

TWO IDENTITIES FOR LATTICES, DISTRIBUTIVE LATTICES  
 AND MODULAR LATTICES WITH A CONSTANT

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In his paper [3] J. A. Kalman has defined lattices using two identities and six variables. We shall define lattices using two identities and five variables in Theorem 1. In Theorem 2 we shall give an axiom system for lattices with 0 consisting of two identities. J. Sholander's axiom system for distributive lattices with 0 contains three identities (*cf.*, [5]), but our axiom system in Theorem 3 consists of two identities. In Theorem 4 we shall give a definition for distributive lattices with 1 in the Croisot-Sobociński style (*cf.*, [1] and [7]). Finally, as axiom system for modular lattices with 0 shall be given in Theorem 5. In the remarks, axiom systems for lattices, distributive lattices and modular lattices with two constants are given by three identities.

**Theorem 1.** *Any algebraic system  $\langle A; \cdot, + \rangle$  with two binary operations  $\cdot$  and  $+$ , which satisfies the following two identities*

- L1.  $a = ba + a$   
 L2.  $((ab)c + d) + e = ((bc)a + e) + (b + d)d$

*is a lattice*

*Proof:* We can prove it as Kalman has shown in [3] (*cf.*, Theorem 2 in this paper).

**Theorem 2.** *Any algebraic system  $\langle A; \cdot, +, 0 \rangle$  with two binary operations  $\cdot$  and  $+$ , and with a constant 0, which satisfies the following two identities*

- L1.  $a = ba + a$   
 L2'.  $((0 + a)b)c + d + e = ((bc)a + e) + (b + d)d$

*is a lattice with 0.*

*Proof:*

3.  $c + a = (((0 + a)b)c + c) + a = ((bc)a + a) + (b + c)c = a + (b + c)c$   
[L1, L2', L1]  
 4.  $c + a = a + (bc + c)c = a + cc$   
[3, L1]

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5.  $a = aa + a = a + (aa)(aa) = (aa)(aa) + aa = aa$  [L1, 4, 4, L1]
6.  $c + a = a + cc = a + c$  [4, 5]
7.  $a + a = aa + a = a$  [5, L1]
8.  $(b + c)c = (b + c)c + (b + c)c = c + (b + c)c = (b + c)c + c = c$  [7, 3, 6, L1]
9.  $((0 + a)b)c + d + e = ((bc)a + e) + (b + d)d = ((bc)a + e) + d$  [L2', 8]
10.  $(d + a) + e = (a + d) + e = (aa + d) + e = (((0 + a)a)a + d) + e$   
 $= ((aa)a + e) + d = (a + e) + d = d + (a + e)$  [6, 5, 8, 9, 5, 6]
11.  $0 + a = 0 + ((a + a) + a) = ((0 + a) + a) + a$   
 $= (((0 + a)(0 + a))(0 + a) + a) + a$   
 $= (((0 + a)(0 + a))a + a) + a = a + a = a$  [7, 10, 5, 9, L1, 7]
12.  $a0 = (0 + a)0 = (a + 0)0 = 0$  [11, 6, 8]
13.  $((ab)c + d) + e = (((0 + a)b)c + d) + e = ((bc)a + e) + (b + d)e$  [11, L2']

We can prove the remaining part of this proof as Kalman has shown in [3].

**Remark 1.** We define lattices with 1 as the dual of postulates in Theorem 2.

$$L*1. \quad a = (b + a)a$$

$$L*2'. \quad (((1a + b) + c)d)e = (((b + c) + a)e)(bd + d)$$

**Remark 2.** If the system  $\langle A; \cdot; +; 0; 1 \rangle$  satisfies L1, L2', and

$$L3. \quad a1 = a,$$

then it is a lattice with 0 and 1 (cf., [5]).

