

# The Relationship Between Various Filter Notions on a $GL$ -Monoid

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The notion of a generalised filter is extended to the setting of a  $GL$ -monoid. It is shown that there exists a one-to-one correspondence between the collection of generalised filters on a set  $X$  and the collection of strongly stratified  $L$ -filters on  $X$ . Specialising to the case where  $L$  is the closed unit interval  $[0, c]$  viewed as a Heyting algebra, we show that any strongly stratified  $[0, c]$ -filter on  $X$  can be uniquely identified with a saturated filter on  $I^X$  with characteristic value  $c$ . In this way, the notion of a generalised filter unifies various filter notions. In particular, necessity measures and finitely additive probability measures are specific examples of generalised filters. © 1999 Academic Press

## 1. INTRODUCTION

In the context of general topology, the notion of a filter on a set facilitates the study of convergence. In [10–12] filters on  $[0, 1]^X$ , called prefilters, are used as a fundamental tool. In [3], the notion of a generalised filter is introduced and the relationship between prefilters and generalised filters is discovered. It is shown that there is a one-to-one

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correspondence between the collection of saturated prefilters on a set  $X$  and the collection of generalised filters on  $X$ . In [9], Höhle and Šostak introduce the concept of an  $L$ -filter and establish a theory of convergence for  $L$ -topological spaces. We intend to show that this theory unifies these various filter notions in the sense that they are each specific realisations of a generalised  $L$ -filter. Furthermore, the crucial notion saturation is investigated.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

### 2.1. Definitions

A triple  $(L, \leq, *)$  is called a *quantale* iff  $(L, \leq)$  is a complete lattice and

(Q1)  $(L, *)$  is a semigroup;

(Q2)  $*$  is distributive over arbitrary joins. In other words,

$$\left( \bigvee_{i \in J} \alpha_i \right) * \beta = \bigvee_{i \in J} (\alpha_i * \beta), \quad \beta * \left( \bigvee_{i \in J} \alpha_i \right) = \bigvee_{i \in J} (\beta * \alpha_i).$$

Obviously the universal lower bound  $\perp$  (viewed as the join of the empty set) is the zero element with respect to  $*$ .

A quantale  $(L, \leq, *)$  is *commutative* iff,  $(L, *)$ , the underlying semigroup is commutative.

A quantale  $(L, \leq, *)$  is *strictly two-sided* iff the universal upper bound  $\top$  is the unit element with respect to  $*$ .

A quantale  $(L, \leq, *)$  is *divisible* iff for every inequality  $\beta \leq \alpha$  there exists  $\gamma \in L$  such that  $\beta = \alpha * \gamma$ .

A *GL-monoid* is a commutative, strictly two-sided, divisible quantale.

Examples of *GL-monoids* are given by continuous semigroup structures on the real unit interval  $[0, 1]$  satisfying the following boundary conditions,

$$\alpha * \top = \top * \alpha = \alpha, \quad \alpha * \perp = \perp * \alpha = \perp.$$

In the context of probabilistic metric spaces, continuous semigroups satisfying the previous condition are also called continuous  $t$ -norms.

**2.2. DEFINITION.** A quantale  $(L, \leq, *)$  has *square roots* iff there exists a unary operator  $S: L \rightarrow L$  provided with the properties

$$(S1) \quad \forall \alpha \in L, S(\alpha) * S(\alpha) = \alpha;$$

$$(S2) \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in L, \beta * \beta \leq \alpha \Rightarrow \beta \leq S(\alpha).$$

Because the unary operator  $S$  is uniquely determined by (S1) and (S2) we also write  $\alpha^{1/2}$  instead of  $S(\alpha)$ .

2.3. LEMMA (Höhle and Šostak [9]). Let  $Q = (L, \leq, *)$  be a quantale with square roots. If  $Q$  satisfies the additional property,

$$(S3) \forall \alpha, \beta \in L, (\alpha * \beta)^{1/2} = (\alpha^{1/2} * \beta^{1/2}) \vee \perp^{1/2},$$

then the formation of square roots preserves arbitrary, nonempty joins. In other words, for any nonempty subset  $\{\alpha_i; i \in J\}$  of  $L$  the relation,

$$\left( \bigvee_{i \in J} \alpha_i \right)^{1/2} = \bigvee_{i \in J} (\alpha_i)^{1/2}$$

holds.

