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# Lattice Operators and Topologies

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## 1. Introduction

We begin with  $\mathcal{L}$ , a sublattice of a complete (not necessarily atomic) Boolean algebra  $\mathcal{B}$ . If  $\mathcal{L}$  is closed under arbitrary meets, it abstracts the closed sets of a topological space. If not, we introduce a Kuratowski closure operator to define the associated topological lattice. The operators we define generalize *complement* on a lattice which in turn abstracts the set theoretic operator. Less restricted than those of Banaschewski [1] and Samuel [2], the operators exhibit some surprising behaviors. We consider certain properties of such lattices and the implications for the properties of one lattice from those of another, when one is a sublattice of the other. Many of these properties are abstractions and generalizations of topological spaces.

The approach is similar to that of Bachman and Cohen [3, 4]. It is in the spirit of Alexandroff [5], Frolík [6], and Nöbeling [7], although the setting is more general. We generalize a variety of filter arguments used in paved space [8, 9] and in the theory of realcompactness [10, 11]. Proceeding in this manner, we can handle diverse topological

theorems systematically before specializing to get as corollaries as the topological results of [5, 8, 12–14].

Section 2 provides some background material and generates a topology on an algebra by means of a sublattice. Section 3 defines operators and topological type properties for a lattice. Section 4 examines filter and measure behavior with respect to the operators. Section 5 looks at covering properties. Section 6 investigates the relationships between two lattices.

## 2. Background, Terminology, and Notation

We work within a complete Boolean algebra  $\mathcal{B}$  with minimal element  $\mathbf{0}$  and maximal element  $\mathbf{e}$ . The usual operators are denoted by  $\vee$ ,  $\wedge$ , and  $'$ .  $\mathcal{B}$  is not necessarily atomic; equivalently,  $\mathcal{B}$  is not necessarily completely distributive [15].

- (i)  $\mu, \mu_f$  denote finitely additive zero-one measures on  $\mathcal{B}$ .
- (ii)  $\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{L}_1$ , and  $\mathcal{L}_2$  denote sublattices of  $\mathcal{B}$  containing  $\mathbf{0}$  and  $\mathbf{e}$ .
- (iii)  $\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{L})$  denotes the algebra generated by  $\mathcal{L}$ .
- (iv)  $\mathcal{P}(S)$  is the power set of the set  $S$ .
- (v) The indices  $i, j, k$ , and  $n$  index countable (finite or countably infinite) collections, while  $\alpha, \beta$ , and  $\gamma$  index arbitrary ones.

*Definition 2.1.* (i)  $F \subseteq \mathcal{L}$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -**filter** if and only if for all  $a, b \in \mathcal{L}$ :

- (a)  $a, b \in F \Rightarrow a \wedge b \in F$ ,
- (b)  $a \in F$  and  $a \leq b \Rightarrow b \in F$ .

When there is no ambiguity, we simply say that  $F$  is a **filter**.

(ii) An  $\mathcal{L}$ -filter  $F$  is a **prime**  $\mathcal{L}$ -filter if and only if for all  $a, b \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $a \vee b \in F \Rightarrow$  either  $a \in F$  or  $b \in F$ .

(iii) An  $\mathcal{L}$ -filter  $F$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -**ultrafilter** (or **ultra**) if and only if  $F$  is a maximal  $\mathcal{L}$ -filter.

(iv) A filter  $F$  is **fixed** if and only if  $\wedge F \neq \mathbf{0}$ . Otherwise  $F$  is **free**.

(v) A filter  $F$  has **cmp** (**countable meet property** or **countable intersection property**) if and only if for any countable subset of  $F$ ,  $\bigwedge_i a_i \neq \mathbf{0}$ .

*Remark 2.2.* It follows that

- (i)  $\mathbf{0} \notin F$  if and only if  $F \neq \mathcal{L}$ ,
- (ii) every ultrafilter is prime.

In this paper,  $\mathbf{0}$  is not in any filter.

*Definition 2.3.* A measure  $\mu$  on an algebra  $\mathcal{B}$  containing  $\mathcal{L}$  is  $\mathcal{L}$ -**regular** if and only if for all  $b \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  $\mu(b) = \sup\{\mu(a) : a \in \mathcal{L}, a \leq b\}$ .

**Lemma 2.4.** *There exist one-to-one correspondences between*

- (i) zero-one measures on  $\mathcal{L}$  and prime  $\mathcal{L}$ -filters,
- (ii)  $\mathcal{L}$ -regular zero-one measures on  $\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{L})$ , and  $\mathcal{L}$ -ultrafilters [3, 4].

Thus, analogous measure theoretic results may easily be derived from our filter statements.

We now topologize  $\mathcal{B}$  by means of a sublattice  $\mathcal{L}$ . The lattice elements themselves may not be sufficient to be used as open or closed sets. However, we will generate a topology.

*Definition 2.5.* Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be an algebra,  $\mathcal{L}$  a sublattice of  $\mathcal{B}$ , and  $a, b \in \mathcal{B}$ .

- (i)  $\bar{b} = \bigwedge \{a \in \mathcal{L} : a \geq b\}$ .
- (ii)  $\mathbf{b}^0 = \bigvee \{a' \in \mathcal{L} : a' \leq b\}$ .
- (iii)  $b \in \mathcal{B}$  is **closed** if and only if  $b = \bar{b}$ .
- (iv)  $\tau(\mathcal{L})$  denotes the set of closed elements of  $\mathcal{B}$ .

*Remark 2.6.* (i)  $b \mapsto \bar{b}$  is a Kurotowski closure operator.

- (ii)  $b \mapsto \mathbf{b}^0$  is an interior operator.
- (iii)  $\tau(\mathcal{L}) = \{b \in \mathcal{B} : b = \bigwedge_{\alpha} a_{\alpha}, a_{\alpha} \in \mathcal{L}\}$ .
- (iv)  $\mathcal{L} \subseteq \tau(\mathcal{L})$ .
- (v)  $\tau(\mathcal{L})$  is a lattice which is closed under arbitrary meets.

We observe that  $\tau(\mathcal{L})$  is an obvious abstraction of the closed sets in a topological space.

*Example 2.7.* Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be the lattice of zero sets in a  $T_2$  completely regular topological space. Then  $\tau(\mathcal{L})$  is the lattice of closed sets [11].

