

Characterizations of those $P_n(S)$ which are Relatively Stone Nearlattice

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Abstract

For a fixed element n of a nearlattice S , a convex subnearlattice of S containing n is called an n -ideal of S . An n -ideal generated by a single element a is called a principal n -ideal, denoted by $\langle a \rangle_n$. The set of principal n -ideals is denoted by $P_n(S)$. A distributive nearlattice S is called *relatively Stone nearlattice* if each closed interval $[x, y]$ with $x < y$ ($x, y \in S$) is a Stone lattice. In this paper, we give several characterizations of those $P_n(S)$ which are relatively Stone in terms of n -ideals and relative n -annihilators.

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1. Introduction

Relatively Stone lattices have studied by many authors including Ali [1], Cornish [2] and mandelker [3]. In this paper we work on relatively Stone nearlattice. A nearlattice S is a meet semilattice with the property that any two elements possessing a common upper bound, have a supremum. Nearlattice S is distributive if for all $x, y, z \in S$, $x \wedge (y \vee z) = (x \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge z)$ provided $y \vee z$ exists. An element s of a nearlattice S is called *standard* if for all $t, x, y \in S$,

$$t \wedge [(x \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge s)] = (t \wedge x \wedge y) \vee (t \wedge x \wedge s).$$

The element s is called *neutral* if

(i) s is standard and

(ii) for all $x, y, z \in S$, $s \wedge [(x \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge z)] = (s \wedge x \wedge y) \vee (s \wedge x \wedge z)$.

In a distributive nearlattice every element is neutral and hence standard.

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An element n of a nearlattice S is called *medial* if

$$m(x, n, y) = (x \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge n) \vee (y \wedge n) \text{ exists in } S \text{ for all } x, y \in S.$$

A nearlattice S is called a *medial nearlattice* if $m(x, y, z)$ exists for all $x, y, z \in S$. An element n in a nearlattice S is called *sesquimedial* if for all $x, y, z \in S$

$(((x \wedge n) \vee (y \wedge n)) \wedge [(y \wedge n) \vee (z \wedge n)]) \vee (x \wedge y) \vee (y \wedge z)$ exists in S . An element n of a nearlattice S is called an *upper element* if $x \vee n$ exists for all $x \in S$. Every upper element is of course a sesquimedial element. An element n is called a *central element* of S if it is neutral, upper and complemented in each interval containing it.

For $a, b \in S$, $\langle a, b \rangle$ denotes the relative annihilator. That is,

$$\langle a, b \rangle = \{x \in S : x \wedge a \leq b\}. \text{ Also note that } \langle a, b \rangle = \langle a, a \wedge b \rangle.$$

Again for $a, b \in L$, where L is a lattice, $\langle a, b \rangle_d = \{x \in L : x \vee a \geq b\}$ is a dual relative annihilator.

In case of a nearlattice it is not possible to define a dual relative annihilator ideal for any a and b . But if n is an upper element of S , then $x \vee n$ exists for all $x \in S$.

Then for any $a \in (n]$, $a \vee x$ exists for all $x \in S$ by the upper bound property of S .

Thus for any $a \in (n]$, we can talk about dual relative annihilator ideal of the form

$$\langle a, b \rangle_d \text{ for any } b \in S. \text{ That is, for any } a \leq n \text{ in } S,$$

$$\langle a, b \rangle_d = \{x \in S : x \vee a \geq b\}.$$

For $a, b \in S$ and an upper element $n \in S$,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We define } \langle a, b \rangle^n &= \{x \in S : m(a, n, x) \in \langle b \rangle_n\} \\ &= \{x \in S : b \wedge n \leq m(a, n, x) \leq b \vee n\}. \end{aligned}$$

We call $\langle a, b \rangle^n$ the *annihilator of a relative to b around the element n* or simply a *relative n -annihilator*. For two n -ideals A and B of a nearlattice S , $\langle A, B \rangle$ denotes $\{x \in S : m(a, n, x) \in B, \text{ for all } a \in A\}$ when n is a medial element.

A distributive lattice L with 0 and 1 is called a *Stone lattice* if it is pseudocomplemented and for each $a \in L$, $a^* \vee a^{**} = 1$. We also know that a distributive pseudocomplemented lattice is a Stone lattice if and only if for each $a, b \in L$, $(a \wedge b)^* = a^* \vee b^*$. A nearlattice S is *relatively pseudocomplemented* if the interval $[a, b]$ for each $a, b \in S$, $a < b$ is pseudocomplemented. A distributive nearlattice S is called *relatively Stone nearlattice* if each closed interval $[x, y]$ with $x < y$ ($x, y \in S$) is a Stone lattice.