Sometimes it is convenient to enrich the structure of the quantale with an additional binary operation  $\otimes$ .

2.4. DEFINITIONS. A *co-premonoid* is a triple  $(L, \leq, \otimes)$  with the following properties:

(I)  $(L, \leq)$  is a lattice;

(II)  $\alpha_1 \otimes \beta_1 \leq \alpha_2 \otimes \beta_2$  whenever  $\alpha_1 \leq \alpha_2, \beta_1 \leq \beta_2$  (isotonicity);

(III)  $\forall \alpha \in L, \alpha \leq \alpha \otimes \top, \alpha \leq \top \otimes \alpha$ .

A *co-premonoid*  $(L, \leq, \otimes)$  is a *cl-premonoid* iff it satisfies the additional property:

(IV)  $\otimes$  is distributive over nonempty joins.

In other words,

$$\left( \bigvee_{i \in J} \alpha_i \right) \otimes \beta = \bigvee_{i \in J} (\alpha_i \otimes \beta), \quad \beta \otimes \left( \bigvee_{i \in J} \alpha_i \right) = \bigvee_{i \in J} (\beta \otimes \alpha_i).$$

A *cl-premonoid* is said to be *bisymmetric* iff it satisfies the additional property,

$$(\alpha_1 \otimes \beta_1) \otimes (\alpha_2 \otimes \beta_2) = (\alpha_1 \otimes \alpha_2) \otimes (\beta_1 \otimes \beta_2),$$

for all  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2$ .

An *enriched cl-premonoid* is a quadruple  $(L, \leq, \otimes, *)$  such that the following conditions hold:

(CLP)  $(L, \leq, \otimes)$  is a *cl-premonoid*;

(Q)  $(L, \leq, *)$  is a *quantale*;

(V)  $*$  is dominated by  $\otimes$ .

In other words,

$$(\alpha_1 \otimes \beta_1) * (\alpha_2 \otimes \beta_2) \leq (\alpha_1 * \alpha_2) \otimes (\beta_1 * \beta_2), \quad \text{for all } \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2.$$

In particular we have the following definition.

2.5. DEFINITION. Let  $Q = (L, \leq, *)$  be a quantale with square roots. Then the *monoidal mean operator*  $\otimes$  on  $L$  is defined for each  $\alpha, \beta \in L$  by

$$\alpha \otimes \beta = \alpha^{1/2} * \beta^{1/2}.$$

2.6. Remark. Let  $Q = (L, \leq, *)$  be a commutative quantale with square roots satisfying (S3). Then the quadruple  $(L, \leq, *, \otimes)$  is a bisymmetric enriched *cl*-premonoid.

2.7. EXAMPLE. Any continuous *t*-norm  $T$  induces on the real unit interval  $[0, 1]$  the structure of a *GL*-monoid with square roots. Significant, continuous *t*-norms are the following:

$$\text{(Min)} \quad \text{Min}(\alpha, \beta) = \min(\alpha, \beta);$$

$$\text{(}T_m\text{)} \quad T_m(\alpha, \beta) = \max(\alpha + \beta - 1, 0);$$

$$\text{(Prod)} \quad \text{Prod}(\alpha, \beta) = \alpha \cdot \beta.$$

The formation of square roots with respect to Min is given by the identity map of  $[0, 1]$ , square roots with respect to Prod are the usual ones and square roots with respect to  $T_m$  are determined, for each  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ , by

$$\alpha^{1/2} = \frac{\alpha + 1}{2}.$$

For each one of these three *t*-norms the axiom (S3) is satisfied. The monoidal mean operator is defined in the previous cases as follows:

$$\text{(Min)} \quad \alpha \otimes \beta = \min(\alpha, \beta);$$

$$\text{(}T_m\text{)} \quad \alpha \otimes \beta = (\alpha + \beta)/2;$$

$$\text{(Prod)} \quad \alpha \otimes \beta = \sqrt{\alpha \cdot \beta}.$$

The importance of these, as noted by Höhle and Šostak in [9], is that every continuous *t*-norm can be written as an ordinary sum of Min,  $T_m$ , and Prod. Further we note that Min and  $T_m$  play a special role in the field of many-valued logics: Min is used by Gödel in his  $[0, 1]$ -valued intuitionistic logic, while  $T_m$  is the arithmetic conjunction in Lukasiewicz  $[0, 1]$ -valued logic.

