

**NOTES ON GENERALIZED N-LATTICES**

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**Abstract.** In this note we begin the study of the class of generalized N-lattices (G.N-L). We prove some rules valid in these algebras and we show that the class of deductively semisimple generalized N-lattices is the class of modal tetravalued algebras.

**1. Introduction**

1.1. The notion of N-lattice introduced by H.Rasiowa [20] (See also [3,4,11,12]) corresponds to the algebraic counterpart of the constructive logic with strong negation considered by D.Nelson [19] and A. Markov [8].

A. Monteiro and D.Brignole [3,4] have given a characterization of N-lattices as algebras  $(A, 1, \sim, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow)$  of type  $(0,1,2,2,2)$  verifying the axioms:

- N1)  $x \vee 1 = 1$
- N2)  $x \wedge (x \vee y) = x$ .
- N3)  $x \wedge (y \vee z) = (z \wedge x) \vee (y \wedge x)$
- N4)  $\sim\sim x = x$
- N5)  $\sim(x \wedge y) = \sim x \vee \sim y$
- N6)  $(\sim x \wedge x) \wedge (\sim y \vee y) = \sim x \wedge x$
- B1)  $x \rightarrow x = 1$
- B2)  $(x \rightarrow y) \wedge (\sim x \vee y) = \sim x \vee y$
- B3)  $x \wedge (x \rightarrow y) = x \wedge (\sim x \vee y)$
- B4)  $x \rightarrow (y \wedge z) = (x \rightarrow y) \wedge (x \rightarrow z)$
- B5)  $x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z) = (x \wedge y) \rightarrow z$

From the axioms N1, N2 and N3 it follows that the system  $(A, 1, \wedge, \vee)$  is a distributive lattice with greatest element 1 [21]. From the axioms N1 to N5, the system  $(A, 1, \sim, \wedge, \vee)$  is a De Morgan algebra, and from N6, it is a linear or normal De Morgan algebra. Then  $0 = \sim 1$  is the least element of the lattice A ([2,5,9,10]), if we write  $x \leq y$  when  $x \wedge y = x$ .

Several characterizations of semisimple N-lattices have been obtained by A. Monteiro in [15] (See also [12]), and in [13] he proved that they coincide with three-valued Lukasiewicz algebras.

This class of N-lattices has also been studied by D.Vakarelov [22] under the name of classical N-lattices.

1.2. The notion of modal tetravalued algebras was introduced by A.Monteiro, and I.Loureiro [6] characterized them as algebras  $(A, 1, \sim, \wedge, \vee, \nabla)$  of type  $(0,1,2,2,1)$  such that  $(A, 1, \sim, \wedge, \vee)$  is a De Morgan algebra and verifies the conditions:

$$M1) \sim x \vee \nabla x = 1$$

$$M2) x \wedge \sim x = \sim x \wedge \nabla x$$

If in addition the condition L)  $\nabla(x \wedge y) = \nabla x \wedge \nabla y$  is satisfied, we have a three-valued Lukasiewicz algebra [6].

The following rules hold in every modal tetravalued algebra:

$$M3) x \leq \nabla x \quad [7]$$

$$M4) \sim \nabla \sim x \leq x \quad [7]$$

$$M5) \sim \nabla x \text{ is the Boolean complement of } \nabla x \quad [7]$$

$$M6) \nabla \nabla x = \nabla x \quad [6]$$

$$M7) \nabla(x \vee y) = \nabla x \vee \nabla y \quad [6]$$

$$M8) \text{ If } x \leq y \text{ then } \nabla x \leq \nabla y$$

$$M9) \nabla(x \wedge y) \leq \nabla x \wedge \nabla y$$

$$M10) \nabla \sim \nabla \sim x = \sim \nabla \sim x$$

$$M11) \sim x \wedge x = x \wedge \nabla \sim x$$

The same authors [6] considered an implication operation  $\rightarrow$  defined on A by means of the formula:

$$I1) x \rightarrow y = \nabla \sim x \vee y \quad [6]$$

Then

$$I1) (x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z)) \rightarrow ((x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow (x \rightarrow z)) = 1 \quad [6]$$

$$I2) x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow x) = 1$$

$$I3) \text{ If } 1 \rightarrow x = 1 \text{ then } x = 1 \quad [6]$$

$$I4) ((x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow x) \rightarrow x = 1 \quad [6]$$

$$I5) x \rightarrow x = 1$$

## 2. Generalized N-lattices

**2.1. Definition:** A generalized N-lattice (G.N.-L.) is an algebra  $A = (A, 1, \sim, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow)$  of type  $(0, 1, 2, 2, 2)$  verifying axioms N1 to N5 and B1 to B5 of 1.1.

