# WEAKLY (m, n)-PRIME IDEALS IN AN ALMOST DISTRIBUTIVE LATTICE

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**Abstract** The conditions under which (m, n)-prime ideals in an ADL become weakly (m, n)-prime ideals are studied. Additionally, we explore the direct product of weakly (m, n)-prime ideals. Finally, we investigate whether the homomorphic images and inverse images of (m, n)-prime (or weakly (m, n)-prime) ideals retain their status as (m, n)-prime (or weakly (m, n)-prime) ideals.

### **1** Introduction

The study of prime ideals is motivated by the desire to generalize prime numbers, understand localization, develop representation theorems, and explore order theory, all of which contribute to a deeper and more elegant understanding of mathematical structures. Prime ideals help in studying the properties of partially ordered sets (posets). They provide a way to understand the ordering relations within a poset and contribute to the development of a more comprehensive theory of ordered structures. According to Anna et al.[2] and Beddani and Messirdi [5], a proper ideal I of a ring R is a prime ideal in R if  $ab \in I$ , then  $a \in I$  or  $b \in I$ , for all  $a, b \in R$ . Generalizing this concept, a proper ideal I of a ring R is a weakly prime ideal in R if  $0 \neq ab \in I$ , then  $a \in I$  or  $b \in I$ , for all  $a, b \in R$  introduced in [3, 4, 6, 10]. Koc et al.[9] introduced the concepts of 1-absorbing prime ideals which is the generalizations of weakly 1-API introduced by [15]. Let  $m, n \in Z^+$  with m > n and I a proper ideal in R. Khashan and Celikel [7] and [8] introduced (m, n)-prime (or, weakly (m, n)-prime) ideals in R if for  $a, b \in R, a^m b \in I$  (or,  $0 \neq a^m b \in I$ ) implies either  $a^n \in I$  or  $b \in I$ . Furthermore, the concepts of weakly 2-absorbing ideals and (m, n)-absorbing ideals have introduced by [14] and [1].

The concept of Almost Distributive Lattices (ADLs) was later introduced by Swamy and Rao [13]. Building on this, Natnael [11] have proposed the concepts of weakly 2-absorbing ideals of an ADL. In this paper, we introduce the notion of (m, n)-prime ideals in an Almost Distributive Lattice. We prove every a 1-API (or, a prime ideal) is an (m, n)-prime ideal and (m, n)-prime ideal is an n-absorbing ideal, and the converse of these results are not true, justified by counter examples. We note that (m, n)-maximal ideal is an (m, n)-prime ideal. Mainly, we defined and characterized the notions of weakly (m, n)-prime ideals in an ADL L. A proper ideal H is a weakly (m, n)-prime ideal in L if  $0 \neq \bigwedge_{i=1}^{m} h_i \land g \in H$  implies that either  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{n} h_i \in H$  or  $g \in H$ , for all  $h_1, h_2, ..., h_m, g \in L$ . We establish the relation between weakly (m, n)-prime ideal in L and (m, n)-prime ideal. Additionally, we discuss the direct product of weakly (m, n)-prime ideals and we prove their equivalent conditions. Finally, we prove that the homomorphic images and inverse homomorphic images of weakly (m, n)-prime ideals are again (m, n)-prime ideal.

# 2 Preliminaries

In this portion, we revisit certain definitions and fundamental findings primarily sourced from [7], [8] and [13].

**Definition 2.1.** An algebra  $R = (R, \land, \lor, 0)$  of type (2, 2, 0) is referred to as an ADL if it meets the subsequent conditions for all r, s and t in R.

(i)  $0 \wedge r = 0$ 

(ii) 
$$r \lor 0 = r$$

(iii)  $r \wedge (s \lor t) = (r \land s) \lor (r \land t)$ 

(iv) 
$$r \lor (s \land t) = (r \lor s) \land (r \lor t)$$

- (v)  $(r \lor s) \land t = (r \land t) \lor (s \land t)$
- (vi)  $(r \lor s) \land s = s$ .

Every distributive lattice with a lower bound is categorized as an ADL.

**Example 2.2.** For any nonempty set A, it's possible to transform it into an ADL that doesn't constitute a lattice by selecting any element 0 from A and fixing an arbitrary element  $u_0 \in R$ . For every  $u, v \in R$ , define  $\wedge$  and  $\vee$  on R as follows:

$$u \wedge v = \begin{cases} v & \text{if } u \neq u_0 \\ u_0 & \text{if } u = u_0 \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad u \vee v = \begin{cases} u & \text{if } u \neq u_0 \\ v & \text{if } u = u_0 \end{cases}$$

Then  $(A, \land, \lor, u_0)$  is an ADL (called the **discrete ADL**) with  $u_0$  as its zero element.

**Definition 2.3.** Consider  $R = (R, \land, \lor, 0)$  be an ADL. For any r and  $s \in R$ , establish  $r \leq s$  if  $r = r \wedge s$  (which is equivalent to  $r \vee s = s$ ). Then  $\leq$  is a partial order on R with respect to which 0 is the smallest element in R.

