

0-ideals in 0-distributive Nearlattice

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Abstract. Some properties of 0-ideals in 0-distributive nearlattices are derived. It is proved that the set of all 0-ideals in a 0-distributive nearlattice forms a distributive lattice under the specially defined operations on it.

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1. Introduction

Cornish [1] introduced the concept of 0-ideal in a distributive lattice and studied their properties with the help of congruence relations. As a generalization of the concept of a distributive lattice, 0-distributive lattices are introduced by Varlet [4]. Recently in [5, 6] the authors have defined 0-distributive nearlattices. As in any abstract algebra, ideals play a vital role in nearlattices. Special types of ideals are introduced and studied in Nearlattices by various authors (See [2,7,8]). Our aim is to introduce and study 0-ideals in 0-distributive Nearlattices. A necessary and sufficient condition for a proper 0-ideal of a 0-distributive nearlattice to be prime is given. Here it is shown that every 0-ideal of a 0-distributive nearlattice is the intersection of all the minimal prime ideals containing it. We also prove that the poset of all 0-ideals under set inclusion forms a distributive nearlattice.

2. Preliminaries

In this article, we collect some basic concepts needed in the sequel for some other non-explicitly stated elementary notions please refer to [5,6].

A nearlattice is a meet semilattice together with the property that any two elements possessing a common upper bound have a supremum. This property is known as the upper bound property. A nearlattice S is called distributive if for all $x, y, z \in S$, $x \wedge (y \vee z) = (x \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge z)$, provided $(y \vee z)$ exists.

A nearlattice S with 0 is called 0-distributive if for all $x, y, z \in S$, with $(x \wedge y) = 0 = (x \wedge z)$ and $y \vee z$ exists imply $x \wedge (y \vee z) = 0$. Of course, every distributive nearlattice S with 0 is 0-distributive. A subset I of a nearlattice S is called a downset if $x \in I$ and for $t \in S$ with $t \leq x$ imply $t \in I$. An ideal I in a nearlattice S is a non-empty subset of S such that it is down set and whenever $a \vee b$ exists for $a, b \in I$ then $a \vee b \in I$.

A proper ideal I in S is called a prime ideal if $a \wedge b \in I$ implies that either $a \in I$ or $b \in I$. A non-empty subset F of S is called a filter if $t \geq a, a \in F$ implies $t \in F$ and if $a, b \in F$ then $a \wedge b \in F$. A proper filter F in S is called prime if $a \vee b$ exists and $a \vee b \in F$ implies either $a \in F$ or $b \in F$. It is easy to prove that F is a filter of S if and only if $S - F$ is a prime down set. Moreover, a prime down set P is a prime ideal if and only if $S - P$ is a prime filter. A proper filter M of a nearlattice S is called maximal if and only if for any filter Q with $Q \supseteq M$ implies either $Q = M$ or $Q = S$. Dually we define a minimal prime ideal (down set).

Let S be a nearlattice with 0. An element a^* is called the pseudo-complement of a if $a \wedge a^* = 0$ and if $a \wedge x = 0$ for some $x \in S$, then $x \leq a^*$. A lattice L with 0 and 1 is called pseudo-complemented if its every element has a pseudo-complement. Since a nearlattice S with 1 is a lattice, so pseudo-complementation is not possible in a general nearlattice. A nearlattice S with 0 is called sectionally pseudo-complemented if the interval $[0, x]$ for each $x \in S$ is pseudo-complemented. For $A \subseteq S$, we denote $A^\perp = \{x \in S/x \wedge a = 0 \text{ for all } a \in A\}$. If S is distributive then clearly A^\perp is an ideal of S . Moreover $A^\perp = \bigcap_{a \in A} \{a^\perp\}$. If A is an ideal, then obviously A^\perp is the pseudo-complement of A in $I(S)$. Therefore, for a distributive nearlattice S with 0, $I(S)$ is pseudo-complemented. For any filter F of S define $F^0 = \{x \in S/x \wedge y = 0, \text{ for some } y \in F\}$. An ideal I in S is called 0-ideal if $I = F^0$ for some filter F in S . For any prime ideal P of S define $0(P) = \{x \in S/x \wedge y = 0 \text{ for some } y \notin P\}$. Note that for any prime ideal P of, $0(P) \subseteq P$. For any non empty subset A of S , the set $A^* = \{x \in S/x \wedge y = 0 \text{ for all } y \in A\}$ is called an annihilator of A in S . An ideal I in S is called an annihilator ideal if $I = I^{**}$. An ideal I in S is called dense in S if $I^* = \{0\}$. An element $x \in S$ is said to be dense in S if, $(x)^* = \{x\}^* = \{0\}$. An ideal I of S is called an α -ideal if $(x)^{**} \subseteq I$ for each $x \in I$.

