



## G–SUPPLEMENTED LATTICES

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*Abstract.* In this work,  $g$ -supplemented lattices are defined and some properties of these lattices are investigated.  $g$ -small submodules and  $g$ -supplemented modules are generalized to lattices. Let  $L$  be a lattice and  $1 = a_1 \vee a_2 \vee \dots \vee a_n$  with  $a_i \in L$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ). If  $a_i/0$  is  $g$ -supplemented for every  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , then  $L$  is also  $g$ -supplemented. If  $L$  is  $g$ -supplemented, then  $1/a$  is also  $g$ -supplemented for every  $a \in L$ . It is also defined the  $g$ -radical of a lattice  $L$  and it is shown that if  $L$  is  $g$ -supplemented, then  $1/r_g(L)$  is complemented.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper, every lattice is complete modular lattice with the smallest element  $0$  and the greatest element  $1$ . Let  $L$  be a lattice,  $x, y \in L$  and  $x \leq y$ . A sublattice  $\{a \in L \mid x \leq a \leq y\}$  is called a *quotient sublattice* and denoted by  $y/x$ . An element  $y$  of a lattice  $L$  is called a *complement* of  $x$  in  $L$  if  $x \wedge y = 0$  and  $x \vee y = 1$ , this case we denote  $1 = x \oplus y$  (in this case we call  $x$  and  $y$  are *direct summands* of  $L$ ).  $L$  is said to be *complemented* if each element has at least one complement in  $L$ . An element  $x$  of  $L$  is said to be *small* or *superfluous* and denoted by  $x \ll L$  if  $y = 1$  for every  $y \in L$  such that  $x \vee y = 1$ . The meet of all maximal ( $\neq 1$ ) elements of a lattice  $L$  is called the *radical* of  $L$  and denoted by  $r(L)$ . An element  $a$  of  $L$  is called a *supplement* of  $b$  in  $L$  if it is minimal for  $a \vee b = 1$ .  $a$  is a supplement of  $b$  in a lattice  $L$  if and only if  $a \vee b = 1$  and  $a \wedge b \ll a/0$ . A lattice  $L$  is called a *supplemented lattice* if every element of  $L$  has a supplement in  $L$ . We say that an element  $y$  of  $L$  lies above an element  $x$  of  $L$  if  $x \leq y$  and  $y \ll 1/x$ .  $L$  is said to be *hollow* if every element distinct from  $1$  is superfluous in  $L$ , and  $L$  is said to be *local* if  $L$  has the greatest element ( $\neq 1$ ). We say an element  $x \in L$  has *ample supplements* in  $L$  if for every  $y \in L$  with  $x \vee y = 1$ ,  $x$  has a supplement  $z$  in  $L$  with  $z \leq y$ .  $L$  is said to be *amply supplemented* if every element of  $L$  has ample supplements in  $L$ . It is clear that every amply supplemented lattice is supplemented. Let  $L$  be a lattice and  $k \in L$ . If  $t = 0$  for every  $t \in L$  with  $k \wedge t = 0$ , then  $k$  is called an *essential element* of  $L$  and denoted by  $k \trianglelefteq L$ .

More informations about (amply) supplemented lattices are in [1, 2, 5, 9]. More results about (amply) supplemented modules are in [8, 12].

**Definition 1.** Let  $L$  be a lattice and  $a \in L$ . If  $b = 1$  for every  $b \trianglelefteq L$  with  $a \vee b = 1$ , then  $a$  is called a generalized small (briefly, g-small) element of  $L$  and denoted by  $a \ll_g L$ .

It is clear that every small element is g-small, but the converse is not true in general (See Example 1 and Example 2).

G-small elements generalize g-small submodules. G-small submodules are studied in [6, 7, 11].

**Lemma 1.** Let  $L$  be a lattice and  $a, b, c, d \in L$ . Then the followings are hold.

- (i) If  $a \leq b$  and  $b \ll_g L$ , then  $a \ll_g L$ .
- (ii) If  $a \ll_g b/0$ , then  $a \ll_g t/0$  for every  $t \in L$  with  $b \leq t$ .
- (iii) If  $a \ll_g L$ , then  $a \vee b \ll_g 1/b$ .
- (iv) If  $a \ll_g b/0$  and  $c \ll_g d/0$ , then  $a \vee c \ll_g (b \vee d)/0$ .

