

## Some Properties of 0-distributive Nearlattice

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**Abstract.** In this paper we studied different properties of 0-distributive nearlattice. Here we prove that for a filter  $A$  of  $S$ ,  $A^0 = \{x \in S \mid x \wedge a = 0, \text{ for some } a \in A\}$  is an ideal if and only if  $S$  is 0-distributive. Then we include several characterizations of 0-distributive nearlattice using  $A^0$  where  $A$  is a filter. Finally we show that  $S$  is 0-distributive if and only if for all  $a, b, c \in S$ ,

$$(a \wedge (b \vee c))^{\perp} = (a \wedge b)^{\perp} \cap (a \wedge c)^{\perp} \text{ provided } b \vee c \text{ exists.}$$

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### 1. Introduction

J.C. Varlet [5] has given the definition of a 0-distributive lattice to generalize the notion of pseudocomplemented lattice. By [5], a lattice with 0 is called a 0-distributive lattice if for all  $a, b, c \in L$  with  $a \wedge b = 0 = a \wedge c$  imply  $a \wedge (b \vee c) = 0$ . Then many authors including [1] and [4] studied the 0-distributive properties in lattices and meet semilattices. Recently [6] have studied the 0-distributive property in a nearlattice.

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 in  $S$ . For detailed literature on nearlattices, we refer the reader to consult [2 ] and [3].

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  $x \wedge (y \vee z) = 0$ .

It can be easily proved that it has the following alternative definition:  
 $S$  is *0-distributive* if for all  $x, y, z, t \in S$  with  $x \wedge y = 0 = x \wedge z$  imply  $x \wedge ((t \wedge y) \vee (t \wedge z)) = 0$ ;  $(t \wedge y) \vee (t \wedge z)$  exists by the upper bound property of  $S$ . Of course, every distributive nearlattice  $S$  with  $0$  is *0-distributive*. Figure 1 is an example of a non-modular nearlattice which is *0-distributive*, while Figure 2 gives a modular nearlattice which is not *0-distributive*.

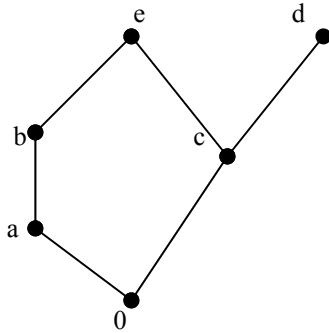


Figure 1

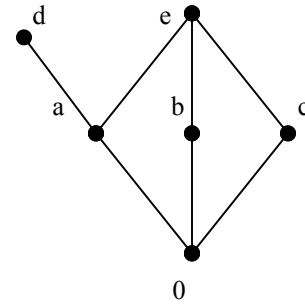


Figure 2

A subset  $I$  of a nearlattice  $S$  is called a *down set* if  $x \in I$  and for  $t \in S$  with  $t \leq x$  imply  $t \in I$ . An *ideal(down set)*  $I$  in a nearlattice  $S$  is a non-empty subset of  $S$  such that it is a 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(down set)* 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  $b \in F$ . In lemma 1, we prove that  $F$  is a filter of  $S$  if and only if  $S - F$  is a prime down set. Moreover, it is easy to shown that 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 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  $L$  be a lattice with  $0$ . An element  $a^*$  is called the *pseudocomplement* of  $a$  if  $a \wedge a^* = 0$  and if  $a \wedge x = 0$  for some  $x \in L$ , then  $x \leq a^*$ . A lattice  $L$  with  $0$  and  $1$  is called *pseudocomplemented* if its every element has a pseudocomplement. Since a nearlattice  $S$  with  $1$  is a lattice, so pseudocomplementation is not possible in a general nearlattice. A nearlattice  $S$  with  $0$  is called sectionally

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pseudocomplemented if the interval  $[0, x]$  for each  $x \in S$  is pseudocomplemented. For  $A \subseteq S$ , we denote  $A^\perp = \{x \in S \mid x \wedge a = 0 \text{ for all } a \in A\}$ . 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 pseudocomplement of  $A$  in  $I(S)$ . Therefore, for a distributive nearlattice  $S$  with 0,  $I(S)$  is pseudocomplemented.