Then an N-lattice is a G.N.-L. which verifies the Kleene inequality N6 of 1.1.

The simplest example of a G.N.-L. which is not N-lattice is  $(T, 1, \sim, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow)$  where  $(T, 1, \sim, \wedge, \vee)$  is the De Morgan algebra of figure 1 and  $\rightarrow$  is given by the table 1 :

	0	a	b	1
0	1	1	1	1
a	1	1	1	1
b	1	1	1	1
1	0	a	b	a

table 1

$$1 \sim 0$$

$$a \sim a$$

$$b \sim b$$

$$0 \sim 1$$

figure 1

**2.3. Theorem:** In every G.N.-L. A the following properties hold:

$$B6) 1 \rightarrow x = x$$

$$B7) x \rightarrow 1 = 1$$

$$B8) x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow x) = 1$$

$$B9) x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z) = y \rightarrow (x \rightarrow z)$$

$$B10) x \rightarrow (x \rightarrow y) = x \rightarrow y$$

$$B11) y \leq x \rightarrow y$$

- B12) If  $y \leq z$  then  $x \rightarrow y \leq x \rightarrow z$   
 B13) If  $x \leq y$  then  $y \rightarrow z \leq x \rightarrow z$   
 B14)  $(x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow (x \rightarrow z) \leq xM \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z)$   
 B15)  $\sim x \rightarrow (x \rightarrow y) = 1$   
 16) If  $x \leq y$  then  $x \rightarrow y = 1$  and  $\sim(x \wedge y) \rightarrow \sim x = 1$   
 B17) If  $x \rightarrow y = 1$  and  $\sim(x \wedge y) \rightarrow \sim x = 1$  then  $x \leq y$   
 B18) If  $x \wedge z \leq \sim x \vee y$  then  $z \leq x \rightarrow y$   
 B19)  $x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z) = (x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow (x \rightarrow z)$   
 B20)  $(x \vee y) \rightarrow z \leq (x \rightarrow z) \wedge (y \rightarrow z)$   
 B21)  $x \rightarrow (y \vee z) \leq (x \rightarrow y) \vee (x \rightarrow z)$

**Proof.** We check only B17 and B19

B17: By hypothesis  $x \rightarrow y = 1$  (1),  $\sim(x \wedge y) \rightarrow \sim x = 1$  (2). From B3 and (1)  $x \leq \sim x \vee y$  (3). From (3), and N4,  $x \wedge \sim y \leq \sim x$  (4). On the other hand, from (2), B3 and N4,  $\sim(x \wedge y) = \sim(x \wedge y) \wedge ((x \wedge y) \vee \sim x)$  (5). From (5), and N5,  $\sim x \vee \sim y = (\sim x \vee \sim y) \wedge (x \vee \sim x) \wedge (y \vee \sim x)$  (6). From (6), taking into account N2,  $\sim y = \sim y \wedge (x \vee \sim x) \wedge (y \vee \sim x)$  (7). From (7), (3) and N2,  $\sim y = ((x \wedge \sim x) \vee (\sim y \wedge \sim x)) \wedge (y \vee \sim x) \leq (\sim x \vee (\sim y \wedge \sim x)) \wedge (y \vee \sim x) = \sim x \wedge (y \vee \sim x) = \sim x$ , then  $x \leq y$ .

B19: Let  $\mu = x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z)$ ,  $a = x \wedge (x \rightarrow y)$ ,  $b = z$ . Then  $\mu \wedge a = (x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z)) \wedge x \wedge (x \rightarrow y) =$   
 $B3) x \wedge (\sim x \vee (y \rightarrow z)) \wedge (x \rightarrow y) = B3) x \wedge (\sim x \vee y) \wedge (\sim x \vee (y \rightarrow z)) = x \wedge (\sim x \vee (y \wedge (y \rightarrow z))) = B3)$   
 $x \wedge (\sim x \vee (y \wedge (\sim y \vee z))) \leq x \wedge (\sim x \vee \sim y \vee z) = N3) (x \wedge \sim x) \vee (x \wedge \sim y) \vee (x \wedge z) \leq \sim x \vee (x \wedge \sim y) \vee z$  (1).

