# On a Construction of Modular *GMS*-algebras

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#### Abstract

In this paper we investigate the class of all modular *GMS*-algebras which contains the class of *MS*-algebras. We construct modular *GMS*algebras from the variety  $\underline{\mathbf{K}}_2$  by means of  $\underline{K}_2$ -quadruples. We also characterize isomorphisms of these algebras by means of  $\underline{K}_2$ -quadruples.

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#### 1 Introduction

T. S. Blyth and J. C. Varlet [2] have studied the variety of MS-algebras as a common abstraction of de Morgan algebras and Stone algebras. D. Sevčovič [12] investigated a larger variety of algebras containing MS-algebras, the socalled generalized MS-algebras (GMS-algebras). In such algebras the distributive identity need not be necessarily satisfied. In [4] T. S. Blyth and J. C. Varlet presented a construction of some MS-algebras from the subvariety  $\mathbf{K}_2$  (the socalled  $K_2$ -algebras) from Kleene algebras and distributive lattices. This was a construction by means of triples which were successfully used in construction of Stone algebras (see [6], [7]), distributive *p*-algebras (see [9]), modular *p*-algebras (see [10]), etc. T. S. Blyth and J. V. Varlet [5] improved their construction from [4] by means of quadruples and they showed that each member of  $\mathbf{K}_2$ can be constructed in this way. In [8] M. Haviar presented a simple quadruple construction of  $K_2$ -algebras which works with pairs of elements only. He also proved that there exists a one-to-one correspondence between locally bounded  $K_2$ -algebras and decomposable  $K_2$ -quadruples. Recently, A. Badawy, D. Guffová and M. Haviar [1] introduced the class of decomposable MS-algebras. They

presented a triple construction of decomposable MS-algebras. Moreover, they proved that there exists a one-to-one correspondence between the decomposable MS-algebras and the decomposable MS-triples.

The aim of this paper is to investigate a subvariety of GMS-algebras containing the variety of MS-algebras, the so-called modular GMS-algebras. We construct modular GMS-algebras from the variety  $\underline{\mathbf{K}}_2$  ( $\underline{K}_2$ -algebras) from Kleene algebras and modular lattices by means of  $\underline{K}_2$ -quadruples. Also we define an isomorphism between two  $\underline{K}_2$ -quadruples and we show that two  $\underline{K}_2$ -algebras are isomorphic if and only if their associated  $\underline{K}_2$ -quadruples are isomorphic.

### 2 Preliminaries

An *MS*-algebra is an algebra  $(L; \lor, \land, \circ, 0, 1)$  of type (2, 2, 1, 0, 0) where  $(L; \lor, \land, 0, 1)$  is a bounded distributive lattice and the unary operation  $\circ$  satisfies

$$x \le x^{\circ\circ}, \quad (x \land y)^{\circ} = x^{\circ} \lor y^{\circ}, \quad 1^{\circ} = 0.$$

The class **MS** of all *MS*-algebras forms a variety. The members of the subvariety **M** of **MS** defined by the identity  $x = x^{\circ\circ}$  are called de Morgan algebras and the members of the subvariety **K** of **M** defined by the identity  $x \wedge x^{\circ} \leq y \vee y^{\circ}$  are called Kleene algebras. The subvariety **K**<sub>2</sub> of **MS** is defined by the additional two identities

$$x \wedge x^{\circ} = x^{\circ \circ} \wedge x^{\circ}, \quad x \wedge x^{\circ} \le y \lor y^{\circ}.$$

The class **S** of all Stone algebras is a subvariety of **MS** and is characterized by the identity  $x \wedge x^{\circ} = 0$ . The subvariety **B** of **MS** characterized by the identity  $x \vee x^{\circ} = 1$  is the class of Boolean algebras.

A generalized de Morgan algebra (or GM-algebra) is a universal algebra  $(L; \lor, \land, -, 0, 1)$  where  $(L; \lor, \land, 0, 1)$  is a bounded lattice and the unary operation of involution - satisfies the identities

$$GM_1: x = x^{--}, \quad GM_2: (x \wedge y)^- = x^- \vee y^-, \quad GM_3: 1^- = 0.$$

A modular GM-algebra L is a GM-algebra where  $(L; \lor, \land, 0, 1)$  is a modular lattice. A modular generalized Kleene algebra (modular GK-algebra) L is a modular GM-algebra satisfying the identity  $x \land x^{\circ} \leq x \lor y^{\circ}$ .

A generalized *MS*-algebra (or *GMS*-algebra) is a universal algebra  $(L; \lor, \land, \circ, 0, 1)$  where  $(L; \lor, \land, 0, 1)$  is a bounded lattice and the unary operation  $\circ$  satisfies the identities

$$GMS_1: x \le x^{\circ\circ}, \quad GMS_2: (x \land y)^\circ = x^\circ \lor y^\circ, \quad GMS_3: 1^\circ = 0.$$

The class of all GM-algebras is a subvariety of the variety of all GMS-algebras.

A modular *GMS*-algebra is a *GMS*-algebra  $(L; \lor, \land, \circ, 0, 1)$  where  $(L; \lor, \land, 0, 1)$  is a modular lattice.

The class of all modular GMS-algebras forms a variety. The class **MS** is a subvariety of the variety of all modular GMS-algebras. Then the varieties **B**, **M**, **S** and **K**<sub>2</sub> are subvarieties of the variety of all modular GMS-algebras.

The class  $\underline{\mathbf{S}}$  of all modular *S*-algebras is a subvariety of the variety of all modular *GMS*-algebras and is characterized by the identity  $x \wedge x^{\circ} = 0$ . It is known that the class  $\mathbf{S}$  is a subvariety of  $\underline{\mathbf{S}}$ .

The main immediate consequences of these axioms are summarized in the following result.

**Lemma 2.1** Let L be a GMS-algebra. Then we have

(1) 
$$0^{\circ} = 1$$
,  
(2)  $x \leq y$  implies  $x^{\circ} \geq y^{\circ}$ ,  
(3)  $x^{\circ} = x^{\circ \circ \circ}$ ,  
(4)  $(x \vee y)^{\circ} = x^{\circ} \wedge y^{\circ}$ ,  
(5)  $(x \wedge y)^{\circ \circ} = x^{\circ \circ} \wedge y^{\circ \circ}$ ,  
(6)  $(x \vee y)^{\circ \circ} = x^{\circ \circ} \vee y^{\circ \circ}$ .

