A way to obtain 2-uninorm on bounded lattice from uninorms defined on subintervals of bounded lattice

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Abstract: In this paper, a way to obtain 2-uninorm on bounded lattice from $U_1$ disjunctive uninorm on $[0,k]$ and $U_2$ conjunctive uninorm on $[k,1]$ is presented. When the conditions disjunctive of $U_1$ or conjunctive of $U_2$ drop, it is showed that this method is invalid. Additionally, some properties of this construction method are investigated.

Keywords: Uninorm, 2-uninorm, bounded lattice, disjunctive, conjunctive.

1 Introduction

Uninorms have attracted great interest because of applications of uninorm like fuzzy logic, expert systems, neural networks, fuzzy system modelling [8,13]; after being defined on the unit interval $[0,1]$ by Yager and Rybalov [12]. Since bounded lattice case is more complex, uninorms on bounded lattices has been a challenging problem for many researchers [3,5,6,7,11]. Besides uninorm on $[0,1]$, 2-uninorms are defined and studied [1,2,4].

2-uninorms are special operators since they covers uninorms and nullnorms. Because of this reason some characterization of 2-uninorms on unit real interval is done [2]. And also, some properties of 2-uninorms on unit real interval are studied [1,4]. Despite being worked on unit real interval, there is no work for 2-uninorms on bounded lattice.

In this study, a way to obtain 2-uninorm in $U_{k(e,f)}$ on bounded lattice from disjunctive uninorm $[0,k]$ and conjunctive uninorm on $[k,1]$ is presented. If the conditions of disjunctive of $U_1$ or conjunctive of $U_2$ are removed, an example is given to show that the proposition is invalid. Under this construction method, it is showed that $k$ is absorbing element of $U_1$ or $U_2$ is neither disjunctive nor conjunctive 2-uninorm on $L$. Additionally it is obtained that even if $U_1$ and $U_2$ are idempotent, $U_2$ may not be idempotent 2-uninorm on $L$.

The paper is organized as follows. We shortly recall some basic notions and results in Section 2. In Section 3, we give a method to obtain 2-uninorm $U^2 \in U_{k(e,f)}$ on bounded lattice $L$ using disjunctive uninorm on $[0,k]$ and conjunctive uninorm on $[k,1]$. Some properties of this construction method are also investigated in Section 3.

2 Notations, definitions and a review of previous results

A bounded lattice $(L, \leq)$ is a lattice which has the top and bottom elements, which are written as 1 and 0, respectively, i.e., there exist two elements $1,0 \in L$ such that $0 \leq x \leq 1$, for all $x \in L$. 
Definition 1. [3] Given a bounded lattice \((L, \leq, 0, 1)\), and \(a, b \in L\), if \(a\) and \(b\) are incomparable, in this case we use the notation \(a \| b\).

Definition 2. [3] Given a bounded lattice \((L, \leq, 0, 1)\), and \(a, b \in L\), a subinterval \([a, b]\) of \(L\) is a sublattice of \(L\) defined as

\[ [a, b] = \{ x \in L \mid a \leq x \leq b \} . \]

Similarly, \((a, b) = \{ x \in L \mid a < x \leq b \}\), \([a, b) = \{ x \in L \mid a \leq x < b \}\) and \((a, b) = \{ x \in L \mid a < x < b \}\).

Definition 3. [11] Let \((L, \leq, 0, 1)\) be a bounded lattice. An operation \(U : L^2 \to L\) is called a uninorm on \(L\), if it is commutative, associative, increasing with respect to both variables and has a neutral element \(e \in L\).

In this study, the notation \(\mathcal{U}(e)\) will be used for the set of all uninorms on \(L\) with neutral element \(e \in L\). If \(U(0, 1) = 0\), \(U\) is called conjunctive uninorm and if \(U(0, 1) = 1\), \(U\) is called disjunctive uninorm.

If \(U(x, x) = x\) for all elements \(x \in L\), \(U\) is called idempotent uninorm.

