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## PAIRS OF MULTILATTICES DEFINED ON THE SAME SET

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### 1. Preliminaries

Specific pairs of lattices defined on the same set were investigated by J. Jakubík and M. Kolibiar [2, 3, 5]. In the present paper we shall investigate some properties of pairs of distributive multilattices analogous to those that have been dealt with in papers [2, 3, 5].

A multilattice [1] is a poset  $M$  in which the conditions (i) and its dual (ii) are satisfied: (i) If  $a, b, h \in M$  and  $a \leq h, b \leq h$ , then there exists  $v \in M$  such that (a)  $v \leq h, a \leq v, b \leq v$ , and (b)  $z \in M, z \leq v, a \leq z, b \leq z$  implies  $z = v$ .  $(a \vee b)_h$  designates the set of all elements  $v \in M$  satisfying (i); the symbol  $(a \wedge b)_a$  has a dual meaning. We denote  $a \vee b = \bigcup (a \vee b)_h, a \wedge b = \bigcup (a \wedge b)_a$ , where  $h(d)$  runs over the set of all upper (lower) bounds of the set  $\{a, b\}$ . Let  $A$  and  $B$  be nonvoid subsets of  $M$ ; then we define  $A \vee B = \bigcup (a \vee b), A \wedge B = \bigcup (a \wedge b)$ , where  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ . Throughout the paper we denote  $a \vee b = x$ , resp.  $a \wedge b = x$  ( $a \vee b = x$ , resp.  $a \wedge b = x$ ) if  $a, b, x \in M, P$  is a nonvoid subset of  $M$  and  $a \vee b = \{x\}$ , resp.  $a \wedge b = \{x\}$  ( $a \vee b = \{x\}$ , resp.  $a \wedge b = \{x\}$ ). If  $a, b, c, d \in M, a \vee b = x, c \vee d = y$  and  $x \leq y$ , then we write also  $a \vee b \leq c \vee d$  (and analogously for  $a \wedge b, c \wedge d$ ).

A multilattice  $M$  is distributive [1] iff for every  $a, b, b', d, h \in M$  satisfying the conditions  $d \leq a, b, b' \leq h, (a \vee b)_h = (a \vee b')_h = h, (a \wedge b)_a = (a \wedge b')_a = d$  we have  $b = b'$ .

Multilattices  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are said to be isomorphic [6] (denoted as  $M_1 \sim M_2$ ) if there exists a bijection  $f$  of  $M_1$  onto  $M_2$  satisfying:  $x \leq y$  iff  $f(x) \leq f(y)$  ( $x, y \in M_1$ ).

Let  $M$  be a cardinal product of two posets  $M_1, M_2$ .  $M$  is a multilattice iff  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are multilattices [6].  $M$  is a distributive multilattice iff  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are distributive multilattices [6].

Suppose that a multilattice  $M$  has a least element  $O$  and a greatest element  $e$ . By a complement [1] of an element  $a$  in the multilattice  $M$  we mean an element  $a' \in M$  such that  $a \wedge a' = O, a \vee a' = e$ . Let  $a, b \in M, a \leq b$ . The interval  $\langle a, b \rangle$  is the set  $\{x \in M: a \leq x \leq b\}$ .

We need the following results:

**Lemma A** ([4, Lemma 11]). Let  $M$  be a distributive multilattice,  $a, b \in M$ ,  $u \in a \wedge b$ ,  $v \in a \vee b$ ; then there exists an isomorphism  $m$  of  $\langle u, v \rangle$  onto  $\langle a, v \rangle \times \langle b, v \rangle$  and an isomorphism  $n$  of  $\langle a, v \rangle \times \langle b, v \rangle$  onto  $\langle u, v \rangle$  such that  $m(x) = ((a \vee x)_u, (b \vee x)_v)$  for each  $x \in \langle u, v \rangle$ ,  $n(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 \wedge x_2)_u$  for each  $x_1 \in \langle a, v \rangle$  and each  $x_2 \in \langle b, v \rangle$ .

Obviously  $n$  is an inverse of  $m$  and conversely.

Let  $M$  be a multilattice. A subset  $\{a, b, u, v\}$  of  $M$  is called a quadruple if  $u \in a \wedge b$ ,  $v \in a \vee b$  and we denote it  $(a, b, u, v)$ .

**Lemma B** ([4, Lemma 13]). Let  $M$  be a distributive multilattice,  $a, b, c, d, e, f \in M$ . Let  $(c, b, a, d)$ ,  $(e, d, c, f)$  and  $a \in e \wedge b$  ( $f \in e \vee b$ ); then  $f \in e \vee b$  ( $a \in e \wedge b$ ).

