

VARIETIES OF MODULAR  $p$ -ALGEBRAS

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A description of varieties or equational classes of distributive  $p$ -algebras was given in Lee [8]. In [6] we have investigated the varieties of modular  $S$ -algebras, which form a subclass of the class of all modular  $p$ -algebras. In this note we shall continue this research and study varieties of modular  $p$ -algebras associated with algebras  $B_m^n$ , closely related to distributive varieties.

In the second section we characterize in terms of identities all varieties generated by a (finite) set of algebras  $B_m^n$ . The third section deals with a description of the lattice of all those varieties. In both sections we get generalizations of corresponding results appearing in [8].

**1. Preliminaries.** A universal algebra  $\langle L; \cup, \cap, *, 0, 1 \rangle$  of type  $\langle 2, 2, 1, 0, 0 \rangle$  is called a (modular)  $p$ -algebra iff  $\langle L; \cup, \cap, 0, 1 \rangle$  is a bounded (modular) lattice and if, for every  $a \in L$ , the element  $a^*$  is a *pseudo-complement* of  $a$ , i.e.,  $x \leq a^*$  iff  $a \cap x = 0$ . The class of all (modular)  $p$ -algebras is equationally definable (see [1]), and is, therefore, a variety. Standard results on  $p$ -algebras can be found in [1].

For a  $p$ -algebra  $L$  define the set  $B(L) = \{x \in L; x = x^{**}\}$  of closed elements. The partial ordering of  $L$  partially orders  $B(L)$  and makes the latter into a Boolean algebra  $\langle B(L); \vee, \cap, *, 0, 1 \rangle$  for which

$$a \vee b = (a \cup b)^{**}$$

holds. Another significant subset of a  $p$ -algebra  $L$  is the set of dense elements  $D(L) = \{x \in L; x^* = 0\}$ .  $D(L)$  is a filter in  $L$ .

A modular  $p$ -algebra satisfies the identity

$$(1) \quad x = x^{**} \cap (x \cup x^*)$$

and, obviously,  $x \cup x^* \in D(L)$  (see [1]). For  $a \in B(L)$ , write

$$F_a = \{x \in L; x^{**} = a\}.$$

Obviously,  $F_0 = \{0\}$  and  $F_1 = D(L)$ .

An element  $x$  of a  $p$ -algebra  $L$  is said to be a *Stone element* (see [7]) if it satisfies the identity

$$x^* \cup x^{**} = 1.$$

The following is true (see 4.3 in [7]):

**1.1.** *In a modular  $p$ -algebra  $L$ , the subset*

$$S(L) = \{x \in L; x \text{ is a Stone element}\}$$

*is a subalgebra of  $L$ .*

Subdirectly irreducible modular  $p$ -algebras were characterized in Theorem 1 of [7] as follows:

**1.2.** *Let  $L$  be a modular  $p$ -algebra. Then  $L$  is subdirectly irreducible iff  $L$  satisfies the following conditions:*

- (i)  $D(L)$  is subdirectly irreducible;
- (ii) for each closed Stone element  $a$  ( $0 < a < 1$ ) of  $L$ , we have  $\text{card}(F_a) \geq 2$ .

We shall study varieties of  $p$ -algebras which are generated by subdirectly irreducible modular  $p$ -algebras  $L$  having  $D(L) \simeq M_n$ . ( $M_1$  is the one-element lattice, and  $M_2$  — the two-element one. For the cardinal number  $n \geq 3$ , let  $M_n$  denote the modular lattice of dimension 2 and order  $n+2$ .) In [5] we have given the full description of these  $p$ -algebras. The following proposition will be useful for our purposes (see 1.4 in [5]):

**1.3.** *Let  $L$  be a subdirectly irreducible modular  $p$ -algebra with  $D(L) \simeq M_n$  ( $n \geq 3$ ). Then*

- (i)  $B(L) \cap S(L) = \{0, 1\}$  (type I);
- (ii)  $B(L) \cap S(L) = \{0, a, a^*, 1\}$  (type II).

