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# CHAIN CONDITIONS IN THE DISTRIBUTIVE PRODUCT OF LATTICES

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This paper is concerned with a generalization of the distributive free product and the ordinal sum of distributive lattices, so-called the  $\mathcal{L}$  - poproduct of distributive lattices. The notion of the  $\mathcal{L}$  - poproduct was first introduced by Balbes and Horn [1] under the name of the order sum. Generally, the notion of the  $\mathcal{K}$  - poproduct for an arbitrary equational class of lattices was introduced in [7].

We begin with some preliminary notions.

Let  $P$  be a poset and let  $L_p, p \in P$  be pairwise disjoint lattices.

Let  $Q = \bigcup_{p \in P} L_p$  be partially ordered in the following way:  $a, b \in Q, a \leq b$  if and only if one of the conditions (1) and (2) holds:

- (1) there is a  $p \in P$  such that  $a, b \in L_p$  and the relation  $a \leq b$  in  $L_p$  holds;
- (2) there are  $p, r \in P$  such that  $a \in L_p, b \in L_r$  and the relation  $p < r$  in the poset  $P$  holds.

If  $f$  is a mapping from  $Q$  into  $M$  then  $f_p$  denotes its restriction on  $L_p$ .

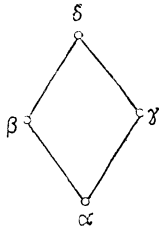
**Definition** (see [7]). *Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be an equational class of lattices. Let  $L_p, p \in P$  let  $P$  be a poset. A lattice  $L$  is the  $\mathcal{K}$  - poproduct of the lattices  $L_p, p \in P$ , if:*

- 1. *there is an isotone injection  $i: Q \rightarrow L$  such that for each  $p \in P, i_p$  is a lattice homomorphism;*
- 2. *if  $M \in \mathcal{K}$ , then for every isotone mapping  $f: Q \rightarrow M$ , such that for each  $p \in P, f_p$  is a lattice homomorphism, there exists uniquely a lattice homomorphism  $\Psi: L \rightarrow M$  such that  $\Psi \circ i = f$*

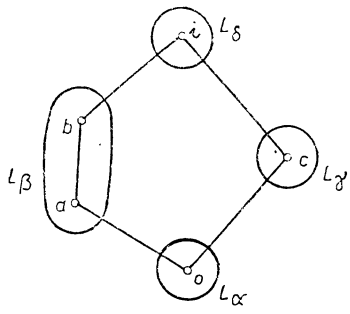
We denote by  $\mathcal{D}$  the class of all distributive lattices. The  $\mathcal{D}$  - poproduct will be called also the distributive poproduct.

Theorem 1 from [7] says that the  $\mathcal{K}$  - poproduct is a generalization of the  $\mathcal{K}$  - free product and the ordinal sum of lattices: the  $\mathcal{K}$  - poproduct forms the  $\mathcal{K}$  - free product iff  $P$  is an anti-chain and the ordinal sum iff  $P$  is a chain.

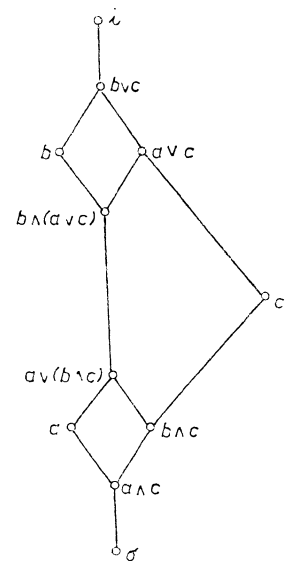
Remark. If  $\mathcal{K}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{K}_2$  are two equational classes of lattices and  $L$  is



P  
Fig. 1



Q  
Fig. 2



L  
Fig. 3

the  $\mathcal{A}_2$  - poproduct of lattices  $L_p \in \mathcal{N}_1$  ( $p \in P$ ), then  $L$  need not be in as the following example shows.

