

Interpretation of Simple and Distributive Ideals of l-near Semilattice

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Abstract-This paper initiates the notion of simple elements in l-near semilattice and identifies several characterizations of these elements. In addition, it is detected that an element is a simple if and only if it is both modular and distributive in semilattice. Further, it is noticed that there are various portrayals of distributive and simple ideals of l-near semilattice. Characterization theorem for simple ideal in a l-near semilattice is established and also determined a necessary and sufficient condition for a distributive ideal to be a simple ideal in a l-near semilattice.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The concepts of distributive ideal, standard ideal and neutral ideal in lattice have been introduced and studied by Gratzner, G and Schmidt, E.T [1] in 1961. Ramana Murthy, P.V and Ramam, V. [4] observed the permutability of distributive congruence relations in join semilattice directed below in 1985. Then, Malliab, C and Bhatta, S.P. A [3] obtained the generalization of distributive ideals to convex sublattice in 1986. Vasantha Kandasamy W.B. [5] attained a new type of product on lattice-Near semilattice in 1993. Further, Hossian, M. A.[2] noticed the distributive filters of a meet semilattice directed above in 2004.

Let L be a lattice with 0 and 1. The product defined on $L \times_p L$ is as follows. For $(a_1, b_1), (a, b) \in L \times_p L$ we define $(a_1, b_1) \cup (a, b) = (a_1 \cup a, b_1 \cup b)$ and $(a_1, b_1) \cap (a, b) = (a_1 \cap a, b_1 \cap b)$. We refer $(0, 0)$ be the smallest element and $(1, 1)$ be the largest element of $L \times_p L$. $(L \times_p L, \cup)$ and $(L \times_p L, \cap)$ are called the near semilattices. A near lattice is usually defined as a meet semilattice in which every initial segment is a lattice. That is, it is a semilattice possessing the upper bound property. A poset in which every initial segment is a join semilattice is a near semilattice in a structure.

In this document we describe l-near semilattice and establish a characterization theorem for simple ideal in a l-near semilattice. Also we have prearranged a necessary and sufficient condition for a distributive ideal to be a simple ideal in a l-near semilattice.

Section 1

1.1 Definition: An l-near semi lattice is a join semi lattice possessing the lower bound property. That is, every pair of elements having lower bound has a greatest lower bound.

1.2 Example: Let $S = \{1, 2, 3, 6; / \}$ be a poset under divisibility. Then $\text{lcm}(1, 2) = 2$, $\text{lcm}(2, 3) = 6$, $\text{lcm}(2, 6) = 6$. Similarly we can obtain lcm (least common multiple, $a \vee b = \text{lcm}\{a, b\}$ for $a, b \in S$) of all elements of S .

1.3. Definition: A l-near semi lattice S is said to be modular if, for all $x, y, z \in S$ with $z \leq x \leq y \vee z$, then there exists y_1 , a lower bound of y in S such that $x = y_1 \vee z$.

1.4. Definition: An element s of a l-near semi lattice S is called a simple element, if $x \leq s \vee t$ for x, t in S , then there exists s_1 and t_1 as lower bounds of s and t respectively in S such that $x = s_1 \vee t_1$.

1.5. Example: In a bounded semi lattice $[0, 1]$, the elements 0 and 1 are simple elements.

1.6. Definition: An element m of a l-near semi lattice S is called modular element if

$x \leq m \vee y$ with $y \leq x$ for x, y in S , then there exists m_1 as lower bound of m in S such that $x = m_1 \vee y$.

1.7. Example: Let $S = \{1, 2, 3, 6\}$ be a near semi lattice with $x \leq y$ (which means that x divides y). Define $a \vee b = \text{lcm}\{a, b\}$. The elements 1, 2, 3, 6 are all modular elements of S as shown in figure:

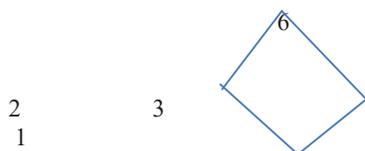


Fig 1. Showing 1 as a modular element

Because $2 \leq 1 \vee 2$ with $2 \leq 2$, then 1 is a lower bound of 2 such that $2 = 1 \vee 2$. Therefore 1 is modular element.

1.8. Definition: A non empty subset I of l -near semi lattice S is called an ideal of S if (i) for x, y in I , $x \vee y \in I$, provided $x \vee y$ exists (ii) for x in I , $t \leq x$ for t in S implies $t \in I$.

