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## Semilattice Structure on Pre A\*-Algebra

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**Abstract:** We define a binary operation  $*$  on Pre A\*-algebra and show that  $\langle A, * \rangle$  is a semilattice. We also prove some results on the partial ordering  $\leq$ , induced by semilattice structure  $\langle A, * \rangle$  and a number of equivalent conditions for A to become a Boolean algebra in terms of this partial ordering and binary operation and also find the necessary conditions for  $(A, \leq)$  is a lattice.

**Key words:** Pre A\*-algebra, poset, semilattice, center, boolean algebra

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### INTRODUCTION

The study of lattice theory had been made by Birkhoff (1948). In a draft paper The Equational Theory of Disjoint Alternatives, Manes (1989), introduced the concept of Ada (Algebra of disjoint alternatives)  $(A, \wedge, \vee, (-)', (-)_{\cap}, 0, 1, 2)$  which is however differ from the definition of the Ada of Manes (1993) later paper Adas and the equational theory of if-then-else. While the Ada of the earlier draft seems to be based on extending the If-Then-Else concept more on the basis of Boolean Algebra and the later concept is based on C-algebra  $(A, \wedge, \vee, ')$  introduced by Guzman and Squier (1990).

Koteswara Rao (1994) first introduced the concept A\*-Algebra  $(A, \wedge, \vee, (-)', (-)_{\cap}, 0, 1, 2)$  not only studied the equivalence with Ada, C-algebra, Ada's connection with 3-Ring, Stone type representation but also introduced the concept of A\*-clone, the If-Then-Else structure over A\*-algebra and Ideal of A\*-algebra. Koteswara Rao and Venkateswara Rao (2003) Studied about Boolean Algebras and A\*-algebras and the methods of generating A\*-algebras from Boolean algebras and vice-versa. Koteswara Rao and Venkateswara Rao. (2004) were introduced the concept of Prime Ideals and Congruences in A\*-Algebras. Koteswara Rao and Venkateswara Rao (2005) also obtained a Cayley theorem for A\*-Algebras. Koteswara Rao and Venkateswara Rao (2008) were developed the concept of A\*-Modules and If-Then-Else Algebras over A\*-algebras. Recently Satyanarayana *et al.* (2009) discussed some Structural Compatibilities of Pre A\*-Algebra, Venkateswara Rao (2000) introduced the concept of Pre A\*-algebra  $(A, \wedge, \vee, (-)')$  as the variety generated by the 3-element algebra  $A = \{0, 1, 2\}$  which is an algebraic form of three valued conditional logic. It was proved that the only sub directly irreducible Pre A\*-algebra are either A or two element Boolean algebra  $B = \{0, 1\}$ . Venkateswara Rao *et al.* (2009) generated Pre A\*-algebras from Boolean algebras and defined congruence relation and Ternary operation on A.

In this study, we define a binary operation  $*$  on Pre A\*-algebra A and show that  $\langle A, * \rangle$  is a semilattice. We also prove some properties on the partial ordering  $\leq$ , induced from semilattice structure  $\langle A, * \rangle$ . We also give number of equivalent conditions for A to become a Boolean algebra in terms of this partial ordering  $*$  and partial ordering  $\leq$ .

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**PRELIMINARIES**

**Definition 1**

Boolean algebra is an algebra  $(B, \vee, \wedge, (-)', 0, 1)$  with two binary operations, one unary operation (called complementation) and two nullary operations which satisfies:

- (i)  $(B, \vee, \wedge)$  is a distributive lattice
- (ii)  $x \wedge 0 = 0, x \vee 1 = 1$
- (iii)  $x \wedge x' = 0, x \vee x' = 1$

We can prove that  $x'' = x, (x \vee y)' = x' \wedge y', (x \wedge y)' = x' \vee y'$  for all  $x, y \in B$

**Definition 2**

An algebra  $(A, \wedge, \vee, (-)')$  satisfying

- (a)  $x'' = x, \forall x \in A,$  (b)  $x \wedge x = x, \forall x \in A,$  (c)  $x \wedge y = y \wedge x, \forall x, y \in A,$
  - (d)  $(x \wedge y)' = x' \vee y', \forall x, y \in A,$  (e)  $x \wedge (y \wedge z) = (x \wedge y) \wedge z, \forall x, y, z \in A$
  - (f)  $x \wedge (y \vee z) = (x \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge z), \forall x, y, z \in A,$  (g)  $x \wedge y = x \wedge (x' \vee y), \forall x, y, z \in A,$
- is called a Pre  $A^*$ -algebra.

