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# Algebraic Properties of the Category of Q-P Quantale Modules

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**Abstract:** In this paper, the definition of a Q-P quantale module and some relative concepts were introduced. Based on which, some properties of the Q-P quantale module, and the structure of the free Q-P quantale modules generated by a set were obtained. It was proved that the category of Q-P quantale modules is algebraic.

**Key words:** Q-P quantale modules; Equalizer; Forgetful functor; Algebraic category

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Quantale was proposed by Mulvey in 1986 for studying the foundations of quantum logic and for studying non-commutation  $C^*$ -algebras. The term quantale was coined as a combination of “quantum logic” and “locale” by Mulvey in [1]. The systematic introduction of quantale theory came from the book [2], which written by Rosenthal in 1990.

Since quantale theory provides a powerful tool in studying noncommutative structures, it has a wide applications, especially in studying noncommutative C\*-algebra theory [3], the ideal theory of commutative ring [4], linear logic [5] and so on. So, the quantale theory has aroused great interests of many scholar and experts, a great deal of new ideas and applications of quantale have been proposed in twenty years [6–18].

Since the ideal of quantale module was proposed by Abramsky and Vickers [19], the quantale module has attracted many scholars eyes. With the development of the quantale theory, the theory of quantale module was studied deeply in [20–25]. In this paper, some properties of the category of Q-P quantale modules was discussed, especially that the category of Q-P quantale modules is algebraic was proved.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

**Definition 2.1** [2] A quantale is a complete lattice  $Q$  with an associative binary operation “ $\&$ ” satisfying:

$$a \& (\bigvee_{i \in I} b_i) = \bigvee_{i \in I} (a \& b_i) \quad \text{and} \quad (\bigvee_{i \in I} b_i) \& a = \bigvee_{i \in I} (b_i \& a),$$

for all  $a, b_i \in Q$ , where  $I$  is a set, 0 and 1 denote the smallest element and the greatest element of  $Q$  respectively.

**Definition 2.2** A nonzero element  $a$  in a quantale  $Q$  is said to be a *nonzero divisor* if for all nonzero element  $b \in Q$  such that  $a \& b \neq 0$ ,  $b \& a \neq 0$ .  $Q$  is *nonzero divisor* if every  $a \in Q$  is a *nonzero divisor*.

**Definition 2.3** Let  $Q, P$  be a quantale, a Q-P quantale module over  $Q, P$  (briefly, a Q-P-module) is a complete lattice  $M$ , together with a mapping  $T : Q \times M \times P \longrightarrow M$  satisfies the following conditions:

$$(1) T(\bigvee_{i \in I} a_i, m, \bigvee_{j \in J} b_j) = \bigvee_{i \in I} \bigvee_{j \in J} T(a_i, m, b_j);$$

$$(2) T(a, (\bigvee_{k \in K} m_k), b) = \bigvee_{k \in K} T(a, m_k, b);$$

(3)  $T(a \& b, m, c \& d) = T(a, T(b, m, c), d)$  for all  $a_i, a, b \in Q$ ,  $b_j, c, d \in P$ ,  $m_k, m \in M$ . We shall denote the Q-P quantale module  $M$  over  $Q, P$  by  $(M, T)$ .

If  $Q$  is unital quantale with unit  $e$ , we define  $T(e, m, e) = m$  for all  $m \in M$ .

**Example 2.4** (1) Let  $Q = P = \{0, a, b, c, 1\}$  be a set,  $M = \{0, d, e, 1\}$  is a complete lattice. The order relations of  $Q$  and  $M$  are given by the following figure 1 and 2, we give a binary operator “ $\&$ ” on  $Q$  satisfying the diagram 1.

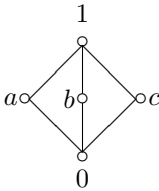


Figure 1

$\&$	0	a	b	c	1
0	0	0	0	0	0
a	0	b	c	a	1
b	0	c	a	b	1
c	0	a	b	c	1
1	0	1	1	1	1

Diagram 1

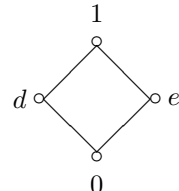


Figure 2

We can prove that  $Q$  is a quantale.

Now, define a mapping  $T : Q \times M \times Q \longrightarrow M$  such that  $T(x, m, y) = m$  for all  $x, y \in Q, m \in M$ . Then  $(M, T)$  be a Q-P quantale module.

