

A Completion for Distributive Lattices

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Abstract: A completion for a class of lattices is constructed and it is observed that a congruence relation on a given lattice can be extended to its completion.

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I. Introduction

Distributive lattices do have some special properties to characterize ideals in them. Corollary 4 in section 3 of chapter 2 in [1] implies that any ideal in a distributive lattice is a congruence class, and a study of congruence relations in distributive lattices leads to fruitful results(cf:[2]). So, a completion for a class of distributive lattices is constructed through ideals in this article, and an extension of a congruence relation to completion is also discussed. Let us use the following definitions for this purpose.

Definition 1.1 Let us say that a sublattice (L_1, \vee, \wedge) of a lattice (L_2, \vee, \wedge) is dense in L_2 , if any element x in L_2 is either a supremum of a collection of elements in L_1 or an infimum of a collection of elements in L_1 .

Definition 1.2 If (L_1, \vee, \wedge) is dense in (L_2, \vee, \wedge) , then let us say that (L_2, \vee, \wedge) is a completion of (L_1, \vee, \wedge) , if L_2 is a complete lattice.

An extension of a congruence relation to completion is also to be discussed, and the following definition is applicable for this purpose.

Definition 1.3 Let (L_2, \vee, \wedge) be a completion of (L_1, \vee, \wedge) . A congruence relation θ' on L_2 is said to be a complete extension of a congruence relation θ on L_1 , if the restriction of θ' to L_1 is θ , and if $\bigvee_{i \in I} x_i \equiv \bigvee_{i \in I} y_i \pmod{\theta'}$ in L_2 , whenever $x_i \equiv y_i \pmod{\theta}$, $\forall i \in I$, in L_1 and the suprema exist in L_2 , and if $\bigwedge_{i \in I} x_i \equiv \bigwedge_{i \in I} y_i \pmod{\theta'}$ in L_2 , whenever, $x_i \equiv y_i \pmod{\theta}$, $\forall i \in I$, in L_1 and the infima exist in L_2 , for collections $(x_i)_{i \in I}$ and $(y_i)_{i \in I}$ in L_1 .

Definition 1.4 A congruence relation θ on a lattice (L, \vee, \wedge) is complete, if $(x_i)_{i \in I} \subseteq L$, $(y_i)_{i \in I} \subseteq L$ and $x_i \equiv y_i \pmod{\theta}$, $\forall i \in I$ imply $\bigvee_{i \in I} x_i \equiv \bigvee_{i \in I} y_i \pmod{\theta}$ and $\bigwedge_{i \in I} x_i \equiv \bigwedge_{i \in I} y_i \pmod{\theta}$, whenever these suprema and infima exist.

II. Lattice Completion

Let us recall that if L is the cartesian product of a collection of lattices $((L_i, \vee_i, \wedge_i))_{i \in I}$, then 'join' and 'meet' operations can be defined pointwisely on L by $(x_i)_{i \in I} \vee (y_i)_{i \in I} = (x_i \vee_i y_i)_{i \in I}$ and $(x_i)_{i \in I} \wedge (y_i)_{i \in I} = (x_i \wedge_i y_i)_{i \in I}$. These operations are to be considered in this article for sublattices of a cartesian product lattice.

Definition 2.1 Let (L, \vee, \wedge) be a lattice. To each $a \in L$, let $[a]$ denote the (ideal) sublattice $[a] = \{x \in L : x \leq a\}$. Let us now define the inverse limit L^* as a subset of the cartesian product lattice of the collection of lattices $([a])_{a \in L}$ by $L^* = \{(x_a)_{a \in L} : x_a \in [a]; \forall a \in L, \text{ and } x_a = x_b \wedge a, \text{ whenever } a \leq b \text{ in } L\}$.

Lemma 2.2 Suppose $(x_a)_{a \in L} \in L^*$. Then $x_a = \bigvee_{c \in L} (x_c \wedge a)$, $\forall a \in L$.

Proof: Given $a, c \in L$, there exists $b \in L$ such that $b \geq a$, $b \geq c$, $x_c = x_b \wedge c$, and such that $x_c \wedge a = (x_b \wedge c) \wedge a = (x_b \wedge a) \wedge c = x_a \wedge c \leq x_a = x_a \wedge a$. This proves that $x_a = \bigvee_{c \in L} (x_c \wedge a)$.

Lemma 2.3 Let L and L^* be as in the definition 2.1. Then, to each $x \in L$, we have $(x \wedge a)_{a \in L} \in L^*$.

Proof: Fix $x \in L$. To each $a \in L$, we have $x \wedge a \in [a]$. If $a \leq b$ in L , then $(x \wedge b) \wedge a = x \wedge (b \wedge a) = x \wedge a$. So, $(x \wedge a)_{a \in L} \in L^*$.

