

## Constructing t-norms and t-conorms by using interior and closure operators on bounded lattices

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### Abstract

In this paper, we propose construction methods for triangular norms (t-norms) and triangular conorms (t-conorms) on bounded lattices by using interior and closure operators, respectively. Thus, we obtain some proposed methods by Ertuğrul, Karaçal, Mesiar [15] and Çaylı [8] as results. Also, we give some illustrative examples. Finally, we show that the introduced construction methods can not be generalized by induction to a modified ordinal sum for t-norms and t-conorms on bounded lattices. This paper has further constructed the t-norms and t-conorms on bounded lattices from a mathematical viewpoint.

*Keywords:* Bounded lattice, t-norms, t-conorms.

## 1 Introduction and motivation

Aggregation operators [18] play an important role in theories of fuzzy sets and fuzzy logic. Two basic types of aggregation functions, namely t-norms and t-conorms, were introduced by Schweizer and Sklar [26], in 1963. Although the t-norms and t-conorms were strictly defined on the unit interval  $[0, 1]$ , they were mostly studied on bounded lattices. The notion of ordinal sum of semigroups in Clifford's sense [7] was further developed by Mostert and Shields [22] and later used for introducing new t-norms and conorms on the unit interval  $[0, 1]$ , see [20]. Note that there is a minor difference in ordinal sum construction for triangular norms (based on min operator) with those for triangular conorms (based on max operator). Since Goguen's [17] generalization of the classical fuzzy sets (with membership values from  $[0, 1]$ ) to  $L$ -fuzzy sets (with membership values from a bounded lattice  $L$ ), there is a growing interest in t-norms and t-conorms on bounded lattices, in particular in ordinal sum constructions.

In general topology [14], closure and interior operators on the powerset  $P(X)$  of a nonempty set  $X$  are common tools to construct topologies on  $X$ . Actually, there is a one-to-one correspondence between the set of all closure and interior operators on  $P(X)$  and that of all topologies on  $X$ . Note that closure and interior operators on  $P(X)$  are essentially defined on the inherent lattice structure on  $P(X)$  with set inclusion, set intersection and set union as the partial order, the meet and the join on  $P(X)$ , respectively.

In 1996, Drossos and Navara [11] studied a class of t-norms and t-conorms on any bounded lattice was generated by the use of interior operators and closure operators, respectively. In 2006, Saminger [25] focused on ordinal sums of t-norms acting on some particular bounded lattice which is not necessarily a chain or an ordinal sum of lattices. Also, it was provided necessary and sufficient conditions for an ordinal sum operation yielding again a t-norm on some bounded lattice whereas the operation is determined by an arbitrary selection of subintervals as carriers for arbitrary summand t-norms. In 2012, Medina [21] presented several necessary and sufficient conditions for ensuring whether an ordinal sum on a bounded lattice of arbitrary t-norms is a t-norm.

In 2015, a modification of ordinal sums of t-norms and t-conorms resulting to a t-norms and t-conorms on an arbitrary bounded lattice was shown by Ertuğrul, Karaçal, Mesiar [15]. Further modifications were proposed by Aşıcı, Mesiar [3, 4], Aşıcı [2], Çaylı [8, 9], Ouyang, Zhang, Baets [23] and Dan, Hu, Qiao [10]. In 2020, a new ordinal sum

construction of t-norms and t-conorms on bounded lattices based on interior and closure operators was proposed by Dvořák, Holčapek [13]. Also, the proposed method generalized several known constructions and provided a simple tool to introduce new classes of t-norms and t-conorms.

In this paper, we introduce some new constructions of t-norms and t-conorms by using interior and closure operators on bounded lattices, respectively. The rest of this paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, some basic concepts and results about t-norms, t-conorms, lattices are given. In Section 3, we propose a new method for constructing t-norms on bounded lattices. Using this method, in Corollary 3.10 and Corollary 3.8, we obtain the methods proposed by Ertuğrul, Karaçal, Mesiar [15] and Çaylı [8], respectively. In Section 4, we propose a new method for constructing t-conorms on bounded lattices. Using this method, in Corollary 4.8 and Corollary 4.10, we obtain the methods proposed by Ertuğrul, Karaçal, Mesiar [15] and Çaylı [8], respectively. In Section 5, we show that the introduced construction methods can not be generalized by induction to a modified ordinal sum for t-norms and t-conorms on bounded lattices.

## 2 Preliminaries

In this section, we present some basic facts about lattices, t-norms and t-conorms.

A lattice [6] is a partially ordered set  $(L, \leq)$  in which each two element subset  $\{x, y\}$  has an infimum, denoted as  $x \wedge y$ , and a supremum, denoted as  $x \vee y$ . A bounded lattice  $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$  is a lattice that has the bottom and top elements written as 0 and 1, respectively. For short, we use the notation  $L$  instead of  $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$  throughout all of the paper.

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  $a \parallel b$ . We denote the set of elements which are incomparable with  $a$  by  $I_a$ . So  $I_a = \{x \in L \mid x \parallel a\}$ .

Given a bounded lattice  $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$  and  $a, b \in L$ ,  $a \leq b$ , a subinterval  $[a, b]$  of  $L$  is defined as [19]

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

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

**Definition 2.1.** [20, 25] *Let  $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$  be a bounded lattice. A triangular norm  $T$  (t-norm) is a binary operation on  $L$  which is commutative, associative, increasing with respect to both variables and satisfies  $T(x, 1) = x$  for all  $x \in L$ .*

**Definition 2.2.** [1, 5, 25] *Let  $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$  be a bounded lattice. A triangular conorm  $S$  (t-conorm) is a binary operation on  $L$  which is commutative, associative, increasing with respect to both variables and satisfies  $S(x, 0) = x$  for all  $x \in L$ .*

Extremal t-norms  $T_\wedge$  and  $T_W$  on a general bounded lattice  $L$  are defined, independently of  $L$ , as follows, respectively:

$$T_\wedge(x, y) = x \wedge y, \quad T_W(x, y) = \begin{cases} x \wedge y & \text{if } 1 \in \{x, y\}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Similarly, the t-conorms  $S_\vee$  and  $S_W$  on  $L$  are defined as follows, respectively:

$$S_\vee(x, y) = x \vee y, \quad S_W(x, y) = \begin{cases} x \vee y & \text{if } 0 \in \{x, y\}, \\ 1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The following definition of an ordinal sum of t-norms defined on subintervals of a bounded lattice  $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$  has been extracted from [25], which generalizes the methods given in [20] on subintervals of  $[0, 1]$ .