A 0-distributive nearlattice S with 0 is said to be quasi-complemented if for each $x \in S$, there exists $x' \in S$ such that $x \wedge x' = 0$ and $((x)^* \vee (x')^*)^* = \{0\}$. A 0-distributive nearlattice S with 0 is said to be normal if every prime ideal of S contains a unique minimal prime ideal.

Let $I(S)$ denote the set of all ideals of a 0-distributive nearlattice S with 0, then $(I(S), \wedge, \vee)$ is a distributive lattice where $I \wedge J = I \cap J$ and $I \vee J = \langle I \cup J \rangle$ for any two ideals I and J of S .

3.0-ideal

We begin with the following lemma:

Lemma 3.1. In any 0-distributive nearlattice S with 0, we have

- a) For any filter F of S , F^0 is a down set in S and $F \cap F^0 \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow F = S = F^0$.
- b) If S contains a dense element, then $F^0 = S \Leftrightarrow F = S$, for any filter F of S .
- c) For a filter F of S , $F^0 = \{0\}$ if and only if S has a dense element.
- d) For any prime ideal P of S , $0(P)$ is a down set in S and $0(P) = (S \setminus P)^0$.
- e) For a proper filter F of S , F^0 is contained in some minimal prime ideal of S .
- f) If M is a minimal prime ideal of S containing F^0 , then $M \cap F = \emptyset$ for any filter F of S .

Proof:

- a) Obviously, for any filter F of S , F^0 is a down set in S . Let F be a filter of S such that $F \cap F^0 \neq \emptyset$. Select $x \in F \cap F^0$. $x \in F^0 \Rightarrow x \wedge y = 0$, for some $y \in F$. As $x \in F$ and $y \in F$, $0 = x \wedge y \in F \Rightarrow F = S$ and hence $F^0 = S$.

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b) $F = S \Rightarrow F^0 = S$, obviously. Let $F^0 = S$ and d be a dense element in S . $d \in F^0 \Rightarrow d \wedge f = 0$, for some $f \in F$. As $f \in \{d\}^\perp = \{0\}$, we get $f = 0$. Thus $0 \in F$ and hence $F = S$.

c) Assume that there exists a filter F in S such that $\{0\} = F^0$. But then $(f]^\perp = \{0\}$ for some $f \in F$. This shows that S has a dense element. Conversely, assume that S has a dense element. Then the set D of all dense elements in S is a filter with $D^0 = \{0\}$. Hence the result.

d) Let P be a prime ideal of S . Then $S \setminus P$ is a filter of S . We have $x \in 0(P) \Leftrightarrow x \wedge y = 0$ for some $y \notin P \Leftrightarrow x \wedge y = 0$ for some $y \in S \setminus P \Leftrightarrow x \in (S \setminus P)^0$. Therefore $0(P) = (S \setminus P)^0$.

e) Let F be a proper filter of S . Then F must be contained in some maximal filter say M in S . Then $S \setminus M$ is a minimal prime ideal containing F^0 .

f) Let M be a minimal prime ideal of S containing F^0 . Assume that $M \cap F \neq \emptyset$. Select $x \in M \cap F$. M being minimal prime ideal, there exists $y \notin M$ such that $x \wedge y = 0$. As $x \wedge y = 0$ and $x \in F$ we get $y \in M$; a contradiction. Hence $M \cap F = \emptyset$ ■

Remarks. (1) In 0-distributive nearlattice S for any proper filter F , $F \cap F^0 = \emptyset$.

