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# LATTICE EFFECT ALGEBRAS DENSELY EMBEDDABLE INTO COMPLETE ONES

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An effect algebraic partial binary operation  $\oplus$  defined on the underlying set E uniquely introduces partial order, but not conversely. We show that if on a MacNeille completion  $\widehat{E}$  of E there exists an effect algebraic partial binary operation  $\widehat{\oplus}$  then  $\widehat{\oplus}$  need not be an extension of  $\oplus$ . Moreover, for an Archimedean atomic lattice effect algebra E we give a necessary and sufficient condition for that  $\widehat{\oplus}$  existing on  $\widehat{E}$  is an extension of  $\oplus$  defined on E. Further we show that such  $\widehat{\oplus}$  extending  $\oplus$  exists at most one.

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION, BASIC DEFINITIONS AND FACTS

Lattice effect algebras generalize orthomodular lattices including noncompatible pairs of elements [10] and MV-algebras including unsharp elements [1]. Effect algebras were introduced by D. Foulis and M. K. Bennet [3] as a generalization of the Hilbert space effects (i. e., self-adjoint operators between zero and identity operator on a Hilbert space representing unsharp measurements in quantum mechanics). They may have importance in the investigation of the phenomenon of uncertainty.

**Definition 1.1.** A partial algebra  $(E; \oplus, 0, 1)$  is called an *effect algebra* if 0, 1 are two distinct elements and  $\oplus$  is a partially defined binary operation on E which satisfy the following conditions for any  $x, y, z \in E$ :

- (Ei)  $x \oplus y = y \oplus x$  if  $x \oplus y$  is defined,
- (Eii)  $(x \oplus y) \oplus z = x \oplus (y \oplus z)$  if one side is defined,
- (Eiii) for every  $x \in E$  there exists a unique  $y \in E$  such that  $x \oplus y = 1$  (we put x' = y, a supplement of x),
- (Eiv) if  $1 \oplus x$  is defined then x = 0.

We often denote the effect algebra  $(E; \oplus, 0, 1)$  briefly by E. On every effect algebra E the partial order  $\leq$  and a partial binary operation  $\ominus$  can be introduced as follows:

 $x \leq y$  and  $y \ominus x = z$  iff  $x \oplus z$  is defined and  $x \oplus z = y$ .

If E with the defined partial order is a lattice (a complete lattice) then  $(E; \oplus, 0, 1)$  is called a *lattice effect algebra* (a complete lattice effect algebra).

**Definition 1.2.** Let E be an effect algebra. Then  $Q \subseteq E$  is called a *sub-effect algebra* of E if

- (i)  $1 \in Q$
- (ii) if out of elements  $x, y, z \in E$  with  $x \oplus y = z$  two are in Q, then  $x, y, z \in Q$ .

If E is a lattice effect algebra and Q is a sub-lattice and a sub-effect algebra of E then Q is called a *sub-lattice effect algebra* of E.

Note that a sub-effect algebra Q (sub-lattice effect algebra Q) of an effect algebra E (of a lattice effect algebra E) with inherited operation  $\oplus$  is an effect algebra (lattice effect algebra) in its own right.

Important sub-lattice effect algebras of a lattice effect algebra E are

- (i)  $S(E) = \{x \in E \mid x \wedge x' = 0\}$  a set of all sharp elements of E (see [5], [6]), which is an orthomodular lattice (see [7]).
- (ii) Maximal subsets of pairwise compatible elements of E called *blocks* of E (see [19]), which are in fact maximal sub-MV-algebras of E. Here,  $x, y \in E$  are called *compatible*  $(x \leftrightarrow y \text{ for short})$  if  $x \lor y = x \oplus (y \ominus (x \land y))$  (see [11] and [2]).
- (iii) The center of compatibility B(E) of E,  $B(E) = \bigcap \{M \subseteq E \mid M \text{ is a block of } E\} = \{x \in E \mid x \leftrightarrow y \text{ for every } y \in E\}$  which is in fact an MV-algebra (MV-effect algebra).
- (iv) The center  $C(E) = \{x \in E \mid y = (y \land x) \lor (y \land x') \text{ for all } y \in E\}$  of E which is a Boolean algebra (see [4]). In every lattice effect algebra it holds  $C(E) = B(E) \cap S(E)$  (see [15] and [17]).