Consequently, if L is a modular GMS-algebra, then the set  $L^{\circ\circ} = \{x \in L : x^{\circ\circ} = x\}$  is a modular GM-algebra and a subalgebra of L such that the mapping  $x \mapsto x^{\circ\circ}$  is a homomorphism of L onto  $L^{\circ\circ}$ , and  $D(L) = \{x \in L : x^{\circ} = 0\}$  is a filter of L, the elements of which are called dense.

For an arbitrary lattice L, the set F(L) of all filters of L ordered under set inclusion is a lattice. It is known that F(L) is a modular lattice if and only if L is modular. Let  $a \in L$ ; [a) denotes the filter of L generated by a.

For any modular *GMS*-algebra L, the relation  $\Phi$  defined by

$$x \equiv y \ (\Phi) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad x^{\circ \circ} = y^{\circ \circ}$$

is a congruence relation on L and  $L/\Phi \cong L^{\circ\circ}$  holds. Each congruence class contains exactly one element of  $L^{\circ\circ}$  which is the largest element in the congruence class, the largest element of  $[x]\Phi$  is  $x^{\circ\circ}$  which is denoted by  $\max[x]\Phi$ . Hence  $\Phi$  partition L into  $\{F_c : c \in L^{\circ\circ}\}$ , where  $F_c = \{x \in L : x^{\circ\circ} = c\}$ . Obviously,  $F_0 = \{0\}$  and  $F_1 = \{x \in L : x^{\circ\circ} = 1\} = D(L)$ .

Now we introduce certain modular GMS-algebras, which are called  $\underline{K}_2$ -algebras.

**Definition 2.2** A modular *GMS*-algebra *L* is called a  $\underline{K}_2$ -algebra if  $L^{\circ\circ}$  is a distributive lattice and *L* satisfies the identities  $x \wedge x^\circ = x^{\circ\circ} \wedge x^\circ$  and  $x \wedge x^\circ \leq y \vee y^\circ$ .

The class  $\underline{\mathbf{K}}_2$  of all  $\underline{\mathbf{K}}_2$ -algebras contains the class  $\mathbf{K}_2$ . Clearly, the classes  $\underline{\mathbf{S}}$ ,  $\mathbf{S}$ ,  $\mathbf{M}$ ,  $\mathbf{K}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  are subclasses of the class  $\underline{\mathbf{K}}_2$ .

**Theorem 2.3** Let  $L \in \underline{\mathbf{K}}_2$ . Then (1)  $x = x^{\circ \circ} \land (x \lor x^{\circ})$  for every  $x \in L$ ,

- (2)  $L^{\circ\circ} = \{x \in L : x = x^{\circ\circ}\}$  is a Kleene algebra,
- (3)  $L^{\wedge} = \{x \wedge x^{\circ} \colon x \in L\} = \{x \in L \colon x \leq x^{\circ}\}$  is an ideal of L,
- (4)  $L^{\vee} = \{x \lor x^{\circ} : x \in L\} = \{x \in L : x \ge x^{\circ}\}$  is a filter of L,
- (5)  $D(L) = \{x \in L \colon x^{\circ} = 0\}$  is a filter of L and  $D(L) \subseteq L^{\vee}$ .

**Proof** (1) Since  $x \leq x^{\circ \circ}$ , then by modularity of L we get

$$x^{\circ\circ} \wedge (x \vee x^{\circ}) = (x^{\circ\circ} \wedge x^{\circ}) \vee x$$
$$= (x \wedge x^{\circ}) \vee x \text{ by Definition 2.2}$$
$$= x$$

(2) It is obvious.

(3) Clearly  $0 \in L^{\wedge}$ . Let  $x, y \in L^{\wedge}$ . Then  $x \leq x^{\circ}$  and  $y \leq y^{\circ}$ . By Definition 2.2, we get  $x = x \wedge x^{\circ} \leq y \vee y^{\circ} = y^{\circ}$ . It follows that  $x^{\circ} \geq y^{\circ \circ} \geq y$ . Then  $x^{\circ} \wedge y^{\circ} \geq x, y$  implies  $x^{\circ} \wedge y^{\circ} \geq x \vee y$ . Now

$$(x \lor y) \land (x \lor y)^{\circ} = (x \lor y) \land (x^{\circ} \land y^{\circ}) = x \lor y.$$

Consequently  $x \lor y \le (x \lor y)^{\circ}$  and  $x \lor y \in L^{\wedge}$ . Let  $x \in L^{\wedge}$  be such that  $z \le x$  for some  $z \in L$ . Then  $z \le x \le x^{\circ} \le z^{\circ}$ . Hence  $z \in L^{\wedge}$ . Then  $L^{\wedge}$  is an ideal of L.

(4) By duality of (3).

(5) It is obvious.

**Corollary 2.4** Let L be a modular GMS-algebra. Then for all  $x \in L$  the following conditions are equivalent:

(1) 
$$x = x^{\circ \circ} \wedge (x \vee x^{\circ}),$$

(2) 
$$x \wedge x^{\circ} = x^{\circ \circ} \wedge x^{\circ}$$
.

Now we reformulate the definition of polarization given in [Definition 1(iii), 11] as follows.

**Definition 2.5** Let K be a Kleene algebra and D be a modular lattice with 1. A mapping  $\varphi \colon K \to F(D)$  is called a polarization if  $\varphi$  is a (0,1)-homomorphism such that  $a\varphi = D$  for every  $a \in K^{\vee}$  and  $a\varphi$  is a principal filter of D for every  $a \in K^{\wedge}$ .

## 3 The triple associated with a $\underline{K}_2$ -algebra

Let  $L \in \underline{\mathbf{K}}_2$ .  $L^{\vee}$  is a filter of L, and  $L^{\vee}$  is a modular lattice with the largest element 1. So  $F(L^{\vee})$  is also a modular lattice. Consider the map  $\varphi(L) \colon L^{\circ \circ} \to F(L^{\vee})$  defined by the following way

$$a\varphi(L) = \{x \in L^{\vee} \colon x \ge a^{\circ}\} = [a^{\circ}) \cap L^{\vee}, \quad a \in L^{\circ \circ}.$$

**Lemma 3.1** Let  $L \in \underline{\mathbf{K}}_2$ . Then  $\varphi(L)$  is a polarization of  $L^{\circ\circ}$  into  $F(L^{\vee})$ .

