

Complemented congruences on double Ockham algebras

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ABSTRACT. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$, an algebra $\mathcal{L} = (L, \wedge, \vee, f, g, 0, 1)$ of type $(2, 2, 1, 1, 0, 0)$ is said to be a double $\mathbf{K}_{n,m}$ -algebra, if \mathcal{L} is a double Ockham algebra that satisfies the identities $f^{2n+m} = f^m$, $g^{2n+m} = g^m$, $fg = g^{2z}$ and $gf = f^{2z}$, where z is the smallest natural number greater than or equal to $m/2n$. In [2], T. Blyth, A. Noor and J. Varlet study congruences on some double $\mathbf{K}_{1,1}$ -algebras. They describe the complement (when it exists) of a principal congruence and, using this description, they also determine when the complement exists. In this paper we generalize this work for double $\mathbf{K}_{n,m}$ -algebras.

1. Preliminaries

The variety \mathbf{O} of Ockham algebras is the class of all algebras $(L, \wedge, \vee, h, 0, 1)$ of type $(2, 2, 1, 0, 0)$ such that $(L, \wedge, \vee, 0, 1)$ is a bounded distributive lattice and h is a dual endomorphism of this lattice, i.e., $h(0) = 1$, $h(1) = 0$, $h(x \wedge y) = h(x) \vee h(y)$ and $h(x \vee y) = h(x) \wedge h(y)$. These algebras were defined by J. Berman in [1]. We write (L, h) for an Ockham algebra $(L, \wedge, \vee, h, 0, 1)$ and we represent both the universe L and the lattice $(L, \wedge, \vee, 0, 1)$ by L . The subvariety of \mathbf{O} characterized by the identity $h^{2n+m} = h^m$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$, is denoted by $\mathbf{K}_{n,m}$ and the elements of this class are called $\mathbf{K}_{n,m}$ -algebras. Further information about Ockham algebras and $\mathbf{K}_{n,m}$ -algebras can be found in [1] and [3].

For each $\mathcal{L} = (L, h) \in \mathbf{O}$, and for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$, the sets $h^m(L)$ and $L_{n,m} = \{x \in L : h^{2n+m}(x) = h^m(x)\}$ are subuniverses of \mathcal{L} . By $h^m(\mathcal{L})$ and $\mathcal{L}_{n,m}$ we denote the subalgebras $(h^m(L), h)$ and $(L_{n,m}, h)$ of \mathcal{L} , respectively. It is useful to notice that, if $\mathcal{L} \in \mathbf{K}_{n,m}$ then $h^m(\mathcal{L}) \in \mathbf{K}_{n,0}$.

Associated to Ockham algebras we have the notion of double Ockham algebras, introduced by M. Sequeira in [5]. A double Ockham algebra is an algebra $\mathcal{L} = (L, \wedge, \vee, f, g, 0, 1)$ of type $(2, 2, 1, 1, 0, 0)$ such that $(L, \wedge, \vee, f, 0, 1)$ and $(L, \wedge, \vee, g, 0, 1)$ are Ockham algebras. The variety of double Ockham algebras is represented by \mathbf{O}_2 . We denote a double Ockham algebra $\mathcal{L} = (L, \wedge, \vee, f, g, 0, 1)$ by $\mathcal{L} = (L, f, g)$ and we represent by L , both, the universe L and the distributive lattice $(L, \wedge, \vee, 0, 1)$. For the Ockham algebras that are reduct of $\mathcal{L} = (L, f, g)$ we write (L, f) and (L, g) .

Let $\mathcal{L} = (L, f, g) \in \mathbf{O}_2$. For each $h \in \{f, g\}$, and all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and all $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$, we represent by $L_{m,n}^h$ the set $\{x \in L : h^{2n+m}(x) = h^m(x)\}$. We write $(L_{n,m}^f, f)$ and

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$(L_{n,m}^g, g)$ for the greatest subalgebras of (L, f) and (L, g) , respectively, that belong to $\mathbf{K}_{n,m}$.

Let $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ and let q be the smallest natural number that is greater than or equal to $m/2n$; in what follows this element will be denoted by $\lceil m/2n \rceil$. The subvariety of \mathbf{O}_2 characterized by the identities $f^{2n+m} = f^m$, $g^{2n+m} = g^m$, $gf = f^{2qn}$, $fg = g^{2qn}$ is represented by $\mathbf{DK}_{n,m}$, [5], and the elements of this variety are called double $\mathbf{K}_{n,m}$ -algebras.

Given $\mathcal{L} = (L, f, g) \in \mathbf{DK}_{n,m}$, we have that $f^m(L)$ is a subuniverse of \mathcal{L} . So, $(f^m(L), f, g)$ is a subalgebra of \mathcal{L} , that we denote by $f^m(\mathcal{L})$, and the Ockham algebras $(f^m(L), f)$ and $(f^m(L), g)$ are subalgebras of (L, f) and (L, g) , respectively.

About double $\mathbf{K}_{n,m}$ -algebras it is useful to remind that if $\mathcal{L} = (L, f, g) \in \mathbf{DK}_{n,m}$, then $f^{2n+k} = f^k$ and $g^{2n+k} = g^k$, for all $k \geq m$. We denote by $r(t)$ the remainder of the integer t on division by $2n$ and, for $1 \leq i, j \leq 2n+m-1$, let $z_{i,j} = m+r(j-i-m)$. Taking into account the relation between operations f and g it follows that:

Lemma 1.1. [5, Proposition 2] *Let $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$, $\mathcal{L} = (L, f, g) \in \mathbf{DK}_{n,m}$ and $q = \lceil m/2n \rceil$. Then*

- i) $f^i g^i = g^{q2n}$, $g^i f^i = f^{q2n}$, $1 \leq i \leq 2n+m-1$.
- ii) $g^i f^j = f^{z_{i,j}}$, $f^j g^i = g^{z_{j,i}}$, $1 \leq i, j \leq 2n+m-1$.
- iii) $f^m(L) = g^m(L)$. □

We now present some notation related to congruences. Given an algebra \mathcal{L} (element of \mathbf{O} or element of \mathbf{O}_2) we denote by:

- $\text{Con}_{\text{lat}} \mathcal{L}$ and $\text{Con} \mathcal{L}$, the congruence lattice of the distributive lattice L (reduct of \mathcal{L}) and the algebra \mathcal{L} , respectively;
- $\theta_{\text{lat}}(a, b)$ and $\theta(a, b)$ the least congruence of $\text{Con}_{\text{lat}} \mathcal{L}$ and $\text{Con} \mathcal{L}$, respectively, that identifies the elements a and b of L ;
- $\mathbf{0}$ and $\mathbf{1}$ the identity and the universal congruence of \mathcal{L} , respectively;
- $\theta_{L'}$, a congruence defined on a subalgebra \mathcal{L}' of \mathcal{L} ($\mathbf{0}_{L'}$ and $\mathbf{1}_{L'}$ represent, respectively, the identity and the universal congruences of \mathcal{L}').

For $\mathcal{L} = (L, f, g) \in \mathbf{DK}_{n,m}$ we represent by:

- $\text{Con}_f \mathcal{L}$ and $\text{Con}_g \mathcal{L}$, the congruence lattice of the algebra (L, f) and the algebra (L, g) , respectively;
- $\theta_f(a, b)$ and $\theta_g(a, b)$ the least congruence of $\text{Con}_f \mathcal{L}$ and $\text{Con}_g \mathcal{L}$, respectively, that identifies the elements a and b of L ;
- $\theta_{f, f^m(L)}(a, b)$, $\theta_{g, f^m(L)}(a, b)$ the least congruence of $\text{Con}_f f^m(\mathcal{L})$ and $\text{Con}_g f^m(\mathcal{L})$, respectively, that identifies the elements a and b of $f^m(L)$.

Remark: Let $\mathcal{L} = (L, f, g) \in \mathbf{DK}_{n,m}$. Given $\theta_f \in \text{Con}_f \mathcal{L}$ and $\theta_g \in \text{Con}_g \mathcal{L}$, since $\theta_f, \theta_g \in \text{Con}_{\text{lat}} \mathcal{L}$, we represent by $\theta_f \vee \theta_g$ and $\theta_f \wedge \theta_g$, respectively, the join and the meet of θ_f and θ_g on $\text{Con}_{\text{lat}} \mathcal{L}$.

