

# Quasi-subtractive varieties

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$$1/\theta = 1/\varphi \text{ implies } \theta = \varphi$$

for any  $\theta, \varphi \in \text{Con}(\mathbf{A})$ ,  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{V}$ . Point-regular subtractive varieties are known as **ideal-determined**.

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*In every member  $\mathbf{A}$  of a subtractive variety  $\mathcal{V}$  the lattice of ideals (filters) in the sense of Gumm-Ursini is modular.*

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- *Quasi-MV algebras*. Neither subtractive nor 1-regular. Still, in every quasi-MV algebra the lattice of certain “good” congruences is isomorphic to the lattice of certain filter-like subsets.

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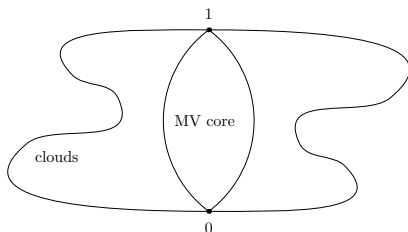


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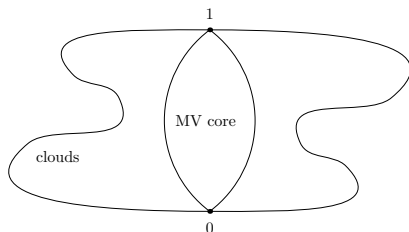


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**Theorem (Ledda, Konig, Paoli, Giuntini)**

*The variety of quasi-MV algebras decomposes as a subdirect product of (the varieties of) MV algebras and flat algebras.*

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Varieties  $\mathcal{V}_1$  and  $\mathcal{V}_2$  are **independent** if there is a binary term  $x \star y$  such that  $\mathcal{V}_1 \models x \star y = x$  and  $\mathcal{V}_2 \models x \star y = y$ .

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# Final advertisements

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Sequels:

- F. Paoli, Wednesday, 3pm.
- A. Ledda, Wednesday, 4:30pm