**Theorem 2.4.** The following conditions are valid for any r, s and t in an ADL R.

(1) 
$$r \land 0 = 0 = 0 \land r$$
 and  $r \lor 0 = r = 0 \lor r$   
(2)  $r \land r = r = r \lor r$   
(3)  $r \land s \le s \le s \lor r$   
(4)  $r \land s = r$  iff  $r \lor s = s$   
(5)  $r \land s = s$  iff  $r \lor s = r$   
(6)  $(r \land s) \land t = r \land (s \land t)$  (in other words,  $\land$  is associative)  
(7)  $r \lor (s \lor r) = r \lor s$   
(8)  $r \le s \Rightarrow r \land s = r = s \land r$  (iff  $r \lor s = s = s \lor r$ )

(9)  $(r \wedge s) \wedge t = (s \wedge r) \wedge t$ 

$$(10) \ (r \lor s) \land t = (s \lor r) \land t$$

(11) 
$$r \wedge s = s \wedge r$$
 iff  $r \vee s = s \vee r$ 

(12)  $r \wedge s = \inf\{r, s\}$  iff  $r \wedge s = s \wedge r$  iff  $r \vee s = \sup\{r, s\}$ .

**Definition 2.5.** Let R and G be ADLs and form the set  $R \times G$  by

 $R \times G = \{(r, g) : r \in R \text{ and } g \in G\}$ . Define  $\land$  and  $\lor$  in  $R \times G$  by,  $(r_1, g_1) \wedge (r_2, g_2) = (r_1 \wedge r_2, g_1 \wedge g_2)$  and  $(r_1, g_1) \vee (r_2, g_2) = (r_1 \vee r_2, g_1 \vee g_2)$ , for all  $(r_1, g_1), (r_2, g_2) \in R \times G$ . Then  $(R \times G, \land, \lor, 0)$  is an ADL under the pointwise operations and 0 = (0, 0) is the zero element in  $R \times G$ .

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**Definition 2.6.** Let R and G be ADLs. A mapping  $g: R \to G$  is called a homomorphism if the following are satisfied, for any  $r, s, t \in R$ .

(1).  $f(r \wedge s \wedge t) = f(r) \wedge f(s) \wedge f(t)$ (2).  $f(r \lor s \lor t) = f(r) \lor f(s) \lor f(t)$ (3). f(0) = 0.

**Definition 2.7.** A non-empty subset, denoted as I in an ADL R is termed an ideal in R if it satisfies the conditions: if u and v belong to I, then  $u \lor v$  is also in F, and for every element r in R, the  $u \land r$  is in F.

**Definition 2.8.** A proper ideal *I* in *R* is a prime ideal if for any *u* and *v* belongs *R*,  $u \wedge v$  belongs *F*, then either *u* belongs *F* or *v* belongs *F*.

**Theorem 2.9.** Let I be an ideal in R. Let F be a non-empty subset in R such that  $r \land s \in F$ , for all r and  $s \in F$ . Assume  $I \cap F$  is empty set. Then there exists a prime ideal P in R containing I and  $P \cap F$  is empty set.

**Theorem 2.10.** Let P be an ideal in R. Then P a weakly prime ideal in R only if P is a prime ideal in R.

**Definition 2.11.** Let R be a ring and m, n be positive integers. A proper ideal I of R is called a (m, n)-prime in R if for  $a, b \in R, a^m b \in I$  implies either  $a^n \in I$  or  $b \in I$ ..

**Definition 2.12.** Let R be a ring and m, n be positive integers. A proper ideal I of R is called weakly (m, n)-prime in R if for  $a, b \in R, 0 \neq a^m b \in I$  implies either  $a^n \in I$  or  $b \in I$ ..

# 3 (m, n)-Prime Ideals

In this section, we define and characterize the concept of (m, n)-prime Ideals (in short, (m, n)-PIs) in an ADL L and their properties. In particular, we study on the direct product of (m, n)-PIs and their homomorphic images.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $m, n \in Z^+$  with m > n. A proper ideal H in L is an (m, n)-prime ideal (in short (m, n)-PI) in L if for all  $h_1, h_2, ..., h_m, g \in L$  such that  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \wedge g \in H \Rightarrow \bigwedge_{i=1}^n h_i \in H$  or  $g \in H$ .

Let us recall that,  $\langle r ] = \{ r \land s : s \in L \}.$ 

Lemma 3.2. Let  $h_i, k_i \in L$ , for all  $1 \le i \le m$ . Then the following hold. (1).  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{m} \langle h_i ] = \langle \bigwedge_{i=1}^{m} \langle h_i ]$ (2).  $\langle \bigwedge_{i=1}^{m} \langle h_i ] \cap \langle \bigwedge_{i=1}^{m} \langle k_i ] = \langle \bigwedge_{i=1}^{m} (h_i \land k_i) ] = \langle \bigwedge_{i=1}^{m} (k_i \land h_i) ]$ (3).  $\langle \bigwedge_{i=1}^{n} \langle h_i ] \lor \langle \bigwedge_{i=1}^{n} \langle k_i ] = \langle \bigwedge_{i=1}^{n} (h_i \lor k_i) ] = \langle \bigwedge_{i=1}^{m} (k_i \lor h_i) ]$ .

*Let H be an ideal in L*. *We note that,*  $H \cap \langle r ] = \{s \in L : r \land s \in H\}.$ 

**Lemma 3.3.** Let H be a proper ideal in L and  $m, n \in Z^+$  with m > n. Then the following assertion hold.

(1). *H* is prime iff *H* is a (1, 1) - PI(2). If *H* is a 1-absorbing prime ideal, then *H* is an (m, n) - PI, for all  $n \ge 2$ (3). If *H* is prime, then *H* is an (m, n) - PI(4). If *H* is an (m, n) - PI, then *H* is *n*-absorbing ideal (5). If *H* is an (m, n) - PI, then *H* is an  $(m^*, n^*) - PI$ , where  $m^* \le m$  and  $n \le n^*$ (6). *H* is an (m, n) - PI iff  $H \cap (r]$  is an (m, n) - PI, for all  $r \in L - H$ . *Proof.* (1). For m = n = 1, it is clear.

