

# CROSS-SECTIONS OF DIVISIBLE ABELIAN $\mathcal{o}$ -GROUPS VIA TAME PAIRS

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**ABSTRACT.** In this note several equivalent characterizations are given for a divisible subgroup  $\Delta' \subseteq \Gamma$  of a divisible group  $\Gamma$  to be the image of a section of a given surjective  $\mathcal{o}$ -group homomorphism  $f : \Gamma \twoheadrightarrow \Delta$  using the order-theoretic notion of tameness (equivalently, relative Dedekind completeness). The note concludes with an application of these characterizations to real closed valued fields.

Throughout this note all groups are abelian; moreover, an  $\mathcal{o}$ -group is a totally ordered (abelian) group. If  $A$  is a ring, then  $A^\times$  denotes its underlying group of multiplicative units, and if  $A$  is an  $\mathcal{o}$ -group, then define  $A^{>0} := \{a \in A \mid a > 0\}$ .

## 1. TAME PAIRS OF DENSE LINEAR ORDERS

**Definition 1.1** (1.12 in [DL95], or [Pil94]). Let  $(A, <) \subseteq (B, <)$  be an embedding of dense linear orders. Say that  $A$  is *tame in  $B$*  (or  $A$  is *Dedekind complete in  $B$* ) if for every  $A$ -bounded  $b \in B$  (that is, for every  $b \in \text{c.h.}_B(A) := \{b' \in B \mid \exists a_1, a_2 \in A \text{ such that } a_1 \leq b' \leq a_2\}$ ) there exists  $a \in A$  such that one of the following items holds true:

- (i)  $b = a$ , or
- (ii)  $b < a$  and there is no  $a' \in A$  such that  $b < a' < a$ , or
- (iii)  $a < b$  and there is no  $a' \in A$  such that  $a < a' < b$ .

*Remark 1.2.* Let  $(A, <) \subseteq (B, <)$  be an embedding of dense linear orders. If  $A$  is tame in  $B$ , then it follows from the fact that  $(A, <)$  is a dense linear order that for every  $A$ -bounded  $b \in B$  (that is, for every  $b \in \text{c.h.}_B(A)$ ) there exists a unique  $a \in A$  such that exactly one of the items (i) - (iii) in Definition 1.1 holds for  $a$  and  $b$ .

**Definition 1.3.** Let  $(A, <) \subseteq (B, <)$  be an embedding of dense linear orders and suppose that  $A$  is tame in  $B$ . The *standard part map associated with the tame pair  $A \subseteq B$*  is the map  $\text{st}_A^B : \text{c.h.}_B(A) \twoheadrightarrow A$  given by setting  $\text{st}_A^B(b)$  ( $b \in \text{c.h.}_B(A)$ ) to be the unique element in  $A$  for which one of the items (i) - (iii) in Definition 1.1 hold for  $\text{st}_A^B(b)$  and  $b$ . If  $A$  and  $B$  are clear from the context, then write  $\text{st} := \text{st}_A^B$ .

*Remark 1.4.* Let  $(A, <) \subseteq (B, <)$  be an embedding of dense linear orders and suppose that  $A$  is tame in  $B$ . Then:

- (i)  $\text{st}(a) = a$  for all  $a \in A \subseteq \text{c.h.}_B(A)$ .
- (ii) If  $b \in \text{c.h.}_B(A) \setminus A$  and  $b < \text{st}(b)$ , then for all  $a \in A$  such that  $a < b$  there exists  $a' \in A$  such that  $a < a' < b$ .

**Lemma 1.5.** Let  $(A, \leq) \subseteq (B, \leq)$  be an embedding of dense linear orders. The following are equivalent:

- (i)  $A$  is tame in  $B$ .
- (ii) For every  $b \in B$ , the set  $\{a \in A \mid a < b\}$  has a supremum in  $A \cup \{\pm\infty\}$ .