We shall now construct some subdirectly irreducible modular  $p$ -algebras  $L$  with  $D(L) \simeq M_n$ . Let  $B$  be a Boolean lattice. Take the ordinal sum  $B \oplus M_n$ . Identifying the largest element of  $B$  with the smallest element of  $M_n$ , we get a bounded modular lattice  $B^n$ . Moreover,  $B^n$  is a pseudo-complemented lattice with  $D(B^n) \simeq M_n$ . The lattice  $B^n$  can be considered as a modular  $p$ -algebra. According to 1.2 and 1.3,  $B^n$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) is subdirectly irreducible of type I. (Evidently,  $B^1 \simeq B$ .) For the sake of brevity, let  $B_m$  denote the  $2^m$ -element ( $m$  is a non-negative number) and  $B_\omega$  an infinite Boolean algebra. (For  $n = 1$ , only  $B_1^1$  is subdirectly irreducible.) Some of these algebras are pictured in Fig. 1.

Now we can make our task more precise. We shall investigate  $V(B_{m_1}^{n_1}, \dots, B_{m_r}^{n_r})$ , the smallest variety of modular  $p$ -algebras generated by the finite set  $\{B_{m_1}^{n_1}, \dots, B_{m_r}^{n_r}\}$ . For  $n = 2$ ,  $B^n$  is distributive, and all varieties  $V(B^2)$  are described in [8].

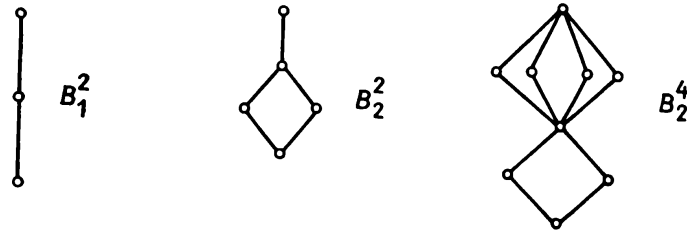


Fig. 1

**2. Properties of  $V(B_{m_1}^{n_1}, \dots, B_{m_r}^{n_r})$ .**

**2.1.** Every finitely generated subalgebra of a  $p$ -algebra  $B^n$  is finite.

The proof is straightforward.

From 2.1 it follows immediately

**2.2.** If  $B$  and  $C$  are Boolean algebras, then the following statements are true:

- (i)  $V(B^n) = V(C^m)$  for  $B, C, n$  and  $m$  infinite;
- (ii)  $V(B^n) = V(B^m)$  for  $n$  and  $m$  infinite;
- (iii)  $V(B^n) = V(C^n)$  for  $B$  and  $C$  infinite.

These results justify the notation  $V(B_\omega^n)$  for  $V(B_\omega^n)$ , and  $V(B_m^\omega)$  for  $V(B_m^n)$ , if  $n$  is infinite.

**2.3.** Let  $L \in V(B_m^n)$  for  $1 \leq n, m \leq \omega$ . Then  $L$  satisfies the following identities <sup>(1)</sup>:

(J) 
$$x_1 \cap [x_2 \cup (x_3 \cap x_4)] \cap (x_3 \cup x_4) \leq x_2 \cup (x_1 \cap x_3) \cup (x_1 \cap x_4);$$

(2) 
$$x \cap (y^* \cup z) = (x \cap y^*) \cup (x \cap z).$$

Moreover, if  $n$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) or  $m$  are finite, then  $L$  satisfies one of the identities:

(J<sub>n</sub>) 
$$y \cap [\bigwedge_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} (x_i \cup x_j)] \leq \bigvee_{1 \leq i \leq n} (y \cap x_i)$$

or

(L<sub>m</sub>) 
$$(x_1 \cap \dots \cap x_m)^* \cup (x_1^* \cap \dots \cap x_m^*)^* \cup \dots \cup (x_1 \cap \dots \cap x_m^*)^* = 1.$$

**Proof.** It is enough to check conditions (J), (J<sub>n</sub>), (L<sub>m</sub>) and (2) for  $B_m^n$ . We know that  $D(B_m^n) \simeq M_n$ . By [4],  $M_n$  satisfies (J) and, for  $n$  finite also (J<sub>n</sub>). Now it is easy to check (J) and (J<sub>n</sub>) for  $B_m^n$ . (L<sub>m</sub>) can be proved as in [8]. (2) follows from the fact that each sublattice of  $B_m^n$  generated by the set  $\{x, y^*, z\}$  is distributive.