**Definition 2.3.** [25] *Let  $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$  be a bounded lattice and fix some subinterval  $[a, b]$  of  $L$ . Let  $V$  be a t-norm on  $[a, b]$ . Then  $T : L^2 \rightarrow L$  defined by*

$$T(x, y) = \begin{cases} V(x, y) & \text{if } (x, y) \in [a, b]^2, \\ x \wedge y & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

*is an ordinal sum  $\langle a, b, V \rangle$  of  $V$  on  $L$ .*

**Definition 2.4.** [25] *Let  $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$  be a bounded lattice and fix some subinterval  $[a, b]$  of  $L$ . Let  $W$  be a t-conorm on  $[a, b]$ . Then  $S : L^2 \rightarrow L$  defined by*

$$S(x, y) = \begin{cases} W(x, y) & \text{if } (x, y) \in [a, b]^2, \\ x \vee y & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

*is an ordinal sum  $\langle a, b, W \rangle$  of  $W$  on  $L$ .*

However, the operation  $T$  (resp.  $S$ ) given by Formula (1) (resp. Formula (2)) need not be a t-norm (resp. t-conorm), in general. Observe that condition ensuring that  $T$  (resp.  $S$ ) given by (1) ((2)) is a t-norm (t-conorm) on  $L$  are given in [25].

**Definition 2.5.** [16] Let  $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$  be a bounded lattice. A mapping  $cl : L \rightarrow L$  is said to be a closure operator if for any  $x, y \in L$ , it satisfies the following three conditions:

- (i)  $x \leq cl(x)$ .
- (ii)  $cl(x \vee y) = cl(x) \vee cl(y)$ .
- (iii)  $cl(cl(x)) = cl(x)$ .

**Definition 2.6.** [16] Let  $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$  be a bounded lattice and  $b \in L$  be given. Then the mapping  $cl_b : L \rightarrow L$  defined as  $cl_b(x) = x \vee b$  ( $\forall x \in L$ ) is a closure operator.

**Definition 2.7.** [23] Let  $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$  be a bounded lattice. The set of all universally comparable elements in  $L$ , denoted by  $UC(L)$ , be defined as

$$UC(L) = \{b \in L \mid \forall c \in L, \text{ either } b \leq c \text{ or } c \leq b\}.$$

**Definition 2.8.** [23] Let  $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$  be a complete lattice. The mapping  $\uparrow : L \rightarrow L$  defined as, for any  $x \in L$ ,

$$\uparrow(x) = \bigwedge \{b \in UC(L) \mid b \geq x\},$$

is a closure operator.

**Definition 2.9.** [23] Let  $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$  be a bounded lattice. A mapping  $int : L \rightarrow L$  is said to be an interior operator if for any  $x, y \in L$ , it satisfies the following three conditions:

- (i)  $int(x) \leq x$ ,
- (ii)  $int(x \wedge y) = int(x) \wedge int(y)$ ,
- (iii)  $int(int(x)) = int(x)$ .

**Definition 2.10.** [23] Let  $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$  be a bounded lattice and  $b \in L$  be given. Then the mapping  $int_b : L \rightarrow L$  defined as

$$int_b(x) = x \wedge b \quad (\forall x \in L),$$

is an interior operator.

**Definition 2.11.** [23] Let  $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$  be a complete lattice. The mapping  $\downarrow : L \rightarrow L$  defined as, for any  $x \in L$ ,

$$\downarrow(x) = \bigvee \{b \in UC(L) \mid b \leq x\},$$

is an interior operator.

In the following, it is proposed a method for generating t-norms and t-conorms on bounded lattices based on interior and closure operators, respectively.

**Theorem 2.12.** [11, 12] Let  $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$  be a bounded lattice,  $int : L \rightarrow L$  and  $cl : L \rightarrow L$  be an interior and a closure operators on  $L$ , respectively. Then, the functions  $T : L^2 \rightarrow L$  and  $S : L^2 \rightarrow L$  are, respectively, a t-norm and a t-conorm on  $L$ , where

$$T(x, y) = \begin{cases} x \wedge y & \text{if } 1 \in \{x, y\}, \\ int(x) \wedge int(y) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

$$S(x, y) = \begin{cases} x \vee y & \text{if } 0 \in \{x, y\}, \\ cl(x) \vee cl(y) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

### 3 New construction method for t-norms on bounded lattices by using interior operators

In this section, we propose new construction method for t-norms on bounded lattices with the given t-norms by using interior operators. The main aim of this section is to present a rather effective method to construct t-norms by using interior operators on a bounded lattice. Using this method, in Corollary 3.8 and Corollary 3.10, we obtain the methods proposed by Çaylı [8] and Ertuğrul, Karaçal, Mesiar [15], respectively.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$  be a bounded lattice with  $a \in L$  and  $\text{int} : L \rightarrow L$  be an interior operator such that for all  $x \in I_a$  it holds  $x \wedge a = \text{int}(x \wedge a)$ . Given a  $t$ -norm  $V$  on  $[a, 1]$ , then the function  $T : L^2 \rightarrow L$  defined as follows is a  $t$ -norm on  $L$  where

$$T(x, y) = \begin{cases} V(x, y) & \text{if } (x, y) \in [a, 1]^2, \\ y \wedge a & \text{if } (x, y) \in [a, 1] \times I_a, \\ x \wedge a & \text{if } (x, y) \in I_a \times [a, 1], \\ x \wedge y \wedge a & \text{if } (x, y) \in I_a \times I_a, \\ x \wedge y & \text{if } x = 1 \text{ or } y = 1, \\ \text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(y) & \text{otherwise .} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* It is easy to see that  $T$  is commutative and has 1 as the neutral element.

i) Monotonicity: We prove that if  $x \leq y$ , then  $T(x, z) \leq T(y, z)$  for all  $z \in L$ . If  $z = 1$ , then we have that  $T(x, z) = T(x, 1) = x \leq y = T(y, 1) = T(y, z)$  for all  $x, y \in L$ . The proof can be split into all possible cases.

1.  $x \in [0, a)$ ,

1.1  $y \in [0, a)$ ,

1.1.1.  $z \in [0, a)$  or  $z \in [a, 1)$  or  $z \in I_a$ ,

$$T(x, z) = \text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(z) \leq \text{int}(y) \wedge \text{int}(z) = T(y, z),$$

1.2.  $y \in [a, 1)$ ,

1.2.1.  $z \in [0, a)$ ,

$$T(x, z) = \text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(z) \leq \text{int}(y) \wedge \text{int}(z) = T(y, z),$$

1.2.2.  $z \in [a, 1)$ ,

$$T(x, z) = \text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(z) \leq x \leq a \leq V(y, z) = T(y, z),$$

1.2.3.  $z \in I_a$ ,

$$T(x, z) = \text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(z) \leq x \wedge z \leq a \wedge z = T(y, z),$$

1.3.  $y \in I_a$ ,

1.3.1.  $z \in [0, a)$ ,

$$T(x, z) = \text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(z) \leq \text{int}(y) \wedge \text{int}(z) = T(y, z),$$

1.3.2.  $z \in [a, 1)$ ,

$$T(x, z) = \text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(z) \leq x \leq a \wedge y = T(y, z),$$

1.3.3.  $z \in I_a$ ,

$$T(x, z) = \text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(z) \leq x \wedge z \leq y \wedge z \wedge a = T(y, z),$$