For a fixed element n of a nearlattice S , a convex subnearlattice of S containing n is called an n -ideal of S . An n -ideal generated by a single element a is called a principal n -ideal, denoted by $\langle a \rangle_n$. The set of principal n -ideals is denoted by $P_n(S)$. When $n \in S$ is standard and medial then for any $a \in S$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle a \rangle_n &= \{y \in S : a \wedge n \leq y = (y \wedge a) \vee (y \wedge n)\} \\ &= \{y \in S : y = (y \wedge a) \vee (y \wedge n) \vee (a \wedge n)\} \end{aligned}$$

When n is an upper element, $\langle a \rangle_n$ is the closed interval $[a \wedge n, a \vee n]$. For detailed literature on n -ideals and principal n -ideals see Akhter et. al. [4].

When n is a sesquimedial element of a distributive nearlattice S , then $P_n(S)$ is also a distributive nearlattice. $P_n(S)$ is *relatively pseudocomplemented* if the interval $[\langle a \rangle_n, \langle b \rangle_n]$ in $P_n(S)$ for each

$$\langle a \rangle_n, \langle b \rangle_n \in P_n(S), \langle a \rangle_n \subseteq \langle b \rangle_n \text{ is pseudocomplemented.}$$

Moreover, $P_n(S)$ is a relatively Stone nearlattice if each closed interval $[\langle a \rangle_n, \langle b \rangle_n]$ with $\langle a \rangle_n \subseteq \langle b \rangle_n$ ($\langle a \rangle_n, \langle b \rangle_n \in P_n(S)$) is a Stone lattice.

Theorem 1.1. *Let S be a distributive nearlattice with an upper element n . Then the following conditions hold :*

- (i) $\langle \langle x \rangle_n \vee \langle y \rangle_n, \langle x \rangle_n \rangle = \langle \langle y \rangle_n, \langle x \rangle_n \rangle$;
- (ii) $\langle \langle x \rangle_n, J \rangle = \bigvee_{y \in J} \langle \langle x \rangle_n, \langle y \rangle_n \rangle$, the supremum of n - ideals $\langle \langle x \rangle_n, \langle y \rangle_n \rangle$ in the lattice of n - ideals of S , for any $x \in S$ and any n -ideal J .

Proof. (i). Obviously $L.H.S. \subseteq R.H.S.$

To prove the reverse inclusion, let $t \in R.H.S.$,

then $t \in \langle \langle y \rangle_n, \langle x \rangle_n \rangle$. This implies $m(y, n, t) \in \langle x \rangle_n$.

That is, $\langle m(y, n, t) \rangle_n \subseteq \langle x \rangle_n$ and

so $(\langle y \rangle_n \cap \langle t \rangle_n) \vee (\langle x \rangle_n \cap \langle t \rangle_n) \subseteq \langle x \rangle_n$.

That is, $\langle t \rangle_n \cap [\langle x \rangle_n \vee \langle y \rangle_n] \subseteq \langle x \rangle_n$

which implies $t \in \langle \langle x \rangle_n \vee \langle y \rangle_n, \langle x \rangle_n \rangle$.

Thus, $t \in L.H.S.$ and so $R.H.S. \subseteq L.H.S.$

Hence $L.H.S. = R.H.S.$

(ii). Obviously $R.H.S. \subseteq L.H.S.$

To prove the reverse inclusion, let $t \in L.H.S.$, then $m(x, n, t) \in J$ that is $m(x, n, t) = j$ for some $j \in J$.

This implies $t \in \langle \langle x \rangle_n, \langle j \rangle_n \rangle$.

Thus $t \in R.H.S.$ and so (ii) holds. \square

Following lemma will be needed for further development of this paper. This is in fact, the dual of Cornish [2, Lemma 3.6] and very easy to prove. So we prefer to omit the proof.

Lemma 1.2. *Let L be a distributive lattice . Then the following conditions hold :*

- (i) $\langle x \wedge y, x \rangle_d = \langle y, x \rangle_d$;

- (ii) $\langle [x], F \rangle_d = \bigvee_{y \in F} \langle x, y \rangle_d$, where F is a filter of L ;
- (iii) $\{\langle x, a \rangle_d \vee \langle y, a \rangle_d\} \cap [a, b] = \{\langle x, a \rangle_d \cap [a, b]\} \vee \{\langle y, a \rangle_d \cap [a, b]\}$,
 where $[a, b]$ represents any interval in L . \square

Lemma 1.3 and 1.4 are essential for the proof of our main result of this paper.

Lemma 1.3 *Let S be a distributive nearlattice with an upper element n . Suppose $a, b, c \in S$.*

- (i) *If $a, b, c \geq n$, then $\langle\langle m(a, n, b) \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle = \langle\langle a \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle \vee \langle\langle b \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle$ is equivalent to $\langle a \wedge b, c \rangle = \langle a, c \rangle \vee \langle b, c \rangle$.*
- (ii) *If $a, b, c \leq n$, then $\langle\langle m(a, n, b) \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle = \langle\langle a \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle \vee \langle\langle b \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle$ is equivalent to $\langle a \vee b, c \rangle_d = \langle a, c \rangle_d \vee \langle b, c \rangle_d$.*

Proof. (i). Suppose $a, b, c \geq n$, and

$$\langle\langle m(a, n, b) \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle = \langle\langle a \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle \vee \langle\langle b \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle.$$

That is, $\langle\langle a \rangle_n \cap \langle b \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle = \langle\langle a \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle \vee \langle\langle b \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle$.

