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# Operator residuation in orthomodular posets of finite height \*

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#### Abstract

We show that for every orthomodular poset  $\mathbf{P} = (P, \leq, ', 0, 1)$  of finite height there can be defined two operators forming an adjoint pair with respect to an order-like relation defined on the power set of *P*. This enables us to introduce the so-called operator residuated poset corresponding to **P** from which the original orthomodular poset **P** can be recovered. We show that this construction of operators can be applied also to so-called weakly orthomodular and dually weakly orthomodular posets. Examples of such posets are included.

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The first attempts for algebraic axiomatization of the logic of quantum mechanics were done by G. Birkhoff and J. von Neumann [4] and K. Husimi [11] via orthomodular lattices. Later on several authors working in quantum mechanics decided that such an axiomatization is imprecise since for two operators P and Q on the corresponding Hilbert space their disjunction, i.e. the lattice join, need not exist in the case when P and Q are neither comparable nor orthogonal. Hence the concept of an orthomodular poset was introduced (see [9]) and the majority of researchers believe that orthomodular posets form a better algebraic axiomatization of the logic of quantum mechanics, see, e.g., [13] and [15].

Our motivation is to define a logical connective implication in the logic based on an orthomodular poset. However, we asked that for this connective there should be an adjoint operator which could be considered as the logical connective conjunction. If it can be organized in this way then this logic can be considered as a certain version of a fuzzy logic. We are convinced in an advantage of this approach. As far as the authors know, such an approach was not

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yet used by authors working in the logic of quantum mechanics, see e.g. [4], [10], [11], [13], [14] or [15]. It is worth noticing that structures with two operators satisfying adjointness were studied by R. Bělohlávek [1].

It is not so easy to introduce the connective implication in the propositional logic based on an orthomodular poset. Namely, since orthomodular posets are only partial lattices where the lattice operation join need not exist for elements being neither comparable nor orthogonal, also implication is often considered as a partial operation. However, such an approach may cause problems for developing the corresponding logic. We used another approach where implication is everywhere defined, but its result  $x \rightarrow y$  for given entries x and y need not be an element, but may be a subset of the orthomodular poset in question, see [7]. In [7] we showed that for such an implication there exists an operator  $\odot$  (considered as conjunction) such that  $(\rightarrow, \odot)$  forms a pair connected by some kind of unsharp adjointness. The disadvantage of this approach is that the rule for unsharp adjointness is rather complicated and does not correspond to adjointness as usually considered in residuated structures, see e.g. [1]

In [8] we developed a better approach where the considered orthomodular posets are of finite height. We introduced an everywhere defined connective implication which satisfies the properties usually asked in classical and non-classical logics. Again the result  $x \rightarrow y$  for given entries x and y need not be an element, but may be a subset of the orthomodular poset in question. But now this subset contains only the maximal values. Of course, if there is only one maximal value then the result is equal to it and hence the result of implication is an element. In other words, if our orthomodular poset is a lattice then the implication defined there coincides with the implication usually introduced in orthomodular lattices, see, e.g., [12] and [13]. On the other hand, if several maximal values of  $x \rightarrow y$  exist then this may not cause problems since such an "unsharp" reasoning in quantum mechanics was already treated e.g. in [10]. Moreover, this approach enabled us to derive a nice Gentzen system for the axiomatization of this logic, i.e. a system consisting of five simple axioms and six derivation rules only, see [8] for details.

The above mentioned approach motivates us to study a kind of residuation for such a logic based on orthomodular posets of finite height. The aim of this paper is to find an operator  $\odot$  such that the couple ( $\rightarrow$ ,  $\odot$ ) forms an adjoint pair.

We start with definitions and basic properties of our concepts.

**Definition 1.** An *orthomodular poset* is a bounded poset  $(P, \leq, ', 0, 1)$  with an antitone involution ' which is a complementation satisfying the following conditions:

- (i) If  $x, y \in P$  and  $x \leq y'$  then  $x \vee y$  is defined.
- (ii) If  $x, y \in P$  and  $x \le y$  then  $y = x \lor (y' \lor x)'$  (orthomodularity).

