# Birkhoff Center of an Almost Distributive Fuzzy Lattice

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Abstract—The concept of Birkhoff center  $B_A(R)$  of an Almost distributive fuzzy lattice (R,A) with maximal element is introduced. We also prove that  $B_A(R)$  is relatively complemented ADFL and product of ADFL is a gain ADFL.

*Index Terms*—Almost distributive fuzzy lattice, almost distributive lattice, Birkhoff center of an almost distributive fuzzy lattice, Birkhoff center of an almost distributive lattice, fuzzy poset, relatively complemented ADFL.

## I. INTRODUCTION

T HE concept of an Almost distributive lattice was introduced by U.M. Swamy and G.C. Rao in [1]. In [2], U.M. Swamy, G.C. Rao, R.V.G. Ravi Kummar and Ch. Pragathi have extended the above concept for a general partial ordered set Pand prove that B(P) is relatively complemented distributive lattice in which the operations are least upper bound and greatest lower bound in P (provided that B(P) is non-empty in Birkhoff center of an ADL).

The concept of Birkhoff center B(R) of an ADL with maximal elements was introduced by U.M. Swamy and S. Ramesh in [3] and prove that B(R) is a relatively complemented Almost distributive lattice. The concept of a fuzzy set was first introduced by Zadeh in [4], and this concept was adapted by Goguen in [5] and Sanchez in [6] to define and study fuzzy relations. Yuan and Wu in [7] introduced the concepts of fuzzy lattices and fuzzy ideal of a lattice. As a continuation of these studies, we define fuzzy relation, fuzzy poset and fuzzy lattice which enables us to define Birkhoff center of Almost distributive fuzzy lattice. In this paper, we introduce the concept of the Birkhoff center  $B_A(R)$  of an Almost distriutive fuzzy lattice (ADFL) with maximal elements and prove that  $B_A(R)$ is a relatively complemented Almost distributive fuzzy lattice. Mainly we obtain the equivalency of the Birkhoff center in ADL to the Birkhoff center of ADFL with the property of Almost distributive lattice and Fuzzy partial order relation. Throughout this paper we consider only  $ADFL_s$  which contain at least one maximal element. (R,A) denotes an ADFL. An ADL  $(R, \lor, \land, 0)$  represented by *R* and  $x \in (R, A) \Leftrightarrow x \in R$ .

### **II. PRELIMINARIES**

Definition 1 ([8]): An algebra  $(R, \lor, \land, 0)$  of type (2,2,0) is said to be an Almost distributive lattice(ADL) if it satisfies the

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following conditions:

(1)  $a \lor 0 = a$ . (2)  $0 \land a = 0$ . (3)  $(a \lor b) \land c = (a \land c) \lor (b \land c)$ . (4)  $a \land (b \lor c) = (a \land b) \lor (a \land c)$ . (5)  $a \lor (b \land c) = (a \lor b) \land (a \lor c)$ . (6)  $(a \lor b) \land b = b$ ,  $\forall a, b, c \in R$ .

The element 0 is called as usual the zero element of R.  $\square$ 

Definition 2 ([8]): Let X be a non-empty set. Fix  $x_o \in X$ . For any  $x, y \in X$ ,

$$x \wedge y = \begin{cases} x_o, & \text{if } x = x_o \\ y, & \text{if } x \neq x_o \end{cases}$$

and

$$x \lor y = \begin{cases} y, & \text{if } x = x_o \\ x, & \text{if } x \neq x_o \end{cases}$$

Then  $(X, \lor, \land, x_o)$  is an ADL with  $x_o$  as its zero element. This ADL is called a discrete ADL.

*Example 3:* Every distributive lattice with zero is an ADL. For any *a*, *b* in an ADL *R*, we say that *a* is less than or equal to *b* and write  $a \le b$ , if  $a \land b = a$ . Then  $\le$  is a partial ordering on *R*.

Lemma 4 ([8]): For any  $a, b \in R$ , we have

(1)  $a \wedge 0 = 0$  and  $0 \vee a = a$ .

(2)  $a \wedge a = a = a \lor a$ .

(3)  $(a \wedge b) \lor b = b$ ,  $a \lor (b \wedge a) = a$  and  $a \land (a \lor b) = a$ .

(4)  $a \wedge b = b \Leftrightarrow a \vee b = a$ .

(5)  $a \wedge b = a \Leftrightarrow a \vee b = b$ .

- (6)  $a \wedge b \leq b$  and  $a \leq a \vee b$ .
- (7)  $a \wedge b = b \wedge a$ , whenever  $a \leq b$ .

(8) 
$$a \lor (b \lor a) = a \lor b$$
.

*Theorem 5 ([8]):* For any  $a, b \in R$ , the following are equivalent to each other:

- (1)  $(a \wedge b) \lor a = a$ .
- (2)  $a \wedge (b \vee a) = a$ .
- (3)  $(b \wedge a) \vee b = b$ .
- (4)  $b \wedge (a \vee b) = b$ .
- (5)  $a \wedge b = b \wedge a$ .
- (6)  $a \lor b = b \lor a$ .
- (7) The supremum of a and b exists and equal to  $a \lor b$ .
- (8) There exists  $x \in R$  such that  $a \leq x$  and  $b \leq x$ .
- (9) The infimum of *a* and *b* exists and equal to  $a \wedge b$ . *Theorem 6 ([8]):* For any  $a, b \in R$  we have
- (1)  $(a \lor b) \land c = (b \lor a) \land c$ .
- (2)  $\wedge$  is associative in *R*.

(3)  $a \wedge b \wedge c = b \wedge a \wedge c$ .

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From the above theorem, it follows that for any  $x \in R$ the set  $\{a \land x | a \in R\}$  forms a bounded distributive lattice. In particular, we have  $((a \land b) \lor c) \land x = ((a \lor c) \land (b \lor c)) \land x$ , for all  $a, b, c, x \in R$ .

An element  $m \in R$  is said to be maximal if  $m \le x$  implies m = x.

*Lemma 7:* Let *R* be an ADL with 0, and  $m \in R$ . Then the following are equivalent:

(1) *m* is a maximal element with respect to the partial ordering " $\leq$ ."

(2)  $m \lor x = m$ , for all  $x \in R$ .

(3)  $m \wedge x = x$ , for all  $x \in R$ .

Definition 8 ([8]): A non-empty subset I of R is said to be an ideal of R if it satisfies the following conditions:

(1)  $a, b \in I \Rightarrow a \lor b \in I$ .

