

## LAWS OF THE LATTICES OF PARTIALLY COMPOSITION FORMATIONS

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**Abstract:** We prove that every law of the lattice of all formations of finite groups is fulfilled in the lattice of all  $n$ -multiply  $\omega$ -composition formations of finite groups for every nonempty set of primes  $\omega$  and every natural  $n$ .

**Keywords:** finite group, formation of groups,  $\omega$ -composition satellite of a formation,  $n$ -multiply  $\omega$ -composition formation, lattice of formations, law of a lattice, modular lattice, inductive lattice of formations,  $\mathfrak{X}$ -separated lattice of formations

### Introduction

All groups in this paper are finite. In what follows,  $\omega$  denotes some nonempty set of primes and  $\omega' = \mathbb{P} \setminus \omega$ . We write  $C^p(G)$  to denote the intersection of the centralizers of those chief factors of  $G$  whose composition factors have a prime order  $p$  (if  $G$  has no such factors, then we assume that  $C^p(G) = G$ ). If  $\mathfrak{X}$  is a collection of groups, then  $\text{Com}(\mathfrak{X})$  denotes the class of all simple abelian groups  $A$  such that  $A \simeq H/K$  for some composition factor  $H/K$  of  $G \in \mathfrak{X}$ . Also,  $R_\omega(G)$  denotes the  $\mathfrak{S}_\omega$ -radical of  $G$ , that is, the product of all soluble normal subgroups of  $G$  which are  $\omega$ -groups.

A *formation* is a class of groups closed under taking homomorphic images and finite subdirect products. In the theory of formations, a distinguished place is occupied by the so-called  $\omega$ -saturated formations. A formation  $\mathfrak{F}$  is  $\omega$ -saturated if  $\mathfrak{F}$  contains every group  $G$  satisfying  $G/L \in \mathfrak{F}$ , where  $L \subseteq \Phi(G) \cap O_\omega(G)$ . The interest in  $\omega$ -saturated formations increased significantly in the recent years and gave rise to some natural generalizations ( $\omega$ -composition formations [1],  $\mathfrak{X}$ -local formations [2], and others).

Let  $f$  be a function of the form

$$f : \omega \cup \{\omega'\} \rightarrow \{\text{formations of groups}\}. \quad (1)$$

By [1], for every function  $f$ , we define the class of groups

$$CF_\omega(f) = (G \mid G/R_\omega(G) \in f(\omega') \text{ and } G/C^p(G) \in f(p) \text{ for all } p \in \omega \cap \pi(\text{Com}(G))).$$

If  $\mathfrak{F}$  is a formation such that  $\mathfrak{F} = CF_\omega(f)$  for some function  $f$  of the form (1), then  $f$  is said to be  $\omega$ -composition and  $f$  is said to be an  $\omega$ -composition satellite of  $\mathfrak{F}$  [1].

Every formation is 0-multiply  $\omega$ -composition by definition. For  $n > 0$ , a formation  $\mathfrak{F}$  is called  $n$ -multiply  $\omega$ -composition [1] if  $\mathfrak{F} = CF_\omega(f)$  and all nonempty values of  $f$  are  $(n-1)$ -multiply  $\omega$ -composition formations. The set of all  $n$ -multiply  $\omega$ -composition formations  $c_n^\omega$  ordered by inclusion  $\subseteq$  forms a complete lattice [1]. It is worth noting that  $\omega$ -composition (in particular,  $n$ -multiply  $\omega$ -composition) formations, in contrast to the classes of saturated formations,  $\omega$ -saturated formations, and composition formations, are not generalized the theory of  $\mathfrak{X}$ -local formations which was developed by Ballester-Bolinchés, Calvo,

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and Shemetkov in [2]. On the other hand,  $n$ -multiply  $\omega$ -composition formations, as well as  $n$ -multiply  $\omega$ -saturated formations, are most useful to various applications of the theory of formations.

The books [3, 4], as well as the recent books [5, 6], demonstrate that the constructions and theorems of lattice theory are useful tools to study groups and formations of groups. In 1986 Skiba [7] established that the lattice of all (saturated) formations is modular. This fact was widely used later for analyzing the structure of saturated formations (see [3, Chapter 4; 4, Chapters 4 and 5; 5, Chapter 4]). In [4] Skiba proved that for all natural  $m$  and  $n$  the lattice of all  $\tau$ -closed  $m$ -multiply saturated formations and the lattice of all  $\tau$ -closed  $n$ -multiply saturated formations have the same systems of laws. Wenbin Guo and Skiba [8] showed that for any infinite set of primes  $\omega$  and any distinct naturals  $m$  and  $n$ , the laws of the lattice of all  $m$ -multiply  $\omega$ -saturated formations and those of the lattices of all  $n$ -multiple  $\omega$ -saturated formations coincide. Shemetkov, Skiba, and Vorob'ev extended in [9] this result to the lattices of functorially closed  $n$ -multiply  $\omega$ -saturated formations.

Wenbin Guo and K. P. Shum [10] described nonnilpotent totally saturated formations  $\mathfrak{F}$  with a Boolean lattice  $\mathfrak{F}/_{\infty}\mathfrak{F} \cap \mathfrak{N}$  of all totally saturated formations lying between  $\mathfrak{F}$  and  $\mathfrak{F} \cap \mathfrak{N}$ . Then Wenbin Guo in [11] described  $\tau$ -closed  $n$ -multiply saturated formations  $\mathfrak{F}$  with a Boolean lattice  $\mathfrak{F}/_{\tau}^n \mathfrak{F} \cap \mathfrak{N}$  of all  $\tau$ -closed  $n$ -multiply saturated formations lying between  $\mathfrak{F}$  and  $\mathfrak{F} \cap \mathfrak{N}$ .

Finally, we note that V. A. Vedernikov and his students (see, for example, [12–15]) studied analogous questions within an original theory of foliated formations.

One of the open problems in this area is the following question posed in [1, Problem 3, p. 796]: *Is it true that for all nonnegative integers  $m$  and  $n$  and every nonempty set of primes  $\omega$ , the lattices  $c_m^{\omega}$  and  $c_n^{\omega}$  have the same system of laws?*

The main goal of the present paper is to solve the problem in the case of an infinite set of primes  $\omega$ . An important step towards this goal is provided in [16] where the lattice of all  $\tau$ -closed  $n$ -multiply  $\omega$ -composition formations was proved to be inductive (see [4, Definition 4.1]).

We use the standard terminology of [1, 3–6, 17].

## 1. Preliminaries

Recall that a *semiformation* [3] is a class of groups closed under taking homomorphic images. Let  $\mathfrak{X}$  be a collection of groups. We write  $\text{form } \mathfrak{X}$  to denote the smallest formation containing  $\mathfrak{X}$ .

Recall also some known facts that will be needed for proving the main results.

**Lemma 1** [4, Corollary 1.2.26]. *Let  $\mathfrak{X}$  be a semiformation and  $A \in \mathfrak{F} = \text{form } \mathfrak{X}$ . If  $A$  is a monolithic group and  $A \notin \mathfrak{X}$ , then  $\mathfrak{F}$  contains a group  $H$  with normal subgroups  $N, N_1, \dots, N_t$  and  $M, M_1, \dots, M_t$  ( $t \geq 2$ ) such that the following statements hold:*

- (1)  $H/N \simeq A, M/N = \text{Soc}(H/N)$ ;
- (2)  $N_1 \cap \dots \cap N_t = 1$ ;
- (3)  $H/N_i$  is a monolithic  $\mathfrak{X}$ -group with the monolith  $M_i/N_i$ , which is  $H$ -isomorphic to  $M/N$ ;
- (4)  $M_1 \cap \dots \cap M_t \subseteq M$ .

