(z) = w_1$  for  $z \in U$ ,  $f(z) = w_2$  for  $z \in W$ , f(z) = y for  $z \in T$ . Since V is increasing whenever every chain of A has length  $\leq 1$  we obtain that  $f \in Fin(A)$  and  $u \in f^{-1}(y) \subseteq T_0$ . (6) is proved.

If  $f \in Id(A)$  is *x*-spanning for some  $x \in X$  then every  $g \in End(A) \circ f$  is g(x)spanning and g(Min(x)) = Min(g(x)). On the other hand if *k* is a mapping from  $\{x\} \cup Min(x)$  onto  $\{y\} \cup Min(y)$  with k(x) = y and k(Min(x)) = Min(y) then
a mapping  $g : X \longrightarrow X$  such that g(z) = k(f(z)) for every  $z \in X$  belongs to  $End(A) \circ f$ . (8) is proved.  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 3.4.** Let  $A = (X, \leq, \tau) \in P - SP^-$  with card(Min(x)) = 2 for some  $x \in X$ . Then for every x-spanning  $f \in Id(A)$ , the right ideal  $End(A) \circ f$  is 1-transitive and  $Stab(End(A) \circ f, x)$  is a group.

Let  $A = (X, \leq, \tau) \in P - SP_1$  with  $x \in X \setminus A_{Ker}$ . Then for every x-spanning  $f \in Id(A)$ , the right ideal  $End(A) \circ f$  is 1-transitive and  $Stab(End(A) \circ f, x)$  is a group.

Let  $A = (X, \leq, \tau) \in P - SP_1$  then there exists  $x \in X \setminus A_{Ker}$  if and only if there exists  $f \in Id(A)$  with M(f) = 1 and  $f \notin Kernel(A)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A = (X, \leq, \tau) \in P - SP^-$  and let  $f \in Id(A)$  be x-spanning for some  $x \in X$  with card(Min(x)) = 2. By Lemma 3.3 (8)  $Stab(End(A) \circ f, x)$  contains two elements creating a group and if  $y \in X$  then  $\{g \in End(A) \circ f; g(x) = y\} = Stab(End(A) \circ f, x) \circ h$  for any  $h \in End(A) \circ f$  with h(x) = y. Thus  $End(A) \circ f$  is 1-transitive.

The remaining statements follow immediately from Lemma 3.3 (8).

**Lemma 3.5.** Let  $A = (X, \leq, \tau) \in P - SP^{-}$ . Then

(1) There exist distinct comparable  $x, y \in X$  with

$$card(Min(x)) = card(Min(y)) = 2$$

if and only if there exists  $f \in Id(A)$  with M(f) = 2, card(Im(f)) = 4,  $card(f \circ End(A) \circ f) = 8$  such that for every  $h \in f \circ End(A) \circ f$  we have  $h \in Kernel(A)$  whenever M(h) = 1, and  $\{x, y\} = Im(f) \setminus A_{Ker}$ .

(2) There exist  $x \in X \setminus A_{Ker}$ ,  $y \in X$  with

$$x \leq y, card(Min(x)) = 1, card(Min(y)) = 2$$

if and only if there exists  $f \in Id(A)$  with M(f) = 2, card(Im(f)) = 4such that there exists exactly one  $h \in f \circ End(A) \circ f$  with  $h \notin Kernel(A)$ ,  $h \in Id(A)$ , and M(h) = 1, and  $\{x, y\} = Im(f) \setminus A_{Ker}$ .

(3) There are distinct comparable elements  $x, y \in X \setminus A_{Ker}$  with

$$card(Min(y)) = card(Min(x)) = 1$$

just when there exists  $f \in Id(A)$  with M(f) = 1, card(Im(f)) = 3,  $card(f \circ End(A) \circ f) = 6$ , and  $\{x, y\} = Im(f) \setminus A_{Ker}$ .

**Proof.** If there exist distinct comparable  $x, y \in X$  such that card(Min(x)) = card(Min(y)) = 2 then by Lemma 3.3 (1) there exists  $f \in Id(A)$  with  $Im(f) = \{x, y\} \cup Min(x)$ . By a direct calculation we obtain that f satisfies the required conditions. Conversely, assume that  $f \in Id(A)$  satisfies the required conditions. Then  $card(Im(f) \cap A_{Ker}) = 2$  and because every  $h \in f \circ End(A) \circ f$  with M(h) = 1 is in Kernel(A) we conclude that for every  $u \in Im(f) \setminus A_{Ker}$  we have  $Min(u) = Im(f) \cap A_{Ker}$ . Obviously, Im(f) is a p-space with 10 endomorphisms if elements of  $Im(f) \setminus A_{Ker}$  are incomparable, and with 8 endomorphisms if they are comparable. Lemma 1.3 completes the proof.

If there exist  $x \in X \setminus A_{Ker}$ ,  $y \in X$  with  $x \leq y$ , card(Min(x)) = 1, and card(Min(y)) = 2 then by Lemma 3.3 (2) there exists  $f \in Id(A)$  with  $Im(f) = \{x, y\} \cup Min(y)$ . By a direct calculation we obtain that f satisfies the required conditions. Let  $f \in Id(A)$  fulfil the required conditions. Then  $card(Im(f) \cap A_{Ker}) = 2$  because M(f) = 2. Since there exists exactly one  $h \in f \circ End(A) \circ f \cap Id(A)$  with M(h) = 1 and  $h \notin Kernel(A)$  we conclude that there exists exactly one  $u \in Im(f) \setminus A_{Ker}$  with card(Min(u)) = 1. Then for  $v \in Im(f) \setminus (A_{Ker} \cup \{u\})$  we have  $Min(v) = Im(f) \cap A_{Ker}$  and moreover  $v \geq u$  (else there exist two  $h \in (f \circ End(A) \circ f \cap Id(A)) \setminus Kernel(A)$  with M(h) = 1). The proof is complete.

Let  $x, y \in X$  be distinct comparable with card(Min(x)) = card(Min(y)) = 1then by Lemma 3.3 (3) there exists  $f \in Id(A)$  with  $Im(f) = \{x, y\} \cup Min(x)$ . By a direct calculation we obtain that f satisfies the required conditions. Conversely, assume that  $f \in Id(A)$  satisfies the required conditions. Then  $card(Im(f) \cap A_{Ker}) = 1$  because M(h) = 1 and we conclude that for every  $u \in Im(f) \setminus A_{Ker}$  we have  $Min(u) = Im(f) \cap A_{Ker}$ . Obviously, Im(f) is a *p*-space with 9 endomorphisms if elements of  $Im(f) \setminus A_{Ker}$  are incomparable, and with 6 endomorphisms if they are comparable. Lemma 1.3 completes the proof.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $A = (X, \leq, \tau) \in P - SP_2$ . Then Boolean closure  $\mathcal{B}$  of the family  $\mathcal{C} = \{f^{-1}(x); f \in Fin(A), x \in Im(f)\}$  of sets consists of the all clopen sets.

**Proof.** Since every set in C is clopen we conclude that every set in B is clopen. The family of all decreasing clopen sets and of all increasing clopen sets is a subbase of  $\tau$  thus it suffices to show that every clopen increasing set is in  $\mathcal{B}$ . If  $\leq$  is discrete then it holds. If there exists  $x \in X \setminus A_{Ker}$  with card(Min(x)) = 1 then by Lemma 3.3 (5) for every increasing set  $T \subseteq X \setminus A_{Ker}$  we have  $T \in \mathcal{C}$ . If there exist two distinct elements  $u, v \in X$  with Min(u) = Min(v) then by Lemma 3.3 (6) for every increasing set  $T \subseteq X \setminus A_{Ker}$  and every  $t \in T$  there exists a set  $U \in C$  with  $t \in U \subset T$ . Since T is compact we conclude that  $T \in \mathcal{B}$ . If  $T \subset X$  is increasing then there exists a clopen decreasing set  $V \subseteq T$  with  $T \cap A_{Ker} \subseteq V$  (because  $A_{Ker}$ is closed). Then by Lemma 3.3 (4)  $[V] \in \mathcal{B}$  and because  $T = [V] \cup T \setminus V$  and  $T \setminus V \cap A_{Ker} = \emptyset$  we obtain that  $T \in \mathcal{B}$  and thus  $\mathcal{B}$  consists of the all clopen sets. It remains to investigate the case that every  $x \in X \setminus A_{Ker}$  satisfies card(Min(x)) = 2and for  $x, y \in X$  we have Min(x) = Min(y) if and only if x = y. If we prove that  $\mathcal{B}$ separates elements of X, then B is a subbase of  $\tau$  and hence B consists of all clopen sets. Let  $x, y \in X$  be distinct elements. If  $x, y \in A_{Ker}$  then there exists a clopen decreasing set  $U \subseteq X$  with  $x \in U$ ,  $y \notin U$ , then  $x \in [U)$ ,  $y \notin [U)$  and by Lemma 3.3 (4)  $[U) \in \mathcal{B}$ . If  $x \in A_{Ker}$ ,  $y \notin A_{Ker}$  then there exists  $v \in Min(y)$ ,  $v \neq x$  and by the foregoing part there exists a clopen decreasing set  $U \subseteq X$  with  $[U) \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  $x \notin [U), v \in [U)$  and hence  $y \in [U)$ . Finally, assume that  $x, y \notin A_{Ker}$ . Then there exists  $v \in Min(y)$  with  $v \notin Min(x)$ . Thus there exists a clopen decreasing  $U \subseteq X$ with  $v \in U$ ,  $U \cap Min(x) = \emptyset$ . Then  $[U) \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  $x \notin [U)$  (since  $[U) = [U \cap A_{Ker})$ ) and  $y \in [U]$  because  $v \in U$ . Thus B separates elements of X and the proof is complete.

Define isoproperties  $\mathcal{P}_1$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_2$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_3$ , and  $\mathcal{P}_4$  such that

 $f \in End(A)$  satisfies  $\mathcal{P}_1$  if and only if

 $f \in Id(A)$ , M(f) = 2 and there exist distinct  $h_1, h_2 \in Kernel(A)$  such that for any  $h \in End(A)$  if  $h \circ f$  is a right divisor of  $h_1$  then  $h \circ f$  is not a right divisor of  $h_2$ .

 $f \in End(A)$  satisfies  $\mathcal{P}_2$  if and only if

 $f \in Id(A)$ , M(f) = 2, and for  $h \in Id(A)$  we have  $h \in Kernel(A)$  whenever M(h) = 1 and  $f \circ h = h$ .