To study principal congruences of $\mathcal{L} = (L, f, g) \in \mathbf{O}_2$ it suffices to consider the congruence $\theta(a, b)$ for $a \leq b$ since, for any congruence θ of a lattice L' and any $x, y \in L'$, we have $(x, y) \in \theta$ if and only if $(x \wedge y, x \vee y) \in \theta$.

For any $\mathcal{L} \in \mathbf{O}$ (resp. \mathbf{O}_2), the lattice $\text{Con} \mathcal{L}$ is distributive. Also, for any subalgebra \mathcal{L}' of an algebra $\mathcal{L} \in \mathbf{O}$, each congruence defined on \mathcal{L}' is the restriction of some congruence defined on \mathcal{L} . This means that the variety \mathbf{O} satisfies the congruence extension property. Consequently we have the following:

Lemma 1.2. *If $\mathcal{L} \in \mathbf{O}$, \mathcal{L}' is a subalgebra of \mathcal{L} and $a, b \in L'$, then*

$$\theta(a, b)|_{L'} = \theta_{L'}(a, b). \quad \square$$

The following result, that establishes that any principal congruence on $\mathcal{L} \in \mathbf{K}_{n,m}$ is the join of principal congruences on the distributive lattice L , is fundamental in the investigation of congruences defined on $\mathbf{K}_{n,m}$ -algebras.

Lemma 1.3. [1, Corollary Theorem 1] *If $\mathcal{L} = (L, h) \in \mathbf{K}_{n,m}$ and $a, b \in L$ with $a \leq b$ then*

$$\theta(a, b) = \bigvee_{i=0}^{2n+m-1} \theta_{\text{lat}}(h^i(a), h^i(b)). \quad \square$$

For double $\mathbf{K}_{n,m}$ -algebras it is also possible to establish a result similar to this one:

Lemma 1.4. [5] *If $\mathcal{L} = (L, f, g) \in \mathbf{DK}_{n,m}$ and $a, b \in L$ with $a \leq b$, then*

$$\theta(a, b) = \theta_{\text{lat}}(a, b) \vee \bigvee_{i=1}^{2n+m-1} \theta_{\text{lat}}(f^i(a), f^i(b)) \vee \bigvee_{j=1}^{2n+m-1} \theta_{\text{lat}}(g^j(a), g^j(b)). \quad \square$$

From Lemmas 1.3 and 1.4 is immediate that:

Lemma 1.5. *If $\mathcal{L} = (L, f, g) \in \mathbf{DK}_{n,m}$ and $a, b \in L$ are such that $a \leq b$, then*

$$\theta(a, b) = \theta_f(a, b) \vee \theta_g(a, b). \quad \square$$

Definition 1.6. By a *p-ladder* in an ordered set E we shall mean a subset of E that consists of two p -chains $a_1 < \dots < a_p$ and $b_1 < \dots < b_p$ such that $a_i \leq b_i$ for $i = 1, \dots, p$. We shall denote a p -ladder by $(a_i, b_i)_p$.

Let $T = \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ and, for $s \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, let $T_s = \{J : J \subseteq T, |J| = s\}$. Let $\mathcal{L} = (L, h) \in \mathbf{K}_{n,m}$ and $a, b \in L$ be such that $a \leq b$. For $s \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, let

$$\tilde{a}_{h,s} = \bigwedge_{J \in T_s} \bigvee_{j \in J} h^{2j}(a), \quad \tilde{b}_{h,s} = \bigwedge_{J \in T_s} \bigvee_{j \in J} h^{2j}(b).$$

It is easy to prove that the set $\{\tilde{a}_{h,s}, \tilde{b}_{h,s} : s = 1, \dots, n\}$ is an n -ladder consisting of elements that belong to the subalgebra $\mathcal{L}_{1,m}$. In the following theorem, which is an unpublished result of M. Sequeira, this n -ladder is used to establish that any principal congruence defined on a double $\mathbf{K}_{n,m}$ -algebra $\mathcal{L} = (L, f, g)$ is the join of principal congruences generated by elements of $L_{1,m}$.

Theorem 1.7. *Let $\mathcal{L} = (L, h) \in \mathbf{K}_{n,m}$ and $a, b \in L$ be such that $a \leq b$. Then*

$$\theta(a, b) = \bigvee_{s=1}^n \theta(\tilde{a}_{h,s}, \tilde{b}_{h,s}). \quad \square$$

Next Lemma follows immediately from Theorem 1.7 and Lemma 1.5 and describes each principal congruence defined on a double $\mathbf{K}_{n,m}$ -algebra $\mathcal{L} = (L, f, g)$ by means of elements of $L_{1,m}^f$ and elements of $L_{1,m}^g$.

Lemma 1.8. *If $\mathcal{L} = (L, f, g) \in \mathbf{DK}_{n,m}$ and $a, b \in L$ with $a \leq b$, then*

$$\theta(a, b) = \bigvee_{s=1}^n \theta_f(\tilde{a}_{f,s}, \tilde{b}_{f,s}) \vee \bigvee_{t=1}^n \theta_g(\tilde{a}_{g,t}, \tilde{b}_{g,t}). \quad \square$$

The purpose of this paper is to characterize the principal congruences $\theta(a, b)$ on double $\mathbf{K}_{n,m}$ -algebras that are complemented. The study of these congruences is strongly related to the following theorem which establishes that, given $\mathcal{L} = (L, f) \in \mathbf{O}$, all congruences generated by elements of $L_{1,0}$ are complemented. This theorem is, also, an unpublished result of M. Sequeira [5].

Theorem 1.9. *If $\mathcal{L} = (L, h) \in \mathbf{O}$ and $a, b \in L_{1,0}$ with $a \leq b$, then $\theta(a, b)$ is complemented in $\text{Con}(\mathcal{L})$, and*

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(a, b)' &= \theta(h(a) \vee b, 1) \vee \theta(h(a), h(a) \vee a) \vee \theta(b, b \vee h(b)) \\ &= \theta(0, a \wedge h(b)) \vee \theta(a \wedge h(a), a) \vee \theta(b \wedge h(b), h(b)). \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

2. Congruences

Let $\mathcal{L} = (L, f, g) \in \mathbf{DK}_{n,m}$ and $a, b \in L$ be such that $a \leq b$. By Lemma 1.5, the congruence $\theta(a, b)$ is the join, on $\text{Con}_{\text{lat}} \mathcal{L}$, of a principal congruence on (L, f) and a principal congruence on (L, g) . So, it is natural that the study of $\theta(a, b)$ uses various results obtained on [4]; where the author studies complemented congruences on $\mathbf{K}_{n,m}$ -algebras. Moreover, similar results for double $\mathbf{K}_{n,m}$ algebras, involving the relation between the operations f and g , need to be established. We start this section establishing and proving that results.

Lemma 2.1. *Let $\mathcal{L} = (L, f, g) \in \mathbf{DK}_{n,m}$, $i \in \mathbb{N}$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$ be such that $k \geq m$ and $a, b \in L$ with $a \leq b$. Then, given $x, y \in L$*

$$(x, y) \in \theta_{\text{lat}}(g^i(a), g^i(b)) \Rightarrow (f^k(x), f^k(y)) \in \theta_{\text{lat}}(g^t(a), g^t(b)),$$

for some $t \in \{m, \dots, 2n + m - 1\}$.