Example. Let  $P = \{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta\}$ ,  $\beta \vee \gamma = \alpha$ ,  $\beta \wedge \gamma = \delta$  (see fig. 1.). Let  $L_\alpha = \{o\}$ ,  $L_\beta = \{a, b\}$ ,  $a < b$ ,  $L_\gamma = \{c\}$ ,  $L_\delta = \{i\}$  (see fig. 2). Then  $L$  (see fig. 3) is the  $L$  - poproduct of  $L_p$ ,  $p \in P$ , but not the  $\mathcal{O}$  - poproduct.

In this paper the word problem for the  $\mathcal{O}$  - poproduct is solved and the following theorem about the chain condition is proved: if  $m$  is a regular cardinal greater than  $\aleph_0$ , then the  $\mathcal{O}$  - poproduct of  $L_p$ ,  $p \in P$  does not contain a chain of the cardinality  $\geq m$  iff  $P$  and every  $L_p$ ,  $p \in P$  does not contain a chain of the cardinality  $\geq m$ . The existence of the  $\mathcal{O}$  - poproduct follows from [1].

We shall consider distributive lattices with 0,1. We shall use the methods of [6]. Similarly to [6], all results are applicable to the category of distributive lattices.

### 1. The word problem

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $L$  be a distributive lattice with 0,1 and let  $x, y \in L$ . Let  $M$  be a two element chain  $\{0,1\}$ . If  $x \leq y$ , then there exists a lattice homomorphism  $\Phi : L \rightarrow M$  such that  $\Phi(x) = 1$ ,  $\Phi(y) = 0$ . The proof follows from the Stone theorem ([3], Theorem 7.15).*

Let  $L$  be the  $\mathcal{C}$ -poproduct of the family  $(L_p, p \in P)$ . The lattice operations in  $L$  will be denoted by  $\wedge, \vee$ . Let  $Q = \bigcup_{p \in P} L_p$ . A finite nonempty subset  $X \subseteq Q$  is said to be *reduced* if for every two distinct elements  $x, y \in X$  holds: if  $x \in L_p, y \in L_r, p, r \in P$ , then  $p \neq r$ . For every finite nonempty set  $X$  there are unique reduced sets  $X^\wedge, X^\vee$  such that  $\bigwedge X = \bigwedge (X^\wedge), \bigvee X = \bigvee (X^\vee)$ . If  $X$  is given, let  $X' = \{\bigwedge (X \cap L_i) \mid i \in P_X\}$ , where  $P_X = \{p \in P \mid X \cap L_p \neq \emptyset\}$ . Then  $X^\wedge$  is the set of  $x \in X'$  such that if  $x \in L_p$ , there is no  $y \in L_r \cap X', r \neq p$ . The set  $X^\vee$  is constructed dually.

Since  $L$  is a distributive lattice generated by  $Q$ , each element  $a$  of  $L$  can be written (in a nonunique manner) as  $a = \bigvee (X \mid X \in J)$ , where  $J$  is a finite family of finite reduced subsets of  $Q$ . Conversely any such family yields an element  $a = \bigvee (X \mid X \in J)$  of  $L$ .

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $L$  be a distributive lattice generated by the poset  $Q = \bigcup_{p \in P} L_p$ . Then  $L$  is the  $\mathcal{C}$ -poproduct of the  $L_p, p \in P$  if and only if in  $L$  there holds: Let  $P_1, P_2$  be finite subsets of  $P$ . Let  $x_i \in L_i$  for  $i \in P_1$  and  $y_j \in L_j$  for  $j \in P_2$ . Then  $\bigwedge_{i \in P_1} x_i < \bigvee_{j \in P_2} y_j$  implies that there is at least one pair  $(i, j)$  ( $i \in P_1, j \in P_2$ ) such that  $x_i \leq y_j$ .*