(2)  $a \in I, x \in R \Rightarrow a \land x \in I.$ 

*Theorem 9 ([8]):* The following are equivalent for any ADL *R*:

(1) R is relatively complemented.

(2) Given  $x, y \in R$ , there exists  $a \in R$  such that  $x \wedge a = 0$  and  $x \vee a = x \vee y$ .

(3) For any  $x \in R$ , the interval [0,x] is complemented.

*Theorem 10 ([8]):* A relatively complemented ADL R is associative.

Definition 11 ([8]): An ADL  $(R, \lor, \land)$  is said to be relatively complemented if every interval [a,b],  $a \le b$  in R is a complemented lattice.

Definition 12 ([9]): Let X be a non- empty set, a function  $A: X \times X \rightarrow [0,1]$  is said to be fuzzy partial order relation if it satisfies the following conditions:

(1) A(x,x) = 1,  $\forall x \in X$  that is A is reflexive.

(2) A(x,y) > 0, and A(y,x) > 0 implies that x = y. That is A is antisymmetric.

(3)  $A(x,z) \ge \sup_{y \in X} \min[A(x,y),A(y,z)] > 0$ . That is A is transitive.

If A is a fuzzy partial order relation in a set X, then (X,A) is called a fuzzy partial order relation or fuzzy poset.

*Definition 13 ([9]):* Let (X,A) be a fuzzy poset. Then (X,A) is a fuzzy lattice if and only if  $x \lor y$ , and  $x \land y$  exists for all  $x, y \in X$ .

*Definition 14 ([9]):* Let (X,A) be a fuzzy lattice. Then (X,A) is distributive if and only if  $x \land (y \lor z) = (x \land y) \lor (x \land z)$ , and  $(x \lor y) \land (x \lor z) = x \lor (y \land z)$ , *forall*,  $x, y, z \in X$ .

Definition 15 ([3]): Given an ADL R with maximal element. Define  $B(R) = \{a \in R | a \land b = 0, anda \lor b \text{ is maximal for some } b \in R\}.$ 

Then B(R) is called the Brikhoff center of R. Let  $a \wedge b = 0$ ,  $a \vee b$  is maximal .Then  $b \wedge a = 0$ , and  $b \vee a$  is maximal, in this case *a* and *b* are called complements to each other.

Theorem 16: For any  $a \in R, a \in B(R)$  if and only if there exist two sub  $ADL_s R_1$ , and  $R_2$  of R with maximal elements and an isomorphism  $f : R \to R_1 \times R_2$  such that  $f(a) = (m_1, 0)$ , where  $m_1$  is a maximal element in  $R_1$ .

Definition 17 ([10]): Let  $(R, \lor, \land, 0)$  be an algebra of type (2,2,0) and we call (R,A) is an Almost Distributive Fuzzy Lattice(ADFL) if the following conditions satisfied:

 $(F_1) A(a, a \lor 0) = A(a \lor 0, a) = 1.$ 

 $(F_2) A(0, 0 \land a) = A(0 \land a, 0) = 1.$ 

 $(F_3) A((a \lor b) \land c, (a \land c) \lor (b \land c)) = A((a \land c) \lor (b \land c), (a \lor b) \land c) = 1.$   $(F_4) A(a \land (b \lor c), (a \land b) \lor (a \land c)) = A((a \land b) \lor (a \land c), a \land (b \lor c)) = 1.$   $(F_5) A(a \lor (b \land c), (a \lor b) \land (a \lor c)) = A((a \lor b) \land (a \lor c), a \lor (b \land c)) = 1.$   $(F_6) A((a \lor b) \land b, b) = A(b, (a \lor b) \land b) = 1, \text{ for all } a, b, c \in R.$ 

# III. BIRKHOFF CENTER OF ALMOST DISTRIBUTIVE FUZZY LATTICE

Definition 18: Let (R,A) be an ADFL. Then an element m of (R,A) is a maximal element of (R,A) if, for any  $x \in R$ , A(m,x) > 0 implies A(x,m) > 0.

*Proposition 19:* Let (R,A) be an ADFL.Then an element m of R is a maximal element of (R,A) if and only if  $A(m \lor x,m) > 0$ , for all  $x \in R$ .

*Proof:* Assume  $m \in R$  be a maximal element. Then there exist  $x \in R$  such that  $m \le m \lor x$ , for all  $x \in R$ . Then  $A(m,m \lor x) > 0$ . Now,  $A(m \lor x,m) = A(m \lor (m \land x),m) = A(m,m) = 1 > 0$ , for all  $x \in R$ . Hence  $A(m \lor x,m) > 0$ . Conversely, Suppose  $A(m \lor x,m) > 0$ , for all  $x \in R$ , and  $m \in R$ , Since  $m \le m \lor x$ . So that we get  $A(m,m \lor x) > 0$ . Hence  $m \lor x = m$  by anti symmetric property of A. Therefore, *m* is maximal element in *R*.

*Definition 20:* Let (R,A) be an ADFL with maximal element. Define  $B_A(R) = \{a \in R | A(a \land b, 0) > 0 \text{ and } A((a \lor b) \lor x, a \lor b) > 0 \text{ for some } b \in R, \text{ for all } x \in R\}$ . Then  $B_A(R)$  is called the Birkhoff center of (R,A).

*Lemma 21:* If  $A(a \land b, 0) > 0$ , and  $A((a \lor b) \lor x, a \lor b) > 0$ , for all  $x \in R$ , then  $A(b \land a, 0) > 0$  and  $A((b \lor a) \lor x, b \lor a) > 0$ , for all  $x \in R$ .

