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# 2-ABSORBING $\delta$ -PRIMARY ELEMENTS IN MULTIPLICATIVE LATTICES

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we define a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element and a weakly 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element in a compactly generated multiplicative lattice L. We obtain some properties of these elements. We give a characterization for 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary elements. Also we define a  $\delta$ -triple-zero and a free  $\delta$ -triple-zero and prove some results on it.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The concept of a 2-absorbing and weakly 2-absorbing elements which are generalizations of prime and weakly prime elements in multiplicative lattices was introduced by Jayaram, et. al. [4].

Manjarekar and Bingi [5] introduced and investigated the notions of expansions of element and  $\delta$ -primary element in a multiplicative lattice. Fahid and Zhao [3] defined a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary ideal in a commutative ring which unifies both 2-absorbing and 2-absorbing primary ideals in one frame. This motivates us to put 2-absorbing and 2-absorbing primary elements together using expansions of elements. Also we extend the concept of 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary ideal in a commutative ring to multiplicative lattice.

The aim of this paper is to introduce the concept of a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element in a multiplicative lattice and generalize the results of Fahid and Zhao [3] to multiplicative lattices. In section 2, we recall some basic concepts in multiplicative lattices. In section 3, we introduce the notion of a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element. Such

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2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary elements unifies the concepts of a 2-absorbing ideal and 2-absorbing primary ideal under one frame. In section 4, we investigate some properties of 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary elements with respect to homomorphisms. In section 5, we define weakly 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary elements and obtain some properties of these elements. Also we define a  $\delta$ -triple-zero and a free  $\delta$ -triple-zero.

Throughout in this paper, L denotes a compactly generated multiplicative lattice with 1 compact in which every finite product of compact elements is compact.

## 2. Preliminaries

The following definitions are from Jayaram et. al. [4].

**Definition 2.1.** A multiplicative lattice L is a complete lattice with a commutative, associative and join distributive multiplication in which the largest element 1 acts as a multiplicative identity.

**Definition 2.2.** An element  $a \in L$  is called compact if for  $X \subseteq L$ ,  $a \leq \bigvee X$  implies the existence of a finite number of elements  $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n \in X$  such that  $a \leq a_1 \lor a_2 \lor \ldots a_n$ .

The set of compact elements of L will be denoted by  $L_*$ .

A multiplicative lattice is said to compactly generated if every element of it is a join of compact elements.

**Definition 2.3.** An element  $a \in L$  is said to be proper if a < 1.

**Definition 2.4.** A proper element  $p \in L$  is called a prime element if  $ab \leq p$  implies  $a \leq p$  or  $b \leq p$  where  $a, b \in L$ .

**Definition 2.5.** A prime element  $p \in L$  is said to be minimal prime over  $a \in L$ , if  $a \leq p$  and whenever there is a prime element  $q \in L$  with  $a < q \leq p$ , then q = p.

**Definition 2.6.** The radical of  $a \in L$  is defined as,  $\sqrt{a} = \lor \{x \in L_* | x^n \leq a \text{ for some, } n \in \mathbb{N}\}\$  $= \land \{p \in L | p \text{ is a prime element, } a \leq p \}.$ 

**Definition 2.7.** A proper element  $p \in L$  is called a primary element if  $ab \leq p$  implies  $a \leq p$  or  $b \leq \sqrt{p}$  where  $a, b \in L$ .

For  $a, b \in L$  we denote  $(a : b) = \lor \{x \in L | bx \le a\}$ .

**Definition 2.8.** An element  $a \in L$  is called semi primary if  $\sqrt{a}$  is a prime element and is called semi prime if  $\sqrt{a} = a$ .

**Definition 2.9.** An element  $a \in L$  is called *p*-primary if a is primary and  $\sqrt{a} = p$  is a prime element of *L*.

**Definition 2.10.** A proper element  $m \in L$  is said to be a maximal element if  $m \nleq a$  for any other proper element  $a \in L$ .

**Definition 2.11.** An element  $a \in L$  is said to be nilpotent if  $a^n = 0$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Definition 2.12.** A proper element p of L is called a 2-absorbing element of L if whenever  $a, b, c \in L$  and  $abc \leq p$  implies that either  $ab \leq p$  or  $bc \leq p$  or  $ac \leq p$ .

**Definition 2.13.** A proper element p of L is called a 2-absorbing primary element of L if whenever  $a, b, c \in L$  and  $abc \leq p$  implies that either  $ab \leq p$  or  $bc \leq \sqrt{p}$  or  $ac \leq \sqrt{p}$ .

### 3. Properties of 2-absorbing $\delta$ -primary elements

The following definitions are from Manjarekar and Bingi [5].

**Definition 3.1.** An expansion of elements, or an expansion function, is a function  $\delta : L \to L$ , such that the following conditions are satisfied: (i)  $a \leq \delta(a)$  for all  $a \in L$  (ii)  $a \leq b$  implies  $\delta(a) \leq \delta(b)$  for all  $a, b \in L$ .

**Example 3.2.** (1) The identity function  $\delta_0 : L \to L$ , where  $\delta_0(a) = a$  for every  $a \in L$ , is an expansion of elements. (2) For each element  $a, \mathbf{M} : L \to L$ ,

where  $\mathbf{M}(a) = \wedge \{m \in L | a \leq m, m \text{ is a maximal element } \}$ , where a is a proper element of L and  $\mathbf{M}(1) = 1$ . Then  $\mathbf{M}$  is an expansion of elements.

(3) For each element a define  $\delta_1 : L \to L$  as  $\delta_1(a) = \sqrt{a}$ , the radical of a. Then  $\delta_1(a)$  is an expansion of elements.

**Definition 3.3.** Given an expansion  $\delta$  of elements, an element p of L is called  $\delta$ -primary if  $ab \leq p$  implies either  $a \leq p$  or  $b \leq \delta(p)$  for all  $a, b \in L$ .

**Definition 3.4.** A proper element p of L is called a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L if whenever  $a, b, c \in L$  and  $abc \leq p$  implies  $ab \leq p$  or  $bc \leq \delta(p)$  or  $ac \leq \delta(p)$ .

**Example 3.5.** Consider the lattice L of ideals of the ring  $R = \langle Z_{60}, +_{60}, \times_{60} \rangle$ . Clearly,  $L = \{(0), (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (10), (12), (15), (20), (30)\}$  is a compactly generated multiplicative lattice. Its lattice structure is shown in Figure 1.



Figure 1

 $L = \{0, a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, 1\}$ , where 0 denotes the (0) ideal, a = (12) denotes the ideal generated by 12, b = (20) denotes ideal generated by 20, c = (30) denotes the ideal generated by 30, d = (4)denotes the ideal generated by 4, e = (6) denotes the ideal generated by 6, f = (10) denotes the ideal generated by 10, g = (15) denotes the ideal generated by 15, h = (2) denotes the ideal generated by 2, i = (3)denotes the ideal generated by 3, j = (5) denotes the ideal generated by 5 and 1 = (1) denotes the ideal generated by 1.

(i) From Example 3.2 and multiplication table 1, here the elements a, b, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, where  $\mathbf{M}(a) = e$ ,  $\mathbf{M}(b) = f$ ,  $\mathbf{M}(d) = h$ ,  $\mathbf{M}(e) = e$ ,  $\mathbf{M}(f) = f$ ,  $\mathbf{M}(g) = g$ ,  $\mathbf{M}(h) = h$ ,  $\mathbf{M}(i) = i$ ,  $\mathbf{M}(j) = j$ , are

2-absorbing **M**-primary elements. But the elements c, where  $\mathbf{M}(c) = c$  is not a 2-absorbing **M**-primary element. Since  $dij = 0 \leq c$  but neither  $di = a \leq c$  nor  $ij = g \leq \mathbf{M}(c)$  nor  $dj = b \leq \mathbf{M}(c)$ .

(ii) The elements e, f, g, h, i, j, where  $\delta_0(e) = e, \ \delta_0(f) = f, \ \delta_0(g) = g, \ \delta_0(h) = h, \ \delta_0(i) = i, \ \delta_0(j) = j, \ \delta_1(I) = I$ , are 2-absorbing  $\delta_0$ -primary. But the elements a, b, c, d, where  $\delta_0(a) = a, \ \delta_0(b) = b, \ \delta_0(c) = c, \ \delta_0(d) = d$ , are not 2-absorbing  $\delta_0$ -primary. Since  $fih = 0 \le a$  but neither  $fi = c \le a$  nor  $ih = e \le \delta_0(a)$  nor  $fh = b \le \delta_0(a)$ .

