# Models of Lambek calculus with subexponentials

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#### Abstract

## 1 The Lambek Calculus with subexponentials

**Definition 1.** A subexponential signature is an ordered quintuple:  $\Sigma = \langle \mathcal{I}, \leq, \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E} \rangle$ ,

where  $I = \{s_1, \ldots, s_n\}, \mathcal{I}, \leq \rangle$  is a preorder. W, C, E are upwardly closed subsets of I and  $W \cap C \subseteq \mathcal{E}$ .

#### Definition 2.

$$\mathcal{F}_{\Sigma} ::= Tp \mid (\mathcal{F}_{\Sigma}/\mathcal{F}_{\Sigma}) \mid (\mathcal{F}_{\Sigma} \setminus \mathcal{F}_{\Sigma}) \mid (\mathcal{F}_{\Sigma} \bullet \mathcal{F}_{\Sigma}) \mid (\mathcal{F}_{\Sigma} \vee \mathcal{F}_{\Sigma}) \mid (\mathcal{F}_{\Sigma} \wedge \mathcal{F}_{\Sigma}) \mid (!_{s}\mathcal{F}_{\Sigma})_{s \in \Sigma}$$

**Definition 3.** Noncommutative linear logic with subexponentials  $(SMALC_{\Sigma})$ , where  $\Sigma$  is a subexponential signature.

$$\frac{\Gamma \to A \qquad \Delta, B, \Theta \to C}{\Delta, \Gamma, A \backslash B, \Theta \to C} \backslash \to \qquad \qquad \frac{A, \Pi \to B}{\Pi \to A \backslash B} \to \backslash$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \to A \qquad \Delta, B, \Theta \to C}{\Delta, B / A, \Gamma, \Theta \to C} / \to \qquad \qquad \frac{\Pi, A \to B}{\Pi \to B / A} \to /$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, A, B, \Delta \to C}{\Gamma, A \bullet B, \Delta \to C} \bullet \to \qquad \qquad \frac{\Gamma \to A \qquad \Delta \to B}{\Gamma, \Delta \to A \bullet B} \to \bullet$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, A_1 \& A_2, \Delta \to B}{\Gamma, A_1 \& A_2, \Delta \to B} \&, i = 1, 2 \to \qquad \qquad \frac{\Gamma \to A \qquad \Gamma \to B}{\Gamma \to A \& B} \to \&$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, A, \Delta \to C \qquad \Gamma, B, \Delta \to C}{\Gamma, A \lor B, \Delta \to C} \lor \to \qquad \qquad \frac{\Gamma \to A_i}{\Gamma \to A_1 \lor A_2} \to \lor, i = 1, 2$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \to A}{\Gamma, 1, \Delta \to A} 1 \to \qquad \qquad \frac{\Gamma, A \to A}{\Gamma, 1, \Delta \to A} \to C ! \to A$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, A, \Delta \to C}{\Gamma, I^s A, \Delta \to C} ! \to \qquad \frac{I^{s_1} A_1, \dots, I^{s_n} A_n \to A}{I^{s_1} A_1, \dots, I^{s_n} A_n \to I^{s_n}} \to !, \forall j, s_j \ge s$$

Structural rules:

$$\frac{\Gamma, !^s A, \Delta, !^s A, \Theta \to B}{\Gamma, !^s A, \Delta, \Theta \to B} \quad \mathbf{ncontr}_1, s \in C \qquad \qquad \frac{\Gamma, !^s A, \Delta, !^s A, \Theta \to B}{\Gamma, \Delta, !^s A, \Theta \to B} \quad \mathbf{ncontr}_2, s \in C$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, \Delta, !^s A, \Theta \to B}{\Gamma, !^s A, \Delta, \Theta \to A} \quad \mathbf{ex}_1, s \in E \qquad \qquad \frac{\Gamma, !^s A, \Delta, \Theta \to B}{\Gamma, \Delta, !^s A, \Theta \to A} \quad \mathbf{ex}_2, s \in E$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, \Delta \to B}{\Gamma, !^s A, \Delta \to B} \quad \mathbf{weak}_!, s \in C \qquad \qquad \frac{\Gamma \to A}{\Gamma, \Pi, \Delta \to B} \quad \mathbf{cut}$$

### Theorem 1.

- 1. Cut-rule is admissable;
- 2.  $SMALC_{\Sigma}$  is undecidable, if  $C \neq \emptyset$ ;
- 3. If C is empty, then the decidability problem of SMALC<sub> $\Sigma$ </sub> belongs to PSPACE.