## 2. Properties of pairs of multilattices

Let  $M = (A; \vee, \wedge)$  be a distributive multilattice with a least element  $O$  and a greatest element  $e$ , defined on the set  $A$ . Suppose that  $A$  possesses elements  $t, t'$  such that  $t'$  is a complement of  $t$  in  $M$ . The partial order in  $M$  will be denoted by  $\leq$ . Let  $a, b \in A$ . Since  $M$  has the least element and the greatest element it follows that  $a \vee b$ ,  $a \wedge b$  are nonempty sets.

**Lemma 1.** Let  $a, b, c \in A$ ,  $a \vee (b \vee c) = x$ . Then  $x \in (a \vee b) \vee c$ .

*Proof.* Let  $a, b, c \in A$ ,  $a \vee (b \vee c) = x$ . Obviously there exist elements  $y \in (a \vee b) \vee c$ ,  $z \in a \vee (b \vee c)$  such that  $y \leq x$  and  $z \leq y$ . Since  $z = x$ , we have  $x = y$ .

In a dual way we obtain

**Lemma 1'.** Let  $a, b, c \in A$ ,  $a \wedge (b \wedge c) = x$ . Then  $x \in (a \wedge b) \wedge c$ .

**Lemma 2.** Let  $a \in A$ . Then  $a \vee t$ ,  $a \vee t'$ ,  $a \wedge t$ ,  $a \wedge t'$  are one-element sets.

*Proof.* Clearly  $(a \vee t)_e = a \vee t$ ,  $(a \vee t')_e = a \vee t'$  and hence according to Lemma A,  $a \vee t$  and  $a \vee t'$  are one-element sets. The dual assertion can be proved analogously.

Let  $a, b \in A$ . Put

$$(1) \quad a \cup b = (a \vee b) \wedge [(a \vee t) \wedge (b \vee t)],$$

$$(2) \quad a \cap b = (a \vee b) \wedge [(a \vee t') \wedge (b \vee t')].$$

**Lemma 3.** Let  $a, b \in A$ . If  $a \cup b = b$ , then  $a \vee t \geq b \vee t$  and  $a \vee t' \leq b \vee t'$ .

*Proof.* Let  $a, b \in A$ ,  $a \cup b = b$ ,  $r \in a \vee b$ . Denote  $a \vee t = v$ ,  $b \vee t = w$ ,  $r \vee t = u$ ,  $a \vee t' = v'$ ,  $b \vee t' = w'$ ,  $r \vee t' = u'$  (see Lemma 2). Obviously  $v \leq u$ ,  $w \leq u$ ,  $v' \leq u'$ ,  $w' \leq u'$ . From  $a \cup b = b$  by Lemma 1' we get

$$(3) \quad b = r \wedge (v \wedge w) \in (r \wedge w) \wedge v.$$

From (3) it follows that  $b \leq v$ , consequently  $w \leq v$ , hence  $a \vee t \geq b \vee t$ . From this

and from (3) we get  $b \in r \wedge w$ . From  $u = r \vee t$  we obtain that  $u \in r \vee w$  and have a quadruple  $(r, w, b, u)$ . Since  $t \vee t' = e$ ,  $t \wedge t' = O$  by Lemma A, we have  $v \wedge v' = a$ ,  $w \wedge w' = b$ ,  $u \wedge u' = r$ . Because  $(u, u', r, e)$  is also a quadruple and  $e \in u' \vee w$  by Lemma B we have  $b \in u' \wedge w$ . Hence  $(u', w, b, e)$  is a quadruple. Since  $w' \vee w = e = u' \vee w$  and  $(w' \wedge w)_b = b = (u' \wedge w)_b$  we have  $u' = w'$  by the distributivity of  $M$ . Consequently  $v' \leq w'$ , hence  $a \vee t' \leq b \vee t'$ .