### 3. *L*-FILTERS

In the following we consider an enriched *cl*-premonoid  $(L, \leq, \otimes, *)$ . For each  $\alpha \in L$  and  $\mu \in L^X$  we define  $\mu_\alpha$  by

$$\mu_\alpha = \{x \in X : \mu(x) \geq \alpha\}.$$

For each  $A \subseteq X$  let  $1_A$  denote the fuzzy subset satisfying,

$$1_A(x) = \begin{cases} \top, & \text{if } x \in A; \\ \perp, & \text{if } x \notin A. \end{cases}$$

**3.1. DEFINITION.** Let  $X$  be a set. A map  $\mathfrak{F}: L^X \rightarrow L$  is called an  $L$ -filter on  $X$  if and only if  $\mathfrak{F}$  has the following properties:

- (LF0)  $\mathfrak{F}(1_X) = \top$  ;
- (LF1) if  $\mu_1 \leq \mu_2 \in L^X$  then  $\mathfrak{F}(\mu_1) \leq \mathfrak{F}(\mu_2)$ ;
- (LF2)  $\mathfrak{F}(\mu_1) \otimes \mathfrak{F}(\mu_2) \leq \mathfrak{F}(\mu_1 \otimes \mu_2)$  for all  $\mu_1, \mu_2 \in L^X$ ;
- (LF3)  $\mathfrak{F}(1_\emptyset) = \perp$  .

**3.2. DEFINITION.** A map  $\mathfrak{B}: L^X \rightarrow L$  is a base for  $\mathfrak{F}: L^X \rightarrow L$  if and only if for each  $\mu \in L^X$ ,

$$\mathfrak{F}(\mu) = \bigvee_{\nu \leq \mu} \mathfrak{B}(\nu).$$

A map  $\mathfrak{B}: L^X \rightarrow L$  is an  $L$ -filter base on  $X$  if and only if  $\mathfrak{B}$  has the following properties:

- (LFB0)  $\bigvee_{\mu \in L^X} \mathfrak{B}(\mu) = \top$  ;
- (LFB1)  $\mathfrak{B}(\mu_1) \otimes \mathfrak{B}(\mu_2) \leq \bigvee_{\mu \leq \mu_1 \otimes \mu_2} \mathfrak{B}(\mu)$  for all  $\mu_1, \mu_2 \in L^X$ ;
- (LFB2)  $\mathfrak{B}(1_\emptyset) = \perp$  .

Evidently a map  $\mathfrak{B}: L^X \rightarrow L$  is an  $L$ -filter base on  $X$  if and only if it is a base for some  $L$ -filter.

**3.3. DEFINITION.** An  $L$ -filter is said to be *weakly stratified* if and only if it satisfies the additional axiom,

$$[(WS)] \forall \alpha \in L, \quad \alpha \leq \mathfrak{F}(\alpha \cdot 1_X).$$

Equivalently,

$$\forall \mu \in L^X, \quad \bigwedge_{x \in X} \mu(x) \leq \mathfrak{F}(\mu).$$

It is said to be *tight* if and only if it satisfies

$$[(T)] \forall \alpha \in L, \quad \alpha = \mathfrak{F}(\alpha \cdot 1_X).$$

**3.4. DEFINITION.** An  $L$ -filter is said to be *stratified* if and only if it satisfies the additional axiom,

$$[(S)] \forall \alpha \in L, \quad \forall \mu \in L^X, \quad \alpha * \mathfrak{F}(\mu) \leq \mathfrak{F}(\alpha * \mu).$$

3.5. DEFINITION. An  $L$ -filter is said to be *strongly stratified* if and only if it satisfies the additional axiom,

$$[(SS)] \forall \mu \in L^X, \quad \mathfrak{F}(\mu) = \bigvee_{\alpha \in L} \alpha \otimes \mathfrak{F}(1_{\mu_\alpha}).$$

