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## Algebraic Structure of Lattices of SK Partitions

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**Abstract:** In the context of Complexity Reduction in Lattice-Based Information Retrieval, the reduction process must preserve the algebraic structure of a lattice. The SK (Sharma-Kaushik)-Lattices are known to be of high applicational value. Hence the present study is aimed at detailing the 'Algebraic Structure of SK-Lattice. In the context of Information-Theoretic approach to coding, the n-tuples of integers are relevant. Therefore, the Algebraic properties are obtained for lattices of SK-partitions, which are characterized as n-tuples of integers. Such lattices are shown to satisfy the Jordan-Dedekind chain condition and the modular-identity. Right residuals and deficits are also considered.

**Key words:** Lattice-based information retrieval, algebraic structure of a lattice, Sharma-Kaushik partition lattices, Jordan-Dedekind chain condition, Modular identity

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### INTRODUCTION

In the context of Complexity Reduction in Lattice-Based Information Retrieval (Ming and Wang, 2005), the reduction process must preserve the algebraic structure of a lattice (Kalinin and Spatzier, 2005; Karen and Vogel, 2005). The SK (Sharma-Kaushik)-Lattices are known to be of high applicational value. Hence the present study is aimed at detailing the algebraic structure of SK-lattice. In the context of Information-Theoretic approach to coding, the n-tuples of integers are relevant. Therefore, the Algebraic properties are obtained for lattices of SK-partitions, which are characterized as n-tuples of integers.

Lattices of sets have been studied to a significant extent. Lachlan (1968) investigated the lattice of recursively enumerable sets and characterized the hh-simple sets as co-infinite r.e. sets whose r.e. sets form a Boolean algebra. The lattice of partitions of a set is also a topic of interest. Haiman (1994) presented a construction realising a continuous partition lattice as a lattice of measurable partitions.

SK-partitions were introduced by Sharma and Kaushik (1977), in connection with metrics in Coding Theory. SK-partitions can be characterized as n-tuples of integers and so a lattice of SK-partitions can hence be considered to be a lattice of sets of n-tuples. We show that a lattice of SK-partitions satisfy the well-known Modular Identity and Jordan-Dedekind Chain Condition (Stern, 1999) and is a cl-semigroup. We also obtain conditions satisfied by the right-residual and deficit of

SK-partitions and present a condition for the existence of a certain right residual. Most of these results are obtained directly by considering the structure of SK-partitions.

### DEFINITIONS AND NOTATION

The following definitions and notations are found in Lattice Theory by Birkhoff (1967).

**Definition:** If  $a$  and  $b$  are elements of a partially ordered set  $P$ , then  $a$  is said to cover  $b$  if  $a < b$  and  $a > x > b$  is not satisfied by any  $x$  in  $P$ .

**Notation:**  $0$  denotes the least element and  $1$  the greatest element of  $P$ .

**Definition:** An element which covers  $0$  is called an atom.

**Definition:** If  $a \geq b$  in a partially ordered set  $P$ , the set of  $x$  satisfying  $a \geq x \geq b$  is called the closed interval  $[b, a]$ . The elements  $x$  satisfying  $a \geq x \geq b$  are said to be between  $a$  and  $b$ .

**Definition:** Intervals which can be written as  $[x \wedge y, x]$  and  $[y, x \vee y]$  are called transposes.

**Definition:** A lattice having the property that every non-empty bounded set has a greatest lower bound and a least upper bound is called conditionally complete.

**Definition:** The modular identity is: If  $x \leq z$ ,  $x \vee (y \wedge z) = (x \vee y) \wedge z$  for elements  $x, y, z$  of a lattice  $L$ .

**Definition:** Jordan-Dedekind chain condition: All finite connected chains between fixed end-points have the same length.

**Definition:** An element of a lattice L is called join irreducible if  $x \vee y = a \Rightarrow x = a$  or  $y = a \forall x, y \in L$ .

**Definition:** A multiplicative lattice or m-lattice is a lattice L with a binary operation satisfying  $a(b \vee c) = ab \vee ac$  and  $(a \vee b)c = ac \vee bc$ .

- A zero of an m-lattice L is an element 0 satisfying  $0 \wedge x = 0x = x0 = 0 \forall x \in L$ .
- A unity of L is an element e satisfying  $ex = xe = x \forall x \in L$ .
- An infinity of L is an element I satisfying  $I \vee x = Ix = xI = I \forall x \in L$ .
- L is called commutative if  $xy = yx \forall x, y \in L$ . L is called associative if  $x(yz) = (xy)z \forall x, y, z \in L$ .

If L is conditionally complete and satisfies the unrestricted distributive laws  $a \vee b_a = \vee (ab_a)$  and  $(\vee a_b)b = \vee (a_b)$ , it is called a complete m-lattice, or cm-lattice. An associative lattice with unity is called a lattice-ordered semigroup or l-semigroup and if complete it is called a cl-semigroup.

**Definition:** Let G be any m-lattice. The right-residual h:k of h by k is the largest x (if it exists) satisfying  $xk \leq h$ ; the left-residual h:k of h by k is the largest y satisfying  $ky \leq h$ .

