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## TRIPLE CONSTRUCTION OF SEMILATTICES WITH 1 ADMITTING NEUTRAL $p$ -CLOSURE OPERATORS

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### Introduction

T. Katriňák [5] characterized distributive pseudocomplemented semilattices by means of triples. In line with Katriňák, P. Mederly [6] has generalized the triple construction to modular pseudocomplemented semilattices. William H. Cornish [1] has obtained triple construction for modular semilattices with 1, possessing neutral  $p$ -closure operators. To main aim of the present paper is to obtain characterization of semilattices with 1, admitting neutral  $p$ -closure operators by means of triples, thus generalizing the triple construction of Cornish.

In § 1, some interesting properties concerning closure operators on semilattices with 1 are obtained. In theorem 1 it is shown that a  $p$ -closure operator on a semilattice with 1 is standard (see definition 1) from which it follows as a corollary that a  $p$ -closure operator on a semilattice with 1 is neutral if and only if it is semineutral (see definition 1). In [6] Mederly has proved that the filter of dense elements in a modular pseudocomplemented semilattice is neutral. Corollary 2 of the present paper shows that the same is true even in a more general class of modular semilattices (see also example 2). Further, it can be seen from the same corollary that if  $S$  is a modular semilattice with 1, any  $p$ -closure operator on  $S$  is neutral so that the word neutral in the statement of Theorem 2.3 of Cornish [1] can be deleted. In § 2 triple constructions are obtained. Also a necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of a join of two elements of a semilattice with 1, having a  $(p-v)$ -closure operator (see definition 8) is obtained (see Theorem 6).

In § 3 results similar to the result of Mederly [6] are obtained for semilattices with 1, admitting neutral  $p$ -closure operators. In [6] Mederly has proved that a modular pseudocomplemented semilattice is distributive if and only if its dense filter is distributive. In fact in the interesting theorem 12 of this paper it is shown that even a stronger result is true in a more general class of semilattices with 1.

## § 1

Let  $(S; \wedge)$  be a meet semilattice and  $F$  be a filter of  $S$ . Then the relation  $\theta(F)$  defined by  $x = y(\theta(F))$  if and only if  $x \wedge f = y \wedge f$  for some  $f \in F$  is a congruence relation on  $S$  called the filter congruence induced by  $F$ . For  $a \in S$ ,  $[a]$  stands for  $\{n \in S | n \geq a\}$  and is a filter of  $S$  called the filter generated by  $a$ . The set  $F(S)$  of all filters of  $S$  is partially ordered under set-inclusion.  $S$  is directed above if and only if  $F(S)$  is a lattice, and for any  $F_1, F_2 \in F(S)$  we have  $\inf \{F_1, F_2\} = F_1 \cap F_2$ , where  $\cap$  denotes the set-intersection,  $\sup \{F_1, F_2\} = \{t \in S | t \geq f \wedge f_2 \text{ for some } f_1 \in F_1 \text{ and } f_2 \in F_2\}$  denoted by  $F_1 \vee F_2$ .

The following definitions and results can be found in [1]. However, for the sake of completeness we give them here.

Let  $(S; \wedge)$  be a meet semilattice with the largest element 1. A mapping  $\pi: S \rightarrow S$  is called a closure operator on  $S$  if 1)  $s \leq \pi s$  2)  $\pi(\pi s) = \pi s$  and 3)  $s \leq t$  implies that  $\pi s \leq \pi t$ ; for all  $s, t \in S$ . Also  $C(S) = \{s \in S | \pi s = s\}$  and  $D_\pi(S) = \{d \in S | \pi d = 1\}$  are called the set of  $\pi$ -closed elements and  $\pi$ -dense elements, respectively. A closure operator  $\pi$  is called normalized if  $S$  has the smallest element '0' and '0' is  $\pi$  closed. A closure operator  $\pi$  is called multiplicative if  $\pi(s \wedge t) = \pi s \wedge \pi t$  for all  $s, t \in S$ . If  $\pi$  is multiplicative, then one can verify that  $C_\pi(S)$  is a subsemilattice with 1, and  $D_\pi(S)$  is a filter of  $S$ . A  $p$ -closure operator  $\pi$  on  $S$  is a multiplicative closure operator such that for each  $s \in S$  there exist  $c \in C(S)$  and  $d \in D_\pi(S)$  with  $s = c \wedge d$ . It is easy to check that this is equivalent to saying that there is a dense element  $d \in D_\pi(S)$  such that  $s = \pi s \wedge d$ .

Suppose  $(S; \wedge)$  is a meet semilattice with the smallest element '0'. The pseudocomplement  $a^*$  of an element  $a \in S$  is defined by  $a \wedge x = 0$  if and only if  $x \leq a^*$ . If every element of  $S$  has a pseudocomplement, then  $S$  is called a pseudocomplemented semilattice. Define  $B(S) = \{x \in S | x^{**} = x\}$  and  $D(S) = \{n \in S | n^{**} = 1\}$  ( $B(S), \cup, \cap, *, 0, 1$ ) is a Boolean algebra, where for  $a, b \in B(S)$   $a \cup b = (a^* \wedge b^*)^*$  and  $1 = 0^*$ .  $D(S)$  is a filter of  $S$ , called the dense filter of  $S$ . For standard results on pseudocomplemented semilattices see [2] and [3]. In a pseudocomplemented semilattice, the mapping  $\pi: S \rightarrow S$  defined by  $\pi(x) = x^{**}$  is a multiplicative normalized closure operator and  $C_\pi(S) = B(S)$ ,  $D_\pi(S) = D(S)$ .

