#### EXERCISES

- 1.5. Draw the Hasse diagrams for all possible orders on sets of 3, 4, 5 elements.
- 1.6. Draw the Hasse diagram for the set of positive divisors of 210 when ordered by divisibility.
- 1.7. If p, q are distinct primes and m, n are positive integers, draw the Hasse diagram for the set of positive divisors of  $p^m q^n$ , ordered by divisibility.
- 1.8. Let  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  be the ordered sets with Hasse diagrams



Draw the Hasse diagrams of  $P_1 \times P_2$  and  $P_2 \times P_1$  under the cartesian order (Example 1.6). Comment on the result.

1.9. With  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  as in Exercise 1.8, draw the Hasse diagrams of  $P_1 \times P_2$ and  $P_2 \times P_1$  under the lexicographic order (Exercise 1.1), and those of the vertical sums  $P_1 \oplus P_2$  and  $P_2 \oplus P_1$  (Exercise 1.3).

## 1.2 Order-preserving mappings

**Definition** If  $(A; \leq_1)$  and  $(B; \leq_2)$  are ordered sets then we say that a mapping  $f: A \to B$  is **isotone** (or **order-preserving**) if

$$(\forall x, y \in A) \quad x \leq_1 y \Rightarrow f(x) \leq_2 f(y);$$

and is **antitone** (or **order-inverting**) if

$$(\forall x, y \in A) \quad x \leq_1 y \Rightarrow f(x) \geq_2 f(y).$$

**Example 1.12** If E is a non-empty set and  $A \subseteq E$  then  $f_A : \mathbb{P}(E) \to \mathbb{P}(E)$  given by  $f_A(X) = A \cap X$  is isotone. If X' is the complement of X in E then the assignment  $X \mapsto X'$  defines an antitone mapping on  $\mathbb{P}(E)$ .

**Example 1.13** Given  $f : E \to F$  consider the induced **direct image map**  $f^{\to} : \mathbb{P}(E) \to \mathbb{P}(F)$  defined for every  $X \subseteq E$  by  $f^{\to}(X) = \{f(x) \mid x \in X\}$  and the induced **inverse image map**  $f^{\leftarrow} : \mathbb{P}(F) \to \mathbb{P}(E)$  defined for every  $Y \subseteq F$  by  $f^{\leftarrow}(Y) = \{x \in E \mid f(x) \in Y\}$ . Each of these mappings is isotone.

We shall now give a natural interpretation of isotone mappings. For this purpose we require the following notions.

**Definition** By a **down-set** (or **hereditary subset**) of an ordered set  $(E; \leq)$  we shall mean a subset D of E with the property that if  $x \in D$  and  $y \in E$  is such that  $y \leq x$  then  $y \in D$ . We include the empty subset of E as a down-set. By a **principal down-set** we shall mean a down-set of the form  $x^{\downarrow} = \{y \in E \mid y \leq x\}$ . Dually, we define an **up-set** to be a subset U such that if  $x \in U$  and  $y \in E$  is such that  $y \geq x$  then  $y \in U$ ; and a **principal up-set** to be an up-set of the form  $x^{\uparrow} = \{y \in E \mid y \geq x\}$ .

**Example 1.14** In the chain  $\mathbb{Q}^+$  of positive rationals the set  $\{q \in \mathbb{Q}^+ \mid q^2 \leq 2\}$  is a down-set that is not principal.

**Example 1.15** If A and B are down-sets of an ordered set E then clearly so also are  $A \cap B$  and  $A \cup B$ . This is not true in general for principal down-sets. For example, in



we have  $c^{\downarrow} \cap d^{\downarrow} = \{a, b\} = a^{\downarrow} \cup b^{\downarrow}$ .

Isotone mappings are characterised by the following properties.

**Theorem 1.2** If E, F are ordered sets and if  $f : E \to F$  is any mapping then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) f is isotone;
- (2) the inverse image of every principal down-set of F is a down-set of E;
- (3) the inverse image of every principal up-set of F is an up-set of E.

Proof (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Suppose that f is isotone. Let  $y \in F$  and let  $A = f^{\leftarrow}(y^{\downarrow})$ . If  $A \neq \emptyset$  let  $x \in A$ . Then for every  $z \in E$  with  $z \leq x$  we have  $f(z) \leq f(x) \leq y$  whence  $z \in A$ . Thus A is a down-set of E.

