

# The finite representation property for some reducts of relation algebras

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## Abstract

In this paper, we show that the class of representable residuated semigroups has the finite representation property. That is, every finite representable residuated semigroup is isomorphic to some algebra over a finite base. This result gives a positive solution to Problem 19.17 from the monograph by Hirsch and Hodkinson [12].

We also show that the class of representable join semilattice-ordered semigroups has a recursively enumerable axiomatisation and the finite representation property.

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## 1 Introduction

Relation algebras are the kind of Boolean algebras with operators that provide algebraisation of binary relations [17]. The class of all relation algebras, denoted as **RA**, consists of algebras the signature of which is  $\{0, 1, +, -, ;, \smile, \mathbf{1}'\}$  obeying certain axioms. The class of representable relation algebras, **RRA**, consists of algebras isomorphic to set relation algebras. **RRA** is a subclass of **RA**, but the converse inclusion does not hold. That is, there exist relation algebras with no representation as set relation algebras [19]. Moreover, the class **RRA** is not finitely axiomatisable [21]. The problem of determining whether a given finite relation algebra is representable is undecidable, see [11].

In other words, relation algebras are quite badly behaved. The study of such reducts is mostly motivated by such “bad behaviour” in order to avoid these restrictions and determine the possible reasons for them.

There are several results on reducts of relation algebras having no finite axiomatisation such as ordered monoids [9], distributive residuated lattices [1], join semilattice-ordered semigroups [2], algebras whose signature contains composition, meet, and converse [16], etc.

On the other hand, such classes as representable residuated semigroups and monoids [1], and ordered domain algebras [13] are finitely axiomatisable. There are also plenty of subsignatures for which the question of finite axiomatisability remains open, see, e. g., [2].

The other direction we emphasise is related to finite representability. A finite algebra of relations has the finite representation property if it is isomorphic to some algebra of relations on a finite base. The investigation of this problem is of interest to study such aspects as the decidability of membership of  $\mathbf{R}(\tau)$ . The finite representation property also implies recursivity of the class of all finite representable  $\tau$ -structures [8], if the whole class is finitely axiomatisable.

Here,  $\tau$  is a subsignature of operations definable in  $\{0, 1, +, -, ;, \smile, \mathbf{1}\}$ . The examples of the class having the finite representation property are some classes of algebras [8] [13] [20], the subsignature of which contains the domain and range operators. The other kind of algebras of binary relations having the finite representation property is semigroups with so-called demonic refinement has been recently studied by Hirsch and Šemrl [14].

There are subsignatures  $\tau$  such that the class  $\mathbf{R}(\tau)$  of representable reducts fails to have the finite representation property, for example,  $\{; , \cdot\}$ , see [14, Theorem 4.1]. In general, (un)decidability of determining whether a finite relation algebra has a finite representation is an open question [12, Problem 18.18].

In this paper, we consider reducts of relation algebras the signature of which consists of composition, residuals, and the binary relation symbol denoting partial ordering, that is, the class of representable residuated semigroups. We show that  $\mathbf{R}(; , \backslash, /, \leq)$  has the finite representation property. As result, Problem 19.17 of [12] has a positive solution. We also note that this result implies of membership decidability of  $\mathbf{R}(; , \backslash, /, \leq)$  for finite structures and the class of finite representable residuated semigroups is recursive. The solution is surprisingly simple and based on the Dedekind-MacNeille completion and the relation representation of quantales. We consider a finite residuated semigroup and embed into a finite quantale mapping every element to its lower cone. After that, we apply the relational representation for quantales. As a result, the original finite residuated semigroup has a Zaretski-style representation [25] and this satisfies the finite base requirement.

In the last section, we study the class of representable join semilattice-ordered semigroups, denoted as  $\mathbf{R}(; , +)$ . It is already known that this class is not finitely axiomatisable [2]. First, we show that  $\mathbf{R}(; , +)$  has a recursively enumerable axiomatisation. For that, we define networks and representability games for them. This class is axiomatised with the axioms of join semilattice-ordered semigroups plus the countable set of universal formulas claiming that  $\exists$  has a winning strategy on every finitary step.