*Proof.* The part „only if” of the theorem has been proved in [1], Lemma 1.9. We shall prove the sufficiency of the condition. Denote by  $L^*$  the poproduct of  $L_p, p \in P$ . We shall show  $L^* = L$ . Let  $f$  be the identity mapping  $Q \rightarrow L$ , then there exists a homomorphism  $\Phi: L^* \rightarrow L$  extending  $f$ , hence for  $q \in Q$  there holds  $\Phi(q) = f(q) = q$ . We shall show that  $\Phi$  is an isomorphism.  $\Phi$  maps  $L^*$  onto  $L$ , because  $L$  is generated by  $Q$ . To prove that  $\Phi$  is one-to-one it is enough to prove that  $a, b \in L^*, \Phi(a) \leq \Phi(b)$  implies  $a \leq b$ . Let  $a, b \in L^*, \Phi(a) < \Phi(b)$ . The elements  $a, b$  could be written in the form  $a = \bigvee (\bigwedge X \mid X \in J), b = \bigvee (\bigwedge Z \mid Z \in K)$ , where  $X, Z$  are reduced subsets of  $Q$ , hence  $\Phi(X) = X, \Phi(Z) = Z$ . Because  $\Phi$  is a homomorphism, for every pair  $X, Z$  we have  $X < \Phi(a) \leq \Phi(b) \leq \bigvee Z$  in  $L$ , therefore according to the assumption there are  $x \in X, z \in Z$  such that  $x \leq z$ . Then in  $L^*$  there holds  $\bigwedge X \leq x \leq z \leq \bigvee Z$  for every pair  $X, Z$ . Therefore  $a \leq b$  in  $L^*$ . The theorem is proved.

**Definition 1.** *A finite family  $J$  of finite reduced subsets of  $Q$  is said to be a representation of  $a \in L$  if  $a = \bigvee (\bigwedge X \mid X \in J)$ . The family  $J$  is said to be a  $\mu$ -representation of  $a \in L$  if  $a = \bigvee (\bigwedge X \mid X \in J)$ .*

Given a  $\mu$ -representation  $J$  of an element  $a \in L$  we can write, using the distributivity,  $a = \bigvee (\bigwedge (F(J)) \mid F \in C(J))$ , where  $C(J)$  denotes the set of choice functions on  $J$ , that is, the set of functions  $F: J \rightarrow \cup J$  such that  $F(X) \in X$  for each  $X \in J$ . Hence  $a = \bigvee (\bigwedge (F(J)^\wedge) \mid F \in C(J))$  holds. Since the set  $C(J)$  is finite we can consider a subset  $C_{\text{red}}(J) = C(J)$ , the set of re-

duced choice functions such that the set  $\{\wedge(F(J)^\wedge) \mid F \in C_{\text{red}}(J)\}$  is the set of all maximal elements of the set  $\{\wedge(F(J)^\wedge) \mid F \in C(J)\}$ . Thus  $a = \vee(\wedge(F(J)^\wedge) \mid F \in C_{\text{red}}(J))$ . The family  $\{F(J)^\wedge \mid F \in C_{\text{red}}(J)\}$  is said to be a *normal  $\wedge$ -representation* of  $a$ . A *normal  $\vee$ -representation* is defined dually.

Each element  $a \in L$  has a normal  $\vee$ -representation and a normal  $\wedge$ -representation. From the definition it follows that if  $J_1$  is a normal  $\wedge$ -representation of  $a$ ,  $a = \vee(\wedge X \mid X \in J_1)$ , then  $X, X' \in J_1$  implies  $X \leq X'$ .

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $L$  be the distributive poproduct of the distributive lattices  $(L_p, p \in P)$ . If  $X, Y$  are finite reduced subsets of  $Q$ , then  $\wedge X \leq \vee Y$  in  $L$  if and only if for each  $y \in Y$  there is an  $x \in X$  such that  $x \leq y$ .*

*Proof.* The sufficiency is clear and the necessity follows from Theorem 1. Let  $y \in Y$ , then  $\wedge X \leq y$ ,  $X$  is reduced, so there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $x \leq y$ .

