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This paper deals with Galois connections between two partially ordered sets (posets) A, B . The first sections are devoted to the construction of all Galois connections between A and B . The last sections deal with properties of $A \otimes B$, the set of mappings $T: A \rightarrow B$ which "participate" in a Galois connection between A and B , with the pointwise partial order.

Every Galois connection between two posets A, B can be uniquely extended to a Galois connection between $\nu(A)$ and $\nu(B)$, the completions by cuts of A, B resp., and $A \otimes B$ is characterized as a subset of $\nu(A) \otimes \nu(B)$. As an application we get: The completion by cuts of a residuated groupoid (semigroup) is a residuated groupoid (semigroup, resp.). The completion by cuts of a Brouwerian lattice is a Brouwerian lattice. The completion by cuts of a relation algebra is a relation algebra. When A and B are complete lattices, $A \otimes B$ is isomorphic to a certain set of semi-ideals of $A \times B$. This yields a procedure for constructing all Galois connections between any two posets. By dualization all sup-preserving and inf-preserving mappings are determined.

Bounded posets A, B are embedded in $A \otimes B$ in a peculiar way. $A \otimes B$ is a completely distributive, complete (Boolean) lattice iff A and B are completely distributive, complete (Boolean, resp.) lattices. Formal properties of \otimes as a binary operation on bounded posets are investigated. In particular $A \otimes 2^B \cong A^B$ when A is a complete lattice, implying $A \otimes B^C \cong A^C \otimes B \cong (A \otimes B)^C$ when A, B are complete lattices and C is a poset. In certain respects, the behavior of $A \otimes B$ as a product of A and B resembles that of the tensor product of linear spaces.¹

1. In the following, A, B, C denote partially ordered sets (posets). A^D is the dual A . A is *bounded* if it contains universal elements $0, 1$ with $0 \leq p \leq 1$ for every $p \in A$. 2 is the poset $\{0, 1\}$ with $0 < 1$. A mapping $T: A \rightarrow B$ is *isotone* or *order-preserving* (*antitone*) whenever $p_1 \leq p_2$ in A implies $T(p_1) \leq T(p_2)$ ($T(p_1) \geq T(p_2)$). *Isomorphism* here means order-isomorphism. A is a *complete lattice* if every set $\{x_\alpha\} \subseteq A$ has a l.u.b., $\bigvee_\alpha x_\alpha$, and a g.l.b., $\bigwedge_\alpha x_\alpha$. A complete lattice is *completely distributive* whenever

$$\bigwedge_{\alpha \in \Omega} \bigvee_{\beta \in B_\alpha} x_{\alpha\beta} = \bigvee_{\phi \in \Pi B_\alpha} \bigwedge_{\alpha \in \Omega} x_{\alpha\phi(\alpha)}$$

holds for every set $\{x_{\alpha\beta}\} \subseteq A$. $X \subseteq A$ is a (*dual*) *semi-ideal* of A if $(y \geq x)$ $y \leq x$ and $x \in X$ implies $y \in X$.

For $X \subseteq A$ let $X^+, X^\wedge \subseteq A$ be defined by $X^+ = \{a | a \leq x \text{ for every } x \in X\}$; $X^\wedge = \{a | a \geq x \text{ for every } x \in X\}$. Adjoining 0 to A if necessary put ([1] p. 126): $\nu(A) = \{X^+ | X \subseteq A\}$. $\nu(A)$, partially ordered by inclusion is the *completion by cuts* of A . $a \rightarrow \{a\}^{\wedge+}$ embeds A in the complete lattice $\nu(A)$.

$A \times B$ is the Cartesian product of A and B , partially ordered by $(a_1, b_1) \leq (a_2, b_2)$ if $a_1 \leq a_2, b_1 \leq b_2$. A^B is the set of all isotone mappings $T: B \rightarrow A$ partly ordered by the *pointwise partial order*, i.e., $T_1 \leq T_2 \in A^B$ if $T_1(q) \leq T_2(q)$ for each $q \in B$.

A pair $\langle T, G \rangle$ of mappings $T: A \rightarrow B, G: B \rightarrow A$ is a *Galois connection between A and B* [10] if: (i) T, G are antitone; (ii) for each $p \in A, GT(p) \geq p$, for each $q \in B, TG(q) \geq q$. Galois connections are treated in [1], [4], [10], [12] and used in many disciplines of mathematics (see for example [14], [16]). $A \otimes B$ denotes the set of mappings $T: A \rightarrow B$ for which a (necessarily unique) mapping denoted by $T^*: B \rightarrow A$ exists, such that $\langle T, T^* \rangle$ is a Galois connection between A and B . $A \otimes B$ is given the pointwise partial order. If A, B are complete lattices then ([12]):

$$(1) \quad T \in A \otimes B \text{ iff: (i) } T(0) = 1; \text{ (ii) } T(\bigvee_{\alpha} a_{\alpha}) = \bigwedge_{\alpha} T(a_{\alpha})$$

for every set $\{a_{\alpha}\} \subseteq A$,

i.e., T is a complete join-morphism on A into B^D . Galois connections are also studied in a dualized form. The mapping $T: A \rightarrow B$ is *residuated (residual)* if $T \in A \otimes B^D (T \in A^D \otimes B)$. The semigroup of residuated mappings, where multiplication is function composition, is studied and used by many authors (see [2], [3], [5], [6], [8], [9]). By (1), residuated (residual) mappings on complete lattices are exactly the sup-(inf-) preserving mappings.

A procedure for constructing all Galois connections between completely distributive, complete Boolean lattices $A = 2^M, B = 2^N$ was given by Birkhoff ([1] p. 122). Raney [13], presented a procedure for constructing Galois connections between complete lattices. By his procedure all Galois connections between completely distributive, complete lattices, can be constructed.

2. In this section we prove:

THEOREM 1.2. *Every Galois connection $\langle T, T^* \rangle$ between two posets A*

and B can be uniquely extended to a Galois connection $\langle \tilde{T}, \tilde{T}^* \rangle$ between $\nu(A)$ and $\nu(B)$, the completions by cuts of A, B resp.