After that, we show that  $\mathbf{R}(; , +)$  has the finite representation property. Moreover, we extract the explicit recursively enumerable axiomatisation of  $\mathbf{R}(; , +)$ . As a corollary, the representability problem for finite join semilattice-ordered semigroup is decidable.

## 2 Preliminaries

Let us the basic definitions related to relation algebras [12].

**Definition 1.** A relation algebra is an algebra  $\mathcal{R} = \langle R, 0, 1, +, -, ;, \smile, \mathbf{1} \rangle$  such that  $\langle R, 0, 1, +, - \rangle$  is a Boolean algebra and the following equations hold, for each  $a, b, c \in R$ :

1.  $a; (b; c) = (a; b); c$ ,
2.  $(a + b); c = (a; c) + (b; c)$ ,
3.  $a; \mathbf{1}' = a$ ,
4.  $a^{\smile\smile} = a$ ,
5.  $(a + b)^{\smile} = a^{\smile} + b^{\smile}$ ,
6.  $(a; b)^{\smile} = b^{\smile}; a^{\smile}$ ,
7.  $a^{\smile}; -(a; b) \leq -b$ .

Note that  $a \leq b$  iff  $a + b = b$  iff  $a \cdot b = a$ , where  $a \cdot b = -(-a + -b)$ . **RA** is the class of all relation algebras.

**Definition 2.** A proper relation algebra (or, a set relation algebra) is an algebra  $\mathcal{R} = \langle R, 0, 1, \cup, -, ;, \smile, \mathbf{1} \rangle$  such that  $R \subseteq \mathcal{P}(W)$ , where  $X$  is a base set,  $W \subseteq X \times X$  is an equivalence relation,  $0 = \emptyset$ ,  $1 = W$ ,  $\cup$  and  $-$  are set-theoretic union and complement respectively,  $;$  is relation composition,  $\smile$  is relation converse,  $\mathbf{1}'$  is the identity relation restricted to  $W$ , that is:

1.  $a; b = \{ \langle x, z \rangle \in W \mid \exists y \langle x, y \rangle \in a \ \& \ \langle y, z \rangle \in b \}$
2.  $a^\smile = \{ \langle x, y \rangle \in W \mid \langle y, x \rangle \in a \}$
3.  $\mathbf{1}' = \{ \langle x, y \rangle \in W \mid x = y \}$

**PRA** is the class of all proper relation algebras. **RRA** is the class of all representable relation algebras, that is, the closure of **PRA** under isomorphic copies.

Let  $\tau$  be a subset of operations and predicates definable in **RA**.  $\mathbf{R}(\tau)$  is the class of subalgebras of  $\tau$ -subreducts of algebras belonging to **RRA**. We assume that  $\mathbf{R}(\tau)$  is closed under isomorphic copies.

A  $\tau$ -structure is *representable* if it is isomorphic to some algebra of relations of  $\tau$ -signature. A representable finite  $\tau$ -structure has a *finite representation over a finite base* if it is isomorphic to some finite representable over a finite base.  $\mathbf{R}(\tau)$  has the finite representation property if every  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbf{R}(\tau)$  has a finite representation over a finite base.

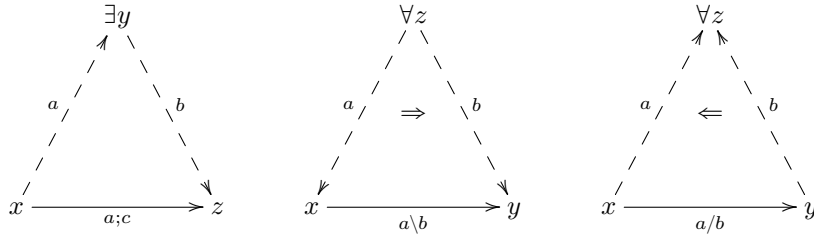
One may express residuals in every  $\mathcal{R} \in \mathbf{RA}$  as follows using Boolean negation, inversion, and composition as follows:

1.  $a \backslash b = -(a^\smile; -b)$
2.  $a / b = -(-a; b^\smile)$

These residuals have the following explicit definition in  $\mathcal{R} \in \mathbf{PRA}$ :