### 2 Semantics

**Definition 4.** Quantale

A quantale is a triple  $Q = \langle A, \bigvee, \cdot \rangle$ , such that  $\langle A, \bigvee \rangle$  is a complete lattice and  $\langle A, \cdot \rangle$  is a semigroup, such that for all indexing set I:

1. 
$$a \cdot \bigvee_{i \in I} b_i = \bigvee_{i \in I} (a \cdot b_i);$$

2. 
$$\bigvee_{i \in I} a_i \cdot b = \bigvee_{i \in I} (a_i \cdot b)$$

A quantate is called unital, if  $\langle A, \cdot \rangle$  is a monoid.

Some example of quantales:

- Let A be a semigroup (monoid), then  $\langle \mathcal{P}(A), \cdot, \subseteq \rangle$  is a free (unital) quantale.
- Let R be a ring and Sub(R) be a set of additive subgroups of R. We define  $A \cdot B$  as an additive subgroup generated by finite sums of products ab and order is defined by inclusion.
- Any locale is a quantale with  $\cdot = \wedge$ .

It is easy to see, that any (unital) quantale is a residual (monoid) semigroup. We define divisions as follows:

1. 
$$a \setminus b = \bigvee \{c \mid a \cdot c \leq b\}$$

2. 
$$b/a = \bigvee \{c \mid c \cdot a \leq b\}$$

**Definition 5.** Let  $Q_1$ ,  $Q_2$  be quantales. A quantale homomorphism is a map  $f: Q_1 \to Q_2$ , such that:

1. for all 
$$a, b \in \mathcal{Q}_1$$
,  $f(a \cdot b) = f(a) \cdot f(b)$ ;

2. for all indexing set 
$$I$$
,  $f(\bigvee_{i \in I} a_i) = \bigvee_{i \in I} f(a_i)$ .

If  $Q_1$ ,  $Q_2$  are unital quantales, then a unital homomorphism if a quantale homomorphism, such that  $f(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon$ .

### Definition 6.

Let  $Q = \langle A, \bigvee, \cdot \rangle$  be a quantale.  $S \subseteq Q$  is said to be a subquantale, if S is closed under multiplication and sups.

There occurs the following simple statement:

### Proposition 1.

Let  $Q_1$ ,  $Q_2$  be quantales and  $S \subseteq Q_1$  is a subquantale of  $Q_1$ .

Then, if  $f: \mathcal{Q}_1 \to \mathcal{Q}_2$  is a quantale homomorphism, then  $f(\mathcal{S}) \subseteq \mathcal{Q}_2$  is a subquantale of  $\mathcal{Q}_2$ . In other words, a homomorphic image of subquantale is a subquantale.

### Proof.

It is clearly that  $f(S) \subseteq Q_2$  is a submonoid of  $Q_2$ . Let  $a_i \in S$  for each  $i \in I$ , so  $\bigvee_{i \in I} a_i \in S$ , but  $f(a_i) \in f(S)$  for any  $i \in I$ , so  $f(\bigvee_{i \in I} a_i) = \bigvee_{i \in I} (f(a)) \in f(S)$ , so f(S) is closed under joins, so f(S) is a subquantale of  $Q_2$ 

### Definition 7.

Let  $Q = \langle A, \bigvee, \cdot \rangle$  be a quantale. The center of a quantale is the subquantale  $\mathcal{Z}(Q) = \{a \in A \mid \forall b \in A, a \cdot b = b \cdot a\}$ 

#### Definition 8.

An open modality (or quantic conucleus) on quantale Q is a map  $\Box: Q \to Q$ , such that

- 1.  $\Box x \leq x$ ;
- $2. \ \Box x = \Box \Box x;$
- 3.  $x \leq y \Rightarrow \Box x \leq \Box y$ ;
- $4. \ \Box x \cdot \Box y = \Box (\Box x \cdot \Box y).$

For unital quantale, we require that  $\Box e = e$ .

Note that, we may replace the last condition on equivalent condition  $\Box(x) \cdot \Box(y) \leq \Box(x \cdot y)$ .

### Definition 9.

We define a partial order on open modalities on Q as  $\Box_1 \leq \Box_2 \Leftrightarrow \forall a \in Q, \Box_1(a) \leq \Box_2(a)$ .