*Proof:* Assume the first condition holds. Let  $a \in B_A(R)$ . Then there exist  $b \in R$  and  $A(b \wedge a, 0)$ 

 $= A((b \wedge a) \wedge (a \vee b), 0)$  $= A([(b \wedge a) \wedge a] \vee [(b \wedge a) \wedge b], 0)$  $=A((b \wedge a) \vee (a \wedge (b \wedge b), 0)$ , since  $b \wedge b = b$ , and  $b \wedge a \wedge b = a \wedge b \wedge b = a$  $A([(b \land a) \lor a] \land [(b \land a) \lor b], 0)$  $= A(a \wedge [(b \wedge a) \vee b], 0)$  $= A([a \wedge (b \wedge a)] \vee (a \wedge b), 0)$  $= A([(a \wedge b) \wedge a] \vee o, 0)$  $= A([0 \wedge a] \vee 0, 0)$ = A(0,0) = 1 > 0.Hence  $A(b \wedge a, 0) > 0$ . Assume  $A((a \lor b) \lor x, a \lor b) > 0$ , for all  $x \in R$  $A((b \lor a) \lor x, b \lor a) = A([b \lor (a \land (a \lor b)] \lor x, [b \lor (a \land (a \lor b)]))$  $=A([(b \lor a) \land (b \lor (a \lor b))] \lor x, (b \lor a) \land (b \lor (a \lor b)))$  $=A([(b \lor a) \land (a \lor b)] \lor x, (b \lor a) \land (a \lor b))$  $=A([((b \lor a) \land a) \lor ((b \lor a) \land b)] \lor x, ((b \lor a) \land a) \lor ((b \lor a) \land a)$ b)) by Lemma 4 and Theorem 5 and Proposition 19  $=A([a \lor b] \lor x, a \lor b) > 0$ Hence  $A((b \lor a) \lor x, b \lor a) > 0$  for all  $x \in R$ .

*Example 22:* Let  $X = \{\{0, a\} | a \in X\}$  with zero element 0 and  $a \neq 0$ . Define  $\lor$  and  $\land$  by the following table.

$\vee$	0	а		$\wedge$	0	a	
0	0	а	and	0	0	0	
a	a	a		a	0	a	

then  $(X, \lor, \land, 0)$  is an ADL which is a discrete ADL. Since every non-zero element is maximal. *a* is maximal element.  $0 \land a = a \land 0 = 0$  and  $a = a \lor 0$  is maximal element of X. Implies that  $a \in B(X)$ . Let  $A : X \times X \to [0,1]$  be a fuzzy partial order relation defined by A(0,0) = A(a,a) = 1 and A(0,a) = 0, A(a,0) = 0.3. Then (X,A) is a fuzzy poset.  $A(0,0 \land a) = A(0 \land$ a,0) = 1, and  $A((0 \lor a) \lor a, 0 \lor a) = A(a \lor a, a) = A(a, a) = 1 >$ 0, since  $0 \lor a = a$ , and  $a \lor a = a$ . Hence  $a \in B_A(R)$ .

Definition 23: Let (R,A) be an ADFL and  $R_1$  be an ideal of R.Then  $(R_1,A_1)$  is an ideal of (R,A).

(1) If  $a \in R, b \in R_1$  and  $A_1(a, b) > 0$ , then  $a \in (R_1, A_1)$ .

(2) If  $a, b \in R_1$ , then  $a \lor b \in (R_1, A_1)$ 

Definition 24: Let (R,A) be an ADFL. Then a non-empty subset K of an ADFL is said to be a sub- ADFL of (R,A) if K is closed under induced operation of (R,A).

Lemma 25: Let (R,A) be an ADFL and  $R_1$  be an ideal of R.Then  $(R_1,A_1)$  is a sub- ADFL of (R,A).

*Proof:* Let  $(R_1, A_1)$  be an ideal of (R, A), where  $R_1$  is an ideal of R.Then

(1) If  $a \in R, b \in R_1$  and  $A_1(a,b) > 0$ , then  $a \in R_1$  by definition of ideal of (R,A). Again if  $a \in R, c \in R_1$  and  $A_1(a,c) > 0$ , then  $a \in R_1$ . Now,  $A_1(a,b) > 0$  and  $A_1(a,c) > 0 \Rightarrow A_1(a,b \land c) > 0$ .  $\Rightarrow A_1(b \land c,c) > 0 \ b \land c \in R_1$ .  $\Rightarrow b \land c \in (R_1,A_1)$ .

(2) If  $a, b \in R_1$ , then  $a \lor b \in R_1$ .  $\Rightarrow a \lor b \in (R_1, A_1)$ . Hence  $(R_1, A_1)$  is a sub- ADFL of (R, A).

Definition 26: Let  $(R_1,A_1)$  and  $(R_2,A_2)$  be two  $ADFL_s$ . Then the following point wise operations holds for any  $(a,c) \in R_1 \times R_2$  and  $(b,d) \in R_1 \times R_2$ .

 $(1) (A_1 \times A_2)((a,c) \wedge (b,d), (a \wedge b, c \wedge d)) = (A_1 \times A_2((a \wedge b, c \wedge d), (a,c) \wedge (b,d)) = 1.$ 

 $(2) (A_1 \times A_2)((a,c) \lor (b,d), (a \lor b, c \lor d)) = (A_1 \times A_2((a \lor b, c \lor d), (a,c) \lor (b,d)) = 1.$ 

Definition 27: Let  $(R_1, A_1)$  and  $(R_2, A_2)$  be two  $ADFL_s$ . Then  $(A_1 \times A_2)((a,b), (c,d)) = min\{A_1(a,c), A_2(b,d)\}$ .

Definition 28: Let  $(R_1,A_1)$  and  $(R_2,A_2)$  be two  $ADFL_s$ . Then a mapping  $f: (R_1,A_1) \rightarrow (R_2,A_2)$  is said to be a fuzzy latice homomorphism. If it satisfy the following condition for any  $x, y, 0 \in R_1$ :

(1)  $A_2(f(x \land y), f(x) \land f(y)) = A_2(f(x) \land f(y), f(x \land y)) = 1.$ (2)  $A_2(f(x \lor y), f(x) \lor f(y)) = A_2(f(x) \lor f(y), f(x \lor y)) = 1.$ (3)  $A_2(f(0), 0) > 0.$ 

*Lemma 29:* Let  $(R_1,A_1)$  and  $(R_2,A_2)$  be two  $ADFL_s$ , and  $f: (R_1,A_1) \rightarrow (R_2,A_2)$  be any mapping. Then  $f(x) = f(y) \Leftrightarrow A_2(f(x),f(y)) = A_2(f(y),f(x)) = 1$ , for any  $x, y \in R_1$ .

*Proof:* Assume f(x) = f(y), for all  $x, y \in R_1$ . Now  $A_2(f(x), f(y)) = A_2(f(x), f(x)) = 1$ , since f(x) = f(y). Similarly  $A_2(f(y), f(x)) = 1$ . Hence  $A_2(f(x), f(y)) = A_2(f(y), f(x)) = 1$ . Conversely, suppose  $A_2(f(x), f(y)) = A_2(f(y), f(x)) = 1$ , for all  $x, y \in R_1$  $\Rightarrow A_2(f(x), f(y)) = 1 > 0$  $\Rightarrow A_2(f(x), f(y)) > 0$ .

