



SUPER FILTERS OF B-ALMOST DISTRIBUTIVE LATTICES

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ABSTRACT

Different properties of Super filters of  $B$  – Almost Distributive Lattices are derived. Basic facts of super filters of  $B$  – Almost Distributive Lattices are obtained. Different necessary and sufficient conditions of super filters of  $B$  – Almost Distributive Lattices are derived.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The concept of an Almost Distributive Lattice (ADL) was introduced by U.M. Swamy and G.C. Rao [6] as a common abstraction of most of the existing ring theoretic and lattice theoretic generalizations of a Boolean algebra. The concept of a Birkhoff center  $B$  of an ADL  $A$  was introduced in [7] and it was observed that  $B$  is a relatively complemented ADL. In [4], G. Epstein and A. Horn introduced the concept of a  $B$  – algebra as a bounded distributive lattice with center  $B$  in which, for any  $x, y \in A$ , the largest element  $x \Rightarrow y$  in  $B$  exists with the property  $x \wedge (x \Rightarrow y) \leq y$ . The connective  $x \Rightarrow y$  of a  $B$  – algebra has several applications in logic and computer science [2,3]. For this reason, in [5], we introduced the concept a  $B$  – Almost Distributive Lattice ( $B$  – ADL) as an ADL in which the lattice of all principal ideals of  $A$  is a  $B$  – Algebra. In this paper, we introduce the concept of super filters of a  $B$  – ADLs and derive some basic properties of super filters of  $B$  – ADLs. Also, we obtain different characterizations of super filters of  $B$  – ADLs.

2. PRELIMINARIES

In this section, we give the necessary definitions and important properties of an ADL taken from [6] for ready reference.

**Definition: 2.1**[6] An algebra  $(A, \vee, \wedge, 0)$  of type  $(2, 2, 0)$  is called an Almost Distributive Lattice (ADL) if it satisfies the following axioms:

- i.  $x \vee 0 = x$
- ii.  $0 \wedge x = 0$
- iii.  $(x \vee y) \wedge z = (x \wedge z) \vee (y \wedge z)$
- iv.  $x \wedge (y \vee z) = (x \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge z)$
- v.  $x \vee (y \wedge z) = (x \vee y) \wedge (x \vee z)$
- vi.  $(x \vee y) \wedge y = y$  for all  $x, y, z \in A$ .

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**Theorem: 2.2 [6]** Let  $m$  be a maximal element in an ADL  $A$  and  $x \in A$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- i.  $x$  is a maximal element of  $(A, \leq)$ .
- ii.  $x \wedge m = m$ .
- iii.  $x \wedge a = a$ , for all  $a \in A$ .
- iv.  $x \vee a = x$ , for all  $a \in A$ .
- v.  $a \vee x$  is maximal, for all  $a \in A$ .

**Definition: 2.3 [6]** A non-empty subset  $I$  of an ADL  $A$  is called an ideal of  $A$ . If  $x \vee y \in I$  and  $x \wedge a \in I$  for any  $x, y \in I$  and  $a \in A$ . The principal ideal of  $A$  generated by  $x$  is denoted by  $(x]$ . The set  $PI(A)$  of all principal ideals of  $A$  forms a distributive lattice under the operations  $\vee, \wedge$  defined by  $(x] \vee (y] = (x \vee y]$  and  $(x] \wedge (y] = (x \wedge y]$  in which  $(0]$  is the least element. If  $A$  has a maximal element  $m$ , then  $(m]$  is the greatest element of  $PI(A)$ .

**Definition: 2.4 [6]** A non-empty subset  $F$  of an ADL  $A$  is called a filter if and only if it satisfies the following:

- i.  $x, y \in F \Rightarrow x \wedge y \in F$ .
- ii.  $x \in F, a \in A \Rightarrow a \vee x \in F$ .

For other properties of an ADL, we refer to [6].

The concept of Birkhoff Center of an Almost Distributive Lattice is introduced by U.M. Swamy and S. Ramesh in [7]. The following definition is taken from [7].