1.9. Definition: An ideal I of an l -near semi lattice S is a simple ideal if $X \vee (I \wedge Y) \subseteq (X \vee I) \wedge (X \vee Y)$ where X and Y are ideals of S .

1.10. Definition: An ideal M of al -near semi lattice S is said to be modular in which every element is modular.

1.11. Definition: An element d of a l -near semi lattice S is called distributive if $x \leq d \vee a$ and $x \leq d \vee b$ for x, a, b in S . Then there exists a lower bound c of a and b in S such that $x \leq d \vee c$.

1.12. Example: Every simple element is a distributive element.

1.13. Note: Every element of a modular l -near semi lattice is modular. If every element of al -near semi lattice is modular, then it is a modular l -near semi lattice.

1.14. Theorem: An element m of l -near semi lattice S is modular if and only if $[m]$ is modular ideal of S .

Proof: Let m be a modular element of a l -near semi lattice S . Then for x, y in S , $x \leq m \vee y$ with $y \leq x$ for x, y in S . So there exists m_1 , a lower bound of m in S such that $x = m_1 \vee y$. Let $[m]$ be a non empty subset of S .

Then (i) for $x_1, y_1 \in [m]$, $x_1 \leq m, y_1 \leq m$, implies $x_1 \vee y_1 \leq m$. Thus, $x_1 \vee y_1 \in [m]$.

(ii) For $x \in [m]$ and for $t \in S$ with $t \leq x$, as $x \leq m$, where $t \leq x$, we have $t \leq x \leq m$, implies that $t \in [m]$. Thus $[m]$ is a ideal of S .

To prove that $[m]$ is a modular ideal of S . Let $x \leq m \vee y$ with $y \leq x$ for $m \in [m]$ and $x, y \in S$. Thus m_1 is a lower bound of $m \in [m] \subseteq S$. So that $x = m_1 \vee y$. Hence $[m]$ is modular ideal of S . Conversely, suppose $[m]$ is a modular ideal of S . Then, for $m \in [m] \subseteq S$, if $x \leq m \vee y$ with $y \leq x$. Then there is a lower bound m_1 of $m \in [m]$ such that $x = m_1 \vee y$. Therefore $m \in S$ is a modular element.

1.15. Theorem: Every simple element of l -near semi lattice S is a distributive element of S .

Proof: Let s be a simple element of al -near semi lattice S . Suppose $x \leq s \vee a, x \leq s \vee b$ for a, b and $x \in S$. Since s is simple element, there exists s_1 a lower bound of s in S and a_1 as lower bound of a in S such that $x = s_1 \vee a_1$. Now for $a_1 \leq x \leq s \vee b$, we have $a_1 \leq s \vee b$, where s is simple element. Then there exists s_2 , a lower bound of s in S and b_2 , a lower bound of b such that $a_1 = s_2 \vee b_2$. Therefore for $x = s_1 \vee a_1 = s_1 \vee s_2 \vee b_2 \leq s \vee b_2$ as s_1 and s_2 are lower bounds of s in S . Thus $b_2 \leq a_1 \leq a$ and $b_2 \leq b$. Hence, b_2 is lower bound of a and b such that $x \leq s \vee b_2$. Therefore s is a distributive element of S .

1.16. Theorem: Let s_1 and s_2 be a simple element of l -near semi lattice S . Then $s_1 \vee s_2$ is also a simple element of S .

Proof: Let s_1 and s_2 be simple elements of a l -near semi lattice S .

Then for $x \leq (s_1 \vee s_2) \vee t = s_1 \vee (s_2 \vee t)$ as s_1 is a simple element, there exists a lower bound a of s_1 and a lower bound b of $s_2 \vee t$ in S such that $x = a \vee b$. Since $b \leq s_2 \vee t$ and s_2 a simple element, then there exists a lower bound c of s_2 and a lower bound d of t such that $b = c \vee d$.

Therefore for $x = a \vee b = a \vee c \vee d$ for $a \leq s_1, c \leq s_2$ and $d \leq t$. Thus $a \vee c \leq s_1 \vee s_2, d \leq t$. Hence, for $x \leq (s_1 \vee s_2) \vee t$, $a \vee c$ is a lower bound of $(s_1 \vee s_2)$ and d is a lower bound of t in S , such that $x = (a \vee c) \vee d$. Hence $s_1 \vee s_2$ is also a simple element.

