

Proof.

(1) \Leftrightarrow (2) \Leftrightarrow (3) \Leftrightarrow (4) \Leftrightarrow (5) \Leftrightarrow (6). By the above theorem.

(8) \Rightarrow (4). Let property (8) hold. Let $a \sqsubset b$. Then it exists element $c \sqsubseteq b$ such that $c \neq 0$ and $c \sqcap a = 0$. But $c \sqcap b \neq 0$. So $\star a \neq \star b$.

(2) \Rightarrow (7). Let property (2) hold. Let $a \not\sqsubseteq b$. Then $\star a \not\sqsubseteq \star b$ that is it there exists $c \in \star a$ such that $c \notin \star b$, in other words $c \sqcap a \neq 0$ and $c \sqcap b = 0$. Let $d = c \sqcap a$. Then $d \sqsubseteq a$ and $d \neq 0$ and $d \sqcap b = 0$. So disjunction property of Wallman holds.

(7) \Rightarrow (8). Obvious.

(8) \Rightarrow (7). Let $b \not\sqsubseteq a$. Then $a \sqcap b \sqsubset b$ that is $a' \sqsubset b$ where $a' = a \sqcap b$. Consequently $\exists c \in \mathfrak{A} \setminus \{0\}$: ($c \asymp a' \wedge c \sqsubseteq b$). We have $c \sqcap a = c \sqcap b \sqcap a = c \sqcap a'$. So $c \sqsubseteq b$ and $c \sqcap a = 0$. Thus Wallman's disjunction property holds. \square

Proposition 3.15. Every boolean lattice is separable.

Proof. Let $a, b \in \mathfrak{A}$ where \mathfrak{A} is a boolean lattice $a \neq b$. Then $a \sqcap \bar{b} \neq 0$ or $\bar{a} \sqcap b \neq 0$ because otherwise $a \sqcap \bar{b} = 0$ and $a \sqcup \bar{b} = 1$ and thus $a = b$. Without loss of generality assume $a \sqcap \bar{b} \neq 0$. Then $a \sqcap c \neq 0$ and $b \sqcap c = 0$ for $c = a \sqcap \bar{b} \neq 0$. \square

3.1.3 Atomically Separable Lattices

Proposition 3.16. “atoms” is a straight monotone map (for any meet-semilattice).

Proof. Monotonicity is obvious. The rest follows from the formula

$$\text{atoms}(a \sqcap b) = \text{atoms } a \cap \text{atoms } b$$

(the corollary 2.87). \square

Definition 3.17. I will call *atomically separable* such a poset that “atoms” is an injection.

Proposition 3.18. $\forall a, b \in \mathfrak{A}$: ($a \sqsubset b \Rightarrow \text{atoms } a \subset \text{atoms } b$) iff \mathfrak{A} is atomically separable for a poset \mathfrak{A} .

Proof.

\Leftarrow . Obvious.

\Rightarrow . Let $a \neq b$ for example $a \not\sqsubseteq b$. Then $a \sqcap b \sqsubset a$; $\text{atoms } a \supset \text{atoms}(a \sqcap b) = \text{atoms } a \cap \text{atoms } b$ and thus $\text{atoms } a \neq \text{atoms } b$. \square

Proposition 3.19. Any atomistic poset is atomically separable.

Proof. We need to prove that $\text{atoms } a = \text{atoms } b \Rightarrow a = b$. But it is obvious because

$$a = \bigsqcup \text{atoms } a \quad \text{and} \quad b = \bigsqcup \text{atoms } b. \quad \square$$

Theorem 3.20. If a lattice with least element is atomic and separable then it is atomistic.

Proof. Suppose the contrary that is $a \sqsubset \bigsqcup \text{atoms } a$. Then, because our lattice is separable, there exists $c \in \mathfrak{A}$ such that $c \sqcap a \neq 0$ and $c \sqcap \bigsqcup \text{atoms } a = 0$. There exists atom $d \sqsubseteq c$ such that $d \sqsubseteq c \sqcap a$. $d \sqcap \bigsqcup \text{atoms } a \sqsubseteq c \sqcap \bigsqcup \text{atoms } a = 0$. But $d \in \text{atoms } a$. Contradiction. \square

Theorem 3.21. Let \mathfrak{A} be an atomic meet-semilattice with least element. Then the following statements are equivalent:

1. \mathfrak{A} is separable.
2. \mathfrak{A} is atomically separable.
3. \mathfrak{A} conforms to Wallman's disjunction property.