

# A Sheaf on a Lattice

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**Abstract** A sheaf is constructed on a topological space. But a topological space is a bounded distributive lattice. Hence we may construct a sheaf of lattices on a bounded distributive lattice. Then we define a stalk of the sheaf at a chain in a bounded distributive lattice. And we define a morphism of the sheaves, that the morphism is induced by a homomorphism of the bounded distributive lattices. Then the kernel and image of the morphism are the subsheaves. A sheaf is obtained by gluing sheaves together.

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## 1. Introduction

Recall the definition of sheaves(see [1, 7, 9]). Suppose that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a sheaf on a topological space  $X$ . Let  $U$  be an open set of  $X$ . Then  $\mathcal{F}(U)$  is a mathematical object(e.g., set, group, ring). And the sheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  satisfies several properties.

Since a topological space is a bounded distributive lattice(cf. [4, 8]), we may construct a sheaf  $\mathcal{L}$  of lattices on a bounded distributive lattice  $\mathbf{L}$ , see theorems 3.1 and 3.2 in subsection 3.1.

A stalk[1, 9] at  $p \in X$  of the sheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  is a colimit(cf. [1, 6, 7, 9]). But we define a stalk of  $\mathcal{L}$  at a chain[definition 2.9]. The stalk of  $\mathcal{L}$  is defined in definition 3.1.

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A morphism[1, 9] of sheaves is a natural transformation(cf. [1, 6, 7, 9]). Suppose that  $\psi: \mathbf{L} \rightarrow \mathbf{L}'$  is a homomorphism[4, 8] of the bounded distributive lattices. Then  $\psi$  induces a morphism  $\hat{\psi}: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}'$ , see [theorem 3.3](#). That  $\hat{\psi}$  is a monomorphism(epimorphism) if  $\psi$  is a monomorphism(epimorphism), see [definition 3.2](#).

A subsheaf[1, 9] of the  $\mathcal{L}$  is a sheaf on a bounded distributive lattice which is a sublattice of the  $\mathbf{L}$ , see [definition 3.3](#). And the kernel(cf. [1, 9]) of  $\hat{\psi}$  is a subsheaf, see [definition 3.4](#).

In [subsection 3.5](#), we obtain a sheaf by gluing(cf. [1, 9]) sheaves together.

## 2. Preliminaries

**2.1. Bounded Distributive Lattice.** Recall the definitions in [8].

**Definition** (Lattice[8]). A nonempty set  $L$  together with two binary operations  $\vee$  and  $\wedge$  is called a **lattice** if it satisfies the following identities:

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \text{(commutative laws)} & x \vee y = y \vee x \\
 & x \wedge y = y \wedge x \\
 \text{(associative laws)} & (x \vee y) \vee z = x \vee (y \vee z) \\
 & (x \wedge y) \wedge z = x \wedge (y \wedge z) \\
 \text{(idempotent laws)} & x \vee x = x \\
 & x \wedge x = x \\
 \text{(absorption laws)} & (x \vee y) \wedge x = x \\
 & (x \wedge y) \vee x = x
 \end{array}$$

The lattice is denoted by  $\mathbf{L}$ .

**Definition 2.1** (Bounded Lattice[8]). An algebra  $\langle \mathbf{L}, \vee, \wedge, 0, 1 \rangle$  with two binary and two nullary operations is a **bounded lattice** if it satisfies:

- $\langle \mathbf{L}, \vee, \wedge \rangle$  is a lattice.
- $x \wedge 0 = 0$ ;  $x \vee 1 = 1$ .

**Definition 2.2** (Distributive Lattice[8]). A **distributive lattice** is a lattice which satisfies the distributive laws:

$$\begin{array}{l}
 (a \vee b) \wedge c = (a \wedge c) \vee (b \wedge c) \\
 (a \wedge b) \vee c = (a \vee c) \wedge (b \vee c)
 \end{array}$$

Then we have the following proposition.

**Proposition 2.1** (cf. [8]). *Suppose that  $X$  is a topological space. Then the open subsets of  $X$  form a bounded distributive lattice. The bounded distributive lattice is denoted by  $\mathfrak{L}(X)$ .*

*Proof.* For open sets  $U, V \subseteq X$ , let  $U \leq V$  if  $U \subseteq V$ . Then open subsets form a poset[8]. And every subset of the poset has the infimum and supremum. Hence the poset is a lattice by [8, definition 1.4]. Then let  $U, V, W$  be open subsets of  $X$ . Define

$$\begin{array}{l}
 U \vee V := \sup\{U, V\} \\
 U \wedge V := \inf\{U, V\} \\
 0 := \emptyset \\
 1 := X
 \end{array}$$

And  $\sup\{U, V\} = U \cup V$ . Then we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
(U \vee V) \wedge W &= \inf\{\sup\{U, V\}, W\} \\
&= \inf\{U \cup V, W\} \\
&= \inf\{U, W\} \cup \inf\{V, W\} \\
&= \sup\{\inf\{U, W\}, \inf\{V, W\}\} \\
&= (U \wedge W) \vee (V \wedge W) \\
(U \wedge V) \vee W &= \sup\{\inf\{U, V\}, W\} \\
&= \inf\{U, V\} \cup W \\
&= \inf\{U \cup W, V \cup W\} \\
&= \inf\{\sup\{U, W\}, \sup\{V, W\}\} \\
&= (U \vee W) \wedge (V \vee W)
\end{aligned}$$

And,

$$\begin{aligned}
U \wedge \emptyset &= \emptyset \\
U \vee X &= X
\end{aligned}$$

We are done, by the definitions 2.1 and 2.2.  $\square$

2.2. **Poset.** A partial order set (briefly a poset) is a nonempty set together with a binary relation which is reflexive, transitive and antisymmetric, see [8, 10].

**Definition 2.3** ([8]). Let  $\mathbf{L}$  be a lattice. For  $a, b \in \mathbf{L}$ , define  $a \leq b$  if  $a \wedge b = a$ .

**Theorem 2.1** ([8]). A lattice  $\mathbf{L}$  is a poset.

*Proof.* Immediate from the definition 2.3.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2** ([8]). Suppose that  $\langle \mathbf{L}, \vee, \wedge, 0, 1 \rangle$  is a bounded distributive lattice. Then an interval  $[0, a] := \{x \in \mathbf{L} \mid x \wedge a = x\}$  is a sublattice of  $\langle \mathbf{L}, \vee, \wedge \rangle$  for all  $a \in \mathbf{L}$ .

