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# **ON SOME PROPERTIES OF AB-ALGEBRAS**

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**Abstract:** We introduce the notion of fuzzy AB-ideal of AB-algebra, several theorems and properties are stated and proved. The fuzzy relations on AB-algebras are also studied as homomorphic, isomorphic and normal.

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# **1.Introduction:**

The notion of BCC-algebras was proposed by W.A. Dudek in ([6], [8]). S.S. Ahn and H.S. Kim have introduced the notion of QS-algebras. A.T. Hameed and et al [3] introduced the notions of QS-ideal and fuzzy QS-ideal of QS-algebra. A.T. Hameed introduce new of abstract algebras: is called KUS-algebras and define its ideals as KUS-algebras in ([4]). In 2017, A.T. Hameed and B.N. Abbas. introduced the notion of AB-ideals in AB-algebras and described connections between such ideal and congruences [1]. A.T. Hameed and B.N. Abbas., considered the fuzzification of AB-ideals in

AB-algebras [2]. In this paper, we introduce the notion of t-derivation on AB-algebras and obtain some of related properties and we characterized Kerd by t-derivations

# 2 Basic definitions of AB-algebra:

We review some definitions and properties that will be useful in our results.

**Definition 2.1** ([1]) Let X be a set with a binary operation "\*" and a constant 0. Then(X, \*, 0)

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is called an AB-algebra if the following axioms satisfied for all  $x,y,z \in X$ :

- (i) ((x \* y) \* (z \* y)) \* (x \* z) = 0,
- (ii) 0 \* x = 0,
- (iii) x \* 0 = x,

Note that: Define a binary relation ( $\leq$ ) on X by letting x \* y = 0 if and only if, x  $\leq$  y.

Then  $(X, \leq)$  is a partially ordered set.

**Proposition 2.2** ([1]) In any AB-algebra X, for all x, y,  $z \in X$ , the following properties hold:

- (1) (x \* y) \* x = 0.
- (2)  $x \le y$  implies  $x * z \le y * z$ .
- (3)  $x \le y$  implies  $z * y \le z * x$ .

**Remark2.3**([1]) An AB-algebra is satisfies for all x,y,z∈X

(2) (x \* (x \* y)) \* y = 0.

**Definition 2.4** ([1]) A nonempty subset S of anAB-algebra X is called AB-subalgebras of X if  $x * y \in S$  whenever  $x, y \in S$ .

**Definition 2.5**([1]) Let X be an AB-algebra and  $\phi = I \subseteq X$ . I is called an AB-ideal of X if it satisfies the following conditions:

(i)  $0 \in I$ ,

(ii)  $(x * y)^*z \in I$  and  $y \in I$  imply  $x^*z \in I$ .

**Definition 2.6** For an AB-algebra X, we denote  $x \land y = y*(y*x)$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ ,  $x \land y \le x, y$ .

**Definition 2.7** An AB-algebra is said to be commutative if and only if, satisfies for all x, y  $\in X, x * (x * y) = y * (y * x)$ , i.e,  $x \land y = y \land x$ .

**Definition 2.8**LetX be an AB-algebra. A map d:  $X \rightarrow X$  is a left-right derivation (briefly,(l,r)-derivation) of X,

if it satisfies the identity  $d(x * y) = (d(x) * y) \land (x * d(y))$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ ,

if d satisfies the identity  $d(x * y) = (x * d(y)) \land (d(x) * y)$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ .

Then d is a right-left derivation (briefly, (r, l)-derivation) of X.

Moreover, if d is both a (l,r) and (r,l)-derivation, then d is a derivation of X.