Proof. Let $x, y \in L$. If $(x, y) \in \theta_{\text{lat}}(g^i(a), g^i(b))$, for some $i \in \mathbb{N}$, then $(f^k(x), f^k(y)) \in \theta_{\text{lat}}(f^k(g^i(a)), f^k(g^i(b)))$. From Lemma 1.1 it follows that $f^k(g^i(a)) = g^t(a)$ and $f^k(g^i(b)) = g^t(b)$, with $t \in \{m, \dots, 2n + m - 1\}$. \square

Lemma 2.2. *Let $\mathcal{L} = (L, f, g) \in \mathbf{DK}_{n,m}$ and $a, b \in L$ with $a \leq b$. Then*

$$\theta_g(a, b)|_{f^m(L)} = \bigvee_{k=0}^{2n+m-1} \theta_{\text{lat}}(g^k(a), g^k(b))|_{f^m(L)}.$$

Proof. The result follows immediately from [4, Lemma 2.3] since $f^m(L) = g^m(L)$, $\theta_g(a, b) \in \text{Con}_g \mathcal{L}$ and $(L, g) \in \mathbf{K}_{n,m}$. \square

Lemma 2.3. *Let $\mathcal{L} = (L, f, g) \in \mathbf{DK}_{n,m}$ and $a, b \in L$ be such that $a \leq b$. Then,*

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(a, b)|_{f^m(L)} &= \theta_{\text{lat}}(a, b)|_{f^m(L)} \vee \bigvee_{i=1}^{2n+m-1} \theta_{\text{lat}}(f^i(a), f^i(b))|_{f^m(L)} \\ &\quad \vee \bigvee_{j=1}^{2n+m-1} \theta_{\text{lat}}(g^j(a), g^j(b))|_{f^m(L)}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. By Lemma 1.4 we have

$$\theta(a, b) = \theta_{\text{lat}}(a, b) \vee \bigvee_{i=1}^{2n+m-1} \theta_{\text{lat}}(f^i(a), f^i(b)) \vee \bigvee_{j=1}^{2n+m-1} \theta_{\text{lat}}(g^j(a), g^j(b))$$

and it is obvious that

$$\begin{aligned} &\theta_{\text{lat}}(a, b)|_{f^m(L)} \vee \bigvee_{i=1}^{2n+m-1} \theta_{\text{lat}}(f^i(a), f^i(b))|_{f^m(L)} \vee \bigvee_{j=1}^{2n+m-1} \theta_{\text{lat}}(g^j(a), g^j(b))|_{f^m(L)} \\ &\leq \left[\theta_{\text{lat}}(a, b) \vee \bigvee_{i=1}^{2n+m-1} \theta_{\text{lat}}(f^i(a), f^i(b)) \vee \bigvee_{j=1}^{2n+m-1} \theta_{\text{lat}}(g^j(a), g^j(b)) \right] |_{f^m(L)}. \end{aligned}$$

Let x, y be elements of L such that $(x, y) \in \theta(a, b)|_{f^m(L)}$, i.e., such that

$$(x, y) \in \left[\theta_{\text{lat}}(a, b) \vee \bigvee_{i=1}^{2n+m-1} \theta_{\text{lat}}(f^i(a), f^i(b)) \vee \bigvee_{j=1}^{2n+m-1} \theta_{\text{lat}}(g^j(a), g^j(b)) \right] |_{f^m(L)}.$$

Then $x, y \in f^m(L)$ and there exist $s \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x_0 = x, x_1, \dots, x_s = y \in L$ such that, for all $v \in \{0, \dots, s-1\}$,

$$- (x_v, x_{v+1}) \in \theta_{\text{lat}}(f^{i_v}(a), f^{i_v}(b)), \text{ for some } i_v \in \{0, \dots, 2n + m - 1\}$$

or

$$- (x_v, x_{v+1}) \in \theta_{\text{lat}}(g^{j_v}(a), g^{j_v}(b)), \text{ for some } j_v \in \{1, \dots, 2n + m - 1\}.$$

In what follows we consider $q = \lceil m/2n \rceil$. Thus, if $(x_v, x_{v+1}) \in \theta_{\text{lat}}(f^{i_v}(a), f^{i_v}(b))$ we have by [4, Lemma 2.2] that $(f^{q2n}(x_v), f^{q2n}(x_{v+1})) \in \theta_{\text{lat}}(f^{t_v}(a), f^{t_v}(b))$, for some $t_v \in \{m, \dots, 2n + m - 1\}$. Since $f^{q2n}(x_v), f^{q2n}(x_{v+1})$ are elements of $f^m(L)$, then $(f^{q2n}(x_v), f^{q2n}(x_{v+1})) \in \theta_{\text{lat}}(f^{t_v}(a), f^{t_v}(b))|_{f^m(L)}$.

If $(x_v, x_{v+1}) \in \theta_{\text{lat}}(g^{j_v}(a), g^{j_v}(b))$ it is also possible to conclude, in this case using Lemma 2.1, that $(f^{q2n}(x_v), f^{q2n}(x_{v+1})) \in \theta_{\text{lat}}(g^{s_v}(a), g^{s_v}(b))|_{f^m(L)}$, for some $s_v \in \{m, \dots, 2n+m-1\}$.

Consequently

$$(f^{q2n}(x), f^{q2n}(y)) \in \theta_{\text{lat}}(a, b)|_{f^m(L)} \vee \bigvee_{i=1}^{2n+m-1} \theta_{\text{lat}}(f^i(a), f^i(b))|_{f^m(L)} \\ \vee \bigvee_{j=1}^{2n+m-1} \theta_{\text{lat}}(g^j(a), g^j(b))|_{f^m(L)}$$

where $f^{q2n}(x) = x$ and $f^{q2n}(y) = y$ since $x, y \in f^m(L)$. Thus we have

$$\theta(a, b)|_{f^m(L)} \leq \theta_{\text{lat}}(a, b)|_{f^m(L)} \vee \bigvee_{i=1}^{2n+m-1} \theta_{\text{lat}}(f^i(a), f^i(b))|_{f^m(L)} \\ \vee \bigvee_{j=1}^{2n+m-1} \theta_{\text{lat}}(g^j(a), g^j(b))|_{f^m(L)}. \quad \square$$

This lemma is used to prove the following result:

Lemma 2.4. *Let $\mathcal{L} = (L, f, g) \in \mathbf{DK}_{n,m}$ and $a, b \in L$ be such that $a \leq b$. Then,*

$$\theta(a, b)|_{f^m(L)} = \bigvee_{s=1}^n \theta_f(\tilde{a}_{f,s}, \tilde{b}_{f,s})|_{f^m(L)} \vee \bigvee_{t=1}^n \theta_g(\tilde{a}_{g,t}, \tilde{b}_{g,t})|_{f^m(L)}.$$

Proof. By Lemma 2.3 we have

$$\theta(a, b)|_{f^m(L)} = \theta_{\text{lat}}(a, b)|_{f^m(L)} \vee \bigvee_{i=1}^{2n+m-1} \theta_{\text{lat}}(f^i(a), f^i(b))|_{f^m(L)} \\ \vee \bigvee_{j=1}^{2n+m-1} \theta_{\text{lat}}(g^j(a), g^j(b))|_{f^m(L)}.$$

From [4, Lemma 2.3] and Lemma 2.2 it follows that

$$\theta(a, b)|_{f^m(L)} = \theta_f(a, b)|_{f^m(L)} \vee \theta_g(a, b)|_{f^m(L)}$$

and, by Theorem 1.7

$$\theta(a, b)|_{f^m(L)} = \left(\bigvee_{s=1}^n \theta_f(\tilde{a}_{f,s}, \tilde{b}_{f,s}) \right)|_{f^m(L)} \vee \left(\bigvee_{t=1}^n \theta_g(\tilde{a}_{g,t}, \tilde{b}_{g,t}) \right)|_{f^m(L)}.$$

Finally, using [4, Lemma 2.4] and since $f^m(L) = g^m(L)$, we have

$$\theta(a, b)|_{f^m(L)} = \bigvee_{s=1}^n \theta_f(\tilde{a}_{f,s}, \tilde{b}_{f,s})|_{f^m(L)} \vee \bigvee_{t=1}^n \theta_g(\tilde{a}_{g,t}, \tilde{b}_{g,t})|_{f^m(L)}. \quad \square$$

Given an algebra $\mathcal{L} \in \mathbf{O}$ (resp. $\mathcal{L} \in \mathbf{O}_2$), let $\text{Con}' \mathcal{L}$ represent the lattice of complemented congruences on \mathcal{L} .

