# ON $\delta$-FRAMES 

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#### Abstract

In this paper, we introduce a new class of $\delta$-frames and study its properties. To do so, we introduce $\delta$-filters, almost Lindelöf frames and Lindelöf frames. First, we show that a complete chain or a complete Boolean algebra is a $\delta$-frame. Next, we show that a $\delta$-frame $L$ is almost Lindelöf iff for any $\delta$-filter $F$ in $L, \vee\left\{x^{*}: x \in F\right\} \neq e$. Last, we show that every regular Lindelöf $\delta$-frame is normal and a Lindelöf $\delta$-frame is preserved under a $\delta$-isomorphism which is dense and codense.


## 1. Introduction

It is well known that the open set lattice $\Omega(X)=\{G: G$ is an open subset of $X\}$, where $X$ is a topological space, is a frame $([7])$. In $\Omega(X)$, there is no point of $X$ but open sets, so we call the frame $\Omega(X)$ a pointfree topology. The purpose to write this paper is to introduce another class of frames, namely $\delta$-frames, which is a special type of a frame, and study its basic properties. In section 2 , 3 , we deal with $\delta$-frames, as Lindelöf spaces to compact spaces, instead of frames. We introduce a concept of $\delta$-frames in which the distributivity holds for arbitrary joins and countable meets. In general, $\Omega(X)$ is a frame but not a $\delta$-frame. But a complete chain or a Boolean algebra is a $\delta$ frame. In a frame $L, \operatorname{cov}(L)$ is a filter but need not be a $\delta$-filter. But in a $\delta$-frame $L, \operatorname{cov}(L)$ is a $\delta$-filter. We define $\delta$-homomorphism and $\delta$-isomorphism, and using these concepts, we show that a Lindelöf $\delta$ frame is preserved under a $\delta$-isomorphism which is dense and codense.

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In this paper, a partially ordered set is also called a poset. The usual order relation $\leq$ on the set $R$ of real numbers is a partial order. It is the model of partial orders and thus it is customary to denote any partial order on any set by $\leq$. In this paper, $\geq$ is defined by $a \geq b$ iff $b \leq a ;<$ is defined by $a<b$ iff $a \leq b$ and $a \neq b$. If $\leq$ is a partial order on $L$, the smallest (largest, resp.) element of $L$, if it exists, is the element 0 ( $e$, resp.) such that $0 \leq x(x \leq e$, resp.) for each $x \in L$. Smallest (largest, resp.) elements are unique when they exist, by antisymmetry. We call 0 ( $e$, resp.) as the bottom (top, resp.) element of $L$. Given a poset $(L, \leq)$ and a subset $A$ of $L, A$ is called bounded above (bounded below, resp.) if the set $\{x \in L: a \leq x$ for each $a \in A\}$ of upper bounds of $A$ (the set $\{x \in L: x \leq a$ for each $a \in A\}$ of lower bounds of $A$, resp.) is non-empty; the least upper bound of $A$ (written $l u b(A)$ or $\vee A)$ is the smallest element of the set of upper bounds of $A$. It may or may not belong to $A$. When it exists, it is unique. The greatest lower bound of $A$ (written $g l b(A)$ or $\wedge A)$ is similarly defined. If $A=\{x, y\}$, then $\operatorname{lub}(A)$ is denoted by $x \vee y$ and $g l b(A)$ is denoted by $x \wedge y$. If $(L, \leq)$ has both the top element $e$ and the bottom element 0 , then $\operatorname{lub}(\emptyset)=0$ and $g l b(\emptyset)=e$. From now on, we denote a poset $(L, \leq)$ simply as $L$.

## DEFINITION 1.1.

(1) A poset $L$ is called a lattice if every finite subset of $L$ has a least upper bound and a greatest lower bound.
(2) A lattice $L$ is called complete if every subset $A$ of $L$ has the least upper bound and the greatest lower bound.

Proposition 1.2. Let $L$ be a lattice. Then the followings are equivalent:
(1) Every subset of $L$ has the least upper bound.
(2) Every subset of $L$ has the greatest lower bound.

Proof. See reference [1],[2],[7].