**Example**

$3 = \{0, 1, 2\}$  with operations  $\wedge, \vee, (-)'$  defined below is a Pre  $A^*$ -algebra.

$\wedge$	0	1	2		$\vee$	0	1	2		$x$	$x'$
0	0	0	2		0	0	1	2		0	1
1	0	1	2		1	1	1	2		1	0
2	2	2	2		2	2	2	2		2	2

**Note 1**

The elements 0, 1, 2 in the above example satisfy the following laws:

- (a)  $2' = 2$  (b)  $1 \wedge x = x$  for all  $x \in 3$
- (c)  $0 \vee x = x$  for all  $x \in 3$  (d)  $2 \wedge x = 2 \vee x = 2$  for all  $x \in 3$ .

**Example**

$2 = \{0, 1\}$  with operations  $\wedge, \vee, (-)'$  defined below is a Pre  $A^*$ -algebra.

$\wedge$	0	1			$\vee$	0	1			$x$	$x'$
0	0	0			0	0	1			0	1
1	0	1			1	0	1			1	0

**Note 2**

- (i)  $(2, \vee, \wedge, (-)')$  is a Boolean algebra. So every Boolean algebra is a Pre  $A^*$  algebra.
- (ii) The identities 1.2(a) and 1.2(d) imply that the varieties of Pre  $A^*$ -algebras satisfies all the dual statements of 1.2(b) to 1.2(g).

**Note 3**

Let  $A$  be a Pre  $A^*$ -algebra then  $A$  is Boolean algebra iff  $x \vee (x \wedge y) = x, x \wedge (x \vee y) = x$  (absorption laws holds)

**Lemma 1**

Every Pre A\*-algebra with 1 satisfies the following laws

- (a)  $x \vee 1 = x \vee x^-$  (b)  $x \wedge 0 = x \wedge x^-$

**Proof**

- (a)  $x \vee 1 = x \vee (x^- \wedge 1) = x \vee x^-$  (since  $x \wedge 1 = x^-$ ,  $\forall x \in A$ )  
 (b)  $x \wedge 0 = x \vee (x^- \vee 0) = x \vee x^-$  (since  $x \vee 0 = x^-$ ,  $\forall x \in A$ )

**Lemma 2**

Every Pre A\*-algebra satisfies the following laws.

- (a)  $x \vee (x^- \vee x) = x$  (b)  $(x \vee x^-) \wedge y = (x \wedge y) \vee (x^- \wedge y)$   
 (c)  $(x \vee x^-) \wedge x = x$  (d)  $(x \vee y) \wedge z = (x \wedge z) \vee (x^- \wedge y \wedge z)$

**Proof**

- (a)  $x \wedge y = x \wedge (x^- \vee y)$   
 $\Rightarrow x \wedge x = x \wedge (x^- \vee y)$   
 $\Rightarrow x^- = x^- \vee (x^- \vee x)$   
 $\Rightarrow x^- = x^- \vee (x \wedge x^-)$   
 $x = x \vee (x^- \wedge x)$   
 (b)  $(x \vee x^-) \wedge y = y \wedge (x \vee x^-) = (y \wedge x) \vee (y \wedge x^-) = (x \wedge y) \vee (x^- \wedge y)$   
 (c)  $(x \vee x^-) \wedge x = (x \wedge x) \vee (x^- \wedge x) = x \vee (x^- \wedge x) = x$   
 (d)  $(x \wedge z) \vee (x^- \wedge y \wedge z) = (x \vee (x^- \wedge y)) \wedge z = (x \wedge (x^- \vee y)) \wedge z = (x \vee y) \wedge z$

**Definition 3**

Let A be a Pre A\*-algebra. An element  $x \in A$  is called central element of A if  $x \vee x^- = 1$  and the set  $\{x \in A \mid x \vee x^- = 1\}$  of all central elements of A is called the centre of A and it is denoted by  $B(A)$ . Note that if A is a Pre A\*-algebra with 1 then  $1, 0 \in B(A)$ . If the centre of Pre A\*-algebra coincides with  $\{0, 1\}$  then we say that A has trivial centre.