Lemma 2.5. *Let $\mathcal{L} = (L, f, g) \in \mathbf{DK}_{n,m}$ and $\theta \in \text{Con} \mathcal{L}$. If $\theta \in \text{Con}' \mathcal{L}$, then $\theta|_{f^m(L)} \in \text{Con}' f^m(\mathcal{L})$. In fact, if θ' is the complement of θ in $\text{Con} \mathcal{L}$, then $\theta'|_{f^m(L)}$ is the complement of $\theta|_{f^m(L)}$ in $\text{Con} f^m(\mathcal{L})$.*

Proof. Let $\theta \in \text{Con}' \mathcal{L}$ and θ' be the complement of θ in $\text{Con} \mathcal{L}$. Then $\theta|_{f^m(L)}$ and $\theta'|_{f^m(L)}$ are elements of $\text{Con} f^m(\mathcal{L})$. Since $\theta, \theta' \in \text{Con}_f \mathcal{L}$, θ' is also the complement of θ in $\text{Con}_f \mathcal{L}$. By [4, Lemma 2.5] we have that $\theta'|_{f^m(L)}$ is the complement of $\theta|_{f^m(L)}$ in $\text{Con}_f f^m(\mathcal{L})$ and, consequently, in $\text{Con} f^m(\mathcal{L})$. \square

Lemma 2.6. *Let $\mathcal{L} = (L, f, g) \in \mathbf{DK}_{n,m}$ and $a, b \in L$ with $a \leq b$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}$ be such that $k \geq m$. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i)} \quad & \theta(f^k(a), f^k(b)) = \theta_f(f^k(a), f^k(b)), \\ \text{ii)} \quad & \theta(g^k(a), g^k(b)) = \theta_f(g^k(a), g^k(b)), \\ \text{iii)} \quad & \theta(g^k(a), g^k(b)) = \theta_g(g^k(a), g^k(b)), \\ \text{iv)} \quad & \theta(f^k(a), f^k(b)) = \theta_g(f^k(a), f^k(b)). \end{aligned}$$

Proof. i) By Lemma 1.4 we have

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(f^k(a), f^k(b)) = \theta_{\text{lat}}(f^k(a), f^k(b)) \vee \bigvee_{i=1}^{2n+m-1} \theta_{\text{lat}}(f^i(f^k(a)), f^i(f^k(b))) \\ \vee \bigvee_{j=1}^{2n+m-1} \theta_{\text{lat}}(g^j(f^k(a)), g^j(f^k(b))). \end{aligned}$$

Since $k = m + r$, for some $r \in \mathbb{N}_0$, it follows by Lemma 1.1 that, for all $x \in L$ and $j \in \{1, \dots, 2n + m - 1\}$,

$$\begin{aligned} g^j(f^k(x)) &= g^j(f^m(f^r(x))) = f^{z_{j,m}}(f^r(x)) \\ &= f^{z_{j,m}-m}(f^m(f^r(x))) = f^{z_{j,m}-m}(f^k(x)), \end{aligned}$$

with $z_{j,m} - m \in \{0, \dots, 2n - 1\}$. Thus we have

$$\theta(f^k(a), f^k(b)) = \theta_{\text{lat}}(f^k(a), f^k(b)) \vee \bigvee_{i=1}^{2n+m-1} \theta_{\text{lat}}(f^i(f^k(a)), f^i(f^k(b)))$$

and by Lemma 1.3 we conclude that $\theta(f^k(a), f^k(b)) = \theta_f(f^k(a), f^k(b))$; so i) follows. Since $f^m(L) = g^m(L)$ we have $g^k(a) = f^m(x)$ and $g^k(b) = f^m(y)$, for some $x, y \in L$. So case ii) is immediate from i). The proof of iii) is analogous to the one for case i). Case iv) follows from iii). \square

Definition 2.7. By a m -pair, $m \in \mathbb{N}$, we shall mean the ordered pair (k, l) such that

$$(k, l) = \begin{cases} (m, m+1) & \text{if } m \text{ is even;} \\ (m+1, m) & \text{if } m \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

It is useful to notice that, if (k, l) is a m -pair then k is always even, and l is always odd.

In what follows we consider $\mathcal{L} = (L, f, g) \in \mathbf{DK}_{n,m}$ and, for $z \in L$, $T = \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$, $s \in T$ and $i \in \mathbb{N}$, we represent the elements $f^i(\tilde{z}_{f,s})$ and $g^i(\tilde{z}_{g,s})$ by $f^i(\tilde{z}_s)$ and $g^i(\tilde{z}_s)$, respectively. Note that we never use the elements $f^i(\tilde{z}_{g,s})$ and $g^i(\tilde{z}_{f,s})$. Moreover, we denote by (k, l) an m -pair.

Let $a, b \in L$ be such that $a \leq b$ and suppose that $\theta(a, b)$ is complemented. As we will see, the description of the complement of $\theta(a, b)$ is, in fact, related to Theorem 1.9.

If we take $q = \lceil m/2n \rceil$, then $f^{q2n}(\tilde{a}_s), f^{q2n}(\tilde{b}_s) \in f^m(L)$ and $g^{q2n}(\tilde{a}_s), g^{q2n}(\tilde{b}_s) \in g^m(L)$. Consequently, taking into account that $f^m(L) = g^m(L)$, it follows by Lemma 2.4, [4, Lemma 2.1] and Lemma 1.2 that:

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(a, b)|_{f^m(L)} &= \bigvee_{s=1}^n \theta_f(\tilde{a}_{f,s}, \tilde{b}_{f,s})|_{f^m(L)} \vee \bigvee_{t=1}^n \theta_g(\tilde{a}_{g,t}, \tilde{b}_{g,t})|_{f^m(L)} \\ &= \bigvee_{s=1}^n \theta_f(f^{q2n}(\tilde{a}_s), f^{q2n}(\tilde{b}_s))|_{f^m(L)} \vee \bigvee_{t=1}^n \theta_g(g^{q2n}(\tilde{a}_t), g^{q2n}(\tilde{b}_t))|_{f^m(L)} \\ &= \bigvee_{s=1}^n \theta_{f, f^m(L)}(f^{q2n}(\tilde{a}_s), f^{q2n}(\tilde{b}_s)) \vee \bigvee_{t=1}^n \theta_{g, f^m(L)}(g^{q2n}(\tilde{a}_t), g^{q2n}(\tilde{b}_t)). \end{aligned}$$

Since $\tilde{a}_{f,s}, \tilde{b}_{f,s} \in L_{1,m}^f$, $\tilde{a}_{g,t}, \tilde{b}_{g,t} \in L_{1,m}^g$ and $q2n \geq m$, then $f^{q2n}(\tilde{a}_s), f^{q2n}(\tilde{b}_s) \in L_{1,0}^f$, and $g^{q2n}(\tilde{a}_t), g^{q2n}(\tilde{b}_t) \in L_{1,0}^g$. So, by Theorem 1.9, the congruences $\theta_{f, f^m(L)}(f^{q2n}(\tilde{a}_s), f^{q2n}(\tilde{b}_s))$ and $\theta_{g, f^m(L)}(g^{q2n}(\tilde{a}_t), g^{q2n}(\tilde{b}_t))$ are complemented, respectively, in $\text{Con}_f f^m(\mathcal{L})$ and $\text{Con}_g f^m(\mathcal{L})$.

Using Lemma 1.2 and [4, Lemma 2.4] it is proved in [4] that

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_{f, f^m(L)}(f^{q2n}(\tilde{a}_s), f^{q2n}(\tilde{b}_s))' &= \varphi_f(\tilde{a}_{f,s}, \tilde{b}_{f,s})|_{f^m(L)} \quad \text{and} \\ \theta_{g, f^m(L)}(g^{q2n}(\tilde{a}_t), g^{q2n}(\tilde{b}_t))' &= \varphi_g(\tilde{a}_{g,t}, \tilde{b}_{g,t})|_{f^m(L)} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_f(\tilde{a}_{f,s}, \tilde{b}_{f,s}) &= \theta_f(f^k(\tilde{b}_s) \vee f^l(\tilde{a}_s), 1) \vee \theta_f(f^k(\tilde{b}_s), f^k(\tilde{b}_s) \vee f^l(\tilde{b}_s)) \\ &\quad \vee \theta_f(f^l(\tilde{a}_s), f^l(\tilde{a}_s) \vee f^k(\tilde{a}_s)) \quad \text{and} \\ \varphi_g(\tilde{a}_{g,t}, \tilde{b}_{g,t}) &= \theta_g(g^k(\tilde{b}_t) \vee g^l(\tilde{a}_t), 1) \vee \theta_g(g^k(\tilde{b}_t), g^k(\tilde{b}_t) \vee g^l(\tilde{b}_t)) \\ &\quad \vee \theta_g(g^l(\tilde{a}_t), g^l(\tilde{a}_t) \vee g^k(\tilde{a}_t)) \end{aligned}$$