**Proof** It is easy to check that  $0\varphi(L) = [1)$ ,  $1\varphi(L) = L^{\vee}$  and  $(a \wedge b)\varphi(L) = a\varphi(L) \cap b\varphi(L)$ . Now we show that  $(a \vee b)\varphi(L) = a\varphi(L) \vee b\varphi(L)$ . Since  $a, b \leq a \vee b$ , then  $a\varphi(L) \vee b\varphi(L) \subseteq (a \vee b)\varphi(L)$ . For the converse, let  $t \in (a \vee b)\varphi(L) = [a^{\circ} \wedge b^{\circ}) \cap L^{\vee}$ . Put  $x = a \vee (a^{\circ} \wedge t)$ . Then  $x^{\circ} = a^{\circ} \wedge (a \vee t^{\circ}) = (a^{\circ} \wedge a) \vee (a^{\circ} \wedge t^{\circ}) \leq a \vee (a^{\circ} \wedge t) = x$  since  $L^{\circ\circ}$  is distributive and  $t^{\circ} \leq t$ . Thus  $x \in L^{\vee}$ . Moreover,

$$a^{\circ} \wedge (b^{\circ} \vee x) = a^{\circ} \wedge (b^{\circ} \vee (a \vee (a^{\circ} \wedge t))) = (a^{\circ} \wedge (a \vee b^{\circ})) \vee (a^{\circ} \wedge t) \leq t,$$

since  $a^{\circ} \wedge (a \vee b^{\circ}) = (a^{\circ} \wedge a) \vee (a^{\circ} \wedge b^{\circ}) \leq t$ . Now,  $t \in [a^{\circ}) \vee [b^{\circ} \vee x) \subseteq [a^{\circ}) \vee ([b^{\circ}) \cap L^{\vee})$ . But  $t \in L^{\vee}$  and F(L) is a modular lattice, hence

$$t \in ([a^{\circ}) \vee ([b^{\circ}) \cap L^{\vee})) \cap L^{\vee} = ([a^{\circ}) \cap L^{\vee}) \vee ([b^{\circ}) \cap L^{\vee}) = a\varphi(L) \vee b\varphi(L).$$

Thus  $\varphi(L)$  is (0,1)-lattice homomorphism. If  $a \in L^{\circ\circ}$ , then  $(a \vee a^{\circ})\varphi(L) = [a^{\circ} \wedge a) \cap L^{\vee} = L^{\vee}$  and  $(a \wedge a^{\circ})\varphi(L) = [a^{\circ} \vee a)$ . Then  $\varphi$  is a polarization.  $\Box$ 

**Definition 3.2** A triple  $(K, D, \varphi)$  is said to be a <u>K</u><sub>2</sub>-triple if

- (1)  $(K; \lor, \land, 0, 1)$  is a Kleene algebra,
- (2) D is a modular lattice with 1,
- (3)  $\varphi \colon K \to F(D)$  is a polarization.

Let L be a <u>K</u><sub>2</sub>-algebra. Then  $(L^{\circ\circ}, L^{\vee}, \varphi(L))$  is the triple associated with L and this triple is a <u>K</u><sub>2</sub>-triple.

**Lemma 3.3** Let  $(K, D, \varphi)$  be a <u>K</u><sub>2</sub>-triple. Then we have

$$a\varphi \cap (b\varphi \lor c\varphi) = (a\varphi \cap b\varphi) \lor (a\varphi \cap c\varphi) \text{ for every } a, b, c \in K.$$

**Lemma 3.4** Let  $(K, D, \varphi)$  be a <u>K</u><sub>2</sub>-triple. Then we have

(i) for every  $a \in K$  and for every  $y \in D$  there exists an element  $t \in D$  such that

$$a\varphi \cap [y) = [t),$$

(ii) for every  $a \in K$  and for every  $y \in D$  there exists an element  $t \in a^{\circ}\varphi$  such that

$$a\varphi \lor [y) = a\varphi \lor [t),$$

(iii) for every  $a, b \in K$  and for every  $y \in D$  there exists an element  $t \in D$  such that

$$((a\varphi \cap b^{\circ}\varphi) \vee [y)) \cap (a^{\circ}\varphi \vee b\varphi \vee [y)) = [t).$$

**Proof** For any  $a \in K$ , there is  $d_a \in D$  such that  $(a \wedge a^\circ)\varphi = a\varphi \cap a^\circ\varphi = [d_a)$  as  $a \wedge a^\circ \in K^\wedge$  and  $\varphi$  is a polarization. Recall that F(D) is a modular lattice.

(i). For all  $a \in K, a \wedge a^{\circ} \in K^{\wedge}, a \vee a^{\circ} \in K^{\vee}$ . Then there exists  $d_a \in D$  such that  $a\varphi \cap a^{\circ}\varphi = [d_a)$  and  $a\varphi \vee a^{\circ}\varphi = (a \vee a^{\circ})\varphi = D$ . Therefore, there exist elements  $x_1 \in a\varphi$  and  $z_1 \in a^{\circ}\varphi$  such that  $x_1, z_1 \leq d_a$  and  $x_1 \wedge z_1 \leq y$ .

We notice that  $x_1 \vee z_1 \in a\varphi \cap a^{\circ}\varphi$ . Hence  $x_1 \vee z_1 = d_a$ . We claim  $t = x_1 \vee y$ . Clearly  $t \in a\varphi \cap [y]$ . Conversely, let  $v \in a\varphi \cap [y]$ . Then

$$v \ge (v \land x_1) \lor y$$
  
=  $((v \land x_1) \lor (x_1 \land z_1)) \lor y$   
=  $(((v \land x_1) \lor z_1) \land x_1) \lor y$  by modularity of  $D$   
=  $(d_a \land x_1) \lor y$   
=  $x_1 \lor y$  as  $(v \land x_1) \lor z_1 = d_a \ge x_1$ .

Hence  $v \ge x_1 \lor y = t$ , and therefore  $a\varphi \cap [y] = [t)$ .