**Example 2.9.** Let  $X = \{0,1,2,3\}$  be an AB-algebra in which the operation (\*) is defined as follows:

*	0	1	2	3
0	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	1	0
2	2	2	0	0
3	3	3	1	0

Define a map d: G  $\rightarrow$  G byd(x) =  $\begin{cases}
0 & if x = 0,1,3, \\
2 & if x = 2.
\end{cases}$ 

And define a map  $d^*: G \to G$  by  $d^*(x)$   $\begin{cases} 0 & if \ x = 0, 1, \\ 2 & if \ x = 2, 3. \end{cases}$ 

Then it is easily checked that d is both a (l,r) and (r,l)-derivation of G and d<sup>\*</sup> is a (r,l)- derivation but not a (l,r)-derivation of G.

**Definition2.10** A derivation of a AB-algebra is said to be regular if d(0) = 0.

# **3.Main results**

### **3.1.** Basic definitions of weak AB-algebra:

We review the definition of weak AB-algebra and study some properties of it.

**Definition 3.1.1** An algebra (G; \*, 0) of type (2, 0) with a relation defined by (1) is a weak ABalgebra if and only if, for all x, y, z  $\in$  G the following conditions are satisfied:

$$(i')((x * y) * (z * y)) \le (x * z),$$

(ii') x ≤x,

(iii') x\*0 = x,

From (i') it follows that in weak AB-algebras implications

(1) 
$$x \le y \Rightarrow x^*z \le y^*z$$

(2)  $x \le y \Rightarrow z^*y \le z^*x$  are valid, for all x, y,  $z \in G$ .

Definition 3.1.2. Let (G; \*, 0) be a weak AB-algebras, a subset A weak AB-algebra is called a

# AB-ideal if

- a)  $0 \in A$ ,
- b) For all  $y \in A$ ,  $(x^*y)^* z \in A$  implies  $x^*z \in A$ .

Note that: A special case of an AB-ideal is an AB-ideal, i.e., a subset A such that  $0 \in A$ , and y,

 $x^*y \in A$  imply  $x \in A$ .

The main properties of this map are collected in the following theorem proved.

**Remark 3.1.3.** In the investigations of algebras connected with various types of logics an important role plays the self map  $\phi(x) = 0^*x$ , for all  $x \in G$ .

**Theorem 3.1.4.** Let G be a weak AB-algebra. Then for all  $x, y \in G$ .

$$(1)\phi^2(\mathbf{x}) \le \mathbf{x},$$

(2) 
$$x \le y \Rightarrow \phi(x) = \phi(y)$$

$$(3) \phi^3(\mathbf{x}) = \phi(\mathbf{x}),$$

(4)  $\phi^2(x^*y) = \phi^2(x)^* \phi^2(y)$ 

**Definition 3.1.5.** A weak AB-algebra in which  $\text{Ker}\phi(x) = \{0\}$  is called group-like or antigrouped.

#### **Remark 3.1.6.**

- 1- A weak AB-algebra (G;  $\cdot$ , 0) is group-like if and only if, there exists a group (G; \*, 0) such that x.y = x \* y<sup>-1</sup>.
- 2- The set of all minimal (with respect to  $\leq$ ) elements of G will be denoted by I (G). It is a AB-subalgebras of G. Moreover, I (G) =  $\phi(G) = \{a \in G : \phi^2(a) = a\}$ .
- 3- The set  $B(a) = \{x \in G : a \le x\}$ , where  $a \in I(G)$  is called the branch initiated by a.
- 4- Branches initiated by different elements are disjoint. Comparable elements are in the same branch, but there are weak AB-algebras containing branches in which not all elements are comparable.

#### Lemma 2.1.7.

- 1- Elements x and y are in the same branch if and only if,  $x^*y \in B(0)$ .
- 2- B(0) is a AB-subalgebras of G. It is a maximal AB-algebra contained in G.
- 3- In a weak AB-algebra G, for all  $a, b \in I(G)$  we have B(a)\*B(b) = B(a\*b).
- 4- The identity (x\*y)\*z = (x\*z)\*y. plays an important role in the theory of BCI-algebras.

**Definition 3.1.8.** A weak AB-algebra G is called solid if the above condition is valid for all x, y belonging to the same branch and arbitrary  $z \in G$ .