(2) In a 0-distributive nearlattice S , a proper down set F^0 contains no dense elements.

(3) If S is a 0-distributive nearlattice, then for any filter F of S , F^0 is an ideal in S and for any prime ideal in P of S , $0(P)$ is an ideal in S .

Consider the 0-distributive nearlattice $S = \{0, a, b, c, d, e\}$ as shown by Hasse diagram of Figure 1. The ideal $(a]$ is not a 0-ideal of S . Hence the set Ω of all 0-ideals of S is a subset of the set of all ideals of S . The ideal $(0]$ is a 0-ideal of S which is not prime. The ideals $(b]$ and $(d]$ are prime 0-ideals of S .

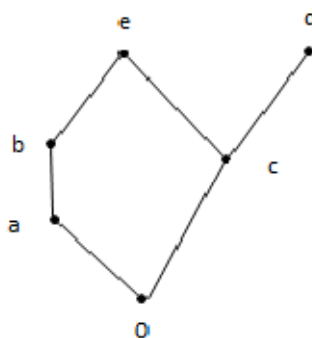


Figure 1:

In general about the 0-ideals of a 0-distributive nearlattice we have

Theorem 3.2. For any 0-distributive nearlattice S , the following statements hold.

- (a)** A proper 0-ideal contains no dense elements.
- (b)** Every prime 0-ideal in S is minimal prime.
- (c)** Every minimal prime ideal in S is a 0-Ideal.
- (d)** Every non dense prime ideal in S is a 0-ideal
- (e)** Every 0-ideal in S is an α -ideal.

(f) If S is quasi-complemented nearlattice, then every prime ideal P not containing any dense element is a 0-ideal

Proof:

(a) Let a proper 0-ideal I contains a dense element d in S . As I is an 0-ideal $I = F^0$ for some filter F in S . But then $d \in F^0 \Rightarrow d \wedge f = 0$ for some $f \in F$. As $f \in \{d\}^\perp = \{0\}$, we get $f = 0$. As $0 \in F, F = S$. Hence $F^0 = S$ (by lemma 3.1(b)). This contradicts the fact that I is proper and the result follows.

(b) Let P be prime 0-ideal in S . Then $P = F^0$ for some proper filter F in S . Select $x \in P = F^0$. Hence $x \wedge f = 0$, for some $f \in F$. If $f \in P$, then $f \in F \cap F^0$. Hence $F \cap F^0 \neq \emptyset$. Then by lemma 3.1(a), $P = F^0 = F = S$ which is not true. Hence $f \notin P$. Therefore P is minimal prime.

(c) Let P be a minimal prime ideal in S , then $S \setminus P$ is a filter of S . Since P is minimal prime ideal in S , we get $P = 0(P)$. Hence $P = (S \setminus P)^0$ (by lemma 3.1(c)). Hence P is a 0-ideal.

(d) Let P be a non-dense prime ideal of S . As $\{P\}^\perp \neq \{0\}$, there exists $0 \neq x \in \{P\}^\perp$. Hence $P \subseteq P^{\perp\perp} \subseteq (x)^\perp$. Now let $y \in (x)^\perp$. Then $x \wedge y = 0 \in P$ and $x \notin P$ imply $y \in P$. Thus $(x)^\perp \subseteq P$. From both the inclusions we get $P = (x)^\perp$. As $(x)^\perp = ([x])^0$, we get $P = ([x])^0$. Therefore P is a 0-ideal of S .

(e) Let I be a 0-ideal in S . Hence there exists a filter F in S such that $I = F^0$. Let $x \in F^0$. Then $x \in (f)^\perp$ for some $f \in F$. Hence $(x)^\perp \subseteq (f)^\perp \subseteq F^0$. This shows that the 0-ideal I in S is an α -ideal.