(ii). It is enough to show that  $a^{\circ}\varphi \cap (a\varphi \vee [y)) = [t)$ , for some  $t \in D$  since then  $t \in a^{\circ}\varphi$  and  $[t) \vee a\varphi = (a^{\circ}\varphi \cap (a\varphi \vee [y))) \vee a\varphi = (a\varphi \vee [y)) \cap (a^{\circ}\varphi \vee a\varphi) = a\varphi \vee [y)$ , from modularity of F(D). Let  $x_1 \in a\varphi$ ,  $z_1 \in a^{\circ}\varphi$ ,  $x_1 \wedge z_1 \leq y$  and  $x_1, z_1 \leq d_a$ . We claim that  $t = z_1 \vee (x_1 \wedge y)$ . Evidently,  $t \in a^{\circ}\varphi \cap (a\varphi \vee [y))$ . Conversely, let  $v \in a^{\circ}\varphi \cap (a\varphi \vee [y))$ . Then  $v \geq v \wedge z_1 \in a^{\circ}\varphi$  and there is  $x \in a\varphi$  with  $v \geq x \wedge y \geq (x \wedge x_1) \wedge y$ . Denote  $z_0 = v \wedge z_1$  and  $x_0 = x \wedge x_1$ . Hence

$$v \ge (x_0 \land y) \lor z_0 \ge (x_0 \land x_1 \land z_1) \lor z_0 = (x_0 \land z_1) \lor z_0 = (x_0 \lor z_0) \land z_1 = z_1,$$

because  $x_0 \vee z_0 = d_a \ge z_1$ . This implies

$$\begin{aligned} v &\geq (x_0 \wedge y) \vee z_1 \\ &= (x_0 \wedge y) \vee (x_1 \wedge z_1) \vee z_1 \\ &= ((x_0 \vee (x_1 \wedge z_1)) \wedge y) \vee z_1 \\ &= ((x_0 \vee z_1) \wedge x_1 \wedge y) \vee z_1 \\ &= (x_1 \wedge y) \vee z_1 \text{ as } x_0 \vee z_1 = d_a \geq x_1 \wedge y \\ &= t. \end{aligned}$$

So,  $v \ge t$  and  $a^{\circ}\varphi \cap (a\varphi \lor [y)) = [t)$ .

(iii). From (ii) there exists  $y_1 \in a\varphi$  such that  $[y_1) \vee a^{\circ}\varphi = [y) \vee a^{\circ}\varphi$ . Using Lemma 3.3 and modularity of F(D), we get

$$\begin{aligned} ((a\varphi \cap b^{\circ}\varphi) \vee [y)) \cap (a^{\circ}\varphi \vee b\varphi \vee [y)) \\ &= ((a\varphi \cap b^{\circ}\varphi) \cap (a^{\circ}\varphi \vee b\varphi \vee [y))) \vee [y) \\ &= ((a\varphi \cap b^{\circ}\varphi) \cap (a^{\circ}\varphi \vee b\varphi \vee [y_{1}))) \vee [y) \\ &= (b^{\circ}\varphi \cap (a\varphi \cap (a^{\circ}\varphi \vee b\varphi \vee [y_{1})))) \vee [y) \\ &= (b^{\circ}\varphi \cap ((a\varphi \cap (a^{\circ}\varphi \vee b\varphi)) \vee [y_{1}))) \vee [y) \\ &= (b^{\circ}\varphi \cap ([d_{a}) \vee (a\varphi \cap b\varphi) \vee [y_{1}))) \vee [y) \\ &= (b^{\circ}\varphi \cap (a\varphi \cap (b\varphi \vee [y_{1} \wedge d_{a})))) \vee [y) \\ &= [t_{2}) \vee [y) \\ &= [t_{2} \wedge y). \end{aligned}$$

where  $t_1, t_2 \in D$  are such elements that  $b^{\circ}\varphi \cap (b\varphi \vee [y_1 \wedge d_a)) = [t_1)$  (see the proof of (ii)),  $a\varphi \cap [t_1) = [t_2)$  from (i). Thus  $t = t_2 \wedge y$ .

**Theorem 3.5** Let  $(K, D, \varphi)$  be a <u>K</u><sub>2</sub>-triple. Then for any  $a, b \in K$  and  $x, y \in D$  there exists an element  $t \in D$  such that

$$(a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x)) \cap (b^{\circ}\varphi \vee [y)) = (a \vee b)^{\circ}\varphi \vee [t).$$

**Proof** Let  $a, b \in K$  and  $x, y \in D$ . It is enough to show that there is  $t \in D$  such that

$$(a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x)) \cap (b^{\circ}\varphi \vee [y)) \cap (a \wedge b)\varphi = [t)$$

because then

$$\begin{split} [t) \lor (a \lor b)^{\circ} \varphi &= ((a^{\circ} \varphi \lor [x)) \cap (b^{\circ} \varphi \lor [y)) \cap (a \land b) \varphi) \lor (a \lor b)^{\circ} \varphi \\ &= (a^{\circ} \varphi \lor [x)) \cap (b^{\circ} \varphi \lor [y)) \cap ((a \land b) \varphi \lor (a \lor b)^{\circ} \varphi) \\ &= (a^{\circ} \varphi \lor [x)) \cap (b^{\circ} \varphi \lor [y)) \end{split}$$

by modularity of F(D) and since  $(a \lor b)\varphi \lor (a \lor b)^{\circ}\varphi = D$ . In accordance with Lemma 3.4, we can suppose  $x \in a\varphi$  and  $y \in b\varphi$ . Then by Lemma 3.3 and by modularity of F(D),

$$\begin{aligned} (a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x)) \cap (b^{\circ}\varphi \vee [y)) \cap (a \vee b)\varphi \\ &= ((a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x)) \cap (a\varphi \vee b\varphi)) \cap ((b^{\circ}\varphi \vee [y)) \cap (a\varphi \vee b\varphi)) \\ &= ((a^{\circ}\varphi \cap (a\varphi \vee b\varphi)) \vee [x)) \cap ((b^{\circ}\varphi \cap (a\varphi \vee b\varphi)) \vee [y)) \\ &= ((a^{\circ}\varphi \cap a\varphi) \vee (a^{\circ}\varphi \cap b\varphi) \vee [x)) \cap ((b^{\circ}\varphi \cap a\varphi) \vee (b^{\circ}\varphi \cap b\varphi) \vee [y)) \\ &= ([d_{a} \wedge x) \vee (a^{\circ}\varphi \cap b\varphi)) \cap ([d_{b} \wedge y) \vee (b^{\circ}\varphi \cap a\varphi)) \end{aligned}$$