**2.4.** Let  $L$  be a modular  $p$ -algebra. Then identity (2) implies the following identities:

(3) 
$$[(x \cup x^*) \cap y^{**}] \cup y^* = [(x \cup x^*) \cup y^*] \cap (y^{**} \cup y^*);$$

(4) 
$$(x^* \cup x^{**}) \cap (y \cup z) = [(x^* \cup x^{**}) \cap y] \cup [(x^* \cup x^{**}) \cap z].$$

<sup>(1)</sup> In a lattice each inclusion can be changed into an identity.

Proof. (3) follows from (2) by an easy calculation. Let (2) hold in  $L$ . By Theorem 3 of [3], each sublattice of  $L$  generated by the set  $\{x, y^*, z\}$  ( $x, y, z \in L$ ) is distributive. Now it is easy to show that also (4) is true in  $L$ .

**2.5.** *Let  $V$  be a variety of modular  $p$ -algebras satisfying (J) and (2). Then, for each non-trivial subdirectly irreducible algebra  $L \in V$ , there exist a Boolean algebra  $B$  and a cardinal number  $n$  such that  $L \simeq B^n$ .*

Proof. Let  $0 \neq L \in V$  be subdirectly irreducible.  $D(L)$  is a filter and, therefore, a sublattice of  $L$ . Assuming that  $L$  satisfies (J) and (2), we see that (J) also holds in  $D(L)$ . By 1.2,  $D(L)$  is subdirectly irreducible. Therefore,  $D(L) \simeq M_n$  for some cardinal number  $n$  (see Theorem 1 in [4]). If  $1 \leq n \leq 2$ , then  $D(L)$  is distributive. Hence  $L$  is also distributive (see 3.2 in [7]). According to 5.2 in [7],  $L \simeq B^i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) for some Boolean algebra  $B$ . So we can assume  $n \geq 3$ . We know that  $y^{**} \cup y^* \in D(L)$ . Denote by  $s$  the smallest dense element of  $L$ . We claim that

(i)  $y^* \cup y^{**} = 1$  or  $y^* \cup y^{**} = s$ .

Suppose  $y^* \cup y^{**} = d$  for some  $s < d < 1$ . Since  $n \geq 3$ , there exist non-comparable elements  $s < u$  and  $z < 1$  such that  $u \neq d \neq z$ . Then identity (4) fails in  $L$  (take  $d, u, z$ ). So  $y^* \cup y^{**} = 1$  or  $y^* \cup y^{**} = s$ , as claimed.

Now we prove that

(ii)  $y^* \cup y^{**} = 1$  implies  $y^* = 0$  or  $y^* = 1$ .

Suppose on the contrary that  $y^* \cup y^{**} = 1$  for  $0 \neq y^* \neq 1$ . Hence  $0 \neq y^{**} \neq 1$ . We claim that

(iii)  $y^{**} \cup s = d \neq e = y^* \cup s$  ( $s < d, e < 1$ ).

Really, put  $a = y^{**}$ . Clearly,  $a$  is a closed Stone element. Since  $L$  is subdirectly irreducible, we infer from 2.1 that  $\text{card}(F_a) \geq 2$ . There exists a  $y \in F_a$  such that  $y \neq a$ . Take an arbitrary  $y \in F_a$  with  $y \neq a$ . By (1), we have

