

# Matroidal and Lattices Structures of Rough Sets and Some of Their Topological Characterizations

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**Abstract:** Matroids, rough set theory and lattices are efficient tools of knowledge discovery. Lattices and matroids are studied on preapproximations spaces. Li et al. proved that a lattice is Boolean if it is clopen set lattice for matroids. In our study, a lattice is Boolean if it is closed for matroids. Moreover, a topological lattice is discussed using its matroidal structure. Atoms in a complete atomic Boolean lattice are completely determined through its topological structure. Finally, a necessary and sufficient condition for a predefinable set is proved in preapproximation spaces. The value  $k$  for a predefinable set in lattice of matroidal closed sets is determined.

**Keywords:** Matroids, lattices, preapproximation spaces, predefinable sets

## 1 Introduction

Matroids initiated by Whitney [1] and seem in several combinatorial and algebraic contexts [2,3,4,5,6,7]. Rough set theory were initiated by Pawlak [8] through the approximation space in eighties, many authors have turned their attention to the generalization rough sets [9,10,11,12,13,14]. Lattices are mathematical objects that have been used to solve some problems in computer science, approximation spaces [15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23]. The class of preopen sets is applied in general topology by researchers in [24], to investigate preapproximation spaces. Some algebraic applications were studied on rough (resp. prerough) sets and named  $\Omega$  (resp.  $\Omega_p$ ). For example, each of rough and prerough sets as lattices, as congruences. The approximations were used to calculate the accuracy [25]. Some new results on rough (resp. prerough) sets were presented. Also, new order relations on lattices [26,27] were defined. The concept of lattice constructed based on approximate operators were introduced and studied in [28,29]. Also, Yao [30] introduced a different concept for lattice and compared it with another notions in data analysis. Recently, topological structures have been used to study graphs as in [31,32,33,34,35]. Also, many researchers suggested topological models in biology [36,37,38], medicine [39,40,41], physics [42,43,44,45] and smart city [46].

In terms of preapproximations and prerough sets, some topological lattice models throughout this paper are presented and studied. Some algebraic properties for Abd El Monsef's preapproximation space, such as a complete Boolean lattice is investigated. It will be created new types of upper preapproximation and lower preapproximation in the preapproximation space. Eventually, the value of  $k$  in which  $P\mathcal{D}(\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}) \subseteq \{\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(X) : X \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})\}$  and  $P\mathcal{D}(\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}) \subseteq \{\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(X) : X \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})\}$  is determined. A comparison between  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}$  (resp.  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}$ ) and  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}$  (resp.  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}$ ), respectively is discussed. Finally, we prove that  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}^n$  is the  $\mathcal{M}$  matroidal closure. This means that this set will be predefinable in lattice matroidal closed sets and the value  $k$  is necessary condition for the predefinability for any subset of the universal set  $\mathcal{U}$ .

## 2 Preliminary Results

**Definition 1.** [14] The pair  $(X, \text{int})$  is a topological space if  $\forall A \subseteq X$ , there is an operator  $\text{int}(A)$ , say, the interior of  $A$ , s.t. the conditions are satisfied

- (i)  $\text{int}(A) \subseteq A$ ;
- (ii)  $\text{int}(\text{int}(A)) = \text{int}(A)$ ;

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- (iii)  $\text{int}(X) = X$ ;  
 (iv)  $\text{int}(A \cap B) = \text{int}(A) \cap \text{int}(B)$ , for any  $A, B \subseteq X$ .

Each set in  $(X, \text{int})$  is open and its complement is closed.

**Definition 2.** [47]  $A$  is preopen w.r.to  $\tau$  if  $A \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}(A))$ .

**Definition 3.** [48] Consider  $\bigcap_{i \in I} X_i \in \mathcal{L} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}) \forall \{X_i : i \in I\} \subseteq \mathcal{L}$ . Then,  $\mathcal{L}$  is called a closure system. A closure system with ordered lattice is named complete in which  $\bigwedge_{i \in I} X_i = \bigcap_{i \in I} X_i$  and  $\bigvee_{i \in I} X_i = \bigcap \{Y \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}) : \bigcap_{i \in I} X_i \subseteq Y\}$ .

**Definition 4.** [2, 5] Let  $E$  be the ground set and  $\mathcal{I}$  be a subclass of  $E$ .  $\mathcal{M} = (E, \mathcal{I})$  is a matroid if the conditions hold

- (I1)  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{I}$ .  
 (I2) If  $I \in \mathcal{I}$  and  $I' \subseteq I$ , then  $I' \in \mathcal{I}$ .  
 (I3) If  $I, J \in \mathcal{I}$  and  $|I| < |J|$ , then  $\exists j \in J - I$  s.t.  $I \cup \{j\} \in \mathcal{I}$  where  $|I|$  denotes the cardinality of  $I$ .  
 Each element in  $\mathcal{I}$  is called an independent set. Any subset of  $\mathcal{P}(E) - \mathcal{I}$  is called dependent, where  $\mathcal{P}(E)$  is the power set of  $E$ .

**Definition 5.** [4] Let  $\mathcal{M} = (E, \mathcal{I})$  be a matroid. Then,

- (i) Each element in  $\mathcal{I}$  is said to be an independent set. Otherwise, it was called dependent.  
 (ii) A base element is the maximal set in  $\mathcal{I}$  in the sense of inclusion. The minimal set is called a circuit of the matroid  $\mathcal{M}$  and is denoted by  $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{M})$ .  
 (iii) The singleton circuit is called a loop. If  $\{a, b\}$  is a circuit, then  $a$  and  $b$  are said to be parallel.  
 (iv)  $\forall A \subseteq E$ , the closure operator  $\text{cl}_{\mathcal{M}}(A)$  of a matroid  $\mathcal{M}$  is defined as  $\text{cl}_{\mathcal{M}}(A) = \{a \in E : f(A) = f(A \cup \{a\})\}$  and  $\text{cl}_{\mathcal{M}}(A)$  is called the closure of  $A$  in  $\mathcal{M}$ . When there is no confusion, the symbol  $\text{cl}(X)$  is used for abbreviation.  $A$  is called a flat or a closed set if  $\text{cl}(A) = A$ .

**Proposition 1.** [5] The following properties are hold for  $\text{cl}_{\mathcal{M}}$ :

- (i)  $\forall X \subseteq \mathcal{U}, X \subseteq \text{cl}_{\mathcal{M}}(X)$ .  
 (ii)  $\text{cl}_{\mathcal{M}}(X) \subseteq \text{cl}_{\mathcal{M}}(Y)$  if  $X \subseteq Y$ .  
 (iii)  $\text{cl}_{\mathcal{M}}(\text{cl}_{\mathcal{M}}(X)) = \text{cl}_{\mathcal{M}}(X)$ .  
 (iv)  $\forall X \subseteq \mathcal{U}$  and  $x \in \mathcal{U}$ , if  $y \in \text{cl}_{\mathcal{M}}(X \cup \{x\}) - \text{cl}_{\mathcal{M}}(X)$ , then  $x \in \text{cl}_{\mathcal{M}}(X \cup \{y\})$ .

Lemma 1.7.3 in [5] proved that the class of lattice matroidal closed sets is lattice and is denoted by  $\mathcal{CL}(\mathcal{M})$ . In this lattice,  $A \wedge B = \text{cl}_{\mathcal{M}}(A \cap B)$  and  $A \vee B = \text{cl}_{\mathcal{M}}(A \cup B)$ ,  $\forall A, B \in \mathcal{CL}(\mathcal{M})$ .