1.4.  $y = 1$ ,

1.4.1.  $z \in [0, a)$  or  $z \in [a, 1)$  or  $z \in I_a$ ,

$$T(x, z) = \text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(z) \leq z = T(1, z),$$

2.  $x \in [a, 1)$ ,

2.1  $y \in [a, 1)$ ,

2.1.1.  $z \in [0, a)$ ,

$$T(x, z) = \text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(z) \leq \text{int}(y) \wedge \text{int}(z) = T(y, z),$$

2.1.2.  $z \in [a, 1)$ ,

$$T(x, z) = V(x, z) \leq V(y, z) = T(y, z),$$

2.1.3.  $z \in I_a$ ,

$$T(x, z) = z \wedge a = T(y, z),$$

2.2  $y = 1$ ,

2.2.1.  $z \in [0, a)$ ,

$$T(x, z) = \text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(z) \leq z = T(1, z),$$

2.1.2.  $z \in [a, 1)$ ,

$$T(x, z) = V(x, z) \leq z = T(1, z),$$

2.1.3.  $z \in I_a$ ,

$$T(x, z) = z \wedge a \leq z = T(1, z),$$

3.  $x \in I_a$ ,3.1.  $y \in [a, 1)$ ,3.1.1.  $z \in [0, a)$ ,

$$T(x, z) = \text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(z) \leq \text{int}(y) \wedge \text{int}(z) = T(y, z),$$

3.1.2.  $z \in [a, 1)$ ,

$$T(x, z) = x \wedge a \leq a \leq V(y, z) = T(y, z),$$

3.1.3.  $z \in I_a$ ,

$$T(x, z) = x \wedge z \wedge a \leq z \wedge a = T(y, z),$$

3.2.  $y = 1$ ,3.2.1.  $z \in [0, a)$ ,

$$T(x, z) = \text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(z) \leq z = T(1, z),$$

3.2.2.  $z \in [a, 1)$ ,

$$T(x, z) = x \wedge a \leq a \leq z = T(1, z),$$

3.2.3.  $z \in I_a$ ,

$$T(x, z) = x \wedge z \wedge a \leq z = T(1, z),$$

4.  $x = 1$ ,Then, it must be  $y = 1$ . Clearly, monotonicity holds.

ii) Associativity: We need to prove that  $T(x, T(y, z)) = T(T(x, y), z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in L$ . If at least one of  $x, y, z$  in  $L$  is 1, then it is obvious. So, the proof is split into all possible cases.

1.  $x \in [0, a)$ ,1.1.  $y \in [0, a)$ ,1.1.1.  $z \in [0, a)$  or  $z \in [a, 1)$  or  $z \in I_a$ ,

$$T(x, T(y, z)) = T(x, \text{int}(y) \wedge \text{int}(z)) = \text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(y) \wedge \text{int}(z) = T(\text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(z), z) = T(T(x, y), z),$$

1.2.  $y \in [a, 1)$ ,1.2.1.  $z \in [0, a)$ ,

$$T(x, T(y, z)) = T(x, \text{int}(y) \wedge \text{int}(z)) = \text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(y) \wedge \text{int}(z) = T(\text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(z), z) = T(T(x, y), z),$$

1.2.2.  $z \in [a, 1)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} T(x, T(y, z)) &= T(x, V(y, z)) = \text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(V(y, z)) \\ &= \text{int}(x) = \text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(y) \wedge \text{int}(z) \\ &= T(\text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(y), z) = T(T(x, y), z), \end{aligned}$$

1.2.3.  $z \in I_a$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} T(x, T(y, z)) &= T(x, z \wedge a) = \text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(z \wedge a) \\ &= \text{int}(x \wedge z) = \text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(y) \wedge \text{int}(z) \\ &= T(\text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(y), z) = T(T(x, y), z), \end{aligned}$$

1.3.  $y \in I_a$ ,

1.3.1.  $z \in [0, a)$ ,

$$T(x, T(y, z)) = T(x, \text{int}(y) \wedge \text{int}(z)) = \text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(y) \wedge \text{int}(z) = T(\text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(y), z) = T(T(x, y), z),$$

1.3.2.  $z \in [a, 1)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} T(x, T(y, z)) &= T(x, y \wedge a) = \text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(y \wedge a) \\ &= \text{int}(x \wedge y) = \text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(y) \wedge \text{int}(z) \\ &= T(\text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(y), z) = T(\text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(y), z) \\ &= T(T(x, y), z), \end{aligned}$$

1.3.3.  $z \in I_a$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} T(x, T(y, z)) &= T(x, y \wedge z \wedge a) = \text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(y \wedge z \wedge a) \\ &= \text{int}(x \wedge y \wedge z \wedge a) = \text{int}(x \wedge y \wedge z) \\ &= \text{int}(\text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(y)) \wedge \text{int}(z) = T(\text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(y), z) \\ &= T(T(x, y), z), \end{aligned}$$

2.  $x \in [a, 1)$ ,

2.1  $y \in [0, a)$ ,

2.1.1.  $z \in [0, a)$  or  $z \in [a, 1)$  or  $z \in I_a$ ,

$$T(x, T(y, z)) = T(x, \text{int}(y) \wedge \text{int}(z)) = \text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(y) \wedge \text{int}(z) = T(\text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(y), z) = T(T(x, y), z),$$

2.2.  $y \in [a, 1)$ ,

2.2.1.  $z \in [0, a)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} T(x, T(y, z)) &= T(x, \text{int}(y) \wedge \text{int}(z)) = \text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(y) \wedge \text{int}(z) \\ &= \text{int}(z) = \text{int}(V(x, y)) \wedge \text{int}(z) \\ &= T(V(x, y), z) = T(T(x, y), z), \end{aligned}$$

2.2.2.  $z \in [a, 1)$ ,

$$T(x, T(y, z)) = T(x, V(y, z)) = V(x, V(y, z)) = V(V(x, y), z) = T(V(x, y), z) = T(T(x, y), z),$$

2.2.3.  $z \in I_a$ ,

$$T(x, T(y, z)) = T(x, z \wedge a) = \text{int}(z \wedge a) = z \wedge a = T(V(x, y), z) = T(T(x, y), z),$$

2.3.  $y \in I_a$ ,

2.3.1.  $z \in [0, a)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} T(x, T(y, z)) &= T(x, \text{int}(y) \wedge \text{int}(z)) = \text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(y) \wedge \text{int}(z) \\ &= \text{int}(y \wedge z) = \text{int}(y \wedge a) \wedge \text{int}(z) \\ &= T(y \wedge a, z) = T(T(x, y), z), \end{aligned}$$

2.3.2.  $z \in [a, 1)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} T(x, T(y, z)) &= T(x, y \wedge a) = \text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(y \wedge a) \\ &= \text{int}(y \wedge a) = \text{int}(y \wedge a) \wedge \text{int}(z) \\ &= T(y \wedge a, z) = T(T(x, y), z), \end{aligned}$$

