

13 Distributive Lattices - for $a, b, c \in L$.

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$$a \wedge (b \vee c) = (a \wedge b) \vee (a \wedge c)$$
$$\& a \vee (b \wedge c) = (a \vee b) \wedge (a \vee c)$$

Thm 1. A lattice is distributive iff

$$a \vee (b \wedge c) = (a \vee b) \wedge (a \vee c) \text{ --- (1)}$$

Sol:- Let L be distributive lattice

$$\text{ie. } a \wedge (b \vee c) = (a \wedge b) \vee (a \wedge c) \text{ --- (1)}$$

T.P $a \vee (b \wedge c) = (a \vee b) \wedge (a \vee c)$

R.H.S $(a \vee b) \wedge (a \vee c)$

$$= \{ (a \vee b) \wedge a \} \vee \{ (a \vee b) \wedge c \} \text{ (By (1))}$$
$$= a \vee \{ (a \vee b) \wedge c \} \text{ (By absorption law)}$$
$$\Rightarrow a \vee \{ c \wedge (a \vee b) \}$$
$$\Rightarrow a \vee \{ (c \wedge a) \vee (c \wedge b) \} \text{ (By (1))}$$
$$= a \vee (b \wedge c) \text{ (By absorption law)}$$

\Rightarrow L.H.S

Converse:- Let $a \vee (b \wedge c) = (a \vee b) \wedge (a \vee c) \text{ --- (2)}$

R.H.S T.P $a \wedge (b \vee c) = (a \wedge b) \vee (a \wedge c)$

$$(a \wedge b) \vee (a \wedge c) = \{ (a \wedge b) \vee a \} \wedge \{ (a \wedge b) \vee c \} \text{ (By (2))}$$
$$= a \wedge \{ (a \wedge b) \vee c \} \text{ (By absorp. law)}$$
$$= a \wedge \{ c \vee (a \wedge b) \}$$
$$= a \wedge \{ (c \vee a) \wedge (c \vee b) \} \text{ By (2)}$$

$$= \{a \wedge (c \vee a)\} \wedge (c \vee b)$$

$$\Rightarrow a \wedge (b \vee c) \quad (\text{By assor. law})$$

$$= \underline{\text{L.H.S}}$$

Hence L is distributive lattice.

Thm 2. EP. Every Chain is distributive lattice.

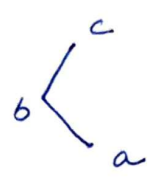
Sol:- Let (L, \leq) be a chain

$$a, b, c \in L$$

T.P distributive law holds for $a, b, c \in L$.

Case
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$$a \leq b, a \leq c, b \leq c$$



L.H.S $a \wedge (b \vee c)$

$$\Rightarrow a \wedge c$$

$$\Rightarrow a$$

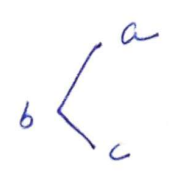
R.H.S $(a \wedge b) \vee (a \wedge c)$

$$a \vee a \Rightarrow a$$

$$\text{L.H.S} = \text{R.H.S}$$

Case II $b \leq a, c \leq a, c \leq b$

L.H.S $a \wedge (b \vee c)$



$$\Rightarrow a \wedge b$$

$$\Rightarrow b$$

R.H.S $(a \wedge b) \vee (a \wedge c) \Rightarrow b \vee c$

$$\Rightarrow b$$

$$\text{L.H.S} = \text{R.H.S}$$

Hence every chain is distributive lattice.

Thm III - P. T. Direct product of two distributive lattices is also distributive. 35.

Sol:- Let L and M be two distributive lattices.

$$L \times M = \{ (a, b); a \in L, b \in M \}$$

Let $(a_1, b_1), (a_2, b_2), (a_3, b_3) \in L \times M$

$$a_1, a_2, a_3 \in L; b_1, b_2, b_3 \in M$$

Now L and M are distributive lattices

$$\therefore a_1 \wedge (a_2 \vee a_3) = (a_1 \wedge a_2) \vee (a_1 \wedge a_3) \quad - \textcircled{1}$$

$$\& b_1 \wedge (b_2 \vee b_3) = (b_1 \wedge b_2) \vee (b_1 \wedge b_3) \quad - \textcircled{2}$$

$$(a_1, b_1) \wedge [(a_2, b_2) \vee (a_3, b_3)] = (a_1, b_1) \wedge [a_2 \vee a_3, b_2 \vee b_3]$$

$$= [a_1 \wedge (a_2 \vee a_3), b_1 \wedge (b_2 \vee b_3)]$$

$$= [(a_1 \wedge a_2) \vee (a_1 \wedge a_3), (b_1 \wedge b_2) \vee (b_1 \wedge b_3)]$$

$$= [(a_1 \wedge a_2, b_1 \wedge b_2) \vee (a_1 \wedge a_3, b_1 \wedge b_3)]$$

$$= [(a_1, b_1) \wedge (a_2, b_2)] \vee [(a_1, b_1) \wedge (a_3, b_3)]$$

Hence

$$(a_1, b_1) \wedge [(a_2, b_2) \vee (a_3, b_3)] = [(a_1, b_1) \wedge (a_2, b_2)] \vee [(a_1, b_1) \wedge (a_3, b_3)]$$

Hence $L \times M$ is distributive lattice.

Thm IV Prove that Homomorphic image of a distributive lattice is distributive.

Sol:- Let $f : L \rightarrow M$ be onto homomorphism
 L is distributive lattice

TP M is distributive lattice

Given f is onto

$\therefore \exists a, b, c \in L$

$$f(a) = x, f(b) = y, f(c) = z$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now } x \wedge (y \vee z) &= f(a) \wedge (f(b) \vee f(c)) \\
 &= f(a) \wedge (f(b \vee c)) \quad [\because f \text{ is homomorphism}] \\
 &= f[a \wedge (b \vee c)] \\
 &= f[(a \wedge b) \vee (a \wedge c)] \quad [\because L \text{ is distributive}] \\
 &= f(a \wedge b) \vee f(a \wedge c) \quad [\because f \text{ is H.M}] \\
 &= [f(a) \wedge f(b)] \vee [f(a) \wedge f(c)] \\
 &= (x \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge z)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore x \wedge (y \vee z) = (x \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge z) \quad \forall x, y, z \in M$$

Hence M is distributive lattice

\therefore Homomorphic image of a distributive lattice is distributive.