In the following let $T(X)^+$ stand for $\{T(x)\}_{x \in X}^+$, for $X \subseteq A$. Before proving Theorem 1.2 we have:

LEMMA 1.2. *Let $\langle T, T^* \rangle$ be a Galois connection between the posets A and B . Then $X_1^{\wedge+} \subseteq X_2^{\wedge+}$ in $\nu(A)$ implies $T(X_2)^+ \subseteq T(X_1)^+$ in $\nu(B)$.*

Proof. We have

$$X_1^{\wedge} = X_1^{\wedge+ \wedge} \supseteq X_2^{\wedge+ \wedge} = X_2^{\wedge}.$$

Let $y \in T(X_2)^+$. Since $y \leq T(x)$ for every $x \in X_2$, $x \leq T^*(y)$ for every $x \in X_2$ follows. Thus, $T^*(y) \in X_2^{\wedge} \subseteq X_1^{\wedge}$. From $x \leq T^*(y)$ for every $x \in X_1$ we get $y \leq T(x)$, for $x \in X_1$ and $y \in T(X_1)^+$ follows.

COROLLARY 1.2 $X_1^{\wedge+} = X_2^{\wedge+}$ in $\nu(A)$ implies $T(X_1)^+ = T(X_2)^+$ in $\nu(B)$.

Proof of Theorem 1.2. Identifying A, B with their images in $\nu(A), \nu(B)$ we define $\tilde{T}: \nu(A) \rightarrow \nu(B)$ by

$$(2) \quad \tilde{T}(X^{\wedge+}) = \bigwedge_{x \in X} T(x), \quad X \subseteq A.$$

Here we put $T(0) = 1$, $T(1) = 0$ if 0, 1 resp. are adjoined to A and similarly for T^* . Since $\bigwedge_{x \in X} T(x) = T(X)^+$, it follows by Corollary 1.2 that \tilde{T} is well-defined. By (1) $\tilde{T} \in \nu(A) \otimes \nu(B)$ since

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{T}(\bigvee_{\alpha} X_{\alpha}^{\wedge+}) &= \tilde{T}((\bigcup_{\alpha} X_{\alpha})^{\wedge+}) = \bigwedge_{x \in \bigcup_{\alpha} X_{\alpha}} T(x) \\ &= \bigwedge_{\alpha} (\bigwedge_{x \in X_{\alpha}} T(x)) = \bigwedge_{\alpha} \tilde{T}(X_{\alpha}^{\wedge+}). \end{aligned}$$

Since $X^{\wedge+} = \bigvee_{x \in X} x$ for $X \subseteq A$, it follows by (1) that \tilde{T} is the only possible extension of T . Obviously, $\tilde{T}^* \in \nu(B) \otimes \nu(A)$ is given by

$$(2) \quad \tilde{T}^*(Y^{\wedge+}) = \bigwedge_{y \in Y} T^*(y), \quad Y \subseteq B.$$

COROLLARY 2.2. $A \otimes B$ can be considered as a subset of $\nu(A) \otimes \nu(B)$. $\langle \tilde{T}, \tilde{T}^* \rangle$ is a Galois connection between $\nu(A)$ and $\nu(B)$ which is an extension of

some Galois connection between A and B iff it satisfies (identifying, as before, A and B with their images in $\nu(A), \nu(B)$):

- (3) \quad for every $a \in A, \tilde{T}(a) = b_0$ for some $b_0 \in B$;
 \quad for every $b \in B, \tilde{T}^*(b) = a_0$ for some $a_0 \in A$.

Since pseudo-complementation defines a Galois connection on a pseudo-complemented meet-semilattice A , Theorem 1.2 can be used to show that $\nu(A)$ is pseudo-complemented. In particular, a direct application of Theorem 1.2 yields the Glivenko-Stone Theorem, for the Boolean lattice A , with $(X^{\wedge+})'$, the complement of $X^{\wedge+}$ in $\nu(A)$ given by $\{x'\}_{x \in X} = \{X'\}^+$.

We call $T: A \rightarrow B$ a *polarized mapping* if $T \in A \otimes B$. If $T: A \times B \rightarrow C$ is given put $T_a(b) = T_b(a) = T(a, b)$, for $a \in A, b \in B$. The mapping $T, T: A \times B \rightarrow C$ is *bipolarized* if the mappings $T_a: B \rightarrow C, T_b: A \rightarrow C$ are polarized for each $a \in A, b \in B$. *Biresiduated mappings* are defined analogously.

THEOREM 2.2 *Each bipolarized mapping $T: A \times B \rightarrow C$ can be uniquely extended to a bipolarized mapping $\nu(T): \nu(A) \times \nu(B) \rightarrow \nu(C)$.*

Proof. Identifying A, B, C , with their images in $\nu(A), \nu(B), \nu(C)$ we define $\nu(T): \nu(A) \times \nu(B) \rightarrow \nu(C)$ by:

$$\nu(T)(X^{\wedge+}, Y^{\wedge+}) = \bigwedge_{\substack{x \in X \\ y \in Y}} T(x, y)$$

where $T(0, a) = T(b, 0) = 1, a \in A, b \in B$; if 1 has to be adjoined then $T(1, b) = T(a, 1) = 0$ for $0 \neq a \in A, 0 \neq b \in B$. $T_a^*(c), T_b^*(c)$, where either $a \in A, b \in B$ or $c \in C$ are universal are defined accordingly.

Using the equivalence of $T(x, y) \geq z$ with $T_x^*(z) \geq y$ and $T_y^*(z) \geq x$ it follows as in Lemma 1.2 and Corollary 1.2 that $\nu(T)$ is well-defined. As in Lemma 2.2 one can easily verify that both $\nu(T)_{X^{\wedge+}}: \nu(B) \rightarrow \nu(C), \nu(T)_{Y^{\wedge+}}: \nu(A) \rightarrow \nu(C)$ are polarized for each $X^{\wedge+} \in \nu(A), Y^{\wedge+} \in \nu(B)$ with

$$\nu(T)_{X^{\wedge+}}^*(Z^{\wedge+}) = \bigwedge_{\substack{x \in X \\ z \in Z}} T_x^*(z), \quad Z \subseteq C.$$

$\nu(T)_{Y^{\wedge+}}^*(Z^{\wedge+})$ is given similarly. Consequently, $\nu(T)$ is bipolarized. $\nu(T)$ clearly extends T . The uniqueness of the extension can be shown using (1) as in Theorem 1.2.