*Definition 2.8.* Let  $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$  be a meet semilattice (i.e., a subset of  $\mathcal{B}$  closed under finite meets). Consider the generated lattice  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{M}) = \{\bigvee_1^n \{a_i : a_i \in \mathcal{M}\} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . All terminology remains the same except that  $F$  is a **prime  $\mathcal{M}$ -filter** if and only if  $\bigvee_1^n a_i \in F$  (for  $a_i \in \mathcal{M}$ ) implies that one of the  $a_i \in F$ .

**Lemma 2.9.** (i) *There exist one-to-one correspondences between the prime, ultra-, fixed, and free filters on  $\mathcal{M}$  and those on  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{M})$ .*

- (ii)  *$\mathcal{M}$ -filters with cmp correspond with  $\mathcal{L}$ -filters with cmp.*

Thus we lose no generality in “treating”  $\mathcal{M}$  like a lattice.

*Example 2.10.* Let  $\mathcal{M} = \{b \in \mathcal{B} : b = (\bar{b})^0\}$ .  $\mathcal{M}$  is a meet semi-lattice since  $\overline{\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}} \leq \bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}$  implies that  $(\overline{\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b}})^0 \leq (\bar{a} \wedge \bar{b})^0 = (\bar{a})^0 \wedge (\bar{b})^0 = a \wedge b$ , for all  $a, b \in \mathcal{M}$ . “An open subset  $G$  in a topological space is **regularly open** if and only if  $G$  is the interior of its closure” [16]. Thus the regularly open sets in a topological space form a meet semi-lattice.

Table 1 summarizes the notation used in this paper.

### 3. Lattice Operators and Properties

In this section we define certain operators and lattice properties. These properties reduce to the conventional topological ones when the operator is taken to be *complement*.

*Definition 3.1.* Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a meet semi-lattice containing  $\mathbf{0}$  and  $\mathbf{e}$ . We define  $\mathbf{T}$  to be a one-to-one operator on  $\mathcal{M}$  such that  $T(a \vee b) = T(a) \wedge T(b)$  and  $T(\mathbf{e}) = \mathbf{0}$ . We define  $\mathbf{a}^* = T(a)$  and  $\mathcal{L}^* = \{a^* : a \in \mathcal{L}\}$ .

Table 1: Summary of notation.

$\mathcal{B}$	Complete Boolean algebra with zero ( $\mathbf{0}$ ) and unit ( $\mathbf{e}$ )
$\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{L}_n$	Lattices with $\mathbf{0}$ and $\mathbf{e}$
$F, F_n, G, H$	Filters without $\mathbf{0}$
$\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{L})$	The Algebra generated by $\mathcal{L}$
$\mu, \mu_f$	Finitely additive zero-one measures on $\mathcal{B}$
$\tau(\mathcal{L})$	Closed elements of $\mathcal{B}$
$\mathcal{M}$	Meet semi-lattice
$\mathcal{P}(S)$	Power set of the set $S$

**Proposition 3.2.** (a)  $a \leq b \Leftrightarrow T(a) \geq T(b)$ .

$$(b) \bigvee_1^n T(a_i) \leq T(\bigwedge_1^n a_i).$$

$$(c) \bigvee_1^n T(a_i) = \mathbf{e} \Rightarrow \bigwedge_1^n a_i = \mathbf{0}.$$

$$(d) T(\bigvee_1^n a_i) = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \bigvee_1^n a_i = \mathbf{e}.$$

*Proof.* (a)  $a \leq b \Leftrightarrow a \vee b = b \Leftrightarrow T(a) \wedge T(b) = T(b) \Leftrightarrow T(a) \geq T(b)$ ,

$$(b) \text{ For all } j, a_j \geq \bigwedge_1^n a_i \Rightarrow \text{for all } j, T(a_j) \leq T(\bigwedge_1^n a_i) \Rightarrow \bigvee_1^n T(a_j) \leq T(\bigwedge_1^n a_i).$$

The proof of (c) and (d) follows readily.  $\square$

From now on, we assume that  $T$  is defined on a lattice  $\mathcal{L}$ . Then  $\mathcal{L}^*$  is a meet semi-lattice. By Lemma 2.9, we may “treat”  $\mathcal{L}^*$  like a lattice.

**Corollary 3.3.** When  $T$  is defined on  $\tau(\mathcal{L})$ , one has the following.

$$(a) \bigvee_\alpha T(a_\alpha) \leq T(\bigwedge_\alpha a_\alpha).$$

$$(b) \bigvee_\alpha T(a_\alpha) = \mathbf{e} \Rightarrow \bigwedge_\alpha a_\alpha = \mathbf{0}.$$

*Example 3.4.* Let  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{P}(S)$  (the power set of  $S$ ) with set union and intersection as the join and meet operations. Let  $\mathcal{L} = \{\emptyset, a, b, S\}$  with  $a = \{1, 2\}$  and  $b = \{3, 4\}$  as in Figure 1. The operator  $T$  is defined by  $T(S) = \emptyset$ ,  $T(a) = \{4\}$ ,  $T(b) = \{2\}$ , and  $T(\emptyset) = \{2, 4\}$ . We have  $T(a \vee b) = T(a) \wedge T(b)$  and  $T(S) = \emptyset$ . In addition  $T(a \wedge b) = T(a) \vee T(b)$  and  $T(a) \wedge a = \emptyset$ . Note that, unlike in [2],  $T(a)$  is not the maximal element disjoint from  $a$ , and although  $\mathcal{L}$  is complemented (that is,  $a \in \mathcal{L} \Rightarrow a' \in \mathcal{L}$ ),  $T(a) \neq a'$ .

We now define various properties for  $\mathcal{L}$ . They generalize some of the definitions in point set topology, reducing to the conventional properties when  $\mathcal{B}$  is the power set of a set  $X$  and  $T$  is complement.

*Definition 3.5.* (i)  $\mathcal{L}$  is **compact** if and only if every  $\mathcal{L}$ -filter is fixed.

(ii)  $\mathcal{L}$  is  **$\aleph_0$ -compact** if and only if every  $\mathcal{L}$ -filter has cmp.

(iii)  $\mathcal{L}$  is an **I-lattice (P-lattice)** if and only if every (prime)  $\mathcal{L}$ -filter with cmp is contained in an ultrafilter with cmp.