If  $x, y \in P$  and  $x \le y'$  then x and y are called *orthogonal* to each other which will be denoted by  $x \perp y$ . It is easy to see that the expression at the end of condition (ii) is well-defined. Due to De Morgan's laws, (ii) can equivalently be rewritten in any of the following ways:

(A) If  $x, y \in P$  and  $x \le y$  then  $y = x \lor (y \land x')$ . (B) If  $x, y \in P$  and  $x \le y$  then  $x = y \land (x \lor y')$ .

If, moreover, the poset  $(P, \leq)$  is a lattice, then  $(P, \leq, ', 0, 1)$  is called an *orthomodular lattice*, see e.g. [3]. Observe that if a poset  $(P, \leq, ')$  with an involution satisfies (B) then it also satisfies (i).

**Example 2.** Of course, every orthomodular lattice is an orthomodular poset. However, there are orthomodular posets that are not lattices. The smallest orthomodular poset that is not a lattice is depicted in Fig. 1, see e.g. [14].

It is not a lattice since  $a \lor b$  does not exist because g' and h' are two distinct minimal upper bounds of a and b. This orthomodular poset is finite and hence of finite height. The smallest orthomodular lattice that is not a Boolean algebra is visualized in Fig. 2.

It is easy to show that a horizontal sum of an arbitrary number of orthomodular posets of finite height is an orthomodular poset of finite height again. Hence there exist also infinite orthomodular posets of finite height.

Let  $(P, \leq)$  be a poset,  $a, b \in P$  and  $A, B \subseteq P$ . We define  $A \leq B$  if  $x \leq y$  for all  $x \in A$  and all  $y \in B$ . Instead of  $\{a\} \leq \{b\}, \{a\} \leq B$  and  $A \leq \{b\}$  we simply write  $a \leq b, a \leq B$  and  $A \leq b$ , respectively. Further, we define

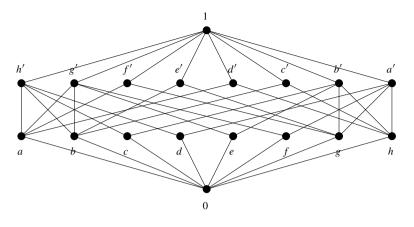


Fig. 1. Smallest orthomodular poset not being a lattice.

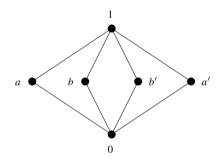


Fig. 2. Smallest orthomodular lattice not being a Boolean algebra.

$$L(A) := \{x \in P \mid x \le A\},\$$
$$U(A) := \{x \in P \mid A \le x\}.$$

Instead of  $L(\{a\})$ ,  $L(\{a, b\})$ ,  $L(\{a\} \cup B)$ ,  $L(A \cup B)$  and L(U(A)) we simply write L(a), L(a, b), L(a, B), L(A, B)and LU(A), respectively. Analogously, we proceed in similar cases. The meaning of expressions like  $A \vee B$ ,  $a \vee B$ and A' is as follows:

 $A \lor B := \{x \lor y \mid x \in A, y \in B\},\$  $a \lor B := \{a \lor y \mid y \in B\},\$  $A' := \{x' \mid x \in A\}$ 

**Lemma 3.** Let  $\mathbf{P} = (P, \leq, ')$  be a poset with a unary operation,  $a, b \in P$  and  $A, B \subseteq P$ . Then the following hold:

- (i) If **P** satisfies (A) and  $a \leq B$  then  $B = a \vee (B \wedge a')$ .
- (*ii*) If **P** satisfies (B) and  $A \leq b$  then  $A = b \land (A \lor b')$ .

**Proof.** (i) If **P** satisfies (A) and  $a \le B$  then  $B = \{x \mid x \in B\} = \{a \lor (x \land a') \mid x \in B\} = a \lor (B \land a')$ . (ii) If **P** satisfies (B) and  $A \le b$  then  $A = \{x \mid x \in A\} = \{b \land (x \lor b') \mid x \in A\} = b \land (A \lor b')$ .  $\Box$ 

A poset  $(P, \leq)$  is said to be of *finite height* if it contains no infinite chain. In such a case, every non-empty subset of *P* has at least one minimal and one maximal element. Denote by Min *A* and Max *A* the set of all minimal and maximal elements of the subset *A* of *P*, respectively.

