

THE REPRESENTATION OF SERIES-PARALLEL-ORDERED SETS

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ABSTRACT

In [6] it is shown, that weak orders, a subclass of series parallel posets, are represented by bands. In this paper a representation of series parallel posets is given and it is shown how all weak ordered finite bands can be constructed. We first want to give a construction of CDC's as a set of special n -tuppels of natural numbers. After this we assign to each of these tuppels a rectangular band and show how weak ordered bands can be thus constructed. Moreover all weak ordered bands are constructed in this way.

1. INTRODUCTION

In 1986 Mitsch [3] showed that to any semigroup S a natural partial order can be defined by

$$a \leq b \text{ if } a = bx = ya \text{ for some } x, y \in S^1.$$

This order is an extension of the natural partial order on idempotent elements. In [4] Neggers showed that posets and poset homomorphisms form a category which is equivalent to the category of pogroupoids. This idea was carried on in [2], where it is shown that a pogroupoid of a weak order is a semigroup.

Therefore the following question seemed natural: When is a poset a natural poset of a semigroup? We also say that a semigroup represents a poset if the natural poset of the semigroup is isomorphic with the given poset. Hence we can reformulate the above question: When is a poset represented by a semigroup? Some classes are known to be represented, which we want to introduce in this paper.

We use $a < b$ to express $a \leq b$ but $a \neq b$. And if $a \not\leq b$ and $b \not\leq a$ then we write $a \parallel b$. A poset is called a weak order if \parallel defines an equivalence relation.

We need the equivalence J , one of Green's relation, given by

$$a J b \text{ if } S^1 a S^1 = S^1 b S^1.$$

On the bands we have $a J b$ if $a = aba$ and $b = bab$ [1]. J is used in theorem 4.1 and in the proof of theorem 4.2 and theorem 4.3.

2. SERIES PARALLEL POSETS

A partial ordered set is called series parallel if it can be constructed from singeltons using the operations of disjoint sum, denoted by '+', and linear sums, denoted by ' \oplus '. For example trees are seriesparallel as well as weak orders. A known result is:

Theorem 2.1. (Series-parallel-N-Theorem) [5] [9] A finite ordered set is series parallel if and only if it contains no subset isomorphic to N .

To prove the maintheorem we need results found in [7]. Special bands are used there, which are defined as follows:

Definition 2.2. A band (respectively a semigroup) is called a RZ band (respectively a RZ semigroup) if its set of minimal elements form a rightzero semigroup.

Theorem 2.3. [7] Let \mathcal{Q}_i , $i = 1, 2$ be orders which are represented by RZ bands, then $\mathcal{Q}_1 + \mathcal{Q}_2$ is represented by $(B_1 \cup B_2, *)$. The multiplication is given by

$$x * y = \begin{cases} m_1 y & \text{if } x \notin B_1, y \in B_1 \\ xy & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

where m_1 is a fixed minimal element in B_1 .

Lemma 2.4. [7] Let \mathcal{Q}_i , $i = 1, 2$ two orders which are represented by bands B_i , $i = 1, 2$ then $\mathcal{Q}_1 \oplus \mathcal{Q}_2$ is represented by $(B_1 \cup B_2, *)$ where

$$x * y = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \in B_1, y \in B_2 \\ y & \text{if } x \in B_2, y \in B_1 \\ xy & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

These results show that if two posets are represented by RZ bands, than also their disjoint and linear sum is represented by a RZ band. Consequently:

Theorem 2.5. Any series parallel order \mathcal{Q} is represented by a RZ band B.

Proof. Let a be the defining expression of \mathcal{Q} . If \mathcal{Q} is not a singleton the expression consists of two smaller subexpressions, that are connected by either '+' or ' \oplus '. Since we showed that a cardinal sum as well as a linear sum of orders, which are represented by RZ bands are again represented by RZ bands and obviously the singleton is represented by a RZ band, an easy induction argument on the length of the expression a completes in proof.

