

## **COMMUTATIVE LATTICE ORDERED GROUP IMPLICATION ALGEBRA**

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In this paper, two definitions for commutative lattice ordered group implication algebra (or) commutative  $l$ -group implication algebra are introduced and it is established that they are equivalent. Some examples of commutative  $l$ -group implication algebra are given and established that class of commutative  $l$ -group implication algebras lies between class of  $l$ -groups and class of Boolean algebras. The relation between commutative  $l$ -group implication algebra, Brouwerian algebra, Boolean ring with identity are established and the Characterization for Commutative  $l$ -group implication algebra is also discussed.

**KEYWORDS** : Boolean algebra,  $l$ -group implication algebra, commutative  $l$ -group implication algebra, Boolean ring with identity and Brouwerian implication algebra.

### **INTRODUCTION**

It is well known that a distributive complimented lattice is a Boolean algebra which is equivalent to Boolean ring with identity. Conversely Boolean ring with identity is equivalent to Boolean algebra. From this relation class of Lattice ordered groups (or)  $l$ -groups lies between class of lattices and class of Boolean algebras (rings). Hence Birkhoff, G. posed the problem. "Develop a common abstraction which includes Boolean Algebras (rings) and lattice ordered groups as special cases [problem 115 in [3]]". Many common abstractions namely Dually residuated lattice ordered groups or DRI-groups, lattice ordered commutative groups, lattice ordered near rings, lattice ordered modules are presented in [4], [6], [1] and [5] respectively. In connection with above problem we have introduced commutative  $l$ -group implication algebra in this paper.

### **PRILIMINARIES**

In this section are listed a number of definitions and results which are made use of throughout the paper. The symbols  $\leq$ ,  $+$ ,  $-$ ,  $\vee$ ,  $\wedge$ ,  $\rightarrow$ ,  $*$  and  $\in$  will denote inclusion, sum, difference, join (least upper bound), meet (greatest lower bound), implication, symmetric

difference and membership in a lattice  $L$  or commutative  $l$ -group implication algebra  $G$ . Small letters  $a, b, \dots$  will denote elements of the lattice  $L$  or commutative  $l$ -group  $G$ .

**Definition 1.1 :** A lattice  $L$  is called bounded lattice if it has least element 0 and greatest element 1. A bounded lattice  $L$  is called complemented lattice for each  $a$  in  $L$  there exists  $a'$  in  $L$  such that  $a \vee a' = 1, a \wedge a' = 0$ .

Boolean Algebra  $B$  is a distributive complemented lattice.

**Definition 1.2 :** A ring  $R$  is called Boolean ring if  $a^2 = a$  for all  $a$  in  $R$ . A ring  $R$  is called Boolean ring with 1 if there exist  $1 \in R$  such that  $1.a = a.1 = a$  for all  $a \in R$ .

**Theorem 1.1 :** If  $R$  is a Boolean ring then

- (i)  $a + a = 0$  for all  $a \in R$ .
- (ii)  $ab = ba$  for all  $a, b \in R$ .

**Theorem 1.2 :** The following systems are equivalent

- (i) Boolean ring  $B$  with 1
- (ii) Boolean algebra  $B$

**Definition 1.3 :** A non-empty set  $G$  is called an  $l$ -group if and only if

- (i)  $(G, +)$  is a group
- (ii)  $(G, \leq)$  is a lattice
- (iii) If  $x \leq y$  then  $a + x + b \leq a + y + b$  for all  $a, b, x, y$  in  $G$ .

Or

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

$$a + (x \wedge y) + b = (a + x + b) \wedge (a + y + b) \text{ for all } a, b, x, y \text{ in } G.$$

**Definition 1.4 :** A system  $A = \{A, +, \leq\}$  is called a dually residuated lattice ordered group or DR $l$ -group if

- (i)  $(A, +)$  is an abelian group
- (ii)  $(A, \leq)$  is a lattice
- (iii)  $b \leq c \implies a + b \leq a + c$  for all  $a, b, c$  in  $A$
- (iv) Given  $a, b$  in  $A$  there exist least element  $x = a - b$  in  $A$  such that  $b + x \geq a$

**Definition 1.5 :** A non-empty set  $B$  is called Browerian Algebra if and only if

- (i)  $(B, \leq)$  is a lattice
- (ii)  $B$  has a least element
- (iii) To each  $a, b$  in  $B$ , there exist a least  $x = a - b$  in  $B$  such that  $b \vee x \geq a$ .