## Definition 1.3.

(1) A lattice $L$ is called distributive if for any $x, y, z \in L$,

$$
x \wedge(y \vee z)=(x \wedge y) \vee(x \wedge z)
$$

or equivalently,

$$
x \vee(y \wedge z)=(x \vee y) \wedge(x \vee z) .
$$

(2) Let $L$ be a lattice and $x \in L$. If $x \vee y=e$ and $x \wedge y=0$, then $y$ is called a complement of $x$.
(3) If $L$ is a distributive lattice, then every element $x$ of $L$ has at most one complement. If $x$ has the complement, then the complement of $x$ is denoted by $x^{\prime}$.
(4) A distributive lattice is called a Boolean algebra if every element has a complement.

Definition 1.4. A complete lattice $L$ is called a frame (or complete Heyting algebra) if for any $a \in L$ and $S \subseteq L, a \wedge(\vee S)=\vee\{a \wedge s:$ $s \in S\}$.

Example 1.5. Let $X$ be a set and $\Omega(X)$ is a topology on $X$, then $(\Omega(X), \leq)$ is a frame, where $A \leq B$ iff $A \subseteq B$ for $A, B \in \Omega(X)$.

Definition 1.6. Let $L$ be a frame.
(1) For $A, B \subseteq L, A$ refines $B$ if for any $a \in A$, there is $b \in B$ with $a \leq b$, and denoted by $A \leq B$.
(2) For $a, b \in L, a$ is well inside $b$ if there is $c \in L$ with $a \wedge c=0$ and $c \vee b=e$, and denoted by $a \prec b$. Equivalently, $a \prec b \Longleftrightarrow$ $a^{*} \vee b=e$, where $a^{*}=\vee\{x \in L: a \wedge x=0\}$ is the pseudo complement of $a$.
(3) For $A \subseteq L, A$ is called a cover of $L$ if $\vee A=e$. For a frame $L$, the set of all covers of $L$ is denoted by $\operatorname{cov}(L)$.
(4) $L$ is called regular if for any $x \in L, x=\vee\{a \in L: a \prec x\}$.
(5) $L$ is called normal if for $a \vee b=e$, there are $u, v \in L$ with $a \vee u=e=b \vee v$ and $u \wedge v=0$.

Remark 1.7. Let $L$ be a frame and $a, b \in L$. Then we have:
(1) $a \wedge a^{*}=0$, but $a \vee a^{*} \neq e$ in general. In $\Omega(X) A^{*}=\operatorname{int}\left(A^{c}\right)$ for any $A \in \Omega(X)$, where $\operatorname{int}\left(A^{c}\right)$ is the interior of $X-A$. So $A \vee A^{*}=A \cup \operatorname{int}\left(A^{c}\right) \neq X$ unless $A$ is a clopen subset of $X$.
(2) If $a \vee a^{*}=e$, then $L$ is a Boolean Lattice. That is, $a^{*}=a^{\prime}([3])$.
(3) $a \leq a^{* *}$, because $a \wedge a^{*}=0$.
(4) $(a \vee b)^{*}=a^{*} \wedge b^{*}([3])$.
(5) $(a \wedge b)^{*} \neq a^{*} \vee b^{*}$ in general. Consider the open set lattice

$$
\Omega(X)=\{X,\{t, u\},\{t\},\{u\}, \emptyset\},
$$

where $X=\{t, u, v\}$. In this case,

$$
(a \wedge b)^{*}=0^{*}=e,
$$

but

$$
a^{*} \vee b^{*}=b \vee a=c,
$$

where $e=X, a=\{t\}, b=\{u\}, c=\{t, u\}$, and $0=\emptyset$.
(6) $(\operatorname{cov}(L), \leq)$ is a quasi-ordered set. And for $A, B \in \operatorname{cov}(L)$, the greatest lower bound of $A$ and $B$ is of the form $\{a \wedge b$ : $a \in A, b \in B\}$. That is,

$$
A \wedge B=\{a \wedge b: a \in A, b \in B\} .
$$

Definition 1.8. Let $L$ and $M$ be frames. A map $f: L \longrightarrow M$ is called a frame homomorphism if $f$ preserves finite meets and arbitrary joins. That is,
(1) $f(\vee S)=\vee f(S)$ for any $S \subseteq L$.
(2) $f(\wedge F)=\wedge f(F)$ for any $F \in \operatorname{Fin}(L)$, where $\operatorname{Fin}(L)=\{A \subseteq$ $L: A$ is a finite subset of $L\}$.