Suppose further that  $A$  and  $B$  are  $\mathfrak{o}$ -groups and that  $A$  is a subgroup of  $B$ . Then (i) and (ii) are equivalent to:

(iii) For all  $b \in \text{c.h.}_B(A)$  there exists  $a \in A$  such that  $|b - a| < a'$  for all  $a' \in A^{>0}$ .

*Proof.* Straightforward from the definitions.  $\square$

**1.1. Tame pairs of  $\mathfrak{o}$ -minimal structures.** If  $(A, <, \dots) \preceq (B, <, \dots)$  is an elementary extension of  $\mathfrak{o}$ -minimal structures ([Dri98]) and  $D \subseteq A^n$  is an  $A$ -definable subset of  $A$ , then write  $D_B$  for the definable subset in  $B^n$  given by the same formula defining  $D$  in  $A^n$ . Moreover, say that  $\bar{b} = (b_1, \dots, b_n) \in B^n$  is  $A$ -bounded if  $b_i$  is  $A$ -bounded for all  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , and if  $A$  is tame in  $B$  and  $\bar{b} \in B^n$  is  $A$ -bounded, write  $\text{st}(\bar{b})$  for  $(\text{st}(b_1), \dots, \text{st}(b_n))$ .

**Lemma 1.6.** *Let  $(A, <, \dots)$  be  $\mathfrak{o}$ -minimal and tame in an elementary extension  $(B, <, \dots)$ . Let  $f : D \rightarrow A$  be a continuous  $A$ -definable function on an  $A$ -definable set  $D \subseteq A^n$ , and let  $\bar{b} \in D_B$  be  $A$ -bounded with  $\text{st}(\bar{b}) \in D$ . Then  $f_B(\bar{b})$  is  $A$ -bounded and  $\text{st}(f_B(\bar{b})) = f(\text{st}(\bar{b}))$ .*

*Proof.* See 1.13 in [DL95].  $\square$

## 2. CROSS-SECTIONS OF DIVISIBLE ABELIAN $\mathfrak{o}$ -GROUPS VIA TAME PAIRS

**Definition 2.1** (pp. 48 & 49 in [Fuc70]). Let  $\Gamma_0$  be a subgroup of a group  $(\Gamma, +, 0)$ .

- (i) A subgroup  $\Delta \subseteq \Gamma$  is  $\Gamma_0$ -high if  $\Delta$  is a subgroup maximal for subset inclusion in  $\Gamma$  with  $\Delta \cap \Gamma_0 = (0)$ ; in particular,  $\Delta + \Gamma_0 = \Delta \oplus \Gamma_0$ .
- (ii)  $\Gamma_0$  is an *absolute direct summand* of  $\Gamma$  if  $\Gamma = \Delta \oplus \Gamma_0$  for every  $\Gamma_0$ -high subgroup  $\Delta \subseteq \Gamma$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** *Let  $\Gamma_0$  be a divisible subgroup of a group  $(\Gamma, +, 0)$ . Then  $\Gamma_0$  is an absolute direct summand on  $\Gamma$ .*

*Proof.* See [Fuc70, Theorem 21.2].  $\square$

**Corollary 2.3.** *Let  $f : \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$  be a surjective group homomorphism and  $\Delta' \subseteq \Gamma$  be a subgroup. Consider the following statements:*

- (i) *The map  $f|_{\Delta'} : \Delta' \rightarrow \Delta$  is a group isomorphism; in particular,  $(f|_{\Delta'})^{-1} : \Delta \hookrightarrow \Gamma$  is a section of  $f : \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$ .*
- (ii)  $\Gamma = \Delta' \oplus \ker(f)$ .
- (iii)  $\Delta'$  is a subgroup maximal for subset inclusion in  $\Gamma$  with  $\Delta' \cap \ker(f) = (0)$ .

