

On algebras with easy direct limits

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an algebra with easy
direct limits

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$A = (A, F)$ algebra

$B = (B, F)$ subalgebra of A

B is said to be a **retract** of A if there exists an endomorphism φ of A such that

- $\varphi(A) = B$
- $\varphi(b) = b$ for every $b \in B$

Theorem (Laradji, 2002)

B is a retract of A iff

every system of equations over B with a solution in A has a solution in B

Definition

A **direct system** of algebras $\{I, A_i, \varphi_{ij}\}$ contains

- ① upward directed poset $\langle I, \leq \rangle$, $I \neq \emptyset$;
- ② algebra (A_i, F) for each $i \in I$;
- ③ homomorphism φ_{ij} of A_i into A_j ($i < j$);
 φ_{ii} the identity on A_i ;
 $\varphi_{ik} = \varphi_{ij} \circ \varphi_{jk}$ ($i < j < k$).

Put $x \equiv y$ if $\varphi_{ik}(x) = \varphi_{jk}(y)$

The **direct limit** of $\{I, A_i, \varphi_{ij}\}$ is (\bar{A}, F) , where

- $\bar{A} = \dot{\bigcup}_{i \in I} A_i / \equiv$
- $f(\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2, \dots, \bar{x}_n) = \overline{f(\varphi_{i_1 k}(x_1), \dots, \varphi_{i_n k}(x_n))}$ for n -ary $f \in F$

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Lemma

$$\mathbf{R}(A, F) \subseteq \mathbf{L}_{\rightarrow}(A, F)$$

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We say that (A, F) is an **algebra with easy direct limits (EDL)** if

$$\varinjlim (A, F) = \mathbf{R}(A, F).$$

Are basic algebraic structures on integer, rational, real and complex numbers algebras with EDL?

	ring	additive group	multiplicative monoid
\mathbb{Z}			
\mathbb{Q}			
\mathbb{R}			
\mathbb{C}			

In general

(A, F) algebra

Theorem (H., Ploščica 1999)

If A is finite, then (A, F) is with EDL.

Lemma

If every non-constant endomorphism of (A, F) is an automorphism, then (A, F) is with EDL.

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Denote by $\mathcal{P}_{(A,F)}$ the property that there exists $(B, F) \in \underline{L}(A, F)$ such that $\|B\| > \|A\|$.

Proposition

Let (A, F) be an algebra such that $\mathcal{P}_{(A,F)}$ is valid. If $G \subseteq F$, then the algebra (A, G) is not with EDL.

Proposition

Let A_m be an algebra of type F which has a constant endomorphism e_m for each $m \in M$. Denote

$$A = \prod_{m \in M} A_m.$$

If $k \in M$ is such that $\|A_k\| = \|A\|$ and \mathcal{P}_{A_k} is valid, then A is not with EDL.

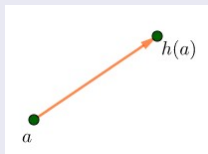
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A mono-unary EDL invalidity condition

$A \neq \emptyset, h : A \rightarrow A$
 (A, h) monounary algebra

$a \in A$



cyclic element
cycle
connected algebra
component
source

$\sum_{i \in I} (B_i, h)$ denotes a monounary algebra which is a disjoint union of algebras (B_i, h) , $i \in I$.

Let $(A, h) = \sum_{i \in I} (B_i, h)$ and (B_i, h) be connected for all $i \in I$.

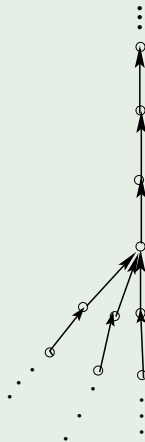
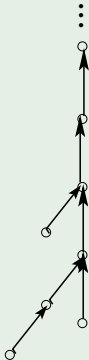
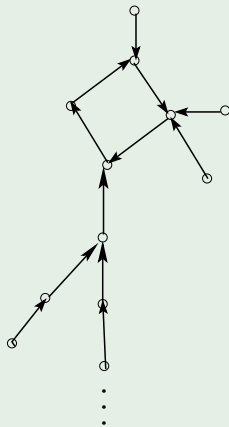
If (B_i, h) contains a cycle of length k , $k \in \mathbb{N}$, then we take (C_i, h) a cycle of length k . Else we take (C_i, h) a line. Put

$$(A, h)^\diamond = \sum_{i \in I} (C_i, h).$$

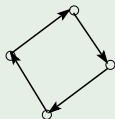
Lemma

$$(A, h)^\diamond \in \underline{L}(A, h)$$

Example: (A, h)