2.3.3.  $z \in I_a$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} T(x, T(y, z)) &= T(x, y \wedge z \wedge a) = \text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(y \wedge z \wedge a) \\ &= \text{int}(y \wedge z \wedge a) = \text{int}(y \wedge a) \wedge \text{int}(z) \\ &= T(y \wedge a, z) = T(T(x, y), z), \end{aligned}$$

3.  $x \in I_a$ ,

3.1  $y \in [0, a)$ ,

3.1.1.  $z \in [0, a)$  or  $z \in [a, 1)$  or  $z \in I_a$ ,

$$T(x, T(y, z)) = T(x, \text{int}(y) \wedge \text{int}(z)) = \text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(y) \wedge \text{int}(z) = T(\text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(y), z) = T(T(x, y), z),$$

3.2.  $y \in [a, 1)$ ,

3.2.1.  $z \in [0, a)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} T(x, T(y, z)) &= T(x, \text{int}(y) \wedge \text{int}(z)) = \text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(y) \wedge \text{int}(z) \\ &= \text{int}(x \wedge z) = \text{int}(x \wedge a) \wedge \text{int}(z) \\ &= T(x \wedge a, z) = T(T(x, y), z), \end{aligned}$$

3.2.2.  $z \in [a, 1)$ ,

$$T(x, T(y, z)) = T(x, V(y, z)) = x \wedge a = \text{int}(x \wedge a) = \text{int}(x \wedge a) \wedge \text{int}(z) = T(x \wedge a, z) = T(T(x, y), z),$$

3.2.3.  $z \in I_a$ ,

$$T(x, T(y, z)) = T(x, z \wedge a) = \text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(z \wedge a) = \text{int}(x \wedge a) \wedge \text{int}(z) = T(x \wedge a, z) = T(T(x, y), z),$$

3.3.  $y \in I_a$ ,

3.3.1.  $z \in [0, a)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} T(x, T(y, z)) &= T(x, \text{int}(y) \wedge \text{int}(z)) = \text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(y) \wedge \text{int}(z) \\ &= \text{int}(x \wedge y \wedge a) \wedge \text{int}(z) = T(x \wedge y \wedge a, z) \\ &= T(T(x, y), z), \end{aligned}$$

3.3.2.  $z \in [a, 1)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} T(x, T(y, z)) &= T(x, y \wedge a) = \text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(y \wedge a) \\ &= \text{int}(x \wedge y \wedge a) = \text{int}(x \wedge y \wedge a) \wedge \text{int}(z) \\ &= T(x \wedge y \wedge a, z) = T(T(x, y), z), \end{aligned}$$

3.3.3.  $z \in I_a$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} T(x, T(y, z)) &= T(x, y \wedge z \wedge a) = \text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(y \wedge z \wedge a) \\ &= \text{int}(x \wedge y \wedge z \wedge a) = \text{int}(x \wedge y \wedge a) \wedge \text{int}(z) \\ &= T(x \wedge y \wedge a, z) = T(T(x, y), z), \end{aligned}$$

So, we have the fact that  $T$  is a  $t$ -norm on  $L$ . □

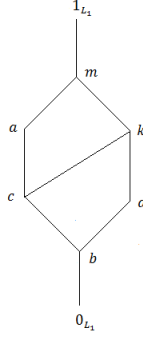
**Remark 3.2.** Let  $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$  be a bounded lattice with  $a \in L$ . In Theorem 3.1, observe that the condition for all  $x \in I_a$  it holds  $x \wedge a = \text{int}(x \wedge a)$  can not be omitted, in general. The following example illustrates this fact that the function  $T : L^2 \rightarrow L$  defined by Theorem 3.1 is not a  $t$ -norm.

**Example 3.3.** Consider the lattice  $(L_1 = \{0_{L_1}, b, c, d, a, k, m, 1_{L_1}\}, \leq, 0_{L_1}, 1_{L_1})$  in Figure 1. And we take the  $t$ -norm  $V(x, y) = x \wedge y$  on  $[a, 1_{L_1}]$ . The interior operator  $\text{int} : L_1 \rightarrow L_1$  defined by  $\text{int}(0_{L_1}) = 0_{L_1}$ ,  $\text{int}(b) = \text{int}(c) = \text{int}(d) = \text{int}(a) = \text{int}(k) = b$ ,  $\text{int}(m) = m$  and  $\text{int}(1_{L_1}) = 1_{L_1}$ . For all  $x \in I_a$  it does not hold  $x \wedge a = \text{int}(x \wedge a)$ . Because,  $k \wedge a = c \neq b = \text{int}(c) = \text{int}(k \wedge a)$ . Then, the function  $T$  on  $L_1$  defined by Table 1 is not a  $t$ -norm. Indeed, it does not satisfy the associativity. Because  $T(k, T(m, m)) = T(k, m) = c \neq b = T(c, m) = T(T(k, m), m)$ .

**Corollary 3.4.** Let  $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$  be a bounded lattice with  $a, b \in L$  such that for all  $x \in I_a$  it holds  $x \wedge a = x \wedge a \wedge b$  and  $V$  be a  $t$ -norm on  $[a, 1]$ . Then, the function  $T : L^2 \rightarrow L$  defined by

$$T(x, y) = \begin{cases} V(x, y) & \text{if } (x, y) \in [a, 1]^2, \\ y \wedge a & \text{if } (x, y) \in [a, 1) \times I_a, \\ x \wedge a & \text{if } (x, y) \in I_a \times [a, 1), \\ x \wedge y \wedge a & \text{if } (x, y) \in I_a \times I_a, \\ x \wedge y & \text{if } x = 1 \text{ or } y = 1, \\ x \wedge y \wedge b & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

is a  $t$ -norm on  $L$ .

Figure 1: The lattice  $L_1$ Table 1: The function  $T$  on  $L_1$ 

$T$	$0_{L_1}$	$b$	$c$	$d$	$a$	$k$	$m$	$1_{L_1}$
$0_{L_1}$	$0_{L_1}$	$0_{L_1}$	$0_{L_1}$	$0_{L_1}$	$0_{L_1}$	$0_{L_1}$	$0_{L_1}$	$0_{L_1}$
$b$	$0_{L_1}$	$b$	$b$	$b$	$b$	$b$	$b$	$b$
$c$	$0_{L_1}$	$b$	$b$	$b$	$b$	$b$	$b$	$c$
$d$	$0_{L_1}$	$b$	$b$	$b$	$b$	$b$	$b$	$d$
$a$	$0_{L_1}$	$b$	$b$	$b$	$a$	$c$	$a$	$a$
$k$	$0_{L_1}$	$b$	$b$	$b$	$c$	$c$	$c$	$k$
$m$	$0_{L_1}$	$b$	$b$	$b$	$a$	$c$	$m$	$m$
$1_{L_1}$	$0_{L_1}$	$b$	$c$	$d$	$a$	$k$	$m$	$1_{L_1}$

We give next construction methods for t-norms on complete lattices from Definition 2.9 and Definition 2.11.