For an element x of an effect algebra E we write  $\operatorname{ord}(x) = \infty$  if  $nx = x \oplus x \oplus \cdots \oplus x$  (n-times) exists for every positive integer n and we write  $\operatorname{ord}(x) = n_x$  if  $n_x$  is the greatest positive integer such that  $n_x x$  exists in E. An effect algebra E is Archimedean if  $\operatorname{ord}(x) < \infty$  for all  $x \in E$ ,  $x \neq 0$ .

A minimal nonzero element of an effect algebra E is called an atom and E is called atomic if under every nonzero element of E there is an atom. Properties of the set of all atoms in a lattice effect algebra E are in several cases substantial for the algebraic structure of E. For instance, the "Isomorphism theorem based on atoms" for Archimedean atomic lattice effect algebras can be proved [13]. Further, the atomicity of the center C(E) of E gives us the possibility to decompose E into subdirect product (resp. direct product for complete E) of irreducible effect algebras in the case when supremum of all atoms of the center equals 1. Recently M. Kalina [8] proved that this is not true in general and we give here a necessary and sufficient conditions for that. Moreover, if a lattice effect algebra E is complete then its important sub-lattice effect algebras S(E), blocks, C(E) and B(E) are complete sub-lattice effect algebras of E. However, not every effect algebra can

be embedded as a dense sub-effect algebra into a complete one (see [16]). We are going to prove some statements about extensions of  $\oplus$ -operation on an Archimedean atomic lattice effect algebra  $(E; \oplus, 0, 1)$  onto the MacNeille completion  $\widehat{E} = \mathcal{MC}(E)$  of its underlying ordered set E. In [16] it was proved that there exists a  $\widehat{\oplus}$ -operation on  $\widehat{E} = \mathcal{MC}(E)$  such that its restriction  $\widehat{\oplus}_{/E}$  onto E coincides with  $\oplus$  on E iff E is strongly D-continuous. Here strongly D-continuity of E means that, for every  $U, Q \subseteq E$  such that  $u \leq q$  for all  $u \in U$ ,  $q \in Q$  holds:

## 2. EXTENSIONS OF EFFECT ALGEBRAIC OPERATIONS ONTO COMPLETIONS OF THEIR UNDERLYING SETS

Every effect algebra  $(E; \oplus, 0, 1)$  is in fact a bounded poset or lattice since the  $\oplus$ -operation induces uniquely partial order on E at which 0 is the smallest and 1 the greatest element of E. The converse is not true: The different operations  $\oplus_1$  and  $\oplus_2$  on a set E with  $0, 1 \in E$  may induce the same partial order on E.

**Example 2.1.** The lattice effect algebras  $E_1 = \{0, a, b, a \oplus b = 1\}$  and  $E_2 = \{0, a, b, 2a = 2b = 1\}$  have the underlying set the same lattice  $\widetilde{E} = \{0, a, b, 1 = a \lor b\}$ .

For a poset P and its subposet  $Q \subseteq P$  we denote, for all  $X \subseteq Q$ , by  $\bigvee_Q X$  the join of the subset X in the poset Q whenever it exists.

We say that a finite system  $F = (x_k)_{k=1}^n$  of not necessarily different elements of an effect algebra  $(E; \oplus, 0, 1)$  is  $\operatorname{orthogonal}$  if  $x_1 \oplus x_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus x_n$  (written  $\bigoplus_{k=1}^n x_k$  or  $\bigoplus F$ ) exists in E. Here we define  $x_1 \oplus x_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus x_n = (x_1 \oplus x_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus x_{n-1}) \oplus x_n$  supposing that  $\bigoplus_{k=1}^{n-1} x_k$  is defined and  $\bigoplus_{k=1}^{n-1} x_k \leq x'_n$ . We also define  $\bigoplus \varnothing = 0$ . An arbitrary system  $G = (x_\kappa)_{\kappa \in H}$  of not necessarily different elements of E is called orthogonal if  $\bigoplus K$  exists for every finite  $K \subseteq G$ . We say that for an orthogonal system  $G = (x_\kappa)_{\kappa \in H}$  the element  $\bigoplus G$  exists iff  $\bigvee \{\bigoplus K \mid K \subseteq G \text{ is finite}\}$  exists in E and then we put  $\bigoplus G = \bigvee \{\bigoplus K \mid K \subseteq G \text{ is finite}\}$ . (Here we write  $G_1 \subseteq G$  iff there is  $H_1 \subseteq H$  such that  $G_1 = (x_\kappa)_{\kappa \in H_1}$ ).

