

# A COMPLETE QUASI-ANTIORDER IS THE INTERSECTION OF A COLLECTION OF QUASI-ANTIORDERS

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## Abstract

Setting of this paper is Bishop's constructive mathematics. For a relation  $\sigma$  on a set with apartness is called quasi-antiorde if it is consistent and cotransitive. The quasi-antiorde  $\sigma$  is complete if holds  $\sigma \cap \sigma^{-1} = \emptyset$ . In this paper the following assertion 'A quasi-antiorde is the intersection of a collection of quasi-antiorders.' is given.

## 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

This short investigation, in Bishop's Constructive Mathematics, is a continuation of the author's forthcoming papers [7]. Bishop's Constructive Mathematics is developed on Constructive logic ([8]) - logic without the

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Law, of Excluded Middle  $P \vee \neg P$ . Let us note that in Constructive Logic the ‘Double Negation Law’  $P \Leftrightarrow \neg\neg P$  does not hold, but the following implication  $P \Rightarrow \neg\neg P$  holds even in the Minimal Logic. We have to note that ‘the crazy axiom’  $\neg P \Rightarrow (P \Rightarrow Q)$  is included in the Constructive Logic. In Constructive Logic ‘Weak Law of Excluded Middle’  $\neg P \vee \neg\neg P$  does not hold, too. It is interesting that in Constructive Logic the following deduction principle  $A \vee B, A \vdash B$  holds, but this is impossible to prove without ‘the crazy axiom’. Bishop's Constructive Mathematics is consistent with the Classical Mathematics.

Relational structure  $(X, =, \neq)$ , where the relation  $\neq$  is a binary relation on  $X$ , which satisfies the following properties:

$$\begin{aligned} \neg(x \neq x), x \neq y \Rightarrow y \neq x, x \neq z \Rightarrow x \neq y \vee y \neq z, \\ x \neq y \wedge y = z \Rightarrow x \neq z, \end{aligned}$$

we call *set*. Following Heyting, the relation  $\neq$  is called *apartness*. A relation  $q$  on  $X$  is a *coequality relation* on  $X$  if and only if it is consistent, symmetric and cotransitive ([5]-[6]):

$$q \subseteq \neq, q^{-1} = q, q \subseteq q * q,$$

where “\*” is *filled product* between relations (see [4]). Let  $X$  be a set with an apartness. As in [5], a relation  $\alpha$  on  $X$  is an *anti-order* on  $X$  if and only if

$$\alpha \subseteq \neq, \alpha \subseteq \alpha * \alpha, \neq \subseteq \alpha \cup \alpha^{-1} \text{ (linearity)}.$$

A relation  $\tau$  on  $X$  is a *quasi-antiorder* ([5]) on  $X$  if consistent and cotransitive:

$$\tau \subseteq \neq, \tau \subseteq \tau * \tau.$$

A (quasi-)antiorder  $\alpha$  is *complete* if holds  $\alpha \cap \alpha^{-1} = \emptyset$ . Let  $x$  be an element of  $X$  and  $Y$  a subset of  $X$ . We denote  $x \bowtie Y$  if and only if  $(\forall a \in Y)(x \neq a)$ , and  $Y^C = \{x \in S : x \bowtie Y\}$ . If  $\tau$  is a quasi-antiorder on  $X$ , then the relation  $q = \tau \cup \tau^{-1}$  is a coequality relation on  $X$ . Firstly, the

relation  $q^C = \{(x, y) \in X \times X : (x, y) \bowtie q\}$  is an equivalence on  $X$  compatible with  $q$ , in the following sense

$$(\forall a, b, c \in X)((a, b) \in q^C \wedge (b, c) \in q \Rightarrow (a, c) \in q).$$

We can construct the factor-set  $X / (q^C, q) = \{aq^C : a \in X\}$  with

$$aq^C =_1 bq^C \Leftrightarrow (a, b) \in q^C, \quad aq^C \neq_1 bq^C \Leftrightarrow (a, b) \in q.$$

We can also construct the factor-set  $X / q = \{aq : a \in X\}$  with

$$aq =_1 bq \Leftrightarrow (a, b) \bowtie q, \quad aq \neq_1 bq \Leftrightarrow (a, b) \in q.$$

It is easy to check that  $X / (q^C, q) \cong X / q$ . The mapping  $\pi : X \rightarrow X / q$ , defined by  $\pi(a) = aq$  for any  $a \in X$ , is a strongly extensional surjective mapping. Secondly, note that the relation  $\alpha^C$  is an order relation on set  $(X, \neg \neq, \neq)$ . Following Baroni, if the relation  $\neg \alpha$  is an order relation on set  $(X, =, \neq)$ , when the apartness is tight,  $\neg \neq \subseteq =$ , then the relation  $\alpha$  is called *excise relation* on  $X$ .

For a given anti-ordered set  $(X, =, \neq, \alpha)$  is essential to know if there exists a coequality  $q$  on  $X$  such that  $X / q$  be an anti-ordered set. This plays an important role for studying the structure of anti-ordered sets. The following question is natural: If  $(X, =, \neq, \alpha)$  is an anti-ordered set and  $q$  a coequality relation on  $X$ , is the set  $X / q$  an anti-ordered set? Since, the answer is not affirmative, in general, the following question arises: Is there coequality relation  $q$  on  $X$  for which  $X / q$  is anti-ordered set? The concept of quasi-antiorder relation was studied in [5]. According to [5] and [6], if  $(X, =, \neq, \alpha)$  is an anti-ordered set and  $\sigma$  a quasi-antiorder on  $X$ , then the relation  $q$  on  $X$ , defined by  $q = \sigma \cup \sigma^{-1}$ , is a coequality on  $X$  and the set  $X / q$  is an ordered set under anti-order  $\Theta$  defined by  $(xq, yq) \in \Theta \Leftrightarrow (x, y) \in \sigma$ . So, according to results in [5], each quasi-antiorder  $\sigma$  on an ordered set  $X$  under anti-order  $\alpha$  induces an coequality relation  $q = \sigma \cup \sigma^{-1}$  on  $X$  such that  $X / q$  is an ordered set