**Proposition 2.** [3]  $r_{\mathcal{M}}(A) = |A|$  iff  $A \in \mathcal{I}, \forall A \subseteq E$ .

**Definition 6.** [3] The closure operator  $\text{cl}_{\mathcal{M}}(A) = \{u \in E : r_{\mathcal{M}}(A) = r_{\mathcal{M}}(A \cup \{u\})\}, \forall A \subseteq E$ .  $\text{cl}_{\mathcal{M}}(A)$  is said to be the closure of  $A$  w.r.to  $\mathcal{M}$ .

### 3 Main Results

Throughout this section, consider  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}$  and  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}$  are denoted to the upper and lower approximation w.r.to the preapproximation space  $(\mathcal{U}, \Omega_p)$ .

#### 3.1 Prerough sets and some algebraic properties

**Definition 7.** Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be a finite nonempty set and  $(\mathcal{U}, \Omega)$  is a generalized approximation space, where  $\Omega$  is a relation which will be a subbase for a topological space, say,  $\tau$ . Then, a class of preopen sets called  $\mathcal{PO}(\mathcal{U}, \tau)$  from  $\tau$  is generated. If  $\Omega_p$  is a relation on  $\mathcal{PO}(\mathcal{U}, \tau)$ , then  $\mathcal{PO}(\mathcal{U}, \Omega_p)$  is said to be a preapproximation space.

From Definition 7,  $\mathcal{U}/\Omega_p = \{[x]_{\Omega_p} : x \in \mathcal{U}\}$  s.t.  $[x]_{\Omega_p} = \{y \in \mathcal{U} : x\Omega_p y\}$  is satisfied.

**Definition 8.** Let  $(\mathcal{U}, \Omega_p)$  be a preapproximation space. A prelower and preupper approximation of  $X$  is  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) = \{x \in \mathcal{U} : \Omega_p(x) \subseteq X\}$ , and  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) = \{x \in \mathcal{U} : \Omega_p(x) \cap X \neq \emptyset\}$ , respectively. This can be shown in Figure 1.

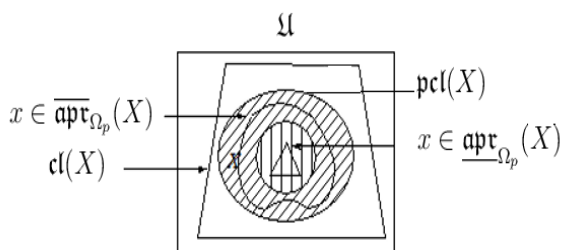


Fig. 1: A prerough approximations.

$X$  is a lower predefinable in  $(\mathcal{U}, \Omega_p)$  if  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) = X$  and is denoted by  $P\mathcal{D}(\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p})$ . Similarly,  $X$  is an upper predefinable set in  $(\mathcal{U}, \Omega_p)$  if  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) = X$  is denoted by  $P\mathcal{D}(\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p})$ . Hence,  $X$  is predefinable if  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) = X$  and is denoted by  $P\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{U}, \Omega_p)$ .

In Definition 9,  $\text{pint}(X)$  (resp.  $\text{pcl}(X)$ ) denotes to preinterior (resp. preclosure) operators w.r.to the preapproximation space  $(\mathcal{U}, \Omega_p)$ .

**Definition 9.** Let  $(\mathcal{U}, \Omega_p)$  be a preapproximation space and  $X \subseteq \mathcal{U}$ . Then,

- (i)  $X$  is a preexact if  $\text{pint}(X) = \text{pcl}(X)$ .  
 (ii)  $X$  is a prerough if  $\text{pint}(X) \neq \text{pcl}(X)$ .

By analogous of results of Zhu in [49], it is easy to prove propositions 3 and 4.

**Proposition 3.** If  $(\mathcal{U}, \Omega_p)$  is a preapproximation space, where the relation  $\Omega_p$  is serial and  $X, Y \subseteq \mathcal{U}$ , then the following are verified:

- (i)  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\mathcal{U}) = \mathcal{U}$ .
- (ii)  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X \cap Y) = \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \cap \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y)$ .
- (iii)  $X \subseteq Y \Rightarrow \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \subseteq \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y)$ .
- (vi)  $X \subseteq Y \Rightarrow \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y)$ .
- (v)  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X \cup Y) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \cup \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y)$ .
- (iv)  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\phi) = \phi$ .
- (vii)  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X^c) = (\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X))^c$ .

**Proposition 4.** For a relation  $\Omega_p$  on  $\mathcal{U}$ , we get

- (i)  $\Omega_p$  is reflexive iff  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \subseteq X$  iff  $X \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X)$ .
- (ii)  $\Omega_p$  is transitive iff  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \subseteq \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X))$  iff  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X)) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X)$ ,  $\forall X \subseteq \mathcal{U}$ .

**Remark 1.** According to Proposition 3,  $\mathcal{U} \in P\mathcal{D}(\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p})$ ,  $\phi \in P\mathcal{D}(\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p})$ . This means that  $P\mathcal{D}(\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p})$  and  $P\mathcal{D}(\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p})$  are nonempty in some cases, while  $P\mathcal{D}(\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}) \cap P\mathcal{D}(\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p})$  may be empty other cases.

**Remark 2.** Since each open set is preopen, then a definable set is predefinable [48]. Generally, the inverse direction is not hold.

**Example 1.** Let  $\mathcal{U} = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\mathcal{U}/\Omega = \{\{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$  be a subbase for  $\tau$ . If  $X = \{a, b\}$  be a rough set, then the expansion of given approximation space is  $\tau_{\Omega} = \mathcal{P}\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{U}, \tau) = \{\mathcal{U}, \phi, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{b, c\}\}$ . The subsets  $\{a\}$  and  $\{b, c\}$  are predefinable, but neither of them is definable.

For computing the families  $P\mathcal{D}(\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p})$  and  $P\mathcal{D}(\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p})$ , the following notions are introduced  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^0(X) = X$ ,  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^1(X) = \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X)$ ,  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^2(X) = \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X))$ ,  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^{k+1}(X) = \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(X))$ ;  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^0(X) = X$ ,  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^1(X) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X)$ ,  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^2(X) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X))$ ,  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^{k+1}(X) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(X))$ .

**Lemma 1.** In a space  $(\mathcal{U}, \Omega_p)$ , if  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) = X$ , then  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(X) = X$ ,  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$ , for  $X \subseteq \mathcal{U}$ .

**Proof.** The relation is true for  $k = 1$ . For  $k > 1$ ,  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^2(X) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) = X$ , implies  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^3(X) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) = X$  and so on to  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(X) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) = X$ .

**Example 2.** Let  $\mathcal{U} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$  with  $\mathcal{U}/\Omega_p = \{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{1, 4\}, \{4, 5\}\}$ . By Definition 12,  $\tau_{\Omega_p} = \{\mathcal{U}, \phi, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{1, 4\}, \{4, 5\}, \{1, 2\}\}$ . So,  $\mathcal{P}\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{U}, \tau_{\Omega_p}) = \{\mathcal{U}, \phi, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 4\}, \{2, 4\}, \{3, 4\}, \{4, 5\}, \{1, 2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 4\}, \{1, 3, 4\}, \{2, 3, 4\}, \{1, 4, 5\}, \{2, 4, 5\}, \{3, 4, 5\}, \{1, 2, 3, 4\}, \{1, 2, 4, 5\}\}$ . By Definition 8,  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\{1\}) =$

$\{1, 6\}$ ,  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^2(\{1\}) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\{1, 6\}) = \{1, 6\}$ . Then,  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\{1\}) \in P\mathcal{D}(\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p})$ . Also,  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\{1, 4, 6\}) = \{1, 4\}$ ,  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^2(\{1, 4, 6\}) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\{1, 4\}) = \{1, 4\}$ . Then,  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\{1, 4, 6\}) \in P\mathcal{D}(\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p})$ .