Example: $(A, h)^\diamond$



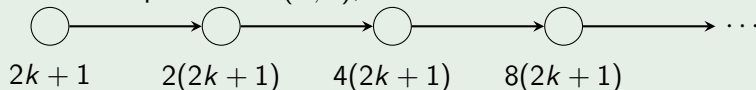
Theorem

*Let (A, F) be an algebra and h be a unary term operation over F such that h is an endomorphism of the algebra (A, F) .
If (A, F) is with EDL, then $(A, h)^\diamond \in \mathbf{R}(A, h)$.*

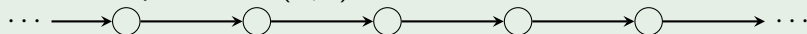
Additive group of \mathbb{Z}

$$h(x) = 2x$$

Infinite components of (\mathbb{Z}, h) , $k \in \mathbb{Z}$



Infinite components of $(\mathbb{Z}, h)^\diamond$



Multiplicative monoids of \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}

Use $g(x) = x^2$

Are basic algebraic structures on integer and rational numbers algebras with EDL?

	ring	additive group	multiplicative monoid
\mathbb{Z}	✓	X	X
\mathbb{Q}	✓	✓	X

Vector spaces

Lemma

Let $\varphi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Then the following properties are equivalent:

- ① $\varphi(a + b) = \varphi(a) + \varphi(b)$ for each $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$,
- ② φ is an endomorphism of the additive group of \mathbb{R} ,
- ③ φ is an endomorphism of the vector space \mathbb{R} over \mathbb{Q} .

Corollary

The group $(\mathbb{R}, +, -, 0)$ has EDL if and only if the vector space \mathbb{R} over \mathbb{Q} has EDL.

Lemma

Let V be a vector space over F and $W \subseteq V$. TFAE:

- 1 W is a retract of V ,
- 2 W is a vector space.

Theorem

Let V be a vector space. TFAE

- 1 the dimension of V is finite,
- 2 V is with EDL.

Let V be over a field K and its dimension be infinite.

Then there exists a **Hamel basis** of V , i.e.,

$H = \{h_t, t \in T\}$ such that

V is generated by H and
 H is linearly independent.

V is generated by H if for every $v \in V$ there exist uniquely determined $a_t \in K, t \in T$ such that

- $v = \sum_{t \in T} a_t h_t$ and
- $a_t \neq 0$ for finitely many indexes.

H is linearly independent means that

if $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\sum_{k=1}^n a_k h'_k = 0$, then $a_k = 0$ for each $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$.

$H = \{h_t, t \in T\}$, Hamel basis of V

Take $t' \in T$. Suppose that

$$\psi : H \rightarrow H \setminus \{h_{t'}\}$$

is a bijective mapping.

We denote by κ the smallest ordinal whose cardinality is greater than $\|V\|$.

We built by a transfinite induction an V -uniform direct family of vector spaces $\{\kappa, A_i, \varphi_{i,j}\}$ where $\varphi_{i,i+1}$ coincide with ψ .

Elements $h_{t'}$ create new elements in the direct limit and therefore we obtain an algebra of cardinality greater than $\|V\|$.

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Simple algebras

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Let A be a simple algebra.

Lemma

If $B \in \underline{L}(A)$, then B is simple.

Lemma

If every injective endomorphism of A is surjective, then A is with EDL.

Theorem

Let every non-constant operation of A be unary. Then A is with EDL.

Theorem

Let A be a simple algebra such that there exists an injective endomorphism of A which is not surjective.

Then A is not with EDL.

$$\mathbb{R}(A) \subseteq [A, \{a\}]$$

Proof works similarly (not analogously!) as for vector spaces of infinite dimension.

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Conclusion

Summary

- vector spaces with EDL are exactly finite dimensional ones
- finitely generated abelian groups with EDL are exactly finite ones
- simple algebras with EDL are exactly those that have every non-constant endomorphism bijective
- several other classes of algebras with EDL are described
- every monounary algebra with EDL is countable and it does not hold generally
- a monounary EDL invalidity condition works for some algebras

Questions

- Describe classes of direct limits of algebras from the table that are not with EDL.
- Is there an algebra with EDL of cardinality greater than continuum?
- Is there an algebra with EDL which has a retract which is not with EDL?

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