1.17. Theorem: An ideal T of a l -near semi lattice S satisfies relation,

$IV(T \wedge J) \subseteq (IVT) \wedge (IVJ)$ where, I and J are ideals of S is a simple if and only if there holds the condition that $x \leq t \vee a$, and then, there exists t_1 and a_1 lower bounds of t and a respectively in S such that $x = t_1 \vee a_1$, for $t \in T$ and $a \in J$.

Proof: Let an ideal T is simple, satisfies the relation $(x] \vee (T \wedge [a]) \leq ((x] \vee T) \wedge ((x \vee [a])$ for $(x]$ and $[a]$ are ideals of S. Thus for $x \in (x] \vee (T \wedge [a]) \leq ((x] \vee T) \wedge ((x \vee [a])$,
 Implies $x \in ((x] \vee T)$ and $x \in ((x \vee [a])$.
 This implies $x \leq t \vee a$ for $a \in [a]$ and $x \leq t_1 \vee a_1$ for $t_1 \in (x]$ and $a_1 \in [a]$.
 This indicates, $x \leq t \vee a$ and $x \leq t_1 \vee a_1$ for $a \leq x, t_1 \leq x$ and $a_1 \leq a$, which implies $x \leq t_1 \vee a_1$ for $a_1 \leq a \leq x$ and $t_1 \leq x$. Then it follows that $x \leq t_1 \vee a_1, t_1 \vee a_1 \leq x$. Hence, $x = t_1 \vee a_1$. Therefore, an ideal T is simple if it satisfies the given condition.
 Suppose that an ideal T satisfies, $x \leq t \vee a$.
 Then there exists t_1 and a_1 are lower bounds of t and a in S such that $x = t_1 \vee a_1$.
 Now to show that the respective condition satisfies.
 Let $x \in (I \vee (T \wedge J))$, then $x \leq i \vee s$ for $s \in (T \wedge J)$. Then for $x \leq i \vee s, i_1$ and s_1 are lower bounds of i and s in S such that $x = i_1 \vee s_1$. As $x \leq i_1 \vee s$ for $s \in (T \wedge J)$,
 then $x \leq i_1 \vee t$ when $s = t \in T$ and $x \leq i_1 \vee j$ when $s = j \in J$.
 This implies, $x \leq i_1 \vee t$ and $x \leq i_1 \vee j$.
 Then, $x \leq (i_1 \vee t) \wedge (i_1 \vee j)$. Which implies $x \in (I \vee T) \wedge (I \vee J)$.
 Therefore, $(I \vee (T \wedge J)) \subseteq (I \vee T) \wedge (I \vee J)$ -----(i)
 Let $x \in (I \vee T) \wedge (I \vee J)$. Then $x \in (I \vee T)$ and $x \in (I \vee J)$.
 This implies $x \leq i \vee t$ and $x \leq i \vee j$ for $i \in I, t \in T, j \in J$, as T satisfies the condition. Then there exists i_1 and t_1 as lower bounds of i and t respectively in S such that $x = i_1 \vee t_1$ and also i_1 and j_1 are lower bounds of i and j respectively in S such that $x = i_1 \vee j_1$. Thus $x = i_1 \vee t_1 \leq i_1 \vee t$ and $x = i_1 \vee j_1 \leq i_1 \vee j$. This means. $x \leq i_1 \vee t$ and $x \leq i_1 \vee j$ which implies $x \leq i_1$ or $x \leq t$ and $x \leq j$. Then $x \leq i_1 \vee (t \wedge j)$, so that $x \in (I \vee (T \wedge J))$.
 Therefore, $(I \vee T) \wedge (I \vee J) \subseteq (I \vee (T \wedge J))$ -----(ii).
 Then from (i) and (ii), we have $(I \vee (T \wedge J)) \subseteq (I \vee T) \wedge (I \vee J)$.
 Hence, an ideal T is simple if it satisfies the given relation.

1.18. Definition: An ideal D of l-near semi lattice S is said to be distributive if and only if $D \vee (X \wedge Y) \leq (D \vee X) \wedge (D \vee Y)$ for all ideals X, Y of S.