*Proof.* (i) Let  $a \vee k = 1$  with  $k \trianglelefteq L$ . Since  $a \leq b$ ,  $b \vee k = 1$  and since  $b \ll_g L$ ,  $k = 1$ . Hence  $a \ll_g L$  as desired.

(ii) Let  $t \in L$  with  $b \leq t$  and let  $a \vee k = t$  with  $k \trianglelefteq t/0$ . Here  $k \wedge b \trianglelefteq b/0$ . Since  $a \leq b$ , by modularity,  $b = b \wedge t = b \wedge (a \vee k) = a \vee (k \wedge b)$  and since  $a \ll_g b/0$ ,  $k \wedge b = b$  and  $b \leq k$ . Hence  $a \leq k$  and  $t = a \vee k = k$ . Therefore,  $a \ll_g t/0$ .

(iii) Let  $a \vee b \vee k = 1$  with  $k \trianglelefteq 1/b$ . Since  $k \trianglelefteq 1/b$ , we can easily see that  $k \trianglelefteq L$ . Since  $1 = a \vee b \vee k = a \vee k$  and  $a \ll_g L$ ,  $k = 1$ . Hence  $a \vee b \ll_g 1/b$  as desired.

(iv) Let  $a \vee c \vee k = b \vee d$  with  $k \trianglelefteq (b \vee d)/0$ . By (ii)  $a \ll_g (b \vee d)/0$  and  $c \ll_g (b \vee d)/0$ . Since  $a \ll_g (b \vee d)/0$  and  $c \vee k \trianglelefteq (b \vee d)/0$ ,  $c \vee k = b \vee d$  and since  $c \ll_g (b \vee d)/0$ ,  $k = b \vee d$ . Hence  $a \vee c \ll_g (b \vee d)/0$  as desired.  $\square$

**Corollary 1.** If  $a_i \ll_g b_i/0$  for  $a_i, b_i \in L$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ), then  $a_1 \vee a_2 \vee \dots \vee a_n \ll_g (b_1 \vee b_2 \vee \dots \vee b_n)/0$ .

*Proof.* Clear from Lemma 1(iv).  $\square$

**Corollary 2.** Let  $a, b \in L$  and  $a \leq b$ . If  $b \ll_g L$ , then  $b \ll_g 1/a$ .

*Proof.* Clear from Lemma 1(iii).  $\square$

## 2. G-SUPPLEMENTED LATTICES

**Definition 2.** Let  $L$  be a lattice and  $a, b \in L$ . If  $1 = a \vee b$  and  $1 = a \vee t$  with  $t \trianglelefteq b/0$  implies that  $t = b$ , then  $b$  is called a g-supplement of  $a$  in  $L$ . If every element of  $L$  has a g-supplement in  $L$ , then  $L$  is called a g-supplemented lattice.

G-supplemented lattices generalize g-supplemented modules. G-supplemented modules are studied in [7]. Every supplemented lattice is g-supplemented. Hollow and local lattices are g-supplemented.

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $L$  be a lattice and  $a, b \in L$ . Then  $b$  is a  $g$ -supplement of  $a$  in  $L$  if and only if  $1 = a \vee b$  and  $a \wedge b \ll_g b/0$ .*

*Proof.* ( $\implies$ ) Let  $(a \wedge b) \vee k = b$  with  $k \leq b/0$ . Then  $1 = a \vee b = a \vee (a \wedge b) \vee k = a \vee k$  hold. Since  $b$  is a  $g$ -supplement of  $a$  in  $L$  and  $k \leq b/0$ , by definition,  $k = b$ . Hence  $a \wedge b \ll_g b/0$  as desired.