 $(2) \Rightarrow (1)$ : For every  $x \in E$  we have  $x \in f^{\leftarrow}[f(x)^{\downarrow}]$ . By (2) this is a downset of E, so if  $y \in E$  is such that  $y \leq x$  we have  $y \in f^{\leftarrow}[f(x)^{\downarrow}]$ . It follows that  $f(y) \leq f(x)$  and therefore f is isotone.

(1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3): This follows from the above by the Principle of Duality.  $\Box$ 

# 1.3 Residuated mappings

In view of the above natural result, we now investigate under what conditions the inverse image of a principal down-set is also a principal down-set. The outcome will be a type of mapping that will play an important role in the sequel.

**Theorem 1.3** If E, F are ordered sets then the following conditions concerning  $f: E \to F$  are equivalent:

(1) the inverse image under f of every principal down-set of F is a principal down-set of E;

(2) f is isotone and there is an isotone mapping  $g: F \to E$  such that  $g \circ f \ge \mathrm{id}_E$  and  $f \circ g \le \mathrm{id}_F$ .

*Proof* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): If (1) holds then it follows from Theorem 1.2 that f is isotone. In symbolic form, (1) becomes

$$(\forall y \in F)(\exists x \in E) \ f^{\leftarrow}(y^{\downarrow}) = x^{\downarrow}.$$

Now for every given  $y \in F$  this element x is clearly unique, so we can define a mapping  $g: F \to E$  by setting g(y) = x. Since  $f^{\leftarrow}$  is isotone it follows that so is g. For this mapping g we have  $g(y) \in g(y)^{\downarrow} = x^{\downarrow} = f^{\leftarrow}(y^{\downarrow})$ , so  $f[g(y)] \leq y$  for all  $y \in F$  and therefore  $f \circ g \leq \operatorname{id}_F$ ; and  $x \in f^{\leftarrow}[f(x)^{\downarrow}] = g[f(x)]^{\downarrow}$  so that  $x \leq g[f(x)]$  for all  $x \in E$  and therefore  $g \circ f \geq \operatorname{id}_E$ .

 $(2) \Rightarrow (1)$ : If (2) holds then on the one hand we have

$$f(x) \leqslant y \ \Rightarrow \ x \leqslant g[f(x)] \leqslant g(y),$$

and on the other we have

$$x \leqslant g(y) \Rightarrow f(x) \leqslant f[g(y)] \leqslant y.$$

It follows from these observations that  $f(x) \leq y$  if and only if  $x \leq g(y)$  and therefore  $f^{\leftarrow}(y^{\downarrow}) = g(y)^{\downarrow}$  from which (1) follows.

**Definition** A mapping  $f : E \to F$  that satisfies either of the equivalent conditions of Theorem 1.3 is said to be **residuated**.

We note in particular that if  $f: E \to F$  is a residuated mapping then an isotone mapping  $g: F \to E$  which is such that  $g \circ f \ge \mathrm{id}_E$  and  $f \circ g \le \mathrm{id}_F$  is in fact *unique*. To see this, suppose that g and  $g^*$  are each isotone and satisfy these properties. Then  $g = \mathrm{id}_E \circ g \le (g^* \circ f) \circ g = g^* \circ (f \circ g) \le g^* \circ \mathrm{id}_F = g^*$ . Similarly,  $g^* \le g$  and therefore  $g = g^*$ .

We shall denote this unique g by  $f^+$  and call it the **residual** of f.

It is clear from the above that  $f: E \to F$  is residuated if and only if, for every  $y \in F$ , there exists

$$f^+(y) = \max f^{\leftarrow}(y^{\downarrow}) = \max\{x \in E \mid f(x) \leq y\}.$$

Moreover,  $f^+ \circ f \ge \mathrm{id}_E$  and  $f \circ f^+ \le \mathrm{id}_F$ .

**Example 1.16** Simple calculations reveal that if  $f : E \to F$  then the direct image map  $f^{\to} : \mathbb{P}(E) \to \mathbb{P}(F)$  is residuated with residual  $f^{\leftarrow} : \mathbb{P}(F) \to \mathbb{P}(E)$ .