It is well known that any partial ordered set P can be embedded into a complete lattice  $\widehat{P} = \mathcal{MC}(P)$  called a MacNeille completion (or completion by cuts). It has been shown (see [26]) that the MacNeille completion of P (up to isomorphism unique over P) is any complete lattice  $\widehat{P}$  into which P can be supremum-densely and infimum-densely embedded (i. e., for every element  $x \in \widehat{P}$  there exist  $Q, S \subseteq P$  such that  $x = \bigvee_{\widehat{P}} \varphi(Q) = \bigwedge_{\widehat{P}} \varphi(S)$ , where  $\varphi : P \to \widehat{P}$  is the embedding). We usually identify P with  $\varphi(P) \subseteq \widehat{P}$ . In this sense  $\widehat{P}$  inherits all infima and suprema existing in P.

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $(E; \oplus_E, 0_E, 1_E)$  and  $(F; \oplus_F, 0_F, 1_F)$  be effect algebras. A bijective map  $\varphi : E \to F$  is called an *isomorphism* if

- (i)  $\varphi(1_E) = 1_F$ ,
- (ii) for all  $a, b \in E$ :  $a \leq_E b'$  iff  $\varphi(a) \leq_F (\varphi(b))'$  in which case  $\varphi(a \oplus_E b) = \varphi(a) \oplus_F \varphi(b)$ .

We write  $E \cong F$ . Sometimes we identify E with  $F = \varphi(E)$ . If  $\varphi : E \to F$  is an injection with properties (i) and (ii) then  $\varphi$  is called an *embedding*. We say that E is *densely embeddable* into F if there is an embedding  $\varphi : E \to F$  of effect algebras such that to each  $x \in F$ ,  $x \neq 0$  there exists  $y \in E$ ,  $y \neq 0$  with  $\varphi(y) \leq x$ . Then  $\varphi(E)$  is called a dense sub-effect algebra of F.

Remark 2.3. Note that for an effect algebra  $(E; \oplus, 0, 1)$  an extension of  $\oplus$ -operation onto  $\widehat{E} = \mathcal{MC}(E)$  exists iff E is a dense sub-effect algebra of  $\widehat{E}$  (equivalently, an extension  $\widehat{\oplus}$  onto  $\widehat{E} = \mathcal{MC}(E)$  exists iff E can be densely embedded into  $\widehat{E}$ ). This follows from the fact that in such a case E is a supremum-dense sub-effect algebra of the complete lattice effect algebra  $\widehat{E}$ , and conversely.

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $(E; \vee, \wedge, ', 0, 1)$  be an orthomodular lattice and let  $E^* = \mathcal{MC}(E)$  be a MacNeille completion of E. Then

- (i) There exists a unique  $\oplus$ -operation on E such that  $(E; \oplus, 0, 1)$  is a lattice effect algebra in which partial order coincides with partial order of the orthomodular lattice E.
- (ii)  $E^*$  is an orthomodular lattice iff there exists a unique  $\oplus^*$ -operation on  $E^*$  such that  $(E^*; \oplus^*, 0, 1)$  is a complete lattice effect algebra and  $\oplus_{/E}^* = \oplus$ .
- Proof. (i) Let  $(E; \oplus, 0, 1)$  be a lattice effect algebra in which partial order coincides with partial order of the orthomodular lattice E. Then for  $x, y \in E$ ,  $x \oplus y$  exists iff  $x \leq y'$ , in which case  $x \oplus y = (x \vee y) \oplus (x \wedge y) = x \vee y$ , since  $x \wedge y \leq y' \wedge y = 0$ . Conversely, for every orthomodular lattice E the operation  $\oplus$  defined by  $x \oplus y = x \vee y$  iff  $x \leq y'$  satisfies axioms of an effect algebra (see [2]).
- (ii) This follows by (i) and the fact that E is a sub-lattice of  $E^*$ . Moreover,  $E^*$  is an orthomodular lattice iff for the effect algebra  $(E; \oplus, 0, 1)$  derived from the orthomodular lattice E there exists an extension  $\oplus^*$  on  $E^*$  such that  $(E^*; \oplus^*, 0, 1)$  is a complete lattice effect algebra (see [16, Theorem 6.5]).

Recall that a lattice effect algebra with a unique block is called an MV-effect algebra.

