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## SEMI PRIME FILTERS IN MEET SEMILATTICE

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**Abstract:** The concept of semiprime filters in a general lattice have been given by Ali et al [2]. A filter F of a lattice L is called semiprime filter if for all  $x, y, z \in F$ . in this paper we give several properties of semiprime filters in meet-semilattice and include some of their characterizations. Here we prove that a filter F is semiprime if and only if every minimal ideal of a directed below meet-semilattice S, union with F is prime.

**Keywords:** semiprime filter, minimal ideal, maximal ideal, minimal prime filter, Annihilator.

**Introduction**: Varlet [1] introduced the concept of 1-distributive lattices. Then many authors including [3] and [4] studied them for lattices a for join-semilattices and meet-semilattices. An ordered set(S;  $\leq$ ) is said to be meet-semilattice if inf{a, b} *exists for all a, b \in S*. We write  $a \land b$  *in place of* inf{a, b}. by [8], a meet-semilattice S with 0 is called 0-distributive if for all  $a, b, c \in S$  with  $a \land b = 0 = a \land c$  *imply*  $a \land d = 0$  *for some*  $d \geq b, c$ . we also know that a 0-distributive meet-semilattice S is directed below. A meet-semilattice S is called directed below if for all  $a, b \in S$ . There exists  $c \in S$  such that  $c \geq a, b$ . a nonempty subset F of directed below meet-semilattice S is called down set if for  $x \in F$  and  $x \leq y(y \in S)$  *imply*  $y \in F$ . An down set F is called a filter if for  $x, y \in F$ , there exists  $z \geq x, y$  such that  $z \in F$ .

A nonempty subset I of S is called a down set if  $x \in I$  and  $y \ge x(y \in S)$  imply  $y \in I$ . an ideal if for all  $x, y \in I, x \land y \in I$ . A filter P is called a prime filter if  $a \land b \in P$ , implies either  $a \in P$  or  $b \in P$ . An ideal J of S is called prime if S-J is a prime filter.

In a directed below meet-semilattice S, an ideal J is called a semiprime ideal if for all  $x, y, z \in S, x \land y \in J, x \land z \in J$  imply  $x \land d \in J$  for some  $d \ge y, z$ . Moreover; the semilattice itself is obviously a semiprime filter. Also, every prime filter of S is semiprime.

**Lemma 1**: union of two prime (semiprime) filters of a directed below meet-semilattice S is a semiprime filter.

Proof:

Let  $x, y, z \in S$  and  $F = P_1 \cup P_2$ . Let  $x \land y \in F$  and  $x \land z \in F$ . Then  $x \land y \in P_1$ ,  $x \land z \in P_1$  and  $x \land y \in P_2$ ,  $x \land z \in P_2$ . Since  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are prime(semiprime) filters. So,  $x \land d_1 \in P_1$  and  $x \land d_2 \in P_2$  for some  $d_1, d_2 \ge y, z$ . Choose  $d = d_1 \land d_2 \ge y, z$ . Then  $x \land d \in F$ . *ie*)  $x \land d \in P_1 \cup P_2$  and so  $P_1 \cup P_2$  is semiprime filter.

**Corollary 2:** Nonempty union of all prime(semiprime) filters of a directed below meet-semilattice is a prime filter.

Lemma 3: A proper subset I of a meet-semilattice S is a minimal ideal if and only if S-I is a maximal prime upset(filter).

**Lemma 4:** Let I be a proper ideal of a meet-semilattice S with 0. Then there exists a minimal ideal containing I.

**Lemma 5**: Every ideal union from a filter F is contained in a minimal ideal union from F.

Proof:

Let I be an ideal in a directed below meet-semilattice S union from f. Let J be a set of all ideals containing I and union from F. then J is nonempty as  $I \in J$ . Let C be a chain in J and let  $M = \cap (X: X \in C)$ .We claim that M is an ideal. Let  $x \in M$  and  $y \ge x$ . then  $x \in X$  for some  $X \in C$ . Hence  $y \in X$  as X Is an ideal. Thus  $y \in M$ . Let  $x, y \in M$ . Then  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$  for some  $x, y \in C$ . Since is a chain, either  $y \subseteq X$  or  $X \subseteq Y$ . suppose  $y \subseteq X$ , so  $x, y \in Y$ . Then  $x \land y \in Y$  and so  $x \land y \in M$ . Hence M is an ideal. Moreover,  $M \cup F \neq \emptyset$  and  $M \subseteq I$ . Thus, M is a minimal element of c. Therefore, by Zorn's lemma, J has a minimal element.