3.6. PROPOSITION. If  $\mathfrak{F}$  is a strongly stratified  $L$ -filter then it is stratified.

*Proof.* Let  $\alpha \in L$  and  $\mu \in L^X$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha * \mathfrak{F}(\mu) &= \alpha * \left( \bigvee_{\beta \in L} \beta \otimes \mathfrak{F}(1_{\mu_\beta}) \right) \\ &= \bigvee_{\beta \in L} \alpha * (\beta \otimes \mathfrak{F}(1_{\mu_\beta})) \\ &\leq \bigvee_{\beta \in L} (\alpha * \beta) \otimes \mathfrak{F}(1_{(\alpha * \mu)_{\alpha * \beta}}) \\ &\leq \mathfrak{F}(\alpha * \mu). \end{aligned}$$

#### 4. GENERALISED FILTERS

In the following,  $(L, \leq, \otimes, *)$  is an enriched cl-premonoid such that the universal lower bound  $\perp$  is the zero element with respect to  $\otimes$ .

4.1. DEFINITION. Let  $f: 2^X \rightarrow L$  be a map. Then  $f$  is said to be a *generalised filter* on  $X$  iff  $f$  satisfies the following axioms:

- (GLF0)  $f(X) = \top$  ;
- (GLF1) if  $A_1 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq X$  then  $f(A_1) \leq f(A_2)$ ;
- (GLF2)  $f(A_1) \otimes f(A_2) \leq f(A_1 \cap A_2)$  for all  $A_1, A_2 \subseteq X$ ;
- (GLF3)  $f(\emptyset) = \perp$  .

4.2. DEFINITION. A map  $b: 2^X \rightarrow L$  is a *base* for  $f: 2^X \rightarrow L$  if and only if for each  $A \in 2^X$ ,

$$f(A) = \bigvee_{B \subseteq A} b(B).$$

A map  $b: 2^X \rightarrow L$  is a *generalised filter base* on  $X$  if and only if  $b$  satisfies the following properties:

- (GLFB0)  $\bigvee_{A \subseteq X} b(A) = \top$  ;
- (GLFB1)  $b(A_1) \otimes b(A_2) \leq \bigvee_{B \subseteq A_1 \cap A_2} b(B)$  for all  $A_1, A_2 \subseteq X$ ;
- (GLFB2)  $b(\emptyset) = \perp$  .

Evidently a map  $b: 2^X \rightarrow L$  is a generalised filter base on  $X$  if and only if it is a base for some generalised filter.

We can introduce a partial ordering,  $\leq$ , on the set of all generalised filters on  $X$  by

$$f \leq g \iff \forall A \subseteq X, \quad f(A) \leq g(A).$$

The infimum of two generalised filters,  $f$  and  $g$ , with respect to  $\leq$  always exists and it is defined by

$$(f \wedge g)(A) = f(A) \wedge g(A).$$

On the other hand, the supremum,  $f \vee g$ , of two generalised filters, does not always exist. In fact it is not difficult to prove that:  $f \vee g$  exists iff

$$\forall A_1, A_2 \subseteq X, \quad A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset \implies f(A_1) \otimes g(A_2) = \perp.$$

In this case the supremum is defined by

$$(f \vee g)(A) = \bigvee \{f(A_1) \otimes g(A_2) : A_1 \cap A_2 \subseteq A\}.$$

One of our main objectives is to prove that there exists a bijection between the collection of all generalised filters and the collection of all strongly stratified  $L$ -filters.

**4.3. THEOREM.** *Let  $(L, \leq, \otimes, *)$  be a bisymmetric enriched  $cl$ -premonoid such that the universal lower bound  $\perp$  is the zero element with respect to  $\otimes$ . Let  $X$  be a set and let  $G(X)$  denote the collection of generalised filters on  $X$  and let  $S(X)$  denote the collection of strongly stratified  $L$ -filters on  $X$ .*

For  $f \in G(X)$  let  $\tilde{\mathfrak{F}}^f: L^X \rightarrow L$  be defined by

$$\tilde{\mathfrak{F}}^f(\mu) = \bigvee_{\alpha \in L} \alpha \otimes f(\mu_\alpha).$$