*Then (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii), and if  $\ker(f)$  is divisible, then all statements are equivalent.*

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii). Since  $f|_{\Delta'}$  is injective,  $\Delta' \cap \ker(f) = (0)$ , hence  $\Delta' + \ker(f) = \Delta' \oplus \ker(f)$ . Pick  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ ; since  $f|_{\Delta'}$  is surjective, there exists  $\delta' \in \Delta'$  with  $f(\delta') = f(\gamma)$ , hence  $\gamma - \delta' \in \ker(f)$  and thus  $\gamma = \delta' + (\gamma - \delta') \in \Delta' \oplus \ker(f)$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i). Obvious.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii). Assume for contradiction that item (iii) does not hold and let  $\Delta' \subsetneq \Gamma' \subseteq \Gamma$  be a subgroup maximal for subset inclusion in  $\Gamma$  with  $\Gamma' \cap \ker(f) = (0)$ . Pick  $\gamma' \in \Gamma' \setminus \Delta'$ ; by assumption, there exist  $\delta' \in \Delta'$  and  $0 \neq \eta \in \ker(f)$  such that  $\gamma' = \delta' + \eta$ , therefore  $0 \neq \eta = \gamma' - \delta' \in \Gamma' \cap \ker(f)$ , a contradiction.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii).  $\Delta'$  is  $\ker(f)$ -high by assumption; since  $\ker(f)$  is divisible, it is an absolute direct summand of  $\Gamma$  by Proposition 2.2, hence  $\Gamma = \Delta' \oplus \ker(f)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $\Gamma$  and  $\Delta$  be divisible  $\alpha$ -groups,  $f : \Gamma \twoheadrightarrow \Delta$  be a surjective  $\alpha$ -group homomorphism, and  $\Delta' \subseteq \Gamma$  be a divisible subgroup (in particular,  $(\Delta', <)$  is a dense linear order). The following are equivalent:*

- (i) *The map  $f|_{\Delta'} : \Delta' \rightarrow \Delta$  is an  $\alpha$ -group isomorphism; in particular,  $(f|_{\Delta'})^{-1} : \Delta \hookrightarrow \Gamma$  is a section of the  $\alpha$ -group homomorphism  $f : \Gamma \twoheadrightarrow \Delta$ .*
- (ii)  $\Gamma = \Delta' \oplus \ker(f)$ .
- (iii)  $\Delta'$  is a subgroup maximal for subset inclusion in  $\Gamma$  with  $\Delta' \cap \ker(f) = (0)$ .
- (iv)  $\Delta'$  is tame and cofinal in  $\Gamma$ , and  $\ker(f) = \{\gamma \in \Gamma \mid \text{st}(\gamma) = 0\}$ , where  $\text{st} : \Gamma \twoheadrightarrow \Delta'$  is the standard part map associated with the tame pair  $\Delta' \subseteq \Gamma$ .
- (v)  $\Delta'$  is tame and cofinal in  $\Gamma$ , and  $f(\gamma) \geq 0$  if and only if  $\text{st}(\gamma) \geq 0$  for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ , where  $\text{st} : \Gamma \twoheadrightarrow \Delta'$  is the standard part map associated with the tame pair  $\Delta' \subseteq \Gamma$ .

In particular, if any of the items (i) - (v) hold, then:

- $\Delta'$  is tame and cofinal in  $\Gamma$ ,
- $\text{st}(\gamma)$  is the unique element in  $\Delta'$  such that  $f(\text{st}(\gamma)) = f(\gamma)$  for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ , and
- the standard part map  $\text{st} : \Gamma \twoheadrightarrow \Delta'$  associated with the tame pair  $\Delta' \subseteq \Gamma$  is a retract of  $\Delta' \subseteq \Gamma$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (ii)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (iii). Since  $f$  is a surjective  $\alpha$ -group homomorphism,  $\ker(f)$  is convex in  $\Gamma$ , and since convex subgroups of divisible  $\alpha$ -groups are divisible, the equivalence of items (i) - (iii) follows from Corollary 2.3.

