

Thm For any Boolean Algebra B prove that

(i) $a \leq b, a \leq c \Rightarrow a \leq bc$

(ii) $a \leq b \Rightarrow a \leq b+c$

(iii) $a \leq b \Leftrightarrow b' \leq a'$

(iv) $0 \leq a \leq 1 \quad \forall a \in B$

Proof

(i) Let $a \leq b$ & $a \leq c$

$$\Rightarrow a \cdot b' = 0 \quad a \cdot c' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a \cdot b' + a \cdot c' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a \cdot (b' + c') = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a \cdot (b \cdot c)' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a \leq bc \quad \text{proved}$$

(ii) Let $a \leq b$

$$\Rightarrow a \cdot b' = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{Now } a \cdot (b+c)' = a \cdot (b' \cdot c')$$

$$= (a \cdot b') \cdot c'$$

$$= 0 \cdot c'$$

$$= 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a \leq b+c \quad \text{proved}$$

(iii) Let $a \leq b$

$$\Leftrightarrow a \cdot b' = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow b' \cdot a = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow b' \cdot (a')' = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow b' \leq a' \quad \text{proved}$$

(1v) For every $a \in B$ we have
 $0 \cdot a' = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq a \text{ --- (1)}$$

$$\& \quad a \cdot 1' = a \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a \leq 1 \text{ --- (2)}$$

From (1) & (2) $0 \leq a \leq 1 \quad \forall a \in B.$

EXAMPLES

Ex ① In a Boolean algebra B prove that
 $a' + b = 1 \Leftrightarrow a + b = b \quad \forall a, b \in B.$

Proof Let $a + b = b \text{ --- (1)}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } a' + b &= a' + (a + b) \quad \text{From (1)} \\ &= (a' + a) + b \\ &= 1 + b \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Conversely let $a' + b = 1$

$$\text{Now } a + b = (a + b) \cdot 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (a + b) \cdot (a' + b) \\ &= (b + a) \cdot (b + a') \\ &= b + (a \cdot a') \\ &= b + 0 \\ &= b \end{aligned}$$

proved

Ex ② For any Boolean algebra B prove that
 $(a+b) \cdot (b+c) \cdot (c+a) = a \cdot b + b \cdot c + c \cdot a$

solⁿ

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{LHS} &= (a+b) \cdot (b+c) \cdot (c+a) \\
 &= (b+a) \cdot (b+c) \cdot (c+a) \\
 &= \{b + (a \cdot c)\} \cdot (c+a) \\
 &= (b + a \cdot c) \cdot c + (b + a \cdot c) \cdot a \\
 &= c \cdot (b + a \cdot c) + a \cdot (b + a \cdot c) \\
 &= c \cdot b + c \cdot (a \cdot c) + a \cdot b + a \cdot (a \cdot c) \\
 &= b \cdot c + c \cdot (c \cdot a) + a \cdot b + a \cdot (a \cdot c) \\
 &= b \cdot c + (c \cdot c) \cdot a + a \cdot b + (a \cdot a) \cdot c \\
 &= b \cdot c + c \cdot a + a \cdot b + a \cdot c \\
 &= b \cdot c + c \cdot a + a \cdot b + c \cdot a \\
 &= a \cdot b + b \cdot c + c \cdot a + c \cdot a \\
 &= a \cdot b + b \cdot c + c \cdot a \\
 &= \text{RHS} \quad \text{proved}
 \end{aligned}$$

Ex ③ In a Boolean algebra B prove that-

$$[x' \cdot (x+y)]' + [y \cdot (y+x')] + [y \cdot (y'+x)]' = 1$$

solⁿ

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{LHS} &= [x' \cdot (x+y)]' + [y \cdot (y+x')] + [y \cdot (y'+x)]' \\
 &= (x')' + (x+y)' + y' + (y+x')' + y' + (y'+x)' \\
 &= x + x' \cdot y' + y' + y' \cdot x + y' + y \cdot x' \\
 &= x + (y' + y') + y' \cdot x' + y' \cdot x + x' \cdot y \\
 &= x + y' + y' \cdot (x' + x) + x' \cdot y \\
 &= x + y' + y' \cdot 1 + y' \cdot x' \\
 &= x + y' + y' + y' \cdot x'
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= x + y' + y \cdot x' = x + x' \cdot y + y' \\
 &= (x + x') \cdot (x + y) + y' = 1 \cdot (x + y) + y' \\
 &\Rightarrow x + y + y' = x + 1 \\
 &= 1 \quad \text{RHS Proved}
 \end{aligned}$$

Ex⁽¹⁴⁾ In Boolean algebra B prove that
 $a + b \leq c \Leftrightarrow a \leq c \text{ \& } b \leq c$

Pr^m Let $a \leq c$ & $b \leq c$

$$\Rightarrow a + c = c \text{ \& } a \cdot c = a \text{ and } b + c = c \text{ \& } b \cdot c = b$$

Now $(a + b) + c = a + (b + c) = a + c = c$
 ie $(a + b) + c = c$
 $\Rightarrow a + b \leq c$

Conversely let $a + b \leq c$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\Rightarrow (a + b) \cdot c = a + b \\
 &\Rightarrow a \cdot c + b \cdot c = a + b \\
 &\Rightarrow a \cdot c = a \text{ \& } b \cdot c = b \\
 &\Rightarrow a \leq c \text{ \& } b \leq c
 \end{aligned}$$

Proved