By a mathematical induction, it is easy to prove Proposition 5 and so the proof is omitted.

**Proposition 5.** Given  $(\mathcal{U}, \Omega_p)$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then,  $\forall X, Y \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})$ ,

- (L1)  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(\mathcal{U}) = \mathcal{U}$ .
- (U1)  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(\mathcal{U}) = \mathcal{U}$ .
- (L2)  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(\phi) = \phi$ .
- (U2)  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(\phi) = \phi$ .
- (L3)  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(X) = (\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(X^c))^c$ .
- (U3)  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(X) = (\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(X^c))^c$ .
- (L4)  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(X \cap Y) = \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(X) \cap \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(Y)$ .
- (U4)  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(X \cup Y) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(X) \cup \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(Y)$ .
- (L5) If  $X \subseteq Y$ , then  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(X) \subseteq \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(Y)$ .
- (U5) If  $X \subseteq Y$ , then  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(X) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(Y)$ .
- (L6) If  $\Omega_p$  is reflexive, then  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(X) \subseteq X$ .
- (U6) If  $\Omega_p$  is reflexive, then  $X \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(X)$ .

**Definition 10.** The sets  $X$  and  $Y$  in  $(\mathcal{U}, \Omega_p)$  are called

- (i) preroughly bottom equal  $X \approx_p Y$  if  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) = \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y)$ .
- (ii) preroughly top equal  $X \simeq_p Y$  if  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y)$ .
- (iii) preroughly equal  $X \approx_p Y$  if  $X \approx_p Y$  and  $X \simeq_p Y$ .

**Remark.** The equivalence class of  $\approx_p$ , for  $X \subseteq \mathcal{U}$ , has the form  $[X]_{\approx_p} = \{A \subseteq \mathcal{U} : \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(A) = \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \text{ and } \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(A) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X)\}$ .

**Definition 11.** For any  $[X]_{\approx_p}$  and  $[Y]_{\approx_p}$  in  $\Omega_p(\mathcal{U})$ , a relation  $[X]_{\approx_p} \leq [Y]_{\approx_p}$  if  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \subseteq \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y)$  and  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y)$ .

Six types of approximations in terms of bottom (resp. prebottom) rough are given if  $X \approx_p Y$  (resp.  $X \simeq_p Y$ ). Similarly, top (resp. pretop) rough if  $X \simeq_p Y$  (resp.  $X \approx_p Y$ ). Then,  $\approx = \approx \cap \simeq$  and  $\approx_p = \approx_p \cap \simeq_p$ . Each of relations  $\approx$ ,  $\simeq$ ,  $\approx_p$  and  $\simeq_p$  is equivalence.

**Lemma 2.** The relation  $\simeq$  (resp.  $\approx$ ) is a congruence on  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \cup)$  (resp.  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \cap)$ ).

**Proof.** Let  $\simeq$  and  $\approx$  be equivalence relations on  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})$ . Then, for  $A, B, C, D$  are subsets of  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})$ , we have

- (i) If  $A \simeq B$  and  $C \simeq D$ , then  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(A) = \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(B)$  and  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(C) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(D)$ . Since  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(A \cup C) = \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(A) \cup \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(C) = \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(B) \cup \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(D) = \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(B \cup D)$ , then  $A \cup C \simeq B \cup D$  and so  $\simeq$  is a congruence on  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \cup)$ .

(ii) If  $A \approx B$  and  $C \approx D$ , then  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(A) = \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(B)$  and  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(C) = \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(D)$ . Now, since  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(A \cap C) = \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(A) \cap \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(C) = \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(B) \cap \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(D) = \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(B \cap D)$ . Thus,  $A \cap C \approx B \cap D$ . Therefore,  $\approx$  is a congruence on  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \cap)$ .

**Remark 3.** Relations  $\approx_p$  and  $\simeq_p$  are not usually congruences. Because of  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X \cap Y) = \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \cap \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y)$  is not truthful, in general and  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X \cup Y) \neq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \cup \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y)$ .

**Lemma 3.** Let  $(\mathcal{U}, \Omega_p)$  be a preapproximation space. Then,

- (i) If  $\approx$  is a congruence on  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \cap)$  and  $X \approx Y$ , then  $X \wedge Z \approx Y \wedge Z$ .
- (ii) If  $\simeq$  is a congruence on  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \cup)$  and  $X \simeq Y$ , then  $X \vee Z \simeq Y \vee Z$ .
- (iii) If  $X \approx Z$  and  $X \leq Z \leq Y$ , then  $X \approx Z$ .
- (iv) If  $X \simeq Z$  and  $X \leq Z \leq Y$ , then  $Y \simeq Z$ ,  $\forall X, Y, Z \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})$ .

*Proof.* (i) Assume that  $\approx$  is a congruence on  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \cap)$ . If  $X \approx Y$ , then  $Z \approx Z$  and so  $X \wedge Z \approx Y \wedge Z$ , because  $X \approx Y$ . Hence,  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) = \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y)$  and so  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Z) = \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Z)$ ,  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X \wedge Z) = \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \wedge \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Z) = \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y) \wedge \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Z) = \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y \wedge Z)$ . Then,  $X \wedge Z \approx Y \wedge Z$ .

(ii) Similar to (i).

(iii) Since  $X \leq Z \leq Y$ , then  $X = X \wedge Z$  and  $Z = Y \wedge Z$ . If  $X \approx Y$ , then  $X \wedge Z \approx Y \wedge Z$ . Therefore,  $X \approx Z$ .

(iv) The proof is true for  $\simeq$  by replacing every  $\wedge$  by  $\vee$  in (iii).

**Theorem 4.** Let  $\simeq$  be a congruence on  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \cup)$ . Then, (i) If  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})/\simeq, \vee)$  is a join semilattice, then a quotient map  $q$  from  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})$  into  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})/\simeq$  and is defined by  $q(A) = [A]_{\simeq}$  is a join homomorphism.

(ii) If congruence  $\Theta$  is a bottom rough, then  $q$  from  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})$  into  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})/\Theta$  is a meet homomorphism.

*Proof.* (i) It is clear that  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})/\simeq, \vee)$  is a join semilattice. The map  $q$  is a join homomorphism of  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})$  onto  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})/\simeq$ , for  $A, B$  in  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})$ ,  $q(A) = [A]_{\simeq}$ ,  $q(B) = [B]_{\simeq}$ ,  $q(A \vee B) = [A \vee B]_{\simeq} = [A]_{\simeq} \vee [B]_{\simeq} = q(A) \vee q(B)$ . Thus,  $q$  is a join homomorphism.

(ii) is similar to (i).

### 3.2 Relation between prerough inclusion and lattices

There are six types of inclusion based on upper and lower approximations that applied on preapproximation spaces.

**Definition 12.**  $\forall A, B \subseteq \mathcal{U}$ , the relations are

- (i)  $A \subseteq B$  if  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(A) \subseteq \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(B)$ .

(ii)  $A \widetilde{\subseteq} B$  if  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(A) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(B)$ .

(iii)  $A \equiv B$  if  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(A) \subseteq \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(B)$  and  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(A) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(B)$ .

