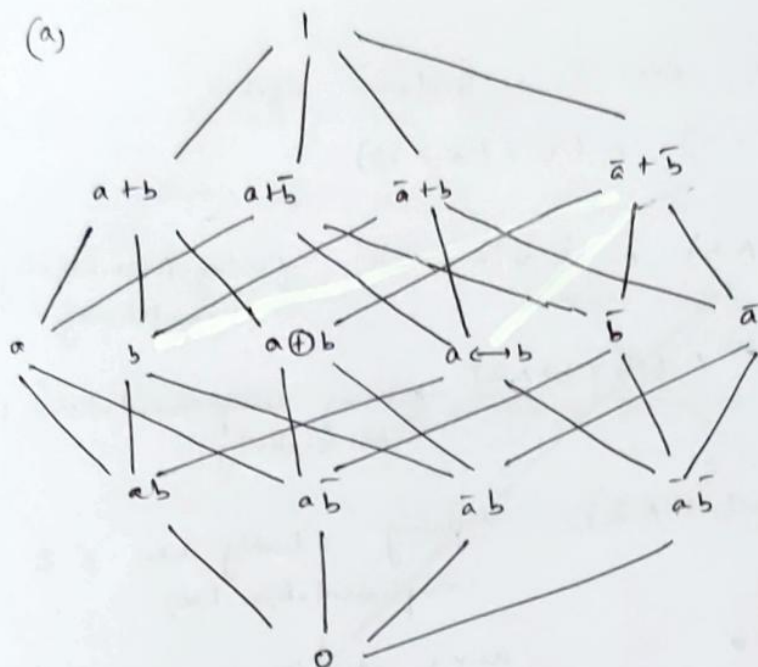


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(a) For $(a \wedge \bar{b}) \vee (\bar{a} \wedge b) \Rightarrow 0$,

$$\text{LHS} = (a \wedge \bar{b}) \vee (\bar{a} \wedge b)$$

Using distributivity, (since its Boolean algebra, distributivity holds)

$$= (a \vee (\bar{a} \wedge b)) \wedge (\bar{b} \vee (\bar{a} \wedge b))$$

$$= \cancel{(a \vee \bar{a}) \wedge b} \wedge \cancel{(\bar{b} \vee (b \wedge \bar{a}))} \quad (\text{Using associativity \& commutativity})$$

$$= \cancel{(1 \wedge b)} \wedge \cancel{((\bar{b} \vee b) \wedge \bar{a})} \quad (\text{Using complementation law \& Associativity})$$

$$= \cancel{b \wedge (1 \wedge \bar{a})}$$

$$= [(a \vee \bar{a}) \wedge (a \vee b)] \wedge [(\bar{b} \vee \bar{a}) \wedge (\bar{b} \vee b)]$$

$$= [1 \wedge (a \vee b)] \wedge [(\bar{b} \vee \bar{a}) \wedge 1] \quad (\text{complementation law})$$

$$= (a \vee b) \wedge (\bar{b} \vee \bar{a}) \quad (\text{Identity Law})$$

For this to be 0, either $a \vee b = 0$ or $\bar{b} \vee \bar{a} = 0$

Case 1 $\rightarrow a \vee b = 0$

This implies that both a and b are 0.

Case 2 $\rightarrow \bar{b} \vee \bar{a} = 0$

This implies that both \bar{b} and \bar{a} are 0.

This implies that both b and a are 1

Thus, the LHS = 0 iff $a = b = 0$ or $a = b = 1$

For other values of a and b , $a \neq b$ and LHS = 1.

Thus, we can say that

$$a = b \text{ iff and only if } (a \wedge \bar{b}) \vee (\bar{a} \wedge b) = 0$$

(b) For $(a \wedge \bar{b}) \vee (\bar{a} \wedge b) = b$.

$$LHS = (a \wedge \bar{b}) \vee (\bar{a} \wedge b)$$

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from part (a), we know that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= (a \wedge \bar{b}) \vee (\bar{a} \wedge b) \quad \leftarrow \text{ ~~} (a \vee b) \wedge (\bar{a} \vee \bar{b}) \text{ } \right. \\ &= (a \vee b) \wedge (\bar{b} \vee \bar{a}) \end{aligned}~~$$

Here if $a = 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= (0 \vee b) \wedge (\bar{b} \vee \bar{0}) \\ &= (b) \wedge (\bar{b} \vee 1) \quad (\text{Using Identity and} \\ &\quad \text{Complementation Laws}) \\ &= (b) \wedge 1 \quad (\text{Using Identity Laws}) \\ &= b \quad (\text{Using Identity Laws}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{If } a=1, \text{ LHS} &= (1 \vee b) \wedge (\bar{b} \vee 1) \\ &= 1 \wedge (\bar{b} \vee 1) \quad (\text{Using Identity \& Complement Law}) \\ &= (\bar{b}) \quad (\text{Using Identity Law}) \end{aligned}$$

Since a can take only 2 values, ~~either~~ either 0 or 1,
this was exhaustive and we can say that
when $a = 0$, $LHS = b$.

Also, when $LHS = b$, $a \Rightarrow$ (as the LHS can also have only 2 values, b or its complement).

$A \Rightarrow \text{If and only if } (a \wedge \bar{b}) \vee (\bar{a} \wedge b) = b. \quad \forall b \in B.$