**Lemma 1.**  $\Box_1 a_1 \cdot \Box_2 a_2 \leqslant \Box(\Box_1 a_1 \cdot \Box_2 a_2)$ , where  $\Box_i \leqslant \Box$ , i = 1, 2.

Proof.

$$\Box_1 a_1 \cdot \Box_2 a_2 \leqslant 
\Box_1 (\Box_1 a_1) \cdot \Box_2 (\Box_2 a_2) \leqslant 
\Box(\Box_1 a_1) \cdot \Box(\Box_2 a_2) \leqslant 
\Box(\Box_1 (a_1) \cdot \Box_2 (a_2))$$

### Definition 10.

- 1. An open modality is called central, if for all  $a, b \in \mathcal{Q}$ ,  $\Box a \cdot b = b \cdot \Box a$ .
- 2. An open modality is called weak square-increasing, if for all  $a, b \in \mathcal{Q}, \Box a \cdot b \leq \Box a \cdot b \cdot \Box a$  and  $b \cdot \Box a \leq \Box a \cdot b \cdot \Box a$ .

3. An open modality is called unital, if  $\forall a \in Q, \Box a \leq e$ .

### Lemma 2.

Let  $\Box$  be an open modality on some unital quantale  $Q = \langle A, \bigvee, \cdot, e \rangle$ . Then, if  $\Box$  is unital and weak idempotent, then  $\Box$  is central.

Proof.

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b \cdot \Box a \leqslant Right weak square-increase \Box a \cdot b \cdot \Box a \leqslant Unitality \Box a \cdot b \cdot e \leqslant Identity \Box a \cdot b \leqslant Left weak square-increase \Box a \cdot b \cdot \Box a \leqslant Unitality e \cdot b \cdot \Box a \leqslant Unitality e \cdot b \cdot \Box a \leqslant Identity b \cdot \Box a Hence, b \cdot \Box a = \Box a \cdot b, so for all a \in \mathcal{Q}, \Box a \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{Q}).
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Proposition 2.

Let  $\mathcal{Q}$  be a quantale and  $S \subseteq \mathcal{Q}$  a subquantale, then  $\square : \mathcal{Q} \to \mathcal{Q}$ , such that  $\square a = \bigvee \{s \in S \mid s \leq a\}$ , is an open modality.

*Proof.* See Rosenthal.  $\Box$ 

### Proposition 3.

Let Q be a quantale and  $S_1 \subseteq S_2 \subseteq Q$ . Then  $\square_{S_1}(a) \leqslant \square_{S_1}(a)$ .

*Proof.* Immediatly.

### Proposition 4.

Let  $\mathcal Q$  be a quantale and  $\mathcal S\subseteq\mathcal Q$  a subquantale, then the following operations are open modalities:

- 1.  $\Box_z(a) = \bigvee \{s \in S \mid s \leqslant a, s \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{Q})\};$
- 2.  $\Box_{1}(a) = \bigvee \{s \in S \mid s \leq a, s \leq 1\};$
- $\textit{3.} \ \, \Box_{idem}(a) = \bigvee \{s \in S \ | s \leqslant a, \forall b \in Q, b \cdot s \vee s \cdot b \leqslant s \cdot b \cdot s\};$
- 4. Operations with combinations of conditions above;

*Proof.* Immediatly.

### Proposition 5.

- 1.  $\forall a \in \mathcal{Q}, \Box_{1,idem}(a) \leq \Box_z(a)$ .
- 2.  $\forall a \in \mathcal{Q}, \Box_{z,1,idem} = \Box_{1,idem}(a)$

**Definition 11.** Interpretation of subexponential signature

Let  $\Sigma = \langle I, \leq, W, C, E \rangle$  be a subexponential signature, where |I| = n and  $\square_{\mathcal{Q}}$  is a category of open modalities on a quantale  $\mathcal{Q}$ . Subexponential interpretation is a contravariant functor  $\sigma: I \to \square_{\mathcal{Q}}$  defined as follows:

$$: \overrightarrow{I} \rightarrow \Box_{\mathcal{Q}} \ defined \ as \ follows:$$