$$y = y^{**} \cap (y \cup y^*) = a \cap (y \cup a^*).$$

Evidently,  $y \cup y^* \geq s$  because  $y \cup y^* \in D(L)$ . Therefore,

$$s \leq y^* \cup s \leq y \cup y^* \leq 1.$$

$y \cup y^* = 1$  is impossible, because  $y < y^{**} = a$ ,  $y \cap y^* = y^{**} \cap y^* = 0$ , and  $L$  is modular. Therefore,  $y \cup y^* < 1$ . Since  $y^* = y^{***}$ , we have  $y^* \in B(L)$ . It is easy to see that  $y^*$  is a Stone element. By 1.2, we obtain  $\text{card}(F_{y^*}) \geq 2$ . It is known that  $t \in F_{y^*}$  implies  $t \leq y^*$ . By (1), we have

$$t = t^{**} \cap (t \cup t^*) = y^* \cap (t \cup t^*).$$

$y^* \cup s = s$  would imply  $t \geq y^* \cap s = y^*$ , because  $t \cup t^* \in D(L)$ . Hence

$F_{y^*} = \{y^*\}$ , a contradiction. Thus  $s < y^* \cup s$ , and since  $D(L) \simeq M_n$ , we have established

$$(iv) \quad s < e = y^* \cup s = y \cup y^* < 1 \quad (y \in F_a, y \neq a).$$

Since  $\text{card}(F_{y^*}) \geq 2$ , we can analogously prove

$$s < d = y^{**} \cup s < 1.$$

However,  $1 = y^* \cup y^{**} = d \cup e$  implies  $d \neq e$ . Thus (iii) holds, as claimed. According to  $D(L) \simeq M_n$  ( $n \geq 3$ ), there exists a  $t$  ( $s < t < 1$ ) such that

$$y^{**} \cup s = d \neq t \neq e = y^* \cup s.$$

Evidently,  $t = t \cup t^*$  and  $y^{**} \cap t \neq y^{**}$  ( $y^{**} \cap t = y^{**}$  would imply  $y^{**} \cap d \cap t = y^{**} \cap s = y^{**}$ , and whence  $y^{**} \cup s = s$ ). Clearly, we have  $y = y^{**} \cap t \in F_a$  for  $a = y^{**}$ . By (iv), we obtain

$$(v) \quad e = [(t \cup t^*) \cap y^{**}] \cup y^* = y \cup y^*.$$

On the other hand,  $(t \cup t^*) \cup y^* \geq t \cup (s \cup y^*) = t \cup e = 1$ . Therefore,

$$(vi) \quad 1 = [(t \cup t^*) \cup y^*] \cap (y^{**} \cup y^*).$$

From (v) and (vi) it follows that identity (3) fails in  $L$ , which is a contradiction. Thus the proof of condition (ii) is complete.

Let us consider the sublattice  $(s] = \{x \in L; x \leq s\}$ . It is easy to verify (cf. [1]) that  $\langle (s]; \cup, \cap, +, 0, s \rangle$  forms a modular  $p$ -algebra in which  $x^+ = x^* \cap s$  holds. Hence  $x^+ = x^* \cap s = 0$  iff  $x = s$ . Thus  $D((s]) = \{s\}$ . By (1), we have  $x = x^{++}$  for all  $x \in (s]$ . Therefore  $(s] = B((s])$ . Hence  $(s]$  is a Boolean algebra. It is easy to show that  $(s] \simeq B(L)$ .

Let  $x \in L$ . If  $x^* = 0$ , then  $x \geq s$ .  $x^* = 1$  implies  $x = 0$ . Suppose now  $0 < x^* < 1$ . By (i) and (iii), we obtain  $x \leq x^{**} \leq s$ . Therefore  $x \in L$  implies  $x \leq s$  or  $x \geq s$ . We know that

$$D(L) = \{x \in L; s \leq x\} \simeq M_n \quad (n \geq 3).$$

If we set  $B = (s] \simeq B(L)$ , then  $L \simeq B^n$ , as claimed.

**THEOREM 1.**  $V(B_m^n)$  is the class of all modular  $p$ -algebras satisfying the identities

- (a) (J) and (2) for  $n = \omega = m$ ;
- (b) (J),  $(J_n)$  and (2) for  $m = \omega$  and  $2 \leq n \leq \omega$ ;
- (c) (J),  $(L_m)$  and (2) for  $n = \omega$  and  $1 \leq m < \omega$ ;
- (d) (J),  $(J_n)$ ,  $(L_m)$  and (2) for  $2 \leq n < \omega$  and  $1 \leq m < \omega$ ;
- (e)  $(J_2)$  and  $x = x^{**}$  for  $n = 1$ .