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv). To prove that  $\Delta'$  is cofinal in  $\Gamma$ , pick  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  with  $0 < \gamma$ . Since  $(\Delta, <)$  has no end points, there exists  $\delta \in \Delta$  with  $f(\gamma) < \delta$ , and since  $f|_{\Delta'}$  is surjective, there exists  $\delta' \in \Delta'$  such that  $f(\delta') = \delta$ ; but then  $\gamma < \delta'$ , as otherwise  $\delta' \leq \gamma$  would imply that  $\delta = f(\delta') \leq f(\gamma)$ , hence  $\Delta'$  is cofinal in  $\Gamma$  and thus every  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  is  $\Delta'$ -bounded. To prove that  $\Delta'$  is tame in  $\Gamma$ , pick any  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  and assume without loss of generality that  $0 < \gamma$  (otherwise replace  $\gamma$  by  $-\gamma$ ). Since  $f|_{\Delta'}$  is bijective by assumption, there exists a unique  $\delta' \in \Delta'$  such that  $f(\gamma) = f(\delta')$ , i.e.,  $\delta' - \gamma \in \ker(f)$ . Note that  $0 \leq \delta'$ ; otherwise,  $\delta' < 0$  implies that  $f(\gamma) = f(\delta') < f(0)$  since  $f$  is order-preserving and  $f|_{\Delta'}$  is injective, and  $0 < \gamma$  implies  $f(0) \leq f(\gamma)$ , giving the required contradiction. It is now claimed that  $\text{st}(\gamma) = \delta'$ . If  $\gamma \in \Delta'$ , then  $\gamma = \delta'$  by choice of  $\delta' \in \Delta'$  and thus  $\text{st}(\gamma) = \text{st}(\delta') = \delta'$ ; if  $\gamma \notin \Delta'$ , then there are two possible cases:

- Case 1:  $\gamma < \delta'$ . Assume for contradiction that there exists  $\delta'_1 \in \Delta'$  such that  $\gamma < \delta'_1 < \delta'$ . Then  $0 < \delta'_1 - \gamma < \delta' - \gamma$ , and since  $\ker(f)$  is convex in  $\Gamma$  and  $\delta' - \gamma \in \ker(f)$ , it follows that  $\delta'_1 - \gamma \in \ker(f)$ , hence  $f(\delta'_1) = f(\gamma) = f(\delta')$ , contradicting uniqueness of  $\delta' \in \Delta'$ .
- Case 2:  $\delta' < \gamma$ . Assume for contradiction that there exists  $\delta'_1 \in \Delta'$  such that  $\delta' < \delta'_1 < \gamma$ ; then  $\delta' - \gamma < \delta'_1 - \gamma < 0$ , and since  $\ker(f)$  is convex in  $\Gamma$  and  $\delta' - \gamma \in \ker(f)$ , it follows that  $\delta'_1 - \gamma \in \ker(f)$ , hence  $f(\delta'_1) = f(\gamma) = f(\delta')$ , contradicting uniqueness of  $\delta' \in \Delta'$ .

Therefore  $\Delta'$  is tame in  $\Gamma$ ; in particular, this shows that for every  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ ,  $\text{st}(\gamma)$  is the unique element in  $\Delta'$  such that  $f(\gamma) = f(\text{st}(\gamma))$ , i.e.,  $\text{st}(\gamma)$  is the unique element in  $\Delta'$  such that  $\eta_\gamma := \gamma - \text{st}(\gamma) \in \ker(f)$ , hence

$$f(\gamma) = 0 \iff f(\text{st}(\gamma) + \eta_\gamma) = 0 \iff f(\text{st}(\gamma)) = 0 \iff \text{st}(\gamma) = 0,$$

where the last equivalence follows from the assumption that  $f|_{\Delta'}$  is injective.