Definition 1.9.([6]) Let $L$ be a complete lattice and $F \subseteq L$. Then we say that $F$ is a filter ( $\delta$-filter, resp.) on $L$ if $F$ satisfies the followings:
(1) $F$ does not contain 0 .
(2) $F=\uparrow F=\{x \in L: a \leq x$ for some $a \in F\}$. That is, $a \in F$ and $b \geq a$ implies $b \in F$.
(3) For any finite (countable, resp.) subset $K$ of $F, \wedge K \in F$.

## Remark 1.10.

(1) Let $F$ be a filter on a complete lattice $L$, then $e \in F$ since $\wedge \emptyset=e ;$ and hence $F \neq \emptyset$.
(2) Every $\delta$-filter is a filter, but a filter need not be a $\delta$-filter. In fact, on the open set lattice $U(R)$ with the usual topology on $R$, the neighborhood system $N_{A}=\{M: M$ is an open neighborhood of $A\}$ is not a $\delta$-filter but a filter on $U(R)$, where $A=\{0\}$. Because $\operatorname{int}(\cap\{(-1 / n, 1 / n): n \in N\})=\emptyset$ is not in $N_{A}$.
(3) In a complete chain $\{1 / n: n \in N\} \cup\{0\}, F=\{1 / n: n \in N\}$ is a filter but not a $\delta$-filter, because $\wedge\{1 / n: n \in N\}=0$ is not in $F$.
(4) $F=\{x \in L: a \leq x$ and $a \neq 0\}$ is a $\delta$-filter on a complete lattice $L$, and denoted by $F=[a]$ for some $a \in L$.

Definition 1.11.([5]) A filter $F$ in a frame $L$ is said to be clustered if for any cover $S$ of $L$, sec $F \cap S \neq \emptyset$, where $\sec F=\{a \in L$ : for any $a \in F, a \wedge x \neq 0\}$.

Proposition 1.12. A filter $F$ in a frame $L$ is clustered if and only if $\vee\left\{x^{*}: x \in F\right\} \neq e$.

Proof. See reference [5].

## 2. $\delta$-Frames

Definition 2.1. A frame $L$ is called a $\delta$-frame if for any $a \in L$ and countable $K \subseteq L$,

$$
a \vee(\wedge K)=\wedge\{a \vee k: k \in K\}
$$

Notation 2.2. For a $\delta$-frame $L$, we denote as follows:
$F \operatorname{cov}(L)=\{A \in \operatorname{cov}(L):$ there is a finite cover $B$ with $B \leq A\}$,
$C \operatorname{cov}(L)=\{A \in \operatorname{cov}(L):$ there is a countable cover $B$

$$
\text { with } B \leq A\}
$$

$\operatorname{Count}(L)=\{A \in L: A$ is a countable subset of $L\}$.

REMARK 2.3
(1) In a complete lattice $L, a \vee(\wedge K) \leq \wedge\{a \vee k: k \in K\}$ holds for any $K \subseteq L$ and $a \in L$, because $a \leq a \vee k$ for all $k \in K$ implies $\wedge K \leq \wedge\{a \vee k: k \in K\}$, hence $a \vee(\wedge K) \leq \wedge\{a \vee k: k \in K\}$.
(2) Every complete chain $L$ is a $\delta$-frame, because for any $a \in L$ and $K \in \operatorname{Count}(L)$,
(i) if $a \leq k$ for all $k \in K$, then $a \leq \wedge K$, hence

$$
a \vee(\wedge K)=\wedge K=\wedge\{a \vee k: k \in K\}
$$

(ii) if there is $k_{0} \in K$ with $k_{0} \leq a$, then $\wedge K \leq k_{0} \leq a$, hence

$$
a \vee(\wedge K)=a=a \vee k_{0} \geq \wedge\{a \vee k: k \in K\}
$$

Thus by i), ii) and (1), $L$ is a $\delta$-frame.
(3) Every complete Boolean algebra is a $\delta$-frame; hence the frame of regular open subsets of $R$ is a $\delta$-frame. To show this, let $L$ be a complete Boolean algebra. Then for $a \in L$ and $K=\left\{x_{i}: i \in I, I\right.$ is a countable set $\} \in \operatorname{Count}(L)$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
x_{i} & =0 \vee x_{i} \\
& =\left(a \wedge a^{\prime}\right) \vee x_{i} \\
& =\left(a \vee x_{i}\right) \wedge\left(a^{\prime} \vee x_{i}\right),
\end{aligned}
$$