REMARK 1.2. Theorems 1.2 and 2.2 of course hold with “Galois connections” and “polarized mappings” replaced accordingly by either “residuated mappings” or “residual mappings.” The extensions are then defined with appropriate dualizations.

A po-groupoid (G, \cdot) is called *residuated* (see [1], [3], [9]) if the mapping $T: G \times G \rightarrow G$ given by $T(g_1, g_2) = g_1 \cdot g_2$, $g_1, g_2 \in G$, is biresiduated. This means that for every $a, b \in G$ there exist elements denoted by $a \cdot b$ (right residuals) and $a \cdot b$ (left residuals) such that $b \cdot x \leq a$ iff $x \leq a \cdot b$ while $x \cdot b \leq a$ iff $x \leq a \cdot b$. By Theorem 2.2 and Remark 1.2 we get:

COROLLARY 3.2. *The completion by cuts of a residuated (commutative) groupoid G is a residuated (commutative) groupoid. In $\nu(G)$ multiplication is given by:*

$$X^{\wedge+} \cdot Y^{\wedge+} = \{x \cdot y | x \in X, y \in Y\}^{\wedge+} = (X \cdot Y)^{\wedge+}.$$

Right residuation in $\nu(G)$ is given by:

$$X^{\wedge+} \cdot Y^{\wedge+} = \{m \cdot y | m \in X^{\wedge}, y \in Y\}^+ = (X^{\wedge} \cdot Y)^+$$

and similarly for left residuation. If 0 is adjoined to G then $0 \cdot g = g \cdot 0 = 0$, $g \in G$; if 1 has to be adjoined we put $1 \cdot g = g \cdot 1 = 1$, $0 \neq g \in G$.

COROLLARY 3*.2. *The completion by cuts of a residuated semigroup is a residuated semigroup.*

COROLLARY 4.2. *The conditional completion by nonvoid cuts of a directed residuated groupoid is a lattice-ordered residuated groupoid.*

A lattice A is called *Brouwerian* or *relatively pseudo-complemented* (see [1], p. 128) when $T: A \times A \rightarrow A$, given by $T(x, y) = x \wedge y$, $x, y \in A$ is a biresiduated mapping. We have:

COROLLARY 5.2. *The completion by cuts of a Brouwerian lattice A is a Brouwerian lattice.*

This is an easy consequence of Corollary 3.2 where “ \cdot ” is replaced by “ \wedge ” and both “ \cdot ” and “ \cdot ” by “ \cdot ”. It can be shown that \wedge defined here coincides with the meet operation in $\nu(A)$, i.e., $X^{\wedge+} \cap Y^{\wedge+} = \{x \wedge y | x \in X, y \in Y\}^{\wedge+} = (X \wedge Y)^{\wedge+}$. Note that $1(=x:x) \in A$.

A *relation algebra* ([1], p. 344) is defined to be a residuated monoid (G, \cdot) with 0 and unity e , which is a Boolean algebra when considered as a poset, in which $e' \cdot g = e' \cdot g$ holds for each $g \in G$, and denoting $e' \cdot g$ by \check{g} , the *converse* of g , such that $\check{\check{g}} = g$ and $g \cdot h = \check{h} \cdot \check{g}$ for $g, h \in G$. By using Theorem 2.2, the Glivenko-Stone Theorem, together with the natural definitions of complementation, multiplication and residuation in $\nu(G)$ we get:

COROLLARY 6.2. *The completion by cuts of a relation algebra is a relation algebra, with conversion given by*

$$\check{X}^{\wedge+} = \{\check{x}\}_{x \in X}^{\wedge+} = \check{X}^{\wedge+}$$

3. Here we show that Galois connections between complete lattices A and B stand in a one-to-one correspondence with certain semi-ideals of $A \times B$.

DEFINITION 1.3. Let A, B be complete lattices. $\theta \subseteq A \times B$ is called a *G-ideal* of $A \times B$ when

- (i) $(x, y) \leq (a, b)$ and $(a, b) \in \theta$ implies $(x, y) \in \theta$;
- (ii) if $\{(a_\alpha, b_\alpha)\} \subseteq \theta$ then $(\bigvee_\alpha a_\alpha, \bigwedge_\alpha b_\alpha) \in \theta$ and $(\bigwedge_\alpha a_\alpha, \bigvee_\alpha b_\alpha) \in \theta$;
- (iii) $(0, 1) \in \theta$ and $(1, 0) \in \theta$.

$K(A, B)$ denotes the set of all *G-ideals* of $A \times B$, partially ordered by inclusion. Since $A \times B \in K(A, B)$ and since $\bigcap_\beta \theta_\beta$, where $\{\theta_\beta\} \subseteq K(A, B)$ is easily shown to be a *G-ideal* of $A \times B$ we get:

LEMMA 1.3. $K(A, B)$ is a complete lattice.

Observe that in $K(A, B)$, $\bigwedge_\beta \theta_\beta$, where $\theta_\beta \in K(A, B)$ satisfies:

$$(4) \quad \bigwedge_\beta \theta_\beta = \{(x, y) \mid x = \bigwedge_\beta x_\beta, y = \bigwedge_\beta y_\beta, \text{ where } (x_\beta, y_\beta) \in \theta_\beta\}.$$

We are going to prove:

THEOREM 1.3 $A \otimes B \cong K(A, B)$ when A, B are complete lattices.

The proof of this theorem is based on the following two lemmas.

LEMMA 2.3. if $\langle T, T^* \rangle$ is a Galois connection between the complete lattices A and B , then

$$(5) \quad \theta = \{(a, b) | T(a) \geq b\} \subseteq A \times B$$

is a G -ideal.

Proof. If $(x, y) \leq (a, b)$ where $T(a) \geq b$, then $T(x) \geq T(a) \geq b \geq y$ since T is antitone. If $T(a_\alpha) \geq b_\alpha$ for some set $\{(a_\alpha, b_\alpha)\} \subseteq A \times B$, then

$$T(\bigvee_\alpha a_\alpha) = \bigwedge_\alpha T(a_\alpha) \geq \bigwedge_\alpha b_\alpha \text{ by (1),}$$

and

$$T(\bigwedge_\alpha a_\alpha) \geq \bigvee_\alpha T(a_\alpha) \geq \bigvee_\alpha b_\alpha$$

since T is antitone. $T(0) = 1$ by (1) and $T(1) \geq 0$ is clear.