Similarly  $A_2(f(y), f(x)) > 0$ . Therefore f(x) = f(y), for any  $x, y \in R_1$ , by anti symmetry property of  $A_2$ .

Definition 30: If  $(R_1, A_1)$ , and  $(R_2, A_2)$  are  $ADFL_s$  with maximal elements  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  respectively. Then  $(R_1 \times R_2, A_1 \times A_2)$  has maximal element  $(m_1, m_2)$  if and only

if  $A_1(m_1,x) > 0 \Rightarrow A_1(x,m_1) > 0$  and  $A_2(m_2,y) > 0 \Rightarrow A_2(y,m_2) > 0$  for all  $x \in R_1$  and for all  $y \in R_2$ .

*Lemma 31:* Let  $(R_1, A_1)$  and  $(R_2, A_2)$  be two  $ADFL_s$ . Then  $(R_1 \times R_2, A_1 \times A_2)$  is an ADFL.

*Proof:* Let  $(a,b) \in R_1 \times R_2$  and  $(0,0) \in R_1 \times R_2$ . (1)  $(A_1 \times A_2)((a,b) \lor (0,0), (a,b)) = (A_1 \times A_2)((a \lor 0, b \lor 0), (a,b))$ 

 $=\min\{A_1(a \lor 0, a), A_2(b \lor 0, b)\} = \min\{A_1(a, a), A_2(b, b)\}$  $=\min\{1, 1\} = 1$ 

Hence  $(A_1 \times A_2)((a,b) \lor (0,0), (a,b)) = 1$ . Similarly  $(A_1 \times A_2)((a,b), (a,b) \lor (0,0)) = 1$ . We have  $(A_1 \times A_2)((a,b) \lor (0,0), (a,b)) = (A_1 \times A_2)((a,b), (a,b) \lor (0,0)) = 1$ . (2)  $(A_1 \times A_2)((0,0), (0,0) \land (a,b)) = (A_1 \times A_2((0,0), (0 \land a, 0 \land a, 0)))$ 

b)) = $min\{A_1(0,0 \land a), A_2(0,0 \land b)\} = min\{A_1(0,0), A_2(0,0)\}$ 

=min{1,1} = 1. Hence  $(A_1 \times A_2)((0,0), (0,0) \land (a,b)) = 1.$ 

Hence  $(A_1 \times A_2)((0,0), (0,0) \land (a,b)) = 1$ . Similarly  $(A_1 \times A_2)((a,b) \land (0,0), (0,0)) = 1$ . Therefore  $(A_1 \times A_2)((0,0), (0,0) \land (a,b)) = (A_1 \times A_2)((a,b) \land (0,0), (0,0)) = 1$ . (3) Let  $a,b,c \in R_1$  and  $d,e,h \in R_2$ . Then  $(A_1 \times A_2)((a \land (b \lor c), d \land (e \lor h)), ((a \land b) \lor (a \land c), (d \land e) \lor (d \land h)))$ = $min\{A_1(a \land (b \lor c), (a \land b) \lor (a \land c)), A_2(d \land (e \lor h), (d \land e) \lor (d \land h)))\}$ = $min\{A_1(a \land (b \lor c), a \land (b \lor c)), A_2(d \land (e \lor h), (d \land e) \lor (d \land h)))\}$ 

 $A_2(d \land (e \lor h), d \land (e \lor h))\}$  by  $LD \land$ .

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 $(b \wedge y)$ 

Hence  $(A_1 \times A_2)((a \land (b \lor c), d \land (e \lor h)), ((a \land b) \lor (a \land c), (d \land e) \lor (d \land h))) = 1$ . Similarly  $(A_1 \times A_2)((((a \land b) \lor (a \land c), (d \land e) \lor (d \land h)), (a \land (b \lor c), d \land (e \lor h))) = 1$ . We have  $(A_1 \times A_2)((a \land (b \lor c), d \land (e \lor h)), ((a \land b) \lor (a \land c), (d \land e) \lor (d \land h))) = (A_1 \times A_2)(((a \land b) \lor (a \land c), (d \land e) \lor (d \land h)), (a \land (b \lor c), d \land (e \lor h))) = 1$ . In the same manner the remaining property holds. Thus  $(R_1 \times R_2, A_1 \times A_2)$  is an ADFL.

Theorem 32: For any  $x \in R, x \in B_A(R)$  if and only if there exist two sub  $-ADFL_s, (R_1, A_1)$ , and  $(R_2, A_2)$  with maximal elements and an isomorphism  $f : (R, A) \to (R_1 \times R_2, A_1 \times A_2)$  such that  $(A_1 \times A_2)(f(x), (a, 0)) = (A_1 \times A_2)((a, 0), f(x)) = 1$ , where *a* is the maximal element of  $(R_1, A_1)$ .

Proof: Let (R,A)be an ADFL. Suppose  $a \in B_A(R)$ and  $a \in R$ . Then there exist  $d, b \in R$ such that  $(A_1 \times A_2)((a \wedge b, a \wedge d), (0, 0)) > 0$  and  $(A_1 \times A_2)((a \lor b) \lor x, (a \lor d) \lor y), (a \lor b, a \lor d)) > 0.$ Define  $f : (R,A) \rightarrow (R_1 \times R_2, A_1 \times A_2)$  by  $(A_1 \times A_2)$  $A_2(f(x), (a \wedge x, b \wedge x)) = (A_1 \times A_2)((a \wedge x, b \wedge x), f(x)) = 1.$ Let  $x, y \in R$ . Then  $(A_1 \times A_2)(f(x \wedge y), f(x) \wedge f(y)) =$  $(A_1 \times A_2)((a \wedge (x \wedge y), b \wedge (x \wedge y)), ((a \wedge x, b \wedge x) \wedge (a \wedge y, b \wedge y))$  $= min\{A_1(a \land (x \land y), (a \land x) \land (a \land y)), A_2(b \land (x \land y), (a \land x) \land (a \land y))\}$  $(b \wedge x) \wedge (b \wedge y)$  $= min\{A_1(a \land (x \land y), a \land (x \land y)), A_2(b \land (x \land y), b \land (x \land y))\}$ by  $LD \wedge$ .  $=min\{1,1\}=1.$ 