On the other hand  $\sim a \vee b = \sim(x \wedge (x \rightarrow y)) \vee z = B3) \sim(x \wedge (\sim x \vee y)) \vee z = N5) \sim x \vee \sim(\sim x \vee y) \vee z = N4) \sim x \vee (x \wedge \sim y) \vee z$  (2). From (1) and (2)  $\mu \wedge a \leq \sim a \vee b$ , then by B18  $\mu \leq a \rightarrow b$  (3), that is  $x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z) \leq (x \wedge (x \rightarrow y)) \rightarrow z = B5) x \rightarrow ((x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow z) = B9) (x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow (x \rightarrow z)$  (4).

Furthermore  $(x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow (x \rightarrow z) = B5) (x \wedge (x \rightarrow y)) \rightarrow z = B3) (x \wedge (\sim x \vee y)) \rightarrow z = B5) (\sim x \vee y) \rightarrow (x \rightarrow z)$  (6)

Since  $y \leq \sim x \vee y$  from B13 we have  $(\sim x \vee y) \rightarrow z \leq y \rightarrow (x \rightarrow z)$  (7). Finally, from (7), B9 and (6)  $(x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow (x \rightarrow z) \leq x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z)$  (8). B19 is a consequence of (40 and (8)).

In 2.4. we give an equivalent definition of N-lattices.

**2.4.Theorem:** In any G.N.-L. the condition N6 of 1.1. is equivalent to

B20')  $(x \rightarrow z) \wedge (y \rightarrow z) \leq (x \vee y) \rightarrow z$

Proof. In [13] A.Monteiro proved that B20' is a consequence of N6. For the converse, suppose B20', then.

1=(B1,B14)  $(\sim x \rightarrow (x \rightarrow y)) \vee (\sim x \rightarrow (x \rightarrow \sim y)) = B5) ((\sim x \wedge x) \rightarrow y) \vee ((\sim x \wedge x) \rightarrow \sim y) \leq$   
 B20)  $(\sim x \wedge x) \rightarrow (y \vee \sim y)$  (1).

Furthermore  $\sim((x \wedge \sim x) \wedge (y \vee \sim y)) \rightarrow \sim(x \wedge \sim x) = (N5,N4)(M(\sim y \wedge y) \vee (\sim x \wedge x)) \rightarrow (\sim x \wedge x) = (B20,B20')$   
 $((\sim y \wedge y) \rightarrow (\sim x \wedge x)) \wedge ((\sim x \wedge x) \rightarrow (\sim x \wedge x)) = ((1),B1)1$  (2). From (1),(2) and B19,  $\sim x \wedge x \leq y \vee \sim y$ .

### 3. Deductively semisimple G.N.-L. and modal tetravalued algebras

**3.1. Definition:** A G.N.-L. is said to be deductively semisimple if the condition

S)  $(x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow x = x$   
 is verified

**3.2. Remark:** As  $\rightarrow$  verifies B6, B8 and B19, we can use the results obtained in [14], p.427-431 (See also [17], p.23-31). In particular, if A is a deductively semisimple G.N.L. then:

- 1) A proper deductive system M of A is maximal if and only if  $x \in A - M$  and  $y \in A$  imply  $x \rightarrow y \in M$ .
- 2) Every proper deductive system of A is an intersection of maximal deductive systems.
- 3) If  $x \in A$ ,  $x \neq 1$ , there exists a maximal deductive system M of A such that  $x \notin M$ .

**3.3. Lemma:** If A is a deductively semisimple G.N.L., then for  $x, y \in A$  the following condition is verified: S1)  $(x \rightarrow y) \vee x = 1$ .

**Proof.** Consider the element  $\beta = (x \rightarrow y) \vee x$ . If we suppose  $\beta \neq 1$ , by 3.2.3  $\circ$ ) there would exist a maximal deductive system M such that  $\beta \notin M$  (1). Then,  $x \rightarrow y \notin M$  (2), and  $x \notin M$  (3). From (3) and 3.2.1  $\circ$ ) we would have  $x \rightarrow y \in M$  (4). (2) and (4) contradict each other.

