

COMPATIBLE ELEMENTS IN PARTLY ORDERED GROUPS

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Some conditions equivalent to a strong quasi-divisor property (SQDP) for a partly ordered group G are derived. It is proved that if G is defined by a family of t -valuations of finite character, then G admits an SQDP if and only if it admits a quasi-divisor property and any finitely generated t -ideal is generated by two elements. A topological density condition in topological group of finitely generated t -ideals and/or compatible elements are proved to be equivalent to SQDP.

1. Introduction

Let G be a partly ordered commutative group (po -group). Then G is said to have a *quasi-divisor property* if there exist commutative lattice-ordered group (l -group) (Γ, \cdot, \wedge) and an order isomorphism h (the so-called quasi-divisor morphism) from G into Γ such that for any $\alpha \in \Gamma$, there exist $g_1, \dots, g_n \in G$ such that $\alpha = h(g_1) \wedge \dots \wedge h(g_n)$. Moreover, if this embedding h satisfies the condition

$$(\forall \alpha, \beta \in \Gamma_+) (\exists \gamma \in \Gamma_+) \quad \alpha \cdot \gamma \in h(G), \quad \beta \wedge \gamma = 1, \quad (1.1)$$

then G is said to have a *strong quasi-divisor property*. Many papers have dealt with po -groups with (strong) quasi-divisor property (e.g., see [1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8]). It is well known that there are some generic examples of such l -group Γ . Namely, if $h: G \rightarrow \Gamma$ is a quasi-divisor morphism, then Γ is o -isomorphic to the group $(\mathcal{F}_t^f(G), \times_t)$ of finitely generated t -ideals of G . Recall that a t -ideal X_t of G generated by a lower bounded subset $X \subseteq G$ is a set $X_t = \{g \in G : (\forall s \in G) s \leq X \Rightarrow g \geq s\}$. Then the set $\mathcal{F}_t^f(G)$ of all finitely generated t -ideals of G is a semigroup with operation \times_t defined such that $X_t \times_t Y_t = (X \cdot Y)_t$ (see [2]). It is clear that a map $d: G \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_t^f(G)$ defined by $d(g) = \{g\}_t$ is an embedding. Another example of a group Γ is a group $\mathcal{K}(W)$ of compatible elements of a defining family of t -valuations W (see the definitions below). In this note, we want to show that properties of a group $\mathcal{K}(W)$ can be used for deriving new conditions under which quasi-divisor property is also a strong quasi-divisor property.

Let $w : G \rightarrow G_1$ be an o -homomorphism. Then, w is called t -homomorphism if $w(X_t) \subseteq (w(X))_t$ for any lower bounded subset $X \subseteq G$. Moreover, if G_1 is a totally ordered group (i.e., o -group), then w is called t -valuation. Recall that a family W of t -valuations $w : G \rightarrow G_w$ is called a *defining family* for G if

$$(\forall g \in G) \quad g \geq 1 \iff (\forall w \in W) \quad w(g) \geq 1. \quad (1.2)$$

We say that W is of finite character if

$$(\forall g \in G) (\forall' w \in W) \quad w(g) = 1, \quad (1.3)$$

where \forall' means “for all but a finite number.” Hence any defining family W of finite character creates an embedding of G into a sum $\sum_{w \in W} G_w$ of o -groups G_w , $w \in W$. Then a quasi-divisors property of G is said to be of *finite character*, if there exists a defining family of t -valuations of finite character for G . If w_1, w_2 are two t -valuations of a po -group G , then w_1 is said to be coarser than w_2 ($w_1 \geq w_2$) if there exists an o -epimorphism $d_{w_1, w_2} : G_{w_1} \rightarrow G_{w_2}$ such that $w_2 = d_{w_1, w_2} w_1$. It may be then proved that for any two t -valuations w_1, w_2 , there exists a t -valuation $w_1 \wedge w_2$ which is the infimum of w_1, w_2 with respect to this preorder relation. Then, $d_{w_1, w_1 \wedge w_2}$ (resp., $d_{w_2, w_1 \wedge w_2}$) is an o -epimorphism such that $w_1 \wedge w_2 = d_{w_1, w_1 \wedge w_2} w_1 = d_{w_2, w_1 \wedge w_2} w_2$. For simplicity, we set $d_{w_1 w_2} = d_{w_1, w_1 \wedge w_2}$, $d_{w_2 w_1} = d_{w_2, w_1 \wedge w_2}$ (see the difference between d_{w_1, w_2} and $d_{w_1 w_2}$). If W is a system of t -valuations $w : G \rightarrow G_w$ of a po -group G and $W' \subseteq W$, then a system $(g_w)_{w \in W'} \in \prod_{w \in W'} G_w$ of elements is called *compatible* provided that $d_{wv}(g_w) = d_{vw}(g_v)$ for all $w, v \in W'$. Finally, $(g_w)_{w \in W'}$ is called *W' -complete* if $\bigcup_{w \in W'} W(g_w) = W'$, where $W(g_w) = \{v \in W : d_{wv}(g_w) \neq 1\}$ for $g_w \neq 1_w$ and $W(1_w) = \{w\}$ for any $w \in W$.