Since $k \geq m$ and $l \geq m$, it follows by Lemma 2.6 that each congruence $\theta_f(f^k(\tilde{b}_s) \vee f^l(\tilde{a}_s), 1)$, $\theta_f(f^k(\tilde{b}_s), f^k(\tilde{b}_s) \vee f^l(\tilde{b}_s))$ and $\theta_g(g^l(\tilde{a}_t), g^l(\tilde{a}_t) \vee g^k(\tilde{a}_t))$ is an element of $\text{Con } \mathcal{L}$; so $\varphi_f(\tilde{a}_{f,s}, \tilde{b}_{f,s})$ is an element of $\text{Con } \mathcal{L}$. Now, taking into account that $f^m(L)$ is a subuniverse of \mathcal{L} we conclude that $\varphi_f(\tilde{a}_{f,s}, \tilde{b}_{f,s})|_{f^m(L)} \in \text{Con } f^m(\mathcal{L})$. In a similar way we prove that $\varphi_g(\tilde{a}_{g,t}, \tilde{b}_{g,t})|_{f^m(L)} \in \text{Con } f^m(\mathcal{L})$ and, also by Lemma 2.6, we have $\theta_{f, f^m(L)}(f^{q2n}(\tilde{a}_s), f^{q2n}(\tilde{b}_s))$, $\theta_{g, f^m(L)}(g^{q2n}(\tilde{a}_t), g^{q2n}(\tilde{b}_t)) \in \text{Con } f^m(\mathcal{L})$. So, both congruences $\theta_{f, f^m(L)}(f^{q2n}(\tilde{a}_s), f^{q2n}(\tilde{b}_s))$ and $\theta_{g, f^m(L)}(g^{q2n}(\tilde{a}_t), g^{q2n}(\tilde{b}_t))$ are complemented in $\text{Con } f^m(\mathcal{L})$. Since

$$\theta(a, b)|_{f^m(L)} = \bigvee_{s=1}^n \theta_{f, f^m(L)}(f^{q2n}(\tilde{a}_s), f^{q2n}(\tilde{b}_s)) \vee \bigvee_{t=1}^n \theta_{g, f^m(L)}(g^{q2n}(\tilde{a}_t), g^{q2n}(\tilde{b}_t))$$

it is obvious that $\theta(a, b)|_{f^m(L)}$ is also complemented in $\text{Con } f^m(\mathcal{L})$ and we have:

$$\begin{aligned} (\theta(a, b)|_{f^m(L)})' &= \bigwedge_{s=1}^n \theta_{f, f^m(L)}(f^{q2n}(\tilde{a}_s), f^{q2n}(\tilde{b}_s))' \wedge \bigwedge_{t=1}^n \theta_{g, f^m(L)}(g^{q2n}(\tilde{a}_t), g^{q2n}(\tilde{b}_t))' \\ &= \left(\bigwedge_{s=1}^n \varphi_f(\tilde{a}_{f,s}, \tilde{b}_{f,s})|_{f^m(L)} \right) \wedge \left(\bigwedge_{t=1}^n \varphi_g(\tilde{a}_{g,t}, \tilde{b}_{g,t})|_{f^m(L)} \right) \\ &= \left(\bigwedge_{s=1}^n \varphi_f(\tilde{a}_{f,s}, \tilde{b}_{f,s}) \wedge \bigwedge_{t=1}^n \varphi_g(\tilde{a}_{g,t}, \tilde{b}_{g,t}) \right)|_{f^m(L)}. \end{aligned}$$

Let $\varphi_{f,g}$ stand for $\bigwedge_{s=1}^n \varphi_f(\tilde{a}_{f,s}, \tilde{b}_{f,s}) \wedge \bigwedge_{t=1}^n \varphi_g(\tilde{a}_{g,t}, \tilde{b}_{g,t})$. From Lemma 2.6 we conclude that $\varphi_{f,g} \in \text{Con } \mathcal{L}$.

Next lemma shows that $\varphi_{f,g}$ can be described as the join of a finite number of principal congruences and we use this result to determine the complement of $\theta(a, b)$. To obtain this description it is useful to remember facts R_1) and R_2) mentioned in [4] and to take into account the following:

Remark: Let $\mathcal{L} = (L, f, g) \in \mathbf{DK}_{n,m}$, (k, l) be an m -pair and $r \in \mathbb{N}_0$. Let $h \in \{f, g\}$. Then, for $x \in L_{1,m}^h$,

$$\begin{cases} f^r(h^k(x)) = h^l(x), & f^r(h^l(x)) = h^k(x) & \text{if } r \text{ is odd,} \\ f^r(h^k(x)) = h^k(x), & f^r(h^l(x)) = h^l(x) & \text{if } r \text{ is even,} \\ g^r(h^k(x)) = h^l(x), & g^r(h^l(x)) = h^k(x) & \text{if } r \text{ is odd,} \\ g^r(h^k(x)) = h^k(x), & g^r(h^l(x)) = h^l(x) & \text{if } r \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

Lemma 2.8. *Let $\mathcal{L} = (L, f, g) \in \mathbf{DK}_{n,m}$ and $a, b \in L$ be such that $a \leq b$. Let $\tilde{b}_{f,0} = \tilde{b}_{g,0} = 0$ and $\tilde{a}_{f,n+1} = \tilde{a}_{g,n+1} = 1$ and (k, l) be an m -pair. Then,*

$$\varphi_{f,g} = \bigvee_{i,p=1}^{n+1} \bigvee_{j=i-1}^n \bigvee_{q=p-1}^n [\theta_f(x_{i,j,p,q}, y_{i,j,p,q}) \vee \theta_g(w_{i,j,p,q}, z_{i,j,p,q})],$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} x_{i,j,p,q} &= f^l(\tilde{a}_i) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_j) \vee g^l(\tilde{a}_p) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_q), \\ y_{i,j,p,q} &= x_{i,j,p,q} \vee (f^k(\tilde{a}_{j+1}) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_{i-1}) \wedge g^k(\tilde{a}_{q+1}) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_{p-1})), \\ w_{i,j,p,q} &= f^l(\tilde{a}_i) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_j) \vee (g^k(\tilde{a}_p) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_q) \wedge [g^l(\tilde{a}_{q+1}) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_{p-1})]), \\ z_{i,j,p,q} &= w_{i,j,p,q} \vee (f^k(\tilde{a}_{j+1}) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_{i-1}) \wedge g^k(\tilde{a}_p) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_q)). \end{aligned}$$

Proof. We have $\varphi_{f,g} = \bigwedge_{s=1}^n \varphi_f(\tilde{a}_{f,s}, \tilde{b}_{f,s}) \wedge \bigwedge_{t=1}^n \varphi_g(\tilde{a}_{g,t}, \tilde{b}_{g,t})$ and from [4] we know that

$$\bigwedge_{s=1}^n \varphi_f(\tilde{a}_{f,s}, \tilde{b}_{f,s}) = \bigvee_{i=1}^{n+1} \bigvee_{j=i-1}^n \theta_f(f^l(\tilde{a}_i) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_j), f^l(\tilde{a}_i) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_j) \vee [f^k(\tilde{a}_{j+1}) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_{i-1})])$$

and

$$\bigwedge_{t=1}^n \varphi_g(\tilde{a}_{g,t}, \tilde{b}_{g,t}) = \bigvee_{p=1}^{n+1} \bigvee_{q=p-1}^n \theta_g(g^l(\tilde{a}_p) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_q), g^l(\tilde{a}_p) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_q) \vee [g^k(\tilde{a}_{q+1}) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_{p-1})]).$$