Consider the set \(\mathcal{U}\) of all uninorms on \(L\) with the following order. For \(U, V \in \mathcal{U}\),

\[ U \leq V \iff U(x, y) \leq V(x, y) \text{ for all } (x, y) \in L^2. \]

Corollary 1. [11] Let \((L, \leq, 0, 1)\) be a bounded lattice and \(e \in L \setminus \{0, 1\}\). Then the following uninorms \(U_T : L^2 \to L\) and \(U_S : L^2 \to L\), respectively, are the greatest and the smallest uninorm on \(L\) with neutral element \(e\).

\[
U_T(x, y) = \begin{cases} 
  x \land y, & \text{if } (x, y) \in [0, e]^2 \\
  x \lor y, & \text{if } (x, y) \in [0, e] \times (e, 1] \cup (e, 1] \times [0, e] \\
  y, & \text{if } x \in [0, e] \land y \in [0, e] \\
  x, & \text{if } y \in [0, e] \land x \in [0, e] \\
  1, & \text{otherwise},
\end{cases}
\]

\[
U_S(x, y) = \begin{cases} 
  x \lor y, & \text{if } (x, y) \in [e, 1]^2 \\
  x \land y, & \text{if } (x, y) \in [0, e] \times [e, 1] \cup [e, 1] \times [0, e] \\
  y, & \text{if } x \in [e, 1] \land y \in [e, 1] \\
  x, & \text{if } y \in [e, 1] \land x \in [e, 1] \\
  0, & \text{otherwise}.
\end{cases}
\]

Definition 4. [5] An operation \(T\) (\(S\)) on a bounded lattice \(L\) is called a triangular norm (triangular conorm) if it is commutative, associative, increasing with respect to the both variables and has a neutral element \(1\) (0). Let \((L, \leq, 0, 1)\) be a bounded lattice, \(U \in \mathcal{U}(e)\) and \(e \in L\). It is known that if it is \(e = 1\), uninorm \(U\) coincides \(t\)-norm and if it is \(e = 0\), uninorm \(U\) coincides \(t\)-conorm on \(L\).

Definition 5. [10] Let \((L, \leq, 0, 1)\) be a bounded lattice. An operation \(V : L^2 \to L\) is called a nullnorm on \(L\), if it is commutative, associative, increasing with respect to both variables and there is an element \(e \in L\) such that \(V(x, 0) = x\) for all \(x \leq a\), \(V(x, 1) = x\) for all \(x \geq a\). It can be easily obtained that \(V(x, a) = a\) for all \(x \in L\). So, the element \(a \in L\) that provide \(V(x, a) = a\) for all \(x \in L\) is called (absorbing) zero element for operator \(V\) on \(L\).

Definition 6. [4] Let \((L, \leq, 0, 1)\) be a bounded lattice. An operator \(F : L^2 \to L\) is called \(2\)-uninorm if it is commutative, associative, increasing with respect to both variables and fulfilling

\[ \forall x \leq k F(e, x) = x \text{ and } \forall x \geq k F(f, x) = x. \]
where $e, k, f \in L$ with $0 \leq e \leq k \leq f \leq 1$. By $U_{k(e, f)}$ we denote the class of all 2-uninorms on bounded lattice $L$. Conjunctive, disjunctive or idempotent 2-uninorm can be defined as defined for uninorms.

3 A way to obtain 2-uninorm on bounded lattice

In this section, a method has been proposed for generating 2-uninorm $U^2 \in U_{k(e, f)}$ on bounded lattice $L$ using $U_1$ disjunctive uninorm on $[0, k]$ and $U_2$ conjunctive uninorm on $[k, 1]$. Even if one of conditions $U_1$ disjunctive uninorm on $[0, k]$ and $U_2$ conjunctive uninorm on $[k, 1]$ is removed, an example is given to show that the proposition may be invalid.

**Proposition 1.** Let $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$ be a bounded lattice, $U_1 : [0, k]^2 \rightarrow [0, k]$ be a disjunctive uninorm with neutral element $e$ and $U_2 : [k, 1]^2 \rightarrow [k, 1]$ be a conjunctive uninorm with neutral element $f$. Then, $U_1(x, k) = k$ for all $x \in [0, k]$ and $U_2(y, k) = k$ for all $y \in [k, 1]$.