### Remark 3.1.9.

- 1- A simple example of a solid weak AB-algebra is a BCI-algebra.
- 2- BCK-algebra is a solid weak AB-algebra.
- 3- A solid AB-algebra is a BCK-algebra.

- 4- There are solid weak AB-algebras which are not BCI-algebras.
- 5- The smallest such weak AB-algebra has 5 elements.

**Example 3.1.10.** Consider the set  $X = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  with the operation defined by the following table:

*	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	4	4	2	2
1	1	0	4	4	2	2
2	2	2	0	0	4	4
3	3	2	1	0	4	4
4	4	4	2	2	0	0
5	5	4	3	3	1	0

Since (S; \*, 0), where S = {0, 1, 2, 3, 4}, is an AB-algebra, it is not difficult to verify that (X; \*, 0) is a weak AB-algebra. It is proper because  $(5*3) *2 \neq (5*2) *3$ . Simple calculations show that this weak AB-algebra is solid.

Proposition 3.1.11. In any solid weak AB-algebra we have

(a) x \*(x\*y)\* y,

(b)  $x^* (x^{*}(x^*y)) = x^*y$ , for all x, y belonging to the same branch.

**Corollary 3.1.12.** In a solid weak AB-algebra from  $x, y \in B(a)$  it follows

$$x * (x*y), y * (y*x) \in B(a).$$

**Proposition 3.1.13.** The map  $\phi(x) = 0^*x$  is an endomorphism of each solid weak AB-algebra.

**Proposition 3.1.14.** In each solid weak AB-algebra for  $x^*y$ ,  $x^*z$  (or  $x^*y$  and  $z^*y$ ) belonging to the same branch we have  $(x^*y)^*(x^*z) \le (z^*y)$ .

### Proof.

Indeed,  $((x^*y) * (x^*z))*(z^*y) = ((x^*y)*(z^*y))*(x^*z) = 0.$ 

# 3.2.t-derivations in AB-algebras

The following definitions introduce the notion of t-derivation for a AB-algebra.

**Definition 3.2.1**Let X be a AB-algebra. Then for any  $t \in X$ , the self map  $d_t: X \to X$  is

called a right translation by t and is denoted by  $R_t$  if  $d_t(x)=x*t$ , for all  $x \in X$ .

**Example3.2.2**LetG={0,1,2,3,4}bean AB-algebra with the following Cayley table:

*	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	0	1
2	2	2	0	0	1
3	3	2	1	0	1
4	4	4	4	4	0

For any  $t \in X$ , define a self map  $d_t : G \to G$  by

$$d_t(x) = x * t = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = 0,1,2,3 \\ 4 & \text{if } x = 4 \end{cases}$$

Then it is easy to check that  $d_t$  is a t-derivation on G.(i.e.  $d_t$  is (l, r) and(r, l)-t-derivations)

**Example 3.2.3**Let  $G = \{0, a, b\}$  be an AB-algebra with the following Cayley table:

*	0	a	b
0	0	0	0
a	a	0	a
b	b	b	0

For any  $t \in X$ , define a self map

$$d_t: G \to Gbyd_t(x) = x * t = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = 0, a \\ b & \text{if } x = b \end{cases}$$

Then it is easily checked that  $d_t$  is both (l, r) and (r, l)-t-derivation of G.

**Definition 3.2.4**A self map dt of an AB-algebra X is said to be t-regular if  $d_t(0) = 0$ .

**Theorem 3.2.5**A (l, r)-t-derivation of an AB-algebra X is t-regular.

## Proof.

 $d_t(0) = d_t(0 * x) = (d_t(0) * x) \land (0 * d_t(x)) = ((0 * t) * x) \land (0 * (x * t))$ 

 $= ((0 *t) *x) \land 0 = 0 * (0 * ((0 * t) * x)) = 0.$ 

**Theorem 3.2.6**A (r, l)-t-derivation of an AB-algebra X is t-regular.

# Proof.

 $d_t(0) = d_t(0 * x) = (0 * d_t(x)) \land (d_t(0) * x)$ 

 $= 0 \land ((0 * t) * x) = ((0 * t) * x) * (((0 * t) * x) * 0)$ 

= ((0 \*t) \*x) \*((0 \*t) \*x) = 0.

