A SEMI-LATTICE THEORETICAL CHARACTERIZATION OF ASSOCIATIVE NEWMAN ALGEBRAS

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The aim of this note¹ is to stress a fact which, due to the original formulation of Newman's systems given in [1], can be easily overlooked: an associative Newman algebra can be considered as a semi-lattice with respect to the binary operation \times to which the additional postulates are added concerning the properties of the binary operation + (which is neither a lattice-theoretical join nor a lattice theoretical symmetrical difference) and the unary operation -, i.e., the complementation peculiar to this system. Namely, it will be shown that in the field of the axioms AI-AII the proper axioms of system $\mathfrak D$ of associative Newman algebra, cf. [2], section $\mathfrak J$, i.e., the postulates

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F1 [ab]: a, b \in B . \supseteq . a = a + (b \times \overline{b})

F2 [ab]: a, b \in B . \supseteq . a = a \times (b + \overline{b})

H1 [abc]: a, b, c \in B . \supseteq . a \times (b + c) = (c \times a) + (b \times a)

L1 [abc]: a, b, c \in b . \supseteq . a \times (b \times c) = (a \times b) \times c
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are inferentially equivalent to the following formulas: F1, F2, L1 and

F33
$$[ab]: a, b \in B$$
. $\supset . a \times b = b \times a$
C1 $[abc]: a, b, c \in B$. $\supset . a \times (b + c) = (a \times b) + (a \times c)$

and, moreover, that the idempotent law with respect to operation x, i.e.,

F7
$$[a]: a \in B, \supset a = (a \times a)$$

is a consequence of the axioms F1, F2 and C1.

Proof: In [2], section 3, it has been proved that the formulas F33 and C1 follow from F1, F2, H1 and L1. On the other hand, let us assume F1, F2, L1, F33 and C1. Then:

^{1.} An acquaintance with the papers [1], [2] and [3] is presupposed. An enumeration of the formulas discussed in this note is the same which they have in [3] and [2]. The axioms A1-A11, cf. [3], section 1, will be used tacitly in the deductions presented in this note.