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16.9. Exercises

1: Revisit the example for $\mathbf{x} := \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{z}$ in Section 16.1.1. Assume that \mathbf{x} does not exist in state \mathbf{s} . Confirm that information flows from \mathbf{y} and \mathbf{z} to \mathbf{x} by computing $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{y_s} \mid \mathbf{x_t})$, $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z_s} \mid \mathbf{x_t})$, $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z_s} \mid \mathbf{x_t})$, and $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z_s} \mid \mathbf{x_t})$ and $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z_s} \mid \mathbf{x_t}) < \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{y_s} \mid \mathbf{x_t}) < \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{z_s} \mid \mathbf{x_t})$.

2:Let $L = (S_L, \leq_L)$ be a lattice. Prove that the structure $IL = (S_{IL}, \leq_{IL})$, where each of the following is a lattice.

a.
$$S_{IL} = \{ [a, b] \mid a, b \in S_L \land a \leq_L b \}$$

$$b. \leq_{IL} = \{ \, ([a_1, b_1], [a_2, b_2]) \mid a_1 \leq_L a_2 \, \wedge \, b_1 \leq_L b_2 \, \}$$

c.
$$lub_{II}([a_1, b_1], [a_2, b_2]) = (lub_{I}(a_1, a_2), lub_{I}(b_1, b_2))$$

d.
$$\mathbf{glb}_{\mathbf{IL}}([\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{b}_1], [\mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{b}_2]) = (\mathbf{glb}_{\mathbf{L}}(\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2), \mathbf{glb}_{\mathbf{L}}(\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2))$$

3:Prove or disprove that the set **P** formed by the dual mapping of a reflexive information flow policy (as discussed in Definition 16–5) is a lattice.



4:Extend the semantics of the information flow security mechanism in <u>Section 16.3.1</u> for records (structures).



5:Why can we omit the requirement $lub\{\underline{i},\underline{b}[\underline{i}]\} \leq \underline{a}[\underline{i}]$ from the requirements for secure information flow in the example for iterative statements (see <u>Section 16.3.2.4</u>)?

6: In the flow certification requirement for the **goto** statement in <u>Section 16.3.2.5</u>, the set of blocks along an execution path from **b**_i to IFD(**b**_i) excludes these endpoints. Why are they excluded?

7:Prove that Fenton's Data Mark Machine described in <u>Section 16.4.1</u> would detect the violation of policy in the execution time certification of the **copy** procedure.

8:Discuss how the Security Pipeline Interface in <u>Section 16.5.1</u> can prevent information flows that violate a confidentiality model. (**Hint:** Think of scanning messages for confidential data and sanitizing or blocking that data.)