Since  $egh = 0 \leq b$  but neither  $eg = c \leq b$  nor  $eh = a \leq \delta_0(b)$  nor  $hg = c \leq \delta_0(b)$ . Since  $dij = 0 \leq c$  but neither  $di = a \leq c$  nor  $ij = g \leq \delta_0(c)$  nor  $dj = b \leq \delta_0(c)$ . Since  $ghi = 0 \leq d$  but neither  $hi = e \leq d$  nor  $gi = g \leq \delta_0(d)$  nor  $gh = c \leq \delta_0(d)$ .

(iii) The elements a, b, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, where  $\delta_1(a) = e$ ,  $\delta_1(b) = f$ ,  $\delta_1(d) = h$ ,  $\delta_1(e) = e$ ,  $\delta_1(f) = f$ ,  $\delta_1(g) = g$ ,  $\delta_1(h) = h$ ,  $\delta_1(i) = i$ ,  $\delta_1(j) = j$ , are 2-absorbing  $\delta_1$ -primary. But the elements c, where  $\delta_1(c) = c$ , is not 2-absorbing  $\delta_1$ -primary. Since  $dij = 0 \leq c$  but neither

Table 1	1. M	ultip	lication	Table
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•	0	a	b	с	d	е	f	g	h	i	j	1
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
a	0	a	0	0	а	а	0	0	a	a	0	a
b	0	0	b	0	b	0	b	0	b	0	b	b
с	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	с	0	с	с	с
d	0	a	b	0	d	а	b	0	d	a	b	d
e	0	a	0	0	a	a	0	с	a	е	с	е
f	0	0	b	0	b	0	b	с	b	с	f	f
g	0	0	0	с	0	с	с	g	с	g	g	g
h	0	a	b	0	d	а	b	с	d	е	f	h
i	0	a	0	c	a	е	с	g	е	i	g	i
j	0	0	b	с	b	с	f	g	f	g	j	j
1	0	a	b	c	d	е	f	g	h	i	j	1

 $di = a \leq c \text{ nor } ij = g \leq \delta_1(c) = c \text{ nor } dj = b \leq \delta_1(c) = c.$ 

The following theorem gives a characterization of a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L.

**Theorem 3.6.** An element  $q \in L$  is a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L if and only if for any  $a, b, c \in L_*$ ,  $abc \leq q$  implies that either  $ab \leq q$  or  $ac \leq \delta(q)$  or  $bc \leq \delta(q)$ .

Proof. Assume that the condition hold. Let  $abc \leq q$  and  $ac \notin \delta(q)$  and  $bc \notin \delta(q)$  then there exists compact elements  $x \leq a, y \leq b$  and  $z \leq c$  such that  $xyz \leq q$ . Since  $ac \notin \delta(q)$  and  $bc \notin \delta(q)$ , there exist compact elements  $a_1 \leq a, b_1 \leq b$  and  $c_1 \leq c$  and  $c_2 \leq c$  such that  $a_1c_1 \notin \delta(q)$  and  $b_1c_2 \notin \delta(q)$ . Put  $c_3 = c_1 \lor c_2 \lor z, a_2 = a_1 \lor x, b_2 = b_1 \lor y$ . We show that  $ab \leq q$ . Choose compact elements  $a_{\alpha} \leq a, b_{\alpha} \leq b$ . Then  $(a_2 \lor a_{\alpha})c_3(b_2 \lor b_{\alpha}) \leq q, (a_2 \lor a_{\alpha})c_3 \notin \delta(q)$  and  $(b_2 \lor b_{\alpha})c_3 \notin \delta(q)$  and hence by hypothesis  $(a_2 \lor a_{\alpha})(b_2 \lor b_{\alpha}) \leq q$ . So  $a_{\alpha}b_{\alpha} \leq q$ . Consequently,  $ab \leq q$ . Therefore q is a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L.

The converse part follows from the definition.

# **Lemma 3.7.** Every prime element of L is 2-absorbing $\delta$ -primary.

*Proof.* Let p be a prime element of L. Suppose that  $abc \leq p$  for some  $a, b, c \in L$ . As p is a prime element of L, we have either (1)  $ab \leq p$  or  $c \leq p$ , or (2)  $bc \leq p$  or  $a \leq p$ , or (3)  $ac \leq p$  or  $b \leq p$ .

Suppose that (1)  $ab \leq p$  or  $c \leq p$ . If  $ab \leq p$  then the proof is clear. If  $c \leq p$  then  $ac \leq p \leq \delta(p)$ .

Thus we get either  $ab \leq p$  or  $bc \leq \delta(p)$  or  $ac \leq \delta(p)$ . Similarly, we can prove the result in the other two cases. Therefore, p is a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element.

*Remark* 3.8. The following example shows that the converse of Lemma 3.7 does not hold.

**Example 3.9.** Let L be a multiplicative lattice shown in Figure 1. Here the element d is  $\delta_1$ -primary and **M**-primary,  $ce = 0 \leq d$  but neither  $c \leq d$  nor  $e \leq d$ . Thus d is not a prime element.

Remark 3.10. (i) An element p is 2-absorbing  $\delta_0$ -primary if and only if it is 2-absorbing.

(ii) An element p is 2-absorbing  $\delta_1$ -primary if and only if it is 2-absorbing primary.

Now we establish a relation between a 2-absorbing element and a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element.

**Lemma 3.11.** If  $\delta$  and  $\gamma$  are two element expansions, and  $\delta(a) \leq \gamma(a)$  for each element a, then every 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element is also 2-absorbing  $\gamma$ -primary. Thus, in particular, a 2-absorbing element is a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element for every element expansion  $\delta$ .

*Proof.* Let  $p \in L$  be a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element. Then  $abc \leq p$  implies that either  $ab \leq p$  or  $bc \leq \delta(p)$  or  $ac \leq \delta(p)$ . As p is 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary.  $\delta(p) \leq \gamma(p)$ . So p is  $\gamma$ -primary.

Next, suppose that p is a 2-absorbing element. By Remark 3.10(i), p is a 2-absorbing  $\delta_0$ -primary element. For any element expansion  $\delta$ ,  $p \leq \delta(p)$ , so  $\delta_0(p) = p \leq \delta(p)$ .

Thus we get  $\delta_0(p) \leq \delta(p)$  and p is  $\delta_0$ -primary. Therefore p is 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary for every  $\delta$ .

The following theorem proves that the radical of a 2-absorbing  $\delta$  primary element is again a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element.

**Theorem 3.12.** If p is a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L such that  $\sqrt{\delta(p)} = \delta(\sqrt{p})$ , then  $\sqrt{p}$  is a 2-absorbing  $\delta$  primary element of L.

Proof. Let  $a, b, c \in L$  be such that  $abc \leq \sqrt{p}$ . Then there exists a positive integer n such that  $(abc)^n \leq p$ . As p is a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L we get either  $a^n c^n \leq p$  or  $b^n c^n \leq \delta(p)$  or  $a^n b^n \leq \delta(p)$ , that is either  $ac \leq \sqrt{p}$  or  $bc \leq \sqrt{\delta(p)} = \delta(\sqrt{p})$  or  $ab \leq \sqrt{\delta(p)} = \delta(\sqrt{p})$ . Therefore,  $\sqrt{p}$  is a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L.  $\Box$ 

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**Lemma 3.13.** Let  $\delta$  be an element expansion such that  $\delta(\delta(a)) = \delta(a)$ , for every element a of L. Let  $\delta(q)$  be a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L. Then  $(\delta(q) : x)$  is a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L, for all  $x \leq \delta(q)$ .