(2). Suppose that H is a 1-absorbing prime ideal. Let  $h_1, h_2, ..., h_m, g \in L$  with  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \wedge g \in H$ 

and  $g \notin H$ . If g = 1, then  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{m} h_i = h_1 \land \bigwedge_{i=2}^{m-1} h_i \land h_m \in H$  and since H is a 1-absorbing prime ideal, we have  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{n} h_i = h_1 \land \bigwedge_{i=1}^{n-1} h_i \in H$  or  $h_n \in H$ . Continue this process to get  $h_{n-1} \land h_n \in H$ 

and so,  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{n} h_i \in H$ , for all  $n \ge 2$ . Thus, H is an (m, n)-PI. (3). Assume that H is prime, and let  $h_1, h_2, ..., h_m, g \in L$  with  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \wedge g \in H$  and  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^n h_i \notin H$ . Since H is prime, we have  $g \in H$ . Hence the result. (4). Suppose H is an (m, n)-PI and  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{m} h_i \wedge h_{m+1} \in H$ , for all  $h_1, h_2, ..., h_m, h_{m+1} \in L$ . Then  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{m-1} h_i \wedge h_m \wedge h_{m+1} \in H.$  Thus, either  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{n-1} h_i \in H$  or  $h_n \wedge h_{n+1} \in H.$  Continue this process to get  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{n-3} h_i \in H$  or  $h_{n-2} \wedge h_{n-1} \in H$  or  $h_n \wedge h_{n+1} \in H$ . Thus there are *n* of  $h'_i$ s whose meet is in H. Hence the result. (5). Assume that H is an (m, n)-PI and  $m^* \leq m$  and  $n \leq n^*$ , for all  $m, n, m^*, n^* \in Z^+$  with m > n and  $m^* > n^*$ . Let  $h_1, h_2, ..., h_{m^*}, g \in L$  with  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{m^*} h_i \wedge g \in H$ . Since H is an ideal in L and  $h_m \in L$ , we have  $h_m \wedge \bigwedge_{i=1}^{m^*} h_i \wedge g \in H$  and hence  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \wedge g \in H$ , since  $m \ge m^*$ . Again, since His an (m, n)-PI, we get  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{n} h_i \in H$  or  $g \in H$ . Consequently,  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{n^*} h_i \in H$  or  $g \in H$ , since  $n^* \ge n$ ; for,  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{n^*} h_i = \bigwedge_{i=1}^{n} h_i \wedge h_{n^*}$  and if  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{n} h_i \in H$ , then clearly  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{n^*} h_i \in H$ . (6). Suppose H is an (m, n)-PI. Let  $h_1, h_2, ..., h_m, g \in L$ . Now,  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{m} h_i \wedge g \in H \cap \langle r ] \Rightarrow r \wedge \bigwedge_{i=1}^{m} h_i \wedge g \in H$  $\Rightarrow r \wedge r \wedge \bigwedge_{i=1}^{m} h_i \wedge g \in H$  $\Rightarrow r \land \bigwedge_{i=1}^{m} h_i \land r \land g \in H \text{ (by 2.4(9))}$  $\Rightarrow r \land \bigwedge_{i=1}^{n} h_i \in H \text{ or } r \land g \in H \text{ (by assumption)}$  $\Rightarrow \bigwedge_{i=1}^{n} h_i \in H \cap \langle r] \text{ or } g \in H \cap \langle r].$ Hence the result. Conversely suppose  $H \cap \langle r ]$  is an (m, n)-PI. Let  $h_1, h_2, ..., h_m, g \in L$  such that  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \wedge g \in H$ . Since H is an ideal in L, we have  $r \wedge \bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \wedge g \in H$ , for all  $r \in L - H$ . So,  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{m} h_i \wedge g \in H \cap \langle r ]$  and by assumption to get  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{n} h_i \in H \cap \langle r ]$  or  $g \in H \cap \langle r ]$ . It follows

that,  $r \wedge \bigwedge_{i=1}^{n} h_i \in H$  or  $r \wedge g \in H$ . By the property of ideal and  $r \in L - H$ , we get  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{n} h_i \in H$  or  $g \in H$ . Thus H is an (m, n)-PI.

The converse of the above results (2-5) are not true; consider the following example.

**Example 3.4.** Let Let  $D = \{0, u, v\}$  be a discrete ADL with 0 as its zero element defined in 2.2 and  $L = \{0, a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, 1\}$  be a lattice whose Hasse diagram is given below:



Consider  $D \times L = \{(t,s) : t \in D \text{ and } s \in L\}$ . Then  $(D \times L, \wedge, \vee, 0)$  is an ADL (note that

 $D \times L$  is not a lattice) under the point-wise operations  $\wedge$  and  $\vee$  on  $D \times L$  and 0 = (0,0), the zero element in  $D \times L$ .

(2). Put  $K = \{(0,0), (u,a), (v,b), (v,d)\}$ . Let  $(0,g), (u,f), (v,e), (u,d) \in D \times L$  such that  $(0,g) \land (u,f) \land (v,e) \land (u,d) \in K$  implies  $(v,e) \land (u,d) \in K$  but  $(0,g) \land (u,f) \land (v,e) = (0,c) \notin K$  and  $(u,d) \notin K$ . From this we can conclude that K is a (3,2)-PI but not a 1-absorbing prime ideal.