Let $x \in \langle a \wedge b, c \rangle$. Then $x \wedge a \wedge b \leq c$,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x \rangle_n \cap \langle a \wedge b \rangle_n &= \langle x \rangle_n \cap [n, a \wedge b] \\ &= [n, (x \vee n) \wedge (a \wedge b)] \\ &= [n, (x \wedge a \wedge b) \vee n] \\ &\subseteq [n, c]. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $x \in \langle\langle a \wedge b \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \langle\langle m(a, n, b) \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle \\ &= \langle\langle a \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle \vee \langle\langle b \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Thus $x \leq p \vee q$, where $p \in \langle\langle a \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle$ and $q \in \langle\langle b \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle$.

Then $\langle p \rangle_n \cap \langle a \rangle_n \subseteq \langle c \rangle_n$. That is, $[p \wedge n, p \vee n] \cap [n, a] \subseteq [n, c]$.

Thus, $[n, (p \vee n) \wedge a] \subseteq [n, c]$ which implies $p \wedge a \leq c$ and so $p \in \langle a, c \rangle$.

Similarly, $q \in \langle b, c \rangle$ and so $x \in \langle a, c \rangle \vee \langle b, c \rangle$.

Hence $\langle a \wedge b, c \rangle \subseteq \langle a, c \rangle \vee \langle b, c \rangle$.

But $\langle a, c \rangle \vee \langle b, c \rangle \subseteq \langle a \wedge b, c \rangle$ is obvious.

Therefore, $\langle a \wedge b, c \rangle = \langle a, c \rangle \vee \langle b, c \rangle$.

Conversely, suppose $\langle a \wedge b, c \rangle = \langle a, c \rangle \vee \langle b, c \rangle$.

Let $x \in \langle\langle m(a, n, b) \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle$.

Then $\langle x \rangle_n \cap \langle m(a, n, b) \rangle_n = [x \wedge n, x \vee n] \cap [n, a \wedge b] \subseteq [n, c]$.

That is, $[n, (x \vee n) \wedge (a \wedge b)] \subseteq [n, c]$.

Thus $[n, (x \wedge a \wedge b) \vee n] \subseteq [n, c]$ which implies

$$x \wedge a \wedge b \leq c \text{ and so } x \in \langle a \wedge b, c \rangle = \langle a, c \rangle \vee \langle b, c \rangle.$$

This implies $x = r \vee s$, where $r \in \langle a, c \rangle$ and $s \in \langle b, c \rangle$.

Then $r \wedge a \leq c$ and $s \wedge b \leq c$.

Now, $\langle r \rangle_n \cap \langle a \rangle_n = [r \wedge n, r \vee n] \cap [n, a]$

$$= [n, (r \vee n) \wedge a]$$

$$= [n, (r \wedge a) \vee n]$$

$$\subseteq [n, c] = \langle c \rangle_n$$

Hence $r \in \langle \langle a \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle$. Similarly $s \in \langle \langle b \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle$

Thus $x \in \langle \langle a \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle \vee \langle \langle b \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle$ and so

$$\langle \langle m(a, n, b) \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle \subseteq \langle \langle a \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle \vee \langle \langle b \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle.$$

Since $\langle \langle a \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle \vee \langle \langle b \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle \subseteq \langle \langle m(a, n, b) \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle$

is obvious, so

$$\langle \langle m(a, n, b) \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle = \langle \langle a \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle \vee \langle \langle b \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle.$$

A dual calculation of above proof proves (ii). \square

Lemma 1.4. Let S be a distributive nearlattice with an upper element n . Suppose $a, b, c \in S$.

(i) If $a, b, c \geq n$ and $a \vee b$ exists then $\langle \langle c \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n \vee \langle b \rangle_n \rangle =$

$\langle \langle c \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n \rangle \vee \langle \langle c \rangle_n, \langle b \rangle_n \rangle$ is equivalent to

$$\langle c, a \vee b \rangle = \langle c, a \rangle \vee \langle c, b \rangle.$$

(ii) If $a, b, c \leq n$, then $\langle \langle c \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n \vee \langle b \rangle_n \rangle =$

$$\langle \langle c \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n \rangle \vee \langle \langle c \rangle_n, \langle b \rangle_n \rangle$$

is equivalent to $\langle c, a \wedge b \rangle_d = \langle c, a \rangle_d \vee \langle c, b \rangle_d$.