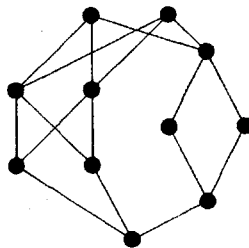
Example 2.6. Let a be the defining expression of a series parallel ordered set \mathcal{Q} , given by

$$a = (1 \oplus (((1+1) \oplus (1 + 1)) + (1 \oplus (1+1) \oplus 1))) \oplus (1+1)$$

To distinguish between the elements we rewrite a as:

$$a = (e_1 \oplus \underbrace{((e_2+e_3) \oplus (e_4+e_5))}_{P_1} + \underbrace{(e_6 \oplus (e_7+e_8) \oplus e_9))}_{P_2}) \oplus \underbrace{(e_{10}+e_{11})}_{P_3}$$

The Hasse diagram of this order is:



Expression of the form $e_i + e_j$ are represented by bands with the following multiplication table:

*	e_i	e_j
e_i	e_i	e_j
e_j	e_i	e_j

Using this for e_{10} and e_{11} we get the table for P_3 . The tables for P_1 and P_2 are combinations of this table as described above. We get

*	e_2	e_3	e_4	e_5	*	e_6	e_7	e_8	e_9
e_1	e_2	e_3	e_2	e_2	e_6	e_6	e_6	e_6	e_6
e_2	e_2	e_3	e_3	e_3	e_7	e_6	e_7	e_8	e_7
e_3	e_2	e_3	e_4	e_5	e_8	e_6	e_7	e_8	e_8
e_4	e_2	e_3	e_4	e_5	e_9	e_6	e_7	e_8	e_9

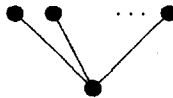
Finally the complete table is given by:

*	e_1	e_2	e_3	e_4	e_5	e_6	e_7	e_8	e_9	e_{10}	e_{11}
e_1	e_1	e_1	e_1	e_1	e_1	e_1	e_1	e_1	e_1	e_1	e_1
e_2	e_1	e_2	e_3	e_2	e_2	e_6	e_6	e_6	e_6	e_2	e_2
e_3	e_1	e_2	e_3	e_3	e_3	e_6	e_6	e_6	e_6	e_3	e_3
e_4	e_1	e_2	e_3	e_4	e_5	e_6	e_6	e_6	e_6	e_4	e_4
e_5	e_1	e_2	e_3	e_2	e_5	e_6	e_6	e_6	e_6	e_5	e_5
e_6	e_1	e_2	e_3	e_2	e_2	e_6	e_7	e_6	e_6	e_6	e_6
e_7	e_1	e_2	e_3	e_2	e_2	e_6	e_7	e_8	e_7	e_7	e_7
e_8	e_1	e_2	e_3	e_2	e_2	e_6	e_7	e_8	e_8	e_8	e_8
e_9	e_1	e_2	e_3	e_2	e_2	e_6	e_7	e_8	e_9	e_9	e_9
e_{10}	e_1	e_2	e_3	e_4	e_5	e_6	e_7	e_8	e_9	e_{10}	e_{11}
e_{11}	e_1	e_2	e_3	e_4	e_5	e_6	e_7	e_8	e_9	e_{10}	e_{11}

3. CROWN DIAMONDS CHAINS

We recall some definitions and a result found in [6]. Some finite semilattice have a special form and are obviously weakly ordered.

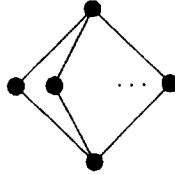
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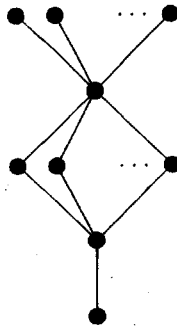
A Diamond

is called a diamond.

Let $\mathcal{Q}_i, i = 1, 2$ be two posets such that \mathcal{Q}_1 has a greatest element g and \mathcal{Q}_2 has a smallest element s . Then the glue-linear sum of \mathcal{Q}_1 and \mathcal{Q}_2 is defined to be

$$\mathcal{Q}_1 \oplus (\mathcal{Q}_2 \setminus \{s\}) = (\mathcal{Q}_1 \setminus \{g\}) \oplus \mathcal{Q}_2.$$

Definition 3.3. A semilattice Y is called a crown-diamond-chain if it is glue-linear sum of chains, diamonds and a crown as last summand or a glue-linear sum of chains and diamonds.