hence

$$
\begin{aligned}
\wedge K & =\wedge\left\{\left(a \vee x_{i}\right) \wedge\left(a^{\prime} \vee x_{i}\right): x_{i} \in K\right\} \\
& =\left(\wedge\left\{a \vee x_{i}: x_{i} \in K\right\}\right) \wedge\left(\wedge\left\{a^{\prime} \vee x_{i}: x_{i} \in K\right\}\right),
\end{aligned}
$$

and hence

$$
\begin{aligned}
a \vee(\wedge K)= & {\left[a \vee\left(\wedge\left\{a \vee x_{i}: x_{i} \in K\right\}\right)\right] } \\
& \wedge\left[a \vee\left(\wedge\left\{a^{\prime} \vee x_{i}: x_{i} \in K\right\}\right)\right] \\
= & {\left[a \vee\left(\wedge\left\{a \vee x_{i}: x_{i} \in K\right\}\right)\right] \wedge e } \\
\geq & \wedge\left\{a \vee x_{i}: x_{i} \in K\right\} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Remark 2.4. Every $\delta$-frame is a frame, but a frame need not be a $\delta$-frame. In fact, the open set lattice $C_{f}(N)$, where $C_{f}(N)$ is the cofinite topology on the set of natural numbers $N$, is not a $\delta$-frame but a frame. Because for $K=\{N-\{m\}: m$ is a positive odd integer $\}$ and $a=N-\{2\}$,

$$
a=a \vee(\wedge K) \neq \wedge\{a \vee k: k \in K\}=e,
$$

where $\wedge K=\operatorname{int}(\cap K)$ and $\vee K=\cup K$. But the open set lattice $D(N)$ is a $\delta$-frame, where $D(N)$ is the discrete topology on $N$. If $X$ is finite, then the open set lattice $\Omega(X)$ with any topology on $X$ is a $\delta$-frame.

REmARK 2.5. Let $L$ be a $\delta$-frame. For $A_{n} \subseteq L$ and any $n \in N$, let $B=\left\{a_{1} \wedge \cdots \wedge a_{n} \wedge \cdots: a_{n} \in A_{n}\right.$ for each $\left.n \in N\right\}$. Then we have:
(1) $\vee B=\left(\vee A_{1}\right) \wedge\left(\vee A_{2}\right) \wedge \cdots \wedge\left(\vee A_{n}\right) \wedge \cdots$.
(2) For any $A_{n} \in \operatorname{cov}(L), B$ is the greatest lower bound of $A_{n}$ for each $n \in N$ in $(\operatorname{cov}(L), \leq)$. That is,

$$
\wedge_{n \in N} A_{n}=\left\{a_{1} \wedge \cdots \wedge a_{n} \wedge \cdots: a_{n} \in A_{n} \text { for each } n \in N\right\}
$$

Proof. (1) Since $L$ is a $\delta$-frame, $L$ is distributive under a countable meets and arbitrary joins, hence

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \vee\left\{a_{1} \wedge \cdots \wedge a_{n} \wedge \cdots: a_{n} \in A_{n} \text { for each } n \in N\right\} \\
& =\wedge\left\{\vee A_{1}, \cdots, \vee A_{n}, \cdots\right\} \\
& =\left(\vee A_{1}\right) \wedge \cdots \wedge\left(\vee A_{n}\right) \wedge \cdots
\end{aligned}
$$

(2) Note that $B$ is a cover of $L$, because

$$
\begin{aligned}
\vee(B) & =\vee\left\{a_{1} \wedge \cdots \wedge a_{n} \wedge \cdots: a_{n} \in A_{n}, n \in N\right\} \\
& =\left(\vee A_{1}\right) \wedge \cdots \wedge\left(\vee A_{n}\right) \wedge \cdots \\
& =e
\end{aligned}
$$

Clearly $B \leq A_{n}$ for any $n \in N$. Suppose there is $C$ with $C \leq A_{n}$ for any $n \in N$. Then there is $c \in C$ with $c \leq a_{n}$ for some $a_{n} \in$ $A_{n}$ for each $n \in N$. Hence

$$
c \leq a_{1} \wedge \cdots \wedge a_{n} \wedge \cdots \text { for some } a_{n} \in A_{n}, n \in N
$$

Thus $C \leq B$.