**Lemma 2** [1, Lemma 2]. *Let  $\mathfrak{F} = \bigcap_{i \in I} \mathfrak{F}_i$ , where  $\mathfrak{F}_i = CF_{\omega}(f_i)$ . Then  $\mathfrak{F} = CF_{\omega}(f)$ , where  $f = \bigcap_{i \in I} f_i$ .*

A nonempty set of formations  $\Theta$  is a *complete lattice of formations* [4] if the intersection of every collection of formations in  $\Theta$  belongs to  $\Theta$ , and  $\Theta$  contains a formation  $\mathfrak{F}$  such that  $\mathfrak{H} \subseteq \mathfrak{F}$  for every other formation  $\mathfrak{H} \in \Theta$ .

Let  $\Theta$  be a complete lattice of formations. If  $\mathfrak{M}, \mathfrak{H} \in \Theta$ , then  $\mathfrak{M} \cap \mathfrak{H}$  is the greatest lower bound for  $\{\mathfrak{M}, \mathfrak{H}\}$  in  $\Theta$  and  $\mathfrak{M} \vee_{\Theta} \mathfrak{H}$  is the least upper bound for  $\{\mathfrak{M}, \mathfrak{H}\}$  in  $\Theta$ . A satellite  $f$  is called  $\Theta$ -valued [1] if all values of  $f$  belong to  $\Theta$ . By [4], we write  $\Theta^{\omega_c}$  to denote the collection of all formations having a  $\Theta$ -valued  $\omega$ -composition satellite. In [1, pp. 786, 789] it was shown that  $\Theta^{\omega_c}$  and  $c_n^{\omega}$  are complete lattices of formations.

Let  $\Theta$  be a complete lattice of formations and let  $\mathfrak{X} \subseteq \mathfrak{F} \in \Theta$  be a collection of groups. We write  $\Theta \text{ form } \mathfrak{X}$  to denote the intersection of all formations of  $\Theta$  containing all groups of  $\mathfrak{X}$ . In particular,

we write  $\Theta \text{ form } G$  when  $\mathfrak{X} = \{G\}$ . Thus  $c_n^\omega \text{ form } \mathfrak{X}$  is the intersection of all  $n$ -multiply  $\omega$ -composition formations containing all groups of  $\mathfrak{X}$ .

Let  $\{f_i \mid i \in I\}$  be the set of all  $c_{n-1}^\omega$ -valued  $\omega$ -composition satellites of a formation  $\mathfrak{F}$ . By Lemma 2 we see that  $f = \bigcap_{i \in I} f_i$  is a  $c_{n-1}^\omega$ -valued  $\omega$ -composition satellite of  $\mathfrak{F}$ . The satellite  $f$  is called the *minimal*  $c_{n-1}^\omega$ -valued  $\omega$ -composition satellite of  $\mathfrak{F}$ . The following lemma provides a method for constructing the minimal  $c_{n-1}^\omega$ -valued satellite of  $\mathfrak{F} = c_n^\omega \text{ form } \mathfrak{X}$ .

**Lemma 3** [1, Lemma 11]. *Let  $\mathfrak{X}$  be a nonempty collection of groups,  $\mathfrak{F} = c_n^\omega \text{ form } \mathfrak{X}$ , where  $n \geq 1$ ,  $\pi = \omega \cap \pi(\text{Com}(\mathfrak{X}))$ , and let  $f$  be the minimal  $c_{n-1}^\omega$ -valued  $\omega$ -composition satellite of  $\mathfrak{F}$ . Then the following statements hold:*

- (1)  $f(\omega') = c_{n-1}^\omega \text{ form}(G/R_\omega(G) \mid G \in \mathfrak{X})$ ;
- (2)  $f(p) = c_{n-1}^\omega \text{ form}(G/C^p(G) \mid G \in \mathfrak{X})$  for all  $p \in \pi$ ;
- (3)  $f(p) = \emptyset$  for all  $p \in \omega \setminus \pi$ ;
- (4) if  $\mathfrak{F} = CF_\omega(h)$  and the satellite  $h$  is  $c_{n-1}^\omega$ -valued, then for all  $p \in \pi$

$$\begin{aligned} f(p) &= c_{n-1}^\omega \text{ form}(A \mid A \in h(p) \cap \mathfrak{F}, O_p(A) = 1), \\ f(\omega') &= c_{n-1}^\omega \text{ form}(A \mid A \in h(\omega') \cap \mathfrak{F}, R_\omega(A) = 1). \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 4** [4, Lemma 4.1.3]. *Let  $N_1 \times \cdots \times N_t = \text{Soc}(G)$ , where  $N_i$  is a minimal normal subgroup of a group  $G$  ( $i = 1, \dots, t$ ),  $t > 1$ , and  $O_p(G) = 1$ . Let  $M_i$  be the largest normal subgroup of  $G$  containing  $N_1 \times \cdots \times N_{i-1} \times N_{i+1} \times \cdots \times N_t$  but not containing  $N_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, t$ ). Then the following statements hold:*

- (1) for every  $i \in \{1, \dots, t\}$  the factor group  $G/M_i$  is monolithic, its monolith  $N_i M_i / M_i$  is  $G$ -isomorphic to  $N_i$ , and  $O_p(G/M_i) = 1$ ;
- (2)  $M_1 \cap \cdots \cap M_t = 1$ .

**Lemma 5** [17, Theorem 2.2; 4, Lemma 1.2.22]. *If  $\mathfrak{X}$  is a collection of groups, then  $\text{form } \mathfrak{X} = \text{QR}_0(\mathfrak{X})$ .*

The intersection of all semiformalizations that contain a given collection of groups  $\mathfrak{X}$  is called the *semiformation generated by  $\mathfrak{X}$*  [4].

**Lemma 6** [4, Lemma 1.2.21]. *Let  $\mathfrak{F}$  be a semiformation generated by  $\mathfrak{X}$ . Then  $\mathfrak{F} = \text{Q}\mathfrak{X}$ .*

Recall that a class of groups  $\mathfrak{F}$  is a *Fitting class* if  $\mathfrak{F}$  is closed under taking normal subgroups and products of normal  $\mathfrak{F}$ -subgroups. With each Fitting class  $\mathfrak{F}$ , we can associate the smallest (by the inclusion) Fitting class  $\mathfrak{F}^*$  containing  $\mathfrak{F}$  and such that  $(G \times H)_{\mathfrak{F}^*} = G_{\mathfrak{F}^*} \times H_{\mathfrak{F}^*}$  for all groups  $G$  and  $H$ . A Fitting class  $\mathfrak{F}$  is called a *Lockett class* [18] if  $\mathfrak{F} = \mathfrak{F}^*$ .

**Lemma 7** [18, X, Theorem 1.9]. *Let  $\mathfrak{F}$  be a Fitting class. The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $\mathfrak{F} = \mathfrak{F}^*$ ;
- (2)  $(G \times H)_{\mathfrak{F}} = G_{\mathfrak{F}} \times H_{\mathfrak{F}}$  for all  $G$  and  $H$ .

**Lemma 8** [19, Lemma 2]. *Let  $Z_p$  be a group of prime order  $p$  and let  $G$  be a group with  $O_p(G) = 1$ . Then the base group of the regular wreath product  $T = Z_p \wr G$  is equal to  $C^p(T) = O_p(T)$ .*

**Lemma 9** [1, Lemma 4]. *If  $\mathfrak{F} = CF_\omega(f)$  and  $G/O_p(G) \in f(p) \cap \mathfrak{F}$  for some  $p \in \omega$ , then  $G \in \mathfrak{F}$ .*

Let  $\Theta$  be a complete lattice of formations. Let  $\{\mathfrak{F}_i \mid i \in I\}$  be an arbitrary collection of  $\Theta$ -formations. We denote

$$\vee_\Theta(\mathfrak{F}_i \mid i \in I) = \Theta \text{ form} \left( \bigcup_{i \in I} \mathfrak{F}_i \right).$$

Let  $\{f_i \mid i \in I\}$  be a collection of  $\Theta$ -valued satellites. Then  $\vee_\Theta(f_i \mid i \in I)$  denotes the satellite  $f$  such that

$$f(a) = \Theta \text{ form} \left( \bigcup_{i \in I} f_i(a) \right)$$

for every  $a \in \omega \cup \{\omega'\}$ .

