

# Localic Reflections of Quantales

M. Nawaz ([nawaz@buitms.edu.pk](mailto:nawaz@buitms.edu.pk))  
Balochistan University of Information Technology  
and Management Sciences Quetta

## Abstract

Quantales were introduced by C.J Mulvey (2) to provide a non-commutative extension of the concept of locale (1). Certain authors (4) restrict the term quantale to mean those multiplicative lattices for which each element is right sided (  $a \cdot 1 < a$  ) and idempotent (  $a \cdot a = a$  ). In this paper by a quantale we mean a complete multiplicative lattice with  $1 = \top$  . The paper deals with localic reflections of quantales. A condition for neat elements of a coherent quantale to form a locale has also been studied.

## 1- Basic Concepts and definitions

- 1.1 A poset (partially ordered set) is a set  $A$  equipped with a binary relation (partial order)  $\leq$  which is reflexive :  $a \leq a$   
transitive : if  $a \leq b$  and  $b \leq c$  then  $a \leq c$   
anti-symmetric: if  $a \leq b$  and  $b \leq a$  then  $a = b$ .

- 1.2 Let  $A$  be a poset and  $a, b \in A$ , then  $a \vee b$  is called the join of  $a$  and  $b$  if

- i)  $a \leq a \vee b$  and  $b \leq a \vee b$
- ii)  $a \leq c$  and  $b \leq c \Rightarrow a \vee b \leq c$ .

For  $S \subseteq A$ , we write  $\bigvee S$  for join of  $S$ , that is

- i)  $s \leq \bigvee S$  for all  $s \in S$
- ii) If  $s \leq b$  for all  $s \in S$  then  $\bigvee S \leq b$

In any poset  $A$ , we introduce meet by reversing all the inequalities in the definition of join. For  $a, b \in A$ ,  $a \wedge b$  stands for meet of  $a$  and  $b$  and  $\bigwedge S$  for the meet of  $S$  for any  $S \subseteq A$ .

- 1.3 A lattice is a poset in which every finite subset has both a join and a meet. Meet and join of empty subset are denoted by  $\top$  and  $\perp$  respectively.  $\top$  is the greatest and  $\perp$  is the least element of the lattice.

A lattice  $A$  is distributive if

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

for all  $a, b, c \in A$ .

A boolean algebra is a distributive lattice  $A$  equipped with unary operation

$$\neg : A \rightarrow A$$

such that

$$(\neg a) \wedge a = \perp$$

and

$$(\neg a) \vee a = \top.$$

1.4 A lattice  $A$  is called complete if every subset of  $A$  has a join in  $A$ .

A locale is a complete lattice  $L$  satisfying the infinite distributive law

$$a \wedge \bigvee_i b_i = \bigvee_i (a \wedge b_i) \quad \bigvee \quad \bigvee$$

Terms “frame” and “complete hyeting algebra” are also used for locales, however, locales, frames and hyeting algebras have different meaning when their categories are considered.

## 2- Multiplicative Lattices and Quantales

### Definitions

2.1 A complete lattice  $L$  together with  $\& : L \times L \rightarrow L$  satisfying

i)  $\&$  is associative

ii)  $a \& \bigvee_i b_i = \bigvee_i (a \& b_i)$  and  $(\bigvee_i b_i) \& a = \bigvee_i (b_i \& a)$

iii)  $b \leq c \Rightarrow a \& b \leq a \& c$  and  $b \& a \leq c \& a$

$\forall a, b, c \in L, \{b_i / i \in I\} \subseteq L$ , is called a complete multiplicative lattice.

2.2  $1 \in L$  is called multiplicative identity if

$$1 \& a = a \& 1 = a \quad \forall a \in L$$

2.3  $1 \in L$  is called right (left) multiplicative identity if

$$a \& 1 = a, \quad (1 \& a = a).$$

2.4 The term identity will be used for  $1 \in L$  if

$$1 = \top \text{ and } a \& 1 = 1 \& a = a \quad \forall a \in L$$

2.5  $1 = \top$  is right (left) identity if  $a \& 1 = a$  ( $1 \& a = a$ ).