1.  $a \backslash b = \{ \langle x, y \rangle \mid \forall z (z, x) \in a \Rightarrow (z, y) \in b \}$
2.  $a / b = \{ \langle x, y \rangle \mid \forall z (y, z) \in b \Rightarrow (x, z) \in a \}$

One may visualise residuals in **RRA** with the following triangles:



A *residuated semigroup* is a structure  $\mathcal{A} = \langle A, ;, \leq, \backslash, / \rangle$  such that  $\langle A, ;, \leq \rangle$  is a partially ordered residuated semigroup and  $\backslash, /$  are binary operations satisfying the residuation property:

$$b \leq a \backslash c \Leftrightarrow a; b \leq c \Leftrightarrow a \leq c / b$$

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a semigroup and  $X, Y \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ , then  $X; Y = \{x; y \mid x \in X, y \in Y\}$ .

A *join semilattice-ordered semigroup* is an algebra  $\mathcal{A} = \langle A, ;, + \rangle$  such that  $\langle A, ; \rangle$  is a semigroup,  $\langle A, + \rangle$  is a join semilattice, and the following identity holds for all  $a, b, c \in A$  the identity  $a; (b + c) = a; b + a; c$  holds. Every join semilattice-ordered semigroup is a poset and ordering is defined as  $a \leq b$  iff  $a + b = b$ .



$$4. (a / b)^R = \{(x, y) \mid \forall z \in X ((y, z) \in a^R \Rightarrow (x, z) \in b^R)\} = a^R / b^R.$$

Andréka and Mikulás proved the representation theorem for residuated semigroups ([1]) in the step-by-step fashion. See this paper to learn more about step-by-step representations in general [10]. As it well known, the logic of such structures is the Lambek calculus [18], so we also have the relational completeness of the Lambek calculus.

This fact also claims that the theory of  $\mathbf{R}(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot)$  is finitely axiomatisable since their theories coincide, and the class of all residuated semigroup is finitely axiomatisable.

One may rephrase the result of the theorem by Andréka and Mikulás as  $\mathcal{A}$  is representable iff  $\mathcal{A}$  is a residuated semigroup, where  $\mathcal{A}$  is a structure of the signature  $\{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}$ . Thus, it is sufficient to show that any finite residuated semigroup has a representation over a finite base in order to show that  $\mathbf{R}(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot)$  has the finite representation property. For that, we will use the representation of residuated semigroups as subalgebras of quantales and the relational representation of quantales.

A quantale is a complete lattice-ordered semigroup. Quantales has been initially introduced by Mulvey to provide a noncommutative generalisation of locales, see [22].

**Definition 6.** A *quantale* is a structure  $\mathcal{Q} = \langle Q, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  such that  $\mathcal{Q} = \langle Q, \cdot \rangle$  is a complete lattice,  $\langle Q, \cdot \rangle$  is a semigroup, and the following conditions hold for each  $a \in Q$  and  $A \subseteq Q$ :

1.  $a \cdot \Sigma A = \Sigma\{a \cdot q \mid q \in A\}$ ,
2.  $\Sigma A \cdot a = \Sigma\{q \cdot a \mid q \in A\}$ .

**Definition 7.** Given a quantale  $\mathcal{Q} = \langle Q, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ , a set of *generators* is a subset  $G \subseteq Q$  (denotes as  $\langle G \rangle$ ), if

1. For every  $q \in Q$  one has  $q \leq \Sigma\{g \in \langle G \rangle \mid g \leq q\}$ .
2. For every  $g \in \langle G \rangle$  and  $q_1, q_2 \in Q$ ,  $g \leq q_1 \cdot q_2$  implies  $g \leq q_1 \cdot r$  for some  $r \in \langle G \rangle$  with  $r \leq q_2$ .

As a corollary, every  $q \in Q$  has the form  $q = \Sigma\{g \in \langle G \rangle \mid g \leq q\}$ . Every generator is also an atom, that is, a minimal non-zero element. The existence of a set of generators for an arbitrary quantale was shown here [4, Lemma 3.12].