(2) Let  $Q = P = \{0, a, b, 1\}$  be a complete lattice. The order relation on  $Q$  satisfies the following Figure 3 and the binary operation of  $Q$  satisfies the diagram 2:

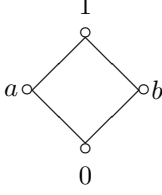


Figure 3

$\&$	0	a	b	1
0	0	0	0	0
a	0	a	0	a
b	0	0	b	b
1	0	a	b	1

Diagram 2

It is easy to show that  $(Q, \&)$  is a quantale. Let  $M = \{0, a, 1\} \subseteq Q$ , then  $M$  is a complete lattice with the inheriting order on  $Q$ . Now, we define  $T : Q \times M \times Q \longrightarrow M$  satisfies  $T(x, m, y) = x \& m \& y$  for all  $x, y \in Q, m \in M$ . Then  $(M, T)$  is a Q-P quantale module.

**Definition 2.5** Let  $Q, P$  be a quantale,  $(M_1, T_1)$  and  $(M_2, T_2)$  are Q-P quantale modules. A mapping  $f : M_1 \longrightarrow M_2$  is said to be a  $Q - P$  quantale module homomorphism if  $f$  satisfies the following conditions:

- (1)  $f(\bigvee_{i \in I} m_i) = \bigvee_{i \in I} f(m_i)$ ;
- (2)  $f(T_1(a, m, b)) = T_2(a, f(m), b)$  for all  $a \in Q, b \in P, m_i, m \in M$ .

**Definition 2.6** Let  $(M, T_M)$  be a  $Q - P$  quantale module over  $Q, P$ ,  $N$  be a subset of  $M$ ,  $N$  is said to be a *submodule* of  $M$  if  $N$  is closed under arbitrary join and  $T_M(a, n, b) \in N$  for all  $a \in Q, b \in P, n \in N$ .

**Definition 2.7** [26] A concrete category  $(\mathcal{A}, U)$  is called *algebraic* provided that it satisfies the following conditions:

- (1)  $\mathcal{A}$  has coequalizers;
- (2)  $U$  has a left adjoint;
- (3)  $U$  preserves and reflects regular epimorphisms.

### 3. THE CATEGORY OF Q-P QUANTALE MODULES IS ALGEBRAIC

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $Q, P$  be a quantale,  $\mathbf{QMod}_P$  be the category whose objects are the Q-P quantale modules of  $Q, P$ , and morphisms are the Q-P quantale module homomorphisms, i.e.,

$$\mathcal{Ob}(\mathbf{QMod}_P) = \{ M : M \text{ is Q-P quantale modules} \},$$

$$\mathcal{Mor}(\mathbf{QMod}_P) = \{ f : M \longrightarrow N \text{ is the Q-P quantale modules homomorphism} \}.$$

Hence, the category  $\mathbf{QMod}_P$  is a concrete category.

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $Q, P$  is a quantale,  $(M, T_M)$  is a Q-P quantale module,  $R \subseteq M \times M$ . The set  $R$  is said to be a *congruence* of Q-P quantale module on  $M$  if  $R$  satisfies:

- (1)  $R$  is an equivalence relation on  $M$ ;
- (2) If  $(m_i, n_i) \in R$  for all  $i \in I$ , then  $(\bigvee_{i \in I} m_i, \bigvee_{i \in I} n_i) \in R$ ;

(3) If  $(m, n) \in R$ , then  $(T_M(a, m, b), T_M(a, n, b)) \in R$  for all  $a \in Q, b \in P$ .

We denote the set of all congruence on  $M$  by  $Con(QMP)$ , then  $Con(QMP)$  is a complete lattice with respect to the inclusion order.

Let  $Q, P$  be a quantale,  $M$  is a Q-P quantale module,  $R$  is a congruence of Q-P quantale module on  $M$ , define the order relation on  $M/R$  such that  $[m] \leq [n]$  if and only if  $[m \vee n] = [n]$  for all  $[m], [n] \in M/R$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $Q, P$  be a quantale,  $M$  be a Q-P quantale module,  $R$  be a congruence of double quantale module on  $M$ . Define  $T_{M/R} : Q \times M/R \times P \longrightarrow M/R$  such that  $T_{M/R}(a, [m], b) = [T_M(a, m, b)]$  for all  $a \in Q, b \in P, [m] \in M/R$ , then  $(M/R, T_{M/R})$  is a Q-P quantale module and  $\pi : m \mapsto [m] : M \longrightarrow M/R$  is a Q-P quantale module homomorphisms.