$$= \begin{cases} \Box_{i} : \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}, \ s.t. \forall a \in \mathcal{Q}, \Box_{i}(a) = \{s \in S_{i} \mid s \leqslant a\}, \\ if \ s_{i} \notin W \cap C \cap E \\ \Box_{i} : \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}, \ s.t. \forall a \in \mathcal{Q}, \Box_{i}(a) = \{s \in S_{i} \mid s \leqslant a, s \leqslant 1\}, \\ if \ s_{i} \in W \end{cases}$$

$$\sigma(s_{i}) = \begin{cases} \Box_{i} : \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}, \ s.t. \forall a \in \mathcal{Q}, \Box_{i}(a) = \{s \in S_{i} \mid s \leqslant a, s \in \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{Q})\}, \\ if \ s_{i} \in E \\ \Box_{i} : \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}, \ s.t. \forall a \in \mathcal{Q}, \Box_{i}(a) = \{s \in S_{i} \mid s \leqslant a, \forall b, b \cdot s \vee s \cdot b \leqslant s \cdot b \cdot s\}, \\ if \ s_{i} \in E \\ otherwise, \ if \ s_{i} \ belongs \ to \ some \ intersection \ of \ subsets, \ then \ we \ combine \ the \ relevant \ conditions \end{cases}$$

**Definition 12.** Let Q be an unital quantale,  $f: Tp \to Q$  a valuation and  $\sigma: I \to \square_Q$  a subexponential interpretation, then interpretation is defined inductively:

**Definition 13.**  $\Gamma \models A \Leftrightarrow \forall f, \forall \sigma, \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \leqslant \llbracket A \rrbracket$ 

Theorem 2.  $\Gamma \to A \Rightarrow \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \leqslant \llbracket A \rrbracket$ 

*Proof.* We consider the promotion case, the rest modal cases are immediatly shown.

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Let !_{s_1}A_1, \ldots, !_{s_n}A_n \to A and \forall i, s \leq s_i.

Then \forall a \in Q, \sigma(s_i)(a) \leqslant \sigma(s)(a).

By IH, \sigma(s_1)[\![A_1]\!] \cdot \cdots \cdot \sigma(s_n)[\![A_n]\!] \leqslant [\![A]\!].

Thus, \sigma(s)(\sigma(s_1)[\![A_1]\!] \cdot \cdots \cdot \sigma(s_n)[\![A_n]\!]) \leqslant \sigma(s)([\![A]\!]).

By Lemma 5, \sigma(s_1)[\![A_1]\!] \cdot \cdots \cdot \sigma(s_n)[\![A_n]\!] \leqslant \sigma(s)(\sigma(s_1)[\![A_1]\!] \cdot \cdots \cdot \sigma(s_n)[\![A_n]\!]).

So, \sigma(s_1)[\![A_1]\!] \cdot \cdots \cdot \sigma(s_n)[\![A_n]\!] \leqslant \sigma(s)([\![A]\!]).
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# 3 Quantale completeness

Definition 14.

Let  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq Fm$ , an ideal is a subset  $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ , such that:

- If  $B \in \mathcal{I}$  and  $A \to B$ , then  $A \in \mathcal{I}$ ;
- If  $A, B \in \mathcal{I}$ , then  $A \vee B \in \mathcal{I}$ .

### Definition 15.

Let 
$$S \subseteq \mathcal{F} \subseteq Fm$$
, then  $\bigvee S = \bigcap \{ \mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{F} \mid S \subseteq \mathcal{I} \}$ 

The following conditions hold similarly to [?]:

### Lemma 3.

- 1.  $\bigvee S$  is an ideal;
- 2.  $A \subseteq Fm$ , then  $\{B \mid B \to A\} = \bigvee \{A\}$ ;
- 3.  $\bigvee \{A\} \subseteq \bigvee \{B\} \text{ iff } A \to B;$
- 4. Let  $Q = \{ \bigvee S \mid S \subseteq Fm \}$  and  $\bigvee A \cdot \bigvee B = \bigvee \{ A \bullet B \mid A \in A, B \in B \}$ . Then  $\langle Q, \subseteq, \cdot, \bigvee \mathbf{1} \rangle$  is a unital quantale.

We extend this construction for polymodal case as follows:

**Lemma 4.** Let  $!_s \in I$  and  $A\mathcal{F}_{\Sigma}$ , then  $\Box_s(\bigvee \{A\}) = \bigvee \{!_s B \mid !_s B \to A\}$  is a quantic conucleus.

Proof.