### 2. Some Results

**Lemma 1.** In a nearlattice  $S$ ,  $F$  is a proper filter if and only if  $S - F$  is a prime down set.

**Proof:** Let  $F$  be a proper filter. Let  $x \in S - F$  and  $t \leq x$ . Then  $x \notin F$  and so  $t \notin F$  as  $F$  is a filter. Hence  $t \in S - F$  and so  $S - F$  is a down set.

Now let  $a \wedge b \in S - F$  for some  $a, b \in S$ . Then  $a \wedge b \notin F$ . This implies either  $a \notin F$  or  $b \notin F$  and so either  $a \in S - F$  or  $b \in S - F$ . Therefore  $S - F$  is prime.

Conversely, suppose  $S - F$  is a prime down set. Let  $a \in F$  and  $t \geq a$  ( $t \in S$ ). Then  $a \notin S - F$  and so  $t \notin S - F$  as it is a down set. Thus  $t \in F$  and so  $F$  is an up set. Now let  $a, b \in F$ , then  $a \notin S - F$  and  $b \notin S - F$ . Since  $S - F$  is prime, so  $a \wedge b \notin S - F$ . This implies  $a \wedge b \in F$ , and so  $F$  is a filter. •

**Lemma 2.** Every proper filter of a nearlattice with 0 is contained in a maximal filter.

**Proof.** Let  $F$  be a proper filter in  $S$  with 0. Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the set of all proper filters containing  $F$ . Then  $\mathcal{F}$  is non-empty as  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ . Let  $C$  be a chain in  $\mathcal{F}$  and let  $M = \bigcup \{X \mid X \in C\}$ . We claim that  $M$  is a filter with  $F \subseteq M$ . Let  $x \in M$  and  $y \geq x$ . Then  $x \in X$  for some  $X \in C$ . Hence  $y \in X$  as  $X$  is a filter. Therefore,  $y \in M$ . Let  $x, y \in M$ . Then  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$  for some  $X, Y \in C$ . Since  $C$  is a chain, either  $X \subseteq Y$  or  $Y \subseteq X$ . Suppose  $X \subseteq Y$ . So  $x, y \in Y$ . Then  $x \wedge y \in Y$  as  $Y$  is a filter. Hence  $x \wedge y \in M$ . Moreover  $M$  contains  $F$ . So  $M$  is maximum element of  $C$ . Then by Zorn's lemma  $\mathcal{F}$  has a maximal element, say  $Q$  with  $F \subseteq Q$ . •

Following result trivially follows from lemma 2 and lemma 1

**Corollary 3.** Every prime down set of a nearlattice contains a minimal prime down set. •

**Theorem 4.** Let  $S$  be a nearlattice with 0. Then the following conditions are equivalent.

- (i)  $S$  is 0-distributive.

- (ii) If  $A$  is a non-empty subset of  $S$  and  $B$  is a proper filter intersecting  $A$ , then there is a minimal prime ideal containing  $A^\perp$  and disjoint from  $B$ .
- (iii) For each non-zero element  $a \in S$  and each proper filter  $B$  containing  $a$ , there is a prime ideal containing  $\{a\}^\perp$  and disjoint from  $B$ .
- (iv) For each non-zero element  $a \in S$  and each proper filter  $B$  containing  $a$ , there is a prime filter containing  $B$  and disjoint from  $\{a\}^\perp$ .
- (v) For each non-zero element  $a \in S$  and each prime down set  $B$  not containing  $a$ , there is a prime filter containing  $S - B$  and disjoint from  $\{a\}^\perp$ .

**Proof.** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Suppose (i) holds. Let  $A$  be a non-empty subset of  $S$  and  $B$  is a proper filter such that  $B \cap A \neq \phi$ . By Lemma 1,  $S - B$  is a prime down set and so by corollary 3,  $S - B$  contains a minimal prime down set  $N$ . Clearly  $N \cap B = \phi$ . Also  $S - B \not\supseteq A$  and so  $N \not\supseteq A$ . Then there exists  $p \in A$  such that  $p \notin N$ . Now suppose  $x \in A^\perp$ . Then  $x \wedge a = 0$  for all  $a \in A$ . Thus  $x \wedge p = 0 \in N$ . Since  $N$  is prime and  $p \notin N$ , so  $x \in N$  and so  $A^\perp \subset N$ . Since  $S$  is 0-distributive so by [6, theorem 9],  $N$  is a minimal ideal.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii). Suppose (ii) holds. Now  $\{a\} \subset S$  and suppose  $B$  is a proper filter containing  $a$ . Then  $B \cap \{a\} \neq \phi$ . Thus by (ii) there is a prime ideal containing  $\{a\}^\perp$  and disjoint from  $B$ .

