

On a Certain Property of the Elements of a Finitely Generated Lattice

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Firstly, a reminder that a lattice is a set \mathcal{S} of elements; it is partially ordered, closed in relation to two lattice operations: the reunion $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$ and the intersection $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$ of any two elements \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} from set \mathcal{S} . (The reunion $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}$ is the smallest element of the lattice containing both elements \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} ; the intersection $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$ is the greatest element of the lattice contained in both elements \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} . Obviously, $\mathbf{a} \leq \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b} \leq \mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{a} \geq \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b} \geq \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$)

A lattice may also be defined thusly: the generating elements of the lattice are given. Other elements, different from the generators, are obtained via the two lattice operations, applied to the generators.

Statement. Let $\mathbf{a1}, \mathbf{a2}, \mathbf{a3}, \dots$, an be the lattice generators. And let \mathbf{T} be any element (term) of the lattice. The following takes place:

$$\mathbf{T} \geq \mathbf{a}_1 + \mathbf{a}_2 + \dots + \mathbf{a}_{i-1} + \mathbf{a}_{i+1} + \dots + \mathbf{a}_n$$

or:

$$\mathbf{T} \geq \mathbf{a}_i, (i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n).$$

The statement is proven through the method of mathematical induction in relation to the length of element (term) \mathbf{T} . (Elements of length 1 are, evidently, the lattice generators. Any other element \mathbf{T} of a length greater than 1 is presented as $\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{T}_1 + \mathbf{T}_2$ or $\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{T}_1 \cdot \mathbf{T}_2$, where the lengths of \mathbf{T}_1 and \mathbf{T}_2 are less than the length of element \mathbf{T} - this presentation is deployed within the application of the method of mathematical induction.)