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Set algebra

Idempotence	$A \cup A = A$	$A \cap A = A$
Associativity	$(A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C)$	$(A \cap B) \cup C = A \cap (B \cup C)$
Commutativity	$A \cup B = B \cup A$	$A \cap B = B \cap A$
Distributivity	$A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$	$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$
Identity	$A \cup \{\} = A, A \cup U = U$	$A \cap \{\} = \{\}, A \cup U = A$
Involution	$\overline{\overline{A}} = A$	
Complements	$\overline{U} = \{\}, A \cup \overline{A} = U$	$\{\bar{\}} = U, A \cap \bar{A} = \{\}$
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Basic order properties of meet and join

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$$x \wedge y \preceq \{x, y\} \preceq x \lor y$$

•
$$x \preceq y$$
 iff $x \land y = x$

•
$$x \leq y$$
 iff $x \vee y = y$

- If $x \leq y$, then $x \wedge z \leq y \wedge z$ and $x \vee z \leq y \vee z$
- If $x \leq y$ and $z \leq w$, then $x \wedge z \leq y \wedge w$ and $x \vee z \leq y \vee w$

Theorem

If
$$x \preceq y$$
, then $x \land z \preceq y \land z$ and $x \lor z \preceq y \lor z$

Proof.

- Let $v = x \land z$ and $u = y \land z$
- By transitivity, v is a lb for y and z
- By definition of ∧, v ≤ u (as v is the maximum among all lbs)

Similarly, the other clause may be proven



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Idempotence.

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 [Absorbtion, applied twice]

Principle of Duality

The dual of any theorem in a lattice is also a theorem.



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Is $\mathcal{P}(A)$ for set A distributive?

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- $(\bar{x} \wedge x) \vee (\bar{x} \wedge z) =$
- $0 \vee (\bar{x} \wedge z) =$
- $(x \wedge z) \vee (\bar{x} \wedge z) =$

•
$$(x \lor \overline{x}) \land z = 1 \land z = z$$



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- Unique (up to permutation) for distributive lattice

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- But similar working, $d_j \leq c_k$, so that $c_i \leq d_j \leq c_k$
- This requires $c_i = c_k$, since these are irredundant

• Thus,
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Join irreducible elements in a Boolean lattice

- A lattice with having a non-zero join irreducible element will not have unique complements
- In a Boolean lattice all non-zero join irreducible elements are atoms



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- There will be $\binom{n}{i}$ such sets in level *i*, totaling to $\sum_{0}^{n} \binom{n}{i} = 2^{n}$

Boolean algebra from Boolean lattice

- For the Boolean lattice $\langle \mathcal{A}, \preceq, 0, 1 \rangle$ consider the algebraic system $\langle \mathcal{A}, +, \cdot, \bar{}, 0, 1 \rangle$ where $\lor \mapsto +, \land \mapsto \cdot$ and $\forall x \in \mathcal{A}, \overline{x} \mapsto z | x + z = 1, x \cdot z = 0$
- This system satisfies the Huntington's postulates for a Boolean algebra

B1: Commutative Laws

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{2} & \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{x} \end{array}$$

B2: Distributive Laws

1
$$x \cdot (y + z) = x \cdot y + x \cdot z$$

2 $x + (y \cdot z) = (x + y) \cdot (x + z)$

B3: Identity Laws

1
$$x + 0 = x = 0 + x$$

2 $x \cdot 1 = x = 1 \cdot x$

B4: Complementation Laws

$$x + \overline{x} = 1 = \overline{x} + x x \cdot \overline{x} = 0 = \overline{x} \cdot x$$

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Additional Boolean algebra properties

- These properties carry over from the Boolean lattice
- May be proven independently from the Huntington's postulates

Idempotence:

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{1} \quad x + x = x \\ \mathbf{2} \quad x \cdot x = x \end{array}$$

Absorption:

•
$$x + xy = x$$

• $x \cdot (x + y) = x$
• $x + \overline{x}y = x + y$
• $x \cdot (\overline{x} + y) = xy$

Axiomatic proof

•
$$x + x = (x + x) \cdot 1$$

$$\bullet = (x + x) \cdot (x + x)$$

$$\bullet = x + (x \cdot \overline{x})$$

$$\bullet = x + 0 = x$$

Axiomatic proof

Boolean algebra (contd.)

Boundedness/annihilation:

0	<i>x</i> + 1 = 1
	$v \cdot 0 = 0$

Axiomatic proof



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Truth table for Boolean AND, OR, NOT:

Associativity:

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$$(x + y) + z = x + (y + z)$$

• $(x \cdot y) \cdot z = x \cdot (y \cdot z)$



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Boolean algebra (contd.)

Axiomatic proof of associativity of Boolean +

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$$ax = aa + a(b + c) = a + a(b + c) = a$$

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$$bx = ba + b(b + c) = ba + (bb + bc) = ba + (b + bc) = ba + b = b$$

• Similarly, cx = c and ay = a, by = b and cy = c

•
$$yx = ((a+b)+c)x = (a+b)x+cx = (ax+bx)+cx = (a+b)+c = y$$

•
$$xy = (a+(b+c))y = ay+(b+c)y = ay+(by+cy) = a+(b+c) = x$$

• Thus,
$$x = xy = yx = y$$

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Additional Boolean algebra properties (contd.)

Uniqueness of Complement:

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$$(a + x) = 1$$
 and $(a \cdot x) = 0$, then $x = \overline{a}$.

Involution:

$$\overline{(\overline{a})} = a$$

Complements of extreme elements:

Axiomatic proof

•
$$\overline{\underline{0}} = 1$$

• $\overline{1} = 0$

- 1 + 0 = 1 [identity]
- $1 \cdot 0 = 0$ [boundedness]
- ... 0 is the complement of 1

DeMorgan's laws:

•
$$\overline{(x+y)} = \overline{x} \cdot \overline{y}$$

• $\overline{(x \cdot y)} = \overline{x} + \overline{y}$

• Let $a \leq b$ if $a \cdot b = a$ or a + b = b then $\cdot \mapsto \land$ and $+ \mapsto \lor$

 Properties from axiomatic proofs allow Boolean algebras to be expressed as Boolean lattices – they are equivalent