Proof. Let  $x \nleq \delta(q)$ . Let  $a, b, c \in L$  be such that  $abc \leq (\delta(q) : x)$ . Thus  $a(bc)x \leq \delta(q)$  and so either  $a(bc) \leq \delta(q)$  or  $ax \leq \delta(\delta(q)) = \delta(q)$ or  $bcx \leq \delta(\delta(q)) = \delta(q)$ . If  $ax \leq \delta(q)$  or  $bcx \leq \delta(q)$ , then the proof is clear. If  $abc \leq \delta(q)$ , as  $\delta(q)$  be a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L, we get either  $ab \leq \delta(q)$  or  $ac \leq \delta(\delta(q)) = \delta(q)$  or  $bc \leq \delta(\delta(q)) = \delta(q)$  and hence either  $abx \leq \delta(q)$  or  $acx \leq \delta(q)$  or  $bcx \leq \delta(q)$ . Thus  $(\delta(q) : x)$  is a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L.

We prove the following characterization of a 2-absorbing  $\delta$  primary element of L.

**Lemma 3.14.** Let  $\delta$  be an element expansion of L and p is a proper element of L. If p is a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element, then for elements  $x, y \in L$  with  $xy \nleq \delta(p), (p:xy) \le (\delta(p):y) \lor (p:x)$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $x, y \in L$  with  $xy \nleq \delta(p)$ , let  $a \leq (p : xy)$ . So  $axy \leq p$ . If  $ax \leq p$ , then  $a \leq (p : x)$ . Assume that  $ax \nleq p$ . Since p is a 2- absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element,  $ay \leq \delta(p)$ . So  $a \leq (\delta(p) : y)$ . Thus  $(p : xy) \leq (\delta(p) : y) \lor (p : x)$ .

**Theorem 3.15.** If  $\delta$  is an expansion function such that  $\delta(p) \leq \delta_1(p)$ and  $\delta(p)$  is a semi prime element of L for every element p, then for any 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element p,  $\delta(p) = \delta_1(p)$ .

Proof. Let  $a \leq \delta_1(p)$ . Then there exists k which is the least positive integer k with  $a^k \leq p$ . If k = 1, then  $a \leq p \leq \delta(p)$ . If k > 1, then  $a^{k-2}aa \leq p$ . But  $a^{k-1} \not\leq p$ , so  $a^2 \leq \delta(p)$  implies  $a \leq \sqrt{\delta(p)}$ . Since  $\delta(p)$  is semi prime, then  $a \leq \sqrt{\delta(p)} = \delta(p)$ . Hence  $\delta_1(p) \leq \delta(p)$  and  $\delta(p) = \delta_1(p)$ .

It is known (see [1]) that for any  $a \in L$ ,  $L/a = \{b \in L | a \leq b\}$  is a multiplicative lattice with multiplication  $c \circ d = cd \lor a$ .

**Proposition 3.16.** Let L be a multiplicative lattice and p be a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element. If  $a \in L$  with  $a \leq p$  then p is a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L/a.

Proof. Let  $x \circ y \circ z \leq p$ , for some  $x, y, z \in L/a$  then clearly  $xyz \leq p$ . As p is a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element, we get either  $xy \leq p$  or  $yz \leq \delta(p)$  or  $xz \leq \delta(p)$ . Thus we get either  $x \circ y \leq p$  or  $y \circ z \leq \delta(p)$  or  $x \circ z \leq \delta(p)$ . Therefore p is a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L/a.

# 4. Expansions with extra properties and 2-absorbing $\delta$ -primary elements

In this section we investigate 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary elements where  $\delta$  satisfies additional conditions, and prove some results with respect to such expansions. Recall from Manjarekar and Bingi [5] that an element expansion  $\delta$  is meet preserving if it satisfies:

$$\delta(a \wedge b) = \delta(a) \wedge \delta(b)$$
 for any  $a, b \in L$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** Let  $\delta$  be a meet preserving element expansion. If  $q_1, q_2, \ldots, q_n$  are 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary elements of L, and  $p = \delta(q_i)$  for all i, then  $q = \bigwedge_{i=1}^n q_i$  is 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary.

Proof. Let  $xyz \leq q$  and  $xy \nleq q$  then, for some  $k, xy \nleq q_k$ . Now  $xyz \leq q_k$ , as each  $q_k$  is 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary we get either  $yz \leq \delta(q_k)$  or  $xz \leq \delta(q_k)$ , But  $\delta(q) = \delta(\bigwedge_{i=1}^n q_i) = \bigwedge_{i=1}^n (\delta(q_i)) = p = \delta(q_k)$ . Thus either  $yz \leq \delta(q)$  or  $xz \leq \delta(q)$ , so q is a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element.

Next Lemma prove that the meet of a pair of distinct prime elements of L is 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary.

**Lemma 4.2.** Let  $\delta$  be a meet preserving element expansion. Then the meet of a pair of distinct prime elements of L is 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary.

*Proof.* Assume that  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are two distinct prime elements of L. Let  $abc \leq p_1 \wedge p_2$ . Since  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are prime elements of L, we get either (1)  $ab \leq p_1$  or  $c \leq p_1$  and  $ab \leq p_2$  or  $c \leq p_2$ ,

or (2)  $bc \leq p_1$  or  $a \leq p_1$  and  $bc \leq p_2$  or  $a \leq p_2$ ,

or (3)  $ac \leq p_1$  or  $b \leq p_1$  and  $ac \leq p_2$  or  $b \leq p_2$ .

Suppose that (1)  $ab \leq p_1$  or  $c \leq p_1$  and  $ab \leq p_2$  or  $c \leq p_2$ . If  $ab \leq p_1$ and  $ab \leq p_2$  then  $ab \leq p_1 \wedge p_2$  and proof is done. If  $c \leq p_1$  and  $c \leq p_2$ then either  $bc \leq p_1$  and  $bc \leq p_2$  or  $ac \leq p_1$  and  $ac \leq p_2$ . Further it implies either  $bc \leq p_1 \wedge p_2 \leq \delta(p_1 \wedge p_2)$  or  $ac \leq p_1 \wedge p_2 \leq \delta(p_1 \wedge p_2)$ . Similarly, we can prove the result in the other two cases.

Therefore, the meet of each pair of distinct prime elements of L is 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary.

**Definition 4.3.** Let  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  be compactly generated multiplicative lattices with largest element compact in which every finite product of compact elements is compact. Let  $\delta$  be an element expansion of  $L_2$  and  $\gamma$  be an element expansion of  $L_1$ . We say that a lattice isomorphism  $f: L_1 \to L_2$  is a  $\gamma \delta$ - lattice isomorphism if

$$\gamma(f^{-1}(a)) = f^{-1}(\delta(a)) \text{ for all } a \in L_2.$$

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In particular, if f is a  $\gamma\delta$ -lattice isomorphism, then  $f(\gamma(a)) = \delta(f(a))$  for every element of L.

In the following result, we prove that the inverse image of a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L under the homomorphism is again a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element.

**Lemma 4.4.** Let  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  be compactly generated multiplicative lattices with largest element compact in which every finite product of compact elements is compact. Let f be a  $\gamma\delta$ - lattice isomorphism  $f: L_1 \rightarrow L_2$ . Then for any 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element  $p \in L_2$ ,  $f^{-1}(p)$  is a 2-absorbing  $\gamma$ -primary element of  $L_1$ .

Proof. Let  $a, b, c \in L$  with  $abc \leq f^{-1}(p)$ , So  $f(abc) = f(a)f(b)f(c) \leq p$ but p is 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary, then we get either  $f(a)f(b) \leq p$  or  $f(a)f(c) \leq \delta(p)$  or  $f(b)f(c) \in \delta(p)$ , which implies either  $ab \leq f^{-1}(p)$ or  $ac \leq f^{-1}(\delta(p)) = \gamma(f^{-1}(p))$  or  $bc \in f^{-1}(\delta(p)) = \gamma(f^{-1}(p))$ . Hence  $f^{-1}(p)$  is 2-absorbing  $\gamma$ -primary element of  $L_1$ .

The next result gives a characterization for a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element.

# **Lemma 4.5.** Let $L_1$ and $L_2$ be compactly generated multiplicative lattices with largest element compact in which every finite product of compact elements is compact. Let $f: L_1 \to L_2$ be a $\delta\gamma$ -lattice

isomorphism. Then an element  $p \in L_1$  is a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element if and only if f(p) is a 2-absorbing  $\gamma$ -primary element of  $L_2$ .

*Proof.* First suppose that f(p) is 2-absorbing  $\gamma$ -primary and we have  $f^{-1}(f(p)) = p$ . Then by Lemma 4.4, p is a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of  $L_1$ .