 $f \in End(A)$  satisfies  $\mathcal{P}_3$  if and only if

 $f \in Id(A)$  and for every  $h \in Id(A) \setminus Kernel(A)$  with M(h) = 1 there exists  $k \in End(A)$  with  $k \circ f \notin Kernel(A)$  and  $h \circ k \circ f = k \circ f$ 

 $f \in End(A)$  satisfies  $\mathcal{P}_4$  if and only if

 $M(f) = 2, f \in Id(A)$  satisfies  $\mathcal{P}_2$  and  $\mathcal{P}_3$ , and f satisfies  $\mathcal{P}_1$  whenever there exists  $g \in End(A)$  satisfying  $\mathcal{P}_1$ 

**Lemma 3.7.** For  $A = (X, \leq, \tau) \in P - SP^-$  the following statements hold:

- (1)  $f \in Id(A)$  satisfies  $\mathcal{P}_1$  if and only if  $card(Im(f) \cap A_{Ker}) = 2$ , there exists  $x \in Im(f)$  with card(Min(x)) = 2, and there exist distinct  $u_1, u_2 \in A_{Ker}$  such that  $Min(u) = \{u_1, u_2\}$  for no  $u \in X$ ;
- (2)  $f \in Id(A)$  satisfies  $\mathcal{P}_2$  if and only if  $card(Im(f) \cap A_{Ker}) = 2$  and there exists no  $x \in Im(f) \setminus A_{Ker}$  with card(Min(x)) = 1;
- (3)  $f \in Id(A)$  satisfies  $\mathcal{P}_3$  if and only if  $Im(f) \setminus A_{Ker} \neq \emptyset$  whenever there exists  $\mathbf{z} \in X \setminus A_{Ker}$  with  $card(Min(\mathbf{z})) = 1$ ;
- (4)  $f \in Id(A)$  satisfies  $\mathcal{P}_4$  if and only if  $card(Im(f) \cap A_{Ker}) = 2$ ,  $Im(f) \setminus A_{Ker} \neq \emptyset$  and card(Min(x)) = 2 for every  $x \in Im(f) \setminus A_{ker}$ .

Proof. If  $f \in Id(A)$  satisfies  $\mathcal{P}_1$  then  $card(Im(f) \cap A_{Ker}) = 2$  because M(f) = 2. Let  $g \in Id(A)$  be such that  $Im(g) \cap A_{Ker} = \{v_1, v_2\}, v_1 \neq v_2$  and there exists no  $v \in Im(g)$  with  $Min(v) = \{v_1, v_2\}$ . For every pair  $u_1, u_2$  of distinct elements of  $A_{Ker}$  there exists  $h \in End(A)$  with  $Im(h \circ g) = \{u_1, u_2\}$ . Indeed, define  $h(z) = u_1$  if  $g(z) \geq v_1$ ,  $h(z) = u_2$  if  $g(z) \geq v_2$ . For i = 1, 2 the set  $\{z \in Im(g); z \geq v_i\} = Im(g) \cap [v_i)$  is closed because it is the meet of two closed sets. Hence we conclude that  $(g)^{-1}(\{z \in Im(g); z \geq v_i\}) = h^{-1}(u_i), i = 1, 2$  are clopen and  $h \in End(A)$ . Thus g does not satisfy  $\mathcal{P}_1$  and therefore for every  $f \in Id(A)$  satisfying  $\mathcal{P}_1$  there exists  $v \in Im(f)$  with  $Min(v) = Im(f) \cap A_{Ker}$ . By Lemma 3.3 (7) there exists v-spanning  $g \in Id(A)$  and then  $g \circ f$  is also v-spanning. If for every pair of distinct  $u_1, u_2 \in A_{Ker}$  there exists  $u \in X$  with  $Min(u) = \{u_1, u_2\}$  then by Lemma 3.3 (8)  $\mathcal{P}_1$  is not satisfied for f. Thus if  $f \in Id(A)$  satisfies  $\mathcal{P}_1$  then  $card(Im(f) \cap A_{Ker}) = 2$ , there exists  $v \in Im(f)$  with  $Min(v) = Im(f) \cap A_{Ker}$ , and there exist distinct  $u_1, u_2 \in A_{Ker}$  with  $Min(u) = \{u_1, u_2\}$  for no  $u \in X$ . If  $f \in Id(A)$  satisfies these conditions then from the definition of a p-mapping we obtain that f satisfies  $\mathcal{P}_1$ .

If  $f \in Id(A)$  satisfies  $\mathcal{P}_2$  then  $card(Im(f) \cap A_{Ker}) = 2$ . Assume that there exists  $x \in Im(f) \setminus A_{Ker}$  with card(Min(x)) = 1. By Lemma 3.3 (7) there exists x-spanning  $h \in Id(A)$ . Then M(h) = 1,  $f \circ h = h$  because  $Im(h) \subseteq Im(f)$ , and  $h \notin Kernel(A)$  because  $x \in Im(h) \setminus A_{Ker}$  - this is a contradiction, and therefore card(Min(x)) = 2 for every  $x \in Im(f) \setminus A_{Ker}$ . The converse follows from the definition of a p-mapping.

Let  $f \in Id(A)$  satisfy  $\mathcal{P}_3$ . If there exists  $x \in X \setminus A_{Ker}$  with card(Min(x)) = 1then by Lemma 3.3 (7) there exists x-spanning  $h \in Id(A)$ . Thus  $h \circ k \circ f = k \circ f$ for some  $k \in End(A)$  and  $k \circ f \notin Kernel(A)$ . Hence  $Im(k \circ f) \subseteq Im(h)$  and we conclude that  $Im(k \circ f) \setminus A_{Ker} \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $Im(f) \setminus A_{Ker} \neq \emptyset$ . Conversely, if for any  $x \in X \setminus A_{Ker}$  we have card(Min(x)) = 2 then  $h \in Kernel(A)$  for every  $h \in End(A)$  with M(h) = 1 and thus every  $f \in Id(A)$  satisfies  $\mathcal{P}_3$ . Assume that  $y \in Im(f) \setminus A_{Ker}$  and there exists  $h \in End(A) \setminus Kernel(A)$  with M(h) = 1 then there exists  $u \in Im(h) \setminus A_{Ker}$ . By Lemma 3.3 (7) there exists y-spanning  $g \in Id(A)$ . Then  $g \circ f$  is also y-spanning. By Lemma 3.3 (8) there exists  $k \in End(A)$  with k(y) = u. Then  $k \circ g \circ f$  is u-spanning and thus  $Im(k \circ g \circ f) \subseteq Im(h)$  - therefore  $k \circ g \circ f \notin Kernel(A)$  and  $h \circ k \circ g \circ f = k \circ g \circ f$ . Thus f satisfies  $\mathcal{P}_3$ .

If  $f \in End(A)$  satisfies  $\mathcal{P}_4$  then  $card(Im(f) \cap A_{Ker}) = 2$  and there exists no  $x \in Im(f) \setminus A_{Ker}$  with card(Min(x)) = 1 (by  $\mathcal{P}_2$ ). If there exists  $x \in X \setminus A_{Ker}$  with card(Min(x)) = 1 then  $Im(f) \setminus A_{Ker} \neq \emptyset$  (by  $\mathcal{P}_3$ ). Assume that card(Min(x)) = 2 for every  $x \in X \setminus A_{Ker}$ . If there exist distinct  $u_1, u_2 \in A_{Ker}$  with  $[u_1) \cap [u_2) = \emptyset$  then there exists  $g \in End(A)$  satisfying  $\mathcal{P}_1$  and hence f satisfies  $\mathcal{P}_1$  and  $Im(f) \setminus A_{Ker} \neq \emptyset$ . If for every distinct  $u_1, u_2 \in A_{Ker}$  there exists  $u \in X$  with  $Min(u) = \{u_1, u_2\}$  then  $f(x) \in Im(f) \setminus A_{Ker}$  for  $x \in X$  with  $Min(x) = Im(f) \cap A_{Ker}$ . Conversely, if  $f \in Id(A)$ ,  $card(Im(f) \cap A_{Ker}) = 2$ ,  $Im(f) \setminus A_{Ker} \neq \emptyset$ , and card(Min(x)) = 2 for every  $x \in Im(f) \setminus A_{Ker}$  then M(f) = 2, f satisfies  $\mathcal{P}_2$  and  $\mathcal{P}_3$  and if some  $g \in Id(A)$  satisfies  $\mathcal{P}_1$  then f also satisfies  $\mathcal{P}_1$ , thus f satisfies  $\mathcal{P}_4$ .  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 3.8.** The categories  $P - SP_1$  and  $P - SP^-$  have a coordinatization property.

**Proof.** Let  $A = (X, \leq, \tau) \in P - SP_1$ . If we show that there exists an isoproperty  $\mathcal{P}$  coordinatizes kernel in  $P - SP_1$  then by Corollary 3.4 (2) we can apply Theorem 1.8. Consider property  $\mathcal{P}$  such that

 $f \in Id(A), M(f) = 1$  and  $f \notin Kernel(A)$  whenever there exists  $g \in End(A) \setminus Kernel(A)$  with M(g) = 1.

If f satisfies  $\mathcal{P}$  then f is constant if and only if  $X = A_{Ker}$  and hence if  $X \neq A_{Ker}$ then  $Im(f) \not\subseteq A_{Ker}$ . Theorem 1.8 implies that  $P-SP_1$  has a coordination property.

Let  $A = (X, \leq, \tau) \in P - SP^-$ . To use Theorem 1.8 we must find an isoproperty  $\mathcal{P}$  such that if  $f \in End(A)$  satisfies  $\mathcal{P}$  then  $Im(f) \setminus A_{Ker} \neq \emptyset$  and if there exists  $x \in X$  with card(Min(x)) = 2 then there exists  $y \in Im(f)$  with card(Min(y)) = 2. Consider  $\mathcal{P}$  such that

 $f \in Id(A)$  and if there exists  $g \in End(A)$  satisfying  $\mathcal{P}_4$  then f satisfies  $\mathcal{P}_4$  else M(f) = 1 and  $f \notin Kernel(A)$ .

Lemma 3.7 implies that  $\mathcal{P}$  has the required properties. By Corollary 3.4 (1) and (2) the assumptions of Theorem 1.8 are fulfiled and thus  $P-SP^-$  has a coordination property.  $\Box$ 

**Lemma 3.9.** The categories  $P - SP_1$  and  $P - SP^+$  have origins and determining origin properties. The category  $P - SP^-$  has a weak origin and determining weak origin property  $\mathcal{P}$  with  $s_{\mathcal{P}} = 1$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $A = (X, \leq \tau) \in P - SP^-$ . Consider the following cases:

If there exist  $x, y, u, v \in X \setminus A_{Ker}$  with  $x \leq y, u \leq v, x \neq y, card(Min(x)) = card(Min(y)) = card(Min(v)) = 2, card(Min(u)) = 1$  then  $\{(x, y), (u, v)\}$  is an

origin by Lemma 3.3 (1) and (2). Moreover by Lemma 3.5 (1) and (2) there exists a determining origin property for this case.

Assume that for every  $t, z \in X$  with  $t \leq z$ , card(Min(z)) = 2, card(Min(t)) = 1we have  $t \in A_{Ker}$ . If there exist distinct  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \leq y$ , card(Min(x)) = card(Min(y)) = 2 and there exists  $v \in X \setminus A_{Ker}$  with card(Min(v)) = 1 then by Lemma 3.3 (1) and (8)  $\{(w, x), (x, y)\}$  is an origin where let  $w \in Min(x)$ . By Lemmas 3.5 and 3.7 there exists a determining origin property in this case.

If there exist distinct  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \leq y$ , card(Min(x)) = card(Min(y)) = 2and for every  $z \in X \setminus A_{Ker}$  we have card(Min(z)) = 2 then by Lemma 3.3 (1) and (8) {(w, x), (x, y)} is a weak origin where  $w \in Min(x)$ . By Lemmas 3.5 and 3.7 there exists a determining weak origin property. Moreover, only {x, y} can be permuted, because  $w \in A_{Ker}$ .