A complete lattice of formations  $\Theta^{\omega_c}$  is *inductive* [4] if for every collection  $\{\mathfrak{F}_i \mid i \in I\}$  of formations  $\mathfrak{F}_i$  of  $\Theta^{\omega_c}$  and for every collection  $\{f_i \mid i \in I\}$  of inner  $\Theta$ -valued  $\omega$ -composition satellites  $f_i$ , where  $f_i$  is an  $\omega$ -composition satellite of  $\mathfrak{F}_i$ , we have

$$\vee_{\Theta^{\omega_c}}(\mathfrak{F}_i \mid i \in I) = CF_{\omega}(\vee_{\Theta}(f_i \mid i \in I)).$$

**Lemma 10** [16, Theorem 2.1]. *The lattice of all  $n$ -multiply  $\omega$ -composition formations  $c_n^{\omega}$  is inductive.*

**Lemma 11** [11, Lemma 3.4.3]. *For every variety of groups  $\mathfrak{M}$  the map  $\text{fin}$  of the form  $\mathfrak{M} \rightarrow \text{fin } \mathfrak{M}$  is an embedding of the lattice and semigroup of locally finite varieties into the algebra of all formations.*

## 2. $\mathfrak{G}$ -Separability of the Lattice $c_n^{\omega}$

**Lemma 12.** *Let  $A$  be a monolithic group with a nonabelian monolith  $R$ , let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be a semiformality, and  $A \in c_n^{\omega} \text{ form } \mathfrak{M}$ ,  $n \geq 0$ . Then  $A \in \mathfrak{M}$ .*

PROOF. We proceed by induction on  $n$ . Suppose that  $n = 0$ . Then  $A \in c_0^{\omega} \text{ form } \mathfrak{M} = \text{form } \mathfrak{M}$ . Let  $A \notin \mathfrak{M}$ . By Lemma 1 the formation  $\text{form } \mathfrak{M}$  contains a group  $H$  with normal subgroups  $N, N_1, \dots, N_t$  and  $M, M_1, \dots, M_t$  ( $t \geq 2$ ) such that the following statements hold:

- (1)  $H/N \simeq A$ ,  $M/N = \text{Soc}(H/N)$ ;
- (2)  $H/N_i$  is a monolithic  $\mathfrak{M}$ -group with the monolith  $M_i/N_i$  and  $M_i/N_i \stackrel{H}{\simeq} M/N$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, t$ .

Since  $R \simeq M/N$  is nonabelian,  $C_H(M/N) = N$ . Furthermore,  $M_i/N_i \stackrel{H}{\simeq} M/N$ . Therefore  $N_i \subseteq N$ . Hence  $A \simeq H/N \in \mathfrak{M}$ ; a contradiction. Thus the assertion of the lemma holds for  $n = 0$ .

Let  $n > 0$  and the lemma holds for  $n - 1$ . Suppose that  $f$  is the minimal  $c_{n-1}^{\omega}$ -valued  $\omega$ -composition satellite of  $\mathfrak{F} = c_n^{\omega} \text{ form } \mathfrak{M}$ . Since  $R$  is a nonabelian group,  $\pi(\text{Com}(R)) = \emptyset$ . Thus  $R_{\omega}(A) = 1$ . Hence by Lemma 3

$$A \simeq A/1 = A/R_{\omega}(A) \in f(\omega') = c_{n-1}^{\omega} \text{ form}(G/R_{\omega}(G) \mid G \in \mathfrak{M}).$$

It follows that

$$A \in c_{n-1}^{\omega} \text{ form}(G/R_{\omega}(G) \mid G \in \mathfrak{M}) \subseteq c_{n-1}^{\omega} \text{ form } \mathfrak{M}.$$

By induction,  $A \in \mathfrak{M}$ , and the lemma is proved.  $\square$

**Lemma 13.** *Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be a semiformality and  $A \in c_n^{\omega} \text{ form } \mathfrak{M}$ ,  $n \geq 0$ . Then the following statements hold:*

- (1) if  $O_p(A) = 1$  and  $p \in \omega$ , then  $A \in c_n^{\omega} \text{ form } \mathfrak{M}_1$ , where  $\mathfrak{M}_1 = (G/O_p(G) \mid G \in \mathfrak{M})$ ;
- (2) if  $R_{\omega}(A) = 1$ , then  $A \in c_n^{\omega} \text{ form } \mathfrak{M}_2$ , where  $\mathfrak{M}_2 = (G/R_{\omega}(G) \mid G \in \mathfrak{M})$ .

PROOF. If  $A \in \mathfrak{M}$ , then the lemma is obvious. So we assume that  $A \notin \mathfrak{M}$ .

Suppose that  $A$  is a monolithic group with the monolith  $R$ . We proceed by induction on  $n$ .

Let  $n = 0$ . Since  $A \notin \mathfrak{M}$  and  $A \in c_0^{\omega} \text{ form } \mathfrak{M} = \text{form } \mathfrak{M}$ , it follows from Lemma 1 that  $\text{form } \mathfrak{M}$  contains a group  $H$  with normal subgroups  $N, N_1, \dots, N_t$  and  $M, M_1, \dots, M_t$  ( $t \geq 2$ ) such that the following statements hold: (1)  $H/N \simeq A$ ,  $M/N = \text{Soc}(H/N)$ ; (2)  $N_1 \cap \dots \cap N_t = 1$ ; (3)  $H/N_i$  is a monolithic  $\mathfrak{M}$ -group with the monolith  $M_i/N_i$ , which is  $H$ -isomorphic to  $M/N$ .

As  $O_p(A) = 1$  and  $R_{\omega}(A) = 1$ , by Lemma 1 we obtain

$$H \in R_0(H/N_1, \dots, H/N_t) \subseteq R_0 \mathfrak{M}_j,$$

where  $j = 1, 2$ . By condition 1 of Lemma 1 and Lemma 5, this implies that

$$A \simeq H/N \in \text{QR}_0(H/N_1, \dots, H/N_t) = \text{form}(H/N_1, \dots, H/N_t) \subseteq \text{form } \mathfrak{M}_j,$$

where  $j = 1, 2$ .

Let  $n > 0$ . Suppose that  $O_p(A) = 1$  and  $p \in \omega$ . If  $R$  is a nonabelian group, then  $A \in \mathfrak{M}$  by Lemma 12; a contradiction. Hence  $R$  is a  $q$ -group, where  $q \in \mathbb{P} \setminus \{p\}$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{F} = c_n^\omega \text{ form } \mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{H}_j = c_n^\omega \text{ form } \mathfrak{M}_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ . Let  $f$  and  $h_j$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ) be the minimal  $c_{n-1}^\omega$ -valued  $\omega$ -composition satellites of formations  $\mathfrak{F}$  and  $\mathfrak{H}_j$ , respectively. By Lemma 3

$$f(\omega') = c_{n-1}^\omega \text{ form}(G/R_\omega(G) \mid G \in \mathfrak{M}), \quad f(s) = c_{n-1}^\omega \text{ form}(G/C^s(G) \mid G \in \mathfrak{M})$$

for all  $s \in \omega \cap \pi(\text{Com}(\mathfrak{M}))$ ;

$$h_j(\omega') = c_{n-1}^\omega \text{ form}(G/R_\omega(G) \mid G \in \mathfrak{M}_j), \quad h_j(s) = c_{n-1}^\omega \text{ form}(G/C^s(G) \mid G \in \mathfrak{M}_j)$$

for all  $s \in \omega \cap \pi(\text{Com}(\mathfrak{M}_j))$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ .

For every group  $G$ ,

$$G/R_\omega(G) \simeq (G/O_p(G))/(R_\omega(G)/O_p(G)) = (G/O_p(G))/R_\omega(G/O_p(G)).$$

This implies that  $f(\omega') = h_j(\omega')$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ .

If  $q \notin \omega$ , then  $R_\omega(A) = 1$ . Hence

$$A \simeq A/1 = A/R_\omega(A) \in f(\omega') = h_1(\omega') \subseteq \mathfrak{H}_1.$$

Let  $q \in \omega$ . We show that  $A/R \in \mathfrak{H}_1$ . Since  $A \in \mathfrak{F}$ , it follows that  $A/R_\omega(A) \in f(\omega') = h_1(\omega') \subseteq \mathfrak{H}_1$ .

Let  $O_p(A/R) = 1$ . Since  $|A/R| < |A|$ , we have  $A/R \in \mathfrak{H}_1$  by induction.

Suppose that  $O_p(A/R) \neq 1$ . Let  $R \subseteq \Phi(A)$  and  $D/R = O_p(A/R)$ . Then  $D$  is nilpotent. Hence  $D = D_p \times D_q$ , where  $D_p$  is a Sylow  $p$ -subgroup of  $D$  and  $D_q$  is a Sylow  $q$ -subgroup of  $D$ . Therefore  $D_p = O_p(A) = 1$ ; a contradiction. Thus  $R \not\subseteq \Phi(A)$  and so  $R = C_A(R) = C^q(A)$ .

Let  $q \in \omega \cap \pi(\text{Com}(A/R))$ . For every group  $G$ ,

$$G/C^q(G) \simeq (G/O_p(G))/(C^q(G)/O_p(G)) = (G/O_p(G))/C^q(G/O_p(G)).$$

This implies  $f(q) = h_1(q)$ . By hypothesis,  $A \in \mathfrak{F}$  and so

$$A/R = A/C^q(A) \in f(q) = h_1(q) \subseteq \mathfrak{H}_1.$$

Thus in any case we have  $A/R \in \mathfrak{H}_1$ . Hence

$$A/C^r(A) \simeq (A/R)/(C^r(A)/R) = (A/R)/C^r(A/R) \in h_1(r)$$

for all  $r \in \omega \cap \pi(\text{Com}(A/R)) \setminus \{q\}$ . Therefore  $A/C^r(A) \in h_1(r)$  for all  $r \in \omega \cap \pi(\text{Com}(A))$ . Furthermore, since  $A \in \mathfrak{F}$ , it follows that  $A/R_\omega(A) \in f(\omega') = h_1(\omega')$ . Thus  $A \in \mathfrak{H}_1$ . This proves assertion 1.

We now prove assertion 2. By hypothesis,  $A \in \mathfrak{F}$ . Since  $R_\omega(A) = 1$ ,

$$A \simeq A/1 = A/R_\omega(A) \in f(\omega') = h_2(\omega') = c_{n-1}^\omega \text{ form}(G/R_\omega(G) \mid G \in \mathfrak{M}_2) \subseteq c_{n-1}^\omega \text{ form } \mathfrak{M}_2 \subseteq \mathfrak{H}_2.$$

Thus  $A \in \mathfrak{H}_2$ .

Suppose that  $A$  is not a monolithic group, that is,  $\text{Soc}(A) = N_1 \times \cdots \times N_t$  with  $N_i$  a minimal normal subgroup of  $A$  and  $t > 1$ . Let  $M_i$  be the largest normal subgroup of  $A$  containing  $N_1 \times \cdots \times N_{i-1} \times N_{i+1} \times \cdots \times N_t$  but not containing  $N_i$ , where  $i = 1, \dots, t$ . By Lemma 4  $A \in \mathfrak{R}_0(A/M_1, \dots, A/M_t)$ . By hypothesis,  $A \in c_n^\omega \text{ form } \mathfrak{M}$ . Therefore  $A/M_i \in c_n^\omega \text{ form } \mathfrak{M}$ . As we proved above,  $A/M_i \in c_n^\omega \text{ form } \mathfrak{M}_1$ . Thus  $A \in c_n^\omega \text{ form } \mathfrak{M}_1$ .

Considering the proof of Lemma 4, we replace the condition  $O_p(A) = 1$  by the condition  $R_\omega(A) = 1$  and conclude that for every  $i \in \{1, \dots, t\}$  the factor group  $A/M_i$  is monolithic with the monolith  $N_i M_i / M_i$  and  $R_\omega(A/M_i) = 1$ . As we proved above,  $A/M_i \in c_n^\omega \text{ form } \mathfrak{M}_2$ . Thus  $A \simeq A/1 = A/(M_1 \cap \cdots \cap M_t) \in c_n^\omega \text{ form } \mathfrak{M}_2$ , as claimed.  $\square$

Let  $\{\mathfrak{F}_i \mid i \in I\}$  be an arbitrary collection of  $n$ -multiply  $\omega$ -composition formations. We denote

$$\vee_n^{\omega c}(\mathfrak{F}_i \mid i \in I) = c_n^\omega \text{ form} \left( \bigcup_{i \in I} \mathfrak{F}_i \right).$$

Let  $\{f_i \mid i \in I\}$  be a collection of  $c_n^\omega$ -valued functions of the form

$$f_i : \omega \cup \{\omega'\} \rightarrow \{\text{formations of groups}\}.$$

We write  $\vee_n^{\omega c}(f_i \mid i \in I)$  to denote the function  $f$  such that

$$f(\omega') = c_n^\omega \text{ form} \left( \bigcup_{i \in I} f_i(\omega') \right) \quad \text{and} \quad f(p) = c_n^\omega \text{ form} \left( \bigcup_{i \in I} f_i(p) \right)$$

for all  $p \in \omega$ .

The following lemma can be proved by direct calculations.

**Lemma 14.** Let  $n \geq 1$ , and let  $f_i$  be the minimal  $c_{n-1}^\omega$ -valued  $\omega$ -composition satellite of an  $n$ -multiply  $\omega$ -composition formation  $\mathfrak{F}_i$ ,  $i \in I$ . Then  $\vee_{n-1}^{\omega_c}(f_i \mid i \in I)$  is the minimal  $c_{n-1}^\omega$ -valued  $\omega$ -composition satellite of the formation  $\mathfrak{F} = \vee_n^{\omega_c}(\mathfrak{F}_i \mid i \in I)$ .

**Lemma 15.** Let  $\mathfrak{F}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{F}_2$  be  $n$ -multiply  $\omega$ -composition formations and  $A \in \mathfrak{F}_1 \vee_n^{\omega_c} \mathfrak{F}_2$ ,  $n \geq 0$ . Then there exist groups  $A_i \in \mathfrak{F}_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) such that  $A \in (c_n^\omega \text{ form } A_1) \vee_n^{\omega_c} (c_n^\omega \text{ form } A_2)$ .

PROOF. We proceed by induction on  $n$ . Let  $n = 0$ . By Lemma 5

$$A \in \mathfrak{F}_1 \vee_0^{\omega_c} \mathfrak{F}_2 = c_0^\omega \text{ form}(\mathfrak{F}_1 \cup \mathfrak{F}_2) = \text{form}(\mathfrak{F}_1 \cup \mathfrak{F}_2) = \text{QR}_0(\mathfrak{F}_1 \cup \mathfrak{F}_2).$$

Therefore  $A \simeq H/N$ , where  $H \in \text{R}_0(\mathfrak{F}_1 \cup \mathfrak{F}_2)$ . Thus  $H$  has normal subgroups  $N_1, \dots, N_t$  ( $t \geq 2$ ) such that

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^t N_i = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad H/N_i \in \mathfrak{F}_1 \cup \mathfrak{F}_2, \quad i = 1, \dots, t.$$