**Lemma 6:** Let F be a filter of a directed below semilattice S. An ideal I union from F is a minimal ideal union from F if and only if for all  $a \notin I$ , there exists  $b \in I$  such that  $a \land b \in F$ .



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Proof:

Let I be a minimal ideal and union from F and let  $a \notin I$ . Also, let  $a \land b \notin F$ , for all  $b \in I$ . Consider  $M = \{y \in S \mid y \ge a \land b, b \in I\}$ . Clearly M is an ideal. For, any  $b \in I, b \ge a \land b$  implies  $b \in M$ . Hence  $M \subseteq I$ . Also,  $M \cup F \neq \emptyset$ . For if not, let  $x \in M \cup F$  which implies  $x \in F$  and  $x \ge a \land b$  for some  $b \in I$ . Hence  $a \land b \in F$  which is contradiction. Thus  $M \cup F \neq \emptyset$ . Now  $M \subset I$  because  $a \notin I$ *I* but  $a \in M$ . This contradicts the minimality of I. hence there exists  $b \in I$  such that  $a \land b \in F$ .

Conversely, if I is not minimal ideal union from F. Then, there exists an ideal I containing J union with F. let  $a \in I - I$  by the given condition, then there exists  $b \in I$  such that  $a \land b \in F$ . Hence  $a, b \in J$  implies that  $a \land b \in F \cup J$  which is a contradiction. Therefore, I must be a minimal ideal union from F.

**Theorem 7**: A meet- semilattice S with atmost one proper semiprime filter is directed below.

Proof:

Let,  $a, b \in S$  and F be a semiprime filter of s. Then for any  $x \in F$ ,  $x \land a \in F$  and  $x \land b \in F$ . Since F is semiprime, so there exists  $d \in S$  with  $d \geq a, b$  such that  $x \wedge d \in F$ . Hence S is directed below. Let, L be a lattice with 0. For  $A \subseteq L$ , we define  $A^{\perp} = \{x \in A \in A \}$  $L: x \lor a = 1$  for all  $a \in A$ . Let S be a meet-semilattice with 0. For any nonempty subset A of S. we define  $A^{\perp d} = x \land a = 1$ 0 for all  $a \in A$ . This is clearly a down set but we cannot prove that this is a filter even in a distributive meet-semilattice. If L is Lattice with 0, then it is wellknown that L is lattice with 0 if and only if D(L), the lattice of all filters of L is 1-distributive. Unfortunately, we can not prove or disprove that when s is a 0-distributive meet-semilattice. Then D(S) is 1-ditributive. But if D(S) is 1-distributive, then if is easy to prove that S is 0-distributive.

Also, we define  $A^0 = \{x \in S | x \land a = 0 \text{ for some } a \in S\}$ . This is obviously a down set. Moreover,  $B \subseteq A$  implies  $B^0 \subseteq A^0$ . For any  $a \in S$ , it is easy to check that  $(a)^{\perp d} = (a)^0 = (a)^0$ . Since in a 0-distributive meet-semilattice S, for each  $a \in S$ ,  $(a)^{\perp d}$  is a filter, so we prefer to denote it by  $[a]^{*d}$ . Let  $S \subseteq A$  and P be a filter of L. We define  $A^{\perp^{d_P}} = \{x \in S | x \land a \in P \text{ for all } a \in A\}$ . This is clearly an down set containing P. In presence of distributivity, this is a filter.  $A^{\perp^{d_P}}$  is called a dual annihilator of A relative to P, we denote  $F_P(S)$  is a bounded lattice with P and S as the smallest and the largest elements. If  $A \in F_P(S)$  and  $A^{\perp^{d_P}}$  is a filter, then  $A^{\perp d_P}$  is called an annihilator filter and it is the dual pseudocomplement of A in  $F_P(S)$ 

**Theorem 8** Let S be a directed below meet semilattice with 0 and P be a filter of S. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) P is semi prime
- (ii) For every  $a \in S$ ,  $\{a\}^{\perp^{d_P}} = \{x \in S | x \land a \in P\}$  is a semi prime filter containing p.
- (iii)  $A^{\perp^{d_P}} = \{x \land a \in P \text{ for all } a \in A\}$  is a semi prime filter containing P
- (iv) Every minimal ideal disjoint from P is prime.