We will also require the following notations.

**Notation:** We denote the SK-partition  $P = \{B_0, B_1, \dots, B_{m-1}\}$  by  $((1, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{m-1}))$ , where  $b_i = |B_i|$  = number of elements of  $B_i$ ;  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m-1$ .

**Notation:** The set of all SK-partitions will be denoted by  $F_p$  and the set of SK-partitions with m classes will be denoted by  $F_{p,m}$ .

**Definition:** The dimension function d is defined on  $F_p$  by

$$d((1, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{m-1})) = \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \frac{b_j}{2}$$

**THE MODULAR IDENTITY AND JORDAN-DEDEKIND CHAIN CONDITION**

**Lemma 1:** Let  $x, y, a \in F_{p,m} \ni x$  and  $y$  cover  $a$  and  $x \neq y$ . Then  $x \vee y$  covers  $x$  and  $y$ .

**Proof:** Let

$$\begin{aligned} a &= ((1, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{m-1})). \\ x &= ((1, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{m-1})). \\ y &= ((1, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{m-1})). \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Then } \exists u, v \in \{1, 2, \dots, m-1\} \ni a_i = \begin{cases} x_i & , i \neq u \\ x_i - 2 & , i = u \end{cases}$$

and

$$a_i = \begin{cases} y_i & , i \neq v \\ y_i - 2 & , i = v \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Let } x \vee y = ((1, z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{m-1}))$$

$$\text{Then } z_i = \begin{cases} a_i & , i \neq u, v \\ a_u + 2 = x_u & , i = u \\ a_v + 2 = y_v & , i = v \end{cases}$$

$\therefore x_i = a_i = z_i, i \neq u, v; x_i = a_i + 2 = z_i, i = u; x_i + 2 = a_i + 2 = z_i, i = v$ . Hence  $x \vee y$  covers  $x$ . Similarly,  $x \vee y$  covers  $y$ .

**Lemma 2:** Let  $x, y, a \in F_{p,m} \ni a$  cover  $x$  and  $y$  and  $x \neq y$ . Then  $x$  and  $y$  cover  $x \wedge y$ .

**Proof:** Let

$$\begin{aligned} a &= ((1, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{m-1})). \\ x &= ((1, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{m-1})). \\ y &= ((1, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{m-1})). \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Then } \exists u, v \in \{1, 2, \dots, m-1\} \ni a_i = \begin{cases} x_i & , i \neq u \\ x_i + 2 & , i = u \end{cases}$$

$$\text{and } a_i = \begin{cases} y_i & , i \neq v \\ y_i + 2 & , i = v \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Let } x \wedge y = ((1, z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{m-1})) \text{ Then } z_i = \begin{cases} a_i & , i \neq u, v \\ a_i - 2 & , i = u \\ a_i - 2 & , i = v \end{cases}$$

$\therefore x_i = a_i = z_i, i \neq u, v; x_i = a_i - 2 = z_i, i = u; x_i = a_i = z_i + 2, i = v$ . Hence  $x$  covers  $x \wedge y$ . Similarly,  $y$  covers  $x \wedge y$ .

**Theorem 1:**  $(F_{p,m}, \leq_s)$  satisfies the modular identity and the Jordan-Dedekind chain condition.

**Proof:** This follows immediately from Theorem 1 of Lattice Theory by Birkhoff.

**TRANSPOSES**

**Theorem 2:** Let  $[l, x]$  and  $[y, n]$  be intervalles  $\ni$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= ((1, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{m-1})) \\ l &= ((1, l_1, l_2, \dots, l_{m-1})) \\ u &= ((1, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{m-1})) \\ y &= ((1, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{m-1})) \\ x_i &= u_i; i = a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r. \\ l_j &= y_j; j = a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r. \\ x_i &\neq l_i; i = a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r \end{aligned}$$

And

$$\begin{aligned} x_i &= l_i; i \neq a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r, i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m-1\} \\ u_i &= y_i; i \neq a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r, i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m-1\} \\ x_i &\leq y_i; i \neq a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r, i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m-1\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Then, } ((1, 2, 2, \dots, 2, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r)) = ((1, 2, 2, \dots, 2, a_1, a_1, \dots, a_1)) \vee ((1, 2, 2, \dots, 2, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_r))$$

r twos                      r twos                      r + 1 twos

So,  $((1, 2, 2, \dots, 2, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r))$  is not join-irreducible, contradiction. Hence,  $a_1 = a_2$ .

Similarly, it can be established that  $a_2 = a_3 = \dots = a_r$ . Any element of  $F_{p,m}$  can be expressed in terms of join-irreducible elements of  $F_{p,m}$ , as shown in the following theorem.

**Theorem 4:** Let  $\alpha = ((1, a_{11}, a_{12}, \dots, a_{1r_1}, a_{21}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{2r_2}, \dots, a_{s1}, a_{s2}, \dots, a_{sr_s}))$  be an arbitrary element of  $F_{p,m}$ .