We now begin with the following

**Definition 1.** Let  $(S; \wedge)$  be a meet semilattice with 1. A multiplicative closure operator  $\pi$  on  $S$  is called semi-neutral if the filter  $D_\pi(S)$  satisfies  $(A \vee C) \cap D_\pi(S) = (A \cap D_\pi(S)) \vee (B \cap D_\pi(S))$  for all  $A, B \in F(S)$ .  $\pi$  is called standard (neutral), if  $D_\pi(S)$  is a standard (neutral) element in the lattice of filters of  $S$  (see [4]).

**Theorem 1.** A  $p$ -closure operator on a semilattice  $S$  with 1 is standard.

**Proof.** Let  $A, B \in F(S)$  and let  $b \in (A \vee D_\pi(S)) \cap B$  so that  $b \in B$  and  $b \geq a \wedge d$  for some  $a \in A$  and  $d \in D_\pi(S)$  and hence  $\pi b \geq \pi(a \wedge d) = \pi a \wedge \pi d = \pi a \wedge 1$

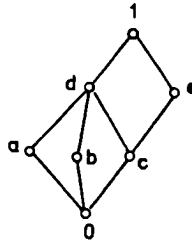
$= \pi a \geq a$ . We have  $\pi b \geq b$ . Let  $b = \pi b \wedge e$ , for some  $e \in D_\pi(S)$ . This shows that  $b \in (A \cap B) \vee (D_\pi(S) \cap B)$  and hence  $(A \vee D_\pi(S)) \cap B = (A \cap B) \vee (D_\pi(S) \cap B)$ .  
q.e.d.

**Corollary 1.** *A  $p$ -closure operator on a semilattice  $S$  with 1 is neutral if and only if it is semineutral.*

*Proof.* By the above Theorem 3 of § 3 on page 26 in [4].

**Remark 1.** A semi-neutral closure operator need not be standard because of the following.

**Example 1.**



Define

$$\pi: S \rightarrow S \text{ by } \pi(n) = \begin{cases} b & \text{if } n \neq c, 1 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

so that  $D_\pi(S) = \{c\}$ , which is not standard.

Mederly [6] has proved that the filter of dense elements in a modular pseudocomplemented semilattice is neutral. Now in the following corollary 2 it can be observed that the filter of dense elements is neutral even in a more general class of modular semilattices, as can be seen from the following example.

**Example 2.** The standard five element modular non-distributive lattice with identity mapping as closure operator is an example of a modular semilattice with 1 admitting  $p$ -closure operator which is not pseudocomplemented.

Further in [1] William H. Cornish actually stated that if  $S$  is a modular semilattice with 1 (respectively 0 and 1) possessing a  $p$ -closure operator  $\pi$  (normalized  $p$ -closure operator), then  $\psi_\pi(S): C_\pi(S) \rightarrow F(D_\pi(S))$  defined by  $\psi_\pi(S)(c) = \{d \in D_\pi(S) \mid d \geq c\}$ , for each  $c \in C_\pi(S)$  is a 1-dual homomorphism ((0-1) dual homomorphism) if and only if  $\pi$  is a neutral closure operator. However, from the following corollary 2 it can be seen that if  $S$  is a modular semilattice with 1, then every  $p$ -closure operator on  $S$  is automatically neutral so that the word 'neutral' in the statement of theorem 2.3 of Cornish [1] can be deleted.

**Corollary 2.** *Let  $S$  be a modular semilattice with 1. If  $\pi$  is a  $p$ -closure operator on  $S$ , then  $\pi$  is neutral.*

**Proof.** By the above theorem 1  $\pi$  is standard and since  $S$  is modular, it is neutral (Theorem 7 on page 48 of [4]).

**Corollary 3.** *In a modular pseudocomplemented semilattice, the filter of dense elements is neutral.*

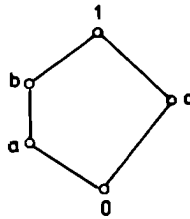
**Definition 2.** *A pseudocomplemented semilattice  $S$  is said to be neutral if the filter of dense elements of  $S$  is a neutral element in the lattice of filters of  $S$ .*

**Theorem 2.** *If  $\pi$  is a  $p$ -closure operator on a semilattice  $S$  with 1, then the map  $\alpha: S/\theta((D_\pi(S)) \rightarrow C_\pi(S)$  defined by  $\alpha(\theta(D_\pi(S))[s] = \pi s$  is an isomorphism. Conversely, if  $\alpha$  is an isomorphism and  $\pi$  is standard, then  $\pi$  is a  $p$ -closure operator.*

**Proof.** For the proof of the first part see Proposition 2.1 of [1]. Let  $s \in S$ . Since  $(s, \pi s) \in \theta(D_\pi(S))$ , we have  $s \wedge d = \pi s \wedge d$  so that  $[s] \vee [d] = [\pi s] \vee [d]$ . Thus  $[s] \subseteq [\pi s] \vee D_\pi(S)$  so that  $[s] = [s] \cap ([\pi s] \vee D_\pi(S)) = ([s] \cap [\pi s]) \vee ([s] \cap D_\pi(S))$ . Thus  $s \geq s_1 \wedge d_1$  where  $s_1 \geq s$ ,  $s_1 \geq \pi s$  and  $d_1 \geq s$ ,  $d_1 \in D_\pi(S)$ . Thus  $s \geq s_1 \wedge d_1 \geq \pi s \wedge d_1 \geq s$  so that  $s = \pi s \wedge d_1$ . q.e.d.

