

$$\begin{aligned} 1^\circ. \bigsqcup \bigcup S &= \bigsqcup_{X \in S} \bigsqcup X; \\ 2^\circ. \prod \bigcup S &= \prod_{X \in S} \prod X. \end{aligned}$$

PROOF. We will prove only the first as the second is dual.

By definition of joins, it is enough to prove $y \sqsupseteq \bigsqcup \bigcup S \Leftrightarrow y \sqsupseteq \bigsqcup_{X \in S} \bigsqcup X$. Really,

$$\begin{aligned} y \sqsupseteq \bigsqcup \bigcup S &\Leftrightarrow \\ \forall x \in \bigcup S : y \sqsupseteq x &\Leftrightarrow \\ \forall X \in S \forall x \in X : y \sqsupseteq x &\Leftrightarrow \\ \forall X \in S : y \sqsupseteq \bigsqcup X &\Leftrightarrow \\ y \sqsupseteq \bigsqcup_{X \in S} \bigsqcup X. & \end{aligned}$$

□

DEFINITION 69. A *sublattice* of a lattice is its subset closed regarding \sqcup and \sqcap .

OBVIOUS 70. Sublattice with induced order is also a lattice.

2.1.6. Distributivity of lattices.

DEFINITION 71. A *distributive* lattice is such lattice \mathfrak{A} that for every $x, y, z \in \mathfrak{A}$

$$\begin{aligned} 1^\circ. x \sqcap (y \sqcup z) &= (x \sqcap y) \sqcup (x \sqcap z); \\ 2^\circ. x \sqcup (y \sqcap z) &= (x \sqcup y) \sqcap (x \sqcup z). \end{aligned}$$

THEOREM 72. For a lattice to be distributive it is enough just one of the conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} 1^\circ. x \sqcap (y \sqcup z) &= (x \sqcap y) \sqcup (x \sqcap z); \\ 2^\circ. x \sqcup (y \sqcap z) &= (x \sqcup y) \sqcap (x \sqcup z). \end{aligned}$$

PROOF.

$$\begin{aligned} (x \sqcup y) \sqcap (x \sqcup z) &= \\ ((x \sqcup y) \sqcap x) \sqcup ((x \sqcup y) \sqcap z) &= \\ x \sqcup ((x \sqcap z) \sqcup (y \sqcap z)) &= \\ (x \sqcup (x \sqcap z)) \sqcup (y \sqcap z) &= \\ x \sqcup (y \sqcap z) & \end{aligned}$$

(applied $x \sqcap (y \sqcup z) = (x \sqcap y) \sqcup (x \sqcap z)$ twice). □

2.1.7. Difference and complement.

DEFINITION 73. Let \mathfrak{A} be a distributive lattice with least element \perp . The *difference* (denoted $a \setminus b$) of elements a and b is such $c \in \mathfrak{A}$ that $b \sqcap c = \perp$ and $a \sqcup b = b \sqcup c$. I will call b *subtractive* from a when $a \setminus b$ exists.

THEOREM 74. If \mathfrak{A} is a distributive lattice with least element \perp , there exists no more than one difference of elements a, b .

PROOF. Let c and d be both differences $a \setminus b$. Then $b \sqcap c = b \sqcap d = \perp$ and $a \sqcup b = b \sqcup c = b \sqcup d$. So

$$c = c \sqcap (b \sqcup c) = c \sqcap (b \sqcup d) = (c \sqcap b) \sqcup (c \sqcap d) = \perp \sqcup (c \sqcap d) = c \sqcap d.$$

Similarly $d = d \sqcap c$. Consequently $c = c \sqcap d = d \sqcap c = d$. □