*Proof.* For  $x, y \in [0, a]$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
x \wedge 0 &= 0 \\
x \vee 0 &= x \vee (x \wedge 0) \\
&= x \\
(x \wedge y) \wedge a &= x \wedge (y \wedge a) \\
&= x \wedge y \\
(x \vee y) \wedge a &= (x \wedge a) \vee (y \wedge a) \\
&= x \vee y
\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $x \vee y, x \wedge y \in [0, a]$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.1.1** ([8]). The interval  $[0, a]$  is a bounded distributive lattice.

*Proof.* It is obvious that the lattice  $\langle [0, a], \vee, \wedge, 0, a \rangle$  is a bounded distributive lattice.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.3** (cf. [8]). Suppose that  $\langle \mathbf{L}, \vee, \wedge, 0, 1 \rangle$  is a bounded distributive lattice. Then  $[0, 1] \cong \mathbf{L}$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** For every  $a \in \mathbf{L}$ ,  $a \wedge 1 = a$ .

*Proof.* We have  $a \wedge 1 = a \wedge (a \vee 1) = a$  □

*Proof of theorem 2.3.* Immediate from theorem 2.2 and lemma 2.1. □

**2.3. Lattice of the Sublattices.** The intervals of a bounded distributive lattice may form a lattice.

**Proposition 2.2** (cf. [8]). *Suppose that  $\langle \mathbf{L}, \vee, \wedge, 0, 1 \rangle$  is a bounded distributive lattice. Let  $a, b \in \mathbf{L}$ . Then the intersection  $[0, a] \cap [0, b]$  is a sublattice of  $\langle \mathbf{L}, \vee, \wedge \rangle$ .*

*Proof.* The intersection is not empty, since  $0 \in [0, a] \cap [0, b]$ . We have  $x \wedge y, x \vee y \in [0, a] \cap [0, b]$  for all  $x, y \in [0, a] \cap [0, b]$ . Therefore, the statement is true. □

It is obvious that  $c \leq a$  implies that  $[0, c]$  is a sublattice of  $[0, a]$ .

**Corollary 2.2.1** (cf. [8]). *If  $c \leq a$  and  $c \leq b$ , then the subset  $[0, c]$  is a sublattice of  $[0, a] \cap [0, b]$ .*

*Proof.* If  $x \leq c$ , then  $x \leq b$  and  $x \leq a$ . It follows  $x \in [0, a] \cap [0, b]$ . And we have  $[0, c] \cap [0, a] \cap [0, b] = [0, c]$ . By theorem 2.2, the subset  $[0, c]$  is a sublattice of  $[0, a] \cap [0, b]$ . □

**Proposition 2.3** (cf. [8]). *Suppose that  $\mathbf{L}$  is a bounded distributive lattice. Let  $a, b \in \mathbf{L}$ . Then  $[0, a] \cap [0, b]$  is the set  $\{x \wedge y \mid x \in [0, a], y \in [0, b]\}$ .*

*Proof.* We have  $x \wedge y \wedge a = x \wedge y$  and  $x \wedge y \wedge b = x \wedge y$ . It follows

$$\{x \wedge y \mid x \in [0, a], y \in [0, b]\} \subseteq [0, a] \cap [0, b]$$

On the other hand, for every  $z \in [0, a] \cap [0, b]$ , we have  $z = z \wedge a$  and  $z = z \wedge b$ . Hence  $z = z \wedge z = (z \wedge a) \wedge (z \wedge b)$ . So  $[0, a] \cap [0, b] \subseteq \{x \wedge y \mid x \in [0, a], y \in [0, b]\}$ . Therefore,  $[0, a] \cap [0, b] = \{x \wedge y \mid x \in [0, a], y \in [0, b]\}$ . □

**Corollary 2.3.1** (cf. [8]).

$$[0, a] \cap [0, b] = [0, a \wedge b]$$

*Proof.* We have that  $x \in [0, a] \cap [0, b]$  implies  $x \leq a \wedge b \leq a, b$ . Then immediate from propositions 2.2 and 2.3 and corollary 2.2.1. □

**Proposition 2.4** (cf. [8]). *Suppose that  $\mathbf{L}$  is a bounded distributive lattice. Let  $U$  be the set  $\{x \vee y \mid x \in [0, a], y \in [0, b]\}$  for  $a, b \in \mathbf{L}$ . Then the set  $U$  is a sublattice of  $\langle \mathbf{L}, \vee, \wedge \rangle$ .*

*Proof.* For all  $x \in [0, a], y \in [0, b]$ , we have  $x \wedge y \in ([0, a] \cap [0, b] = [0, a \wedge b])$  by proposition 2.3 and corollary 2.3.1. And let  $x, x' \in [0, a]$  and  $y, y' \in [0, b]$ .

$$\begin{aligned} x \vee y \vee x' \vee y' &= x \vee x' \vee y \vee y' \\ (x \vee y) \wedge (x' \vee y') &= ((x \vee y) \wedge x') \vee ((x \vee y) \wedge y') \\ &= (x \wedge x') \vee (y \wedge x') \vee (x \wedge y') \vee (y \wedge y') \\ &= ((x \wedge x') \vee (y \wedge x')) \vee ((x \wedge y') \vee (y \wedge y')) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $x \wedge x', x \vee x' \in [0, a], y \wedge y', y \vee y' \in [0, b]$  and  $y \wedge x', x \wedge y' \in [0, a] \cap [0, b]$ . Therefore, the set  $U$  is a sublattice. □

**Definition 2.4** (cf. [8]). The sublattice  $U$  in proposition 2.4 is said to be **generated** by the set  $[0, a] \cup [0, b]$ . We denote the sublattice  $U$  by  $G([0, a] \cup [0, b])$ .

**Corollary 2.4.1** (cf. [8]).

$$G([0, a] \cup [0, b]) = [0, a \vee b]$$

*Proof.* Let  $x \in [0, a], y \in [0, b]$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} (x \vee y) \wedge (a \vee b) &= (x \wedge (a \vee b)) \vee (y \wedge (a \vee b)) \\ &= ((x \wedge a) \vee (x \wedge b)) \vee ((y \wedge a) \vee (y \wedge b)) \\ &= (x \vee (x \wedge b)) \vee ((y \wedge a) \vee y) \\ &= x \vee y \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $U \subseteq [0, a \vee b]$ . On the other hand, for every  $z \in [0, a \vee b]$ , we have

$$z = z \wedge (a \vee b) = (z \wedge a) \vee (z \wedge b)$$

It follows  $[0, a \vee b] \subseteq U$ . And  $x \wedge y \in [0, a] \cap [0, b]$ . Therefore,  $U = [0, a \vee b]$ .  $\square$

Now we may define a bounded distributive lattice by the intervals.