Then,

$$\alpha = \bigvee_{i=1}^s ((1, 2, 2, \dots, 2, a_{i1}, a_{i1}, \dots, a_{i1})); t_i \text{ twos,}$$

Where:

$$t_i = \begin{cases} 0 & i = 1 \\ r_1 + r_2 + \dots + r_{i-1} & i = 2, 3, \dots \end{cases}$$

**Proof:** Obvious.

**MULTIPLICATION AND THE RIGHT-RESIDUAL**

**Definition:** Multiplication in  $F_{p,m}$  defined by;

$$((1, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{m-1}))((1, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{m-1})) = \left( \left( 1, \frac{a_1 b_1}{2}, \frac{a_2 b_2}{2}, \dots, \frac{a_{m-1} b_{m-1}}{2} \right) \right)$$

**Theorem 5:**  $(F_{p,m}, \leq_s)$  is a cl-semigroup.

Where,  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r$  are fixed elements of  $\{1, 2, \dots, m-1\}$ . Then,  $[1, x]$  and  $[y, u]$  are transposes.

**Proof:** For  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m-1\} \ni i \neq a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r, l_i = x_i \leq y_i$ . Hence,  $l_i = \min \{x_i, y_i\}$  (1)

For  $i = a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{m-1}, l_i = y_i \leq u_i = x_i$ . Hence,  $l_i = \min \{x_i, y_i\}$ . (2)

From Eq. 1 and 2,  $l = x \wedge y$ . For  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m-1\} \ni i \neq a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r$  with  $u_i = y_i \geq x_i$ .  $\therefore u_i = \max \{x_i, y_i\}$  (3)

For  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m-1\} \ni i = a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{m-1}; u_i = x_i \geq l_i = y_i$ .  $\therefore u_i = \max \{x_i, y_i\}$  (4)

From Eq. 3 and 4,  $u = x \vee y$ .

**JOIN-IRREDUCIBLE ELEMENTS**

**Theorem 3:** Each join-irreducible element of  $(F_{p,m}, \leq_s)$  is of the form  $((1, 2, 2, \dots, 2, a, \dots, a))$ , where  $a \in \{2, 4, 6, \dots\}$ .

**Proof:** Let  $((1, 2, 2, \dots, 2, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r))$  be any join-irreducible element of  $F_{p,m}$ . Suppose that  $a_1 < a_2$ .

**Proof:**

- Clearly the unity  $e$  of  $(F_{p,m}, \leq_s)$  is  $((1, 2, 2, \dots, 2))$ .
- $(F_{p,m}, \leq_s)$  is associative.
- $(F_{p,m}, \leq_s)$  satisfies the unrestrictive distributive laws.
- $(F_{p,m}, \leq_s)$  is conditionally complete, since if  $A$  is a bounded subset of  $F_{p,m}$  then  $\bigvee_{a_i \in A} a_i$  is the least upper bound of  $A$  and  $\bigwedge_{a_i \in A} a_i$  is the greatest lower bound of  $A$ .

**Theorem 6:**  $\forall P, Q \in (F_{p,m}, \leq_s), (P \wedge Q)(P \vee Q) = PQ$

**Proof:** Let  
 $P = ((1, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{m-1}))$   
 $Q = ((1, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{m-1}))$ .

We assume that  $a_i < b_i, i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m-1\}$ .  
 Then the  $(i+1)$ th entry of  $(P \wedge Q)(P \vee Q) = 1/2(a_i)(b_i)$   
 $= (i+1)$ th entry of  $PQ$  (I)  
 Similarly, if  $a_i > b_i$  or  $a_i = b_i$  (I) can still be shown to be true.

**Theorem 7:** Let

$P = ((1, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{m-1}))$   
 $Q = ((1, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{m-1}))$  be elements of  $F_{p,m}$ . Then  
 $\exists R \in F_{p,m} \ni P = QR$  if and only if

- $Q \leq_s P$
- $b_j$  is a divisor of  $2a_j, j = 1, 2, \dots, m-1$
- $\frac{a_1}{b_1} \leq \frac{a_2}{b_2} \leq \dots \leq \frac{a_{m-1}}{b_{m-1}}$

**Proof:** Let Suppose  $P = QR$ , where  $R = ((1, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{m-1}))$

Then,  $((1, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{m-1})) = ((1, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{m-1}))((1, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{m-1}))$

$$\therefore a_j = \frac{b_j c_j}{2}; j = 1, 2, \dots, m-1.$$

$$\therefore b_j = \frac{2}{c_j} a_j \leq a_j, \text{ since } c_j \geq 2$$

- Clearly  $Q \leq P$ .
- Also,  $\frac{2a_j}{b_j} = c_j$  so  $b_j$  is a divisor of  $2a_j$
- Also,  $\frac{a_j}{b_j} = \frac{c_j}{2}$

$$\therefore \frac{a_1}{b_1} \leq \frac{a_2}{b_2} \leq \dots \leq \frac{a_{m-1}}{b_{m-1}}, \text{ since } \frac{c_1}{2} \leq \frac{c_2}{2} \leq \dots \leq \frac{c_{m-1}}{2}$$

Conversely, suppose that the three conditions are true.

$$\text{Let } R = ((1, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{m-1})),$$

Where:

$$c_j = \frac{2a_j}{b_j}$$

Then, clearly  $R \in F_{p,m}$  and  $P = QR$ .