Hence  $(A_1 \times A_2)(f(x \wedge y), f(x) \wedge f(y)) = 1$ . Similarly  $(A_1 \times A_2)(f(x) \wedge f(y), f(x \wedge y)) = 1$ . We have  $(A_1 \times A_2)(f(x \wedge y), f(x) \wedge f(y)) = (A_1 \times A_2)(f(x) \wedge f(y), f(x \wedge y)) = 1$ .  $(A_1 \times A_2)(f(x \vee y), f(x) \vee f(y))$   $= (A_1 \times A_2)((a \wedge (x \vee y), b \wedge (x \vee y)), (a \wedge x, b \wedge x) \vee (a \wedge y, b \wedge y))$  $= (A_1 \times A_2)((a \wedge (x \vee y), b \wedge (x \vee y)), ((a \wedge x) \vee (a \wedge y), (b \wedge x) \vee (a \wedge y))$   $= \min\{A_1(a \land (x \lor y), (a \land x) \lor (b \land y)),\$  $A_2(b \land (x \lor y), (b \land x) \lor (b \land y))$  $= \min\{A_1(a \land (x \lor y), a \land (x \lor y)), A_2(b \land (x \lor y), b \land (x \lor y))\}$  $=min\{1,1\}=1.$ Hence  $(A_1 \times A_2)(f(x \lor y), f(x) \lor f(y)) = 1$ . Similarly,  $(A_1 \times A_2)(f(x) \lor f(y), f(x \lor y)) = 1$ . Hence  $(A_1 \times A_2)(f(x \lor y)) = 1$ .  $y), f(x) \lor f(y)) = (A_1 \times A_2)(f(x) \lor f(y), f(x \lor y)) = 1.$  $(A_1 \times A_2)(f(0), (0,0)) = (A_1 \times A_2)((a \wedge 0, b \wedge 0), (0,0)),$ since  $f(0) = (a \land 0, b \land 0)$ .  $=\min\{A_1(a \wedge 0, 0), A_2(b \wedge 0, 0)\} = \min\{A_1(0, 0), A_2(0, 0)\},\$ since  $a \wedge 0 = 0$ ,  $b \wedge 0 = 0$ .  $=min\{1,1\}=1>0.$ Hence  $(A_1 \times A_2)(f(0), (0, 0)) > 0$ . Thus, f is a lattice homomorphism. Let  $x, y \in R$ and fuzzy  $(A_1 \times A_2)(f(x), f(y)) = (A_1 \times A_2)(f(y), f(x)) = 1$ . Then,  $(A_1 \times A_2)(f(y), f(x)) = 1$ .  $A_2(x,y) = (A_1 \times A_2)((a \lor b) \land x, y)$ , since  $a \lor b$  is maximal  $= (A_1 \times A_2)((a \wedge x) \vee (b \wedge x), y)$  $= (A_1 \times A_2)((a \wedge y) \vee (b \wedge y), y)$ , replace x by y  $= (A_1 \times A_2)((a \lor b) \land y, y)$  $= (A_1 \times A_2)(y, y) = 1 > 0$ , since  $a \lor b$  is maximal, so that we get  $(A_1 \times A_2)(x, y) > 0$ . Similarly,  $(A_1 \times A_2)(y, x) > 0$ . Hence x = y by antisymmetry property of  $A_1 \times A_2$ . Therefore f is monomorphism. Let (R,A) be an ADFL. Suppose  $(a \wedge x, b \wedge y) \in R_1 \times R_2$ . Write  $w = (a \wedge x) \vee (b \wedge y)$ . Now,  $(A_1 \times A_2)(f(w), (a \wedge x, b \wedge y))$  $= (A_1 \times A_2)((a \wedge w, b \wedge w), (a \wedge x, b \wedge y))$  $= (A_1 \times A_2)(((a \wedge [(a \wedge x) \vee (b \wedge y)], b \wedge [(a \wedge x) \vee (b \wedge y)]), (a \wedge y)))$  $(x, b \land y))$  $= (A_1 \times A_2)(((a \wedge (a \wedge x)) \vee (a \wedge (b \wedge y)), (b \wedge (a \wedge x)) \vee (b \wedge (a \wedge x))))$  $(b \wedge y)), (a \wedge x, b \wedge y))$  $=(A_1 \times A_2)(((a \wedge x) \vee ((a \wedge b) \wedge y)), ((b \wedge a) \wedge x)) \vee ((b \wedge b) \wedge x))$  $(a \wedge x, b \wedge y)$  $= (A_1 \times A_2)(((a \wedge x) \vee 0, 0 \vee (b \wedge y)), (a \wedge x, b \wedge y)),$ since  $a \wedge b = 0$  and  $b \wedge a = 0$ .  $= (A_1 \times A_2)((a \wedge x, b \wedge y), (a \wedge x, b \wedge y))$  $=min\{A_1(a \land x, a \land x), A_2(b \land y, b \land y)\} = min\{1, 1\} = 1.$  $(A_1 \times A_2)(f(w), (a \wedge x, b \wedge y)) > 0.$ Simi-Hence larly,  $(A_1 \times A_2)((a \wedge x, b \wedge y), f(w)) > 0$ . Hence  $f(w) = (a \land x, b \land y) \Leftrightarrow (A_1 \times A_2)(f(w), (a \land x, b \land y)) =$  $(A_1 \times A_2)((a \wedge x, b \wedge y), f(w)) = 1$  by antisymmetric property of  $A_1 \times A_2$ . Hence f is epimorphism. Therefore, f is an isomorphism. Conversely, Suppose the map  $f: (R,A) \to (R_1 \times R_2, A_1 \times A_2)$  be an isomorphism defined by  $(A_1 \times A_2)(f(x), (a, 0)) = (A_1 \times A_2)((a, 0), f(x)) = 1, x \in \mathbb{R}$ , where *a* is the maximal element of  $(R_1, A_1)$ . Choose a maximal element b in  $(R_2, A_2)$  such that  $(A_1 \times A_2)(f(y), (0, b)) = (A_1 \times A_2)((0, b), f(y)) = 1$  for  $y \in R$ . Now,  $(A_1 \times A_2)(f(x \wedge y), (0, 0)) = (A_1 \times A_2)(f(x) \wedge f(y), (0, 0))$  $= (A_1 \times A_2)((a,0) \wedge (0,b), (0,0)) = (A_1 \times A_2)(a \wedge 0, 0 \wedge 0)$ b),(0,0)) $=min\{A_1(0,0),A_2(0,0)\}\$  $min\{1,1\}$ 1 since  $a \wedge 0 = 0, 0 \wedge b = 0$  $= (A_1 \times A_2)(f(x \wedge y), f(0)) > 0$ , since f(0) = (0, 0). Similarly,  $(A_1 \times A_2)(f(0), f(x \land y)) > 0$ 

- $\Rightarrow f(x \land y) = f(0)$  by antisymmetry property of  $A_1 \times A_2$ .
- $\Rightarrow x \land y = 0$ , since f is one- to- one
- $\Rightarrow$   $A_1(x \land y, 0) > 0$ , and  $A_2(x \land y, 0) > 0$ .
- Let (a,b) be a maximal element of  $(R_1 \times R_2, A_1 \times A_2)$ .