Proposition 2.6. Let $L$ be a $\delta$-frame. Then $\operatorname{cov}(L), F \operatorname{cov}(L)$, and $C \operatorname{cov}(L)$ are $\delta$-filters.

Proof. By the above Remark 2.5, it is trivial.

## 3. Almost Lindelöf $\delta$-frames and Lindelöf $\delta$-frames

Whenever $C$ is a cover of $L, C-\{0\}$ is also a cover of $L$. So we will assume that $C$ does not contain 0 .

Definition 3.1. Let $L$ be a frame, then we say:
(1) $L$ is said to be almost Lindelöf if for any $C \in \operatorname{cov}(L)$, there is $K \in \operatorname{Count}(C)$ with $(\vee K)^{*}=0$.
(2) $L$ is said to be Lindelöf if for any $C \in \operatorname{cov}(L)$, there is $K \in \operatorname{Count}(C)$ with $\vee K=e$.

Remark 3.2. In a $\delta$-frame $L$ and for any $K \in \operatorname{Count}(L)$, we have:
(1) Every compact frame is Lindelöf. But the open set lattice $C_{c}(N)$ of the cofinite topology on $N$ is a Lindelöf frame but not a compact frame.
(2) $(\vee K)^{*}=\wedge\left\{a^{*}: a \in K\right\}$. Because

$$
\begin{aligned}
&(\vee K) \wedge\left(\wedge\left\{a^{*}: a \in K\right\}\right) \\
&=\vee\left\{a \wedge\left(\wedge\left\{a^{*}: a \in K\right\}\right): a \in K\right\} \\
& \leq \vee\left\{a \wedge a^{*}: a \in K\right\} \\
&=0
\end{aligned}
$$

and for $y \in L$ with $(\vee K) \wedge y=0$,

$$
(\vee K) \wedge y=\vee\{a \wedge y: a \in K\}=0
$$

Then $a \wedge y=0$ for all $a \in K$, and then $y \leq a^{*}$ for all $a \in K$, hence $y \leq \wedge\left\{a^{*}: a \in K\right\}$.
(3) $(\wedge K)^{*} \neq \vee\left\{a^{*}: a \in K\right\}$ in general, see Remark 1.7.(5).

In a frame $L, L$ is almost compact if and only if for any filter $F$ in $L, \vee\left\{x^{*}: x \in F\right\} \neq e([4],[8])$. In a $\delta$-frame $L$, we get a similar result as following :

Theorem 3.3. Let $L$ be a $\delta$-frame, then the followings are equivalent:
(1) $L$ is almost Lindelöf.
(2) For any $\delta$-filter $F$ in $L, \vee\left\{x^{*}: x \in F\right\} \neq e$.

Proof. (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) Suppose on the contrary that there is a $\delta$-filter $F$ in $L$ with $\vee\left\{x^{*}: x \in F\right\}=e$. So there is $K \in \operatorname{Count}(F)$ with $\left(\vee\left\{y^{*}: y \in K\right\}\right)^{*}=0$. Note that $(\vee K)^{*}=\wedge\left\{x^{*}: x \in K\right\}$ by the above Remark 3.2.(2). So

$$
\left(\vee\left\{y^{*}: y \in K\right\}\right)^{*}=\wedge\left\{y^{* *}: y \in K\right\}=0 .
$$

Note that $x \wedge x^{*}=0$ implies $x \leq x^{* *}$. Then

$$
\wedge\{y: y \in K\} \leq \wedge\left\{y^{* *}: y \in K\right\}=0 \text { implies } \wedge\{y: y \in K\}=0
$$

which contradicts to the fact that $\delta$-filter $F$ does not contain 0 .
(2) $\Rightarrow$ (1) Suppose on the contrary that there is $C \subseteq L$ such that $\vee C=e$, but for any countable $K \subseteq C$,