Conversely, suppose that p is a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of  $L_1$ . If  $a, b, c \in L_2$  and  $abc \leq f(p)$  then there exist  $x, y, z \in L_1$  such that f(x) = a and f(y) = b, and f(z) = c, then

 $f(xyz) = f(x)f(y)f(z) = abc \leq f(p)$  implies  $xyz \leq f^{-1}(f(p)) = p$ , as p is a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of  $L_1$ , we get either  $xy \leq p$ or  $xz \leq \delta(p)$  or  $yz \leq \delta(p)$ . As f is an  $\delta\gamma$ -lattice isomorphism, then  $\gamma(f(a)) = f(\delta(a))$ . We get either  $xy \leq p$  or  $xz \leq \delta(p) = f^{-1}(\gamma(f(p)))$ or  $yz \leq \delta(p) = f^{-1}(\gamma(f(p)))$  which implies that either  $ab \leq f(p)$  or  $ac \leq \gamma(f(p))$  or  $bc \leq \gamma(f(p))$ . Thus f(p) is a 2-absorbing  $\gamma$ -primary element of  $L_2$ .

We prove following Lemma which is helpful to prove next results, it is an extension of [4, Lemma 2].

**Lemma 4.6.** Let  $\delta$  be an element expansion such that  $\delta(\delta(a)) = \delta(a)$ , for every element  $a \in L$ . Let  $\delta(q)$  be a 2-absorbing

 $\begin{array}{l} \delta \text{-primary element of } L. \ Then \\ (i) \ If \ x \leq \sqrt{\delta(q)} \ then \ x^2 \leq \delta(q). \\ (ii) \ If \ x, y \leq \sqrt{\delta(q)} \ then \ xy \leq \delta(q). \\ (iii) \ (\sqrt{\delta(q)})^2 \leq \delta(q). \end{array}$ 

*Proof.* (i) Let  $a \leq \sqrt{\delta(q)}$  be a compact element then there exists a positive integer n such that  $a^n \leq \delta(q)$ . Since  $\delta(q)$  is a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L, we get  $a^2 \leq \delta(q)$ .

Suppose that  $x \leq \sqrt{\delta(q)}$ . Let  $a, b \in L_*$  be such that  $a \leq x$  and  $b \leq x$ . Since  $a \leq \sqrt{\delta(q)}$  and  $b \leq \sqrt{\delta(q)}$ , it follows that  $a^2 \leq \delta(q)$  and  $b^2 \leq \delta(q)$  and so  $a(a \lor b)b \leq \delta(q)$ . As  $\delta(q)$  is a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L, then either  $a(a \lor b) \leq \delta(q)$  or  $(a \lor b)b \leq \delta(\delta(q)) = \delta(q)$  or  $ab \leq \delta(\delta(q)) = \delta(q)$ . Since  $ab \leq a(a \lor b) = a^2b \lor ab^2 \leq \delta(q)$ . As  $x^2 = \lor \{ab \mid a, b \in L_*, a \leq x, b \leq x\}$ , it follows that  $x^2 \leq \delta(q)$ .

(ii) Suppose that  $x, y \leq \sqrt{\delta(q)}$ . By (i),  $x^2 \leq \delta(q)$  and  $y^2 \leq \delta(q)$ , so  $x(x \vee y)y \leq \delta(q)$ . As  $\delta(q)$  is a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L, it follows that  $xy \leq \delta(q)$ .

(iii) We note that  $(\sqrt{\delta(q)})^2 = \lor \{ab|a, b \in L_*, a \le \sqrt{\delta(q)}, b \le \sqrt{\delta(q)}\}$ . Now the result follows from (ii).

The next result gives the condition for a *p*-primary element of L to be 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L.

### **Lemma 4.7.** Let $\delta$ be an element expansion such that

 $\delta(\delta(a)) = \delta(a)$ , for every  $a \in L$ . Suppose that  $\delta(q)$  is a p-primary element of L. Then  $\delta(q)$  is a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L if and only if  $p^2 \leq \delta(q)$ .

Proof. Let  $\delta(q)$  be a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L. Since  $\delta(q)$  is a p-primary element of L,  $\sqrt{\delta(q)} = p$  so by Lemma 4.6(iii),  $p^2 = (\sqrt{\delta(q)})^2 \leq \delta(q)$ .

Conversely, assume that  $p^2 \leq \delta(q)$  and  $xyz \leq \delta(q)$ . If either  $x \leq \delta(q)$  or  $yz \leq \delta(q)$ , then the proof is clear. So assume that  $x \nleq \delta(q)$  and  $yz \nleq \delta(q)$ . Since  $\delta(q)$  is a *p*-primary element, so we have

 $xyz \leq \delta(q) \leq \sqrt{\delta(q)} = p$  and p is prime then either  $x \leq p$  or  $yz \leq p$ . Thus either  $x \leq p$  or  $y \leq p$  or  $z \leq p$ . Hence  $xy \leq p^2$  or  $xz \leq p^2$ . Since  $p^2 \leq \delta(q)$ , it follows that either  $xy \leq \delta(q)$  or  $xz \leq \delta(q)$ , and hence  $\delta(q)$  is a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L.

**Lemma 4.8.** Let  $\delta$  be an element expansion such that  $\delta(\delta(a)) = \delta(a)$ , for every  $a \in L$ . Let  $\delta(q) \in L$  be such that  $\sqrt{\delta(q)} = p$  is a prime element of L and  $\delta(q)$  be a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L. Assume that  $\delta(q) \neq p$ .

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(i) For each  $x \leq p$  and  $x \nleq \delta(q)$ ,  $(\delta(q) : x)$  is a prime element of L and  $p \leq (\delta(q) : x)$ .

(ii) Either  $(\delta(q) : x) \leq (\delta(q) : y)$  or  $(\delta(q) : y) \leq (\delta(q) : x)$ , for all  $x, y \leq p$  and  $x, y \leq \delta(q)$ .

*Proof.* (i) Let  $x \leq p = \sqrt{\delta(q)}$  and  $x \nleq \delta(q)$ , then by Lemma 4.6 (iii), we have  $p^2 = (\sqrt{(\delta(q))^2} \leq \delta(q)$ . Since  $x \leq p$  implies that  $px \leq p^2 \leq \delta(q)$  implies that  $px \leq \delta(q)$ . So  $p \leq (\delta(q) : x)$ .

Next, Let  $y, z \in L$  be such that  $yz \leq (\delta(q) : x)$ . If either  $y \leq p$  or  $z \leq p$ , since  $p \leq (\delta(q) : x)$  then either  $y \leq (\delta(q) : x)$  or  $z \leq (\delta(q) : x)$ . So assume that  $y \leq p$  and  $z \leq p$ . If  $yz \leq \delta(q)$  then

 $yz \leq \delta(q) \leq \sqrt{(\delta(q) = p)}$ . As p is prime we get  $y \leq p$  or  $z \leq p$ , a contradiction. So we assume that  $yz \nleq \delta(q)$ . Since  $yz \leq (\delta(q) : x)$ , it follows that  $xyz \leq \delta(q)$  which implies that either  $xy \leq \delta(\delta(q)) = \delta(q)$  or  $|xz \leq \delta(\delta(q)) = \delta(q)$ . Hence either  $y \leq (\delta(q) : x)$  or  $z \leq (\delta(q) : x)$ . Thus  $(\delta(q) : x)$  is a prime element of L.

(ii) Let  $x, y \leq p$  and  $x, y \notin \delta(q)$ . Choose any  $z \leq L_*$  such that  $z \leq (\delta(q) : x)$  and  $z \notin (\delta(q) : y)$ . By (i),  $p \leq (\delta(q) : y)$ . So  $z \notin p$ . We show that  $(\delta(q) : y) \leq (\delta(q) : x)$ . Let  $w \leq L_*$  and let  $w \leq (\delta(q) : y)$ . If  $w \leq p$ , then  $w \leq (\delta(q) : x)$ . So assume that  $w \notin p$ . Since  $z \leq (\delta(q) : x)$  and  $w \leq (\delta(q) : y)$  then we get  $z(x \vee y)w \leq \delta(q)$ . As  $\delta(q)$  is a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L, either

 $zy \leq zx \lor zy \leq z(x \lor y) \leq \delta(q)$  or  $zw \leq \delta(\delta(q)) = \delta(q)$  or

 $(x \lor y)w \le \delta(\delta(q)) = \delta(q)$ . Since  $z \not\le (\delta(q) : y)$  and  $z \not\le p$  and  $w \not\le p$ , we get  $zy \not\le \delta(q)$  and  $zw \not\le \delta(q)$ . Thus we get  $xw \le \delta(q)$  implies that  $w \le (\delta(q) : x)$ . Therefore  $(\delta(q) : y) \le (\delta(q) : x)$ .