( $\impliedby$ ) Let  $1 = a \vee t$  with  $t \leq b/0$ . Since  $t \leq b$ , by modularity,  $b = b \wedge 1 = b \wedge (a \vee t) = (a \wedge b) \vee t$ . Since  $a \wedge b \ll_g b/0$ ,  $t = b$ . Hence  $b$  is a  $g$ -supplement of  $a$  in  $L$  as desired.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $L$  be a lattice and  $a, b \in L$ . If  $a \vee b$  has a  $g$ -supplement  $x$  in  $L$  and  $(a \vee x) \wedge b$  has a  $g$ -supplement  $y$  in  $b/0$ , then  $x \vee y$  is a  $g$ -supplement of  $a$  in  $L$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $x$  is a  $g$ -supplement of  $a \vee b$  in  $L$ , by Lemma 2,

$$1 = a \vee b \vee x \text{ and } (a \vee b) \wedge x \ll_g x/0.$$

Since  $y$  is a  $g$ -supplement of  $(a \vee x) \wedge b$  in  $b/0$ , by Lemma 2,

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

and

$$(a \vee x) \wedge y = (a \vee x) \wedge b \wedge y \ll_g y/0.$$

Then

$$1 = a \vee b \vee x = a \vee x \vee ((a \vee x) \wedge b) \vee y = a \vee x \vee y$$

and by Lemma 1,

$$\begin{aligned} a \wedge (x \vee y) &\leq ((a \vee x) \wedge y) \vee ((a \vee y) \wedge x) \\ &\leq ((a \vee x) \wedge y) \vee ((a \vee b) \wedge x) \ll_g (x \vee y)/0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $x \vee y$  is a  $g$ -supplement of  $a$  in  $L$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.** *Let  $L$  be a lattice and  $a, b \in L$ . If  $a \vee b$  has a  $g$ -supplement in  $L$  and  $b/0$  is  $g$ -supplemented, then  $a$  has a  $g$ -supplement in  $L$ .*

*Proof.* Clear from Lemma 3.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.** *Let  $1 = a \vee b$  with  $a, b \in L$ . If  $a/0$  and  $b/0$  are  $g$ -supplemented, then  $L$  is also  $g$ -supplemented.*

*Proof.* Let  $x$  be any element of  $L$ . Then  $0$  is a  $g$ -supplement of  $x \vee a \vee b$  in  $L$  and since  $b/0$  is  $g$ -supplemented, by Corollary 3,  $x \vee a$  has a  $g$ -supplement in  $L$ . Since  $a/0$  is  $g$ -supplemented, again by Corollary 3,  $x$  has a  $g$ -supplement in  $L$ . Hence  $L$  is  $g$ -supplemented.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.** *Let  $1 = a_1 \vee a_2 \vee \dots \vee a_n$  with  $a_i \in L$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ). If  $a_i/0$  is  $g$ -supplemented for every  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , then  $L$  is also  $g$ -supplemented.*

*Proof.* Clear from Lemma 4.  $\square$

**Lemma 5.** *Let  $L$  be a lattice and  $a, b, c \in L$  with  $c \leq a$ . If  $b$  is a  $g$ -supplement of  $a$  in  $L$ , then  $b \vee c$  is a  $g$ -supplement of  $a$  in  $1/c$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $b$  is a  $g$ -supplement of  $a$  in  $L$ ,  $1 = a \vee b$  and  $a \wedge b \ll_g b/0$ . Since  $a \wedge b \ll_g b/0$ , by Lemma 1 (ii),

$$a \wedge b \ll_g (b \vee c)/0$$

and by Lemma 1 (iii),

$$(a \wedge b) \vee c \ll_g (b \vee c)/c.$$

Hence  $1 = a \vee b = a \vee b \vee c$  and  $a \wedge (b \vee c) = (a \wedge b) \vee c \ll_g (b \vee c)/c$  and  $b \vee c$  is a  $g$ -supplement of  $a$  in  $1/c$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 5.** *Let  $L$  be a  $g$ -supplemented lattice. Then  $1/a$  is  $g$ -supplemented for every  $a \in L$ .*

*Proof.* Clear from Lemma 5.  $\square$

**Definition 3.** Let  $L$  be a lattice and  $t$  be a maximal ( $\neq 1$ ) element of  $L$ . If  $t \leq L$ , then  $t$  is called a  $g$ -maximal element of  $L$ . The meet of all  $g$ -maximal elements of  $L$  is called the  $g$ -radical of  $L$  and denoted by  $r_g(L)$ . If  $L$  have not any  $g$ -maximal elements, then we call  $r_g(L) = 1$ .