(3). *K* is a (3,2)-PI but not prime ideal in  $D \times L$ , where *K* is defined in above (2). Since,  $(0,g) \wedge (u,f) \wedge (v,e) \wedge (u,d) \in K$  implies  $(0,g) \wedge (u,f) \wedge (v,e) = (0,c) \notin K$  and  $(u,d) \notin K$ , or  $(u,f) \wedge (v,e) \wedge (u,d) = (u,0) \notin K$  and  $(0,g) \notin K$ .

(4). Put  $Q = \{(0,0), (0,b), (u,c), (u,f)\}$ . Then  $(0,d) \land (u,e) \land (v,f) \in Q \Rightarrow (0,d) \land (v,f) \in Q$ . Thus Q is a 2-absorbing ideal. On the other hand, consider  $(0,d) \land (u,e) \land (v,f) \land (1,g) \in Q$  implies  $(0,d) \land (u,e) = (0,a) \notin Q$ ,  $(v,f) \land (1,g) = (v,c) \notin Q$  and  $(1,g) \notin Q$ . Thus Q is not a (3,2)-PI in  $D \times L$ .

(5). Let us defined Q in above (4). Let  $(0, d), (u, e), (v, f), (1, g), (v, h) \in D \times L$ . Then  $(0, d) \land (u, e) \land (v, f) \land (1, g) \land (v, h) \in Q$  implies  $(0, d) \land (u, e) \land (v, f) = (0, 0) \in Q$ . Thus Q is a (4.3)–PI. But Q is not a (5,2)–PI, since  $(0, d) \land (u, e) \land (v, f) \land (1, g) \land (v, h) \land (u, i) \in Q$  implies  $(0, d) \land (u, e) = (v, c) \notin Q$  and  $(v, h) \land (u, i) = (u, e) \notin Q$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** Let *H* be a proper ideal in *L* and  $m, n \in Z^+$  with m > n. Then the following are equivalent.

(1). H is an (m, n)-PI

(2). For any ideal 
$$I_1, I_2, ..., I_m, J \in L$$
 such that  $\bigcap_{i=1}^m I_i \cap J \subseteq H \Rightarrow \bigcap_{i=1}^n I_i \subseteq H$  or  $J \subseteq H$   
(3). For any ideal  $I_1, I_2, ..., I_m, J \in L$  such that  $H = \bigcap_{i=1}^m I_i \cap J \Rightarrow H = \bigcap_{i=1}^n I_i$  or  $H = J$ .

**Definition 3.6.** Let  $h \in L$ . Then h is said to be an (m, n)-meet irreducible element in L if, for any ideals  $h_1, h_2, ..., h_m, g \in L$  such that  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \wedge g \leq h \Rightarrow \bigwedge_{i=1}^n h_i \leq h$  or  $g \leq h$ .

**Theorem 3.7.** Let *H* be a proper ideal in *L*. Then *H* is an (m, n)-PI iff *H* is an (m, n)-meet irreducible element in the lattice of ideals in *L*.

Proof. Suppose H is an (m, n)-PI. Let  $I_1, I_2, ..., I_m, J \in L$  such that  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n I_i \notin H$  and  $J \notin H$ . Then we can choose  $h_i$  and g such that  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^n h_i \in \bigcap_{i=1}^n I_i, \bigwedge_{i=1}^n h_i \notin H, g \in J$  and  $g \notin H$ . Then  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \wedge g \in \bigcap_{i=1}^m I_i \cap J$  and  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \wedge g \notin H$ . Therefore,  $\bigcap_{i=1}^m I_i \cap J \notin H$ . Thus, H is an (m, n)-meet irreducible. Conversely suppose H is an (m, n)-meet irreducible element in the lattice of ideals in L. We are already given that H is a proper ideal in L. Let  $h_1, h_2, ..., h_m, g \in L$  such that  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^n h_i \notin H$  and  $g \notin H$ . Consider the ideals  $\langle \bigwedge_{i=1}^n h_i ]$  and  $\langle g ]$ . Clearly,  $\langle \bigwedge_{i=1}^n h_i ] \notin H$  and  $\langle g ] \notin H$ . By assumption, we get  $\langle \bigwedge_{i=1}^n h_i ] \cap \langle g ] \notin H$  and hence  $\langle \bigwedge_{i=1}^n h_i \wedge g ] \notin H$ . Therefore, H is an (m, n)-PI.

In the following, we extend Stone Theorem [12] on prime ideals of ADLs to (m, n)-PI.

**Theorem 3.8.** Let K be an ideal and G a non-empty subset in L such that  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{m} h_i \land g \in G$  implies  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{n} h_i \in G$  or  $g \in G$ , for all  $h_1, h_2, ..., h_m, g \in L$  and  $K \cap G = \emptyset$ . Then there exists an (m, n)-PI H in L such that  $K \subseteq H$  and  $H \cap G = \emptyset$ .

**Corollary 3.9.** Let K be an ideal and  $h_1, h_2, ..., h_m, g \in L$  such that  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^n h_i \notin K$ . Then there exists an (m, n)-PI H in L such that  $K \subseteq H$  and  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^n h_i \notin H$ .

Next, we introduce the notion of the direct product of (m, n)-PI in  $L_1 \times L_2$ , where  $L_1$  and  $L_1$  are ADLs. Let H and G be ideals in  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ , respectively. Let  $(a, b), (c, d) \in H$ . Then  $(a, b) \lor (c, d) = (a \lor c, b \lor d) \in H \times L_2$ , since  $a \lor c \in H$ . Also,  $(a, b) \land (r, s) = (a \land r, b \land s) \in H \times L_2$ , since  $a \land r \in H$ . Thus  $H \times L_2$  is an ideal. Similarly,  $L_1 \times G$  is an ideal. In the case of (m, n)-PI, we have the following.