$$
(\vee K)^{*}=\wedge\left\{x^{*}: x \in K\right\} \neq 0
$$

Let $U=\left\{y \in L\right.$ : there is a countable $K$ in $C$ with $\wedge\left\{x^{*}: x \in K\right\} \leq$ $y\}$. Then we have the followings:
(i) If $0 \in U$, then there is a $K \in \operatorname{Count}(C)$ with $\wedge\left\{x^{*}: x \in\right.$ $K\} \leq 0$. Hence $\wedge\left\{x^{*}: x \in K\right\}=0$, which is a contradiction.
(ii) Let $y \in U$ and $z \geq y$, then there is a $K \in \operatorname{Count}(C)$ with $\wedge\left\{x^{*}: x \in K\right\} \leq y \leq z$ and then there is a $K \in \operatorname{Count}(C)$ with $\wedge\left\{x^{*}: x \in K\right\} \leq z$. Thus $z \in U$; hence $U=\uparrow U$.
(iii) Let $P=\left\{y_{n}: n \in N\right\} \in \operatorname{Count}(U)$, then there is a $K_{n} \in$ $\operatorname{Count}(C)$ with $\wedge\left\{x^{*}: x \in K_{n}\right\} \leq y_{n}$ for each $n \in N$.

Let $K=\cup\left\{K_{n}: n \in N\right\}$, then $K \in \operatorname{Count}(C)$ and

$$
\wedge\left\{x^{*}: x \in K\right\} \leq \wedge\left\{x^{*}: x \in K_{n}\right\} \leq y_{n}
$$

for each $n \in N$. Thus

$$
\wedge\left\{x^{*}: x \in K_{n}\right\} \leq \wedge\left\{y_{n}: n \in N\right\}=\wedge P,
$$

hence $\wedge P \in U$. By (i), (ii) and (iii) $U$ is a $\delta$-filter in $L$, hence

$$
\vee\left\{y^{*}: y \in U\right\} \neq e
$$

Since $\left\{x^{*}: x \in C\right\} \subseteq U$, we have

$$
e=\vee C \leq \vee\left\{x^{* *}: x \in C\right\} \leq \vee\left\{y^{*}: y \in U\right\}
$$

Thus $\vee\left\{y^{*}: y \in U\right\}=e$, which is again a contradiction.
Theorem 3.4. Every regular Lindelöf $\delta$-frame is normal.
Proof. Let $L$ be a regular Lindelöf $\delta$-frame and $a \vee b=e$. Then

$$
\begin{aligned}
a & =\vee\{x \in L: x \prec a\}, \\
b & =\vee\{y \in L: y \prec b\}
\end{aligned}
$$

and then

$$
e=a \vee b=(\vee\{x \in L: x \prec a\}) \vee(\vee\{y \in L: y \prec b\}) .
$$

Since $L$ is Lindelöf $\delta$ - frame, there are countable cover $\left\{x_{i}: i \in I\right\}$ and countable cover $\left\{y_{k}: k \in I\right\}$ such that $x_{i} \prec a$ for any $i \in I, y_{k} \prec b$ for any $k \in I$, and $\left(\vee\left\{x_{i}: i \in I\right\}\right) \vee\left(\left\{y_{k}: k \in I\right\}\right)=e$. Then $x_{i}^{*} \vee a=e$ for any $i \in I$ and $y_{k}^{*} \vee b=e$ for any $k \in I$. Hence

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left(\wedge\left\{x_{i}^{*}: i \in I\right\}\right) \vee a=\wedge\left\{x_{i}^{*} \vee a: i \in I\right\}=e, \\
& \left(\wedge\left\{y_{k}^{*}: k \in I\right\}\right) \vee b=\wedge\left\{y_{k}^{*} \vee b: k \in I\right\}=e .
\end{aligned}
$$

Moreover,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left(\wedge\left\{x_{i}^{*}: i \in I\right\}\right) \wedge & \left(\wedge\left\{y_{k}^{*}: k \in I\right\}\right. \\
& =\left(\vee\left\{x_{i}: i \in I\right\}\right)^{*} \wedge\left(\vee\left\{y_{k}: k \in I\right\}\right)^{*} \\
& =\left[\left(\vee\left\{x_{i}: i \in I\right\}\right) \vee\left(\left\{y_{k}: k \in I\right\}\right)\right]^{*} \\
& =e^{*}=0
\end{aligned}
$$

Thus $L$ is normal.
Proposition 3.7. $A \delta$-filter $F$ in a frame $L$ is clustered if and only if $\vee\left\{x^{*}: x \in F\right\} \neq e$.

Proof. By Proposition 1.12, it is trivial.
Corollary 3.8. For a $\delta$-frame $L$, the followings are equivalent:
(1) $L$ is almost Lindelöf.
(2) Every $\delta$-filter in $L$ is clustered.