**Corollary 3.5.** *Let  $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$  be a complete lattice with  $a \in L$ ,  $\Downarrow : L \rightarrow L$  be defined in Definition 2.9 such that for all  $x \in I_a$  it holds  $x \wedge a = \Downarrow(x \wedge a)$  and  $V$  be a t-norm on  $[a, 1]$ . Then, the binary operation  $T : L^2 \rightarrow L$  defined by*

$$T(x, y) = \begin{cases} V(x, y) & \text{if } (x, y) \in [a, 1]^2, \\ y \wedge a & \text{if } (x, y) \in [a, 1] \times I_a, \\ x \wedge a & \text{if } (x, y) \in I_a \times [a, 1], \\ x \wedge y \wedge a & \text{if } (x, y) \in I_a \times I_a, \\ x \wedge y & \text{if } x = 1 \text{ or } y = 1, \\ \Downarrow(x) \wedge \Downarrow(y) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

is a t-norm on  $L$ .

We can give an example to illustrate Corollary 3.5.

**Example 3.6.** *Consider the complete lattice  $(L_2 = \{0_{L_2}, t, p, q, a, s, n, 1_{L_2}\}, \leq, 0_{L_2}, 1_{L_2})$  in Figure 2. And we take the t-norm  $V(x, y) = x \wedge y$  on  $[a, 1_{L_2}]$ . It is clear that  $UC(L_2) = \{0_{L_2}, t, n, 1_{L_2}\}$ . So, we obtain  $\Downarrow(0_{L_2}) = 0_{L_2}$ ,  $\Downarrow(t) = \Downarrow(p) = \Downarrow(q) = \Downarrow(a) = \Downarrow(s) = t$ ,  $\Downarrow(n) = n$  and  $\Downarrow(1_{L_2}) = 1_{L_2}$ . Since for all  $x \in I_a$  it holds  $x \wedge a = \Downarrow(x \wedge a)$ ,  $L_2$  satisfies the constraint of Corollary 3.5. That is,  $q \wedge a = t = \Downarrow(t) = \Downarrow(q \wedge a)$  and  $s \wedge a = t = \Downarrow(t) = \Downarrow(s \wedge a)$ . Then the t-norm  $T : L_2^2 \rightarrow L_2$  constructed via Corollary 3.5 is given by Table 2.*

**Remark 3.7.** *If we take  $b = 0$  in Corollary 3.4, then it must be  $x \wedge a = 0$  for all  $x \in I_a$ . So, we obtain corresponding t-norm as follows constructed by Çaylı [8].*

**Corollary 3.8.** [8] *Let  $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$  be a bounded lattice with  $a \in L \setminus \{0, 1\}$  and  $V$  be a t-norm on  $[a, 1]$ . Then the function  $T_1 : L^2 \rightarrow L$  is a t-norm on  $L$ , where*

$$T_1(x, y) = \begin{cases} V(x, y) & \text{if } (x, y) \in [a, 1]^2, \\ x \wedge y & \text{if } x = 1 \text{ or } y = 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



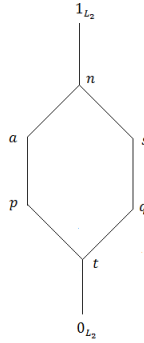


Figure 2: The lattice  $L_2$

Table 2: The  $t$ -norm  $T$  on  $L_2$

$T$	$0_{L_2}$	$t$	$p$	$q$	$a$	$s$	$n$	$1_{L_2}$
$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$
$t$	$0_{L_2}$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$
$p$	$0_{L_2}$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$p$
$q$	$0_{L_2}$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$q$
$a$	$0_{L_2}$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$a$	$t$	$a$	$a$
$s$	$0_{L_2}$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$s$
$n$	$0_{L_2}$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$a$	$t$	$n$	$n$
$1_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$t$	$p$	$q$	$a$	$s$	$n$	$1_{L_2}$

**Remark 3.9.** If we take  $b = 1$  in Corollary 3.4, then we obtain corresponding  $t$ -norm as follows constructed by Ertuğrul, Karaçal and Mesiar [15].

**Corollary 3.10.** [15] Let  $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$  be a bounded lattice and  $V$  be a  $t$ -norm on  $[a, 1]$ . Then the function  $T_2 : L^2 \rightarrow L$  is a  $t$ -norm on  $L$ , where

$$T_2(x, y) = \begin{cases} V(x, y) & \text{if } (x, y) \in [a, 1]^2, \\ x \wedge y & \text{if } x = 1 \text{ or } y = 1, \\ x \wedge y \wedge a & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Remark 3.11.** It should be noted that the  $t$ -norms  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  in Corollary 3.8 and Corollary 3.10, respectively are different from the  $t$ -norm  $T$  in Theorem 3.1. To show that this claim, we shall consider the bounded lattice  $(L_2 = \{0_{L_2}, t, p, q, a, s, n, 1_{L_2}\}, \leq, 0_{L_2}, 1_{L_2})$  described in Figure 2., we take the  $t$ -norm  $V(x, y) = x \wedge y$  on  $[a, 1_{L_2}]$  and the interior operator  $int : L_2 \rightarrow L_2$  defined by  $int(0_{L_2}) = 0_{L_2}$ ,  $int(t) = int(p) = int(q) = int(a) = int(s) = t$ ,  $int(n) = n$  and  $int(1_{L_2}) = 1_{L_2}$ . According to the Table 2, Table 3 and Table 4, it is clear that the  $t$ -norms  $T$ ,  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  different from each other.

Table 3: The  $t$ -norm  $T_1$  on  $L_2$

$T_1$	$0_{L_2}$	$t$	$p$	$q$	$a$	$s$	$n$	$1_{L_2}$
$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$
$t$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$t$
$p$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$p$
$q$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$q$
$a$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$a$	$0_{L_2}$	$a$	$a$
$s$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$s$
$n$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$a$	$0_{L_2}$	$n$	$n$
$1_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$t$	$p$	$q$	$a$	$s$	$n$	$1_{L_2}$

Table 4: The t-norm  $T_2$  on  $L_2$

$T_2$	$0_{L_2}$	$t$	$p$	$q$	$a$	$s$	$n$	$1_{L_2}$
$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$
$t$	$0_{L_2}$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$
$p$	$0_{L_2}$	$t$	$p$	$t$	$p$	$t$	$p$	$p$
$q$	$0_{L_2}$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$q$
$a$	$0_{L_2}$	$t$	$p$	$t$	$a$	$t$	$a$	$a$
$s$	$0_{L_2}$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$s$
$n$	$0_{L_2}$	$t$	$p$	$t$	$a$	$t$	$n$	$n$
$1_{L_2}$	$0_{L_2}$	$t$	$p$	$q$	$a$	$s$	$n$	$1_{L_2}$

### 4 New construction method for t-conorms on bounded lattices by using closure operators

In this section, we propose new construction method for t-conorms on bounded lattices with the given t-conorms by using closure operators. The main aim of this section is to present a rather effective method to construct t-conorms by using closure operators on a bounded lattice. Using this method, in Corollary 4.8 and Corollary 4.10, we obtain the methods proposed by Ertuğrul, Karaçal, Mesiar [15] and Çaylı [8], respectively.