Assume that for every  $u, v \in X$  with  $u \leq v$ ,  $u \neq v$  we have card(Min(u) = 1. If there exist  $x, y \in X \setminus A_{Ker}$  with  $x \leq y$ , card(Min(x)) = 1, card(Min(y)) = 2then by Lemma 3.3 (2)  $\{(x, y)\}$  is a origin and by Lemma 3.5 (2) there exists a determining origin property in this case.

Assume that for distinct  $t, z \in X$  with  $t \leq z$  and card(Min(z)) = 2 we have  $t \in A_{Ker}$ . If there exist distinct  $x, y \in X \setminus A_{Ker}$  with  $x \leq y$  and card(Min(y)) = card(Min(x)) = 1 and there exists  $v \in X$  with card(Min(v)) = 2 then by Lemma 3.3 (3) and (8)  $\{(u, v), (x, y)\}$  is an origin where  $u \in Min(v)$ . By Lemma 3.5 (3) and Lemma 3.7 there exists a determining origin property in this case.

Assume that card(Min(z)) = 1 for every  $z \in X$ . If there exist distinct  $x, y \in X \setminus A_{Ker}$  with  $x \leq y$  and card(Min(y)) = card(Min(x)) = 1 then by Lemma 3.3 (3)  $\{(x, y)\}$  is an origin and by Lemma 3.5 (3) there exists a determining origin property in this case.

If there exists  $x \in X$  with card(Min(x)) = 2 and every chain in A has length  $\leq 1$  then by Lemma 3.3 (8)  $\{(z, x)\}$  is an origin where  $z \in Min(x)$ . By Lemma 3.7 there exists a determining origin property in this case.

If every chain in A has length  $\leq 1$ , card(Min(z)) = 1 for every  $z \in X$ , and there exists  $x \in X \setminus A_{Ker}$  then by Lemma 3.3 (8)  $\{(z, x)\}$  is an origin where  $z \in Min(x)$ . Obviously, there exists a determining origin property in this case.

If  $\leq$  is discrete then the empty set is an origin and determining origin property exists in this case.

If we summarize the discussion we obtain that  $P - SP_1$  and  $P - SP^+$  have origins and determining origin properties, and  $P - SP^-$  has weak origins and a weak determining origin property  $\mathcal{P}$ . Moreover, we conclude that  $s_{\mathcal{P}} = 1$ .  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 3.10.** [2] The equimorphic p-spaces in  $P - SP_1$  or  $P - SP^+$  are isomorphic. Thus  $P - SP_1$  and  $P - SP^+$  are 2-determined.  $P - SP_2$  is 3-determined.

*Proof.* By Lemma 3.7 and Lemma 2.5 we can apply Theorems 2.3 and 2.4. According to Theorem 2.4 we obtain that equimorphic *p*-spaces from  $P - SP_1$  or  $P - SP^+$  are isomorphic because  $m_{P-SP_1} = m_{P-SP^+} = 1$  and  $\rho_{P-SP_1} = \rho_{P-SP^+} = 0$ . By Theorem 2.3 we obtain that  $P - SP^-$  is 3-determined because  $m_{P-SP^-} = 1$  and

 $s_{\mathcal{P}} = 1$  for a determining weak origin property  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $P - SP^-$  is considered as a subcategory of binary relations.

Finally consider the category  $P - SP_2$ . If  $A = (X, \leq, \tau) \in P - SP_2$  and  $A \notin P - SP^-$  then  $\leq$  is discrete. Let  $\mathcal{Z}(A) = (X', \leq, \sigma) \in P - SP^-$  such that  $X' = X \cup \{(x, y); x, y \in X, x \neq y\}$ , for every  $x, y \in X$  define  $(x, y) \geq x, y$  and  $\sigma$  is the extension of  $\tau$  on X'. Such extension is unique and by an easy calculation we obtain  $End(A) \cong End(\mathcal{Z}(A))$ . Obviously for  $A, B \in P - SP_2$  with  $A, B \notin P - SP^-$  we have that  $\mathcal{Z}(A)$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{Z}(B)$  if and only if A is isomorphic to B. Moreover,  $\mathcal{Z}(A)$  is equimorphic with some *p*-space B in  $P - SP^-$  if and only if they  $\mathcal{Z}(A)$  and B are isomorphic because  $\mathcal{Z}(A) \in P - SP^+$ . Hence we obtain that  $P - SP_2$  is 3-determined.  $\Box$ 

Remark. The isomorphism between End(A) and  $End(\mathcal{Z}(A))$  is not strong. Therefore  $P-SP_2$  has not a coordination property. Note that the full subcategory  $P-SP_2$ formed by all p-spaces distinct from  $\mathcal{Z}(A)$  for some A with discrete ordering has also a coordination property.

By Priestley duality we obtain that equimorphic Stone algebras (i.e. *p*-algebras in the variety  $L_1$ ) are isomorphic and the variety  $L_2$  is 3-determined. This result was originally proved by Adams, Koubek and Sichler – see [2]. Adams, Koubek and Sichler [3] showed that  $L_3$  is not determined in any sense, in precise:

**Theorem 3.11.** [3] For every monoid M denote by  $M_c$  a monoid obtained from M by adjoined countable many left zeros. Then there exists a proper class of nonisomorphic *p*-algebras in  $L_3$  with endomorphism monoid isomorphic to  $M_c$ .  $\Box$ 

# 4. HEYTING ALGEBRAS

Recall that an algebra  $(H, \lor, \land, \rightarrow, 0, 1)$  of type (2,2,2,0,0) is called a *Heyting* algebra if  $(H, \lor, \land, 0, 1)$  is a distributive (0,1)-lattice with an added operation  $\rightarrow$  of relative pseudocomplementation defined by  $z \leq x \rightarrow y$  just when  $x \land z \leq y$ . The class of all Heyting algebras with its homomorphisms (i.e. mappings preserving all five operations) is a variety, see H. Rasiova and R. Sikorski [23].

For a Priestley space  $A = (X, \leq, \tau)$  a subset  $W \subseteq X$  is called *convez* if it is a meet of an increasing set and a decreasing set. We say that A is an h-space if for every clopen convex set  $U \subseteq X$  the set [U) is clopen. A mapping  $f : X \longrightarrow Y$  is an *h*-mapping from an *h*-space  $A = (X, \leq, \tau)$  into an *h*-space  $B = (Y, \leq, \sigma)$  if f is continuous, order preserving and f((x)) = (f(x)) for every  $x \in X$ . A subcategory of *PRIEST* formed by all *h*-spaces and *h*-mappings is denoted by H - SP. Then it holds

**Theorem 4.1.** [20] The category H - SP is dually isomorphic to the variety of all Heyting algebras and their homomorphisms.  $\Box$ 

We recall that a constant mapping is an h-mapping between h-spaces if and only if it is a constant mapping to a minimal element. Hence for a non-empty h-space  $A = (X, \leq, \tau)$  the Kernel(A) is the set of all constant mappings to a minimal element and it is the set of all left zeros in End(A) and  $A_{Ker}$  is the set of all minimal elements of A. The set  $A_{Ker}$  is closed. Let  $\{f_i : A_i \longrightarrow A; i \in I\}$  be a family of injective h-mappings such that X is the closure of  $\cup \{Im(f_i); i \in I\}$  then the dual algebra of A is a subdirect power of dual algebras of  $A_i$ ,  $i \in I$ , see [13]. Hence we immediately obtain the following folklore statement:

**Proposition 4.2.** An h-space  $A = (X, \leq, \tau)$  is a dual of a subdirectly irreducible Heyting algebra if and only if X contains the open greatest element. Let V be a variety of Heyting algebras. An h-space  $A = (X, \leq, \tau)$  is a dual of an algebra from V just when for every  $x \in X$ , the h-space (x] is a dual of an algebra in V. If, moreover, V is finitely generated and  $A \in V$  then (x] is a dual of a subdirectly irreducible algebra in V for every  $x \in X$ .  $\Box$ 

Let  $A = (X, \leq, \tau)$  be an h-space. For  $x \in X$  denote by  $\lambda(x)$  the supremum of length of all chains in (x] and  $\lambda(A) = \sup\{\lambda(x); x \in X\}$ . For an element  $x \in X$ denote by  $p(x) = \{y \in (x]; \lambda(y) + 1 = \lambda(x)\}$ . We say that  $f \in End(A)$  is x-spanning if Im(f) = (x] for some  $x \in X$ . We say that a finite h-space  $A = (X, \leq, \tau)$  is an e-space if every independent subset  $Z \subseteq X$  has at most two elements, all maximal chains in X have the same length, and for  $x, y \in X$  with  $\lambda(x) = \lambda(y)$  we have  $p(x) \cap p(y) \neq \emptyset$ , e.g. every finite chain is an e-space. Denote by  $E_{\infty}$  the full subcategory of H - SP formed by all h-spaces  $A = (X, \leq, \tau)$  such that  $\lambda(A)$  is finite and (x] is an e-space for every  $x \in X$ . Denote by  $C_{\infty}$  the full subcategory of  $E_{\infty}$  formed by all h-spaces  $A = (X, \leq, \tau)$  such that  $\lambda(x) = \lambda(y)$  we have that  $(x] \setminus \{x\} \neq (y] \setminus \{y\}$ .

Lemma 4.3. Let  $A = (X, \leq, \tau)$  be an h-space then for every  $x \in X$  such that (x] is an e-space and there exists  $z' \in (x]$  with  $(z'] = (u] \cup (v] \cup \{z'\}$  for every  $u, v \in (x]$  covered by an element  $z \in X$  there exists an x-spanning  $f \in Id(X)$ . Moreover, for  $v \in X$  with  $(x] \setminus ((v] \cup \{x\}) \neq \emptyset$  we can assume that  $f(v) \neq x$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A = (X, \leq, \tau)$ . For any *e*-subspace  $Y \subseteq X$  we shall prove by induction over  $\lambda(x)$ , that for every  $x \in Y$  and for every  $v \in X$  with  $(x] \setminus ((v] \cup \{x\}) \neq \emptyset$  there exists an *x*-spanning  $f \in Id(A)$  such that  $f(x) \neq f(v)$ . If  $\lambda(x) = 0$  then  $x \in A_{Ker}$ and the constant mapping f to x is *x*-spanning and  $f \in Id(A)$ . Assume that the statement holds for all  $y \in Y$  with  $\lambda(y) < n$  and  $\lambda(x) = n$  for  $x \in Y$ . Choose  $y \in (x]$ with  $\lambda(y) = n - 1$  and  $|(x] \setminus (y]| \leq 2$  - clearly such y exists. Then by the induction assumption there exists y-spanning  $g \in Id(A)$ . Consider two cases - there exists  $z \in p(x)$  with  $z \neq y$  or  $p(x) = \{y\}$ . First, assume that  $(x] \setminus \{y\} = \{x, z\}$  for some  $z \neq x$ . Then one of the following three possibilities occurs:

- (a)  $\{u \in (x]; \lambda(u) = n 2\} = \{t\}$  then  $t \le z, y;$
- (b)  $\{u \in (x]; \lambda(u) = n 2\} = \{t, w\} \text{ and } t, w \leq y, z;$
- (c)  $\{u \in (x]; \lambda(u) = n-2\} = \{t, w\}$  and  $w \not\leq z$ , then  $t \leq z$  and  $t, w \leq y$ .