(iv)  $\mathcal{L}$  is an **R-lattice** if and only if every filter which contains a fixed prime filter is also fixed.

(v) A topological space is an **I-space** if and only if the lattice of closed sets is an **I-lattice** [17].

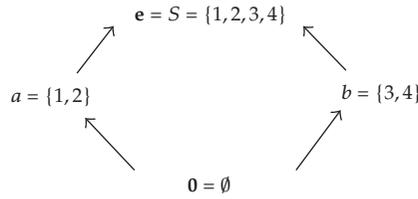


Figure 1:  $\mathcal{L}$  in Example 3.4.

**Proposition 3.6.** *As an immediate consequence of Definition 3.5, one has the following.*

- (i)  $\mathcal{L}$  is compact  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}$  is  $\mathfrak{K}_0$ -compact  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}$  is an I-lattice  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}$  is a P-lattice.
- (ii) The following are equivalent:
  - (a)  $\mathcal{L}$  is compact ( $\mathfrak{K}_0$ -compact),
  - (b) every prime filter is fixed (has cmp),
  - (c) every ultrafilter is fixed (has cmp).

**Definition 3.7.** (i)  $\mathcal{L}$  is  $\mathfrak{K}_0$ -paracompact if and only if whenever there exists  $\{a_n\} \subseteq \mathcal{L}$  with  $a_n \downarrow \mathbf{0}$ , there exists  $\{b_n\} \subseteq \mathcal{L}$  such that  $a_n \leq b_n^*$  and  $b_n^* \downarrow \mathbf{0}$ .

(ii) When  $\mathcal{L} \subseteq \tau(\mathcal{L}^*)$ , we say that  $\mathcal{L}$  is perfect.

**Proposition 3.8.** *Every perfect lattice is  $\mathfrak{K}_0$ -paracompact.*

*Proof.* Assume  $\mathcal{L}$  is perfect and  $a_n \downarrow \mathbf{0}$ . For each  $a_n$ , there exists  $\{b_{n\alpha}\} \subseteq \mathcal{L}$  such that  $a_n = \bigwedge_{\alpha} b_{n\alpha}^*$ . Let  $c_n^* = \bigwedge \{b_{k\alpha}^* : k \leq n\}$ . Then  $c_n^* \geq a_n$  and  $c_n^* \downarrow \mathbf{0}$ . □

**Example 3.9.** The zero sets in a topological space are perfect (i.e., complement generated in the sense of [11]) and thus  $\mathfrak{K}_0$ -paracompact.

**Definition 3.10.** Let  $a, a_i, b \in \mathcal{B}$ , and  $f, f_i, g, g_i \in \mathcal{L}$ . Then the following are given.

- (i)  $\mathcal{L}$  is  $T_1$  if and only if for all  $a_1 \not\leq a_2$  there exists  $g^* \in \mathcal{L}^*$  such that  $a_2 \leq g^*$  but  $a_1 \not\leq g^*$ .
- (ii)  $\mathcal{L}$  is Hausdorff if and only if for all  $a_1, a_2 \neq \mathbf{0}$  with  $a_1 \wedge a_2 = \mathbf{0}$  there exist  $g_1^*, g_2^* \in \mathcal{L}^*$  such that  $a_1 \wedge g_1^* \neq \mathbf{0}, a_2 \wedge g_2^* \neq \mathbf{0}$ , and  $g_1^* \wedge g_2^* = \mathbf{0}$ .
- (iii)  $\mathcal{L}$  is regular if and only if for all  $b \in \mathcal{B}, b \neq \mathbf{0}, f \in \mathcal{L}, b \wedge f = \mathbf{0}$  there exist  $g_1^*, g_2^* \in \mathcal{L}^*$  such that  $b \wedge g_1^* \neq \mathbf{0}, f \leq g_2^*$ , and  $g_1^* \wedge g_2^* = \mathbf{0}$ .

The following proposition provides an example.

**Proposition 3.11.** *Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be the power set of a topological space  $X$ , let  $\mathcal{L}$  be the lattice of closed sets in  $X$ , and let  $T$  be complement.  $X$  is a  $T_1$  (Hausdorff, regular) space if and only if  $\mathcal{L}$  is  $T_1$  (Hausdorff, regular).*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be the lattice of closed sets in  $X$ . Suppose  $\mathcal{L}$  is a  $T_1$  lattice. Let  $a_1 \neq a_2$  be atoms in  $\mathcal{B}$ . Since  $a_1 \not\leq a_2$ , there exists  $g'_2 \in \mathcal{L}'$  such that  $a_2 < g'_2$  but  $a_1 \not\leq g'_2$ . By symmetry, there exists  $g'_1 \in \mathcal{L}'$  such that  $a_1 \leq g'_1$  but  $a_2 \not\leq g'_1$ . Thus  $X$  is a  $T_1$  space.

Now suppose  $X$  is a  $T_1$  topological space. Let  $b, c \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  $b \not\leq c$ . Then there exists an atom  $a \leq b$  but  $a \not\leq c$ . Thus for all atoms  $a_\alpha \leq c$ ,  $a \neq a_\alpha$ , and there exists  $g'_\alpha \in \mathcal{L}'$  such that  $a_\alpha \leq g'_\alpha$  but  $a \not\leq g'_\alpha$ . Let  $g' = \bigvee_\alpha g'_\alpha$ . Then  $c \leq g'$ ,  $b \not\leq g'$ , and thus  $\mathcal{L}$  is  $T_1$ .

The proofs for Hausdorff and regular are similar.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.12.** *Suppose  $T(a) \wedge a = \mathbf{0}$  and  $\mathcal{L}$  is regular. If  $F_1$  is prime and  $F_1 \subseteq F_2$ , then  $\bigwedge F_1 = \bigwedge F_2$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose there exists  $F_1 \subseteq F_2$  such that  $\bigwedge F_1 \neq \bigwedge F_2$ . Let  $a = \bigwedge F_1$ .  $a \not\leq \bigwedge F_2$  implies there exists  $f \in F_2$  with  $a \not\leq f$ . But then  $b = a \wedge f' \neq \mathbf{0}$  and  $b \wedge f = \mathbf{0}$ . By regularity, there exist  $c_1^*, c_2^* \in \mathcal{L}^*$  such that  $b \wedge c_1^* \neq \mathbf{0}$ ,  $f \leq c_2^*$ , and  $c_1^* \wedge c_2^* = \mathbf{0}$ . Now  $f \leq c_2^*$  implies that  $c_2 \notin F_2 \supseteq F_1$ . From  $b \wedge c_1^* \neq \mathbf{0}$ , it follows that  $a \not\leq c_1$  and thus  $c_1 \notin F_1$ . But  $c_1^* \wedge c_2^* = \mathbf{0}$  implies that  $c_1 \vee c_2 = \mathbf{e}$ , and thus  $F_1$  is not prime.  $\square$

*Example 3.13.* The closed sets in a regular topological space form an  $R$ -lattice.