**Definition 1.6 :** Let  $L$  be a non empty set. 0 and 1 be the least and the greatest element of  $L$  and  $\rightarrow$  be a binary operation. If  $\rightarrow$  satisfies the following conditions for all  $x, y, z \in L$

$$(I_1) \ x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z) = y \rightarrow (x \rightarrow z),$$

$$(I_2) \ x \rightarrow x = 1,$$

$$(I_3) \ 1 \rightarrow x = x,$$

$$(I_4) \ 0 \rightarrow x = 1$$

$$(I_5) \ (x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow y = (y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow x,$$

$$(I_6) (((y \rightarrow z) \rightarrow z) \rightarrow x) \rightarrow x = (((y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow x) \rightarrow z) \rightarrow z$$

then  $(L, \rightarrow, 0, 1)$  is called implication algebra.

**Theorem 1.3 :** If  $L$  is implication algebra then  $L$  is lattice implication algebra with respect to the following

- (i)  $x \leq y$  iff  $x \rightarrow y = 1$
- (ii)  $x' = x \rightarrow 0$
- (iii)  $x \vee y = (x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow y$
- (iv)  $x \wedge y = (x' \rightarrow y')$

where  $x, y, 1, 0 \in L$ .

**Theorem 1.4 :** If  $L$  is a implication algebra then

- (i)  $0 \rightarrow x = 1, 1 \rightarrow x = x, x \rightarrow 1 = 1$
- (ii)  $x' = x \rightarrow 0$
- (iii)  $x \rightarrow y \leq (y \rightarrow z) \rightarrow (x \rightarrow z)$
- (iv)  $x \vee y = (x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow y$
- (v)  $x \leq y \Rightarrow y \rightarrow z \leq x \rightarrow z, z \rightarrow x \leq z \rightarrow y$
- (vi)  $x \leq (x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow y$

for all  $x, y, z \in L$ .

Hence definitions for lattice implication algebra and implication algebra are equivalent.

## COMMUTATIVE $L$ -GROUP IMPLICATION ALGEBRA

In this section two definitions for commutative  $l$ -group implication algebra are introduced and it is established that they are equivalent.

**Definition 2.1 :** A non-empty set  $G$  is called commutative  $l$ -group implication algebra if and only if

- (i)  $(G, +)$  is a commutative group
- (ii)  $(G, \rightarrow)$  is an implication algebra.
- (iii)  $x \leq y \Rightarrow a + x \leq a + y$   
 $(a \rightarrow x) \rightarrow b \geq (a \rightarrow y) \rightarrow b$   
 $a \rightarrow (x \rightarrow b) \geq a \rightarrow (y \rightarrow b)$  for all  $a, b, x, y$  in  $G$ .

**Definition 2.2 :** A non empty set  $G$  is called commutative  $l$ -group implication algebra iff

- (i)  $(G, +)$  is a commutative group
- (ii)  $(G, \rightarrow)$  is an implication algebra
- (iii)  $a + (x \vee y) = (a + x) \vee (a + y)$   
 $a + (x \wedge y) = (a + x) \wedge (a + y)$   
 $[a \rightarrow (x \vee y)] \rightarrow b = [(a \rightarrow x) \rightarrow b] \wedge [(a \rightarrow y) \rightarrow b] = a \rightarrow [(x \vee y) \rightarrow b]$   
 $[a \rightarrow (x \wedge y)] \rightarrow b = [(a \rightarrow x) \rightarrow b] \vee [(a \rightarrow y) \rightarrow b] = a \rightarrow [(x \wedge y) \rightarrow b]$

for all  $x, y, a, b$  in  $G$ .

**Theorem 2.1 :** The above two definitions for commutative  $l$ -group implication algebra are equivalent

**Proof :** Assume that  $G$  is a commutative  $l$ -group implication algebra with respect to the first definition.

To prove that  $G$  is a commutative  $l$ -group implication algebra with respect to the second definition

That is assume that  $x \leq y \Rightarrow a + x \leq a + \vee, (a \rightarrow x) \rightarrow b \geq (a \rightarrow y) \rightarrow b$   
 $a \rightarrow (x \rightarrow b) \geq a \rightarrow (y \rightarrow b)$  for all  $x, y, a, b$  in  $G$ .