**Theorem 2.4** (cf. [8]). *Suppose that  $\mathbf{L}$  is a bounded distributive lattice. Let  $\mathfrak{I}(\mathbf{L})$  be the set  $\{[0, x] \mid x \in \mathbf{L}\}$ . Then  $\mathfrak{I}(\mathbf{L})$  is a bounded distributive lattice.*

*Proof.* For every  $a, b \in \mathbf{L}$ , define

$$\begin{aligned} [0, a] \wedge [0, b] &:= [0, a] \cap [0, b] \\ [0, a] \vee [0, b] &:= G([0, a] \cup [0, b]) \\ 0 &:= [0, 0] \\ 1 &:= \mathbf{L} \end{aligned}$$

Then it is a bounded lattice by propositions 2.2 to 2.4, corollaries 2.2.1 to 2.4.1, definition 2.4, and theorem 2.3.

Let  $I_a = [0, a], I_b = [0, b], I_c = [0, c]$  for  $a, b, c \in \mathbf{L}$ . By corollaries 2.3.1 and 2.4.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (I_a \wedge I_b) \vee I_c &= I_{a \wedge b} \vee I_c \\ &= I_{(a \wedge b) \vee c} \\ &= I_{(a \vee c) \wedge (b \vee c)} \\ &= I_{a \vee c} \wedge I_{b \vee c} \\ &= (I_a \vee I_c) \wedge (I_b \vee I_c) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (I_a \vee I_b) \wedge I_c &= I_{a \vee b} \wedge I_c \\ &= I_{(a \vee b) \wedge c} \\ &= I_{(a \wedge c) \vee (b \wedge c)} \\ &= I_{a \wedge c} \vee I_{b \wedge c} \\ &= (I_a \wedge I_c) \vee (I_b \wedge I_c) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the algebra  $\langle \mathfrak{I}(\mathbf{L}), \vee, \wedge, \{0\}, \mathbf{L} \rangle$  is a bounded distributive lattice.  $\square$

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} [0, a] \wedge [0, b] &= [0, a] \cap [0, b] \\ &= [0, a \wedge b] \\ G([0, a] \cup [0, b]) &= [0, a] \vee [0, b] \\ &= [0, a \vee b] \end{aligned}$$

**2.4. Homomorphism of the Lattices.** Let  $\mathbf{L}, \mathbf{L}'$  be two bounded distributive lattices. A homomorphism  $\psi: \mathbf{L} \rightarrow \mathbf{L}'$  is a function compatible with the  $n$ -ary operations of the lattices for  $n \geq 0$  (cf. [2–4, 8]).

**Theorem 2.5.** *Suppose that  $\mathbf{L}, \mathbf{L}'$  are two bounded distributive lattices. Let  $\psi: \mathbf{L} \rightarrow \mathbf{L}'$  be a homomorphism. If  $a \in \mathbf{L}$ , then  $\psi$  induces a homomorphism  $\hat{\psi}_a: [0, a] \rightarrow [0, \psi(a)]$  given by  $x \mapsto \psi(x)$ .*

*Proof.* If  $x \in [0, a]$ , then  $x \wedge a = x$ . Hence

$$\psi(x) = \psi(x \wedge a) = \psi(x) \wedge \psi(a)$$

It follows  $\psi(x) \in [0, \psi(a)]$ . And the subset  $[0, a]$  is a sublattice of  $\langle \mathbf{L}, \vee, \wedge \rangle$  by [theorem 2.2](#). Hence  $\hat{\psi}_a := \psi|_{[0, a]}$  is a homomorphism.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.5.1** (cf. [2–4, 6–8]). *If  $\psi$  is a monomorphism (epimorphism, isomorphism), then  $\hat{\psi}_a$  is a monomorphism (epimorphism, isomorphism) for  $a \in \mathbf{L}$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\psi$  is a monomorphism. Let  $x, y \in [0, a]$  with  $x \neq y$ . Then  $\psi(x) \neq \psi(y)$ . It follows  $\hat{\psi}_a(x) \neq \hat{\psi}_a(y)$ . Hence  $\hat{\psi}_a$  is a monomorphism.

Suppose that  $\psi$  is an epimorphism. For every  $v \in [0, \psi(a)]$ , there exists  $u \in \mathbf{L}$  such that  $\psi(u) = v$ . And

$$v = v \wedge \psi(a) = \psi(u) \wedge \psi(a) = \psi(u \wedge a)$$

Since  $u \wedge a$  is in  $[0, a]$ , that  $\hat{\psi}_a$  is an epimorphism.

Suppose that  $\psi$  is an isomorphism. It follows that  $\hat{\psi}_a$  is an isomorphism.  $\square$

Let  $\psi: \mathbf{L} \rightarrow \mathbf{L}'$  be a homomorphism. Then the subset  $\psi^{-1}(0)$  is special, since it has some interesting properties.

**Proposition 2.5.** *The subset  $\psi^{-1}(0)$  is an interval. Hence it is a bounded distributive lattice.*

To prove [proposition 2.5](#), we need the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.2.** *The subset  $\psi^{-1}(0)$  has one maximal member.*

*Proof.* We have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi\left(\bigvee_{a \in \psi^{-1}(0)} a\right) &= \bigvee_{a \in \psi^{-1}(0)} \psi(a) \\ &= \bigvee 0 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

It follows  $\bigvee_{a \in \psi^{-1}(0)} a \in \psi^{-1}(0)$ . And it is obvious that  $\bigvee_{a \in \psi^{-1}(0)} a$  is the unique maximal member.  $\square$

*Proof of proposition 2.5.* Let  $K$  be the subset  $\psi^{-1}(0)$ ,  $m$  the maximal member of  $K$  by lemma 2.2. We have  $0 \in K$ . For  $a, b \in K$ ,  $\psi(a \vee b) = 0$ ,  $\psi(a \wedge b) = 0$ . It follows  $a \vee b, a \wedge b \in K$ . Hence  $K$  is a lattice. And for every  $x \leq m$ ,  $\psi(x) = \psi(x \wedge m) = 0$ . Hence  $[0, m] \subseteq K$ . On the other hand, for every  $x \in K$ , we have  $x \leq m$ . Hence  $K \subseteq [0, m]$ . Therefore,  $K = [0, m]$ . By corollary 2.1.1,  $K$  is a bounded distributive lattice.  $\square$

The kernel of  $\psi$ ,  $\ker \psi$ , is a congruence relation (cf. [4, 8]), that is,  $\langle a, b \rangle \in \ker \psi$  iff  $\psi(a) = \psi(b)$ . But we need an other definition of kernel in the case of  $\hat{\psi}$ .