**Corollary 3.2.7**A t-derivation of an AB-algebra X is t-regular.

**Proposition 3.2.8**Let d<sub>t</sub>be a self map of an AB-algebra X. Then

i) If  $d_t$  is a (l, r)-t-derivation of X, then  $d_t(x) = d_t(x) \land x$ , for all  $x \in X$ .

ii) If 
$$d_t$$
 is a (r, l)-t-derivation of X, then  $d_t(x) = x \wedge d_t(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .

#### **Proof.**

(i). Let  $d_t$  be a (l, r)-t-derivation of X, then

 $d_t(x) = d_t(x * 0) = (d_t(x) * 0) \land (x * d_t(0)) = d_t(x) \land (x * 0) = d_t(x) \land x.$ 

(ii). Let  $d_t$  be a (r, l)-t-derivation of X, Then

 $d_t(x) = d_t(x * 0) = (x * d_t(0)) \land (d_t(x) * 0) = (x * 0) \land d_t(x) = x \land d_t(x).$ 

Theorem 3.2.9Let dtbe a t-regular (r, l)-t-derivation of an AB-algebra X. Then, the

following hold:

- i)  $d_t(x) \le x$ , for all  $x \in X$ .
- ii)  $d_t(x)*y \le x*d_t(y)$ , for all  $x,y \in X$ .

iii) 
$$d_t(x*y)=d_t(x)*y\leq d_t(x)*d_t(y)$$
, for all  $x,y\in X$ .

- iv)  $d_t^{-1}(0) = \text{Ker}(d_t) = \{x \in X : d_t(x) = 0\}$  is a AB-subalgebras of X.
- v)  $d_t(d_t(x)) \leq x$ .

vi) 
$$d_t(x * d_t(x)) = 0.$$

### Proof.

(i). For any  $x \in X$ , we have:

 $d_t(x) = d_t(x * 0) = (x * d_t(0)) \land (d_t(x) * 0) = (x * 0) \land d_t(x) = x \land d_t(x) \le x.$ 

(ii). Since  $d_t(x) \le x$  for all  $x \in X$ , then  $d_t(x) * y \le x * y \le x * d_t(y)$  and hence the proof follows.

(iii). For any x,  $y \in X$ , we have

 $d_t(x*y) = (x*d_t(y)) \land (d_t(x)*y) = (d_t(x)*y) * ((d_t(x)*y) * (x*d_t(y)))$ 

- $= (d_t(x) * y) * 0 = (d_t(x) * y) \le d_t(x) * d_t(y).$
- (iv). Let  $x,y \in \text{Ker}(d_t) \Rightarrow d_t(x) = 0 = d_t(y)$ . From (iii), we have  $d_t(x*y) \le d_t(x) * d_t(y)$ = 0 \*0= 0. implying  $d_t(x*y) \le 0$  and so  $d_t(x*y) = 0$ .

Consequently  $Ker(d_t)$  is a AB-subalgebras of X.

- (v).  $d_t(d_t(x)) = d_t(x * t) \le d_t(x) * d_t(t) = (x * t) * (t * t) = (x * t) * 0 = (x * t) \le x$ .
- (iv)  $d_t(x * d_t(x)) = d_t(x) * d_t(x) = 0.$

**Proposition 3.2.10**Let X be an AB-algebra and dt a t-derivation. If  $y \in \text{Ker}(d_t)$  and  $x \in X$ , then  $x \land y \in \text{Ker}(d_t)$ .

