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## ABSTRACT

Decomposable  $MS$ -algebras were introduced and characterized by Badawy et al. [1] in terms of decomposable  $MS$ -triple  $(M, D, \varphi)$ , where  $M$  is a de Morgan algebra,  $D$  is a distributive lattice with unit and  $\varphi$  is a bounded lattice homomorphism of  $M$  into the lattice of filters of  $D$ . In this paper we study homomorphisms, subalgebras and solve the “Fill-in” problem for such decomposable  $MS$ -algebras.

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## 1. Introduction

Blyth and Varlet [2] have studied a new variety of the so-called Morgan Stone algebras (briefly  $MS$ -algebras) as a common abstraction of the classes of de Morgan and Stone algebras. Such algebras are bounded distributive lattices with a unary operation satisfying certain identities. Blyth and Varlet [3] described the lattice of subvarieties of the variety  $MS$  of all  $MS$ -algebras. The class  $MS$  contains the well-known classes such as Boolean algebras, de Morgan algebras, Kleene algebras and Stone algebras. In 2012 Badawy et al. [1] presented a simple triple construction of principal  $MS$ -algebras and they showed that there exists a one-to-one correspondence between the principal  $MS$ -algebras and the principal  $MS$ -triples. They also introduced the class of decomposable  $MS$ -algebras which contains the class of principal  $MS$ -algebras and they presented a triple construction of decomposable  $MS$ -algebras generalizing the construction of principal  $MS$ -algebras. Moreover, they investigated that there exists a one-to-one correspondence between the decomposable  $MS$ -algebras and the decomposable  $MS$ -triples. Luo [4] considered special kind of Principal congruences on  $MS$ -algebras. Also, Luo [5] investigated the relationship between principal congruence and Kernel ideals of Symmetric de-Morgan

algebras. Also, Badawy [6] introduced the notion of  $d_L$ -filters of principal  $MS$ -algebras. S. El-Assar and A. Badawy [7] studied homomorphisms and subalgebras of  $MS$ -algebras for the class  $K_2$ . Recently, Badawy [8] characterized a subclass of the class of modular generalized  $MS$ -algebras which contains the class of  $K_2$ -algebras by means of quadruples. Moreover, Badawy [9] constructed principal generalized  $K_2$ -algebras in terms of triples.

According to the characterization [1] of decomposable  $MS$ -algebras by means of the decomposable  $MS$ -triple  $(M, D, \varphi)$ , we study some properties of this triple. In Section 3, we define the homomorphism between two decomposable  $MS$ -triples. We show that homomorphisms of decomposable  $MS$ -algebras are the same as the homomorphisms of their associated decomposable  $MS$ -triples. In Section 4, using decomposable  $MS$ -triples, we characterize subalgebras of decomposable  $MS$ -algebras. Also, we solve the following fill in problem:

“Let  $L$  be a decomposable  $MS$ -algebra,  $M_1$  a subalgebra of  $L^\circ$ , and  $D_1$  a sublattice of  $D(L)$  containing 1. We can fill in  $(M_1, D_1, ?)$  such that it will become the decomposable  $MS$ -triple associated with a subalgebra of  $L$ .”

Moreover, we solve the above fill in problem to obtain  $K_2$ -subalgebras and Stone subalgebras of a decomposable  $MS$ -algebra  $L$ .

Finally, a subalgebra of a decomposable  $MS$ -algebra  $L = \{a, a^\circ \varphi \vee [x] : a \in M, x \in D\}$  associated with the decomposable  $MS$ -triple  $(M, D, \varphi)$  is characterized. Also, the greatest Stone subalgebra of  $L$  is determined.

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**2. Preliminaries**

In this section, we present certain definitions and results. We refer the reader to Refs. [1–3,9–12] as a guide references.

A de Morgan algebra is an algebra  $(L; \vee, \wedge, \bar{\phantom{x}}, 0, 1)$  of type  $(2,2,1,0,0)$  where  $(L; \vee, \wedge, 0, 1)$  is a bounded distributive lattice and  $\bar{\phantom{x}}$  the unary operation of involution satisfies:

$$\overline{\bar{x}} = x, \overline{(x \vee y)} = \bar{x} \wedge \bar{y}, \overline{(x \wedge y)} = \bar{x} \vee \bar{y}.$$

An MS-algebra is an algebra  $(L; \vee, \wedge, \circ, 0, 1)$  of type  $(2,2,1,0,0)$  where  $(L; \vee, \wedge, 0, 1)$  is a bounded distributive lattice and the unary operation  $\circ$  satisfies:

$$x \leq x^{\circ\circ}, (x \wedge y)^{\circ} = x^{\circ} \vee y^{\circ}, 1^{\circ} = 0.$$

The class **MS** of all MS-algebras is equational. A de Morgan algebra is an MS-algebra satisfying the identity,  $x = x^{\circ\circ}$ . A  $K_2$ -algebra is an MS-algebra satisfying the additional two identities,

$$x \wedge x^{\circ} = x^{\circ} \wedge x^{\circ\circ}, (x \wedge x^{\circ}) \vee (y \vee y^{\circ}) = y \vee y^{\circ}.$$

The class **S** of Stone algebras is a subclass of **MS** and is characterized by the identity  $x \wedge x^{\circ} = 0$ . A Boolean algebra is an MS-algebra satisfying the identity  $x \vee x^{\circ} = 1$ .

We recall some of the basic properties of MS-algebras which were proved in [2] or [11].

**Theorem 2.1.** [2] For any two elements  $a, b$  of an MS-algebra  $L$ , we have

- (1)  $0^{\circ} = 1$ ,
- (2)  $a \leq b \Rightarrow b^{\circ} \leq a^{\circ}$ ,
- (3)  $a^{\circ\circ\circ} = a^{\circ}$ ,
- (4)  $(a \vee b)^{\circ} = a^{\circ} \wedge b^{\circ}$ ,
- (5)  $(a \vee b)^{\circ\circ} = a^{\circ\circ} \vee b^{\circ\circ}$ ,
- (6)  $(a \wedge b)^{\circ\circ} = a^{\circ\circ} \wedge b^{\circ\circ}$ .

**Definition 2.2.** [11] A bounded sublattice  $L_1$  of an MS-algebra  $L$  is called a subalgebra of  $L$  if  $x^{\circ} \in L_1$  for every  $x \in L_1$ .

**Definition 2.3.** A subalgebra  $L_1$  of an MS-algebra  $L$  is called a de Morgan (Boolean) subalgebra of  $L$  if  $x^{\circ\circ} = x$  ( $x \vee x^{\circ} = 1$ ) for every  $x \in L_1$ .

**Definition 2.4.** A de Morgan subalgebra  $L_1$  of an MS-algebra  $L$  is called a Kleene subalgebra of  $L$  if  $x \wedge x^{\circ} \leq y \vee y^{\circ}$  for every  $x, y \in L_1$ .

