

3. We will divide the proof into several steps.

- **Step 1:** Let  $x, y \in W$ , and suppose  $s \in S$  is such that  $s \not\leq_R x$  and  $s \not\leq_R y$ . Then  $s \not\leq_R x \vee y$ .

Suppose on the contrary that  $s \leq_R x \vee y$ . Since  $s \not\leq_R x$  then  $l(sx) = l(x) + 1$ . We also have that  $sx \leq_R w_0$ , and thus  $x = s(sx) \leq_R sw_0$ . Similarly we get  $y \leq_R sw_0$ , so  $x \vee y \leq_R sw_0$ . Then  $s \leq_R sw_0$ , but this is a contradiction because  $l(ssw_0) = l(w_0) > l(sw_0)$ .

- **Step 2:** If  $w \in W$  then the set  $A_w = \{x \in W : x \wedge w = e \text{ and } x \vee w = w_0\}$  is closed under joins.

Take  $x, y \in A_w$ . It is clear that  $(x \vee y) \vee w = w_0$ . If  $(x \vee y) \wedge w >_R e$  then there exists an  $s \in S$  such that  $(x \vee y) \wedge w \geq_R s$ . Now, since  $x \in A_w$  and  $s \leq_R w$  then  $s \not\leq_R x$  (otherwise  $s \leq_R x \wedge w$ ). Similarly  $s \not\leq_R y$ , so by Step 1 we have that  $s \not\leq_R x \vee y$ , which is a contradiction.

- **Step 3:** If  $w \in W$  then the set  $A_w$  is closed under meets.

Since multiplication on the left by  $w_0$  is an antiautomorphism of the weak order then it takes meets to joins and viceversa, so

$$\begin{aligned}
A_w &= \{x \in W : x \wedge w = e \text{ and } x \vee w = w_0\} \\
&= \{x \in W : w_0(x \wedge w) = w_0 \text{ and } w_0(x \vee w) = e\} \\
&= \{x \in W : w_0x \vee w_0w = w_0 \text{ and } w_0x \wedge w_0w = e\} \\
&= \{w_0y \in W : y \vee w_0w = w_0 \text{ and } y \wedge w_0w = e\} \\
&= w_0A_{w_0w},
\end{aligned}$$

which is closed under meets by Step 2.

- **Step 4:** If  $w \in W$  then the set  $A_w$  is an interval.

By steps 2 and 3 we have that  $A_w$  has a least element  $u = \bigwedge A_w$  and a greatest element  $v = \bigvee A_w$ . Therefore  $A_w = [u, v]$ , because if  $u \leq_R x \leq_R v$  then  $x \wedge w \leq_R v \wedge w = e$  and  $x \vee w \geq_R u \vee w = w_0$ , so  $x \in A_w$ .