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Stat and prove distributive inequality of Lattice:

Distributive Inequality Lattice:

Let (L, \wedge, \vee) be a gn lattice

For any $a, b, c \in L$, the following holds

$$1) a \vee (b \wedge c) \leq (a \vee b) \wedge (a \vee c)$$

$$2) a \wedge (b \vee c) \geq (a \wedge b) \vee (a \wedge c)$$

Proof:

Claim 1)

$$a \vee (b \wedge c) \leq (a \vee b) \wedge (a \vee c)$$

From the defn of LUB, it is obvious that $a \leq a \vee b$.



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$a \vee b$ is an upper bound of $\{a, b, c\}$

Hence $a \vee b \geq a \vee (b \wedge c)$ — (1)

From the defn of LUB, it is obvious

that $a \leq a \vee c$

$b \wedge c \leq c \leq a \vee c$

$\Rightarrow b \wedge c \leq a \vee c$

$\Rightarrow a \vee c$ is an upper bound of $\{a, b, c\}$

$a \vee c \geq a \vee (b \wedge c)$ — (2)

From (1) & (2) $a \vee (b \wedge c)$ is a LB of $\{a \vee b, a \vee c\}$



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$$\therefore a \vee (b \wedge c) \leq (a \vee b) \wedge (a \vee c)$$

Claim: 2

$$a \wedge (b \vee c) \geq (a \wedge b) \vee (a \wedge c)$$

WKT, $a \geq a \wedge b$ ——— (1)

and $b \vee c \geq b \geq a \wedge b$

From (1) & (2),

$a \wedge b$ is an LB of $\{a, b \vee c\}$

$$a \wedge b \leq a \wedge (b \vee c) \text{ ——— (3)}$$

WKT, $a \geq a \wedge c$ ——— (4)

and $b \vee c \geq c \geq a \wedge c$

$$\Rightarrow b \vee c \geq a \wedge c \text{ ——— (5)}$$



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