# **Proof.**

Let  $d_t$  be a (l, r)-t-derivation and  $y \in \text{Ker}(d_t)$ . Then we get  $d_t(y) = 0$ , and so

$$\begin{aligned} d_t(x \land y) &= d_t(y \ast (y \ast x)) \\ &= (d_t(y) \ast (y \ast x)) \land (y \ast d_t(y \ast x)) \\ &= (0 \ast (y \ast x)) \land (y \ast d_t(y \ast x)) \\ &= 0 \land (y \ast d_t(y \ast x)) \\ &= (y \ast d_t(y \ast x)) \ast ((y \ast d_t(y \ast x)) \ast 0) \\ &= (y \ast d_t(y \ast x)) \ast (y \ast d_t(y \ast x)) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have  $x \land y \in \text{Ker}(d_t)$ . Similarly, we can prove in case of (r, 1)-t-derivation.

**Proposition 3.2.11** Let X be a commutative AB-algebra and dt a t-derivation. If  $x \le y$  and  $y \in Ker(d_t)$ , Then  $x \in Ker(d_t)$ .

# Proof.

Let  $x \le y$  and  $y \in \text{Ker}(d_t)$ . Then we get x \* y = 0 and  $d_t(y) = 0$ , and so

$$d_{t}(x) = d_{t}(x * 0) = d_{t}(x * (x * y)) = d_{t}(y * (y * x)) = d_{t}(y) * (y * x) = 0 * (y * x) = 0$$

Hence we have  $x \in Ker(d_t)$ .

**Proposition 3.2.12**Let X be an AB-algebra and dt a t-derivation. If  $x \in Ker(d_t)$ , we have  $x * y \in Ker(d_t)$ , for all  $y \in X$ .

#### Proof.

Let  $x \in \text{Ker}(d_t)$ . Then  $d_t(x) = 0$ . Thus we have  $d_t(x * y) = d_t(x) * y = 0 * y = 0$ 

which implies  $x * y \in Ker(d_t)$ .

**Proposition 3.2.13**LetX be a commutative AB-algebra and  $d_t$  at-derivation. Then

 $Ker(d_t)$  is an ideal of X.

# Proof.

Clearly,  $d_t(0) = 0$ .Let  $x * y \in Ker(d_t)$  and  $y \in Ker(d_t)$ . Then we get  $d_t(x * y) = 0$  and  $d_t(y) = 0$ , and so

 $d_t(x) = d_t(x*0) = d_t(x*(x*y)) = d_t(y*(y*x)) = d_t(y)*(y*x) = 0 * (y*x) = 0 \Rightarrow x \in Ker(d_t).$ 

**Definition 3.2.14**Let  $d_t$  be a t-derivation of an AB-algebra X. An AB-ideal A of X is said to be  $d_t$ -invariant if  $d_t(A) \subseteq A$ , where  $d_t(A) = \{d_t(x) | x \in A\}$ .

**Theorem 3.2.15**Let  $d_t$  be a t-derivation of an AB-algebra X. Then every ideal A of X is  $d_t$ -invariant.

### **Proof.**

Let A be an AB-ideal of an AB-algebra X. Let  $y \in d_t(A)$ . Then  $y = d_t(x)$ , for some  $x \in A$ . It follows that  $y * x = d_t(x) * x = 0 \in A$ , which implies  $y \in A$ .

Thus  $d_t(A) \subseteq A$ . Hence A is  $d_t$ -invariant.

# **3.3.** Commutative solid weak AB-algebras

In any BCK-algebra G we can define a binary operation  $\land$  by putting  $x \land y = y^*(y^*x)$ , for all x,  $y \in G$ . A BCK-algebra satisfying the identity

(1)  $x^{*}(x^{*}y) = y^{*}(y^{*}x)$ , i.e.,  $y \land x = x \land y$ , is called commutative.

A commutative BCK-algebra is a lower semi lattice with respect to the operation  $\land$ . This definition cannot be extended to BCI-algebras, AB-algebras and weak AB-algebras since in any weak AB-algebra satisfying (1) we have 0 \* (0\*x) = x \* (x\*0) = 0, i.e.,  $\phi^2(x) = 0$ , for every  $x \in G$ . Thus  $\phi(x) = \phi^3(x) = 0$ , by Theorem (3.1.7). Hence in this algebra  $0 \le x$  for every  $x \in G$ .