Theorem 4.9 characterize nonradical 2-absorbing elements of L.

**Theorem 4.9.** Let  $\delta$  be an element expansion such that  $\delta(\delta(a)) = \delta(a)$ , for every  $a \in L$ . Let  $\delta(q) \in L$  be such that  $\delta(q) \neq \sqrt{\delta(q)}$  and  $\sqrt{\delta(q)}$  be a prime element of L. Then the following statements are equivalent:

(i)  $\delta(q)$  is a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L.

(ii)  $(\delta(q):x)$  is a prime element of L for each  $x \leq \sqrt{\delta(q)}$  and  $x \nleq \delta(q)$ .

*Proof.*  $(i) \Rightarrow (ii)$  Follows from Lemma 4.8.

 $(ii) \Rightarrow (i)$  Let  $xyz \leq \delta(q) \leq \sqrt{\delta(q)}$ . Since  $\sqrt{\delta(q)}$  is a prime element then  $x \leq \sqrt{\delta(q)}$  or  $y \leq \sqrt{\delta(q)}$  or  $z \leq \sqrt{\delta(q)}$ . Let us assume that  $x \leq \sqrt{\delta(q)}$ . If  $x \leq \delta(q)$  then the proof is clear. Suppose that  $x \nleq \delta(q)$ then by (ii),  $(\delta(q):x)$  is a prime element of L, and  $yz \leq (\delta(q):x)$ , so either  $y \leq (\delta(q):x)$  or  $z \leq (\delta(q):x)$  it follows that either  $xy \leq \delta(q)$ or  $xz \leq \delta(q)$ . Thus  $\delta(q)$  is a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L.  $\Box$  **Theorem 4.10.** Let  $\delta$  be an element expansion such that  $\delta(\delta(a)) = \delta(a)$ , for every  $a \in L$ . Let  $\delta(q)$  be a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L. Then the following statements holds: (i) If  $y \in L$ ,  $x \leq \sqrt{\delta(q)}$  and  $x \nleq \delta(q)$  and  $xy \nleq \delta(q)$ , then  $(\delta(q) : xy) = (\delta(q) : x)$ . (ii) If  $x \leq \sqrt{\delta(q)}$  and  $x \nleq \delta(q)$  and  $(\delta(q) : x) < (\delta(q) : y)$ , then  $(\delta(q) : ax \lor by) = (\delta(q) : x)$ , for all  $a, b, y \in L$  such that  $ab \nleq (\delta(q) : x)$ . In particular,  $(\delta(q) : x \lor y) = (\delta(q) : x)$ .

*Proof.* (i) Let  $y \in L$ ,  $x \leq \sqrt{\delta(q)}$  and  $x \nleq \delta(q)$  and  $xy \nleq \delta(q)$ . Let  $a \leq (\delta(q) : x)$  implies that  $ax \leq \delta(q)$  implies that

 $axy \leq \delta(q)y \leq \delta(q) \land y \leq \delta(q)$ , so we get  $a \leq (\delta(q) : xy)$ , Thus  $(\delta(q) : x) \leq (\delta(q) : xy)$ . Let  $z \leq (\delta(q) : xy)$ , then  $xyz \leq \delta(q)$ , since  $x \not\leq \delta(q)$ , we have  $yz \leq (\delta(q) : x)$ , by Lemma 4.8,  $(\delta(q) : x)$  is a prime element. Hence either  $y \leq (\delta(q) : x)$  or  $z \leq (\delta(q) : x)$ , but  $xy \not\leq \delta(q)$ , so  $z \leq (\delta(q) : x)$ . Thus  $(\delta(q) : xy) \leq (\delta(q) : x)$ . Hence  $(\delta(q) : xy) = (\delta(q) : x)$ .

(ii) Suppose that  $x \leq \sqrt{\delta(q)}$  and  $x \nleq \delta(q)$  and  $(\delta(q) : x) < (\delta(q) : y)$ . Let  $a, b \in L$  such that  $ab \nleq (\delta(q) : x)$ . Let  $z \leq (\delta(q) : x) \Rightarrow zx \leq \delta(q)$  $\Rightarrow zxa \leq \delta(q)a \leq \delta(q) \land a \leq \delta(q)$ . Similarly we get  $zby \leq \delta(q)$ , These imply that  $zax \lor zby \leq \delta(q) \Rightarrow z(ax \lor by) \leq \delta(q) \Rightarrow z \leq (\delta(q) : ax \lor by)$ . Thus  $(\delta(q) : x) \leq (\delta(q) : ax \lor by)$ .

On the other hand, suppose that  $z \leq (\delta(q) : ax \lor by) \nleq (\delta(q) : x)$ then  $z \leq (\delta(q) : ax \lor by)$  and  $z \nleq (\delta(q) : x)$ . As  $z \leq (\delta(q) : ax \lor by) \Rightarrow$  $zax \leq zax \lor zby \leq \delta(q) \Rightarrow zax \leq \delta(q) \Rightarrow za \leq (\delta(q) : x)$  and  $(\delta(q) : x)$ is prime, it follows that  $z \leq (\delta(q) : x)$  or  $a \leq (\delta(q) : x)$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $(\delta(q) : x) = (\delta(q) : ax \lor by)$ . By taking a = b = 1 then we get  $(\delta(q) : x) = (\delta(q) : x \lor y)$ .

**Lemma 4.11.** Let  $\delta$  be an element expansion such that  $\delta(\delta(a)) = \delta(a)$ , for every  $a \in L$ . Suppose that  $\delta(q)$  is a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L and  $p_1$ ,  $p_2$  are two distinct minimal primes over  $\delta(q)$ .

Let  $x_1, x_2 \in L_*$  be such that  $x_1 \leq p_1, x_1 \nleq p_2, x_2 \leq p_2, x_2 \nleq p_1$ . Then  $x_1x_2 \leq \delta(q)$ .

Proof. Let  $x_1, x_2 \in L_*$  be such that  $x_1 \leq p_1, x_1 \nleq p_2, x_2 \leq p_2, x_2 \nleq p_1$ . By [2, Lemma 3.5], there exist  $c_1, c_2 \in L_*$  and  $c_1 \nleq p_1, c_2 \nleq p_2$  such that  $c_2x_1^n \leq q \leq \delta(q), c_1x_2^m \leq q \leq \delta(q)$  for some positive integers n and m. As  $\delta(q)$  is a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element, it follows that either  $c_2x_1 \leq \delta(\delta(q)) = \delta(q)$  or  $x_1 \leq \delta(q)$ . If  $x_1 \leq \delta(q) \leq p_2$ , then  $x_1 \leq p_2$ , a contradiction. Therefore  $c_2x_1 \leq \delta(q)$ . Similarly, it can be easily shown that  $c_1x_2 \leq \delta(q)$ .

Now observe that  $(c_1 \lor c_2)x_1x_2 \leq \delta(q)$ . Since  $c_1 \lor c_2 \nleq p_1$  and

 $c_1 \lor c_2 \nleq p_2$ , we conclude that  $(c_1 \lor c_2)x_2 \nleq p_1$  and  $(c_1 \lor c_2)x_1 \nleq p_2$ . Hence  $(c_1 \lor c_2)x_2 \nleq \delta(\delta(q)) = \delta(q)$  and  $(c_1 \lor c_2)x_1 \nleq \delta(\delta(q)) = \delta(q)$  and so  $x_1x_2 \le \delta(q)$ , as  $\delta(q)$  is a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L.  $\Box$ 

#### **Lemma 4.12.** Let $\delta$ be an element expansion such that

 $\delta(\delta(a)) = \delta(a)$ , for every  $a \in L$ . Let  $\delta(q)$  be a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L. Then there are at most two prime elements of L that are minimal over  $\delta(q)$ .