**Definition 2.5** (cf. [2, 3]). Suppose that  $\hat{\psi}_a$  is a homomorphism defined in theorem 2.5. Then the **kernel** of  $\hat{\psi}_a$  is the intersection  $\psi^{-1}(0) \cap [0, a]$ .

**Proposition 2.6.** Suppose that  $\hat{\psi}_a$  is a homomorphism defined in theorem 2.5. Then the kernel  $\ker \hat{\psi}_a$  is a sublattice of the lattice  $[0, a]$ . And the kernel is an interval.

*Proof.* Immediate from propositions 2.2 and 2.5, theorem 2.2, and corollary 2.3.1  $\square$

There exists a special homomorphism which is a mapping from an interval to its subinterval.

**Theorem 2.6** ([8]). Suppose that  $\mathbf{L}$  is a bounded distributive lattice. Let  $a, b \in \mathbf{L}$  with  $a \leq b$ . Then there exist a homomorphism  $\varphi_{b,a}: [0, b] \rightarrow [0, a]$  given by  $x \mapsto x \wedge a$ . That  $\varphi_{b,a}$  is a homomorphism of the bounded distributive lattices. If  $a = b$ , then the homomorphism  $\varphi_{b,a}$  is an identity isomorphism [3, 4, 8].

*Proof.* By corollary 2.1.1, we have that the subsets  $[0, a], [0, b]$  are bounded distributive lattices. For every  $x \in [0, b]$ ,  $x \wedge a = x \wedge (a \wedge a) = (x \wedge a) \wedge a$ . It follows  $x \wedge a \leq a$ ,  $x \wedge a \in [0, a]$ . And that  $a \leq b$  implies  $b \wedge a = a$ . For  $x, y, z \in [0, b]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (x \vee y) \wedge a &= (x \wedge a) \vee (y \wedge a) \\ (x \wedge y) \wedge a &= x \wedge y \wedge a \wedge a \\ &= (x \wedge a) \wedge (y \wedge a) \\ ((x \vee y) \wedge z) \wedge a &= ((x \wedge z) \vee (y \wedge z)) \wedge a \\ &= (x \wedge z \wedge a) \vee (y \wedge z \wedge a) \\ &= (x \wedge a \wedge z \wedge a) \vee (y \wedge a \wedge z \wedge a) \\ ((x \wedge y) \vee z) \wedge a &= ((x \vee z) \wedge (y \vee z)) \wedge a \\ &= ((x \vee z) \wedge a) \wedge ((y \vee z) \wedge a) \\ &= ((x \wedge a) \vee (z \wedge a)) \wedge ((y \wedge a) \vee (z \wedge a)) \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(x \vee y) &= \varphi(x) \vee \varphi(y) \\ \varphi(x \wedge y) &= \varphi(x) \wedge \varphi(y) \\ \varphi((x \vee y) \wedge z) &= (\varphi(x) \wedge \varphi(z)) \vee (\varphi(y) \wedge \varphi(z)) \\ \varphi((x \wedge y) \vee z) &= (\varphi(x) \vee \varphi(z)) \wedge (\varphi(y) \vee \varphi(z)) \\ \varphi(0) &= 0 \\ \varphi(b) &= a \end{aligned}$$

It is obvious that  $a = b$  implies that  $\varphi$  is an identity isomorphism.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.7.** Suppose that  $\mathbf{L}$  is a bounded distributive lattice. Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbf{L}$  with  $a \leq b \leq c$ . Let  $\varphi_{b,a}: [0, b] \rightarrow [0, a]$ ,  $\varphi_{c,b}: [0, c] \rightarrow [0, b]$ ,  $\varphi_{c,a}: [0, c] \rightarrow [0, a]$  be the homomorphisms which are defined in [theorem 2.6](#). Then the following diagram is commutative.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} [0, c] & \xrightarrow{\varphi_{c,a}} & [0, a] \\ & \searrow \varphi_{c,b} & \nearrow \varphi_{b,a} \\ & [0, b] & \end{array}$$

*Proof.* For every  $x \in [0, c]$ ,

$$(x \wedge b) \wedge a = x \wedge (b \wedge a) = x \wedge a$$

It follows  $\varphi_{b,a}(\varphi_{c,b}(x)) = \varphi_{c,a}(x)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.7.** Suppose that  $\mathbf{L}$  is a bounded distributive lattice. Let  $a, a_1, a_2 \in \mathbf{L}$  with  $a = a_1 \vee a_2$ . If  $x, y \in [0, a]$ , then  $(x \wedge a_i = y \wedge a_i)_{i=1,2}$  implies  $x = y$ .

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} x &= x \wedge a \\ &= x \wedge (a_1 \vee a_2) \\ &= (x \wedge a_1) \vee (x \wedge a_2) \\ &= (y \wedge a_1) \vee (y \wedge a_2) \\ &= y \wedge (a_1 \vee a_2) \\ &= y \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

**Corollary 2.7.1.** Let  $\{a_i\}_{i \in I} \subseteq \mathbf{L}$ ,  $a \in \mathbf{L}$  with  $\bigvee_{i \in I} a_i = a$ . If  $x \wedge a_i = y \wedge a_i$  for all  $i$ , then  $x = y$ .

*Proof.* It is obvious.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.7.2.** Suppose that  $\varphi_{a,a_i}$  is a homomorphism defined in [theorem 2.6](#) for all  $i$ . If  $\varphi_{a,a_i}(x) = \varphi_{a,a_i}(y)$  for all  $i$ , then  $x = y$ .

*Proof.* It is obvious.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.8.** Suppose that  $\mathbf{L}$  is a bounded distributive lattice. Let  $a, a_1, a_2 \in \mathbf{L}$  with  $a = a_1 \vee a_2$ . If  $x_1 \in [0, a_1]$ ,  $x_2 \in [0, a_2]$  with  $x_1 \wedge a_1 \wedge a_2 = x_2 \wedge a_1 \wedge a_2$ , then there exists  $x \in [0, a]$  such that  $x \wedge a_1 = x_1$  and  $x \wedge a_2 = x_2$ .