**Theorem 8:** Let  $P, Q$  be as in the above theorem. If  $a_i = kb_i, k \in \{2, 3, \dots\}$ , then  $QR = P$ , where  $R = ((1, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{m-1}))$  and  $c_i = 2k$ .

**Proof:** If  $QR = P$ , then

$$\frac{b_i c_i}{2} = a_i = kb_i$$

Hence,  $c_i = 2k$ .

**Theorem 9:** Let  $P, Q, R$  be as in the above theorem. If  $a_i = b_i^n (n = 2, 3, \dots)$  and  $QR = P$ , then  $c_i = 2b_i^{n-1}$ .

**Proof:** If  $QR = P$ , then

$$\frac{b_i c_i}{2} = a_i = b_i^n.$$

Hence,  $c_i = 2b_i^{n-1}$ .

**THE RIGHT RESIDUAL**

**Theorem 10:** Let

$$P_k = ((1, a_{k1}, a_{k2}, \dots, a_{k(m-1)})); k = 1, 2, \dots, \lambda$$

$$Q = ((1, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{m-1}))$$

be elements of  $(F_{p,m}, \leq_s)$ . Then  $(\wedge P_k): Q$  exists if and only if

$$b_i \leq \min \{a_{1i}, a_{2i}, \dots, a_{(m-1)i}\} \tag{5}$$

**Proof:** Suppose  $(\wedge P_k): Q$  exists. Then  $\exists$  positive, even integers  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{m-1}$  such that  $R = ((1, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{m-1}))$  and

$$RQ \leq \wedge P_k. \text{ Hence } \frac{c_i b_i}{2} \leq \min \{a_{1i}, a_{2i}, \dots, a_{(m-1)i}\}$$

$$\text{and } b_i \leq \min \{a_{1i}, a_{2i}, \dots, a_{(m-1)i}\}$$

Conversely, suppose Eq. 5 is true. Then,

$$\frac{2b_i}{2} \leq 2\min\{a_{i1}, a_{i2}, \dots, a_{(m-1)i}\}. \text{ Hence } TQ \leq \wedge P_k,$$

Where:

$$T = ((1, 2, 2, \dots, 2))$$

Hence,  $(\wedge P_k: Q)$  exists.

**Theorem 11:**

Let

$$P_i = ((1, a_{i1}, a_{i2}, \dots, a_{i(m-1)})), i = 1, 2, \dots, u$$

$$Q = ((1, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{m-1}))$$

$$R = (\wedge P_i : Q) = ((1, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{m-1})) \text{ and}$$

$$R_i = P_i : Q = ((1, c_{i1}, c_{i2}, \dots, c_{i(m-1)})) \text{ Then, } (\wedge P_i) : Q = \wedge (P_i : Q)$$

**Proof:** Since  $R = (\wedge P_i) : Q$ ,  $QR_i \leq P_i \wedge P_2 \wedge \dots \wedge P_u$  and  $c_{11}, c_{21}, \dots, c_{m-1}$  are the largest positive, even integers satisfying:

$$c_1 \leq \frac{2}{b_1} \min\{a_{11}, a_{21}, \dots, a_{(m-1)1}\}$$

$$c_2 \leq \frac{2}{b_2} \min\{a_{12}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{(m-1)2}\}$$

$$\dots; c_{m-1} \leq \frac{2}{b_{m-1}} \min\{a_{1(m-1)}, a_{2(m-1)}, \dots, a_{(m-1)(m-1)}\} \text{ and}$$

$$c_1 \leq c_2 \leq \dots \leq c_{m-1}.$$

Also, since

$$R_i = P_i : Q, QR_i \leq P_i, c_{i1}, c_{i2}, \dots, c_{i(m-1)}$$

are the largest positive even integers satisfying

$$c_{i1} \leq \frac{2a_{i1}}{b_1}; c_{i2} \leq \frac{2a_{i2}}{b_2}; c_{i(m-1)} \leq \frac{2a_{i(m-1)}}{b_{m-1}} \text{ and}$$

$$c_{i1} \leq c_{i2} \leq \dots \leq c_{i(m-1)}.$$

Let

$$d_1 = \min\{c_{11}, c_{21}, \dots, c_{(m-1)1}\}$$

$$d_2 = \min\{c_{12}, c_{22}, \dots, c_{(m-1)2}\}$$

$$d_{m-1} = \min\{c_{1(m-1)}, c_{2(m-1)}, \dots, c_{(m-1)(m-1)}\}$$

We will show that:

$$d_1 \leq \frac{2}{b_1} \min\{a_{11}, a_{21}, \dots, a_{(m-1)1}\} \quad (6)$$

$$d_2 \leq \frac{2}{b_2} \min\{a_{12}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{(m-1)2}\} \quad (7)$$

⋮

$$d_{m-1} \leq \frac{2}{b_{m-1}} \min\{a_{1(m-1)}, a_{2(m-1)}, \dots, a_{(m-1)(m-1)}\} \quad (m+4)$$

$$d_1 \leq d_2 \leq \dots \leq d_{m-1} \quad (m+5)$$

and that  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{m-1}$  are the largest positive, even integers that satisfy Eq. 6, 7, ..., m+5.