*Proof.* (1) We will prove that “ $\leq$ ” is a partial order on  $M/R$ , and  $T_{M/R}$  is well defined. In fact, for all  $[m], [n], [l] \in M/R$ ,

(i) It's clearly that  $[m] \leq [m]$ ;

(ii) Let  $[m] \leq [n], [n] \leq [m]$ , then  $[m \vee n] = [n]$  and  $[n \vee m] = [m]$ , thus  $[m] = [n]$ ;

(iii) Let  $[m] \leq [n], [n] \leq [l]$ , then  $[m \vee n] = [n]$  and  $[n \vee l] = [l]$ , therefore  $[m \vee l] = [m \vee (n \vee l)] = [(m \vee n) \vee l] = [n \vee l] = [l]$ .

If  $[m_1] = [m_2]$ , then  $(m_1, m_2) \in R$ ,  $(T_M(a, m, b), T_M(a, n, b)) \in R$  for all  $a, b \in Q$ , i.e.,  $[T_M(a, m, b)] = [T_M(a, n, b)]$ , thus  $T_{M/R}$  is well defined.

(2) We will prove that  $(M/R, \leq)$  is a complete lattice. Let  $\{[m_i] \mid i \in I\} \subseteq M/R$ , we have

(i) Since  $[m_i \vee (\bigvee_{i \in I} m_i)] = [\bigvee_{i \in I} m_i]$  for all  $i \in I$ , then  $[m_i] \leq [\bigvee_{i \in I} m_i]$ ;

(ii) Let  $[m] \in M/R$  and  $[m_i] \leq [m]$  for all  $i \in I$ , then  $[m_i \vee m] = [m]$  for all  $i \in I$ , hence,  $[(\bigvee_{i \in I} m_i) \vee m] = [\bigvee_{i \in I} (m_i \vee m)] = [m]$ , i.e.,  $[\bigvee_{i \in I} m_i] \leq [m]$ .

Thus  $\bigvee_{i \in I} [m_i] = [\bigvee_{i \in I} m_i]$ .

(3) For all  $\{a_i \mid i \in I\} \subseteq Q, \{b_j \mid j \in J\} \subseteq Q, \{[m_l] \mid l \in H\} \subseteq M/R$ ,  $a, b \in Q, c, d \in P, [m] \in M/R$ , we have that

(i)  $T_{M/R}(\bigvee_{i \in I} a_i, [m], \bigvee_{j \in J} b_j) = [T_M(\bigvee_{i \in I} a_i, m, \bigvee_{j \in J} b_j)] = [\bigvee_{i \in I} \bigvee_{j \in J} T_M(a_i, m, b_j)]$   
 $= \bigvee_{i \in I} \bigvee_{j \in J} T_M[a_i, m, b_j] = \bigvee_{i \in I} \bigvee_{j \in J} T_{M/R}(a_i, [m], b_j);$

(ii)  $T_{M/R}(a, (\bigvee_{j \in J} [m_j]), b) = T_{M/R}(a, [\bigvee_{j \in J} m_j], b) = [T_M(a, (\bigvee_{j \in J} m_j), b)] = [\bigvee_{j \in J} T_M(a, m_j, b)]$   
 $= \bigvee_{j \in J} [T_M(a, m_j, b)] = \bigvee_{j \in J} T_{M/R}(a, [m_j], b);$

(iii)  $T_{M/R}(a \& b, [m], c \& d) = [T_M(a \& b, m, c \& d)] = [T_M(a, T_M(b, m, c), d)]$   
 $= T_{M/R}(a, [T_M(b, m, c)], d) = T_{M/R}(a, T_{M/R}(b, [m], c), d).$

Then  $(M/R, T_{M/R})$  is a Q-P quantale module.