Proof. Let  $A = \{ p_i : p_i \text{ is prime elements of } L$  that are minimal over  $\delta(q) \}$ , and assume that A has at least three elements. Let  $p_1, p_2 \in A$ . Then there exist  $x_1, x_2 \in L_*$  such that  $x_1 \leq p_1, x_1 \nleq p_2, x_2 \leq p_2, x_2 \nleq p_1$ . Then  $x_1x_2 \leq \delta(q)$ , by Lemma 4.11. Now assume that there exists  $p_3 \in A$  distinct from  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ . Then we can choose  $y_i \in L_*$  such that  $y_i \leq p_i, y_i \nleq p_j$ , for  $i \neq j$ , where i, j = 1, 2, 3. By Lemma 4.11, we have  $y_1y_2 \leq \delta(q) \leq p_3$ , as  $p_3$  is prime this implies that either  $y_1 \leq p_3$  or  $y_2 \leq p_3$ , a contradiction. Therefore A has at most two elements.  $\Box$ 

#### **Theorem 4.13.** Let $\delta$ be an element expansion such that

 $\delta(\delta(a)) = \delta(a)$ , for every  $a \in L$ . Let  $\delta(q)$  be a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L. Then one of the following statement hold true: (1)  $\sqrt{\delta(q)} = p$  is a prime element of L such that  $p^2 \leq \delta(q)$ . (2)  $\sqrt{\delta(q)} = p_1 \wedge p_2$  and  $p_1p_2 \leq \delta(q)$ , where  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are the only nonzero distinct prime elements of L that are minimal over  $\delta(q)$ .

*Proof.* By Lemma 4.12, we have either  $\sqrt{\delta(q)} = p$  is a prime element of L or  $\sqrt{\delta(q)} = p_1 \wedge p_2$ , where  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are the only nonzero distinct prime elements of L that are minimal over  $\delta(q)$ .

If  $\sqrt{\delta(q)} = p$  is a prime element of L, then by Lemma 4.7,  $p^2 \leq \delta(q)$ , so the condition (1) holds.

Now assume  $\sqrt{\delta(q)} = p_1 \wedge p_2$ , where  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are the only nonzero distinct prime elements of L that are minimal over  $\delta(q)$ . We show that  $p_1p_2 \leq \delta(q)$ . If  $x, y \leq \sqrt{\delta(q)} = p_1 \wedge p_2$ , then by Lemma 4.6,(ii),  $xy \leq \delta(q)$ .

If  $x, y \in L_*$  be such that  $x \leq p_1, x \nleq p_2, y \leq p_2, y \nleq p_1$ . Then  $xy \leq \delta(q)$ , by Lemma 4.11.

If  $x, y \in L_*$  be such that  $x \leq \sqrt{\delta(q)}, y \leq p_2, y \nleq p_1$ . Take  $y_1 \in L_*$  such that  $y_1 \leq p_1, y_1 \nleq p_2$ . Then  $yy_1 \leq \delta(q)$ , by Lemma 4.11. Note that  $x \vee y_1 \leq p_1, x \vee y_1 \nleq p_2$ . Then  $(x \vee y_1)y \leq \delta(q)$ , by Lemma 4.11 and hence  $xy \leq \delta(q)$ . Similarly, we can show that if  $y \in \sqrt{\delta(q)}, x \leq p_1, x \nleq p_2$ , then  $xy \leq \delta(q)$ . Consequently, we get  $p_1p_2 \leq \delta(q)$ . So the condition (2) holds.

**Lemma 4.14.** Let  $\delta$  be an element expansion such that  $\delta(\delta(a)) = \delta(a)$ , for every  $a \in L$ . Let  $\delta(q)$  be a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L such that  $\delta(q) \neq \sqrt{\delta(q)} = p_1 \wedge p_2$ , where  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are the only nonzero distinct prime elements of L that are minimal over  $\delta(q)$ .

(i) For each  $x \leq \sqrt{\delta(q)}$  and  $x \not\leq \delta(q)$ ,  $(\delta(q) : x)$  is a prime element of L and  $p_1 \leq (\delta(q) : x)$  and  $p_2 \leq (\delta(q) : x)$ .

(ii) Either  $(\delta(q) : x) \leq (\delta(q) : y)$  or  $(\delta(q) : y) \leq (\delta(q) : x)$ , for all  $x, y \leq \sqrt{\delta(q)}$  and  $x, y \not\leq (\delta(q)$ .

Proof. (i) Let  $x \leq \sqrt{(\delta(q))}$  and  $x \nleq (\delta(q))$ . Since  $p_1 p_2 \leq \delta(q)$ , by Theorem 4.13, we have  $xp_1 \leq \delta(q)$ , and  $xp_2 \leq \delta(q)$ . Thus  $p_1 \leq (\delta(q) : x)$  and  $p_2 \leq (\delta(q) : x)$ . Suppose  $y, z \in L$ , and  $yz \leq (\delta(q) : x)$ . So we have  $xyz \leq \delta(q)$ , since  $\delta(q)$  is a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L, we have either  $xy \leq \delta(q)$  or  $xz \leq \delta(\delta(q)) = \delta(q)$  or  $yz \leq \delta(\delta(q)) = \delta(q)$ . If either  $y \leq p_1$  or  $y \leq p_2$ or  $z \leq p_1$  or  $z \leq p_2$ , then the proof is clear. If  $y, z \nleq p_1$  or  $y, z \nleq p_2$ , and so  $yz \nleq \delta(q)$ , then we get either  $xy \leq \delta(q)$  or  $xz \leq \delta(\delta(q)) = \delta(q)$ . Thus we get either  $y \leq (\delta(q) : x)$  and  $z \leq (\delta(q) : x)$ . Therefore  $(\delta(q) : x)$  is a prime element of L.

(ii)The proof is similar to the proof of Lemma 4.8(ii).

We prove the following characterization.

**Theorem 4.15.** Let  $\delta$  be an element expansion such that  $\delta(\delta(a)) = \delta(a)$ , for every  $a \in L$ . Let  $q \in L$ , and let  $\delta(q) \neq \sqrt{\delta(q)} = p_1 \wedge p_2$  where  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are the only nonzero distinct prime elements of L that are minimal over  $\delta(q)$ . Then the following statements are equivalent :

(1)  $\delta(q)$  is a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L;

(2)  $p_1p_2 \leq \delta(q)$  and  $(\delta(q):x)$  is a prime element of L, for each  $x \leq \sqrt{\delta(q)}$  and  $x \not\leq \delta(q)$ ;

(3) If  $(\delta(q) : x)$  is proper and either  $x \leq p_1$  or  $x \leq p_2$ , then  $(\delta(q) : x)$  is a prime element of L.

Proof. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) follows from Lemma 4.14 and Theorem 4.13. (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Let  $x \leq p_1$  and  $x \notin p_2$ , since  $p_1p_2 \leq \delta(q)$ , we have  $xp_2 \leq \delta(q)$ . Hence  $(\delta(q) : x) = p_2$  is a prime element of L. Similarly,  $x \leq p_2$  and  $x \notin p_1$ , then  $p_1x \leq \delta(q)$ . Hence  $(\delta(q) : x) = p_1$  is a prime element of L. If  $x \leq p_1$  and  $x \notin p_2$  and  $x \notin \delta(q)$  then by condition (2),  $(\delta(q) : x)$  is a prime element of L, so (3) holds.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $xyz \leq \delta(q)$ , for some  $x, y, z \in L$ .

So  $xyz \leq \delta(q) \leq \sqrt{\delta(q)} = p_1 \wedge p_2$ , so  $xyz \leq p_1 \wedge p_2$  then  $xyz \leq p_1$  and  $xyz \leq p_2$  implies that either  $x \leq p_1$  or  $yz \leq p_1$  and either  $x \leq p_2$  or

 $yz \leq p_2$ . Without loss of generality, we assume that  $x \leq p_1$ . If  $x \leq \delta(q)$  then the proof is clear. If  $x \nleq \delta(q)$  then  $yz \leq (\delta(q) : x)$  and by (3),  $(\delta(q) : x)$  is prime then either  $y \leq (\delta(q) : x)$  or  $z \leq (\delta(q) : x)$ , it follows that either  $xy \leq \delta(q) \leq \delta(\delta(q))$  or  $xz \leq \delta(q) \leq \delta(\delta(q))$ . Thus  $\delta(q)$  is a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L.