Proof. (i). Suppose $a, b, c \geq n$ and $a \vee b$ exists and

$$\langle \langle c \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n \vee \langle b \rangle_n \rangle = \langle \langle c \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n \rangle \vee \langle \langle c \rangle_n, \langle b \rangle_n \rangle.$$

Let $x \in \langle c, a \vee b \rangle$. Then $x \wedge c \leq a \vee b$.

Then $\langle x \rangle_n \cap \langle c \rangle_n = [x \wedge n, x \vee n] \cap [n, c]$

$$= [n, (x \vee n) \wedge c]$$

$$= [n, (x \wedge c) \vee n]$$

$$\subseteq [n, a \vee b]$$

$$= \langle a \rangle_n \vee \langle b \rangle_n$$

That is $\langle x \rangle_n \cap \langle c \rangle_n \subseteq \langle a \rangle_n \vee \langle b \rangle_n$.

Thus $x \in \langle \langle c \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n \vee \langle b \rangle_n \rangle = \langle \langle c \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n \rangle \vee \langle \langle c \rangle_n, \langle b \rangle_n \rangle$.

So, $x \leq p \vee q$ where $p \in \langle\langle c \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n\rangle$ and $q \in \langle\langle c \rangle_n, \langle b \rangle_n\rangle$

Since $p \in \langle\langle c \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n\rangle$ so $\langle p \rangle_n \cap \langle c \rangle_n \subseteq \langle a \rangle_n$.

That is $[p \wedge n, p \vee n] \cap [n, c] \subseteq [n, a]$.

Thus $[n, (p \vee n) \wedge c] \subseteq [n, a]$.

That is $[n, (p \wedge c) \vee n] \subseteq [n, a]$.

This implies $p \wedge c \leq a$ and so $p \in \langle c, a \rangle$.

Similarly, $q \in \langle c, b \rangle$.

Hence $x \in \langle c, a \rangle \vee \langle c, b \rangle$ and so $\langle c, a \vee b \rangle \subseteq \langle c, a \rangle \vee \langle c, b \rangle$.

Since the reverse inequality is trivial,

so $\langle c, a \vee b \rangle = \langle c, a \rangle \vee \langle c, b \rangle$.

Conversely, suppose $\langle c, a \vee b \rangle = \langle c, a \rangle \vee \langle c, b \rangle$.

Let $x \in \langle\langle c \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n \vee \langle b \rangle_n\rangle$.

Then $\langle x \rangle_n \cap \langle c \rangle_n \subseteq \langle a \rangle_n \vee \langle b \rangle_n$.

That is $[x \wedge n, x \vee n] \cap [n, c] \subseteq [n, a \vee b]$

and so $[n, (x \vee n) \wedge c] \subseteq [n, a \vee b]$.

That is $[n, (x \wedge c) \vee n] \subseteq [n, a \vee b]$.

This implies $x \wedge c \leq a \vee b$ and so $x \in \langle c, a \vee b \rangle = \langle c, a \rangle \vee \langle c, b \rangle$.

Thus $x = r \vee t$, where $r \in \langle c, a \rangle$ and $t \in \langle c, b \rangle$.

Now, $\langle r \rangle_n \cap \langle c \rangle_n = [r \wedge n, r \vee n] \cap [n, c]$

$$= [n, (r \wedge c) \vee n]$$

$$\subseteq [n, a] = \langle a \rangle_n$$

(Here $r \in \langle c, a \rangle$ implies $r \wedge c \leq a$)

So $r \in \langle\langle c \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n\rangle$. Similarly $t \in \langle\langle c \rangle_n, \langle b \rangle_n\rangle$.

Hence $x \in \langle\langle c \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n \vee \langle b \rangle_n\rangle$, and so

$$\langle\langle c \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n \vee \langle b \rangle_n\rangle \subseteq \langle\langle c \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n\rangle \vee \langle\langle c \rangle_n, \langle b \rangle_n\rangle.$$

Since the reverse inequality is trivial, so

$$\langle\langle c \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n \vee \langle b \rangle_n\rangle = \langle\langle c \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n\rangle \vee \langle\langle c \rangle_n, \langle b \rangle_n\rangle.$$

By the dual calculation of above we can easily prove (ii). \square

Following result on Stone lattices is well known due to Cornish [2] and Katrinak [5, 6].

Theorem 1.5. *Let L be a pseudocomplemented distributive lattice. Then the following conditions are equivalent :*

- (i) L is Stone ;
- (ii) For each $x, y \in L$, $(x \wedge y)^* = x^* \vee y^*$;
- (iii) If $x \wedge y = 0$, $x, y \in L$ then $x^* \vee y^* = 1$. \square

Similarly we can prove the following result which is dual to above Theorem.