To prove

- (i)  $a + (x \vee y) = (a + x) \vee (a + y)$
- (ii)  $a + (x \wedge y) = (a + x) \wedge (a + y)$
- (iii)  $[a \rightarrow (x \vee y)] \rightarrow b = (a \rightarrow x \rightarrow b) \wedge (a \rightarrow y \rightarrow b)$
- (iv)  $[a \rightarrow (x \wedge y)] \rightarrow b = (a \rightarrow x \rightarrow b) \vee (a \rightarrow y \rightarrow b)$

Now let  $x, y, a, b$  in  $G$  be arbitrary.

**For (i),** We have

$$x \leq x \vee y, y \leq x \vee y \Rightarrow a + x \leq a + (x \vee y) \quad a + y \leq a + (x \vee y) \quad \dots(1)$$

Suppose

$$a + x \leq a + u, a + y \leq a + u \Rightarrow x \leq u, y \leq u \Rightarrow x \vee y \leq u \Rightarrow a + (x \vee y) \leq a + u \quad \dots(2)$$

From (1) & (2),  $a + (x \vee y)$  is a l.u.b of  $a + x, a + y$

$$\text{l.u.b of } a + x, a + y \text{ is } (a + x) \vee (a + y)$$

Hence by uniqueness of l.u.b.  $a + (x \vee y) = (a + x) \vee (a + y)$

**For (ii),** We have

$$x \wedge y \leq x, x \wedge y \leq y \Rightarrow a + (x \wedge y) \leq a + x, a + (x \wedge y) \leq a + y \quad \dots(3)$$

Suppose

$$a + v \leq a + x, a + v \leq a + y \Rightarrow v \leq x, v \leq y \Rightarrow v \leq x \wedge y \Rightarrow a + v \leq a + (x \wedge y) \quad \dots(4)$$

From (3) & (4), we have  $a + (x \wedge y)$  is a g.l.b of  $a + x, a + y$

$$\text{g.l.b of } a + x, a + y \text{ is } (a + x) \wedge (a + y)$$

Hence by uniqueness of g.l.b.  $a + (x \wedge y) = (a + x) \wedge (a + y)$

**For (iii),** we have  $x \leq x \vee y, y \leq x \vee y \Rightarrow (a \rightarrow x) \rightarrow b \geq [a \rightarrow (x \vee y)] \rightarrow b$

$$(a \rightarrow y) \rightarrow b \geq [a \rightarrow (x \vee y)] \rightarrow b \quad \dots(5)$$

Suppose  $(a \rightarrow x) \rightarrow b \geq (a \rightarrow u) \rightarrow b, (a \rightarrow y) \rightarrow b \geq (a \rightarrow u) \rightarrow b$

$$\Rightarrow a \rightarrow x \leq a \rightarrow u, a \rightarrow y \leq a \rightarrow u \Rightarrow x \leq u, y \leq u \Rightarrow x \vee y \leq u$$

$$\Rightarrow a \rightarrow (x \vee y) \leq a \rightarrow u \Rightarrow a \rightarrow (x \vee y) \rightarrow b \geq (a \rightarrow u) \rightarrow b \quad \dots(6)$$

From (5) & (6),  $a \rightarrow x \vee y \rightarrow b$  is a g.l.b of  $(a \rightarrow x) \rightarrow b, (a \rightarrow y) \rightarrow b$

$$\text{g.l.b of } (a \rightarrow x) \rightarrow b, (a \rightarrow y) \rightarrow b \text{ is } [(a \rightarrow x) \rightarrow b] \wedge [(a \rightarrow y) \rightarrow b]$$

Hence by uniqueness of g.l.b.,  $[a \rightarrow (x \vee y)] \rightarrow b = ((a \rightarrow x) \rightarrow b) \wedge [(a \rightarrow y) \rightarrow b]$

$$x \leq x \vee y, y \leq x \vee y \Rightarrow x \rightarrow b \geq (x \vee y) \rightarrow b, y \rightarrow b \geq (x \vee y) \rightarrow b$$

$$\Rightarrow a \rightarrow (x \rightarrow b) \geq a \rightarrow [(x \vee y) \rightarrow b], \quad a \rightarrow (y \rightarrow b) \geq a \rightarrow [(x \vee y) \rightarrow b]$$