For  $\tilde{\mathfrak{F}} \in S(X)$ , let  $f^{\tilde{\mathfrak{F}}}: 2^X \rightarrow L$  be defined by

$$f^{\tilde{\mathfrak{F}}}(A) = \tilde{\mathfrak{F}}(1_A).$$

Let

$$\psi: G(X) \rightarrow S(X), \quad f \mapsto \tilde{\mathfrak{F}}^f,$$

and

$$\varphi: S(X) \rightarrow G(X), \quad \tilde{\mathfrak{F}} \mapsto f^{\tilde{\mathfrak{F}}}.$$

Then

1.  $\tilde{\mathfrak{F}}^f \in S(X)$ .
2.  $f^{\tilde{\mathfrak{F}}} \in G(X)$ .
3.  $\psi \circ \varphi = 1_{S(X)}$  and hence  $\tilde{\mathfrak{F}}^{f^{\tilde{\mathfrak{F}}}} = \tilde{\mathfrak{F}}$ .
4.  $\varphi \circ \psi = 1_{G(X)}$  and hence  $f^{\tilde{\mathfrak{F}}^f} = f$ .
5.  $\psi$  is a bijection.

*Proof.* 1. We first note that for all  $A \subseteq X$  and for all  $\alpha \in L$ , because  $\perp$  is the zero element with respect to  $\otimes$ , it follows from (GLF3) that

$$\tilde{\mathfrak{F}}^f(\alpha \cdot 1_A) = \bigvee_{\beta \in L} \beta \otimes f((\alpha \cdot 1_A)_\beta) = \bigvee_{\beta \leq \alpha} \beta \otimes f(A) = \alpha \otimes f(A).$$

The axioms (LF0) and (LF3) follow from previous observation. Axiom (LF1) follows from (GLF1).

(LF2). Let  $\mu, \nu \in L^X$ . For each  $\alpha, \beta \in L$ , it is easy to check that

$$\mu_\alpha \cap \nu_\beta \subseteq (\mu \otimes \nu)_{\alpha \otimes \beta}.$$

Therefore, it follows from (GLF1) and (GLF2) and the bisymmetry axiom that

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha \otimes f(\mu_\alpha)) \otimes (\beta \otimes f(\nu_\beta)) &= (\alpha \otimes \beta) \otimes (f(\mu_\alpha) \otimes f(\nu_\beta)) \\ &\leq (\alpha \otimes \beta) \otimes f(\mu_\alpha \cap \nu_\beta) \\ &\leq (\alpha \otimes \beta) \otimes f((\mu \otimes \nu)_{\alpha \otimes \beta}) \\ &\leq \tilde{\mathfrak{F}}^f(\mu \otimes \nu). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\tilde{\mathfrak{F}}^f(\mu) \otimes \tilde{\mathfrak{F}}^f(\nu) \leq \tilde{\mathfrak{F}}^f(\mu \otimes \nu)$ .

(SS). For each  $\mu \in L^X$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathfrak{F}}^f(\mu) &= \bigvee_{\alpha \in L} \alpha \otimes f(\mu_\alpha) \\ &= \bigvee_{\alpha \in L} \alpha \otimes \tilde{\mathfrak{F}}^f(1_{\mu_\alpha}). \end{aligned}$$

2. The axioms (GLF0), (GLF1), and (GLF3) follow from (LF0), (LF1) and (LF3), respectively. Axiom (GLF2) follows from (LF2) because  $\perp$  is the zero element with respect to  $\otimes$ ,

$$f^{\tilde{\mathfrak{F}}}(A_1) \otimes f^{\tilde{\mathfrak{F}}}(A_2) \leq \tilde{\mathfrak{F}}(1_{A_1} \otimes 1_{A_2}) = \tilde{\mathfrak{F}}(1_{A_1 \cap A_2}) = f^{\tilde{\mathfrak{F}}}(A_1 \cap A_2).$$