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $L$  be the distributive poproduct of the distributive lattices  $(L_p, p \in P)$ . Let  $a, b \in L$  and let  $J_1$  be a  $\wedge$ -representation of  $a$  and  $J_2$  a normal  $\vee$ -representation of  $b$ . Then  $a \leq b$  if and only if the following condition holds:*

*For each  $X \in J_1$  there is a  $Y \in J_2$  such that  $\wedge X \leq \vee Y$ , that is, for each  $y \in Y$  there is an  $x \in X$  such that  $x \leq y$ .*

**Corollary.** *The normal  $\wedge$ -representation of any element of  $L$  is uniquely defined.*

*Proof of Theorem 2.* The sufficiency is clear. Now let  $a, b \in L$ ,  $a \leq b$ ,  $a = \vee(\wedge X \mid X \in J_1)$ ,  $b = \vee(\wedge Y \mid Y \in J_2)$ . Because  $J_2$  is a normal  $\vee$ -representation, it has arisen from some  $\vee$ -representation  $K: b = \vee(\vee Z \mid Z \in K)$ , where  $K$  is such that  $J_2 = \{F(K)^\wedge \mid F \in C_{\text{red}}(K)\}$  holds. Thus  $\vee(\wedge X \mid X \in J_1) \leq \vee(\vee Z \mid Z \in K)$ . It follows that for every pair  $X \in J_1$ ,  $Z \in K$  holds  $\wedge X \leq \vee(\wedge Z \mid Z \in K) \leq \wedge(\vee Z \mid Z \in K) \leq \vee Z$ . Let  $X \in J_1$ . By Theorem 1 there are  $x \in X$  and  $G(Z) \in Z$  such that  $x \leq G(Z)$ . Then  $\wedge X \leq x \leq G(Z)$ . Therefore for each  $Z \in K$  there is  $G(Z) \in Z$  such that  $\wedge X \leq G(Z)$ . It follows  $\vee(\wedge X \mid X \in J_1) \leq \wedge(G(Z) \mid Z \in K) = \wedge(G(K)^\wedge)$ . By the definition of  $C_{\text{red}}(K)$  there is  $F \in C_{\text{red}}(K)$  such that  $\wedge(G(K)^\wedge) \leq \wedge(F(K)^\wedge)$ . Therefore to each  $X \in J_1$  there exists  $Y = F(K)^\wedge \in J_2$  so that  $\vee X \leq \wedge Y$ . The rest of the condition follows by Lemma 2. Thus the theorem is proved.

*Proof of corollary.* Let  $a = \vee(\wedge X \mid X \in J_1) = \vee(\wedge Y \mid Y \in J_2)$  and let  $J_1, J_2$  be normal  $\wedge$ -representations. Let  $X \in J_1$ . Then there exists  $Y \in J_2$  such that  $\vee X \leq \vee Y$ . Similarly there is  $X' \in J_1$  such that  $\wedge Y \leq \wedge X'$ . Then  $\wedge X \leq \vee Y \leq \wedge X'$ , but because of the normality of  $J_1$  we have  $X = X'$ .

Similar arguments prove that to every  $J \in J_2$  there is  $X \in J_1$  such that  $X = J$ . Thus  $J_1 = J_2$ .

## 2. The chain conditions for regular cardinals

Let  $m$  be an infinite cardinal. A poset  $P$  is said to satisfy the strong (weak) *chain condition* for  $m$ , if every chain in  $P$  has cardinality  $< m$  ( $\leq m$ ). It will be denoted  $R(m)$  ( $R'(m)$ ).