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (i).  $\ker(f) = \{\gamma \in \Gamma \mid \text{st}(\gamma) = 0\}$  implies that  $\Delta' \cap \ker(f) = (0)$ , and thus  $f|_{\Delta'}$  is injective. To show that  $f|_{\Delta'}$  is surjective it suffices to prove that  $f(\gamma) = f(\text{st}(\gamma))$  for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  (note that since  $\Delta'$  is cofinal in  $\Gamma$ ,  $\text{st}(\gamma)$  exists for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ ); since  $\ker(f) = \{\gamma \in \Gamma \mid \text{st}(\gamma) = 0\}$ , it suffices in turn to show that  $\text{st}(\gamma - \text{st}(\gamma)) = 0$  for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . If  $\gamma \in \Delta'$ , then  $\gamma = \text{st}(\gamma)$  and thus  $f(\gamma) = f(\text{st}(\gamma))$ . Let now  $\gamma \in \Gamma \setminus \Delta'$ , assume without loss of generality that  $0 < \gamma$  (otherwise replace  $\gamma$  by  $-\gamma$ ), and assume for contradiction that  $\text{st}(\gamma - \text{st}(\gamma)) \neq 0$ .

- Case 1:  $0 < \gamma < \text{st}(\gamma)$ . Then  $\gamma - \text{st}(\gamma) < 0$ , and there are 2 possible subcases:

- Subcase 1.1:  $\text{st}(\gamma - \text{st}(\gamma)) < \gamma - \text{st}(\gamma) < 0$ . In this case, there must exist  $\delta' \in \Delta'$  such that  $\gamma - \text{st}(\gamma) < \delta' < 0$ , hence  $\gamma < \delta + \text{st}(\gamma) < \text{st}(\gamma)$  and  $\delta' + \text{st}(\gamma) \in \Delta'$  is a contradiction to tameness of  $\Delta'$  in  $\Gamma$ .
- Subcase 1.2:  $\gamma - \text{st}(\gamma) < \text{st}(\gamma - \text{st}(\gamma)) < 0$ . In this case,  $\gamma < \text{st}(\gamma) + \text{st}(\gamma - \text{st}(\gamma)) < \text{st}(\gamma)$  and  $\text{st}(\gamma) + \text{st}(\gamma - \text{st}(\gamma)) \in \Delta'$  is a contradiction to tameness of  $\Delta'$  in  $\Gamma$ .
- Case 2:  $0 \leq \text{st}(\gamma) < \gamma$ . Then  $0 < \gamma - \text{st}(\gamma)$  and there are 2 possible subcases:
  - Subcase 2.1:  $0 < \text{st}(\gamma - \text{st}(\gamma)) < \gamma - \text{st}(\gamma)$ . In this case  $\text{st}(\gamma) < \text{st}(\gamma) + \text{st}(\gamma - \text{st}(\gamma)) < \gamma$  and  $\text{st}(\gamma) + \text{st}(\gamma - \text{st}(\gamma)) \in \Delta'$  is a contradiction to tameness of  $\Delta'$  in  $\Gamma$ .
  - Subcase 2.2:  $0 < \gamma - \text{st}(\gamma) < \text{st}(\gamma - \text{st}(\gamma))$ . In this case, there must exist  $\delta' \in \Delta'$  such that  $0 < \delta' < \gamma - \text{st}(\gamma)$ , hence  $\text{st}(\gamma) < \delta' + \text{st}(\gamma) < \gamma$  and  $\delta' + \text{st}(\gamma) \in \Delta'$  is a contradiction to tameness of  $\Delta'$  in  $\Gamma$ .

In each of the cases above a contradiction is reached, hence  $\text{st}(\gamma - \text{st}(\gamma)) = 0$  for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ , i.e.,  $f(\gamma) = f(\text{st}(\gamma))$  for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ , and thus  $f|_{\Delta'} : \Delta' \rightarrow \Gamma$  is surjective, as required.

(iv)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (v). One direction is clear, so suppose that item (iv) holds, i.e.,  $f(\gamma) = 0$  if and only if  $\text{st}(\gamma) = 0$  for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ ; it therefore suffices to show that  $f(\gamma) > 0$  if and only if  $\text{st}(\gamma) > 0$  for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . Pick  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .

- Assume for contradiction that  $f(\gamma) > 0$  and  $\text{st}(\gamma) \leq 0$ . Since  $\text{st}(\gamma) = 0$  implies  $f(\gamma) = 0$ , it must be the case that  $\text{st}(\gamma) < 0$ , and thus  $\gamma \leq 0$ , as otherwise  $\text{st}(\gamma) < 0 < \gamma$  contradicts tameness of  $\Delta'$  in  $\Gamma$ . On the other hand,  $0 < f(\gamma)$  implies that  $0 \leq \gamma$ , as otherwise  $\gamma < 0$  implies  $f(\gamma) \leq 0$ ; therefore  $\gamma = 0$  and thus  $f(\gamma) = f(0) > 0$ , a contradiction.
- Assume for contradiction that  $\text{st}(\gamma) > 0$  and  $f(\gamma) \leq 0$ . Since  $f(\gamma) = 0$  implies  $\text{st}(\gamma) = 0$ , it must be the case that  $f(\gamma) < 0$ , and thus  $\gamma \leq 0$ , as otherwise  $0 < \gamma$  implies  $0 \leq f(\gamma)$ . On the other hand,  $\text{st}(\gamma) > 0$  implies that  $\gamma \geq 0$ , as otherwise  $\gamma < 0 < \text{st}(\gamma)$  contradicts tameness of  $\Delta'$  in  $\Gamma$ ; therefore  $\gamma = 0$  and thus  $\text{st}(\gamma) = \text{st}(0) > 0$ , a contradiction.

To conclude, suppose that any of the items (i) - (v) hold, so that  $\Delta'$  is tame and cofinal in  $\Gamma$ , and  $f|_{\Delta'} : \Delta' \rightarrow \Delta$  is an  $\mathfrak{o}$ -group isomorphism; then it follows from the proof of the implication (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv) that  $\text{st}(\gamma)$  is the unique element in  $\Delta'$  such that  $f(\text{st}(\gamma)) = f(\gamma)$  for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ , hence  $\text{st}(\gamma) = (f|_{\Delta'})^{-1}(f(\gamma))$  for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  and thus  $\text{st} = (f|_{\Delta'})^{-1} \circ f$  is a surjective  $\mathfrak{o}$ -group homomorphism such that  $\text{st}|_{\Delta'} = \text{id}_{\Delta'}$ , therefore  $\text{st} : \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta'$  is a retract of  $\Delta' \subseteq \Gamma$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 2.5.** *Let  $(\Gamma, +)$  and  $(\Delta, +)$  be divisible  $\mathfrak{o}$ -groups (in particular,  $(\Delta, <)$  is a dense linear order) such that  $\Delta \subseteq \Gamma$ . Suppose that  $\Delta$  is tame and cofinal in  $\Gamma$ , and let  $\text{st} : \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$  be the standard part map associated with the tame pair  $\Delta \subseteq \Gamma$ . Then  $\text{st} : \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$  is a surjective  $\mathfrak{o}$ -group homomorphism; in particular,  $\text{st} : \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$  is a retract of  $\Delta \subseteq \Gamma$ .*

*Proof.* If  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  is such that  $\gamma \geq 0$ , then  $\text{st}(\gamma) \geq 0$ , as otherwise  $\text{st}(\gamma) < 0 \leq \gamma$  contradicts tameness of  $\Delta$  in  $\Gamma$ , hence  $\text{st} : \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$  is order-preserving. Since the  $\mathcal{L}^{\text{og}} := \{+, -, 0, \leq\}$ -theory of divisible  $\mathfrak{o}$ -groups is model complete and  $\mathfrak{o}$ -minimal,  $\Delta \subseteq \Gamma$  is an elementary extension of  $\mathfrak{o}$ -minimal  $\mathcal{L}^{\text{og}}$ -structures; since  $\Delta$  and  $\Gamma$  are topological groups with respect to the order topology (i.e.,  $+$  and  $-$  are continuous functions) it follows from Lemma 1.6 that  $\text{st}(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2) = \text{st}(\gamma_1) + \text{st}(\gamma_2)$  for all  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in \Gamma$  (here cofinality of  $\Delta$  in  $\Gamma$  is deployed), therefore  $\text{st} : \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$  is a surjective  $\mathfrak{o}$ -group homomorphism such that  $\text{st}|_{\Delta} = \text{id}_{\Delta}$ , hence it is a retract of  $\Delta \subseteq \Gamma$ .  $\square$

