

S - DISTRIBUTIVE POSET

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Abstract- *s* - Distributivity in a partially ordered set (poset) is defined. Some properties of *s* - distributive poset are obtained. Mainly it is prove that poset *P* is a distributive if and only if *P* is *s* - distributive for each $s \neq 1$ in *P*.

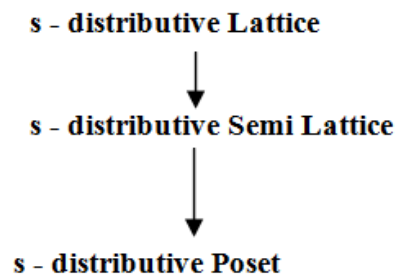
I. INTRODUCTION

In this paper we extend the concept of *s* - distributivity in a lattice to the concept of *s* - distributivity in a poset. Venkatanarasimhan [5] was the first who introduced and studied in detail pseudo complemented poset . As a generalization of pseudo complemented poset, Pawar and Dhamake [3] introduced 0 - distributive poset . This has eased our passage in introducing the notion of *s* - distributive poset . We define *s* - distributive poset as,

Definition :- Let *P* be a poset and $s (s \neq 1)$ be any fixed element in *P*. The poset *P* is called *s* - distributive if $x, y_1, y_2 \dots y_n \in P$ (n finite) with $(x] \cap (y_i] \subseteq (s]$ for all $i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ imply $(x] \cap (y_1 \vee y_2 \vee \dots \vee y_n] \subseteq (s]$ whenever $y_1 \vee y_2 \vee \dots \vee y_n$ exists in *P*.

It is interesting to note that a lattice *L* is *s* - distributive iff it is *s* - distributive poset for any fixed element $a (a \neq 1)$ in *P*.

The following flow chart indicates a position of our concept in relation to the known concepts in lattice theory.



§ 1.2 Preliminaries: -

Throughout this chapter we shall concern with partially ordered set or poset . $\langle P, \leq \rangle$, denotes a partially order set with the ordering relation ' \leq ' defined on non-empty set *P* . For a finite set

$A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$, the least upper bound (l. u. b) and greatest lower bound (g. l. b) of *A* , if exist, are denoted by $a_1 \vee a_2 \vee \dots \vee a_n$

and $a_1 \wedge a_2 \wedge \dots \wedge a_n$ respectively. The least and the greatest element of a poset , when

they exist, are denoted by 0 and 1 respectively.

A non-empty subset *A* of *P* is called as a semi-ideal if $a \in A, b \leq a$ implies $b \in A$. A semi-ideal *A* of *P* is called as an ideal if the least upper bound of any finite number of elements of *A* , whenever it exists, belongs to *A* . This definition of an ideal in a poset given by Venkatanarasimhan [5], is different from that introduced by Frink

[2] . An element *a* of poset *P* with 0 is said to be dense if $(a] \cap (b] = (0] \Leftrightarrow b = 0$ for $b \in P$. The set of all elements *x* of *P* such that $x \leq a$ for some fixed *a* in *P* forms an ideal of *P*. It is called the principal ideal generated by *a* and is denoted by $(a]$.

We need following lemmas.

Lemma 1.2.1 [5]:- The set *I* of all ideals of a poset with 0 is complete lattice under set inclusion as ordering relation.

Lemma 1.2.2 [5]:- In a poset finite join $a_1 \vee a_2 \vee \dots \vee a_n$ exists iff

$(a_1] \vee (a_2] \vee \dots \vee (a_n]$ is a principal ideal and in this case $(a_1 \vee a_2 \vee \dots \vee a_n] = (a_1] \vee (a_2] \vee \dots \vee (a_n]$.

§ 1.3 s - distributive Poset :-

s - distributive semi lattice is first introduced by varlet [4] .

A semi lattice *S* with the fixed element $s (s \neq 1)$ is *s* - distributive, if for any $x \in P, \langle x, s \rangle$ is an ideal in *S* where $\langle x, s \rangle = \{ y \in S \mid x \wedge y \leq s \}$.

As a generalization of *s* - distributive semi lattice [4] we define *s* - distributive poset .

Definition 1.3.1:- Let *P* be a poset and $s (s \neq 1)$ be any fixed element in *P*. The poset *P* is called *s* - distributive if $x, y_1, y_2 \dots y_n \in P$ (n finite) with $(x] \cap (y_i] \subseteq (s]$ for all $i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ imply $(x] \cap (y_1 \vee y_2 \vee \dots \vee y_n] \subseteq (s]$ whenever $y_1 \vee y_2 \vee \dots \vee y_n$ exists in *P*. As example of *s* - distributive poset we have

Example 1.3.2:- Let $P = \{0, a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h\}$ and b and $h \neq 1$ be any fixed element of *P*. The diagrammatic representation $\langle P, \leq \rangle$ as follows.