If (a) or (b) holds then set  $U = g^{-1}(y)$ . Clearly, U is clopen increasing and  $y, z \in U$ . Thus  $B = (U, \leq, \tau)$  is an h-space. Choose clopen decreasing sets  $Z, Y \subseteq U$  with  $z \in Z, y \in Y, B_{Ker} \subseteq Z \cup Y$ , and  $Z \cap Y = \emptyset$ . Define  $f : X \longrightarrow X$  such that f(u) = g(u) for  $u \in X \setminus U$ , f(u) = y for  $u \in [Y] \setminus [Z]$ , f(u) = z for  $u \in [Z] \setminus [Y]$ , and f(u) = x for  $u \in [Y] \cap [Z]$ . Since g is an idempotent h-map we obtain by a routine calculation that f is an idempotent x-spanning h-map.

Assume that (c) holds. Set  $V = [g^{-1}(t))$ , clearly, V is clopen increasing and  $z, y \in V$ , thus  $C = (V, \leq, \tau)$  is an h-space. Further  $g^{-1}(y) = [g^{-1}(w)) \cap V$  and hence  $[g^{-1}(w)) \cap C_{Ker} = \emptyset$  because g is an h-map. There exists a clopen increasing set  $U_0 \subseteq V$  with  $C_{Ker} \cap U_0 = \emptyset$ ,  $[g^{-1}(w)) \cap V \subseteq U_0$ , and  $y, z \in U_0$ . Set  $Z_0 = U_0 \setminus [g^{-1}(w))$ ,  $Y_0 = g^{-1}(y) \setminus [Z_0)$ , and  $W_0 = g^{-1}(y) \cap [Z_0)$ . Then  $Z_0$ ,  $Y_0$ ,  $W_0$  are clopen and they form a partition of  $U_0$ . Hence  $W_0 \setminus [Y_0)$  is clopen and thus  $(W_0 \setminus [Y_0]) \cap Z_0$  is closed. By the assumption on X we obtain  $z \notin (W_0 \setminus [Y_0])$ . Hence there exists a clopen decreasing set  $Z_1 \subseteq Z_0$  with  $(W_0 \setminus [Y_0]) \cap Z_0 \subseteq Z_1$  and  $z \notin Z_1$ . Set  $U = U_0 \setminus Z_1$ ,  $Z = Z_0 \setminus Z_1$ ,  $Y = g^{-1}(y) \setminus [Z)$ , and  $W = [Z) \cap [Y)$ . Define  $f: X \longrightarrow X$  such that f(u) = g(u) for  $u \in X \setminus U$ , f(u) = y for  $u \in Y$ , f(u) = z for  $u \in Z$ , f(u) = x for  $u \in W$ . Since g is an idempotent h-map we immediately obtain that f is a continuous, order preserving idempotent map with f((u)) = (f(u)) for every  $u \in X \setminus W$ . Clearly,  $(x] \setminus \{y\} \subseteq f(u)$  for every  $u \in W$  and by a choice of U there exists  $w \in (u]$  with  $g(w) \in Y$ , in contrary  $g(u) \in W_0 \setminus [Y_0)$ . This is a contradiction because  $W_0 \setminus [Y_0) \subseteq Y$ . Thus f is an idempotent x-spanning h-map.

Assume that  $p(x) = \{y\}$ . Set  $U = g^{-1}(y)$ , since g is continuous, order preserving we conclude that U is clopen increasing and thus  $B = (U, \leq, \tau)$  is an h-space. There exists an increasing clopen set  $T \subseteq U$  such that  $x \in T$ ,  $v, y \notin T$ ,  $T \cap B_{Ker} = \emptyset$ . Define  $f: X \longrightarrow X$  such that f(u) = g(u) if  $g(u) \neq y$ , f(u) = y if g(u) = y and  $u \in U \setminus T$ , f(u) = x if g(u) = y and  $u \in T$ . Obviously,  $f \in Id(A)$  is x-spanning  $f(v) \neq x$ . The proof is complete.  $\Box$ 

For an  $f \in Id(A)$  denote by  $P_f$  the poset  $(Id(A) \cap f \circ End(A) \circ f, \preceq)/\equiv$  where  $h \preceq g$  if and only if  $g \circ h = h$  and  $g \equiv h$  if and only if  $g \preceq h \preceq g$ . The class of  $\equiv$  containing h will be denoted by [h]. Denote by  $PId(f) = Id(A) \cap f \circ End(A) \circ f$ . Define  $\lambda(f)$  as the supremum of length of all chains in  $P_f$ .

**Lemma 4.4.** Let  $A = (X, \leq, \tau) \in E_{\infty}$  then

- (1) if  $f \in End(A)$  is x-spanning for some  $x \in X$  then  $g \circ f$  is g(x)-spanning for every  $g \in End(A)$ ;
- (2) if  $f \in Id(A)$  is x-spanning then (x] is isomorphic to the poset  $P_f$ ;
- (3) if  $f_i \in End(A)$  is  $x_i$ -spanning for  $x_i \in X$  and i = 1, 2 then  $x_1 = x_2$  if and only if for every y-spanning  $g \in Id(A)$  we have  $g \circ f_1 = f_1$  just when  $g \circ f_2 = f_2$ ;
- (4) if f ∈ Id(A) is not x-spanning for any x ∈ X and P<sub>f</sub> is an e-space then Im(f) is an e-space such that Im(f) ⊈ (z] for any z ∈ X and P<sub>f</sub> is isomorphic to Im(f) with adjoined the greatest element.

*Proof.* Since (g(x)] = g((x)) we immediately obtain (1).

Let  $f \in Id(A)$  be x-spanning. By Lemma 1.1, if  $g, h \in PId(f)$  then  $g \equiv h$  if and only if Im(g) = Im(h). By (1) if  $g \in PId(f)$  then g is g(x)-spanning and Lemma 4.3 completes the proof of (2).

We prove (3). If  $x_1 = x_2$  then by Lemma 1.1 for every  $g \in Id(A)$  we have  $g \circ f_1 = f_1$  just when  $g \circ f_2 = f_2$  because  $Im(f_1) = Im(f_2)$ . Conversely, if  $x_1 \neq x_2$  then there exists  $y \in X$  with either  $x_1 \in (y]$  and  $x_2 \notin (y]$  or  $x_1 \notin (y]$  and  $x_2 \in (y]$ . Then Lemmas 4.3 and 1.1 complete the proof.

Assume that  $P_f$  is an e-space. If Im(f) is not an e-space then by Lemma 4.3 we obtain that Im(f) is isomorphic to a subposet of  $P_f$  and thus  $P_f$  is not an e-space – a contradiction. Assume that  $g \in PId(f)$  such that g is not x-spanning for any  $x \in Im(f)$ . Then there exist two maximal elements  $x, y \in Im(g)$  and because  $Im(g) = \bigcup\{(z]; z \in Im(g)\}$  we obtain  $Im(g) = (x] \cup (y]$ . Assume that  $\lambda(x) > \lambda(y)$ , then there exists  $z \in Im(f)$  with  $\lambda(z) = \lambda(y) + 1$  and z > y because maximal chains in Im(f) have the same length. Let  $u \in (x]$  with  $\lambda(u) = \lambda(z)$ , then there exists  $v \in p(u) \cap p(z)$ , hence  $v \in (x]$  and g(v) = v, g(y) = y imply g(z) = z - a contradiction with the maximality y in Im(g). Hence  $\lambda(x) = \lambda(y)$ . If there exists  $z \in X$  with z > x, y then g(z) = z for some  $z \in Im(f)$  with z > x, y because g(x) = x, g(y) = y - a contradiction. Hence Im(g) = Im(f),  $P_f$  is isomorphic to Im(f) with adjoined a new greatest element, and  $Im(f) \not\subseteq (z]$  for any  $z \in X$ .

**Lemma 4.5.** Let  $A = (X, \leq, \tau) \in C_{\infty}$ . For  $f \in Id(A)$  we have that f is u-spanning for some  $u \in X$  if and only if  $P_f$  is an e-space and one of the following conditions holds

- (1) there exist  $g \in Id(A)$ ,  $g', h \in PId(g)$ , and  $h' \in End(A)$  such that  $P_g$  is an e-space,  $p([g']) = \{[h]\}$ , and for every  $k \in PId(f)$  with  $[k] \neq [f]$  we have  $h \circ h' \circ k = h' \circ k$  and  $h \circ h' \circ f \neq h' \circ f = g' \circ h' \circ f$ ;
- (2) there exist  $g \in Id(A)$ ,  $h, k \in End(A)$  such that  $P_g$  is an e-space,  $\lambda(g) > \lambda(f)$ ,  $g \circ h \circ f = h \circ f$ , and  $k \circ h \circ f = f$ ;
- (3) for every g ∈ Id(A) such that Pg is an e-space we have that λ(g) ≤ λ(f) and |p([h])| = 2 for every h ∈ PId(g), and if λ(g) = λ(f) then either there exist h, k ∈ End(A) with g ∘ h ∘ f = h ∘ f and k ∘ h ∘ f = f or for every h ∈ End(A) with g ∘ h ∘ f = h ∘ f there exists k ∈ PId(g) with [k] ≠ [g] and k ∘ h ∘ f = h ∘ f.

*Proof.* Assume that  $f \in Id(A)$  is *u*-spanning for  $u \in X$  then by Lemma 4.4 (2)  $P_f$  is an *e*-space and one of the following occurs:

- (1) There exists  $x \in X$  with  $p(x) = \{y\}$  and  $\lambda(y) < \lambda(u)$ ;
- (2) For every  $v \in (u]$  we have |p(v)| = 2 and there exists  $x \in X$  with  $\lambda(x) > \lambda(u)$  such that |p(y)| = 2 for every  $y \in (x]$ ;
- (3) |p(x)| = 2 for every  $x \in X$  and  $\lambda(u) = \lambda(A)$ .

In the first case we assume that  $\lambda(y)$  is the smallest possible. Choose *z*-spanning  $g \in Id(A)$  - by Lemma 4.3 g exists. By Lemma 4.4 (2) there exists an y-spanning

 $h \in PId(g)$  with  $p(g) = \{[h]\}$ . Since  $\lambda(y)$  is the smallest there exists  $h' \in End(A) \circ f$ with  $h'(Im(f) \setminus \{u\}) = (y]$ , h'(u) = x. Since for every  $k \in PId(f)$  with  $k \neq f$  we have that  $Im(k) \subseteq (u] \setminus \{u\}$  we conclude by Lemma 1.1 that  $h \circ h' \circ k = h' \circ k$  but  $h \circ h' \circ f \neq h' \circ f$  and (1) holds.

In the second case let  $g \in Id(A)$  be *x*-spanning. Clearly, there exist  $h \in End(A) \circ f$ ,  $k \in End(A) \circ g$  such that *h* on Im(f) is injective,  $h(u) \in (x] \setminus \{x\}$  and k(x) = u. Then by Lemma 1.1 we obtain  $g \circ h \circ f = h \circ f$  and  $k \circ h \circ f = f$  because *k* is injective on  $Im(h \circ f)$  and (2) holds.