# 5. Weakly 2-absorbing $\delta$ -primary elements

In this section, we define a weakly 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element and obtain some properties of these elements. Also we define a  $\delta$ -triple-zero.

**Definition 5.1.** A proper element p of L is called a weakly 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element if, whenever,  $a, b, c \in L$  and  $0 \neq abc \leq p$  implies that  $ab \leq p$  or  $bc \leq \delta(p)$  or  $ac \leq \delta(p)$ .

We prove the following characterization of a weakly 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element, the proof of this Theorem is similar to the proof of Theorem 3.6.

**Theorem 5.2.** An element  $q \in L$  is a weakly 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element if and only if for any  $a, b, c \in L_*$ ,  $0 \neq abc \leq q$  implies that either  $ab \leq q$  or  $ac \leq \delta(q)$  or  $bc \leq \delta(q)$ .

**Lemma 5.3.** Every 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L is a weakly 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L.

*Proof.* Suppose that p is a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L. Let  $0 \neq abc \leq p$ . As p is a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L, we get  $ab \leq p$  or  $bc \leq \delta(p)$  or  $ac \leq \delta(p)$ . Thus p is a weakly 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L.

*Remark* 5.4. The following example shows that the converse of Lemma 5.3 does not hold.

**Example 5.5.** Consider the multiplicative lattice shown in Figure 1. Here the element 0 is weakly 2-absorbing  $\delta_0$ -primary,  $\delta_1$ -primary,

**M**-primary element. For  $g, h, i \in L$ ,  $ghi = 0 \leq 0$  but neither  $hi = e \leq 0$  nor  $gi = g \leq \delta_0(0) = 0$  nor  $gh = c \leq \delta_0(0) = 0$ .

 $dij = 0 \leq 0$  but neither  $di = a \leq 0$  nor  $ij = g \leq \delta_1(0) = c$  nor  $dj = b \leq \delta_1(0) = c$ .

 $dij = 0 \leq 0$  but neither  $di = a \leq 0$  nor  $ij = g \leq \mathbf{M}(0) = c$  nor  $dj = b \leq \mathbf{M}(0) = c$ .

Thus 0 is not 2-absorbing  $\delta_0$ -primary,  $\delta_1$ -primary, **M**-primary element of L.

We have proved Lemmas 3.7 and 4.2 for 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary elements. The following two results can be similarly proved for weakly 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary elements.

**Lemma 5.6.** Every weakly prime element of L is a weakly 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L.

The proof of this Lemma is similar to the proof of Lemma 3.7.

*Remark* 5.7. The following example shows that the converse of Lemma 5.6 does not hold.

**Example 5.8.** Consider the multiplicative lattice shown in Figure 1. Here the element e is 2-absorbing  $\delta_0$ -primary,  $\delta_1$ -primary, **M**-primary element and weakly 2-absorbing  $\delta_0$ -primary,  $\delta_1$ -primary, **M**-primary element. For  $di = a \leq e$  but neither  $d \leq e$  nor  $i \leq e$ . Hence e is neither prime nor weakly prime element.

**Lemma 5.9.** Let  $\delta$  be an meet preserving element expansion. Then the meet of any two weakly prime elements of L is weakly 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary.

The proof is similar to the proof of Lemma 4.2.

**Definition 5.10.** Let p be a weakly 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L. We say that (a, b, c) is a  $\delta$ -triple-zero of p if whenever  $a, b, c \in L$  and abc = 0 then  $ab \notin p$ ,  $bc \notin \delta(p)$  and  $ac \notin \delta(p)$ .

Remark 5.11. If q is a weakly 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L that is not a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L, then q has a  $\delta$ -triple-zero (a, b, c), for some  $a, b, c \in L$ .

*Proof.* Since q is not a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L then there exists  $a, b, c \in L$ ,  $abc \leq q$  but  $ab \nleq q$ ,  $bc \nleq \delta(q)$ ,  $ac \nleq \delta(q)$ . As q is a weakly 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L, if  $abc \neq 0$  then either  $ab \leq q$  or  $bc \leq \delta(q)$  or  $ac \leq \delta(q)$ , which is not possible. Hence abc = 0. Thus q has a  $\delta$ -triple-zero (a, b, c).

**Theorem 5.12.** Let q be a weakly 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L and suppose that (a, b, c) is a  $\delta$ -triple zero of q for some  $a, b, c \in L$ . Then

(1) abq = bcq = acq = 0(2)  $aq^2 = bq^2 = cq^2 = 0$ 

*Proof.* (1) Suppose that  $abq \neq 0$ . Let x be a compact element of L such that  $x \leq q$ . Suppose that  $0 \neq abx \leq q$ . Hence

 $0 \neq abc \lor abx = ab(c \lor x) \leq q$ . Since  $ab \nleq q$  and q is a weakly 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element, we have either  $a(c \lor x) \leq \delta(q)$  or  $b(c \lor x) \leq \delta(q)$ . So we get either  $ac \leq a(c \lor x) \leq \delta(q)$  or  $bc \leq b(c \lor x) \leq \delta(q)$ , which is a contradiction. Thus abx = 0, and so abq = 0. Similarly, bcq = acq = 0. (2) Suppose that  $aq^2 \neq 0$ . Let x, y be compact elements of L such that  $x, y \leq q$ . Suppose that  $0 \neq axy \leq q$ . Hence

 $0 \neq abc \lor axy \lor acx \lor aby = a(b \lor x)(c \lor y) \leq q$ . Hence from (1), aby = acx = abc = 0, we have  $0 \neq axy = a(b \lor x)(c \lor y) \leq q$  and q is a weakly 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element, we have either  $a(b \lor x) \leq q$  or  $a(c\lor y) \leq \delta(q)$  or  $(b\lor x)(c\lor y) \leq \delta(q)$ . So we get either  $ab \leq a(b\lor x) \leq q$ or  $ac \leq a(c\lor y) \leq \delta(q)$  or  $bc \leq (b\lor x)(c\lor y) \leq \delta(q)$ , which is a contradiction. Thus axy = 0, and so  $aq^2 = 0$ . Similarly, we can prove that  $bq^2 = cq^2 = 0$ .

The following theorem establishes a condition for a weakly 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L to be a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L.

**Theorem 5.13.** If q is a weakly 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L that is not 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element, then  $q^3 = 0$ .

Proof. Suppose that q is a weakly 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L that is not a 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element, then there exists a  $\delta$ -triple-zero (a, b, c) of q for some  $a, b, c \in L$ . Assume that  $q^3 \neq 0$ . Hence  $xyz \neq 0$  for some compact elements  $x, y, z \leq q$ . By Theorem 5.12, we obtain  $0 \neq (a \lor x)(b \lor y)(c \lor z) \leq q$  and q is a weakly 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element, we have either  $(a \lor x)(b \lor y) \leq q$  or  $(a \lor x)(c \lor z) \leq \delta(q)$  or  $(b \lor y)(c \lor z) \leq \delta(q)$ . So we get either  $ab \leq (a \lor x)(b \lor y) \leq q$  or  $ac \leq (a \lor x)(c \lor z) \leq \delta(q)$  or  $bc \leq (b \lor y)(c \lor z) \leq \delta(q)$ , which is a contradiction. Thus xyz = 0, and so  $q^3 = 0$ .

As a consequences of Theorem 5.13, we have the following result.

**Corollary 5.14.** Let q be a weakly 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L that is not 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element, then  $q \leq \sqrt{0}$ .

Manjarekar and Chavan [6] have introduced the concept of a free triple-zero. We generalize this to free  $\delta$ -triple-zero as follows.

**Definition 5.15.** Let q be a weakly 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L and suppose that  $a_1a_2a_3 \leq q$  for some  $a_1, a_2, a_3 \in L$ . We say that q is a free  $\delta$ -triple-zero with respect to  $a_1a_2a_3$  if (a, b, c) is not a  $\delta$ -triple-zero of q for any  $a \leq a_1, b \leq a_2, c \leq a_3$ .

