# Quasi-Antiorder Relational System

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#### Abstract

This paper is within the Bishop's constructive mathematics. A quasi-antiorder relational system means a pair (A, R) where  $(A, =, \neq)$  is a set with apartness and R is a consistent and cotransitive binary relation on A. We define and study a quotient system mapping  $\varphi$  such that the factor relation  $R/Coker\varphi$  on the factor set  $A/Coker\varphi$  is also a quasi-antiorder relational system.

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# 1 Introduction

This paper is a continuation of the second author's recent papers [12] and [13]. Our setting is Bishop's constructive mathematics ([1], [2], [6], [14]).

The concept of a relational system was introduced by A.I.Maltsev ([4], [5]) We will restrict our consideration to relational systems with only one binary relation. Hence, by a relational system we will take a pair  $\mathbf{A} = (A, R)$ , where  $(A, =, \neq)$  is a set with apartness and  $R \subseteq A \times A$ , i. e., R is a binary relation on A. Relational systems play an important role both in mathematics and in

applications since every formal description of a real system can be done by means of relations. For these considerations we often ask about a certain factorization of a relational system  $\mathbf{A} = (A, R)$  because it enables us to introduce the method of abstraction on  $\mathbf{A}$ . Hence, if  $\theta$  is a coequality on A, we ask about a 'factor relation'  $R/\theta$  on the factor set  $A/\theta$  such that the factor system  $(A/\theta, R/\theta)$  shares some of 'good' properties of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

In this paper, we are mostly interested in relational systems  $\mathbf{A} = (A, R)$  where R is consistent, i.e.  $(\forall x, y \in A)((x, y) \in R \implies x \neq y)$  and cotransitive, i.e.  $(a, c) \in R$  imply  $(\forall b \in A)((a, b) \in R \lor (b, c) \in R)$ . In that case, A is called a *consistent and cotransitive system* or a *quasi-antiorder system*.

Our intention is to study the situation on  $\boldsymbol{A}$  such that the system  $(A/\theta, R/\theta)$  is also consistent and cotransitive.

Let us note that a similar task for anti-ordered sets was already studied in [9]-[13], and we will try to modify that construction for consistent and cotransitive relational systems. According to [9] and [10], if  $(S, =, \neq, \cdot, \alpha)$  is an anti-ordered semigroup and  $\sigma$  a quasi-antiorder on S, then the relation q on S, defined by  $q = \sigma \cup \sigma^{-1}$ , is an anticongruence on S and the set S/q is an anti-ordered semigroup under anti-order  $\Theta$  defined by  $(xq, yq) \in \Theta \iff (x, y) \in \sigma$ . An anticongruence q on S is called *regular* if there is an antiorder " $\theta_1$ " on S/qsatisfying the following conditions:

(1)  $(S/q, =_1, \neq_1, \cdot, \theta_1)$  is an anti-ordered semigroup;

(2) The mapping  $\pi : S \ni a \longmapsto aq \in S/q$  is an anti-order reverse isotone epimorphism.

We call the antiorder " $\theta_1$ " on S/q a regular antiorder with respect to a regular anticongruence q on S and the anti-order  $\alpha$ .

In this article we are interested in quasi-antiorder systems  $((A, =, \neq), \alpha)$  and  $\theta$  coequality on A such that the relation  $\alpha/\theta$ , defined by  $(a\theta, b\theta) \in \alpha/\theta \iff (a, b) \in \theta^C \circ \alpha \circ \theta^C$ , is a quasi-antiorder relation on  $A/\theta$ . The system  $A/\theta = (A/\theta, \alpha/\theta)$  will be called a *quotient system of* A by  $\theta$ .

#### 2 Preliminaries

Let  $(A, =, \neq)$  be a set in the sense of books [1], [2], [6] and [14], where " $\neq$ " is a binary relation on A which satisfies the following properties:

$$\neg (x \neq x), \, x \neq y \Longrightarrow y \neq x, \, x \neq z \Longrightarrow x \neq y \lor y \neq z, \\ x \neq y \land y = z \Longrightarrow x \neq z,$$

called *apartness* (A. Heyting). The apartness is *tight* (W. Ruitenburg) if  $\neg (x \neq y) \Longrightarrow x = y$  holds. Let Y be a subset of A and  $x \in A$ . The subset Y of A is strongly extensional in A if and only if  $y \in Y \Longrightarrow y \neq x \lor x \in Y$  ([1], [8]). If

 $x \in A$ , we defined ([8])  $x \bowtie Y$  by  $(\forall y \in Y)(y \neq x)$ .