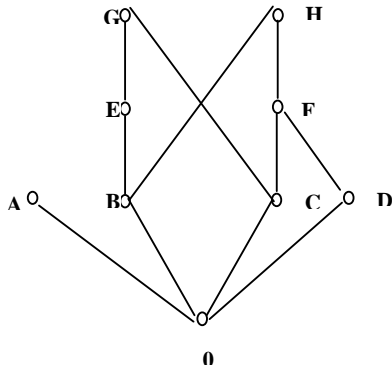


Fig.1.1

The poset represented in Fig. 1.1 is b-distributive but not f-distributive .

We furnished one more example of s - distributive poset . This poset contain infinite number of elements.

Example 1.3.3:- Let $P = \{0, a, b, c, d, e, f, \dots, g\}$ and $x \neq 1$ be any fixed element of P. The diagrammatic representation $\langle P \leq \rangle$ as follows.

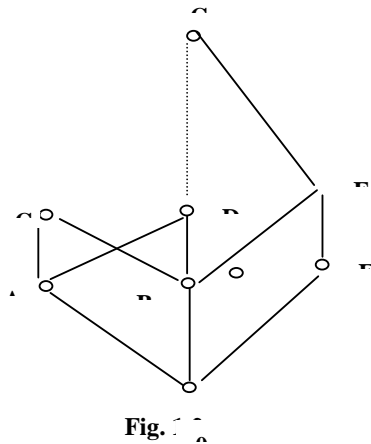


Fig. 1.2

The poset represented in Fig. 1.2 is x-distributive $\forall x \in P$.

An example of a poset which is only h-distributive.

Example 1.3.4:- Let $P = \{0, a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h\}$ and $h \neq 1$ be any fixed element of P. The diagrammatic representation $\langle P \leq \rangle$ as follows.

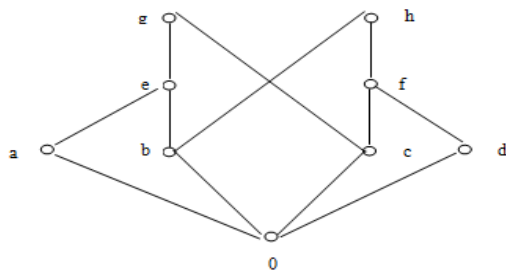


Fig. 1.3

The poset represented in Fig. 1. 3 is only h-distributive.□□□

Remark 1.3.5:- A subset of s - distributive poset containing the element a need not be s - distributive.

On the lines of [4] relative annihilators in poset are defined as follows.

Definition 1.3.6:- In a poset P containing the element s, b, we define

$\langle b, s \rangle = \{x \in L \mid (x] \cap (b] \subseteq (s] \}$. $\langle b, s \rangle$ is called the relative annihilators of b in s .

By s-ideal (s-semi ideal) we mean an ideal (semi ideal) containing an element $s \in P$.

The necessary and sufficient condition for $\langle b, s \rangle$ to be s-ideal in the following theorem .

Theorem 1.3.7 :- Let P be a poset and s ($s \neq 1$) be any fixed element in P. For any $b \in P$, $\langle b, s \rangle$ is s-ideal in P if and only if P is s - distributive .

Proof:- Only if part .

Let $\langle b, s \rangle$ is s - ideal in P for any $b \in P$. To prove that P is s - distributive poset . Let y, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n (n finite) $\in P$ with $(x_i] \cap (y] \subseteq (s]$ for all $i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ and assume that $x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \dots \vee x_n$ exists in P. But then $x_i \in \langle y, s \rangle$ for all $i, 1 \leq i \leq n$.

By assumption , $\langle y, s \rangle$ is an ideal .

Therefore $x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \dots \vee x_n \in \langle y, s \rangle$.

Thus $(y] \cap (x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \dots \vee x_n] \subseteq (s]$. Hence P is s - distributive poset.

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Let L be s - distributive poset . Fix up any $b \in P$. To prove that $\langle b, s \rangle$ is a-ideal in P. Obviously $\langle b, s \rangle$ is a-semi ideal in P. Let $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in \langle b, s \rangle$ (n finite) such that $x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \dots \vee x_n$ exists. Then $x_i \in \langle b, s \rangle$ implies

$(x_i] \cap (b] \subseteq (s]$ for all $i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ as P is s - distributive poset we get $(b] \cap$

$(x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \dots \vee x_n] \subseteq (s]$.This implies $x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \dots \vee x_n \in \langle b, s \rangle$.Hence $\langle b, s \rangle$ is

s-ideal .