Investigate the last case. Let  $g \in Id(A)$  such that  $P_g$  is an e-space. By Lemma 4.4 (2) and (4) Im(g) is an e-space,  $\{[h]; h \in PId(g) \text{ is } x\text{-spanning}\}$  is a subspace of  $P_g$  isomorphic to Im(g), and if  $h \in PId(g)$  is not x-spanning for any  $x \in Im(g)$  then Im(h) = Im(g). Thus for a maximal element  $x \in Im(g)$  either  $\lambda(g) = \lambda(x)$  if g is x-spanning or  $\lambda(g) = \lambda(x) + 1$  if g is not x-spanning. From this follows that |p([h])| = 2 for every  $h \in PId(g)$  and  $\lambda(g) \leq \lambda(f)$ . Assume that  $\lambda(g) = \lambda(f)$ . If g is x-spanning then there exist  $h \in End(A) \circ f$ ,  $k \in End(A) \circ g$  such that h(u) = x, k(x) = u and by Lemma 1.1 (3) we obtain  $g \circ h \circ f = h \circ f$  and  $k \circ h \circ f = f$  because k is injective on  $Im(h \circ f)$ . If g is not x-spanning for any  $x \in X$  then by Lemma 4.4 (1) is  $h \circ f h(u)$ -spanning and for h(u)-spanning  $k \in PId(g)$  we have  $[k] \neq [g]$  and  $k \circ h \circ f = h \circ f$ . Thus (3) is proved.

Assume that f is not u-spanning for any  $u \in X$ , and  $P_f$  is an e-space then by Lemma 4.4 (4) Im(f) is an e-space and there exist exactly two maximal elements  $v, w \in Im(f)$  such that v, w < t for no  $t \in X$ . If (1) holds then for v-spanning  $k \in PId(f)$  we have  $h \circ h' \circ k = h' \circ k$  and by Lemma 1.1  $Im(h' \circ k) \subset Im(h)$ . The same holds for w-spanning  $k' \in PId(f)$  but  $Im(f) = Im(k) \cup Im(k')$  and thus  $Im(h' \circ f) \subseteq Im(h)$ . Hence  $h \circ h' \circ f = h' \circ f - a$  contradiction with (1). Assume that f satisfies (2). Then we can assume that  $k \in End(A) \circ g$  and by Lemma 4.4 (1) we conclude that k is y-spanning for some  $y \in X$  and  $Im(f) \subseteq Im(k)$  a contradiction with the property of v and w. Assume that f satisfies (3). By Lemma 4.4 (2) for every x-spanning  $g \in Id(A)$ ,  $x \in X$  we have that  $P_g$  is an e-space isomorphic to (x] and thus |p(y)| = 2 for every  $y \in (x]$ . Choose  $x \in X$ with  $\lambda(x) = \lambda(A)$ . Since  $A \in C_{\infty}$  we conclude that  $\lambda(x) > \lambda(v) = \lambda(w)$ . Hence for x-spanning  $q \in Id(A)$  we obtain  $\lambda(q) > \lambda(f)$  and therefore  $\lambda(q) = \lambda(f)$ . The existence  $h, k \in End(A)$  with  $g \circ h \circ f = h \circ f$ ,  $k \circ h \circ f = f$  implies  $Im(f) \subset Im(k \circ g)$ because  $k \circ g \circ h \circ f = f$  and by Lemma 4.4 (1)  $k \circ g$  is k(x)-spanning – a contradiction with the property of v and w. Thus for every  $h \in End(A)$  with  $g \circ h \circ f = h \circ f$ there exists  $k \in Id(A) \cap g \circ End(A) \circ g$  with  $k \neq g$  and  $k \circ h \circ f = h \circ f$ . From the assumptions we obtain that there exists an injective h-mapping  $k': Im(f) \longrightarrow (x)$ such that  $k'(Im(f)) = (x] \setminus \{x\}$ . Define  $h: X \longrightarrow X$  such that h(z) = k'(f(z)) for every  $z \in X$ , then  $h \in End(A)$  and  $g \circ h \circ f = h \circ f = h$ . For every  $k \in PId(g)$ with  $k \circ h \circ f = h$  we conclude that  $(x] \setminus \{x\} \subseteq Im(k)$ . Let  $p(x) = \{y_1, y_2\}$  then  $k(y_i) = y_i$  for i = 1, 2 and  $k(y_1) = y_1, k(y_2) = y_2 \le k(x)$  and thus k(x) = x. Hence Im(k) = (x) and [k] = [g] - a contradiction with (3).

According to Lemma 4.5 there exists the isoproperty determining x-spanning  $f \in Id(A)$  for  $A \in C_{\infty}$ . Thus there exists the isoproperty determining the right ideal Q generated by all x-spanning  $f \in Id(A)$ . From Lemma 4.3 we obtain that Q is left 1-transitive where the associated congruence  $\sim$  is defined such that  $f \sim g$  if Im(f) = Im(g) = (x] for some  $x \in X$ . Since by Lemmas 4.4 (3) and 4.5 there exists the isoproperty determining the left congruence  $\sim$  we conclude

**Corollary 4.6.** The category  $C_{\infty}$  has a coordination property.  $\Box$ 

**Lemma 4.7.** For every  $A = (X, \leq, \tau) \in E_{\infty}$  the Boolean closure of the family  $\{f^{-1}(x); f \in Fin(A), x \in Im(f)\}$  is the set of all clopen sets.

*Proof.* Since every set in  $\{f^{-1}(x); f \in Fin(A), x \in Im(f)\}$  is clopen we conclude that every set in the Boolean closure is clopen. If we prove that the family  $\{f^{-1}(x); f \in Fin(A), x \in Im(f)\}$  separates elements of X then the proof will be complete. Assume that  $x, y \in X$  are distinct. If  $x \notin A_{Ker}$  and  $(x] \setminus ((y) \cup \{x\}) \neq \emptyset$  or  $x, y \in (z]$  for some  $z \in X$  then we apply Lemma 4.3. Thus it suffices to investigate the case that  $(x] \setminus \{x\} = (y] \setminus \{y\}$  and  $x, y \in (z]$  for no  $z \in X$ . Let  $f \in Id(A)$ be x-spanning. Assume that there exist  $h \in End(A) \circ f$  and  $v \in X$  such that  $h(u) \neq h(x)$  for every  $u \in (x] \setminus \{x\}$ ,  $h(x) \in (v]$ , and  $(w] = ((h(x)] \setminus \{h(x)\}) \cup \{w\}$ for some  $w \in (v]$ . Then either  $h(x) \neq h(y)$  or there exist clopen decreasing disjoint sets  $U, V \subseteq f^{-1}(x)$  such that  $x \in U, y \in V$  and  $U \cup V$  contains all minimal element of  $f^{-1}(x)$ . Define  $g: X \longrightarrow X$  such that g(z) = h(z) for every  $z \in X$  with  $h(z) \neq h(x), g(z) = h(x)$  if  $z \in [U] \setminus [V], g(z) = w$  if  $z \in [V] \setminus [U], g(z) = t$  if  $z \in [U) \cap [V)$  where  $t \in (v]$  is a minimal element with  $h(x), w \leq t$  - such t exists because  $h(x), w \leq v$ . Obviously,  $g \in Fin(A)$  and  $g(x) \neq g(y)$ . Assume that there exists  $v \in X$  with |p(v)| = 1 and  $\lambda(v) \leq \lambda(x)$  then we can assume that v has the smallest  $\lambda(v)$ . In this case there exists  $h \in End(A) \circ f$  with h(x) = v and  $h(u) \neq v$ for any  $u \in (x] \setminus \{x\}$ . Assume that  $p(v) = \{w\}$  then w has the required property. Thus we can assume that for every  $v \in X$  with  $\lambda(v) \leq \lambda(x)$  we have |p(v)| = 2. If there exists  $v \in X$  with  $\lambda(v) = \lambda(x) + 1$  and  $p(v) = \{w, u\}$  then there exists  $h \in End(A) \circ f$  such that h(x) = u and h is injective on (x]. Then w has the required property and hence we can assume that |p(v)| = 1 for every  $v \in X$  with  $\lambda(v) = \lambda(x) + 1$ . Choose a decreasing clopen set  $U \subseteq f^{-1}(x)$  with  $x \in U$ ,  $y \notin U$ . Then [U) and  $f^{-1}(x) \setminus [U)$  are disjoint clopen increasing,  $y \in f^{-1}(x) \setminus [U)$  and we can define  $g: X \longrightarrow X$  such that g(z) = f(z) if  $f(z) \neq x$ , g(z) = x if  $z \in [U)$ , g(z) = y if  $z \in f^{-1}(x) \setminus [U)$ . Obviously,  $g \in Fin(A)$  and  $g(x) \neq g(y)$ .  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 4.8.** The strong equimorphic h-spaces from  $C_{\infty}$  are the same.

**Proof.** Let  $A = (X, \leq, \tau)$ ,  $B = (X, \leq, \sigma) \in C_{\infty}$  be strongly equimorphic. Since for  $x, y \in X$  we have by Lemma 1.1  $x \leq y$  in A if and only if there exist x-spanning  $f \in Id(A)$  and y-spanning  $g \in Id(A)$  with  $g \circ f = f$  and this is just when for every x-spanning  $f \in Id(A)$  and for every y-spanning  $g \in Id(A)$  we have  $g \circ f = f$  we

conclude that  $x \leq y$  in A if and only if  $x \leq y$  in B. By Lemma 4.7  $\sigma = \tau$  and the proof is complete.  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 4.9.** Equimorphic h-spaces in  $C_{\infty}$  are isomorphic. Thus  $C_{\infty}$  is 2-determined.

*Proof.* Combine Corollaries 4.6 and 1.10 and Theorem 4.8.  $\Box$ 

Denote by  $K_n$  the variety determined by the identity  $(x_1 \rightarrow x_2) \lor (x_2 \rightarrow x_3) \lor$ ...  $\lor (x_n \rightarrow x_{n+1}) = 1$ . As proved Hecht and Katriňák see [11],  $K_n$  is generated by the *n*-element chain and therefore a dual  $A = (X, \leq, \tau)$  of some algebra in  $K_n$ belongs to  $C_{\infty}$  because (x] is at most n-1 element chain for every  $x \in X$ . As a consequence of Corollary 4.9 we immediately obtain

**Corollary 4.10.** Equimorphic algebras in  $\cup \{K_n; n \ge 1\}$  are isomorphic.  $\Box$ 

More generally, we say that a finite subdirectly irreducible algebra A satisfies (e1) if the poset of join irreducible elements of A is an e-space and there exists distinct join irreducible elements  $a, b \in A$  with b < a such that for every join irreducible element  $c \in A$  we have c < a just when  $c \leq b$ . Note that then the dual of A belongs to  $C_{\infty}$ . We say that a finitely generated variety of Heyting algebras V satisfies (e1) if every subdirectly irreducible algebra in V satisfies (e1). If V satisfies (e1) then dual of any algebra in V belongs to  $C_{\infty}$ , thus

Corollary 4.11. Equimorphic algebras in

 $\cup$  {V; V is the variety of Heyting algebras satisfying (e1)}

are isomorphic.