**Lemma 4.** *If  $a \vee t \geq b \vee t$  and  $a \vee t' \leq b \vee t'$ , then  $a \cup b = b$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $a, b \in A$ ,  $a \vee t = v$ ,  $b \vee t = w$ ,  $a \vee t' = v'$ ,  $b \vee t' = w'$ ,  $w \leq v$ ,  $v' \leq w'$  and  $r \in a \vee b$ . By Lemma A we have

$$(4) \quad \langle O, e \rangle \sim \langle t, e \rangle \times \langle t', e \rangle,$$

where  $a \mapsto (v, v')$ ,  $b \mapsto (w, w')$ ,  $r \mapsto (u, u')$ ,  $u = r \vee t$ ,  $u' = r \vee t'$ . According to the isomorphism (4) we get  $u \in v \vee w = v$ ,  $u' \in v' \vee w' = w'$ , hence  $u = v$ ,  $u' = w'$ , consequently  $a \vee b = r$ . Thus we obtain

$$(5) \quad a \cup b = (a \vee b) \wedge [(a \vee t) \wedge (b \vee t)] = r \wedge w.$$

Further by (4) we get

$$(v, w') \wedge (w, e) = (v \wedge w, w' \wedge e) = (w, w').$$

From this and from (5) it follows that  $a \cup b = b$ .

**Lemma 5.** *Let  $a, b \in A$ . We define a relation  $R$  on  $A$  as follows:  $aRb$  iff  $a \cup b = b$ . The relation  $R$  is a partial order on the set  $A$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $a \in A$ ,  $v = a \vee t$ ; then

$$a \cup a = (a \vee a) \wedge [(a \vee t) \wedge (a \vee t)] = a \wedge v = a.$$

Hence  $aRa$  holds and  $R$  is reflexive.

Let  $a, b \in A$  and  $aRb$ ,  $bRa$ . Consequently

$$b = a \cup b = (a \vee b) \wedge [(a \vee t) \wedge (b \vee t)] = (b \vee a) \wedge [(b \wedge t) \wedge (a \vee t)] = b \cup a = a.$$

Therefore  $R$  is antisymmetric.

Let  $a, b, c \in A$  and  $aRb$ ,  $bRc$ . Using Lemma 3 we get  $a \vee t \geq b \vee t$ ,  $a \vee t' \leq b \vee t'$ ,  $b \vee t \geq c \vee t$ ,  $b \vee t' \leq c \vee t'$ , hence  $a \vee t \geq c \vee t$ ,  $a \vee t' \leq c \vee t'$ . From this by Lemma 4 we have  $a \cup c = c$ , hence  $aRc$  and the relation  $R$  is transitive.

Next we denote the relation  $R$  by  $\subseteq$ .

From Lemma A, Lemma 3 and Lemma 4 it follows:

**Lemma 6.** *The poset  $(A, \subseteq)$  is isomorphic to the direct product of the intervals  $\langle t, e \rangle^-$ ,  $\langle t', e \rangle$ , where  $\langle t, e \rangle^-$  is the interval dual to  $\langle t, e \rangle$ .*

**Corollary.** *The poset  $(A, \subseteq)$  is a distributive multilattice with the greatest element  $t$  and the least element  $t'$ .*

**Lemma 7.** Let  $M = (A ; \vee, \wedge)$ ,  $N = (A ; \cup, \cap)$  be multilattices defined on the same set. Suppose that  $M$  is distributive with a greatest element  $e$  and a least element  $O$ . Let  $M_1 = (A_1 ; \vee, \wedge)$ ,  $M_2 = (A_2 ; \vee, \wedge)$  be multilattices. Let  $\varphi$  be an isomorphism of both  $M$  onto  $M_1 \times M_2$  and  $N$  onto  $M_1^- \times M_2$  ( $M_1^-$  is the multilattice dual to  $M_1$ ). Then the multilattice operations of the multilattice  $N$  are given by (1) and (2).

Proof. Consider the isomorphisms

$$\varphi: M \rightarrow M_1 \times M_2, \quad \varphi: N \rightarrow M_1^- \times M_2$$

and denote  $\varphi(O) = (O_1, O_2)$ ,  $\varphi(e) = (e_1, e_2)$ . Evidently  $O_1(O_2, (O_1, O_2))$  is a least element of  $M_1(M_2, M_1 \times M_2)$  and  $e_1(e_2, (e_1, e_2))$  is a greatest element of  $M_1(M_2, M_1 \times M_2)$ . Denote  $s = \varphi^{-1}(O_1, e_2)$  and  $s' = \varphi^{-1}(e_1, O_2)$ . Obviously  $(e_1, O_2)$  is the least element of  $M_1^- \times M_2$  and  $(O_1, e_2)$  is the greatest element of  $M_1^- \times M_2$ , consequently  $s(s')$  is the greatest (least) element of  $N$ . From

