

### 34. Modular Pairs in Atomistic Lattices with the Covering Property

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**1. Introduction.** In the previous paper [4], a lattice  $L$  is called a DAC-lattice when both  $L$  and its dual are atomistic lattices with the covering property. The lattice  $\mathcal{L}$  of closed subspaces of a linear system, appeared in Mackey [2], is an example of a DAC-lattice. In [2; p. 168], Mackey proved that a pair of elements of  $\mathcal{L}$  is both modular and dual-modular if and only if it is stable modular. In this paper we shall show (Theorem 2) that this statement can be proved in general DAC-lattices. As a consequence of this result, we shall obtain a condition on a DAC-lattice which is equivalent to cross-symmetry. In the last section, we shall show some results on cross-symmetry of the lattice of closed subspaces of a locally convex space.

**2. Symmetry of modular relations.** Let  $a$  and  $b$  be elements of a lattice. We say that  $(a, b)$  is a *modular pair* (resp. a *dual-modular pair*) and write  $(a, b)M$  (resp.  $(a, b)M^*$ ) when

$$\begin{aligned} & (c \vee a) \wedge b = c \vee (a \wedge b) \quad \text{for every } c \leq b \\ \text{(resp. } & (c \wedge a) \vee b = c \wedge (a \vee b) \quad \text{for every } c \geq b). \end{aligned}$$

(Note that  $(a, b)M^*$  is equivalent to  $(b, a)M^*$  in the sense of [4].)

A lattice  $L$  is called *M-symmetric* (resp. *M\*-symmetric*) when  $(a, b)M$  implies  $(b, a)M$  (resp.  $(a, b)M^*$  implies  $(b, a)M^*$ ) in  $L$ .  $L$  is called *cross-symmetric* (resp. *dual cross-symmetric*) when  $(a, b)M$  implies  $(b, a)M^*$  (resp.  $(a, b)M^*$  implies  $(b, a)M$ ) in  $L$ .

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $a, b$  and  $c$  be elements of a lattice  $L$ .*

(i) *If  $(a, b)M$  and  $(a \wedge b, c)M$  then  $(a_1, b \wedge c)M$  for any element  $a_1$  of the interval  $L[a \wedge c, a]$ .*

(ii) *If  $(a, b)M$  then  $(a_1, b_1)M$  for any  $a_1 \in L[a \wedge b, a]$  and  $b_1 \in L[a \wedge b, b]$ .*

**Proof.** (i) Let  $a \wedge c \leq a_1 \leq a$ . Then  $a_1 \wedge c = a \wedge c$ . If  $d \leq b \wedge c$ , then by  $(a, b)M$  and  $(a \wedge b, c)M$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} (d \vee a_1) \wedge (b \wedge c) & \leq (d \vee a) \wedge b \wedge c = \{d \vee (a \wedge b)\} \wedge c \\ & = d \vee (a \wedge b \wedge c) = d \vee (a_1 \wedge b \wedge c) \leq (d \vee a_1) \wedge (b \wedge c). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $(a_1, b \wedge c)M$ .

(ii) Assume  $(a, b)M$  and let  $a \wedge b \leq b_1 \leq b$ . Since  $(a \wedge b, b_1)M$ , it follows from (i) that

$$(a_1, b_1)M \quad \text{for any } a_1 \in L[a \wedge b_1, a] = L[a \wedge b, a].$$

The following theorem is due to Schreiner (a generalization of [6], Theorem 6).

**Theorem 1.** *Any cross-symmetric lattice is  $M$ -symmetric. Any dual cross-symmetric lattice is  $M^*$ -symmetric.*

**Proof.** It is evident that

(1)  $(a, b)M$  in a lattice  $L$  if and only if  $(a, b)M$  in  $L[a \wedge b, a \vee b]$ .