LEMMA 3.3. Let $\theta \subseteq A \times B$ be a G -ideal of $A \times B$, where A, B are complete lattices. If the mappings $T: A \rightarrow B, G: B \rightarrow A$ are defined by

$$(6) \quad T(a) = \bigvee \{b | (a, b) \in \theta\}; \quad G(b) = \bigvee \{a | (a, b) \in \theta\},$$

then $\langle T, G \rangle$ is a Galois connection between A and B .

Proof. T, G are well-defined and antitone by (i), (iii) in Definition 1.3; (ii) implies that if $\{(a, b_\alpha)\} \subseteq \theta$ then $(a, \bigvee_\alpha b_\alpha) \in \theta$. Thus $(a, T(a)) \in \theta$ for each $a \in A$, and similarly, $(G(b), b) \in \theta$ for each $b \in B$. If $a \in A$ then $GT(a) = \bigvee \{a_\alpha | (a_\alpha, T(a)) \in \theta\} \geq a$. Also $TG(b) \geq b$ for each $b \in B$. Thus $\langle T, G \rangle$ is a Galois connection.

Observe that in Lemma 3.3 $(a, b) \in \theta$ is maximal in θ iff $a = GT(x), b = T(x)$ for some $x \in A$.

Proof of Theorem 1.3. For every $T \in A \otimes B$ let $\sigma(T) = \theta$ be given by (5), and for every $\theta \in K(A, B)$ let $\eta(\theta) = T: A \rightarrow B$ be given by (6). By Lemmas 2.3, 3.3 $\sigma: A \otimes B \rightarrow K(A, B)$ while $\eta: K(A, B) \rightarrow A \otimes B$. For each $a \in A$ we have $\eta\sigma(T)(a) = \bigvee \{b | (a, b) \in \sigma(T)\} = \bigvee \{b | T(a) \geq b\} = T(a)$, hence $\eta\sigma(T) = T$ holds.

For $\theta \in K(A, B)$, $\sigma\eta(\theta) = \{(a, b) | \eta(\theta)(a) \geq b\} = \{(a, b) | \bigvee_\alpha \{b_\alpha | (a, b_\alpha) \in \theta\} \geq b\}$. If $(a, b) \in \theta$ then clearly $(a, b) \in \sigma\eta(\theta)$. Conversely, $(a, b) \in \sigma\eta(\theta)$ implies $b \leq \bigvee_\alpha b_\alpha$ where $(a, b_\alpha) \in \theta$, and by (i), (ii) in Definition 1.3 $(a, b) \in \theta$. It follows that $\sigma\eta(\theta) = \theta$. σ is thus one-to-one and onto with $\sigma^{-1} = \eta$. Both σ and η are easily shown to be order-preserving and the proof is completed.

4. Let $\Gamma \subseteq A \times B$ be given where A, B are complete lattices. The minimal G -ideal θ of $A \times B$ which contains Γ can be constructively described as follows: θ is the semi-ideal generated by the “closure” of $\{\Gamma, (0, 1), (1, 0)\}$ with respect to the property described in (ii) Definition 1.3. We call θ the G -ideal generated by Γ . Accordingly, the binary relation $\Gamma \subseteq A \times B$ generates the Galois connection $\langle T, T^* \rangle$ between the complete lattices A and B if $\theta = \{(a, b) | T(a) \geq b\}$ is the G -ideal generated by Γ .

More generally, $\Gamma \subseteq A \times B$ generates the Galois connection $\langle T, T^* \rangle$ between the posets A and B , if Γ embedded in $\nu(A) \times \nu(B)$ generates $\langle \nu(T), \nu(T^*) \rangle$ (see §2).

REMARK 1.4. It is important to observe that for every Galois connection $\langle T, T^* \rangle$ between the posets A and B there is at least one binary relation $\Gamma \subseteq A \times B$ generating it, namely, $\Gamma = \{(a, b) | T(a) \geq b\}$.

By Theorems 1.2, 1.3 we get:

COROLLARY 1.4 $\Gamma \subseteq A \times B$ generates the Galois connection $\langle T, T^* \rangle$ between the posets A and B iff T is the minimal element of $A \otimes B$ which satisfies $T(a) \geq b$ for every $(a, b) \in \Gamma$.

For a given set $\Gamma \subseteq A \times B$ we determine the Galois connection $\langle \tilde{T}, \tilde{T}^* \rangle$ between $\nu(A)$ and $\nu(B)$ generated by Γ , by constructing the minimal G -ideal of $\nu(A) \times \nu(B)$ which contains Γ . $\langle \tilde{T}, \tilde{T}^* \rangle$ may be restricted to a Galois connection between A and B in case it satisfies (3) (Corollary 2.2). By letting Γ pass over all subsets of $A \times B$, all Galois connections between the posets A and B are determined.

The procedure presented here extends the one given by Birkhoff ([1], p. 122): If $\langle T, T^* \rangle$ is the Galois connection between $A = 2^M$ and $B = 2^N$ generated by $\rho \subseteq M \times N$ in Birkhoff’s sense then T is the minimal element of $A \otimes B$ satisfying $T(p) \geq q$ for each $(p, q) \in \rho$. Therefore (Corollary 1.4) $\langle T, T^* \rangle$ is also generated by ρ , embedded in $A \times B$, in our sense.

For completely distributive complete lattices we have:

LEMMA 1.4. Let A, B be completely distributive, complete lattices. Then the G -ideal of $A \times B$ generated by $\Gamma \subseteq A \times B$ equals

$$\theta = \{(x, y) | x \leq \bigwedge_{\alpha \in \Omega} \bigvee_{\beta \in B_\alpha} a_{\alpha\beta}, y \leq \bigvee_{\alpha \in \Omega} \bigwedge_{\beta \in B_\alpha} b_{\alpha\beta}\},$$

where

$$(a_{\alpha\beta}, b_{\alpha\beta}) \in \Gamma \cup (0, 1) \cup (1, 0)\}.$$

Proof. Since θ is conained in each G -ideal which contains Γ , it suffices to show that θ is a G -ideal. (i), (iii) in Definition 1.3 are obvious, while (ii) can be easily proved by using the complete distributivity of both A and B .