3. Because  $\tilde{\mathfrak{F}}$  is strongly stratified, it follows that

$$\tilde{\mathfrak{F}}^{f^{\tilde{\mathfrak{F}}}}(\mu) = \bigvee_{\alpha \in L} \alpha \otimes f^{\tilde{\mathfrak{F}}}(\mu_\alpha) = \bigvee_{\alpha \in L} \alpha \otimes \tilde{\mathfrak{F}}(\mathbf{1}_{\mu_\alpha}) = \tilde{\mathfrak{F}}(\mu).$$

4. If  $f$  is a generalised filter on  $X$  then

$$f^{\tilde{\mathfrak{F}}^f}(A) = \tilde{\mathfrak{F}}^f(\mathbf{1}_A) = \bigvee_{\alpha \in L} \alpha \otimes f((\mathbf{1}_A)_\alpha) = f(A).$$

5. This follows immediately from the foregoing results. ■

5. THE CASE  $(L, \leq, \otimes, *) = ([0, c], \leq, \wedge, T_m)$ ,  $c \in (0, 1]$

We consider now the case in which  $L$  is the interval  $[0, c]$  and  $\otimes = \wedge$  and  $*$   $= T_m$ . That is, the unit interval viewed as a Heyting algebra.

In this case the definition of a generalised filter reduces to the case of a generalised filter with characteristic value  $c$  in the sense of [3].

5.1. DEFINITION. A map  $f: 2^X \rightarrow I$  is a generalised filter with characteristic value  $c$  if it is a map satisfying the following properties:

- (GF0)  $f(X) = c$ ;
- (GF1) if  $A_1 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq X$  then  $f(A_1) \leq f(A_2)$ ;
- (GF2)  $f(A_1) \wedge f(A_2) \leq f(A_1 \cap A_2)$  for all  $A_1, A_2 \subseteq X$ ;
- (GF3)  $f(\emptyset) = 0$ .

5.2. DEFINITION. A map  $b: 2^X \rightarrow I$  is a generalised filter base with characteristic value  $c$  if it is a map satisfying the following properties:

- (GLFB0)  $\bigvee_{A \subseteq X} b(A) = c$ ;
- (GLFB1)  $\forall A_1, A_2 \subseteq X, b(A_1) \wedge b(A_2) \leq \bigvee_{B \subseteq A_1 \cap A_2} b(B)$ ;
- (GLFB2)  $b(\emptyset) = 0$ .

We can obtain the following corollary of Theorem 4.3.

5.3. COROLLARY. Let  $f: 2^X \rightarrow I$  be a generalised filter with characteristic value  $c$ . Then the mapping  $\tilde{\mathfrak{F}}^f: [0, c]^X \rightarrow [0, c]$  defined by,

$$\tilde{\mathfrak{F}}^f(\mu) = \bigvee_{\alpha \in [0, c]} \alpha \wedge f(\mu_\alpha)$$

is a strongly stratified  $[0, c]$ -filter on  $X$ .

Conversely, if  $\tilde{\mathfrak{F}}: [0, c]^X \rightarrow [0, c]$  is a strongly stratified  $[0, c]$ -filter, then the map  $f^{\tilde{\mathfrak{F}}}: 2^X \rightarrow I$  defined by,

$$f^{\tilde{\mathfrak{F}}}(A) = \tilde{\mathfrak{F}}(c \cdot \mathbf{1}_A)$$

is a generalised filter on  $X$  with characteristic value  $c$ .

Finally, it is easy to see that given any generalised filter with characteristic value  $c$ ,  $f$  we have

$$f^{\mathfrak{F}^f} = f.$$

Furthermore, given any strongly stratified  $[0, c]$ -filter,  $\mathfrak{F}$ , we have

$$\mathfrak{F}^{f^{\mathfrak{F}}} = \mathfrak{F}.$$

In [3] it was proved that there exists a bijection between the collection of all saturated prefilters with characteristic value  $c$  and the collection of all generalised filters with characteristic value  $c$ . Now this corollary allows us to conclude that there also exists a bijection between the collection of all saturated prefilters with characteristic value  $c$  and the collection of all strongly stratified  $[0, c]$ -filters (when we consider  $[0, c]$  as a Heyting algebra).

In the case  $c = 1$  generalised filters are exactly necessity measures on  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  (cf. [13]) and the bijection between the collection of all saturated prefilters with characteristic value 1 (1-filters) and the collection of all necessity measures is proved in [8].