**Example 1.17** If *E* is any set and  $A \subseteq E$  then  $\lambda_A : \mathbb{P}(E) \to \mathbb{P}(E)$  defined by  $\lambda_A(X) = A \cap X$  is residuated with residual  $\lambda_A^+$  given by  $\lambda_A^+(Y) = Y \cup A'$ .

**Example 1.18** For  $m \in \mathbb{N} \setminus 0$  define  $f_m : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$  by  $f_m(n) = mn$ . Then  $f_m$  is residuated with  $f_m^+(p) = \lfloor \frac{p}{m} \rfloor$  where  $\lfloor q \rfloor$  denotes the integer part of  $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

**Example 1.19** Every bounded operator f on a Hilbert space H induces a residuated mapping on the set of closed subspaces of H, namely that given by  $M \mapsto [f^{\rightarrow}(M)]^{\perp \perp}$ .

**Example 1.20** If S is a semigroup, define a multiplication on  $\mathbb{P}(S)$  by

$$XY = \begin{cases} \{xy \mid x \in X, y \in Y\} & \text{if } X, Y \neq \emptyset; \\ \emptyset & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then multiplication by a fixed subset of S is a residuated mapping on  $\mathbb{P}(S)$ .

**Example 1.21** If R is a commutative ring with a 1 then multiplication by a fixed ideal of R is a residuated mapping on the ordered set  $(I(R); \subseteq)$  of ideals.

The notion of a residuated mapping has its roots in investigations by Certaine [37], Ward and Dilworth [112], and Dilworth [43] into multiplicative ideal theory which relates directly to Example 1.21.

### EXERCISES

- 1.10. For each integer  $n \ge 1$  let **n** denote the chain  $1 < 2 < 3 < \cdots < n$ . Prove that a mapping  $f : \mathbf{n} \to \mathbf{m}$  is residuated if and only if it is isotone and f(1) = 1.
- 1.11. Let E be a bounded ordered set with bottom element 0 and top element 1. Given  $e \in E$ , let  $\alpha_e, \beta_e : E \to E$  be defined by

$$\alpha_e(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = 0; \\ e & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \qquad \beta_e(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \leq e; \\ 1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Prove that  $\alpha_e$  and  $\beta_e$  are residuated and determine their residuals.

1.12. Let E be the ordered set given by the Hasse diagram



Show that the mapping  $f: E \to E$  given by

$$f(x_{ij}) = \begin{cases} x_{0,j+1} & \text{if } i = 0, \ j \neq n; \\ x_{01} & \text{if } i = 0, \ j = n; \\ x_{i-1,j+1} & \text{if } i \neq 0, \ j \neq n; \\ x_{i-1,1} & \text{if } i \neq 0, \ j = n. \end{cases}$$

is residuated and determine  $f^+$ .

For every non-empty set E the residuated mappings on  $\mathbb{P}(E)$  are completely described in the following result.

**Theorem 1.4** Let E be a non-empty set and let R be a binary relation on E. Then the mapping  $\xi_R : \mathbb{P}(E) \to \mathbb{P}(E)$  given by the prescription

$$\xi_R(A) = \{ y \in E \mid (\exists x \in A) \ (x, y) \in R \}$$

is residuated. Moreover, every residuated mapping  $f : \mathbb{P}(E) \to \mathbb{P}(E)$  is of this form for some binary relation R on E.

Proof Let  $i : \mathbb{P}(E) \to \mathbb{P}(E)$  be the antitone mapping that sends each subset of E to its complement. Consider the isotone mapping  $\xi_R^+ = i \circ \xi_{R^d} \circ i$ . It is readily verified (draw pictures!) that  $\xi_R \circ \xi_R^+ \leq id$  and  $\xi_R^+ \circ \xi_R \geq id$ , whence  $\xi_R^+$  is the residual of  $\xi_R$ .

To see that every residuated mapping  $f : \mathbb{P}(E) \to \mathbb{P}(E)$  is of this form for some binary relation R on E, consider the relation  $R_f$  defined on E by

$$(x,y) \in R_f \iff y \in f(\{x\}).$$

Observe that  $\xi_{R_f}(\{x\}) = \{y \in E \mid (x, y) \in R_f\} = f(\{x\})$ , so that f and  $\xi_{R_f}$  agree on singletons.