**Theorem 1**

Let A be a Pre A\*-algebra with 1, then  $B(A)$  is a Boolean algebra with the induced operations  $\wedge, \vee, (-)^-$

**Proof**

First we prove that  $B(A)$  is a sub algebra of A. Suppose  $x, y \in B(A)$  then  $x \vee x^- = y \vee y^- = 1$ .

If  $x \vee x^- = 1$  then  $x^- \vee (x^-)^- = 1 \Rightarrow x^- \in B(A)$   $(x \vee y) \vee (x \vee y)^- = (x \vee y) \vee 1 = x \vee (y \vee 1) = x \vee (y \vee y^-) = x \vee 1 = x \vee x^- = 1$

Therefore,  $x \vee y \in B(A)$  and hence,  $B(A)$  is sub algebra of A. Also since  $1 \vee 0 = 1, 1 \in B(A)$  and each  $x \in B(A)$ ,  $x \wedge 1 = x \wedge (x \vee x^-) = x$ . Hence, 1 (=  $x \vee x^-$ ), which is an identity for  $\wedge$  in  $B(A)$ .

Then by lemma 2(a),  $x \vee (x^- \wedge x) = x \Rightarrow x \vee 0 = x$  (since  $x \in B(A)$ ,  $x \vee x^- \wedge x = 0$ ). This shows that 0 (=  $x^- \wedge x$ ) is an identity for  $\vee$  in  $B(A)$ . Now we prove that  $x \vee y^- = 1$ . Suppose that  $x \vee y^-$ . By dual of 1.2(g), we have  $x \vee y = x \vee (x^- \wedge y) = x \vee 0 = x$  (since  $x \vee y^- = 1 \Rightarrow x^- \wedge y = 0$ ).

Suppose that  $x \vee y = x$ . Then  $x \vee y^- = x \vee y \vee y^- = x \vee 1 = 1$ . Hence,  $B(A)$  is a Boolean algebra.

**Lemma 3**

Let A be a Pre A\*-algebra with 1,

- (a) If  $y \in B(A)$  then  $x \wedge x^- \wedge y = x \wedge x^-$ ,  $\forall x \in A$   
 (b)  $x \wedge (x \vee y) = x \vee (x \wedge y) = x$  if and only if  $x, y \in B(A)$

**Proof**

If  $x = 2$  then result is clear.  
 If  $x, y \in B(A)$ , then  $x \vee x^c = 1$  ( $x \wedge x^c = 0$ ) and  $y \vee y^c = 1$  ( $y \wedge y^c = 0$ )  
 Now  $x \wedge x \wedge y = 0 \wedge y = 0$  (since  $y \in B(A)$ ) =  $x \in x^c$   
 (b)  $x \wedge (x \vee y) = (x \wedge x) \vee (x \wedge y) = x \vee (x \wedge (x^c \vee y)) = (x \vee x) \wedge (x \vee (x^c \vee y)) = x \wedge (x \vee x^c \vee y) = x \wedge (x \vee x^c) = x$

**Definition 4**

A non -empty set  $A$  equipped with a binary operation  $*$  is called a semilattice if it satisfies the following properties:

- (i)  $x * x = x$  for all  $x \in A$
- (ii)  $x * y = y * x$  for all  $x, y \in A$
- (iii)  $x * (y * z) = (x * y) * z$ , for all  $x, y, z \in A$

**Note 4**

For our purpose we use binary operation  $*$  in a more generalized form to represent the given operation meet.