Theorem 1.6. *Let L be a dual pseudocomplemented distributive lattice. Then the following conditions are equivalent :*

- (i) L is dual Stone ;
- (ii) For each $x, y \in L$, $(x \vee y)^{*d} = x^{*d} \wedge y^{*d}$;
- (iii) If $x \vee y = 1$, $x, y \in L$ then $x^{*d} \wedge y^{*d} = 0$, where x^{*d} denotes the dual pseudocomplement of x . \square

Ali [1] in his Theorem 3.2.7 has given a nice characterization of relatively dual Stone lattices in terms of dual relative annihilators, which is in fact the dual of Cornish [2, Theorem 3.7]. As we have mentioned earlier that in nearlattices the idea of dual relative annihilators is not always possible. But when n is an upper element in S then $x \vee n$ exists for all $x \in S$. Thus for any $a \in \langle n \rangle$, $x \vee a$ exists for all $x \in S$. Hence we can define $\langle a, b \rangle_d$ for all $a \in \langle n \rangle$ and $b \in S$.

Theorem 1.7. *Let n be an upper element of a distributive nearlattice S such that $\langle n \rangle$ is relatively dual pseudocomplemented. Let $a, b, c \in \langle n \rangle$ be arbitrary elements and A, B be arbitrary filters of $\langle n \rangle$. Then the following conditions are equivalent :*

- (i) $\langle n \rangle$ is relatively dual Stone ;
- (ii) $\langle a, b \rangle_d \vee \langle b, a \rangle_d = \langle n \rangle$;
- (iii) $\langle c, a \wedge b \rangle_d = \langle c, a \rangle_d \vee \langle c, b \rangle_d$;
- (iv) $\langle [c], A \vee B \rangle_d = \langle [c], A \rangle_d \vee \langle [c], B \rangle_d$;
- (v) $\langle a \vee b, c \rangle_d = \langle a, c \rangle_d \vee \langle b, c \rangle_d$;

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii). Suppose (i) holds.

Let $z \in \langle n \rangle$ be arbitrary. Consider the interval $I = [z, a \vee b \vee z]$.

Then $a \vee b \vee z$ is the largest element of I .

Since by (i), I is dual Stone, then by Theorem 1.5(iii), there exists $r, s \in I$

such that $a \vee s = a \vee b \vee z = b \vee z \vee r$ and $z = s \wedge r$.

Now, $a \vee s \geq b$ implies $s \in \langle a, b \rangle_d$ and $b \vee r = b \vee z \vee r = a \vee b \vee z \geq a$

implies $r \in \langle b, a \rangle_d$.

Hence (ii) holds.

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii). Suppose (ii) holds.

In (iii), $R.H.S \subseteq L.H.S$ is obvious.

Let $z \in \langle c, a \wedge b \rangle_d$, then $z \vee c \geq a \wedge b$.

Since (ii) holds, so $z = x \wedge y$ where $x \in \langle a, b \rangle_d$ and $y \in \langle b, a \rangle_d$.

Then $x \vee a \geq b$ and $y \vee b \geq a$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus, } x \vee c &= x \vee z \vee c \\ &\geq x \vee (a \wedge b) \\ &= (x \vee a) \wedge (x \vee b) \geq b, \end{aligned}$$

which implies $x \in \langle c, b \rangle_d$. Similarly, $y \in \langle c, a \rangle_d$.

Hence $z = x \wedge y \in \langle c, a \rangle_d \vee \langle c, b \rangle_d$ and so

$$\langle c, a \wedge b \rangle_d \subseteq \langle c, a \rangle_d \vee \langle c, b \rangle_d.$$

Thus (iii) holds.

(iii) \Rightarrow (iv) follows from Lemma 1.2(ii).

(iv) \Rightarrow (iii) is trivial.

(iii) \Rightarrow (ii) follows from Lemma 1.2(i) by putting $c = a \wedge b$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (v). Suppose (ii) holds.

Let $z \in \langle a \vee b, c \rangle_d$. Then by (ii), $z = x \wedge y$, where $x \vee a \geq b$ and $y \vee b \geq a$.

Also $x \vee a = x \vee a \vee b \geq z \vee a \vee b \geq c$.

This implies $x \in \langle a, c \rangle_d$. Similarly, $y \in \langle b, c \rangle_d$.

Hence $z = x \wedge y \in \langle a, c \rangle_d \vee \langle b, c \rangle_d$ and so

$$\langle a \vee b, c \rangle_d \subseteq \langle a, c \rangle_d \vee \langle b, c \rangle_d.$$

Since the reverse inequality is obvious, so (v) holds.

(v) \Rightarrow (i). Suppose (v) holds.

Let $x \in [a, b]$, $a < b$. Suppose x^{0d} denotes the relatively dual pseudocomplemented of x in $[a, b]$.

Then clearly $[x^{0d}] = [x]^{0d} = \{t \in [a, b] : t \vee x = b\}$, the largest element of $[a, b]$.

It is easy to see that $[x]^{0d} = \langle x, b \rangle_d \cap [a, b]$.