1.19. Definition: A binary relation θ_D is said to be a congruence relation on S if (i) θ_D is reflexive (ii) θ_D is symmetric (iii) θ_D is transitive and (iv) if $X \equiv X_1(\theta_D)$ and $Y \equiv Y_1(\theta_D)$ then, $X \wedge Y \equiv X_1 \wedge Y_1(\theta_D)$ and $X \vee Y \equiv X_1 \vee Y_1(\theta_D)$.

§ 2: Characterization theorem of simple ideal

2.1 Theorem: Let D be an ideal of al-near semi lattice S.

Then the following conditions are equivalent.

- (i) D is simple ideal.
- (ii) The binary relation θ_D on set of all ideals of S (I(S)) is defined by $X \equiv Y(\theta_D)$ if and only if $(X \vee Y) \wedge D_1 \leq X \wedge Y$ for some $D_1 \leq D$ is a congruence relation.
- (iii) D is distributive and for all $X, Y \in I(S), D \wedge X \leq D \wedge Y; D \vee X \leq D \vee Y$ implies $X \leq Y$.

Proof: To show that (i) implies (ii).

Suppose D is simple ideal.

To prove that θ_D is reflexive, symmetric, $X \equiv Y(\theta_D) \Leftrightarrow X \vee Y \equiv (X \wedge Y)(\theta_D)$.

If $X \leq Y \leq Z, X \equiv Y(\theta_D)$ and $Y \equiv Z(\theta_D) \Rightarrow X \equiv Z(\theta_D)$.

If $X \leq Y$ and $X \equiv Y(\theta_D)$, then $X \wedge Z \equiv Y \wedge Z(\theta_D)$ for all $X, Y, Z \in I(S)$.

(a) θ_D is reflexive: By definition of binary relation θ_D ,

$(X \vee X) \wedge D_1 \leq X \wedge X$ for some $X = D_1 \leq D$, implies $X \equiv X(\theta_D)$. Thus θ_D is reflexive.

(b) θ_D is symmetric: Suppose $X \equiv Y(\theta_D)$. Then $(X \vee Y) \wedge D_1 \leq X \wedge Y$ for some $D_1 \leq D$.

This implies, $(Y \vee X) \wedge D_1 \leq Y \wedge X$ for some $D_1 \leq D$. Which implies $Y \equiv X(\theta_D)$.

Thus θ_D is symmetric.

(c) Suppose $X \equiv Y(\theta_D)$.

Then $(X \vee Y) \wedge D_1 \leq X \wedge Y$, for some

$D_1 \leq D \Leftrightarrow ((X \vee Y) \vee (X \wedge Y)) \wedge D_1 \leq (X \vee Y) \wedge (X \wedge Y)$ for some $D_1 \leq D$,

by taking $X = X \vee Y, Y = X \wedge Y$.

We have $(X \vee Y) \wedge D_1 \leq X \wedge Y \Leftrightarrow X \vee Y \equiv (X \wedge Y)(\theta_D)$.

(d) Suppose $X \leq Y \leq Z$ and suppose $X \equiv Y(\theta_D)$ and $Y \equiv Z(\theta_D)$.

This implies $(X \vee Y) \wedge D_1 \leq X \wedge Y$ and $(Y \vee Z) \wedge D_2 \leq Y \wedge Z$ for some $D_1, D_2 \leq D$.

Let $Y \wedge D_1 = X$ and $Z \wedge D_2 = Y$ as $X \leq Y \leq Z$. Now $(X \wedge Z) \wedge (D_1 \wedge D_2) \leq X \wedge Z \wedge D_1 \wedge D_2 \leq X \wedge Y \wedge D_1 \leq X \wedge X \leq X$

$= Y \wedge D_1 = Z \wedge D_1 \wedge D_2 \leq Z \wedge (D_1 \wedge D_2)$. And $(X \vee Z) \wedge (D_1 \wedge D_2) \leq Z \wedge (D_1 \wedge D_2) \leq X \wedge Z$. Thus $X \equiv Z(\theta_D)$.

(e) Suppose $X \leq Y$ and $X \equiv Y (\theta_D)$.

Then $(X \vee Y) \wedge D_1 \leq X \wedge Y$ for some $D_1 \leq D$, since $X \leq Y$, $X \wedge Z \leq Y \wedge Z$.