$$\text{Suppose } a \rightarrow (x \rightarrow b) \geq a \rightarrow (v \rightarrow b) \quad a \rightarrow (y \rightarrow b) \geq a \rightarrow (v \rightarrow b) \quad \dots(7)$$

$$x \rightarrow b \geq v \rightarrow b, \quad y \rightarrow b \geq v \rightarrow b$$

$$x \leq v, \quad y \leq v \Rightarrow x \vee y \leq v \Rightarrow (x \vee y) \rightarrow b \geq v \rightarrow b \Rightarrow a \rightarrow [(x \vee y) \rightarrow b] \geq a \rightarrow (v \rightarrow b) \quad \dots(8)$$

From (7) & (8),  $a \rightarrow [(x \vee y) \rightarrow b]$  is a g.l.b of  $a \rightarrow (x \rightarrow b)$ ,  $a \rightarrow (y \rightarrow b)$ ,

g.l.b of  $a \rightarrow (x \rightarrow b)$ ,  $a \rightarrow (y \rightarrow b)$  is  $[a \rightarrow (x \rightarrow b)] \wedge [a \rightarrow (y \rightarrow b)]$

Hence by uniqueness of g.l.b.,  $a \rightarrow [(x \vee y) \rightarrow b] = [a \rightarrow (x \rightarrow b)] \wedge [a \rightarrow (y \rightarrow b)]$

**For (iv),** We have  $x \leq x \wedge y, \quad y \leq x \wedge y \Rightarrow a \rightarrow x \geq a \rightarrow x \wedge y, \quad a \rightarrow y \geq a \rightarrow x \wedge y$

$$(a \rightarrow x) \rightarrow b \leq a \rightarrow (x \wedge y) \rightarrow b \quad (a \rightarrow y) \rightarrow b \leq a \rightarrow (x \wedge y) \rightarrow b$$

$$\text{Suppose } (a \rightarrow x) \rightarrow b \leq (a \rightarrow v) \rightarrow b, \quad (a \rightarrow y) \rightarrow b \leq (a \rightarrow v) \rightarrow b \quad \dots(9)$$

$$a \rightarrow x \geq a \rightarrow v, \quad a \rightarrow y \geq a \rightarrow v \Rightarrow x \geq v, \quad y \geq v \Rightarrow x \wedge y \geq v,$$

$$a \rightarrow x \wedge y \geq a \rightarrow v \quad [a \rightarrow (x \wedge y)] \rightarrow b \leq a \rightarrow v \rightarrow b \quad \dots(10)$$

From (9) and (10) we have  $[a \rightarrow (x \wedge y)] \rightarrow b$  is the l.u.b. of  $(a \rightarrow x) \rightarrow b, \quad (a \rightarrow y) \rightarrow b$

l.u.b. of  $(a \rightarrow x) \rightarrow b, \quad (a \rightarrow y) \rightarrow b$  is  $[(a \rightarrow x) \rightarrow b] \vee [(a \rightarrow y) \rightarrow b]$

Hence by uniqueness of l.u.b.,

$$[a \rightarrow (x \wedge y)] \rightarrow b = [(a \rightarrow x) \rightarrow b] \vee [(a \rightarrow y) \rightarrow b]$$

**Converse part:** Assume that  $G$  is a commutative  $l$ -group implication algebra with respect to second definition

To prove that  $G$  is a commutative  $l$ -group implication algebra with respect to first definition

It is sufficient to prove  $x \leq y \Rightarrow a + x \leq a + y \Rightarrow (a \rightarrow x) \rightarrow b \geq (a \rightarrow y) \rightarrow b$

$$a \rightarrow (x \rightarrow b) \geq a \rightarrow (y \rightarrow b) \text{ for all } a, b, x, y \text{ in } G$$

Let  $a, b, x, y$  in  $G$  be arbitrary and  $x \leq y$

$$x \leq y \Rightarrow x \vee y = y, \quad x \wedge y = x \quad \dots(1)$$

For (i),  $(a+x) \vee (a+y) = a+x \vee y$ , by definition (2)

$$= a+y$$

by (1)

$$\Rightarrow a+x \leq a+y$$

For (ii),  $[(a \rightarrow x) \rightarrow b] \wedge [(a \rightarrow y) \rightarrow b] = [a \rightarrow (x \vee y)] \rightarrow b$  by definition (2)

$$= (a \rightarrow y) \rightarrow b$$

$$\Rightarrow (a \rightarrow x) \rightarrow b \geq (a \rightarrow y) \rightarrow b$$