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $L$  be the distributive poproduct of the distributive lattices  $L_p$ ,  $p \in P$ . Let  $m$  be a regular cardinal,  $m > \aleph_0$ . Then there holds:  $L$  obeys  $R(m)$  if and only if  $P$  and each  $L_p$  ( $p \in P$ ) obey  $R(m)$ .  $L$  obeys  $R(\aleph_0)$  if and only if  $P$  is finite and each  $L_p$  ( $p \in P$ ) obeys  $R(\aleph_0)$ , i.e.  $P$  and each  $L_p$  ( $p \in P$ ) are finite.*

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $m$  be an infinite cardinal. Then there holds:  $L$  obeys  $R'(m)$  if and only if  $P$  and each  $L_p$  ( $p \in P$ ) obey  $R'(m)$ .*

Corollary 1 immediately follows from Theorem 3, because  $m' > \aleph_0$  is regular for  $m'$  the successor of  $m$ .

**Corollary 2.** *Let  $m$  be a regular cardinal,  $m > \aleph_0$ . Then the following holds: The distributive free product of the distributive lattices  $L_i$ ,  $i \in I$  obeys  $R(m)$  if and only if each  $L_i$  ( $i \in I$ ) obeys  $R(m)$ .*

Corollary 2 implies Theorem 4 from [5].

Proof of the Theorem 3.

- 1) the necessity is clear: if we take the ordinal sum of  $n$  lattices,  $n \geq m$  and if  $P$  is a chain with  $P \geq n$ , or the free product of lattices at least one of which does not obey  $R(m)$ , then in  $L$ ,  $R(m)$  fails to hold.
- 2) the sufficiency: Throughout the proof, the following lemma proved in [3] and [4] will be useful:

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $A$  be a chain and let  $\mathcal{H} = (H_\lambda | \lambda \in A)$  be a family of finite sets. For each pair  $\lambda, \mu$  such that  $\lambda \leq \mu$  let there be a relation  $\Phi_{\lambda\mu} \subseteq H_\lambda \times H_\mu$  with the domain (codomain)  $H_\lambda$  satisfying the two conditions:*

- (i)  $\Phi_{\lambda\lambda}$  is equality for all  $\lambda \in A$ ;
- (ii) if  $\lambda \leq \mu \leq \nu$ , then  $\Phi_{\mu\nu} \circ \Phi_{\lambda\mu} \subseteq \Phi_{\lambda\nu}$ .

Then there is a family  $(x_\lambda \in H | \lambda \in A)$  such that  $\langle x_\lambda, x_\mu \rangle \in \Phi_{\lambda\mu}$  if  $\lambda \leq \mu$ .

Now let  $L$  be the distributive poproduct of the distributive lattices  $L_p$  ( $p \in P$ ) with 0, 1. Let  $P$  obey  $R(m)$  and let each  $L_p$  ( $p \in P$ ) obey  $R(m)$  for  $m > \aleph_0$  and regular.

If  $J$  is a  $\bar{\bar{\quad}}$ -representation of  $a \in L$ , we call  $\bar{J}$  the *rank* of the representation and  $\sum_{X \in J} X$  the *length* of the representation ( $a = \bigvee (\bigwedge X | X \in J)$ ).

If  $H \subseteq L$ , then a  $\bar{\bar{\quad}}$ -representation of  $H$ ,  $J(H)$ , is a family  $(J_a | a \in H)$ , where  $J_a$  is a  $\bar{\bar{\quad}}$ -representation of  $a$ . If  $n$  is an integer and the rank of  $J_a$  is  $n$  for each  $a \in H$ , then  $J(H)$  is said to have the rank  $n$ . A  $\bar{\bar{\quad}}$ -representation  $J(H)$  of  $H$  is said to be *special* if for each  $a, b \in H$ , the following conditions

hold ( $J_a \in J(H)$  and  $J_b \in J(H)$  are  $\vee$  — representations of  $a$  and  $b$ , respectively):