**Lemma 4.** Let  $\mathbf{P} = (P, \leq, ')$  be a poset of finite height and  $a, b \in P$ . Then the following hold:

- (i) If **P** satisfies (A) and ' is an involution then  $Min U(a, b') \wedge b$  is defined.
- (ii) If **P** satisfies (B) then  $a' \vee \text{Max } L(a, b)$  is defined.

#### Proof.

(i) If **P** satisfies (A) and ' is an involution then because of  $b' \leq Min U(a, b')$  we have

 $\operatorname{Min} U(a, b') = b' \vee \left(\operatorname{Min} U(a, b') \wedge b''\right)$ 

and hence  $\operatorname{Min} U(a, b') \wedge b = \operatorname{Min} U(a, b') \wedge b''$  is defined.

(ii) If **P** satisfies (B) then because of  $Max L(a, b) \le a$  we have

 $\operatorname{Max} L(a, b) = a \wedge \left( \operatorname{Max} L(a, b) \lor a' \right)$ 

and hence  $a' \lor \operatorname{Max} L(a, b) = \operatorname{Max} L(a, b) \lor a'$  is defined.  $\Box$ 

Due to the previous result, on every orthomodular poset  $(P, \leq, ', 0, 1)$  of finite height we can introduce the following everywhere defined operators  $\odot, \rightarrow : P^2 \rightarrow 2^P \setminus \{\emptyset\}$ :

 $x \odot y := \operatorname{Min} U(x, y') \land y,$  $x \to y := x' \lor \operatorname{Max} L(x, y)$ 

for all  $x, y \in P$ .

**Remark 5.** If  $\mathbf{L} = (L, \vee, \wedge, ', 0, 1)$  is an orthomodular lattice then

$$\operatorname{Min} U(x, y') = x \lor y'$$
$$\operatorname{Max} L(x, y) = x \land y,$$

thus

$$x \odot y = (x \lor y') \land y,$$
$$x \to y = x' \lor (x \land y).$$

(The expression  $(x \lor y') \land y$  is called the *Sasaki projection* of x to [0, y].) This means that  $\rightarrow$  is the implication in orthomodular lattices as considered in [2], [12] and [13]. In the case where **L** is a Boolean algebra (axiomatizing classical propositional logic) then the just defined operations reduce to

$$x \odot y = x \land y,$$
$$x \to y = x' \lor y$$

as expected. For orthomodular posets of finite height, the operator  $\rightarrow$  introduced above coincides with the implication introduced in [8].

Let  $(P, \leq)$  be a poset, we define a binary relation  $\sqsubseteq$  on  $2^P \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  as follows: For all non-empty subsets A and B of P

 $A \sqsubseteq B : \Leftrightarrow$  there exists some  $a \in A$  and some  $b \in B$  with  $a \le b$ 

Assume that  $a, b \in P$  and let A, B, C be non-empty subsets of P. Then the following hold:

- (i)  $\{a\} \sqsubseteq \{b\}$  if and only if  $a \le b$ . (ii)  $A \sqsubseteq A$
- (iii)  $A \leq B$  implies  $A \sqsubseteq B$ .

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- (iv)  $A \leq B \sqsubseteq C$  implies  $A \sqsubseteq C$ .
- (v)  $A \sqsubseteq B \le C$  implies  $A \sqsubseteq C$ .

Statement (i) shows that if we identify the elements x of P with the corresponding singletons  $\{x\}$  then the restriction of the relation  $\sqsubseteq$  to P coincides just with the original relation  $\le$  on P.

In the sequel, if  $s(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$  and  $t(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$  are two expressions in the variables  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$  then  $s(x_1, \ldots, x_n) \approx t(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$  means that  $s(a_1, \ldots, a_n) = t(a_1, \ldots, a_n)$  holds for all  $a_1, \ldots, a_n$  in the range of the corresponding variables  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$ .

In the following, if P is a non-empty set and  $\otimes$  a mapping from  $P^2$  to  $2^P$ , i.e. a binary operator on P, then we define

$$A\otimes y:=\bigcup_{x\in A}(x\otimes y)$$

for all  $A \subseteq P$  and  $y \in P$ .

For the operators  $\odot$  and  $\rightarrow$  defined above we can prove the following properties.