For (iii),  $[a \rightarrow (x \rightarrow b)] \vee [a \rightarrow (y \rightarrow b)] = a \rightarrow [(x \wedge y) \rightarrow b]$

$$= a \rightarrow (x \rightarrow b)$$

$$\Rightarrow a \rightarrow (x \rightarrow b) \geq a \rightarrow (y \rightarrow b)$$

## EXAMPLES

**I**n this section we have given some examples of commutative  $l$ -group implication algebra and established that class of commutative  $l$ -group implication algebras lies between class of Brouwerian algebras and class of  $l$ -groups.

**Theorem 3.1 :** Every Boolean ring with identity is a commutative  $\mathcal{L}$ -group implication algebra. Converse is not true.

**Theorem 3.2 :** Every commutative  $\mathcal{L}$ -group implication algebra is a  $l$ -group.

**Theorem 3.3 :** Any Brouwerian implication algebra is a commutative  $l$ -group implication algebra.

**Example 3.4 :** Let  $L = \{0, a, b, c, d, 1\}$  be a set with Figure 1 as a partial ordering. Define a unary operation “ ‘ ” and a binary operation  $\rightarrow$  denoted by juxt a position on  $L$  as follows (Tables 1 and 2 respectively)

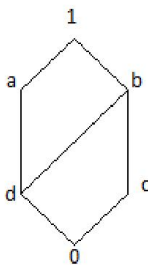


Figure 1

| $x$ | $x'$ |
|-----|------|
| 0   | 1    |
| $a$ | $c$  |
| $b$ | $d$  |
| $c$ | $a$  |
| $d$ | $b$  |
| 1   | 0    |

Table 1

| $\rightarrow$ | 0   | $a$ | $b$ | $c$ | $d$ | 1 |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| 0             | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1 |
| $a$           | $c$ | 1   | $b$ | $c$ | $b$ | 1 |
| $b$           | $d$ | $a$ | 1   | $b$ | $a$ | 1 |
| $c$           | $a$ | $a$ | 1   | 1   | $a$ | 1 |
| $d$           | $b$ | 1   | 1   | $b$ | 1   | 1 |
| 1             | 0   | $a$ | $b$ | $c$ | $d$ | 1 |

Table 2

Then implication algebra is not a commutative  $l$ -group implication algebra.

## PROPERTIES OF COMMUTATIVE $L$ -GROUP IMPLICATION ALGEBRA

In this section properties of commutative  $l$ -group implication algebra are derived. The relation between commutative  $l$ -group implication algebra, Brouwerian Algebra and Boolean Algebra are established.

It is evident that, the commutative  $l$ -group implication algebra has the following properties:

**Property 4.1 :**  $[(a - b) \vee 0] + b = a \vee b$  for all  $a, b$  in  $G$ .

**Property 4.2 :**  $a \leq b \implies a - c \leq b - c$  and  $c - b \leq c - a$ , for all  $a, b, c$  in  $G$ .

**Property 4.3 :**  $(a \vee b) - c = (a - c) \vee (b - c)$  for all  $a, b, c$  in  $G$ .

**Property 4.4 :**  $a - (b \vee c) = (a - b) \wedge (a - c)$  for all  $a, b, c$  in  $G$ .

**Property 4.5 :**  $a \geq b \implies (a - b) + b = a$  for all  $a, b, c$  in  $G$ .

**Property 4.6 :**  $a \vee b + a \wedge b = a + b$ , for all  $a, b$  in  $G$ .

**Property 4.7 :**  $(a - b) \vee 0 + a \wedge b = a$ , for all  $a, b$  in  $G$ .

**Property 4.8 :**  $a \vee b - a \wedge b = (a - b) \vee (b - a)$  for all  $a, b$  in  $G$ .

**Property 4.9 :** (i)  $a - (b - c) \leq (a - b) + c$

(ii)  $(a + b) - c \leq (a - c) + b$  for all  $a, b$  in  $G$ .

**Theorem 4.1 :** Any  $l$ -group implication algebra is a distributive lattice.

**Theorem 4.2 :** If  $G$  is a commutative  $l$ -group implication algebra and  $a + b = a \vee b$  to each  $a, b$  in  $G$  then there exists least element  $x$  in  $G$  such that  $b \vee x = b + x \geq a$  then  $G$  is a Browerian algebra.