**Theorem 3.10.** Let  $L = L_1 \times L_2$ . Then the following assertion hold. If H is an (m, n)-PI in  $L_1$ , then  $H \times L_2$  is an (m, n)-PI in L. Also, if G is an (m, n)-PI in  $L_2$ , then  $L_1 \times G$  is an (m, n)-PI in L.

Proof. Suppose H is an (m, n)-PI in  $L_1$  and  $h_1, h_2, ..., h_m, g \in L_1$  such that  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^m (h_i, h_i^*) \land (g, g^*) \in H \times L_2$ , for all  $h_1, h_2, ..., h_m^*, g \in L_2$ . Then  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^m (h_i, h_i^*) \land (g, g^*) = \bigwedge_{i=1}^m (h_i \land g, h_i^* \land g^*) \in H \times L_2$  and by assumption to get  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^m (h_i, h_i^*) \in H \times L_2$  or  $(g, g^*) \in H \times L_2$ , since  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \land g \in H$  implies either  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^n h_i \in H$  or  $g \in H$ . Thus,  $H \times L_2$  is an (m, n)-PI in L. Similarly,  $L_1 \times G$  is an (m, n)-PI in L if G is an (m, n)-PI in  $L_2$ .

In the following, we establish that both the image and pre-image of any (m, n)-PI is again (m, n)-PI.

**Theorem 3.11.** Let  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  be ADLs and  $k : L_1 \to L_2$  be a lattice homomorphism. then the following hold. Let k be a monomorphism and if G is an (m, n)-PI in  $L_2$ , then  $k^{-1}(G)$  is an (m, n)-PI in  $L_1$ . Also, if H is an (m, n)-PI in  $L_1$ , then k(H) is an (m, n)-PI in  $L_2$  if K is an epimorphism.

*Proof.* (1). Suppose G is an (m, n)-PI in L<sub>2</sub>. Let  $h_1, h_2, ..., h_m, g \in L_1$  such that  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \land g \in k^{-1}(G)$ . Then  $k(\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \land g) \in G$ , and hence  $k(\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i) \land k(g) \in G$ . It follows that,  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^m k(h_i) \land k(g) \in G$ . By assumption to get  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^m k(h_i) \in G$  or  $k(g) \in G$ . So,  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \in k^{-1}(G)$  or  $g \in k^{-1}(G)$ . Thus,  $k^{-1}(G)$  is an (m, n)-PI in L<sub>1</sub>. (2). Suppose  $k^{-1}(G)$  is an (m, n)-PI in L<sub>1</sub>. Let  $h_1, h_2, ..., h_m, g \in L_1$  such that  $k(h_1) = a_1$ ,  $k(h_2) = a_2, ..., k(h_m) = a_m, k(g) = b$ , for some  $a_1, a_2, ..., a_m, b \in L_2$ . Let  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^m k(h_i) \land k(g) \in k(H)$  and hence  $k(\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \land g) = \bigwedge_{i=1}^m k(h_i) \land k(g) \in k(H)$  and hence  $k(\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \land g) \in k(H)$ . So,  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \land g \in k^{-1}(k(H))$ . By assumption to get  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^n h_i \in k^{-1}(k(H))$  or  $g \in k^{-1}(k(H))$ . Which implies that,  $k(\bigwedge_{i=1}^n h_i) = \bigwedge_{i=1}^n k(h_i) \in k(H)$  or  $k(g) \in k(H)$ . Hence the result. □

**Definition 3.12.** Let  $m, n \in Z^+$  with m > n. A proper ideal H in L is an (m, n)-maximal ideal in L if, for any  $h_1, h_2, ..., h_m \in L$  such that  $H \subseteq \bigcap_{i=1}^m h_i \Rightarrow H = \bigcap_{i=1}^n h_i$  or  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n h_i = L$ .

**Lemma 3.13.** Let *H* be a proper ideal in *L* and  $m, n \in Z^+$  with m > n. Then *H* is an (m, n)-maximal ideal iff  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{n} h_i \in L - H$  and  $g \in L \Rightarrow g = (\bigwedge_{i=1}^{m} h_i \wedge g) \lor r$ , for some  $r \in L$ .

Finally, we discuss the relationship between (m, n)-PI and (m, n)-maximal ideal.

**Theorem 3.14.** Every (m, n)-maximal ideal is an (m, n)-PI, where  $m, n \in Z^+$  with m > n.

*Proof.* Suppose H is an (m, n)-maximal ideal. Let  $h_1, h_2, ..., h_m, g \in L$  and  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \wedge g \in H$ . Assume  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^n h_i \in L - H$ . By the above lemma, we get  $g = (\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \wedge g) \vee r$ , for some  $r \in L$ . Since  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \wedge g \in H$ , it follows that,  $g \in H$ . Therefore, H is an (m, n)-PI.

**Example 3.15.** Let  $L = \{0, a, c, e, 1\}$  be the lattice represented by the Hasse diagram given below:



Put  $Q = \{0, a\}$ . Clearly Q is a (1, 1)-PI but not (1, 1)-maximal ideal.

## 4 Weakly (m, n)-Prime Ideals

In this section, we introduce the concepts of weakly (m,n)-PI, generalize the notion of weakly prime ideals and (m,n)-PIs. We justify several properties and characterizations of weakly (m,n)-PIs with supportive examples. Furthermore, we investigate the direct product, homomorphic images and pre-images of weakly (m,n)-PIs.

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $m, n \in Z^+$  with m > n. A proper ideal H in L is an weakly (m, n)-PI in L if for all  $h_1, h_2, ..., h_m, g \in L$  such that  $0 \neq \bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \land g \in H \Rightarrow \bigwedge_{i=1}^n h_i \in H$  or  $g \in H$ .