Note that any quantale is a residuated semigroup as well. Given a quantale  $\mathcal{Q} = \langle Q, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ , One may express residuals with supremum and product as follows for each  $a, b \in Q$ :

1.  $a \backslash b = \Sigma\{c \in Q \mid a \cdot c \leq b\}$ ,
2.  $a / b = \Sigma\{c \in Q \mid b \cdot c \leq a\}$ .

Note that, if a residual exists, then it is unique.

A quantic nucleus is a closure operator on a quantale allowing one to define subquantales. Such an operator is a generalisation of a well-known nucleus operator from locale theory, see, e. g., [3]. The following definition and the proposition below are due to [23, Definition 3.1.1, Theorem 3.1.1] respectively.

**Definition 8.** A *quantic nucleus* on a quantale  $\langle A, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is a mapping  $j : A \rightarrow A$  such that  $j$  a closure operator satisfying  $ja \cdot jb \leq j(a \cdot b)$ .

**Proposition 1.** Let  $\mathcal{A} = \langle A, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  be a quantale and  $j$  a quantic nucleus, the set  $\mathcal{A}_j = \{a \in A \mid ja = a\}$  forms a quantale, where  $a \cdot_j b = j(a \cdot b)$  and  $\Sigma_j A = j(\Sigma A)$  for each  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}_j$  and  $A \subseteq \mathcal{A}_j$ .

One may embed any residuated semigroup into some quantale with using Dedekind-MacNeille completion (see, for example, [24]) as follows. According to Goldblatt [7], residuated semigroups have the following representation based on quantic nuclei and the Galois connection.

We need this construction to solve the problem, let us discuss it briefly. See Goldblatt's paper to have a complete argument in more detail [7].

Let  $\mathcal{A} = \langle A, \leq, ;, \backslash, / \rangle$  be a residuated semigroup. Then  $\langle \mathcal{P}(A), ;, \bigcup \rangle$  is a quantale, where the product operation on subsets is defined with the pairwise products of their elements.

Let  $X \subseteq A$ . We put  $lX$  and  $uX$  as the sets of lower and upper bounds of  $X$  in  $A$ . We also put  $mX = luX$ . Note that the lower cone of an arbitrary  $x$  is  $m$ -closed, that is,  $m(\downarrow x) = \downarrow x$ .

$m : \mathcal{P}(A) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A)$  is a closure operator and the set

$$(\mathcal{P}(A))_m = \{X \in \mathcal{P}(A) \mid mX = X\}$$

forms a complete lattice with  $\Sigma_m \mathcal{X} = m(\bigcup \mathcal{X})$  and  $\Pi_m = \bigcap \mathcal{X}$ , see [5, Theorem 7.3].

The key observation is that  $m$  is a quantic nucleus on  $\mathcal{P}(A)$ , that is,  $mA; mB \subseteq m(A; B)$ . We refer here to the Goldblatt's paper mentioned above.

Thus, according to Proposition 1,  $\langle (\mathcal{P}(A))_m, \subseteq, ;_m \rangle$  is a quantale itself since  $m$  is a quantic nucleus.

Let us define a mapping  $f_m : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow (\mathcal{P}(A))_m$  such that  $f_m : a \mapsto \downarrow a$ . This map is well-defined since any lower cone generated by a point is  $m$ -closed. Moreover,  $f_m$  preserves products, residuals, and existing suprema. In particular,  $f_m$  is a residuated semigroup embedding.

As a result, we have the following representation theorem [7, Corollary 2].

**Theorem 1.** *Every residuated semigroup has an isomorphic embedding to the subalgebra of some quantale.*

Quantales, in turn, are representable with binary relations. The notion of a relational quantale was introduced by Brown and Gurr to represent quantales as algebras of relations [4].

**Definition 9.** Let  $A$  be a non-empty set. A *relational quantale* on  $A$  is an algebra  $\langle R, \subseteq, ;, \rangle$ , where

1.  $R \subseteq \mathcal{P}(A \times A)$ ,
2.  $\langle R, \subseteq \rangle$  is a complete join-semilattice,
3.  $;$  is a relational composition that respects all suprema in both coordinates.

The uniqueness of residuals in any quantale implies the following fact.