Now suppose $x, y \in [a, b]$ with $x \vee y = b$,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then by (v), } [x^{0d} \wedge y^{0d}] &= [x^{0d}] \vee [y^{0d}] \\ &= [x]^{0d} \vee [y]^{0d} \\ &= (\langle x, b \rangle_d \cap [a, b]) \vee (\langle y, b \rangle_d \cap [a, b]) \\ &= (\langle x, b \rangle_d \vee \langle y, b \rangle_d) \cap [a, b] \quad (\text{by lemma 1.2(iii)}) \\ &= \langle x \vee y, b \rangle_d \cap [a, b] \\ &= \langle b, b \rangle_d \cap [a, b] \\ &= [a, b]. \end{aligned}$$

This implies $x^{0d} \wedge y^{0d} = a$.

Hence by Theorem 1.6, $[a, b]$ is dual Stone and so (n) is relatively dual Stone. \square

Following Theorems are due to Akhter [7] which will be used to prove the main result of this paper.

Theorem 1.8. Let S be a distributive medial nearlattice with an upper element n and let I, J be two n -ideals of S . Then for any $x \in I \vee J$, $x \vee n = i_1 \vee j_1$ and $x \wedge n = i_2 \wedge j_2$ for some $i_1, i_2 \in I, j_1, j_2 \in J$ with $i_1, j_1 \geq n$ and $i_2, j_2 \leq n$. \square

Theorem 1.9. For an element n of a nearlattice S , the following conditions are equivalent :

- (i) n is central in S
- (ii) n is upper and the map $\Phi : P_n(S) \rightarrow (n]^d \times [n$ defined by

$\Phi(\langle a \rangle_n) = (a \wedge n, a \vee n)$ is an isomorphism, where $(n]^d$ represents the dual of the lattice $(n]$. \square

Now we prove our main results of this paper, which are generalizations of Cornish [2, Theorem 3.7], Mandelker [3, Theorem 5] and a result of Davey [8], also see Raihan et. al. [9]. These give characterizations of those $P_n(S)$ which are relatively Stone , when S is medial.

Theorem 1.10. Let n be a central element of a distributive medial nearlattice and $P_n(S)$ be relatively pseudocomplemented. Suppose A, B are two n -ideals of S . Then for all, $a, b, c \in S$ the following conditions are equivalent :

- (i) $P_n(S)$ is relatively Stone ;
- (ii) $\langle\langle a \rangle_n, \langle b \rangle_n \rangle \vee \langle\langle b \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n \rangle = S$;
- (iii) $\langle\langle c \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n \vee \langle b \rangle_n \rangle = \langle\langle c \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n \rangle \vee \langle\langle c \rangle_n, \langle b \rangle_n \rangle$, whenever $a \vee b$ exists ;
- (iv) $\langle\langle c \rangle_n, A \vee B \rangle = \langle\langle c \rangle_n, A \rangle \vee \langle\langle c \rangle_n, B \rangle$;
- (v) $\langle\langle m(a, n, b) \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle = \langle\langle a \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle \vee \langle\langle b \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle$

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii). Let $z \in S$.

Consider the interval $I = [\langle a \rangle_n \cap \langle b \rangle_n \cap \langle z \rangle_n, \langle z \rangle_n]$ in $P_n(S)$. Then $\langle a \rangle_n \cap \langle b \rangle_n \cap \langle z \rangle_n$ is the smallest element of the interval I .

By (i), I is Stone. Then by Theorem 1.5, there exist principal n -ideals $\langle p \rangle_n, \langle q \rangle_n \in I$ such that,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle a \rangle_n \cap \langle z \rangle_n \cap \langle p \rangle_n &= \langle a \rangle_n \cap \langle b \rangle_n \cap \langle z \rangle_n \\ &= \langle b \rangle_n \cap \langle z \rangle_n \cap \langle q \rangle_n \end{aligned}$$

and $\langle z \rangle_n = \langle p \rangle_n \vee \langle q \rangle_n$.

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle a \rangle_n \cap \langle p \rangle_n &= \langle a \rangle_n \cap \langle p \rangle_n \cap \langle z \rangle_n \\ &= \langle a \rangle_n \cap \langle b \rangle_n \cap \langle z \rangle_n \subseteq \langle b \rangle_n \end{aligned}$$

implies $\langle p \rangle_n \subseteq \langle\langle a \rangle_n, \langle b \rangle_n \rangle$.

Also, $\langle b \rangle_n \cap \langle q \rangle_n = \langle b \rangle_n \cap \langle z \rangle_n \cap \langle q \rangle_n$

$$= \langle a \rangle_n \cap \langle b \rangle_n \cap \langle z \rangle_n \subseteq \langle a \rangle_n$$

implies $\langle q \rangle_n \subseteq \langle \langle b \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n \rangle$.

Thus $\langle z \rangle_n \subseteq \langle \langle a \rangle_n, \langle b \rangle_n \rangle \vee \langle \langle b \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n \rangle$ and

so $z \in \langle \langle a \rangle_n, \langle b \rangle_n \rangle \vee \langle \langle b \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n \rangle$.