**Definition: 2.5 [7]** Let  $A$  be an ADL with a maximal element  $m$  and  $B(A) = \{x \in A \mid x \wedge y = 0 \text{ and } x \vee y \text{ is maximal for some } y \in A\}$ . Then  $(B(A), \vee, \wedge)$  is a relatively complemented ADL and it is called the Birkhoff center of  $A$ . We use the symbol  $B$  instead of  $B(A)$  when there is no ambiguity.

For other properties of Birkhoff center of an ADL, we refer [7].

In our paper [5], we introduced the concept of a  $B$  – Almost Distributive Lattice (or, simply a  $B$  – ADL) and studied its properties. The following definition is taken from [5].

**Definition: 2.6[5]** An ADL  $(A, \vee, \wedge, 0)$  with a maximal element  $m$  and Birkhoff center  $B$  is called a  $B$  – ADL if for any  $x, y \in A$ , there exists  $b \in B$  such that

- i.  $y \wedge x \wedge b = x \wedge b$ .
- ii. If  $c \in B$  such that  $y \wedge x \wedge c = x \wedge c$ , then  $b \wedge c = c$  and in this case,  $b \wedge m$  is denoted by  $x \Rightarrow y$ .

The following theorems,  $B$  – ADLs are taken from [5] which are required to characterize super filters of B-ADLs.

**Theorem: 2.7 [5]** Let  $A$  be a  $B$  – ADL with a maximal element  $m$  and Birkhoff center  $B$ . Then, for any  $x, y \in A$ , we have the following:

- i.  $y \wedge x \wedge (x \Rightarrow y) = x \wedge (x \Rightarrow y)$  and consequently,  $x \wedge (x \Rightarrow y) \leq y \wedge m$ .
- ii. If  $c \in B, x \wedge c \wedge m \leq y \wedge m$ , then  $c \wedge m \leq x \Rightarrow y$ .
- iii.  $x \wedge m \leq y \wedge m$  if and only if  $x \Rightarrow y = m$ .

**Theorem: 2.8 [5]** Let  $A$  be a  $B$  – ADL with a maximal element  $m$  and Birkhoff center  $B$ . Then, for any  $x, y, z \in A$  and  $a \in B$ , we have the following:

- i.  $x \wedge (x \Rightarrow a) = x \wedge a \wedge m$ .
- ii.  $x \wedge (x \Rightarrow (y \Rightarrow z)) = x \wedge (y \Rightarrow z)$ .
- iii.  $a \wedge (x \Rightarrow a) = a \wedge m$ .
- iv.  $(x \Rightarrow a) \wedge a = a$ .
- v. If  $x \wedge m \leq y \wedge m$ , then  $(z \Rightarrow x) \leq (z \Rightarrow y)$  and  $(x \Rightarrow z) \geq (y \Rightarrow z)$ .

For other properties of a  $B$  – ADLs, we refer to [5].

### 3. SUPER FILTERS OF B-ADLs

**Definition 3.1** Let  $A$  be a  $B$  – ADL with a maximal element  $m$  and Birkhoff center  $B$ . Suppose  $S$  is a non-empty subset of  $A$ . Then  $S$  is said to be a super filter of a  $B$  – ADL  $A$ , if it satisfies the following conditions: for all  $x, y \in A$ ;

$S_1$ : If  $x, y \in S$ , then  $x \wedge y \in S$ .

$S_2$ : If  $x \in S$  and  $x \wedge m \leq y \wedge m$ , then  $y \in S$ .

**Example: 3.2** Let  $A$  be a discrete ADL with  $0$  and with at least two elements and Birkhoff center  $B$ . Fix  $m(\neq 0) \in A$  and define for any  $x, y \in A$ ,

$$(x \Rightarrow y) = 0 \text{ if } x \neq 0, y=0 \\ = m \text{ otherwise.}$$

Then  $(A, \vee, \wedge, \Rightarrow, 0, m)$  is a  $B$  – ADL and  $\{m\}$  is a super filter in  $A$ .