**Theorem 2.5.** [1] Let  $L$  be an MS-algebra. Then

- (1)  $L^{\circ\circ} = \{x \in L : x = x^{\circ\circ}\}$  is a de Morgan subalgebra of  $L$ ,
- (2)  $D(L) = \{x \in L : x^{\circ} = 0\}$  is a filter (filter of dense elements) of  $L$ .

For any lattice  $L$ , let  $F(L)$  denote to the set of all filters of  $L$ . It is known that  $(F(L); \wedge, \vee)$  is a distributive lattice if and only if  $L$  is a distributive lattice, where

$$F \wedge G = F \cap G \text{ and } F \vee G = \{x \in L : x \geq f \wedge g, f \in F, g \in G\}$$

for every  $F, G \in F(L)$ .

If  $L$  is a distributive lattice, then  $F \vee G = \{x \in L : x = f \wedge g, f \in F, g \in G\}$ . Also,  $[a] = \{x \in L : x \geq a\}$  is a principal filter of  $L$  generated by  $a$ .

**Definition 2.6.** [12] Let  $L = (L; \vee, \wedge, 0_L, 1_L)$  and  $L_1 = (L_1; \vee, \wedge, 0_{L_1}, 1_{L_1})$  be bounded lattices. The map  $h: L \rightarrow L_1$  is called  $(0,1)$  lattice homomorphism if

- (1)  $0_L h = 0_{L_1}$  and  $1_L h = 1_{L_1}$ ,
- (2)  $h$  is a  $\vee$ -homomorphism, that is,  $(x \vee y)h = xh \vee yh$  for every  $x, y \in L$ ,
- (3)  $h$  is a  $\wedge$ -homomorphism, that is,  $(x \wedge y)h = xh \wedge yh$  for every  $x, y \in L$ .

Now we recall some important definitions and results from [1] which needed throughout this paper.

**Definition 2.7.** [1] An MS-algebra  $(L; \vee, \wedge, \circ, 0, 1)$  is called decomposable MS-algebra if for every  $x \in L$  there exists  $d \in D(L)$  such that  $x = x^{\circ\circ} \wedge d$ .

The class of decomposable MS-algebras contains the class **M** of all de Morgan algebras and the class **S** of all Stone algebras.

**Definition 2.8.** [1] A decomposable MS-triple is  $(M, D, \varphi)$ , where

- (i)  $M$  is a de Morgan algebra,
- (ii)  $D$  is a distributive lattice with 1,
- (iii)  $\varphi$  is a  $(0, 1)$ -homomorphism from  $M$  into  $F(D)$

such that for every element  $a \in M$  and for every  $y \in D$  there exists an element  $t \in D$  with  $a\varphi \cap [y] = [t]$ .

Let  $L$  be a decomposable MS-algebra. Define  $\varphi(L): L^{\circ\circ} \rightarrow F(D(L))$  by

$$a\varphi(L) = [a^{\circ}] \cap D(L) \text{ for all } a \in L^{\circ\circ}.$$

It is known that  $\varphi(L)$  is a  $(0,1)$  lattice homomorphism and  $a\varphi(L) \cap [y]$  is a principal filter of  $D(L)$  (see [1]). The triple  $(L^{\circ\circ}, D(L), \varphi(L))$  is called the decomposable MS-triple associated with  $L$ .

The following Theorem presents a triple construction for decomposable MS-algebras which was proved in [1].

**Theorem 2.9.** [1] Let  $(M, D, \varphi)$  be a decomposable MS-triple. Then

$$L = \{(a, a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x]) : a \in M, x \in D\}$$

is a decomposable MS-algebra, if we define

$$\begin{aligned} (a, a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x]) \vee (b, b^{\circ}\varphi \vee [y]) &= (a \vee b, (a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x]) \cap (b^{\circ}\varphi \vee [y])), \\ (a, a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x]) \wedge (b, b^{\circ}\varphi \vee [y]) &= (a \wedge b, (a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x]) \vee (b^{\circ}\varphi \vee [y])), \\ (a, a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x])^{\circ} &= (a^{\circ}, a\varphi), \\ 1_L &= (1, [1]), \\ 0_L &= (0, D). \end{aligned}$$

Conversely, every decomposable MS-algebra  $L$  can be associated with the decomposable MS-triple  $(L^{\circ\circ}, D(L), \varphi(L))$ , where  $a\varphi(L) = [a^{\circ}] \cap D(L)$ .

The decomposable MS-algebra  $L$  constructed by Theorem 2.9 is called the decomposable MS-algebra associated with the decomposable MS-triple  $(M, D, \varphi)$ , the construction of  $L$  described in Theorem 2.9 is called a decomposable MS-construction and Theorem 2.9 is called the construction Theorem.

**Lemma 2.10.** [1] Let  $L$  be a decomposable MS-algebra associated with the decomposable MS-triple  $(M, D, \varphi)$ . Then

- (1)  $L^{\circ\circ} = \{(a, a^{\circ}\varphi) : a \in M\}$ ,
- (2)  $D(L) = \{(1, [x]) : x \in D\}$ ,
- (3)  $D \cong D(L)$  and  $M \cong L^{\circ\circ}$ .

**3. Homomorphisms of decomposable MS-algebras**

In this section, we define a homomorphisms between two decomposable MS-triples. A one-to-one correspondence between homomorphisms of decomposable MS-algebras and homomorphisms of decomposable MS-triples is obtained.

**Definition 3.1.** A  $(0,1)$  lattice homomorphism  $h: L \rightarrow L_1$  of an MS-algebra  $L$  into an MS-algebra  $L_1$  is called a homomorphism if  $x^{\circ}h = (xh)^{\circ}$  for all  $x \in L$ .

Let  $h: L \rightarrow L_1$  be a homomorphism of an MS-algebra into an MS-algebra  $L_1$ . Then, we use  $h_{L^{\circ\circ}}, h_{D(L)}$  to denote the restrictions of a homomorphism  $h$  to  $L^{\circ\circ}$  and  $D(L)$ , respectively.

**Lemma 3.2.** A homomorphism  $h: L \rightarrow L_1$  of a decomposable MS-algebra into a decomposable MS-algebra  $L_1$  is onto (one-to-one) if and only if  $h_{L^\circ}$  and  $h_{D(L)}$  are onto (one-to-one).

**Proof.** Combine homomorphism's properties with Definition 2.7.  $\square$

Now, we define a homomorphism of decomposable MS-triples.