**3.4. Theorem:** If  $(A, 1, \sim, \wedge, \vee, \nabla)$  is a modal tetravalued algebra, and  $\rightarrow$  is the operation defined by the formula (I), the algebra  $(A, 1, \sim, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow)$  is a deductively semisimple G.N.L., verifying (P)  $\nabla x = \sim x \rightarrow 0$ .

**Proof.** Let us prove that the formulas B2, B3, B4, B5 and S hold:

B2) By M3,  $\sim x \leq \nabla \sim x$  (1), from (1) and I,  $\sim x \vee y \leq x \rightarrow y$

B3)  $x \wedge (x \rightarrow y) = (I) x \wedge (\nabla \sim x \vee y) = (x \wedge \nabla \sim x) \vee (x \wedge y) = M11) (\sim x \wedge x) \vee (x \wedge y) = x \wedge (\sim x \vee y)$

B4)  $x \rightarrow (y \wedge z) = (I) \nabla \sim x \vee (y \wedge z) = (\nabla \sim x \vee z) \wedge (\nabla \sim x \vee y) = (I) (x \rightarrow y) \wedge (x \rightarrow z)$

B5)  $x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z) = (I) \nabla \sim x \vee (\nabla \sim y \vee z) = M7) \nabla (\sim x \vee \sim y) \vee z = (N5, I) (x \wedge y) \rightarrow z$

S) From I  $x \leq (x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow x$ . On the other hand  $(x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow x = I) \nabla \sim (\nabla \sim x \vee y) \vee x = \nabla (\sim \nabla \sim x \wedge y) \vee x \leq (M9, M10) (\sim \nabla \sim x \wedge \nabla \sim y) \vee x \leq \sim \nabla \sim x \vee x = M4) x$

The proof of P is straightforward.

**3.5. Theorem:** If  $(A, 1, \sim, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow)$  is a deductively semisimple G.N.L. and  $\nabla$  is the operation defined by the formula (P), the system  $(A, 1, \sim, \wedge, \vee, \nabla)$  is a modal tetravalued algebra verifying  $x \rightarrow y = \nabla \sim x \vee y$ .

**Proof.** Let us prove the formula M1, M2 and I:

M1)  $\sim x \vee \nabla x = 1$

$\sim x \vee \nabla x = (P) \sim x \vee (\sim x \rightarrow 0) = S1) 1$

M2)  $\sim x \wedge \nabla x = x \wedge \sim x$

$\sim x \wedge \nabla x = (P) \sim x \wedge (\sim x \rightarrow 0) = B3) \sim x \wedge (\sim x \vee 0) = N4) \sim x \wedge x = x \wedge \sim x$

I)  $x \rightarrow y = \nabla \sim x \vee y$

By S1,  $x \vee (x \rightarrow y) = 1$  (1). From (P) and S1  $x \vee \nabla \sim x = 1$  (2). From (1), (2) and N1  $x \vee (x \rightarrow y) = x \vee (\nabla \sim x \vee y)$  (a). On the other hand  $x \wedge (\nabla \sim x \vee y) = (x \wedge \nabla \sim x) \vee (x \wedge y) = M11) (x \wedge \nabla x) \vee (x \wedge y) = B3) x \wedge (x \rightarrow y)$  (b). From (a), (b) we have I.

**3.6. Remark:** It is well known that in N-lattices, congruences are determined by deductive systems, where  $\equiv_D$  is a congruence if and only if there exists a deductive system D such that  $x \equiv_D y$  if and only if  $x \rightarrow y \in D$  and  $y \rightarrow x \in D$ ,  $\sim x \rightarrow \sim y \in D$ ,  $\sim y \rightarrow \sim x \in D$ . This result does not hold in G.N.L. as can be easily accomplished in example 2.2..

In the case of deductively semisimple G.N.L. the following result can be 3.6.1. If A is a G.N.L.,  $\equiv_D$  is a congruence on A if and only if there exists a deductive system D such that  $x \equiv_D y$  if and only if  $x \rightarrow y \in D$ ,  $y \rightarrow x \in D$ ,  $\sim(x \wedge y) \rightarrow \sim x \in D$ ,  $\sim(x \wedge y) \rightarrow \sim y \in D$ .

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