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$  be a bounded lattice with  $a \in L$  such that for all  $x \in I_a$  it holds  $x \vee a = cl(x \vee a)$  and  $cl : L \rightarrow L$  be a closure operator. Given a t-conorm  $W$  on  $[0, a]$ , then the function  $S : L^2 \rightarrow L$  defined as follows is a t-conorm on  $L$  where*

$$S(x, y) = \begin{cases} W(x, y) & \text{if } (x, y) \in (0, a]^2, \\ y \vee a & \text{if } (x, y) \in (0, a] \times I_a, \\ x \vee a & \text{if } (x, y) \in I_a \times (0, a], \\ x \vee y \vee a & \text{if } (x, y) \in I_a \times I_a, \\ x \vee y & \text{if } x = 0 \text{ or } y = 0, \\ cl(x) \vee cl(y) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Remark 4.2.** *Let  $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$  be a bounded lattice with  $a \in L$ . In Theorem 4.1, observe that the condition for all  $x \in I_a$  it holds  $x \vee a = cl(x \vee a)$  can not be omitted, in general. The following example illustrates this fact that the function  $S : L^2 \rightarrow L$  defined by Theorem 4.1 is not a t-conorm.*

**Example 4.3.** *Consider the lattice  $(L_3 = \{0_{L_3}, t, a, n, p, s, q, 1_{L_3}\}, \leq, 0_{L_3}, 1_{L_3})$  in Figure 3. And we take the t-conorm  $W(x, y) = x \vee y$  on  $[0_{L_3}, a]$ . The closure operator  $cl : L_3 \rightarrow L_3$  defined by  $cl(0_{L_3}) = 0_{L_3}$ ,  $cl(t) = t$ ,  $cl(n) = cl(a) = cl(s) = cl(p) = cl(q) = q$ , and  $cl(1_{L_3}) = 1_{L_3}$ . For all  $x \in I_a$  it does not hold  $x \vee a = cl(x \vee a)$ . Because,  $n \vee a = p \neq q = cl(p) = cl(n \vee a)$ . Then, the function  $S$  on  $L_3$  defined by Table 5 is not a t-conorm. Indeed, it does not satisfy the associativity. Because  $S(n, S(t, t)) = S(n, t) = p \neq q = S(p, t) = S(S(n, t), t)$ .*

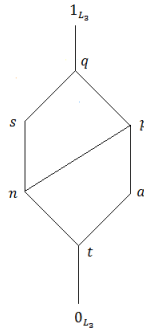


Figure 3: The lattice  $L_3$

Table 5: The  $t$ -function  $S$  on  $L_3$ 

$S$	$0_{L_3}$	$t$	$a$	$n$	$p$	$s$	$q$	$1_{L_3}$
$0_{L_3}$	$0_{L_3}$	$t$	$a$	$n$	$p$	$s$	$q$	$1_{L_3}$
$t$	$t$	$t$	$a$	$p$	$q$	$q$	$q$	$1_{L_3}$
$a$	$a$	$a$	$a$	$p$	$q$	$q$	$q$	$1_{L_3}$
$n$	$n$	$p$	$p$	$p$	$q$	$q$	$q$	$1_{L_3}$
$p$	$p$	$q$	$q$	$q$	$q$	$q$	$q$	$1_{L_3}$
$s$	$s$	$q$	$q$	$q$	$q$	$q$	$q$	$1_{L_3}$
$q$	$q$	$q$	$q$	$q$	$q$	$q$	$q$	$1_{L_3}$
$1_{L_3}$	$1_{L_3}$	$1_{L_3}$	$1_{L_3}$	$1_{L_3}$	$1_{L_3}$	$1_{L_3}$	$1_{L_3}$	$1_{L_3}$

**Corollary 4.4.** Let  $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$  be a bounded lattice with  $a, b \in L$  such that for all  $x \in I_a$  it holds  $x \vee a = x \vee a \vee b$  and  $W$  be a  $t$ -conorm on  $[0, a]$ . Then, the function  $S : L^2 \rightarrow L$  defined by

$$S(x, y) = \begin{cases} W(x, y) & \text{if } (x, y) \in (0, a]^2, \\ y \vee a & \text{if } (x, y) \in (0, a] \times I_a, \\ x \vee a & \text{if } (x, y) \in I_a \times (0, a], \\ x \vee y \vee a & \text{if } (x, y) \in I_a \times I_a, \\ x \vee y & \text{if } x = 0 \text{ or } y = 0, \\ x \vee y \vee b & \text{otherwise .} \end{cases}$$

is a  $t$ -conorm on  $L$ .

We give next construction methods for  $t$ -conorms on complete lattices from Definition 2.5 and Definition 2.8.

**Corollary 4.5.** Let  $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$  be a complete lattice with  $a \in L$ ,  $\uparrow : L \rightarrow L$  be defined in Definition 2.5 such that for all  $x \in I_a$  it holds  $x \vee a = \uparrow(x \vee a)$  and  $W$  be a  $t$ -conorm on  $[0, a]$ . Then, the binary operation  $S : L^2 \rightarrow L$  defined by

$$S(x, y) = \begin{cases} W(x, y) & \text{if } (x, y) \in (0, a]^2, \\ y \vee a & \text{if } (x, y) \in (0, a] \times I_a, \\ x \vee a & \text{if } (x, y) \in I_a \times (0, a], \\ x \vee y \vee a & \text{if } (x, y) \in I_a \times I_a, \\ x \vee y & \text{if } x = 0 \text{ or } y = 0, \\ \uparrow(x) \vee \uparrow(y) & \text{otherwise .} \end{cases}$$

is a  $t$ -conorm on  $L$ .

We can give an example to illustrate Corollary 4.5.

**Example 4.6.** Consider the complete lattice  $(L_4 = \{0_{L_4}, m, r, a, k, c, d, 1_{L_4}\}, \leq, 0_{L_4}, 1_{L_4})$  in Figure 4. And we take the  $t$ -conorm  $W(x, y) = x \vee y$  on  $[0_{L_4}, a]$ . It is clear that  $UC(L_4) = \{0_{L_4}, m, d, 1_{L_4}\}$ . So, we obtain  $\uparrow(0_{L_4}) = 0_{L_4}$ ,  $\uparrow(m) = m$ ,  $\uparrow(r) = \uparrow(a) = \uparrow(k) = \uparrow(c) = \uparrow(d) = d$ , and  $\uparrow(1_{L_4}) = 1_{L_4}$ . Since for all  $x \in I_a$  it holds  $x \vee a = \uparrow(x \vee a)$ ,  $L_4$  satisfies the constraint of Corollary 4.5. That is,  $k \vee a = d = \uparrow(d) = \uparrow(k \vee a)$  and  $r \vee a = d = \uparrow(d) = \uparrow(r \vee a)$ . Then the  $t$ -conorm  $S : L_4^2 \rightarrow L_4$  constructed via Corollary 4.5 is given by Table 6.