**Definition 3.3.** Let  $(M, D, \varphi)$  and  $(M_1, D_1, \varphi_1)$  be decomposable MS-triples. A homomorphism of the triple  $(M, D, \varphi)$  into  $(M_1, D_1, \varphi_1)$  is a pair  $(f, g)$ , where  $f$  is a homomorphism of  $M$  into  $M_1$ ,  $g$  is a homomorphism of  $D$  into  $D_1$  preserving 1 such that for every  $a \in M$ ,

$$a\varphi g \subseteq af\varphi_1 \tag{1}$$

**Lemma 3.4.** Let  $(f, g)$  be a homomorphism of a decomposable MS-triple  $(M, D, \varphi)$  into a decomposable MS-triple  $(M_1, D_1, \varphi_1)$ . Let  $a, b \in M$  and  $x, y, t \in D$ . Then

- (i)  $a\varphi \cap [y] = [t]$  implies  $af\varphi_1 \cap [yg] = [tg]$ .
- (ii)  $(a^\circ f\varphi_1 \vee [xg]) \cap (b^\circ f\varphi_1 \vee [yg]) = (a \vee b)^\circ f\varphi_1 \vee [tg]$ .

**Proof.**

(i) Let  $a\varphi \cap [y] = [t]$ . Then  $t = x_1 \vee y, x_1 \in a\varphi$ , so  $x_1g \in a\varphi g \subseteq af\varphi_1$ . If  $t_1 \in af\varphi_1 \cap [yg]$ , then  $t_1 \geq x_1g \vee yg = (x_1 \vee y)g = tg$ . Hence  $af\varphi_1 \cap [yg] \subseteq [tg]$ . Conversely,  $af\varphi_1 \cap [yg] \supseteq a\varphi g \cap [yg] = (a\varphi \cap [y])g = [t]g = [tg]$ .

(ii) Let  $a^\circ \varphi \cap [y] = [t_1]$  and  $b^\circ \varphi \cap [x] = [t_2]$  for some  $t_1, t_2 \in D$ . Then by (1),  $a^\circ f\varphi_1 \cap [yg] = [t_1g]$  and  $b^\circ f\varphi_1 \cap [xg] = [t_2g]$ . So by distributivity of  $F(D_1)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} & (a^\circ f\varphi_1 \vee [xg]) \cap (b^\circ f\varphi_1 \vee [yg]) \\ &= (a^\circ f\varphi_1 \cap (b^\circ f\varphi_1 \vee [yg])) \vee ([xg] \cap (b^\circ f\varphi_1 \vee [yg])) \\ &= (a^\circ f\varphi_1) \cap b^\circ f\varphi_1 \vee (a^\circ f\varphi_1 \cap [yg]) \vee ([xg] \cap b^\circ f\varphi_1) \\ & \quad \vee ([xg] \cap [yg]) \\ &= (a \vee b)^\circ f\varphi_1 \vee [t_1g] \vee [t_2g] \vee [(x \vee y)g] \\ &= (a \vee b)^\circ f\varphi_1 \vee [(t_1 \wedge t_2 \wedge (x \vee y))g] = (a \vee b)^\circ f\varphi_1 \vee [tg], \end{aligned}$$

where,  $t = t_1 \wedge t_2 \wedge (x \vee y) \in D$ .  $\square$

The following Theorem shows that homomorphisms of decomposable MS-algebras are the same as homomorphisms of decomposable MS-triples.

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $L$  and  $L_1$  be decomposable MS-algebras,  $(M, D, \varphi)$  and  $(M_1, D_1, \varphi_1)$  be the associated decomposable MS-triples, respectively. Let  $h$  be a homomorphism of  $L$  into  $L_1$  and  $h_M, h_D$  the restrictions of  $h$  to  $M$  and  $D$ , respectively. Then  $(h_M, h_D)$  is a homomorphism of the decomposable MS-triples. Conversely, every homomorphism  $(f, g)$  of the decomposable MS-triples uniquely determines a homomorphism  $h$  of  $L$  into  $L_1$  with  $h_M = f, h_D = g$  by the following rule:

$$xh = x^{\circ\circ} f \wedge dg, \text{ for all } x \in L,$$

where  $x = x^{\circ\circ} \wedge d$  for some  $d \in D(L)$ .

**Proof.** To prove the first statement, we have to verify that  $a\varphi g \subseteq af\varphi_1, \forall a \in M$  with  $g = h_D$  and  $f = h_M$ . Evidently,

$$\begin{aligned} a\varphi h &= \{xh : x \in a\varphi\} \\ &= \{xh : x \in [a^\circ] \cap D\} \\ &\subseteq \{y : y \in [(ah)^\circ] \cap D_1\} \\ &= ah\varphi_1. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $(h_M, h_D)$  is a homomorphism of the decomposable MS-triples  $(M, D, \varphi)$  and  $(M_1, D_1, \varphi_1)$ .

Conversely, let  $a\varphi g \subseteq af\varphi_1, \forall a \in M$  holds. We represent the elements of  $L$  and  $L_1$  as in the construction Theorem (Theorem 2.9), that is,

$$L = \{(a, a^\circ \varphi \vee [x]) : a \in M, x \in D\},$$

and

$$L_1 = \{(b, b^\circ \varphi_1 \vee [y]) : b \in M_1, y \in D_1\}.$$

Define  $h: L \rightarrow L_1$  by

$$(a, a^\circ \varphi \vee [x])h = (af, (a^\circ f)\varphi_1 \vee [xg])$$

We will show that  $h$  is well defined. Let  $(a, a^\circ \varphi \vee [x]) = (b, b^\circ \varphi \vee [y])$ . Then  $a = b$  and  $a^\circ \varphi \vee [x] = b^\circ \varphi \vee [y]$ . Hence,  $x \geq x_1 \wedge y$  and  $y \geq y_1 \wedge x$  for some  $x_1, y_1 \in a^\circ \varphi$ . Since  $g$  is a homomorphism and  $a\varphi g \subseteq af\varphi_1, \forall a \in M$ , we have  $xg \geq x_1g \wedge yg$  and  $yg \geq y_1g \wedge xg$  for some  $x_1g, y_1g \in a^\circ \varphi g \subseteq a^\circ f\varphi_1$ . So we obtain  $(a^\circ f)\varphi_1 \vee [xg] = (b^\circ f)\varphi_1 \vee [yg]$ . Thus  $(a, a^\circ \varphi \vee [x])h = (b, b^\circ \varphi_1 \vee [y])h$ . Therefore  $h$  is a map of  $L$  into  $L_1$ . Obviously,  $h_M = f$  and  $h_D = g$ .