*Proof.* The equation  $x_1 \wedge a_1 \wedge a_2 = x_2 \wedge a_1 \wedge a_2$  implies  $x_1 \wedge a_2 = x_2 \wedge a_1$ . Then we have  $(x_1 \wedge a_2) \vee x_1 = (x_2 \wedge a_1) \vee x_1$ . It follows

$$(2.1) \quad x_1 = (x_2 \vee x_1) \wedge (a_1 \vee x_1)$$

Similarly, we have  $(x_1 \wedge a_2) \vee x_2 = (x_2 \wedge a_1) \vee x_2$ . It implies

$$(2.2) \quad (x_1 \vee x_2) \wedge (a_2 \vee x_2) = x_2$$

Since  $x_2 \vee x_1 \in [0, a]$ ,  $a_1 \vee x_1 = a_1$ ,  $a_2 \vee x_2 = a_2$ , equations (2.1) and (2.2), hence the statement is true, and  $x = x_1 \vee x_2$  as desired.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.8.1.** Let  $\{a_i\}_{i \in I} \subseteq \mathbf{L}$ ,  $a \in \mathbf{L}$  with  $\bigvee_{i \in I} a_i = a$ ,  $x_i \in [0, a_i]$ . If  $x_i \wedge a_i \wedge a_j = x_j \wedge a_i \wedge a_j$  for all  $i, j$  then there exists  $x \in [0, a]$  such that  $x_i = x \wedge a_i$ .

*Proof.* It is obvious.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.8.2.** *Suppose that the following mappings  $\varphi_{\square, \square}$  are the homomorphisms defined in [theorem 2.6](#). If  $\varphi_{a_i, a_i \wedge a_j}(x_i) = \varphi_{a_j, a_i \wedge a_j}(x_j)$  for all  $i, j$  then there exists  $x \in [0, a]$  such that  $x_i = \varphi_{a, a_i}(x)$ .*

*Proof.* It is obvious.  $\square$

The composition of  $\varphi_{\square, \square}$  and  $\hat{\psi}_{\square}$  is commutative.

**Proposition 2.8.** *Suppose that  $\mathbf{L}, \mathbf{L}'$  are bounded distributive lattices. Let  $\psi: \mathbf{L} \rightarrow \mathbf{L}'$  be a homomorphism and  $a, b \in \mathbf{L}$  with  $b \leq a$ . Then the following diagram is commutative where  $\hat{\psi}_{\square}$  and  $\varphi_{\square, \square}$  are defined in [theorems 2.5](#) and [2.6](#), respectively.*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} [0, a] & \xrightarrow{\hat{\psi}_a} & [0, \psi(a)] \\ \downarrow \varphi_{a,b} & & \downarrow \varphi_{\psi(a), \psi(b)} \\ [0, b] & \xrightarrow{\hat{\psi}_b} & [0, \psi(b)] \end{array}$$

*Proof.* For every  $x \in [0, a]$ ,

$$\psi(x) \wedge \psi(b) = \psi(x \wedge b)$$

Therefore, the statement is true.  $\square$

**2.5. Generated by Lattices.** By [propositions 2.2](#) and [2.3](#) and [corollary 2.3.1](#), we have  $x \wedge y \in [0, a \wedge b]$  for all  $x \in [0, a]$ ,  $y \in [0, b]$ . If  $a \wedge b = 0$ , then  $[0, a] \cap [0, b] = \{0\}$ . Hence  $x \wedge y = 0$  for all  $x \in [0, a]$ ,  $y \in [0, b]$ . If  $a \wedge b \neq 0$ , then there exists  $x \in [0, a]$ ,  $y \in [0, b]$  such that  $x \wedge y \neq 0$ , since  $x \wedge a \wedge b$  and  $y \wedge a \wedge b$  need not be 0. And we have

$$\begin{aligned} ([0, a] \cap [0, b] = [0, a \wedge b]) &\subseteq [0, a], [0, b] \\ &\subseteq (G([0, a] \cup [0, b]) = [0, a \vee b]) \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} (2.3) \quad x \wedge y &= x \wedge y \wedge (a \wedge b) \\ &= (x \wedge a \wedge b) \wedge (y \wedge a \wedge b) \\ &= \varphi_{a, a \wedge b}(x) \wedge \varphi_{b, a \wedge b}(y) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\varphi_{\square, \square}$  is defined in [theorem 2.6](#).

Since an interval is a bounded distributive lattice (cf. [corollary 2.1.1](#)), and a bounded distributive lattice is regarded as the 'join' of the intervals, hence we may obtain a bounded distributive lattice by other bounded distributive lattices.

Suppose that  $\mathbf{L}, \mathbf{L}'$  are bounded distributive lattices. Let  $a \in \mathbf{L}$ ,  $a' \in \mathbf{L}'$  with  $[0, a] \cong [0, a']$ . Then there exists an isomorphism  $\eta: [0, a] \rightarrow [0, a']$  of bounded distributive lattices. We may define an equivalence relation [\[10\]](#) by  $\eta$  and  $\eta^{-1}$ .

**Definition 2.6** (cf. [\[2, 3, 8, 10\]](#)). Let ' $\sim$ ' be an equivalence relation in  $\mathbf{L} \cup \mathbf{L}'$  provided that

$$x \sim y \quad \text{if} \quad \begin{cases} x = y & \text{for } x, y \in \mathbf{L} \cup \mathbf{L}' \\ \eta(x) = y & \text{for } x \in [0, a] \\ x = \eta^{-1}(y) & \text{for } y \in [0, a'] \end{cases}$$

A quotient(cf. [2, 3, 8]) of the set is an equivalence classes determined by an equivalence relation. Then we have a quotient  $(\mathbf{L} \cup \mathbf{L}') / \sim$ .

**Definition 2.7.** Suppose that  $\mathbf{L}, \mathbf{L}'$  are bounded distributive lattices. Let  $a \in \mathbf{L}, a' \in \mathbf{L}'$  with  $[0, a] \cong [0, a']$ ,  $\eta: [0, a] \rightarrow [0, a']$  an isomorphism of bounded distributive lattices. Then let  $G(\mathbf{L} \cup \mathbf{L}')$  be the bounded distributive lattice generated by  $(\mathbf{L} \cup \mathbf{L}') / \sim$  where  $(\mathbf{L} \cup \mathbf{L}') / \sim$  is a quotient determined by an equivalence relation ' $\sim$ ' defined by  $\eta$  (see [definition 2.6](#)). And let

$$(2.4) \quad 1_{\mathbf{L}} \wedge 1_{\mathbf{L}'} := a(\text{or } a')$$

Then we say that  $G(\mathbf{L} \cup \mathbf{L}')$  is **generated by  $\mathbf{L} \cup \mathbf{L}'$  via** the isomorphism  $\eta$ .