Equation (m+5) is obviously true.

Let  $D_1, D_2, \dots, D_{m-1}$  be positive even integers satisfying  $d_1 \leq D_1, d_2 \leq D_2, \dots, d_{m-1} \leq D_{m-1}$ .

$$D_1 \leq \frac{2}{b_1} \min\{a_{11}, a_{21}, \dots, a_{(m-1)1}\}$$

$$D_2 \leq \frac{2}{b_2} \min\{a_{12}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{(m-1)2}\}$$

⋮

$$D_{m-1} \leq \frac{2}{b_{m-1}} \min\{a_{1(m-1)}, a_{2(m-1)}, \dots, a_{(m-1)(m-1)}\} \text{ and}$$

$$D_1 \leq D_2 \leq \dots \leq D_{m-1}.$$

We show by contradiction, that  $d_1 = D_1, d_2 = D_2, \dots, d_{m-1} = D_{m-1}$

Suppose that  $c_{1(m-1)} < D_{m-1}$ .

$$\text{Then } ((1, c_{11}, c_{12}, \dots, c_{1(m-1)})) < ((1, c_{11}, c_{12}, \dots, D_{1(m-1)}))$$

Hence  $((1, c_{11}, c_{12}, \dots, D_{(m-1)}))$  would be  $P : Q$ , not  $((1, c_{11}, c_{12}, \dots, c_{1(m-1)}))$ , contradiction.

$$\therefore c_{1(m-1)} \not\leq D_{m-1}$$

Similarly,  $\therefore c_{1(m-1)} \not\leq D_{m-1}$  for any i.

$$\therefore D_{m-1} \leq \min\{c_{1(m-1)}, c_{2(m-1)}, \dots, c_{(m-1)(m-1)}\} = d_{m-1}$$

Since  $d_{m-1} \leq D_{m-1}$ , this means that  $D_{m-1} = d_{m-1}$ .

Suppose that  $c_{1(m-2)} < D_{m-2}$ .

$$\text{Then } ((1, c_{11}, c_{12}, \dots, c_{1(m-2)}, c_{1(m-1)})) < ((1, c_{11}, c_{12}, \dots, D_{m-2}, c_{1(m-1)}))$$

$$\text{Now } c_{1(m-3)} \leq c_{1(m-2)} < D_{m-2} \leq D_{m-1} = d_{m-1} \leq c_{1(m-1)}.$$

Hence,  $((1, c_{11}, c_{12}, \dots, c_{1(m-1)}))$  is not

$P_i : Q$ , a contradiction.  $\therefore c_{1(m-1)} \not\leq D_{m-2}$

Similarly,  $c_{i(m-2)} \nless D_{m-2}$  for  $i \in \{2, 3, \dots, m-1\} \therefore D_{m-2} \leq \min\{c_{1(m-2)}, c_{2(m-2)}, \dots, c_{(m-1)(m-2)}\} = d_{m-2}$

This means that:  $D_{m-2} = d_{m-2}$ . Continuing like this, we can establish that  $d_i = D_i, \forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m-1\}$ .

Thus, the values we have chosen for  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{m-1}$  are the largest positive, even integers satisfying Eq. 6, 7, ..., (m+5).

Hence,  $c_1 = d_1, c_2 = d_2, \dots, c_{m-1} = d_{m-1} \therefore (\wedge P_i): Q = R = ((1, d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{m-1})) = \wedge R_i = R_i = (P_i : Q)$ .

**Theorem 12:**

Let  $P_i = ((a_{i1}, a_{i2}, \dots, a_{i(m-1)}))$ ;  $i = 1, 2, \dots, h$  and  $Q = ((1, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{m-1}))$  be elements of  $F_{p,m}$  satisfying the following conditions:

- $Q \leq P_i; i = 1, 2, \dots, h$
- $b_j$  is a divisor of  $2a_{ij}; j = 1, 2, \dots, m-1$  and  $i = 1, 2, \dots, h$ .
- $\frac{a_{i1}}{b_1} \leq \frac{a_{i2}}{b_2} \leq \dots \leq \frac{a_{i(m-1)}}{b_{m-1}}$

Then  $\left\{ \left( \prod_{i=1}^h P_i : Q \right) \right\} = \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^h (P_i : Q) \right\} \times Q^{h-1}$