Hence $\langle \langle a \rangle_n, \langle b \rangle_n \rangle \vee \langle \langle b \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n \rangle = S$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii). Suppose (ii) holds and $a \vee b$ exists.

For (iii), **R.H.S** \subseteq **L.H.S** is obvious.

Now, let $z \in \langle \langle c \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n \vee \langle b \rangle_n \rangle$.

Then $z \vee n \in \langle \langle c \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n \vee \langle b \rangle_n \rangle$ and

so $m(z \vee n, n, c) \in \langle a \rangle_n \vee \langle b \rangle_n$.

That is $m(z \vee n, n, c) \in [a \wedge b \wedge n, a \vee b \vee n]$.

This implies $(z \vee n) \wedge (c \vee n) \leq a \vee b \vee n$.

Now by (ii), $z \vee n \in \langle \langle a \rangle_n, \langle b \rangle_n \rangle \vee \langle \langle b \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n \rangle$.

So $z \vee n \leq (p \vee n) \vee (q \vee n)$ for some $p \vee n \in \langle \langle a \rangle_n, \langle b \rangle_n \rangle$ and $q \vee n \in \langle \langle b \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n \rangle$.

Hence, $z \vee n = ((z \vee n) \wedge (p \vee n)) \vee ((z \vee n) \wedge (q \vee n)) = r \vee t$ (say).

Now, $m(p \vee n, n, a) = (p \vee n) \wedge (a \vee n) \leq (b \vee n)$.

So $b \wedge n \leq r \wedge (a \vee n) \leq b \vee n$.

Hence, $r \wedge (c \vee n) = r \wedge (z \vee n) \wedge (c \vee n)$

$$\leq r \wedge (a \vee b \vee n)$$

$$= (r \wedge (a \vee n)) \vee (r \wedge (b \vee n))$$

$$\leq (b \vee n).$$

This implies $r \in \langle \langle c \rangle_n, \langle b \rangle_n \rangle$. Similarly, $t \in \langle \langle c \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n \rangle$.

Hence, $z \vee n \in \langle \langle c \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n \rangle \vee \langle \langle c \rangle_n, \langle b \rangle_n \rangle$.

Again $z \in \langle \langle c \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n \vee \langle b \rangle_n \rangle$

implies $z \wedge n \in \langle \langle c \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n \vee \langle b \rangle_n \rangle$.

Then a dual calculation of above shows that

$$z \wedge n \in \langle \langle c \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n \rangle \vee \langle \langle c \rangle_n, \langle b \rangle_n \rangle.$$

Thus by convexity, $z \in \langle \langle c \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n \rangle \vee \langle \langle c \rangle_n, \langle b \rangle_n \rangle$ and

so **L.H.S** \subseteq **R.H.S**.

Hence (iii) holds.

(iii) \Rightarrow (iv). Suppose (iii) holds.

In (iv), **R.H.S** \subseteq **L.H.S** is obvious.

Now let $x \in \langle \langle c \rangle_n, A \vee B \rangle$. Then $x \vee n \in \langle \langle c \rangle_n, A \vee B \rangle$.

Thus $m(x \vee n, n, c) \in A \vee B$.

Now $m(x \vee n, n, c) = (x \vee n) \wedge (n \vee c) \geq n$ implies

$$m(x \vee n, n, c) \in (A \vee B) \cap [n].$$

Hence by Theorem 1.1(ii), $x \vee n \in \langle\langle c \rangle_n, (A \cap [n]) \vee (B \cap [n]) \rangle$

$$= \bigvee_{r \in (A \cap [n]) \vee (B \cap [n])} \langle\langle c \rangle_n, \langle r \rangle_n \rangle.$$

But by Theorem 1.8, $r \in (A \cap [n]) \vee (B \cap [n])$ implies $r = s \vee t$ for some

$$s \in A, t \in B \text{ and } s, t \geq n.$$

Then by (iii), $\langle\langle c \rangle_n, \langle r \rangle_n \rangle = \langle\langle c \rangle_n, \langle s \vee t \rangle_n \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \langle\langle c \rangle_n, \langle s \rangle_n \vee \langle t \rangle_n \rangle \\ &= \langle\langle c \rangle_n, \langle s \rangle_n \rangle \vee \langle\langle c \rangle_n, \langle t \rangle_n \rangle \\ &\subseteq \langle\langle c \rangle_n, A \rangle \vee \langle\langle c \rangle_n, B \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $x \vee n \in \langle\langle c \rangle_n, A \rangle \vee \langle\langle c \rangle_n, B \rangle$.

Also $x \in \langle\langle c \rangle_n, A \vee B \rangle$ implies $x \wedge n \in \langle\langle c \rangle_n, A \vee B \rangle$.

Since $m(x \wedge n, n, c) = (x \wedge n) \vee (n \wedge c) \leq n$, so $x \wedge n \in \langle\langle c \rangle_n, (A \vee B) \cap [n] \rangle$.