**Remark 2.** In general in a modular semi-lattice  $S$  with 1, one may be tempted to hope that a multiplicative closure operator is standard. However, this is not true because of the following

Example 3.  $S$ :



Define

$$\pi: S \rightarrow S \text{ by } \pi(n) = \begin{cases} d & \text{if } n \neq e, 1 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Definition 3.** *A pseudocomplemented semilattice is said to be a strong pseudocomplemented semilattice if for each  $x \in S$  there is a dense element  $d \in D(S)$  such that  $x = x^{**} \wedge d$ .*

**Remark 3.** Every modular pseudocomplemented semilattice is a strong pseudocomplemented semilattice but not necessarily conversely.

Now as a consequence of Theorem 2 we have the following

**Corollary 4.** *If  $S$  is a strong pseudocomplemented semilattice, then the mapping  $\alpha: S/\theta(D(S)) \rightarrow B(S)$  defined by  $\alpha(\theta(D(S))[x] = x^{**}$  is an isomorphism. Conversely, if  $\alpha$  is an isomorphism and  $D(S)$  is standard, then  $S$  is a strong pseudocomplemented semilattice.*

Proposition 1.8 of Cornish [1], which is proved for modular semilattices, can be generalized to semilattices with 1 as in the following

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $S$  be a semilattice with 1,  $C$  be a subsemilattice of  $S$  and  $D$  be a filter of  $S$  such that for each  $s \in S$  there exist  $c \in C$  and  $d \in D$  with  $s = c \wedge d$ . Let  $\psi$  be a mapping from  $C$  into  $F(D)$  defined by  $\psi(c) = \{d \in D \mid d \geq c\} = [c] \cap D$  and for  $a \in C$ , let  $\theta_a$  denote the congruence relation on  $D$  given by  $\theta_a = \{(d, e) \in D \times D \mid d \wedge a = e \wedge a\}$ . Then the following statements are equivalent.*

- (1)  $(A \vee B) \cap D = (A \cap D) \vee (B \cap D)$  for all principal filters  $A, B$  of  $S$ .
- (2)  $(A \vee B) \cap D = (A \cup D) \vee (B \cap D)$  for all filters  $A, B$  of  $S$ .
- (3)  $\psi(a \wedge b) = \psi(a) \vee \psi(b)$  and  $\theta(\psi(a)) = \theta_a$  for all  $a, b \in C$ .
- (4)  $\theta_{a \wedge b} = \theta_a \vee \theta_b$  and  $\theta(\psi(a)) = \theta_a$  for all  $a, b \in c$ .

**Proof.**  $1 \Rightarrow 2$ . The proof is straightforward.

$2 \Rightarrow 3$ .  $\psi(a \wedge b) = [a \wedge b] \cap D = ([a] \vee [b]) \cap D = ([a] \cap D) \vee ([b] \cap D)$  (by 2)  $= \psi(a) \vee \psi(b)$ . It is easy to verify that  $\theta(\psi(a)) \subseteq \theta_a$ . Now let  $(d, e) \in \theta_a$  so that  $d \wedge a = e \wedge a$  and hence  $d \geq e \wedge a$ . Thus  $[d] \subseteq ([e] \vee [a]) \cap D = [e] \vee ([a] \cap D)$  so that there exist  $a_1 \geq a$ ,  $a_1 \in D$  such that  $d \geq e \wedge a_1$ . Similarly there exist  $a_2 \geq a$  and  $a_2 \in D$  such that  $e \geq d \wedge a_2$ . Thus  $d \wedge a_1 \wedge a_2 = e \wedge a_1 \wedge a_2$  and  $a_1 \wedge a_2 \geq a$ ,  $a_1 \wedge a_2 \in D$ . Hence  $(d, e) \in \theta(\psi(a))$ .

$3 \Rightarrow 4$ .  $\theta_{a \wedge b} = \theta(\psi(a \wedge b)) = \theta(\psi(a) \vee \psi(b)) = \theta(\psi(a)) \vee \theta(\psi(b)) = \theta_a \vee \theta_b$ .

$4 \Rightarrow 1$ . Let  $t \in ([x] \vee [y]) \cap D$  so that  $t \in D$  and  $t \geq x \wedge y$ . Let  $x = a \wedge d$  and  $y = b \wedge e$  where  $a, b \in C$  and  $d, e \in D$ . Thus  $t \geq a \wedge d \wedge b \wedge e$  so that  $(t \wedge d \wedge e, d \wedge e) \in \theta_{a \wedge b} = \theta_a \vee \theta_b = \theta(\psi(a)) \vee \theta(\psi(b)) = \theta(\psi(a) \vee \psi(b))$  and hence  $t \wedge d \wedge e \wedge a = d \wedge e \wedge a$  for some  $\alpha \geq \beta \cap \gamma$  where  $\beta \in \psi(a)$  and  $\gamma \in \psi(b)$ . Now  $d \wedge \beta \in [x] \cap D$ ,  $e \cap \gamma \in [y] \cap D$  and  $t \geq d \wedge \beta \wedge e \wedge \gamma$  and hence  $t \in ([x] \cap D) \vee ([y] \cap D)$ . Thus  $([x] \vee [y]) \cap D = ([x] \cap D) \vee ([y] \cap D)$ . q.e.d.