This implies $((X \wedge Z) \vee (Y \wedge Z)) \wedge D_1 \leq (X \wedge Z) \wedge (Y \wedge Z)$. Which implies $X \wedge Z \equiv Y \wedge Z (\theta_D)$. Similarly if $X \leq Y$, then $X \vee Z \leq Y \vee Z$. This implies $((X \vee Z) \vee (Y \vee Z)) \wedge D_1 \leq (X \vee Z) \wedge (Y \vee Z)$. Thus $(X \vee Z) \equiv (Y \vee Z) (\theta_D)$. Hence θ_D is a congruence relation.

To show that (ii) \Rightarrow (iii).

Suppose the binary relation θ_D on $I(S)$ defined as $X \equiv Y (\theta_D)$ if and only if $(X \vee Y) \wedge D_1 \leq X \wedge Y$ for some $D_1 \leq D$ is a congruence relation. To prove that D is distributive ideal and for all X, Y in $I(S)$ if $D \wedge X \leq D \wedge Y$ and $D \vee X \leq D \vee Y$. Then $X \leq Y$. First we prove that D is a distributive ideal. That is, $D \vee (X \wedge Y) \leq (D \vee X) \wedge (D \vee Y)$.

Consider $X \wedge (X \vee D) \leq (X \wedge (X \vee D)) \wedge D \leq X \wedge D \leq (X \wedge X) \wedge D \leq X \wedge (D \wedge X)$. Thus $X \equiv D \vee X (\theta_D)$. Similarly $Y \equiv D \vee Y (\theta_D)$.

Now consider $X \wedge Y \equiv [(D \vee X) \wedge (D \vee Y)] (\theta_D)$.

This implies $(X \wedge Y) \vee [(D \vee X) \wedge (D \vee Y)] \leq ((X \wedge Y) \wedge [(D \vee X) \wedge (D \vee Y)]) \wedge D$.

Which implies $(X \wedge Y) \vee D \leq [(D \vee X) \wedge (D \vee Y)]$ [as $(D \vee X) \wedge (D \vee Y) \leq D \vee D = D$].

Thus $D \vee (X \wedge Y) \leq (D \vee X) \wedge (D \vee Y)$. Hence D is distributive ideal. Suppose $D \wedge X \leq D \wedge Y$ and $D \vee X \leq D \vee Y$ and since $X \equiv (D \vee X) (\theta_D)$ and $Y \equiv (D \vee Y) (\theta_D)$.

This implies $X \vee Y \equiv [(D \wedge X) \vee (D \wedge Y)] (\theta_D) = [(D \wedge X) \vee (D \wedge X)] (\theta_D)$ (as $D \wedge X = D \wedge Y = D \wedge X (\theta_D) \equiv X$. Thus $X \vee Y \equiv X (\theta_D)$.

Now $((X \vee Y) \vee X) \wedge D_1 \leq (X \vee Y) \wedge X \leq X$.

This implies $(X \vee Y) \wedge D_1 \leq X$ ----- (i). Also by relation we have $(X \vee Y) \wedge D_1 \leq X \wedge Y$ ----- (ii), Thus we have $X \wedge Y = X$, implies $X \leq Y$.

To show that (iii) \Rightarrow (i):

Suppose D is distributive and for $D \wedge X \leq D \wedge Y$ and $D \vee X \leq D \vee Y$ implies $X \leq Y$.

Now to prove that D is simple ideal. That is, $X \vee (D \wedge Y) = (X \vee D) \wedge (X \vee Y)$.

Let $A = X \vee (D \wedge Y)$ and $B = (X \vee D) \wedge (X \vee Y)$.

Then we prove that if $D \wedge A \leq D \wedge B$ and $D \vee A \leq D \vee B$.

Then by condition $A \leq B$. Since $D \vee X \leq D \vee [(X \vee D) \wedge (X \vee Y)] = D \vee A$.

Thus $D \vee X \leq D \vee A$ (I)

Now $D \vee B = D \vee [(X \vee D) \wedge (X \vee Y)] = D \vee [(D \vee X) \wedge (X \vee Y)] \leq D \vee [D \vee X] = D \vee X$. Therefore $D \vee B \leq D \vee X$ (II).

Hence from (I) and (II) we have $D \vee A \leq D \vee B$.