Let  $f: (A, =, \neq) \longrightarrow (B, =, \neq)$  be a function. We say that it is: (a) f is strongly extensional if and only if  $(\forall a, b \in A)(f(a) \neq f(b) \Longrightarrow a \neq b)$ ; (b) f is an embedding if and only if  $(\forall a, b \in A)(a \neq b \Longrightarrow f(a) \neq f(b))$ . Let  $\alpha \subseteq A \times B$  and  $\beta \subseteq B \times C$  be relations. The filled product ([7]) of relations  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  is the relation

$$\beta \ast \alpha = \{(a,c) \in A \times C : (\forall b \in B) ((a,b) \in \alpha \lor (b,c) \in \beta\}.$$

A relation  $q \subseteq A \times A$  is a *coequality* relation on A if and only if holds:

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

If q is a coequality relation on set  $(A, =, \neq)$ , we can construct factor-set  $(A/q, =_1, \neq_1)$  with

$$aq =_1 bq \Longleftrightarrow (a,b) \bowtie q, \ aq \neq_1 bq \Longleftrightarrow (a,b) \in q$$

A relation  $\alpha$  on A is an *antiorder* ([9]-[12]) on A if and only if

$$\alpha \subseteq \neq, \ \alpha \subseteq \alpha \ast \alpha, \ \neq \subseteq \alpha \cup \alpha^{-1}, \ (\alpha \cap \alpha^{-1} = \emptyset)$$

As in [9], a relation  $\tau \subseteq A \times A$  is a *quasi-antiorder* on A if and only if

$$\tau \subseteq (\alpha \subseteq) \neq, \ \tau \subseteq \tau * \tau, \ (\tau \cap \tau^{-1} = \emptyset).$$

Let  $f : ((A, =, \neq), \alpha) \longrightarrow ((B, =, \neq), \beta)$  be a strongly extensional function of relational systems. f is called *isotone* if  $(\forall x, y \in A)((x, y) \in \alpha \Longrightarrow$  $(f(x), f(y)) \in \beta)$ ; f is called *reverse isotone* if and only if  $(\forall x, y \in A)((f(x), f(y)) \in$  $\beta \Longrightarrow (x, y) \in \alpha)$ . The strongly extensional mapping f is called an isomorphism if it is injective and embedding, onto, isotone and reverse isotone. Aand B called isomorphic, in symbol  $A \cong B$ , if exists an isomorphism between them.

Let us note if  $\varphi : ((A, =, \neq), \alpha) \longrightarrow ((B, =, \neq), \beta)$  is a strongly extensional of quasi-antiorder systems, then  $\varphi^{-1}(\beta)$  is a quasi-antiorder included in  $\alpha$ .

### 3 Results

Firstly, we will start with two definitions:

**Definition 1** Let  $((A, =, \neq), \alpha)$  and  $((B, =, \neq), \beta)$  be two relational systems. A reverse isotone strongly extensional mapping  $\varphi : A \longrightarrow B$  is called a *quotient* system mapping (abbreviated to QS-mapping) of A to B if holds

$$\alpha \subseteq Ker\varphi \circ \varphi^{-1}(\beta) \circ Ker\varphi.$$

In the case when  $\varphi$  is onto, B is called a *quotient set* of A by  $\varphi$ .

**Note**: It is easy to see that QS-mapping of two quasi-antiorder relational systems is isotone mapping. In fact, if (x, y) is an arbitrary element of  $\alpha$ , then there exist elements a, b of A such that  $\varphi(x) = \varphi(a)$  and  $(\varphi(a), \varphi(b)) \in \beta$  and  $\varphi(b) = \varphi(y)$ . Since  $\beta$  is a quasi-antiorder relation on B, out of  $(\varphi(a), \varphi(x)) \in \beta \subseteq \varphi$  or  $(\varphi(x), \varphi(y)) \in \beta$  or  $(\varphi(y), \varphi(b)) \in \beta \subseteq \varphi$  we have  $(\varphi(x), \varphi(y)) \in \beta$ . So, the QS - mapping is a isotone mapping.

