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## PROJECTION AND COVERING IN A SET WITH ORTHOGONALITY

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*Summary.* We consider a set with orthogonality  $(\Omega, \perp)$  and the corresponding complete lattice with orthogonality  $\mathcal{S} = (S, \subset, \perp, \Omega, \{o\})$ . If the lattice  $\mathcal{S}$  is orthomodular and if for every  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $x \neq o$ , the set  $\{x\}^{\perp\perp}$  is an atom in  $\mathcal{S}$ , then the following statements are equivalent.

- (i) If  $A \in S$ ,  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $x \notin A$ , then  $A \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}$  covers the set  $A$ .
- (ii) If  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $A \in S$ ,  $x \notin A$ ,  $x \notin A^\perp$ , then there are atoms  $A_1 \subset A$  and  $A_2 \subset A^\perp$  such that  $x \in A_1 \vee A_2$ .
- (iii) If  $A_1, A_2 \in S$ ,  $A_1 \perp A_2$ ,  $A_1 \neq \{o\} \neq A_2$ ,  $x \in A_1 \vee A_2$ ,  $x \notin A_1$ ,  $x \notin A_2$ , then there are elements  $x_1 \in A_1$  and  $x_2 \in A_2$  such that  $x \in \{x_1\}^{\perp\perp} \vee \{x_2\}^{\perp\perp}$ .
- (iv) If  $A \in S$ ,  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $x \notin A$ ,  $x \notin A^\perp$ , then  $A \cap (A^\perp \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp})$  and  $A^\perp \cap (A \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp})$  are atoms in  $\mathcal{S}$ .

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1. The present paper develops some ideas of [1] and brings three statements which are equivalent to the "projection" axiom of [2] (see Axiom III of [2] on p. 279 and Axiom P below). We consider a set with an orthogonality relation  $(\Omega, \perp)$ . Let us recall that a relation  $\perp \subset \Omega \times \Omega$  is called an orthogonality relation if 1.  $\perp$  is symmetric, 2. there is a distinguished element  $o$  such that  $\{o\} \times \Omega \subset \perp$  and the intersection of  $\perp$  with the diagonal is exactly  $(o, o)$ . The presence of an orthogonality relation  $\perp$  on the set  $\Omega$  gives rise to a complete lattice  $\mathcal{S} = (S, \subset, \perp, \Omega, \{o\})$  where  $S$  is the family of all subsets  $A$  of  $\Omega$  satisfying  $A = (A^\perp)^\perp$ . The set  $\Omega$  plays the role of the unit element and  $\{o\}$  plays the role of the nought element.

2. In what follows, we shall apply the following equivalent conditions on a lattice with an orthogonality relation  $\mathcal{P} = (P, \leq, \perp, 1, 0)$ :

- 2.1.  $\mathcal{P}$  is orthomodular.
- 2.2. If  $a, b \in P$ ,  $a \leq b$ , then  $b = a \vee (a^\perp \wedge b)$ .
- 2.3. If  $a, b \in P$ ,  $a \leq b$ ,  $a^\perp \wedge b = 0$ , then  $a = b$ .
- 2.4. If  $a, b, c \in P$ ,  $a \leq c$ ,  $b \leq c^\perp$ , then  $(a \vee b) \wedge c = a$ .

If  $(\Omega, \perp)$  is a set with an orthogonality relation and  $\mathcal{S} = (S, \subset, \perp, \Omega, \{o\})$  is the corresponding complete lattice with orthogonality, we shall consider the following axioms.

**2.5. Axiom A.** For every  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $x \neq o$ ,  $\{x\}^{\perp\perp}$  is an atom in  $\mathcal{S}$ .

Let  $A, B \in \mathcal{S}$ ,  $A \neq B$ . We say that the set  $B$  covers the set  $A$  and write  $A \prec B$ , if  $C \in \mathcal{S}$ ,  $A \subset C \subset B$  imply either  $A = C$  or  $B = C$ .

**2.6. Axiom C.** If  $A \in \mathcal{S}$ ,  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $x \notin A$ , then  $A \prec A \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}$ .

**2.7. Axiom P.** If  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $A \in \mathcal{S}$ ,  $x \notin A$ ,  $x \notin A^\perp$ , then there exist atoms  $A_1 \subset A$  and  $A_2 \subset A^\perp$  such that  $x \in A_1 \vee A_2$ .

**2.8. Axiom Q.** If  $A_1, A_2 \in \mathcal{S}$ ,  $A_1 \perp A_2$ ,  $A_1 \neq \{o\} \neq A_2$ ,  $x \in A_1 \vee A_2$ ,  $x \notin A_1$ ,  $x \notin A_2$ , then there exist elements  $x_1 \in A_1$  and  $x_2 \in A_2$  such that  $x \in \{x_1\}^{\perp\perp} \vee \{x_2\}^{\perp\perp}$ .

