

A PROOF OF SOBOCIŃSKI'S CONJECTURE CONCERNING A
 CERTAIN SET OF LATTICE-THEORETICAL FORMULAS

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In [1], J. Ričan has proven that any algebraic system

$$\mathfrak{A} = \langle A, \cup, \cap \rangle$$

where \cup and \cap are two binary operations defined on the carrier set A , which satisfies the following two postulates

$$A1 \quad [abc]: a, b, c \in A \rightarrow (a \cap b) \cup (a \cap c) = ((c \cap a) \cup b) \cap a$$

and

$$A2 \quad [abc]: a, b, c \in A \rightarrow a = (c \cup (b \cup a)) \cap a$$

is a modular lattice. In [2] (cf. pp. 311-312, Remark I; pp. 313-314, section 2.2; and p. 315, section 5, Remark II), B. Sobociński has proven that if in Ričan's postulate-system we substitute $A2$ by

$$B1 \quad [ab]: a, b \in A \rightarrow a = (b \cup a) \cap a$$

then the resulting system $\{A1; B1\}$ satisfies the conditions of a modular lattice with the probable exception, he conjectures, that the associative laws for \cup and \cap fail to hold.

In this note I shall prove this conjecture using the following algebraic table

\cup	0	α	β	γ	δ	1		\cap	0	α	β	γ	δ	1
0	0	α	β	γ	δ	1		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
α	α	α	β	1	1	1		α	0	α	α	0	0	α
β	β	β	β	γ	δ	1		β	0	α	β	β	β	β
γ	γ	1	γ	γ	1	1		γ	0	0	β	γ	β	γ
δ	δ	1	δ	1	δ	1		δ	0	0	β	β	δ	δ
1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	0	α	β	γ	δ	1

which verifies the axioms $A1$ and $B1$, but falsifies $A2$,

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