**Lemma 6.** Let  $(P, \leq, ', 0, 1)$  be an orthomodular poset of finite height and  $a, b, c \in P$  and define

$$x \odot y := \operatorname{Min} U(x, y') \land y,$$
$$x \to y := x' \lor \operatorname{Max} L(x, y)$$

for all  $x, y \in P$ . Then the following hold:

(i)  $\operatorname{Min} U(a, b) \odot a = a$ (ii)  $a \le b$  implies  $a \to b = 1$ . (iii)  $1 \to a = a$ (iv)  $a \le b$  implies  $c \to a \sqsubseteq c \to b$ .

**Proof.** Because of Lemma 4,  $\odot$  and  $\rightarrow$  are well-defined.

- (i)  $\operatorname{Min} U(a,b) \odot a = \bigcup_{x \in \operatorname{Min} U(a,b)} (x \odot a) = \bigcup_{x \in \operatorname{Min} U(a,b)} \left( \operatorname{Min} U(x,a') \land a \right) = \bigcup_{x \in \operatorname{Min} U(a,b)} \{1 \land a\} = \{a\}$
- (ii)  $a \le b$  implies  $a \to b = a' \lor \operatorname{Max} L(a, b) = a' \lor a = 1$ .
- (iii)  $1 \rightarrow a = 1' \lor \operatorname{Max} L(1, a) = 0 \lor a = a$
- (iv) Any of the following statements implies the next one:

$$a \le b,$$

$$L(c, a) \subseteq L(c, b),$$

$$\operatorname{Max} L(c, a) \sqsubseteq \operatorname{Max} L(c, b),$$

$$c \to a = c' \vee \operatorname{Max} L(c, a) \sqsubseteq c' \vee \operatorname{Max} L(c, b) = c \to b. \quad \Box$$

Next we introduce our main concept.

**Definition 7.** An *operator residuated structure* is an ordered six-tuple  $\mathbf{R} = (P, \leq, \odot, \rightarrow, 0, 1)$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (i)  $(P, \leq, 0, 1)$  is a bounded poset.
- (ii)  $\odot$  and  $\rightarrow$  are mappings from  $P^2$  to  $2^P \setminus \{\emptyset\}$ .
- (iii)  $x \odot y \sqsubseteq z$  if and only if  $x \sqsubseteq y \rightarrow z$ .
- (iv)  $x \odot 1 \approx 1 \odot x \approx x$
- (v)  $y \to 0 \le x$  implies  $x \odot y = x \land y$ .
- (vi)  $y \le x$  implies  $x \to y = (x \to 0) \lor y$ .

Condition (iii) is called *operator left adjointness*. The six-tuple **R** is

- called *idempotent* if  $x \odot x \approx x$ ,
- called *divisible* if  $(x \to y) \odot x \approx \text{Max } L(x, y)$ ,
- said to satisfy the *double negation law* if  $(x \to 0) \to 0 \approx x$ .
- said to satisfy the *contraposition law* if  $x \le y$  implies  $y \to 0 \le x \to 0$ .

We prove that every orthomodular poset of finite height can be converted into such an operator residuated structure.

**Theorem 8.** Let  $\mathbf{P} = (P, \leq, ', 0, 1)$  be an orthomodular poset of finite height and define mappings  $\odot, \rightarrow : P^2 \rightarrow 2^P \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  by

 $x \odot y := \operatorname{Min} U(x, y') \wedge y,$ 

 $x \to y := x' \vee \operatorname{Max} L(x, y)$ 

for all  $x, y \in P$ . Then  $\mathbb{R}(\mathbf{P}) := (P, \leq, \odot, \rightarrow, 0, 1)$  is an idempotent and divisible operator residuated structure satisfying both the double negation law as well as the contraposition law and  $x \to 0 \approx x'$ .

**Proof.** Let  $a, b, c \in P$ . Because of Lemma 4,  $\odot$  and  $\rightarrow$  are well-defined. Moreover, we have  $x \rightarrow 0 \approx x' \lor Max L(x, 0) = x'$ .

(i) and (ii) are evident.