*Definition 3.14.*  $\mathcal{L}$  is **normal** if and only if for all  $f_1, f_2 \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $f_1 \wedge f_2 = \mathbf{0}$  there exist  $g_1^*, g_2^* \in \mathcal{L}^*$  such that  $f_1 \leq g_1^*$ ,  $f_2 \leq g_2^*$ , and  $g_1^* \wedge g_2^* = \mathbf{0}$ .

The following proposition demonstrates an example of an application.

**Proposition 3.15.** *Let  $X$  be a topological space. Let  $T$  be complement and let  $\mathcal{L}'$  be the lattice of open sets. Then the following are equivalent.*

- (a)  $\mathcal{L}'$  is normal.
- (b)  $a', b' \in \mathcal{L}'$  and  $a' \wedge b' = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \overline{a'} \wedge \overline{b'} = \mathbf{0}$ .
- (c)  $a' \in \mathcal{L}' \Rightarrow \overline{a'} \in \mathcal{L}'$  (i.e.,  $X$  is extremally disconnected).

*Proof.* Consider the following. (i) (a) implies (b): let  $a', b' \in \mathcal{L}'$ ,  $a' \wedge b' = \mathbf{0}$ . Then there exist  $c, d \in \mathcal{L}$  such that  $a' \leq c$ ,  $b' \leq d$ , and  $c \wedge d = \mathbf{0}$  (by normality). But  $\overline{a'} \leq c$  and  $\overline{b'} \leq d$  implies that  $\overline{a'} \wedge \overline{b'} = \mathbf{0}$ .

(ii) (b) implies (c): let  $a' \in \mathcal{L}'$ . Let  $b = \overline{a'}$  so that  $a' \wedge b = \mathbf{0}$ . Then  $\overline{a'} \wedge \overline{b} = \mathbf{0}$  (by hypothesis), so that  $b \wedge \overline{b} = \mathbf{0}$ . Then  $b \leq (\overline{b})' = b^0$ , so that  $b = b^0$  and  $b \in \mathcal{L}'$ . Therefore  $\overline{a'} \in \mathcal{L}'$  by definition of  $b$ .

(iii) (c) implies (b): let  $a', b' \in \mathcal{L}'$ ,  $a' \wedge b' = \mathbf{0}$ , so that  $\overline{a'} \wedge \overline{b'} = \mathbf{0}$ . Since  $\overline{a'} \in \mathcal{L}'$ , then  $\overline{a'} \wedge \overline{b'} = \mathbf{0}$ .

(iv) (b) implies (a):  $\overline{a'}, \overline{b'}$  are elements of  $\mathcal{L}$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.16.** *Let  $T(a) \wedge a = \mathbf{0}$ . If  $\mathcal{L}$  is normal and  $F$  is a prime  $\mathcal{L}$ -filter contained in two  $\mathcal{L}$ -ultrafilters  $G$  and  $H$ , then  $G = H$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $G$  and  $H$  be two distinct ultrafilters and let  $F \subseteq G \cap H$ . Then there exist  $g \in G$ ,  $h \in H$  with  $g \wedge h = \mathbf{0}$ . By normality, there exist  $a^*, b^* \in \mathcal{L}^*$  such that  $g \leq a^*$ ,  $h \leq b^*$ , and  $a^* \wedge b^* = \mathbf{0}$ . But  $g \wedge a = \mathbf{0}$  implies that  $a \notin G$ , and  $h \wedge b = \mathbf{0}$  implies that  $b \notin H$ , so that  $a, b \notin G \cap H \supseteq F$ , that is,  $a, b \notin F$ . But  $a \vee b = \mathbf{e}$  implies that  $F$  is not prime.  $\square$

*Definition 3.17.*  $\mathcal{L}$  is  **$\aleph_0$ -normal** if and only if it is normal and  $\aleph_0$ -paracompact.

*Example 3.18.* A normal topological space is countably paracompact if and only if the lattice of closed sets is  $\aleph_0$ -paracompact [18]. Willard [16] calls such a space *binormal*.

**Proposition 3.19.** *Let  $T$  be complement in  $\mathcal{B}$ . If  $\mathcal{L}$  is  $\aleph_0$ -normal and  $F_1$  is a prime filter with cmp, then  $F_1 \subseteq F_2$  implies that  $F_2$  has cmp.*

*Proof.* Let  $F_1 \subseteq F_2$  where  $F_1$  is a prime  $\mathcal{L}$ -filter and  $F_2$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -filter without cmp. Then there exists  $\{f_k\} \subseteq F_2$  such that  $\bigwedge_k \{f_k\} = \mathbf{0}$ . Let  $g_n = \bigwedge_1^n f_k$ .  $\{g_n\} \subseteq F_2$  and  $g_n \downarrow \mathbf{0}$ . Thus there exist  $\{b_n\} \subseteq \mathcal{L}$  such that  $g_n \leq b'_n$  and  $b'_n \downarrow \mathbf{0}$ . Now  $g_n \wedge b_n = \mathbf{0}$ , so there exist two sequences  $\{c_n\}, \{d_n\}$  such that  $g_n \leq c'_n$ ,  $b_n \leq d'_n$ ,  $c_n \wedge d_n = \mathbf{0}$ , for all  $n$ . Since  $c_n \vee d_n = \mathbf{e}$  and  $F_1$  is prime, we have  $c_n \in F_1$  or  $d_n \in F_1$ , for all  $n$ . But  $g_n \leq c'_n$  implies that  $c_n \notin F_1$ , so  $d_n \in F_1$ , for all  $n$ . And since  $b'_n \geq d_n$  implies that  $d_n \downarrow \mathbf{0}$ , we have that  $F_1$  does not have cmp.  $\square$

*Remark 3.20.* If  $\mathcal{L}$  is a normal lattice that has the stronger property that whenever  $\{a_n\} \subseteq \mathcal{L}$  such that  $\bigvee_n a_n^* = \mathbf{e}$  there exists  $\{b_n\} \subseteq \mathcal{L}$  such that  $\bigvee_n b_n = \mathbf{e}$  and for all  $n$ ,  $a_n^* \geq b_n$ , then we need only to assume that  $T(a) \wedge a = \mathbf{0}$ .