(f) Let S be a quasi-complemented nearlattice. P be a prime ideal of S with $P \cap D = \emptyset$. Let $x \in P$. Since S is quasi-complemented, there exists $y \in S$ such that $x \wedge y = 0$ and $x \vee y \in D$. But then $y \notin P$ as $P \cap D = \emptyset$. Thus $x \in (S \setminus P)^0$ shows that $P \subseteq (S \setminus P)^0$. As $(S \setminus P)^0 \subseteq P$ always, we get $P = (S \setminus P)^0$ and the result follows. ■

Converse of theorem 3.2(b) need not be true, i.e. every 0-ideal need not be a minimal prime ideal in S . For this consider 0-distributive nearlattice represented in Figure 1. $\{0\}$ is a 0-ideal, but not a prime ideal in S and hence not a minimal prime ideal in S .

Necessary and sufficient condition for a proper 0-ideal of a 0-distributive nearlattice to be prime is proved in the following theorem.

Theorem 3.3. Let I be a proper 0-ideal of a 0-distributive nearlattice S . Then I is prime if and only if it contains a prime ideal.

Proof: If I is a prime ideal, then obviously it contains a minimal prime ideal. Now assume that I contains a prime ideal P but I is not prime. Select $a \notin I, b \notin I$ such that $a \wedge b \in I$. As $P \subseteq I$ and P is prime, we have $a \notin P, b \notin P$ with $a \wedge b \in P$. Thus $(a \wedge b)^\perp \subseteq P \subseteq I$. As I is a 0-ideal of, there exists a filter F in S such that $I = F^0$. Now $a \wedge b \in I = F^0 \Rightarrow a \wedge b \wedge y = 0$ for some $y \in F$. Hence $y \in (a \wedge b)^\perp \subseteq I = F^0 \Rightarrow y \in F \cap F^0 \Rightarrow F \cap F^0 \neq \emptyset$. By Lemma 3.1(a), $F = F^0 = S$. Hence $I = S$, which is absurd. Hence I is prime. I being a prime 0-ideal of S , it is minimal prime, by Theorem 3.2(b). Hence the result. ■

It is well known that every ideal of a 0-distributive nearlattice S cannot be expressed as the intersection of all prime ideals containing it. (a) is an ideal but it cannot be expressed as the intersection of all the prime ideals containing it (ref. Figure 1), but for 0-ideals of a 0-distributive nearlattice S we have the following theorem.

Theorem 3.4. Every 0-Ideal of a 0-distributive nearlattice is the intersection of all minimal prime ideals containing it.

Proof. Let I be a 0-ideal of S . Hence there exists a filter F in S such that $I = F^0$. Define $J = \cap \{M/M \text{ is a minimal prime ideal containing } I\}$. Clearly $I \subseteq J$. Suppose $I \not\subseteq J$. Choose $x \in J$ such that $x \notin I = F^0$. Hence $x \wedge y \neq 0$ for each $y \in F$. Fix up any $y \in F$. $x \wedge y \neq 0 \Rightarrow x \wedge y \in G$, for some maximal filter G of S . $S \setminus G$ is a minimal prime ideal, $y \notin S \setminus G \Rightarrow (y)^\perp \subseteq S \setminus G$. Again we know that $F^0 = \cup \{(f)^\perp / f \in F\}$. Hence $I = F^0 \subseteq S \setminus G$.

This in turn shows that $x \in S \setminus G$, which is absurd. Hence $I = J$ and the result follows. ■

Theorem 3.5. Every proper 0-ideal of a 0-distributive nearlattice S is contained in a minimal prime ideal.

Proof: Let I be a prime 0-ideal in S . Then $I = F^0$ for some proper filter F of S . Clearly $I \cap F = F^0 \cap F = \emptyset$.