Finally, we investigate h-spaces  $A = (X, \leq, \tau) \in E_{\infty} \setminus C_{\infty}$ . We say that an h-space  $A = (X, \leq, \tau)$  satisfies (s1) if |p(x)| = 2 for every  $x \in X$ . Consider that any  $A \in E_{\infty} \setminus C_{\infty}$  satisfies (s1). Let A satisfy (s1). Denote by  $P(A) = \{\{x, y\}; x, y \in X, x \neq y, (x] \setminus \{x\} = (y] \setminus \{y\}, \lambda(x) = \lambda(y) = \lambda(A)\}$ . For every  $\{x, y\} \in P(A)$  choose a new element  $z_{x,y}$  and define  $E(X) = X \cup \{z_{x,y}; \{x, y\} \in P(A)\}$ . We extend the ordering  $\leq$  from X to E(X) such that  $x, y \leq z_{x,y}$  for every  $\{x, y\} \in P(A)$ . For every clopen decreasing and for every  $x, y \in E(X)$  with  $x \notin y$  there exists a clopen decreasing set  $U \subseteq X$  with  $y \in E(U)$  and  $x \notin E(U)$  because A is a Priestley space. Let  $\sigma$  be the smallest topology on E(X) such that  $E(X) = E(X) \setminus [V]$  is clopen decreasing. The restriction of  $\sigma$  on X coincides with  $\tau$ . Moreover, for every clopen convex  $V \subseteq X$  we have that  $E(X \setminus [V]) = E(X) \setminus [V]$  is clopen decreasing. If we prove that  $\sigma$  is compact we obtain that  $E(A) = (E(X), \leq, \sigma) \in C_{\infty}$  and  $X = E(X) \setminus \{y \in E(X); \lambda(y) = \lambda(E(A))\}$  implies that E(A) and E(B) are isomorphic if and only if A and B are isomorphic. We prove:

**Proposition 4.12.** If  $A = (X, \leq, \tau) \in E_{\infty} \setminus C_{\infty}$  then A satisfies (s1). If A satisfies (s1) then  $E(A) \in C_{\infty}$  and End(E(A)) is isomorphic with End(A). Moreover, if  $A, B \in E_{\infty} \setminus C_{\infty}$  then A is isomorphic to B if and only if E(A) is isomorphic to E(B).

**Proof.** From the above discussion to prove that E(A) is an h-space it suffices to show that  $\sigma$  is compact. Assume that  $A = (X, \leq, \tau)$  satisfies (s1), set  $PM(A) = \{y \in A\}$  $X; \exists z \in X, \{z, y\} \in P(A)\}$  and denote by M(A) the set of all maximal elements of A. Define  $Q(X) = \{(u, x); u \in (x], x \in M(A) \setminus PM(A))\} \cup \{(u, (x, y)); u \in (x, y)\}$  $(\{x, y\}], \{x, y\} \in P(A)\}, R(X) = Q(X) \cup \{(z_{x,y}, (x, y)); \{x, y\} \in P(A)\}.$  Define the ordering  $\leq$  on Q(X) and R(X) such that  $(u, x) \leq (v, x)$  whenever  $u \leq v$ . For a given set Y denote by  $\beta(Y)$  the set of all ultrafilters on Y and let  $\beta$  be the topology on  $\beta(Y)$  being the  $\beta$ -compactification of  $(Y, \delta)$  where  $\delta$  is the discrete topology. Koubek and Sichler [13] proved that  $\beta(Q(A)) = (\beta(Q(X)), \leq, \beta)$  with the natural ordering  $\leq$  (two ultrafilters F, G satisfy  $F \leq G$  if for every  $U \in G$  there exists  $V \in F$  with  $U \subset [V)$  is a free Priestley compactification of  $Q(A) = (Q(X), <, \delta)$ where  $\delta$  is the discrete topology and  $\beta(R(A)) = (\beta(R(X)), \leq, \beta)$  with the natural ordering is a free Priestley compactification of  $R(A) = (R(X), \leq, \delta)$  where  $\delta$  is the discrete topology  $\delta$ . Moreover, it is easy to see that both  $\beta(Q(A))$  and  $\beta(R(A))$ are h-spaces and  $\beta(Q(A))$  is the clopen decreasing subspace of  $\beta(R(A))$ . Hence there exists an h-mapping  $f : \beta(Q(A)) \longrightarrow A$  such that f(u, x) = u for every  $(u, x) \in Q(A)$ . Set  $V = \{y \in \beta(R(X)); \lambda(y) = \lambda(A) + 1\} = \beta(R(X)) \setminus \beta(Q(X))$ . To extend f to an h-mapping  $g: \beta(R(A)) \longrightarrow E(A)$  we must define g on V. For  $v \in V$  let  $p(v) = \{v_0, v_1\} \subseteq \beta(R(X))$ . Define  $g(v) = z_{x,y}$  if  $g(\{v_0, v_1\}) = \{x, y\}$ ,  $g(v) = g(v_0)$  if  $g(v_0) = g(v_1)$ . It is easy to verify that  $\beta(R(A))$  satisfies (s1) and thus either  $g(v_0) = g(v_1)$  or  $\{g(v_0), g(v_1)\} \in P(A)$  and the definition of g is correct. Obviously, g is surjective, preserves ordering and g((y)) = (g(y)) for every element y of  $\beta(R(X))$ . To prove that g is continuous it suffices to show that  $g^{-1}(E(U))$ is clopen for every clopen decreasing set  $U \subseteq X$ . By the definition of g we have  $g^{-1}(E(U)) = f^{-1}(U) \cup \{v \in V; g(v) = g(v_0) \in U \text{ or } g(v) = z_{x,y}, g(\{v_0, v_1\}) = 0\}$  $\{x, y\} \subseteq U\} = f^{-1}(U) \cup \{v \in V; g(\{v_0, v_1\}) \subseteq f^{-1}(U)\}$  The set  $f^{-1}(U)$  is clopen in  $\beta(R(X))$  because U is clopen, f is continuous, and  $\beta(Q(X))$  is a clopen subspace of  $\beta(R(X))$ . Since  $\{v_0; v \in V\}, \{v_1; v \in V\}$  are homeomorphic clopen subsets of  $\beta(R(X))$  we conclude that  $U_i = f^{-1}(U) \cap \{v_i; v \in V\}$  is clopen for i = 0, 1. Hence  $U_2 = (U_0 \cap \{v_0; v_1 \in U_1\}) \cup (U_1 \cap \{v_1; v_0 \in U_0\})$  is clopen and convex. Thus  $U_3 = [U_2) \setminus U_2$  is clopen and by a direct calculation we obtain that  $U_3 = \{v \in$  $V; g(\{v_0, v_1\}) \subseteq f^{-1}(U)\}$ . Therefore  $g^{-1}(E(U))$  is clopen. Since  $\beta$  is compact on  $\beta(R(X))$  and g is surjective continuous we obtain that  $\sigma$  is compact.

It remains to show that End(A) and End(E(A)) are isomorphic. Let  $h \in End(A)$ , define an extension  $\varphi(h) : E(A) \longrightarrow E(A)$  of h such that  $\varphi(h)(z_{x,y}) = z_{h(x),h(y)}$  if  $\{h(x), h(y)\} \in P(A)$ ,  $\varphi(h)(z_{x,y}) = h(x)$  if h(x) = h(y). By a direct calculation we obtain that  $\varphi(h)$  preserves the ordering and  $\varphi(h)((y)) = (\varphi(h)(y))$  for every  $y \in E(A)$ . Since for a clopen decreasing set  $U \subseteq X$  we have  $\varphi(h)^{-1}(E(U)) = (\varphi(h)(x))$ 

 $E(h^{-1}(U))$  we conclude that  $\varphi(h) \in End(E(A))$  and  $\varphi: End(A) \longrightarrow End(E(A))$  is an isomorphism.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 4.13.** The category  $E_{\infty}$  is 3-determined.

Proof. Combine Corollary 4.9 and Proposition 4.12.

A variety V of Heyting algebras is called an *e-variety* if V is finitely generated and for every subdirectly irreducible algebra  $A \in V$  the set of join irreducible elements in A is an *e*-space.

**Theorem 4.14.** Every e-variety V of Heyting algebras is 3-determined.

**Proof.** Since a dual A of every finite subdirect irreducible algebra in V is an espace we conclude that  $A \in E_{\infty}$ . Since the lattice of congruences is distributive we conclude that V has only finitely many subdirectly irreducible algebras and every subdirectly irreducible algebra in V is finite. Thus by Theorem 4.2 we conclude that a dual of any algebra in V belongs to  $E_{\infty}$ . Apply Theorem 4.13.  $\Box$ 

As it was shown in [2] the variety of all Heyting algebras is not determined and this solved the problem given by McKenzie and Tsinakis in [18]. This result was strengthened by Adams, Koubek and Sichler in [4]. They proved that the variety of Heyting algebras cannot be determined in no sense.

**Theorem 4.15.** [4] For every monoid M there exists a proper class of non-isomorphic Heyting algebras such that their endomorphism monoid is isomorphic to the monoid M with adjoined a new sero.  $\Box$ 

# 5. ABELIAN GROUPS

The part is devoted to study an  $\alpha$ -determinacy by general categorical methods. We will apply obtained results on Abelian groups. First we give some conventions.

Assume that  $\mathcal{K}$  is a category. For a family  $\{f_i : B \longrightarrow A_i; i \in I\}$  of  $\mathcal{K}$ -morphisms such that the product  $\prod \{A_i; i \in I\}$  exists the canonical morphism from B to  $\Pi\{A_i; i \in I\}$  is denoted by  $p(f_i; i \in I)$ . Dually, for a family  $\{f_i : A_i \longrightarrow B; i \in I\}$ of K-morphisms such that the coproduct  $\Sigma\{A_i; i \in I\}$  exists the canonical morphism from  $\Sigma{A_i; i \in I}$  to B is denoted by  $s(f_i; i \in I)$ . If K is a category with a zero then the zero morphism from A to B in K is denoted by  $c_{A,B}: A \longrightarrow B$ . Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a category with zero and let A be a coproduct of B, C with coproduct injections  $\sigma_B : B \longrightarrow A$ ,  $\sigma_C : C \longrightarrow A$ . The endomorphism  $f = s(\sigma_B, c_{C,A})$ of A is called a summand corresponding to  $\sigma_B$ . We say that an endomorphism  $f \in End(A)$  is a summand if f is a summand corresponding to a coproduct injection  $\sigma$ . A family  $\{f_i; i \in I\}$  of K-endomorphisms of an object A is isomorphic to  $f \in End(A)$  if a coproduct  $\Sigma\{O(f_i); i \in I\}$  exists and it is isomorphic to O(f) and  $\mathcal{M}(f) = s(\mathcal{M}(f_i); i \in I)$ . We say that a family  $\{f_i; i \in I\}$  of endomorphisms of A is isomorphic to a summand of A if there exists a summand  $f \in End(A)$  such that  $\{f_i; i \in I\}$  is isomorphic to f. Two endomorphisms  $f, g \in End(A)$  are called perpendicular if  $f \circ g = g \circ f = c_{A,A}$ . By an easy calculation we obtain:

**Lemma 5.1.** Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a category with a zero. For a family  $\{f_i : B \longrightarrow A_i; i \in I\}$ of  $\mathcal{K}$ -morphisms such that a product of  $\{A_i; i \in I\}$  exists we have that  $p(f_i; i \in I) = c_{B,A}$  if and only if  $f_i = c_{B,A_i}$  for every  $i \in I$ . Dually, for a family  $\{f_i : A_i \longrightarrow B; i \in I\}$  of  $\mathcal{K}$ -morphisms such that a coproduct of  $\{A_i; i \in I\}$  exists we have that  $s(f_i; i \in I) = c_{A,B}$  if and only if  $f_i = c_{A,B}$  for every  $i \in I$ .  $\Box$ 

Lemma 5.2. Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a category with zero. Then for every  $\mathcal{K}$ -object A we have

- (1) Every summand is an idempotent endomorphism;
- (2) If  $f, g \in End(A)$  are perpendicular and g is an automorphism then  $f = c_{A,A}$ ;
- (3) For a coproduct A of  $\{B_i; i \in I\}$  the summands  $\{f_i; i \in I\}$  corresponding to the coproduct injections  $\sigma_i : B_i \longrightarrow A$  are pairwise perpendicular.