**Remark 4.** It can be seen that proposition 1.8 of Cornish [1] is a corollary of the above theorem 3.

## § 2

In [1] William H. Cornish characterized modular semilattices with 1, possessing neutral  $p$ -closure operators, by means of triples. In this section characterization of semilattices with 1, admitting neutral  $p$ -closure operators, is obtained. The following definitions 4 and 5 can be found in [1].

**Definition 4.** *Let  $S$  be a meet semilattice with 1 and  $T$  be a join semilattice with 0. A mapping  $\psi: S \rightarrow T$  is called a 1-dual homomorphism if  $\psi(a \wedge b) = \psi(a) \vee \psi(b)$  for all  $a, b \in S$  and  $\psi(1) = 0$ . It is a (0-1) dual homomorphism if  $S$  has 0,  $T$  has 1,  $\psi$  is a 1-dual homomorphism such that  $\psi(0) = 1$ .*

**Definition 5.** By a closure isomorphism  $\sigma: S \rightarrow T$  where  $S$  and  $T$  are semilattices with the largest element admitting the closure operators  $\pi$  and  $\rho$ , respectively, we mean an isomorphism from  $S$  into  $T$  satisfying  $\sigma(\pi s) = \rho(\sigma s)$  for all  $s \in S$ .

**Definition 6.**  $(C, D, \psi)$  is said to be a generalized triple if  $C$  and  $D$  are semilattices with 1 and  $\psi$  is a 1-dual homomorphism from  $C$  into  $F(D)$ . It is a generalized 0-triple if in addition  $C$  has 0 and  $\psi$  is a (0-1) dual homomorphism.  $(B, D, \psi)$  is said to be a generalized B-triple if  $B$  is a Boolean algebra,  $D$  is a semilattice with 1, and  $\psi$  is a (0-1) dual homomorphism from  $B$  into  $F(D)$ .

**Definition 7.** Two generalized triples  $(C, D, \psi)$  and  $(C_1, D_1, \psi_1)$  are said to be isomorphic if there is a pair  $(f, g)$  where  $f$  is an isomorphism of  $C$  onto  $C_1$ ,  $g$  is an isomorphism of  $D$  onto  $D_1$  such that for each  $c \in C$ ,  $F(g)(\psi(c)) = \psi_1(f(c))$ , where  $F(g)$  denotes the isomorphism from  $F(D)$  onto  $F(D_1)$  induced by  $g$ .

**Theorem 4.** A semilattice  $S$  with 1 and a neutral  $p$ -closure operator  $\pi$  on  $S$  is such that the semilattice itself and the closure operator are determined up to a closure isomorphism by the generalized triple

$$(C_\pi(S), D_\pi(S), \psi_\pi(S))$$

*Proof.* It is easy to check that  $C_\pi(S)$  and  $D_\pi(S)$  are semilattices with 1 and  $\psi_\pi(S): C_\pi(S) \rightarrow F(D_\pi(S))$  defined by  $\psi_\pi(S)(c) = [c] \cap D_\pi(S)$  is a 1-dual homomorphism. This means that  $(C_\pi(S), D_\pi(S), \psi_\pi(S))$  is a generalized triple. The set  $S_1 = \{ \langle c, \theta(\psi_\pi(S))(c)[d] \rangle \mid c \in C_\pi(S), d \in D_\pi(S) \}$ . Define  $\pi_1: S_1 \rightarrow S_1$  by  $\pi_1(\langle c, \theta(\psi_\pi(S))(c)[d] \rangle) = \langle c, \theta(\psi_\pi(S))(c)[1] \rangle$ . A similar proof as that of Cornish [1] shows that  $S_1$  is a semilattice with 1,  $\pi_1$  is a neutral  $p$ -closure operator on  $S_1$  such that  $(S, \pi)$  and  $(S_1, \pi_1)$  are closure isomorphic. q e.d.

**Corollary 5.** A semilattice with 0 and 1 and a normalized neutral  $p$ -closure operator  $\pi$  is such that the semilattice itself and the closure operator are determined up to a closure isomorphism by the generalized 0-triple

$$(C_\pi(S), D_\pi(S), \psi_\pi(S)).$$

*Proof.* The proof is by the above theorem together with a routine verification.

**Corollary 6.** A neutral strong pseudocomplemented semilattice is determined up to an isomorphism by the generalized B-triple

$$(B(S), D(S), \psi(S)).$$

*Proof.* It is easy to see that  $\psi(S): B(S) \rightarrow F(D(S))$  defined by  $\psi(S)(a) = [a] \cap D(S)$  is a (0-1) dual homomorphism so that  $(B(S), D(S), \psi(S))$  is a generalized B-triple. Let  $S_1$  be the constructed semilattice as in theorem 4. For  $x = \langle c, \theta(\psi(c))[d] \rangle \in S_1$  define  $x^* = \langle c', \theta(\psi(c'))[1] \rangle$  where  $c'$  is the complement

of  $c$  in  $B(S)$ . It is straightforward to verify that  $S_i$  is a neutral strong pseudocomplemented semilattice such that  $S$  and  $S_i$  are isomorphic.