Let W be a defining family of t -valuations of G . Then, we set

$$\mathcal{H}(W) = \left\{ (a_w)_{w \in W} \in \prod_{w \in W} G_w : (a_w)_{w \in W} \text{ is compatible} \right\}. \quad (1.4)$$

It can be proved that $\mathcal{H}(W)$ is an l -subgroup in $\prod_{w \in W} G_w$ (see [8]). Now we say that G with a defining family of t -valuations satisfies the positive weak approximation theorem (PWAT) if for any finite subset $F \subseteq W$ and any compatible system $(\alpha_w)_{w \in F} \in \prod_{w \in F} G_w^+$, there exists $g \in G^+$ such that $w(g) = \alpha_w$, $w \in F$. Finally, we say that G with W satisfies the approximation theorem (AT) if for any finite subset $F \subseteq W$ and any compatible and F -complete system $(\alpha_w)_{w \in F} \in \prod_{w \in F} G_w$, there exists $g \in G$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} w(g) &= \alpha_w, \quad w \in F, \\ w(g) &\geq 1, \quad w \in W \setminus F. \end{aligned} \quad (1.5)$$

2. Results

In the theory of quasi-divisors of a po -group, a t -ideal theory has an important position. In the next propositions, we want to show that all t -ideals in a po -group G with a quasi-divisor property of finite character can be derived from the set of compatible elements $\mathcal{H}(W)$ of G , where W is some defining family of t -valuations of G .

LEMMA 2.1. Let $(\alpha_w)_w \in \mathcal{H}(W)$ and let $W_0 = \{w \in W : \alpha_w \neq 1\}$. Then $(\alpha_w)_{w \in W'}$ is W' -complete for any $W_0 \subseteq W' \subseteq W$.

Proof. Let $v \in \bigcup_{w \in W'} W(\alpha_w)$. Then there exists $w \in W_0$ such that $v \in W(\alpha_w)$. Because (α_w, α_v) is compatible, we have $1 \neq d_{wv}(\alpha_w) = d_{vw}(\alpha_v)$ and it follows that $\alpha_v \neq 1$. Hence, $v \in W_0 \subseteq W'$. \square

PROPOSITION 2.2. Let G be a po-group with a quasi-divisor property of finite character and let W be a defining family of t -valuations of G . Let $(\alpha_w)_w \in \mathcal{H}(W)$. Then $X = \{g \in G : (\forall w \in W) w(g) \geq \alpha_w\}$ is a finitely generated t -ideal of G .

Proof. Because the t -system is defined by a family W of t -valuations, according to [8, Theorem 2.6], the group $\mathcal{H}(W)$ is o -isomorphic to a Lorenzen l -group $\Lambda_t(G)$. It follows that a map $d : G \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(W)$ such that $d(g) = (w(g))_w$ is a quasi-divisors morphism. Then for any $(\alpha_w)_w \in \mathcal{H}(W)$, there exist $g_1, \dots, g_n \in G$ such that $d(g_1) \wedge \dots \wedge d(g_n) = (\alpha_w)_w$. Then $X = (g_1, \dots, g_n)_t$. In fact, for $g \in X$, we have $w(g) \geq \alpha_w$ and it follows that $w(g) \in (w(g_1), \dots, w(g_n))_t$. Because the t -system is defined by W , we have $g \in (g_1, \dots, g_n)_t$, analogously for the other inclusion. \square

COROLLARY 2.3. Let G be a po-group with a quasi-divisor property of finite character and let W be a defining family of t -valuations of G . Then there exists an o -isomorphism

$$\sigma : \mathcal{H}(W) \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}_t^f(G) \quad (2.1)$$

such that for $(\alpha_w)_w \in \mathcal{H}(W)$ and $J \in \mathcal{F}_t^f(G)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma((\alpha_w)_w) &= \{g \in G : (\forall w \in W) w(g) \geq \alpha_w\}, \\ \sigma^{-1}(J) &= ((\bigwedge_{x \in J} w(x))_w). \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

It is well known that the existence of quasi-divisor property is equivalent to the existence of a defining family of *essential* t -valuations (see [3, Theorem 2.1]). Recall that a t -valuation w of G is essential if $\ker w$ is a directed subgroup of G and w is an o -epimorphism.