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a relational quantale over a base set  $X$ , then for each  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$*

1.  $a \backslash b = \{(x, y) \in X^2 \mid \forall z \in X ((z, x) \in a \Rightarrow (z, y) \in b)\}$ ,
2.  $a / b = \{(x, y) \in X^2 \mid \forall z \in X ((y, z) \in b \Rightarrow (x, z) \in a)\}$ .

Now let us discuss the representation theorem for quantales. Let  $\mathcal{Q}$  be a quantale,  $Q$  its underlying set, and  $\langle G \rangle$  a set of its generators. Given  $a \in \mathcal{Q}$ , define the binary relation  $\hat{a} \subseteq Q \times Q$  as:

$$\hat{a} = \{(g, p) \mid g \in \langle G \rangle, p \in Q, g \leq a; p\}$$

Denote  $\hat{\mathcal{Q}}$  as  $\{\hat{a} \mid a \in \mathcal{Q}\}$ .

The mapping  $a \mapsto \hat{a}$  satisfies the following conditions:

1.  $a \leq b$  iff  $\hat{a} \subseteq \hat{b}$ ,
2.  $\widehat{\Sigma A} = \Sigma \hat{A}$ ,  $\hat{a}; \hat{b} = \widehat{a; b}$ , and  $\langle \widehat{Q}, \subseteq, \Sigma \rangle$  is a complete lattice,
3.  $\langle \widehat{Q}, \subseteq, ; \rangle$  is a relational quantale,
4.  $Q$  is isomorphic to  $\langle \widehat{Q}, \subseteq, ; \rangle$  and  $a \mapsto \hat{a}$  is a quantale isomorphism.

We summarise the construction above with the following theorem proved by Brown and Gurr, see [4, Theorem 3.11].

**Theorem 2.** *Every quantale  $Q = \langle Q, ;, \Sigma \rangle$  is isomorphic to a relational quantale on  $Q$  as a base set.*

We describe how we use Theorem 1, Proposition 2, and Theorem 2 and constructions from their proofs to obtain an interpretation of the signature of residuated semigroups on  $\mathbf{R}(\cdot, \backslash, /, \leq)$ .

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a residuated semigroup and  $\mathcal{Q}_{\mathcal{A}}$  is a quantale of Galois closed subsets of  $\mathcal{A}$ .  $\widehat{\mathcal{Q}_{\mathcal{A}}}$  is the corresponding relational quantale. Let us define an interpretation  $R : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \widehat{\mathcal{Q}_{\mathcal{A}}}$  such that:

$$R : a \mapsto a^R = \downarrow a$$

According to the lemma below, such an interpretation is a representation. As we have already said above, the function  $a \mapsto \downarrow a$  is order-preserving and it commutes with products and residuals.

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $\tau$  be a signature of residuated semigroups. An interpretation  $R : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \widehat{\mathcal{Q}_{\mathcal{A}}}$  such that  $R : a \mapsto a^R = \downarrow a$  is a  $\tau$ -representation.*

*Proof.* By Theorem 1,  $\mathcal{Q}_{\mathcal{A}}$  is isomorphic to  $\widehat{\mathcal{Q}_{\mathcal{A}}}$ . The isomorphism is established with the map  $\downarrow a \mapsto \widehat{\downarrow a}$  according to Theorem 2. Residuals in  $\widehat{\mathcal{Q}_{\mathcal{A}}}$  are well-defined by Proposition 2.  $\square$

Theorem 1, Theorem 2, and the lemma above imply the following statement.

**Corollary 1.** *Every residuated semigroup is isomorphic to the subalgebra of some relational quantale.*

In particular, the representation we proposed implies the solution to [12, Problem 19.17].

**Theorem 3.**  $\mathbf{R}(\cdot, \backslash, /, \leq)$  has the finite representation property.

*Proof.*

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a finite residuated semigroup.

The representation of  $\mathcal{A}$  as a subalgebra of a relational quantale clearly belongs to  $\mathbf{R}(\cdot, \backslash, /, \leq)$ . This representation has the form

$$\hat{\mathcal{A}} = \langle \{\downarrow a\}_{a \in \mathcal{A}}, ;, \cdot, \backslash, /, \subseteq \rangle.$$

Moreover, such a representation with the corresponding relational quantale has the finite base, if the original algebra is finite. The base set of the quantale  $\widehat{\mathcal{Q}_{\mathcal{A}}}$  is the set of Galois stable subsets of  $\mathcal{A}$ , the cardinality of which is finite.  $\square$

As a corollary, of Theorem 3 is that the Lambek calculus is complete with respect to finite representable residuated semigroups.