Observe that  $H^{\mathfrak{F}_1} \cap H^{\mathfrak{F}_2} = 1$ . Hence  $H \in \text{R}_0(H/H^{\mathfrak{F}_1}, H/H^{\mathfrak{F}_2})$ . Applying Lemma 5, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} A \simeq H/N &\in \text{QR}_0(H/H^{\mathfrak{F}_1}, H/H^{\mathfrak{F}_2}) = \text{form}(H/H^{\mathfrak{F}_1}, H/H^{\mathfrak{F}_2}) \\ &= \text{form}(H/H^{\mathfrak{F}_1}) \vee_0^{\omega_c} \text{form}(H/H^{\mathfrak{F}_2}) \subseteq \mathfrak{F}_1 \vee_0^{\omega_c} \mathfrak{F}_2. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $n > 0$ ,  $\{p_1, \dots, p_t\} = \omega \cap \pi(\text{Com}(A))$  and  $A \in \mathfrak{F}_1 \vee_n^{\omega_c} \mathfrak{F}_2$ . Then by Lemma 14

$$A/C^{p_i}(A) \in f_1(p_i) \vee_{n-1}^{\omega_c} f_2(p_i) \quad \text{and} \quad A/R_\omega(A) \in f_1(\omega') \vee_{n-1}^{\omega_c} f_2(\omega'),$$

where  $f_j$  is the minimal  $c_{n-1}^\omega$ -valued  $\omega$ -composition satellite of  $\mathfrak{F}_j$  for  $j = 1, 2$  and  $i = 1, \dots, t$ . By induction, there exist groups  $A_{i_1} \in f_1(p_i)$ ,  $A_{i_2} \in f_2(p_i)$ ,  $T_1 \in f_1(\omega')$ , and  $T_2 \in f_2(\omega')$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} A/C^{p_i}(A) &\in (c_{n-1}^\omega \text{ form } A_{i_1}) \vee_{n-1}^{\omega_c} (c_{n-1}^\omega \text{ form } A_{i_2}), \\ A/R_\omega(A) &\in (c_{n-1}^\omega \text{ form } T_1) \vee_{n-1}^{\omega_c} (c_{n-1}^\omega \text{ form } T_2). \end{aligned}$$

Clearly,

$$\begin{aligned} c_{n-1}^\omega \text{ form}(A_{i_1}, A_{i_2}) &= (c_{n-1}^\omega \text{ form } A_{i_1}) \vee_{n-1}^{\omega_c} (c_{n-1}^\omega \text{ form } A_{i_2}), \\ c_{n-1}^\omega \text{ form}(T_1, T_2) &= (c_{n-1}^\omega \text{ form } T_1) \vee_{n-1}^{\omega_c} (c_{n-1}^\omega \text{ form } T_2). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\mathfrak{R}_1$  be a semiformal formation generated by  $A_{i_1}$ ;  $\mathfrak{R}_2$ , a semiformal formation generated by  $A_{i_2}$ ;  $\mathfrak{Y}_1$ , a semiformal formation generated by  $T_1$ ; and  $\mathfrak{Y}_2$ , a semiformal formation generated by  $T_2$ .

By Lemma 6

$$\mathfrak{R}_1 = (B_1, \dots, B_s) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathfrak{R}_2 = (C_1, \dots, C_r)$$

for some  $B_1, \dots, B_s \in \text{Q}(A_{i_1})$  and  $C_1, \dots, C_r \in \text{Q}(A_{i_2})$ ;

$$\mathfrak{Y}_1 = (U_1, \dots, U_m) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathfrak{Y}_2 = (V_1, \dots, V_q)$$

for some  $U_1, \dots, U_m \in \text{Q}(T_1)$  and  $V_1, \dots, V_q \in \text{Q}(T_2)$ .

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} A/C^{p_i}(A) &\in c_{n-1}^\omega \text{ form}(A_{i_1}, A_{i_2}) = c_{n-1}^\omega \text{ form}(\mathfrak{R}_1 \cup \mathfrak{R}_2) \\ &= c_{n-1}^\omega \text{ form}(B_1, \dots, B_s, C_1, \dots, C_r), \\ A/R_\omega(A) &\in c_{n-1}^\omega \text{ form}(T_1, T_2) = c_{n-1}^\omega \text{ form}(\mathfrak{Y}_1 \cup \mathfrak{Y}_2) \\ &= c_{n-1}^\omega \text{ form}(U_1, \dots, U_m, V_1, \dots, V_q). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $O_{p_i}(A/C^{p_i}(A)) = 1$  and  $R_\omega(A/R_\omega(A)) = 1$ , we may suppose by Lemma 13 that  $O_{p_i}(B_k) = 1 = O_{p_i}(C_l)$  and  $R_\omega(U_x) = 1 = R_\omega(V_z)$  for all  $k = 1, \dots, s$  and  $l = 1, \dots, r$ ;  $x = 1, \dots, m$  and  $z = 1, \dots, q$ .

Let  $D_{i_1} = B_1 \times \cdots \times B_s$ ,  $D_{i_2} = C_1 \times \cdots \times C_r$ ,  $U = U_1 \times \cdots \times U_m$ , and  $V = V_1 \times \cdots \times V_q$ . Since  $\mathfrak{N}_{p_i}$  and  $\mathfrak{S}_\omega$  are Lockett classes, Lemma 7 implies that

$$\begin{aligned} O_{p_i}(D_{i_1}) &= (D_{i_1})_{\mathfrak{N}_{p_i}} = (B_1 \times \cdots \times B_s)_{\mathfrak{N}_{p_i}} = (B_1)_{\mathfrak{N}_{p_i}} \times \cdots \times (B_s)_{\mathfrak{N}_{p_i}} \\ &= O_{p_i}(B_1) \times \cdots \times O_{p_i}(B_s) = 1 \times \cdots \times 1 = 1, \\ R_\omega(U) &= U_{\mathfrak{S}_\omega} = (U_1 \times \cdots \times U_m)_{\mathfrak{S}_\omega} = (U_1)_{\mathfrak{S}_\omega} \times \cdots \times (U_m)_{\mathfrak{S}_\omega} \\ &= R_\omega(U_1) \times \cdots \times R_\omega(U_m) = 1 \times \cdots \times 1 = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Analogously,  $O_{p_i}(D_{i_2}) = 1$  and  $R_\omega(V) = 1$ . Furthermore,

$$A/C^{p_i}(A) \in c_{n-1}^\omega \text{ form}(\mathfrak{A}_1 \cup \mathfrak{A}_2) = c_{n-1}^\omega \text{ form}(D_{i_1}, D_{i_2}) = c_{n-1}^\omega \text{ form}(A_{i_1}, A_{i_2}).$$

Let  $Z_{p_i}$  be a group of order  $p_i$ ,  $W_{i_1} = Z_{p_i} \wr D_{i_1}$ , and  $W_{i_2} = Z_{p_i} \wr D_{i_2}$ . We show that  $W_{i_1} \in \mathfrak{F}_1$ . Let  $K$  be the base group of the regular wreath product  $W_{i_1}$ . By Lemma 8

$$W_{i_1}/K = W_{i_1}/O_{p_i}(W_{i_1}) \simeq D_{i_1} \in f_1(p_i) \cap \mathfrak{F}_1,$$

where  $p_i \in \omega \cap \pi(\text{Com}(A))$ . By Lemma 9 we have  $W_{i_1} \in \mathfrak{F}_1$ . Analogously,  $W_{i_2} \in \mathfrak{F}_2$ .

Since  $T_1 \in f_1(\omega')$  and  $f_1$  is an inner  $\omega$ -composition satellite of  $\mathfrak{F}_1$ , it follows that  $T_1 \in \mathfrak{F}_1$ . Thus  $U_x \in \mathfrak{F}_1$  for all  $x = 1, \dots, m$ . Analogously,  $V_z \in \mathfrak{F}_2$  for all  $z = 1, \dots, q$ .