Let $\varphi = \{G/G \text{ is a filter of } S \text{ such that } F \subseteq G \text{ and } I \cap G = \emptyset\}$. Clearly $F \in \varphi$ and φ satisfies Zorn's Lemma. Let M be a maximal element of φ . We claim that M is a maximal filter of S . Suppose K is a proper filter of S such that $M \subset K$. By maximality of M and $F \subseteq M \subseteq K$, we get $I \cap K \neq \emptyset$. Select $x \in I \cap K$. As $x \in I = F^0$, $x \wedge y = 0$, for some $y \in F$ but then $x \wedge y = 0 \in K$; a contradiction. Hence F is a maximal filter of S . S being a 0-distributive nearlattice, M is a prime filter. Therefore I is a minimal prime ideal of S such that $I \subseteq S \setminus M$. ■

Immediately by Theorem 3.5 we have the following result.

Corollary 3.6. A proper filter of a 0-distributive nearlattice S is maximal if and only if $S \setminus F$ is a 0-ideal.

Proof: Let F be a maximal filter of S . Then $S \setminus F$ is a minimal prime ideal of S and hence a 0-ideal. Conversely, let $S \setminus F$ be a 0-ideal. Then $S \setminus F$ being a proper 0-ideal, it must be contained in some minimal prime ideal say M of S (by Theorem 3.5). Thus, $S \setminus M \subseteq F$. ■

Theorem 3.7. Intersection of any two 0-ideals in a 0-distributive nearlattice S is a 0-ideal of S .

It is enough to prove that for any two filters F and G of S , $F^0 \cap G^0 = (F \cap G)^0$.

Obviously, $(F \cap G)^0 \subseteq F^0 \cap G^0$. Let $x \in F^0 \cap G^0$, then $x \wedge f = 0$, for some $f \in F$

And $x \wedge g = 0$, for some $g \in G$. As S is 0-distributive $x \wedge (f \vee g) = 0$. As $f \vee g \in (F \cap G)$, we get $x \in (F \cap G)^0$. Thus, $F^0 \cap G^0 \subseteq (F \cap G)^0$. Combining both the results $F^0 \cap G^0 = (F \cap G)^0$. ■

Corollary 3.8. Intersection of any family of 0-ideals in a 0-distributive nearlattice S is a 0-ideal of S .

4. The set Ω of all 0-ideals

Let S be a 0-distributive nearlattice and let Ω denote the poset (Ω, \subseteq) of all 0-ideals of S . In this article we prove that the poset (Ω, \subseteq) need not be a sub lattice of the lattice $(I(S), \wedge, \vee)$ of all ideals in S in general. But under the condition of normality of S the

poset (Ω, \subseteq) will be sub lattice of $(I(S), \wedge, \vee)$. Consider the 0-distributive nearlattice $S = \{0, a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h\}$ as shown in Hasse Diagram of Figure 2.

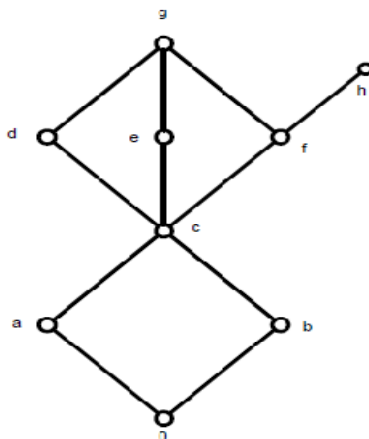


Figure 2:

For the filters $F = [a)$ and $G = [b)$, $[F]^0 \vee [G]^0 = \{0, a, b, c\}$ which is not a 0-ideal of S . As join of two 0-ideals of a 0-distributive nearlattice S is not a 0-ideal of S , the set Ω of all 0-ideals is not the sub-lattice of the lattice $(I(S), \wedge, \vee)$. ■

In the following theorems we prove some properties of 0-ideals in a nearlattice.

Theorem 4.1. The poset (Ω, \subseteq) is a sublattice of the lattice $I(S)$ provided S is a normal 0-distributive nearlattice.