**Lemma 5.** Let  $A \in \mathcal{F}_{\Sigma}$ , then  $\Box_s \bigvee \{A\} = \bigvee \{!_s A\}$ , for each  $s \in \mathcal{I}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A \in Fm$  and  $s \in \mathcal{I}$ .

Let 
$$!_sB \in \square_s \bigvee \{A\}$$
, then  $!_sB \to A$ , then  $!_sB \to !_sA$  by promotion. So,  $!_sB \in \bigvee \{!_sA\}$ .  
 Let  $C \in \bigvee \{!_sA\}$ , then  $C \to !_sA$ , so  $!_sC \to !_sA$  by dereliction, but  $!_sA \to A$ , hence  $!_sC \to A$  by cut. So,  $!_sC \in \square_s \bigvee \{A\}$ .

### Lemma 6.

Let  $i, j \in I$  and  $i \leq j$ , then for all  $A \in \mathcal{F}_{\Sigma}$ ,  $\Box_i(\bigvee \{A\}) \subseteq \Box_i(\bigvee \{A\})$ .

Proof.

Let 
$$i, j \in I$$
 and  $i \leq j$ , then for  
all  $A \in \mathcal{F}_{\Sigma}$ ,  $!_{j}A \to !_{i}A$  by promotion. Then  $\bigvee \{!_{j}A\} \subseteq \bigvee \{!_{i}A\}$ , so  $\Box_{j}(\bigvee \{A\}) \subseteq \Box_{i}(\bigvee \{A\})$ .

### Lemma 7.

For all  $A \in \mathcal{F}_{\Sigma}$ ,

- 1. Let  $s \in W$ , then  $\Box_s \{A\} \subseteq \{1\}$ ;
- 2. Let  $s \in E$ , then  $\Box_s(\bigvee \{A\}) \cdot \bigvee \{B\} = \bigvee \{B\} \cdot \Box_s(\bigvee \{A\})$ .
- 3. Let  $s \in C$ , then  $(\Box_s \bigvee A \cdot \bigvee B) \cup (\bigvee B \cdot \Box_s \bigvee A) \subseteq \Box_s \bigvee A \cdot \bigvee B \cdot \Box_s \bigvee A$ , for all  $B \subseteq Fm$ .

Proof.

- 1. Follows from  $!_s A \to \mathbf{1}$ , so  $s \in W$ ;
- 2. Follows from  $!_s A \bullet B \leftrightarrow B \bullet !_s A$ ;
- 3. Follows from  $!_s A \bullet B \rightarrow !_s A \bullet B \bullet !_s A$  and similarly for  $B \bullet !_s A$ .

### Definition 16.

Let  $\mathcal{Q}$  be a syntactic quantale as proposed above and  $\mathcal{I} = \langle I, \leq, W, C, E \rangle$  be a subexponential

We define a map  $\Box: \mathcal{I} \to Mod_{\mathcal{Q}}$  as follows:

 $\Box(i)(\bigvee\{A\}) = \{!_i B \mid !_i B \to A\}.$ 

**Lemma 8.**  $\square$  is a subexponential interpretation.

*Proof.* Follows from lemmas above.

#### Lemma 9.

Let Q be a quantale constructed above and  $(\square_{s_i})_{s_i \in \Sigma}$  be a family of quantic conuclei on Q. Then there exist a model  $\langle Q, [\![.]\!] \rangle$ , such that  $[\![A]\!] = \bigvee \{A\}, A \in Fm$ .

Proof.

We define an interpretaion as follows:

- 1.  $[p_i] = \bigvee \{p_i\}$
- 2.  $[1] = \{1\}$
- 3.  $[A \bullet B] = \bigvee \{A \bullet B\}$
- 4.  $[A/B] = \bigvee \{A/B\}$
- 5.  $[B \setminus A] = \bigvee \{B \setminus A\}$
- 6.  $[A\&B] = \bigvee \{A\&B\}$
- 7.  $[A \lor B] = \bigvee \{A \lor B\}$
- 8.  $[[!_s A]] = \Box(s)(\bigvee \{A\}) = \bigvee \{!_s A\}.$

**Theorem 3.**  $\Gamma \models A \Rightarrow \Gamma \rightarrow A$ .

*Proof.* Follows from lemmas above.