**Lemma 2.5.** Let  $(E; \oplus, 0, 1)$  be an Archimedean atomic MV-effect algebra. Let  $\widehat{E} = \mathcal{MC}(E)$  be a MacNeille completion of E and let us identify E with  $\varphi(E)$  (where  $\varphi: E \to \widehat{E}$  is the embedding). Then

- (i) There exists a unique  $\widehat{\oplus}$ -operation on  $\widehat{E}$  making  $\widehat{E}$  a complete MV-effect algebra  $(\widehat{E}; \widehat{\oplus}, 0, 1)$ .
- (ii) The restriction  $\widehat{\oplus}_{/E}$  coincides with  $\oplus$  on E and E is a sub-MV-effect algebra of  $\widehat{E}$ .
- Proof. (i) Since  $\widehat{E}$  is a complete atomic MV-effect algebra, it is isomorphic to a direct product of finite chains. Since  $\widehat{\oplus}$  on the direct product is defined coordinatewise, we obtain that this operation on  $\widehat{E}$  is unique.
- (ii) By [18, Theorem 3.4], E is a sub-MV-effect algebra of  $\widehat{E}$  (see also [22, Theorem 3.1]). Hence the restriction  $\widehat{\oplus}_{/E}$  coincides with  $\oplus$  on E.

**Definition 2.6.** A direct product  $\prod \{E_{\kappa} \mid \kappa \in H\}$  of effect algebras  $E_{\kappa}$  is a cartesian product with  $\oplus$ , 0, 1 defined "coordinatewise", i. e.,  $(a_{\kappa})_{\kappa \in H} \oplus (b_{\kappa})_{\kappa \in H}$  exists iff  $a_{\kappa} \oplus_{\kappa} b_{\kappa}$  is defined for each  $\kappa \in H$  and then  $(a_{\kappa})_{\kappa \in H} \oplus (b_{\kappa})_{\kappa \in H} = (a_{\kappa} \oplus_{\kappa} b_{\kappa})_{\kappa \in H}$ . Moreover,  $0 = (0_{\kappa})_{\kappa \in H}$ ,  $1 = (1_{\kappa})_{\kappa \in H}$ .

A subdirect product of a family  $\{E_{\kappa} \mid \kappa \in H\}$  of lattice effect algebras is a sublattice-effect algebra Q of the direct product  $\prod \{E_{\kappa} \mid \kappa \in H\}$  such that each restriction of the natural projection  $\operatorname{pr}_{\kappa_i}$  to Q is onto  $E_{\kappa_i}$ .

**Proposition 2.7.** There is an Archimedean atomic lattice effect algebra  $(E; \oplus, 0, 1)$  such that there are infinitely many different operations  $\widehat{\oplus}_n$  on a MacNeille completion  $\widehat{E} = \mathcal{MC}(E)$  of E at which  $(\widehat{E}; \widehat{\oplus}_n, 0, 1)$  are mutually non-isomorphic.

**Example 2.8.** Let  $E_k^{(1)} \simeq E_1, \ k = 1, 2, \dots, n; \ E_k^{(2)} \simeq E_2, \ k = n + 1, n + 2, \dots$  where  $E_1, E_2$  are those from Example 2.1. Let

$$\widehat{E}^{(n)} \cong \left(\prod_{k=1}^n E_k^{(1)}\right) \times \left(\prod_{k=n+1}^\infty E_k^{(2)}\right) \cong B_n \times M_n.$$

Here  $(\widehat{E}^{(n)}; \widehat{\oplus}_n, 0, 1)$ , where  $0 = (0_k)_{k=1}^{\infty}$ ,  $1 = (1_k)_{k=1}^{\infty}$  and  $x \in \widehat{E}^{(n)}$  iff  $x = (x_k)_{k=1}^{\infty}$  with  $x_k \in \widehat{E}_k^{(1)}$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $x_k \in \widehat{E}_k^{(2)}$  for  $k = n + 1, n + 2, \dots$  are mutually non-isomorphic complete distributive lattice effect algebras. Nevertheless the underlying complete lattices  $\widehat{E}^{(n)}$  are isomorphic to the complete lattice  $\widehat{E} \cong \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k$  where  $E_k = \widetilde{E}$  from Example 2.1,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$  Moreover,  $B_n = \prod_{k=1}^n E_k^{(1)}$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  are complete atomic Boolean algebras with 2n atoms and  $M_n = \prod_{k=n+1}^{\infty} E_k^{(2)}$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  are complete atomic lattice effect algebras with infinitely many blocks.