Assume that  $L$  is cross-symmetric and let  $(a, b)M$  in  $L$ . For any  $c \in L[a \wedge b, a]$ , since  $(c, b)M$  by Lemma 1, we have  $(b, c)M^*$  by the assumption. Hence

$$(c \vee b) \wedge a = a \wedge (b \vee c) = (a \wedge b) \vee c = c \vee (b \wedge a).$$

Therefore  $(b, a)M$  in  $L[a \wedge b, a \vee b]$ , and hence  $(b, a)M$  in  $L$  by (1). The second statement holds by duality.

**3. Modularity in DAC-lattices.** A subset  $S$  of a lattice  $L$  is called *join-dense* in  $L$  when

$$a = \vee(x \in S; x \leq a) \quad \text{for every } a \in L.$$

In a lattice  $L$ , we write  $a < b$  when  $a < b$  and there does not exist  $c \in L$  with  $a < c < b$ .

Let  $L$  be a lattice with 0. An element  $a \in L$  is called an *atom* when  $0 < a$ , and  $a$  is called *finite* when it is the join of a finite number of atoms.  $L$  is called *finite-modular* when  $(b, a)M$  for any finite element  $a \in L$  and for any  $b \in L$ .  $L$  is called *atomistic* when the set of all atoms is join-dense in  $L$ . The following property of  $L$  is called the *covering property*:

If  $p$  is an atom and  $p \not\leq a$  then  $a < a \vee p$ .

An atomistic lattice with the covering property is called an *AC-lattice*. A lattice  $L$  with 0 and 1 is called a *DAC-lattice* when both  $L$  and its dual  $L^*$  are AC-lattices.

By [3], Lemma 4, any finite-modular AC-lattice is  $M^*$ -symmetric, and by [4], Theorem 2.1, any DAC-lattice is finite-modular,  $M$ -symmetric and  $M^*$ -symmetric.

**Lemma 2.** *In a lattice, if  $(a, b)M$ ,  $(c, a \vee b)M$  and  $c \wedge (a \vee b) \leq a$  then  $(c \vee a, b)M$  and  $(c \vee a) \wedge b = a \wedge b$ .*

**Proof.** Wilcox [7], Lemma 1.2.

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $S$  be a join-dense set in a lattice  $L$ , and let  $a, b \in L$ . If  $(a, b \vee x)M$  for every  $x \in S$  with  $x \not\leq b$  then  $(a, b)M^*$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $c \geq b$ . Evidently,  $(c \wedge a) \vee b \leq c \wedge (a \vee b)$ . Let  $x \in S$  and  $x \leq c \wedge (a \vee b)$ . We shall prove that  $x \leq (c \wedge a) \vee b$ . This is evident when  $x \leq b$ . When  $x \not\leq b$ , we have  $(a, b \vee x)M$  by the assumption. Hence

$$x \leq (b \vee a) \wedge (b \vee x) = b \vee \{a \wedge (b \vee x)\} \leq b \vee (a \wedge c) = (c \wedge a) \vee b.$$

Since  $S$  is join-dense, we have  $c \wedge (a \vee b) \leq (c \wedge a) \vee b$ .

**Lemma 4.** *Let  $a$  and  $b$  be elements of an AC-lattice  $L$ . If*

$(a, x)M$  for every  $x \succ b$  then  $(a, b)M^*$ .

**Proof.** The set  $S$  of all atoms of  $L$  is join-dense. If  $x \in S$  and  $x \not\leq b$  then  $b < b \vee x$  by the covering property. Hence this lemma is a consequence of Lemma 3.

**Lemma 5.** *In a finite-modular AC-lattice  $L$ , if  $(a, b)M^*$  then  $(a \vee x, b \vee y)M^*$  for all finite elements  $x$  and  $y$ .*

**Proof.** By the dual property of Lemma 1 (i),

(1)  $(a, b)M^*$  and  $(a \vee b, c)M^*$  together imply  $(a, b \vee c)M^*$ .