**Corollary 6.** *Let  $L$  be a lattice. Then  $r(L) \leq r_g(L)$ .*

*Proof.* Clear from definitions.  $\square$

**Lemma 6.** *Let  $L$  be a lattice and  $a \in L$ . If  $a \ll_g L$ , then  $a \leq r_g(L)$ .*

*Proof.* Assume  $a \not\leq r_g(L)$ . Then there exists a  $g$ -maximal element  $t$  of  $L$  with  $a \not\leq t$ . Since  $t$  is maximal ( $\neq 1$ ) and  $a \not\leq t$ ,  $a \vee t = 1$  and since  $a \ll_g L$  and  $t \leq L$ ,  $t = 1$ . This is contradiction. Hence  $a \leq r_g(L)$  as desired.  $\square$

**Lemma 7.** *Let  $L$  be a lattice and  $a \in L$ . Then  $r_g(a/0) \leq r_g(L)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $t$  be any  $g$ -maximal element of  $L$ . If  $a \leq t$ , then  $r_g(a/0) \leq t$ . If  $a \not\leq t$ , we can easily see that  $a \wedge t$  is a  $g$ -maximal element of  $a/0$  and hence  $r_g(a/0) \leq t$ . Therefore,  $r_g(a/0) \leq r_g(L)$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 8.** *Let  $L$  be a  $g$ -supplemented lattice. Then  $1/r_g(L)$  is complemented.*

*Proof.* Let  $x$  be any element of  $1/r_g(L)$ . Since  $L$  is  $g$ -supplemented,  $x$  has a  $g$ -supplement  $y$  in  $L$ . Here  $1 = x \vee y$  and  $x \wedge y \ll_g y/0$ . Since  $x \wedge y \ll_g y/0$ , by Lemma 6 and Lemma 7,  $x \wedge y \leq r_g(y/0) \leq r_g(L)$ . Hence  $1 = x \vee y \vee r_g(L)$  and

$$x \wedge (y \vee r_g(L)) = (x \wedge y) \vee r_g(L) = r_g(L).$$

Therefore,  $y \vee r_g(L)$  is a complement of  $x$  in  $1/r_g(L)$  and  $1/r_g(L)$  is complemented.  $\square$

Let  $x, y \in L$ . It is defined a relation  $\beta_*$  on the elements of  $L$  by  $x\beta_*y$  if and only if for every  $t \in L$  with  $1 = x \vee t$  then  $1 = y \vee t$  and for every  $k \in L$  with  $1 = y \vee k$  then  $1 = x \vee k$ . (See [10, Definition 1]. More informations about  $\beta_*$  relation are in [10]. More informations about  $\beta^*$  relation on modules are in [4].

**Corollary 7.** *Let  $L$  be a  $g$ -supplemented lattice. Then  $1/r_g(L)$  is  $\oplus$ -supplemented.*

*Proof.* Clear from [3, Definition 1] and Lemma 8. □

**Lemma 9.** *Let  $L$  be a lattice and  $a\beta_*b$  in  $L$ . If  $a$  and  $b$  have  $g$ -supplements in  $L$ , then they have the same  $g$ -supplements in  $L$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x$  be a  $g$ -supplement of  $a$  in  $L$ . Then  $1 = a \vee x$  and since  $a\beta_*b$ , we have  $1 = b \vee x$ . Let  $1 = b \vee t$  with  $t \trianglelefteq x/0$ . Since  $a\beta_*b$ , we have  $1 = a \vee t$  and since  $x$  is a  $g$ -supplement of  $a$  in  $L$ , we have  $t = x$ . Hence  $x$  is a  $g$ -supplement of  $b$  in  $L$ . Similarly, interchanging the roles of  $a$  and  $b$  we can prove that each  $g$ -supplement of  $b$  in  $L$  is also a  $g$ -supplement of  $a$  in  $L$ . □

**Corollary 8.** *Let  $L$  be a lattice and  $a$  lies above  $b$  in  $L$ . If  $a$  and  $b$  have  $g$ -supplements in  $L$ , then they have the same  $g$ -supplements in  $L$ .*

*Proof.* By [10, Theorem 3],  $a\beta_*b$  and by Lemma 9, the desired is obtained. □

**Lemma 10.** *Let  $L$  be a lattice and  $t \ll_g x/0$  for every  $g$ -supplement element  $x$  in  $L$  and for every  $t \ll_g L$  with  $t \leq x$ . If every element of  $L$  is  $\beta_*$  equivalent to a  $g$ -supplement element in  $L$ , then  $L$  is  $g$ -supplemented.*

