

## A Generalization of Algebraic Lattices\*

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In this paper, we prove two theorems on lattices and operators.

**Definition 1** Let  $L$  be a complete lattice. An element  $a$  in  $L$  is  $(*)$ -compact if and only if whenever  $a \leq \bigvee A$  for  $A \subseteq L$  then  $a \leq \bigvee B$  for some  $B \subseteq A$  with  $B$  is at most countable.  $L$  is called  $(*)$ -algebraic lattice if every element in  $L$  is a supremum of  $(*)$ -compact elements.

$(*)$ -algebraic lattice is a generalization of algebraic lattice.

**Definition 2** If we are given a set  $A$ , a mapping  $\phi : P(A) \rightarrow P(A)$ , where  $P(A) = \{S : S \subseteq A\}$  = power set of  $A$ , is called a closure operator on  $A$  if, for  $X, Y \subseteq A$ , it satisfies: (1).  $X \subseteq \phi(X)$ , (2).  $\phi(\phi(X)) = \phi(X)$ , (3)  $X \subseteq Y$  implies  $\phi(X) \subseteq \phi(Y)$ . A subset  $X$  of  $A$  is called a closed subset if  $\phi(X) = X$ . The poset of closed subsets of  $A$  with set inclusion as the partial ordering is denoted by  $L(\phi)$ . A closure operator  $\phi$  on the set  $A$  is a  $(*)$ -operator if for every  $X \subseteq A$

$$\phi(X) = \bigcup \{\phi(Y) : Y \subseteq X \text{ and } Y \text{ is at most countable}\}. \quad (1)$$

**Theorem 1** If  $\phi$  is a  $(*)$ -operator on a set  $A$ , then  $L(\phi)$  is a  $(*)$ -algebraic lattice.

**Proof** First we will show that  $\phi(X)$  is  $(*)$ -compact element if  $X$  is at most countable. So suppose  $X = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_j, \dots\}$  and  $\phi(X) \subseteq \bigvee_{i \in I} \phi(A_i) = \phi(\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i) = \bigcup \{\phi(Y) : Y \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i \text{ and } Y \text{ is at most countable}\}$ . For each  $a_j \in X$ ,  $X \subseteq \phi(X)$ , we have  $Y_j \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i$  with  $a_j \in \phi(Y_j)$ ,  $Y_j$  is at most countable, since  $Y_j$  is at most countable, then there are at most countable many  $A_i$ 's, say  $A_{j1}, A_{j2}, \dots, A_{jn}, \dots$ , ( $A_{jn} \in \{A_i : i \in I\}$ ) such that  $Y_j \subseteq \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_{jn}$ ,  $a_j \in \phi(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_{jn})$ ,  $X \subseteq \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} \phi(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_{jn}) \subseteq \phi(\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_{jn})$ ,  $\phi(X) \subseteq \phi(\bigcup_{j,n=1}^{\infty} A_{jn}) = \bigvee_{j,n=1}^{\infty} \phi(A_{jn})$ ,  $A_{jn} \in \{A_i, i \in I\}$ . So  $\phi(X)$  is  $(*)$ -compact. Now suppose  $\phi(X)$  is not equal to  $\phi(Y)$  for any at most countable  $Y$ . From  $\phi(X) = \bigcup \{\phi(Y) : Y \subseteq X \text{ and } Y \text{ is at most countable}\}$ , it is easy to see that  $\phi(X)$  cannot be contained in any at most countable union of the  $\phi(Y)$ 's (by reduction to absurdity), hence  $\phi(X)$  is not  $(*)$ -compact. For each  $\phi(X) \in L(\phi)$ ,  $\phi(X) = \bigcup \{\phi(Y) : Y \subseteq X \text{ and } Y \text{ is at most countable}\}$ ,

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$\phi(X) = \phi(\cup\{Y : Y \subseteq X \text{ and } |Y| \leq \aleph_0\}) = \vee\{\phi(Y) : Y \subseteq X \text{ and } |Y| \leq \aleph_0\}$ ,  $\phi(Y)$ 's are  $(*)$ -compact,  $\phi(Y)$ 's are  $(*)$ -compact, so  $L(\phi)$  is  $(*)$ -algebraic lattice.  $\square$

**Theorem 1'** Every  $(*)$ -algebraic lattice is isomorphic to the lattice of closed subsets of some set  $A$  with a  $(*)$ -operator.

**proof** Let  $L$  be a  $(*)$ -algebraic lattice, and  $A$  be the subset of  $(*)$ -compact elements. For  $X \subseteq A$  define  $\phi(X) = \{a \in A : a \leq \vee X\}$ .  $\phi$  is a  $(*)$ -operator. The map  $a \mapsto \{b \in A : b \leq a\}$  gives the isomorphism.  $\square$

**Theorem 2** Let  $(L, \leq)$  be a complete lattice,  $S \subseteq L$ ,  $S$  is a complete lattice under  $\leq$  if and only if there is an idempotent isotone self-mapping  $\psi$  of  $L$  (i.e.  $\psi : L \rightarrow L$ , for  $x, y \in L$ ,  $x \leq y$  implies  $\psi(x) \leq \psi(y)$ ;  $\psi(\psi(x)) = \psi(x)$ ) such that  $L(\psi) = \text{range}(\psi) = S$  (i.e.,  $\text{Fix}(\psi) = \{x \in L : \psi(x) = x\} = \text{Image}(\psi) = \{\psi(x) : x \in L\} = S$ ).

The proof of theorem 2 is very difficult.

**Theorem 2'** Let  $(L, \leq)$  be a complete lattice,  $S \subseteq L$ ,  $S$  is a  $(*)$ -algebraic lattice under  $\leq$  if and only if there are: (1)  $\psi : L \rightarrow S$ ,  $\psi$  is an idempotent isotone mapping such that  $L(\psi) = \text{range}(\psi) = S$ ; and (2) a  $(*)$ -operator  $\phi$  for some  $A \subseteq S$  such that  $(L(\phi), \subseteq)$  is isomorphic  $(S, \leq)$ .

**Proof** By Theorem 2, Theorem 1 and Theorem 1'.

**Note** (a). In condition (1), "at most countable" change over to arbitrary  $\aleph$ , then theorem 1 and 1' hold also.

(b). Condition (1) is different from that in Grätger's book.

(c). Theorem 2 is an interesting new theorem on complete lattice, but its proof is very difficult.

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