**Proof:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \left( \left( 1, \frac{a_{11}a_{21}\dots a_{h1}}{2^{h-1}}, \frac{a_{12}a_{22}\dots a_{h2}}{2^{h-1}}, \dots, \frac{a_{1(m-1)}a_{2(m-1)}\dots a_{h(m-1)}}{2^{h-1}} \right) : ((1, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{m-1})) \right) \\ &= \left( \left( 1, \frac{a_{11}a_{21}\dots a_{h1}}{2^{h-2}b_1}, \frac{a_{12}a_{22}\dots a_{h2}}{2^{h-2}b_2}, \dots, \frac{a_{1(m-1)}a_{2(m-1)}\dots a_{h(m-1)}}{2^{h-2}b_{m-1}} \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RHS} &= \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^h \left( (1, a_{i1}, a_{i2}, \dots, a_{i(m-1)}) : ((1, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{m-1})) \right) \right\} \times Q^{h-1} \\ &= \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^h \left( \left( 1, \frac{2a_{i1}}{b_1}, \frac{2a_{i2}}{b_2}, \dots, \frac{2a_{i(m-1)}}{b_{m-1}} \right) \right) \right\} \times Q^{h-1} \\ &= \left( \left( 1, \frac{2a_{11}a_{21}\dots a_{h1}}{b_1^h}, \frac{2a_{12}a_{22}\dots a_{h2}}{b_2^h}, \dots, \frac{a_{1(m-1)}a_{2(m-1)}\dots a_{h(m-1)}}{b_{m-1}^h} \right) \right) \times \left( \left( 1, \frac{b_1^{h-1}}{2^{h-2}}, \frac{b_2^{h-1}}{2^{h-2}}, \dots, \frac{b_{m-1}^{h-1}}{2^{h-2}} \right) \right) = \text{LHS} \end{aligned}$$

**THE DEFICIT**

**Definition:** We define the deficit  $h \bullet \bullet k$  of  $h$  by  $k$  as the smallest  $x$ , if it exists, satisfying  $h \leq xk$ .

**Theorem 13:**  $(\vee P_i) \bullet \bullet Q = \vee (P_i \bullet \bullet Q)$

**Proof :**

Let  $P_i = ((1, a_{i1}, a_{i2}, \dots, a_{i(m-1)}))$ ;  $Q = ((1, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{m-1}))$

$R_i = (P_i \bullet \bullet Q) = ((1, c_{i1}, c_{i2}, \dots, c_{i(m-1)}))$ ;  $R = (\vee P_i) \bullet \bullet Q = ((1, r_1, r_2, \dots, r_{m-1}))$  and  $(\vee P_i) \leq RQ$

$\max\{a_{11}, a_{21}, \dots, a_{(m-1)1}\} \leq \frac{r_1 b_1}{2}$ ;  $\max\{a_{12}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{(m-1)2}\} \leq \frac{r_2 b_2}{2}$ ; ...

$\max\{a_{1(m-1)}, a_{2(m-1)}, \dots, a_{(m-1)(m-1)}\} \leq \frac{r_{m-1} b_{m-1}}{2}$  and  $r_1 \leq r_2 \leq \dots \leq r_{m-1}$

Thus,  $P_i \leq R_i Q$ . Also,  $a_{i1} \leq \frac{c_{i1} b_1}{2}$ ;  $a_{i2} \leq \frac{c_{i2} b_2}{2}$ ; ...;  $a_{i(m-1)} \leq \frac{c_{i(m-1)}}{2} b_{m-1}$ .

Let  $V = ((1, d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{m-1})) = \vee(P_i \bullet \bullet Q) = \vee R_i$

$\therefore d_1 = \max\{c_{11}, c_{21}, \dots, c_{(m-1)1}\}$ ;  $d_2 = \max\{c_{12}, c_{22}, \dots, c_{(m-1)2}\}$ ; ...;  $d_{m-1} = \max\{c_{1(m-1)}, c_{2(m-1)}, \dots, c_{(m-1)(m-1)}\}$   
 $d_1 \leq d_2 \leq \dots \leq d_{m-1}$

$$\frac{2}{b_1} \max\{a_{11}, a_{21}, \dots, a_{(m-1)1}\} \leq r_1 \tag{\alpha 1}$$

$$\frac{2}{b_2} \max\{a_{12}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{(m-1)2}\} \leq r_2 \tag{\alpha 2}$$

⋮

$$\frac{2}{b_{m-1}} \max\{a_{1(m-1)}, a_{2(m-1)}, \dots, a_{(m-1)(m-1)}\} \leq r_{m-1} \quad [\alpha(m-1)]; r_1 \leq r_2 \leq \dots \leq r_{m-1}$$

We claim that  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{m-1}$  are the smallest positive even integers satisfying the same inequalities as  $r_1, \dots, r_{m-1}$  namely  $\alpha 1, \alpha 2, \dots, \alpha(m-1)$ .

Suppose  $\exists$  positive even integers  $D_1, D_2, \dots, D_{m-1} \ni D_1 \leq d_1, D_2 \leq d_2, \dots, D_{m-1} \leq d_{m-1}$

$$\frac{2}{b_1} \max\{a_{11}, a_{21}, \dots, a_{(m-1)1}\} \leq D_1 \tag{\beta 1}$$

$$\frac{2}{b_2} \max\{a_{12}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{(m-1)2}\} \leq D_2 \tag{\beta 2}$$

⋮

$$\frac{2}{b_{m-1}} \max\{a_{1(m-1)}, a_{2(m-1)}, \dots, a_{(m-1)(m-1)}\} \leq D_{m-1} \quad [\beta(m-1)]; D_1 \leq D_2 \leq \dots \leq D_{m-1}$$

Suppose that  $D_1 < c_{11}$ ; Consider  $((1, D_1, c_{12}, c_{13}, \dots, c_{1(m-1)}))$ . Now  $D_1 \leq \frac{2}{b_1} a_{11}$ , from  $\beta 1$ .