The proof follows from 2.2-2.5 and from the fact that  $D(L)$  is a sublattice of  $L$ . (e) is a known characterization of Boolean algebras.

Before we formulate the next theorem, we need some notation. For the sake of convenience,  $(J_\omega)$  will denote identity  $(J)$ . Analogously,  $(L_\omega)$  will denote the (trivial) identity  $(x \cap x^*)^* = 1$ .

$l_m$  or, more precisely,  $l_m(x_1, \dots, x_m)$  will stand for the term

$$(x_1 \cap \dots \cap x_m)^* \cup (x_1^* \cap \dots \cap x_m^*)^* \cup \dots \cup (x_1 \cap \dots \cap x_m^*)^*.$$

Substituting the terms  $t_0, \dots, t_n$  into identity  $(J_n)$ , we get a new identity which will be denoted by  $(J_n(t_0, \dots, t_n))$ .

**THEOREM 2.**  $V(B_{m_1}^{n_1}, \dots, B_{m_r}^{n_r})$  for  $r \geq 2$  finite and  $2 \leq n_1 < \dots < n_r \leq \omega$ ,  $\omega \geq m_1 > \dots > m_r \geq 1$  is the class of all modular  $p$ -algebras satisfying identities  $(J)$ ,  $(J_{n_r})$ ,  $(L_{m_1})$ , (2) and

$$(5i) \quad (J_{n_{i-1}}(l_{m_i} \cup y_0, \dots, l_{m_i} \cup y_{n_{i-1}})) \quad \text{for } i = 2, \dots, r.$$

**Proof. Necessity.** According to Theorem 1, we have to check only identity (5i) ( $i = 2, \dots, r$ ) for all  $B_{m_j}^{n_j}$  ( $j = 1, \dots, r$ ). But  $l_{m_i} = 1$  in  $B_{m_i}^{n_i}, \dots, B_{m_r}^{n_r}$ . Therefore, (5i) holds in every  $B_{m_j}^{n_j}$  ( $j = i, \dots, r$ ). Since  $(J_j)$  implies  $(J_k)$  for  $j \leq k$ , (5i) also holds in  $B_{m_k}^{n_k}$  ( $k = 1, \dots, i-1$ ).

**Sufficiency.** Let  $V$  be a variety of all modular  $p$ -algebras satisfying identities  $(J)$ ,  $(J_{n_r})$ ,  $(L_{m_1})$ , (2) and (5i) for  $i = 2, \dots, r$ . Let  $L$  be a non-trivial subdirectly irreducible algebra in  $V$ . By 2.5 and Theorem 1,  $L = B_l^k$  for  $k \leq n_r$  and  $l \leq m_1$ . Let  $n_{i-1} < k \leq n_i$ . We claim that  $l \leq m_i$ . If  $l > m_i$ , then there exist elements  $x_1, \dots, x_{m_i} \in L$  such that

$$l_{m_i} = l_{m_i}(x_1, \dots, x_{m_i}) \leq t \quad \text{for all } t \in D(L).$$

Choosing distinct atoms  $y_0, \dots, y_{n_{i-1}}$  from  $D(L)$ , we get  $l_{m_i} \cup y_j = y_j$  for all  $j = 0, \dots, n_{i-1}$ . But  $(J_{n_{i-1}}(y_0, \dots, y_{n_{i-1}}))$  fails in  $L$ . Therefore  $l \leq m_i$ , as claimed. We have shown that all algebras  $B_{m_j}^{n_j}$  ( $j = 1, \dots, r$ ) satisfy identities (5i) for  $i = 2, \dots, r$ . Hence  $V = V(B_{m_1}^{n_1}, \dots, B_{m_r}^{n_r})$ .

**3. The lattice of varieties.** This section is concerned with the lattice  $L(V)$  of all subvarieties of modular  $p$ -algebras satisfying identities  $(J)$  and (2). Of prime importance for general results is paper [2] by Jónsson.