Then  $(A_1 \times A_2)(f(x \lor y), (a,b)) = (A_1 \times A_2)(f(x) \lor f(y), (a,b))$  since f is fuzzy lattice homomorphism.

 $=(A_1 \times A_2)((a,0) \vee (0,b),(a,b)) = (A_1 \times A_2)((a \vee 0,0 \vee b),(a,b))$ 

 $=\min\{A_1(a \lor 0, 0) A_2(0 \lor b, 0)\} = \min\{A_1(0, 0), A_2(0, 0)\}$ =min{1,1} = 1 > 0,

Hence  $(A_1 \times A_1)(f(x \vee y), (a, b)) > 0$ . Similarly,  $(A_1 \times A_2)((a, b), f(x \vee y)) > 0$ . So that we have  $f(x \vee y) = (a, b)$ . Hence,  $f(x \vee y)$  is maximal, since (a, b) is maximal. So that we have  $x \vee y$  is the maximal elements of (R, A), since f is on to. Therefore,  $x \in B_A(R)$ .

*Definition 33:* Let (R,A) be an ADFL. For  $a, b \in R$  with A(a,b) > 0 and  $x \in [a,b]$ . Then y is a relative complement of x in [a,b] if and only if  $A(x \land y,a) > 0$  and  $A(b,x \lor y) > 0$ , where a is the least element and b is the greatest element.

Definition 34: An ADFL (R,A) is said to be relatively complemented ADFL if ([a,b],A) is a complemented fuzzy lattice for any  $a, b \in R$  with A(a,b) > 0.

Theorem 35: Let (R,A) be an ADFL. Then  $B_A(R)$  is a relatively complemented ADFL under induced operations of (R,A).

*Proof:* Let (R,A) be an ADFL. For  $0 \in R$ , there exist  $a \in R$  such that  $A(0 \land a, 0) = A(0, 0) = 1 > 0$  since  $0 \land a = 0$  in R and  $A((a \lor 0) \lor a, a \lor 0) = A(a \lor 0, a \lor 0) = 1 > 0$ . since  $a \lor 0$  is maximal. Hence  $0 \in B_A(R)$ , so that we have  $B_A(R)$  is a non-empty subset of (R,A).

Let  $a_1, a_2 \in B((R,A))$  and let  $b_1, b_2 \in (R,A)$  be a complement of  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  respectively. Then,  $A(a_1 \wedge b_1, 0) > 0$ , and  $A((a_1 \vee b_1) \vee x, a_1 \vee b_1) > 0$  for  $x \in R \cdot A(a_2 \wedge b_2, 0) > 0$ , and  $A((a_2 \vee b_2) \vee y, a_2 \vee b_2) > 0$ , for  $y \in R$ . Now,  $A((a_1 \wedge a_2) \wedge (b_1 \vee b_2), 0)$ 

 $=A([(a_1 \wedge a_2) \wedge b_1] \vee [(a_1 \wedge a_2) \wedge b_2], 0)$ 

- $=A([(a_1 \wedge b_1) \wedge a_2] \vee [a_1 \wedge (a_2 \wedge b_2)], 0)$
- since  $(a_1 \wedge a_2) \wedge b_1 = (a_1 \wedge b_1) \wedge a_2$ , and
- $(a_1 \wedge a_2) \wedge b_2 = a_1 \wedge (a_2 \wedge b_2)$

= $A((0 \land a_2) \lor (a_1 \land 0), 0)$ , since  $a_1 \land b_1 = 0$ , and  $a_2 \land b_2 = 0$ . =A(0,0) = 1 > 0.

Hence  $A((a_1 \land a_2) \land (b_1 \lor b_2), 0) > 0$ . Similarly,  $A(0, (a_1 \land a_2) \land (b_1 \lor b_2)) > 0$ . We get  $(a_1 \land a_2) \land (b_1 \lor b_2) = 0$  by antisymmetry property of A. Again for any  $x \in R$ , then  $A([(a_1 \land a_2) \lor (b_1 \lor b_2)] \land x, x)$ 

- $=A([((a_1 \wedge a_2) \vee b_1) \vee b_2] \wedge x, x)$
- $=A([((a_1 \lor b_1) \land (a_2 \lor b_1) \lor b_2] \land x, x)$ by Theorem 10
- = $A([(a_2 \lor b_1) \lor b_2] \land x, x)$ , since  $a_1 \lor b_1$  is maximal

$$=A([(a_2 \lor b_1) \lor b_2] \land x, x)$$

- $= A((b_2 \lor a_2) \land x, x)$ , since  $a_2 \lor b_2$  is maximal. We have  $b_2 \lor a_2$  is also maximal.
- =A(x,x) = 1 > 0.

Hence  $A([(a_1 \land a_2) \lor (b_1 \lor b_2)] \land x, x) > 0$ . Similarly,  $A(x, [(a_1 \land a_2) \lor (b_1 \lor b_2)] \land x) > 0$ . So that we have  $[(a_1 \land a_2) \lor (b_1 \lor b_2)] \land x) = x$  and hence  $(a_1 \land a_2) \lor (b_1 \lor b_2)$  is maximal. Therefore,  $a_1 \land a_2 \in B_A(R)$ . To show  $a_1 \lor a_2 \in B_A(R)$ . Let (R, A) be an ADFL. Then  $A((b_1 \land b_2) \land (a_1 \lor a_2), 0)$   $= A([(b_1 \land b_2) \land a_1] \lor [(b_1 \land b_2) \land a_2], o)$   $= A((b_1 \land a_1 \land b_2) \lor (b_1 \land (b_2 \land a_2), 0)$   $= A((b_1 \land a_1 \land b_2) \lor (b_1 \land (b_2 \land a_2), 0)$ , since  $b_1 \land a_1 = 0$  and  $b_2 \land a_2 = 0$  $= A((0 \land b_2) \lor (b_1 \land 0), 0) = A(0 \lor 0, 0) = A(0, 0) = 1 > 0$ 

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We get  $A((b_1 \land b_2) \land (a_1 \lor a_2), 0) > 0$ . Similarly,  $A(0, (b_1 \land b_2) \land (a_1 \lor a_2)) > 0$ . Hence  $(b_1 \land b_2) \land (a_1 \lor a_2) = 0$ by antisymmetry property of A. For any  $y \in R$ , $A([(b_1 \land b_2) \lor (a_1 \lor a_2)] \land y, y)$ 

 $= A([(a_1 \lor a_2) \lor (b_1 \land b_2)] \land y, y)$ by theorem 10.