**Corollary 2.** *The Lambek calculus is complete w.r.t finite relational models (has the FMP).*

Moreover, finite axiomatisability and having the finite representation property of  $\mathbf{R}(\cdot, \backslash, /, \leq)$  imply that the membership of  $\mathbf{R}(\tau)_{fin}$  is decidable.

## 4 Join semilattice-ordered semigroups: the explicit axiomatisation and the finite representation property

We note that a similar construction does not work for finite representable upper semilattice-ordered semigroups. From the one hand, the notions of a finite upper semilattice-ordered semigroup and finite quantale are quite close to each other. From the other hand, there are examples of non-representable upper semilattice-ordered semigroups whose any non-principal ultraproduct is representable, see [2, Theorem 3.1]. That makes  $\mathbf{R}(\cdot, +)$  not finitely axiomatisable. Thus, one needs to show the decidability of membership in a different way. We have the following fact:

**Proposition 3.** *Let  $\tau$  be a signature of operations and predicates definable in  $\mathbf{RA}$ , then, if  $\mathbf{R}(\tau)$  has a recursively enumerable axiomatisation and the finite representation property, then the membership problem for finite  $\tau$ -structures is decidable.*

*Proof.* Suppose  $\mathbf{R}(\tau)$  has a recursively enumerable axiomatisation and every finite  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbf{R}(\tau)$  is representable over a finite base.

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $\tau$ -structure. We check axioms of  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbf{R}(\tau)$  with the algorithm  $S$  that yields “no” and halts, if  $\mathcal{A}$  is not representable.

In parallel, we check whether  $\mathcal{A}$  has a finite representation. If there exists such  $0 < n < \omega$  such that  $\mathcal{A}$  is representable over size  $n$ , then the algorithm  $T$  does output “yes” and terminates.

So, one has either  $S(\mathcal{A}) = \text{no}$  and  $T(\mathcal{A}) = \text{yes}$ .  $\square$

In this section, we show that  $\mathbf{R}(+, \cdot)$  has a recursively enumerable universal axiomatisation. For that, we characterise representability using Ehrenfeucht-Fraïssé games on networks. After that, we show that every finite  $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbf{R}(+, \cdot)$  is representable by factorising its network through an equivalence relation having a finite index. That is, an equivalence relation whose quotient is finite.

### 4.1 Axiomatising $\mathbf{R}(+, \cdot)$

**Definition 10.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a join-semilattice ordered semigroup. A *prenetwork* over  $\mathcal{A}$  is a tuple  $(V, E, l)$ , where  $V$  is a set of vertices,  $E$  is a set of edges such that  $\langle V, E \rangle$  is a directed graph, and  $l$  is a labelling function  $l : E \rightarrow \text{Up}(\mathcal{A})$ .

A prenetwork over  $\mathcal{A} = (V, E, l)$  is a *network* if the following hold:

1. (**Saturation condition**) For every  $u, v \in V$  and for every  $x, y, z \in \mathcal{A}$   $z \in l(u, v)$  and  $z \leq x \cdot y$  implies  $x \in N(u, w)$  and  $y \in l(w, v)$  for some  $w \in V$ .
2. (**Coherence condition**) For every  $u, v, w \in V$  one has  $l(u, v) \cdot l(v, w) \subseteq l(u, w)$ .
3. (**Join-primeness**) For every  $u, v \in V$   $l(u, v)$  is join-prime. That is, for each  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$  if  $a + b \in l(u, v)$ , then either  $a \in l(u, v)$  or  $b \in l(u, v)$ .

If  $\mathcal{A}$  is a prenetwork, then we will denote its sets of nodes as  $\text{Nodes}(\mathcal{A})$  occasionally.