To prove that  $h$  is a homomorphism, let  $(a, a^\circ \varphi \vee [x]), (b, b^\circ \varphi \vee [y]) \in L$ . We get

$$\begin{aligned} & ((a, a^\circ \varphi \vee [x]) \wedge (b, b^\circ \varphi \vee [y]))h \\ &= (a \wedge b, (a^\circ \varphi \vee [x]) \vee (b^\circ \varphi \vee [y]))h \\ &= (a \wedge b, (a \wedge b)^\circ \varphi \vee [x \wedge y])h \\ &= ((a \wedge b)f, (a \wedge b)^\circ f\varphi \vee [(x \wedge y)g]) \\ &= (af, (a^\circ f)\varphi_1 \vee [xg]) \wedge (bf, (b^\circ f)\varphi_1 \vee [yg]) \\ &= (a, a^\circ \varphi \vee [x])h \wedge (b, b^\circ \varphi \vee [y])h, \end{aligned}$$

Let  $a^\circ \varphi \cap [y] = [t_1]$  and  $b^\circ \varphi \cap [x] = [t_2]$  for  $t_1, t_2 \in D$ . Thus by Lemma 4.2 (ii), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & ((a, a^\circ \varphi \vee [x]) \vee (b, b^\circ \varphi \vee [y]))h \\ &= (a \vee b, (a^\circ \varphi \vee [x]) \cap (b^\circ \varphi \vee [y]))h \\ &= (a \vee b, (a \vee b)^\circ \varphi \vee [t])h \\ &= ((a \vee b)f, (a \vee b)^\circ f\varphi_1 \vee [tg]) \\ &= ((a \vee b)f, (a^\circ f\varphi_1 \vee [xg]) \cap (b^\circ f\varphi_1 \vee [yg])) \\ &= (af, a^\circ f\varphi_1 \vee [xg]) \vee (bf, b^\circ f\varphi_1 \vee [yg]) \\ &= (a, a^\circ \varphi \vee [x])h \vee (b, b^\circ \varphi \vee [y])h, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} & (a^\circ \varphi \vee [x]) \cap (b^\circ \varphi \vee [y]) \\ &= ((a^\circ \varphi \vee [x]) \cap b^\circ \varphi) \vee ((a^\circ \varphi \vee [x]) \cap [y]) \\ &= (a^\circ \varphi \cap b^\circ \varphi) \vee ([x] \cap b^\circ \varphi) \vee (a^\circ \varphi \cap [y]) \vee ([x] \cap [y]) \\ &= (a \vee b)^\circ \varphi \vee [t_1] \vee [t_2] \vee [x \vee y] \\ &= (a \vee b)^\circ \varphi \vee [t_1 \wedge t_2 \wedge (x \vee y)] \\ &= (a \vee b)^\circ \varphi \vee [t] \text{ where } t = t_1 \wedge t_2 \wedge (x \vee y). \end{aligned}$$

Also

$$\begin{aligned} (a, a^\circ \varphi \vee [x])^\circ h &= (a^\circ, a\varphi)h \\ &= (a^\circ f, af\varphi_1) \\ &= (af, (af)^\circ \varphi_1 \vee [xg])^\circ \\ &= ((a, a^\circ \varphi \vee [x])h)^\circ. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $h$  is a homomorphism of  $L$  into  $L_1$ . It is easy to see the uniqueness of  $h$  with  $h_M = f$  and  $h_D = g$ .  $\square$

#### 4. Subalgebras of decomposable MS-algebras

According to the characterization of a decomposable MS-algebra by means of the decomposable MS-triple  $(M, D, \varphi)$ , we characterize the subalgebras of decomposable MS-algebra and solve the fill-in problem for their associated decomposable MS-triples.

**Definition 4.1.** A bounded sublattice  $L_1$  of a decomposable MS-algebra  $L$  is called a subalgebra of  $L$  if

- (1)  $x^\circ \in L_1$  for every  $x \in L_1$ ,

(2) for every  $x \in L_1$ , there exists  $d \in D(L_1)$  such that  $x = x^{\circ\circ} \wedge d$ .

The decomposable MS-triple associated with a subalgebra of a decomposable MS-algebras is determined in the following:

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $L_1$  be a subalgebra of the decomposable MS-algebra  $L$ . Then  $L_1^{\circ\circ} = L_1 \cap L^{\circ\circ}$  is a subalgebra of  $L^{\circ\circ}$  and  $D(L_1) = L_1 \cap D(L)$  is a sublattice of  $D(L)$  containing 1. The decomposable MS-triple associated with  $L_1$  is  $(L_1^{\circ\circ}, D(L_1), \varphi_1)$ , where  $\varphi_1$  is given by  $a\varphi_1 = a\varphi \cap D(L_1)$  for every  $a \in L_1^{\circ\circ}$ .*

**Proof.** Obviously  $0, 1 \in L_1 \cap L^{\circ\circ} = L_1^{\circ\circ}$ . Let  $x, y \in L_1^{\circ\circ}$ . Then  $x, y \in L_1 \cap L^{\circ\circ}$ , so  $x \wedge y, x \vee y \in L_1, L^{\circ\circ}$ . Thus  $x \wedge y, x \vee y \in L_1^{\circ\circ}$ . Then  $L_1^{\circ\circ}$  is a bounded sublattice of  $L^{\circ\circ}$ . Now, let  $x \in L_1^{\circ\circ}$ . Then  $x \in L_1$  and  $x \in L^{\circ\circ}$ . Thus  $x^{\circ} \in L_1$  and  $x^{\circ} \in L^{\circ\circ}$  as  $L_1$  is a subalgebra of a decomposable MS-algebra  $L$  and  $L_1^{\circ\circ}$  is a subalgebra of a de Morgan algebra  $L^{\circ\circ}$ , respectively. Therefore  $L_1^{\circ\circ}$  is a subalgebra of  $L^{\circ\circ}$ . Since each of  $L_1$  and  $D(L)$  is a sublattice of  $L$  containing 1, then  $D(L_1) = L_1 \cap D(L)$  is a sublattice of  $D(L)$  containing 1. Recall that the map  $\varphi: L^{\circ\circ} \rightarrow F(D(L))$  defined by  $a\varphi = [a^{\circ}] \cap D(L)$  is a (0,1) lattice homomorphism. Now, define  $\varphi_1: L_1^{\circ\circ} \rightarrow F(D(L_1))$  by

$$a\varphi_1 = a\varphi \cap D(L_1) \text{ for all } a \in L_1^{\circ\circ}.$$

We have to show that  $\varphi_1$  is a (0,1) lattice homomorphism and  $a\varphi_1 \cap [x]$  is a principal filter of  $D(L_1)$  for every  $a \in L_1^{\circ\circ}$  and for every  $x \in D(L_1)$ . It is clear that  $0\varphi_1 = [1]$  and  $1\varphi_1 = D(L_1)$ . Let  $a, b \in L_1^{\circ\circ}$ . Then we get

$$\begin{aligned} (a \wedge b)\varphi_1 &= (a \wedge b)\varphi \cap D(L_1) \\ &= (a\varphi \cap b\varphi) \cap D(L_1) \text{ as } \varphi \text{ is a } \wedge\text{-homomorphism} \\ &= (a\varphi \cap D(L_1)) \cap (b\varphi \cap D(L_1)) \text{ by distributivity of } \\ &\quad F(D(L_1)) \\ &= a\varphi_1 \cap b\varphi_1, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (a \vee b)\varphi_1 &= (a \vee b)\varphi \cap D(L_1) \\ &= (a\varphi \vee b\varphi) \cap D(L_1) \text{ as } \varphi \text{ is a } \vee\text{-homomorphism} \\ &= (a\varphi \cap D(L_1)) \vee (b\varphi \cap D(L_1)) \text{ by distributivity of } \\ &\quad F(D(L_1)) \\ &= a\varphi_1 \vee b\varphi_1. \end{aligned}$$