**Corollary 3.21.** *Let  $T$  be complement in  $\mathcal{B}$ . If  $\mathcal{L}$  is  $\aleph_0$ -normal, then  $\mathcal{L}$  is a P-lattice.*

#### 4. Behavior of Filters and Measures Under $T$

In this section we look at the behavior of filters and measures with respect to  $T$ . It is interesting to see an example where  $T$  does not “behave as nicely” as complement.

*Definition 4.1.* Let  $D \subseteq \mathcal{L}$ .  $\tilde{D} = \{a^* \in \mathcal{L}^* : a \notin D\}$ .

**Proposition 4.2.** *Let  $F$  be a prime  $\mathcal{L}$ -filter.  $\tilde{F}$  is a prime  $\mathcal{L}^*$ -filter.*

*Proof.* (a)  $\mathbf{0} \notin \tilde{F}$  since  $\mathbf{e} \in F$ .  
 (b)  $a^* \leq b^*, a^* \in \tilde{F} \Rightarrow a \geq b$  and  $a \notin F \Rightarrow b \notin F \Rightarrow b^* \in \tilde{F}$ .  
 (c) Let  $a^*, b^* \in \tilde{F}$ , so that  $a, b \notin F$ ; equivalently,  $a \vee b \notin F$ . But then  $(a \vee b)^* \in \tilde{F}$ , and so  $a^* \wedge b^* \in \tilde{F}$ . Thus (by (a), (b), and (c)),  $\tilde{F}$  is a filter.  
 (d) Let  $a^*, b^* \in \mathcal{L}^*, a^* \vee b^* \geq c^* \in \tilde{F}$ .  $(a \wedge b)^* \geq a^* \vee b^* \geq c^* \in \tilde{F} \Rightarrow a \wedge b \leq c \notin F \Rightarrow a \wedge b \notin F \Rightarrow a \notin F$  or  $b \notin F \Rightarrow a^* \in \tilde{F}$  or  $b^* \in \tilde{F}$ . Thus  $\tilde{F}$  is prime.  $\square$

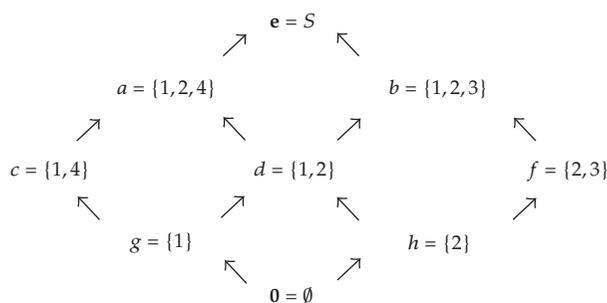
*Definition 4.3.* A filter  $F$  is **coultra** if and only if  $\tilde{F}$  is  $\mathcal{L}^*$ -ultra.  $\mu_F$  is **coregular** if and only if  $F$  is coultra.

**Proposition 4.4.**  *$\tilde{F}$  is  $\mathcal{L}^*$ -ultra if and only if  $a \in F$  is equivalent to  $a^* \leq (b^*)'$  for some  $b^* \in \tilde{F}$  (i.e.,  $a^* \notin \tilde{F} \Leftrightarrow$  there exists  $b^* \in \tilde{F}$  such that  $a^* \leq (b^*)'$ ).*

*Remark 4.5.* Proposition 4.4 generalizes a theorem of [12] which we get by taking  $T$  to be complement.

As demonstrated by the following example, we can associate measures with the prime filters on  $\mathcal{L}$  as usual, but they may lack some of the properties to which we are accustomed.

*Example 4.6.* Let  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{P}(S)$ , with set union and intersection as the join and meet operations. Figure 2 defines the sublattice  $\mathcal{L}$ .

Figure 2:  $\mathcal{L}$  in Example 4.6.

Define  $T$  on  $\mathcal{L}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(\mathbf{e}) &= \mathbf{0}, & T(\mathbf{0}) &= \mathbf{e}, \\
 T(a) &= g, & T(g) &= a, \\
 T(b) &= h, & T(h) &= b, \\
 T(c) &= c, & T(d) &= d, & T(f) &= f.
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.1}$$

Incidentally,  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}^*$  and for all  $a \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $T(T(a)) = a$ . However  $a \wedge T(a)$  does not necessarily =  $\mathbf{0}$ .

Now  $T$  can be extended to all of  $\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{L}) = \mathcal{B}$  by defining  $T(a \vee b) = T(a) \wedge T(b)$ ,  $T(a \wedge b) = T(a) \vee T(b)$ , and  $T(a') = T(a)'$ .

Let  $F = F_f = \{x \in \mathcal{L} : x \geq f\} = \{\mathbf{e}, b, f\}$ .  $\tilde{F} = \{a^*, d^*, h^*, c^*, g^*, \mathbf{0}^*\} = \{g, d, b, c, a, \mathbf{e}\} = F_g$ . Since  $\tilde{F}$  is an  $\mathcal{L}^*$ -ultrafilter,  $F$  is a countra filter.  $F$  is a prime filter so we have the associated measure  $\mu = \mu_F = \mu_f$ , where

$$\mu(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \geq f, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \tag{4.2}$$

Now consider that  $\{3\} \in \mathcal{A}(\mathcal{L})$ .  $\mu(\{2,3\}) = 1$ ,  $\mu(\{2\}) = 0$ , so that  $\mu(\{3\}) = \mu(\{2,3\}) - \mu(\{2\}) = 1$ . But  $\{3\} \not\geq$  any element of  $\mathcal{L}^*$  whose measure is one, so  $\mu$  is not  $\mathcal{L}^*$ -regular even though it is  $\mathcal{L}$ -coregular.

Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mu(a) &= 0 \text{ and } \mu(a^*) = \mu(g) = 0, \\
 \mu(f) &= 1 \text{ and } \mu(f^*) = \mu(f) = 1, \\
 \mu(h) &= 0 \text{ but } \mu(h^*) = \mu(b) = 1, \\
 \mu(b) &= 1 \text{ but } \mu(b^*) = \mu(h) = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $T$  is not necessarily measure inverting ( $\mu(T(a)) = 1 - \mu(a) \forall \mu$ ), preserving, increasing, or decreasing.

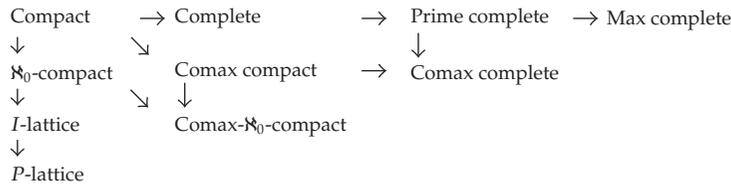


Figure 3: Lattice Implications.

Remark 4.7. If  $T(a) \wedge a = 0$  and  $T$  is measure inverting, then every  $\mathcal{L}$ -coregular measure is  $\mathcal{L}^*$ -regular. These concepts are equivalent when  $T$  is complement.

From now on we assume that  $T(a \wedge b) = T(a) \vee T(b)$ . Now  $\mathcal{L}^*$  is a lattice.

Example 4.8. See Examples 4.6 and 3.4.

**Proposition 4.9.**  $F$  is a prime  $\mathcal{L}$ -filter if  $\tilde{F}$  is a prime  $\mathcal{L}^*$ -filter. (Please see Definition 4.1 and Proposition 4.2 for the converse.)

Proof. (a)  $0 \notin F$  since  $e \in \tilde{F}$ .  
 (b)  $a, b \in F \Rightarrow a^*, b^* \notin \tilde{F} \Rightarrow a^* \vee b^* \notin \tilde{F} \Rightarrow (a \wedge b)^* \notin \tilde{F} \Rightarrow a \wedge b \in F$ .  
 (c)  $a \leq b$  and  $a \in F \Rightarrow b^* \leq a^*$  and  $a^* \notin \tilde{F} \Rightarrow b^* \notin \tilde{F} \Rightarrow b \in F$ .  
 (d)  $a \vee b \in F \Rightarrow (a \vee b)^* \notin \tilde{F} \Rightarrow a^* \wedge b^* \notin \tilde{F} \Rightarrow a^* \notin \tilde{F}$  or  $b^* \notin \tilde{F} \Rightarrow a \in F$  or  $b \in F$ . □

**Corollary 4.10.** (a)  $F$  is a prime  $\mathcal{L}$ -filter if and only if  $\tilde{F}$  is a prime  $\mathcal{L}^*$ -filter.  
 (b)  $F$  is a prime filter if  $F$  is a coultra filter.

### 5. Covering Properties

In this section we define some covering properties for  $\mathcal{L}$  and show that they are analogous to the topological ones. In particular, when  $T$  is taken to be complement, we get topological results as corollaries.

Definition 5.1.  $\mathcal{L}$  is **comax compact** if and only if every coultra filter is fixed.  $\mathcal{L}$  is **comax  $\mathfrak{S}_0$ -compact** if and only if every coultra filter has cmp.

**Proposition 5.2.** Every comax compact  $R$ -lattice is compact.

Proof. Let  $F$  be a prime  $\mathcal{L}$ -filter. Form  $\tilde{F}$  and extend it to  $\tilde{G}$ , an  $\mathcal{L}^*$ -ultrafilter.  $G$  is a prime  $\mathcal{L}$ -filter and fixed.  $G \subseteq F$  implies that  $F$  is fixed since  $\mathcal{L}$  is an  $R$ -lattice. Thus  $\mathcal{L}$  is compact by Proposition 3.6. □

**Corollary 5.3.** If  $T(a) \wedge a = 0$  and  $\mathcal{L}$  is a comax compact regular lattice, then  $\mathcal{L}$  is compact.

Definition 5.4.  $\mathcal{L}$  is **(prime, max, comax) complete** if and only if every (prime, ultra-, coultra) filter with cmp is fixed.

We have the implications in Figure 3.

**Proposition 5.5.** If  $\mathcal{L}$  is (comax-) $\mathfrak{S}_0$ -compact, then it is (comax) complete if and only if it is (comax) compact.

**Proposition 5.6.** *If  $\mathcal{L}$  is an  $R$ -lattice, then  $\mathcal{L}$  is prime complete if and only if it is comax complete.*

*Proof.* In the proof of Proposition 5.2, let  $F$  have cmp. □

**Proposition 5.7.** *If  $\mathcal{L}$  is a max complete  $I$ -lattice, then  $\mathcal{L}$  is complete.*

*Proof.* Let  $F$  be a filter with cmp. Since  $\mathcal{L}$  is an  $I$ -lattice,  $F$  can be extended to  $G$ , an ultrafilter with cmp.  $G$  is fixed because  $\mathcal{L}$  is max complete. Hence  $F$  is fixed and  $\mathcal{L}$  is complete. □

**Corollary 5.8.** *If  $L$  is a max complete  $P$ -lattice, then  $\mathcal{L}$  is prime complete.*

*Proof.* In the proof of Proposition 5.7, take  $F$  to be a prime filter. □

*Remark 5.9.* When  $T$  is defined on  $\tau(\mathcal{L})$  (as when  $\mathcal{L} = \tau(\mathcal{L})$ ) and  $T(\bigwedge_{\alpha} a_{\alpha}) = \bigvee_{\alpha} T(a_{\alpha}) \forall a_{\alpha} \in \mathcal{L}$ , our definitions coincide with the conventional topological ones. (See Examples 3.4 and 4.6.) In particular  $T$  may be taken to be complement.