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**Theorem 2**

Let  $A$  be a Pre A\*-algebra define a binary operation  $*$  on  $A$  by  $x * y = x \wedge y$ , for all  $x, y \in A$  then  $\langle A, * \rangle$  is a semilattice.

**Proof**

$x * x = x \wedge x = x$  for all  $x \in A$   
 For  $x, y \in A$  we have  $x * y = x \wedge y = y \wedge x = y * x$   
 $x * (y * z) = x * (y \wedge z) = x \wedge (y \wedge z) = (x \wedge y) \wedge z = (x * y) * z$ , for all  $x, y, z \in A$   
 Hence,  $\langle A, * \rangle$  is a semilattice.

**Definition 5**

Let  $A$  be a Pre A\*-algebra define a relation  $\leq_*$  on  $A$  by  $x \leq_* y$  iff  $x * y = x$

**Lemma 4**

Let,  $A$  be a Pre A\*-algebra then  $(A, \leq_*)$  is a poset

**Proof**

Since  $x * x = x \wedge x = x$ ,  $x \leq_* x$ , for all  $x \in A$ . Therefore  $\leq_*$  is reflexive. Suppose  $x \leq_* y, y \leq_* z$ , for all  $x, y, z \in A$  then  $x * y = x$  and  $y * z = y$ . Now  $x * z = (x * y) * z = x * (y * z) = x * y = x$ . That is  $x \leq_* z$ , this shows that  $\leq_*$  is Transitive. Let,  $x \leq_*$  and  $y \leq_* x$  for all  $x, y \in A$  then  $x * y = x$  and  $y * x = y \Rightarrow x = y$ . This shows that  $\leq_*$  is anti symmetric. Therefore  $(A, \leq_*)$  is a poset.

**Note 5**

Let  $A$  be a Pre A\*-algebra then  $(A, \leq_*)$  is a poset. We have  $x \leq_* y$  iff  $x * y = x$ , so  $x * y \leq_* y$  for all  $y \in A$  this shows that  $x * y$  is the infimum of  $\{x, y\}$ .

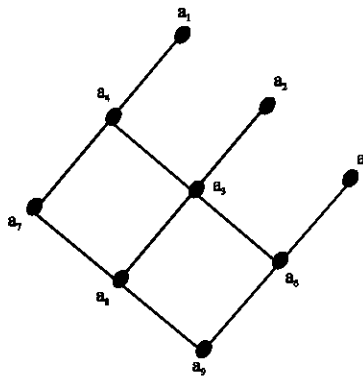
**Note 6**

Let  $A$  be a Pre A\*-algebra with  $0, 1, 2$  then  $x \leq_* 1$  ( $x \wedge 1 = x$  for all  $x \in A$ ) and  $2 \leq_* x$  ( $2 \wedge x = 2$  for all  $x \in A$ ). This gives that  $1$  is the greatest element and  $2$  is the least element of the poset  $(A, \leq_*)$ . The Hasse diagram of the poset  $(A, \leq_*)$  is:



**Note 7**

We have  $A \times A = \{a_1 = (1, 1), a_2 (1, 0), a_3 (1, 2), a_4 (0, 1), a_5 (0, 0), a_6 (0, 2), a_7 (2, 1), a_8 = (2, 0), a_9 (2, 2)\}$  is a Pre  $A^*$ -algebra under point wise operation and  $A \times A$  is having four central elements and remaining are non central elements, among that  $a_9 (2, 2)$  is satisfying the property that  $a_9 \sim = a_9$ . The Hasse diagram is of the poset  $(A \times A, \leq)$  given below:



Observe that,  $x \leq a_1 (x \wedge a_1 = x)$  and  $a_9 \leq x (x \wedge a_9 = a_9)$  for all  $x \in A \times A$ . This shows that  $a_1$  is the greatest element and  $a_9$  is the least element of  $A \times A$ .

**Note 8**

The poset  $(A, \leq_*)$  need not be a join semilattice. For example  $L = \{(2, 1), (1, 2), (2, 0), (0, 2), (2, 2)\}$  is a Pre  $A^*$ -algebra(sub algebra of  $A \times A$ ) and the poset  $(L, \leq_*)$  is not a semilattice because  $\text{Sup} \{(2, 1), (1, 2)\}$  does not exist.