Assume now that  $E^* = \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} E_k^{(1)}$ . Clearly  $E^*$  is a complete atomic Boolean algebra. Set  $E = \{x \in E^* \mid x \text{ or } x' \text{ is finite}\}$  hence  $x \in E$  iff  $x \text{ or } x' \text{ is a join of a finite set of atoms of } E^*$ . Then E is a sub-lattice effect algebra of  $E^*$  (even a Boolean sub-algebra of  $E^*$ ) with  $\oplus$ -operation  $x \oplus y = x \vee y$  iff  $x \wedge y = 0$  in the Boolean algebra E. Hence E is not a sub-lattice effect algebra of any  $\widehat{E}^{(n)}$ , since  $\widehat{\oplus}_{n/E}$  does not coincide with  $\oplus$  on E,  $n = 1, 2, \ldots$ 

**Theorem 2.9.** Let  $(E; \oplus, 0, 1)$  be an Archimedean atomic lattice effect algebra and let  $E^* = \mathcal{MC}(E)$  be a MacNeille completion of a lattice E. Let there exist a  $\oplus^*$ -operation on  $E^*$  making  $(E^*; \oplus^*, 0, 1)$  a complete lattice effect algebra. The following conditions are equivalent:

(i) For every atom a of E,  $\operatorname{ord}(a)$  in E equals  $\operatorname{ord}(a)$  in  $E^*$  at which for every positive integer  $k \leq \operatorname{ord}(a)$ 

$$\underbrace{a \oplus^* a \oplus^* \cdots \oplus^* a}_{k-\text{times}} = \underbrace{a \oplus a \oplus \cdots \oplus a}_{k-\text{times}}$$

and for every pair  $a, b \in A_E$ :  $a \leftrightarrow b$  in E iff  $a \leftrightarrow b$  in  $E^*$ .

(ii) The restriction  $\bigoplus_{E}^*$  of  $\bigoplus^*$  onto E coincides with  $\bigoplus$  on E (equivalently E is a sub-lattice effect algebra of  $E^*$ ).

In this case for any maximal orthogonal set  $A \subseteq A_E$  there are unique atomic blocks  $M_A$  of E and  $M_A^*$  of  $E^*$  with  $A \subseteq M_A \cap M_A^*$  and  $M_A^* = \mathcal{MC}(M_A)$ .

Proof. (i)  $\Longrightarrow$  (ii): Let  $A_E$  and  $A_{E^*}$  be sets of atoms of E and  $E^*$  respectively. Since E is supremum-dense in  $E^*$ , we obtain that  $A_E = A_{E^*}$ . It follows by [12] that to every maximal set of pairwise compatible atoms  $A \subseteq A_E = A_{E^*}$  there exist unique blocks  $M_A$  of E and  $M_A^*$  of  $E^*$  with A as a common set of atoms. Hence  $A \subseteq M_A$  and  $A \subseteq M_A^*$ . Let us show that  $M_A \subseteq M_A^*$ . For that assume  $x \in M_A$ . Then by [21, Theorem 3.3] there exist a set  $\{a_{\kappa} \mid \kappa \in \mathcal{H}\} \subseteq A$  and positive integers  $k_{\kappa} \leq \operatorname{ord}(a_{\kappa}), \ \kappa \in \mathcal{H}$  such that

$$\begin{array}{lll} x & = & \bigoplus_{M_A} \{k_\kappa a_\kappa \mid \kappa \in \mathcal{H}\} = \bigvee_{M_A} \{k_\kappa a_\kappa \mid \kappa \in \mathcal{H}\} = \bigvee_E \{k_\kappa a_\kappa \mid \kappa \in \mathcal{H}\} \\ & = & \bigvee_{E^*} \{k_\kappa a_\kappa \mid \kappa \in \mathcal{H}\} = \bigvee_{M_A^*} \{k_\kappa a_\kappa \mid \kappa \in \mathcal{H}\} = \bigoplus_{M_A^*} \{k_\kappa a_\kappa \mid \kappa \in \mathcal{H}\} \in M_A^* \end{array}$$

since  $k_{\kappa}a_{\kappa} \in M_A \cap M_A^*$  for all  $k_{\kappa} \leq \operatorname{ord}(a_{\kappa})$ ,  $\kappa \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $M_A$  is a bifull sub-lattice of E (see [14]),  $E^*$  inherits all infima and suprema existing in E and  $M_A^*$  is a complete sub-lattice of  $E^*$  (see [20, Theorem 2.8]). This proves that  $M_A \subseteq M_A^*$ .