(4) For all  $\{[m_i] \mid i \in I\} \subseteq M/R, a \in Q, b \in P, [m] \in M/R$ ,

$\pi(\bigvee_{i \in I} m_i) = [\bigvee_{i \in I} m_i] = \bigvee_{i \in I} [m_i] = \bigvee_{i \in I} \pi(m_i);$

$\pi(T_M(a, m, b)) = [T_M(a, m, b)] = T_{M/R}(a, [m], b) = T_{M/R}(a, \pi(m), b).$

So  $\pi : m \mapsto [m] : M \longrightarrow M/R$  is a Q-P quantale module homomorphisms.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $Q, P$  be a quantale,  $M$  a double quantale module, then  $\Delta = \{(x, x) \mid x \in M\}$  is a congruence of Q-P quantale module on  $M$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $Q, P$  be a quantale,  $M$  and  $N$  be Q-P quantale modules,  $f : M \longrightarrow N$  a Q-P quantale module homomorphism,  $R$  a Q-P quantale module

congruence on  $N$ . Then  $f^{-1}(R) = \{(x, y) \in M \times M \mid (f(x), f(y)) \in R\}$  is a Q-P quantale module congruence on  $M$ .

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $Q, P$  be a quantale,  $M$  and  $N$  are Q-P quantale modules,  $f : M \rightarrow N$  be a Q-P quantale module homomorphism. Then  $f^{-1}(\Delta) = \{(x, y) \in M \times M \mid f(x) = f(y)\}$  be a Q-P quantale module congruence on  $M$ , where  $\Delta = \{(a, a) \mid a \in N\}$ .

Let  $Q, P$  be a quantale,  $M$  be a Q-P quantale module,  $R \subseteq M \times M$ , since  $\text{Con}(QMP)$  is a complete lattice, there exists a smallest Q-P quantale congruence containing  $R$ , which is the intersection all the Q-P quantale module congruence containing  $R$  on  $M$ . We said that this congruence is generated by  $R$ .

**Theorem 3.7.** The category  $\mathbf{QMod}_P$  has coequalizer.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 M & \xrightarrow{f} & N & \xrightarrow{h} & E' \\
 & \xrightarrow{g} & \downarrow \pi & \nearrow \bar{h} & \\
 & & E & & 
 \end{array}$$

*Proof.* Let  $Q, P$  be a quantale,  $(M, T_M)$  and  $(N, T_N)$  be Q-P quantale modules,  $f$  and  $g$  be Q-P quantale module homomorphisms, Suppose  $R$  is the smallest congruence of the Q-P quantale modules on  $N$ , which contain  $\{(f(x), g(x)) \mid x \in M\}$ . Let  $E = N/R$ ,  $\pi : N \rightarrow N/R$  is the canonical mapping, then  $(N/R, T_{N/R})$  is a Q-P quantale module and  $\pi$  is a Q-P quantale module homomorphisms by theorem 3.3. We will prove that  $(\pi, E)$  is the coequalizer of  $f$  and  $g$ . In fact,

(1)  $\pi \circ f = \pi \circ g$  is clear

(2) Let  $(E', T_{E'})$  be a Q-P quantale module,  $h : N \rightarrow E'$  be a Q-P quantale module homomorphisms such that  $h \circ f = h \circ g$ . Let  $R_1 = h^{-1}(\Delta)$ , where  $\Delta = \{(x, x) \mid x \in E'\}$ . By theorem 3.5, we can see that  $R_1$  is a congruence of Q-P quantale module on  $N$ . Since  $h(f(x)) = h(g(x))$  for all  $x \in M$ , then  $(f(x), g(x)) \in R_1$ . Define  $\bar{h} : N/R \rightarrow E'$  such that  $\bar{h}([n]) = h(n)$  for all  $[n] \in Q/R$ . Let  $n_1, n_2 \in N$  and  $(n_1, n_2) \in R$ , then  $(n_1, n_2) \in R_1$ , and we have that  $h(n_1) = h(n_2)$ . Therefore  $\bar{h}$  is well defined.

For all  $\{[n_i] \mid i \in I\} \subseteq N/R$ ,  $a, b \in Q$ ,  $[n] \in N/R$ , we have that

$$\bar{h}(\bigvee_{i \in I} [n_i]) = \bar{h}([\bigvee_{i \in I} n_i]) = h(\bigvee_{i \in I} n_i) = \bigvee_{i \in I} h(n_i) = \bigvee_{i \in I} \bar{h}([n_i]);$$

$$\bar{h}(T_{N/R}(a, [n], b)) = \bar{h}([T(a, n, b)]) = h(T(a, n, b)) = T_{E'}(a, h(n), b) = T_{E'}(a, \bar{h}([n]), b).$$

Thus,  $\bar{h}$  is a Q-P quantale module, and  $\bar{h}$  is the unique homomorphism satisfy  $\bar{h} \circ \pi = h$ . Therefore  $(\pi, E)$  is the coequalizer of  $f$  and  $g$ .  $\square$

From now until the end of Section 3, we suppose  $Q$  be a unital quantale with unit  $e$ . Let  $X$  be a nonempty set, we consider the complete lattice  $(Q^X, \bigvee^X)$ , where  $Q^X$  is the set of all the function from  $X$  to  $Q$  and  $(\bigvee_{i \in I}^X f_i)(x) = \bigvee_{i \in I} f_i(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .

**Theorem 3.8.** Let  $X$  be a nonempty set, and  $Q$  is idempotent and unital quantale with unit  $e$ , define  $T_X : Q \times Q^X \times Q \rightarrow Q^X$  such that  $T_X(a, f, b)(x) = a \& f(x) \& b$ , for all  $a, b \in Q, f \in Q^X, x \in X$ . Then  $(Q^X, T_X)$  is the free double

quantale module generated by  $X$ , equipped with the map  $\varphi : x \in X \mapsto \varphi_x \in Q^X$ , where  $\varphi_x$  is defined by  $\varphi_x(y) = \begin{cases} 0, & y \neq x, \\ e, & y = x. \end{cases}$  for all  $y \in X$ .

*Proof.* It's easy to prove that  $(Q^X, T_X)$  is a double quantale module. Let  $(M, T_M)$  be any double quantale module and  $g : X \rightarrow M$  be an arbitrary map. First observe that for all  $f \in Q^X$ ,  $Q$  be a unital quantale with unit  $e$ , hence  $f = T_X(e, f, e)$  by definition 2.2. So every elements of  $Q^X$  could denote by  $T_X(c, f, d)$  for some  $c, d \in Q, f \in Q^X$ . Define map  $h_g : Q^X \rightarrow M$  such that  $h_g(T_X(c, f, d)) = \bigvee_{x \in X} T_M(c, T_M(f(x), g(x), f(x)), d)$ , for all  $T_X(c, f, d) \in Q^X, c, d \in Q$ .

For all  $x' \in Z$ ,  $(h_g \circ \varphi)(x') = h_g(\varphi_{x'}) = \bigvee_{x \in X} T_M(\varphi_{x'}(x), g(x), \varphi_{x'}(x)) = T_M(e, g(x), e) = f(x)$ , hence  $h_g \circ \varphi = f$ . This implies that the following diagram commute.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & Q^X \\ & \searrow g & \downarrow h_g \\ & & M \end{array}$$

We will prove that  $h_g$  is a Q-P quantale module homomorphism.

For all  $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}, a, b \in Q, f \in Q^X$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad h_g\left(\bigvee_{i \in I} f_i\right) &= h_g\left(T_X\left(e, \bigvee_{i \in I} f_i, e\right)\right) \\ &= \bigvee_{x \in X} T_M\left(e, T_M\left(\bigvee_{i \in I} f_i, g(x), \bigvee_{i \in I} f_i\right), e\right) \\ &= \bigvee_{x \in X} T_M\left(\bigvee_{i \in I} f_i, g(x), \bigvee_{i \in I} f_i\right) \\ &= \bigvee_{i \in I} \bigvee_{x \in X} T_M(f_i, g(x), f_i) \\ &= \bigvee_{i \in I} h_g(f_i); \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii)} \quad h_g(T_X(a, f, b)) &= \bigvee_{x \in X} T_M(a, T_M(f(x), g(x), f(x)), b) \\ &= T_M\left(a, \bigvee_{x \in X} T_M(f(x), g(x), f(x)), b\right) \\ &= T_M(a, h_g(f), b). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $h_g$  is a Q-P quantale module homomorphism.

Next, we will prove that  $h_g$  is an unique Q-P quantale module homomorphism satisfying the above conditions.