**Lemma 5**

The following conditions hold for any elements  $x$  and  $y$  in a Pre  $A^*$ -algebra  $A$

- (i)  $x \wedge y \leq_* x$
- (ii)  $x \vee y \leq_* x \vee x^*$

**Proof**

- (i) Consider  $(x \wedge y) * x = (x \wedge y) * x = (x \wedge y) \wedge x = x \wedge y$ . Therefore,  $x \wedge y \leq_* x$
- (ii) consider  $(x \vee y) * (x \vee x^*) = (x \vee y) \wedge (x \vee x^*) = x \vee (y \vee x^*) = x \vee y$  (by dual of 1.1g)

Therefore  $x \vee y \leq_* x \vee x^*$

**Lemma 6**

Let  $A$  be a Pre  $A^*$ -algebra then  $*$  is distributive over  $\vee$  and  $\wedge$  i.e.,

- (i)  $x^*(y \vee z) = (x^*y) \vee (x^*z)$   
 (ii)  $x^*(y \wedge z) = (x^*y) \wedge (x^*z)$

**Proof**

- (i)  $(x^*y) \vee (x^*z) = (x \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge z) = x \wedge (y \vee z) = x^*(y \vee z)$   
 (ii)  $(x^*y) \wedge (x^*z) = (x \wedge y) \wedge (x \wedge z) = x \wedge (y \wedge z) = x^*(y \wedge z)$

**Theorem 3**

Let A be a Pre A\*-algebra for any  $x \in A$  then  $x \vee x^-$  is the supremum of  $\{x, x^-\}$  the semilattice  $\langle A, * \rangle$ .

**Proof**

$x^*(x \vee x^-) = x \wedge (x \vee x^-) = x$   
 Therefore  $x \leq x \vee x^-$   
 $x^-(x \vee x^-) = x^- \wedge (x \vee x^-) = x^-$   
 Therefore  $x^- \leq x \vee x^-$   
 $x \vee x^-$  is upper bound of  $\{x, x^-\}$   
 Let, k be the upper bound of  $\{x, x^-\}$   
 $\Rightarrow x \leq k$  and  $x^- \leq k$  that is  $x^*k = x$  and  $x^-*k = x^-$   
 $\Rightarrow x \wedge k = x$  and  $x^- \wedge k = x^-$   
 Now  $k^*(x \vee x^-) = k \wedge (x \vee x^-) = (k \wedge x) \vee (k \wedge x^-) = x \vee x^-$   
 $\therefore x \vee x^- \leq k$   
 Therefore,  $x \vee x^-$  is least upper bound of  $\{x, x^-\}$   
 $\text{Sup } \{x, x^-\} = x \vee x^-$   
 We can easily observe that  $x \wedge x^-$  is the infimum of  $\{x, x^-\}$

**Lemma 7**

In the poset  $(A, \leq)$  and  $x, y \in A$ . If  $x \leq y$ , then for  $a \in A$

- (i)  $a \wedge x \leq a \wedge y$   
 (ii)  $a \vee x \leq a \vee y$

**Proof**

If  $x \leq y$  then  $x^*y = x \Rightarrow x \wedge y = x$   
 $(a \wedge x)^*(a \wedge y) = (a \wedge x) \wedge (a \wedge y) = a \wedge (x \wedge y) = a \wedge x$   
 $\therefore a \wedge x \leq a \wedge y$   
 $(a \vee x)^*(a \vee y) = (a \vee x) \wedge (a \vee y) = a \vee (x \wedge y) = a \vee x$   
 $\therefore a \vee x \leq a \vee y$

**Lemma 8**

Let A be a Pre A\*-algebra for any  $x, y \in A$ ,  $x \wedge y \leq y$  then,  $x \wedge y$  is the lower bound of  $\{x, y\}$