Then similar to [proposition 2.4](#), we have

**Proposition 2.9.** *The lattices  $\mathbf{L}, \mathbf{L}'$  are the intervals of  $G(\mathbf{L} \cup \mathbf{L}')$ . Hence the lattice  $G(\mathbf{L} \cup \mathbf{L}')$  is the set  $\{x \vee x' = x' \vee x \mid x \in \mathbf{L}, x' \in \mathbf{L}'\}$*

*Proof.* We have  $\mathbf{L} \cong [0, 1_{\mathbf{L}}]$  by [theorem 2.3](#). For  $x \in \mathbf{L}, x' \in \mathbf{L}'$ , we have  $x \wedge x' \in [0, a(a')]$  by [proposition 2.3](#), [corollary 2.3.1](#), and equations (2.3) and (2.4). Then similar to the proof of [proposition 2.4](#).  $\square$

**Corollary 2.9.1.**

$$G(\mathbf{L} \cup \mathbf{L}') = \langle (\mathbf{L} \cup \mathbf{L}') / \sim, \vee, \wedge, 0, 1_{\mathbf{L}} \vee 1_{\mathbf{L}'} \rangle$$

*Proof.* It is obvious.  $\square$

**2.6. Lattice forms Category.** We seen that a partial order forms a category, see [6]. Hence a lattice forms a category, by [theorem 2.1](#).

**Definition 2.8** (cf. [6]). Suppose that  $\mathbf{L}$  is a bounded distributive lattice. Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a category provided that

**Objects:** The members of the lattice  $\mathbf{L}$ .

**Morphisms:** There is at most one morphism  $a \rightarrow b$   
for  $a, b \in \mathbf{L}$  with  $a \leq b$ .

It is obvious that  $\mathcal{L}$  satisfies the definition of category.

**Proposition 2.10.** *A sublattice of  $\mathbf{L}$  forms the subcategory[6] of  $\mathcal{L}$ .*

*Proof.* It is obvious.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.11.** *Suppose that  $\mathbf{L}, \mathbf{L}'$  are bounded distributive lattices. Let  $\psi: \mathbf{L} \rightarrow \mathbf{L}'$  be a homomorphism. If  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{L}'$  are categories define in [definition 2.8](#), then  $\psi$  forms a functor from  $\mathcal{L}$  to  $\mathcal{L}'$ .*

*Proof.* A homomorphism is compatible with the operations and the compositions of the operations. Hence the statement is true.  $\square$

**2.7. Morphism of Functors.** Recall some facts in [6]. Suppose that  $\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}'$  are categories. Let  $F, H: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}'$  be functors. Then a morphism from  $F$  to  $H$  is a natural transformation[6]  $\tau: F \rightarrow H$ , and for every  $(f: C \rightarrow C') \in \mathcal{C}$ , the following diagram is commutative(cf. [6]).

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} F(C) & \xrightarrow{\tau_C} & H(C) \\ F(f) \downarrow & & \downarrow H(f) \\ F(C') & \xrightarrow{\tau_{C'}} & H(C') \end{array}$$

Then the diagram(2.5) is regarded as the diagram(2.6) where  $I$  is an identity functor.

$$(2.6) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} F(C) & \xrightarrow{\tau_C} & H(I(C)) \\ F(f) \downarrow & & \downarrow H(f) \\ F(C') & \xrightarrow{\tau_{C'}} & H(I(C')) \end{array}$$

Hence we may replace  $I$  by other functor.

Suppose that  $\mathcal{D}$  is a category. Let  $T: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ ,  $S: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}'$  be functors. If  $\eta$  is a morphism from  $F$  to  $S \circ T$ , then for every  $(f: C \rightarrow C') \in \mathcal{C}$ , the morphism  $\eta$  makes the diagram(2.7) commutate.

$$(2.7) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} F(C) & \xrightarrow{\eta_C} & S \circ T(C) \\ F(f) \downarrow & & \downarrow S \circ T(f) \\ F(C') & \xrightarrow{\eta_{C'}} & S \circ T(C') \end{array}$$

## 2.8. Chain.

**Definition 2.9** (cf. [5]). A **chain**  $\{a_n\}$  in a bounded distributive lattice  $\mathbf{L}$  is a nonempty subset which has the infimum, and if  $a, b \in \{a_n\}$ , then either  $a < b$  or  $b < a$ .

**Proposition 2.12.** A chain  $\{a_n\}$  of a bounded distributive lattice  $(\mathbf{L}, \vee, \wedge, 0, 1)$  is a lattice  $(\{a_n\}, \vee, \wedge)$ .

To prove [proposition 2.12](#), we need the following lemma:

**Lemma 2.3** (cf. [8]). Suppose that  $\mathbf{L}$  is a lattice. Let  $a, b \in \mathbf{L}$  with  $a \leq b$ . Then  $a \vee b = b$ .

*Proof.*  $a \vee b = (a \wedge b) \vee b = b$  □

*Proof of [proposition 2.12](#).* Let  $a, b \in \{a_n\}$ . Then  $a \leq b$  or  $b \leq a$ . By [lemma 2.3](#), we have either  $a \vee b = b$ ,  $a \wedge b = a$  or  $a \vee b = a$ ,  $a \wedge b = b$ . Therefore, the chain  $\{a_n\}$  is a lattice. □

A sublattice forms a subcategory, hence we have that

**Corollary 2.12.1.** A chain  $\{a_n\}$  in  $\mathbf{L}$  forms a category.

*Proof.* Immediate from [propositions 2.10](#) and [2.12](#). □

## 3. Sheaf

A sheaf is a contravariant functor[6] from a category  $\mathfrak{Top}(X)$ [1] to a category  $\mathcal{C}$  where  $\mathfrak{Top}(X)$  is the category of open sets in a topological space  $X$ , see [1, 9]. The open subsets in a topological space  $X$  form a distributive bounded lattice(cf. [4, 8], [definition 2.1](#)). A lattice is a poset(cf. [subsection 2.2](#)) and a poset forms a category(cf. [6]), hence a lattice forms a category(cf. [definition 2.8](#)). So we may construct a sheaf of lattices on a bounded distributive lattice.