This means that this algebra is a commutative AB-algebra. But in any AB-algebra G we have  $0 \le y^*x$  for all x,  $y \in G$ , which together with (3) implies  $y^*(y^*x) \le y$ . Thus a commutative AB-algebra satisfies the inequality  $(y^*x)^*(x^*y) = y^*(y^*x) \le y$ .

Consequently, it satisfies the identity (x \*(x\*y))\*y = 0, so it is a BCK-algebra. Hence a commutative (weak) AB-algebra is a commutative BCK-algebra. Analogously, a commutative BCI-algebra is a commutative BCK-algebra. But there are weak AB-algebras in which the condition (1) is satisfied only by elements belonging to the same branch.

*	0	а	b	с	d
0	0	0	0	c	c
а	a	0	0	c	c
b	b	a	0	d	c
c	c	c	c	0	0
d	d	c	c	a	0

**Example 3.3.1**A weak AB-algebra defined by the following table:

has two branches:  $B(0) = \{0, a, b\}$  and  $B(c) = \{c, d\}$ . It is not difficult to verify that in this weak

AB-algebra (1) is satisfied only by elements belonging to the same branch.

**Definition 3.3.2**A weak AB-algebra in which Remark (3.1.9(5)) is satisfied by elements belonging to the same branch is called branch wise commutative.

Theorem 3.3.3 For a solid weak AB-algebra G the following conditions are equivalent:

- (1) G is branch wise commutative,
- (2)  $x^*y = x^*(y^*(y^*x))$  for x, y from the same branch,
- (3)  $x = y^*(y^*x)$  for  $x \le y$ ,
- (4)  $x^{*}(x^{*}y) = y^{*}(y^{*}(x^{*}(x^{*}y)))$ , for x, y from the same branch,
- (5) each branch of G is a semilattice with respect to the operation  $x \land y = y^*(y^*x)$ .

In the proof of the next theorem we will need the following well-known result from the theory of BCK-algebras.

**Lemma 3.3.4** If p is the greatest element of a commutative BCK-algebra G, then  $(G; \leq)$  is a distributive lattice with respect to the operations

 $x \land y = y^{*}(y^{*}x))$  and  $x \lor y = p^{*}((p^{*}x)\land(p^{*}y))$ .

**Theorem 3.3.5** In a solid branch wise commutative weak AB-algebra G, for every  $p \in G$ , the set  $A(p) = \{x \in G : x \le p\}$  is a distributive lattice with respect to theoperations  $x \land y = y^*(y^*x)$ ) and  $x \lor y = p^*((p^*x)\land(p^*y))$ .

#### Proof.

(A). We prove that  $(A_p; \leq)$ , where  $A_p = \{p^*x : x \in A(p)\}$ , is a distributive lattice.

First, we show that  $A_p$  is a AB-subalgebras of B(0). It is clear that  $0 = p^*p \in A_p$  and  $A(p) \subseteq B(a)$ for some  $a \in I$  (G). Thus  $A_p \subset B(0)$ . Obviously  $a \le x$  for every  $x \in A(p)$ . Consequently,  $p^*x \le p^*a$ . Hence  $p^*a$  is the greatest element of  $A_p$ . Let  $p^*x$ ,  $p^*y$  be arbitrary elements of  $A_p$ . Then obviously  $y^*x \in B(0)$  and  $z = p^*(y^*x) \in A_p$ because  $z^*p = (p^*(y^*x))^*p = 0$ . Moreover,  $z^*x = (p^*(y^*x))^*x = (p^*x)^*(y^*x) \le p^*y$ , by(i'). Since  $((p^*x)^*(p^*z))^*(z^*x) = ((p^*x)^*(z^*x))^*(p^*z) = 0$ , we also have  $((p^*x)^*(p^*z)) \le z^*x \le p^*y$ . Therefore,  $0 = ((p^*x)^*(p^*z))^*(p^*y) = ((p^*x)^*(p^*z))^*(p^*z)$ , i.e., (2)  $((p^*x)^*(p^*y)) \le p^*z$ . On the other hand, since a weak AB-algebra G is branch wise commutative, for every  $y \in A(p)$ , according to Theorem (3.3.3), we have  $p^*(p^*y) = y$ .