Let  $(a, b)M^*$ . If  $y$  is a finite element, then since  $(a \vee b, y)M^*$  by [4], Lemma 2.2 (ii), we have  $(a, b \vee y)M^*$  by (1). Similarly, since  $L$  is  $M^*$ -symmetric,  $(a, b \vee y)M^*$  implies  $(a \vee x, b \vee y)M^*$  for every finite element  $x$ .

**Lemma 6.** *Let  $a$  and  $b$  be elements of a finite-modular AC-lattice  $L$ . If  $(a, b)M$  and  $(a, b)M^*$  then  $(a, b_1)M^*$  for any  $b_1 \in L[a \wedge b, b]$ .*

**Proof.** It follows from [3], Lemma 4 that  $(a, b)M^*$  is equivalent to the following ( $a \neq 0, b \neq 0$ ):

If  $p$  is an atom with  $p \leq a \vee b$  then there exist atoms  $q$  and  $r$  such that  $p \leq q \vee r, q \leq a$  and  $r \leq b$ .

Assume  $(a, b)M$  and  $(a, b)M^*$ , and let  $a \wedge b \leq b_1 \leq b$ . We may assume  $a \neq 0$  and  $b_1 \neq 0$ . Let  $p$  be an atom with  $p \leq a \vee b_1$ . It suffices to show that there exist atoms  $q$  and  $r$  such that  $p \leq q \vee r, q \leq a$  and  $r \leq b_1$ . Since  $p \leq a \vee b$  and  $(a, b)M^*$ , there exist atoms  $q_1$  and  $r_1$  such that  $p \leq q_1 \vee r_1, q_1 \leq a$  and  $r_1 \leq b$ . When  $p = q_1$ , then  $q = q_1$  and any atom  $r \leq x$  may be used. When  $p \neq q_1$ , by the covering property we have  $p \vee q_1 = q_1 \vee r_1$ , whence  $r_1 \leq p \vee q_1 \leq a \vee b_1$ . Since  $(a, b)M$ , we have

$$r_1 \leq (b_1 \vee a) \wedge b = b_1 \vee (a \wedge b) = b_1.$$

Hence  $q = q_1$  and  $r = r_1$  have the desired property.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $a$  and  $b$  be elements of a DAC-lattice  $L$ . The following three statements are equivalent.*

- ( $\alpha$ )  $(a, b)M$  and  $(a, b)M^*$ .
- ( $\beta$ )  $(a, x)M$  for every  $x \succ b$ .
- ( $\gamma$ )  $(a, x)M^*$  for every  $x \prec b$ .

**Proof.** (i) We shall prove that ( $\gamma$ ) implies ( $\alpha$ ). We may assume  $b \neq 0$ . Since  $L^*$  is an AC-lattice, there exists an element  $c$  with  $c < b$  in  $L$ . Then there exists an atom  $p$  such that  $b = c \vee p$ . Since  $(a, c)M^*$  by ( $\gamma$ ), we have  $(a, b)M^*$  by Lemma 5. Moreover, by ( $\gamma$ ), in  $L^*$  we have  $(a, x)M$  for every  $x \succ b$ . Hence, by Lemma 4, we have  $(a, b)M^*$  in  $L^*$ , whence  $(a, b)M$  in  $L$ . Therefore ( $\gamma$ ) implies ( $\alpha$ ).

If ( $\beta$ ) holds, then ( $\gamma$ ) holds in  $L^*$  and hence ( $\alpha$ ) holds in  $L^*$ . Therefore ( $\alpha$ ) holds in  $L$  also.