Proof: For any two filters F and G of S , $(F^0 \wedge G^0) = F^0 \cap G^0 = (F \cap G)^0$. (See Theorem 3.7) $F^0 \cap G^0 \in \Omega$. Now we prove that $F^0 \vee G^0 = (F \vee G)^0$. Obviously, $F^0 \vee G^0 \subseteq (F \vee G)^0$. Let $x \in (F \vee G)^0$. Then $x \wedge t = 0$ for some $t \in F \vee G$. Hence $t \geq f \wedge g$ for some $f \in F$ and $g \in G$. Hence, $x \wedge f \wedge g = 0 \Rightarrow x \in (f \wedge g]^\perp \Rightarrow x \in (f]^\perp \vee (g]^\perp$ (Since S is normal) $\Rightarrow x \in F^0 \vee G^0$. Since $(f]^\perp \subseteq F^0$ and $(g]^\perp \subseteq G^0$. Thus, $(F \vee G)^0 \subseteq F^0 \vee G^0$. Combining both the inclusions we get $F^0 \vee G^0 = (F \vee G)^0$. Hence (Ω, \wedge, \vee) is a sub lattice of the lattice $(I(S), \wedge, \vee)$. ■

Theorem 4.2. Let S be a normal lattice. Then for any ideal I which contains a 0-ideal K , there exist the largest 0-ideal containing K and contained in I .

Proof: Define $\beta = \{J/J \text{ is a 0-ideal such that } K \subseteq J \subseteq I\}$. Clearly, $K \in \beta$. Let $\{J_i/i \in \Delta\}$ be a chain in β . Then $\cup \{J_i/i \in \Delta\}$ is a 0-ideal and $K \subseteq \cup J_i \subseteq I$. So by Zorn's lemma β contains a maximal element, say M . We now prove that M is unique. Suppose there exists a maximal element $M_1 \neq M$ in β . Then we have $\subseteq M_1 \vee M \subseteq I$. As S is a normal lattice. $M_1 \vee M \in \beta$ (See Theorem 5.1). But, then $M_1 = M_1 \vee M = M$; and hence the uniqueness. Thus in a normal lattice S , for any ideal I which contains a 0-ideal K , there exists a largest 0-ideal containing K and contained in I . ■

We know that $\{0\}$ is an ideal in a nearlattice S with 0, if it contains a dense element. Hence by Theorem 5.2 it follows the following.

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Corollary 4.3. In a normal lattice S containing dense elements, there exists largest 0-ideals in S .

Corollary 4.4. In a normal nearlattice S , there exist largest 0-ideal/ideals in S .

Theorem 4.5. Let S be a normal nearlattice. If $\{I\alpha/\alpha \in \Delta\}$ is a family of 0-ideals in S , then $\vee I\alpha$ is a 0-ideal of S .

Proof: As $I\alpha$ is a 0-ideal of S , let $I\alpha = F_\alpha^0$ for some filter F_α of S , for each $\alpha \in \Delta$. $F_\alpha^0 \subseteq (\vee F_\alpha)^0$ for each $\alpha \in \Delta \Rightarrow \vee F_\alpha^0 \subseteq (\vee F_\alpha)^0$. Conversely, let $x \in (\vee F_\alpha)^0$. Then $x \wedge t = 0$ for some $t \in (\vee F_\alpha)$. But then $t \geq f_1 \wedge f_2 \wedge f_3 \wedge \dots \wedge f_n$ for some $f_i \in F_i (1 \leq i \leq n)$, n finite. Hence, $x \wedge (f_1 \wedge f_2 \wedge f_3 \wedge \dots \wedge f_n) = 0 \Rightarrow (x \wedge f_1) \wedge (x \wedge f_2) \wedge (x \wedge f_3) \wedge \dots \wedge (x \wedge f_n) = 0$. As S is normal lattice $((x \wedge f_1)]^\perp \vee ((x \wedge f_2)]^\perp \vee \dots \vee ((x \wedge f_n)]^\perp = S$. $x \in S \Rightarrow x \in ((x \wedge f_1)]^\perp \vee ((x \wedge f_2)]^\perp \vee \dots \vee ((x \wedge f_n)]^\perp \Rightarrow x \leq a_1 \vee a_2 \vee \dots \vee a_n$ where $a_i \in ((x \wedge f_i)]^\perp (1 \leq i \leq n)$. Thus $x \wedge f_i \wedge a_i = 0$. ($1 \leq i \leq n$). Hence $x \wedge (\bigwedge_{i=1}^n f_i) \wedge a_i = 0$. As S is 0-distributive, $x \wedge (\bigwedge_{i=1}^n f_i) \wedge (\bigvee_{i=1}^n a_i) = 0$. But then $x \wedge (\bigwedge_{i=1}^n f_i) = 0$ (as $x \leq (\bigvee_{i=1}^n a_i) \Rightarrow x \in ((\bigwedge_{i=1}^n f_i)]^\perp \Rightarrow x \in ((f_1)]^\perp \vee ((f_2)]^\perp \vee \dots \vee ((f_n)]^\perp$ (Since S is a normal lattice) $\Rightarrow x \in F_1^0 \vee F_2^0 \vee \dots \vee F_n^0$ as $(f_i] \subseteq F_i^0 (1 \leq i \leq n)$. This shows that $(\vee F_\alpha) \subseteq (\vee F_\alpha^0)$. Combining both the inclusions we get $\vee I\alpha = \vee F_\alpha^0 = (\vee F_\alpha)^0$, and the result follows. ■