In [14] Ramadan introduces the concepts of fuzzifying filter and smooth filter which are, in terms of our notation, respectively, generalised filters with characteristic value 1 and  $[0, 1]$ -filters. However, in Theorem 2.1, he proves that for any  $[0, 1]$ -filter  $\mathfrak{F}$  and any  $\mu \in I^X$ ,

$$\mathfrak{F}(\mu) = \bigvee_{\alpha \in [0, 1]} \alpha \wedge \mathfrak{F}(1_{\mu_\alpha}).$$

This is evidently false because it would mean that any  $L$ -filter is strongly stratified.

In fact we can consider the following counterexample:

Let  $1_\emptyset \neq \mu \in I^X$  have the properties:

- $\inf_{x \in X} \mu(x) = 0$ ,
- $\mu^0 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x \in X : \mu(x) > 0\} = X$ .

Such functions do exist, as the reader can verify. Now we define for each  $\nu \in I^X$ ,

$$\mathfrak{F}(\mu) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \mu \leq \nu; \\ 0, & \text{if } \mu \not\leq \nu. \end{cases}$$

It is easy to check that  $\mathfrak{F}$  is a  $[0, 1]$ -filter. On the other hand, for each  $\alpha \neq 0$  we have  $\mu_\alpha \neq X$  and hence  $\mu \not\leq 1_{\mu_\alpha}$ . Therefore  $\mathfrak{F}(1_{\mu_\alpha}) = 0$  for each  $\alpha \neq 0$  and so,

$$\bigvee_{\alpha \in I} \alpha \wedge \mathfrak{F}(1_{\mu_\alpha}) = 0 \neq \mathfrak{F}(\mu) = 1.$$

Consequently Theorem 2.1 in [14] is false. Furthermore, we have provided an example of a  $I$ -filter which is not strongly stratified.

In the same paper [14] the statement in Proposition 3.6 is also false. Given two  $[0, 1]$ -filters  $\mathfrak{F}$  and  $\mathfrak{G}$  then the supremum  $\mathfrak{F} \vee \mathfrak{G}$  exists if and only if whenever  $\mu_1 \wedge \mu_2 = 1_\emptyset$  either  $\mathfrak{F}(\mu_1) = 0$  or  $\mathfrak{G}(\mu_2) = 0$ . In this case, it is defined for each  $\mu \in I^X$  by

$$(\mathfrak{F} \vee \mathfrak{G})(\mu) = \bigvee \{ \mathfrak{F}(\mu_1) \wedge \mathfrak{G}(\mu_2) : \mu_1 \wedge \mu_2 \leq \mu \}.$$

For example, if  $x \neq y \in X$  let us define, for each  $\mu \in I^X$ ,

$$\mathfrak{F}_x(\mu) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \mu(x) = 1; \\ 0, & \text{if } \mu(x) < 1; \end{cases} \quad \mathfrak{F}_y(\mu) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \mu(y) = 1; \\ 0, & \text{if } \mu(y) < 1. \end{cases}$$

It is clear that they are  $[0, 1]$ -filters on  $X$  but there is no  $[0, 1]$ -filter finer than both  $\mathfrak{F}_x$  and  $\mathfrak{F}_y$ .

## 6. THE CASE $(L, \leq, \otimes, *) = ([0, 1], \leq, T_m, T_m)$

We consider now the case in which  $L$  is the unit interval and  $\otimes = \wedge$  and  $\ast = \ast = T_m$ . That is, the unit interval viewed as a  $MV$ -algebra.

In this case the definition of a generalised filter reduces to the following definition.

**6.1. DEFINITION.** A map  $f: 2^X \rightarrow I$  is a generalised filter if it is a map satisfying the following properties:

- (GF0)  $f(X) = 0$ ;
- (GF1) if  $A_1 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq X$  then  $f(A_1) \leq f(A_2)$ ;
- (GF2)  $f(A_1) + f(A_2) \leq f(A_1 \cap A_2) + 1$  for all  $A_1, A_2 \subseteq X$ ;
- (GF3)  $f(\emptyset) = 0$ .

In this case, finitely additive probability measures on  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ , [8], are generalised filters.

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