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv) This is trivial as  $P$  is an ideal of a nearlattice  $S$  if and only if  $S - P$  is a prime filter.

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (v) This is trivial by lemma 1.

(v)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Suppose (v) holds and  $a$  be a non-zero element of  $S$ . Then by lemma 1,  $B = S - [a]$  is a prime down set and  $a \notin B$ . Then by (v) there is a prime filter  $Q$  containing  $S - B$  and disjoint from  $\{a\}^\perp$ . Then  $a \in Q$  and so by [6, theorem 9],  $S$  is 0-distributive. ●

For a subset  $A$  of a nearlattice  $S$ , we define

$A^0 = \{x \in S \mid x \wedge a = 0 \text{ for some } a \in A\}$ . It is easy to see that  $A^0$  is a down set. Moreover,  $\{a\}^0 = \{a\}^\perp$ . Now we have the following result.

**Theorem 5.** Let  $S$  be a nearlattice with 0. Then the following conditions are equivalent.

- (i)  $S$  is 0-distributive.

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- (ii)  $A^0$  is an ideal for every filter  $A$  of  $S$ .
- (iii)  $\{a\}^0$  is an ideal.

**Proof.** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Let  $S$  be a 0-distributive. We already know that  $A^0$  is a down set. Now let  $x, y \in A^0$  and  $x \vee y$  exists. Then  $x \wedge a = 0 = y \wedge b$  for some  $a, b \in A$ . Hence  $x \wedge a \wedge b = 0 = y \wedge a \wedge b$ ,  $a \wedge b \in A$  as it is a filter. Thus  $a \wedge b \wedge (x \vee y) = 0$  as  $S$  is 0-distributive. Therefore  $x \vee y \in A^0$  and so  $A^0$  is an ideal.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) This is trivial as  $\{a\}^0 = \{a\}^\perp$ .

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Suppose (ii) holds. Let  $a, b, c \in S$  with  $a \wedge b = 0 = a \wedge c$  and  $b \vee c$  exists. Consider  $[a]$ . Then  $b, c \in [a]^0$ . Since  $[a]^0$  is an ideal so  $b \vee c \in [a]^0$ . Thus  $a \wedge (b \vee c) = 0$ , and hence  $S$  is 0-distributive. •

**Lemma 6.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be filter of a nearlattice  $S$  with  $0$  such that  $A \cap B^0 = \phi$ . Then there is a minimal prime down set  $N$  containing  $B^0$  and  $N \cap A = \phi$ .

**Proof.** Since  $A \cap B^0 = \phi$ , so  $0 \notin A \vee B$ . So  $A \vee B$  is a proper filter of  $S$ . Then by lemma 2,  $A \vee B \subseteq M$  for some maximal filter. Now  $B \subseteq M$  and consequently  $M \cap B^0 = \phi$ . By lemma 1,  $S - M = N$  is a minimal prime down set. Clearly  $B^0 \subseteq N$  and  $N \cap A = \phi$ . •

**Theorem 7.** Let  $S$  be a nearlattice with  $0$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent.

- (i)  $S$  is 0-distributive.
- (ii) If  $A$  and  $B$  are filter of  $S$  such that  $A$  and  $B^0$  are disjoint, there is a minimal prime ideal containing  $B^0$  and disjoint from  $A$ .
- (iii) If  $A$  is a filter of  $S$  and  $B$  is a prime down set containing  $A^0$ , there is a minimal prime ideal containing  $A^0$  and contained in  $B$ .
- (iv) If  $A$  is a filter of  $S$  and  $B$  is a prime down set containing  $A^0$ , there is a prime filter containing and disjoint from  $A^0$ .
- (v) For each non-zero element  $a \in S$  and each prime down set  $B$  containing  $\{a\}^0$ , there is a prime filter containing  $S - B$  and disjoint from  $\{a\}^0$ .

