

Verifying Boolean Algebra

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For verifying whether the given set $(B, +, \cdot, 1, 0)$ forms a Boolean algebra, we need to verify:

1. Commutativity of the two operations “ \cdot ” and “ $+$ ” which means $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$ and $a + b = b + a$
2. Distributive Property of “ \cdot ” over “ $+$ ” and “ $+$ ” over “ \cdot ” which means $a \cdot (b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$ and $a + (b \cdot c) = (a + b) \cdot (a + c)$
3. Associativity Property of “ $+$ ” and “ \cdot ” which means $a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$ and $a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c$
4. Identity Property which means $a + (1) = a$ and $a \cdot (0) = a$ (Since, 1 is identity on $+$ and 0 is identity on \cdot)
5. Complement Property which means $a + a' = (1)$ and $a \cdot a' = (0)$

Proving commutativity and associativity are straightforward as

1. $\text{LCM}(a, b) = \text{LCM}(b, a)$
2. $\text{GCD}(a, b) = \text{GCD}(b, a)$
3. $\text{LCM}(\text{LCM}(a, b), c) = \text{LCM}(a, b, c)$
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Since $a \in B$ is divisor of N , we get $\text{GCD}(a, N) = a$ and $\text{LCM}(a, 1) = a$ proving identity property. For proving distributive property we have to make use of facts of fundamental theorem of arithmetic about prime-factorization and laws of following logical operations:

1. $\min(a, \max(b, c)) = \max(\min(a, b), \min(a, c))$
2. $\max(a, \min(b, c)) = \min(\max(a, b), \max(a, c))$

For complement property to be true, we need to show that the number is square free, i.e., no perfect square other than 1 divides N . My entry number is 2019CS10369. Hence in my case $N = 69$ i.e., $N = 3 \cdot 23$. So there is no perfect square other than 1 that divides 69. Hence the set $(B, +, \cdot, 1, 0)$ forms a valid Boolean-Algebra when $N = 69$.