

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $L$  be a modular lattice and let  $a, b \in L$ . Then*

$$\varphi_b : x \mapsto x \wedge b, x \in [a, a \vee b],$$

*is an isomorphism between the intervals  $[a, a \vee b]$  and  $[a \wedge b, b]$ . The inverse isomorphism is*

$$\psi_a : y \mapsto y \vee a, y \in [a \wedge b, b].$$

*Proof.* It is sufficient to show that  $\psi_a \varphi_b(x) = x$  for all  $x \in [a, a \vee b]$ . Indeed, if this is true, then by duality,  $\varphi_b \psi_a(y) = y$ , for all  $y \in [a \wedge b, b]$ , is also true. The isotone maps  $\varphi_b$  and  $\psi_a$ , thus compose into the identity maps, hence they are isomorphisms, as claimed.

So let  $x \in [a, a \vee b]$ . Then  $\psi_a \varphi_b(x) = (x \wedge b) \vee a$ . Since  $x \in [a, a \vee b]$ , the inequality  $a \leq x$  holds, and so modularity applies:

$$\psi_a \varphi_b(x) = (x \wedge b) \vee a = x \wedge (b \vee a) = x,$$

because  $x \leq a \vee b$ .  $\square$