(iv)  $A \subsetneq_p B$  if  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(A) \subseteq \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(B)$ .

(v)  $A \widetilde{\subsetneq}_p B$  if  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(A) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(B)$ .

(vi)  $A \equiv_p B$  if  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(A) \subseteq \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(B)$  and  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(A) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(B)$ .

To avoid a confusion in Definition 12,  $\Omega$  is a Pawlak equivalence relation and  $\Omega_p$  is a relation that forms a preapproximation space.

**Remark 5.** If  $(\mathcal{U}, \Omega_p)$  be a preapproximation space, then the relations in Definition 12 are partially ordered in  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})$ . Moreover, each of  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq)$ ,  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \widetilde{\subseteq})$ ,  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \equiv)$ ,  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subsetneq_p)$ ,  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \widetilde{\subsetneq}_p)$  and  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \equiv_p)$  is a lattice.

**Proposition 6.** Each of lattices  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq)$  and  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \widetilde{\subseteq})$  are sublattices of  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq)$ .

*Proof.* Firstly, for any  $X, Y \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})$ , suppose that  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X)$ ,  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y)$  are subsets of  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq)$ . Then,  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \wedge \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y) = \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X \wedge Y)$  which implies  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \wedge \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y) \in (\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq)$ . Now, we show that  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \vee \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y) = \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \vee \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y))$ ,  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \leq \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \vee \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y)$  and  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) = \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \vee \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y))$ . Similarly,  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y) \leq \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \vee \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y))$  is proved. Thus,  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \vee \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y))$  is an upper bound of  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X)$  and  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y)$ . Therefore,  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \vee \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y) \leq \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \vee \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y))$ . Secondly, since  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \leq X$ , then  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \vee \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y)) \leq \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \vee \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y)$ . Then,  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \vee \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y)) = \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \vee \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y)$  and so  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \vee \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y) \in (\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq)$ . In the same manner,  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \widetilde{\subseteq})$  is sublattices of  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq)$ .

**Example 3.** Let  $\mathcal{U} = \{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\}$  with a relation  $\Omega$  defined as  $\Omega = \{(\alpha, \alpha), (\beta, \alpha), (\beta, \gamma), (\gamma, \gamma)\}$ . Then, the topology which associated with  $R$  is  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{\alpha\}, \{\gamma\}, \{\alpha, \gamma\}, \mathcal{U}\}$ . The lattice of  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq)$  is shown in Figure 2. From Table 1 and Figures 3 and 4, each of lattices  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq)$  and  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \widetilde{\subseteq})$  is sublattices of  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq)$ . Also, from Figures 3 and 4, we show that  $X \subseteq Y$  if  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \subseteq \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y)$  and  $X \widetilde{\subseteq} Y$  if  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y)$  (cf. Definition 12).

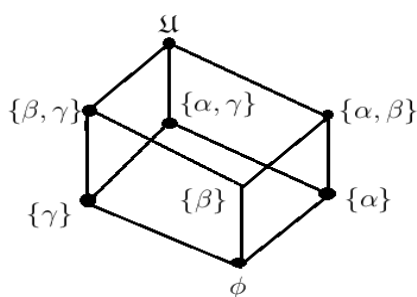
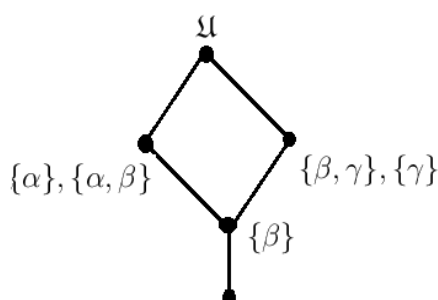

 Fig. 2: The lattice of  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathfrak{U}), \subseteq)$ .

 Table 1: The approximations of  $\mathcal{P}(\mathfrak{U})$ 

| $A$                  | $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}(A)$ | $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}(A)$ |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| $\{\alpha\}$         | $\{\alpha, \beta\}$                 | $\{\alpha\}$                         |
| $\{\beta\}$          | $\{\beta\}$                         | $\phi$                               |
| $\{\gamma\}$         | $\{\beta, \gamma\}$                 | $\{\gamma\}$                         |
| $\{\alpha, \beta\}$  | $\{\alpha, \beta\}$                 | $\{\alpha\}$                         |
| $\{\alpha, \gamma\}$ | $\mathfrak{U}$                      | $\{\alpha, \beta\}$                  |
| $\{\beta, \gamma\}$  | $\{\beta, \gamma\}$                 | $\{\gamma\}$                         |
| $\phi$               | $\phi$                              | $\phi$                               |
| $\mathfrak{U}$       | $\mathfrak{U}$                      | $\mathfrak{U}$                       |

**Remark 6.** Each of relations  $\approx$  and  $\approx_{\Omega_p}$  is equivalence, but not usually congruences on  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathfrak{U}), \cup)$ . This can be shown in Figures 3 and 4 in Example 3.


 Fig. 3: A sublattice on  $\mathcal{P}(\mathfrak{U})$  if  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}(X) \subseteq \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}(Y)$ .

**Example 4.** Consider a universal set  $\mathfrak{U} = \{x, y, z\}$  with a relation  $\Omega_p = \{(x, x), (y, x), (y, y)\}$ . Then, the topology will be  $\tau = \{\{x\}, \{x, y\}, \mathfrak{U}, \phi\}$ . By Table 2, the lattices which are given from relations  $\subseteq$ ,  $\subseteq$ ,  $\subseteq_p$  and  $\subseteq_p$  are deduced. Since there are some elements which have the same approximation (upper or lower), then we give only one chain. So, there are four cases:

**Case 1:**  $X \subseteq Y$  if  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}(X) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}(Y)$  and all congruences on chain lattice are shown in Figure 5. These congruences are ordered by normal inclusion such that  $\theta_i \leq \theta_j$  iff  $\theta_i \subseteq \theta_j$ , for  $i \neq j$  and  $i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, 6\}$ . This can be shown in Figure 6.

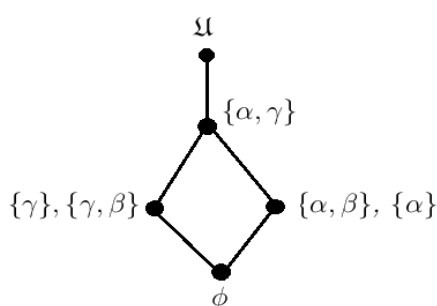
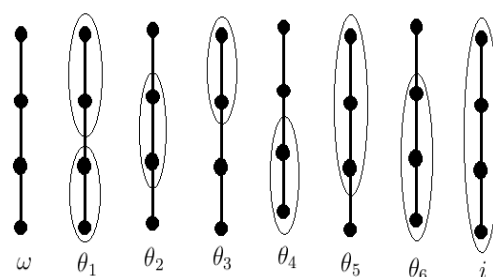

 Fig. 4: A sublattice on  $\mathcal{P}(\mathfrak{U})$  if  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}(X) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}(Y)$ .


Fig. 5: Congruence lattices.

**Case 2:**  $X \subseteq Y$  iff  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}(X) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}(Y)$ . By similarity, chain lattice and congruence lattices are also shown in Figure 5.



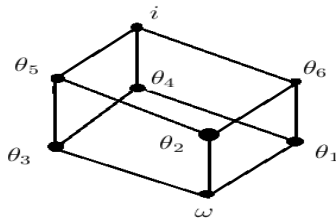


Fig. 6: Congruence with normal inclusion.