**Corollary 7.** *A modular semilattice  $S$  with 1 (respectively 0 and 1) and a neutral  $p$ -closure operator  $\pi$  is such that  $S$  itself and the closure operator are determined up to a closure isomorphism by the triple*

$$(C_\pi(S), D_\pi(S), \psi_\pi(S)).$$

**Remark 5.** Observe that there are neutral strong pseudocomplemented semilattices which are not even modular.

**Theorem 5.** *If  $(C, D, \psi)$  is a generalized triple, then there is a semilattice  $S$  with 1 and a neutral  $p$ -closure operator  $\pi$  on  $S$  such that there are isomorphisms  $\sigma: C \rightarrow C_\pi(S)$  and  $\varrho: D \rightarrow D_\pi(S)$  and 1-dual homomorphism  $\psi_\pi(S): C_\pi(S) \rightarrow F(D_\pi(S))$  satisfying  $F(\varrho)(\psi(c)) = \psi_\pi(S)(\sigma(c))$  for each  $c \in C$ , where  $F(\varrho)$  is the isomorphism of  $F(D)$  onto  $F(D_\pi(S))$  induced by  $\varrho$ . Further, if  $(C, D, \psi)$  is a generalized 0-triple, then  $\pi$  is normalized.*

**Proof.** Consider  $S = \{\langle c, \theta(\psi(c))[d] \mid c \in C \text{ and } d \in D \rangle\}$ . If  $x = \langle a, \theta(\psi(a))[d] \rangle$  and  $y = \langle b, \theta(\psi(b))[e] \rangle$ , define  $x \leq y$  if and only if  $a \leq b$  and  $\theta(\psi(a))[d] \leq \theta(\psi(a))[e]$  in  $D \mid \theta(\psi(a))$ . It is easy to check ' $\leq$ ' is well defined and  $S$  becomes a semilattice with 1 under this ordering. Define  $\pi: S \rightarrow S$  by  $\pi(x) = \langle a, \theta(\psi(a))[1] \rangle$ . It is routine to verify that  $C_\pi(S) = \{\langle a, \theta(\psi(a))[1] \rangle \mid a \in C\}$ .  $D_\pi(S) = \{\langle 1, \theta(\psi(1))[d] \mid d \in D \rangle\}$  and that  $\pi$  is a  $p$ -closure operator on  $S$ . Now we claim that  $(A \vee B) \cap D_\pi(S) = (A \cap D_\pi(S)) \vee (B \cap D_\pi(S))$  for  $A, B \in F(S)$ . Let  $\langle 1, \theta(\psi(1))[t] \rangle \in (A \vee B) \cap D_\pi(S)$  so that  $\langle 1, \theta(\psi(1))[t] \rangle \geq \langle a, \theta(\psi(a))[d] \rangle \wedge \langle b, \theta(\psi(b))[e] \rangle$  and hence  $(t \wedge d \wedge e, d \wedge r) \in \theta(\psi(a \wedge b)) = \theta(\psi(a) \vee \psi(b))$ . Thus there exist  $\alpha \geq \beta \wedge \gamma$ ,  $\beta \in \psi(a)$  and  $\gamma \in \psi(b)$  such that  $t \wedge d \wedge e \wedge \alpha = d \wedge e \wedge \alpha$ . Now  $\langle 1, \theta(\psi(1))[d \wedge \beta] \rangle \in A \cap D_\pi(S)$  and  $\langle 1, \theta(\psi(1))[e \wedge \gamma] \rangle \in B \cap D_\pi(S)$  and  $\langle 1, \theta(\psi(1))[t] \rangle \geq \langle 1, \theta(\psi(1))[\alpha \wedge \beta] \rangle \wedge \langle 1, \theta(\psi(1))[e \wedge \gamma] \rangle$ . Define  $\psi_\pi(S): C_\pi(S) \rightarrow F(D_\pi(S))$  by  $\psi_\pi(S)(\langle a, \theta(\psi(a))[1] \rangle) = [\langle a, \theta(\psi(a))[1] \rangle] \cap D_\pi(S)$ . Since  $\psi$  is a 1-dual homomorphism it follows that  $\psi_\pi(S)$  is a 1-dual homomorphism. Clearly the map  $\sigma: C \rightarrow C_\pi(S)$  defined by  $\sigma(a) = \langle a, \theta(\psi(a))[1] \rangle$  is an isomorphism and  $\varrho: D \rightarrow D_\pi(S)$  defined by  $\varrho(d) = \langle 1, \theta(\psi(1))[d] \rangle$  is an isomorphism and  $(C, D, \psi)$ ,  $(C_\pi(S), D_\pi(S), \psi_\pi(S))$  are isomorphic generalized triples. The proof of the last statement is straightforward. q.e.d.