Then, by Theorem 1.1(ii), $x \wedge n \in \langle\langle c \rangle_n, (A \cap [n]) \vee (B \cap [n]) \rangle$

$$= \bigvee_{l \in (A \cap [n]) \vee (B \cap [n])} \langle\langle c \rangle_n, \langle l \rangle_n \rangle.$$

Again, using Theorem 1.8, we see that $l = p \wedge q$ where $p \in A, q \in B$ and $p, q \leq n$.

Then by (iii), $\langle\langle c \rangle_n, \langle l \rangle_n \rangle = \langle\langle c \rangle_n, \langle p \wedge q \rangle_n \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \langle\langle c \rangle_n, \langle p \rangle_n \vee \langle q \rangle_n \rangle \\ &= \langle\langle c \rangle_n, \langle p \rangle_n \rangle \vee \langle\langle c \rangle_n, \langle q \rangle_n \rangle \\ &\subseteq \langle\langle c \rangle_n, A \rangle \vee \langle\langle c \rangle_n, B \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $x \wedge n \in \langle\langle c \rangle_n, A \rangle \vee \langle\langle c \rangle_n, B \rangle$.

Therefore, by convexity, $x \in \langle\langle c \rangle_n, A \rangle \vee \langle\langle c \rangle_n, B \rangle$ and so **L.H.S** \subseteq **R.H.S**.

Thus (iv) holds.

(iv) \Rightarrow (iii) is trivial.

(ii) \Rightarrow (v). Suppose (ii) holds. In (v), **R.H.S** \subseteq **L.H.S** is obvious.

Now let $z \in \langle\langle m(a, n, b) \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle$,

which implies $z \vee n \in \langle\langle m(a, n, b) \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle$.

By (ii), $z \vee n \in \langle\langle a \rangle_n, \langle b \rangle_n \rangle \vee \langle\langle b \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n \rangle$.

Then by Theorem 1.8, $z \vee n = x \vee y$ for some $x \in \langle\langle a \rangle_n, \langle b \rangle_n \rangle$

and $y \in \langle\langle b \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n \rangle$ and $x, y \geq n$.

Thus, $\langle x \rangle_n \cap \langle a \rangle_n \subseteq \langle b \rangle_n$ and

$$\begin{aligned} &so \langle x \rangle_n \cap \langle a \rangle_n = \langle x \rangle_n \cap \langle a \rangle_n \cap \langle b \rangle_n \\ &\subseteq \langle z \vee n \rangle_n \cap \langle a \rangle_n \cap \langle b \rangle_n \end{aligned}$$

$$= \langle z \vee n \rangle_n \cap \langle m(a, n, b) \rangle_n \\ \subseteq \langle c \rangle_n .$$

This implies $x \in \langle \langle a \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle$. Similarly $y \in \langle \langle b \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle$ and so $z \vee n \in \langle \langle a \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle \vee \langle \langle b \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle$.

Similarly, a dual calculation of above shows that

$$z \wedge n \in \langle \langle a \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle \vee \langle \langle b \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle .$$

Thus by convexity,

$$z \in \langle \langle a \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle \vee \langle \langle b \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle \text{ and so } \mathbf{L.H.S} \subseteq \mathbf{R.H.S}.$$

Hence (v) holds.

(v) \Rightarrow (i). Suppose (v) holds.

Let $a, b, c \geq n$.

By (v), $\langle \langle m(a, n, b) \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle =$

$$\langle \langle a \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle \vee \langle \langle b \rangle_n, \langle c \rangle_n \rangle .$$

But by Lemma 1.3(i), this is equivalent to $\langle a \wedge b, c \rangle = \langle a, c \rangle \vee \langle b, c \rangle$.

Then by Rahman [10, Theorem 3.3], this shows that [n] is a relatively Stone.

Similarly, for $a, b, c \leq n$, using the Lemma 1.3(ii) and Theorem 1.7, we find that [n] is relatively dual Stone.

Therefore, by Theorem 1.9, $P_n(S)$ is relatively Stone.

Finally we need to prove that (iii) \Rightarrow (i).

Suppose (iii) holds. Let $a, b, c \in S \cap [n]$.

By (iii), $\langle \langle c \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n \vee \langle b \rangle_n \rangle = \langle \langle c \rangle_n, \langle a \rangle_n \rangle \vee \langle \langle c \rangle_n, \langle b \rangle_n \rangle$.

But by Lemma 1.4(i), this is equivalent to $\langle c, a \vee b \rangle = \langle c, a \rangle \vee \langle c, b \rangle$.

Then by Rahman [10, Theorem 3.3], this shows that [n] is relatively Stone.

Similarly for $a, b, c \leq n$, using the Lemma 1.4(ii) and Theorem 1.7, we find that (n) is relatively dual Stone.

Therefore, by Theorem 1.9, $P_n(S)$ is relatively Stone. \square

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