**Proposition 5.10.** *Let  $T$  be defined on  $\tau(\mathcal{L})$  with  $T(\bigwedge_{\alpha} a_{\alpha}) = \bigvee_{\alpha} T(a_{\alpha})$  for all  $a_{\alpha} \in \mathcal{L}$ .*

- (a)  $\mathcal{L}$  is compact if and only if  $\mathbf{e} = \bigvee_{\alpha} a_{\alpha}^* \Rightarrow \mathbf{e} = \bigvee_1^n a_{\alpha_i}^*$ .
- (b)  $\mathcal{L}$  is complete if and only if  $\mathbf{e} = \bigvee_{\alpha} a_{\alpha}^* \Rightarrow \mathbf{e} = \bigvee_1^{\infty} a_{\alpha_i}^*$ .
- (c)  $\mathcal{L}$  is  $\aleph_0$ -compact if and only if  $\mathbf{e} = \bigvee_1^{\infty} a_i^* \Rightarrow \mathbf{e} = \bigvee_{j=1}^n a_{i_j}^*$ .

*Proof.* We will prove only part (b). Parts (a) and (c) have similar proofs.

Suppose the condition holds. Let  $F = \{f_{\alpha}\}$  be a free  $\mathcal{L}$ -filter. Then  $\bigwedge_{\alpha} f_{\alpha} = \mathbf{0}$  implies that  $\bigvee_{\alpha} f_{\alpha}^* = \mathbf{e}$ , so that there exists  $\{f_{\alpha_i}\} \subseteq \{f_{\alpha}\}$  such that  $\bigvee_i f_{\alpha_i}^* = \mathbf{e}$ . But then  $\bigwedge_i f_{\alpha_i} = \mathbf{0}$  and  $F$  does not have cmp, so  $\mathcal{L}$  is complete.

Conversely, suppose that the condition does not hold. Then there exists  $\{a_{\alpha}\}$  such that  $\bigvee_{\alpha} a_{\alpha}^* = \mathbf{e}$  but  $\bigvee_i a_{\alpha_i}^* \neq \mathbf{e}$  for any countable subset. Then  $\mathbf{0} \neq \bigwedge_i a_{\alpha_i}$  and  $\{a_{\alpha}\}$  is a subbase for a filter  $F$ .  $F$  has cmp since  $\{f_j\} \subseteq F$  implies that  $\bigwedge_j f_j \geq \bigwedge_j a_{\alpha_j} > \mathbf{0}$ .  $F$  is free since  $\mathbf{e} = \bigvee_{\alpha} a_{\alpha}^*$  implies that  $\bigwedge_{\alpha} a_{\alpha} = \mathbf{0}$ , and therefore,  $\mathcal{L}$  is not complete. □

**Corollary 5.11.** *Let  $X$  be a topological space. Take  $\mathcal{L}$  to be the closed sets and take  $T$  to be complement. Then  $X$  is compact (Lindelöf, countably compact) if and only if  $\mathcal{L}$  is compact (complete,  $\aleph_0$ -compact).*

**Corollary 5.12.**  *$X$  is a realcompact  $I$ -space if and only if it is a Lindelöf space [14].*

**Corollary 5.13.** *If  $X$  is regular, countably paracompact, and almost realcompact, then  $X$  is realcompact [6].*

## 6. Lattice Interrelations

In this section we investigate the implications between the properties of two lattices when one is a sublattice of the other.

**Proposition 6.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{L}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{L}_2 \subseteq \tau(\mathcal{L}_1)$*

- (a) *If  $\mathcal{L}_1$  is complete, then  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is complete.*
- (b) *If  $\mathcal{L}_1$  is prime complete, then  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is prime complete.*
- (c) *If  $\mathcal{L}_1$  is a  $P$ -lattice, then that  $\mathcal{L}_1$  is max complete implies that  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is prime complete.*

*Proof.* (a) Let  $F$  be an  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -filter with cmp,  $G = F \cap \mathcal{L}_1$ , and  $b \in F$ . There exists  $\{a_\alpha\} \subseteq \mathcal{L}_1$  such that  $b = \bigwedge_\alpha a_\alpha$ . As  $b \leq a_\alpha$ , for all  $\alpha$ , we have  $a_\alpha \in F \cap \mathcal{L}_1$  (which =  $G$ ), for all  $\alpha$ . Now let  $\{b_\beta\} \subseteq F$ .  $\bigwedge_\beta b_\beta = \bigwedge_{\alpha,\beta} a_{\alpha,\beta} \neq \mathbf{0}$ , since  $G$  is fixed. Thus  $F$  is fixed and  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is complete.

(b) Let  $F$  in (a) be prime. Then  $G$  is prime.

(c) Since  $\mathcal{L}_1$  is a P-lattice,  $G$  may be extended to an  $\mathcal{L}_1$ -ultrafilter  $H$  with cmp. Since  $\mathcal{L}_1$  is max complete,  $H$  is fixed, and hence  $G$  and  $F$  are fixed.  $\square$

**Corollary 6.2.** *Let  $\mathcal{L}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{L}_2 \subseteq \tau(\mathcal{L}_1)$  and let  $\mathcal{L}_1$  be a P-lattice. If  $\mathcal{L}_1$  is max complete, then  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is max and comax complete.*

**Corollary 6.3.** *Let  $\mathcal{L}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{L}_2 \subseteq \tau(\mathcal{L}_1)$  and let  $\mathcal{L}_1$  be  $\mathfrak{S}_0$ -normal. If  $\mathcal{L}_1$  is max complete, then  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is max and comax complete.*

**Corollary 6.4.** *If  $X$  is a normal, countably paracompact space, then  $Z$ -replete implies  $F$ -replete and realcompact implies  $\alpha$ -complete [13].*

The following proposition generalizes two results of Alexandroff [5].

**Proposition 6.5.** *Let  $\mathcal{L}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{L}_2 \subseteq \tau(\mathcal{L}_1)$ .*

(a) *If  $\mathcal{L}_1$  is compact, then  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is compact.*

(b) *If  $\mathcal{L}_1$  is compact and normal, then  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is normal.*

*Proof.* (a) Let  $F$  be an  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -filter. Let  $G = F \cap \mathcal{L}_1$ . The proof follows as in Proposition 6.1.