Hence $((p^*x)^*(p^*y)) = (p^*(p^*y))^*x = y^*x$ .

But  $(p^*z)^*(y^*x) = p^*(p^*(y^*x))^*(y^*x) = (p^*(y^*x))^*(p^*(y^*x)) = 0.$ 

Thus  $p^*z \le y^*x = (p^*x)^*(p^*y)$ , which together with (2) gives  $(p^*x)^*(p^*y) = p^*z$ . Hence  $A_p$  is a AB-subalgebras of B(0).

Obviously, B(0) as anAB-algebra contained in G is commutative, and consequently it is a commutative BCK-algebra. Thus  $A_p$  is a commutative BCK-algebra, too. By Lemma (3.3.4),  $(A_p; \leq)$  is a distributive lattice.

(B). Now, we show that  $(A(p); \leq)$  is a distributive lattice. Clearly, p is the greatestelement of A(p).Let x,  $y \in A(p)$ . Then  $(p^*x)$ ,  $(p^*y) \in A_p$  and from the fact that  $(A_p; \leq)$  is a lattice it follows that there exists the last upper bound  $p^*z \in A_p$ , i.e.,

(1) 
$$(p^*x) V_p(p^*y) = p^*z$$
.

Observe that for x,  $y \in A(p)$  we have

(2) 
$$p^*y \le p^*x \Leftrightarrow x \le y$$
.

Indeed, in view of (3),  $x \le y$  implies  $p^*y \le p^*x$ . Similarly,  $p^*y \le p^*x$  implies

$$p^{*}(p^{*}x) \leq p^{*}(p^{*}y).$$

But G is branchwise commutative, hence by Theorem (4.3)., for every  $v \in A(p)$ , we have  $p^*(p^*v) = v$ . Therefore  $x = p^*(p^*x) \le p^*(p^*y) = y$ .

From (3) and (4) it follows that z is the greatest lower bound for x and y. Hencex  $\land y = z$ . Moreover, we have  $p^*(x \land y) = p^*z$  and  $(p^*x)V_p(p^*y) = p^*z$ , which implies (3)  $p^*(x \land y) = (p^*x)V_p(p^*y).$ 

Analogously, we can prove that for all x,  $y \in A(p)$  there exists x V<sub>p</sub> y and

(4)  $p^*(x \vee_p y) = (p^*x) \wedge (p^*y)$ .

Therefore  $(A(p); \leq)$  is a lattice.

Since (5) and (6) are satisfied in  $A_p$  and  $(A_p; \leq)$  is a distributive lattice, we have

 $(p^*x) V_p ((p^*y) \land (p^*z)) = ((p^*x) V_p (p^*y)) \land ((p^*x) V_p (p^*z))$  This, in view of (5) and (6), gives  $p^*(x \land (y V_p z)) = p^*((x \land y) V_p (x \land z)).$ 

Consequently,  $p^* p^*(x \land (y \lor_p z)) = p^* p^*((x \land y) \lor_p (x \land z))$  and

 $x \land (y \lor_p z) = (x \land y) \lor_p (x \land z)$ , because  $x \land (y \lor_p z)$ ,  $(x \land y) \lor_p (x \land z) \in A(p)$ . This means

that  $(A(p); \leq)$  is a distributive lattice. In this lattice

 $x V_p y = p^*(p^*(x V_p y)) = p^*((p^*x) \land (p^*y)).$ 

This completes the proof.

#### **Conflict of Interests**

The authors declare that there is no conflict of interests.

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