Though the poset (Ω, \subseteq) need not be a sublattice of $I(S)$, interestingly we prove that the poset (Ω, \subseteq) forms a distributive lattice under the special operations \sqcap and \sqcup defined on it.

Theorem 4.6. Let S be a 0-distributive nearlattice with 0. The poset (Ω, \subseteq) forms a distributive lattice on its own.

Proof. Let F and G be any two filters in S .

Claim I. The poset (Ω, \subseteq) is a lattice.

(1) $(F \cap G)^0$ is an infimum of F^0 and G^0 in Ω . Let $K^0 \subseteq G^0$ and $K^0 \subseteq F^0$ for some filter K in S . Hence K^0 is in Ω . Let $x \in K^0$. Then $x \in F^0$ and $x \in G^0$ implies $x \wedge y = 0$ for some $y \in F$ and $x \wedge z = 0$ for some $z \in G$. As S is 0-distributive, $x \wedge (y \vee z) = 0$ but then $x \in (F \cap G)^0$ as $(y \vee z) \in F \cap G$. Hence $K^0 \subseteq (F \cap G)^0$. So $(F \cap G)^0$ is infimum of F^0 and G^0 in Ω . If we denote infimum of F^0 and G^0 by $F^0 \sqcap G^0$ then we have $F^0 \sqcap G^0 = (F \cap G)^0$.

(2) $(F \vee G)^0$ is supremum of F^0 and G^0 in Ω . Let $F^0 \subseteq K^0$ and $G^0 \subseteq K^0$ for some filter K in S . Let $x \in (F \vee G)^0$. $x \wedge f \wedge g = 0$ for some $f \in F$ and $g \in G$. As $x \wedge f \in G^0 \subseteq K^0$, we get $x \wedge k \wedge f = 0$ for some $k \in K$. But then $x \wedge k \in G^0 \subseteq K^0$. Hence $x \wedge k \wedge s = 0$ for some $s \in K$. As $k \wedge s \in K$, we get $x \in K^0$. Therefore $(F \vee G)^0$ is supremum of F^0 and G^0 in Ω . If we denote supremum of F^0 and G^0 in Ω by $F^0 \sqcup G^0$, then we have $F^0 \sqcup G^0 = (F \vee G)^0$ From (1) and (2).

We get the poset (Ω, \subseteq) is a lattice under the binary operations \sqcup, \sqcap defined on it.

Claim II. The lattice (Ω, \sqcap, \sqcup) is a distributive lattice.