**Definition 2** Let  $((A, =, \neq), \alpha)$  be a relational systems and  $\theta$  be a coequality relation on A. Define a binary relation  $\alpha/\theta$  on the set  $A/\theta$  as follows:

$$(a\theta, b\theta) \in \alpha/\theta \iff (a, b) \in \theta^C \circ \alpha \circ \theta^C$$

The system  $\mathbf{A}/\theta = (A/\theta, \alpha/\theta)$  will be called a quotient system of  $\mathbf{A}$  by  $\theta$ .

The following statement is obvious.

**Lemma 1** Let  $\mathbf{A} = (A, \alpha)$  be a relational system and  $\theta$  be a coequality on A. (i) If  $\alpha \subseteq \theta$ , then  $\alpha/\theta$  is consistent.

(ii)  $\alpha/\theta$  is symmetric if and only if  $\alpha$  is symmetric.

(iii) If  $\alpha$  is cotransitive, then  $\alpha/\theta$  is cotransitive too.

**Proof**: (1) Suppose that  $\alpha$  is included in  $\theta$  and let  $(a\theta, b\theta)$  be an arbitrary element of  $\alpha/\theta$ . Then  $(a, b) \in \theta^C \circ \alpha \circ \theta^C \subseteq \theta^C \circ \theta \circ \theta^C \subseteq \theta$ . Thus,  $a\theta \neq_1 b\theta$ . (2) Immediately follows from definitions of symmetry and  $\alpha/\theta$ .

(3) Let  $(a\theta, c\theta)$  be an element of  $\alpha/\theta$  and let  $b\theta$  is an arbitrary element of  $A/\theta$ . Then  $(a, c) \in \theta^C \circ \alpha \circ \theta^C$ , i.e. then there exist elements x, z in A such that

$$(a, x) \bowtie \theta \land (x, z) \in \alpha \land (z, c) \bowtie \theta.$$

Hence,

$$(a,x) \bowtie \theta \land (\forall y \in A)((x,y) \in \alpha \lor (y,z) \in \alpha) \land (z,c) \bowtie \theta$$

and

$$(\forall y \in A)(((a, x) \bowtie \theta \land (x, y) \in \alpha \land (z, c) \bowtie \theta) \lor ((a, x) \bowtie \theta \land (y, z) \in \alpha \land (z, c) \bowtie \theta)) \ .$$

Thus, for y = b, out of above formula we have

$$((a,x) \bowtie \theta \land (x,b) \in \alpha \land (b,b) \bowtie \theta) \lor ((b,b) \bowtie \theta \land (b,z) \in \alpha \land (z,c) \bowtie \theta))$$

and, finally

$$(a,b) \in \theta^C \circ \alpha \circ \theta^C \lor (b,c) \in \theta^C \circ \alpha \circ \theta^C. \square$$

In the following assertion we give an answer on on the question: If  $\mathbf{A} = (A, \alpha)$  is a quasi-antiorder relational system and  $\theta$  is a coequality relation on A, when the factor-system  $(A/\theta, \alpha/\theta)$  is a quasi-antiorder relational system too?

**Corollary 1.1.** Let  $\mathbf{A} = (A, \alpha)$  be a consistent and cotransitive relational system and  $\theta$  be a coequality on A such that  $\alpha \subseteq \theta$ . Then, the relation  $\alpha/\theta$  is a consistent and cotransitive on set  $A/\theta$ .