A poset Q is called distributive poset if $(a] \cap (b] \subseteq (c]$ ($a, b, c \in Q$) implies the existence of x, y in Q , $x \geq a, y \geq b$ such that $(x] \cap (y] = (c]$.

Now we establish the relation between distributive poset and s - distributive poset.

Theorem 6.3.8:- A poset P is distributive if and only if P is s - distributive for each $s (\neq 1)$ in P.

Proof:- Only if part .

Let P be distributive poset. Assume $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in P$ (n finite) such that $\vee_{i=1}^n x_i$ exists in P. Let $b \in P$. Obviously , $\vee_{i=1}^n (x_i] \cap (b] \supseteq (x_i] \cap (b]$ for all $i, 1 \leq i \leq n$.

Let $(x_i] \cap (b] \subseteq (s]$ for all $i, 1 \leq i \leq n$. If no such a exists in P then obviously, $\vee_{i=1}^n (x_i] \cap (b] = \vee_{i=1}^n (x_i \cap b]$.

As P is distributive and $(x_i] \cap (b] \subseteq (s]$, we get

$(s] = (y_1] \cap (b_1]$ for some

$y_1 \geq x_1$ and $b_1 \geq b$.

Now $y_1 \geq s$ and $(s] \supseteq (x_2] \cap (b]$ implies

$(y_1] \supseteq (x_2] \cap (b]$. Hence by distributivity of P we get

$(y_1] = (y_2] \cap (b_2]$ for some $y_2 \geq x_2$ and $b_2 \geq b$. Continuing

like this we get an element y_{n-1} in P such that $(y_{n-1}] \supseteq (x_n]$

$\cap (b]$. Applying the distributivity of P again, we get $(y_{n-1}]$

$= (y_n] \cap (b_n]$ where $y_n \geq x_n$ and $b_n \geq b$. Now $y_n \geq y_{n-1}$ and

$y_{n-1} \geq x_{n-1}$ imply

$y_n \geq x_{n-1}$. As $y_n \geq x_{n-1}$ and $x_{n-1} \geq x_{n-2}$, by transitivity $y_n \geq$

x_{n-2} . Continuing like this we get $y_n \geq x_r$ for each $r, 1 \leq r \leq n-$

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As $y_n \geq x_i$ for each $i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ we get $y_n \geq \bigvee_{i=1}^n x_i$

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Again

$(y_{n-1}] \cap (b] = [(y_n] \cap (b_n]) \cap (b]$,

as $(y_{n-1}] = (y_n] \cap (b_n]$ and $b_n \geq b$. Thus $(y_{n-1}] \cap (b] =$

$(y_n] \cap [(b_n] \cap (b)] = (y_n] \cap (b]$. Similarly we get, $(y_{n-2}]$

$\cap (b] = [(y_{n-1}] \cap (b_{n-1}]) \cap (b]$, as $(y_{n-2}] = (y_{n-1}] \cap ($

$b_{n-1}]$ and $b_{n-1} \geq b$.

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Continuing in this way we get, $(y_1] \cap (b] = (y_2] \cap (b] =$

$\dots = (y_{n-1}] \cap (b] = (y_n] \cap (b]$(II)

As $(a] = (y_1] \cap (b]$, $(a] \cap (b] = (y_1] \cap (b] \cap (b]$

$= (y_1] \cap (b]$ Hence by (II), $(a] \cap (b] = (y_n] \cap (b]$. Thus

$(a] \supseteq (y_n] \cap (b]$. But by (I), $(a] \supseteq \bigvee_{i=1}^n (x_i] \cap (b]$.

Hence P is a - distributive. The proof if part being obvious

we omit it .

In support of result of Theorem 1.3.8 we give the following example.

Example 6.3.9:- Let $P = \{0, a, b, c, d, e, f, 1\}$. The diagrammatic representation $\langle P \leq \rangle$ as follows.

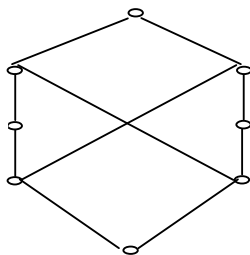


Fig.1.4

The poset shown in Fig . 1.4 is distributive poset and hence s - distributive poset for each $s (\neq 1)$ in P.

Remark 1.3.10:- Every s - distributive poset need not be distributive.

For this consider the poset P which describe in the example 6.3. This poset is h-distributive but not distributive.

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