**Theorem: 3.3** Let  $A$  be a  $B$  – ADL with a maximal element  $m$  and Birkhoff center  $B$ . Then every filter of a  $A$  containing  $m$  is a super filter of  $A$ .

**Proof:** Let  $S$  be a filter of  $B$  – ADL  $A$  containing  $m$ . Then, for any  $x, y \in S$ , we get  $x \wedge y \in S$ . Let  $x \in S$  and  $x \wedge m \leq y \wedge m$ . Then  $x \wedge m \in S$  (since  $m \in S$ ). Now  $y \wedge x \wedge m = x \wedge m \wedge y \wedge m = x \wedge m$ .

Then  $y \wedge x \wedge m \in S$ . Now  $y = y \vee (y \wedge x \wedge m) \in S$ . Therefore  $S$  is a super filter of  $A$ .

**Theorem: 3.4** Let  $A$  be a  $B$  – ADL with a maximal element  $m$  and Birkhoff center  $B$ . Suppose  $S$  is a non-empty subset of  $A$ . Then  $S$  is a super filter of  $A$  if and only if it satisfies the following conditions:

- i.  $m \in S$ .
- ii. If  $x \in S, (x \Rightarrow y) \in S$ , then  $y \in S$  for all  $x, y \in B$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $S$  is a super filter of  $A$  and  $x, y \in B$ . Then, clearly  $m \in S$ . Let  $x \in S$  and  $(x \Rightarrow y) \in S$ . Then  $x \wedge (x \Rightarrow y) \in S$ . But  $x \wedge (x \Rightarrow y) = x \wedge y \wedge m = y \wedge x \wedge m \in S$ . Since  $S$  is a filter and  $y \wedge x \wedge m \in S$ ,  $y \in A$ , we get that  $y \vee (y \wedge x \wedge m) = y \in S$ . Conversely, suppose conditions (i) and (ii) hold. Let  $x, y \in S$ . Since  $y \in B$ , we have

$$y \wedge m \leq (x \Rightarrow y) \text{ implies } y \wedge m \leq (x \Rightarrow (x \wedge y)) \text{ (since } (x \Rightarrow y) = (x \Rightarrow (x \wedge y)) \\ \text{implies } (y \Rightarrow y) \leq (y \Rightarrow (x \Rightarrow (x \wedge y))) \\ \text{implies } m = (y \Rightarrow (x \Rightarrow (x \wedge y))) \in S.$$

Since  $y \in S, (y \Rightarrow (x \Rightarrow (x \wedge y))) \in S$  and  $y \in B, (x \Rightarrow (x \wedge y)) \in B$  by our assumption, we get  $(x \Rightarrow (x \wedge y)) \in S$ . Again, since  $x \in S, (x \Rightarrow (x \wedge y)) \in S$  and  $x \in B, x \wedge y \in B$  by our assumption, we get  $x \wedge y \in S$ . Let  $x \in S$  and  $x \wedge m \leq y \wedge m$ . Then  $(x \Rightarrow y) = m \in S$ . Since  $x \in S, (x \Rightarrow y) \in S$  and  $x \in B, y \in B$  we get  $y \in S$ . Therefore  $S$  is a super filter of  $A$ .

**Theorem: 3.5** Let  $A$  be a  $B$  – ADL with a maximal element  $m$  and Birkhoff center  $B$ . Suppose  $S$  is a non-empty subset of  $A$  and  $x, y, z \in B$ . Then  $S$  is a super filter of  $A$  if and only if  $x \wedge m \leq (y \Rightarrow z)$  implies  $z \in S$  for all  $x, y \in S$  and  $z \in A$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $S$  is a super filter of  $A$ . Let  $x \wedge m \leq (y \Rightarrow z)$  for all  $x, y \in S$  and  $z \in A$ . Then  $(x \Rightarrow x) \leq (x \Rightarrow (y \Rightarrow z))$  and hence  $m = (x \Rightarrow (y \Rightarrow z)) \in S$ . Since  $x \in S, (x \Rightarrow (y \Rightarrow z)) \in S$ , by Theorem 3.4, we get  $(y \Rightarrow z) \in S$ . Again, since  $y \in S, (y \Rightarrow z) \in S$ , by Theorem 3.4, we get that  $z \in S$ .