Let  $A_1 = W_{1_1} \times W_{2_1} \times \cdots \times W_{t_1} \times U$  and  $A_2 = W_{1_2} \times W_{2_2} \times \cdots \times W_{t_2} \times V$ . Then  $A_1 \in \mathfrak{F}_1$  and  $A_2 \in \mathfrak{F}_2$ . Let  $\mathfrak{F} = (c_n^\omega \text{ form } A_1) \vee_n^{\omega c} (c_n^\omega \text{ form } A_2)$ . We claim that  $A \in \mathfrak{F}$ . It suffices to prove that  $A/R_\omega(A) \in f(\omega')$  and  $A/C^{p_i}(A) \in f(p_i)$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, t$ , where  $f$  is the minimal  $c_{n-1}^\omega$ -valued  $\omega$ -composition satellite of  $\mathfrak{F}$ . Clearly,  $W_{i_1} \in \mathfrak{F}$ . Hence by Lemma 8 we see that  $D_{i_1} \simeq W_{i_1}/K = W_{i_1}/C^{p_i}(W_{i_1}) \in f(p_i)$ . Analogously, we deduce that  $D_{i_2} \in f(p_i)$ . Then  $A/C^{p_i}(A) \in c_{n-1}^\omega \text{ form}(D_{i_1}, D_{i_2}) \subseteq f(p_i)$ . Furthermore,  $U, V \in \mathfrak{F}$ . Therefore by Lemma 3

$$T_1 \simeq T_1/R_\omega(T_1) \in f(\omega') = c_{n-1}^\omega \text{ form}(G/R_\omega(G) \mid G \in \mathfrak{F}).$$

Analogously,  $T_2 \in f(\omega')$ . Then  $A/R_\omega(A) \in c_{n-1}^\omega \text{ form}(T_1, T_2) \subseteq f(\omega')$ .

Thus  $A \in \mathfrak{F}$ . This proves the claim.  $\square$

Let  $\mathfrak{X}$  be a nonempty class of groups. A complete lattice of formations  $\Theta$  is called  $\mathfrak{X}$ -separated [4] if for any term  $\xi(x_1, \dots, x_m)$  of signature  $\{\cap, \vee_\Theta\}$ , any formations  $\mathfrak{F}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{F}_m$  of  $\Theta$ , and any group  $A \in \mathfrak{X} \cap \xi(\mathfrak{F}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{F}_m)$ , there exist  $\mathfrak{X}$ -groups  $A_1 \in \mathfrak{F}_1, \dots, A_m \in \mathfrak{F}_m$  such that  $A \in \xi(\Theta \text{ form } A_1, \dots, \Theta \text{ form } A_m)$ .

We now prove the following result, which plays an essential role in the proof of our main results.

**Proposition.** *The lattice of all  $n$ -multiply  $\omega$ -composition formations is  $\mathfrak{G}$ -separated for every non-negative integer  $n$ .*

PROOF. Let  $\xi(x_1, \dots, x_m)$  be a term of signature  $\{\cap, \vee_n^{\omega c}\}$ , let  $\mathfrak{F}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{F}_m$  be  $n$ -multiply  $\omega$ -composition formations, and suppose that  $A \in \xi(\mathfrak{F}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{F}_m)$ . By induction on the number  $r$  of occurrences of the symbols of  $\{\cap, \vee_n^{\omega c}\}$  in  $\xi$ , we prove that there exist  $A_i \in \mathfrak{F}_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, m$ ) such that  $A \in \xi(c_n^\omega \text{ form } A_1, \dots, c_n^\omega \text{ form } A_m)$ . If  $r = 0$ , then it is obvious that  $A \in c_n^\omega \text{ form } A$ .

We claim that the assertion is true for  $r = 1$ . If  $A \in \mathfrak{F}_1 \cap \mathfrak{F}_2$ , then  $A \in c_n^\omega \text{ form } A \cap c_n^\omega \text{ form } A$ . If  $A \in \mathfrak{F}_1 \vee_n^{\omega c} \mathfrak{F}_2$ , then by Lemma 15 there exist groups  $A_i \in \mathfrak{F}_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) such that  $A \in (c_n^\omega \text{ form } A_1) \vee_n^{\omega c} (c_n^\omega \text{ form } A_2)$ . Thus the assertion is proved for  $r = 1$ .

Let  $\xi$  have  $r > 1$  occurrences of the symbols of  $\{\cap, \vee_n^{\omega c}\}$ , and suppose that the assertion is proved for terms with less number of occurrences. Let  $\xi$  have the form  $\xi_1(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_a}) \Delta \xi_2(x_{j_1}, \dots, x_{j_b})$ , where  $\Delta \in \{\cap, \vee_n^{\omega c}\}$ , and let  $\{x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_a}\} \cup \{x_{j_1}, \dots, x_{j_b}\} = \{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$ . Let  $\mathfrak{H}_1$  denote the formation  $\xi_1(\mathfrak{F}_{i_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{F}_{i_a})$ , and let  $\mathfrak{H}_2$  denote the formation  $\xi_2(\mathfrak{F}_{j_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{F}_{j_b})$ . There exist groups  $A_1 \in \mathfrak{H}_1$  and  $A_2 \in \mathfrak{H}_2$  such that  $A \in c_n^\omega \text{ form } A_1 \Delta c_n^\omega \text{ form } A_2$ . On the other hand, by induction, there exist groups  $B_1, \dots, B_a, C_1, \dots, C_b$  such that  $B_k \in \mathfrak{F}_{i_k}, C_k \in \mathfrak{F}_{j_k}$ ,

$$A_1 \in \xi_1(c_n^\omega \text{ form } B_1, \dots, c_n^\omega \text{ form } B_a), \quad A_2 \in \xi_2(c_n^\omega \text{ form } C_1, \dots, c_n^\omega \text{ form } C_b).$$

Suppose that  $x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_t}$  are not contained in  $\xi_2$ , but  $x_{i_{t+1}}, \dots, x_{i_a}$  are contained in  $\xi_2$ . Let  $D_{i_k} = B_k$  if  $k < t + 1$  and  $D_{i_k} = B_k \times C_q$ , where  $q$  satisfies  $x_{i_k} = x_{j_q}$  for all  $k \geq t + 1$ . Let  $D_{j_k} = C_k$  if  $x_{j_k} \notin \{x_{i_{t+1}}, \dots, x_{i_a}\}$ . Let  $\mathfrak{R}_p$  denote the formation  $c_n^\omega$  form  $D_{i_p}$ , and let  $\mathfrak{X}_c$  denote the formation  $c_n^\omega$  form  $D_{j_c}$ ,  $p = 1, \dots, a$ ,  $c = 1, \dots, b$ . It follows that  $A_1 \in \xi_1(\mathfrak{R}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{R}_a)$  and  $A_2 \in \xi_2(\mathfrak{X}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{X}_b)$ . There exist formations  $\mathfrak{L}_1 = c_n^\omega$  form  $L_1, \dots, \mathfrak{L}_m = c_n^\omega$  form  $L_m$  such that

$$A \in \xi_1(\mathfrak{L}_{i_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{L}_{i_a}) \Delta \xi_2(\mathfrak{L}_{j_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{L}_{j_b}) = \xi(\mathfrak{L}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{L}_m),$$

where  $L_i \in \mathfrak{F}_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, m$ . Thus  $c_n^\omega$  is  $\mathfrak{G}$ -separated. This proves the claim.  $\square$

In view of [1, Remark 3] we have

**Corollary 1.** *The lattice of all  $n$ -multiply  $\mathfrak{L}$ -composition formations is  $\mathfrak{G}$ -separated.*

In the case  $n = 1$ , we have

**Corollary 2.** *The lattice of all  $\omega$ -composition formations is  $\mathfrak{G}$ -separated.*

When  $\omega = \mathbb{P}$ , we have

**Corollary 3.** *The lattice of all  $n$ -multiply composition formations  $\mathfrak{G}$ -separated.*

For  $n = 1$  and  $\omega = \mathbb{P}$ , we obtain

**Corollary 4.** *The lattice of all composition formations  $\mathfrak{G}$ -separated.*

### 3. The Main Results

For every term  $\xi$  of signature  $\{\cap, \vee_n^{\omega c}\}$ , we denote by  $\bar{\xi}$  the term of signature  $\{\cap, \vee_{n-1}^{\omega c}\}$  obtained from  $\xi$  by replacing of every symbol  $\vee_n^{\omega c}$  by the symbol  $\vee_{n-1}^{\omega c}$ .