Now consider $D \wedge B =$

$D \wedge [(X \vee D) \wedge (X \vee Y)] \geq D \wedge [(D \vee B) \wedge (X \vee Y)] \geq D \wedge [(D \vee A) \wedge (X \vee Y)] \geq$

$D \wedge [(D \vee A) \wedge (X \vee (D \wedge Y))] = D \wedge (D \vee A) \wedge [(X \vee (D \wedge Y))] = D \wedge [(X \vee (D \wedge Y))] = D \wedge A$.

Therefore $D \wedge B \geq D \wedge A$ (or) $D \wedge A \leq D \wedge B$.

Therefore for $D \vee A \leq D \vee B$ and $D \wedge A \leq D \wedge B$ we have $A \leq B$.

Hence D is simple ideal of S .

2.2 Theorem: The necessary and sufficient condition for a distributive ideal D to be simple in a l -near semilattice S is that $D \wedge X \leq D \wedge Y$ and $D \vee X \leq D \vee Y$ for all ideals X, Y in $I(S)$, implies $X \leq Y$.

Proof: Suppose a distributive ideal D of S satisfies the condition that $D \wedge X \leq D \wedge Y$ and $D \vee X \leq D \vee Y$ for all ideals X, Y in $I(S)$. This implies $X \leq Y$. Then by characterization theorem of simple ideal, D is simple ideal of S . Conversely suppose that D is a simple ideal of S .

If we define a binary relation θ_D as $X \equiv Y (\theta_D)$ if and only if $(X \vee Y) \wedge D_1 \leq X \wedge Y$ for some $D_1 \leq D$ is a congruence relation. Then by the theorem of characterization of simple ideal we have D is distributive and $D \wedge X \leq D \wedge Y$ and $D \vee X \leq D \vee Y$ for all ideals X, Y in $I(S)$, implies $X \leq Y$.

2.3 Theorem: An element s of l -near semilattice S is simple if and only if (i) s is distributive and (ii) s is modular.

Proof: Suppose an element s in l -near semilattice S be simple. Since every simple element of l -near semilattice is a distributive element of S , then s is a distributive element.

(ii) To prove that s is modular element. Let $y \leq s \vee x$ with $x \leq y$, as s is simple. Then there exists s_1 and x_1 are lower bounds of s and x in S such that $y = s_1 \vee x_1$.

Since $x \leq y$, we have $y = x \vee y = x \vee s_1 \vee x_1 = s_1 \vee x \vee x_1 = s_1 \vee x$.

Therefore $y = s_1 \vee x$. Hence s is modular element.

Conversely suppose that an element s is both distributive and modular in S .

Now to prove that s is simple element.

Let $y \leq s \vee x$ as s is distributive element and as $y \leq s \vee y$. Then there exists a lower bound t of x and y in S such that $y \leq s \vee t$ and since s is modular element, s_1 is lower bound of s in S such that $y = s_1 \vee t$. Thus for $y \leq s \vee x$, there exists s_1 and t are lower bounds of s and x in S such that $y = s_1 \vee t$. Hence s is simple element of S .

2.4 Theorem: If l -nearsemilattice is modular, then every distributive element is a simple element.

Proof: Suppose S is l -near semilattice which is modular.

Then for x, y, z in S for $z \leq x \leq y \vee z$, then there exists y_1 a lower bound of y in S such that $x = y_1 \vee z$. Let an element s in S be distributive. Let $x \leq s \vee y$ and as $x \leq s \vee x$. There exists a lower bound z for x and y such that $x \leq s \vee z$. Since S is modular, every element of S is modular. Thus s in S is modular. Hence there is $s_1 \leq s$ such that $x = s_1 \vee y_1$. Hence s is simple element.

IV. CONCLUSION

This manuscript initiates meticulously the concept l -near semilattice and its modularity, distributivity, simple element, modular element, ideal, simple ideal, modular ideal, distributive element. It is perceived that every element of a modular l -near semilattice is modular and if every element of al -near semilattice is modular, then it is a modular l -near semilattice. It is remarked that an element of l -near semilattice is modular if and only if the set of its lower bounds is a modular ideal of S . It is ascertained that every simple element of l -near semilattice S is a distributive element of S . It is observed that the least upper bound of any two simple elements of a l -near semilattice is also a simple element. Moreover, various properties of ideals and congruences in l -near semilattice have been studied. It is noted that an element of an l -near semilattice is simple if and only if it is distributive and modular. Finally it is concluded that if an l -nearsemilattice is modular, then every distributive element is a simple element.

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