### 3. AN APPLICATION TO REAL CLOSED VALUED FIELDS

Recall that a *real closed valued field* is a valued field  $(K, v)$  (see [EP05] or [ADH17, Section 3]) such that  $K$  is a real closed field and  $v$  is a *convex valuation* (also called *order-compatible valuation*) on  $K$ , that is,  $0 < a < b$  implies  $v(b) \leq v(a)$  for all  $a, b \in K$ ; equivalently, a real closed valued field is a pair  $(K, V)$  where  $K$  is a real

closed field and  $V$  is a convex subring. If  $(K, v)$  is a real closed valued field, then write  $V_v := \{a \in K \mid v(a) \geq 0\}$  for its corresponding valuation ring.

**Corollary 3.1.** *Let  $(K, v)$  be a real closed valued field with value group  $\Gamma$  and  $G \subseteq K^{>0}$  be a divisible subgroup (in particular,  $(G, <)$  is a dense linear order). The following are equivalent:*

- (i)  $G$  is a monomial group of  $(K, v)$ , that is, the map  $v|_G : G \rightarrow \Gamma$  is a group isomorphism; in particular,  $(v|_G)^{-1} : \Gamma \hookrightarrow K^{>0}$  is a section of the group homomorphism  $v|_{K^{>0}} : K^{>0} \rightarrow \Gamma$ .
- (ii)  $K^{>0} = G \cdot \ker(v|_{K^{>0}})$ .
- (iii)  $G$  is a subgroup maximal for subset inclusion in  $K^{>0}$  with  $G \cap \ker(v|_{K^{>0}}) = (1)$ .
- (iv)  $G$  is tame and cofinal in  $K^{>0}$ , and  $\ker(v|_{K^{>0}}) = \{r \in K^{>0} \mid \text{st}(r) = 1\}$ , where  $\text{st} : K^{>0} \rightarrow G$  is the standard part map associated with the tame pair  $G \subseteq K^{>0}$ .
- (v)  $G$  is tame and cofinal in  $K^{>0}$ , and  $v(r) \geq 0$  if and only if  $\text{st}(r) \leq 1$  for all  $r \in K^{>0}$ , where  $\text{st} : K^{>0} \rightarrow G$  is the standard part map associated with the tame pair  $G \subseteq K^{>0}$ .
- (vi)  $G$  is tame and cofinal in  $K^{>0}$ , and  $V_v = \{a \in K \mid a = 0 \text{ or } \text{st}(|a|) \leq 1\}$ , where  $\text{st} : K^{>0} \rightarrow G$  is the standard part map associated with the tame pair  $G \subseteq K^{>0}$ .

In particular, if any of the items (i) - (vi) hold, then:

- $G$  is tame and cofinal in  $K^{>0}$ ,
- $\text{st}(r)$  is the unique element in  $G$  such that  $v(\text{st}(r)) = v(r)$  for all  $r \in K^{>0}$ , and
- the standard part map  $\text{st} : K^{>0} \rightarrow G$  associated with the tame pair  $G \subseteq K^{>0}$  is a retract of  $G \subseteq K^{>0}$ .