Table 2: The preapproximations of  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})$ 

| A             | $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(A)$ | $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(A)$ | $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(A)$ | $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(A)$ |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| $\{x\}$       | $\mathcal{U}$                         | $\{x\}$                                | $\mathcal{U}$                         | $\{x\}$                                |
| $\{y\}$       | $\{y, z\}$                            | $\emptyset$                            | $\{y\}$                               | $\emptyset$                            |
| $\{z\}$       | $\{z\}$                               | $\emptyset$                            | $\{z\}$                               | $\emptyset$                            |
| $\{x, y\}$    | $\mathcal{U}$                         | $\{x, y\}$                             | $\mathcal{U}$                         | $\{x, y\}$                             |
| $\{x, z\}$    | $\mathcal{U}$                         | $\{x\}$                                | $\mathcal{U}$                         | $\{x, z\}$                             |
| $\{y, z\}$    | $\{y, z\}$                            | $\emptyset$                            | $\{y, z\}$                            | $\emptyset$                            |
| $\emptyset$   | $\emptyset$                           | $\emptyset$                            | $\emptyset$                           | $\emptyset$                            |
| $\mathcal{U}$ | $\mathcal{U}$                         | $\mathcal{U}$                          | $\mathcal{U}$                         | $\mathcal{U}$                          |

**Case 3:**  $X \subseteq_p Y$  if  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \subseteq \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y)$ .

**Case 4:**  $X \widetilde{\subseteq}_p Y$  if  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y)$ .

**Theorem 7.**  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq)$  is a sublattice of  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq_p)$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X)$  and  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y)$  are subsets of  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq)$ . Obviously,  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \wedge \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y) = \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X \wedge Y)$  which implies that  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \wedge \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y) \in (\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq)$ . Now, we prove that each of  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq)$  and  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq_p)$  is dually order isomorphic. This means that there is a lattice isomorphism  $\cong_f$ , where  $f$  is an order isomorphism.

The proof of Theorem 8 similar to Theorem 7. Hence, the proof is omitted.

**Theorem 8.**  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \widetilde{\subseteq})$  is a sublattice of  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq_p)$ .

From Theorems 7 and 8, Proposition 7 is given.

**Proposition 7.** Let  $(\mathcal{U}, \Omega_p)$  be a preapproximation space. Then,  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq) \cong (\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \widetilde{\subseteq})$ .

*Proof.* We prove that  $f: \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \rightarrow \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X')$ , where  $X'$  is the complement of  $X$  in  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})$ , is a dual order isomorphism. Firstly, It is clear that  $f$  is onto, so we prove that  $f$  is embedding. Consider  $X \widetilde{\subseteq} Y$  s.t.  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y)$  and so  $\text{cl}(X) \subseteq \text{cl}(Y)$ . This means that  $M \cap X \neq \emptyset$  and so  $M \cap Y \neq \emptyset, \forall M \in \tau$ . Now, assume that  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y') \not\subseteq \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X')$ . Then,  $\exists$  an open set  $N \in \tau$  s.t.

$N \subseteq X'$  (take  $N = \text{int}(X')$ ). So,  $N \subseteq X'$ , but  $N \not\subseteq \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X')$  which is equivalent to  $M \cap X \neq \emptyset$  and so  $N \cap Y \neq \emptyset$ . This means that  $N \not\subseteq \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y')$ , which gives a contradiction. Hence,  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y') \subseteq \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X')$  and so  $Y' \subseteq X'$ . Secondly, assume that  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y') \subseteq \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X')$ , which means that  $\text{int}(Y') \subseteq \text{int}(X')$ . Suppose that  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \not\subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y)$ , which means that  $\exists M \in \tau$  s.t.  $M \cap X \neq \emptyset$  and  $M \cap Y = \emptyset$ , but this implies that  $M \subseteq Y'$  and  $M \subseteq \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y') \subseteq \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X')$ . Then,  $M \subseteq X'$ , this equivalent to  $M \cap X = \emptyset$ , which give a contradiction with our assumption. Therefore,  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y)$  and so  $X \widetilde{\subseteq} Y$ .

By Proposition 7,  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq)$  and  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \widetilde{\subseteq})$  are called dually isomorphic.

**Example 5.** (Continued for Example 3)

The lattices  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq)$  are dual order isomorphic. Also, the interior of any set is equal to its preinterior and also the closure of any subset is the preclosure. Then, the lattices  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq)$  and  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq_p)$  are coincide.

Similarly,  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \widetilde{\subseteq})$  and  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \widetilde{\subseteq}_p)$  are the same. It is noted that  $X \widetilde{\subseteq} Y$  if  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y)$  is the same with  $X \widetilde{\subseteq}_p Y$  if  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y)$ . Also,  $X \subseteq Y$  if  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \subseteq \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y)$  is the same with  $X \subseteq_p Y$  if  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \subseteq \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y)$ . This can be shown in Figures 3 and 4. The lattices are equal.

**Corollary 1.** If  $\text{int}(A) = \text{pint}(A)$  and  $\text{cl}(A) = \text{pcl}(A)$ , for any  $A \subseteq \mathcal{U}$  in any preapproximation space, then the lattices  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq)$  and  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq_p)$  are the same and also the lattices  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \widetilde{\subseteq})$  and  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \widetilde{\subseteq}_p)$ .

**Corollary 2.** The lattices  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq)$ ,  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \widetilde{\subseteq})$ ,  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq_p)$  and  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \widetilde{\subseteq}_p)$  are distributive. But, it is not Boolean lattices.

**Proposition 8.** (i) Every ideal in  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq)$  is an ideal in  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq_p)$ .

(ii) Every filter in  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \widetilde{\subseteq}_p)$  is a filter in  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq)$ .

*Proof.* (i) Let  $\mathcal{I}_0$  be an ideal in  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq)$ . If  $X \in \mathcal{I}_0$ ,  $Y \leq X$  in  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq)$ , then we prove that  $Y \in \mathcal{I}_0$ , since  $Y \leq X$  in  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq)$ , i.e.  $Y \subseteq X$ . Then,  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y) \subseteq \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X)$ . Thus,  $Y \subseteq_p X \in \mathcal{I}_0$ , but  $\mathcal{I}_0$  is an ideal in  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq)$ . Therefore,  $\mathcal{I}_0$  is an ideal  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq_p)$ .

(ii) Let  $\mathcal{F}_0$  be a filter in  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \widetilde{\subseteq})$ . If  $x \in \mathcal{F}_0$  and  $Y \geq X$  in  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq)$ , then  $Y \supseteq X$ . We prove that  $Y \in \mathcal{F}_0$ . Since  $X \subseteq Y$ ,  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(Y)$ ,  $X \in \mathcal{F}_0$  and  $\mathcal{F}_0$  is a filter, then  $Y \in \mathcal{F}_0$ . Therefore,  $\mathcal{F}_0$  is a filter in  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq)$ .

### 3.3 The matroid representation of a Boolean lattice

**Definition 13.** The interior operator on a lattice  $(\mathcal{L}, \wedge, \vee)$  is  $\text{int}_{\mathcal{L}}(x) = \vee\{a \in \mathcal{L} : a < x\}$ . The following for any  $x, y \in \mathcal{L}$  hold

- (i)  $\text{int}_{\mathcal{L}}(x \wedge y) = \text{int}_{\mathcal{L}}(x) \wedge \text{int}_{\mathcal{L}}(y)$ .
- (ii)  $\text{int}_{\mathcal{L}}(x) \leq x$ .
- (iii)  $\text{int}_{\mathcal{L}}(x) = \text{int}_{\mathcal{L}}(\text{int}_{\mathcal{L}}(x))$ .