In the following, we introduce the relationship between (m, n)-PI and weakly (m, n)-PI.

**Theorem 4.2.** Every (m, n)-PI is a weakly (m, n)-PI and the converse of this is not true.

**Example 4.3.** Let  $L = \{0, a, b, c, d, e, f, 1\}$  be a lattice whose Hasse diagram is given below:



Put  $G = \{0\}$ . Clearly G is a weakly (m, n)-PI but not an (m, n)-PI, since  $d \land e \land f \in G$  implies  $d \land e \notin G, e \land f \notin G, d \notin G$  and  $f \notin G$ .

**Lemma 4.4.** Let *H* be a proper ideal in *L* and  $m, n \in Z^+$  with m > n. Then the following assertion hold.

(1). *H* is a weakly prime ideal iff *H* is a weakly (1, 1)-*PI* 

(2). If H is a weakly 1-absorbing prime ideal, then H is a weakly (m, n)-PI

(3). If H is a weakly prime ideal, then H is a weakly (m, n)-PI

(4). If H is a weakly (m, n)-PI, then H is a weakly n-absorbing ideal

(5). *H* is a weakly (m, n)-PI iff  $H \cap \langle r \rangle$  is a weakly (m, n)-PI, for all  $r \in L - H$ .

**Theorem 4.5.** Let *H* be a proper ideal in *L* with  $H = \langle \bigwedge_{i=1}^{k} h_i ]$ , where  $n \ge k$ . Then *H* is a weakly (m, n)-PI iff  $n \ge k$ . Also, *H* is a weakly (m, n)-PI iff *H* is (m, n)-PI.

**Lemma 4.6.** Let  $S \subseteq L$ , we define  $S = \{g \in L : \bigwedge_{i=1}^{m} h_i \land g = 0, \}$ , for all  $h_1, h_2, ..., h_m \in L$ . Then S is an ideal in L.

*Proof.* Clearly  $S \neq \emptyset$ , since  $0 \in S$ . Let  $r, s \in S$ . Then  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{m} h_i \wedge r = 0$  and  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{m} h_i \wedge s = 0$ , for all  $h_1, h_2, ..., h_m \in L$ . Consider,  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{m} h_i \wedge (r \lor s) = (\bigwedge_{i=1}^{m} h_i \wedge r) \lor (\bigwedge_{i=1}^{m} h_i \wedge s)$  (by 2.1(3)) = 0.

Thus,  $r \lor s \in S$ . Also, for all  $a \in L$ , by 2.4(4), we have  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{m} h_i \land (r \land a) = (\bigwedge_{i=1}^{m} h_i \land r) \land a = 0 \land a = 0$ and hence  $r \land a \in S$ . Thus, S is an ideal.

**Lemma 4.7.** Let *H* be an ideal in *L*. Define  $H^* = \{g \in L : \bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \land g \in H\}$ . Then  $H^*$  is an ideal in *L*.

*Proof.* Clearly  $H^* \neq \emptyset$ , since  $0 \in H^*$  and H is an ideal. Let  $g, k \in G$ . Then  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \land g \in H$  and  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \land \in H$ , for all  $h_1, h_2, ..., h_m \in L$ . Consider,  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \land (g \lor k) = (\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \land g) \lor (\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \land k) \in H$ , (by 2.1(3)) and since H is an ideal. Thus,  $g \lor k \in H^*$ . Also, for all  $t \in L$ , by by 2.4(4) to get  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \land (g \land t) = (\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \land g) \land t \in H$ , since H is an ideal. So,  $g \land t \in H^*$ . Therefore,  $H^*$  is an ideal.

*Next, we characterize weakly* (m, n)–*PIs in the following.* 

**Theorem 4.8.** Let H be a proper ideal in L, and  $H^*$  and S are defined above. Then the following are equivalent.

- (1). *H* is a weakly (m, n) PI(2).  $H^* \subseteq H \lor S$ , for all  $h_1, h_2, ..., h_m \in L$  such that  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^n h_i \notin H$ (3).  $H^* = H$  or  $H^* = S$ , for all  $h_1, h_2, ..., h_m \in L$  such that  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^n h_i \notin H$
- (4). Whenever  $h_1, h_2, ..., h_m \in L$  and G is an ideal in L with  $0 \neq \langle \bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i ] \cap G \subseteq H$ , then  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^n h_i \in H$  or  $G \subseteq H$ .

Proof.  $(1) \Rightarrow (2)$ : Suppose H is a weakly (m, n)-PI. Let  $h_1, h_2, ..., h_m \in L$  such that  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^n h_i \notin H$ . Let  $g \in H^*$ . Then  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \land g \in H$ . By assumption to get  $g \in H$  and clearly  $g \in H \lor S$ , since  $g = g \lor 0 = g \lor (\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \land g)$ . Thus,  $H^* \subseteq H \lor S$ . (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Assume (2) hold. Then  $H^* \subseteq H$  or  $H^* \subseteq S$ . Next, we prove that either  $H \subseteq H^*$  or  $S \subseteq H^*$ . Assume  $H \nsubseteq H^*$  and  $S \nsubseteq H^*$ . Then there exists  $h \in H, h \notin H^*, g \in S$  and  $g \notin H^*$ . As,  $h \notin H^*$ , then  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \land h \notin H$ , which gives a contradiction, since H is an ideal,  $h \in H$  and  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^n h_i \notin H$ . Therefore,  $H \subseteq H^*$ . Also, if  $g \notin H^*$ , then  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \land g \notin H$ , gives a contradiction, since  $g \in S$  and hence  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \land g = 0 \in H$ . Hence the result.