2.6  $L$  is commutative if  $a \& b = b \& a \quad \forall a, b \in L$

2.7  $L$  is idempotent if  $a \& a = a \quad \forall a \in L$

### Examples:

- i) Lattice of right (left) ideals of a ring (with 1) is non-commutative complete multiplicative lattice with right (left) identity.  $\text{RI}(\text{Idl}(A))$  is idempotent if  $A$  is regular ring. For commutative ring  $A$ ,  $\text{Idl } A$  is commutative. Two sided ideals of a non-commutative ring form complete multiplicative lattice with identity. Lattice of neat ideals (1) is locale. Another example of locale is the lattice  $\text{Rad } A$  of redical ideals of a commutative ring  $A$ .
- ii) Opens of a topological group is complete multiplicative lattice, without multiplicative identity in general.  $\text{O}(G)$  has multiplicative identity iff  $G$  is discrete.  $\text{O}(G)$  is commutative if  $G$  is.
- iii) Every locale is commutative and idempotent complete multiplicative lattice with identity by putting  $\& = \wedge$ .

2.8 By a quantale  $Q$  we mean a complete multiplicative lattice with  $1 = \top$

A morphism of quantales  $f : L \rightarrow M$  is an  $\&$ - $\bigvee$ -preserving map. We denote by  $\mathbf{QtL}$ , the category of quantales and  $\&$ - $\bigvee$ -preserving maps and by  $\mathbf{CQtL}$ , the subcategory of commutative quantales.

## Remarks

For commutative rings  $A$  and  $B$ , any ring homomorphism  $f : A \rightarrow B$  gives rise to a quantale homomorphism.

$$\underline{f} : \text{Idl}(A) \rightarrow \text{Idl}(B)$$

$$I \mapsto [f(I)]$$

Where  $[f(I)]$  is ideal generated by  $f(I)$ . In fact we have a functor

$F : \mathbf{C Rng} \rightarrow \mathbf{CQtL}$  which takes any commutative ring  $R$  to  $\text{Idl}R$  and morphism

$$f : R \rightarrow S \text{ to } \underline{f} : \text{Idl}R \rightarrow \text{Idl}S.$$

## Proposition 2.1(C.J. Mulvey)

Let  $A$  be a commutative ring, then the locale  $\text{Rad } A$  of radical ideals of  $A$  is the localic reflection of the quantale  $\text{Idl } A$  of ideals of  $A$ .

### Proof:

Consider the mapping.

$$\sqrt{\phantom{x}} : \text{Idl } A \rightarrow \text{Rad } A$$

$\bigvee$  which assigns to each ideal of  $A$  its radical. It is asserted that this is

$\&$ -morphism from the quantale  $\text{Idl } A$  to the quantale  $\text{Rad } A$ . Further that any such homomorphism factors uniquely through this one.

$$\sqrt{IJ} = \sqrt{I \wedge J} : \quad - \quad -$$

Since

$$IJ \leq I \wedge J \leq \sqrt{I \wedge J}$$

and  $\sqrt{I \wedge J}$  is radical ideal, therefore

$$\sqrt{IJ} \leq \sqrt{I \wedge J}.$$

Conversely if  $a \in \sqrt{I \wedge J}$  then there exists  $n$  with  $a^n \in I \wedge J$ . Let  $P \supseteq IJ$  where  $P$  is prime ideal, then

$$a^{2n} = a^n \cdot a^n \in IJ \subseteq P.$$

Hence  $a \in P$ .

$$\text{So } a \in \sqrt{IJ}, \text{ thus } \sqrt{I \wedge J} \leq \sqrt{IJ}.$$

$$\text{b) } \sqrt{\sum I_i} = \sqrt{\sum \sqrt{I_i}} :$$

$$\sqrt{\sum I_i} \leq P \Leftrightarrow \sum I_i \leq P$$

$$\Leftrightarrow I_i \leq P \text{ for each } i$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \bigvee I_i \leq P \text{ for each } i$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \bigvee \Sigma \bigvee I_i \leq P.$$

Thus  $\bigvee$  is an  $\&$ -morphism from  $\text{Idl } A$  to  $\text{Rad } A$ .

c) Consider

$$\varphi : \text{Idl } A \rightarrow M$$

where  $M$  is a locale and define

$$\psi : \text{Rad } A \rightarrow M$$

$$I \mapsto \varphi(I)$$

To see that  $\psi$  is an  $\&$ -morphism, consider  $I, J \in \text{Rad } A$ . Then

$$\psi(I \wedge J) = \varphi(I \wedge J)$$

which must be proved equal to  $\varphi(I) \wedge \varphi(J)$ . Assert that

$$\varphi(IJ) = \varphi(I \wedge J).$$

Clearly

$$\varphi(IJ) \leq \varphi(I \wedge J)$$

because  $IJ \leq I \wedge J$ .