LEMMA 2.4. Let w, v be essential t -valuations of G and let $\alpha \in G_v$ be such that $d_{vw}(\alpha) = 1$. Then there exists $g \in G$ such that $w(g) = 1$, $v(g) \geq \alpha$.

Proof. We may assume that $\alpha > 1$. Let $J = \{x \in G : v(x) \geq \alpha\}$. Let us suppose on contrary that the statement of the lemma is not true. Then for any $x \in J$, we have $w(x) > 1$. Let H be the largest convex subgroup in G_v such that $\alpha \notin H$ and let $w' : G \xrightarrow{v} G_v \rightarrow G_v/H$ be the composition of v and canonical morphism. Then $w' \leq w$. In fact, let $x \in G$, $x \geq 1$ be such that $w'(x) > 1$. Because $w'(x) = v(x)H$, we have $v(x) \notin H$, $v(x) > 1$. Then there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $v(x)^n \geq \alpha$. In fact, if $v(x)^n < \alpha$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then the convex subgroup H' generated by $H \cup \{v(x)\}$ does not contain α and $H \subseteq H'$. On the other hand, we have $v(x) \in H' \setminus H$, a contradiction. Then $x^n \in J$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and according to the assumption, we have $w(x)^n > 1$. Hence $w(x) > 1$ and we proved the implication

$$x \in G, \quad x \geq 1, \quad w'(x) > 1 \implies w(x) > 1. \quad (2.3)$$

Let $\rho : G_w \rightarrow G_{w'}$ be defined by $\rho(w(g)) = w'(g)$. Then ρ is well defined. In fact, let $w(x) = w(y)$. Since w is essential, there exists $t \in \ker w$ such that $t \geq 1, xy^{-1}$. If $w'(x) \neq w'(y)$, we have, for example, $w'(xy^{-1}) > 1$. Then $w'(t) \geq w'(xy^{-1}) > 1$. According to (2.3), we have $w(t) > 1$, a contradiction with $t \in \ker w$. Thus $w' = \rho \cdot w$ and $w' \leq w$. Then, we have also $w' \leq w \wedge v$. For any $b \in G$ such that $\alpha = v(b)$, we obtain $w'(b) = v(b)H = \alpha H \neq 1$ and $v \wedge w(b) = d_{vw} > v(b) = d_{vw}(\alpha) = 1$, a contradiction, because $v \wedge w \geq w'$. \square

LEMMA 2.5. *Let w_1, \dots, w_n be essential t -valuations of G and let $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \in \prod_{i=1}^n G_{w_i}^+$ be compatible elements. Then there exists $a_1 \in G$, $a_1 \geq 1$, such that*

$$\forall j \neq 1, \quad w_1(a_1) = \alpha_1, \quad w_j(a_1) > \alpha_j. \quad (2.4)$$

Proof. The proof will be done by the induction with respect to n . For $n = 1$, the proof is trivial. Let us assume that the statement is true for any compatible set of $n - 1$ elements. Let us assume firstly that $w_1 < w_k$ for some $k \neq 1$. According to the induction assumption, there exists $a \in G_+$ such that

$$\forall j \neq k, 1, \quad w_k(a) = \alpha_k, \quad w_j(a) > \alpha_j. \quad (2.5)$$

Because $w_1 < w_k$, there exists an o -epimorphism $\sigma : G_{w_k} \rightarrow G_{w_1}$ such that $w_1 = \sigma \cdot w_k$. Since (α_1, α_k) is compatible, we have $\sigma(\alpha_k) = \alpha_1$. Since $\ker \sigma \neq \{1\}$, there exists $\delta \in \ker \sigma$, $\delta > 1$. From the fact that w_k is essential, it follows that there exists $g \in G$, $g > 1$, such that $w_k(g) = \delta$. We set $a_1 = ga$. Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} w_1(a_1) &= \sigma \cdot w_k(ga) = \sigma(\delta) \cdot \sigma(\alpha_k) = \alpha_1, \\ w_k(a_1) &= \delta \cdot \alpha_k > \alpha_k, \\ \forall i \neq k, i \geq 2, \quad w_i(a_1) &\geq w_i(a) > \alpha_i. \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