**Proof.** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Suppose (i) holds. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be filter of  $S$  such that  $A \cap B^0 = \phi$ . Then by lemma 2, there is a minimal prime down set  $N$  such that  $N \supseteq B^0$  and  $N \cap A = \phi$ . Since  $S$  is 0-distributive it follows from [6,theorem 9] that  $N$  is a minimal prime ideal.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) Suppose (ii) holds. Let  $A$  be a filter of  $S$  and  $B$  is a prime down set containing  $A^0$ . Then by lemma 1,  $S - B$  is a filter such that  $(S - B) \cap A^0 = \phi$ . Then by (ii) there is a minimal prime ideal containing  $A^0$  and disjoint from  $S - B$ , that is contained in  $B$ .

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv) This is trivial by lemma 1.

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (v) Let  $a$  be a non-zero element of  $S$  and  $B$  be a prime down set containing  $\{a\}^0$ . Let  $A = [a]$ . Then  $B \supset \{a\}^0 = [a]^0 = A^0$ . Then by (iv), there is a prime filter containing  $S - B$  and disjoint from  $\{a\}^0$ .

(v)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Suppose (v) holds and let  $a$  be any non-zero element of  $S$ . By lemma 1,  $S - [a]$  is a prime down set not containing  $a$ . since  $[a] \cap \{a\}^0 = (0) \subset S - [a]$ , it follows that  $S - [a]$  contains  $\{a\}^0$  as  $S - [a]$  is prime. Then by (v), there is a prime filter  $B$  containing  $[a] = S - (S - [a])$  and disjoint from  $\{a\}^0$ . Clearly  $a \in B$ . Hence by [6, theorem 9],  $S$  is 0-distributive. •

We conclude the paper with the following characterizations of 0-distributive nearlattices. To prove this we need the following lemma.

**Lemma 8.** Let  $S$  be a nearlattice with 0. Suppose  $A, B \in I(S)$  and  $a, b \in S$ , then we have the following:

- (i) If  $A \cap B = (0)$ , then  $B \subseteq A^\perp$ .
- (ii)  $A \cap A^\perp = (0)$ .
- (iii)  $a \leq b$  implies  $\{b\}^\perp \subseteq \{a\}^\perp$  and  $\{a\}^{\perp\perp} \subseteq \{b\}^{\perp\perp}$ .
- (iv)  $\{a\}^\perp \cap \{a\}^{\perp\perp} = (0)$
- (v)  $\{a \wedge b\}^{\perp\perp} = \{a\}^{\perp\perp} \cap \{b\}^{\perp\perp}$ .
- (vi)  $\{a\} \subseteq \{a\}^{\perp\perp}$ .
- (vii)  $\{a\}^\perp = \{a\}^{\perp\perp\perp}$ .

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(viii) If  $a \vee b$  exists and  $S$  is 0-distributive, then  $\{a \vee b\}^\perp = \{a\}^\perp \cap \{b\}^\perp$ .

**Proof.** (i) Let  $b \in B$ . Then  $a \wedge b = 0$  for all  $a \in A$  as  $A \cap B = (0]$ . Therefore,  $b \in A^\perp$  and so  $B \subseteq A^\perp$ .

(ii) Let  $x \in A \cap A^\perp$ . Then  $x \in A$  and  $x \wedge a = 0$  for all  $a \in A$ . Thus in particular  $x = x \wedge x = 0$ . Hence  $A \cap A^\perp = (0]$ .

(iii) Let  $a \leq b$ . Suppose  $x \in \{b\}^\perp$ . Then  $x \wedge b = 0$  and  $x \wedge a \leq x \wedge b = 0$  implies  $x \wedge a = 0$ . Thus  $x \in \{a\}^\perp$ . Therefore,  $\{b\}^\perp \subseteq \{a\}^\perp$ . Now let  $x \in \{a\}^{\perp\perp}$ . Then  $x \wedge p = 0$  for all  $p \in \{a\}^\perp$ . Let  $q \in \{b\}^\perp$ . Since  $\{b\}^\perp \subseteq \{a\}^\perp$ , so  $q \in \{a\}^\perp$ . Hence  $x \wedge q = 0$ , which implies  $x \in \{b\}^{\perp\perp}$ . Therefore  $\{a\}^{\perp\perp} \subseteq \{b\}^{\perp\perp}$ .