where  $d_a$ ,  $d_b$  are as in the proof of Lemma 3.4. Denote  $x_0 = x \wedge d_a$ ,  $y_0 = y \wedge d_b$ and  $x_0 \wedge y_0 = z$ . We first show that

$$((a\varphi \cap b^{\circ}\varphi) \vee [z)) \cap ((a^{\circ}\varphi \cap b\varphi) \vee [z)) = [p),$$

for some  $p \in D$ . Since  $a^{\circ}\varphi \vee b\varphi \supseteq a^{\circ}\varphi \cap b\varphi$ , we can write

$$\begin{aligned} &((a\varphi \cap b^{\circ}\varphi) \vee [z)) \cap ((a^{\circ}\varphi \cap b\varphi) \vee [z)) \\ &= ((a\varphi \cap b^{\circ}\varphi) \vee [z)) \cap (a^{\circ}\varphi \vee b\varphi \vee [z)) \cap ((a^{\circ}\varphi \cap b\varphi) \vee [z)) \\ &= [q) \cap ((a^{\circ}\varphi \cap b\varphi) \vee [z)) \end{aligned}$$

where  $[q) = ((a\varphi \cap b^{\circ}\varphi) \vee [z)) \cap (a^{\circ}\varphi \vee b\varphi \vee [z))$ , by Lemma 3.4 (iii). Evidently  $[q) \supseteq [z)$ . Hence by modularity we get

$$\begin{split} &[q) \cap \left( (a^{\circ}\varphi \cap b\varphi) \vee [z) \right) \\ &= \left( [q) \cap a^{\circ}\varphi \cap b\varphi \right) \vee [z) \\ &= \left( [q) \cap (a^{\circ} \wedge b)\varphi \right) \vee [z) \\ &= [t_1) \vee [z) \text{ where } [q) \cap (a^{\circ} \wedge b)\varphi = [t_1) \text{ by Lemma 4.3(i)} \\ &= [t_1 \wedge z) \\ &= [p) \text{ where } p = t_1 \wedge z. \end{split}$$

Since  $[p) \supseteq [z] \supseteq [x_0), [y_0)$  and F(D) is modular, we have

$$\begin{split} ([x_0) \lor (a^\circ \varphi \cap b\varphi)) &\cap ([y_0) \lor (b^\circ \varphi \cap a\varphi)) \\ &= ([p) \cap ([x_0) \lor (a^\circ \varphi \cap b\varphi))) \cap ([p) \cap ([y_0) \lor (b^\circ \varphi \cap a\varphi))) \\ &= (([p) \cap (a^\circ \varphi \cap b\varphi)) \lor [x_0)) \cap (([p) \cap (b^\circ \varphi \cap a\varphi)) \lor [y_0)) \\ &= ([v) \lor [x_0)) \cap ([w) \lor [y_0)) \text{ for some } v, w \in D \\ &= [(u \land x_0) \lor (w \land y_0)) \\ &= [t), \end{split}$$

where  $[v) = [p) \cap a^{\circ}\varphi \cap b\varphi$ ,  $[w) = [p) \cap b^{\circ}\varphi \cap a\varphi$  and  $t = (u \wedge x_0) \vee (w \wedge y_0) \in D$ .

# 4 $K_2$ -construction

In this section we generalize the construction of [3, 4] from the so-called  $K_2$ -algebras to  $\underline{K}_2$ -algebras. Also we prove that there exists a one-to-one correspondence between  $\underline{K}_2$ -algebras and  $\underline{K}_2$ -quadruples.

**Definition 4.1** A <u> $K_2$ </u>-quadruple is  $(K, D, \varphi, \gamma)$  where

(i)  $(K, D, \varphi)$  is a <u>K</u><sub>2</sub>-triple, and

(ii)  $\gamma$  is a monomial congruence on D, that is every  $\gamma$  class  $[y]\gamma$  has a largest element  $(\max[y]\gamma)$ .

Let  $L \in \underline{\mathbf{K}}_2$ . Then  $(L^{\circ\circ}, L^{\vee}, \varphi(L))$  is a  $K_2$ -triple. Let  $\gamma(L)$  be the restriction of the congruence  $\Phi$  on  $L^{\vee}$ . Since  $\max[x]\gamma = x^{\circ\circ}$ , for every  $x \in L^{\vee}$ . Then  $\gamma(L)$  is a monomial congruence on  $L^{\vee}$ . We say that  $(L^{\circ\circ}, L^{\vee}, \varphi(L), \gamma(L))$  is the quadruple associated with L and this quadruple is a  $\underline{K}_2$ -quadruple.

**Theorem 4.2** Let  $(K, D, \varphi, \gamma)$  be a <u>K</u><sub>2</sub>-quadruple. Then

$$L = \{(a, a^{\circ}\varphi \lor [x)) \colon a \in K, x \in D, \max[x]\gamma \in a^{\circ}\varphi\}$$

is a  $\underline{K}_2$ -algebra if we define

$$\begin{aligned} (a, a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x)) \wedge (b, b^{\circ}\varphi \vee [y)) &= (a \wedge b, (a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x)) \vee (b^{\circ}\varphi \vee [y))), \\ (a, a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x)) \vee (b, b^{\circ}\varphi \vee [y)) &= (a \vee b, (a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x)) \cap (b^{\circ}\varphi \vee [y))), \\ (a, a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x))^{\circ} &= (a^{\circ}, a\varphi), \\ 1_{L} &= (1, [1)), \\ 0_{L} &= (0, D). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover,  $L^{\circ\circ} \cong K$ .