**Proof**

Suppose  $x \wedge y \leq y$  then  $x \wedge y$  is lower bound of y. Now  $(x \wedge y)^*x = (x \wedge y) \wedge x = x \wedge y \Rightarrow x \wedge y \leq x$ .  
 Therefore,  $x \wedge y$  is lower bound of x  
 $\therefore x \wedge y$  is the lower bound of  $\{x, y\}$

**Theorem 4**

Let A be a Pre A\*-algebra for any  $x, y \in A$  then  $\text{Inf } \{x, y\} = x \wedge y$  in the semilattice  $(A, *)$

**Proof**

$(x \wedge y) * x = (x \wedge y) \wedge x = x \wedge y$   
 $\therefore x \leq y \leq x$   
 $(x \wedge y) * y = (x \wedge y) \wedge y = x \wedge y$   
 $\therefore x \wedge y \leq y$   
 $x \wedge y$  is the lower bound of  $\{x, y\}$   
 Suppose  $m$  is the lower bound of  $\{x, y\}$   
 $\Rightarrow m \leq x$  and  $m \leq y$  that is  $m * x = m$  and  $m * y = m$   
 $\Rightarrow m \wedge x = m$  and  $m \wedge y = m$   
 Now  $m * (x \wedge y) = m \wedge (x \wedge y) = (m \wedge x) \wedge y = m \wedge y = m$   
 $m \leq x \wedge y$   
 $\therefore x \wedge y$  is the greatest lower bound of  $\{x, y\}$   
 $\therefore \text{Inf } \{x, y\} = x \wedge y$

**Note 9**

In general for a Pre A\*-algebra A with 1,  $x \vee y$  need not be the least upper bound of  $\{x, y\}$  in  $(A, \leq)$ . For example  $2 \vee x = 2 \wedge x = 2, \forall x \in A$  is not a least upper bound. However we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 5**

In a semilattice  $(A, *)$  with 1, for any  $x, y \in B(A)$  then  $\text{sup } \{x, y\} = x \vee y$

**Proof**

If  $x, y \in B(A)$ , then by lemma definition 3,  $x \wedge (x \vee y) = x$  and  $y \wedge (x \vee y) = y$   
 $\Rightarrow x * (x \vee y) = x$  and  $y * (x \vee y) = y$   
 This shows that  $x \leq$  and  $y \leq x \vee y$   
 Hence,  $x \vee y$  is an upper bound of  $\{x, y\}$ .  
 Suppose  $k$  is an upper bound of  $\{x, y\}$ , then  $x \leq k, y \leq k$  that is  $k * x = x$  and  $k * y = y$   
 $\Rightarrow x \wedge k = x, y \wedge k = y$   
 Now  $k * (x \vee y) = k \wedge (x \vee y) = (k \wedge x) \vee (k \wedge y) = x \vee y$  then  
 Therefore,  $x \vee y \leq k$ .  
 Hence,  $\text{sup } \{x, y\} = x \vee y$

**Theorem 6**

If A is a Pre A\*-algebra and  $x \wedge (x \vee y) = x$ , for all  $x, y \in A$  then  $(A, \leq)$  is a lattice.

**Proof**

By Theorem 4 every pair of elements have infimum.  
 If  $x \wedge (x \vee y) = x$ , for all  $x, y \in A$  then by Theorem 5 every pair of elements have supremum.  
 Hence,  $(A, \leq)$  is a lattice.

**Lemma 9**

Let A be a Pre A\*-algebra then

- (i)  $x \wedge (x * y) = x \wedge y$
- (ii)  $(x * y) \wedge x = x * y$

**Proof**

- (i)  $x \wedge (x * y) = x \wedge (x \wedge y) = x \wedge y$
- (ii)  $(x * y) \wedge x = (x \wedge y) \wedge x = x \wedge y = x * y$



Now we present a number of equivalent conditions for a Pre A\*-algebra become a Boolean algebra.

