



UNIT 5- LATTICES AND BOOLEAN ALGEBRA

Demorgan's Law

Theorem: 1

State and prove Demorgan's law of lattice.

(or)

If $(L, \wedge, \vee, 0, 1)$ is a complemented lattice, then

prove that 1. $(a \wedge b)' = a' \vee b'$ (or) $\overline{(a \wedge b)} = \bar{a} \vee \bar{b}$

2. $(a \vee b)' = a' \wedge b'$ (or) $\overline{(a \vee b)} = \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}$

Proof:

1. To prove that complement of $a \wedge b$ is

$a' \vee b'$.

i.e., i) $(a \wedge b) \wedge (a' \vee b') = 0$

and ii) $(a \wedge b) \vee (a' \vee b') = 1$

Now i) $(a \wedge b) \wedge (a' \vee b')$

$$= ((a \wedge b) \wedge a') \vee ((a \wedge b) \wedge b')$$

$$= ((b \wedge a) \wedge a') \vee (a \wedge (b \wedge b'))$$

$$= (b \wedge (a \wedge a')) \vee (a \wedge (b \wedge b'))$$

$$= (b \wedge 0) \vee (a \wedge 0)$$

$$= 0 \vee 0$$

$$= 0 \rightarrow \text{ii)}$$

ii) $(a \wedge b) \vee (a' \vee b') = (a \vee (a' \vee b')) \wedge (b \vee (a' \vee b'))$

$$= ((a \vee a') \vee b') \wedge (b \vee (b' \vee a'))$$

$$= ((a \vee a') \vee b') \wedge ((b \vee b') \vee a')$$

$$= (1 \vee b') \wedge (1 \vee a')$$

$$= 1 \wedge 1$$

$$= 1 \rightarrow \text{(2)}$$

From (1) and (2),

$$(a \wedge b)' = a' \vee b'$$

2. To prove that complement of $a \vee b$ is $a' \wedge b'$.

i.e., i) $(a \vee b) \wedge (a' \wedge b') = 0$

ii) $(a \vee b) \vee (a' \wedge b') = 1$



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{i). } (a \vee b) \wedge (a' \wedge b') &= (a \wedge (a' \wedge b')) \vee (b \wedge (a' \wedge b')) \\
 &= ((a \wedge a') \wedge b') \vee (b \wedge (b' \wedge a')) \\
 &= (0 \wedge b') \vee ((b \wedge b') \wedge a') \\
 &= 0 \vee 0 \\
 &= 0 \rightarrow (3)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{ii). } (a \vee b) \vee (a' \wedge b') &= (a \vee b) \vee a' \wedge ((a \vee b) \vee b') \\
 &= (a \vee (b \vee a')) \wedge (a \vee (b \vee b')) \\
 &= (a \vee (a' \vee b)) \wedge (a \vee (b \vee b')) \\
 &= ((a \vee a') \vee b) \wedge (a \vee (b \vee b')) \\
 &= (1 \vee b) \wedge (a \vee 1) \\
 &= 1 \wedge 1 \\
 &= 1 \rightarrow (4)
 \end{aligned}$$

From (3) and (4), $(a \vee b)' = a' \wedge b'$
Hence proved.

Theorem: 2

(A) Prove that in a complemented distributive lattice, complement is unique.

If $(L, \wedge, \vee, 0, 1)$ is a distributive lattice, then each elt. $x \in L$ has at most one complement

Proof:

Let x and y be two complement of a .
Since x is a complement of a .

$$\left. \begin{aligned} a \wedge x &= 0 \\ a \vee x &= 1 \end{aligned} \right\} \rightarrow (1)$$

Since y is a complement of a .

$$a \wedge y = 0, a \vee y = 1 \rightarrow (2)$$



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$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now, } x &= x \vee 0 && \text{by (2)} \\
 &= x \vee (a \wedge y) \\
 &= (x \vee a) \wedge (x \vee y) \\
 &= (a \vee x) \wedge (x \vee y) \\
 &= 1 \wedge (x \vee y) && \text{by (1)} \\
 x &= x \vee y \quad \rightarrow (A)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{and } y &= y \vee 0 \\
 &= y \vee (a \wedge x) \\
 &= (y \vee a) \wedge (y \vee x) \\
 &= (a \vee y) \wedge (x \vee y) \\
 &= 1 \wedge (x \vee y) && \text{by (2)} \\
 y &= x \vee y \quad \rightarrow (B)
 \end{aligned}$$

From (A) and (B), we've

$$x = x \vee y = y$$

$$\therefore x = y$$

Hence proved.

Problem:

J. In a complemented, distributive lattice, show that the following are equivalent.

$$a \leq b \Leftrightarrow a \wedge b' = 0 \Leftrightarrow a' \vee b = 1 \Leftrightarrow b' \leq a'$$

(or)

In other words the following are equivalent

- i). $a \leq b$ ii). $a \wedge b' = 0$ iii). $a' \vee b = 1$ iv). $b' \leq a'$

Proof:

$$(or) a \leq b \Leftrightarrow a * b' = 0 \Leftrightarrow a' \oplus b = 1 \Leftrightarrow b' \leq a'$$

To prove (i) \Rightarrow (ii)

Let $a \leq b$.

Then $a \wedge b = a$ and $a \vee b = b \rightarrow (1)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now, } a \wedge b' &= (a \wedge b) \wedge b' \\
 &= (a \wedge (b \wedge b'))
 \end{aligned}$$



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$(a \wedge 0) = 0$ $\therefore b \wedge b' = 0$
 $\therefore a \wedge 0 = 0$

Hence $a \leq b \Rightarrow a \wedge b' = 0$

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii)
 Let $a \wedge b' = 0$
 Take complement on both sides,
 $(a \wedge b')' = 0'$
 $a' \vee b = 1$
 $\therefore a \wedge b' = 0 \Rightarrow a' \vee b = 1$

(iii) \Rightarrow (iv)
 Let $a' \vee b = 1$
 $\Rightarrow (a' \vee b) \wedge b' = 1 \wedge b'$
 $(a' \wedge b') \vee (b \wedge b') = b'$
 $(a' \wedge b') \vee 0 = b'$
 $a' \wedge b' = b'$
 $\therefore b' \leq a'$
 $\therefore a' \vee b = 1 \Rightarrow b' \leq a'$

(iv) \Rightarrow (i)
 Let $b' \leq a'$
 Then $a' \wedge b' = b'$
 Take complement on both sides,
 $(a' \wedge b')' = (b')'$
 $a \vee b = b$
 $\Rightarrow b \geq a$ or $a \leq b$
 $\therefore b' \leq a' \Rightarrow a \leq b$
 Hence proved.

$0 \wedge x = 0$
 $0 \vee x = x$
 $1 \wedge x = x$
 $1 \vee x = 1$

[Cancellation law]
 [Distributive law]
 $\therefore b \wedge b' = 0$

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