

First, some questions for clarification:

1. If $\beta \cdot s \leq \gamma$, for example, then $s \leq \beta \uparrow \gamma$ by Axiom (3); so does this mean that $s = \beta \uparrow \gamma$ since s is the upper bound of P ? If so, then I'm not sure if I understand this yet in the context of subgroup properties.
2. What exactly is Δ (at least in the context of subgroup properties), and would (could) it serve as an identity for the $/$ operation?
3. Would you agree that, in the context of subgroup properties, we can say
 - (a) α is transitive iff $\alpha \cdot \alpha \leq \alpha$, and
 - (b) α is persistent iff $\alpha / s \leq \alpha$.

I spent some time this weekend writing out proofs and generalizing ideas with some success.

Restatement of Lemma 5.

For any $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in P$,

- (a) $(\alpha \uparrow \beta) \cdot (\beta \uparrow \gamma) \leq \alpha \uparrow \gamma$
- (b) $(\alpha \downarrow \beta) \cdot (\beta \downarrow \gamma) \leq \alpha \downarrow \gamma$
- (c) $(\alpha \uparrow \beta) / (\gamma \downarrow \beta) \leq \alpha \uparrow \gamma$
- (d) $(\alpha \downarrow \beta) / (\gamma \uparrow \beta) \leq \alpha \downarrow \gamma$

Corollary 6 lists some special cases from Lemma 5 with $\gamma = \alpha$ or β .

I was excited to discover that Lemma 7 can be completely generalized. (The results are not in the same order as in my talk slides.)

Restatement of Lemma 7.

For any $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \sigma \in P$,

- (a) $\beta \cdot \sigma \leq \gamma \Rightarrow (\alpha \uparrow \beta) \cdot \sigma \leq \alpha \uparrow \gamma$
- (b) $\gamma / \sigma \leq \beta \Rightarrow (\alpha \downarrow \beta) \cdot \sigma \leq \alpha \downarrow \gamma$
- (c) $\beta / \sigma \leq \gamma \Rightarrow (\alpha \uparrow \beta) / \sigma \leq \alpha \uparrow \gamma$
- (d) $\gamma \cdot \sigma \leq \beta \Rightarrow (\alpha \downarrow \beta) / \sigma \leq \alpha \downarrow \gamma$

But I realized that even Lemma 7 is a corollary to Lemma 5. For instance, if $\beta \cdot \sigma \leq \gamma$, then $\sigma \leq \beta \uparrow \gamma \leq (\alpha \uparrow \beta) \uparrow (\alpha \uparrow \gamma)$ by Axiom (3) and Lemma 5(a); this is Lemma 7(a). So the good news is that the 'cancellation laws' seem to have deeper implications; the bad news is that the list of results is shortened by four.

We can generalize Lemma 9.

Restatement of Lemma 9.

For any $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in P$,

- (a) $\beta \leq \gamma \Rightarrow \alpha \uparrow \beta \leq \alpha \uparrow \gamma$ (\uparrow is isotone in the second variable)
- (b) $\beta \leq \gamma \Rightarrow \beta \downarrow \alpha \leq \gamma \downarrow \alpha$ (\downarrow is isotone in the first variable)
- (c) $\gamma \leq \beta \Rightarrow \beta \uparrow \alpha \leq \gamma \uparrow \alpha$ (\uparrow is antitone in the first variable)
- (d) $\gamma \leq \beta \Rightarrow \alpha \downarrow \beta \leq \alpha \downarrow \gamma$ (\downarrow is antitone in the second variable)

I was determined to prove Lemma 8 without additional axioms, and had no success, but I am not yet convinced one way or the other. I tentatively restate it here with some, possibly faulty, interpretation. I also did not investigate whether Lemma 8 can be generalized.

Interpretation of Lemma 8.

For any $\alpha, \beta \in P$,

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{(a) } \left. \begin{array}{l} \alpha / s \leq \alpha \\ \beta / s \leq \beta \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \alpha \uparrow \beta \leq \beta \downarrow \alpha \\
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 \text{(b) } \left. \begin{array}{l} \alpha \cdot \alpha \leq \alpha \\ \beta \cdot \alpha \leq \alpha \\ \beta \cdot \beta \leq \alpha \\ \beta \cdot \beta \leq \beta \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \alpha \downarrow \beta \leq \beta \uparrow \alpha
 \end{array}$$

I am wondering what types of questions we could ask here from an algebraic and/or lattice-theoretic standpoint. Initially, it is interesting to look at the relationships between the four binary operations, but I assume that there are other elementary questions.