Let us assume now that $w_1 \parallel w_j$, $j \geq 2$. Then $w_j \neq w_1 \wedge w_j$ and for any $j \geq 2$, there exists $\delta_j \in \ker d_{j1}$, $\delta_j > 1$. According to Lemma 2.4, for any $j \geq 2$, there exists $g_j \in G_+$ such that $w_1(g_j) = 1$, $w_j(g_j) \geq \delta_j$. We set $g_1 = \prod_{j \geq 2} g_j$. Then

$$\forall j \geq 2, \quad w_1(g_1) = 1, \quad w_j(g_1) \geq w_j(g_j) \geq \delta_j > 1. \quad (2.7)$$

According to the induction assumption, there exists $a_1 \in G_+$ such that

$$\forall 2 \leq j \leq n-1, \quad w_1(a_1) = \alpha_1, \quad w_j(a_1) > \alpha_j. \quad (2.8)$$

Without the loss of generality, we may assume that

$$\forall 2 \leq j, \quad w_1(a_1) = \alpha_1, \quad w_j(a_1) \geq \alpha_j. \quad (2.9)$$

In fact, if $w_n(a_1) < \alpha_n$, then $d_{n1}(\alpha_n \cdot w_n^{-1}(a_1)) = d_{1n}(\alpha_1) \cdot d_{1n}(w_n^{-1}(a_1)) = 1$ and according to Lemma 2.4, there exists $a'_1 \in G_+$ such that $w_1(a'_1) = 1$, $w_n(a'_1) \geq \alpha \cdot w_n^{-1}(a_1)$. Then for $a''_1 = a_1 a'_1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} w_1(a''_1) &= w_1(a_1 a'_1) = \alpha_1, \\ \forall n > j \geq 2, \quad w_j(a''_1) &\geq w_j(a_1) > \alpha_j, \\ w_n(a''_1) &\geq \alpha_n. \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

We set $c_1 = a_1 g_1$, where a_1 satisfies the relation (2.9). Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} w_1(c_1) &= w_1(a_1) = \alpha_1, \\ w_j(c_1) &> w_j(a_1) \geq \alpha_j, \quad j \geq 2. \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

□

If G admits a quasi-divisor property of finite character, the existence of a map

$$\sigma : \mathcal{H}(W) \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}_t^f(G) \quad (2.12)$$

follows immediately from Proposition 2.2. Between the l -group of compatible elements $\mathcal{H}(W)$ and a semigroup $\mathcal{F}_t^f(G)$ of finitely generated t -ideals of any po -group G , there exists another naturally defined map, namely,

$$\tau : \mathcal{F}_t^f(G) \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}(W) \quad (2.13)$$

such that $\tau(X_t) = (\wedge w(X))_{w \in W} = (\wedge w(X_t))_{w \in W} \in \mathcal{H}(W)$. τ is well defined and it can be proved easily that τ is a semigroup monomorphism (because t -ideals are defined by W). If G admits a quasi-divisor property of finite character, then σ and τ are mutually inverse o -isomorphisms (see Corollary 2.3). Moreover, if $h : G \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_t^f(G)$ and $d : G \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(W)$ are natural embedding maps such that $h(g) = (g)_t$ and $d(g) = (w(g))_{w \in W}$, then the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathcal{F}_t^f(G) & \xrightarrow{\tau} & \mathcal{H}(W) & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & \mathcal{F}_t^f(G) \\ \uparrow h & & \uparrow d & & \uparrow h \\ G & \xlongequal{\quad} & G & \xlongequal{\quad} & G \end{array} \quad (2.14)$$

In the group $\mathcal{H}(W)$, a group topology \mathcal{T}_W can be defined such that $\ker \hat{w} = \{(\alpha_v)_v \in \mathcal{H}(W) : \alpha_w = 1\}$ is a subbase of neighborhoods of 1 for any $w \in W$ (clearly, $\hat{w} : \mathcal{H}(W) \rightarrow G_w$ is the projection map). Then the semigroup monomorphism $\tau : \mathcal{F}_t^f(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(W)$ induces a semigroup topology \mathcal{F}_W on $\mathcal{F}_t^f(G)$. If for $w \in W$, we define a map $\tilde{w} : \mathcal{F}_t^f(G) \rightarrow G_w$ such that $\tilde{w}(X_t) = \wedge w(X) = (\wedge w(X_t))$, then for any finite $F \subseteq W$, we obtain

$$\tau^{-1} \left(\bigcap_{w \in F} \ker \hat{w} \right) = \bigcap_{w \in F} \ker \tilde{w}. \quad (2.15)$$