 $=A([((a_1 \lor a_2) \lor b_1) \land ((a_1 \lor a_2) \lor b_2)] \land y, y)LD \lor \text{ and theorem } 10.$ 

 $=A([((b_1 \lor a_1) \lor a_2) \land (a_1 \lor (a_2 \lor b_2))] \land y, y)$ 

 $=A([(b_1 \lor a_1) \land (a_2 \lor b_2] \land y, y), \text{ since } b_1 \lor a_1, a_2 \lor b_2 \text{ are maximals.}$ 

=A(y, y) = 1 > 0.

Hence  $A([(b_1 \land b_2) \lor (a_1 \lor a_2)] \land y, y) > 0$ . Similarly,  $A(y, [(b_1 \land b_2) \lor (a_1 \lor a_2)] \land y) > 0$ . Therefore,  $[(b_1 \land b_2) \lor (a_1 \lor a_2)] \land y = y$ . Thus,  $(b_1 \land b_2) \lor (a_1 \lor a_2)$ is maximal. So that  $b_1 \land b_2$  is a complement of  $a_1 \lor a_2$ and  $a_1 \lor a_2 \in B(L)$ . Therefore  $B_A(R)$  is an ADFL under induced operations of (R,A). Let (R,A) be an ADFL, and let  $a, b \in B_A(R)$ , then there exist  $c, d \in R$  such that  $A(a \land c, 0) > 0$ , and  $A(b \land d, 0) > 0$ , and  $A((a \lor c) \lor x, a \lor c) > 0$ and  $A((b \lor d) \lor x, b \lor d) > 0$ , for all  $x \in R$  as  $a \lor c, b \lor d$  are maximals. Now, $A((c \land b) \land (a \lor d), 0)$ 

 $=A(((c \wedge b) \wedge a) \vee ((c \wedge b) \wedge d), 0)$ 

 $=A((c \land a \land b) \lor (c \land b \land d), 0), \land \text{ is associative,} \\ a \land c = c \land a = 0 \text{ and } b \land d = 0$ 

 $=A((0 \land b) \lor (c \land 0), 0)$ 

=A(0,0)=1>0.

Hence  $A((c \land b) \land (a \lor d), 0) > 0$ . Similarly,  $A(0, (c \land b) \land (a \lor d)) > 0$ . Therefore,  $(c \land b) \land (a \lor d) = 0$  by antisymmetry property of A. For any  $y \in R$ , and (R, A) be an ADFL.  $A([(c \land b) \lor (a \lor d)] \land y, y)$ 

 $=A([(a \lor d) \lor (c \land b)] \land y, y)$ 

 $=A([((a \lor d) \lor c) \land ((a \lor d) \lor b)] \land y, y)$ 

= $A([((c \lor a) \lor d) \land ((a \lor (d \lor b)] \land y, y))$ , since  $\land$  is associative by Theorem 6.

 $=A([(c \lor a) \land (d \lor b))] \land y, y)$ 

=A(y,y)=1>0, since  $a \lor c$ , and  $b \lor d$  are maximal.

Hence  $A([(c \land b) \lor (a \lor d)] \land y, y) > 0$ . Similarly,  $A(y, [(c \land b) \lor (a \lor d)] \land y) > 0$ . Therefore,  $[(c \land b) \lor (a \lor d)] \land y = y$  by antisymmetry property of A.  $(c \land b) \lor (a \lor d) \land y = y$  by antisymmetry property of A.  $(c \land b) \lor (a \lor d)$  is maximal. Hence  $c \land b \in B_A(R)$ . Now,  $A(a \land (c \land b), 0) = A((a \land c) \land b, 0)$ , since  $\land$  is associative:  $=A(0 \land b, 0) = A(0, 0) = 1 > 0$ 

We have  $A(a \land (c \land b), 0) > 0$ . Similarly,  $A(0, a \land (c \land b)) > 0$ . Therefore,  $a \land (c \land b) = 0$  by antisymmetry property of A.  $A(a \lor (c \land b), a \lor b) = A((a \lor c) \land (a \lor b), a \lor b)$  $=A(a \lor b, a \lor b) = 1 > 0$ 

Hence  $A(a \lor (c \land b), a \lor b) > 0$ . Similarly,  $A(a \lor b, a \lor (c \land b)) > 0$ . Therefore,  $a \lor (c \land b) = a \lor b$  by antisymmetry property of A. Therefore, B((R,A)) is relatively complemented ADFL.

*Theorem 36:* Let (R,A) be an ADFL.Then B(R) is a Birkhoff center of an ADL R if and only if  $B_A(R)$  is a Birkhoff center of an ADFL (R,A).

*Proof:* Assume B(R) be a Birkhoff center R and let  $a \in B(R)$ . Then, there exist  $b \in R$  such that  $a \wedge b = 0$ , and  $a \vee b$  is maximal. Let (R,A) be an ADFL.  $A(a \wedge b, 0) = A(a \wedge (0 \vee b), 0) = A((a \wedge 0) \vee (a \wedge b), 0)$ , since  $a \wedge b = 0 = A(0 \vee 0, 0) = A(0, 0) = 1$ .

 $\Rightarrow A(a \wedge b, 0) > 0$ 

 $A(a \lor b) \lor x, a \lor b) = A((a \lor b) \lor ((a \lor b) \land x), a \lor b)$ 

= $A(a \lor b, a \lor b) = 1 > 0$  since  $a \lor b$  is maximal.

We get  $A(a \land b, 0) > 0$  and  $A((a \lor b) \lor x, a \lor b) > 0$ , for all  $x \in R$ .