**Proof** Let  $F_d(D)$  denote the dual lattice to the modular lattice F(D) of all filters of D. Evidently, L is a subset of the direct product  $K \times F_d(D)$ . We show

first that L is a sublattice of  $K \times F_d(D)$ . Let  $(a, a^{\circ} \varphi \vee [x)), (b, b^{\circ} \varphi \vee [y)) \in L$ . Then

$$(a,a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x)) \wedge (b,b^{\circ}\varphi \vee [y)) = (a \wedge b,(a \wedge b)^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x \wedge y)) \in L,$$

because of  $\varphi$  is a lattice homomorphism and

$$\max[x \wedge y]\gamma = \max[x]\gamma \wedge \max[y]\gamma \in a^{\circ}\varphi \lor b^{\circ}\varphi = (a \wedge b)^{\circ}\varphi.$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} (a, a^{\circ}\varphi \lor [x)) \lor (b, b^{\circ}\varphi \lor [y)) \\ &= (a \lor b, (a^{\circ}\varphi \lor [x)) \cap (b^{\circ}\varphi \lor [y))) \\ &= (a \lor b, (a \lor b)^{\circ}\varphi \lor [t)) \text{ for some } t \in D, \text{ by Theorem 3.5.} \end{aligned}$$

Now we prove that  $\max[x]\gamma \in a^{\circ}\varphi$  and  $\max[y]\gamma \in b^{\circ}\varphi$  implies  $\max[t]\gamma \in (a \lor b)^{\circ}\varphi$ . From the proof of Theorem 3.5,  $t = (v \land x_0) \lor (w \land y_0)$  where  $v \in a^{\circ}\varphi$ ,  $w \in b^{\circ}\varphi$ ,  $x_0 = x \land d_a$  and  $y_0 = y \land d_a$ . Then

$$t = (v \land x \land d_a) \lor (w \land y \land d_b) = (x \land v_0) \lor (y \land w_0)$$

where  $v_0 = v \wedge d_a \in a^{\circ}\varphi$  and  $w_0 = w \wedge d_b \in b^{\circ}\varphi$ . Then

 $\max[t]\gamma \geq (\max[x]\gamma \wedge \max[v_0]\gamma) \vee (\max[y]\gamma \wedge [w_0]\gamma) \in a^{\circ}\varphi \cap b^{\circ}\varphi = (a \lor b)^{\circ}\varphi,$ 

because of  $\max[v_0]\gamma \geq v_0 \in a^{\circ}\varphi$  and  $\max[w_0]\gamma \geq w_0 \in b^{\circ}\varphi$  implies  $\max[v_0]\gamma \in a^{\circ}\varphi$  and  $\max[w_0]\gamma \in b^{\circ}\varphi$ , respectively. Then  $(a \lor b, (a \lor b)^{\circ}\varphi \lor [t)) \in L$ . Therefore L is a sublattice of  $K \times F_d(D)$ . Hence L is a modular lattice. The order of L is given by

$$(a, a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x)) \leq (b, b^{\circ}\varphi \vee [y))$$
 iff  $a \leq b$  and  $a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x] \supseteq b^{\circ}\varphi \vee [y).$ 

L is bounded and

$$(0,D) \le (a, a^{\circ}\varphi \lor [x)) \le (1,[1))$$

In addition,

$$(a, a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x)) \leq (a, a^{\circ}\varphi) = (a, a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x))^{\circ\circ},$$
$$((a, a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x)) \wedge (b, b^{\circ}\varphi \vee [y)))^{\circ} = (a, a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x))^{\circ} \vee (b, b^{\circ}\varphi \vee [y))^{\circ},$$
$$(1, [1))^{\circ} = (0, D).$$

Then L is a modular *GMS*-algebra. Also we get

$$\begin{aligned} (a, a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x)) \wedge (a, a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x))^{\circ} \\ &= (a \wedge a^{\circ}, a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x) \vee a\varphi) \\ &= (a \wedge a^{\circ}, a^{\circ}\varphi \vee a\varphi) \text{ as } [x) \subseteq a\varphi \vee a^{\circ}\varphi = D \\ &= (a, a^{\circ}\varphi) \wedge (a^{\circ}, a\varphi) \\ &= (a, a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x))^{\circ \circ} \wedge (a, a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x))^{\circ}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$a, a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x)) \wedge (a, a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x))^{\circ} \leq (b, b^{\circ}\varphi \vee [y)) \vee (b, b^{\circ}\varphi \vee [y))^{\circ}.$$

Hence  $L \in \underline{\mathbf{K}}_2$ . Now,

$$L^{\circ\circ} = \{(a, a^{\circ}\varphi \lor [x))^{\circ\circ} \colon (a, a^{\circ}\varphi \lor [x)) \in L\} = \{(a, a^{\circ}\varphi) \colon a \in K\} \cong K$$

under the isomorphism  $(a, a^{\circ}\varphi) \mapsto a$ . Then  $L^{\circ\circ}$  is a Kleene algebra. Therefore L is a  $\underline{K}_2$ -algebra.

Corollary 4.3 From Theorem 4.2, we have

(1)  $L^{\vee} = \{(a, a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x)) \in L : a \in K^{\vee}, x \in D\},\$ (2)  $D(L) = \{(1, [x)) : x \in [1]\gamma, x \in D\}.$ 

**Corollary 4.4** Let  $(K, D, \varphi, \gamma)$  be a <u>K</u><sub>2</sub>-quadruple. Then

(1) If D is a distributive lattice, then L described by Theorem 4.2 is a  $K_2$ -algebra;

(2) If K is a Boolean algebra and  $\gamma = \iota$ , then L described by Theorem 4.2 is a modular S-algebra;

(3) If K is a Boolean algebra, D is a distributive lattice and  $\gamma = \iota$ , then L described by Theorem 4.2 is a Stone algebra.

We say that  $L \in \underline{\mathbf{K}}_2$  from Theorem 4.2 is associated with the  $\underline{K}_2$ -quadruple  $(K, D, \varphi, \gamma)$  and the construction of L described in Theorem 4.2 will be called a  $\underline{K}_2$ -construction.

**Theorem 4.5** Let  $L \in \underline{\mathbf{K}}_2$ . Let  $(L^{\circ\circ}, L^{\vee}, \varphi(L), \gamma(L))$  be the  $\underline{\mathbf{K}}_2$ -quadruple associated with L. Then  $L_1$  associated with  $(L^{\circ\circ}, L^{\vee}, \varphi(L), \gamma(L))$  is isomorphic to L.