Since the congruence-relations lattice of every  $p$ -algebra is distributive, we have, by 4.1 and 4.2 of [2],

**3.1.**  $L(V)$  is distributive. Moreover, if  $L \in V_1 \cup V_2$ ,  $V_1, V_2 \in L(V)$ ,  $L$  — subdirectly irreducible, then  $L \in V_1$  or  $L \in V_2$ .

**3.2.** In the lattice  $L(V)$  the following relations are true:

- (i)  $V(B_\omega^m) = \bigvee_{n < \omega} (V(B_m^n))$  ( $1 \leq m \leq \omega$ );
- (ii)  $V(B_\omega^n) = \bigvee_{m < \omega} (V(B_m^n))$  ( $1 \leq n \leq \omega$ ).

Proof. (i) If an identity does not hold in the algebra  $B_m^\omega$ , then, by 2.1, it does not hold in a finite subalgebra of  $B_m^\omega$ , and, consequently, in some subalgebra  $B_m^n$  ( $n < \omega$ ). Therefore

$$V(B_m^\omega) \leq \bigvee_{n < \omega} (V(B_m^n)).$$

Since  $B_m^n$  ( $n < \omega$ ) are subalgebras of  $B_m^\omega$ , the converse inclusion is trivial. Analogously we prove (ii).

**3.3.** For each non-trivial variety  $V \in L(V)$ , there exists a finite set of  $p$ -algebras  $\{B_{m_1}^{n_1}, \dots, B_{m_r}^{n_r}\}$  ( $1 \leq n_1 < \dots < n_r \leq \omega$ ;  $\omega \geq m_1 > \dots > m_r \geq 1$ ) such that

$$V = V(B_{m_1}^{n_1}, \dots, B_{m_r}^{n_r})$$

holds true.

Proof. Let  $SI(V)$  denote the class of all subdirectly irreducible algebras contained in  $V$ . If  $SI(V) = \{B_1^1\}$ , then, clearly,  $V = V(B_1^1)$ . Suppose now  $B_m^n \in SI(V)$ . We know, by 3.2, that there exists, for each  $B_m^n \in SI(V)$  ( $2 \leq n \leq \omega$ ), the largest number  $m(n)$  ( $1 \leq m(n) \leq \omega$ ) with  $B_{m(n)}^n \in SI(V)$ . So we can assign to  $V$  the sequence

$$(i) \quad m(2) \geq \dots \geq m(n) \geq \dots$$

Put  $m_1 = m(2)$ . By 3.2, there exists the largest number  $n_1$  ( $2 \leq n_1 \leq \omega$ ) such that  $m_1 = m(n_1)$ . If  $m(n_1)$  is the last term of (i), then  $V = V(B_{m_1}^{n_1})$ . Otherwise, there exists a  $B_m^n \in SI(V)$  with  $m < m_1$  and  $n > n_1$ . There exists the largest  $m_2 < m_1$  such that  $B_{m_2}^n \in SI(V)$  and  $n > n_1$ . By 3.2, we can find the corresponding largest  $n_2 > n_1$  with  $B_{m_2}^{n_2} \in SI(V)$ . Continuing this process, we get finally the set

$$(ii) \quad \{B_{m_1}^{n_1}, B_{m_2}^{n_2}, \dots\} \quad (2 \leq n_1 < n_2 < \dots \leq \omega; \omega \geq m_1 > m_2 > \dots \geq 1)$$

with the following property:

For each  $B_m^n \in SI(V)$ , there exists a member  $B_{m_i}^{n_i}$  of (ii) such that  $n \leq n_i$  and  $m \leq m_i$ .

Since (i) is non-increasing, set (ii) is finite and our statement is proved.

Remark. According to Theorems 1 and 2 and Proposition 3.3, we can characterize each variety  $V \in L(V)$  in terms of identities.