**Corollary 8.** *If  $(B, D, \psi)$  is a generalized B-triple, then there is a neutral strong pseudocomplemented semilattice  $S$  such that there are isomorphisms  $\sigma: B \rightarrow B(S)$ ,  $\varrho: D \rightarrow D(S)$  and  $\psi(S)$  a (0-1) dual homomorphism from  $B(S)$  into  $F(D(S))$  satisfying  $F(\varrho)(\psi(c)) = \psi(S)(\sigma(c))$  for each  $c \in B$ , where  $F(\varrho)$  denotes the extension of  $\varrho$  to  $F(D)$ .*



**Proof.** Let  $S$  be the constructed semilattice as in the proof of the theorem 5. A routine verification shows that for  $x = \langle a, \theta(\psi(a))[d] \rangle \in S$ ,  $x^* = \langle a', \theta(\psi(a'))[1] \rangle$  is a pseudocomplement of  $x$ , and thus it is a pseudocomplemented semilattice. Now the proof of the corollary follows by observing the fact that the closure operator defined in the proof of the theorem 5 is precisely the closure operator  $x \rightarrow x^{**}$  on this pseudocomplemented semilattice  $S$ .

**Definition 8.** A  $p$ -closure operator  $\pi$  on a semilattice  $S$  with 1 is said to be a  $(p-\vee)$  closure operator if  $G_\pi(S)$  is a lattice.

**Lemma 1.** Let  $\pi$  be a  $(p-\vee)$  closure operator on a semilattice  $S$  with 1. If  $x \vee y$  exists in  $S$ , then  $\pi(x \vee y) = \pi x \vee \pi y$ .

**Proof.** The proof is straightforward.

In the following theorem a necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of a join of two elements in a semilattice with 1, admitting a  $(p-\vee)$  closure operator, is obtained.

**Theorem 6.** Let  $\pi$  be a  $(p-\vee)$  closure operator on a semilattice  $S$  with 1. Let  $x, y \in S$ . Then  $x \vee y$  exists in  $S$  if and only if there exist a  $\pi$ -dense element  $t \geq x, y$  and  $t \wedge (\pi x \vee \pi y) \leq f$ , for every  $\pi$ -dense element  $f$  such that  $f \geq x, f \geq y$ . In this case  $x \vee y = (\pi x \vee \pi y) \wedge t$ .

**Proof.** First assume the condition. We show that  $x \vee y = (\pi x \vee \pi y) \wedge t$ , where  $t$  satisfies the condition stated in the statement of the theorem. Clearly  $(\pi x \vee \pi y) \wedge t$  is an upper bound of  $x$  and  $y$ . Let  $x \leq z$  and  $y \leq z$  and  $z = \pi z \wedge f$ , where  $f$  is a  $\pi$ -dense element so that  $\pi x \leq \pi z, \pi y \leq \pi z$  and hence  $\pi x \vee \pi y \leq \pi z$ . We have  $x \leq z \leq f$  and  $y \leq z \leq f$  so that  $(\pi x \vee \pi y) \wedge t \leq f$ . Thus  $(\pi x \vee \pi y) \wedge t \leq \pi z \wedge f = z$ . Conversely, assume that  $x \vee y$  exists in  $S$  so that  $x \vee y = \pi(x \vee y) \wedge t = (\pi x \vee \pi y) \wedge t$  (by Lemma 1). Thus  $t$  is a  $\pi$ -dense element such that  $t \geq x$  and  $t \geq y$ . Now if  $f$  is a  $\pi$ -dense element such that  $f \geq x, f \geq y$ , then  $f \geq x \vee y = (\pi x \vee \pi y) \wedge t$ . q.e.d.

**Corollary 9.** Let  $S$  be a strong pseudocomplemented semilattice. Let  $x, y \in S$ . Then  $x \vee y$  exists in  $S$  if and only if there is a dense element  $t \geq x, y$  and  $t \wedge (x^{**} \vee y^{**}) \leq f$ , for every dense element  $f \geq x, y$ . In this case  $x \vee y = (x^{**} \vee y^{**}) \wedge t$ .

**Remark 6.** In [5] Katriňák has obtained a necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of a join of two elements in a pseudocomplemented distributive semilattice in terms of triples (see Corollary 5.5 of [5]), which, however, is equivalent to the following “if  $S$  is a distributive pseudocomplemented semilattice, and  $x, y \in S$ , then  $x \vee y$  exists in  $S$  if and only if there is a dense element  $t \geq x, y$  such that if  $f$  is a dense element,  $f \geq x, f \geq y$ , then  $(x^{**} \vee y^{**}) \wedge t \leq f$ . In this case  $x \vee y = (x^{**} \vee y^{**}) \wedge t$ ”.

In line with Katriňák, Mederly has generalized this in [6] to modular pseudocomplemented semilattices. But the above theorem and corollary show that

this is true even in a more general class, namely in semilattices with 1 admitting  $(p-\vee)$  closure operators.

**Theorem 7.** *Let  $C$  and  $D$  be semilattices with 1. If  $C$  has more than one element, then there is a 1-dual homomorphism from  $C$  into  $F(D)$  so that  $(C, D, \psi)$  is a generalized triple. If  $C$  has 0, then it can be chosen so that  $(C, D, \psi)$  is a generalized 0-triple.*

*Proof.* Similar to the proof of theorem 2.6 of Cornish [1].

**Corollary 10.** *Let  $B$  be a Boolean algebra and  $D$  be a semilattice with 1. Then there is a 1-dual homomorphism  $\psi$  from  $B$  into  $F(D)$  so that  $(B, D, \psi)$  is a  $B$ -triple.*

### § 3

In this article results similar to the result of Mederly [6] are obtained for semilattices with 1, admitting neutral  $p$ -closure operators. However, the proofs of the theorems in this article are straightforward and are similar to the proof of Mederly in [6]. Hence in the following we just state the results. However in theorem 12 of this article we prove an interesting result, namely that if  $\pi$  is a neutral  $p$ -closure operator on a semilattice  $S$  with 1, then  $S$  is distributive (modular) if and only if  $C_\pi(S)$  and  $D_\pi(S)$  are distributive (modular), which is a generalization of Theorem 7.3 of [6].