 $(3) \Rightarrow (4)$ : Assume (3) hold. Let  $h_1, h_2, ..., h_m \in L$  and G is an ideal with  $0 \neq (\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i] \cap G \subseteq H$ 

and  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{n} h_i \notin H$ . Then  $G \subseteq H^* - S$  and by hypothesis, we have  $G \subseteq H^* = H$ . Thus,  $G \subseteq H$ .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) : Let  $h_1, h_2, ..., h_m, g \in L$  such that  $0 \neq \bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \wedge g \in H$ . Put  $G = \langle g \rangle$ . Then  $0 \neq \langle \bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \rangle \cap G \subseteq H$  and by (4), we have  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^n h_i \in H$  or  $g \in G \subseteq H$ . Thus, H is a weakly (m, n)-PI in L.

**Theorem 4.9.** Let  $\{H_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \Delta}$  be a family of weakly (m, n)-PI. Then  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} H_{\alpha}$  is a weakly (m, n)-PI.

*Proof.* Suppose  $\{H_{\alpha}\}_{\alpha \in \Delta}$  is a family of weakly (m, n)-PI. Let Let  $h_1, h_2, ..., h_m, g \in L$  with  $0 \neq \bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \wedge g \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} H_{\alpha}$ . Thus,  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \wedge g \in H_{\alpha}$ , for all  $\alpha \in \Delta$ . By assumption, we have  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^n h_i \in H_{\alpha}$  or  $g \in H_{\alpha}$ , for all  $\alpha \in \Delta$ . Thus,  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^n h_i \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} H_{\alpha}$  or  $g \in \bigcap_{\alpha \in \Delta} H_{\alpha}$ . Hence the result.

*Next, we characterize weakly* (m, n)-*PIs in direct product of ADLs.* 

**Theorem 4.10.** Let  $H(\neq \{0\})$  be a proper ideal in  $L = L_1 \times L_2$ . Then H is a weakly (m, n)-PI in L iff H is an (m, n)-PI in L.

**Theorem 4.11.** Let H and G be proper ideals of  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ . If  $H \times G$  is a weakly (m, n)-PI in  $L_1 \times L_2$ , then H are G are weakly (m, n)-PIs in  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ , respectively.

Proof. Suppose  $H \times G$  is a weakly (m, n)-PI in  $L_1 \times L_2$ . Let  $h_1, h_2, ..., h_m, g \in L_1$  and  $h_1^*, h_2^*, ..., h_m^*, g^* \in L_2$  such that  $0 \neq \bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \wedge g \in H$  and  $0 \neq \bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i^* \wedge g^* \in G$ . Then  $(0,0) \neq (\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \wedge g, \bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i^* \wedge g^*) \in H \times G \Rightarrow (\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i, \bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i^*) \wedge (g, g^*) \in H \times G$   $\Rightarrow (\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i, \bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i^*) \in H \times G \text{ or } (g, g^*) \in H \times G$   $\Rightarrow \bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \in H \text{ or } g \in H, \text{ and } \bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i^* \in G \text{ or } g^* \in G.$ Thus, H are G are weakly (m, n)-PIs.

If there are weakly (m, n)-PIs, then their direct product may not weakly (m, n)-PI; consider the following example.

**Example 4.12.** Let  $L_1 = \{0, r, s, t, 1\}$  be the lattice and  $L_2 = \{0, a, b, 1\}$  be a chain respectively represented by the Hasse diagram given below:



Consider  $L_1 \times L_2 = \{(x, y) : x \in L_1 \text{ and } y \in L_2\}$ . Put  $H = \{0\}$  and  $G = \{0, a\}$ . Then  $H \times G = \{(0, 0), (0, a)\}$ . Clearly H and G are weakly (m, n)-PIs in  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ , respectively. But,  $H \times G$  is not a weakly (m, n)-PI in  $L_1 \times L_2$ , since  $(0, 0) \neq (0, 1) \land (r, b) \land (s, a) \in H \times G$  implies  $(0, 1) \land (r, b) \notin H \times G$  and  $(s, a) \notin H \times G$ .

**Theorem 4.13.** Let  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  be ADLs and  $H \neq \{0\}$  be a proper ideal in  $L_1$ . Then the following are equivalent.

(1).  $H \times L_2$  is a weakly (m, n)-PI in  $L_1 \times L_2$ (2).  $H \times L_2$  is an (m, n)-PI in  $L_1 \times L_2$ 

(3). *H* is an (m, n)-*PI* in  $L_1$ .

*Proof.*  $(1) \Leftrightarrow (2)$ : It is clear.