*Proof.* Since  $(K, v)$  is a real closed valued field,  $K^{>0}$  and  $\Gamma$  are divisible  $\alpha$ -groups and the composite map  $(-) \circ v|_{K^{>0}} : K^{>0} \rightarrow \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma^{\text{op}}$  is a surjective  $\alpha$ -group homomorphism such that  $\ker((-) \circ v|_{K^{>0}}) = \ker(v|_{K^{>0}})$ , and thus the equivalence of items (i) - (v) follows from Theorem 2.4; moreover, the equivalence of items (v) and (vi) is clear since  $V_v = \{a \in K \mid v(a) \geq 0\}$  and  $v(a) = v(-a)$  for all  $a \in K$ .  $\square$

**Example 3.2.** Let  $K$  be a real closed field and  $\Gamma$  be a divisible  $\alpha$ -group. Then the field of Hahn series  $K((\Gamma)) := K((x^\Gamma))$  is a real closed valued field with value group  $\Gamma$  and  $x^\Gamma := \{x^\gamma \mid \gamma \in \Gamma\}$  is a divisible subgroup of  $K((\Gamma))^{>0}$  such that  $v|_{x^\Gamma} : x^\Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma$  is a group isomorphism; therefore  $x^\Gamma$  is tame in  $K((\Gamma))^{>0}$  and  $\text{st}(r) = x^{v(r)}$  for all  $r \in K((\Gamma))^{>0}$  by Corollary 3.1.

Given a real closed valued field  $K$ , one can therefore identify the monomial groups of  $K$  with certain tame and cofinal divisible subgroups of  $K^{>0}$  by Corollary 3.1. Conversely, order-compatible valuations on  $K$  are induced by certain tame and cofinal divisible subgroups of  $K^{>0}$ :

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let  $K$  be a real closed field and  $G \subseteq K^{>0}$  be a tame and cofinal divisible subgroup. The following are equivalent:*

- (i) The map  $v_G : K^\times \rightarrow G^{\text{op}}$  given by  $v_G(a) := \text{st}(|a|)$  is an order-compatible valuation on  $K$ ; in particular,  $G$  is a monomial group of the real closed valued field  $(K, v_G)$ , and the corresponding convex valuation ring is  $V_G := \{0\} \cup \{a \in K^\times \mid \text{st}(|a|) \leq 1\}$ .
- (ii)  $\text{st}(2) = 1$
- (iii)  $\text{st}(2) \leq 1$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii). Since  $v_G$  is a valuation on  $K$ , the group of units of its corresponding valuation ring  $V_G$  is  $V_G^\times = \{a \in K^\times \mid v_G(a) = 1\} = \{a \in K^\times \mid \text{st}(|a|) = 1\}$ , and since  $2 \in V_G$ , (ii) follows.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii). Clear.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i). By choice of  $K$  and  $G$ , it follows from Proposition 2.5 that the standard part map  $\text{st} : K^{>0} \twoheadrightarrow G$  is a surjective morphism of  $o$ -groups, and thus  $v_G : (K^\times, \cdot) \rightarrow (G^{\text{op}}, \cdot)$  is a surjective group homomorphism such that  $a < b$  in  $K^{>0}$  implies  $v_G(b) \leq v_G(a)$  in  $G^{\text{op}}$ , so it remains to show that for all  $a, b \in K^\times$  with  $a \neq -b$ ,  $v_G(a+b) \geq \min\{v_G(a), v_G(b)\}$  in  $G^{\text{op}}$ , i.e.,  $\text{st}(|a+b|) \leq \max\{\text{st}(|a|), \text{st}(|b|)\}$  in  $G$ . Pick  $a, b \in K^\times$  with  $a \neq -b$  and assume without loss of generality that  $|a| \leq |b|$ , so that  $\max\{\text{st}(|a|), \text{st}(|b|)\} = \text{st}(|b|)$ ; then  $|a+b| \leq |a| + |b| \leq 2|b|$ , therefore  $\text{st}(|a+b|) \leq \text{st}(2)\text{st}(|b|) \leq \text{st}(|b|)$ , as required.  $\square$

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