Now if  $k : \mathbb{P}(E) \to \mathbb{P}(E)$  is any residuated mapping then, since it is isotone, for every non-empty subset A of E we have  $k(A) = k(\bigcup_{x \in A} \{x\}) = \bigcup_{x \in A} k(\{x\})$ . In fact, if  $B = \bigcup_{x \in A} k(\{x\})$  then clearly  $k(A) \supseteq B$ . On the other hand,  $k(\{x\}) \subseteq B$  for every  $x \in A$  and so  $\{x\} \subseteq k^+(B)$  whence  $A = \bigcup_{x \in A} \{x\} \subseteq k^+(B)$  and therefore  $k(A) \subseteq B$ . The resulting equality, applied to both f and  $\xi_{R_f}$ , together with the fact that f and  $\xi_{R_f}$  agree on singletons now gives  $f(A) = \bigcup_{x \in A} f(\{x\}) = \bigcup_{x \in A} \xi_{R_f}(\{x\}) = \xi_{R_f}(A)$  whence we obtain  $f = \xi_{R_f}$ .  $\Box$ 

Particular properties of residuated mappings are the following.

**Theorem 1.5** If  $f: E \to F$  is residuated then  $f \circ f^+ \circ f = f$  and  $f^+ \circ f \circ f^+ = f^+$ .

Proof Since f is isotone, it follows from Theorem 1.3 that  $f \circ f^+ \circ f \ge f \circ \mathrm{id}_E = f$ , and that  $f \circ f^+ \circ f \le \mathrm{id}_F \circ f = f$ , from which the first equality follows. The second is established similarly.

**Theorem 1.6** If  $f: E \to F$  and  $g: F \to G$  are residuated mappings then so is  $g \circ f: E \to G$ , and  $(g \circ f)^+ = f^+ \circ g^+$ .

*Proof* Clearly,  $g \circ f$  and  $f \circ g$  are isotone. Moreover,

$$(f^+ \circ g^+) \circ (g \circ f) \ge f^+ \circ \mathrm{id}_F \circ f = f^+ \circ f \ge \mathrm{id}_E; (g \circ f) \circ (f^+ \circ g^+) \le g \circ \mathrm{id}_F \circ g^+ = g \circ g^+ \le \mathrm{id}_G.$$

Thus, by the uniqueness of residuals,  $(g \circ f)^+$  exists and is  $f^+ \circ g^+$ .

**Corollary** For every ordered set E the set Res E of residuated mappings  $f: E \to E$  forms a semigroup, as does the set  $\text{Res}^+ E$  of residual mappings  $f^+: E \to E$ .

### EXERCISES

- 1.13. If  $f, g: E \to E$  are residuated prove that  $f \leq g \iff g^+ \leq f^+$ . Deduce that the semigroups  $\operatorname{Res} E$  and  $\operatorname{Res}^+ E$  are anti-isomorphic.
- 1.14. If  $f: E \to E$  is residuated prove that  $f = f^+ \iff f^2 = \mathrm{id}_E$ .
- 1.15. If  $f: E \to F$  is residuated prove that the following are equivalent:

(1)  $f^+ \circ f = \mathrm{id}_E$ ; (2) f is injective; (3)  $f^+$  is surjective.

- 1.16. If E has a top element 1 prove that the mapping  $\Theta$ : Res  $E \to E$  given by  $\Theta(f) = f(1)$  is residuated, with residual the mapping  $\Psi : E \to \text{Res } E$  given by  $\Psi(e) = \alpha_e$  where  $\alpha_e$  is defined in Exercise 1.11.
- 1.17. Let S be a semigroup with a zero element 0. Let  $\mathbb{P}_0(S)$  be the set of all subsets of S that contain 0. For each  $A \in \mathbb{P}_0(S)$  let  $\lambda_A : \mathbb{P}_0(S) \to \mathbb{P}_0(S)$  be given by

$$\lambda_A(X) = AX = \{ax \mid a \in A, x \in X\}.$$

Prove that  $\lambda_A$  is residuated and determine  $\lambda_A^+$ . Do likewise for the mapping  $\rho_A : \mathbb{P}_0(S) \to \mathbb{P}_0(S)$  given by  $\rho_A(X) = XA$ .