**Definition 14.** The closure operator in  $(\mathcal{L}, \wedge, \vee)$  is  $\text{cl}_{\mathcal{L}}(x) = (\text{int}_{\mathcal{L}}(x^c))^c$  where  $x^c$  is a complement of  $x$  w.r.to  $\mathcal{L}$ . Thus,  $\text{cl}_{\mathcal{L}}(x) = (\text{int}_{\mathcal{L}}(x^c))^c = (\vee\{a \in \mathcal{L} : a < x^c\})^c = \wedge\{a \in \mathcal{L} : a > x\}$ .

**Example 6.** Let  $\mathcal{L} = M_3 = 1 \oplus \bar{3} \oplus 1$  be shown in Figure 7. Then,  $\text{int}_{\mathcal{L}}(a) = \vee\{0\} = \{0\}$ ,  $\text{int}_{\mathcal{L}}(b) = \{0\}$ ,  $\text{int}_{\mathcal{L}}(c) = \{0\}$ ,  $\text{cl}_{\mathcal{L}}(a) = \wedge\{1\} = \{1\}$ ,  $\text{cl}_{\mathcal{L}}(b) = \text{cl}_{\mathcal{L}}(c) = \{1\}$ ,  $\text{int}_{\mathcal{L}}(0) = \text{cl}_{\mathcal{L}}(0) = \{0\}$  and  $\text{int}_{\mathcal{L}}\{1\} = \text{cl}_{\mathcal{L}}\{1\} = \{1\}$ .

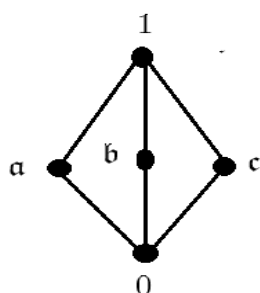


Fig. 7: Interior and closure operators on a lattice.

**Definition 15.** The lower and upper preapproximation of  $a \in \mathcal{L}$  is

$$\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(a) = \text{int}_{\mathcal{L}}(a) = \vee\{a \in \mathcal{L} : a < x\},$$

$$\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(a) = \text{cl}_{\mathcal{L}}(a) = \wedge\{a \in \mathcal{L} : a > x\}, \text{ respectively.}$$

**Example 7.** In Figure 8, let  $\mathcal{U} = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $\mathcal{L} = (\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq)$  be the house diagram lattice. Then,  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\{1\}) = \phi$ ,  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\{1\}) = \{1\}$ ,  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\{2\}) = \phi$ ,  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\{2\}) = \{2\}$ ,  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\{3\}) = \phi$ ,  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\{3\}) = \{3\}$ ,  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\{1, 2\}) = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\{1, 2\}) = \mathcal{U}$ ,  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\{1, 3\}) = \{1, 3\}$ ,  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\{1, 3\}) = \mathcal{U}$ ,  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\{2, 3\}) = \{2, 3\}$ ,  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\{2, 3\}) = \mathcal{U}$ ,  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\{\phi\}) = \phi$  and  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\mathcal{U}) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\mathcal{U}) = \mathcal{U}$ .

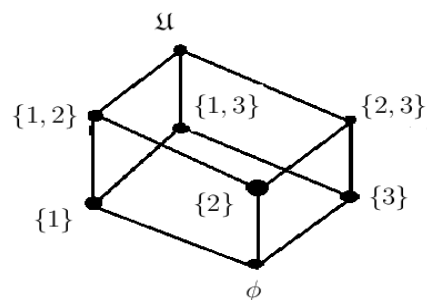


Fig. 8: A house diagram lattice.

**Definition 16.**  $a \in \mathcal{L}$  is called to be preexact if  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(a) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(a)$ . Otherwise, it is called prerough.

**Example 8.** In a lattice in Figure 8 and Example 4,  $\phi$  and  $\mathcal{U}$  are preexact elements. Other elements are prerough.

**Remark 9.** From Definition 12,

- (i) if  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}(X) = \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}(Y)$ , then each set in  $\mathcal{L}$  is preopen.
- (ii) if  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}(X) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}(Y)$ , then each set in  $\mathcal{L}$  is preclosed.
- (ii) if  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}(X) = \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}(Y)$  and  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}(X) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}(Y)$ , then each set in  $\mathcal{L}$  is both preopen and preclosed. Moreover, all elements of lattices are preexact.

**Lemma 4.** Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a complete Boolean lattice. Then, for any  $x, y \in \mathcal{L}$

- (i)  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(0) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(0) = 0$  and  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(1) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(1) = 1$ .
- (ii)  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(x) \leq x \leq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(x)$ .
- (iii) If  $x \leq y$ , then  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(x) \leq \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(y)$ .

**Proof.** (i) Since 0 is the least element in  $\mathcal{L}$ , then the  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(0) = 0$ . Also, since  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(0) = \wedge\{a \in \mathcal{L} : a > 0\} = 0$ , then  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(0) = 0$ . The second part of (i) have the same manner.

(ii) Let  $\alpha \in \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(x)$ . Then,  $\alpha \in \vee\{a \in \mathcal{L} : a < x\}$ . Thus,  $\exists a_0 \in \mathcal{L}$  s.t.  $\alpha \leq a_0$ , but  $a_0 < x$  and so  $\alpha \leq x$ . Hence,  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(x) \leq x$ . Also, since  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(x) = \wedge\{a \in \mathcal{L} : a > x\}$ , then  $x < a$ ,  $\forall a \in \mathcal{L}$ . Therefore,  $x \leq \wedge\{a \in \mathcal{L} : a > x\} = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(x)$ . Hence,  $x \leq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(x)$ .

(iii) Let  $x \leq y$ . Then,  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(x) = \vee\{a \in \mathcal{L} : a < x\}$ , but  $x < y$ . Then,  $\wedge\{a \in \mathcal{L} : a < x\} \leq \wedge\{a \in \mathcal{L} : a < y\}$ . Therefore,  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(x) \leq \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(y)$ . Also,  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(y) = \wedge\{a \in \mathcal{L} : a > y\}$ , but  $x < y$ , and so  $\wedge\{a \in \mathcal{L} : a > y\} \geq \wedge\{a \in \mathcal{L} : a > x\}$ . Hence,  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(y) \geq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(x)$ . By Proposition 7, it is noted that the  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}$  and  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}$  are order preserving,  $\forall A \subseteq \mathcal{L}$ , since  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(A) = \{\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(x) : x \in A\}$  and  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(A) = \{\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(x) : x \in A\}$ .

**Proposition 9.** Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a complete Boolean lattice. Then,

- (i)  $\vee \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\mathcal{S}) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\vee \mathcal{S})$ ,  $\forall \mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$ ,

(ii)  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\mathcal{S}) = \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\wedge \mathcal{S}) \forall \mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$ .

*Proof.* (i) Firstly, let  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$ . A function  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p} : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  is in order preserving, since  $\mathcal{S} \leq \vee \mathcal{S}$ . Thus,  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\mathcal{S}) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\vee \mathcal{S})$ , and so  $\vee \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\mathcal{S}) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\vee \mathcal{S})$ . On the other hand,  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\vee \mathcal{S}) = \wedge \{\alpha \in \mathcal{B} : \alpha > \vee \mathcal{S}\} \leq \wedge \{\bigcup_{x \in \mathcal{S}} \{\alpha \in \mathcal{B} : \alpha > x\}\} = \vee_{x \in \mathcal{S}} \{\wedge \{\alpha \in \mathcal{B} : \alpha > x\}\} = \vee_{x \in \mathcal{S}} \{\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(x) : x \in \mathcal{S}\} = \vee \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\mathcal{S})$ . Therefore,  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\vee \mathcal{S}) = \vee \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\mathcal{S})$ .