**2.9. Axiom R.** If  $A \in \mathcal{S}$ ,  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $x \notin A$ ,  $x \notin A^\perp$ , then  $A \cap (A^\perp \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp})$  and  $A^\perp \cap (A \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp})$  are atoms in  $\mathcal{S}$ .

The main result of this paper is obtained in the following theorem.

**2.10. Theorem.** If the lattice  $\mathcal{S}$  is orthomodular and satisfies Axiom A, then Statements 2.6, 2.7, 2.8 and 2.9 are equivalent.

*Proof.* 1. 2.6  $\Rightarrow$  2.7. Let  $A \in \mathcal{S}$ ,  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $x \notin A$ ,  $x \notin A^\perp$ . Then we have  $A \prec A \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}$ ,  $A^\perp \prec A^\perp \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}$ . According to Statement 2.3 it is true that  $A^\perp \cap (A \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) \neq \{o\} \neq A \cap (A^\perp \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp})$ . Let us suppose that  $A_1 \in \mathcal{S}$  is an atom and let  $\{o\} \neq A_1 \subset A \cap (A^\perp \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp})$ . Then  $A_1 \subset A^\perp \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}$ , hence  $A^\perp \subset A^\perp \vee A_1 \subset A^\perp \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}$ . If  $A^\perp = A^\perp \vee A_1$ , then  $A_1 \subset A^\perp$ , which implies  $A_1 \subset A^\perp \cap A = \{o\}$  – a contradiction. Thus,  $A^\perp \vee A_1 = A^\perp \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}$ . In accordance with Statement 2.4, we have  $A_1 = (A^\perp \vee A_1) \cap A = A \cap (A^\perp \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp})$ . It can be shown in a similar way that  $A_2 = A^\perp \cap (A \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp})$  is an atom. Moreover,  $A_1 \subset A$ ,  $A_2 \subset A^\perp$ . Since  $A_1 \vee A_2 \subset A \vee A_2$ , we have, in accordance with Statement 2.2, that  $A_1 \vee A_2 = (A \vee A_2) \cap [(A \vee A_2)^\perp \vee A_1 \vee A_2]$ . Since  $A_2 \subset A^\perp$ , by the same statement, we have  $A^\perp = A_2 \vee (A_2^\perp \cap A^\perp) = A_2 \vee (A_2 \vee A)^\perp$ . Hence  $A_1 \vee A_2 = (A \vee A_2) \cap (A^\perp \vee A_1)$ . Again by Statement 2.2, we have  $A_1 \vee A^\perp = [A \cap (A^\perp \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp})] \vee A^\perp = A^\perp \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}$  because  $A^\perp \subset A^\perp \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}$ . Analogously,  $A_2 \vee A = A \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}$ . Thus  $A_1 \vee A_2 = (A_1 \vee A^\perp) \cap (A_2 \vee A) = (A^\perp \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) \cap (A \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) \supset \{x\}^{\perp\perp}$  which yields  $x \in A_1 \vee A_2$ .

2. 2.7  $\Rightarrow$  2.6. Let us suppose that  $A \in \mathcal{S}$ ,  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $x \notin A$ . Since  $A \subset A \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}$ , according to Statement 2.2, we have  $A \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp} = A \vee [A^\perp \cap (A \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp})]$ . Let us denote  $\tilde{A}_2 = A^\perp \cap (A \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp})$ . If  $A^\perp \cap (A \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) = \{o\}$ , in accordance with Statement 2.3, we have  $A = A \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}$ , hence  $x \in A$  – a contradiction. Then  $\tilde{A}_2 \neq \{o\}$ . Moreover, let  $x \notin A^\perp$ . Then our assumption implies that there are atoms  $A_1 \subset A$  and  $A_2 \subset A^\perp$  such that  $\{x\}^{\perp\perp} \subset A_1 \vee A_2$ . We have  $(\{x\}^{\perp\perp} \vee A) \cap A^\perp \subset (A_1 \vee A_2 \vee A) \cap A^\perp = A_2$ , where the last identity follows from Statement 2.4. Then  $\tilde{A}_2 = A_2$ . Let  $B \in \mathcal{S}$ ,  $A \subset B \subset A \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}$  and  $A \neq B$ . By Statement 2.3 we

have  $\{o\} \neq A^\perp \cap B \subset A^\perp \cap (A \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) = A_2$ , hence  $\{o\} \neq A^\perp \cap B = A^\perp \cap (A \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp})$ . According to Statement 2.2,  $B = A \vee (A^\perp \cap B) = A \vee [A^\perp \cap (A \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp})] = A \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}$ . Now, if  $x \in A^\perp$ , then  $(\{x\}^{\perp\perp} \vee A) \cap A^\perp = \{x\}^{\perp\perp}$ . If again  $B \in \mathcal{S}$ ,  $A \subset B \subset A \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}$  and  $A \neq B$ , by Statement 2.3, we have  $\{o\} \neq A^\perp \cap B \subset A^\perp \cap (A \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) = \{x\}^{\perp\perp}$ , hence  $\{o\} \neq A^\perp \cap B = A^\perp \cap (A \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp})$ . Then, in accordance with Statement 2.2,  $B = A \vee (A^\perp \cap B) = A \vee [A^\perp \cap (A \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp})] = A \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}$ . Summarizing, the lattice  $\mathcal{S}$  satisfies Axiom C.