- (1) if  $J_a = 1$ , then  $x, y \in X_a$ ,  $\{X_a\} = J_a$  and  $x \leq y$  imply that  $x = y$ ; if  $J_a > 1$ , then  $X, Y \in J_a$  and  $\bigwedge X \leq \bigwedge Y$  imply that  $X = Y$ ;
- (2) if  $J_a = 1, J_b = 1$ , then  $a \leq b$  imply that for each  $y \in Y$ ,  $\{Y\} = J_b$  there is an  $x \in X$ ,  $\{X\} = J_a$  such that  $x \leq y$ ;  
if  $J_a > 1$  or  $J_b > 1$ , then  $a \leq b$  imply that for each  $X \in J_a$  there is  $Y \in J_b$  such that  $\bigwedge X \leq \bigwedge Y$ .

Each  $H \subseteq L$  has a special  $\vee$  — representation: by Theorem 2 a normal representation is special. A special representation need not be normal as the example in [6] shows.

We shall show that if  $C$  is a chain in  $L$ , then  $C < m$ . Let  $J(C)$  be a special  $\vee$  — representation of  $C$ . For each  $n < \aleph_0$  let  $C_n = \{a \in C \mid \text{rank } J_a = n\}$ . Then  $J(C_n) = (J_a \mid a \in C_n)$  is a special  $\vee$  — representation of  $C_n$  of rank  $n$ . We shall show by induction according to a rank of the representation that  $C_n < m$ .

**Lemma 4.** *Let  $C$  be a chain in  $L$  that has a special  $\vee$  — representation of rank 1. Then  $C < m$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $J(C)$  be a special  $\vee$  — representation of  $C$  of rank 1. For each integer  $n$  let  $C^{(n)} = \{a \in C \mid \text{length } J_a = n\}$ . Then  $J(C^{(n)}) = (J_a \mid a \in C^{(n)})$  is a special  $\vee$  — representation of  $C^{(n)}$  of length  $n$ . We shall show by induction according to the length of the representation that  $C^{(n)} < m$ .

If  $n = 1$ , then  $C^{(1)}$  is a chain in  $Q$ , so  $C^{(1)} < m \cdot m = m$ .

Now suppose that for all  $k < n$  there is  $C^{(k)} < m$  and  $C^{(n)} \geq m$ .

For  $a \in C^{(n)}$ ,  $J_a = \{X_a\}$ ,  $a = \bigwedge X_a$ . We use Lemma 3 for  $A = C^{(n)}$ ,  $H_x = X_a$ .  $a \leq b : \Phi_{ab} = \{\langle x, y \rangle \mid x \in X_a, y \in X_b, x \leq y\}$ . Then there is a family  $\Psi = (x_a \mid x_a \in X_a, a \in C)$  such that  $\langle x_a, x_b \rangle \in \Phi_{ab}$  if  $a \leq b$ . Since  $\Psi$  is a special  $\vee$  — representation of rank 1 and length 1 of a chain in  $L$ ,  $\Psi < m$ . Because  $m$  is regular, there is a subset  $C^{(n)'} \subseteq C^{(n)}$  such that  $C^{(n)'} \geq m$  and if  $a, b \in C^{(n)'}$  and  $x_a, x_b \in \Psi$ , then  $x_a = x_b$ . The family  $\mathcal{G} = (\{X_a = \{x_a\}\} \mid a \in C^{(n)'})$  has cardinality  $\geq m$ .  $\mathcal{G}$  is a representation of rank 1, length  $n = 1$  of some subset  $G \subseteq L$ . It is a special representation — condition (1) follows from the speciality of  $J(C^{(n)'})$  and condition (2) as well: let  $a \leq b$ ,  $a, b \in C^{(n)'}$  and  $y \in X_b = \{x_b\}$ . Then there is  $x \in X_a$  such that  $x \leq y$ . If  $x = x_a$ , then  $x_b = x_a = x$ , hence  $x_b \leq y$  and the speciality of  $J(C^{(n)'})$ ,  $y \in C^{(n)'}$  implies  $x_b = y$ . Thus  $x \neq x_a$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  is a special representation of the chain  $G$ . Thus  $G < m$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore  $C^{(n)} < m$ . Since  $m > \aleph_0$  and regular, there holds  $C = \sum_{n < \aleph_0} C^{(n)} < m$ . Lemma 4 is proved.