Hence,  $((1, c_{11}, c_{12}, \dots, c_{1(m-1)}))$  is not  $((P_i : Q))$ , but  $((1, D_1, c_{12}, \dots, c_{1(m-1)}))$  is, contradiction. Thus,  $D_1 \not< c_{11}$ .

Similarly,  $D_1 \not< c_{i1}$ ;  $i = 2, 3, \dots, m-1$ .  $\therefore D_1 \geq d_1$ . Hence  $D_1 = d_1$

Now suppose that  $D_2 < c_{12}$ ; Consider  $((1, c_{11}, D_2, c_{13}, c_{14}, \dots, c_{1(m-1)}))$ .

Clearly  $D_2 \geq \frac{2}{b_2} a_{12}$  and  $c_{11} \leq D_1 \leq D_2 < c_{12} \leq c_{13} \leq c_{14} \leq \dots \leq c_{1(m-1)}$

Hence,  $((1, c_{11}, c_{12}, \dots, c_{1(m-1)}))$  is not  $(P_i : Q)$ , but  $((1, c_{11}, D_2, c_{13}, c_{14}, \dots, c_{1(m-1)}))$  is, contradiction. Thus,  $D_2 \not< c_{12}$ .

Similarly  $D_2 \not< c_{i2}$ ,  $i = 2, 3, \dots, m-1$ .  $\therefore D_2 \geq d_2$ . and  $\therefore D_2 = d_2$ . Continuing like this, we can establish that:

$D_1 = d_1, D_2 = d_2, \dots, D_{m-1} = d_{m-1}$ . Hence  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{m-1}$  are the smallest positive even integers satisfying  $\beta 1, \beta 2, \dots, \beta(m-1)$ .

$\therefore r_1 = d_1, r_2 = d_2, \dots, r_{m-1} = d_{m-1}$ . Hence  $(\vee P_i) \bullet \bullet Q = \vee(P_i \bullet \bullet Q)$ .

**Theorem 14:**  $P \bullet \bullet (\wedge Q_i) = \vee(P \bullet \bullet Q_i)$

**Proof:**

Let  $P = ((1, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{m-1}))$ ;  $Q_i = ((1, b_{i1}, b_{i2}, \dots, b_{i(m-1)}))$ ;  $P \bullet \bullet Q_i = T_i = ((1, t_{i1}, t_{i2}, \dots, t_{i(m-1)}))$ ;

$\vee(P \bullet \bullet Q_i) = T = ((1, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{m-1}))$ ;  $P \bullet \bullet (\wedge Q_i) = S = ((1, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{m-1}))$  Now  $P \leq T_i Q_i$  and so,



$$a_1 \leq \frac{t_{11}b_{11}}{2} \leq t_1 \frac{b_{11}}{2} \leq \frac{t_1}{2} \min\{b_{11}, b_{21}, \dots, b_{(m-1)1}\}; a_2 \leq \frac{t_{12}b_{12}}{2} \leq \frac{t_2 b_{12}}{2} \leq \frac{t_2}{2} \min\{b_{12}, b_{22}, \dots, b_{(m-1)2}\}, \dots;$$

$$a_{m-1} \leq \frac{t_{1(m-1)}b_{1(m-1)}}{2} \leq \frac{t_{m-1}b_{1(m-1)}}{2} \leq \frac{t_{m-1}}{2} \min\{b_{1(m-1)}, b_{2(m-1)}, \dots, b_{(m-1)(m-1)}\}; t_{11} \leq t_{12} \leq \dots \leq t_{1(m-1)}$$

$$\text{Also, } t_1 = \max\{t_{11}, t_{21}, \dots, t_{(m-1)1}\}; t_2 = \max\{t_{12}, t_{22}, \dots, t_{(m-1)2}\}; \dots; t_{m-1} = \max\{t_{1(m-1)}, t_{2(m-1)}, \dots, t_{(m-1)(m-1)}\}.$$

Now  $P \leq S(\wedge Q_i)$ . Hence,  $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{m-1}$  are the smallest positive even integers satisfying:

$$a_1 \leq \frac{s_1}{2} \min\{b_{11}, b_{21}, \dots, b_{(m-1)1}\}; a_2 \leq \frac{s_2}{2} \min\{b_{12}, b_{22}, \dots, b_{(m-1)2}\}; \dots; a_{m-1} \leq \frac{s_{m-1}}{2} \min\{b_{1(m-1)}, b_{2(m-1)}, \dots, b_{(m-1)(m-1)}\}$$

$s_1 \leq s_2 \leq \dots \leq s_{m-1}$ . Let  $D_1 \leq t_1, D_2 \leq t_2, \dots, D_{m-1} \leq t_{m-1}, \exists D_1, D_2, \dots, D_{m-1}$  be positive even integers

$$a_1 \leq \frac{D_1}{2} \min\{b_{11}, b_{21}, \dots, b_{(m-1)1}\} \tag{\lambda 1}$$

$$a_2 \leq \frac{D_2}{2} \min\{b_{12}, b_{22}, \dots, b_{(m-1)2}\} \tag{\lambda 2}$$

⋮

$$a_{m-1} \leq \frac{D_{m-1}}{2} \min\{b_{1(m-1)}, b_{2(m-1)}, \dots, b_{(m-1)(m-1)}\} \quad [\lambda(m-1) \text{ and } D_1 \leq D_2 \leq \dots \leq D_{m-1}]$$

Suppose that  $D_1 < t_{11}$ . Consider  $((1, D_1, t_{12}, \dots, t_{1(m-1)}))$ . This would be  $P \bullet \bullet Q_i$ , not  $T_i$ , contradiction.