**Theorem 4.3 :** If  $G$  is a commutative  $l$ -group implication algebra and  $G$  is a Browerian algebra then  $a + b = a \vee b$  for all  $a, b$  in  $G$ .

**Theorem 4.4 :** If  $G$  is a commutative  $l$ -group implication algebra then

- (i)  $a * b \geq 0$
- (ii)  $a * b = 0$  iff  $a = b$
- (iii)  $a * b = b * a$
- (iv)  $(a \vee b) * (a \wedge b) = a * b$  for all  $a, b$  in  $G$ .

**Theorem 4.5 :** If the symmetric difference is associative is a commutative  $l$ -group implication algebra  $G$  then  $(G, *, \wedge)$  is a Boolean algebra and further

$$a + b = a \wedge b = a * b * (a \wedge b)$$

$$a - b = a * (a \wedge b) \text{ for all } a, b \text{ in } G.$$

## CHARACTERIZATION THEOREM

In this section, to establish the characterization theorem for commutative  $l$ -group implication algebra  $G$ .

**Theorem 5.1 :** Any commutative  $l$ -group implication algebra  $G$  is a direct product of Browerian implication algebra and an  $l$ -group implication algebra  $S$  iff

- (i)  $(a + b) - (c + c) \geq (a - c) + (b - c)$  and
- (ii)  $(ma + nb) - (a + b) \geq (ma - a) + (nb - b)$

for all  $a, b, c$  in  $G$  and any positive integers  $m, n$ .

**Proof :** Assume that

$$(a + b) - (c + c) \geq (a - c) + (b - c) \quad \dots (1)$$

$$(ma + nb) - (a + b) \geq (ma - a) + (nb - b)$$

for all  $a, b, c$  in  $G$  and any positive integers  $m, n$  ... (2)

Then  $(a + b) - (c + c) \leq (a - c) + (b - c)$  and ... (3)

$$(ma + nb) - (a + b) \leq (ma - a) + (nb - b) \quad \dots (4)$$

From (1) and (3) we have

$$(a + b) - (c + c) = (a - c) + (b - c)$$

From (2) and (4) we have

$$(ma + nb) - (a + b) = (ma - a) + (nb - b)$$

To prove  $G = B \times S$

Let  $B = \{a/a + a - a = 0\}$

$$S = \{a/a + a - a = a\}$$

Then we observe that  $B$  is a Browerian Algebra.  $S$  is a  $l$ -group implication algebra.

It is easy to prove for any  $a$  in  $G$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= (a + a) - a \\ x &= a - [(a + a) - a] \\ \Rightarrow y &\in S, \quad x \in B \end{aligned}$$

and  $a = x + y$  where  $y \in S$ ,  $x \in B$  in a unique way.

Hence  $G$  is the direct product of Browerian Algebra  $B$  and an  $l$ -group implication algebra  $S$ .

Conversely assume that a commutative  $l$ -group implication algebra  $G = B \times S$  where  $B$  is a Browerian algebra and  $S$  is a  $l$ -group implication algebra

**To prove:**

$$\begin{aligned} (a + b) - (c + c) &\geq (a - c) + (b - c) \\ (ma + nb) - (a + b) &\geq (ma - a) + (nb - b) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $a, b, c$  in  $G$  and any positive integers  $m, n$ .

Let  $a, b, c$  in  $G$  be arbitrary

$$\Rightarrow \text{(i) To each } [(a - c) + (b - c)], a + b \in B \text{ there exist a least } -(c + c) \in B$$

Such that  $(a + b) - (c + c) \geq (a - c) + (b - c)$  and

$$\Rightarrow \text{(i) To each } (ma - a) + (nb - b), ma + b \in B \text{ there exist a least } -(a + b) \in B$$

Such that  $(ma + nb) - (a + b) \geq (ma - a) + (nb - b)$

Since  $B$  is a Browerian algebra,

$$\Rightarrow \text{(i) } (a + b) - (c + c) \geq (a - c) + (b - c)$$

$$\text{(ii) } (ma + nb) - (a + b) \geq (ma - a) + (nb - b)$$

for all  $a, b, c$  in  $G$  and any positive integers  $m, n$ .

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