**Lemma 16.** *Let  $\xi(x_1, \dots, x_m)$  be a term of signature  $\{\cap, \vee_n^{\omega c}\}$  and let  $f_i$  be an inner  $c_{n-1}^\omega$ -valued  $\omega$ -composition satellite of a formation  $\mathfrak{F}_i$ , where  $i = 1, \dots, m$  and  $n \geq 1$ . Then*

$$\xi(\mathfrak{F}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{F}_m) = CF_\omega(\bar{\xi}(f_1, \dots, f_m)).$$

PROOF. We proceed by induction on the number  $r$  of occurrences of the symbols in  $\{\cap, \vee_n^{\omega c}\}$  into  $\xi$ . The case  $r = 1$  follows from Lemmas 2 and 10.

Let  $\xi$  have  $r > 1$  occurrences of the symbols of  $\{\cap, \vee_n^{\omega c}\}$ . Let

$$\xi(x_1, \dots, x_m) = \xi_1(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_a}) \Delta \xi_2(x_{j_1}, \dots, x_{j_b}),$$

where  $\Delta \in \{\cap, \vee_n^{\omega c}\}$ , and

$$\{x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_a}\} \cup \{x_{j_1}, \dots, x_{j_b}\} = \{x_1, \dots, x_m\}.$$

Assume that the lemma holds for the terms  $\xi_1$  and  $\xi_2$ . Then

$$\xi_1(\mathfrak{F}_{i_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{F}_{i_a}) = CF_\omega(\bar{\xi}_1(f_{i_1}, \dots, f_{i_a})), \quad \xi_2(\mathfrak{F}_{j_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{F}_{j_b}) = CF_\omega(\bar{\xi}_2(f_{j_1}, \dots, f_{j_b})).$$

It is clear that  $\bar{\xi}_1(f_{i_1}, \dots, f_{i_a})$  and  $\bar{\xi}_2(f_{j_1}, \dots, f_{j_b})$  are inner  $c_{n-1}^\omega$ -valued  $\omega$ -composition satellites of the formations  $\xi_1(\mathfrak{F}_{i_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{F}_{i_a})$  and  $\xi_2(\mathfrak{F}_{j_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{F}_{j_b})$ , respectively. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \xi(\mathfrak{F}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{F}_m) &= \xi_1(\mathfrak{F}_{i_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{F}_{i_a}) \Delta \xi_2(\mathfrak{F}_{j_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{F}_{j_b}) \\ &= CF_\omega(\bar{\xi}_1(f_{i_1}, \dots, f_{i_a}) \bar{\Delta} \bar{\xi}_2(f_{j_1}, \dots, f_{j_b})) = CF_\omega(\bar{\xi}(f_1, \dots, f_m)), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\bar{\Delta} = \cap$  if  $\Delta = \cap$  and  $\bar{\Delta} = \vee_{n-1}^{\omega c}$  if  $\Delta = \vee_n^{\omega c}$ , as claimed.  $\square$



**Theorem 1.** *Let  $n \geq 1$ . Then every law of the lattice of all formations  $c_0^\omega$  is fulfilled in the lattice of all  $n$ -multiply  $\omega$ -composition formations  $c_n^\omega$ .*

PROOF. Fix a law

$$\xi_1(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_a}) = \xi_2(x_{j_1}, \dots, x_{j_b}) \quad (2)$$

of signature  $\{\cap, \vee_n^{\omega_c}\}$ . Let

$$\bar{\xi}_1(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_a}) = \bar{\xi}_2(x_{j_1}, \dots, x_{j_b}) \quad (3)$$

be the same law of signature  $\{\cap, \vee_{n-1}^{\omega_c}\}$ .

Suppose that law (3) is true in the lattice  $c_{n-1}^\omega$ . Let  $\mathfrak{F}_{i_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{F}_{i_a}$  and  $\mathfrak{F}_{j_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{F}_{j_b}$  be arbitrary  $n$ -multiply  $\omega$ -composition formations. We show that  $\xi_1(\mathfrak{F}_{i_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{F}_{i_a}) = \xi_2(\mathfrak{F}_{j_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{F}_{j_b})$ .

Let  $f_{i_c}$  be the minimal  $c_{n-1}^\omega$ -valued  $\omega$ -composition satellite of  $\mathfrak{F}_{i_c}$  (where  $c = 1, \dots, a$ ) and let  $f_{j_d}$  be the minimal  $c_{n-1}^\omega$ -valued  $\omega$ -composition satellite of  $\mathfrak{F}_{j_d}$  (where  $d = 1, \dots, b$ ). By Lemma 16 we have

$$\xi_1(\mathfrak{F}_{i_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{F}_{i_a}) = CF_\omega(\bar{\xi}_1(f_{i_1}, \dots, f_{i_a})), \quad \xi_2(\mathfrak{F}_{j_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{F}_{j_b}) = CF_\omega(\bar{\xi}_2(f_{j_1}, \dots, f_{j_b})).$$

For every prime  $p \in \omega$ , the formations  $f_{i_1}(p), \dots, f_{i_a}(p)$ ;  $f_{j_1}(p), \dots, f_{j_b}(p)$  and the formations  $f_{i_1}(\omega'), \dots, f_{i_a}(\omega')$ ;  $f_{j_1}(\omega'), \dots, f_{j_b}(\omega')$  belong to  $c_{n-1}^\omega$ . By induction,

$$\bar{\xi}_1(f_{i_1}, \dots, f_{i_a})(p) = \bar{\xi}_1(f_{i_1}(p), \dots, f_{i_a}(p)) = \bar{\xi}_2(f_{j_1}(p), \dots, f_{j_b}(p)) = \bar{\xi}_2(f_{j_1}, \dots, f_{j_b})(p)$$

and

$$\bar{\xi}_1(f_{i_1}, \dots, f_{i_a})(\omega') = \bar{\xi}_1(f_{i_1}(\omega'), \dots, f_{i_a}(\omega')) = \bar{\xi}_2(f_{j_1}(\omega'), \dots, f_{j_b}(\omega')) = \bar{\xi}_2(f_{j_1}, \dots, f_{j_b})(\omega').$$

Hence,  $\xi_1(\mathfrak{F}_{i_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{F}_{i_a}) = \xi_2(\mathfrak{F}_{j_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{F}_{j_b})$ . Thus law (2) is true in the lattice  $c_n^\omega$ , and the result is proved.  $\square$

**Corollary 5** [20, Theorem 5; 1, Theorem 4]. *The lattice of all  $n$ -multiply  $\omega$ -composition formations  $c_n^\omega$  is modular but not distributive.*

PROOF. Since  $c_0^\omega$  is modular (see [7]), Theorem 1 implies that  $c_n^\omega$  is modular.

We show now that  $c_n^\omega$  is not distributive. Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be the class of locally finite groups whose exponents divide a given prime  $p \neq 2$ . By [21]  $\mathfrak{M}$  is a variety. Let  $L(\mathfrak{M})$  be the lattice of the subvarieties of  $\mathfrak{M}$ . Then by Higman's result [22] (see also [23, § 54.24])  $L(\mathfrak{M})$  is not distributive. By Lemma 11 we see that  $L(\mathfrak{M})$  can be embedded into  $c_0^\omega$ . By Theorem 1,  $c_n^\omega$  is not distributive.  $\square$

**Lemma 17.** *Let  $\Theta$  be an  $\mathfrak{X}$ -separated lattice of formations and let  $\eta$  be a sublattice of  $\Theta$  such that  $\eta$  contains all one-generated  $\Theta$ -subformations of the form  $\Theta$  form  $A$ , where  $A \in \mathfrak{X}$ , of every formation  $\mathfrak{F} \in \eta$ . Suppose that a law  $\xi_1 = \xi_2$  of signature  $\{\cap, \vee_\Theta\}$  is true for all one-generated  $\Theta$ -formations belonging to  $\eta$ . Then the law  $\xi_1 = \xi_2$  is true for all  $\Theta$ -subformations belonging to  $\eta$ .*

PROOF. Let  $x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_a}$  be the arguments occurring in the term  $\xi_1$ , let  $x_{j_1}, \dots, x_{j_b}$  be the arguments occurring in the term  $\xi_2$ , and let  $\mathfrak{F}_{i_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{F}_{i_a}; \mathfrak{F}_{j_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{F}_{j_b} \in \eta$ . We show that

$$\mathfrak{F} = \xi_1(\mathfrak{F}_{i_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{F}_{i_a}) \subseteq \xi_2(\mathfrak{F}_{j_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{F}_{j_b}) = \mathfrak{M}.$$