*Proof.* Let  $a \in L$ . By hypothesis, there exists a  $g$ -supplement element  $x$  in  $L$  such that  $a\beta_*x$ . Let  $x$  be a  $g$ -supplement of  $b$  in  $L$ . By hypothesis, there exists a  $g$ -supplement element  $y$  in  $L$  with  $b\beta_*y$ . By Lemma 9,  $x$  is a  $g$ -supplement of  $y$  in  $L$ . Here  $1 = x \vee y$  and  $x \wedge y \ll_g x/0$ . Since  $x \wedge y \ll_g L$  and  $y$  is a  $g$ -supplement element in  $L$ , by hypothesis,  $x \wedge y \ll_g y/0$ . Then by Lemma 2,  $y$  is a  $g$ -supplement of  $x$  in  $L$ . Since  $a\beta_*x$ , by Lemma 9,  $y$  is a  $g$ -supplement of  $a$  in  $L$ . Hence  $L$  is  $g$ -supplemented. □

**Corollary 9.** *Let  $L$  be a lattice and  $t \ll_g x/0$  for every  $g$ -supplement element  $x$  in  $L$  and for every  $t \ll_g L$  with  $t \leq x$ . If every element of  $L$  lies above a  $g$ -supplement element in  $L$ , then  $L$  is  $g$ -supplemented.*

*Proof.* Clear from [10, Theorem 3] and Lemma 10. □

**Definition 4.** Let  $L$  be a lattice. If every element of  $L$  with distinct from 1 is  $g$ -small in  $L$ , then  $L$  is called a  $g$ -hollow lattice.

Clearly we can see that every hollow lattice is  $g$ -hollow. But the converse is not true in general (See Example 2).

**Proposition 1.** *Every  $g$ -hollow lattice is  $g$ -supplemented.*

*Proof.* Let  $L$  be a  $g$ -hollow lattice. Then  $1$  is a  $g$ -supplement of every element of  $L$  with distinct from  $1$  and  $0$  is a  $g$ -supplement of  $1$  in  $L$ . Hence  $L$  is  $g$ -supplemented.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.** Let  $L$  be a lattice with  $r_g(L) \neq 1$ . The following conditions are equivalent.

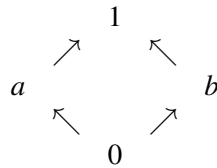
- (i)  $L$  is  $g$ -hollow.
- (ii)  $L$  is local.
- (iii)  $L$  is hollow.

*Proof.* (i)  $\implies$  (ii) Let  $x \in L$  and  $x \neq 1$ . Since  $L$  is  $g$ -hollow,  $x \ll_g L$  and by Lemma 6,  $x \leq r_g(L)$ . By hypothesis,  $r_g(L) \neq 1$ . Hence  $r_g(L)$  is the greatest element ( $\neq 1$ ) of  $L$  and  $L$  is local.

(ii)  $\implies$  (iii) and (iii)  $\implies$  (i) are clear.  $\square$

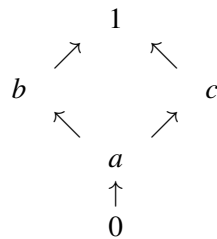
*Example 1.* Let  $L$  be a nonzero complemented lattice. Here  $1 \ll_g L$ , but not  $1 \ll L$ .  $1$  is a  $g$ -supplement of  $1$  in  $L$ , but  $1$  is not a supplement of  $1$  in  $L$ .

*Example 2.* Consider the lattice  $L = \{0, a, b, 1\}$  given by the following diagram.



Then  $L$  is  $g$ -hollow but not hollow. Here  $1 \ll_g L$ , but not  $1 \ll L$ .  $1$  is a  $g$ -supplement of  $1$  in  $L$ , but  $1$  is not a supplement of  $1$  in  $L$ . Here also  $r(L) = 0 \neq 1 = r_g(L)$  hold.

*Example 3.* Consider the lattice  $L = \{0, a, b, c, 1\}$  given by the following diagram.



Then  $L$  is  $g$ -supplemented but not  $g$ -hollow.

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