(iii) Any of the following statements implies the next one:

$$a \odot b \sqsubseteq c,$$

$$\operatorname{Min} U(a, b') \land b \sqsubseteq c,$$
There exists some  $d \in \operatorname{Min} U(a, b') \land b$  with  $d \leq c,$   
There exists some  $d \in \operatorname{Min} U(a, b') \land b$  with  $d \in L(b, c),$   
There exists some  $d \in \operatorname{Min} U(a, b') \land b$  with  $d \sqsubseteq \operatorname{Max} L(b, c),$   

$$\operatorname{Min} U(a, b') \land b \sqsubseteq \operatorname{Max} L(b, c),$$

$$b' \lor (\operatorname{Min} U(a, b') \land b) \sqsubseteq b' \lor \operatorname{Max} L(b, c),$$

$$a \leq \operatorname{Min} U(a, b') \sqsubseteq b \rightarrow c,$$

$$a \sqsubseteq b \rightarrow c,$$

$$a \sqsubseteq b' \lor \operatorname{Max} L(b, c),$$
There exists some  $e \in b' \lor \operatorname{Max} L(b, c)$  with  $a \leq e,$   
There exists some  $e \in b' \lor \operatorname{Max} L(b, c)$  with  $e \in U(a, b'),$   
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 $\operatorname{Min} U(a, b') \sqsubseteq b' \lor \operatorname{Max} L(b, c),$   
 $\operatorname{Min} U(a, b') \sqsubseteq b' \lor \operatorname{Max} L(b, c),$   
 $\operatorname{Min} U(a, b') \land b \sqsubseteq (b' \lor \operatorname{Max} L(b, c)) \land b,$   
 $a \odot b \sqsubseteq \operatorname{Max} L(b, c) \leq c,$   
 $a \odot b \sqsubseteq \operatorname{Max} L(b, c) \leq c,$   
 $a \odot b \sqsubseteq \operatorname{C},$ 

In the eighth and sixteenth statement we use Lemma 3.

- (iv) We have  $x \odot 1 \approx \operatorname{Min} U(x, 1') \wedge 1 \approx x$  and  $1 \odot x \approx \operatorname{Min} U(1, x') \wedge x \approx x$ .
- (v)  $b \to 0 \le a$  implies  $b' \le a$  and hence  $a \odot b = \operatorname{Min} U(a, b') \land b = a \land b$ .
- (vi)  $b \le a$  implies  $a \to b = a' \lor \text{Max } L(a, b) = a' \lor b = (a \to 0) \lor b$ .

Moreover, we have

$$x \odot x \approx \operatorname{Min} U(x, x') \wedge x \approx x,$$

$$(x \to y) \odot x \approx \bigcup_{z \in x \to y} (z \odot x) \approx \bigcup_{z \in x' \vee \operatorname{Max} L(x, y)} (\operatorname{Min} U(z, x') \wedge x) \approx$$

$$\approx \bigcup_{u \in \operatorname{Max} L(x, y)} (\operatorname{Min} U(x' \vee u, x') \wedge x) \approx \bigcup_{u \in \operatorname{Max} L(x, y)} \{(x' \vee u) \wedge x\} \approx$$

$$\approx \bigcup_{u \in \operatorname{Max} L(x, y)} \{u\} \approx \operatorname{Max} L(x, y),$$

$$(x \to 0) \to 0 \approx x'' \approx x.$$

In the last but one line we used orthomodularity. Finally,  $a \le b$  implies  $b \to 0 = b' \le a' = a \to 0$ .  $\Box$ 

It is important that we can also prove the converse. We call a divisible operator residuated structure  $(P, \leq, \odot, \rightarrow, 0, 1)$  to be of *finite height* if the poset  $(P, \leq)$  has this property.

**Theorem 9.** Let  $\mathbf{R} = (R, \leq, \odot, \rightarrow, 0, 1)$  be a divisible operator residuated structure of finite height satisfying both the double negation law as well as the contraposition law and define

$$x' := x \to 0$$

for all  $x \in R$ . Then  $\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{R}) := (R, \leq, ', 0, 1)$  is an orthomodular poset.

**Proof.** Let  $a, b \in R$ . Since **R** satisfies both the double negation law as well as the contraposition law, ' is an antitone involution on  $(R, \leq)$ . Assume  $a \leq b$ . Because of (vi) of Definition 7 we have  $b \to a = (b \to 0) \lor a = b' \lor a \geq b'$ . According to (v) of Definition 7 we conclude  $(b \to a) \odot b = (b \to a) \land b$  which together with divisibility yields

 $b \land (a \lor b') = (b' \lor a) \land b = (b \to a) \land b = (b \to a) \odot b = \operatorname{Max} L(b, a) = a$ 

showing orthomodularity. Since  $0 \le a$ , we obtain  $0 = a \land (0 \lor a') = a \land a'$  completing the proof of the theorem.  $\Box$ 

The following theorem shows that the correspondence between orthomodular posets of finite height and certain operator residuated structures of finite height is nearly one-to-one.