3. 2.7  $\Rightarrow$  2.9. Let  $A \in \mathcal{S}$ ,  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $x \notin A$ ,  $x \notin A^\perp$ . Then there exist atoms  $A_1 \subset A$  and  $A_2 \subset A^\perp$  such that  $x \in A_1 \vee A_2$ . According to Lemma 2.8 in [1], we have  $A_1 = A \cap (A^\perp \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp})$ ,  $A_2 = A^\perp \cap (A \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp})$ .

4. 2.9  $\Rightarrow$  2.7. Let again  $A \in \mathcal{S}$ ,  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $x \notin A$ ,  $x \notin A^\perp$ . Denote  $A \cap (A^\perp \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) = A_1$ ,  $A^\perp \cap (A \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) = A_2$ . It was shown in part 1 of this proof that  $x \in A_1 \vee A_2$ .

5. 2.7  $\Rightarrow$  2.8. Let  $A_1, A_2 \in \mathcal{S}$ ,  $A_1 \neq \{o\} \neq A_2$ ,  $A_1 \perp A_2$ ,  $x \in A_1 \vee A_2$ ,  $x \notin A_1$ ,  $x \notin A_2$ . Denote  $A = A_1 \vee A_2$ . If  $x \in A_2^\perp$ , then Statement 2.4 yields  $x \in A \cap A_2^\perp = (A_1 \vee A_2) \cap A_2^\perp = A_1$  – a contradiction. Similarly,  $x \notin A_1^\perp$ . Since  $x \notin A_1$ ,  $x \notin A_1^\perp$ , in accordance with Axiom P, there are  $x_1 \in A_1$  and  $x_2 \in A_1^\perp$  such that  $x \in \{x_1\}^{\perp\perp} \vee \{x_2\}^{\perp\perp}$ . In comparison with part 3 of this proof, we get  $\{x_1\}^{\perp\perp} = (A_1^\perp \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) \cap A_1$ ,  $\{x_2\}^{\perp\perp} = (A_1 \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) \cap A_1^\perp$ . The fact  $A_2 \subset A_1^\perp$  implies  $(A_1 \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) \cap A_2 \subset (A_1 \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) \cap A_1^\perp$ . If  $\{o\} = (A_1 \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) \cap A_2$ , then  $A_1 = [(A_1 \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) \cap A_2] \vee A_1$ . We have  $[A_1^\perp \cap (A_1 \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) \cap (A_1 \vee A_2)] \vee A_1 = [(A_1 \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) \cap A_2] \vee A_1$ . Since  $A_1 \subset (A_1 \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) \cap (A_1 \vee A_2)$ , by virtue of Statement 2.2, we have  $(A_1 \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) \cap (A_1 \vee A_2) = A_1 \vee [(A_1^\perp \cap (A_1 \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) \cap (A_1 \vee A_2))]$ , which yields  $(A_1 \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) \cap A = A_1 \vee [(A_1 \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) \cap A_2]$  in accordance with Statement 2.4. Hence  $A_1 = [(A_1 \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) \cap A_2] \vee A_1 = (A_1 \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) \cap A = A_1 \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}$ . Therefore,  $x \in A_1$  – a contradiction. Thus  $\{o\} \neq (A_1 \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) \cap A_2$  which implies  $\{x_2\}^{\perp\perp} = (A_1 \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) \cap A_2$ .

6. 2.8  $\Rightarrow$  2.7. It suffices to put  $A_1 = A \in \mathcal{S}$  and  $A_2 = A^\perp$ . The proof of our theorem is complete.

**2.11. Remark.** It was shown in part 5 of the proof of Theorem 2.10 that  $\{x_1\}^{\perp\perp} = (A_1^\perp \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) \cap A_1$  and that  $\{x_2\}^{\perp\perp} = (A_1 \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) \cap A_1^\perp = (A_1 \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) \cap A_2$ . Moreover, we shall show that  $\{x_1\}^{\perp\perp} = (A_2 \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) \cap A_1 = (A_2 \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) \cap A_2^\perp$  and  $\{x_2\}^{\perp\perp} = (A_2^\perp \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) \cap A_2$ .