**Theorem 3.** Any algebraic system  $\langle A; \cdot; +; 0 \rangle$  with two binary operations and +, and with a constant 0, which satisfies the following two identities

$$P1. \quad a = a(a + b)$$

$$P2'. \quad a(b + c) = c(a + 0) + b(a + 0)$$

is a distributive lattice with 0.

*Proof:*

3.  $a = a(a + a) = a(a + 0) + a(a + 0) = a + a$  [P1, P2\*, P1]
4.  $a = a(a + a) = aa$  [P1, 3]
5.  $ab = a(b + b) = b(a + 0) + b(a + 0) = b(a + 0)$  [3, P2', 3]
6.  $a = a(a + 0) = (a + 0)(a + 0) = a + 0$  [P1, 5, 4]
7.  $a(b + c) = c(a + 0) + b(a + 0) = ca + ba$  [P2', 6]
8.  $a0 = a0 + 0 = a0 + 00 = 0(0 + a) = 0$  [6, 4, 7, P1]

We can prove the remaining part of this proof as Sholander has shown in [5].

**Remark 3.** We define distributive lattices with 1 as the dual of postulates in Theorem 3:

$$P^*1. \quad a = a + ab$$

$$P^*2'. \quad a + bc = (c + a1)(b + a1)$$

Remark 4. If the system  $\langle A; \cdot; +; 0, 1 \rangle$  satisfies  $P1$ ,  $P2'$ , and

$$P3. \quad a1 = a,$$

then it is a distributive lattice with 0 and 1 (cf., [5]).

Theorem 4. Any algebraic system  $\langle A; \cdot; +; 1 \rangle$  with two binary operations  $\cdot$  and  $+$ , and with a constant 1, which satisfies the following two identities

$$D1'. \quad a = a(b + 11)$$

$$D2'. \quad a(bb + c1) = ca + ba$$

is a distributive lattice with 1.

Proof:

$$3. \quad a = a(bb + 11) = 1a + ba \quad [D1', D2']$$

$$4. \quad 1 = 11 + b1 \quad [3]$$

$$5. \quad a1 = a(11 + 11) = a \quad [4, D1']$$

$$6. \quad 1 = 11 + b1 = 1 + b \quad [4, 5]$$

$$7. \quad a + 1 = (a + 1)(bb + 11) = 1(a + 1) + b(a + 1) = 1(a + 11) + b(a + 11) \\ = 1 + b = 1 \quad [D1', D2', 5, D1', 6]$$

$$8. \quad a(bb + c) = a(bb + c1) = ca + ba \quad [5, D2']$$

We can prove the remaining part of this proof as Sobociński has shown in [7].

Remark 5. We define distributive lattices with 0 as the dual of postulates in Theorem 4.

$$D^*1'. \quad a = a + b(0 + 0)$$

$$D^*2'. \quad a + (b + b)(c + 0) = (c + a)(b + a)$$

Remark 6. If the system  $\langle A; \cdot; +; 0; 1 \rangle$  satisfies  $D1'$ ,  $D2'$ , and

$$D3. \quad a + 0 = a,$$

then it is a distributive lattice with 0 and 1 (cf., [6]).

Theorem 5. Any algebraic system  $\langle A; \cdot; +; 0 \rangle$  with two binary operations  $\cdot$  and  $+$ , and with a constant 0, which satisfies the following two identities

$$M1. \quad (a + bb)b = b$$

$$M2'. \quad ((0 + a)b)c + ad = (da + cb)a$$

is a modular lattice with 0.

Proof:

$$3. \quad a = (da + aa)a = ((0 + a)a)a + ad \quad [M1, M2']$$

$$4. \quad aa = (((0 + a)a)a + aa)a = a \quad [3, M1]$$

$$5. \quad (a + b)b = (a + bb)b = b \quad [4, M1]$$

$$6. \quad a = ((0 + a)a)a + ad = aa + ad = a + ad \quad [3, 5, 4]$$

$$7. \quad a + a = a + aa = a \quad [4, 6]$$