**Lemma 5.** *Let  $C$  be a chain in  $L$  that has a special  $\vee$ -representation of rank  $n$ . Then  $C < m$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $n$  be the smallest integer such that there is a chain  $C \subseteq L$  where  $C \geq m$  and  $C$  has a special  $\vee$ -representation  $J(C)$  of rank  $n$ . Note that by Lemma 4  $n > 1$ . We use Lemma 3 for  $A = C$ ,  $H_\lambda = J_a$ ,  $a < b$ ,  $\Phi_{ab} = \{X, Y \mid X \in J_a, Y \in J_b, \wedge X \leq \wedge Y\}$ . Then there is a family  $\mathcal{Z} = (X_a \mid X_a \in J_a, J_a \in J(C), a \in C)$  such that  $\wedge X_a \leq \wedge X_b$ , whenever  $a \leq b$ . Since  $\mathcal{Z}$  is a special  $\vee$ -representation of rank 1 of a chain in  $L$ , by lemma 4  $\mathcal{Z} < m$ . Since  $m$  is regular, there is a subset  $C' \subseteq C$  such that  $C' \geq m$  and if  $a, b \in C'$  and  $X_a, X_b \in \mathcal{Z}$ , then  $X_a = X_b$ . The family  $\mathcal{H} = (J_a - \{X_a\} \mid a \in C')$  has a cardinality  $\geq m$ .  $\mathcal{H}$  is a  $\vee$ -representation of rank  $n - 1$  of some subset  $H \subseteq L$ . It is a special representation, condition (1) follows from the speciality of  $J(C)$  and condition (2) in the first case from Lemma 2 and in the second one as follows: let  $a \leq b$ ,  $a, b \in C'$  and  $X \in J_a - \{X_a\}$ . Then there is  $Y \in J_b$  such that  $\wedge X \leq \wedge Y$ . If  $Y = X_b$ , then  $X_a = X_b = Y$ , hence  $X_a = Y$ ,  $\wedge X \leq \wedge Y = \wedge X_a$  and the speciality of  $J(C)$ ,  $a \in C'$  implies  $X = X_a$ . Thus  $Y \in J_b - \{X_b\}$  and so  $H$  is a chain with a special  $\vee$ -representation  $\mathcal{H}$ . However,  $\text{rank } \mathcal{H} = n - 1$  and  $\overline{H} \geq m$ , contradicting the minimality of  $n$ . Lemma 5 is proved.

Now let  $C$  be a chain in  $L$  that has a special  $\vee$ -representation  $C$ . Then  $C = \bigcup_{\mathfrak{S}_0} C_n$ , where  $C_n = \{a \in C \mid \text{rank } J_a = n\}$ . It was shown that  $C_n < m$ . Since  $m \in \mathfrak{S}_0$  and regular,  $C = \sum_{\mathfrak{S}_0} C_n < m$  holds. The first part of theorem 3 is proved.

To prove the second part of the theorem, we note that an infinite distributive lattice contains an infinite chain. Let  $P$  be finite and each  $L_p$  ( $p \in P$ ) contain only finite chains, then each  $L_p$  is finite,  $Q = \bigcup_{p \in P} L_p$  is a finite set and  $L \leq 2^{2^Q}$ . Conversely, if some  $L_p$  contain an infinite chain or  $P$  is infinite, then  $Q$  is infinite and  $L \subseteq Q$  is infinite. Theorem 3 is proved.

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