COROLLARY 2.4. *If $\{\theta_\alpha\}$, $\alpha \in \Omega$, is a family of G -ideals of $A \times B$, where A and B are completely distributive complete lattices, then $\bigvee_\alpha \theta_\alpha$ the G -ideal generated by $\bigcup_\alpha \theta_\alpha$ satisfies*

$$(7) \quad \bigvee_\alpha \theta_\alpha = \{(x, y) | x \leq \bigwedge_{i \in I} \bigvee_{\alpha \in \Omega} a_\alpha^i, y \leq \bigvee_{i \in I} \bigwedge_{\alpha \in \Omega} b_\alpha^i,$$

where $(a_\alpha^i, b_\alpha^i) \in \theta_\alpha$ for each $i \in I\}$.

The results presented above can be applied to either residuated or residual mappings. In particular, every residuated (residual) mapping $T: A \rightarrow B$, A, B complete lattices is uniquely determined by a set $\sigma(T) = \theta \subseteq A \times B$, namely, $\theta = \{(a, b) | T(a) \leq b\}$ ($= \{(a, b) | T(a) \geq b\}$ resp.) such that:

- (i) $(a, b) \in \theta$ and $x \leq a, y \geq b$ ($x \geq a, y \leq b$ resp.) implies $(x, y) \in \theta$;
- (ii) if $\{(a_\alpha, b_\alpha)\} \subseteq \theta$ then $(\bigvee_\alpha a_\alpha, \bigvee_\alpha b_\alpha) \in \theta$
and $(\bigwedge_\alpha a_\alpha, \bigwedge_\alpha b_\alpha) \in \theta$;
- (iii) $(0, 0) \in \theta, (1, 1) \in \theta$.

Call $\theta \subseteq A \times B$ a G -relation if it satisfies unbracketed properties (i), (ii), (iii) listed above. The following observation was made by M. F. Janowitz. If $\theta_1 = \sigma(T_1) \subseteq A \times B, \theta_2 = \sigma(T_2) \subseteq B \times C$ are G -relations then $\sigma(T_1) \circ \sigma(T_2) = \{(a, c) | (a, b) \in \sigma(T_1), (b, c) \in \sigma(T_2) \text{ for some } b \in B\}$ is a G -relation of $A \times C$, and $\sigma(T_1) \circ \sigma(T_2) = \sigma(T_1 \cdot T_2)$. Consequently, σ embeds the semigroup of residuated mappings on the complete lattice A into the semigroup of binary relations on A .

5. We now study order-theoretic properties of $A \otimes B$. Firstly observe that $T_1 \leq T_2$ in $A \otimes B$ iff $T_1^* \leq T_2^*$ in $B \otimes A$. This follows by the equivalence of $T(p) \geq q$ with $T^*(q) \geq p$. Since $(T^*)^* = T$ in $A \otimes B$ we have the well-known

THEOREM 1.5 $A \otimes B \cong B \otimes A$, for any two posets A, B .

For A, B bounded posets let the mapping $L_b^a: A \rightarrow B, a \in A, b \in B$ be defined by:

$$L_b^a(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x = 0 \\ b & 0 < x \leq a \\ 0 & x \not\leq a \end{cases}$$

One can easily prove:

LEMMA 1.5. *Let A, B be bounded posets. Then: (i) $L_b^a \in A \otimes B$ with $(L_b^a)^* = L_a^b$ (ii) $T \in A \otimes B$ satisfies $T(a) \geq b$ iff $T \geq L_b^a$.*

By Remark 1.4, Corollary 1.4, and Lemma 1.5 we get

THEOREM 2.5. *Let A, B be bounded posets. Every $T \in A \otimes B$ can be represented as a l.u.b. of some set $\{L_{b_\alpha}^{a_\alpha}\} \subseteq A \otimes B, \alpha \in I$.*

For complete lattices this result is independently proved in [11]. If A, B are bounded posets, $A \otimes B$ is also bounded with $0 = L_0^0 = L_b^0, a \in A, b \in B$ and $1 = L_1^1$. The proof of the following lemma is straight-forward.

LEMMA 2.5. *Let A, B be bounded posets. Then:*

(i) $L_b^a \leq L_{\hat{b}}^{\hat{a}}$ iff $a \leq \hat{a} \in A, b \leq \hat{b} \in B$, when a, b are non-zero;

(ii) if $\bigvee_\alpha a_\alpha = a, \bigvee_\beta b_\beta = b$ then $\bigvee_{\alpha, \beta} L_{b_\beta}^{a_\alpha} = L_b^a$;

(iii) if $\bigwedge_\alpha a_\alpha = a, \bigwedge_\alpha b_\alpha = b$ then $\bigwedge_\alpha L_{b_\alpha}^{a_\alpha} = L_b^a$.

Now put $L_b = L_b^1 \in A \otimes B$, where $b \in B$. By Lemma 1.5 we can put $L_a^* = L_1^a \in A \otimes B$, where $a \in A$. Note that by Lemma 2.5:

(8) $\text{if } \bigwedge_\alpha b_\alpha = b (\bigvee_\alpha b_\alpha = b) \text{ in } B$

then

$$\bigwedge_\alpha L_{b_\alpha} = L_b (\bigvee_\alpha L_{b_\alpha} = L_b) \text{ in } A \otimes B.$$

A similar result holds for the mappings $L_a^*, a \in A$. Also

(9) $L_b^a = L_{1 \wedge b}^{a \wedge 1} = L_1^a \wedge L_b^1 = L_a^* \wedge L_b$

In connection with (9) note:

LEMMA 3.5 *Let A, B be bounded posets. The mapping $E_b^a: A \rightarrow B, a \in A, b \in B$, defined by:*

$$E_b^a(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \leq a \\ b & x \not\leq a \end{cases}$$

belongs to $A \otimes B$ with $(E_b^a)^* = E_a^b$ and

$$(10) \quad E_b^a = L_a^* \vee L_b.$$

The proof is omitted. Using Lemma 2.5, (8), (9), (10) we conclude:

THEOREM 3.5. *The mappings $a \rightarrow L_a^*$, $b \rightarrow L_b$ embed the bounded posets A, B resp. in $A \otimes B$. Under these embeddings;*

- (i) *l.u.b.s. and g.l.b.s. are preserved;*
- (ii) *O_A and O_B go into $O_{A \otimes B}$, 1_A and 1_B go into $1_{A \otimes B}$;*
- (iii) *if $a \in A, b \in B$ then their images have both a l.u.b. and a g.l.b.;*
- (iv) *the images of different pairs (a_i, b_i) possess different l.u.b.s. and different g.l.b.s. provided that $a_i \in A, b_i \in B$ are not universal.*