**Lemma 5.16.** Let q be a weakly 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L, and suppose  $abd \leq q$  for some elements  $a, b, d \in L$  such that (a, b, c) is not a  $\delta$ -triple-zero of q for every  $c \leq d$ . If  $ab \leq q$  then  $ad \leq \delta(q)$  or  $bd \leq \delta(q)$ .

Proof. Suppose that neither  $ad \leq \delta(q)$  nor  $bd \leq \delta(q)$ . Then  $ad_1 \nleq \delta(q)$ and  $bd_2 \nleq \delta(q)$  for some  $d_1, d_2 \leq d$ . Since  $(a, b, d_1)$  is not a  $\delta$ -triple-zero of q and  $abd_1 \leq q$  and  $ab \nleq q$ ,  $ad_1 \nleq \delta(q)$ , we have  $bd_1 \leq \delta(q)$ . Since  $(a, b, d_2)$  is not a  $\delta$ -triple-zero of q and  $abd_2 \leq q$  and  $ab \nleq q$ ,  $bd_2 \nleq \delta(q)$ , we have  $ad_2 \leq \delta(q)$ . Since  $(a, b, d_1 \lor d_2)$  is not a  $\delta$ -triple-zero of qand  $ab(d_1 \lor d_2) \leq q$  and  $ab \nleq q$ , then we have  $a(d_1 \lor d_2) \leq \delta(q)$  or  $b(d_1 \lor d_2) \leq \delta(q)$ . If  $a(d_1 \lor d_2) \leq \delta(q)$  then  $ad_1 \leq \delta(q)$  and  $ad_2 \leq \delta(q)$ , a contradiction. Hence  $b(d_1 \lor d_2) \leq \delta(q)$ . This implies  $bd_1 \leq \delta(q)$  and  $bd_2 \leq \delta(q)$ , a contradiction. Hence  $ad \leq \delta(q)$  or  $bd \leq \delta(q)$ .

**Corollary 5.17.** Let q be a weakly 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L, and suppose that  $a_1a_2a_3 \leq q$  for some  $a_1, a_2, a_3 \in L$  such that q is a free  $\delta$ -triple-zero with respect to  $a_1a_2a_3$ . If  $a \leq a_1$ ,  $b \leq a_2$ ,  $c \leq a_3$ , then  $ab \leq q$  or  $ac \leq \delta(q)$  or  $bc \leq \delta(q)$ .

Proof. Since q is a free  $\delta$ -triple-zero with respect to  $a_1a_2a_3$ . It follows that (a, b, c) is not a  $\delta$ -triple zero of q for any  $a \leq a_1, b \leq a_2, c \leq a_3$ . We have  $abc \leq a_1a_2a_3 \leq q$ . Since (a, b, c) is not a  $\delta$ -triple-zero of q, we must have either  $ab \leq q$  or  $ac \leq \delta(q)$  or  $bc \leq \delta(q)$ , if abc = 0. If  $abc \neq 0$  then  $0 \neq abc \leq q$  implies that either  $ab \leq q$  or  $ac \leq \delta(q)$  or  $bc \leq \delta(q)$ , as q is a weakly 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L.

**Theorem 5.18.** Let q be a weakly 2-absorbing  $\delta$ -primary element of L, and suppose that  $0 \neq a_1 a_2 a_3 \leq q$  for some  $a_1, a_2, a_3 \in L$  such that q is a free  $\delta$ -triple-zero with respect to  $a_1 a_2 a_3$ . Then  $a_1 a_2 \leq q$  or  $a_2 a_3 \leq \delta(q)$ or  $a_1 a_3 \leq \delta(q)$ .

Proof. Suppose that  $a_1a_2 \not\leq q$ . If  $a_2a_3 \not\leq \delta(q)$  and  $a_1a_3 \not\leq \delta(q)$ , then there exist  $q_1 \leq a_1$ ,  $q_2 \leq a_2$  such that  $q_2a_3 \not\leq \delta(q)$  and  $q_1a_3 \not\leq \delta(q)$ . Since  $q_1q_2a_3 \leq q$  and  $q_2a_3 \not\leq \delta(q)$  and  $q_1a_3 \not\leq \delta(q)$ , we have  $q_1q_2 \leq q$ , by Lemma 5.16. Since  $a_1a_2 \not\leq q$  we have  $ab \not\leq q$  for some  $a \leq a_1$ and  $b \leq a_2$ . Since  $aba_3 \leq q$  and  $ab \not\leq q$  then we have  $aa_3 \leq \delta(q)$  or  $ba_3 \leq \delta(q)$ .

Case (1): Suppose that  $aa_3 \leq \delta(q)$  but  $ba_3 \nleq \delta(q)$ . Since  $q_1ba_3 \leq q$  and  $ba_3 \nleq \delta(q)$  and  $q_1a_3 \nleq \delta(q)$ , we have  $q_1b \leq q$  by Lemma 5.16. Since  $(a \lor q_1)ba_3 \leq q$  and  $q_1a_3 \nleq \delta(q)$ , so we conclude that  $(a \lor q_1)a_3 \nleq \delta(q)$ . Since  $(a \lor q_1)a_3 \nleq \delta(q)$  and  $ba_3 \nleq \delta(q)$ , we get  $(a \lor q_1)b \leq q$ , by Lemma 5.16. Since  $(a \lor q_1)b = ab \lor q_1b \leq q$ , and  $q_1b \leq q$ , so we get  $ab \leq q$ , a contradiction.

Case (2): Suppose that  $ba_3 \leq \delta(q)$  but  $aa_3 \nleq \delta(q)$ . Since  $aq_2a_3 \leq q$  and  $aa_3 \nleq \delta(q)$  and  $q_2a_3 \nleq \delta(q)$ , we have  $q_2b \leq q$  by Lemma 5.16. Since  $a(b \lor q_2)a_3 \leq q$  and  $q_2a_3 \nleq \delta(q)$ , so we conclude that  $(b \lor q_2)a_3 \nleq \delta(q)$ . Since  $(b \lor q_2)a_3 \nleq \delta(q)$  and  $aa_3 \nleq \delta(q)$ , we get  $a(b \lor q_2) \leq q$ , by Lemma 5.16. Since  $(b \lor q_2)a_3 \nleq \delta(q)$  and  $aa_3 \nleq \delta(q)$ , we get  $a(b \lor q_2) \leq q$ , by Lemma 5.16. Since  $a(b \lor q_2) = ab \lor q_2a \leq q$ , and  $q_2a \leq q$ , so we get  $ab \leq q$ , a contradiction.

Case (3): Suppose that  $aa_3 \leq \delta(q)$  and  $ba_3 \leq \delta(q)$ . Since  $q_2a_3 \nleq \delta(q)$ , so we conclude that  $(b \lor q_2)a_3 \nleq \delta(q)$ . Since  $q_1(b \lor q_2)a_3 \leq q$  and  $q_1a_3 \nleq \delta(q)$  and  $(b \lor q_2)a_3 \nleq \delta(q)$ , so  $q_1(b \lor q_2) = q_1b \lor q_1q_2 \leq q$ , by Lemma 5.16. Since  $q_1b \lor q_1q_2 \leq q$  then we get  $q_1b \leq q$ . Since  $q_1a_3 \nleq \delta(q)$ , so we conclude that  $(a \lor q_1)a_3 \nleq \delta(q)$ . Since  $(a \lor q_1)q_2a_3 \leq q$ and  $q_2a_3 \nleq \delta(q)$  and  $(a \lor q_1)a_3 \nleq \delta(q)$ , so  $(a \lor q_1)q_2 = aq_2 \lor q_1q_2 \leq q$ , by Lemma 5.16. Since  $aq_2 \lor q_1q_2 \leq q$  then we get  $aq_2 \leq q$ . Now since  $(a \lor q_1)(b \lor q_2)a_3 \leq q$  and  $(a \lor q_1)a_3 \nleq \delta(q)$ ,  $(b \lor q_2)a_3 \nleq \delta(q)$ , so  $(a \lor q_1)(b \lor q_2) = ab \lor aq_2 \lor bq_1 \lor q_1q_2 \leq q$ , by Lemma 5.16. So we conclude that  $ab \leq q$ , a contradiction. Hence  $a_2a_3 \leq \delta(q)$  or  $a_1a_3 \leq \delta(q)$ .  $\Box$ 

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