Proof

 $i \to ii$ ) clearly  $\{a\}^{\perp^{d_P}}$  is a downset containing P. Now let  $x, y \in \{a\}^{\perp^{d_P}}$ . Then  $x \land a \in P, y \land a \in P$ . Since P is semiprime, so  $a \land d \in P$  for  $d \ge x, y$ . Thus  $d \in \{a\}^{\perp^{d_P}}$ . This implies  $\{a\}^{\perp^{d_P}}$  is a filter containing P. Again let  $x \land y \in \{a\}^{\perp_{d_P}}$  and  $x \land z \in \{a\}^{\perp_{d_P}}$  $\{a\}^{\perp^{dP}}$ . Then  $x \wedge y \wedge a \in p$  and  $x \wedge z \wedge a \in P$ . Hence  $(x \wedge a) \wedge y \in P$  and  $(x \wedge a) \wedge z \in P$ . then  $(x \wedge a) \wedge d \in P$  for some  $d \geq a$ y, z as P is a semiprime. This implies  $x \wedge d \in \{a\}^{\perp^{dP}}$  and so  $\{a\}^{\perp^{dP}}$  is a semiprime filter containing P.

 $(ii) \Rightarrow i$  suppose ii) holds. Let  $x \land y \in P$  and  $x \land z \in P$ . then  $y_1 \in \{x\}^{\perp^{dP}}$ . Since by (ii),  $\{x\}^{\perp^{dP}}$  is a filter, so there exists  $d \ge y, z$  such that  $d \in \{x\}^{\perp^{d^P}}$ . Thus  $x \land d \in P$  and so p is semiprime.

ii)  $\Rightarrow$  iii) This is trivial by lemma 1 as  $A^{\perp^{dP}} = \bigcup (\{a + {}^{\perp^{dP}}, a \in A\})$ .

 $i) \Rightarrow i \lor$  Suppose J is a maximal ideal union from P. Suppose  $f, g \in S - J$ .  $f, g \notin J$ . by lemma 6, there exists  $a, b \in J$  such that  $a \land f \in P$ ,  $b \land g \in P$ . here S - j is a maximal prime upset containing P. Hence  $a \land b \land f \in P$  and  $a \land b \land g \in P$ . Since P is semiprime, so there exists  $e \ge f, g$  such that  $a \land f \land e \in P \subseteq S - J$ . but  $a \land b \in J$  and so  $e \in S - J$  as it is prime. Here s - J is a prime filter. Hence J is a prime ideal.

 $i \lor i \lor j \Rightarrow i$  Let  $\lor i \land j \Rightarrow i$  Let  $\lor j \land c \in S$  with  $a \land b \in P$ ,  $a \land c \in P$ . suppose  $a \land d \notin P$  for all  $d \ge b, c$ . Then J is an ideal union from P. by lemma 5, There is a minimal ideal  $M \subseteq J$  and the union from P. By lemma 5, there is a minimal ideal  $M \subseteq J$  and union from P. M is prime. Thus S-M is prime filter containing P.

Now  $a \land b, a \land c \in S - M$ . since S - M is prime filter, so either  $a \in S - M$  or  $b, c \in S - M$ . In any case,  $a \land d \in S - M$  for some  $d \ge b, c$ . hence  $a \land d \in P$  for some  $d \ge b, c$ . therefore P is a semiprime.