 $(2) \Rightarrow (3) : \text{Assume } (2) \text{ hold. Let } h_1, h_2, \dots, h_m, g \in L_1 \text{ with } \bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \land g \in H. \text{ Since } H \times L_2 \text{ is an } (m, n) - \text{PI in } L_1 \times L_2, \text{ we have } (\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \land g, r) \in H \times L_2, \text{ for some } r \in L_2, \text{ implies that } (\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i, r) \land (g, r) \in H \times L_2 \text{ and hence } (\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i, r) \in H \times L_2 \text{ or } (g, r) \in H \times L_2. \text{ Thus, } \bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \in H \text{ or } g \in H. \text{ Hence the result.}$  $(3) \Rightarrow (2) : \text{Assume } (3) \text{ hold. Let } h_1, h_2, \dots, h_m, g \in L_1 \text{ and } u \in L_2 \text{ with } (\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i, u) \in H \times L_2 \text{ or } (g, u) \in H \times L_2. \text{ Then } (\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \land g, u) = (\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i, u) \land (g, u) \in H \times L_2. \text{ Which implies that } (\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i, u) \in H \times L_2 \text{ or } (g, u) \in H \times L_2, \text{ by assumption. Thus, } H \times L_2 \text{ is an } (m, n) - \text{PI in } L_1 \times L_2.$  $(3) \Rightarrow (1) : \text{Assume } (3) \text{ hold. Let } h_1, h_2, \dots, h_m, g \in L_1 \text{ such that } (0, 0) \neq (\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \land g, t) \in H \times L_2, \text{ or } (g, t) \in H \times L_2. \text{ Then } (\bigcap_{i=1}^m h_i, t) \land (g, t) \in H \times L_2 \text{ and hence } (\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i, t) \in H \times L_2, \text{ or } (g, t) \in H \times L_2. \text{ then } (0, 0) \neq (\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i, t) \wedge (g, t) \in H \times L_2 \text{ and hence } (\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i, t) \in H \times L_2 \text{ or } (g, t) \in H \times L_2. \text{ Then } (0, 0) \neq (\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i, t) \land (g, t) \in H \times L_2 \text{ and hence } (\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i, t) \in H \times L_2 \text{ or } (g, t) \in H \times L_2. \text{ Hence the result.}$ 

The following Theorem is an immediate consequence of 4.11 and 4.13.

**Theorem 4.14.** Let  $H(\neq \{0\})$  and  $G(\neq \{0\})$  be proper ideals in  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ , respectively. Then the following are equivalent.

(1).  $H \times G$  is a weakly (m, n)-PI in  $L_1 \times L_2$ 

(2).  $G = L_2$  and H is an (m, n)-PI in  $L_1$ , or G is an (m, n)-PI in  $L_2$  and H is an (m, n)-PI in  $L_1$ 

(3).  $H \times G$  is an (m, n)-PI in  $L_1 \times L_2$ .

If H and G are weakly (m, n)-PI in  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ , respectively, then  $H \times G$  is weakly (m, n)-PI in  $L_1 \times L_2$ , where  $H \neq \{0\}$  and  $G \neq \{0\}$ . In general, we have the following characterization.

**Theorem 4.15.** Let  $L = L_1 \times L_2 \times ... \times L_k$  and  $H(\neq \{0\})$  be proper ideal in L. Then the following are equivalent.

(1). *H* is a weakly (m, n)-PI in *L* 

(2).  $H = L_1 \times L_2 \times ... \times H_j \times ... \times L_k$ , where  $H_j$  is an (m, n)-PI in  $L_j$ , for some  $j \in \{1, 2, ..., k\}$ (3). H is an (m, n)-PI in L.

Finally, we discuss the homomorphism of weakly (m, n)-PIs.

**Theorem 4.16.** Let  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  be ADLs and  $k : L_1 \to L_2$  be a lattice homomorphism. Then the following hold.

(1). If k is a monomorphism and G is a weakly (m,n)-PI in  $L_2$ , then  $k^{-1}(G)$  is a weakly (m,n)-PI in  $L_1$ 

(2). If k is an epimorphism and H is a weakly (m, n)-PI in  $L_1$  containing ker(k), then k(H) is a weakly (m, n)-PI in  $L_2$ .

Proof. (1). Suppose G is a weakly (m, n)-PI in  $L_2$ . Let  $h_1, h_2, ..., h_m, g \in L_1$  such that  $0 \neq \bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \wedge g \in k^{-1}(G)$  and  $g \notin k^{-1}(G)$ . Since ker(k) = 0, we have  $0 \neq k(\bigwedge_{i=1}^m h_i \wedge g) = \bigwedge_{i=1}^m k(h_i) \wedge k(g) \in G$  and  $k(g) \notin G$  implies that  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^n k(h_i) = k(\bigwedge_{i=1}^n h_i) \in G$  and hence  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^n h_i \in k^{-1}(G)$ . Thus  $k^{-1}(G)$  is an (m, n)-PI in  $L_1$ .

(2). Suppose H is a weakly (m, n)-PI in  $L_1$ . Let  $b_1, b_2, ..., b_m, s \in L_2$  such that  $k(a_1) = b_1$ ,  $k(a_2) = b_2, ..., k(a_m) = b_m$  and k(r) = s, for some  $a_1, a_2, ..., a_m, r \in L_1$ . Suppose  $0 \neq \bigwedge_{i=1}^m b_i \wedge s \in L_i$ .

k(H) and  $s \notin k(H)$ . Then  $0 \neq k(\bigwedge_{i=1}^{m} a_i \wedge r) \in k(H)$  and since  $k(H) \subseteq H$ , we conclude  $0 \neq \bigwedge_{i=1}^{m} a_i \wedge r \in H$ . By assumption to get  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{n} a_i \in H$  or  $t \in H$ . Thus,  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{n} b_i = k(\bigwedge_{i=1}^{n} a_i) \in k(H)$  or  $s = k(r) \in k(H)$ . Hence the result.

## 5 Conclusion

We define the notions of (m, n)-PIs and weakly (m, n)-PIs in an ADL and discuss their properties. Also, we introduce the concept of weakly (m, n)-PIs, generalizing weakly prime ideals and (m, n)-PIs. Furthermore, we explore the properties of (m, n)-PIs and weakly (m, n)-PIs for various lattice-theoretic construction such as direct products, homomorphism images, and homomorphic inverse images. In future work, we plan to focus on the concepts of L-fuzzy (m, n)-PIs and their prime spectrum.

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