By Lemma 1.3 and the remark we made before, it follows that:

$$\begin{aligned} \bigwedge_{s=1}^n \varphi_f(\tilde{a}_{f,s}, \tilde{b}_{f,s}) &= \bigvee_{i=1}^{n+1} \bigvee_{j=i-1}^n \left[\theta_{\text{lat}}(f^l(\tilde{a}_i) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_j), f^l(\tilde{a}_i) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_j) \vee [f^k(\tilde{a}_{j+1}) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_{i-1})]) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \vee \theta_{\text{lat}}(f^k(\tilde{a}_i) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_j) \wedge [f^l(\tilde{a}_{j+1}) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_{i-1})], f^k(\tilde{a}_i) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_j)) \right], \\ \bigwedge_{t=1}^n \varphi_g(\tilde{a}_{g,t}, \tilde{b}_{g,t}) &= \bigvee_{p=1}^{n+1} \bigvee_{q=p-1}^n \left[\theta_{\text{lat}}(g^l(\tilde{a}_p) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_q), g^l(\tilde{a}_p) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_q) \vee [g^k(\tilde{a}_{q+1}) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_{p-1})]) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \vee \theta_{\text{lat}}(g^k(\tilde{a}_p) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_q) \wedge [g^l(\tilde{a}_{q+1}) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_{p-1})], g^k(\tilde{a}_p) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_q)) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Using [4, R₁) and R₂)] it is routine to prove the following identity (but we omit the proof since it is very long):

$$\varphi_{f,g} = \bigvee_{i,p=1}^{n+1} \bigvee_{j=i-1}^n \bigvee_{q=p-1}^n (A_{i,j,p,q} \vee B_{i,j,p,q} \vee C_{i,j,p,q} \vee D_{i,j,p,q}),$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} A_{i,j,p,q} &= \theta_{\text{lat}}(f^l(\tilde{a}_i) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_j) \vee [g^k(\tilde{a}_p) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_q) \wedge (g^k(\tilde{b}_{p-1}) \vee g^l(\tilde{a}_{q+1}))], \\ &\quad f^l(\tilde{a}_i) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_j) \vee [g^k(\tilde{a}_p) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_q) \wedge (g^k(\tilde{b}_{p-1}) \vee g^l(\tilde{a}_{q+1}))]) \vee [f^l(\tilde{b}_{i-1}) \wedge f^k(\tilde{a}_{j+1}) \wedge g^k(\tilde{a}_p) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_q)]); \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B_{i,j,p,q} &= \theta_{\text{lat}}(f^k(\tilde{a}_i) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_j) \wedge [g^l(\tilde{a}_p) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_q) \vee (g^l(\tilde{b}_{p-1}) \wedge g^k(\tilde{a}_{q+1}))], \\ &\quad f^k(\tilde{a}_i) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_j) \wedge [g^l(\tilde{a}_p) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_q) \vee (g^l(\tilde{b}_{p-1}) \wedge g^k(\tilde{a}_{q+1}))]) \wedge [f^k(\tilde{b}_{i-1}) \vee f^l(\tilde{a}_{j+1}) \vee g^l(\tilde{a}_p) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_q)]); \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} C_{i,j,p,q} &= \theta_{\text{lat}}(f^l(\tilde{a}_i) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_j) \vee g^l(\tilde{a}_p) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_q), \\ &\quad f^l(\tilde{a}_i) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_j) \vee g^l(\tilde{a}_p) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_q) \vee [f^l(\tilde{b}_{i-1}) \wedge f^k(\tilde{a}_{j+1}) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_{p-1}) \wedge g^k(\tilde{a}_{q+1})]); \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_{i,j,p,q} &= \theta_{\text{lat}}(f^k(\tilde{a}_i) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_j) \wedge g^k(\tilde{a}_p) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_q) \wedge [f^k(\tilde{b}_{i-1}) \vee f^l(\tilde{a}_{j+1}) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_{p-1}) \vee g^l(\tilde{a}_{q+1})], \\ &\quad f^k(\tilde{a}_i) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_j) \wedge g^k(\tilde{a}_p) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_q)). \end{aligned}$$

Now, from Lemma 1.3 it follows that

$$\varphi_{f,g} = \bigvee_{i,p=1}^{n+1} \bigvee_{j=i-1}^n \bigvee_{q=p-1}^n \left(\theta_f(x_{i,j,p,q}, y_{i,j,p,q}) \vee \theta_g(w_{i,j,p,q}, z_{i,j,p,q}) \right),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} x_{i,j,p,q} &= f^l(\tilde{a}_i) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_j) \vee g^l(\tilde{a}_p) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_q), \\ y_{i,j,p,q} &= x_{i,j,p,q} \vee (f^k(\tilde{a}_{j+1}) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_{i-1}) \wedge g^k(\tilde{a}_{q+1}) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_{p-1})), \\ w_{i,j,p,q} &= f^l(\tilde{a}_i) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_j) \vee (g^k(\tilde{a}_p) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_q) \wedge [g^l(\tilde{a}_{q+1}) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_{p-1})]), \\ z_{i,j,p,q} &= w_{i,j,p,q} \vee (f^k(\tilde{a}_{j+1}) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_{i-1}) \wedge g^k(\tilde{a}_p) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_q)). \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

Theorem 2.9. *Let $\mathcal{L} = (L, f, g) \in \mathbf{DK}_{n,m}$ and $a, b \in L$ be such that $a \leq b$. Let (k, l) be an m -pair.*

Then,

$$(a) \theta(a, b) \vee \varphi_{f,g} = \mathbf{1},$$

(b) *if $\theta(a, b)$ is complemented, then necessarily $\theta(a, b)' = \varphi_{f,g}$.*

Proof. (a) By Lemma 1.8, we have $\theta(a, b) = \bigvee_{s=1}^n \theta_f(\tilde{a}_{f,s}, \tilde{b}_{f,s}) \vee \bigvee_{t=1}^n \theta_g(\tilde{a}_{g,t}, \tilde{b}_{g,t})$ and from [4, Theorem 2.7] we know that, for all $s, t \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, $\theta_f(\tilde{a}_{f,s}, \tilde{b}_{f,s}) \vee \varphi_f(\tilde{a}_{f,s}, \tilde{b}_{f,s}) = \mathbf{1}$ and $\theta_g(\tilde{a}_{g,t}, \tilde{b}_{g,t}) \vee \varphi_g(\tilde{a}_{g,t}, \tilde{b}_{g,t}) = \mathbf{1}$. Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} \theta \vee \varphi_{f,g} &= \left[\bigvee_{s=1}^n \theta_f(\tilde{a}_{f,s}, \tilde{b}_{f,s}) \vee \bigvee_{t=1}^n \theta_g(\tilde{a}_{g,t}, \tilde{b}_{g,t}) \right] \vee \left[\bigwedge_{u=1}^n \varphi_f(\tilde{a}_{f,u}, \tilde{b}_{f,u}) \wedge \bigwedge_{v=1}^n \varphi_g(\tilde{a}_{g,v}, \tilde{b}_{g,v}) \right] \\ &= \bigwedge_{u=1}^n \left(\varphi_f(\tilde{a}_{f,u}, \tilde{b}_{f,u}) \vee \theta_f(\tilde{a}_{f,u}, \tilde{b}_{f,u}) \vee \bigvee_{s=1, s \neq u}^n \theta_f(\tilde{a}_{f,s}, \tilde{b}_{f,s}) \vee \bigvee_{t=1}^n \theta_g(\tilde{a}_{g,t}, \tilde{b}_{g,t}) \right) \\ &\quad \wedge \bigwedge_{v=1}^n \left(\varphi_g(\tilde{a}_{g,v}, \tilde{b}_{g,v}) \vee \theta_g(\tilde{a}_{g,v}, \tilde{b}_{g,v}) \vee \bigvee_{s=1}^n \theta_f(\tilde{a}_{f,s}, \tilde{b}_{f,s}) \vee \bigvee_{t=1, t \neq v}^n \theta_g(\tilde{a}_{g,t}, \tilde{b}_{g,t}) \right) \\ &= \mathbf{1}. \end{aligned}$$

(b) Suppose now that $\theta(a, b)$ is complemented. From (a) it follows that $\theta(a, b)' \leq \varphi_{f,g}$. It remains to prove that $\varphi_{f,g} \leq \theta(a, b)'$.

As we have already seen $(\theta(a, b)|_{f^m(L)})' = \varphi_{f,g}|_{f^m(L)}$.