**Theorem 8.** *Let  $(S, \pi)$  and  $(S_1, \pi_1)$  be semilattices with 1, admitting  $p$ -closure operators. Let  $h$  be a homomorphism from  $S$  into  $S_1$  (i.e. a ' $\wedge$ ' homomorphism, preserving  $\pi$  and 1). Then the restriction  $h|_{C_\pi(S)}$  is a homomorphism from  $C_\pi(S)$  into  $C_{\pi_1}(S_1)$  and the restriction  $h|_{D_\pi(S)}$  is a homomorphism of  $D_\pi(S)$  into  $D_{\pi_1}(S_1)$  that preserves 1. Moreover  $h$  is onto if and only if  $h|_{C_\pi(S)}$  and  $h|_{D_\pi(S)}$  are onto.*

**Corollary 11.** *Let  $S$  and  $S_1$  be strong pseudocomplemented semilattices and let  $h$  be a homomorphism of  $S$  into  $S_1$ . Then the restriction  $h|_{B(S)}$  is a homomorphism of  $B(S)$  into  $B(S_1)$  and the restriction  $h|_{D(S)}$  is a homomorphism of  $D(S)$  into  $D(S_1)$  that preserves 1. Moreover  $h$  is onto if and only if  $h|_{B(S)}$  and  $h|_{D(S)}$  are onto.*

**Definition 9.** *Let  $(C, D, \psi)$  and  $(C_1, D_1, \psi_1)$  be generalized triples. A homomorphism of the generalized triples  $(C, D, \psi)$  and  $(C_1, D_1, \psi_1)$  is a pair  $(f - g)$ , where  $f$  is a homomorphism of  $C$  into  $C_1$ ,  $g$  is a homomorphism of  $D$  into  $D_1$  such that for every  $c \in C$ ,  $g(\psi(c)) \subseteq \psi_1(f(c))$ . A similar definition can be given in the case of generalized  $B$ -triples.*

**Theorem 9.** *Let  $(S, \pi)$  and  $(S_1, \pi_1)$  be semilattices with 1 admitting neutral  $p$ -closure operators and  $(C, D, \psi), (C_1, D_1, \psi_1)$  the associated generalized triples,*

respectively. Let  $h$  be a homomorphism of  $S$  into  $S_1$  and  $h_C, h_D$  be the restrictions of  $h$  to  $C$  and  $D$ , respectively. Then  $(h_C, h_D)$  is a homomorphism of the generalized triples. Conversely, every homomorphism  $(f - g)$  of the generalized triples uniquely determines a homomorphism  $h$  of  $S$  into  $S_1$  with  $h_C = f$  and  $h_D = g$ .

**Corollary 12.** Let  $S$  and  $S_1$  be neutral strong pseudocomplemented semilattices and  $(B, D, \psi), (B_1, D_1, \psi_1)$  the associated triples, respectively. Then  $(h_B, h_D)$  is a homomorphism of the generalized  $B$ -triples, where  $h_B$  and  $h_D$  are the restrictions of  $h$  to  $B$  and  $D$ , respectively. Conversely, every homomorphism  $(f - g)$  of the generalized  $B$ -triples uniquely determines a homomorphism  $h$  of  $S$  into  $S_1$  with  $h_B = f, h_D = g$ .

**Theorem 10.** Let  $\pi$  be a neutral  $p$ -closure operator on a semilattice  $S$  with 1 and let  $S_1$  be a subalgebra of  $S$ . Then  $C_1 = S_1 \cap C_\pi(S)$  is a subalgebra of  $C_\pi(S)$  and  $D_1 = S_1 \cap D_\pi(S)$  is a subalgebra of  $D_\pi(S)$ . The triple associated with  $S_1$  is  $(C_1, D_1, \psi_1)$ , where  $\psi_1$  is given by  $\psi_1(a) = \psi(a) \cap D_1$  for  $a \in C_1$ .

**Corollary 13.** Let  $S_1$  be a subalgebra of a neutral strong pseudocomplemented semilattice  $S$ . Then  $B_1 = S_1 \cap B(S)$  is a subalgebra of  $B(S)$ , and  $D_1 = S_1 \cap D(S)$  is a subsemilattice of  $D(S)$  containing 1. The triple associated with  $S_1$  is  $(B_1, D_1, \psi_1)$ , where  $\psi_1$  is given by  $\psi_1(a) = \psi(a) \cap D_1$  for  $a \in B_1$ .

**Definition 10.** Let  $\pi$  be a multiplicative closure operator on a semilattice  $S$  with 1. Let  $\alpha$  be a congruence on  $C_\pi(S)$  and  $\beta$  be a congruence on  $D_\pi(S)$ .  $(\alpha, \beta)$  is said to be a congruence pair if, whenever  $a \equiv 1(\alpha)$  and  $d \in D_\pi(S), d \geq a$  implies that  $(d, 1) \in \beta$ .