However, following [3] the lower and upper bounds can be defined also for general relational systems. Let  $\mathbf{A} = (A, \alpha)$  be a relational system and a, b be elements of A. In the tradition of [3] but some different to it we introduce the following notations:

$$L_A(a,b) = \{x \in A : (x,a) \in \alpha \lor (x,b) \in \alpha\}$$
$$U_A(a,b) = \{y \in A : (a,y) \in \alpha \lor (b,y) \in \alpha\}.$$

If a = b, we will write  $L_A(a)$  and  $U_A(b)$  instead  $\alpha a$  and  $b\alpha$  respectively. Clearly, if  $\alpha$  is a consistent relation, then  $a \bowtie L_A(a)$  and  $a \bowtie U_A(a)$  for each  $a \in A$ . It is easy to prove the following two assertions:

**Remark**. Let  $\mathbf{A} = ((A, =, \neq), \alpha)$  be a quasi-antiorder relational systems. Then:

$$(a,b) \bowtie \alpha$$
 iff  $L_A(a,b) = L_A(a)$  iff  $U_A(a,b) = U_A(b)$ 

and

$$(a,b) \in \alpha \iff A = U_A(a) \cup L_B(b).$$

*Proof.* (1) It is clear that  $L_A(a) \subseteq L_A(a, b)$ . Suppose that  $(a, b) \bowtie \alpha$ . Now out of  $(x, b) \in \alpha$  and  $(a, b) \bowtie \alpha$  follows  $(x, a) \in \alpha$ . Therefore,  $(a, b) \bowtie \alpha \Longrightarrow L_A(a) = L_A(a, b)$ .

(2) Let  $L_A(a,b) = L_A(a)$  holds. Out of  $a \bowtie L_A(a) = L_A(a,b)$  we conclude that  $(a,b) \bowtie \alpha$ . In fact, let (u,v) be an arbitrary element of  $\alpha$ . Then, we have  $(u,a) \in \alpha$  or  $(a,b) \in \alpha$  or  $(b,v) \in \alpha$ . Suppose that  $(a,b) \in \alpha$ . Then, it would be

$$a \in L_A(b) \subseteq L_A(a) \cup L_A(b) = L_A(a,b) = L_A(a).$$

Since the least is impossible, we conclude that  $(a, b) \neq (u, v)$ .

(3) The proof for  $(a, b) \bowtie \alpha$  iff  $U_A(a, b) = U_A(b)$  we get analogously.

Following definition of LU-mapping in [3] we introduce analogous notion:

**Definition 3.** Let  $\mathbf{A} = ((A, =, \neq), \alpha)$  and  $\mathbf{B} = ((B, =, \neq), \beta)$  be two relational systems. A surjective strongly extensional mapping  $f : A \longrightarrow B$  is called an LU-mapping if

$$f(L_A(x,y)) = L_A(f(x), f(y))$$
 and  $f(U_A(x,y)) = U_A(f(x), f(y))$ 

holds for all  $x, y \in A$ .

If  $\mathbf{A} = ((A, =, \neq), \alpha)$  and  $\mathbf{B} = ((B, =, \neq), \beta)$  are quasi-antiorder relational systems and if f is a strongly extensional and reverse isotone surjective mapping, then

$$L_B(f(x), f(y)) \subseteq f(L_A(x, y))$$
 and  
 $U_B(f(x), f(y)) \subseteq f(U_A(x, y)).$ 

Indeed, let  $z \in L_B(f(x), f(y))$ , i.e. let  $(z, f(x)) \in \beta$  or  $(z, f(y)) \in \beta$ . Then there exists an element t of A such that z = f(t) and  $(f(t), f(x)) \in \beta$  or  $(f(t), f(y)) \in \beta$ . Since, f is a reverse isotone mapping, we have  $(t, x) \in \alpha$  or  $(t, y) \in \alpha$ . Thus,  $t \in L_A(x, y)$  and  $z = f(t) \in f(L_A(x, y))$ . Proof for inclusion  $U_B(f(x), f(y)) \subseteq f(U_A(x, y))$  is analogous.

In the following theorem we prove that every strongly extensional reverse isotone QS-mapping between two quasi-antiorder relational systems is LUmapping.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $\mathbf{A} = ((A, =, \neq), \alpha)$  and  $\mathbf{B} = ((B, =, \neq), \beta)$  be quasiantiorder relational systems and  $f : A \longrightarrow B$  be a strongly extensional reverse isotone surjective QS-mapping. Then f is a strongly extensional isotone and reverse isotone LU-mapping.