Let $\tilde{b}_{f,0} = \tilde{b}_{g,0} = 0$ and $\tilde{a}_{f,n+1} = \tilde{a}_{g,n+1} = 1$. By Lemma 2.8 we have

$$\varphi_{f,g} = \bigvee_{i,p=1}^{n+1} \bigvee_{j=i-1}^n \bigvee_{q=p-1}^n [\theta_f(x_{i,j,p,q}, y_{i,j,p,q}) \vee \theta_g(w_{i,j,p,q}, z_{i,j,p,q})],$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} x_{i,j,p,q} &= f^l(\tilde{a}_i) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_j) \vee g^l(\tilde{a}_p) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_q), \\ y_{i,j,p,q} &= x_{i,j,p,q} \vee (f^k(\tilde{a}_{j+1}) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_{i-1}) \wedge g^k(\tilde{a}_{q+1}) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_{p-1})), \\ w_{i,j,p,q} &= f^l(\tilde{a}_i) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_j) \vee (g^k(\tilde{a}_p) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_q) \wedge [g^l(\tilde{a}_{q+1}) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_{p-1})]), \\ z_{i,j,p,q} &= w_{i,j,p,q} \vee (f^k(\tilde{a}_{j+1}) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_{i-1}) \wedge g^k(\tilde{a}_p) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_q)). \end{aligned}$$

From Lemma 2.6 we know that $\theta_f(x_{i,j,p,q}, y_{i,j,p,q})$ and $\theta_g(w_{i,j,p,q}, z_{i,j,p,q})$ are elements of $\text{Con } \mathcal{L}$. So $\varphi_{f,g}$ is the least congruence of \mathcal{L} that identifies each pair $(x_{i,j,p,q}, y_{i,j,p,q})$ and each pair $(w_{i,j,p,q}, z_{i,j,p,q})$.

Taking into account Lemma 2.5 we have $(\theta(a, b)|_{f^m(L)})' = \theta(a, b)'|_{f^m(L)}$. So $\varphi_{f,g}|_{f^m(L)} = \theta(a, b)'|_{f^m(L)}$ and, consequently, $\theta(a, b)'$ also identifies each of those pairs. Therefore $\varphi_{f,g} \leq \theta(a, b)'$ and we may conclude that $\theta(a, b)' = \varphi_{f,g}$. \square

A double Ockham algebra $\mathcal{L} = (L, f, g)$ that satisfies $\text{id} \leq f^2, g^2 \leq \text{id}, fg = g^2$ and $gf = f^2$ is called a double MS-algebra. Since every double MS-algebra is a double $K_{1,1}$ -algebra, we can establish Theorem 14.5 of [3] as a corollary of the previous theorem. Thus we have:

Corollary 2.10. *Let $\mathcal{L} = (L, f, g)$ be a double MS-algebra and let $a, b \in L$ be such that $a \leq b$.*

Let

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{f,g} = & [\theta_f(f^2(b) \vee f(a), 1) \vee \theta_f(f^2(b), f^2(b) \vee f(b)) \vee \theta_f(f(a), f(a) \vee f^2(a))] \\ & \wedge [\theta_g(g^2(b) \vee g(a), 1) \vee \theta_g(g^2(b), g^2(b) \vee g(b)) \vee \theta_g(g(a), g(a) \vee g^2(a))]. \end{aligned}$$

Then

- (a) $\theta(a, b) \vee \varphi_{f,g} = \mathbf{1}$,
- (b) if $\theta(a, b)$ is complemented, then $\theta(a, b)' = \varphi_{f,g}$.

We finish this paper establishing a necessary and sufficient condition for a principal congruence defined on a double $K_{n,m}$ -algebra to be complemented.

Theorem 2.11. *Let $\mathcal{L} = (L, f) \in \mathbf{DK}_{n,m}$ and $a, b \in L$ be such that $a \leq b$. Let (k, l) be an m -pair. Let $\tilde{b}_{f,0} = \tilde{b}_{g,0} = 0$ and $\tilde{a}_{f,n+1} = \tilde{a}_{g,n+1} = 1$. Then, $\theta(a, b)$ is complemented if and only if for all $s \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, all $(x_s, y_s) \in \{(\tilde{a}_{f,s}, \tilde{b}_{f,s}), (\tilde{a}_{g,s}, \tilde{b}_{g,s})\}$ and all $i, p \in \{1, \dots, n+1\}$ we have:*

$$y_s \wedge f^k(\tilde{a}_{j+1}) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_{i-1}) \wedge g^k(\tilde{a}_{q+1}) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_{p-1}) \leq x_s \vee f^l(\tilde{a}_i) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_j) \vee g^l(\tilde{a}_p) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_q),$$

for all $j \in \{i-1, \dots, n\}$ and $q \in \{p-1, \dots, n\}$,

$$y_s \wedge f^k(\tilde{a}_{j+1}) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_{i-1}) \wedge g^k(\tilde{a}_p) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_q) \leq x_s \vee f^l(\tilde{a}_i) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_j) \vee g^l(\tilde{a}_{q+1}) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_{p-1}),$$

for all $j \in \{i-1, \dots, n\}$ and $q \in \{p, \dots, n\}$,

$$y_s \wedge f^k(\tilde{a}_i) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_j) \wedge g^k(\tilde{a}_{q+1}) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_{p-1}) \leq x_s \vee f^l(\tilde{a}_{j+1}) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_{i-1}) \vee g^l(\tilde{a}_p) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_q),$$

for all $j \in \{i, \dots, n\}$ and $q \in \{p-1, \dots, n\}$,

$$y_s \wedge f^k(\tilde{a}_i) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_j) \wedge g^k(\tilde{a}_p) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_q) \leq x_s \vee f^l(\tilde{a}_{j+1}) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_{i-1}) \vee g^l(\tilde{a}_{q+1}) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_{p-1}),$$

for all $j \in \{i, \dots, n\}$ and $q \in \{p, \dots, n\}$.

Proof. By Lemma 1.8 we have $\theta(a, b) = \bigvee_{s=1}^n \theta_f(\tilde{a}_{f,s}, \tilde{b}_{f,s}) \vee \bigvee_{t=1}^n \theta_g(\tilde{a}_{g,t}, \tilde{b}_{g,t})$ and, from Theorem 2.9 it follows that $\theta(a, b)$ is complemented if and only if $\theta(a, b) \wedge \varphi_{f,g} = \mathbf{0}$. By Lemma 2.8 we know that

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{f,g} = & \left(\bigvee_{i=1}^{n+1} \bigvee_{j=i-1}^n \theta_f(f^l(\tilde{a}_i) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_j), f^l(\tilde{a}_i) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_j) \vee [f^k(\tilde{a}_{j+1}) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_{i-1})]) \right) \\ & \wedge \left(\bigvee_{p=1}^{n+1} \bigvee_{q=p-1}^n \theta_g(g^l(\tilde{a}_p) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_q), g^l(\tilde{a}_p) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_q) \vee [g^k(\tilde{a}_{q+1}) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_{p-1})]) \right) \end{aligned}$$

with $\tilde{b}_{f,0} = \tilde{b}_{g,0} = 0$ and $\tilde{a}_{f,n+1} = \tilde{a}_{g,n+1} = 1$.

Then $\theta(a, b)$ is complemented if and only if, for all $s, t \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, $i, p \in \{1, \dots, n+1\}$, $j \in \{i-1, \dots, n\}$ and $q \in \{p-1, \dots, n\}$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \theta_f(\tilde{a}_{f,s}, \tilde{b}_{f,s}) \wedge \theta_f(f^l(\tilde{a}_i) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_j), f^l(\tilde{a}_i) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_j) \vee [f^k(\tilde{a}_{j+1}) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_{i-1})]) \\ & \wedge \theta_g(g^l(\tilde{a}_p) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_q), g^l(\tilde{a}_p) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_q) \vee [g^k(\tilde{a}_{q+1}) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_{p-1})]) = \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \theta_g(\tilde{a}_{g,t}, \tilde{b}_{g,t}) \wedge \theta_f(f^l(\tilde{a}_i) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_j), f^l(\tilde{a}_i) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_j) \vee [f^k(\tilde{a}_{j+1}) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_{i-1})]) \\ & \wedge \theta_g(g^l(\tilde{a}_p) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_q), g^l(\tilde{a}_p) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_q) \vee [g^k(\tilde{a}_{q+1}) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_{p-1})]) = \mathbf{0}. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 1.3 and since $\tilde{a}_{f,s}, \tilde{b}_{f,s} \in L_{1,m}^f$ and $\tilde{a}_{g,t}, \tilde{b}_{g,t} \in L_{1,m}^g$, it follows that, for all $s \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, $i, p \in \{1, \dots, n+1\}$, $j \in \{i-1, \dots, n\}$ and $q \in \{p-1, \dots, n\}$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \theta_f(\tilde{a}_{f,s}, \tilde{b}_{f,s}) \wedge \theta_f(f^l(\tilde{a}_i) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_j), f^l(\tilde{a}_i) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_j) \vee [f^k(\tilde{a}_{j+1}) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_{i-1})]) \\ & \wedge \theta_g(g^l(\tilde{a}_p) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_q), g^l(\tilde{a}_p) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_q) \vee [g^k(\tilde{a}_{q+1}) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_{p-1})]) = \mathbf{0} \end{aligned}$$