Therefore,  $B_A(R)$  is a Birkhoff center of an ADFL (R,A). Conversely, assume for  $a \in B_A(R)$ . Then there exist  $b \in R$  such that  $A(a \land b, 0) > 0$  and  $A((a \lor b) \lor x, a \lor b) > 0$ , for all  $x \in R$ . Since 0 is least element, we have  $0 \le a \land b, a, b \in R$ 

 $\Rightarrow A(a \land b, 0) > 0$  and  $A(0, a \land b) > 0$ 

 $\Rightarrow a \wedge b = 0 \text{ by antisymmetry property of } A \text{ , and } a \leq (a \vee b) \vee x, b \leq (a \vee b) \vee x \Rightarrow a \vee b \leq (a \vee b) \vee x. \text{ Hence } A(a \vee b, (a \vee b) \vee x) > 0. \text{We have } (a \vee b) \vee x = a \vee b. \text{ Therefore, } a \vee b \text{ is maximal.} \text{ Hence } a \in B(R).$ 

*Theorem 37:* Let (R,A) be an ADFL.Then (R,A) is relatively complemented if and only if  $B_A(R) = (R,A)$ .

*Proof:* Suppose (R,A) is a relatively complemented ADFL. Let  $x \in R$  such that  $A(x \lor m, m) = 1$ . Then  $m \lor x = m$  is maximal in (R,A) implies that A(x,m) > 0. Since (R,A) is relatively complemented, there exists  $y \in R$  such that  $A(x \land y, 0) = A(0, x \land y) = 1$  and  $A((x \lor y) \lor m, x \lor y) > 0$ , and  $x \le (x \lor y) \lor m$ ,  $y \le (x \lor y) \lor m$ 

 $\Rightarrow x \lor y \le (x \lor y) \lor m.$ 

Hence  $A(x \lor y, (x \lor y) \lor m) > 0$ . We get  $(x \lor y) \lor m = x \lor y$ by antisymmetry property of A. So that  $x \lor y$  is maximal. Therefore,  $x \in B_A(R)$  implies that  $(R,A) \subseteq B_A(R)$ . Clearly  $B_A(R) \subseteq (R,A)$ . Thus,  $B_A(R) = (R,A)$ . The converse follows by Theorem 35.

*Theorem 38:* Let  $(R_1, A)$  and  $(R_2, A)$  be  $ADFL_s$ . Then  $B_{A_1 \times A_2}(R_1 \times R_2) = B_{A_1}(R_1) \times B_{A_2}(R_2)$ .

*Proof:* Let  $(R_1 \times R_2, A_1 \times A_2))$  be an ADFL and  $(a,c) \in B_{A_1 \times A_2}(R_1 \times R_2)$ . Then there exist  $(b,d) \in R_1 \times R_2$  such that  $(A_1 \times A_2)((a,c) \wedge (b,d), (0,0)) > 0$ , by definition of Birkhoff center in ADFL.

 $\Leftrightarrow (A_1 \times A_2)((a \wedge b, c \wedge d), (0, 0)) > 0$ 

Hence  $(A_1 \times A_2)((a \wedge b, c \wedge d), (0, 0)) > 0$ . Similarly,  $(A_1 \times A_2)((0, 0), (a \wedge b, c \wedge d)) > 0$ . We have  $(a \wedge b, c \wedge d) = (0, 0)$ .

$$\Rightarrow a \land b = 0$$
 and  $c \land d = 0$ 

 $\Rightarrow A_1(a \land b, 0) > 0 , A_2(c \land d, 0) > 0 \text{ and } \\ (A_1 \times A_2)(((a, c) \lor (b, d)) \lor (x, y), (a, c) \lor (b, d)) > 0, \text{ for } \\ (x, y) \in R_1 \times R_2.$ 

 $\Leftrightarrow (A_1 \times A_2)(((a \lor b) \lor x, (c \lor d) \lor y), (a \lor b, c \lor d)) > 0 \text{ for } (x, y) \in R_1 \times R_2.$ 

Hence  $(A1 \times A_2)(((a \lor b) \lor x, (c \lor d) \lor y), (a \lor b, c \lor d)) > 0$ . Similarly,  $(A_1 \times A_2)((a \lor b, c \lor d), ((a \lor b) \lor x, (c \lor d) \lor y) > 0$ implies that  $((a \lor b) \lor x, (c \lor d) \lor y) = (a \lor b, c \lor d)$ .

 $\Rightarrow (a \lor b) \lor x = a \lor b \text{ and } (c \lor d) \lor y = c \lor d.$ 

So that we get  $a \lor b$  is maximal in  $(R_1, A_1)$  and  $c \lor d$  is maximal in  $(R_2, A_2)$ .

 $\Rightarrow a \in B_{A_1}(R_1)$  and  $c \in B_{A_2}(R_2)$ .

 $\Rightarrow (a,c) \in B_{A_1}(R_1) \times B_{A_2}(R_2). \text{ Therefore, } B_{A_1 \times A_2}(R_1 \times R_2) \subseteq B_{A_1}(R_1) \times B_{A_2}(R_2).$ 

Conversely, suppose  $(a,c) \in B_{A_1}(R_1) \times B_{A_2}(R_2)$ . It implies that  $a \in B_{A_1}(R_1)$  and  $c \in B_{A_2}(R_2)$ , then there exist  $b \in R_1$  and  $d \in R_2$  such that  $A_1(a \wedge b, 0) > 0$  and  $A_2(c \wedge d, 0) > 0$ . Again  $A_1((a \vee b) \vee x, a \vee b) > 0$  and  $A_2((c \vee d) \vee y, c \vee d) > 0$ . Since  $a \le (a \vee b) \vee x, b \le (a \vee b) \vee x$ .  $\Rightarrow a \vee b \le (a \vee b) \vee x$ . Hence  $A_1(a \lor b, (a \lor b) \lor x) > 0$ . So that we get  $(a \lor b) \lor x = a \lor b$ . This implies that  $a \lor b$  is the maximal element in  $(R_1, A_1)$ .

 $c \le (c \lor d) \lor y, d \le (c \lor d) \lor y.$ 

 $\Rightarrow c \lor d \le (c \lor d) \lor y.$ 

Hence  $A_2(c \lor d, (c \lor d) \lor y) > 0$ , which implies that  $(c \lor d) \lor y = c \lor d$ , for all  $y \in R_2$  by antisymmetry property of  $A_2$ .

 $c \lor d$  is a maximal element in  $(R_2, A_2)$ . It implies that  $(a, c) \in B_{A_1 \times A_2}(R_1 \times R_2)$ . Hence  $B_{A_1}(R_1) \times B_{A_2}(R_2) \subseteq B_{A_1 \times A_2}(R_1 \times R_2)$ . Therefore,  $B_{A_1 \times A_2}(R_1 \times R_2) = B_{A_1}(R_1) \times B_{A_2}(R_2)$ .

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