#### Theorem 10.

- (i) Let  $\mathbf{P} = (P, \leq, ', 0, 1)$  be an orthomodular poset of finite height. Then  $\mathbb{P}(\mathbb{R}(\mathbf{P})) = \mathbf{P}$ .
- (ii) Let  $\mathbf{R} = (R, \leq, \odot, \rightarrow, 0, 1)$  be a divisible operator residuated structure of finite height satisfying both the double negation law as well as the contraposition law. Then  $\mathbb{R}(\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{R})) = \mathbf{R}$  if and only if

$$\begin{split} & \operatorname{Min} U(x, \, y \to 0) \land y \approx x \odot y, \\ & (x \to 0) \lor \operatorname{Max} L(x, \, y) \approx x \to y. \end{split}$$

- **Proof.** (i) If  $\mathbb{R}(\mathbf{P}) = (P, \leq, \odot, \rightarrow, 0, 1)$  and  $\mathbb{P}(\mathbb{R}(\mathbf{P})) = (P, \leq, *, 0, 1)$  then according to Theorem 8 we have  $x^* \approx x \to 0 \approx x'$ .
- (ii) If  $\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{R}) = (R, \leq, ', 0, 1)$  and  $\mathbb{R}(\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{R})) = (R, \leq, \bullet, \Rightarrow, 0, 1)$  then

$$x' \approx x \to 0,$$
  

$$x \bullet y \approx \operatorname{Min} U(x, y \to 0) \land y,$$
  

$$x \Rightarrow y \approx (x \to 0) \lor \operatorname{Max} L(x, y).$$

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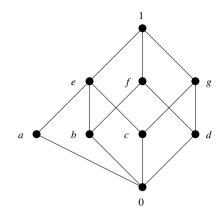


Fig. 3. Weakly orthomodular poset being not dually weakly orthomodular.

According to Theorem 10,  $\mathbb{R}(\mathbf{P})$  contains the whole information on  $\mathbf{P}$ .

In the following we show that our construction of an operator residuated structure just introduced for orthomodular posets of finite height can be easily modified for more general structures.

There are several opinions concerning algebraic structures on which the logic of quantum mechanics is based. As mentioned in the introduction, orthomodular lattices and orthomodular posets are usually considered. However, also more general structures are investigated for this sake by several authors. Let us mention here the paper [5] where so-called weakly orthomodular and dually weakly orthomodular lattices play this role. Hence, we need not repeat the motivation, the reader can find it in that paper. But we use the generalization of these concepts to posets (cf. [6]).

The following concepts were introduced for lattices in [5] and for posets in [6].

#### **Definition 11.**

- A weakly orthomodular poset is a bounded poset  $(P, \leq, ', 0, 1)$  with complementation such that  $x, y \in P$  and  $x \leq y$  together imply that  $x \lor (y \land x')$  is defined and that  $x \lor (y \land x') = y$ .
- A *dually weakly orthomodular poset* is a bounded poset  $(P, \leq, ', 0, 1)$  with complementation such that  $x, y \in P$  and  $x \leq y$  together imply that  $y \land (x \lor y')$  is defined and that  $y \land (x \lor y') = x$ .

Hence, weakly orthomodular posets satisfy condition (A) and dually weakly orthomodular posets condition (B) mentioned after Definition 1.

It should be remarked that the complementation of a weakly orthomodular poset or a dually weakly orthomodular poset may neither be antitone nor an involution. Of course, a poset is orthomodular if and only if it is both weakly orthomodular and dually weakly orthomodular and if its complementation is an antitone involution.

In the following we show an example of a weakly orthomodular, respectively dually weakly orthomodular posets that is not orthomodular.