**Proof.** Let $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$ be a bounded lattice. Since $U_1 : [0, k]^2 \rightarrow [0, k]$ is a disjunctive uninorm with neutral element $e$, $U_1(0, k) = k$. Then, $$k = U_1(0, k) \leq U_1(x, k) \leq U_1(1, k) = k$$ for all $x \in [0, k]$. Then, it is obtained that $U_1(x, k) = k$ for all $x \in [0, k]$. Since $U_2 : [k, 1]^2 \rightarrow [k, 1]$ is a conjunctive uninorm with neutral element $f$, $U_2(k, 1) = k$. Then, $$k = U_2(k, k) \leq U_2(y, k) \leq U_2(1, k) = k$$ for all $y \in [k, 1]$. Then, it is obtained that $U_2(y, k) = k$ for all $y \in [k, 1]$.

**Theorem 1.** Let $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$ be a bounded lattice, $U_1 : [0, k]^2 \rightarrow [0, k]$ be a disjunctive uninorm with neutral element $e$ and $U_2 : [k, 1]^2 \rightarrow [k, 1]$ be a conjunctive uninorm with neutral element $f$. Then, the function $U^2 : L^2 \rightarrow L$ given by

$$U^2(x, y) = \begin{cases} U_1(x, y), & \text{if } (x, y) \in [0, k]^2 \smallskip \\ U_2(x, y), & \text{if } (x, y) \in [k, 1]^2 \smallskip \\ k, & \text{otherwise}, \end{cases}$$

is 2-uninorm in $U_{k(e, f)}$.

**Proof.** (i) Monotonicity: We prove that if $x \leq y$ then for all $z \in L$, $U^2(x, z) \leq U^2(y, z)$. The proof is split into all possible cases.

Let $x \leq k$.

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1.1.1. $z \leq k$,

$$U^2(x, z) = U_1(x, z) \leq U_1(y, z) = U^2(y, z)$$

1.1.2. $z \geq k$ or $z = k$,

$$U^2(x, z) = k = U^2(y, z)$$

1.2. $y \geq k$.

1.2.1. $z \leq k$,

$$U^2(x, z) = U_1(x, z) \leq U_1(k, k) = k = U^2(y, z)$$

1.2.2. $z \geq k$,

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1.2.3. \( z \parallel k \),
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U^2(x, z) = k = U^2(y, z).
\]

1.3. \( y \parallel k \),
1.3.1. \( z \leq k \),
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U^2(x, z) = U_1(x, z) \leq U_1(k, k) = k = U^2(y, z).
\]
1.3.2. \( z \geq k \) or \( z \parallel k \),
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U^2(x, z) = k = U^2(y, z).
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2. Let \( x \geq k \) Then \( y \geq k \).
2.1. \( y \geq k \),
2.1.1. \( z \leq k \) or \( z \parallel k \),
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U^2(x, z) = k = U^2(y, z).
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2.1.2. \( z \geq k \),
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U^2(x, z) = U_2(x, z) \leq U_2(k, k) = k = U^2(y, z)
\]

3. Let \( x \parallel k \). Then \( y \geq k \) or \( y \parallel k \).
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3.2. \( y \parallel k \),
3.2.1. \( z \in L \),
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U^2(x, z) = k = U^2(y, z)
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(ii) Associativity. We demonstrate that \( U^2(x, U^2(y, z)) = U^2(U^2(x, y), z) \) for all \( x, y, z \in L \). Again the proof is split into all possible cases considering the relationships of the elements \( x, y, z \) and \( k \).

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3. Let $x || k.$

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3.3.2. $1 > z > e,$

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$$U^2(x, U^2(y, z)) = U^2(x, k) = k = U^2(k, z) = U^2(U^2(x, y), z)$$

It is trivial to see the commutativity and the fact that $U^2 \in U_{k(e,f)}$. 
Remark. If $U_1$ is not disjunctive or $U_2$ is not conjunctive, (3) may not produce a uninorm $L$. Consider the lattice $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$ whose lattice diagram is displayed in Fig 1.

![Lattice Diagram](image)

**Fig. 1:** $(L, \leq)$.

The function $U_1$ on $[0, d]$ as follows.

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**Table 1:** The uninorm $U_1$ on $[0, d]$.

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**Table 2:** The uninorm $U_2$ on $[d, 1]$.