**Corollary 9**: In a meet-semilattice S, every ideal union to a semiprime filter P is contained in a prime ideal.

**Theorem 10**: If P is a semiprime filter of directed below meet-semilattice S and  $A \subset P = \bigcup \{P_{\lambda} | P_{\lambda} \text{ is a filter containing P}\}$ . Then  $A^{\perp^{dP}} = \{x \in S | \{x\}^{\perp^{dP}} \neq P\}.$ 

Proof: Let  $x \in A^{\perp^{dP}}$ . Then  $x \wedge a \in P$  for all  $aa \in A$ . so  $a \in \{x\}^{\perp^{dP}}$  for all  $a \in A$ . Then  $A \subseteq \{x\}^{\perp^{dP}}$  and so  $\{x\}^{\perp^{dP}} \neq P$ . Conversely, let  $x \in S$  such that  $\{x\}^{\perp^{dP}} \neq P$ . Since P is semiprime, so  $\{x\}^{\perp^{dP}}$  is a filter containing P. then  $A \supseteq \{x\}^{\perp^{dP}}$  and so  $A^{\perp^{dP}} \subseteq \{x\}^{\perp^{dP}}$ . This implies  $x \in A^{\perp^{dP}}$  which completes the proof.

**Theorem 11**: Let S be a directed below meet-semilattice and F be a filter. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

1) F is a semiprime.

2) Every minimal ideal of S union with F is prime.

3) Every maximal prime upset containing F is a maximal prime filter containing F.

4) Every ideal union with F is union from the maximal prime filter containing F.

Proof:  $(1) \Rightarrow (2)$  Follows from theorem 8.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Let A be a maximal prime upset containing F. Then S - A is a minimal ideal union with F. then by (2), S-A is a prime ideal and so A is a maximal prime filter.

 $(3) \Rightarrow (2)$  Let M be a minimal ideal union with f. Then S-M is a maximal prime upset containing F. Then by (3), S-M is a maximal prime filter and so M is prime ideal.

 $(1) \Rightarrow (4)$  Let I be an ideal of S union from F. Then there exists a minimal ideal  $I \subseteq J$  union F. by theorem 8, J is a prime ideal and so S-J is a maximal prime filter containing F and union from I.

 $(4) \Rightarrow (2)$  Let J be minimal ideal union from F. then by (4), there exists a maximal prime filter P containing F and the union from J. Then S-P is a minimal prime ideal of S containing J and union from F. by minimality of J, S-P must be equal to J. Hence J is prime.

**Theorem 12:** Let S be a directed below meet-semilattice with 0 and P be a filter of S.P is semi prime if and only if for all ideals I union to  $\{x\}^{\perp^{dP}}$ . There is a prime ideal containing I union to  $\{x\}^{\perp^{dP}}$ .

Proof: Suppose P is semiprime. Then by theorem 8,  $\{x\}^{\perp^{dP}}$  is semiprime. Let I be an ideal union to  $\{x\}^{\perp^{dP}}$ . Using Zorn's lemma, we can easily find a minimal ideal M containing I and union to  $\{x\}^{\perp^{dP}}$ . We claim that  $x \in M$ . *if not, then*  $M \subseteq M \land (x]$ . By minimality of M,  $(M \land (x] \cup x^{\perp^{dP}} = \emptyset$ . If  $t \in (M \land (x]) \cup \{x\}^{\perp^{dP}}$ , then  $M \lor x \le t$  for some  $m \in M$  and  $t \land x \in P$ . This implies  $M \land x \in P$  and so  $m \in \{x\}^{\perp^{dP}}$  gives a contradiction. Hence  $x \in M$ , Now let  $z \notin M$ . Then  $(M \land (z] \cup \{x\}^{\perp^{dP}} = \emptyset$ . Suppose

 $y \in (M \land (z]) \cup \{x\}^{\perp^d}$  then by  $M_1 \land z \leq y$  and  $y \land x \in P$  for some  $m_1 \in M$ . This implies  $m_1 \land x \land z \in P$  and  $m_1 \land z \in \{x\}^{\perp^{dP}}$ . Hence by lemma 6, M is a minimal ideal union to  $\{x\}^{\perp^{dP}}$ . Therefore, by theorem 8, M is prime.