**Proof.** 1. The inclusion  $A_2 \subset A_1^\perp$  implies  $(A_2 \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) \cap A_1 \subset (A_1^\perp \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) \cap A_1 = \{x_1\}^{\perp\perp}$ . If  $\{o\} = (A_2 \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) \cap A_1$ , hence  $A_2 = [(A_2 \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) \cap A_1] \vee A_2 = (A_2 \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) \cap A = A_2 \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}$ , which can be proved in a similar way as in part 5 of the proof of Theorem 2.10. Hence  $x \in A_2$  – a contradiction. Thus  $\{o\} \neq (A_2 \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) \cap A_1 = (A_1^\perp \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) \cap A_1$ .

2. By virtue of the part 5 of the proof of Theorem 2.10 we have  $x \notin A_2^\perp$ . In comparison with the part 3 of the proof of Theorem 2.10, we have  $x \in \{x_3\}^{\perp\perp} \vee \{x_4\}^{\perp\perp}$  where  $\{x_3\}^{\perp\perp} = (A_2^\perp \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) \cap A_2 \supset (A_1 \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) \cap A_2 = \{x_2\}^{\perp\perp}$  and  $\{x_4\}^{\perp\perp} = (A_2 \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) \cap A_2^\perp \supset (A_2 \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}) \cap A_1 = \{x_1\}^{\perp\perp}$ . Our assertion is proved.

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### Souhrn

## PROJEKCE A POKRYTÍ V MNOŽINĚ S ORTOGONALITOU

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Uvažuje se množina s ortogonalitou  $(\Omega, \perp)$  a jí odpovídající úplný svaz s ortogonalitou  $\mathcal{S} = (S, \subset, \perp, \Omega, \{o\})$ . Je-li  $\mathcal{S}$  ortomodulární a jestliže pro každé  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $x \neq o$ , je  $\{x\}^{\perp\perp}$  atom v  $\mathcal{S}$ , pak následující tvrzení jsou ekvivalentní.

- (i) Je-li  $A \in S$ ,  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $x \notin A$ , pak  $A \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}$  pokrývá  $A$ .  
(ii) Je-li  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $A \in S$ ,  $x \notin A$ ,  $x \notin A^\perp$ , pak existují atomy  $A_1 \subset A$  a  $A_2 \subset A^\perp$  tak, že  $x \in A_1 \vee A_2$ .  
(iii) Jsou-li  $A_1, A_2 \in S$ ,  $A_1 \perp A_2$ ,  $A_1 \neq \{o\} \neq A_2$ ,  $x \in A_1 \vee A_2$ ,  $x \notin A_1$ ,  $x \notin A_2$ , pak existují prvky  $x_1 \in A_1$  a  $x_2 \in A_2$  tak, že  $x \in \{x_1\}^{\perp\perp} \vee \{x_2\}^{\perp\perp}$ .  
(iv) Je-li  $A \in S$ ,  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $x \notin A$ ,  $x \notin A^\perp$ , pak  $A \cap (A^\perp \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp})$  a  $A^\perp \cap (A \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp})$  jsou atomy v  $\mathcal{S}$ .

### Резюме

## ПРОЕКЦИИ И ПОКРЫТИЯ В МНОЖЕСТВЕ С ОРТОГОНАЛЬНОСТЬЮ

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Рассматривается множество с отношением ортогональности  $(\Omega, \perp)$  и порожденная им полная решетка с ортогональностью  $\mathcal{S} = (S, \subset, \perp, \Omega, \{o\})$ . Если решетка  $\mathcal{S}$  ортомодулярна и если для каждого  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $x \notin A$ ,  $\{x\}^{\perp\perp}$  — атом в  $\mathcal{S}$ , то следующие предложения эквивалентны

- (i) Если  $A \in S$ ,  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $x \notin A$ , то  $A \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp}$  покрывает  $A$ .  
(ii) Если  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $A \in S$ ,  $x \notin A$ ,  $x \notin A^\perp$ , то существуют атомы  $A_1 \subset A$ ,  $A_2 \subset A^\perp$  такие, что  $x \in A_1 \vee A_2$ .  
(iii) Если  $A_1, A_2 \in S$ ,  $A_1 \perp A_2$ ,  $A_1 \neq \{o\} \neq A_2$ ,  $x \in A_1 \vee A_2$ ,  $x \notin A_1$ ,  $x \notin A_2$ , то существуют элементы  $x_1 \in A_1$ ,  $x_2 \in A_2$  такие, что  $x \in \{x_1\}^{\perp\perp} \vee \{x_2\}^{\perp\perp}$ .  
(iv) Если  $A \in S$ ,  $x \in \Omega$ ,  $x \notin A$ ,  $x \notin A^\perp$ , то  $A \cap (A^\perp \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp})$  и  $A^\perp \cap (A \vee \{x\}^{\perp\perp})$  — атомы в  $\mathcal{S}$ .

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