

# Orthocomplemented lattices with a symmetric difference

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Modelling an abstract version of the set-theoretic operation of symmetric difference in the theory of orthocomplemented lattices, we introduce a class of orthocomplemented difference lattices.

**Definition 1** Let  $L = (X, \wedge, \vee, \perp, \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}, \Delta)$ , where  $(X, \wedge, \vee, \perp, \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1})$  is an orthocomplemented lattice and  $\Delta : X^2 \rightarrow X$  is a binary operation. Then  $L$  is said to be an *orthocomplemented difference lattice* (abbr., an ODL) if the following three properties are fulfilled for any  $x, y, z \in X$ :

$$(D_1) \quad x \Delta (y \Delta z) = (x \Delta y) \Delta z,$$

$$(D_2) \quad x \Delta \mathbf{1} = x^\perp, \quad \mathbf{1} \Delta x = x^\perp,$$

$$(D_3) \quad x \Delta y \leq x \vee y.$$

In the talk we shall be discussing algebraic properties of ODLs. Let us formulate three typical results.

**Theorem 1** Let  $L = (X, \wedge, \vee, \perp, \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}, \Delta)$  be an ODL. Then  $(X, \wedge, \vee, \perp, \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1})$  is an OML. Moreover, if  $L$  is finite, then  $|L| = 2^n$ .

**Theorem 2** An ODL may not allow for a set representation.

**Theorem 3** The class of all ODL's which allow for a set representation forms a variety of algebras.

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