A Crown-Diamond-Chain

The following theorem gives a description of finite weakly ordered semilattices:

Theorem 3.4. [6] A finite semilattice Y is weak-ordered if and only if it is a crown-diamond-chain.

Since a CDC is weak ordered it is also a series parallel order. The defining expression of a CDC has the following obvious properties:

1. it doesn't start with $(1 + \dots + 1)$ and
2. it contains no subpart $\underbrace{(1 + \dots + 1)}_{k_1} \oplus \underbrace{(1 + \dots + 1)}_{k_2}$, $k_1, k_2 > 1$.

Consequently and CDC can be represented by a sequence

$$c = (x_1 \ x_2, \dots \ x_n) \text{ with } \begin{cases} x_i > 0 \text{ if } i \text{ is odd} \\ x_i > 1 \text{ if } i \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

Such a sequence is transformed into a defining expression as follows:

$$a = \underbrace{(1 \oplus \dots \oplus 1)}_{x_1} \oplus \underbrace{(1 + \dots + 1)}_{x_2} \oplus \underbrace{(1 \oplus \dots \oplus 1)}_{x_3} \oplus \dots$$

From this it should be clear how to receive a sequence from a defining expression.

But these sequences do not only describe the general structure of a CDC. With its help a set of n -tuppels can be given, such that each element of the given CDC corresponds to one of these tuppels and this set can be endowed with a multiplication, that yields a CDC structure.

Definition 3.5. Let $c = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ be a sequence that describes a CDC, then $\langle c \rangle$ denotes the set of all n -tuppels (t_1, \dots, t_n) such that $0 \leq t_i \leq x_i$ and if $t_i < x_i$ than $t_{i+1} = 0$ and $\max(t_i : i = 1, \dots, n) > 0$.

Lemma 3.6. Let $c = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ then $|\langle c \rangle| = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$.

Proof. We prove this by induction. Let the length of c be one, then the result follows immediatly. Now we assume that for sequences c with length k the result is true. If we take a sequence with length $k+1$, then we have $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ elements with $t_{k+1} = 0$. Adding the x_{k+1} cases for $tk > 0$ we get the result. Note that if $t_{k+1} > 0$ then $t_i = x_i$ for $i \leq k$.

Now that we saw that $\langle c \rangle$ has exactly the same number than the CDC which is defined by c , we will give a multiplication on $\langle c \rangle$ such that it becomes a CDC with the same defining expression, that means $\langle c \rangle$ represents the given CDC and at the same time we saw, that all CDC can be constructed as a set $\langle c \rangle$ for some, one, sequence c .

Theorem 3.7. Let $c = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$. If we define on $\langle c \rangle$ the following multiplication:

$$(s_1, \dots, s_n) * (t_1, \dots, t_n) = ([s_1, t_1], \dots, [s_n, t_n])$$

where

$$[s_i, t_i] := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i \text{ is even and } s_i \neq t_i \\ \min(s_i, t_i) & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

then $(\langle c \rangle, *)$ becomes a CDC.

Proof. The given multiplication is idempotent and commutative. We have to show that it is associative and closed. It suffices to show that $[.,.]$ is associative on the components. We observe the case where $i = 2k$ and $i \neq 2k$.

$$i \neq 2k \quad [[a_i, b_i], d_i] = \min(\min(a_i, b_i), d_i) = \min(a_i, b_i, d_i) = [a_i, [b_i, d_i]]$$

Now we turn to the even components:

$$[[a_i, b_i], d_i] := \begin{cases} [a_i, d_i] & \text{if } a_i = b_i \\ [0, d_i] = 0 & \text{if } a_i \neq b_i \end{cases} \quad [a_i, [b_i, d_i]] := \begin{cases} [a_i, d_i] & \text{if } b_i = d_i \\ [a_i, 0] = 0 & \text{if } b_i \neq d_i \end{cases}$$

To check whether these products are equal, we have to consider two cases $a_i = d_i$ and $a_i \neq d_i$.