COROLLARY 1.5. *$A \otimes 2 \cong A$, when A is a bounded poset.*

LEMMA 4.5. *If $T = \bigwedge_{\alpha} L_{b_{\alpha}} \in A \otimes B$, with A, B bounded posets, then $T = L_{\bigwedge_{\alpha} b_{\alpha}}$.*

Proof. For each $0 < x_0 \in A, T(x_0) \leq L_{b_{\alpha}}(x_0) = b_{\alpha}$. Hence (Lemma 2.5 (ii)) $L_{T(x_0)}^{(x)} \leq L_{b_{\alpha}}$, and therefore $L_{T(x_0)} \leq T$. For each $0 < x \neq x_0$ in $A, T(x_0) = L_{T(x_0)} \leq T(x)$. Similarly $T(x) \leq T(x_0) = b$ holds and $T = L_b$ follows. $b = \bigvee_{\alpha} b_{\alpha}$ is easily verified.

Note that by Lemma 4.5 and Theorem 1.5 $T = \bigwedge_{\alpha} L_{a_{\alpha}}^*$ in $A \otimes B$ implies $T = L_{\bigwedge_{\alpha} a_{\alpha}}^*$.

6. It seems interesting to ask which properties of A, B are inherited by $A \otimes B$. In [7] an example is given of two bounded lattices A, B for which $A \otimes B$ is not a lattice. However, if A, B are complete lattices so is $A \otimes B$ (Lemma 1.3). Actually, by using Lemma 4.5 and the remark after it we have:

THEOREM 1.6 *Let A, B be bounded posets. $A \otimes B$ is a complete lattice iff A and B are complete lattices.*

We can also prove:

THEOREM 2.6. *Let A, B be bounded posets. $A \otimes B$ is a completely distributive complete lattice iff A and B are completely distributive complete lattices.*

Proof. The “only if” part follows by Theorem 1.6, (8) and the remark following (8). We now prove the “if” part. By Theorem 1.3 it suffices to show that $K(A, B)$, the complete lattice of G -ideals of $A \times B$, is completely distributive. Let $\{\theta_{\alpha\beta}\} \subseteq K(A, B)$ be given. Since

$$\bigwedge_{\alpha \in \Omega} \bigvee_{\beta \in B_\alpha} \theta_{\alpha\beta} \supseteq \bigvee_{\phi \in \Pi B_\alpha} \bigwedge_{\alpha \in \Omega} \theta_{\alpha\phi(\alpha)},$$

we have to prove the reverse inclusion. Assume $(x, y) \in \bigwedge_{\alpha \in \Omega} \bigvee_{\beta \in B_\alpha} \theta_{\alpha\beta}$. By (4) and (7) we have

$$(x, y) \leq (\bigwedge_{\alpha \in \Omega} \bigwedge_{i \in I_\alpha} \bigvee_{\beta \in B_\alpha} x^i_{\alpha\beta}, \bigwedge_{\alpha \in \Omega} \bigvee_{i \in I_\alpha} \bigwedge_{\beta \in B_\alpha} y^i_{\alpha\beta}),$$

where $(x^i_{\alpha\beta}, y^i_{\alpha\beta}) \in \theta_{\alpha\beta}$.

Using the complete distributivity of A, B and the identity

$$\bigwedge_{\alpha \in \Omega} \bigwedge_{\beta \in B_\alpha} a_{\alpha\beta} = \bigwedge_{\phi \in \Pi B_\alpha} \bigwedge_{\alpha \in \Omega} a_{\alpha\phi(\alpha)}$$

we get:

$$\begin{aligned} (x, y) &\leq (\bigwedge_{\psi} \bigwedge_{\alpha \in \Omega} \bigvee_{\beta \in B_\alpha} x^{\psi(\alpha)}_{\alpha\beta}, \bigvee_{\psi} \bigwedge_{\alpha \in \Omega} \bigwedge_{\beta \in B_\alpha} y^{\psi(\alpha)}_{\alpha\beta}) = \\ &= (\bigwedge_{\psi} \bigvee_{\phi \in \Pi B_\alpha} \bigwedge_{\alpha \in \Omega} x^{\psi(\alpha)}_{\alpha\phi(\alpha)}, \bigvee_{\psi} \bigwedge_{\phi \in \Pi B_\alpha} \bigwedge_{\alpha \in \Omega} y^{\psi(\alpha)}_{\alpha\phi(\alpha)}) = (a, b) \end{aligned}$$

By (4), each

$$(\bigwedge_{\alpha \in \Omega} x^{\psi(\alpha)}_{\alpha\phi(\alpha)}, \bigwedge_{\alpha \in \Omega} y^{\psi(\alpha)}_{\alpha\phi(\alpha)})$$

belongs to

$$\bigwedge_{\alpha \in \Omega} \theta_{\alpha\phi(\alpha)}.$$

By (7) it now follows that

$$(x, y) \leq (a, b) \in \bigvee_{\alpha \in \Pi B_\alpha} \bigwedge_{\alpha \in \Omega} \theta_{\alpha\phi(\alpha)},$$

which completes the proof.

COROLLARY 1.6. *If A and B are finite distributive lattices then $A \otimes B$ is distributive.*

Now let $T \in A \otimes B$ be given where A and B are completely distributive, complete lattices. By Theorem 2.5, (8) (9) (10) and Theorem 2.6 we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (11) \quad T &= \bigvee_{\alpha} L_{b_{\alpha}}^{a_{\alpha}} = \bigvee_{\alpha} (L_{a_{\alpha}}^* \wedge L_{b_{\alpha}}) \\
 &= \bigwedge_{J \in 2^I} ((\bigvee_{\alpha \in J} L_{a_{\alpha}}^*) \vee (\bigvee_{\alpha \in I-J} L_{b_{\alpha}})) \\
 &= \bigwedge_{J \in 2^I} (L_{\bigvee_{\alpha \in J} a_{\alpha}}^* \vee L_{\bigvee_{\alpha \in I-J} b_{\alpha}}) \\
 &= \bigwedge_{J \in 2^I} (L_{a_J}^* \vee L_{b_J}) = \bigwedge_{J \in 2^I} E_{b_J}^{a_J}
 \end{aligned}$$

(here 2^I is the power-set of I , $a_J = 0$ if J is empty and $b_J = 0$ if $J = I$). Therefore $\sigma(T)$, the G -ideal of $A \times B$ associated with $\langle T, T^* \rangle$ equals $\{(x, y) \mid \text{either } x \leq a_J \text{ or } y \leq b_J \text{ for each } J\}$. This means that $\langle T, T^* \rangle$ is a tight Galois connection ([13]). (11) relates our characterization of Galois connections to the one given by Raney for completely distributive complete lattices.