**Proof** For every  $x \in L$ ,  $x = x^{\circ \circ} \wedge (x \vee x^{\circ})$  and by modularity of F(L), we observe

$$x^{\circ}\varphi(L) \vee [x \vee x^{\circ}) = ([x^{\circ\circ}) \cap L^{\vee}) \vee [x \vee x^{\circ}) = L^{\vee} \cap ([x^{\circ\circ}) \vee [x \vee x^{\circ})) = L^{\vee} \cap [x).$$

We shall prove that the mapping  $f: L \to L_1$  defined by

$$xf = (x^{\circ \circ}, x^{\circ}\varphi(L) \lor [x \lor x^{\circ})) = (x^{\circ \circ}, L^{\vee} \cap [x))$$

is the described isomorphism. Obviously  $xf \in L_1$ , since  $\max[x \vee x^\circ]\gamma(L) = (x \vee x^\circ)^{\circ\circ} = x^{\circ\circ} \vee x^\circ \in [x^{\circ\circ}) \cap L^{\vee} = x^\circ \varphi(L)$ . For every  $x, y \in L$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (x \wedge y)f &= ((x \wedge y)^{\circ\circ}, (x \wedge y)^{\circ}\varphi(L) \vee [(x \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge y)^{\circ})) \\ &= ((x \wedge y)^{\circ\circ}, [x \wedge y) \cap L^{\vee}), \\ xf \wedge yf &= (x^{\circ\circ}, x^{\circ}\varphi(L) \vee [x \vee x^{\circ})) \wedge (y^{\circ\circ}, y^{\circ}\varphi(L) \vee [y \vee y^{\circ})) \\ &= (x^{\circ\circ} \wedge y^{\circ\circ}, x^{\circ}\varphi(L) \vee [x \vee x^{\circ}) \vee y^{\circ}\varphi(L) \vee [y \vee y^{\circ})) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $x = x^{\circ\circ} \wedge (x \vee x^{\circ})$ ,  $y = y^{\circ\circ} \wedge (y \vee y^{\circ})$  and  $\varphi(L)$  is a polarity (see Lemma 3.1), then by modularity of F(L), we have

$$\begin{aligned} x^{\circ}\varphi(L) &\vee [x \vee x^{\circ}) \vee y^{\circ}\varphi(L) \vee [y \vee y^{\circ}) \\ &= (x \wedge y)^{\circ}\varphi(L) \vee [(x \vee x^{\circ}) \wedge (y \vee y^{\circ})) \\ &= ([(x \wedge y)^{\circ\circ}) \cap L^{\vee}) \vee [(x \vee x^{\circ}) \wedge (y \vee y^{\circ})) \\ &= L^{\vee} \cap ([(x \wedge y)^{\circ\circ}) \vee [(x \vee x^{\circ}) \wedge (y \vee y^{\circ})) \\ &= L^{\vee} \cap [x^{\circ\circ} \wedge y^{\circ\circ} \wedge (x \vee x^{\circ}) \wedge (y \vee y^{\circ})) \\ &= L^{\vee} \cap [x \wedge y]. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $(x \wedge y)f = xf \wedge yf$ . Also,

$$\begin{split} (x \lor y)f &= ((x \lor y)^{\circ \circ}, [x \lor y) \cap L^{\vee}) \\ &= (x^{\circ \circ} \lor y^{\circ \circ}, [x) \cap [y) \cap L^{\vee}) \\ &= (x^{\circ \circ} \lor y^{\circ \circ}, ([x) \cap L^{\vee}) \cap ([y) \cap L^{\vee})) \\ &= (x^{\circ \circ}, [x) \cap L^{\vee}) \lor (y^{\circ \circ}, [y) \cap L^{\vee}) \\ &= xf \lor yf \end{split}$$

and  $0f=(0,L^{\vee}),$  1f=(1,[1)). Then f is a (0,1)-lattice homomorphism. Now,

$$(xf)^{\circ} = (x^{\circ\circ}, x^{\circ}\varphi(L) \vee [x \vee x^{\circ}))^{\circ}$$
$$= (x^{\circ}, x^{\circ\circ}\varphi(L))$$
$$= (x^{\circ}, [x^{\circ}) \cap L^{\vee})$$
$$= x^{\circ}f,$$

hence f is a homomorphism of  $\underline{K}_2$ -algebras. Now assume  $x_1 f = x_2 f$ . Then  $(x_1^{\circ\circ}, [x_1) \cap L^{\vee}) = (x_2^{\circ\circ}, [x_2) \cap L^{\vee})$ . It follows that  $x_1^{\circ\circ} = x_2^{\circ\circ}$  and  $[x_1) \cap L^{\vee} = [x_2) \cap L^{\vee}$ . Now

$$\begin{split} & [x_1) = [x_1^{\circ\circ} \wedge (x_1 \vee x_1^{\circ})) \\ & = [x_1^{\circ\circ}) \vee [x_1 \vee x_1^{\circ}) \\ & = [x_1^{\circ\circ}) \vee (L^{\vee} \cap [x_1 \vee x_1^{\circ})) \text{ as } x_1 \vee x_1^{\circ} \in L^{\vee} \\ & = [x_1^{\circ\circ}) \vee (L^{\vee} \cap [x_1) \cap [x_1^{\circ})) \\ & = [x_2^{\circ\circ}) \vee (L^{\vee} \cap [x_2) \cap [x_2^{\circ})) \\ & = [x_2^{\circ\circ}) \vee (L^{\vee} \cap [x_2 \vee x_2^{\circ})) \\ & = [x_2^{\circ\circ}) \vee [x_2 \vee x_2^{\circ}) \text{ as } x_2 \vee x_2^{\circ} \in L^{\vee} \\ & = [x_2^{\circ\circ} \wedge (x_2 \vee x_2^{\circ})) \\ & = [x_2). \end{split}$$

Consequently,  $x_1 = x_2$  and f is injective. It remains to prove that f is surjective. Let  $(x^{\circ\circ}, x^{\circ}\varphi(L) \vee [z)) \in L_1$ , that is  $z^{\circ\circ} = \max[z]\gamma(L) \in x^{\circ}\varphi(L) = [x^{\circ\circ}) \cap L^{\vee}$ . Then by modularity of F(L) we get

$$(x^{\circ\circ}, x^{\circ}\varphi(L) \vee [z)) = (x^{\circ\circ}, ([x^{\circ\circ}) \cap L^{\vee}) \vee [z)) = (x^{\circ\circ}, L^{\vee} \cap [x^{\circ\circ} \wedge z)).$$

Set  $h = x^{\circ\circ} \wedge z$ . Then  $h^{\circ\circ} = x^{\circ\circ} \wedge z^{\circ\circ} = x^{\circ\circ}$  and consequently

$$(x^{\circ\circ}, x^{\circ}\varphi(L) \vee [z)) = (h^{\circ\circ}, [h) \cap L^{\vee}) = (h^{\circ\circ}, h^{\circ}\varphi(L) \vee [h \vee h^{\circ})) = hf.$$

Thus f is an isomorphism.