It is clear that the function $U_1$ is an uninorm on $[0, d]$ with neutral element $a$ and $U_2$ is an uninorm on $[d, 1]$ with neutral element $f$. It can be seen that $U_1$ is a disjunctive uninorm and $U_2$ is not a conjunctive uninorm. $U^2$ is obtained from (1) as follows.
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Table 3: $U^2$ on $L$.

Since $U_2$ don't satisfies the conditions of Theorem 2, $U^2$ is not an 2-uninorm on $L$ since

$$U^2(U^2(g, b), c) = U^2(d, c) = d \neq g = U^2(g, d) = U^2(g, U^2(b, c)).$$

**Corollary 2**. (1) in theorem 2 produce an 2-uninorm such that neither conjunctive nor disjunctive 2-uninorm in $U_{k(e,f)}$.

**Proposition 2**. Let $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$ be a bounded lattice, $U^2 \in U_{k(e,f)}$ such that satisfied conditions of theorem 2. Then, $k$ is absorbing element of $U^2$.

**Proof**. Let $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$ be a bounded lattice, $U^2 \in U_{k(e,f)}$. Then, $U^2(k, k) = k$ for $k \in L$ since $k = U^2(e, k) \leq U^2(k, k) \leq U^2(f, k) = k$. It is satisfied that one of $x \leq k, x \geq k$ or $x \parallel k$ for all $x \in L$. Let $x \leq k$. Then,

$$k = U_1(0, k) \leq U_1(x, k) = U^2(x, k) \leq U^2(k, k) = k.$$

So, $U^2(x, k) = k$ for $x \in L$ such that $x \leq k$. Let $x \geq k$. Then,

$$k = U^2(k, k) \leq U^2(x, k) = U_2(x, k) \leq U_2(1, k) = k.$$

So, $U^2(x, k) = k$ for $x \in L$ such that $x \geq k$. Let $x \parallel k$. Then, $U^2(x, k) = k$ for $x \in L$ such that $x \parallel k$ using (1). Then, it is obtained that $U^2(x, k) = k$ for $x \in L$.

**Corollary 3**. Let $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$ be a bounded lattice such that there is at least one element such that incomparable element with $k$, $U_1 : [0, k]^2 \rightarrow [0, k]$ be a disjunctive uninorm with neutral element $e$ and $U_2 : [k, 1]^2 \rightarrow [k, 1]$ a conjunctive uninorm with neutral element $f$. Then, the function $U^2 : L^2 \rightarrow L$ as mentioned in theorem 2 is not idempotent 2-uninorm on $L$ even if $U_1$ is idempotent uninorm on $[0, k]$ and $U_2$ is idempotent uninorm on $[k, 1]$.

Consider the set $U_{k(e,f)}$ of all 2-uninorms on $L$ with the following order:

For $G, H \in U_{k(e,f)}$,

$$G \leq H \iff G(x, y) \leq H(x, y) \text{ for all } (x, y) \in L^2.$$
(x, y) ∈ L^2. So, it has to be satisfied that U^*(x, y) = U_S(x, y) ≥ F(x, y) for all (x, y) ∈ [k, 1]^2. It is known that if F ∈ U_{k(e,f)}, F ↓ [k, 1] is an uninorm on [k, 1] with neutral element f. This contradict to U^*(x, y) = U_S is smallest uninorm on [0, k]. So, if U^* ↓ [0, k] ≠ F ↓ [0, k] and U^* ↓ [k, 1] ≠ F ↓ [k, 1], U^* is incomparable with F for F ∈ U_{k(e,f)}.

4 Conclusion

2-Uninorms is generalization of both uninorms and nullnorms. Considering this, it is very important to study 2-uninorms on bounded lattices. 2-uninorms have been characterized on [0, 1] unit real interval as the point of discontinuity [1]. 2-uninorms have not been studied on bounded lattice yet in our best knowledge. In this paper, if there are U_1 disjunctive uninorm [0, k] and U_2 conjunctive uninorm on [k, 1], it is showed that there is way to obtain 2-uninorms on bounded lattices such that U_2 ∈ U_k(e,f). Moreover, this construction method gives a way to get 2-uninorms on bounded lattice such that neither conjunctive nor disjunctive. Additionally, it is showed that 2-uninorms obtained by this method does not have to be idempotent even if U_1 and U_2 are.

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