We now prove:

THEOREM 3.6. $A \otimes 2^B \cong A^B$ when A is a complete lattice and B a poset.

By [1] p. 56, the complete lattice 2^B of all isotone mappings $T : B \rightarrow 2$ is isomorphic to the set of all dual semi-ideals of B , partially ordered by inclusion. Under this isomorphism $B_f = \{x \mid x \in B, f(x) = 1\}$ corresponds to $f \in 2^B \cdot f_b \in 2^B$ is the characteristic function of $\{x \mid x \geq b\} \subseteq B$, i.e., $f_b(x) = 1$ iff $x \geq b \in B$.

Proof of Theorem 3.6. It suffices to prove that $2^B \otimes A \cong A^B$ (Theorem 1.5). For each $t \in 2^B \otimes A$ let $\sigma(t) : B \rightarrow A$ be defined by $\sigma(t)(b) = t(f_b)$. Since $b \leq \hat{b}$ in B iff $f_{\hat{b}} \geq f_b$ in 2^B and since $t : 2^B \rightarrow A$ is antitone, it follows that $\sigma(t)$ is isotone, i.e., $\sigma : 2^B \otimes A \rightarrow A^B$. For every $T \in A^B$ let $\eta(T) : 2^B \rightarrow A$ be defined by

$$(12) \quad \eta(T)(f) = \bigwedge_{b \in B_f} T(b), \quad f \neq 0 \text{ in } 2^B; \quad \eta(T)(0) = 1.$$

If $\{f_{\alpha}\} \subseteq 2^B$ then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \eta(T) (\bigvee_{\alpha} f_{\alpha}) &= \bigwedge_{b \in \bigcup_{\alpha} B_{f_{\alpha}}} T(b) \\
 &= \bigwedge_{\alpha} \bigwedge_{b \in B_{f_{\alpha}}} T(b) = \bigwedge_{\alpha} \eta(T)(f_{\alpha}).
 \end{aligned}$$

By (1), $\eta(T) \in 2^B \otimes A$ follows, hence $\eta: A^B \rightarrow 2^B \otimes A$. For every $T \in A^B$ and $b \in B$, $\sigma\eta(T)(b) = \eta(T)(f_b) = \bigwedge_{b' \geq b} T(b') = T(b)$; thus $\sigma\eta(T) = T$. Conversely, for each $t \in 2^B \otimes A$, and $f \neq 0$ we get, using (1):

$$\sigma\eta(t)(f) = \bigwedge_{b \in B_f} \sigma(t)(b) = \bigwedge_{b \in B_f} t(f_b) = T(\bigvee_{b \in B_f} f_b) = t(f).$$

Since $\eta\sigma(t)(0) = 1 = t(0)$, we proved that $\eta\sigma(t) = t$. Consequently, σ is one-to-one and onto with $\sigma^{-1} = \eta$. σ and η are easily shown to be isotone, hence A^B and $2^B \otimes A$ are isomorphic.

Theorem 3.6 yields:

COROLLARY 2.6. $2^M \otimes 2^N \cong 2^{M \times N}$, when M, N are posets.

If both M, N are totally disordered posets, $2^M, 2^N$ are the lattices of all subsets of M, N resp., and by Corollary 2.6, $2^M \otimes 2^N$ is the lattice of all binary relations $\rho \subseteq M \times N$ (this is exactly Birkhoff's and Everett's characterization). By Tarski's Theorem ([1] p. 119) this proves the "if" part of

THEOREM 4.6. *Let A, B be bounded posets. $A \otimes B$ is a completely distributive complete Boolean lattice iff A and B are completely distributive Boolean lattices.*

Proof of the "only if" part. Assume $A \otimes B$ is a completely distributive complete Boolean lattice. By Theorems 1.6, 2.6, and by symmetry it suffices to prove that A is complemented. For $a \in A$ let $T = \bigvee_{\alpha} L_{b_{\alpha}}^{a_{\alpha}}$ be the complement of L_a^* in $A \otimes B$. (We may assume $b_{\alpha} \neq 0$ for each α). By (9),

$$0 = L_a^* \wedge \bigvee_{\alpha} L_{b_{\alpha}}^{a_{\alpha}} = \bigvee_{\alpha} L_{b_{\alpha}}^{a \wedge a_{\alpha}}$$

thus $a \wedge a_{\alpha} = 0$ and $a \wedge \bigvee_{\alpha} a_{\alpha} = 0$ follows. Since $L_a^* = L_1^a$, we get (see (11)):

$$1 = L_1^a \vee \bigvee_{\alpha} L_{b_{\alpha}}^{a_{\alpha}} = \bigwedge_{J \in 2^I} E_{b_J}^{a_J}$$

Taking $J = I$, $E_0^{a \vee \bigvee_{\alpha} a_{\alpha}} = 1$ follows. Hence $a \vee \bigvee_{\alpha} a_{\alpha} = 1$, and $\bigvee_{\alpha} a_{\alpha}$ is the complement of a .

7. We discuss here some formal properties of \otimes as a commutative binary operation on posets. Using the G -ideal characterization of $A \otimes B$ we have:

THEOREM 1.7. $A \otimes (B \otimes C) \cong (A \otimes B) \otimes C$, when A, B, C are complete lattices.

This theorem is independently proved in [11] using basically different ideas.