**Proof.** (1) Let z be an arbitrary element of  $f(L_A(x, y))$ . Then there exists an element t of  $L_A(x, y)$  such that z = f(t) and  $(t, x) \in \alpha \lor (t, y) \in \alpha$ . Since f is QS-mapping, then there exist elements  $a, b, c, d \in A$  such that

$$z = f(t) = f(a) \land (f(a), f(b)) \in \beta \land f(b) = f(x)$$

or

$$z = f(t) = f(c) \land (f(c), f(d)) \in \beta \land f(d) = f(y).$$

Thus, we have  $z \in \{u \in B : (u, f(x)) \in \beta \lor (u, f(y)) \in \beta\} = L_B(f(x), f(y)).$ (2) The second inclusion  $f(U_A(x, y)) \subseteq U_B(f(x), f(y))$  we prove analogously.  $\Box$ 

The first important result about relational system  $\mathbf{A}/\theta$  is given by the following theorem.

**Theorem 2** Let  $\mathbf{A} = ((A, =, \neq), \alpha)$  be a quasi-antiorder relational systems. If  $\theta$  is a coequality on A such that  $\alpha \subseteq \theta$ , then the canonical mapping  $\pi : A \longrightarrow A/\theta$  is a QS-mapping.

**Proof**: Let  $\theta$  be a coequality relation on a quasi-antiorder relational systems  $((A, =, \neq), \alpha)$  and let  $\alpha/\theta$  be a relation on  $A/\theta$  defined by

$$(a\theta, b\theta) \in \alpha/\theta \iff (a, b) \in \theta^C \circ \alpha \circ \theta^C$$

For the mapping  $\pi: A \longrightarrow A/\theta$ , defined by  $\pi(a) = a\theta$   $(a \in A)$ , we have:

(i) For elements a and b of A such that a = b we have  $(a, b) \bowtie \theta \supseteq \theta^C \circ \alpha \circ \theta^C$ . Hence, if (u, v) be an arbitrary element of  $\theta^C \circ \alpha \circ \theta^C$ , then we have  $(a, b) \neq (u, v) \in \theta^C \circ \alpha \circ \theta^C$ . So, finally, we have  $a\theta =_1 b\theta$ .

(ii) It is obvious that is a strongly extensional mapping.

(iii) By Corollary 1.1, the relation  $\alpha/\theta$  is a quasi-antiorder and the system  $\mathbf{A}/\theta$  is quasi-antiorder system. Suppose that  $(a\theta, b\theta) \in \alpha/\theta$ , i.e. suppose that there exists elements x, y of A such that  $(a, x) \bowtie \theta$  and  $(x, y) \in \alpha$  and  $(y, b) \bowtie \theta$ . Since  $\theta \supseteq \alpha$ , out of  $(x, a) \in \alpha \lor (a, b) \in \alpha \lor (b, y) \in \alpha$  we have  $(a, b) \in \alpha$  because  $(x, a) \bowtie \alpha$  and  $(b, y) \bowtie \alpha$ . Hence, from  $(\pi(a), \pi(b)) \in \alpha/\theta$  we conclude that  $(a, b) \in \alpha$ . Therefore, the mapping  $\pi$  is reverse isotone.

(iv) If  $(x, y) \in \alpha$ , then  $(x, y) \in \theta^C \circ \alpha \circ \theta^C$ , i.e. then  $(x\theta, y\theta) \in \alpha/\theta$ . Thus,  $(x, y) \in \pi^{-1}(\alpha/\theta)$ . Therefore, we have  $\alpha \subseteq \pi^{-1}(\alpha/\theta) \subseteq \theta^C \circ \pi^{-1}(\alpha/\theta) \circ \theta^C$ . So, the mapping  $\pi$  is a QS-mapping.  $\Box$ 

The second main result about the relational system  $A/\theta$  is given by the following theorem and corollary.