Hence  $D_1 \nless t_{11}, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, m-1. \therefore D_1 = t_1$ . Now suppose that  $D_2 < t_{12}$ . Consider,

$$((1, t_{11}, D_2, t_{13}, t_{14}, \dots, t_{1(m-1)})). \text{ Clearly, } a_2 \leq \frac{D_2 b_{12}}{2}, D_2 < t_{12} \leq t_{13} \text{ and } t_{11} \leq t_1 = D_1 \leq D_2.$$

$\therefore ((1, t_{11}, D_2, t_{13}, t_{14}, \dots, t_{1(m-1)}))$  is  $P \bullet \bullet Q_i$ , not  $T_i$ , a contradiction.  $\therefore D_2 \geq t_{12}$

Hence  $D_2 \geq t_2$  and since  $D_2 \leq t_2, D_2 = t_2$ . Continuing like this, we obtain  $D_1 = t_1, D_2 = t_2, \dots, D_{m-1} = t_{m-1}$ .

Hence,  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{m-1}$  are the smallest values of  $D_1, D_2, \dots, D_{m-1}$  satisfying  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_{m-1}$ .

Hence,  $s_1 = t_1, s_2 = t_2, \dots, s_{m-1} = t_{m-1}. \therefore P \bullet \bullet (\wedge Q_i) = \vee (P \bullet \bullet Q_i)$ .

**Theorem 15:**  $P \leq QR$  and  $P \bullet \bullet Q \leq R$  are equivalent.

**Proof:**

Let  $P = ((1, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{m-1}))$ ,  $Q = ((1, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{m-1}))$ ,  $R = ((1, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{m-1}))$  and let  $P \bullet \bullet Q = D$ .

now  $D$  is the smallest element of  $F_p \ni P \leq QD$ . Hence,  $P \leq QR \Leftrightarrow D \leq R \Leftrightarrow P \bullet \bullet Q \leq R$ .

**Theorem 16:** Let  $P \bullet \bullet Q = X$  and let  $R \in F_{p,m} \ni P \leq QR$ . Then,  $X \leq R$

**Proof:**  $X$  is the smallest element of  $F_{p,m}$  satisfying  $P \leq QX$ . We show that  $X$  and  $R$  must be related.

If  $X \nless R$  and  $X \nless R$ , then  $X \wedge R < X$ . Since,  $P \leq QR$  and  $P \leq QX$ ,  $P \leq$

$Q(X \wedge R)$ . Hence,  $X$  is not  $P \bullet \bullet Q$  since  $(X \wedge R) < X$ , contradiction. Hence  $X$  and  $R$  must be related. Hence, clearly  $X \leq R$ .

**Theorem 17:**  $(P \bullet \bullet Q) \bullet \bullet R = P \bullet \bullet (QR)$

**Proof:**

Let  $P \bullet \bullet Q = X$  and  $P \bullet \bullet Q \bullet \bullet R = V$ . Then,  $X$  is the smallest element of  $F_{p,m} \rightarrow P \leq QX$ .

Also,  $V$  is the smallest element of  $F_{p,m} \ni X \leq RV. \therefore P \leq QX \leq QRV$ . Now, suppose that  $W \leq V$  and  $P \leq QRW$ . Then,  $X \leq RW$ .

$\therefore R \leq W$ . Since,  $W \leq V$  this means that  $V = W$ . Hence,  $V$  is the smallest element of  $F_{p,m} \ni P \leq QRW. \therefore V = P \bullet \bullet (QR). \therefore (P \bullet \bullet Q) \bullet \bullet R = V = P \bullet \bullet (QR)$ .

**Theorem 18:**  $(P \bullet \bullet Q) \bullet \bullet R = (P \bullet \bullet R) \bullet \bullet Q$ .

**Proof:** From Theorem 17  $(P \bullet \bullet Q) \bullet \bullet R$  is the smallest element  $T$  of  $F_{p,m}$  satisfying  $P \leq QRT$ .

From Theorem 16  $(P \bullet \bullet R) \bullet \bullet Q$  is the smallest element  $V$  of  $F_{p,m}$  satisfying  $P \leq RQV$ .  
Hence the result.

### CONCLUSIONS

The details characterizing the Algebraic Structures of the SK-Lattices are of immense usefulness in the context of the recently-growing interest in the area of the contemporarily modern Approach to Image Retrieval Based on Concept Lattices, as also in useful reference to Complexity reduction in Lattice-based information retrieval, which requires that the reduction process must preserve the algebraic structure of a lattice (Kalinin and Spatzier, 2005; Karen and Vogel, 2005).

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