**3.1. A Sheaf of Lattices on a Distributive Bounded Lattice.** In [theorem 2.2](#), we have known that if  $\mathbf{L}$  is a bounded distributive lattice and  $a \in \mathbf{L}$ , then  $[0, a]$  is a sublattice of  $\langle \mathbf{L}, \vee, \wedge \rangle$ . Let  $\mathcal{LAT}$  be the category of lattices, and the morphisms in  $\mathcal{LAT}$  is the homomorphisms of lattices. Then we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.1** (cf. [\[1, 7, 9\]](#)). *Suppose that  $\langle \mathbf{L}, \vee, \wedge, 0, 1 \rangle$  is a bounded distributive lattice. Then let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a contravariant functor from the category  $\mathcal{L}$  ([definition 2.8](#)) to the category  $\mathcal{LAT}$  together with*

- For every  $a \in \mathbf{L}$ ,  $\mathcal{L}(a) = [0, a]$  (see [theorem 2.2](#));
- For every  $a, b \in \mathbf{L}$  with  $a \leq b$ , the restriction map [\[9\]](#)  $\text{res}_{b,a}: [0, b] \rightarrow [0, a]$  is the homomorphism  $\varphi_{b,a}$  (see [theorem 2.6](#));
- If  $a = b$ , then the restriction map is the identity isomorphism (see [theorem 2.6](#));
- If  $a \leq b \leq c$ , then the following diagram is commutative (see [proposition 2.7](#));

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{L}(c) & \xrightarrow{\text{res}_{c,a}} & \mathcal{L}(a) \\ & \searrow \text{res}_{c,b} & \nearrow \text{res}_{b,a} \\ & & \mathcal{L}(b) \end{array}$$

Then the functor  $\mathcal{L}$  is a **presheaf** [\[1, 7, 9\]](#) of lattices on a bounded distributive lattice  $\mathbf{L}$ .

*Proof.* Immediate from [definition 2.8](#), [theorems 2.2](#) and [2.6](#), and [proposition 2.7](#).  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** *The presheaf  $\mathcal{L}$  is a sheaf.*

*Proof.* The presheaf  $\mathcal{L}$  satisfies identity axiom [\[9, subsection 2.2.6\]](#) by [theorem 2.7](#) and [corollaries 2.7.1](#) and [2.7.2](#). And the presheaf satisfies gluability axiom [\[9, subsection 2.2.6\]](#) by [theorem 2.8](#) and [corollaries 2.8.1](#) and [2.8.2](#). Therefore, it is a sheaf.  $\square$

We have seen that the intervals of a bounded distributive lattice form a lattice in [subsection 2.3](#). And for all  $a \in \mathbf{L}$ ,  $\mathcal{L}(a)$  is an interval.

**Proposition 3.1.** *For  $a, b \in \mathbf{L}$ ,*

$$\mathcal{L}(a \vee b) = \mathcal{L}(a) \vee \mathcal{L}(b)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(a \wedge b) = \mathcal{L}(a) \wedge \mathcal{L}(b)$$

*Proof.* We have

$$\mathcal{L}(a \vee b) = [0, a \vee b] = [0, a] \vee [0, b]$$

$$\mathcal{L}(a \wedge b) = [0, a \wedge b] = [0, a] \wedge [0, b]$$

by [corollaries 2.1.1](#) to [2.4.1](#) and [theorem 2.4](#).  $\square$

**3.2. Stalk of  $\mathcal{L}$ .** Suppose that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a sheaf of sets on a topological space  $X$ . Let  $p \in X$ . Then the stalk at  $p$  is a colimit [\[6\]](#) of  $\mathcal{F}(U)$  over all open sets  $U$  containing  $p$ :  $\mathcal{F}_p = \varinjlim \mathcal{F}(U)$ , see [\[1, 9\]](#).

But we may define a stalk of  $\mathcal{L}$  at a chain [\[definition 2.9\]](#). Suppose that  $\mathbf{L}$  is a bounded distributive lattice. Let  $\{a_n\}$  be a chain in  $\mathbf{L}$ . It is obvious that the chain  $\{a_n\}$  is a subcategory of  $\mathcal{L}$  ([definition 2.8](#)) by [propositions 2.10](#) and [2.12](#). Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the subcategory. Hence there exists a contravariant functor  $F$  from  $\mathcal{H}$  to the category  $\mathcal{LAT}$  of lattices such that  $F = \mathcal{L}|_{\{a_n\}}$ . Then we have

**Definition 3.1.** The **stalk** of  $\mathcal{L}$  at the chain[definition 2.9]  $\{a_n\}$  is the colimit of  $F$ . If  $m \in \mathbf{L}$  is the infimum of  $\{a_n\}$ , then  $\lim_{\rightarrow} F = [0, m]$ . Let  $\mathcal{L}_{\{a_n\}}$  denote the stalk.

*Remark 3.1.* We have  $\mathcal{L}_{\{a_n\}} = \mathcal{L}(m)$ .

And the sheaf  $\mathcal{L}$  may be formed by the stalks. Let  $a = \bigvee_{i \in I} a_i$  and  $a_i$  the infimum of a chain  $\{s_n\}_i$  for every  $i$ . By corollary 2.4.1, theorem 2.4, and proposition 3.1, we have

$$\mathcal{L}(a) = \bigvee_{i \in I} \mathcal{L}_{\{s_n\}_i}$$

**3.3. Morphism of the Sheaves.** Suppose that  $\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}'$  are the sheaves. Then a morphism  $\pi: \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}'$  is a natural transformation(cf. [1, 6, 7, 9]).

Now, we construct a morphism of sheaves  $\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{L}'$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** Suppose that  $\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{L}'$  are two sheaves defined in theorem 3.1 on bounded distributive lattices  $\mathbf{L}, \mathbf{L}'$ , respectively. Let  $\psi: \mathbf{L} \rightarrow \mathbf{L}'$  be a homomorphism. Hence  $\psi$  forms a functor(cf. proposition 2.11). Then  $\psi$  induces a morphism  $\hat{\psi}: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}'$  and the morphism  $\hat{\psi}$  is the natural transformation  $\mathcal{L} \xrightarrow{\hat{\psi}} \mathcal{L}' \circ \psi$ . And  $\hat{\psi}_a: \mathcal{L}(a) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}'(\psi(a))$  is the homomorphism defined in theorem 2.5 for all  $a \in \mathbf{L}$ .

*Proof.* Immediate from definition 2.8, theorems 2.5, 3.1 and 3.2, propositions 2.8 and 2.11, and section 2.7.  $\square$

Suppose that  $\mathbf{L}, \mathbf{L}'$  are two bounded distributive lattices. Let  $\psi: \mathbf{L} \rightarrow \mathbf{L}'$  be a homomorphism. The image of  $\psi$  is a sublattice of  $\mathbf{L}'$ . Hence the image is a bounded distributive lattice. And the image forms a subcategory.

**Proposition 3.2.** Let  $\hat{\psi}$  be the morphism which is defined in theorem 3.3. Then the image of  $\hat{\psi}$  is a sheaf on the bounded distributive lattice  $\psi(\mathbf{L})$ .