Proof. Let $A \otimes B \otimes C$ denote the set of all subsets $Y \subseteq A \times B \times C$ satisfying:

(i) $(x, y, z) \leq (a, b, c)$, and $(a, b, c) \in Y$ implies $(x, y, z) \in Y$;

(ii) $\{(a_\alpha, b_\alpha, c_\alpha)\} \subseteq Y$ implies

$$(\bigvee_\alpha a_\alpha, \bigwedge_\alpha b_\alpha, \bigwedge_\alpha c_\alpha) \in Y,$$

$$(\bigwedge_\alpha a_\alpha, \bigvee_\alpha b_\alpha, \bigwedge_\alpha c_\alpha) \in Y,$$

$$(\bigwedge_\alpha a_\alpha, \bigwedge_\alpha b_\alpha, \bigvee_\alpha c_\alpha) \in Y;$$

(iii) $(0, 1, 1) \in Y, (1, 0, 1) \in Y, (1, 1, 0) \in Y$. Order $A \otimes B \otimes C$ by inclusion. For any $X \in A \otimes (B \otimes C)$ let $\sigma(X) = \{(a, b, c) \mid (b, c) \in \theta, \text{ and } (a, \theta) \in X \text{ for some } \theta \in B \otimes C\}$. $\sigma(X) \in A \otimes B \otimes C$ is easily verified. If $Y \in A \otimes B \otimes C$, let $Y(a) = \{(b, c) \mid (a, b, c) \in Y\} \in B \otimes C$ and put

$$\eta(Y) = \{(a, \theta) \mid a \in A, \theta \in B \otimes C, \text{ and } \theta \subseteq Y(a)\}.$$

$\eta(Y) \in A \otimes (B \otimes C)$ is easily shown. σ and η are clearly isotone. By using the definitions we get $\eta\sigma(X) = X, \sigma\eta(Y) = Y$, for each $X \in A \otimes (B \otimes C), Y \in A \otimes B \otimes C$. Hence

$$A \otimes (B \otimes C) \cong A \otimes B \otimes C.$$

$(A \otimes B) \otimes C \cong A \otimes B \otimes C$ can be shown in a similar manner

Using Theorem 1.7, 3.6 and 1.5 we get the interesting:

COROLLARY 1.7. $A \otimes B^C \cong A^C \otimes B \cong (A \otimes B)^C$ where A, B are complete lattices and C is a poset.

(this corollary together with Theorems 1.5, 3.6, 1.7 suggests the formal notation $A \otimes B \equiv A^{\log_2 B}$).

Let $\Pi_\alpha A_\alpha$ denote the Cartesian product of the posets A_α , partially ordered pointwise. We then have:

THEOREM 2.7. $A \otimes \Pi_\alpha B_\alpha \cong \Pi_\alpha (A \otimes B_\alpha)$ when A is a complete lattice and the B_α are bounded posets. If the number of posets B_α is finite, it suffices that A be a bounded lattice.

Proof. If $T \in A \otimes \Pi_\alpha B_\alpha$ then $T^\alpha: A \rightarrow B_\alpha$ defined by

$$T^\alpha(a) = \{T(a)\}_\alpha, a \in A,$$

belongs to $A \otimes B_\alpha$ with $(T^\alpha)^*(b_\alpha) = T^*(0, 0, \dots, b_\alpha, 0, \dots)$, $b_\alpha \in B_\alpha$. Let

$\sigma: A \otimes \Pi_\alpha B_\alpha \rightarrow \Pi_\alpha(A \otimes B_\alpha)$ be defined by $[\sigma(T)]_\alpha = T^\alpha$. Conversely, if $t \in \Pi_\alpha(A \otimes B_\alpha)$ then $\eta(t): A \rightarrow \Pi_\alpha B_\alpha$ defined by $[\eta(t)(a)]_\alpha = t_\alpha(a)$, $a \in A$, belongs to $A \otimes \Pi_\alpha B_\alpha$ where

$$\eta(t)^*(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_\alpha, \dots) = \bigwedge_\alpha t_\alpha^*(b_\alpha),$$

for each $(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_\alpha, \dots) \in \Pi_\alpha B_\alpha$. One easily verifies that σ induces the isomorphism between $A \otimes \Pi_\alpha B_\alpha$ and $\Pi_\alpha(A \otimes B_\alpha)$ where $\sigma^{-1} = \eta$.

A certain formal similarity can be noticed between properties of $A \otimes B$ as a product of two posets A and B and those of the tensor product of two linear spaces, with L_b^a playing the part of the generators $a \otimes b$ (Theorems 2.5, 1.2, 1.7, 2.7, and Lemma 2.5). This similarity can be carried further by:

LEMMA 1.7. *For every bipolarized mapping $T: A \times B \rightarrow C$ (see §2), where A, B, C are complete lattices, there exists a unique polarized mapping $t: A \otimes B \rightarrow C$, such that $t(L_b^a) = T(a, b)$, for each $a \in A, b \in B$.*

This lemma also appears independently in [11] with a different proof.

Proof. For each $G = \bigvee_\alpha L_{b_\alpha}^{a_\alpha} \in A \otimes B$ put $t(G) = \bigwedge_\alpha T(a_\alpha, b_\alpha)$. Since $T(0, b) = T(a, 0) = 1$ for each $b \in B, a \in A$, and since

$$T(\bigvee_i a_i, \bigwedge_i b_i) = \bigwedge_i T(a_i, \bigwedge_i b_i) \geq \bigwedge_i T(a_i, b_i)$$

holds for every subset $\{(a_i, b_i)\} \subseteq A \times B$ it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \bigwedge_\alpha T(a_\alpha, b_\alpha) &= \bigwedge \{T(a, b) \mid (a, b) \in \theta, \\ &\text{the } G\text{-ideal of } A \times B \text{ generated by } \{(a_\alpha, b_\alpha)\}\}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $t: A \otimes B \rightarrow C$ is well defined, with $t(L_b^a) = T(a, b)$, $a \in A, b \in B$. By (1) one easily verifies that $t \in (A \otimes B) \otimes C$. (1) also implies the uniqueness of t .

Lemma 1.7 together with Theorem 2.2 yield:

THEOREM 3.7. *For every bipolarized mapping $T: A \times B \rightarrow C$, where $A,$*

B, C are posets there exists a unique polarized mapping $t: \nu(A) \otimes \nu(B) \rightarrow \nu(C)$ such that $t(L_b^a) = T(a, b)$ for each $a \in A \subseteq \nu(A), b \in B \subseteq \nu(B)$.

Since $T: A \rightarrow B$ is residuated if $T \in A \otimes B^D$ it follows that Theorem 3.7 holds also with "polarized" replaced by "residuated."

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