Conversely let  $a \in I \wedge J$ , then  $a^2 \in IJ$ . But

$$(a)^2 = (a^2)$$

hence

$$\varphi(a^2) = \varphi(a)^2 = \varphi(a) \quad (\text{because } M \text{ is a locale})$$

But

$$I \wedge J = \Sigma(a) \quad (a \in I \wedge J)$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi(I \wedge J) = \varphi(a) \quad (a \in I \wedge J)$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi(I \wedge J) = \varphi(a^2) \quad (a \in I \wedge J)$$

$$\leq \varphi(b) \quad (b \in IJ) \text{ (since } a \in I \wedge J \Rightarrow a^2 \in IJ)$$

$$= \varphi(\Sigma(b)) \quad (b \in IJ)$$

$$= \varphi(IJ)$$

Thus

$$\varphi(I \wedge J) = \varphi(IJ) = \varphi(I) \wedge \varphi(J)$$

And therefore

$$\psi(I \wedge J) = \psi(I) \wedge \psi(J).$$

Now we will show that  $\psi(\bigvee \Sigma \bigvee I_i) = \bigvee \psi(I_i)$ :

First we note that

$$\varphi(\bigvee I) = \varphi(I)$$

for any ideal  $I$ , because

$$I \leq \sqrt{I} \Rightarrow \varphi(I) \leq \varphi(\sqrt{I}).$$

Conversely

$$\sqrt{I} = \Sigma (a) \quad (a^n \in I \text{ for some } n)$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi(\sqrt{I}) = \bigvee \varphi(a) \quad (a^n \in I)$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi(\sqrt{I}) = \bigvee \varphi(a^{2^n}) \quad (a^n \in I), \text{ since } \varphi(a) = \varphi(a^2) = \dots = \varphi(a^{2^n})$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi(\sqrt{I}) \leq \bigvee \varphi(b) \quad (b \in I)$$

$$= \varphi(\Sigma(b)) \quad (b \in I)$$

$$= \varphi(I)$$

$$\text{So } \varphi(\sqrt{I}) \leq \varphi(I).$$

Therefore

$$\varphi(\sqrt{\Sigma I_i}) = \varphi(\sqrt{\Sigma I_i}) = \varphi(\Sigma I_i) = \varphi(I_i) = \bigvee (I_i) \quad \bigvee$$

as required.

## Proposition 2.2

A quantale  $Q$  is localic iff  $a^2 = a \quad \forall a \in Q$  and  $Q$  has two sided identity.

### Proof

$\Rightarrow$  is clear

$\Rightarrow$  Existence of two sided identity gives  
 $a \& b \leq a \wedge b$ .

Now

$$a \wedge b \leq a \text{ and } a \wedge b \leq b \Rightarrow (a \wedge b) \& (a \wedge b) \leq a \& b$$

Idempotency gives

$$a \wedge b \leq a \& b$$

Thus

$$a \& b = a \wedge b$$

Hence  $\&$  is same as  $\wedge$ . Therefore  $Q$  is a locale.

## Proposition 2.3

Idempotents of any quantale  $Q$  with right (left) identity form a sup lattice.

### Proof

$\perp$  and  $1=\top$  are idempotents.

Let  $S$  be any family of idempotents, then

$$\begin{aligned} \bigvee_{a_i \in S} a_i \& \bigvee_{a_j \in S} a_j &= \bigvee_{a_i \in S} \bigvee_{a_j \in S} a_i \& a_j \\ &= \bigvee_{a \in S} a \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} & \text{(Because } a_i \& a_j = a_i \text{ if } i=j \\ & \leq a_i \text{ if } i \neq j) \end{aligned}$$

### Proposition 2.4:

For idempotent quantale  $Q$  with right (left) identity, for any  $p \in Q$

$$\downarrow p = \{ a \in Q \mid a \leq p \}$$

is idempotent quantale with right (left) identity.

### Proof

$\downarrow p$  is idempotent is clear.

Now  $a \leq p$  and  $b \leq p \Rightarrow a \& b \leq p$

(Because of idempotency).

Therefore  $a \& b \in \downarrow p$ .

Further for any  $S \subseteq \downarrow p$  it is clear that  $S \leq p$ .