Now let  $y \in M_A^*$ . Then again by [21, Theorem 3.3] there exist  $\{b_\beta \mid \beta \in \mathcal{B}\} \subseteq A$  and positive integers  $l_\beta \leq \operatorname{ord}(b_\beta), \beta \in \mathcal{B}$  such that

$$y = \bigoplus_{M_A^*} \{l_\beta b_\beta \mid \beta \in \mathcal{B}\} = \bigvee_{M_A^*} \{l_\beta b_\beta \mid \beta \in \mathcal{B}\}$$

which proves that  $M_A$  is supremum-dense in  $M_A^*$ , as  $l_{\beta}b_{\beta} \in M_A$  for all  $\beta \in \mathcal{B}$ . Since  $1 \in M_A \cap M_A^*$  we obtain that

$$1 = \bigoplus_{M_A} \{n_a a \mid a \in A\} = \underbrace{\bigoplus_{M_A} \{k_\kappa a_\kappa \mid \kappa \in \mathcal{H}\}}_{x} \oplus \underbrace{\bigoplus_{M_A} \left(\{(n_{a_\kappa} - k_\kappa)a_\kappa \mid \kappa \in \mathcal{H}\} \cup \{n_a a \mid a \in A, a \neq a_\kappa \text{ for every } \kappa \in \mathcal{H}\}\right)}_{x' \in M_A}$$

$$= \bigoplus_{M_A^*} \{n_a a \mid a \in A\} = \underbrace{\bigoplus_{M_A^*} \{k_\kappa a_\kappa \mid \kappa \in \mathcal{H}\}}_{x} \oplus^* \oplus^* \underbrace{\bigoplus_{M_A^*} \left(\{(n_{a_\kappa} - k_\kappa)a_\kappa \mid \kappa \in \mathcal{H}\} \cup \{n_a a \mid a \in A, a \neq a_\kappa \text{ for every } \kappa \in \mathcal{H}\}\right)}_{x'^* \in M_A^*}.$$

Thus, by axiom (Eiii) of effect algebras, we obtain that

$$x' = \bigoplus_{M_A} \left( \{ (n_{a_{\kappa}} - k_{\kappa}) a_{\kappa} \mid \kappa \in \mathcal{H} \} \cup \{ n_a a \mid a \in A, a \neq a_{\kappa} \text{ for every } \kappa \in \mathcal{H} \} \right)$$
and

$$x'^* = \bigoplus_{M_A^*} \left( \left\{ (n_{a_{\kappa}} - k_{\kappa}) a_{\kappa} \mid \kappa \in \mathcal{H} \right\} \cup \left\{ n_a a \mid a \in A, a \neq a_{\kappa} \text{ for every } \kappa \in \mathcal{H} \right\} \right).$$

As above, we get that  $x' = {x'}^*$ .

Thus by de Morgan laws for supplementation on  $M_A^*$  we obtain that  $M_A$  is also infimum-dense in  $M_A^*$ . This proves that  $M_A^* = \mathcal{MC}(M_A)$  is a MacNeille completion of a  $M_A$ .

Assume now that  $x, y \in E$  with  $x \oplus^* y$  defined in  $E^*$ . Then  $x \leftrightarrow y$  in  $E^*$  and hence by [9] there exists an atomic block  $M^*$  of  $E^*$  such that  $\{x, y, x \oplus y\} \subseteq M^*$ . Now, by [12] we obtain that there exists a maximal pairwise compatible set  $A \subseteq A_E = A_{E^*}$  such that  $A \subseteq M^*$  and an atomic block block M of E such that  $A \subseteq M$ . As we have proved above,  $M \subseteq M^* = \mathcal{MC}(M)$ . Since  $x, y \in M^* \cap E = M$  we obtain by Lemma 2.5 that M is a sub-effect algebra of  $M^*$  and hence  $x \oplus^* y = x \oplus y$ . Thus, we have proved that the restriction  $\oplus_{/E}^*$  onto E coincides with  $\oplus$  on E. Consequently, E is a sub-lattice effect algebra of  $E^*$  because we have also  $0, 1 \in E$  and for any  $x, x' \in E$  the equalities  $1 = x \oplus x' = x \oplus^* x'$  holds, as we have just proved above.

(ii) 
$$\Longrightarrow$$
 (i): This is trivial.