#### 4 Relational semantics

### Definition 17.

Let A be a set. Then relational quantale on A is a triple  $Q = \langle A, \bigvee, \mathcal{I} \rangle$  where  $A \subseteq 2^{A \times A}$ :

- $\langle \mathcal{A}, \bigvee, \subseteq \rangle$  is a complete semi-lattice;
- Multiplication is defined as  $R \circ S = \{\langle a, c \rangle \mid \exists b \in A, \langle a, b \rangle \in R \text{ and } \langle b, c \rangle \in S\}$
- $\langle \mathcal{A}, \circ, \mathcal{I} \rangle$  is a monoid;
- For each indexing set J,  $R \circ \bigvee_{i \in I} S_i = \bigvee_{i \in I} (R \circ S_i)$  and  $\bigvee_{i \in I} R_i \circ S = \bigvee_{i \in I} (R_i \circ S)$ .

### Theorem 4.

Let  $Q = \langle A, \leq, \cdot, \bigvee \rangle$  be a unital quantale and S is a subquantale of Q.

Then  $\langle \mathcal{Q}, \square_{\mathcal{S}} \rangle$  is isomorphic to some relational quantale of A wit some quantic conucleus  $\hat{\square}$ .

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Proof.
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Consider a relational quantale proposed by Brown and Gurr. This quantale is 4-tuple  $\theta(Q) = \langle \mathcal{R}, \subseteq, \circ, \bigvee \rangle$  defined as follows:

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1. \theta(a) = \{\langle b, c \rangle \mid b \leq a \cdot c\};
2. \theta(a \cdot b) = \theta(a) \circ \theta(b);
3. \theta(\bigvee_{i \in I} a_i) = \bigvee_{i \in I} \theta(a_i);
 4. \theta(\varepsilon) = \{\langle b, c \rangle \mid b \cdot \varepsilon \leqslant c\} = \{\langle b, c \rangle \mid b \leqslant c\}
 Let S \subseteq Q, so \square_S a := \bigvee \{s \mid s \in S, s \leq a\} is quantic conucleus.
 So, \theta(S) \subseteq \theta(Q) is a subquantale of \theta(Q).
 Let us define \hat{\Box}\theta(a) := \bigvee \{\theta(s) \mid \theta(s) \in \theta(S), \theta(s) \subseteq \theta(a)\}\, so
         \theta(\Box_{\mathcal{S}}a) = \{\langle p, q \rangle \mid p \leqslant \Box_{\mathcal{S}}a \cdot q\} =
         \{\langle p, q \rangle \mid p \leqslant \bigvee \{s \mid s \in \mathcal{S}, s \leqslant a\} \cdot q\} =
             Homomorphism
         \theta(\bigvee_{s \in S, s \leqslant a} s) =
             Homomorphism preserves sups
         \bigvee_{s \in S, s \leqslant a} \theta(s) =
             Unfolding
         \bigvee \{\theta(s) \mid s \in S, s \leqslant a\} =
             Unfolding
         \bigvee \{\theta(s) \mid \theta(s) \in \theta(S), \theta(s) \subseteq \theta(a)\} = \hat{\Box}\theta(a)
 So, \hat{\Box}\theta(a) = \theta(\Box_{\mathcal{S}}a).
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# 5 Syntactic concept lattices

**Definition 18.** Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a finite alphabet and  $L \subseteq \mathcal{L}^*$  be a language.

We define maps  $[.]^{\triangleright}: \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{L}^*) \to \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{L}^* \times \mathcal{L}^*)$  and  $[.]^{\triangleleft}: \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{L}^* \times \mathcal{L}^*) \to \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{L}^*)$  as follows:

1. 
$$M \subseteq \mathcal{L}^*$$
,  $M^{\triangleright} = \{(x,y) \mid \forall w \in M, xwy \in L\}$ ;

2. 
$$C \subseteq \mathcal{L}^* \times \mathcal{L}^*$$
,  $C^{\triangleleft} = \{ w \mid \forall (x, y) \in C, xwy \in L \}$ 

Note that compositions  $[.]^{\lhd \rhd}$  and  $[.]^{\rhd \lhd}$  form closure operators, by the way  $[.]^{\lhd}$  and  $[.]^{\rhd}$  are connected via contravariant Galois connection.

**Definition 19.** A syntactic concept is a pair  $\langle S, C \rangle$ , where  $S \subseteq \mathcal{L}^*$  and  $C \subseteq \mathcal{L}^* \times \mathcal{L}^*$ , such that  $S^{\triangleright} = C$  and  $C^{\triangleleft} = S$ .