Lemma 2.4 Suppose L given definition 2.1 is distributive so that $(x \vee y) \wedge z = (x \wedge z) \vee (y \wedge z)$; $\forall x, y, z \in L$. Then the inverse limit L^* given in definition 2.1 is a sublattice of the product lattice of the collection $((a])_{a \in L}$.

Proof: Let $(x_a)_{a \in L}, (y_a)_{a \in L} \in L$. Then $(x_a)_{a \in L} \wedge (y_a)_{a \in L} = (x_a \wedge y_a)_{a \in L}$ and $(x_a)_{a \in L} \vee (y_a)_{a \in L} = (x_a \vee y_a)_{a \in L}$. Also, if $a \leq b$ in L , then $(x_b \wedge y_b) \wedge a = (x_b \wedge a) \wedge (y_b \wedge a) = x_a \wedge y_a$; and $(x_b \vee y_b) \wedge a = (x_b \wedge a) \vee (y_b \wedge a) = x_a \vee y_a$. So, $(x_a)_{a \in L} \wedge (y_a)_{a \in L} \in L$ and $(x_a)_{a \in L} \vee (y_a)_{a \in L} \in L$ so that L^* is a lattice.

Lemma 2.5 Suppose $[a]$ is a complete lattice for each $a \in L$, and suppose

$z \wedge (\bigvee_{i \in I} x_i) = \bigvee_{i \in I} (z \wedge x_i)$, whenever $x_i \in [a]$; $\forall i \in I$, for any fixed $a \in L$, and $z \in [a]$. Then L^* given in the definition 2.1 is a complete lattice.

Proof: If $x, y, z \in L$, then there is a $c \in L$ such that $x \leq c, y \leq c, z \leq c$ so that $x, y, z \in [c]$ and hence $(x \vee y) \wedge z = (x \wedge z) \vee (y \wedge z)$. So, by the previous lemma, L^* is a lattice.

Let $((x_a^{(i)})_{a \in L})_{i \in I}$ be a collection of elements in L^* . If $a \leq b$ in L , then $(\bigwedge_{i \in I} x_b^{(i)}) \wedge a = \bigwedge_{i \in I} (x_b^{(i)} \wedge a) = \bigwedge_{i \in I} x_a^{(i)} \in [a]$, $x_b^{(i)} \wedge a \in [a]$, and $x_b^{(i)} \in [b]$, $\forall i \in I$, and when $[a]$ and $[b]$ are complete. Thus $\bigwedge_{i \in I} (x_a^{(i)})_{a \in L}$ exists in L^* . If $a \leq b$ in L , then $(\bigvee_{i \in I} x_b^{(i)}) \wedge a = \bigvee_{i \in I} (x_b^{(i)} \wedge a) = \bigvee_{i \in I} x_a^{(i)}$. This proves that L^* is a complete lattice.

Lemma 2.6 Suppose L satisfies the hypothesis of lemma 2.4. If $T : L \rightarrow L^*$ is defined by $T(x) = (x \wedge a)_{a \in L}$, $\forall x \in L$, then T is an injective lattice homomorphism.

Proof: By lemma 2.3, $T(x) \in L^*$, $\forall x \in L$. If $T(x) = T(y)$, then $x \wedge a = y \wedge a$, $\forall a \in L$, and hence $x = x \wedge x = y \wedge x = x \wedge y = y \wedge y = y$. This proves that T is 1-1. Let $x, y \in L$. Then $T(x \wedge y) = ((x \wedge y) \wedge a)_{a \in L} = ((x \wedge a) \wedge (y \wedge a))_{a \in L} = (x \wedge a)_{a \in L} \wedge (y \wedge a)_{a \in L} = T(x) \wedge T(y)$, and $T(x \vee y) = ((x \vee y) \wedge a)_{a \in L} = ((x \wedge a) \vee (y \wedge a))_{a \in L} = (x \wedge a)_{a \in L} \vee (y \wedge a)_{a \in L} = T(x) \vee T(y)$. This proves the lemma.

So, if L is a distributive lattice, then we can identify L as the sublattice $T(L)$ of L^* .

Lemma 2.7 If L and T are as in lemma 2.6, then $T(L)$ is dense in L^* in the sense of definition 1.1.

Proof: Let $(x_a)_{a \in L} \in L^*$. To each fixed $c \in L$, define $x(c) \in [c]$ by $x(c) = x_c$. To each $a \in L$, let π_a denote the coordinate projection of the product lattice defined by $([c])_{c \in L}$ onto $[a]$. Then $\pi_a(T(x(c))) = x_c \wedge a, \forall c \in L$ and $\forall a \in L$. Therefore, by lemma 2.2, we have $x_a = \bigvee_{c \in L} (x_c \wedge a) = \bigvee_{c \in L} \pi_a(T(x(c))) = \pi_a(\bigvee_{c \in L} (T(x(c))))$, $\forall a \in L$. This proves that $(x_a)_{a \in L} = \bigvee_{c \in L} T(x(c))$, when $T(x(c)) \in T(L)$. This proves the lemma.

