

87. On the Representation of Boolean Algebra.

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1. Representation theory of Boolean algebra was developed by Stone, Wallman and many writers. Wallman's¹⁾ method is simpler than that of Stone²⁾ in the point that the notion of ideal is not used. The method of Livenson³⁾ is complicated than that of Wallman. But if we replace the regular table of Livenson by the set satisfying conditions (1°), (2°) and (4°) in § 2, then the maximal regular table becomes a ideal basis. Further we can prove that the representation space of Livenson becomes a T_2 -space satisfying the first countability axiom.

2. Let L be a distributive lattice including 0 and 1. That is, L is a lattice having zero element 0 and unit element 1 and for any three elements a , b and c

$$a(b \vee c) = ab \vee ac \quad \text{and} \quad a \vee bc = (a \vee b)(a \vee c).$$

Now we consider a subset $\{g\}$ of L satisfying the following conditions:

(1°) $0 \bar{\in} \{g\}$.

(2°) If $g_1, g_2 \in \{g\}$ then there exists g_3 such that $g_3 < g_1 g_2$.

In such two sets $\{g\}$ and $\{g'\}$, if for any $g \in \{g\}$ there exists $g' \in \{g'\}$ such that $g' < g$ then we write

$$\{g\} < \{g'\}.$$

Further we will introduce two conditions concerning $\{g\}$ in L :

(3°) For $\{g\}$ and any two elements a and b such as $g(a \vee b) = g$ there exists $g_1 \in \{g\}$ such that $g_1 a = g_1$ or $g_1 b = g_1$.

(4°) For $\{g\}$ and any $a \in L$ there exists $g \in \{g\}$ satisfying $ag = g$ or $ag = 0$.

Lemma 1. Under (1°) and (2°), (4°) implies (3°).

Suppose that $\{g\}$ satisfies (1°), (2°) and (4°) and a and b are any elements satisfying $(a \vee b)g = g$ for some $g \in \{g\}$. Then there exist g_1 and g_2 such that $ag_1 = g_1$ or $ag_1 = 0$ and $bg_2 = g_2$ or $bg_2 = 0$. If $ag_1 = bg_2 = 0$, then $g_3 < g < a \vee b$ for $g_3 < gg_1 g_2$. Hence $0 = ag_3 \vee bg_3 = (a \vee b)g_3 = g_3$. This is a contradiction.

Lemma 2. Suppose that $\{g\}$ satisfies (3°) (or (4°)) and $\{g\} < \{g'\} < \{g\}$. Then $\{g'\}$ satisfies (3°) (or (4°)).

Suppose that $\{g\}$ satisfies (3°) and that a and b are any two elements satisfying $(a \vee b)g' = g'$ for some $g' \in \{g'\}$. If $gg' = g$ then $g(a \vee b) = g$. Consequently there exists $g_1 \in \{g\}$ such that $ag_1 = g_1$ or

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