Example 12. The lattice W depicted in Fig. 3 with complementation defined by

is weakly orthomodular, but neither orthomodular nor dually weakly orthomodular. Hence the horizontal sum of W and the orthomodular poset P from Fig. 1 is a weakly orthomodular poset that is neither a lattice nor dually weakly orthomodular. By duality, the lattice D visualized in Fig. 4 with complementation defined by

is dually weakly orthomodular, but neither orthomodular nor weakly orthomodular. Hence the horizontal sum of  $\mathbf{D}$  and  $\mathbf{P}$  is a dually weakly orthomodular poset that is neither a lattice nor weakly orhomodular.

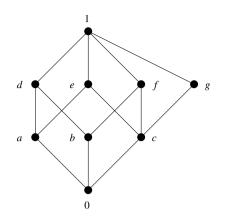


Fig. 4. Dually weakly orthomodular poset being not weakly orthomodular.

For such posets we can prove results concerning operator residuation without the contraposition law. However, we must assume the existence of operators  $\odot$  and  $\rightarrow$  since they are not automatically defined if only a weaker variant of the orthomodular law is assumed.

**Theorem 13.** Let  $\mathbf{P} = (P, \leq, ', 0, 1)$  be a bounded poset of finite height with complementation satisfying the identity  $x'' \approx x$  and define mappings  $\odot, \rightarrow : P^2 \rightarrow 2^P \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  by

 $x \odot y := \operatorname{Min} U(x, y') \land y,$  $x \to y := x' \lor \operatorname{Max} L(x, y)$ 

whenever defined  $(x, y \in P)$ . Then  $0' \approx 1$  and  $1' \approx 0$  and the following hold:

- (a) Assume **P** to be weakly orthomodular. If  $\rightarrow$  is well-defined then  $\mathbb{R}(\mathbf{P}) := (P, \leq, \odot, \rightarrow, 0, 1)$  satisfies all the conditions of an idempotent operator residuated structure satisfying the double negation law,  $x \lor (x \to 0) \approx 1$  and  $x \to 0 \approx x'$ , only (iii) has to be replaced by
  - (ii')  $x \odot y \sqsubseteq z$  implies  $x \sqsubseteq y \to z$ .
- (b) Assume **P** to be dually weakly orthomodular. If  $\odot$  is well-defined then  $\mathbb{R}(\mathbf{P}) := (P, \leq, \odot, \rightarrow, 0, 1)$  satisfies all the conditions of an idempotent divisible operator residuated structure satisfying the double negation law and  $x \to 0 \approx x'$ , only (iii) has to be replaced by
  - (ii'')  $x \sqsubseteq y \rightarrow z$  implies  $x \odot y \sqsubseteq z$ .

**Proof.** The proof is similar to that of Theorem 8. But we cannot use the fact that ' is antitone. Let  $a, b, c \in P$ . We have  $0' \approx 0 \lor 0' \approx 1$  and  $1' \approx 1 \land 1' \approx 0$ .

(a) Because of Lemma 4,  $a \odot b$  is defined. By assumption also  $a \to b$  is defined. We have  $x \to 0 \approx x' \lor \text{Max } L(x, 0) = x'$  and since  $x \le 1$  we have

 $x \lor (x \to 0) \approx x \lor x' \approx x \lor (1 \land x') \approx 1.$ 

The rest of the proof is completely analogous to that of Theorem 8.

(b) Because of Lemma 4,  $a \to b$  is defined. By assumption also  $a \odot b$  is defined. We have  $x \to 0 \approx x' \lor \text{Max } L(x, 0) = x'$ . The rest of the proof is completely analogous to that of Theorem 8.  $\Box$ 

Combining both assumptions (a) and (b) of Theorem 13 we can prove a result similar to that of Theorem 8.

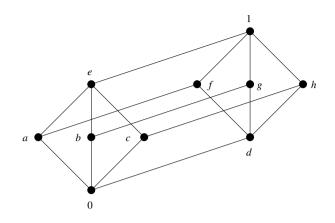


Fig. 5. Weakly orthomodular and dually weakly orthomodular lattice whose complementation is a non-antitone involution.