For every  $a \in L_1^{\circ\circ}$  and every  $x \in D(L_1)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} a\varphi_1 \cap [x] &= a\varphi \cap D(L_1) \cap [x] \\ &= a\varphi \cap [x] \text{ as } x \in D(L_1) \\ &= [a^{\circ}] \cap D(L) \cap [x] \text{ where } a\varphi = [a^{\circ}] \cap D(L) \\ &= [a^{\circ}] \cap [x] \text{ as } x \in D(L) \\ &= [a^{\circ} \vee x]. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $D(L_1)$  is a filter of  $L_1$  and  $x \in D(L_1)$ , then  $a^{\circ} \vee x \in D(L_1)$ . Therefore  $a\varphi_1 \cap [x]$  is a principal filter of  $D(L_1)$  and  $(L_1^{\circ\circ}, D(L_1), \varphi_1)$  is the decomposable MS-triple associated with  $L_1$ .  $\square$

A characterization of subalgebras of a decomposable MS-algebra is given by solving the following fill-in problem.

**Theorem 4.3.** *Let  $L$  be a decomposable MS-algebra,  $M_1$  a subalgebra of  $L^{\circ\circ}$ , and  $D_1$  a sublattice of  $D(L)$  containing 1. We can fill-in  $(M_1, D_1, ?)$  such that it will become the decomposable MS-triple associated with a subalgebra of  $L$  iff*

$$a \vee d \in D_1 \text{ for every } a \in M_1 \text{ and for every } d \in D_1. \tag{2}$$

**Proof.** If  $(M_1, D_1, \varphi_1)$  is the decomposable MS-triple associated with a subalgebra  $L_1$  of  $L$ , then  $M_1 = L_1^{\circ\circ}$  and  $D_1 = D(L_1)$ . Thus for every  $a \in M_1$  and for every  $d \in D_1$ , we have  $a \vee d \in L_1$ . Then  $(a \vee d)^{\circ} = a^{\circ} \wedge d^{\circ} = a^{\circ} \wedge 0 = 0$  implies that  $a \vee d \in D(L)$ . Hence  $a \vee d \in L_1 \cap D(L)$ . Thus by Theorem 4.2,  $a \vee d \in D_1$ .

Conversely, assume that  $a \vee d \in D_1, \forall a \in M_1, \forall d \in D_1$ . Let  $M = L^{\circ\circ}, D = D(L)$  and  $\varphi = \varphi(L)$ . Represent the elements of  $L$  as in the construction Theorem (Theorem 2.9), that is,

$$L = \{(a, a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x]) : a \in M, x \in D\}.$$

Let

$$L_1 = \{(a, a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x]) : a \in M_1, x \in D_1\}.$$

We will show that  $L_1$  is a subalgebra of  $L$ . It is clear that  $0_L = (0, D)$  and  $1_L = (1, [1])$  belong to  $L_1$ . Now, let  $(a, a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x]), (b, b^{\circ}\varphi \vee [y]) \in L_1$ . Then we get

$$\begin{aligned} (a, a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x]) \wedge (b, b^{\circ}\varphi \vee [y]) &= (a \wedge b, (a \wedge b)^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x \wedge y]) \in L_1, \\ (a, a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x]) \vee (b, b^{\circ}\varphi \vee [y]) &= (a \vee b, (a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x]) \cap (b^{\circ}\varphi \vee [y])) \\ &= (a \vee b, (a \vee b)^{\circ}\varphi \vee [t]) \in L_1, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} (a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x]) \cap (b^{\circ}\varphi \vee [y]) &= ((a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x]) \cap b^{\circ}\varphi) \vee ((a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x]) \cap [y]) \\ &= (a^{\circ}\varphi \cap b^{\circ}\varphi) \vee ([x] \cap b^{\circ}\varphi) \vee (a^{\circ}\varphi \cap [y]) \vee ([x] \cap [y]) \\ &= (a \vee b)^{\circ}\varphi \vee ([b] \cap D \cap [x]) \vee ([a] \cap D \cap [y]) \vee [x \vee y] \\ &= (a \vee b)^{\circ}\varphi \vee [b \vee x] \vee [a \vee y] \vee [x \vee y] \text{ where } b \vee x, a \vee y \in D_1 \\ &\quad \text{by (2)} \\ &= (a \vee b)^{\circ}\varphi \vee [t_1] \vee [t_2] \vee [x \vee y] \text{ where } t_1 = b \vee x, t_2 = a \vee y \\ &= (a \vee b)^{\circ}\varphi \vee [t], \text{ where } t = t_1 \wedge t_2 \wedge (x \vee y) \in D_1. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $L_1$  is a bounded sublattice of  $L$ . Let  $(a, a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x]) \in L_1$ . Then  $(a, a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x])^{\circ} = (a^{\circ}, a\varphi) \in L_1$  as  $a^{\circ} \in M_1$ . Then  $L_1$  is a subalgebra of an MS-algebra  $L$ . Now, we show that  $L_1$  is decomposable. It is observed that

$$L_1^{\circ\circ} = \{(a, a^{\circ}\varphi) : a \in M_1\} \text{ and } D(L_1) = \{(1, [x]) : x \in D_1\}.$$

For any  $(a, a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x]) \in L_1$ , we have

$$(a, a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x]) = (a, a^{\circ}\varphi) \wedge (1, [x]) = (a, a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x])^{\circ\circ} \wedge (1, [x]),$$

where  $(1, [x]) \in D(L_1)$ .

Thus  $L_1$  is a decomposable MS-algebra. Therefore  $L_1$  is a subalgebra of  $L$ .

Now we show that  $L_1^{\circ\circ} \cong M_1$  and  $D(L_1) \cong D_1$ . Define

$$\psi: M_1 \longrightarrow L_1^{\circ\circ} \text{ by } a\psi = (a, a^{\circ}\varphi), \text{ for all } a \in M_1,$$

and

$$\chi: D_1 \longrightarrow D(L_1) \text{ by } x\chi = (1, [x]), \text{ for all } x \in D_1.$$

By easy computation we can prove that  $\psi$  and  $\chi$  are isomorphisms. Hence we can fill-in  $(M_1, D_1, ?)$  by  $a\varphi_1 = a\varphi(L_1) = a\varphi(L) \cap D_1$  such that it will become the decomposable MS-triple associated with a subalgebra of  $L$ .  $\square$

For Stone subalgebras of a decomposable MS-algebra, we consider the following fill in problem.