**Theorem 3** Let  $\mathbf{A} = ((A, =, \neq), \alpha)$  and  $\mathbf{B} = ((B, =, \neq), \beta)$  be quasi-antiorder relational systems and let  $\varphi : A \longrightarrow B$  be a surjective QS-mapping. Then Coker $\varphi$  is a coequality on  $\mathbf{A}$  and there exists the strongly extensional and embedding isotone and reverse isotone bijective mapping  $\psi : \mathbf{A}/Coker \longrightarrow$  $((B, \neg \neq, \neq), \beta).$ 

**Proof**: We will verify first that  $\psi : A/Coker\varphi \longrightarrow B$ , defined by  $\psi(aq) = \varphi(a)$ , where  $q = Coker\varphi$ , is a strongly extensional QS-mapping of sets such that  $\psi \circ \pi = \varphi$ . Let  $\alpha/q$  be a quasi-antiorder on set A/q. Then:

(1) The relation  $\psi : A/q \longrightarrow B$ , defined by  $\psi(aq) = \varphi(a)$ , is a strongly extensional and embedding relation:

$$\psi(aq) \neq \psi(bq) \iff \varphi(a) \neq \varphi(b)$$
$$\iff (a,b) \in Coker\varphi = q$$
$$\iff aq \neq_1 bq.$$

(2) The  $\psi$  is an injective relation: In fact, since  $\psi(aq) = \psi(bq)$  is equivalent with  $(a, b) \in Ker\varphi$ , for arbitrary element  $(u, v) \in q$  we have  $(a, b) \neq (u, v) \in q$ . Thus,  $aq =_1 bq$ .

(3) Let  $aq =_1 bq$ , i.e. let  $(a, b) \bowtie q$  and suppose that  $\psi(aq) \neq \psi(bq)$ . Thus, we conclude  $(a, b) \in q$  which is impossible. So, should be  $\neg(\psi(aq) \neq \psi(bq))$ . Therefore, the relation  $\psi$  is a strongly extensional, injective and embedding mapping from A onto  $(B, \neg \neq, \neq)$ .

(4) Let  $(\psi(aq), \psi(bq)) \in \beta$ , i.e. let  $(\varphi(a), \varphi(b)) \in \beta$ . Thus  $(a, b) \in \alpha \subseteq q^C \circ \alpha \circ q^C$  and  $(aq, bq) \in \alpha/q$ . So, the mapping  $\psi$  is reverse isotone.

(5) Let (aq, bq) be an arbitrary element of  $\alpha/q$ , i.e. let  $(a, b) \in q^C \circ \alpha \circ q^C$ . Since  $\alpha \subseteq Ker\varphi \circ \varphi^{-1}(\beta) \circ Ker\varphi$ , we have

$$(a,b) \in q^C \circ \alpha \circ q^C \subseteq q^C \circ Ker \varphi \circ \varphi^{-1}(\beta) \circ Ker \varphi \circ q^C.$$

Therefore, there exist elements x, x', y', y of A such that  $(a, x) \bowtie q$  and  $(x, x') \in Ker\varphi$  and  $(x', y') \in \varphi^{-1}(\beta)$  and  $(y', y) \in Ker\varphi$  and  $(y, b) \bowtie q$ , i.e. holds  $(a, x) \bowtie q$  and  $(x, x') \in Ker\varphi$  and  $(x', y') \in \varphi^{-1}(\beta)$  and  $(y', y) \in Ker\varphi$  and  $(y, b) \bowtie q$ . Further on, out of  $(\varphi(x'), \varphi(y')) \in \beta$  we have  $(\varphi(x'), \varphi(x)) \in \beta \subseteq \neq$  or  $(\varphi(x), \varphi(a)) \in \beta \subseteq \neq$  or  $(\varphi(a), \varphi(b)) \in \beta$  or  $(\varphi(b), \varphi(y)) \in \beta \subseteq \neq$  or  $(\varphi(y), \varphi(y')) \in \beta \subseteq \neq$ . Finally, we have  $(\varphi(a), \varphi(b)) \in \beta$  and the mapping  $\psi$  is an isotone mapping.  $\Box$ 

**Corollary 3.1** Let  $\mathbf{A} = ((A, =, \neq), \alpha)$  and  $\mathbf{B} = ((B, =, \neq), \beta)$  be quasiantiorder relational systems, where the apartness on B are tight, and let  $\varphi$ :  $\mathbf{A} \longrightarrow \mathbf{B}$  be a surjective QS-mapping. Then Coker $\varphi$  is a coequality on  $\mathbf{A}$  and there exists the isomorphism:  $A/Coker\varphi \cong ((B, =, \neq), \beta)$  as quasi-antiorder relational systems.

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