*Proof.* By definition 2.8, proposition 2.10, and theorems 3.1 to 3.3, the image of  $\hat{\psi}$  is the functor  $\mathcal{L}'$  restricted to the subcategory  $\psi(\mathcal{L})$  of  $\mathcal{L}'$ . Let  $\mathcal{L}'|_{\psi(\mathcal{L})}$  denote the restricted functor. It is obvious that  $\mathcal{L}'|_{\psi(\mathcal{L})}$  satisfies the definition of a sheaf.  $\square$

**Definition 3.2** (cf. [1, 3, 4, 6–9]). Suppose that  $\hat{\psi}$  is the morphism defined in theorem 3.3. Then the morphism  $\hat{\psi}$  is a **monomorphism(epimorphism, isomorphism)**, if  $\psi$  is a monomorphism(epimorphism, isomorphism).

**Theorem 3.4.** Suppose that  $\hat{\psi}$  is the morphism defined in theorem 3.3. If  $\hat{\psi}$  is a monomorphism(epimorphism, isomorphism), then  $\hat{\psi}_a: \mathcal{L}(a) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}'(\psi(a))$  is a monomorphism(epimorphism, isomorphism).

*Proof.* Immediate from corollary 2.5.1.  $\square$

**3.4. Subsheaf.** Suppose that  $\mathcal{L}', \mathcal{L}$  are sheaves defined in theorem 3.1 on bounded distributive lattices  $\mathbf{L}', \mathbf{L}$ , respectively. Let  $\hat{\psi}: \mathcal{L}' \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$  be a monomorphism defined in definition 3.2. Then the image of  $\hat{\psi}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{L}'$  by proposition 3.2 and definition 3.2.

**Definition 3.3** (cf. [1, 9]). Suppose that  $\mathcal{L}$  is a sheaf defined in theorem 3.1 on a bounded distributive lattice  $\mathbf{L}$ . Then the sheaf  $\mathcal{L}'$  is a **subsheaf** of  $\mathcal{L}$  if there exists a monomorphism  $\hat{\psi}: \mathcal{L}' \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$  such that  $\mathcal{L}'$  is the image of  $\hat{\psi}$ . If the subsheaf  $\mathcal{L}'$  is on a bounded distributive lattice  $\mathbf{L}'$ , then let  $\mathcal{L}|_{\mathbf{L}'}$  denote the subsheaf where  $\mathcal{L}'$  is the category which is formed by  $\mathbf{L}'$ (see definition 2.8).

A morphism  $\hat{\psi}: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}'$  is a natural transformation (see [theorem 3.3](#)). Hence for every  $a \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $\hat{\psi}_a$  is a homomorphism of the intervals. In [definition 2.5](#), we defined the kernel of  $\hat{\psi}_a$ . And we have the fact that the subset  $\psi^{-1}(0)$  is a bounded distributive lattice (cf. [proposition 2.5](#)). Hence  $\psi^{-1}(0)$  is a category by [definition 2.8](#). Now, we may define the kernel of  $\hat{\psi}$ .

**Definition 3.4** (cf. [\[1, 9\]](#)). Suppose that  $\hat{\psi}$  is the morphism defined in [theorem 3.3](#). Let a **kernel** of  $\hat{\psi}$  be the subsheaf  $\mathcal{L} \upharpoonright \psi^{-1}(0)$ .

*Remark 3.2.* The kernel  $\ker \hat{\psi}$  is a subsheaf of  $\mathcal{L}$  such that  $\hat{\psi}_k((\ker \hat{\psi})(k)) = \{0\}$  for all  $k \in \psi^{-1}(0)$ . In [corollary 2.1.1](#), we have that  $[0, a]$  is a bounded distributive lattice for  $a \in \mathbf{L}$ . Specially, let  $a = 0$ . Then  $\{0\}$  is a bounded distributive lattice. Let  $\tilde{0}$  denote the sheaf on  $\{0\}$ . Then the image of the morphism  $\hat{\psi} \upharpoonright \ker \hat{\psi}$  is  $\tilde{0}$ . Suppose that  $\mathcal{S}$  is the category of the sheaves on bounded distributive lattices. Then  $\tilde{0}$  is a null object [\[6\]](#) of  $\mathcal{S}$ . And for all morphism  $\hat{\rho}: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$  in  $\mathcal{S}$ , if  $\hat{\psi} \circ \hat{\rho} = 0$ , then there exist unique morphism  $\hat{\pi}: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \ker \hat{\psi}$  such that the following diagram is commutative (cf. [\[6\]](#)).

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathcal{X} & & & & \\ \hat{\pi} \downarrow & \searrow \hat{\rho} & & \searrow 0 & \\ \ker \hat{\psi} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{L} & \xrightarrow{\hat{\psi}} & \mathcal{L}' \end{array}$$

**3.5. Gluing Sheaves.** Suppose that  $\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{L}'$  are the sheaves which are defined in [theorem 3.1](#). In [proposition 3.1](#), for all  $a, b \in \mathbf{L}$ , we have seen

$$\mathcal{L}(a \vee b) = \mathcal{L}(a) \vee \mathcal{L}(b) = [0, a] \vee [0, b] = [0, a \vee b]$$

And an interval  $[0, a]$  is a bounded distributive lattice by [corollary 2.1.1](#).

**Definition 3.5** (cf. [\[1, 9\]](#)). Suppose that  $\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{L}'$  are defined on bounded distributive lattices  $\mathbf{L}, \mathbf{L}'$ , respectively. Let  $a \in \mathbf{L}, a' \in \mathbf{L}'$  with  $[0, a] \cong [0, a']$ ,  $\eta: [0, a] \rightarrow [0, a']$  an isomorphism of the bounded distributive lattices. By [definition 3.2](#), that  $\eta$  induces an isomorphism of sheaves:

$$\hat{\eta}: \mathcal{L} \upharpoonright [0, a] \rightarrow \mathcal{L}' \upharpoonright [0, a']$$

where  $\mathcal{L} \upharpoonright [0, a]$  and  $\mathcal{L}' \upharpoonright [0, a']$  are subsheaves defined in [definition 3.3](#). Then let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a sheaf on the bounded distributive lattice  $G(\mathbf{L} \cup \mathbf{L}')$  which is defined in [definition 2.7](#). We say that the sheaf  $\mathcal{M}$  is obtained by **gluing**  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{L}'$  **via** an isomorphism  $\hat{\eta}$ . Then the sheaves  $\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{L}'$  may be regarded as the subsheaves of  $\mathcal{M}$ .

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