if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[\bigvee_{r=0}^{m+1} \theta_{\text{lat}}(f^r(\tilde{a}_s), f^r(\tilde{b}_s)) \right] \\ & \wedge \left[\theta_{\text{lat}}(f^l(\tilde{a}_i) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_j), f^l(\tilde{a}_i) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_j) \vee [f^k(\tilde{a}_{j+1}) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_{i-1})]) \right. \\ & \quad \left. \vee \theta_{\text{lat}}(f^k(\tilde{a}_i) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_j) \wedge [f^l(\tilde{a}_{j+1}) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_{i-1})], f^k(\tilde{a}_i) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_j)) \right] \\ & \wedge \left[\theta_{\text{lat}}(g^l(\tilde{a}_p) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_q), g^l(\tilde{a}_p) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_q) \vee [g^k(\tilde{a}_{q+1}) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_{p-1})]) \right. \\ & \quad \left. \vee \theta_{\text{lat}}(g^k(\tilde{a}_p) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_q) \wedge [g^l(\tilde{a}_{q+1}) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_{p-1})], g^k(\tilde{a}_p) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_q)) \right] = \mathbf{0}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, using [4, R₁) and R₂] it is easy we conclude that the previous identity follows if and only if, for all $r \in \{0, \dots, m+1\}$,

- a) $f^r(\tilde{b}_s) \wedge f^k(\tilde{a}_{j+1}) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_{i-1}) \wedge g^k(\tilde{a}_{q+1}) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_{p-1})$
 $\leq f^r(\tilde{a}_s) \vee f^l(\tilde{a}_i) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_j) \vee g^l(\tilde{a}_p) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_q),$
- b) $f^r(\tilde{b}_s) \wedge f^k(\tilde{a}_{j+1}) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_{i-1}) \wedge g^k(\tilde{a}_p) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_q)$
 $\leq f^r(\tilde{a}_s) \vee f^l(\tilde{a}_i) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_j) \vee g^l(\tilde{a}_{q+1}) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_{p-1}),$
- c) $f^r(\tilde{b}_s) \wedge f^k(\tilde{a}_i) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_j) \wedge g^k(\tilde{a}_{q+1}) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_{p-1})$
 $\leq f^r(\tilde{a}_s) \vee f^l(\tilde{a}_{j+1}) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_{i-1}) \vee g^l(\tilde{a}_p) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_q),$

and

- d) $f^r(\tilde{b}_s) \wedge f^k(\tilde{a}_i) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_j) \wedge g^k(\tilde{a}_p) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_q)$
 $\leq f^r(\tilde{a}_s) \vee f^l(\tilde{a}_{j+1}) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_{i-1}) \vee g^l(\tilde{a}_{q+1}) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_{p-1}).$

These inequalities are trivial when r is odd. If r is even, we have already seen that, $f^r(f^k(x)) = f^k(x)$, $f^r(f^l(x)) = f^l(x)$, $f^r(g^k(y)) = g^k(y)$ and $f^r(g^l(y)) = g^l(y)$, for all $x \in L_{1,m}^f$ and $y \in L_{1,m}^g$. So, conditions a), b), c) and d) are equivalent, respectively, to 1), 2), 3) and 4) below:

- 1)
$$\begin{aligned} & \tilde{b}_{f,s} \wedge f^k(\tilde{a}_{j+1}) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_{i-1}) \wedge g^k(\tilde{a}_{q+1}) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_{p-1}) \\ & \leq \tilde{a}_{f,s} \vee f^l(\tilde{a}_i) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_j) \vee g^l(\tilde{a}_p) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_q), \end{aligned}$$
- 2)
$$\begin{aligned} & \tilde{b}_{f,s} \wedge f^k(\tilde{a}_{j+1}) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_{i-1}) \wedge g^k(\tilde{a}_p) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_q) \\ & \leq \tilde{a}_{f,s} \vee f^l(\tilde{a}_i) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_j) \vee g^l(\tilde{a}_{q+1}) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_{p-1}), \end{aligned}$$
- 3)
$$\begin{aligned} & \tilde{b}_{f,s} \wedge f^k(\tilde{a}_i) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_j) \wedge g^k(\tilde{a}_{q+1}) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_{p-1}) \\ & \leq \tilde{a}_{f,s} \vee f^l(\tilde{a}_{j+1}) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_{i-1}) \vee g^l(\tilde{a}_p) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_q), \end{aligned}$$
- 4)
$$\begin{aligned} & \tilde{b}_{f,s} \wedge f^k(\tilde{a}_i) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_j) \wedge g^k(\tilde{a}_p) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_q) \\ & \leq \tilde{a}_{f,s} \vee f^l(\tilde{a}_{j+1}) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_{i-1}) \vee g^l(\tilde{a}_{q+1}) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_{p-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Conditions 1) and 2) are equal when $q = p - 1$ (the same happens with 3) and 4)). For $j = i - 1$ we also have that 1) coincide with 3) and 2) coincide with 4)).

Given $t \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, $i, p \in \{1, \dots, n+1\}$, $j \in \{i-1, \dots, n\}$ and $q \in \{p-1, \dots, n\}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \theta_g(\tilde{a}_{g,t}, \tilde{b}_{g,t}) \wedge \theta_f(f^l(\tilde{a}_i) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_j), f^l(\tilde{a}_i) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_j) \vee [f^k(\tilde{a}_{j+1}) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_{i-1})]) \\ & \wedge \theta_g(g^l(\tilde{a}_p) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_q), g^l(\tilde{a}_p) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_q) \vee [g^k(\tilde{a}_{q+1}) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_{p-1})]) = \mathbf{0}. \end{aligned}$$

if and only if are satisfied conditions analogous to 1), 2), 3) and 4).

Then $\theta(a, b)$ is complemented if and only if for all $s \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, all $(x_s, y_s) \in \{(\tilde{a}_{f,s}, \tilde{b}_{f,s}), (\tilde{a}_{g,s}, \tilde{b}_{g,s})\}$ and all $i, p \in \{1, \dots, n+1\}$ the following conditions hold:

$$\begin{aligned} & y_s \wedge f^k(\tilde{a}_{j+1}) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_{i-1}) \wedge g^k(\tilde{a}_{q+1}) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_{p-1}) \leq x_s \vee f^l(\tilde{a}_i) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_j) \vee g^l(\tilde{a}_p) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_q), \\ & \text{for all } j \in \{i-1, \dots, n\} \text{ and } q \in \{p-1, \dots, n\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & y_s \wedge f^k(\tilde{a}_{j+1}) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_{i-1}) \wedge g^k(\tilde{a}_p) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_q) \leq x_s \vee f^l(\tilde{a}_i) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_j) \vee g^l(\tilde{a}_{q+1}) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_{p-1}), \\ & \text{for all } j \in \{i-1, \dots, n\} \text{ and } q \in \{p, \dots, n\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & y_s \wedge f^k(\tilde{a}_i) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_j) \wedge g^k(\tilde{a}_{q+1}) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_{p-1}) \leq x_s \vee f^l(\tilde{a}_{j+1}) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_{i-1}) \vee g^l(\tilde{a}_p) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_q), \\ & \text{for all } j \in \{i, \dots, n\} \text{ and } q \in \{p-1, \dots, n\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & y_s \wedge f^k(\tilde{a}_i) \wedge f^l(\tilde{b}_j) \wedge g^k(\tilde{a}_p) \wedge g^l(\tilde{b}_q) \leq x_s \vee f^l(\tilde{a}_{j+1}) \vee f^k(\tilde{b}_{i-1}) \vee g^l(\tilde{a}_{q+1}) \vee g^k(\tilde{b}_{p-1}), \\ & \text{for all } j \in \{i, \dots, n\} \text{ and } q \in \{p, \dots, n\}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

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