If $a_i = d_i$ and $a_i = b_i$ then $b_i = d_i$ too and $[[a_i, b_i], d_i] = a_i = [a_i, [b_i, d_i]]$. If $a_i = d_i$ and $a_i \neq b_i$ then $d_i \neq b_i$ too and we have $[[a_i, b_i], d_i] = [0, d_i] = 0$ $[a_i, 0] = [a_i, [b_i, d_i]]$. Now we look after $a_i \neq d_i$. In this case all of the above outcomes are 0. Consequently the multiplication $*$ is associative since:

$$\begin{aligned} (a*b)*d &= ([[a_1, b_1], d_1], \dots, [a_n, b_n], d_n) = \\ &= ([a_1, [b_1, d_1]], \dots, [a_n, [b_n, d_n]]) = \\ &= a*(b*d) \end{aligned}$$

It remains to show that the multiplication is closed. If $a = b$ then we know that $a*b = a*a = a$. Let $a \neq b$, then there is an index i , minimal, such that $a_i \neq b_i$, say $a_i < b_i$. Consequently $a_i < x_i$ and $a_{i+1} =$

0. Moreover $a_k = 0$ when $k > i$. All components $d_k = [a_k, b_k]$ of $a*b$ with $k > i$ are 0 and the components d_k with $k < i$ are $a_k = b_k$. If i is even then $d_i = 0$ and $a*b \in \langle c \rangle$. If i is odd then $d_i = \min(a_i, b_i) = a_i$ and $a*b$ is in $\langle c \rangle$.

This semilattice is obviously a CDC.

4. WEAK ORDERED BANDS

Now we assign to each element of a CDC = $(\langle c \rangle, *)$ a rectangular band RB_a , $a \in \langle c \rangle$. The rectangular bands RB_a are arbitrary except for the elements $a = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{2k+1}, 0, \dots, 0)$. For these elements RB_a consists of only one element, say x_a . On the set

$$W := \{(a, x) : a \in \langle c \rangle, x \in RB_a\}$$

we define the following multiplication.

$$(a, x) \odot (b, y) = (a * b, \theta(a, b, x, y))$$

where $\theta(a, b, x, y)$ is defined by

$$\theta(a, b, x, y) := \begin{cases} x & \text{if } a = a * b, a \neq b \\ y & \text{if } b = a * b, a \neq b \\ xy & \text{if } a = b \\ x_{a*b} & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Here x_{a*b} is the only element in RB_{a*b} .

We need the following

Theorem 4.1. [6] A finite band B is weak ordered if and only if the following properties hold:

1. B/J is a crown-diamond-chain and
2. $a < b \Leftrightarrow aJ < bJ$

to show that

Theorem 4.2. (W, \odot) is a weak ordered band.

Proof. The given multiplication is obviously closed and it is easy to see, that it is idempotent, since

$$(a,x) \odot (a,x) = (a*a, \theta(a, a, x, x)) = (a,x)$$

Now we show that \odot is a associative.

$$\begin{aligned} & ((s_1, x_1) \odot (s_2, x_2)) \odot (s_3, x_3) = \\ & = (s_1 * s_2, \theta(s_1, s_2, x_1, x_2)) \odot (s_3, x_3) = \\ & = ((s_1 * s_2) * s_3, \theta(s_1 * s_2, s_3, \theta(s_1, s_2, x_1, x_2), x_3)) \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (s_1, x_1) \odot ((s_2, x_2) \odot (s_3, x_3)) = \\ & = (s_1, x_1) \odot (s_2 * s_3, \theta(s_2, s_3, x_2, x_3)) = \\ & = (s_1 * (s_2 * s_3), \theta(s_1, s_2 * s_3, x_1, \theta(s_2, s_3, x_2, x_3))) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

So the multiplication is associative if (1) = (2). The left side, this is (1) depends on $\theta(s_1, s_2, x_1, x_2)$ hence we get