under anti-order  $\Theta$ . In [6] we prove that the converse of this statement also holds. If  $(X, =, \neq, \alpha)$  is an anti-ordered set and  $q$  a coequality on  $X$  and if there exists an anti-order relation  $\Theta_1$  on  $X/q$  such that  $(X/q, =_1, \neq_1, \Theta_1)$  is an ordered set under anti-order  $\Theta_1$ , then there exists a quasi-antiorder  $\tau$  on  $X$  such that  $q = \tau \cup \tau^{-1}$  and  $\Theta_1 = \Theta$ . So, each coequality  $q$  on a set  $(X, =, \neq, \alpha)$  such that  $X/q$  is an anti-ordered set induces a quasi-antiorder on  $X$ .

Anti-orders and quasi-antiorders on set with apartness were investigated by this author in his papers [4], [5] and [6]. What is a connection between complete quasi-antiorder  $\sigma$  and a family  $\{\tau : \sigma \subseteq \tau\}$  of quasi-antiorders on  $X$  containing  $\sigma$ ? - is a question interesting in our understanding of these relations. It is clear that holds  $\sigma \subseteq \bigcap \{\tau : \sigma \subseteq \tau\}$ . It seems that the following question is natural: Is the following equality  $\sigma = \bigcap \{\tau_k : \sigma \subseteq \tau_k\}$  valid for some collection  $\{\tau_k : \sigma \subseteq \tau_k\}$ . In this paper we give a proof for above equality. So, any complete quasi-antiorder  $\sigma$  on set  $X$  is the intersection of a collection of quasi-antiorders on  $X$  containing  $\sigma$ .

For the necessary undefined notions and notations, the reader is referred to well-known books [1]-[3], [8] and to papers [4]-[6].

## 2. The Result

In order to obtain the relationship between coequality and quasi-antiorder on  $X$ , the following theorem is essential.

**Theorem 2.1** ([5], [6]). *Let  $(X, =, \neq, \alpha)$  be an anti-ordered set,  $q$  a coequality on  $X$ . The following are equivalent:*

(1) *There exists an anti-order  $\theta$  on factor-set  $X/q$  such that  $(X/q, =_1, \neq_1, \theta)$  is an ordered set under anti-order  $\theta$  such that the natural mapping  $\pi : X \rightarrow X/q$  is a reverse isotone mapping.*

(2) *There exists a quasi-antiorder  $\sigma$  on  $X$ , such that  $q = \sigma \cup \sigma^{-1}$ .*

Secondly, we need the following assertions:

**Theorem 2.2** ([7]). *If  $\alpha$  is a complete anti-order on  $X$ , then  $\alpha$  is the intersection of the anti-orders on  $X$  containing  $\alpha$ .*

The main result of this paper is the following:

**Theorem 2.3.** *Every complete quasi-antiorder is the intersection of a collection of quasi-antiorders.*

**Proof.** Let  $\sigma$  be a complete quasi-antiorder on set  $X$ . Then ([5]) the relation  $\theta$  on  $X / (\sigma \cup \sigma^{-1})$ , defined by  $(aq, bq) \in \theta \Leftrightarrow (a, b) \in \sigma$ , is a complete anti-order on  $X / (\sigma \cup \sigma^{-1})$ . Since, by Theorem 2.2,

$$\theta = \bigcap \{ \mathfrak{g} : \theta \subseteq \mathfrak{g} \},$$

holds, by Theorem 2.1, we have

$$\sigma = \pi^{-1}(\theta) = \bigcap \{ \pi^{-1}(\mathfrak{g}) : \theta \subseteq \mathfrak{g} \},$$

where  $\pi^{-1}(\mathfrak{g}) = \{ (u, v) \in X \times X : (\pi(u), \pi(v)) \in \mathfrak{g} \}$ , because  $\pi$  is a isotone and reverse isotone mapping. Indeed, if  $(x, y) \in \sigma$ , then

$$(a(\sigma \cup \sigma^{-1}), b(\sigma \cup \sigma^{-1})) \in \theta = \bigcap \{ \mathfrak{g} : \theta \subseteq \mathfrak{g} \},$$

by Theorem 2.3. Hence, we have  $(a(\sigma \cup \sigma^{-1}), b(\sigma \cup \sigma^{-1})) \in \mathfrak{g}$  for any anti-order  $\mathfrak{g}$  on factor-set  $X / (\sigma \cup \sigma^{-1})$ . Thus ([5]),  $\pi^{-1}(\mathfrak{g})$  is a quasi-antiorder on  $X$  which contains  $\sigma$ . Therefore, we have  $\sigma \subseteq \bigcap \{ \pi^{-1}(\mathfrak{g}) : \theta \subseteq \mathfrak{g} \}$ . Opposite, let  $(x, y)$  be an arbitrary element of  $\bigcap \{ \pi^{-1}(\mathfrak{g}) : \theta \subseteq \mathfrak{g} \}$ . Then,  $(x, y) \in \pi^{-1}(\mathfrak{g})$  for any  $\mathfrak{g}$  of the family  $\{ \mathfrak{g} : \theta \subseteq \mathfrak{g} \}$ . Thus,  $(x, y) \in \theta$  and, finally,  $(x, y) \in \sigma$ .

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