Definition 3.9. Let $L$ and $M$ be $\delta$-frames and $f: L \rightarrow M$ a map.
(1) $f$ is called a $\delta$-homomorphism if $f$ preserve arbitrary joins and countable meets.
(2) A $\delta$-homomorphism $f$ is called dense if $f(x)=0$ implies $x=$ 0.
(3) A $\delta$-homomorphism $f$ is called codense if $f(x)=e$ implies $x=e$.
(4) A $\delta$-homomorphism $f$ is called a $\delta$-isomorphism if $f$ is a bijection.

Proposition 3.10. Let $L$ and $M$ be $\delta$-frames and $f: L \rightarrow M$ a $\delta$-homomorphism, then we have:
(1) $f(0)=0$.
(2) $f(e)=e$.
(3) If $f$ is dense, then $f(a)^{*} \geq f\left(a^{*}\right)$ for all $a \in L$.

In particular, $f(a)^{*}=f\left(a^{*}\right)$ if $f$ is onto dense.
Proof. (1) $f(0)=f(\vee \emptyset)=\vee f(\emptyset)=\vee \emptyset=0$.
(2) $f(e)=f(\wedge \emptyset)=\wedge f(\emptyset)=\wedge \emptyset=e$.
(3) If $f$ is dense, then

$$
\begin{aligned}
f(a)^{*} & =\vee\{m \in M: m \wedge f(a)=0\} \\
& \geq \vee\{f(b) \in M: f(b) \wedge f(a)=0\} \cdots(*) \\
& =\vee\{f(b) \in M: f(b \wedge a)=0\} \\
& =\vee\{f(b) \in M: b \wedge a=0\}, \text { since } f \text { is dense } \\
& =f(\vee\{b \in L: b \wedge a=0\} \\
& =f\left(a^{*}\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

If $f$ is onto, then the inequality (*) becomes equality.
Theorem 3.11. Let $L$ and $M$ be $\delta$-frames and $f: L \rightarrow M$ is a dense $\delta$-homomorphism.
(1) If $M$ is almost Lindelöf, then so is $L$.
(2) If $f$ is onto and codense, then $M$ is almost Lindelöf if $L$ is almost Lindelöf.

Proof. (1) Take any $S \in \operatorname{cov}(L)$, then $\vee S=e$, hence

$$
f(e)=e=f(\vee S)=\vee f(S)=\vee\{f(s): s \in S\}
$$

and since $M$ is almost Lindelöf, $f(S) \in \operatorname{cov}(M)$ implies there is a $K \in \operatorname{Count}(S)$ with $(\vee f(K))^{*}=0$. Then

$$
\begin{aligned}
(\vee\{f(s): s \in K\})^{*} & =\wedge\left\{f(s)^{*}: s \in K\right\} \\
& \geq \wedge\left\{f\left(s^{*}\right): s \in K\right\} \\
& =f\left(\wedge\left\{s^{*}: s \in K\right\}\right) \\
& =0
\end{aligned}
$$

hence $\wedge\left\{s^{*}: s \in K\right\}=0$, since $f$ is dense. Thus $(\vee K)^{*}=\wedge\left\{s^{*}: s \in\right.$ $K\}=0$, hence $L$ is almost Lindelöf.
(2) Take any $T \in \operatorname{cov}(M)$, then there is an $S \subseteq L$ with $f(S)=T$ since $f$ is onto, hence $e=\vee T=\vee f(S)=f(\vee S)$ implies $\vee S=e$, since $f$ is codense. So, there is $K \in \operatorname{Count}(S)$ with $(\vee K)^{*}=0$. Consider $(\vee K)^{*}=\wedge\left\{k^{*}: k \in K\right\}$ and $f(K) \in \operatorname{Count}(T)$, let $W=f(K)$, then

$$
\begin{aligned}
(\vee W)^{*}=(\vee f(K))^{*} & =\wedge\left\{f(k)^{*}: k \in K\right\} \\
& =f\left(\wedge\left\{k^{*}: k \in K\right\}\right) \\
& =f(0)=0
\end{aligned}
$$

Corollary 3.12. Let $L$ and $M$ be $\delta$-frames and let $f: L \rightarrow M$ be a $\delta$-isomorphism which is dense and codense. Then $L$ is Lindelöf if and only if $M$ is Lindelöf.

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