**Theorem 11.** Let  $\beta$  be a congruence relation on a semilattice  $S$  with 1, admitting a  $p$ -closure operator  $\pi$ . Then  $(\beta \cap (C_\pi(S) \times C_\pi(S)), \beta \cap (D_\pi(S) \times D_\pi(S)))$  is a congruence pair. Conversely, if  $(\beta_C, \beta_D)$  is a congruence pair, then there is a congruence relation  $\beta$  on  $(S, \pi)$  such that  $\beta \cap (C_\pi(S) \times C_\pi(S)) = \beta_C$  and  $\beta \cap (D_\pi(S) \times D_\pi(S)) = \beta_D$ .

**Proof.** The proof of the first part is straightforward. Conversely, let  $(\beta_C, \beta_D)$  be a congruence pair and  $g$  the natural mapping from  $D_\pi(S)$  into  $D_\pi(S) | \beta_D$  defined by  $g(d) = \beta_D(d)$ . Now define  $\beta = \{(x, y) \in S \times S | (\pi x, \pi y) \in \beta_C \text{ and } (g(d), g(e)) \in \beta_D \text{ where } (g([\pi x] \cap D)) \cap \theta(g([\pi y] \cap D))\}$ , where  $x = \pi x \wedge d$  and  $y = \pi y \wedge e$ . It is straightforward to verify that  $\beta$  has the required properties.

**Corollary 14.** If  $\beta$  is a congruence relation on a strong pseudocomplemented semilattice  $S$ , then  $(\beta \cap (B(S) \times B(S)), \beta \cap (D(S) \times D(S)))$  is a congruence pair. Conversely, if  $(\beta_B, \beta_D)$  is a congruence pair, then there is a congruence relation  $\beta$  on  $S$  such that  $\beta \cap (B(S) \times B(S)) = \beta_B$  and  $\beta \cap (D(S) \times D(S)) = \beta_D$ .

**Proof.** By the above theorem 11, together with a routine verification, the proof follows.

**Lemma 2.** Let  $\pi$  be a multiplicative closure operator on a semilattice  $S$  with 1. If  $S$  is distributive (modular),  $C_\pi(S)$  and  $D_\pi(S)$  are distributive as well.

Proof. The proof is routine.

**Theorem 12.** Let  $\pi$  be a neutral  $p$ -closure operator on a semilattice  $S$  with 1.  $S$  is a distributive (modular) semilattice if and only if  $C_\pi(S)$  and  $D_\pi(S)$  are distributive (modular).

Proof. First suppose that  $C_\pi(S)$  and  $D_\pi(S)$  are distributive; let  $x = \pi x \wedge d$ ,  $y = \pi y \wedge e$ ,  $z = \pi z \wedge f \in S$  and  $z \geq x \wedge y$  so that  $\pi z \geq \pi(x \wedge y) = \pi x \wedge \pi y$  and hence  $\pi z = x_1 \wedge y_1$  where  $x_1 \geq \pi x \geq x$ ,  $y_1 \geq \pi y \geq y$  and  $x_1, y_1 \in C_\pi(S)$ . There is also  $f \geq \pi x \wedge \pi y \wedge d \wedge e$  so that

$$[f] \subseteq ((\pi x) \vee (\pi y) \vee [d] \vee [e]) \cap D = ((\pi x) \cap D) \vee ((\pi y) \cap D) \vee [d] \vee [e].$$

Thus  $f \geq \alpha \wedge \beta \wedge d \wedge e$  where  $\alpha \geq \pi x$ ,  $x \in D$  and  $\beta \geq \pi y$ ,  $y \in D$ . Since  $D_\pi(S)$  is distributive  $f = \alpha_1 \wedge \beta_1 \wedge d_1 \wedge e_1$ ,  $\alpha_1 \geq \alpha$ ,  $\beta_1 \geq \beta$ ,  $d_1 \geq d$ ,  $e_1 \geq e$ . Put  $x' = x_1 \wedge \alpha_1 \wedge d_1$  and  $y' = y_1 \wedge \beta_1 \wedge e_1$ . Thus  $x' \geq x$ ,  $y' \geq y$  and  $x' \wedge y' = \pi z \wedge f = z$ . Thus  $S$  is a distributive semilattice. By a similar proof one can show that  $S$  is modular whenever  $C_\pi(S)$  and  $D_\pi(S)$  are modular. Since the converse follows from Lemma 2, the proof is complete. Q.E.D.

**Corollary 15.** Let  $S$  be a neutral strong pseudocomplemented semilattice. Then  $S$  is a distributive (modular) semilattice if and only if  $D(S)$  is one.

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# КОНСТРУКЦИЯ ТРОЕК ДЛЯ ПОЛУСТРУКТУР С 1 И С НЕЙТРАЛЬНЫМ $p$ -ЗАМЫКАНИЕМ

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## Резюме

Известно, что всякую модулярную (дистрибутивную) полуструктуру  $S$  с псевдодополнениями можно охарактеризовать ей принадлежащей тройкой  $(B(S), D(S), \psi(S))$ , где  $B(S)$ -алгебра Буля замкнутых элементов из  $S$ ,  $D(S)$ -фильтр плотных элементов из  $S$  и  $\psi$ -конъективное отображение из  $B(S)$  в  $F(D(S))$ , структуру всех фильтров из  $D(S)$ . Авторы обобщают этот результат для полуструктур с 1 и с нейтральным  $p$ -замыканием.