L1 $\theta(s_1, s_3, x_1, x_3)$ if $s_1 < s_2$

L2 $\theta(s_2, s_3, x_2, x_3)$ if $s_2 < s_1$

L3 $\theta(s_1, s_3, x_1, x_2 x_3)$ if $s_2 = s_3$

L4 $\theta(s_1 * s_2, s_3, x_{s_1 * s_2}, x_3)$ if $s_1 \parallel s_2$

The right side depend on $\theta(s_2, s_3, x_2, x_3)$ and we get

R1 $\theta(s_1, s_2, x_1, x_2)$ if $s_2 < s_3$

R2 $\theta(s_1, s_3, x_1, x_3)$ if $s_3 < s_2$

R3 $\theta(s_1, s_2, x_1, x_2 x_3)$ if $s_2 = s_3$

R4 $\theta(s_1, s_2 * s_3, x_1, x_{s_2 * s_3})$ if $s_2 \parallel s_3$

To check associativity we have to show that $L_i = R_j \forall i, j$.

L1R1 $s_1 < s_2$ and $s_2 < s_3$ hence $s_1 < s_3$ and $L1 = x_1 = R1$.

L1R2 $L1$ equals $R2$ indeed.

L1R3 $s_1 < s_2$ and $s_2 = s_3$ yields $s_1 < s_3$ hence $L1 = x_1 = R3$.

L1R4 $s_1 < s_2$ and $s_2 \parallel s_3$ yields $s_1 < s_3$ since $\langle c \rangle$ is a CDC, hence $L1 = x_1 = R4$.

L2R1 $s_2 < s_1$ used in R1 gives x_2 and $s_2 < s_3$ yields x_2 in L2.

L2R2 $s_2 < s_1$ and $s_3 < s_2$ yields $s_3 < s_1$ hence $L2 = x_3 = R2$.

L2R3 $s_2 < s_1$ and $s_3 = s_2$. Hence $s_3 < s_1$ and $L2 = x_2 x_3 = R3$.

L2R4 Since $s_2 \parallel s_3$ and because $\langle c \rangle$ is a CDC we have also $s_3 < s_1$. Consequently $s_2 * s_3 < s_3 < s_1$ and $L2 = x_{s_2 * s_3} = R4$.

L3R1 $s_1 = s_2$ and $s_2 < s_3$ yields $s_1 < s_3$ hence $L3 = x_1 x_2 = R1$.

L3R2 $s_1 = s_2$ and $s_3 < s_2$ yields $s_3 < s_1$ hence $L3 = x_3 = R2$.

L3R3 $s_1 = s_2$ and $s_2 = s_3$ hence $L_3 = (x_1 x_1) x_3 = x_1 (x_2 x_3) = R3$.

L3R4 $s_1 = s_2$ and $s_2 \parallel s_3$ yields also $s_1 \parallel s_3$ hence $L3 = x_{s_1 * s_3} = x_{s_2 * s_3} = R4$, since $s_2 * s_3 < s_2 = s_1$.

L4R1 $s_1 \parallel s_2$ and $s_2 < s_3$ yields $s_1 < s_3$ since $\langle c \rangle$ is a CDC. Hence $L4 = x_{s_1 * s_2} = R1$ because $s_1 * s_2 < s_2 < s_3$.

L4R2 Here we get $s_3 < s_1$ and consequently $s_3 \leq s_1 * s_2$. Hence $L4 = x_3 = R2$.

L4R3 We have $s_1 \parallel s_2$ and $s_2 = s_3$ therefore $s_1 \parallel s_3$ and $L4 = x_{s_1 * s_2} = R3$ since $s_1 * s_2 < s_2 = s_3$.

L4R4 $s_1 \parallel s_2$ and $s_2 \parallel s_3$ yields $s_1 \parallel s_3$ since $\langle c \rangle$ is a CDC hence $s_1 * s_2 = s_2 * s_3 < s_1, s_3$. Consequently $L4 = x_{s_1 * s_2} = x_{s_2 * s_3} = R4$.

This proves that (W, \odot) is a band. It is clear that $W/J \cong \langle c \rangle$ and $(a, x) < (b, y)$ if and only if $a < b$, hence (W, \odot) is a weak ordered band according to theorem 4.1.