Theorem 2.8 Suppose L satisfies the hypotheses of lemma 2.5. Then L^* is a completion of L in the sense of definition 1.2.

Proof: Let us identify L with $T(L)$, and then $T(L)$ is dense in L^* and L is complete. So, L^* can be considered as a completion of L .

Remark 2.9 Since L is distributive, by the proof of the lemma 2.5, L^* of the previous theorem 2.8 is also distributive.

III. Extension of a congruence relation

Let θ be a congruence relation on a lattice L . When x and y are related by in L , let us write $x \equiv y \pmod{\theta}$. Define a relation θ^* on the product lattice of the collection $((a])_{a \in L}$ by $(x_a)_{a \in L} \equiv (y_a)_{a \in L} \pmod{\theta^*}$ if and only if $x_a \equiv y_a \pmod{\theta}, \forall a \in L$. Since θ is a congruence relation, θ^* is also a congruence relation. Let us use the same notation for its restriction to L^* and for its restriction to $T(L)$ for T of lemma 2.6, when L is distributive. Let us assume in this section that L is distributive.

Lemma 3.1 $x \equiv y \pmod{\theta}$ in L if and only if $T(x) \equiv T(y) \pmod{\theta^*}$.

Proof: If $x \equiv y \pmod{\theta}$, then $x \wedge a \equiv y \wedge a \pmod{\theta}, \forall a \in L$, and hence $T(x) \equiv T(y) \pmod{\theta^*}$.

Suppose $T(x) \equiv T(y) \pmod{\theta^*}$, for some $x, y \in L$ so that $x \wedge a \equiv y \wedge a \pmod{\theta}, \forall a \in L$. Then

$$x \wedge x \equiv y \wedge x \pmod{\theta}$$

$$\equiv x \wedge y \pmod{\theta}$$

$$\equiv y \wedge y \pmod{\theta} \text{ so that } x \equiv y \pmod{\theta}. \text{ This proves the lemma.}$$

By this lemma, θ^* on L^* can be considered as an extension of θ on L . With this identification, we can state the following theorem 3.2.

Theorem 3.2 Let θ' be a congruence relation on L^* which is a complete extension of θ to L^* . Then $\theta^* \leq \theta'$ on L^* .

Proof: Suppose $(x_a)_{a \in L} \in L^*, (y_a)_{a \in L} \in L^*$ and $(x_a)_{a \in L} \equiv (y_a)_{a \in L} \pmod{\theta^*}$. Then $x_a \equiv y_a \pmod{\theta}, \forall a \in L$. Hence

$x(c) \equiv y(c) \pmod{\theta}$, when $x(c) = x_c$ and $y(c) = y_c$, $\forall c \in L$. Then by our identification of L with $T(L)$, we have $T(x(c)) \equiv T(y(c)) \pmod{\theta'}$, $\forall c \in L$. So, $\bigvee_{c \in L} T(x(c)) \equiv \bigvee_{c \in L} T(y(c)) \pmod{\theta'}$, or $(x_a)_{a \in L} \equiv (y_a)_{a \in L} \pmod{\theta'}$ in view of the proof of the lemma 2.7. $\theta^* \leq \theta'$ on L^* .

Theorem 3.3 Suppose $[a]$ is complete and θ is complete on $[a]$, $\forall a \in L$. Then θ^* is also complete on L^* .

Proof: Suppose $((x_a^{(i)})_{a \in L})_{i \in I}$, $((y_a^{(i)})_{a \in L})_{i \in I}$ are subcollections of L^* such that $(x_a^{(i)})_{a \in L} \equiv (y_a^{(i)})_{a \in L} \pmod{\theta^*}$, $\forall i \in I$. Then $\bigvee_{i \in I} x_a^{(i)} \equiv \bigvee_{i \in I} y_a^{(i)} \pmod{\theta}$ and $\bigwedge_{i \in I} x_a^{(i)} \equiv \bigwedge_{i \in I} y_a^{(i)} \pmod{\theta}$, because the suprema and the infima exist in the complete lattice $[a]$, $\forall a \in L$. So, $\bigvee_{i \in I} (x_a^{(i)})_{a \in L} \equiv \bigvee_{i \in I} (y_a^{(i)})_{a \in L} \pmod{\theta^*}$ and $\bigwedge_{i \in I} (x_a^{(i)})_{a \in L} \equiv \bigwedge_{i \in I} (y_a^{(i)})_{a \in L} \pmod{\theta^*}$. Thus θ^* is also complete on L^* .

Remark 3.4 If the conditions of lemma 2.5 and theorem 3.3 are satisfied, then L^* is a completion of L and θ^* on L is a complete extension of θ on L .

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