Conversely, Let  $x \land y \in P, x \land z \in P$ . *if*  $x \land d \notin P$  for all  $y, z \leq d$  then  $d \notin \{x\}^{\perp^{dP}}$ . Hence  $(d] \cup \{x\}^{\perp^{dP}} \neq \emptyset$ . So there exists a prime ideal M containing (d) and union from  $\{x\}^{\perp^{dP}}$ . *as*  $y, z \in \{x\}^{\perp^{dP}}$ , so  $y, z \notin m$ . *thus*  $d \notin M$  for some  $y, z \leq d$ , *as* M *is* prime. This gives a contradiction. Hence  $x \land d \in P$  for all  $y, z \leq d$  and so P is semiprime.

**Corollary 13**: A directed below meet-semilattice S with 0-distributive if and only if every prime upset contains maximal prime filters.

Proof: Let P be a prime upset of S. Then  $P \neq S$ . So, there exists  $x \in S$  such that  $x \notin P$ . if  $t \in \{x\}^{\perp^{dP}}$ , then  $t \land x = 0 \in P$ . This implies  $t \in P$ , as P is prime.

Hence  $\{x\}^{\perp^d} \cup (S - P) \neq \emptyset$ , where S-P is an ideal of S. suppose S is 0-distributive. Then by theorem 12, there is prime ideal J containing in S-P and union to  $\{x\}^{\perp^d}$ . This implies that S-J is maximal prime filter contained in P. Proof of the converse is trivial from the proof of theorem 12.

We conclude the paper with the following characterization of semiprime filters.

**Theorem 14**: Let P be a semi prime filter of a directed below meet-semilattice S and  $x \in S$ . Then a prime filter Q containing  $\{x\}^{\perp^{dP}}$  is a maximal prime filter containing  $\{x\}^{\perp^{dP}}$  if and only if for  $q_1 \in Q$ , there exists  $q_2 \in S - Q$  such that  $q_1 \wedge q_2 \in \{x\}^{\perp^{dP}}$ .

Proof: Let Q be a prime filter containing  $\{x\}^{\perp^{dP}}$  such that the given conditions holds. Let R be a prime filter containing  $\{x\}^{\perp^{dP}}$  such that  $Q \subseteq R$ . Let  $q_1 \in Q$ . then there is  $q_2 \in S - Q$  such that  $q_1 \wedge q_2 \in \{x\}^{\perp^{dP}}$ . Hence  $q_1 \wedge q_2 \in R$ . Since R is prime and  $q_2 \notin R$ , so  $q_1 \in R$ . Thus  $R \subseteq Q$  and so R = Q. Therefore, Q must be a maximal prime filter containing  $\{x\}^{\perp^{dP}}$ .

Conversely, Let Q be a maximal prime filter containing  $\{x\}^{\perp^{dP}}$ . Let  $q_1 \in Q$ . Suppose for all  $q_2 \in S - Q$  and  $q_1 \wedge q_2 \notin \{x\}^{\perp^{dP}}$ . Let  $I = (S - Q) \wedge (q_1]$ . We claim that  $\{x\}^{\perp^{dP}} \cup I \neq \emptyset$ . If not let  $y \in \{x\}^{\perp^{dP}} \cup I$ . Then  $y \in \{x\}^{\perp^{dP}}$  and  $y \ge q_1 \wedge q_2$ . Thus  $q_1 \wedge q_2 \in \{x\}^{\perp^{dP}}$ . which is contradiction to the assumption. Then by theorem 12, there exists a minimal prime ideal  $M \subseteq I$  and union to  $\{x\}^{\perp^{dP}}$ . Now  $J \cup I \neq \emptyset$ . This implies  $J \cup (S - Q) \neq \emptyset$  and so  $Q \subseteq J$ . Also J = Q, because  $q_1 \in I$  implies  $q_1 \notin J$  but  $q_1 \in Q$ . Hence J is a prime filter containing  $\{x\}^{\perp^{dP}}$  which is properly contained in Q. therefore, the given condition holds. That is, for  $q_1 \in Q$ , there exists  $q_2 \in S - Q$ , such that  $q_1 \wedge q_2 \in \{x\}^{\perp^{dP}}$ .

## **Conclusion:**

In this paper, we extend the concept of semiprime filters in directed below meet-semilattices and include several nice characterizations of semiprime filters. Here we prove that, a filter F is semiprime if and only if every minimal ideal of a directed below meet-semilattice, union with F is prime.

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