**Remark 4.7.** If we take  $b = 0$  in Corollary 4.4, then we obtain corresponding  $t$ -conorm as follows constructed by Ertuğrul, Karaçal and Mesiar [15].

**Corollary 4.8.** [15] Let  $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$  be a bounded lattice and  $W$  be a  $t$ -conorm on  $[0, a]$ . Then the function  $S_1 : L^2 \rightarrow L$  is a  $t$ -conorm on  $L$ , where

$$S_1(x, y) = \begin{cases} W(x, y) & \text{if } (x, y) \in (0, a]^2, \\ x \vee y & \text{if } x = 0 \text{ or } y = 0, \\ x \vee y \vee a & \text{otherwise .} \end{cases}$$



Table 8: The  $t$ -conorm  $S_1$  on  $L_4$ 

$S_2$	$0_{L_4}$	$m$	$r$	$a$	$k$	$c$	$d$	$1_{L_4}$
$0_{L_4}$	$0_{L_4}$	$m$	$r$	$a$	$k$	$c$	$d$	$1_{L_4}$
$m$	$m$	$m$	$1_{L_4}$	$a$	$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$
$r$	$r$	$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$
$a$	$a$	$a$	$1_{L_4}$	$a$	$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$
$k$	$k$	$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$
$c$	$c$	$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$
$d$	$d$	$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$
$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$	$1_{L_4}$

## 5 Modified ordinal sum constructions of $t$ -norms and $t$ -conorms on bounded lattices

From [8] and [15], we know that new  $t$ -norms and  $t$ -conorms on bounded lattices can be obtained using recursion in Theorem 5.1, Theorem 5.2 and Theorem 5.5, Theorem 5.6, respectively. In this section, based on the approaches of constructing  $t$ -norms and  $t$ -conorms by using interior and closure operators, respectively, proposed in Section 3 and Section 4, we show that it can not be obtained ordinal sum constructions of  $t$ -norms and  $t$ -conorms on bounded lattice  $L$  using recursion.

**Theorem 5.1.** [8] *Let  $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$  be a bounded lattice and  $\{a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$  be a finite chain in  $L$  such that  $1 = a_0 > a_1 > a_2 > \dots > a_n = 0$ . Let  $V : [a_1, 1]^2 \rightarrow [a_1, 1]$  be a  $t$ -norm. Then, the function  $T_n : L^2 \rightarrow L$  defined recursively as follows is a  $t$ -norm, where  $V = T_1$  and for  $i \in \{2, \dots, n\}$ , the function  $T_i : [a_i, 1]^2 \rightarrow [a_i, 1]$  is given by*

$$T_i(x, y) = \begin{cases} T_{i-1}(x, y) & \text{if } (x, y) \in [a_{i-1}, 1]^2, \\ x \wedge y & \text{if } x = 1 \text{ or } y = 1, \\ a_i & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

**Theorem 5.2.** [15] *Let  $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$  be a bounded lattice and  $\{a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$  be a finite chain in  $L$  such that  $1 = a_0 > a_1 > a_2 > \dots > a_n = 0$ . Let  $V : [a_1, 1]^2 \rightarrow [a_1, 1]$  be a  $t$ -norm. Then, the function  $T_n : L^2 \rightarrow L$  defined recursively as follows is a  $t$ -norm, where  $V = T_1$  and for  $i \in \{2, \dots, n\}$ ,*

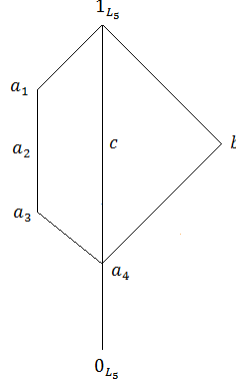
$$T_i(x, y) = \begin{cases} T_{i-1}(x, y) & \text{if } (x, y) \in [a_{i-1}, 1]^2, \\ x \wedge y & \text{if } x = 1 \text{ or } y = 1, \\ x \wedge y \wedge a_{i-1} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

**Remark 5.3.** *Let  $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$  be a bounded lattice and  $\{a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$  be a finite chain in  $L$  such that  $1 = a_0 > a_1 > a_2 > \dots > a_n = 0$ . Let  $x \wedge a_i = \text{int}(x \wedge a_i)$  for all  $x \in I_{a_i}$ , let  $V : [a_1, 1]^2 \rightarrow [a_1, 1]$  be a  $t$ -norm and  $\text{int} : L \rightarrow L$  be an interior operator. It should be noted that our construction method in Theorem 3.1 can not be obtained using recursion. Because, we can not obtain the binary operation  $T_i : [a_i, 1]^2 \rightarrow [a_i, 1]$  as follows, where  $T_1 = V$  and for  $i \in \{2, \dots, n\}$ ,*

$$T_i(x, y) = \begin{cases} T_{i-1}(x, y) & \text{if } (x, y) \in [a_{i-1}, 1]^2, \\ y \wedge a_{i-1} & \text{if } (x, y) \in [a_{i-1}, 1] \times I_{a_{i-1}}, \\ x \wedge a_{i-1} & \text{if } (x, y) \in I_{a_{i-1}} \times [a_{i-1}, 1], \\ x \wedge y \wedge a_{i-1} & \text{if } (x, y) \in I_{a_{i-1}} \times I_{a_{i-1}}, \\ x \wedge y & \text{if } x = 1 \text{ or } y = 1, \\ \text{int}(x) \wedge \text{int}(y) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

To illustrate this claim we shall give the following example:

**Example 5.4.** *Consider the lattice  $(L_5 = \{0_{L_5}, a_4, b, c, a_3, a_2, a_1, 1_{L_5}\}, \leq, 0_{L_5}, 1_{L_5})$  described in Figure 5 with the finite chain  $0_{L_5} < a_4 < a_3 < a_2 < a_1 < 1_{L_5}$  in  $L_5$ . Then, the interior operator  $\text{int} : L_5 \rightarrow L_5$  defined by  $\text{int}(0_{L_5}) = 0_{L_5}$ ,  $\text{int}(a_4) = \text{int}(a_3) = \text{int}(a_2) = \text{int}(a_1) = \text{int}(c) = \text{int}(b) = a_4$ ,  $\text{int}(1_{L_5}) = 1_{L_5}$ . It is clear that  $x \wedge a_i = \text{int}(x \wedge a_i)$  for*

Figure 5: The lattice  $L_5$ 

all  $x \in I_{a_i}$ . Define the  $t$ -norm  $V : [a_1, 1_{L_5}]^2 \rightarrow [a_1, 1_{L_5}]$  by  $V = T_\wedge$ . Since  $\text{int}(a_1) \wedge \text{int}(a_2) = a_4 \notin [a_2, 1_{L_5}]$ , we can not obtain the binary operation  $T_2$  on  $[a_2, 1_{L_5}]$ . Since  $\text{int}(a_3) \wedge \text{int}(a_1) = a_4 \notin [a_3, 1_{L_5}]$ , we can not obtain the binary operation  $T_3$  on  $[a_3, 1_{L_5}]$ .

