

Thm Distributive Inequalities

If L is a lattice then the following distributive inequalities hold in L .

$$(i) \quad x \wedge (y \vee z) \geq (x \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge z)$$

$$(ii) \quad x \vee (y \wedge z) \leq (x \vee y) \wedge (x \vee z)$$

Pf i) $x \wedge y \leq x$

$$\& \ x \wedge y \leq y \leq y \vee z$$

$$\therefore x \wedge y \text{ is a l.b of } x \& \ y \vee z$$

$$\Rightarrow x \wedge y \leq x \wedge (y \vee z) \text{ --- (1)}$$

$$x \wedge z \leq x \& \ x \wedge z \leq z \leq y \vee z$$

$$\Rightarrow x \wedge z \text{ is a l.b of } x \& \ y \vee z$$

$$\Rightarrow x \wedge z \leq x \wedge (y \vee z) \text{ --- (2)}$$

By (1) & (2)

$x \wedge (y \vee z)$ is an u.b of $x \wedge y$

& $x \wedge z$

$$\Rightarrow (x \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge z) \leq x \wedge (y \vee z)$$

(ii) Proof

Remark Every Singleton in a lattice is a sublattice of L .

Pf Let L be a lattice

$$\& \ S = \{a\} \subseteq L$$

$(S, \leq)$ is clearly a poset w.r.t induced order $(\leq)$.

Also $a \in S \subseteq L$

& L is a lattice

$$\therefore a \wedge a = a \& \ a \vee a = a$$

$$\therefore a \wedge a = a \in S$$

$$\& a \vee a = a \in S$$

$\therefore S$ is closed w.r.t the meet & join of L

$\therefore S$ is a sublattice of L

Defn Interval in a lattice

Let L be a lattice & $x, y \in L$

s.t. $x \leq y$

$$\text{Then } [x, y] = \{ a \in L / x \leq a \leq y \}$$

Note $x \in [x, y]$

& $y \in [x, y]$

To prove $[x, y]$ is a sublattice of L

Clearly $[x, y] \leq L$

$\therefore ([x, y], \leq)$ is a poset

Let $a, b \in [x, y]$

$$x \leq a, x \leq b$$

$\Rightarrow x$ is a l.b of a & b

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x \leq a \wedge b}$$

Also $a \wedge b \leq a \leq y$

$$\Rightarrow a \wedge b \leq y$$

$$\therefore x \leq a \wedge b \leq y$$

$$\Rightarrow a \wedge b \in [x, y]$$

Similarly $a \vee b \in [x, y]$

$\therefore [x, y]$ is a sublattice of L .

Defn

Let L & M be lattices.

A fn $f: L \rightarrow M$ is called

- 1) Meet homomorphism if $f(a \wedge b) = f(a) \wedge f(b) \quad \forall a, b \in L$.
- 2) Join homomorphism if $f(a \vee b) = f(a) \vee f(b) \quad \forall a, b \in L$.
- 3) A lattice homomorphism if f is both a meet & a join homomorphism.
- 4) Order homomorphism if whenever $a \leq b$ in L , $f(a) \leq f(b)$ in M .

Defn

A lattice homo. $f: L \rightarrow M$ is called a Monomorphism if f is 1-1.

Defn A lattice homo. $f: L \rightarrow M$ is called an epimorphism if f is onto.

Defn A lattice homo. $f: L \rightarrow M$ is called an isomorphism if f is bijective.

Remark If $f: L \rightarrow M$ is a lattice homo., then $f(L)$ is called the homomorphic image of L .

Prove $f(L)$ is a sublattice of M