(ii) Let  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$  and a map  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p} : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  be preserving. Since  $\wedge \mathcal{S} \leq \mathcal{S}$ ,  $\forall \mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$ , then  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\wedge \mathcal{S}) \leq \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\mathcal{S})$ . Thus,  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\wedge \mathcal{S}) \leq \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\mathcal{S})$ . On the other hand,  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\wedge \mathcal{S}) = \vee \{\alpha \in \mathcal{B} : \alpha < \wedge \mathcal{S}\} \geq \vee \{\bigcap_{x \in \mathcal{S}} \{\alpha \in \mathcal{B} : \alpha < x\}\} = \wedge_{x \in \mathcal{S}} \{\vee \{\alpha \in \mathcal{B} : \alpha < x\}\} = \wedge \{\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(x) : x \in \mathcal{S}\} = \wedge \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\mathcal{S})$ . Therefore,  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\wedge \mathcal{S}) = \wedge \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\mathcal{S})$ .

**Definition 17.** Let  $a, b$  be two elements in  $\mathcal{L}$ . Define

(i)  $a \preceq b$  if  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}(a) \subseteq \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}(b)$  and  $\preceq$  is called rough bottom order.

(ii)  $a \preceq_p b$  if  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}(a) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}(b)$  and  $\preceq_p$  is called rough top order.

(iii)  $a = b$  if  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}(a) \subseteq \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}(b)$  and  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}(a) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}(b)$ , and  $=$  is called rough order.

(iv)  $a \preceq_p b$  if  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(a) \subseteq \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(b)$  and  $\preceq_p$  is called prerough bottom order.

(v)  $a \preceq_p b$  if  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(a) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(b)$  and  $\preceq_p$  is called prerough top order.

(vi)  $a =_p b$  if  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(a) \subseteq \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(b)$  and  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(a) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(b)$ , and  $=_p$  is called prerough order.

**Proposition 10.** Let  $(B, \subseteq)$  be a complete Boolean lattice. Then, the following hold

(i) Each of  $(\mathcal{P}(B), \wedge)$  and  $(\mathcal{P}(B), \vee)$  is a complete lattice.

(ii) A relation  $\simeq$  (resp.  $\approx$ ) of a map  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}$  (resp.  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}$ ):  $B \rightarrow B$  is a congruence on  $(B, \wedge)$  (resp.  $(B, \vee)$ ).

*Proof.* (i) Follows by Proposition 9 (i) and (ii).

(ii) It is seen that  $\simeq$  is an equivalence on  $B$ . If  $a, b, c, d \in B$  and assume that  $a \simeq b$  and  $c \simeq d$ , then  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}(a \wedge c) = \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}(a) \wedge \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}(c) = \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}(b) \wedge \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}(d) = \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}(b \wedge d)$ . Thus,  $\simeq$  is a congruence on  $(B, \wedge)$ .  $\approx$  has a similar proof.

**Remark 10.** The proofs of Propositions 9, 10 and 7 are true on topological lattices which are generated by preinterior or preclosure operators  $\mathcal{L}$ .

**Definition 18.** Let 0 be the least in  $\mathcal{L}$ .  $a$  is an atom in  $\mathcal{L}$  if  $0 < a$  and the class of atoms is named  $\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{L})$ .  $\mathcal{L}$  is called atomic if  $\forall x \in \mathcal{L}$  is a supremum of all atoms. The pair  $(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq)$  is a complete atomic Boolean lattice in which each atom can be approached to an element of  $\mathcal{U}$ . The map  $\varphi : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})$  with  $x \rightarrow [x]_{\approx}$  is called rough equality and also has  $\varphi : \mathcal{A}(B) \rightarrow B$ , where  $B = (\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U}), \subseteq)$ .

**Example 9.** Let  $B = \{0, a, b, c, d, e, f, 1\}$  with an ordered relation  $\leq$  in Figure 9. The atom set is  $\{a, b, c\}$ . Let  $\varphi : \mathcal{A}(B) \rightarrow B$  be  $\varphi(a) = d$ ,  $\varphi(b) = b$  and  $\varphi(c) = f$ . The approximations are in Table 3. The duality order isomorphic sets  $(B, \subseteq)$  and  $(B, \preceq)$  are in Figure 10.

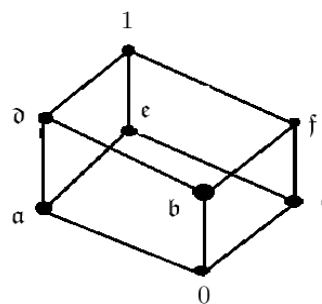


Fig. 9: Complete atomic Boolean lattice.

Table 3: Atoms of a complete atomic Boolean lattice for  $\mathcal{B}$

| $x$ | $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}(x)$ | $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}(x)$ |
|-----|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 0   | 0                                    | 0                                   |
| a   | 0                                    | a                                   |
| b   | b                                    | $a \vee b \vee c = 1$               |
| c   | 0                                    | c                                   |
| d   | $a \vee b = d$                       | $a \vee b \vee c = 1$               |
| e   | 0                                    | $a \vee c = e$                      |
| f   | $b \vee c = f$                       | $a \vee b \vee c = 1$               |
| 1   | $a \vee b \vee c = 1$                | $a \vee b \vee c = 1$               |

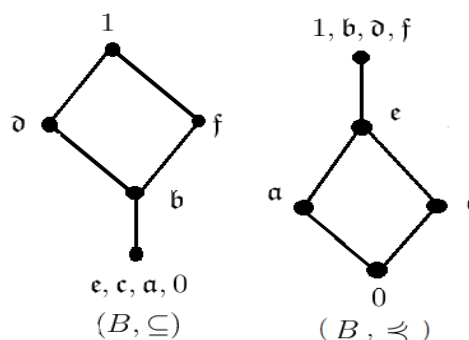


Fig. 10: Duality order isomorphic sets.

**Remark 11.** If our approach is used to determine lower and the upper approximations, then the results are given in



Table 4. The duality order isomorphisms  $(B, \subseteq)$  and  $(B, \preceq)$  illustrate in Figure 11.

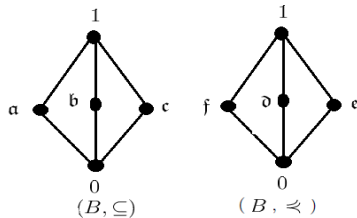


Fig. 11: Duality order isomorphic sets by another approach.

Table 4: Duality order isomorphic sets by another approach

| $x$ | $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(x)$ | $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(x)$ |
|-----|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 0   | 0                                     | 0                                     |
| a   | 0                                     | a                                     |
| b   | 0                                     | b                                     |
| c   | 0                                     | c                                     |
| d   | d                                     | 1                                     |
| e   | e                                     | 1                                     |
| f   | f                                     | 1                                     |
| 1   | 1                                     | 1                                     |

In the following, the representation of closure is given for matroids that is induced by complete Boolean lattices using the fact in Remark 12.