(iv) Let  $x \in \{a\}^\perp \cap \{a\}^{\perp\perp}$ . Then  $x \in \{a\}^\perp$  and  $x \in \{a\}^{\perp\perp}$ , and so  $x \wedge p = 0$  for all  $p \in \{a\}^\perp$ . Thus in particular  $x = x \wedge x = 0$ , implies  $\{a\}^\perp \cap \{a\}^{\perp\perp} = (0]$ .

(v) Let  $x$  and  $y \in \{a \wedge b\}^\perp$ . Then we have  $(y \wedge a) \wedge b = 0$ , which implies  $y \wedge a \in \{b\}^\perp$ . Since  $x \in \{b\}^{\perp\perp}$ , we get  $(x \wedge y) \wedge a = x \wedge (y \wedge a) = 0$ . This implies  $x \wedge y \in \{a\}^\perp$ . Since  $x \in \{a\}^{\perp\perp}$ , we have  $x \wedge y \in \{a\}^{\perp\perp}$  as  $\{a\}^{\perp\perp}$  is a down set. Thus  $x \wedge y \in \{a\}^{\perp\perp} \cap \{b\}^{\perp\perp} = (0]$ . Hence  $x \wedge y = 0$  for all  $y \in \{a \wedge b\}^\perp$ , which implies  $x \in \{a \wedge b\}^{\perp\perp}$ . Therefore,  $\{a\}^{\perp\perp} \cap \{b\}^{\perp\perp} \subseteq \{a \wedge b\}^{\perp\perp}$ .

Conversely, since  $a \wedge b \leq a, b$ , so by (iii)  $\{a \wedge b\}^{\perp\perp} \subseteq \{a\}^{\perp\perp}$  and  $\{a \wedge b\}^{\perp\perp} \subseteq \{b\}^{\perp\perp}$ . Hence  $\{a \wedge b\}^{\perp\perp} = \{a\}^{\perp\perp} \cap \{b\}^{\perp\perp}$ .

(vi)  $x \in \{a\}^{\perp\perp}$  implies  $x \wedge p = 0$  for all  $p \in \{a\}^\perp$ . Now  $p \in \{a\}^\perp$  implies  $p \wedge a = 0$ . Thus we have  $a \wedge p = 0$  for all  $p \in \{a\}^\perp$ , which implies  $a \in \{a\}^{\perp\perp}$ .

(vii) Since  $\{a\}^\perp \cap \{a\}^{\perp\perp} = (0]$  so by (i)  $\{a\}^\perp \subseteq \{a\}^{\perp\perp\perp}$ .

Conversely, let  $x \in \{a\}^{\perp\perp\perp}$ . Then  $x \wedge p = 0$  for all  $p \in \{a\}^{\perp\perp}$ . But by (vi) we have  $a \in \{a\}^{\perp\perp}$ . Therefore  $x \wedge a = 0$  and so  $x \in \{a\}^\perp$ . Thus  $\{a\}^{\perp\perp\perp} \subseteq \{a\}^\perp$ , and so  $\{a\}^\perp = \{a\}^{\perp\perp\perp}$ .

(viii) Suppose  $S$  is 0-distributive and  $a \vee b$  exists. Since  $a, b \leq a \vee b$  so by

$$(iii) \{a \vee b\}^\perp \subseteq \{a\}^\perp \cap \{b\}^\perp.$$

Conversely, let  $x \in \{a\}^\perp \cap \{b\}^\perp$ . Then  $x \wedge a = 0 = x \wedge b$  implies  $x \wedge (a \vee b) = 0$  as  $S$  is 0-distributive. Thus  $x \in \{a \vee b\}^\perp$ . Therefore  $\{a\}^\perp \cap \{b\}^\perp \subseteq \{a \vee b\}^\perp$ , and so  $\{a \vee b\}^\perp = \{a\}^\perp \cap \{b\}^\perp$ . •