**Corollary 4.4.** *Let  $L$  be a decomposable MS-algebra,  $B$  a Boolean subalgebra of  $L^{\circ\circ}$ , and  $D_1$  a sublattice of  $D(L)$  containing 1. We can fill in  $(B, D_1, ?)$  such that it will become the decomposable MS-triple associated with a Stone subalgebra  $S$  of  $L$  iff*

$$a \vee d \in D_1 \text{ for every } a \in B \text{ and for every } d \in D_1.$$

**Proof.** By the above Theorem 4.3, it is observed that

$$S = \{(a, a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x]) : a \in B, x \in D_1\}$$

is a subalgebra of a decomposable MS-algebra

$$L = \{(a, a^{\circ}\varphi \vee [x]) : a \in L^{\circ\circ}, x \in D(L)\}.$$

It reminds only to prove that  $S$  satisfies the Stone identity,  $z^{\circ\circ} \vee z^{\circ} = 1$  for every  $z \in S$ . Since  $B$  is a Boolean algebra, then for any  $a$

∈ B, we have  $a \wedge a^\circ = 0$  and  $a \vee a^\circ = 1$ . Let  $(a, a^\circ \vee [x]) \in S$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (a, a^\circ \vee [x])^\circ \vee (a, a^\circ \vee [x])^{\circ\circ} \\ &= (a^\circ, a\varphi) \vee (a, a^\circ \varphi) \\ &= (a^\circ \vee a, a\varphi \cap a^\circ \varphi) \\ &= (1, (a \wedge a^\circ)\varphi) \text{ as } \varphi \text{ is a } \vee\text{-homomorphism} \\ &= (1, 0\varphi) \text{ where } 0\varphi = [1] \\ &= (1, [1]). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore S is a Stone subalgebra of L. □

**Definition 4.5.** A subalgebra  $L_1$  of a decomposable MS-algebra L is called a  $K_2$ -subalgebra of L if for every  $x, y \in L_1$ , the following two condition are hold.

- (1)  $x \wedge x^\circ = x^{\circ\circ} \wedge x^\circ$ ,
- (2)  $x \wedge x^\circ \leq y \vee y^\circ$ .

For  $K_2$ -subalgebras of a decomposable MS-algebra, we solve the following fill-in problem.

**Theorem 4.6.** Let L be a decomposable MS-algebra, K a Kleene subalgebra of  $L^{\circ\circ}$ , and  $D_1$  a sublattice of  $D(L)$  containing 1. We can fill-in  $(K, D_1, ?)$  such that it will become the decomposable MS-triple associated with a  $K_2$ -subalgebra  $L_1$  if the following conditions are hold:

- (1)  $a \vee d \in D_1$  for every  $a \in K$  and for every  $d \in D_1$ ,
- (2)  $a\varphi \vee a^\circ \varphi = D$  for every  $a \in K$ .

**Proof.** By Theorem 4.3,

$$L_1 = \{(a, a^\circ \varphi \vee [x]) : a \in K, x \in D_1\}.$$

is a subalgebra of  $L = \{(a, a^\circ \varphi \vee [x]) : a \in L^{\circ\circ}, x \in D(L)\}$  such that  $L_1^{\circ\circ} \cong K$  and  $D(L_1) \cong D_1$ . Therefore we can fill-in  $(K, D_1, ?)$  by  $a\varphi_1 = a\varphi(L_1) = a\varphi(L) \cap D_1$  such that it will become the decomposable MS-triple associated with a subalgebra  $L_1$  of L.

Now, we have to prove that  $L_1$  satisfies conditions (1) and (2) of Definition 4.5. Let  $(a, a^\circ \varphi \vee [x]), (b, b^\circ \varphi \vee [y]) \in L_1$ . Then we get

$$\begin{aligned} & (a, a^\circ \varphi \vee [x]) \wedge (a, a^\circ \varphi \vee [x])^\circ \\ &= (a, a^\circ \varphi \vee [x]) \wedge (a^\circ, a\varphi) \\ &= (a \wedge a^\circ, a^\circ \varphi \vee a\varphi \vee [x]) \\ &= (a \wedge a^\circ, a^\circ \varphi \vee a\varphi) \text{ as } x \in D = a\varphi \vee a^\circ \varphi \\ &= (a, a^\circ \varphi) \wedge (a^\circ, a\varphi) \\ &= (a, a^\circ \varphi \vee [x])^{\circ\circ} \wedge (a, a^\circ \varphi \vee [x])^\circ. \end{aligned}$$

Since K is a Kleene subalgebra of  $L^{\circ\circ}$ , then  $a \wedge a^\circ \leq b \vee b^\circ$  for any  $a \in K$  and

$$\begin{aligned} & ((a, a^\circ \varphi \vee [x]) \wedge (a, a^\circ \varphi \vee [x])^\circ) \vee ((b, b^\circ \varphi \vee [y]) \vee (b, b^\circ \varphi \vee [y])^\circ) \\ &= ((a, a^\circ \varphi \vee [x]) \wedge (a^\circ, a\varphi)) \vee ((b, b^\circ \varphi \vee [y]) \vee (b^\circ, b\varphi)) \\ &= (a \wedge a^\circ, a^\circ \varphi \vee a\varphi \vee [x]) \vee (b \vee b^\circ, (b^\circ \varphi \vee [y]) \cap b\varphi) \\ &= (a \wedge a^\circ, D) \vee (b \vee b^\circ, (b^\circ \varphi \vee [y]) \cap b\varphi), \text{ as } a^\circ \varphi \vee a\varphi = D \supseteq [x] \\ &= ((a \wedge a^\circ) \vee (b \vee b^\circ), D \cap ((b^\circ \varphi \vee [y]) \cap b\varphi)) \\ &= (b \vee b^\circ, (b^\circ \varphi \vee [y]) \cap b\varphi) \text{ as } a \wedge a^\circ \leq b \vee b^\circ \\ &\quad \text{and } (b^\circ \varphi \vee [y]) \cap b\varphi \subseteq D \\ &= (b, b^\circ \varphi \vee [y]) \vee (b^\circ, b\varphi) \\ &= (b, b^\circ \varphi \vee [y]) \vee (b, b^\circ \varphi \vee [y])^\circ. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently  $L_1$  is a  $K_2$ -subalgebra of L. □

In closing this paper, we introduce important results concerning subalgebras of a decomposable MS-algebra constructing from the decomposable MS-triple  $(M, D, \varphi)$ .