**Remark 12.** In [29], researchers proved that a lattice is a Boolean lattice if it is the open and closed set lattice of matroids. A lattice is a Boolean lattice if it is only closed set lattice of matroids.

**Lemma 5.** Let  $\Omega_p$  is either reflexive or transitive. Then,  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^{n+1}(X) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n(X)$  and  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^{n+1}(X) = \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n(X)$ ,  $\forall X \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})$ .

*Proof.* Firstly, using Proposition 5, we prove that  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^{n+1}(X) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n(X)$ ,  $\forall X \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})$ . Since  $\Omega_p$  is reflexive, then by Proposition 4(ii),  $X \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X)$ . By Proposition 4(i),  $X \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^2(X) \subseteq \dots \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^{n-1}(X) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n(X) \dots$ . Since  $|\mathcal{U}| = n$ , then  $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^{k+1}(X) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(X)$ . Choose at least  $k \leq n$  s.t.  $X \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^2(X) \subseteq \dots \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^{k-1}(X) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(X) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^{k+1}(X)$ . Therefore,  $|\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(X)| \geq k$  and so  $k \leq |\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(X)| \leq n$ . By a successive of the iteration,  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^{k+2}(X) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^{k+1}(X)$ ,  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^{k+3}(X) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^{k+2}(X)$  and so

on. By induction for  $k \leq n$ ,  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^{n+1}(X) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n(X)$ . Secondly, Since  $\Omega_p$  is transitive and by Proposition 4(ii), then it is sufficient to show that  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^{n+1}(X) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n(X)$ ,  $\forall X \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})$ . Since  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X)) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^2(X) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X)$ . By Proposition 4(i),  $\dots \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n(X) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^{n-1}(X) \subseteq \dots \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^3(X) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^2(X) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^1(X)$ . Since  $|\mathcal{U}| = n$ , then  $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^{k+1}(X) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(X)$ . Choose at least  $k \leq n$  s.t.  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^{k+1}(X) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(X) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \subseteq \dots \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^3(X) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^2(X) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^1(X)$ . If  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) = \mathcal{U}$ , then  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^2(X) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) = \mathcal{U}$ . Take  $k = 1 \leq |\mathcal{U}| = n$ . Otherwise, if  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X) \neq \mathcal{U}$ , then  $|\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X)| \leq |\mathcal{U}| = n$  and also  $k - 1 \leq |\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X)|$ . Therefore,  $k - 1 \leq |\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(X)| < |\mathcal{U}| = n$ , that is  $k \leq n$  and so  $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $k \leq n$  s.t.  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^{k+1}(X) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(X)$ . By a successive of the iteration,  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^{k+2}(X) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^{k+1}(X)$ ,  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^{k+3}(X) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^{k+2}(X)$  and so on. By induction for  $k \leq n$ ,  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^{n+1}(X) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n(X)$ .

It is directly deduce Corollary 3 from a successive of iteration  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}$ .

**Corollary 3.** Let  $\Omega_p$  is either reflexive or transitive. Then,  $\forall m \geq n$  and  $X \subseteq \mathcal{U}$ ,  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^m(X) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n(X)$  and  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^m(X) = \underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n(X)$ .

**Proposition 11.** If  $(\mathcal{U}, \Omega_p)$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , then  $P\mathcal{D}(\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k) \subseteq \{\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(X) : X \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})\}$  and  $P\mathcal{D}(\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k) \subseteq \{\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(X) : X \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})\}$ .

*Proof.* By a definition of  $P\mathcal{D}(\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k)$ , if  $\forall A \in P\mathcal{D}(\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k)$ , then  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(A) = A$ . By Lemma 1,  $A = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(A) \in \{\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(X) : X \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})\}$  and so  $P\mathcal{D}(\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k) \subseteq \{\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^k(X) : X \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})\}$ . Using the duality, the second part is hold.

**Theorem 13.** Let  $\Omega_p$  is either reflexive or transitive. Then,  $P\mathcal{D}(\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}) = \{\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n(X) : X \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})\}$  and  $P\mathcal{D}(\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}) = \{\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n(X) : X \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})\}$

*Proof.* For  $\Omega_p$  is reflexive and  $X \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})$ , take  $A = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n(X)$ , by Lemma 5,  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}(A) = A$ . Thus,  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n(X) = A \in P\mathcal{D}(\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p})$ . This gives  $\{\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n(X) : X \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})\} \subseteq P\mathcal{D}(\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p})$ . The other side is cleared by Proposition 11. Also, for  $\Omega_p$  is transitive, the proof is straightforward from Lemma 5 and Proposition 11.

**Proposition 12.** Let  $\Omega_p$  is reflexive and  $P\mathcal{D}(\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p})$  is lattice matroidal closed sets of  $\mathcal{M}$ , then  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n = \text{cl}_{\mathcal{M}}$ .

*Proof.* By Theorem 13, we have  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n(X) \in P\mathcal{D}(\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p})$ . So,  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n(X)$  is a closed set of  $\mathcal{M}$  and so  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n(X)$

$\cap \text{cl}_{\mathcal{M}}(X)$  is a closed set of  $\mathcal{M}$ . Therefore,  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n(X) \cap \text{cl}_{\mathcal{M}}(X) \in P\mathcal{D}(\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n)$ . By Theorem 13,  $\exists A \subseteq \mathcal{U}$  s.t.  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n(X) \cap \text{cl}_{\mathcal{M}}(X) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n(A)$ . From Propositions 2 and 5,  $X \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n(X) \cap \text{cl}_{\mathcal{M}}(X)$ . Also,  $X \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n(A)$ . Thus, by Proposition 5 and Corollary 3,  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n(X) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n(\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n(A)) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^{2n}(A) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n(A) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n(X) \cap \text{cl}_{\mathcal{M}}(X)$ , that is,  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n(X) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n(X) \cap \text{cl}_{\mathcal{M}}(X)$ . Therefore,  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n(X) \subseteq \text{cl}_{\mathcal{M}}(X)$ . On the other hand, by Proposition 2,  $\text{cl}_{\mathcal{M}}(X) \subseteq \text{cl}_{\mathcal{M}}(\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n(X) \cap \text{cl}_{\mathcal{M}}(X))$ . Since  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n(X) \cap \text{cl}_{\mathcal{M}}(X)$  is a closed set of  $\mathcal{M}$ , then  $\text{cl}_{\mathcal{M}}(X) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n(X) \cap \text{cl}_{\mathcal{M}}(X)$  and so  $\text{cl}_{\mathcal{M}}(X) \subseteq \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n(X)$ . Therefore,  $\text{cl}_{\mathcal{M}}(X) = \overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n(X)$ . This is true,  $\forall X \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{U})$  and so  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p}^n = \text{cl}_{\mathcal{M}}$ .

## 4 Conclusions

The mathematical sciences of topology [50], lattice [26], and rough sets [51,8] are concerned with all issues directly or indirectly linked to preapproximations. As a result, lattice theory, rough sets, and topological spaces became the most significant mathematica disciplines. In rough set theory, the aim of study is to extend the lower preapproximation of a nonempty set to itself and to intend the upper preapproximation to the set itself. This means that the boundary region will be empty. There are a modification for Li's study in [29] and proved that a lattice is Boolean if it is only closed set lattice of matroids. So, the value of  $k$  that satisfies  $\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}^k \in P\mathcal{D}(\overline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p})$  is determined and  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}^k \in P\mathcal{D}(\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega_p})$ . We prove that  $\underline{\text{apr}}_{\Omega}^n$  is the closure of a matroid  $\mathcal{M}$ .

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