**3.4. COROLLARY** ([8]). For each non-trivial variety  $V$  of distributive  $p$ -algebras, there exists a  $p$ -algebra  $B_m^n$  ( $1 \leq n \leq 2$ ;  $1 \leq m \leq \omega$ ) with  $V = V(B_m^n)$ .

Proof. According to Theorem 1,  $B_1^1$  and  $B_m^2$  ( $1 \leq m \leq \omega$ ) are the only distributive subdirectly irreducible  $p$ -algebras. Therefore, by 3.3, we have  $V = V(B_1^1)$  or  $V = V(B_m^2)$  ( $1 \leq m \leq \omega$ ).

Before formulating the next theorem, we need one more notation. Let  $L$  be a lattice. Let  $Q(L)$  be a family of subsets of the lattice  $L$  having the following properties:

- (i)  $\emptyset \in Q(L)$ ;
- (ii) for each  $a \in L$ ,  $(a] = \{x \in L; x \leq a\} \in Q(L)$ ;
- (iii)  $Q(L)$  is the smallest family fulfilling (i) and (ii) and closed under formation of set union.

It is easy to show that  $Q(L)$ , ordered by set inclusion, is a distributive lattice with the smallest element  $\emptyset$ , and that the lattice operations are the set union and the set intersection.

Let now  $W_1$  denote the chain  $1 < 2 < \dots < n < \dots < \omega$  and  $W_2$  the chain  $2 < 3 < \dots < n < \dots < \omega$ . Both chains are well ordered of type  $\omega + 1$ . Consider the direct product  $W = W_2 \times W_1$ .  $W$  is a distributive lattice with the smallest element  $\langle 2, 1 \rangle$  and the largest element  $\langle \omega, \omega \rangle$ . Set  $W_{21} = W \cup \{\langle 1, 1 \rangle\}$  and let  $x > \langle 1, 1 \rangle$  for all  $x \in W$ . Clearly,  $W_{21}$  is a lattice.

**3.5.** *Let*

$$V_1 = V(B_{m_1}^{n_1}, \dots, B_{m_r}^{n_r}) \quad (1 \leq n_1 < \dots < n_r \leq \omega; \omega \geq m_1 > \dots > m_r \geq 1),$$

$$V_2 = V(B_{q_1}^{p_1}, \dots, B_{q_s}^{p_s}) \quad (1 \leq p_1 < \dots < p_s \leq \omega; \omega \geq q_1 > \dots > q_s \geq \omega)$$

*be varieties of modular  $p$ -algebras. Then  $V_1 \subseteq V_2$  in  $L(V)$  iff*

$$(\langle n_1, m_1 \rangle] \cup \dots \cup (\langle n_r, m_r \rangle] \subseteq (\langle p_1, q_1 \rangle] \cup \dots \cup (\langle p_s, q_s \rangle]$$

*in  $Q(W_{21})$ .*

The proof is straightforward.

**THEOREM 3.** *Let  $L(V)$  be the lattice of all subvarieties of modular  $p$ -algebras satisfying identities (J) and (2). Then  $L(V)$  is isomorphic to the lattice  $Q(W_{21})$ .*

**Proof.** Each class  $V \in L(V)$  is uniquely determined by the subclass  $SI(V)$ . We can establish the isomorphism  $\varphi: L(V) \rightarrow Q(W_{21})$  as follows:

$$\varphi(V) = \begin{cases} \emptyset & \text{if } V \text{ is trivial,} \\ (\langle n_1, m_1 \rangle] \cup \dots \cup (\langle n_r, m_r \rangle] & \text{if } V = V(B_{m_1}^{n_1}, \dots, B_{m_r}^{n_r}). \end{cases}$$

To show that  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism between  $L(V)$  and  $Q(W_{21})$  is an easy calculation which can be left to the reader.

**3.6. COROLLARY ([8]).** *The varieties of distributive  $p$ -algebras form the well-ordered chain*

$$V_0 \subset V(B_1^1) \subset V(B_1^2) \subset \dots \subset V(B_n^2) \subset \dots \subset V(B_\omega^2)$$

*of type  $\omega + 1$ .*

The proof follows from 3.4, 3.5 and Theorem 3.



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