Now $x \in F^0 \cap (K \sqcup G)^0 \Rightarrow x \in F^0 \cap (K \vee G)^0 \Rightarrow x \wedge f = 0, x \wedge k = 0$ and $x \wedge g = 0$ for some $f \in F, k \in K$ and $g \in G \Rightarrow x \wedge (f \vee k) = 0$ and $x \wedge (f \vee g) = 0$ (as S is 0-

distributive) $\Rightarrow x \in (F^0 \sqcap K^0)$ and $x \in (F^0 \sqcap G^0)$ (as $f \vee k \in (F^0 \sqcap K^0)$ and $f \vee g \in (F^0 \sqcap G^0) \Rightarrow x \in (F^0 \sqcap K^0) \sqcup (F^0 \sqcap G^0)$ (as $x \wedge (f \vee k \vee g) = 0$) $\Rightarrow F^0 \sqcap (K^0 \sqcup G^0) \subseteq (F^0 \sqcap K^0) \sqcup (F^0 \sqcap G^0)$. As $(F^0 \sqcap K^0) \sqcup (F^0 \sqcap G^0) \subseteq F^0 \sqcap (K^0 \sqcup G^0)$ always, we get $F^0 \sqcap (K^0 \sqcup G^0) = (F^0 \sqcap K^0) \sqcup (F^0 \sqcap G^0)$. Hence (Ω, \sqcap, \sqcup) is a distributive lattice. ■

Corollary 4.7. If a 0-distributive lattice S contains dense elements, then the lattice (Ω, \sqcap, \sqcup) is a bounded, complete distributive lattice.

Proof. The lattice (Ω, \sqcap, \sqcup) is a distributive lattice (by Theorem 4.6). Clearly, $\{0\}$ and S are bounds of the poset (Ω, \subseteq) . Let $\{F_i/i \in \Delta\}$ be any family of filters of S . Then $(\cap F_i)^0 = \cap (F_i^0)$. (See corollary 3.8). Hence the poset (Ω, \subseteq) is a complete lattice. Thus it follows that the lattice (Ω, \sqcap, \sqcup) is a bounded, complete distributive lattice. ■

Corollary 4.8. For a 0-distributive lattice S , the lattice (Ω, \sqcap, \sqcup) is bounded complete distributive lattice.

Any two distinct 0 – ideals I and J are said to be \sqcup co-maximal if $I \sqcup J = S$.

Lemma 4.9. Let S be a 0-distributive lattice. $x \wedge y = 0 \Rightarrow (x]^\perp \sqcup (y]^\perp = S$ for $x, y \in S$. i.e $(x]^\perp, (y]^\perp$ are \sqcup co-maximal.

Proof. As $(x]^\perp = ([x])^0$ and $(y]^\perp = ([y])^0$, we get $(x]^\perp, (y]^\perp \in \Omega$. Now $(x]^\perp \sqcup (y]^\perp = ([x])^0 \sqcup ([y])^0 = ([x] \vee [y])^0 = (x \wedge y)^0 = (x \wedge y)]^\perp = (0]^\perp = S$. ■

In the following theorem we show that any two distinct prime 0-ideals of a 0-distributive lattice S are \sqcup co-maximal.

Theorem 4.10. Any two prime 0-ideals P and Q of a 0-distributive nearlattice S are \sqcup co-maximal.

Proof. Let P and Q be two distinct prime 0-ideals of a nearlattice $S \Rightarrow P$ and Q be two distinct minimal prime 0-ideals of S . Select $a \in P \setminus Q$ and $b \in Q \setminus P$. As $a \in P$ and P is minimal there exists $x \notin P$ such that $x \wedge a = 0$. Similarly for $b \in Q \setminus P$ and there exists $y \notin Q$ such that $y \wedge b = 0$. Now P being a prime ideal, $x \notin P$ and $b \notin P \Rightarrow x \wedge b \notin P$. Similarly, $y \notin Q$ and $a \notin Q \Rightarrow y \wedge a \notin Q$. But then $(x \wedge b]^\perp \subseteq P$ and $(y \wedge a]^\perp \subseteq Q$. Again $(x \wedge b) \wedge (y \wedge a) = (x \wedge a) \wedge (y \wedge b) = 0 \Rightarrow (x \wedge b]^\perp \sqcup (y \wedge a]^\perp = S$ by Lemma 3.12. As $S = (x \wedge b]^\perp \sqcup (y \wedge a]^\perp \subseteq P \sqcup Q$, we get $P \sqcup Q = S$. ■

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