Corollary 2.10. Let  $(E; \oplus, 0, 1)$  be an Archimedean atomic lattice effect algebra and let  $E^* = \mathcal{MC}(E)$ . Then there exists at most one  $\oplus^*$ -operation on  $E^*$  such that  $(E^*; \oplus^*, 0, 1)$  is a complete lattice effect algebra and the restriction  $\oplus_{/E}^*$  of  $\oplus^*$  onto E coincides with  $\oplus$  on E.

Proof. Let  $\oplus_1^*$  and  $\oplus_2^*$  be such that make  $E^*$  a complete lattice effect algebra at which  $\oplus_{1/E}^*$  and  $\oplus_{2/E}^*$  coincide with  $\oplus$  on E. Set  $E_1^* = E_2^* = E^*$  and, for simplicity, let us use symbols  $E_1^*$  for complete lattice effect algebra  $(E_1^*; \oplus_1^*, 0, 1)$  and  $E_2^*$  for  $(E_2^*; \oplus_2^*, 0, 1)$ . Since the effect algebra E is a sub-lattice effect algebra of  $E_1^*$  as well as of  $E_2^*$ , we obtain that for any  $x \in E$  the supplements x' in E,  $E_1^*$  and  $E_2^*$  coincide. Further  $A_E = A_{E_1^*} = A_{E_2^*} \subseteq E$ . Thus for any  $y \in E^*$  there exists an orthogonal set  $A_y = \{a_\kappa \mid \kappa \in \mathcal{H}\} \subseteq A_E$  and positive integers  $k_\kappa \leq \operatorname{ord}(a_\kappa)$ ,  $\kappa \in \mathcal{H}$  such that

$$y = \bigvee_{E^*} \{k_{\kappa} a_{\kappa} \mid \kappa \in \mathcal{H}\} = \bigoplus_{E_1^*} \{k_{\kappa} a_{\kappa} \mid \kappa \in \mathcal{H}\} = \bigoplus_{E_2^*} \{k_{\kappa} a_{\kappa} \mid \kappa \in \mathcal{H}\},$$

which gives  $y' = \bigwedge_{E^*} \{(k_{\kappa}a_{\kappa})' \mid \kappa \in \mathcal{H}\}$ . Hence y' in  $E_1^*$  and  $E_2^*$  coincides. It follows that for  $y, z \in E^*$  there exists  $y \oplus_1^* z$  iff  $y \oplus_2^* z$  exists iff  $z \leq y'$ . Let  $A_z = \{c_{\alpha} \mid \alpha \in \Lambda\} \subseteq A_E$  and  $l_{\alpha} \leq \operatorname{ord}(c_{\alpha})$ ,  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  be such that  $z = \bigvee_{E^*} \{l_{\alpha}c_{\alpha} \mid \alpha \in \Lambda\}$ . Then  $A_y \cup A_z \subseteq A \subseteq A_E$  for some maximal orthogonal set A of atoms and hence by Theorem 2.9 there are unique blocks M of E,  $M_1^*$  of  $E_1^*$  and  $M_2^*$  of  $E_2^*$  such that  $A \subseteq M \cap M_1^* \cap M_2^*$ . Moreover by Theorem 2.9 we have  $M_1^* = M_2^* = \mathcal{MC}(M)$ , which by Lemma 2.5 implies that  $\bigoplus_{1/M_1^*}^* = \bigoplus_{2/M_2^*}^*$ . Since  $x, y \in M_1^* \cap M_2^*$  we obtain that  $x \oplus_1^* y = x \oplus_2^* y \in M_1^* \cap M_2^*$ . This proves that  $\bigoplus_1^* = \bigoplus_2^*$  on  $E^*$ .

Note that in [13] the necessary and sufficient conditions for isomorphism of two Archimedean atomic lattice effect algebras are given. These conditions are based on isomorphism of their atomic blocks.

Finally note that if  $(E; \oplus, 0, 1)$  is a complete lattice effect algebra with atomic center C(E) then E is isomorphic to a direct product of the family  $\{[0, p] \mid p \in E \text{ atom of } C(E)\}$  of irreducible lattice effect algebras. This is because then C(E) is a complete sublattice of E and hence then  $\bigvee_{C(E)} A_{C(E)} = \bigvee_{E} A_{C(E)} = 1$ , where  $A_{C(E)} = \{p \in C(E) \mid p \text{ atom of } C(E)\}$  (see [23, Theorem 3.1]).