*Proof.* If  $A = B \lor C$  and  $f = s(\sigma_B, c_{C,A})$  where  $\sigma_B : B \longrightarrow B \lor C$  is the coproduct injection then  $f \circ f \circ \sigma_B = f \circ \sigma_B = \sigma_B$  and  $f \circ f \circ \sigma_C = f \circ c_{C,A} = c_{C,A}$ , hence  $f \circ f = f$  and (1) is proved.

If f, g are perpendicular and g is an automorphism then  $f = f \circ 1_A = f \circ g \circ g^{-1} = c_{A,A} \circ g^{-1} = c_{A,A}$  and (2) is proved.

Let  $\sigma_i : B_i \longrightarrow A$ ,  $i \in I$  be the coproduct injections. Choose distinct  $i, j \in I$ . Then for every  $k \in I \setminus \{j\}$  we have  $f_i \circ f_j \circ \sigma_k = f_i \circ c_{B_k,A} = c_{B_k,A}$ , and  $f_i \circ f_j \circ \sigma_j = f_i \circ \sigma_j = c_{B_j,A}$ . By Lemma 5.1 we obtain  $f_i \circ f_j = c_{A,A}$ . Therefore  $\{f_i; i \in I\}$  are pairwise perpendicular. (3) is proved.  $\Box$ 

We say that a category  $\mathcal{K}$  has conditional coproducts if for every family  $\{A_i; i \in I\}$ of  $\mathcal{K}$ -objects with a coproduct the family  $\{A_i; i \in I'\}$  has also a coproduct for every  $I' \subseteq I$ . A class  $\mathcal{C}$  of non-isomorphic  $\mathcal{K}$ -objects is called a *coproduct generator* if every  $\mathcal{K}$ -object is isomorphic to a coproduct of a family of objects in  $\mathcal{C}$ . Denote by  $\beta(\mathcal{C})$  the number of all one-to-one mappings  $f: \mathcal{C} \longrightarrow \mathcal{C}$  such that C and f(C) are equimorphic for every  $C \in \mathcal{C}$ .

**Theorem 5.3.** Let K be a category with zero, conditional coproducts, and a coproduct generator C. Assume that

- (1) There exists an isoproperty  $\mathcal{P}_1$  such that for every  $\mathcal{K}$ -object  $A, f \in Id(A)$  is a summand with  $O(f) \in C$  if and only if f satisfies  $\mathcal{P}_1$ ;
- (2) There exists a set isoproperty  $\mathcal{P}_2$  such that for every  $\mathcal{K}$ -object  $A, F \subseteq End(A)$  satisfies  $\mathcal{P}_2$  if and only if F is a set of pairwise perpendicular idempotent endomorphisms satisfying  $\mathcal{P}_1$  such that  $\{f; f \in F\}$  is isomorphic to a summand of A.

Then K is  $\beta(\mathcal{C})^+$ -determined.

**Proof.** First we prove that  $F \subseteq End(A)$  is a maximal set satisfying  $\mathcal{P}_2$  if and only if  $\{f; f \in F\}$  is isomorphic to  $1_A$ . Indeed, there exists a family  $\{B_i; i \in I\}$  of  $\mathcal{K}$ objects from  $\mathcal{C}$  such that  $A = \Sigma\{B_i; i \in I\}$ . For every  $i \in I$  let  $f_i$  be a summand corresponding to the coproduct injection  $\sigma_i : B_i \longrightarrow A$ . By Lemma 5.2 (1) and (3)  $F = \{f_i; i \in I\}$  is a set of idempotent pairwise perpendicular endomorphisms and because  $B_i \in C$ ,  $f_i$  satisfies  $\mathcal{P}_1$ . Thus F satisfies also  $\mathcal{P}_2$ , and  $\{f_i; i \in I\}$ is isomorphic to  $1_A$ . If F is not maximal then  $F \cup \{h\}$  satisfies  $\mathcal{P}_2$ , thus h is perpendicular to every  $f_i$ . Lemma 5.1 implies  $1_A \circ h = c_{A,A}$  and by Lemma 5.2 (2) we obtain  $h = c_{A,A}$ . Thus F is maximal. Conversely, let  $F \subseteq End(A)$  be a maximal subset satisfying  $\mathcal{P}_2$ . Set  $B = \Sigma\{O(f); f \in F\}$ , then  $A = B \vee B'$  for some  $\mathcal{K}$ -object B'. Thus there exists a summand h of B' with  $O(h) \in C$ . Then  $F \cup \{h\}$ also satisfies  $\mathcal{P}_2$  and therefore  $h = c_{A,A}$  and B = A.

Let  $\{A_i; i \in I\}$  be a class of equimorphic objects with A and let  $\Phi_i : End(A) \longrightarrow End(A_i)$  be an isomorphism for every  $i \in I$ . If  $F \subseteq End(A)$  is a maximal set satisfying  $\mathcal{P}_2$  then so is  $\Phi_i(F) \subseteq End(A_i)$ . Define  $\Psi : F \longrightarrow C$ ,  $\Psi(f) = O(f)$  for every  $f \in F$ , and  $\Psi_i : F \longrightarrow C$ ,  $\Psi_i(f) = O(\Phi_i(f))$  for every  $f \in F$ . Since O(f) is isomorphic with O(f') for  $f, f' \in F$  if and only if  $O(\Phi_i(f))$  is isomorphic with O(f') nor  $f, f' \in F$  if and only if  $O(\Phi_i(f))$  is isomorphic with  $O(\Phi_i(f'))$  - see Lemma 1.4, we conclude that  $Ker(\Psi) = Ker(\Psi_i)$  for every  $i \in I$  and that  $\Psi(f)$  and  $\Psi_i(f)$  are equimorphic for every  $f \in F$ . If A and  $A_i$  are non-isomorphic then  $\Psi$  and  $\Psi_i$  are distinct. Define an equivalence  $\cong$  such that  $f \cong f'$  if  $\Psi(f) = \Psi(f')$ . Set  $F' = F/_{\cong}$ . The number of pairwise non-isomorphic objects equimorphic with A is less or equal to the number of one-to-one mappings  $\Lambda$  from F' to C such that O(f) and  $\Lambda([f])$  are equimorphic for every  $f \in [f] \in F'$ . Therefore  $card(I) \leq \beta(C)$ .  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 5.4.** Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a category with zero, conditional coproducts, and a coproduct generator C such that objects in C are non-equimorphic. Assume that

- (1) There exists an isoproperty  $\mathcal{P}_1$  such that for every  $\mathcal{K}$ -object  $A, f \in Id(A)$  is a summand with  $O(f) \in C$  if and only if f satisfies  $\mathcal{P}_1$ ;
- (2) There exists a set isoproperty  $\mathcal{P}_2$  such that for every  $\mathcal{K}$ -object  $A, F \subseteq End(A)$  satisfies  $\mathcal{P}_2$  if and only if F is a set of pairwise perpendicular idempotent endomorphisms satisfying  $\mathcal{P}_1$  such that  $\{f; f \in F\}$  is isomorphic to a summand of A.

Then equimorphic  $\mathcal{K}$ -objects are isomorphic.  $\Box$ 

We apply the foregoing result to Abelian groups. It is well known that the category of Abelian groups and their homomorphisms is a category with zero, see [15]. First we recall several conventions and definitions for Abelian groups. We shall use an additive notation for Abelian groups. A subset A of an Abelian group G is called a *base* if A generates G and for every finite family of distinct elements  $\{a_i; i \in I\}$  of A if  $\Sigma\{m_i a_i; i \in I\} = 0$  then  $m_i a_i = 0$  for every  $i \in I$ . We say that a base A is a p-base whenever order of every element  $a \in A$  of A is either 0 or a power of a prime. Denote by  $CYCL_1$  the class of all cyclic groups G such that either G is infinite or the order of G is a power of a prime, and  $CYCL_2$  the class of all quasicyclic groups and the group of rational numbers with the addition. Set  $CYCL = CYCL_1 \cup CYCL_2$ . The following easy lemma is folklore.

Lemma 5.5. For every Abelian group G the following are equivalent:

(1) G is a coproduct of groups from  $CYCL_1$ ;

(2) G has a base;

(3) G has a p-base.  $\Box$ 

We recall

**Proposition 5.6.** [9] Every divisible Abelian group is a coproduct of Abelian groups from  $CYCL_2$ .  $\Box$ 

Let AB be a category of Abelian groups and their homomorphisms. Denote by  $AB_1$  the full subcategory of AB formed by all groups G which are a coproduct of a divisible Abelian group and an Abelian group with a base, and  $AB_2$  is a full subcategory of AB formed by all Abelian groups with a base. Clearly,  $AB_1$  and  $AB_2$  have zero and conditional coproducts. Moreover, CYCL is a coproduct generator of  $AB_1$ , and  $CYCL_1$  is a coproduct generator for  $AB_2$ .

Let G be an Abelian group. The zero morphism  $c_{G,G}$  is a constant mapping to 0. For  $f \in Id(G)$  we have that G is a coproduct of  $f^{-1}(0)$  and Im(f) and thus  $f \in End(G)$  is a summand if and only if f is an idempotent. We say that  $f \in Id(A)$ is 0-minimal if for every  $g \in Id(G)$  with  $Im(g) \subseteq Im(f)$  we have either g = f or  $g = c_{G,G}$ . The following is an easy observation:

**Lemma 5.7.** Let G be an Abelian group, then  $f \in Id(G)$  is 0-minimal if and only if for every  $g \in Id(G)$  with  $g = f \circ g$  we have either g = f or  $g = c_{G,G}$ . If  $G \in AB_1$  then  $f \in Id(G)$  is 0-minimal if and only if  $Im(f) \in CYCL$ .  $\Box$ 

Hence "f is 0-minimal" is an isoproperty satisfying the conditions of  $\mathcal{P}_1$  in Theorem 5.3 for  $AB_1$  and  $AB_2$ .