Hence, the topology \mathcal{F}_W can be defined by maps $\tilde{w}, w \in W$. Moreover, in the ordered semigroup $(\mathcal{F}_t^f(G), \times_t, \leq_t)$, where $X_t \leq_t Y_t$ if $Y_t \subseteq X_t$, a t -ideals structure can be defined analogously as in any po -group. The following lemma shows that the topology \mathcal{F}_W is defined also by t -valuations.

LEMMA 2.6. *For any $w \in W$, \tilde{w} is a (t, t) -morphism from $(\mathcal{F}_t^f(G), \times_t, \leq_t)$ to G_w .*

Proof. Let \mathcal{X}_t be a t -ideal in $\mathcal{F}_t^f(G)$ generated by a lower bounded subset \mathcal{X} and let $X_t \in \mathcal{X}_t$. Then there exists a finite set $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{X}$ such that $X_t \in \mathcal{F}_t$. We set $S = \bigcup_{F_t \in \mathcal{F}} F_t$. Then, S is a finite subset in G and $S_t \leq_t F_t$ for any $F_t \in \mathcal{F}$. Hence, $X_t \geq_t S_t$ and we have $\wedge w(X) = \wedge w(X_t) \geq \wedge w(S_t) = \wedge w(S)$. Thus $\tilde{w}(X_t) \in (\tilde{w}(S_t))_t = (\wedge_{F_t \in \mathcal{F}} \tilde{w}(F_t))_t = (\tilde{w}(\mathcal{F}))_t$. \square

THEOREM 2.7. *Let G be defined by a family of t -valuations of finite character. Then the following statements are equivalent.*

- (1) *G admits a strong quasi-divisor property.*
- (2) *G admits a quasi-divisor property and for any $(\alpha_w)_w \in \mathcal{H}(W)$ and $a \in G$ such that $\alpha_w \leq w(a)$ for all $w \in W$, there exists $b \in G$ such that $\alpha_w = w(a) \wedge w(b)$ for all $w \in W$.*
- (3) *G admits a quasi-divisor property and for any $X_t \in \mathcal{F}_t^f(G)$ and $a \in X_t$, there exists $b \in G$ such that $X_t = (a, b)_t$.*

If W is an infinite set, then these statements are equivalent to the following equivalent statements.

- (4) *G admits a quasi-divisor property and $h(G)$ is dense in $(\mathcal{F}_t^f(G), \mathcal{F}_W)$.*
- (5) *$d(G)$ is dense in $(\mathcal{H}(W), \mathcal{T}_W)$.*

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2) Let $(\alpha_w)_w \in \mathcal{H}(W)$, $a \in G$ such that $w(a) \geq \alpha_w$ for all $w \in W$. Let $W_1 = \{w \in W : \alpha_w \neq 1\} \cup \{v \in W : v(a) \neq 1\}$. According to Lemma 2.1, $(\alpha_w)_{w \in W_1}$ is compatible and W_1 -complete and according to AT, there exists $b \in G$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} w(b) &= \alpha_w, \quad w \in W_1, \\ w(b) &\geq 1, \quad w \in W \setminus W_1. \end{aligned} \tag{2.16}$$

Then for $w \in W_1$, we have $w(a) \wedge w(b) = w(a) \wedge \alpha_w = \alpha_w$, and for $w \in W \setminus W_1$, $w(a) \wedge w(b) = 1 \wedge w(b) = 1 = \alpha_w$.

(2) \Rightarrow (3) Let $a \in X_t \in \mathcal{F}_t^f(G)$. Because t -system is defined by W , we have $X_t = \{g \in G : w(g) \geq \wedge w(X), w \in W\}$. According to [3, Lemma 2.9], $(\wedge w(X))_w \in \mathcal{H}(W)$ and there exists $b \in G$ such that $\wedge w(X) = w(a) \wedge w(b)$, for all $w \in W$. Then we have $X_t = \{g \in G : w(g) \in (w(a), w(b))_t, w \in W\} = (a, b)_t$.