Theorem 4.3. Let B be a weak ordered band, then there are a CDC $\langle c \rangle, *$, rectangular bands $RB_a, a \in \langle c \rangle$, such that

$$B \cong (W, \odot)$$

where (W, \odot) is defined as shown above.

Proof. Since B is weak ordered we know that B/J is a CDC and B is a CDC of rectangular bands.

Now if $e \in RB_a$ and $f \in RB_b$ then $ef \in RB_{a*b}$, where ‘*’ denotes the multiplication in B/J . More precisely if $a < b$ then $ef = e = fe$, since $e < f$ if $a < b$. Now suppose that $a \parallel b$. Then we know that $ef < e$ and $ef < f$ since $a*b < a$ and $a * b < b$. Consequently $ef = efe = fe$. Moreover let $e' \in RB_a$ and $f' \in RB_b$ then

$$e'f' = e'ee'f' = e' \underbrace{ef'}_{\in RB_{a*b}} e' = ef' = e'ff' = ef.$$

But we can even show more. Let $p \in RB_{a*b}$ then

$$(ef)p = p \text{ since } p < e \text{ and } p < f$$

we also have $p(ef) = p$ and therefore

$$ef = (ef)p(ef) = p$$

and RB_{a*b} consists only of one element.

These observations showed that $B \cong (W, \mathcal{Q})$ where

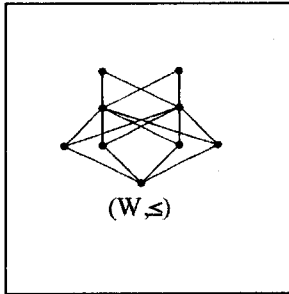
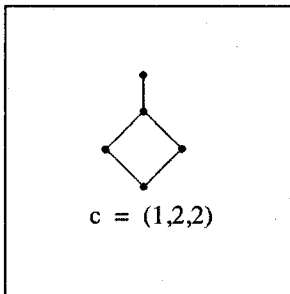
$$W = \{(a, x) : a \in B/J, x \in RB_a\}$$

Hence we established the required statement.

Example 4.4. Let $c = (1, 2, 2)$ be a CDC with

$$\langle c \rangle = \{(1, 0, 0), (1, 1, 0), (1, 2, 0), (1, 2, 1), (1, 2, 2)\}.$$

This CDC is given by the following diagram



We choose isomorph rectangular bands RB_a except for $a = (1, 0, 0)$ what must be a oneelementic set. $RB_a = \{x,y\}$ with $xy = yy = y$ and $yx = xx = x$ then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 W &= \{((1, 0, 0), 1), \\
 &\quad ((1, 1, 0) x), ((1, 1, 0), y), ((1, 2, 0), x), ((1, 2, 0), y), \\
 &\quad ((1, 2, 1), x), ((1, 2, 1), y), \\
 &\quad ((1, 2, 2), x), ((1, 2, 2), y)\} = \\
 &= \{w_0, w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5, w_6, w_7, w_8\}
 \end{aligned}$$

The natural partial order i given above. The multiplication table is:

*	w_0	w_1	w_2	w_3	w_4	w_5	w_6	w_7	w_8
w_0	w_0	w_0	w_0	w_0	w_0	w_0	w_0	w_0	w_0
w_1	w_0	w_1	w_2	w_0	w_0	w_1	w_1	w_1	w_1
w_2	w_0	w_1	w_2	w_0	w_0	w_2	w_2	w_2	w_2
w_3	w_0	w_0	w_0	w_3	w_4	w_3	w_3	w_3	w_3
w_4	w_0	w_0	w_0	w_3	w_4	w_4	w_4	w_4	w_4
w_5	w_0	w_1	w_2	w_3	w_4	w_5	w_6	w_5	w_5
w_6	w_0	w_1	w_2	w_3	w_4	w_5	w_6	w_6	w_6
w_7	w_0	w_1	w_2	w_3	w_4	w_5	w_6	w_7	w_8
w_8	w_0	w_1	w_2	w_3	w_4	w_5	w_6	w_7	w_8

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