#### 5 Isomorphisms

In this section we define an isomorphism between two  $\underline{K}_2$ -quadruples and we show that two  $\underline{K}_2$ -algebras are isomorphic if and only if their associated  $\underline{K}_2$ -quadruples are isomorphic.

**Definition 5.1** An isomorphism of the  $\underline{K}_2$ -quadruples  $(K, D, \varphi, \gamma)$  and  $(K_1, D_1, \varphi_1, \gamma_1)$  is a pair (f, g), where f is an isomorphism of K and  $K_1, g$  is an isomorphism of D and  $D_1$  such that  $x \equiv y(\gamma)$  iff  $xg \equiv yg(\gamma_1)$  for all  $x, y \in D$  and the diagram

$$\begin{array}{c} K & \xrightarrow{\varphi} F(D) \\ f \downarrow & \downarrow F(g) \\ K_1 & \xrightarrow{\varphi_1} F(D_1) \end{array}$$

commutes (F(g)) stands for the isomorphism of F(D) and  $F(D_1)$  induced by g).

**Theorem 5.2** Let  $L, M \in \underline{\mathbf{K}}_2$ . Then  $L \cong M$  if and only if

$$(L^{\circ\circ}, L^{\vee}, \varphi(L), \gamma(L)) \cong (M^{\circ\circ}, M^{\vee}, \varphi(M), \gamma(M)).$$

**Proof** Let  $\theta: L \to M$  be an isomorphism. We have two isomorphisms,  $f: L^{\circ \circ} \to M^{\circ \circ}$  defined by  $xf = x\theta$  and  $g: L^{\vee} \to M^{\vee}$  defined by  $xg = x\theta$ . Now define  $F(g): F(L^{\vee}) \to F(M^{\vee})$  by  $AF(g) = \{a\theta: a \in A\}$ .

For every  $a \in L^{\circ \circ}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (af)\varphi(M) &= (a\theta)\varphi(M) = [(a\theta)^{\circ}) \cap M^{\vee}, \\ a\varphi(L)F(g) &= ([a^{\circ}) \cap L^{\vee})F(g) = \{y\theta \colon y \in [a^{\circ}) \cap L^{\vee}\} = [(a\theta)^{\circ}) \cap M^{\vee}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $x, y \in L^{\vee}$ ,  $x \equiv y(\gamma(L))$  iff  $x^{\circ\circ} = y^{\circ\circ}$  iff  $x^{\circ\circ}\theta = y^{\circ\circ}\theta$  iff  $(xg)^{\circ\circ} = (x\theta)^{\circ\circ} = x^{\circ\circ}\theta = y^{\circ\circ}\theta = (y\theta)^{\circ\circ} = (yg)^{\circ\circ}$ . Hence  $xg \equiv yg(\gamma(M))$ . Then (f,g) is a <u>K</u><sub>2</sub>-quadruple isomorphism. Conversely, we have to show that the isomorphism (f,g) of <u>K</u><sub>2</sub>-quadruples  $(L^{\circ\circ}, L^{\vee}, \varphi(L), \gamma(L))$  and  $(M^{\circ\circ}, M^{\vee}, \varphi(M), \gamma(M))$  implies the existence of an isomorphism  $h \colon L \to M$ , between <u>K</u><sub>2</sub>-algebras L, M constructed by <u>K</u><sub>2</sub>-construction. We claim that

$$(a, a^{\circ}\varphi(L) \lor [x))h = (af, (af)^{\circ}\varphi(M) \lor [xg))$$

is the desired isomorphism. Firstly we note that

$$(\max[x]\gamma(L))g = \max[xg]\gamma(M)$$
 for all  $x \in L^{\vee}$ 

Then

$$\max[xg]\gamma(M) = (\max[x]\gamma(L))g \in (a^{\circ}\varphi(L))F(g) = (af)^{\circ}\varphi(M)$$

as  $\max[x]\gamma(L) \in a^{\circ}\varphi(L)$ . Hence h is well defined. Since f and F(g) are isomorphisms, then we get

$$\begin{split} (a, a^{\circ}\varphi(L) \vee [x)) &\leq (b, b^{\circ}\varphi(L) \vee [y)) \\ \Leftrightarrow a \leq b, a^{\circ}\varphi(L) \vee [x) \supseteq b^{\circ}\varphi(L) \vee [y) \\ \Leftrightarrow af \leq bf, (a^{\circ}\varphi(L) \vee [x))F(g) \supseteq (b^{\circ}\varphi(L) \vee [y))F(g) \\ \Leftrightarrow af \leq bf, (a^{\circ}\varphi(L))F(g) \vee [x)F(g) \supseteq (b^{\circ}\varphi(L))F(g) \vee [y)F(g) \\ \Leftrightarrow af \leq bf, (af)^{\circ}\varphi(M) \vee [xg) \supseteq (bf)^{\circ}\varphi(M) \vee [yg) \\ \Leftrightarrow (af, (af)^{\circ}\varphi(M) \vee [xg)) \leq (bf, (bf)^{\circ}\varphi(M) \vee [yg)) \\ \Leftrightarrow (a, a^{\circ}\varphi(L) \vee [x))h \leq (b, b^{\circ}\varphi(L) \vee [y))h. \end{split}$$

Thus, since h is a bijection, h is an isomorphism.

In a subsequent paper, we shall consider homomorphisms, subalgebras and congruence pairs of  $\underline{K}_2$ -algebras.

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