M. Kalina showed (see [8]) that for an Archimedean atomic lattice effect algebra E with atomic center C(E) the condition  $\bigvee_E A_{C(E)} = 1$  need not be satisfied. Hence the center C(E) of E need not be a bifull sub-lattice of E (meaning that  $\bigvee_{C(E)} D = \bigvee_E D$  for any  $D \subseteq C(E)$  for which at least one of the elements  $\bigvee_{C(E)} D$ ,  $\bigvee_E D$  exists).

This occurs e.g., for every sub-lattice effect algebra  $E_1$  of finite and cofinite elements of the direct product  $E = G \times B$ , where B is a complete Boolean algebra with countably many atoms and G is an irreducible Archimedean atomic (o)-continuous lattice effect algebra with infinite top element. M. Kalina constructed such lattice effect algebra G in [8].

**Theorem 2.11.** Let E be an Archimedean atomic lattice effect algebra with atomic center C(E). The following conditions are equivalent:

- (i)  $\bigvee_{E} A_{C(E)} = 1$ .
- (ii) For every  $a \in A_E$  there exists  $p_a \in A_{C(E)}$  such that  $a \leq p_a$ .
- (iii) For every  $z \in C(E)$  it holds:

$$z = \bigvee_{C(E)} \{ p \in A_{C(E)} \mid p \le z \} = \bigvee_{E} \{ p \in A_{C(E)} \mid p \le z \}.$$

(iv) C(E) is a bifull sub-lattice of E.

In this case E is isomorphic to a subdirect product of Archimedean atomic irreducible lattice effect algebras.

Proof.

- (i)  $\iff$  (ii): This was proved in [25, Lemma 1].
- (i)  $\Longrightarrow$  (iii): Let  $z \in C(E)$ . Then, as  $C(E) \subseteq B(E)$ , we have by [7] that

$$z = z \wedge \bigvee_E A_{C(E)} = \bigvee_E \{z \wedge p \mid p \in A_{C(E)}\} = \bigvee_E \{p \in A_{C(E)} \mid p \leq z\}.$$

The last follows from the fact that  $p \wedge z \in C(E)$  for all  $p \in A_{C(E)}$ .

(iii)  $\Longrightarrow$  (iv): Let  $D \in C(E)$  and let there exist  $\bigvee_{C(E)} D = d \in C(E)$ . Using (iii) we have that  $z = \bigvee_{C(E)} \{ p \in A_{C(E)} \mid p \leq z \} = \bigvee_{E} \{ p \in A_{C(E)} \mid p \leq z \}$ , for every  $z \in C(E)$ . Moreover, for every  $p \in A_{C(E)}$ ,  $p \leq d$  we have

$$p = p \land \bigvee_{C(E)} \{z \in C(E) \mid z \in D\} = \bigvee_{C(E)} \{p \land z \in C(E) \mid z \in D\},$$

hence there exists  $z \in D$  such that  $p \leq z$ . Conversely,  $p \in A_{C(E)}$ ,  $p \leq z \in D$  imply that  $p \leq d$ . This proves that

$${p \in A_{C(E)} \mid p \le d} = \bigcup \{ \{p \in A_{C(E)} \mid p \le z\} \mid z \in D\},\$$

which by (iii) gives that

$$\begin{split} \bigvee_{C(E)} D = & d = \bigvee_{E} \{ p \in A_{C(E)} \mid p \leq d \} = \bigvee_{E} \bigcup \{ \{ p \in A_{C(E)} \mid p \leq z \} \mid z \in D \} \\ = & \bigvee_{E} \{ \bigvee_{E} \{ p \in A_{C(E)} \mid p \leq z \} \mid z \in D \} = \bigvee_{E} \{ z \in C(E) \mid z \in D \} = \bigvee_{E} D. \end{split}$$

Since  $D \subseteq C(E)$  iff  $D' = \{z' \mid z \in D\} \subseteq C(E)$ , we obtain that  $\bigwedge_{C(E)} D = \bigwedge_E D$ . (iv)  $\Longrightarrow$  (i): This is trivial.

Now, assume that (i) holds. Then from [23, Theorem 3.1] we get that E is isomorphic to a subdirect product of Archimedean atomic irreducible lattice effect algebras.

**Open Problem.** Assume that  $(E; \oplus, 0, 1)$  is an Archimedean atomic lattice effect algebra such that some effect-algebraic  $\oplus^*$ -operation onto  $\widehat{E} = \mathcal{MC}(E)$  exists. Still unanswered question is whether then there exists also such  $\widehat{\oplus}$ -operation on  $\widehat{E}$  that extends the operation  $\oplus$ .

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