**Theorem 5.5.** [8] Let  $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$  be a bounded lattice and  $\{a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$  be a finite chain in  $L$  such that  $0 = a_0 < a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_n = 1$ . Let  $W : [0, a_1]^2 \rightarrow [0, a_1]$  be a  $t$ -conorm. Then, the function  $S_n : L^2 \rightarrow L$  defined recursively as follows is a  $t$ -conorm, where  $S_1 = W$  and for  $i \in \{2, \dots, n\}$ , the binary function  $S_i : [0, a_i]^2 \rightarrow [0, a_i]$  is given by

$$S_i(x, y) = \begin{cases} S_{i-1}(x, y) & \text{if } (x, y) \in (0, a_{i-1}]^2, \\ x \vee y & \text{if } x = 0 \text{ or } y = 0, \\ a_i & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

**Theorem 5.6.** [15] Let  $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$  be a bounded lattice and  $\{a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$  be a finite chain in  $L$  such that  $0 = a_0 < a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_n = 1$ . Let  $W : [0, a_1]^2 \rightarrow [0, a_1]$  be a  $t$ -conorm. Then, the function  $S_n : L^2 \rightarrow L$  defined recursively as follows is a  $t$ -conorm, where  $S_1 = W$  and for  $i \in \{2, \dots, n\}$ ,

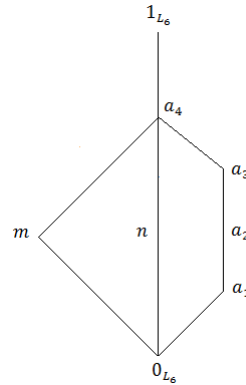
$$S_i(x, y) = \begin{cases} S_{i-1}(x, y) & \text{if } (x, y) \in (0, a_{i-1}]^2, \\ x \vee y & \text{if } x = 0 \text{ or } y = 0, \\ x \vee y \vee a_{i-1} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

**Remark 5.7.** Let  $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$  be a bounded lattice and  $\{a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$  be a finite chain in  $L$  such that  $0 = a_0 < a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_n = 1$ . Let  $x \vee a_i = cl(x \vee a_i)$  for all  $x \in I_{a_i}$ , let  $W : [0, a_1]^2 \rightarrow [0, a_1]$  be a  $t$ -conorm and  $cl : L \rightarrow L$  be a closure operator. It should be noted that our construction method in Theorem 4.1 can not be obtained using recursion. Because we can not obtain the binary operation  $S_i : [0, a_i]^2 \rightarrow [0, a_i]$  as follows, where  $S_1 = W$  and for  $i \in \{2, \dots, n\}$ ,

$$S_i(x, y) = \begin{cases} S_{i-1}(x, y) & \text{if } (x, y) \in (0, a_{i-1}]^2, \\ y \vee a_{i-1} & \text{if } (x, y) \in (0, a_{i-1}] \times I_{a_{i-1}}, \\ x \vee a_{i-1} & \text{if } (x, y) \in I_{a_{i-1}} \times (0, a_{i-1}], \\ x \vee y \vee a_{i-1} & \text{if } (x, y) \in I_{a_{i-1}} \times I_{a_{i-1}}, \\ x \vee y & \text{if } x = 0 \text{ or } y = 0, \\ cl(x) \vee cl(y) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

To illustrate this claim we shall give the following example

**Example 5.8.** Consider the lattice  $(L_6 = \{0_{L_6}, a_1, a_2, a_3, m, n, a_4, 1_{L_6}\}, \leq, 0_{L_6}, 1_{L_6})$  described in Figure 6 with the finite chain  $0_{L_6} < a_1 < a_2 < a_3 < a_4 < 1_{L_6}$  in  $L_6$ . Then, the closure operator  $cl : L_6 \rightarrow L_6$  defined by  $cl(0_{L_6}) = 0_{L_6}$ ,  $cl(m) = cl(n) = cl(a_1) = cl(a_2) = cl(a_3) = cl(a_4) = a_4$ ,  $cl(1_{L_6}) = 1_{L_6}$ . It is clear that  $x \vee a_i = cl(x \vee a_i)$  for all  $x \in I_{a_i}$ . Define the  $t$ -conorm  $W : [0_{L_6}, a_1]^2 \rightarrow [0_{L_6}, a_1]$  by  $W = S_\vee$ . Since  $\text{int}(a_1) \vee \text{int}(a_2) = a_4 \notin [0_{L_6}, a_2]$ , we can not obtain the binary operation  $S_2$  on  $[0_{L_6}, a_2]$ . Since  $\text{int}(a_3) \vee \text{int}(a_1) = a_4 \notin [0_{L_6}, a_3]$ , we can not obtain the binary operation  $S_3$  on  $[0_{L_6}, a_3]$ .

Figure 6: The lattice  $L_6$ 

## 6 Concluding remarks

In this paper, we have proposed the constructions of  $t$ -norms and  $t$ -conorms on bounded lattices with interior and closure operators, respectively. The main aim of this paper is to present a rather effective method to construct  $t$ -norms and  $t$ -conorms by using interior and closure operators on a bounded lattice, respectively. Also, using these methods, in Corollary 3.10 and Corollary 4.8, we obtain the methods proposed by Ertuğrul, Karaçal and Mesiar [15]. Also, in Corollary 3.8 and Corollary 4.10, we obtain the methods proposed by Çaylı [8]. Finally, we have shown that the new construction methods can not be generalized by induction to a modified ordinal sum for  $t$ -norms and  $t$ -conorms on arbitrary bounded lattice, respectively.

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## Constructing t-norms and t-conorms by using interior and closure operators on bounded lattices

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### ایجاد t-نرم‌ها و t-هم‌نرم‌ها با استفاده از عملگرهای داخلی و بسته روی شبکه‌های محدود

**چکیده.** در این مقاله، ما روش‌های ساخت برای نرم‌های (t-نرم‌ها) مثلثی و هم‌نرم‌های (t-هم‌نرم‌ها) مثلثی روی شبکه‌های محدود به ترتیب با استفاده از عملگرهای داخلی و بسته پیشنهاد می‌کنیم. بنابراین، برخی از روش‌های پیشنهادی توسط Ertugrul، Karacal [۱۵] و Mesiar [۸] را در نتیجه بدست می‌آوریم. همچنین، چند مثال گویا ارائه می‌دهیم. سرانجام، نشان می‌دهیم که روش‌های ساخت معرفی شده را نمی‌توان به استقراء به حاصل جمع ترتیبی تعدیل شده برای t-نرم‌ها و t-هم‌نرم‌ها روی شبکه‌های محدود تعمیم داد. این مقاله، t-نرم‌ها و t-هم‌نرم‌ها روی شبکه‌های محدود را بیشتر از دیدگاه ریاضی ایجاد کرده است.