(b) Let  $a_1, a_2 \in \mathcal{L}_2$ ,  $a_1 \wedge a_2 = \mathbf{0}$ , where  $a_1 = \bigwedge_\beta b_\beta$ ,  $a_2 = \bigwedge_\gamma c_\gamma$ , and of course  $b_\beta, c_\gamma \in \mathcal{L}_1$ .  $a_1 \leq b_\beta$  and  $a_2 \leq c_\gamma$ , for all  $\beta, \gamma$ . Now there must exist  $b_{\beta_0}, c_{\gamma_0}$  such that  $b_{\beta_0} \wedge c_{\gamma_0} = \mathbf{0}$ . (If not,  $\{b_\beta, c_\gamma\}$  would form a subbase for a free filter in a compact space.) By normality of  $\mathcal{L}_1$ , there exist  $d_1^*, d_2^* \in \mathcal{L}_1$  such that  $d_1^* \geq b_{\beta_0}$ ,  $d_2^* \geq c_{\gamma_0}$ , and  $d_1^* \wedge d_2^* = \mathbf{0}$ . But then  $d_1^* \geq a_1$  and  $d_2^* \geq a_2$  and so  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is normal.  $\square$

**Proposition 6.6.** *Let  $\delta(\mathcal{L})$  denote the smallest set containing  $\mathcal{L}$  and closed under countable meets. Let  $\mathcal{L}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{L}_2 \subseteq \delta(\mathcal{L}_1)$ . If  $\mathcal{L}_1$  is  $\mathfrak{S}_0$ -compact, then  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is  $\mathfrak{S}_0$ -compact.*

**Proposition 6.7.** *Let  $\mathcal{L}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{L}_2$ . If  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is complete, then  $\mathcal{L}_1$  is complete.*

*Proof.* Let  $F$  be an  $\mathcal{L}_1$ -filter with cmp. Let  $G = \{a \in \mathcal{L}_2 : a \geq f \text{ for some } f \in F\}$ .  $G$  has cmp since  $\bigwedge g_i \geq \bigwedge f_i > \mathbf{0}$ ,  $g_i \in G$ , and  $f_i \in F$ .  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is complete so  $G$  is fixed. Thus  $F$  is fixed and  $\mathcal{L}_1$  is complete.  $\square$

**Corollary 6.8.** *Let  $\mathcal{L}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{L}_2$  where  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is an I-lattice.*

(a) *If  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is max complete, then  $\mathcal{L}_1$  is complete.*

(b) *If  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is a comax complete R-lattice, then  $\mathcal{L}_1$  is complete.*

*Proof.* (a) Since  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is an I-lattice,  $\mathcal{L}_2$  that is max complete implies that  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is complete, which implies by Proposition 6.7 that  $\mathcal{L}_1$  is complete.

(b) Since  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is an R-lattice, its being comax complete implies that it is prime complete. Since  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is an I-lattice,  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is complete and thus  $\mathcal{L}_1$  is complete by Proposition 6.7.  $\square$

**Definition 6.9.**  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is an  $\mathcal{L}_1$ -**P-lattice** if and only if every  $\mathcal{L}_1$  prime filter with cmp is contained in an  $\mathcal{L}_2$  ultrafilter with cmp.

*Definition 6.10.* (i)  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is  $\mathcal{L}_1$ -normal if and only if for all  $f_1, f_2 \in \mathcal{L}_2$  with  $f_1 \wedge f_2 = \mathbf{0}$  there exist  $g_1^*, g_2^* \in \mathcal{L}_1^*$  such that  $f_1 \leq g_1^*$ ,  $f_2 \leq g_2^*$ , and  $g_1^* \wedge g_2^* = \mathbf{0}$ .

(ii)  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is  $\mathcal{L}_1$ - $\mathfrak{K}_0$ -paracompact if and only if for each  $\{a_n\} \subseteq \mathcal{L}_2$  such that  $a_n \downarrow \mathbf{0}$  there exists a sequence  $\{b_n\} \subseteq \mathcal{L}_1$  such that  $a_n \leq b_n^*$  and  $b_n^* \downarrow \mathbf{0}$ .

(iii)  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is  $\mathcal{L}_1$ - $\mathfrak{K}_0$ -normal if and only if  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is  $\mathcal{L}_1$ -normal and  $\mathcal{L}_1$ - $\mathfrak{K}_0$ -paracompact.

**Proposition 6.11.** *Let  $T$  be complement. If  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is  $\mathcal{L}_1$ - $\mathfrak{K}_0$ -normal and  $F_1$  is a prime  $\mathcal{L}_1$ -filter with cmp contained in an  $\mathcal{L}_2$ -filter  $F_2$ , then  $F_2$  has cmp.*

*Proof.* Similar to the proof of Proposition 3.19. □

**Corollary 6.12.** *Let  $T$  be complement.*

(a) *That  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is  $\mathcal{L}_1$ - $\mathfrak{K}_0$ -normal implies that  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is an  $\mathcal{L}_1$ -P-lattice.*

(b) *If  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is  $\mathfrak{K}_0$ -paracompact and  $\mathcal{L}_1$  separates  $\mathcal{L}_2$ , then  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is  $\mathcal{L}_1$ - $\mathfrak{K}_0$ -paracompact.*

**Corollary 6.13.** (a) *Let  $\mathcal{L}_2$  be an  $\mathcal{L}_1$ -P-lattice. That  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is max complete implies that  $\mathcal{L}_1$  is prime complete.*

(b) *If in addition  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is an R-lattice, then that  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is comax complete implies that  $\mathcal{L}_1$  is prime complete.*

We get Frolík's [8] theorems as our final corollary.

**Corollary 6.14.** (a) *If  $\mathcal{L}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{L}_2$  and  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is  $\mathcal{L}_1$ - $\mathfrak{K}_0$ -normal and prime complete, then  $\mathcal{L}_1$  is prime complete.*

(b) *Let  $X$  be a normal  $T_2$  space. If  $X$  is almost realcompact and countably paracompact, then  $X$  is realcompact.*

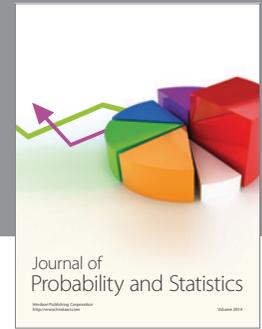
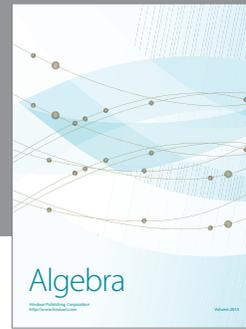
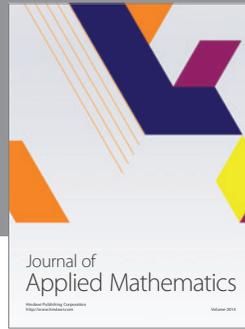
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