## Notational Note

Throughout this book we adopt the following notational conventions.

| Symbol | Meaning |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\checkmark$ | join |
| $\wedge$ | meet |
| $\cup$ | union |
| $\cap$ | intersection |
| $\varnothing$ | empty set |
| $\leq$ | less than or equal to |
| $<$ | strictly less than |
| $\pm$ | is not less than or equal to |
| $\geq$ | grater than or equal to |
| $>$ | strictly grater than |
| $\exists$ | there exist |
| $\nexists$ | there does not exist |
| $\forall$ | for every |
| $\epsilon$ | is a member of |
| $\notin$ | is not a member of |
| $\subseteq$ | is a subset of |
| $\subset$ | is a proper subset of |
| $\pm$ | is not a subset of |
| $\supseteq$ | is a super set of |
| $\because$ | since |
| $\Rightarrow$ | it implies |
| $\Leftrightarrow$ | it implies \& is implied by |
| $\cong$ | lattice isomorphism |
| $\Sigma$ | summation |
| $\mathrm{Z}^{+}$ | the set of all positive integers |

Abbreviations : s. t. - such that, i. e. - that is, e. g. - for example. iff - if and only if.
Important: 1) It is to note that, whenever brackets are not introduced the operations viz., ":" ( residuation ) \& "." ( multiplication ) are to be performed first and then the operations viz.," $\vee$ " ( join ) \& " $\wedge$ " ( meet) will be performed.
2) The encircled numbers (1), (2), etc.) appearing in a proof of a certain result play their role in that result only \& have no connection with other results.
3) The number within the square brackets is to indicate the number of the reference. These references in the list are listed alphabetically.