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(s \vee s') &= (O_1, e_2) \vee (e_1, O_2) = (O_1 \vee e_1, e_2 \vee O_2) = (e_1, e_2) = \varphi(e), \\ \varphi(s \wedge s') &= (O_1, e_2) \wedge (e_1, O_2) = (O_1 \wedge e_1, e_2 \wedge O_2) = (O_1, O_2) = \varphi(O) \end{aligned}$$

it follows that  $s, s'$  are complementary elements of  $M$ . Let  $a, b \in A$  and  $\varphi(a) = (a_1, a_2)$ ,  $\varphi(b) = (b_1, b_2)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi((a \vee b) \wedge [(a \vee s) \wedge (b \vee s)]) &= ((a_1 \vee b_1) \wedge [(a_1 \vee O_1) \wedge (b_1 \vee O_1)]), \\ \varphi(a_2 \vee b_2) \wedge [(a_2 \vee e_2) \wedge (b_2 \vee e_2)] &= ((a_1 \vee b_1) \wedge (a_1 \wedge b_1)), \\ \varphi(a_2 \vee b_2) \wedge e_2 &= (a_1 \wedge b_1, a_2 \vee b_2) = \varphi(a \cup b), \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$a \cup b = (a \vee b) \wedge [(a \vee s) \wedge (b \vee s)].$$

Analogously we get  $a \cap b = (a \vee b) \wedge [(a \vee s') \wedge (b \vee s')]$ .

**Corollary.** The multilattice operations of the multilattice  $(A, \subseteq)$  from Corollary of Lemma 6 are given by (1) and (2).

**Lemma 8.** The greatest element  $e$  and the least element  $O$  in the multilattice  $(A ; \vee, \wedge)$  are complementary elements in the multilattice  $(A ; \cup, \cap)$ .

Proof. We have

$$e \cup O = (e \vee O) \wedge [(e \vee t) \wedge (O \vee t)] = e \wedge (e \wedge t) = t,$$

and similarly  $e \cap O = t'$ .

From Lemma A, Lemma 6, Corollary of Lemma 6, Lemma 7, Corollary of Lemma 7 we now get

**Theorem.** Let  $M = (A ; \vee, \wedge)$  be a distributive multilattice with a greatest and a least element. There is a one-one correspondence between couples  $(t, t')$  of complementary elements in  $M$  and multilattices  $N = (A ; \cup, \cap)$  such that there

exist multilattices  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  and isomorphisms  $\varphi: M \rightarrow M_1 \times M_2$ ,  $\psi: N \rightarrow M_1 \times M_2$  such that the following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \xrightarrow{i} & N \\ \varphi \downarrow & & \downarrow \psi \\ M_1 \times M_2 & \xrightarrow{j} & M_1 \times M_2 \end{array}$$

where  $i(x) = x$  for any  $x \in M$  and  $j(a, b) = (a, b)$  for each element  $(a, b)$  of  $M_1 \times M_2$ . Given a couple  $(t, t')$  the corresponding operations  $\cup$  and  $\cap$  are given by (1) and (2). Given a multilattice  $N$  the corresponding couple  $(t, t')$  consists of the greatest and the least element of  $N$ . Moreover the multilattices  $N$  are distributive.

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#### ПАРА МУЛЬТИСТРУКТУР ОПРЕДЕЛЕННЫХ НА ОДИНАКОВОМ МНОЖЕСТВЕ

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#### Резюме

Пусть  $M = (A; \vee, \wedge)$  — дистрибутивная мультиструктура с наибольшим и наименьшим элементом. Пусть существуют элементы  $t, t' \in M$ , так, что  $t'$  является дополнением к  $t$ . Для каждого  $a, b \in A$  мы определим множества

$$(1) \quad a \cup b = (a \vee b) \wedge [(a \vee t) \wedge (b \vee t)], \quad a \cap b = (a \vee b) \wedge [(a \vee t') \wedge (b \vee t')].$$

В лемме 5 определяется отношение  $a \subseteq b$ , если  $a \cup b = b$  для каждого  $a, b \in A$  и показывается, что  $(A; \subseteq)$  является частично упорядоченным множеством. Далее доказывается утверждение: существует взаимно однозначное соответствие между парами  $(t, t')$  и мультиструктурами  $N = (A; \cup, \cap)$  так, что существуют мультиструктуры  $M_1, M_2$  и изоморфизмы  $\varphi: M \rightarrow M_1 \times M_2$ ,  $\psi: N \rightarrow M_1 \times M_2$ . Данной паре  $(t, t')$  соответствуют операции  $\cup$  и  $\cap$  определенные равенствами (1).