$p$  is right identity in  $\downarrow p$  because

$$a \leq p \Rightarrow a \& a \leq a \& p \leq a$$

$$\Rightarrow a \leq a \& p \leq a$$

$$\Rightarrow a \& p = a.$$

The distributive law induces from  $Q$ .

### Remarks

For commutative quantale, idempotents from a locale with  $\& = \wedge$ . For quantale  $Q$  we denote this locale by

Any  $\&$ -homomorphism  $\bar{Q} \xrightarrow{f} Q'$  preserves idempotents :

For any idempotent  $a \in Q$ ,  $f(a) = f(a \& a) = f(a) \& f(a)$ .

### Proposition 2.5

Given a commutative quantale  $Q$ ,  $\exists$  a locale  $\bar{Q}$  such that  $\bar{Q} \xrightarrow{f} Q$  for any  $\&$  preserving map  $L \rightarrow Q$ ,  $L$  a locale  $\exists!$   $L \rightarrow \bar{Q}$  such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \bar{Q} & \\ \bar{f} \swarrow & & \searrow i \\ L & \xrightarrow{f} & Q \end{array} \quad \text{Commutates}$$

### Proof

First we note that any  $\&$  preserving homomorphism  $Q \xrightarrow{f} Q'$  preserves idempotents.

Let  $E = \{ a \in Q \mid a^2 = a \}$

The locale  $L$  is an idempotent quantale in particular, therefore from above observation we have for any  $L \rightarrow Q$

$\text{Im } f \subseteq E \subseteq Q$  which gives  $\bar{f} : L \rightarrow \bar{Q}$  such that  $\bar{f} \xrightarrow{f}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \bar{Q} & \\ \bar{f} \swarrow & & \searrow i \\ L & \xrightarrow{f} & Q \end{array}$$

Commutates,  $\bar{f}$  is unique because  $i$  is inclusion.

We observed that for any quantale  $Q$ , Given  $L \rightarrow Q$  we  $c\bar{Q}$  always obtain a quantale homomorphism by composing with inclusion that is  $L \rightarrow Q$ .  $\bar{Q} \hookrightarrow$

We have

Inclusion Loc  $CQ \xrightarrow{i}$  s right adjoint  $CQtL$  Loc  $w \xrightarrow{j}$  takes any quantale  $Q$  to  $= \{ a \in Q \mid a^2 = a \}$

and homomorphism  $Q \xrightarrow{f} \bar{Q}$  to  $\bar{Q}$   $\xrightarrow{f}$

2.9 An element  $a$  of a commutative quantale  $Q$  is said to be neat if it satisfies

$$a \& b = a \wedge b \quad \forall b \in Q$$

## Remarks

For  $a, b \in Q$ ,  $a$  and  $b$  neat  $\Rightarrow a \& b$  is neat:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall d \in Q, (a \& b) \& d &= a \& (b \& d) = a \& (b \wedge d) \quad (\text{because } b \text{ is neat}) \\ &= a \wedge (b \wedge d) \quad (\text{because } a \text{ is neat}) \\ &= (a \wedge b) \wedge d \\ &= (a \& b) \wedge d \end{aligned}$$

In particular  $\perp$  and  $1 = \top$  are neat elements of  $Q$ .

## Proposition 2.6

TFAE for commutative quantale  $Q$

- i-  $\forall b \in Q \quad a \& b = a \wedge b$
- ii-  $x \leq a$  implies  $a \& x = x$

## Proof

- i -  $\Rightarrow$  ii  $x \leq a \Rightarrow a \& x = a \wedge x = x$  is clear
- ii-  $\Rightarrow$  i  $a \wedge b \leq b \Rightarrow (a \wedge b) \& a \leq b \& a$   
 $\Rightarrow a \wedge b \leq a \& b, \quad (a \wedge b \leq a \text{ gives } (a \wedge b) \& a = a \wedge b)$

Also

$$\begin{aligned} a \& b &\leq a \wedge b \\ &\text{because of identity of } Q. \\ &\text{Hence } a \& b = a \wedge b. \end{aligned}$$

2.10 Let  $Q$  be a non-commutative quantale with right (left) identity, an element  $a \in Q$  is said to be two sided if  $a \& 1 = 1 \& a = a$

## Proposition 2.7

For two sided element  $a \in Q$  TFAE

- i-  $\forall b \in Q, b \& a = a \wedge b$
- ii-  $x \leq a$  implies  $x \& a = x$