Conversely, suppose  $x \wedge m \leq (y \Rightarrow z)$  implies  $z \in S$  for all  $x, y \in S$  and  $z \in A$ . Let  $x, y \in S$ . Since  $y \in B$ , we have  $y \wedge m \leq (x \Rightarrow y)$  and hence  $y \wedge m \leq (x \Rightarrow (x \wedge y))$ . By our assumption, we get  $x \wedge y \in S$ . Let  $x \in S$  and  $x \wedge m \leq y \wedge m$ . Then  $(x \Rightarrow x) \leq (x \Rightarrow y)$  and hence  $m \leq (x \Rightarrow y)$ . Thus, by our assumption, we get  $y \in S$ . Hence  $S$  is a super filter of  $A$ .

The following corollary is direct consequence of the above theorem.

**Corollary: 3.6** Let  $A$  be a  $B$ -ADL with a maximal element  $m$  and Birkhoff center  $B$ . Suppose  $S$  is a non-empty subset of  $A$  and  $x, y, z \in B$ . Then  $S$  is a super filter of  $A$  if and only if  $(x \Rightarrow (y \Rightarrow z)) = m$  implies  $z \in S$  for all  $x, y \in S, z \in A$ .

**Theorem: 3.7** Let  $A$  be a  $B$ -ADL with a maximal element  $m$  and Birkhoff center  $B$ . Suppose  $S$  is a non-empty subset of  $A$  and  $y \in S$ . Then  $((x \Rightarrow y) \Rightarrow z) \in S$  implies  $(x \Rightarrow (y \Rightarrow z)) \in S$  for all  $x \in A$  and  $y, z \in B$ .

**Proof:** Let  $S$  be a super filter of  $A$ . Suppose  $((x \Rightarrow y) \Rightarrow z) \in S$ . Since  $y \in B$ , we have  $y \wedge m \leq (x \Rightarrow y)$  and hence  $(y \Rightarrow z) \geq ((x \Rightarrow y) \Rightarrow z)$ . Thus  $((x \Rightarrow y) \Rightarrow z) \Rightarrow (y \Rightarrow z) = m$ . By Corollary 3.6, we get  $(y \Rightarrow z) \in S$ . Since  $(y \Rightarrow z) \leq (x \Rightarrow (y \Rightarrow z))$ , we have  $(y \Rightarrow z) \Rightarrow (x \Rightarrow (y \Rightarrow z)) = m \in S$ . Since  $(y \Rightarrow z) \in S$ ,  $(y \Rightarrow z) \Rightarrow (x \Rightarrow (y \Rightarrow z)) \in S$ , by Theorem 3.4, we get  $(x \Rightarrow (y \Rightarrow z)) \in S$ .

Finally, we conclude this paper with the following.

**Theorem: 3.8** Let  $A$  be a  $B$ -ADL with a maximal element  $m$  and Birkhoff center  $B$ . Suppose  $S$  is a non-empty subset of  $A$  and  $y, z \in S$ . Then  $((x \Rightarrow z) \Rightarrow y) \in S$  implies  $x \Rightarrow y \in S$  for all  $x \in A$  and  $y, z \in B$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $((x \Rightarrow z) \Rightarrow y) \in S$  for all  $x \in A$  and  $y, z \in B$ . Since  $z \in B$ , we have  $z \wedge m \leq (x \Rightarrow z)$  and hence  $(z \Rightarrow (x \Rightarrow z)) = m \in S$ . Since  $z \in S$ , by Theorem 3.4, we get  $(x \Rightarrow z) \in S$ . Again, since  $(x \Rightarrow z) \in S$ , by Theorem 3.4, we get  $y \in S$ . Since  $y \in B$  and  $y \wedge m \leq (x \Rightarrow y)$  and hence  $(y \Rightarrow (x \Rightarrow y)) = m \in S$ . Since  $y \in S$ , by Theorem 3.4, we get  $(x \Rightarrow y) \in S$ .

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