Now, let  $h'_g : Q^X \rightarrow M$  be another unique Q-P quantale module homomor-

phism such that  $h'_g \circ \varphi = g$ . For all  $T_X(c, f, d) \in Q^X$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 h_g(T_X(c, f, d)) &= \bigvee_{x \in X} T_M(c, T_M(f(x), g(x), f(x)), d) \\
 &= \bigvee_{x \in X} T_M(c, T_M(f(x), (h'_g \circ \varphi)(x), f(x)), d) \\
 &= T_M(c, h'_g(\bigvee_{x \in X} T_X(f(x), \varphi_x, f(x))), d) \\
 &= T_M(c, h'_g(f), d) \quad \left( \bigvee_{x \in X} T_X(f(x), \varphi_x, f(x)) = f \right) \\
 &= h'_g(T_X(c, f, d)).
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $(Q^X, T_X)$  is the free Q-P quantale module generated by  $X$ , equipped with the map  $\varphi$ .  $\square$

**Definition 3.9.** Let  $X$  be a nonempty set,  $Q, P$  is unital quantale,  $(Q^X, T_X)$  is called *free Q-P quantale module* generated by  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.10.** The forgetfull functor  $U : \mathbf{QMod_P} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$  have a left adjoint.

*Proof.* Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be nonempty sets,  $(Q^X, T_X)$  and  $(Q^Y, T_Y)$  be the free Q-p quantale module generated by  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively.

Corresponding map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  defines  $M(f) : Q^X \rightarrow Q^Y$  such that  $M(f)(g)(y) = \bigvee \{g(x) \mid f(x) = y, x \in X\}$ , for all  $g$  in  $Q^X$ ,  $y \in Y$ . Obviously,  $M(f)$  is well defined.

We check  $M(f)$  is a Q-p quantale module homomorphism.

For all  $g_i, g \in Q^X, a \in Q, b \in P, y \in Y$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(i)} M(f)(\bigvee_{i \in I} g_i) &= \bigvee \{ \bigvee_{i \in I} g_i(x) \mid f(x) = y, x \in X \} \\
 &= \bigvee_{i \in I} (\bigvee \{g_i(x) \mid f(x) = y, x \in X\}) \\
 &= \bigvee_{i \in I} M(f)(g_i)(y).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $M(f)$  preserves arbitrary joins.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(ii)} M(f)(T_X(a, g, b))(y) &= \bigvee \{T_X(a, g, b)(x) \mid f(x) = y, x \in X\} \\
 &= \bigvee \{a \& g(x) \& b \mid f(x) = y, x \in X\} \\
 &= a \& (\bigvee \{g(x) \mid f(x) = y, x \in X\}) \& b \\
 &= a \& (M(f)(g)(y)) \& b \\
 &= T_Y(a, M(f)(g), b)(y).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $M(f)(T_X(a, g, b))(y) = T_Y(a, M(f)(g), b)(y)$ . It is readily verified that  $M(f)$  is a Q-P quantale module homomorphism.

Next, we will check that  $M : \mathbf{Set} \rightarrow \mathbf{QMod_P}$  is a functor.

Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y, g : Y \rightarrow Z, id_X$  is the identity function on  $X$ . For all  $h \in Q^X, x \in X, z \in Z$ , we have

(i)  $M(id_X)(h)(x) = \bigvee \{h(x) \mid id_X(x) = x\} = h(x) = id_{Q^X}(h)(x)$ , it shows that  $M$  preserves identity function.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (ii) (M(g) \circ M(f))(h)(z) &= \bigvee \{M(f)(h)(y) \mid g(y) = z, y \in Y\} \\
 &= \bigvee \{ \bigvee \{h(x) \mid f(x) = y, x \in X\} \mid g(y) = z, y \in Y\} \\
 &= \bigvee \{h(x) \mid f(x) = y, g(y) = z, x \in X, y \in Y\} \\
 &= \bigvee \{h(x) \mid g(f(x)) = z, x \in X\} \\
 &= M(g \circ f)(h)(z),
 \end{aligned}$$

then  $M$  preserves composition.

Finally, we will prove that  $M$  is the left adjoint of  $U$ .

By theorem 3.8, we have  $(Q^X, T_X)$  is the free Q-P quantale module generated by  $X$ , equipped with the map  $\varphi$ , therefore,  $M$  is the left adjoint of  $U$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.11.** The forgetful functor  $U : \mathbf{QMod_P} \longrightarrow \mathbf{Set}$  preserves and reflects regular epimorphisms.

*Proof.* It is easy to be verified that the forgetful functor  $U$  preserves regular epimorphisms. We will check the forgetful functor  $U$  reflects regular epimorphisms.

At first, every regular epimorphisms is a surjective homomorphism in  $\mathbf{QMod_P}$  by Theorem 3.7.

Next, we prove that every surjective homomorphism is a regular epimorphisms in  $\mathbf{QMod_P}$ .