**Theorem 9.** Let  $S$  be a nearlattice with 0. Then the following conditions are equivalent.

- (i)  $S$  is 0-distributive.
  - (ii) For any non-empty subset  $A$  of  $S$ ,  $A^\perp$  is the intersection of all the minimal prime ideal not containing  $A$ .
  - (iii) For any ideal  $A$  of  $S$  and any family of ideals  $\{A_i \mid i \in I\}$  of  $S$ ,
- $$\left( A \cap \left( \bigvee_{i \in I} A_i \right) \right)^\perp = \bigcap_{i \in I} (A \cap A_i)^\perp$$
- (iv) For any three ideals  $A, B, C$  of  $S$ ,
$$(A \cap (B \vee C))^\perp = (A \cap B)^\perp \cap (A \cap C)^\perp.$$
  - (v) For all  $a, b, c \in S$ ,  $(a \wedge (b \vee c))^\perp = (a \wedge b)^\perp \cap (a \wedge c)^\perp$  provided  $b \vee c$  exists.

**Proof.** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Let  $N$  be a minimal prime down set not containing  $A$ . Then there exists  $t \in A$  such that  $t \notin N$ . Suppose  $x \in A^\perp$ . Then  $x \wedge a = 0$  for all  $a \in A$ . Thus  $x \wedge t = 0 \in N$ . Since  $N$  is prime, so  $x \in N$ . Hence  $A^\perp \subseteq N$ . Thus,  $A^\perp \subseteq \bigcap \{\text{all minimal prime down set not containing } A\} = X$  (say).

Suppose  $A^\perp \subset X$ . Then there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $x \notin A^\perp$ . Then for some  $b \in A$ ,  $x \wedge b \neq 0$ . Thus  $F = [x \wedge b]$  is a proper filter. Hence by lemma 2. there is a maximal filter  $M \supseteq F$ . Then  $S - M$  is a minimal prime down set such that  $(S - M) \cap F = \emptyset$ . Since  $b \in F \subseteq M$ , so  $b \notin S - M$  and so  $S - M \not\supseteq A$ . Also  $x \in F \subseteq M$  implies  $x \notin S - M$ . Thus  $x \notin X$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $A^\perp = X = \bigcap \{\text{all minimal prime down set not containing } A\}$ . Since  $S$  is 0-distributive, so by [6, theorem 9], the result follows.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) Suppose (ii) holds. Let  $A \subseteq I(S)$  and  $\{A_i \mid i \in I\} \subseteq I(S)$ . If  $Q$  is any minimal prime ideal of  $S$  such that  $Q \not\supseteq A \cap \left( \bigvee_{i \in I} A_i \right)$ , then  $Q \not\supseteq A \cap A_j$  for some



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$j \in I$ . By (ii) it follows that  $\left\{A \cap \left(\bigvee_{i \in I} A_i\right)\right\}^\perp \supseteq (A \cap A_i)^\perp$ . On the other hand,

$A \cap A_i \subseteq A \cap \left(\bigvee_{i \in I} A_i\right)$ . Then by lemma 8  $\{A \cap A_i\}^\perp \supseteq \left\{A \cap \left(\bigvee_{i \in I} A_i\right)\right\}^\perp$ .

Therefore (iii) holds.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv) is obvious.

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (v) Let  $A = [a]$ ,  $B = [b]$ ,  $C = [c]$ . Then by (iv),

$\{[a] \cap ([b] \vee [c])\}^\perp = ([a] \cap [b])^\perp \cap ([a] \cap [c])^\perp$ . Thus

$(a \wedge (b \vee c))^\perp = (a \wedge b)^\perp \cap (a \wedge c)^\perp$ , and so

$\{a \wedge (b \vee c)\}^\perp = (a \wedge b)^\perp \cap (a \wedge c)^\perp$ .

(v)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Suppose (v) holds. Let  $a, b, c \in S$  with  $a \wedge b = 0 = a \wedge c$  such that  $b \vee c$  exists. Then  $(a \wedge b)^\perp = S = (a \wedge c)^\perp$ . So by (v),  $\{a \wedge (b \vee c)\}^\perp = S$ . Thus  $\{a \wedge (b \vee c)\}^{\perp\perp} = S^\perp = \{0\}$ . Hence by lemma 8,  $a \wedge (b \vee c) = 0$ , and so  $S$  is 0-distributive. •

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