**Theorem 4.7.** Let L be a decomposable MS-algebra associated with the decomposable MS-triple  $(M, D, \varphi)$ ,  $M_1$  a subalgebra of M, and

$D_1$  a sublattice of D containing 1. Then  $L_1 = \{(a, a^\circ \varphi \vee [x]) \in L : a \in M_1, x \in D_1\}$  is a subalgebra of L iff

$$\begin{aligned} & a\varphi \cap [x] \text{ is a principal filter of } D_1 \text{ for every } a \in M_1 \\ & \text{and for every } x \in D_1. \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

**Proof.** Let  $L_1 = \{(a, a^\circ \varphi \vee [x]) \in L : a \in M_1, x \in D_1\}$  is a subalgebra of a decomposable MS-algebra  $L = \{(a, a^\circ \varphi \vee [x]) : a \in M, x \in D\}$ . Then  $L_1^{\circ\circ} = \{(a, a^\circ \varphi) : a \in M_1\} \cong M_1$  and  $D(L_1) = \{(1, [x]) : x \in D_1\} \cong D_1$ . Also, a map  $\varphi(L_1) : L_1^{\circ\circ} \rightarrow F(D(L_1))$  defined by  $(a, a^\circ \varphi)\varphi(L_1) = [(a, a^\circ \varphi)^\circ \cap D(L_1)]$  is  $(0,1)$  lattice homomorphism and  $(a, a^\circ \varphi)\varphi(L_1) \cap [(1, [x])]$  is a principal filter of  $D(L_1)$  for every  $(a, a^\circ \varphi) \in L_1^{\circ\circ}$  and for every  $(1, [x]) \in D(L_1)$ . Hence

$$(a, a^\circ \varphi)\varphi(L_1) \cap [(1, [x])] = [(1, [z])] \text{ for some } z \in D.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & (a, a^\circ \varphi)\varphi(L_1) \cap [(1, [x])] = [(1, [z])] \text{ for some } z \in D_1 \\ & \Rightarrow [(a, a^\circ \varphi)^\circ \cap D(L_1) \cap [(1, [x])] = [(1, [z])] \\ & \Rightarrow [(a^\circ, a\varphi) \cap [(1, [x])] = [(1, [z])] \text{ as } (1, [x]) \in D(L_1) \\ & \Rightarrow [(a^\circ, a\varphi) \vee (1, [x])] = [(1, [z])] \\ & \Rightarrow [(a^\circ \vee 1, a\varphi \cap [x])] = [(1, [z])] \\ & \Rightarrow [(1, a\varphi \cap [x])] = [(1, [z])] \\ & \Rightarrow (1, a\varphi \cap [x]) = (1, [z]) \\ & \Rightarrow a\varphi \cap [x] = [z] \text{ where } z \in D_1. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $a\varphi \cap [x]$  is a principal filter of  $D_1$  for every  $a \in M_1$  and for every  $x \in D_1$ . Then condition (3) is hold. Conversely, let

$$L = \{(a, a^\circ \varphi \vee [x]) : a \in M, x \in D\}.$$

be the decomposable MS-algebra constructing from  $(M, D, \varphi)$  (see Theorem 2.9). Then by Lemma 2.10 (1) and (2), respectively, we have

$$L^{\circ\circ} = \{(a, a^\circ \varphi) : a \in M\} \text{ and } D(L) = \{(1, [x]) : x \in D_1\}.$$

It is clear that  $(0, D), (1, [1]) \in L_1$ . Let  $(a, a^\circ \varphi \vee [x]), (b, b^\circ \varphi \vee [y]) \in L_1$ . Then we get

$$\begin{aligned} & (a, a^\circ \varphi \vee [x]) \wedge (b, b^\circ \varphi \vee [y]) \\ &= (a \wedge b, a^\circ \varphi \vee [x] \vee b^\circ \varphi \vee [y]) \\ &= (a \wedge b, (a \wedge b)^\circ \varphi \vee [x \wedge y]) \in L_1 \text{ as } a \vee b \in M_1 \text{ and } x \vee y \in D_1, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & (a, a^\circ \varphi \vee [x]) \vee (b, b^\circ \varphi \vee [y]) \\ &= (a \vee b, (a^\circ \varphi \vee [x]) \cap (b^\circ \varphi \vee [y])) \\ &= (a \vee b, (a \vee b)^\circ \varphi \vee [t]) \in L_1 \text{ for some } t \in D_1 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} & (a^\circ \varphi \vee [x]) \cap (b^\circ \varphi \vee [y]) \\ &= ((a^\circ \varphi \vee [x]) \cap b^\circ \varphi) \vee ((a^\circ \varphi \vee [x]) \cap [y]) \text{ by distributivity} \\ &= (a^\circ \varphi \cap b^\circ \varphi) \vee ((b^\circ \varphi \cap [x]) \vee ((a^\circ \varphi \cap [y]) \vee ([x] \cap [y])) \\ &\quad \text{by distributivity} \\ &= (a \vee b)^\circ \varphi \vee [t_1] \vee [t_2] \vee [x \vee y] \text{ as } b^\circ \varphi \cap [x] = [t_1], t_1 \in D_1 \\ &\quad \text{and } a^\circ \varphi \cap [y] = [t_2], t_2 \in D_1 \text{ by (3)} \\ &= (a \vee b)^\circ \varphi \vee [t] \text{ where } t = t_1 \wedge t_2 \wedge (x \vee y) \in D_1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $L_1$  is a bounded sublattice of L. Also, let  $(a, a^\circ \varphi \vee [x]) \in L_1$ . Then  $(a, a^\circ \varphi \vee [x])^\circ = (a^\circ, a\varphi) \in L_1$ , because  $a^\circ \in M_1$ . Now,

$$\begin{aligned} D(L_1) &= \{(a, a^\circ \varphi \vee [x]) \in L_1 : (a, a^\circ \varphi \vee [x])^\circ = (0, D)\} \\ &= \{(a, a^\circ \varphi \vee [x]) \in L_1 : (a^\circ, a\varphi) = (0, D)\} \\ &= \{(a, a^\circ \varphi \vee [x]) \in L_1 : a = 1\} \\ &= \{(1, [x]) : x \in D_1\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\cong D_1.$$

If  $(a, a^\circ\varphi \vee [x]) \in L_1$ , then  $(1, [x]) \in D(L_1)$  and

$$\begin{aligned} (a, a^\circ\varphi \vee [x])^{\circ\circ} \wedge (1, [x]) &= (a, a^\circ\varphi) \wedge (1, [x]) \\ &= (a \wedge 1, a^\circ\varphi \vee [x]) \\ &= (a, a^\circ\varphi \vee [x]). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $L_1$  is a subalgebra of  $L$ . Consequently,  $L_1^{\circ\circ}$  is a subalgebra of  $L^{\circ\circ}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} L_1^{\circ\circ} &= \{(a, a^\circ\varphi \vee [x])^{\circ\circ} : (a, a^\circ\varphi \vee [x]) \in L_1\} \\ &= \{(a, a^\circ\varphi) : a \in M_1\} \\ &\cong M_1, \end{aligned}$$

completing the proof of Theorem 4.7.  $\square$

Let  $(L; \vee, \wedge, \circ, 0, 1)$  be a de Morgan algebra. Consider the set

$$Z(L) = \{x \in L : x \vee x^\circ = 1\}$$

The set  $Z(L)$  is called the center of  $L$ . Then we verify the following:

**Lemma 4.8.** *Let  $(L; \vee, \wedge, \circ, 0, 1)$  be a de Morgan algebra. Then the center  $Z(L)$  is the greatest Boolean subalgebra of  $L$ .*

**Proof.** Clearly,  $0, 1 \in Z(L)$ . Let  $x, y \in Z(L)$ . Then  $x \vee x^\circ = 1$  and  $y \vee y^\circ = 1$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} (x \vee y) \vee (x \vee y)^\circ &= (x \vee y) \vee (x^\circ \wedge y^\circ) \\ &= (x \vee y \vee x^\circ) \wedge (x \vee y \vee y^\circ) \\ &= 1, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (x \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge y)^\circ &= (x \wedge y) \vee (x^\circ \vee y^\circ) \\ &= (x \vee x^\circ \vee y^\circ) \wedge (y \vee x^\circ \vee y^\circ) \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $Z(L)$  is a bounded sublattice of  $L$ . Let  $x \in Z(L)$ . Thus

$$x^\circ \vee x^{\circ\circ} = x^\circ \vee x = 1 \text{ as } x = x^{\circ\circ} \text{ for all } x \in L.$$

Then  $x^\circ \vee x^{\circ\circ} = 1$  implies  $x^\circ \in Z(L)$ . Therefore  $Z(L)$  is a subalgebra of  $L$ . Now, suppose that  $B$  is any Boolean subalgebra of  $L$ . Let  $x \in B$ . Thus  $x \vee x^\circ = 1$ . Then  $x \in Z(L)$ . This deduce that  $B \subseteq Z(L)$  and  $Z(L)$  is the largest Boolean subalgebra of  $L$ .  $\square$

In the following Theorem we obtain the greatest Stone subalgebra of a decomposable  $MS$ -algebra constructing from the decomposable  $MS$ -triple  $(M, D, \varphi)$ .

**Theorem 4.9.** *Let  $L$  be a decomposable  $MS$ -algebra associated with the decomposable  $MS$ -triple  $(M, D, \varphi)$ ,  $Z(M)$  the center of  $M$  and  $D_1 = D$ . Then we have*

- (1)  $Z(L^{\circ\circ}) = \{(a, a^\circ\varphi) : a \in Z(M)\}$ ,
- (2)  $L_1 = \{(a, a^\circ\varphi \vee [x]) \in L : a \in Z(M)\}$  is the greatest Stone subalgebra of  $L$  such that  $D(L_1) = D(L)$  and  $L_1^{\circ\circ} = Z(L^{\circ\circ})$ .

**Proof.** Since  $L$  is constructed from the decomposable  $MS$ -triple  $(M, D, \varphi)$ , then by Theorem 2.9, we have

$$L = \{(a, a^\circ\varphi \vee [x]) : a \in M, x \in D\}.$$

Consequently by Corollary 2.10 (1) and (2), respectively, we have

$$L^{\circ\circ} = \{(a, a^\circ\varphi) : a \in M\}.$$

and

$$D(L) = \{(1, [x]) : x \in D\}.$$

- (1) By Lemma 4.8, the center  $Z(L^{\circ\circ})$  of  $L^{\circ\circ}$  is the greatest Boolean subalgebra of the de Morgan algebra  $L^{\circ\circ}$ . Now we get

$$Z(L^{\circ\circ}) = \{(a, a^\circ\varphi) \in L^{\circ\circ} : (a, a^\circ\varphi)^\circ \vee (a, a^\circ\varphi)^{\circ\circ} = (1, [1])\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \{(a, a^\circ\varphi) \in L^{\circ\circ} : (a^\circ, a\varphi) \vee (a, a^\circ\varphi) = (1, [1])\} \\ &= \{(a, a^\circ\varphi) \in L^{\circ\circ} : (a \vee a^\circ, (a \vee a^\circ)\varphi) = (1, [1])\} \\ &= \{(a, a^\circ\varphi) \in L^{\circ\circ} : a \vee a^\circ = 1\} \\ &= \{(a, a^\circ\varphi) \in L^{\circ\circ} : a \in Z(M)\}. \end{aligned}$$

- (2) Since  $D_1 = D$ , then  $a\varphi \cap [x]$  is a principal filter of  $D$  for every  $a \in Z(M)$  and for every  $x \in D$ . Hence the sufficient condition (3) of Theorem 4.7 holds. Thus by Theorem 4.7,  $L_1 = \{(a, a^\circ\varphi \vee [x]) \in L : a \in Z(M), x \in D\}$  is a subalgebra of a decomposable  $MS$ -algebra  $L$  such that  $L_1^{\circ\circ} \cong Z(M)$  and  $D(L_1) \cong D_1$ .

It is observed that

$$\begin{aligned} D(L_1) &= \{(a, a^\circ\varphi \vee [x]) \in L_1 : (a, a^\circ\varphi \vee [x])^\circ = (0, D)\} \\ &= \{(a, a^\circ\varphi \vee [x]) \in L_1 : (a^\circ, a\varphi)^\circ = (0, D)\} \\ &= \{(a, a^\circ\varphi \vee [x]) \in L_1 : a = 1, x \in D\} \\ &= \{(1, [x]) : x \in D\} \\ &= D(L), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} L_1^{\circ\circ} &= \{(a, a^\circ\varphi \vee [x])^{\circ\circ} : (a, a^\circ\varphi \vee [x]) \in L_1\} \\ &= \{(a, a^\circ\varphi) : a \in Z(M)\} \\ &= Z(L^{\circ\circ}). \end{aligned}$$

Now we will verify that the Stone identity,  $z^\circ \vee z^{\circ\circ} = 1$  holds for every  $z = (a, a^\circ\varphi \vee [x]) \in L_1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (a, a^\circ\varphi \vee [x])^\circ \vee (a, a^\circ\varphi \vee [x])^{\circ\circ} &= (a^\circ, a\varphi) \vee (a, a^\circ\varphi) \\ &= (a \vee a^\circ, (a \vee a^\circ)\varphi) \\ &= (1, [1]) \text{ as } a \in Z(M). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $L_1$  is a Stone subalgebra of a decomposable  $MS$ -algebra  $L$ . To prove that  $L_1$  is the greatest Stone subalgebra of  $L$ , let  $S$  be any Stone subalgebra of  $L$ . Let  $(a, a^\circ\varphi \vee [x]) \in S$ . Hence  $(a, a^\circ\varphi \vee [x])^\circ \vee (a, a^\circ\varphi \vee [x])^{\circ\circ} = (1, [1])$ . Then  $a \vee a^\circ = 1$  implies  $a \in Z(M)$ . This deduce that  $(a, a^\circ\varphi \vee [x]) \in L_1$ . Therefore  $S \subseteq L_1$ .  $\square$

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