Let  $h : M_1 \longrightarrow M_2$  be a surjective Q-P quantale module homomorphism. Since the surjective morphism is an regular epimorphism in  $\mathbf{Set}$ . Then  $h$  is a regular epimorphism in  $\mathbf{Set}$ , there exists a set  $X$  and maps  $f, g$  such that  $(h, M_2)$  is a coequalizer of  $f$  and  $g$ .

Let  $(Q^X, T_X)$  be a Q-P quantale module generated by  $X$ . Since  $Q$  be a unital quantale with unit  $e$ , hence  $s = T_X(e, s, e)$  for all  $s \in Q^X$ .

Define map  $h_f, h_g : Q^X \longrightarrow M$  such that

$$h_f(T_X(a, s, b)) = \bigvee_{x \in X} T_{M_1}(a, T_{M_1}(s(x), f(x), s(x)), b).$$

$$h_g(T_X(a, s, b)) = \bigvee_{x \in X} T_{M_1}(a, T_{M_1}(s(x), g(x), s(x)), b),$$

for all  $T_X(a, s, b) \in Q^X$ ,  $s \in Q^X$ ,  $a, b \in Q$ .

We know that  $h_f$  and  $h_g$  are Q-P quantale module homomorphisms by theorem 3.8.

Since  $h_f$  is a Q-P quantale module homomorphism, and  $h \circ f = h \circ g$ , then  $h \circ h_f = h \circ h_g$ . Suppose there is a Q-P quantale module homomorphism  $h' : M_1 \longrightarrow M_2$  with  $h' \circ h_f = h' \circ h_g$ , then we have  $h' \circ f = h' \circ g$ .

Because  $(h, M_2)$  is the coequalizer of  $f$  and  $g$ , there is a unique Q-P quantale module homomorphism  $\bar{h} : M_2 \longrightarrow M_3$  such that  $h' = \bar{h} \circ h$ . Since  $h$  is a surjective of Q-P quantale module homomorphism, then there exists  $x', y' \in M_1$  and  $\{x'_i\}_{i \in I} \subseteq M_1$  such that  $h(x_1) = x, h(y_1) = y, h(x'_i) = x_i$ .



We check that  $\bar{h}$  be a Q-P quantale module homomorphism in the following.

$$(i) \quad \bar{h}\left(\bigvee_{i \in I} x_i\right) = \bar{h}\left(\bigvee_{i \in I} h(x'_i)\right) = \bar{h}h\left(\bigvee_{i \in I} x'_i\right) = h'\left(\bigvee_{i \in I} x'_i\right) = \bigvee_{i \in I} h(x'_i) = \bigvee_{i \in I} \bar{h}h(x'_i) = \bigvee_{i \in I} \bar{h}(x_i),$$

(ii) For any  $a \in Q, b \in P, m \in M_2$ , since  $h$  is a surjective of double quantale module homomorphism, there exists  $m'$  in  $M$  such that  $h(m') = m$ .

$$\text{So we have } T_3(a, \bar{h}(m), b) = T_3(a, \bar{h}(h(m')), b) = T_3(a, h'(m'), b) = h'(T_1(a, m', b)) = \bar{h}h(T_1(a, m', b)) = \bar{h}(T_2(a, h(m'), b)) = \bar{h}(T_2(a, m, b)).$$

Hence,  $(h, M_2)$  is an coequalizer of  $h_f$  and  $h_g$  in  $\mathbf{QMod_P}$ , so  $h$  is a regular epimorphism in  $\mathbf{QMod_P}$ . Therefore, the regular epimorphisms are precisely surjective homomorphisms in  $\mathbf{QMod_P}$ . Since the forgetfull functor  $U : \mathbf{QMod_P} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$  reflects surjective homomorphisms, hence  $U : \mathbf{QMod_P} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$  reflects regular epimorphisms.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & M_1 \xrightarrow{h'} M_3 \\ & \searrow g & \downarrow h \\ & & M_2 \nearrow \bar{h} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} Q^X & \xrightarrow{h_f} & M_1 \xrightarrow{h'} M_3 \\ & \searrow h_g & \downarrow h \\ & & M_2 \nearrow \bar{h} \end{array}$$

□

The combination of theorem 3.7, theorem 3.10 and theorem 3.11, we can obtain the main result of this paper.

**Theorem 3.12.** The category  $\mathbf{QMod_P}$  is algebraic.

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