(ii) We shall prove that ( $\alpha$ ) implies ( $\beta$ ). Let  $x \succ b$ . When  $x \leq a \vee b$ , then in  $L^*$  we have  $a \wedge b \leq x \leq b$ . Hence, by Lemma 6, ( $\alpha$ )

implies  $(a, x)M^*$  in  $L^*$ , whence  $(a, x)M$  in  $L$ . When  $x \not\leq a \vee b$ , we take an atom  $p$  such that  $x = b \vee p$ . Then  $p \wedge (b \vee a) = 0$ , since otherwise we would have  $x \leq a \vee b$ . Since  $L$  is  $M$ -symmetric, we have  $(b, a)M$  and  $(p, b \vee a)M$ . Moreover,  $p \wedge (b \vee a) = 0 \leq b$ . Hence by Lemma 2, we have  $(p \vee b, a)M$ . Therefore  $(\alpha)$  implies  $(\beta)$ .

By the duality,  $(\alpha)$  implies  $(\gamma)$  also.

**Corollary.** *Let  $L$  be a DAC-lattice (hence  $L$  is  $M$ -symmetric and  $M^*$ -symmetric).  $L$  is cross-symmetric if and only if in  $L$*

$(a, b)M$  implies  $(a, c)M$  for any  $c > b$ .

*$L$  is dual cross-symmetric if and only if in  $L$*

$(a, b)M^*$  implies  $(a, c)M^*$  for any  $c < b$ .

**Proof.** If  $(a, b)M$ , then by the equivalence of  $(\alpha)$  and  $(\beta)$  in Theorem 2,  $(a, b)M^*$  is equivalent to  $(a, c)M$  for every  $c > b$ .

**Remark 1.** It follows from this corollary that if a DAC-lattice  $L$  is cross-symmetric then, in  $L$ ,  $(a, b)M$  implies  $(a \vee x, b \vee y)M$  for all finite elements  $x$  and  $y$ . Compare with Lemma 5.

**4. The lattice of closed subspaces of a locally convex space.** Let  $E$  be a locally convex space. The set  $L_c(E)$  of all closed subspaces of  $E$  forms an irreducible complete DAC-lattice by [4], Corollary 1 of Theorem 6.1. It was proved by Mackey ([2], pp. 166–167) that a pair  $(A, B)$  in  $L_c(E)$  is dual-modular if and only if the linear sum  $A + B$  is closed in  $E$  and that  $(A, B)$  is modular if and only if the mapping  $\varphi: (x, y) \rightarrow x + y$  of  $A \times B$  into  $E$  is a weak homomorphism (a homomorphism for weak topologies).

If  $E$  is metrisable, then since both the domain and the range of  $\varphi$  are Mackey spaces,  $\varphi$  is a weak homomorphism if and only if it is a homomorphism (see [5], p. 159). If  $E$  is a Fréchet space (metrisable and complete), then by Banach's homomorphism theorem,  $\varphi$  is a homomorphism if and only if its range  $A + B$  is closed (see [5], p. 77). Therefore we obtain the following:

**Theorem 3.** *If  $E$  is a Fréchet space then  $L_c(E)$  is cross-symmetric and dual cross-symmetric (hence  $(A, B)M$ ,  $(B, A)M$ ,  $(A, B)M^*$  and  $(B, A)M^*$  are all equivalent).*

**Remark 2.** This theorem is a generalization of Theorem III-13 in Mackey [2]. In [2; p. 173], he showed existence of an incomplete normed space  $E$  such that  $L_c(E)$  is neither cross-symmetric nor dual cross-symmetric.

**Remark 3.** Let  $E$  be an inner product space. The following three statements are equivalent.

- ( $\alpha$ )  $E$  is complete ( $E$  is a Hilbert space).
- ( $\beta$ )  $L_c(E)$  is cross-symmetric.
- ( $\gamma$ )  $L_c(E)$  is cross-symmetric and dual cross-symmetric.

The implication  $(\alpha) \Rightarrow (\gamma)$  follows from Theorem 3, and  $(\gamma) \Rightarrow (\beta)$  is trivial. The implication  $(\beta) \Rightarrow (\alpha)$  was proved by Holland [1].

**Question.** Is there a normed space  $E$  such that  $L_c(E)$  is dual cross-symmetric but not cross-symmetric?

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