Without loss of generality, we may suppose that  $x_{j_1}, \dots, x_{j_t} \in \{x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_a}\}$  but  $\{x_{j_{t+1}}, \dots, x_{j_b}\} \cap \{x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_a}\} = \emptyset$ . Let  $A \in \mathfrak{F}$ . Then by assumption there exist  $\mathfrak{X}$ -groups  $A_{i_1}, \dots, A_{i_a}$  such that  $A_{i_k} \in \mathfrak{F}_{i_k}$  (where  $k = 1, \dots, a$ ) and  $A \in \xi_1(\Theta$  form  $A_{i_1}, \dots, \Theta$  form  $A_{i_a})$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{H}_{i_k} = \Theta$  form  $A_{i_k}$ , and let

$$\mathfrak{H}_{j_k} = \begin{cases} \mathfrak{H}_{i_c}, & \text{where } x_{j_k} = x_{i_c} \\ & \text{for some } c \in \{1, \dots, a\} \text{ and for all } k \in \{1, \dots, t\}, \\ \Theta \text{ form } B_{j_k} & \text{for some group } B_{j_k} \in \mathfrak{F}_{j_k} \text{ provided that } k > t. \end{cases}$$

By assumption,  $\xi_1(\mathfrak{H}_{i_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{H}_{i_a}) = \xi_2(\mathfrak{H}_{j_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{H}_{j_b})$ . But  $\xi_2(\mathfrak{H}_{j_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{H}_{j_b}) \subseteq \mathfrak{M}$ . Hence  $A \in \mathfrak{M}$ . Thus  $\mathfrak{F} \subseteq \mathfrak{M}$ . The inverse inclusion can be proved analogously. Therefore  $\mathfrak{F} = \mathfrak{M}$ , which completes the proof of this lemma.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $n \geq 1$ . If  $\omega$  is an infinite set, then the law system of the lattice  $c_0^\omega$  coincides with the law system of the lattice  $c_n^\omega$ .*

PROOF. Fix a law

$$\xi_1(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_a}) = \xi_2(x_{j_1}, \dots, x_{j_b}) \quad (4)$$

of signature  $\{\cap, \vee_n^{\omega_c}\}$ . Let

$$\bar{\xi}_1(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_a}) = \bar{\xi}_2(x_{j_1}, \dots, x_{j_b}) \quad (5)$$

be the same law of signature  $\{\cap, \vee_{n-1}^{\omega_c}\}$ .

Suppose that law (4) is true in the lattice  $c_n^\omega$ . We show that law (5) is true in  $c_{n-1}^\omega$ . By Lemma 17 and the proposition, it suffices to prove that if  $\mathfrak{F}_{i_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{F}_{i_a}; \mathfrak{F}_{j_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{F}_{j_b}$  are arbitrary one-generated  $(n-1)$ -multiply  $\omega$ -composition formations, then  $\bar{\xi}_1(\mathfrak{F}_{i_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{F}_{i_a}) = \bar{\xi}_2(\mathfrak{F}_{j_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{F}_{j_b})$ . Let

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{F}_{i_1} &= c_{n-1}^\omega \text{ form } A_{i_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{F}_{i_a} = c_{n-1}^\omega \text{ form } A_{i_a}; \\ \mathfrak{F}_{j_1} &= c_{n-1}^\omega \text{ form } A_{j_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{F}_{j_b} = c_{n-1}^\omega \text{ form } A_{j_b}. \end{aligned}$$

We choose prime  $p \in \omega$  such that  $p \notin \pi(A_{i_1}, \dots, A_{i_a}, A_{j_1}, \dots, A_{j_b})$ . Let

$$B_{i_1} = Z_p \wr A_{i_1}, \dots, B_{i_a} = Z_p \wr A_{i_a}, \quad B_{j_1} = Z_p \wr A_{j_1}, \dots, B_{j_b} = Z_p \wr A_{j_b},$$

where  $Z_p$  is a group of order  $p$ . Since formations

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{M}_{i_1} &= c_n^\omega \text{ form } B_{i_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{M}_{i_a} = c_n^\omega \text{ form } B_{i_a}, \\ \mathfrak{M}_{j_1} &= c_n^\omega \text{ form } B_{j_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{M}_{j_b} = c_n^\omega \text{ form } B_{j_b} \end{aligned}$$

belong to  $c_n^\omega$ , it follows that

$$\mathfrak{F} = \xi_1(\mathfrak{M}_{i_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{M}_{i_a}) = \xi_2(\mathfrak{M}_{j_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{M}_{j_b}) = \mathfrak{M}.$$

Let  $f_{i_c}$  be the minimal  $c_{n-1}^\omega$ -valued  $\omega$ -composition satellite of  $\mathfrak{M}_{i_c}$  (where  $c = 1, \dots, a$ ) and let  $f_{j_d}$  be the minimal  $c_{n-1}^\omega$ -valued  $\omega$ -composition satellite of  $\mathfrak{M}_{j_d}$  (where  $d = 1, \dots, b$ ). By Lemma 16

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_1(\mathfrak{M}_{i_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{M}_{i_a}) &= CF_\omega(\bar{\xi}_1(f_{i_1}, \dots, f_{i_a})), \\ \xi_2(\mathfrak{M}_{j_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{M}_{j_b}) &= CF_\omega(\bar{\xi}_2(f_{j_1}, \dots, f_{j_b})). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $f$  and  $m$  be the minimal  $c_{n-1}^\omega$ -valued  $\omega$ -composition satellites of  $\mathfrak{F}$  and  $\mathfrak{M}$ , respectively. Then by Lemmas 3 and 14 we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\xi}_1(f_{i_1}, \dots, f_{i_a})(p) &= \bar{\xi}_1(f_{i_1}(p), \dots, f_{i_a}(p)) = f(p), \\ \bar{\xi}_2(f_{j_1}, \dots, f_{j_b})(p) &= \bar{\xi}_2(f_{j_1}(p), \dots, f_{j_b}(p)) = m(p). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\bar{\xi}_1(f_{i_1}(p), \dots, f_{i_a}(p)) = \bar{\xi}_2(f_{j_1}(p), \dots, f_{j_b}(p))$ . Since  $O_p(A_{i_c}) = 1$ , it follows from Lemma 3 that  $f_{i_c}(p) = \mathfrak{F}_{i_c}$ , where  $c = 1, \dots, a$ . Analogously,  $f_{j_d}(p) = \mathfrak{F}_{j_d}$ , where  $d = 1, \dots, b$ .

Therefore  $\bar{\xi}_1(\mathfrak{F}_{i_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{F}_{i_a}) = \bar{\xi}_2(\mathfrak{F}_{j_1}, \dots, \mathfrak{F}_{j_b})$ , that is, law (5) is true in the lattice  $c_{n-1}^\omega$ . Thus every law in the lattice  $c_n^\omega$  is also true in the lattice  $c_0^\omega$ . Using Theorem 1, we have the result.  $\square$

**Corollary 6.** *Let  $\omega$  be an infinite set. Let  $m$  and  $n$  be nonnegative integers. Then the law systems of lattices  $c_m^\omega$  and  $c_n^\omega$  coincide.*

In the case  $\omega = \mathbb{P}$ , we obtain

**Corollary 7.** *Let  $m$  and  $n$  be nonnegative integers. Then the law systems of lattices  $c_m$  and  $c_n$  coincide.*

Finally, we note that Jakubík proved in [24] that the collection of all formations of lattice ordered groups is a complete Brouwerian lattice.

The following natural question arises from Theorem 1: *Is it true that for any natural  $m$  and  $n$ , where  $m > n$ , the lattice of all  $m$ -multiply  $\omega$ -composition formations is not a sublattice of the lattice of all  $n$ -multiply  $\omega$ -composition formations?*

This is true for  $n$ -multiply  $\omega$ -saturated formations (see [25]).

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