**Theorem 7**

The following conditions are equivalent for any Pre A\*-algebra  $(A, \wedge, \vee, (-)^\sim)$

- (1) A is Boolean Algebra
- (2)  $x \leq_* x \vee y$  for all  $x, y \in A$
- (3)  $y \leq_* x \vee y$  for all  $x, y \in A$
- (4)  $x \vee y$  is an upper bound of  $\{x, y\}$  in  $(A, \leq_*)$  for all  $x, y \in A$
- (5)  $x \vee y$  is a supremum of  $\{x, y\}$  in  $(A, \leq_*)$  for all  $x, y \in A$
- (6)  $x \vee x^\sim$  is the greatest element in  $(A, \leq_*)$  for every  $x \in A$

**Proof**

**(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)**

Suppose A be a Boolean algebra

Now  $x^*(x \vee y) = x \wedge (x \vee y) = x$  ( by absorption law)

$\therefore x \leq_* x \vee y$

**(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3)**

Suppose  $x \leq_* x \vee y$  then  $x \wedge (x \vee y) = x$  therefore,  $x \wedge (x \vee y) = x$

Now  $y^*(x \vee y) = y \wedge (x \vee y) = y$ . Therefore  $y \leq_* x \vee y$

**(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4)**

Suppose that  $y \leq_* x \vee y \Rightarrow y^*(x \vee y) = y$  therefore,  $y \wedge (x \vee y) = y$

Since  $y \leq_* x \vee y$  then  $x \vee y$  is upper bound of  $y$

Now  $x^*(x \vee y) = x \wedge (x \vee y) = x$  (by supposition)

$x \leq_* x \vee y \Rightarrow x \vee y$  is upper bound of  $x$

$x \vee y$  is an upper bound of  $\{x, y\}$

**(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5)**

Suppose  $x \vee y$  is an upper bound of  $\{x, y\}$

Suppose  $z$  is an upper bound of  $\{x, y\}$ , then  $x \leq_* z, y \leq_* z$  that is  $x^*z = x, y^*z = y$

$\Rightarrow x \wedge z = x, y \wedge z = y$

Now  $z^*(x \vee y) = z \wedge (x \vee y) = (z \wedge x) \vee (z \wedge y) = x \vee y$

Therefore,  $x \vee y \leq_* z$ .

Hence,  $\sup \{x, y\} = x \vee y$

**(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (6)**

Suppose  $\sup \{x, y\} = x \vee y$  then  $x, y \in B(A)$

Now  $\sup \{x \vee x^\sim, y\} = x \vee x^\sim \vee y = x \vee x^\sim$  (by definition 3)

$\Rightarrow y \leq_* x \vee x^\sim$  therefore,  $x \vee x^\sim$  is the greatest element in  $(A, \leq_*)$

**(6)  $\Rightarrow$  (1)**

Suppose  $x \vee x^\sim$  is the greatest element in A then  $y \leq_* x \vee x^\sim$

$\Rightarrow (x \vee x^\sim)^*y = y \Rightarrow (x \vee x^\sim) \wedge y = y$

Now  $y \vee (x \wedge y) = [(x \vee x^\sim) \wedge y] \vee (x \wedge y) = [(x \vee x^\sim) \vee x] \wedge y = (x \vee x^\sim) \vee y = y$  (by supposition)

Therefore, by note 3 we have B is Boolean algebra.

**Theorem 8**

Let  $A$  be a pre  $A^*$ -algebra  $x \wedge x^{\sim}$  is the least element in  $(A, \leq_*)$  for every  $x \in A$  then  $A$  is Boolean algebra

**Proof**

Suppose  $x \wedge x^{\sim}$  is the least element in  $(A, \leq_*)$  then  $x \wedge x^{\sim} \leq_* y \Rightarrow (x \wedge x^{\sim}) * y = x \wedge x^{\sim}$   
 $\Rightarrow (x \wedge x^{\sim}) \wedge y = x \wedge x^{\sim}$

Now  $x \wedge (x \vee y) = [x \vee (x^{\sim} \wedge x)] (x \vee y) = x \vee [(x \wedge x^{\sim}) \wedge y] = x \vee (x \wedge x^{\sim}) = x$  (by supposition)  
 $\therefore x \wedge (x \vee y) = x$ , absorption law holds

By Note 3 we have  $B$  is Boolean algebra.

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