**Corollary 14.** Let  $\mathbf{P} = (P, \leq, ', 0, 1)$  be a poset of finite height being both weakly orthomodular and dually weakly orthomodular and satisfying the identity  $x'' \approx x$  and define mappings  $\odot, \rightarrow : P^2 \rightarrow 2^P \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  by

 $x \odot y := \operatorname{Min} U(x, y') \wedge y,$ 

 $x \to y := x' \vee \operatorname{Max} L(x, y)$ 

for all  $x, y \in P$ . Then  $\odot$  and  $\rightarrow$  are well-defined and  $\mathbb{R}(\mathbf{P}) := (P, \leq, \odot, \rightarrow, 0, 1)$  is an idempotent and divisible operator residuated structure satisfying the double negation law and  $x \rightarrow 0 \approx x'$ .

**Proof.** This follows from Theorem 13.  $\Box$ 

The following lattice is an example of a poset satisfying the conditions of Corollary 14, but being not orthomodular.

Example 15. The lattice L depicted in Fig. 5 with complementation defined by

is modular and hence both weakly orthomodular and dually weakly orthomodular and its complementation is an involution but not antitone since  $a \le f$ , but  $f' = c \le g = a'$ . Hence the horizontal sum of **L** with the orthomodular poset **P** from Fig. 1 is a weakly orthomodular and dually weakly orthomodular poset that is neither a lattice nor an orthomodular poset.

Similarly, as it was done above in the case of orthomodular posets, we can prove the converse of Corollary 14.

**Theorem 16.** Let  $\mathbf{R} = (R, \leq, \odot, \rightarrow, 0, 1)$  be a divisible operator residuated structure of finite height satisfying the double negation law as well as the identity  $x \rightarrow x \approx 1$  and define

 $x' := x \rightarrow 0$ 

for all  $x \in R$ . Then  $\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{R}) := (R, \leq, ', 0, 1)$  is a dually weakly orthomodular poset of finite height satisfying the identity  $x'' \approx x$ .

**Proof.** Let  $a, b \in R$ . Since **R** satisfies the double negation law, ' is an involution on  $(R, \leq)$ . Assume  $a \leq b$ . Because of (vi) of Definition 7 we have  $b \to a = (b \to 0) \lor a = b' \lor a \geq b'$ . According to (v) of Definition 7 we conclude  $(b \to a) \odot b = (b \to a) \land b$  which together with divisibility yields

$$b \land (a \lor b') = (b' \lor a) \land b = (b \to a) \land b = (b \to a) \odot b = \operatorname{Max} L(b, a) = a,$$

i.e.  $\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{R})$  is dually weakly orthomodular. Because of  $0 \le a$  we obtain  $0 = a \land (0 \lor a') = a \land a'$ . According to (vii) of Definition 7 we have  $a \lor a' = a \lor (a \to 0) = a \to a = 1$  completing the proof of the theorem.  $\Box$ 

The following result shows that the correspondence between posets  $(P, \leq, ', 0, 1)$  of finite height being both weakly orthomodular and satisfying the identity  $x'' \approx x$  on the one side and operator residuated structures of finite height on the other side is almost one-to-one.

**Corollary 17.** Let  $\mathbf{P} = (P, \leq, ', 0, 1)$  be a poset of finite height being both weakly orthomodular and dually weakly orthomodular and satisfying the identity  $x'' \approx x$ . Then  $\mathbb{P}(\mathbb{R}(\mathbf{P})) = \mathbf{P}$ .

**Proof.** If  $\mathbb{R}(\mathbf{P}) = (P, \leq, \odot, \rightarrow, 0, 1)$  and  $\mathbb{P}(\mathbb{R}(\mathbf{P})) = (P, \leq, *, 0, 1)$  then according to Corollary 14 we have  $x^* \approx x \to 0 \approx x'$ . The rest of the proof is evident.  $\Box$ 

According to Corollary 17,  $\mathbb{R}(\mathbf{P})$  contains the whole information on  $\mathbf{P}$ .

**Concluding remark.** We showed that for the logic of quantum mechanics based on an orthomodular poset of finite height there can be introduced everywhere defined operators  $\rightarrow$  and  $\odot$  such that they form an adjoint pair and satisfy several properties asked for implication and conjunction in the corresponding logic. Moreover, this approach can be extended also to weakly and dually weakly orthomodular posets. Among other things, it means that in the corresponding logics a certain version of the derivation rule Modus Ponens holds, namely

$$(x \to y) \odot x \sqsubseteq y,$$

i.e. the value of the proposition y cannot be less that the values of x and  $x \rightarrow y$ .

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