(3) \Rightarrow (1) We show that G satisfies the positive weak approximation theorem (PWAT). Let $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \in \prod_{i=1}^n G_{w_i}^+$ be compatible. According to Lemma 2.5, there exist $a_1, \dots, a_n \in G_+$ such that

$$\forall i, \forall j \neq i, \quad w_i(a_i) = \alpha_i, \quad w_j(a_i) > \alpha_j. \tag{2.17}$$

We set $b = a_1 \cdot \dots \cdot a_n$. Then $b \in (a_1, \dots, a_n)_t$. Hence, there exists $a \in G_+$ such that $(a_1, \dots, a_n)_t = (a, b)_t$. Then for any i , we have

$$w_i(b) = \alpha_i \cdot \prod_{j \neq i} w_i(a_j) > \alpha_i^n \geq \alpha_i. \quad (2.18)$$

Let us assume that there exists i such that $w_i(b) < w_i(a)$. Since $a_i \in (a, b)_t$, we have $\alpha_i = w_i(a_i) \geq w_i(a) \wedge w_i(b) = w_i(b)$, a contradiction. Then we have $\alpha_i = w_i(a_i) \geq w_i(a) \wedge w_i(b) = w_i(a)$. Since $a \in (a_1, \dots, a_n)_t$, we have $w_i(a) \geq w_i(a_1) \wedge \dots \wedge w_i(a_n) = \alpha_i \wedge \bigwedge_{j \neq i} w_i(a_j) = \alpha_i$. Thus $w_i(a) = \alpha_i$, $i = 1, \dots, n$ and G satisfies the PWAT. According to [7, Theorem 3.5], G admits a strong quasi-divisor property.

Now let W be an infinite set.

(1) \Rightarrow (4) Since G admits a quasi-divisor property, $(\mathcal{F}_t^f(G), \times_t)$ is a group and the subbase of neighborhoods of unity in topology \mathcal{T}_W is $\{\ker \tilde{w} : w \in W\}$. We show that a map $\sigma : \mathcal{H}(W) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_t^f(G)$ is a homeomorphism. Let $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in \mathcal{H}(W)$. Then there exist $a_1, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_m \in G$ such that $\mathbf{a} = d(a_1) \wedge \dots \wedge d(a_n)$, $\mathbf{b} = d(b_1) \wedge \dots \wedge d(b_m)$ and we have $\sigma(\mathbf{a}) = (a_1, \dots, a_n)_t$, $\sigma(\mathbf{b}) = (b_1, \dots, b_m)_t$. Then $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = d(a_1 b_1) \wedge \dots \wedge d(a_n b_m)$ and $\sigma(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}) = (a_1 b_1, \dots, a_n b_m)_t = \sigma(\mathbf{a}) \times_t \sigma(\mathbf{b})$. If $\sigma(\mathbf{a}) = (1)_t$, then $(a_1, \dots, a_n)_t = (1)_t$ and it follows easily that $\mathbf{a} = 1$. It is clear that σ is also homeomorphism. According to [8, Theorem 2.6], there exists an o -isomorphism ψ such that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Lambda_t(G) & \xrightarrow{\psi} & \mathcal{H}(W) \\ \bar{w} \downarrow & & \downarrow \hat{w} \\ G & \xlongequal{\quad} & G_W \end{array} \quad (2.19)$$

where \bar{w} is a canonical extension of w . Since $G \rightarrow \Lambda_t(G)$ is a strong quasi-divisor morphism, it follows that $d : G \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(W)$ is a strong quasi-divisor morphism as well. Then, according to [5, Theorem 2.9], $d(G)$ is dense in $(\mathcal{H}(W), \mathcal{T}_W)$ and it follows that $h(G)$ is also dense in $(\mathcal{F}_t^f(G), \mathcal{T}_W)$.

(4) \Rightarrow (5) If G admits a quasi-divisor property, then $\mathcal{F}_t^f(G)$ is o -isomorphic to $\Lambda_t(G)$ and according to [8, Theorem 6], it is also o -isomorphic to $\mathcal{H}(W)$. It can be proved easily that $(\mathcal{F}_t^f(G), \mathcal{T}_W)$ is also homeomorphic to $(\mathcal{H}(W), \mathcal{T}_W)$.

(5) \Rightarrow (1) It follows directly from [5, Theorem 2.9]. \square

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