We recall a well known and useful statement characterizing coproducts in Abelian groups.

**Proposition 5.8.** Let G be an Abelian group and let  $\{H_i; i \in I\}$  be a family of subgroup of G. Then G is a coproduct of  $\{H_i; i \in I\}$  such that the inclusions are coproduct injections if and only if for every element  $g \in G$  there exists exactly one family  $\{h_i; i \in I\}$  of elements of G such that  $g = \Sigma\{h_i; i \in I\}$  and  $h_i \in H_i$  for every  $i \in I$  (if I is infinite then  $h_i \neq 0$  for only finitely many  $i \in I$ ).  $\Box$ 

**Lemma 5.9.** Let G be an Abelian group which is a coproduct of n groups from CYCL for finite n. For every family  $F \subseteq Id(G)$  of 0-minimal, pairwise perpendicular endomorphisms we have  $card(F) \leq n$ .

**Proof.** For simplicity every natural number n we identify with the set  $\{0, 1, ..., n-1\}$ . We prove the statement by induction over n. For n = 1 the statement is true. Assume that it holds for n-1 and let G be a coproduct of  $\{A_i; i \in n\}$  of subgroups where  $A_i \in CYCL$  for every  $i \in n$ . For every  $a \in G$  by Proposition 5.8 there exists exactly one family  $\{a_i; i \in n\}$  with  $a_i \in A_i$  and  $a = \sum\{a_i; i \in n\}$ . In the following for  $a \in G$ ,  $a_i$  denotes the corresponding element of  $A_i$ . Let  $F \subseteq Id(A)$  be a family of 0-minimal, pairwise perpendicular endomorphisms. Choose  $f_0 \in F$ , denote by B = $Im(f_0), D = f_0^{-1}(0)$ . Then  $G = D \lor B = \sum\{A_i; i \in n\}$ . First we prove that we can exchange B and some  $A_i$ . Since  $f_0$  is 0-minimal (thus  $Im(f_0) \in CYCL$ ) there exists  $i \in n$  such that for distinct  $a, b \in Im(f_0)$  we have  $a_i \neq b_i$ , - without loss of generality we can assume that i = n-1 - and  $\{a_{n-1}; a \in B\} = A_{n-1}$ . Let  $a \in G$ . For  $a_n$  there exists exactly one  $\eta(a_n) \in B$  with  $\eta(a_n)_n = a_n$ . Then  $\Sigma\{(a_i - \eta(a_n)_i); i \in n-1\} +$  $\eta(a_n) = (a-a_n) - (\eta(a_n) - \eta(a_n)_n) + \eta(a_n) = a$  Hence  $\{A_i; i \in n-1\}$  and B generates G. Let  $a = \Sigma{c(i); i \in n-1} + c = \Sigma{d(i); i \in n-1} + d$  where  $c(i), d(i) \in A_i$  for  $i \in n-1$ ,  $c, d \in B$ . Then  $\Sigma\{c(i) - d(i); i \in n-1\} + (c-d) = 0$ . Hence  $c_n = d_n$  and we obtain that c = d and thus c(i) = d(i) because  $G = \Sigma\{A_i; i \in n\}$ . We conclude by Proposition 5.8 that G is isomorphic to a coproduct of  $\{A_i; i \in n-1\} \cup \{B\}$ . Thus if we rename elements of G we can assume  $B = A_n$ . Since  $G = D \vee A_n$  there exists exactly one  $g \in Id(G)$  with Im(g) = D,  $g^{-1}(0) = B$ . Set  $D_i = g(A_i)$  for  $i \in n-1$ . We show that D is isomorphic to a coproduct of  $\{D_i; i \in n-1\}$ . Let  $d \in D$  then  $d = \Sigma\{d_i; i \in n\} = \Sigma\{g(d_i); i \in n-1\} + \Sigma\{f_0(d_i); i \in n-1\} + d_n$ . Since  $\Sigma\{g(d_i); i \in n-1\} \in D, \ \Sigma\{f_0(d_i); i \in n-1\} \in B$  we conclude that  $\Sigma\{f_0(d_i); i \in n-1\}$ n-1 =  $-d_n$  and  $\Sigma\{g(d_i); i \in n-1\} = d$ . Whence  $\{D_i; i \in n-1\}$  generates D. Assume that  $d = \Sigma\{d(i); i \in n-1\} = \Sigma\{c(i); i \in n-1\}$  where  $d(i), c(i) \in D_i$  for  $i \in n-1$ . Choose  $a(i), b(i) \in A_i$  for  $i \in n-1$  with g(a(i)) = d(i), g(b(i)) = c(i). Then  $\Sigma\{a(i) - b(i); i \in n-1\} = \Sigma\{d(i) - c(i); i \in n-1\} + \Sigma\{f_0(a(i)) - f_0(b(i)); i \in n-1\}$ n-1 =  $\Sigma$  { $f_0(a(i)) - f_0(b(i))$ ;  $i \in n-1$ }. Since  $\Sigma$  { $f_0(a(i)) - f_0(b(i))$ ;  $i \in n-1$ }  $\in A_n$ we conclude that  $\Sigma\{f_0(a(i)) - f_0(b(i)); i \in n-1\} = 0$  therefore a(i) = b(i) and thus d(i) = c(i) for every  $i \in n-1$ . Hence by Proposition 5.8 D is isomorphic to a coproduct of  $\{D_i; i \in n-1\}$ . Consider  $F' = \{f \circ \sigma_D; f \in F \setminus \{f_0\}\}$  where  $\sigma_D: D \longrightarrow G$  is the inclusion. Since for every  $f \in F \setminus \{f_0\}$  we have that  $f_B \circ f = c_{G,G}$ we conclude that  $Im(f) \subseteq D$  and therefore  $f \circ \sigma_D \neq c_{D,D}$  because  $f \neq c_{G,G}$ . Thus  $F' \subset Id(D)$  is the set of 0-minimal pairwise perpendicular endomorphisms and by induction assumptions  $card(F') \leq n-1$ . Whence  $card(F) \leq n$ .  $\Box$ 

Let  $F \subseteq End(G)$  where  $G = \Sigma\{A_j; j \in J\}$ . If for every  $j \in J$  the set  $\{f \in F; f(A_j) \neq \{0\}\}$  is finite we can define an endomorphism  $\Sigma F = \Sigma\{f; f \in F\}$  such that  $\Sigma F(x) = \Sigma\{f(x); f \in F\}$  because for every  $x \in G$  there exist only finitely many  $f \in F$  with  $f(x) \neq 0$ . Define a set property  $\mathcal{P}$  such that

 $F \subseteq End(G)$  satisfies  $\mathcal{P}$  if

endomorphisms in F are 0-minimal, idempotent, and pairwise perpendicular, and for every subgroup  $H \subseteq G$  which is a finite coproduct of groups from CYCL the set  $\{f \in F; f(H) \neq \{0\}\}$  is finite.

**Corollary 5.10.** Let  $G \in AB_1$ . If  $F \subseteq End(A)$  satisfies  $\mathcal{P}$  then  $\{f; f \in F\}$  is isomorphic to  $\Sigma F$  which is a summand of G. In particular, there exists a coproduct of  $\{O(f); f \in F\}$ .

*Proof.* By a direct calculation we obtain that  $\Sigma F \in Id(G)$  and hence  $\{f; f \in F\}$  is isomorphic to  $\Sigma F$ . The rest is clear.  $\Box$ 

The following folklore lemma describes End(G) of cyclic groups, quasicyclic groups, and the group of rational numbers.

**Lemma 5.11.** Let G be a cyclic group of order n or the group of integers with addition or the group of rational numbers with addition. Then End(G) is isomorphic to the multiplicative semigroup of integers modulo n or the multiplicative semigroup of integers or the multiplicative semigroup of rational numbers. Let G be a p-quasicyclic group for a prime p, then End(G) is isomorphic to the multiplicative semigroup of p-adic numbers.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 5.12.** The category  $AB_1$  is  $(2^{\aleph_0})^+$ -determined, the category  $AB_2$  is 2-determined.

**Proof.** From Lemma 5.10 and Corollary 5.11 follows that the property  $\mathcal{P}$  is an isoproperty and satisfies the conditions of the property  $\mathcal{P}_2$  in Theorem 5.3. Since  $card(CYCL) = \aleph_0$  we obtain the first statement as a consequence of Theorem 5.3. By Lemma 5.11 groups in  $CYCL_1$  are equimorphic if and only if they are isomorphic and thus  $\beta(CYCL_1) = 1$ . According to Proposition 5.5  $CYCL_1$  is a coproduct generator of  $AB_2$  and the second statement follows from Theorem 5.3.  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 5.13.** Every pair of equimorphic bounded Abelian groups is isomorphic, every pair of equimorphic finitely generated Abelian groups is isomorphic.

**Proof.** By Prüfer theorem [21] every bounded Abelian group is a coproduct of cyclic groups, and also every finitely generated Abelian group is a coproduct of cyclic groups [9].

As proved S. Shelah [27] the category AB is not  $\alpha$ -determined for any cardinal  $\alpha$ :

**Theorem 5.14.** [27] There exists a proper class of non-isomorphic Abelian groups G such that End(G) is isomorphic to multiplicative semigroup of integers.  $\Box$ 

## CONCLUSION

On the end we give several open problems.

**Problem 1.** Let V be a variety. We say that V is a monoid decidable (or group decidable) if there exists an algorithm which for a given finite monoid M (or a finite group G) decides whether there exists an algebra  $A \in V$  with  $End(A) \cong M$  (or  $Aut(A) \cong G$ ). Which varieties are monoid decidable or group decidable? The only known non-trivial results are for finite monoid universal variety or finite group universal variety – in which case for every monoid (group) there exists a required algebra. Foldes and Sabidussy showed [8] that it is undecidable whether a variety is monoid or group universal. Is it undecidable whether a variety is finite monoid (group) universal? We can restrict ourselves on subvarieties of a given variety – here the problem can be decidable even the general problem will be undecidable.

**Problem 2.** Are there two non-isomorphic quasi-cyclic groups which are equimorphic? If equimorphic quasi-cyclic groups are isomorphic then we can strengthen Theorem 5.10 such that equimorphic groups in  $AB_1$  are isomorphic. It is well known, see Lemma 5.11 that the endomorphism monoid of *p*-quasi-cyclic group for some prime *p* is isomorphic to the endomorphism monoid of *q*-quasi-cyclic group for some prime *q* if and only if the multiplicative semigroup of *p*-adic numbers is isomorphic to the multiplicative group of invertible *p*-adic numbers is isomorphic to the multiplicative group of invertible *p*-adic numbers is isomorphic to the multiplicative group of invertible *q*-adic numbers.

**Problem 3.** Let V be a variety of 0-lattices (or (0,1)-lattices) such that each nontrivial lattice has a prime ideal. Are there two equimorphic lattices in V which are not isomorphic nor antiisomorphic? Theorem 2.11 gives an answer only for the subclass of such varieties.

**Problem 4.** Denote by K the variety of Heyting algebras generated by all chains. It is well known that K is a supremum of  $K_n$  where n is taken over all natural numbers – see [11]. Are there non-isomorphic equimorphic algebras in K?

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