Formalisms Every Computer Scientist Should Know

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Goal	Knowledge	Outermost symbol
Show for all x, $G(x)$. Consider arbitrary $\hat{x}$. Show $G(\hat{x})$	We know for all x, $K(x)$ In particular we know $K(\hat{t})$ for constant $\hat{t}$	$\forall$
Show: exists x s.t. $G(x)$. We show $G(\hat{t})$	We know exists x s.t. $K(x)$ Let $\hat{x}$ be s.t. $K(x)$	$\exists$
Show G_1 iff G_2 1. Show if G_1 then G_2 2. Show if G_2 then G_1	We know K_1 iff K_2 In particular we know if K_1 then K_2 and if K_2 then K_1	$\iff$
Show if G_1 then G_2 Assume G_1 Show G_2	We know if K_1 then K_2 1. To show K_2 it suffices to show K_2 2. Know K_1, Also know K_2	$\Rightarrow$
Show G_1 and G_2 1. Show G_1 2. Show G_2	Know K_1 and K_2 1. Also Know K_1 2. Also Know K_2	$\wedge$
Show G_1 or G_2 1. Assume $\neg G_1$, show G_2 2. Assume $\neg G_2$, show G_1	We know K_1 or K_2. Show G. 1. Assume K_1, Show G 2. Assume K_2, Show G Case split $\uparrow$	$\vee$
Move Negation Inside, as far as possible		$\neg$

0.1 Lattices and Fixpoints

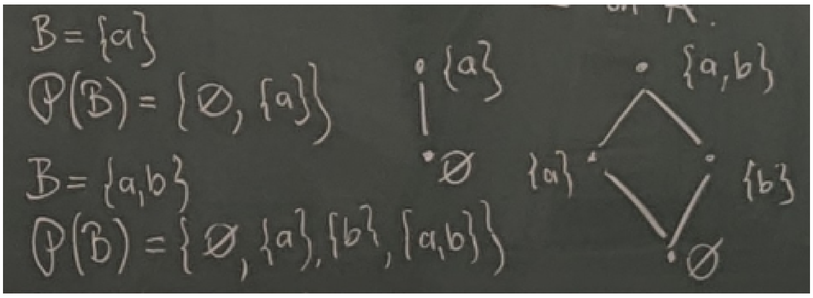
We begin by defining relations and their properties.

Definition 1. A binary relation R on a set A is a subset $R \subset A \times A$.
The relation R is reflexive if for all x in A, we have $R(x,x)$.
The relation R is Antisymmetric if for all x and y in A, if $R(x,y)$ and $R(y,x)$ then $x = y$.
The relation R is transitive if for all x,y and z in A, if $R(x,y)$ and $R(y,z)$ then $R(x,z)$.
The relation R is a partial order if R is reflexive, antisymmetric and transitive.
A Poset $(A, \sqsubseteq)$ is a set A and a partial order $\sqsubseteq$ on A.

Example 1. The pair $(\mathbb{N}, \leq)$ where $\mathbb{N}$ is the set of natural numbers, is a poset.
For every set B, we have $(\mathscr{P}(B), \subseteq)$ where $\mathscr{P}(B)$ is the powerset of B, is a poset.

Definition 2.

- Let $(A, \sqsubseteq)$ be a poset. A function F from A to A is monotone (order-preserving, homomorphism) if for all x and y in A, if $x \sqsubseteq y$, then $F(x) \sqsubseteq F(y)$.
- F has a fixpoint x in A if there exists x in A such that $F(x) = x$.



- x in A is a pre-fixpoint of F if $x \sqsubseteq F(x)$ and is a post-fixpoint of F, if $F(x) \sqsubseteq x$.

Definition 3. Let $(A, \sqsubseteq)$ be a poset.

- x in A is an upper bound(lower bound) on a subset B of A if for all y in B, it holds that $y \sqsubseteq x$ $(x \sqsubseteq y)$.
- x is the least upper bound of B if (i) x is an upper bound of B and (ii) for all upper bounds y of B, we have $x \sqsubseteq y$. We denote such x by $\bigsqcup B$.
- x is the greatest lower bound of B if (i) x is a lower bound of B and (ii) for all lower bounds y of B, we have $y \sqsubseteq x$. We denote such x by $\bigsqcap B$.

Example 2.
- Consider the poset $(\mathbb{N}, \leq)$. Then for any $B \subseteq \mathbb{N}$, if B is finite, $\bigsqcup B$ is well-defined and equal to $\max B$. If B is infinite, then $\bigsqcup B$ does not exist.
- Consider the poset $(\mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}, \leq)$ where for all x in $\mathbb{N}$, it holds that $x \leq \infty$. Then for all $B \subseteq \mathbb{N}$, the least upper bound $\bigsqcup B$ is well-define.
- Let A be any set and consider the poset $(\mathscr{P}(A), \subseteq)$. For any subset B of $\mathscr{P}(A)$, it holds that $\bigsqcup B = \bigcup B$ and $\bigsqcap B = \bigcap B$.

Definition 4. Poset $(A, \sqsubseteq)$ is a complete-lattice if for all $B \subseteq A$, both $\bigsqcap B$ and $\bigsqcup B$ exist.

Example 3. Let $(A, \sqsubseteq)$ be a complete-lattice.

- $\bigsqcup A = \top$
- $\bigsqcap A = \bot$
- $\bigsqcup \varnothing = \bot$
- $\bigsqcap \varnothing = \top$

Theorem 1 (Knaster-Tarski). For every complete lattice $(A, \sqsubseteq)$ and monotone function F on A, it holds that

1. $\bigsqcup \{x \in A | x \sqsubseteq F(x)\}$ is the unique greatest fixpoint of F.
2. $\bigsqcap \{x \in A | F(x) \sqsubseteq x\}$ is the unique least fixpoint of F.

Homework. Prove the Knaster Tarski Theorem.

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