**Proof**

- i-  $\Rightarrow$  ii  $x \leq a \Rightarrow x \& a = x \wedge a = x$  is clear
- ii-  $\Rightarrow$  i Since  $a \wedge b \leq b$  therefore  $(a \wedge b) \& a \leq b \& a$   
 Also  $a \wedge b \leq a$  gives  $(a \wedge b) \& a = a \wedge b$   
 Therefore  $a \wedge b \leq b \& a$ .  
 Now  $b \leq 1$  gives  $b \& a \leq 1 \& a \leq a$  (because  $a$  is two sided)  
 But  $b \& a \leq b$  therefore  $b \& a \leq a \wedge b$   
 Hence  $b \& a = a \wedge b$

2.11 An element  $a \in Q$  satisfying any one of above two equivalent condition is called virginal.

2.12 A multiple sub set  $S \subseteq Q$  (that is  $a, b \in S \Rightarrow a \& b \in S$ ) is said to be basis for  $Q$  if every  $I \in Q$  can be written as sup of elements of  $S$ .

We define a quantale  $Q$  to be coherent if for basic  $a$

$$a \leq \bigvee_i I_i \Rightarrow \bigvee_i a \& I_i \quad (\bigvee_{i=1}^n I_i, b_i \text{ basic})$$

**Preposition 2.8**

Neat elements of a coherent quantale  $Q$  form a locale if for  $a, b, c, d$  basic,  
 $b \& I = b$  and  $c \& J = c$  implies that there exists  $d \leq I \vee J$  such that  $a \& d = a$  for each  $a \leq b \vee c$ .

**Proof**

Suppose  $k \leq I \vee J$ , then since  $Q$  is coherent,  $k$  can be written as join of basic elements. Suppose  $a \leq k$  is basic, then  $a \leq I \vee J$  and therefore we have  $b \leq I$  and

$c \leq J$  such that  $a \leq b \vee c$ , since  $I$  and  $J$  are neat  $b \& I = b$  and  $c \& J = c$  therefore there exists  $d \leq I \vee J$  such that  $a \& d = a$ .

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} k \& (I \vee J) &= \bigvee_i a_i \& (I \vee J) \\ &= \bigvee_i a_i \& \bigvee_j d_j \quad \bigvee_j d_j \\ &= \bigvee_{i,j} a_i \& d_j \quad \bigvee_j d_j \\ &= k \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $I \vee J$  is neat.

Now for  $k \leq \bigvee_i I_i$  and basic  $a \leq k$  we have  $a \leq \bigvee_i I_i$  which gives

$$a \leq \bigvee_{i=1}^n I_i$$

And therefore



$$\begin{aligned}
 a &= a \& \bigvee_{i=1}^n I_i \text{ (bec } \bigvee_{i=1}^n I_i \text{ is neat)} \\
 &= a \& \bigvee_{i=1}^n I_i \\
 &\leq a \& I_i \\
 &\leq a \& \bigvee_{i=1}^n I_i.
 \end{aligned}$$

Also  $a \& \bigvee_{i=1}^n I_i \leq a$

Therefore  $a \& \bigvee_{i=1}^n I_i = a$  (because each  $a \& I_i \leq a$ ).

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Hence } k &= \bigvee_{a_j \leq k} a_j \\
 &= (a_j \& I_i) \bigvee_{a_j \leq k} a_j \\
 &= (a_j) \& I_i \bigvee_{a_j \leq k} a_j \\
 &= k \& I_i
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\bigvee_{i=1}^n I_i$  is neat.

## References

1. Johnstone, P. T. *Stone Spaces*, Cambridge studies in advanced Mathematics 3, Cambridge University Press 1977.
2. Mulvey, C.J, & , Rend : Conti Cir . Met . Palemo , 12, 99-104 (1986).
3. Mulvey C.J, Nawaz M, *Quantales: Quantal Sets, Theory and Decision Library, Series B: Mathematics and Statistical Models Volum 32, Non-Classical Logics and their Applications to Fuzzy Subsets*, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Netherlands , 1995.
4. Rosenthal, K.I , *Quantales and their applications*. Pitman Research Notes in Mathematics, series, 234, Longman Scientific and Technical Essex, U.K 1990.
5. Stout, L.N: *Categories of Fuzzy Sets with values in a Quantale or Projectale, Theory and Decision Library, Series B: Mathematics*.