

Which commutative chain basic algebras are MV-algebras

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An MV-algebra is an algebra $A = (A, \oplus, \neg, 0)$ of type $(2, 1, 0)$ satisfying the identities:

$$(MV1) \quad x \oplus (y \oplus z) = (x \oplus y) \oplus z$$

$$(MV2) \quad x \oplus y = y \oplus x$$

$$(MV3) \quad x \oplus 0 = x$$

$$(MV4) \quad \neg\neg x = x$$

$$(MV5) \quad x \oplus \neg 0 = \neg 0$$

$$(MV6) \quad \neg(\neg x \oplus y) \oplus y = \neg(\neg y \oplus x) \oplus x.$$

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A *difference* on a bounded poset $(P, \leq, 0, 1)$ is a partial binary operation \ominus on P such that $b \ominus a$ is defined if and only if $a \leq b$ subject to conditions

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- (i) Let $L = (A, \vee, \wedge, ({}^a)_{a \in A}, 0, 1)$ be a lattice with section antitone involutions. Then the assigned algebra $\mathcal{A}(L) = (L, \oplus, \neg, 0)$, where $x \oplus y := (x^0 \vee y)^y$ and $\neg x := x^0$ satisfies the identities
- (A1) $x \oplus 0 = x$
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(A3) $x \oplus 1 = 1 \oplus x = 1$
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(A5) $\neg(\neg(\neg(x \oplus y) \oplus y) \oplus z) \oplus (x \oplus z) = 1.$
- (ii) Conversely, given an algebra $A = (A, \oplus, \neg, 0)$ satisfying the identities (A1)-(A5), then for every $a \in A$, the mapping $x \mapsto x^a := \neg x \oplus a$ is an antitone involution on the section $[a, 1]$, and the structure $\mathcal{L}(A) = (A, \vee, \wedge, ({}^a)_{a \in A}, 0, 1)$ is a lattice with section antitone involutions.
- (iii) The correspondence is one-to-one, i.e. $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}(L)) = L$ and $\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{L}(A)) = A.$

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