Let  $\mathcal{N}_1 = (V_1, E_1, l_1)$  and  $\mathcal{N}_2 = (V_2, E_2, l_2)$  be (pre)networks, then  $\mathcal{N}_1$  is a *subnetwork* of  $\mathcal{N}_2$ , written as  $\mathcal{N}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{N}_2$ , if  $V_1 \subseteq V_2$ ,  $E_1 \subseteq E_2$ , and for all  $x, y \in V_1$  if  $a \in l_1(x, y)$  then there is  $b \in l_2(x, y)$  with  $b \leq a$ . A  $\mathcal{N}_1$  is an *induced* sub(pre)network of  $\mathcal{N}_2$ , if  $V_1 \subseteq V_2$  and for all  $x, y \in V_1$  one has  $l_1(x, y) = l_2(x, y)$ .

Let  $I$  be a non-empty index set and let  $\{\mathcal{N}_i\}_{i \in I}$  be an indexed set of prenetworks (where each  $\mathcal{N}_i = (V_i, E_i, l_i)$ ), then  $\mathcal{N} = \bigcup_{i \in I} \mathcal{N}_i$  defined as  $(V, E, l)$ , where



1.  $V = \bigcup_{i \in I} V_i$  and  $E = \bigcup_{i \in I} E_i$ .
2.  $l(x, y) = \bigcup_{i \in I} l_i(x, y)$  for each  $x, y \in V$ .

**Definition 11.** Let  $n \leq \omega$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  a join semilattice-ordered semigroup. A play of the game  $\mathcal{G}_n(\mathcal{A})$  has  $n$  rounds and consists of  $n$  finitary networks. As usual, we have two players,  $\forall$  (Abelard) and  $\exists$  (Héloïse).

1. Round 0:  $\forall$  picks  $a, b \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $a \not\leq b$ .  $\exists$  responds with a prenetwork  $\mathcal{N}_0 = (V_0 = \{x_0, x_1\}, E_0 = \{(x_0, x_1)\}, l_0)$  such that  $l_0(x_0, x_1) = A$ , where  $A$  is an upward closed set such that  $a \in A$  and  $b \notin A$ .
2. Round  $n + 1$ . Suppose, the prenetwork  $\mathcal{N}_n = (V_n, E_n, l_n)$  has been played.  
 $\forall$  has the following three options:
  - (a) (**Composition move**):  $\forall$  can pick  $x, y, z \in V_n$  with  $b \in l_n(x, y)$  and  $c \in l_n(y, z)$ . We denote such a move as  $N(x, y, z, b, c)$ . Then  $\exists$  responds with  $\mathcal{N}_{n+1} = (V_{n+1}, E_{n+1}, l_{n+1})$  such that  $\mathcal{N}_{n+1}$  is the same as  $\mathcal{N}_n$ , but  $l_{n+1}(x, z) = \uparrow(l_n(x, y) \cup \{b; c\})$ .
  - (b) (**Witness move**):  
 $\forall$  picks nodes  $x, y \in V_n$  and  $d, e \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $c \leq d; e$  for  $c \in l_n(x, y)$ .  $\exists$  has to find a witness. She has to find a  $z$  which is either a fresh node or an old one. If  $z$  is fresh, then she defines the prenetwork  $T$ , the edges of which are  $x, y, z$  with the labelling:
    - i.  $l_T(x, z) = \uparrow d$
    - ii.  $l_T(z, y) = \uparrow e$
If  $z$  is already an element of  $\mathcal{A}$ , then her response is similar. For her response,  $\exists$  plays  $\mathcal{N}_{n+1} = \mathcal{N}_n \cup T$
  - (c) (**Join move**):  
 $\forall$  picks nodes  $x, y \in V_n$  and  $c + d$  for  $c, d \in \mathcal{A}$ .  $\exists$  has the following two alternatives for her response:
    - i.  $\exists$  chooses  $c$  and responds with the prenetwork  $\mathcal{N}_{n+1} = \langle V_{n+1}, E_{n+1}, l_{n+1} \rangle$ , where  $l_{n+1}(x, y) = \uparrow(l_n(x, y) \cup \{c\})$ .
    - ii.  $\exists$  chooses  $b$ . The response is similar but  $l_{n+1}(x, y) = \uparrow(l_n(x, y) \cup \{d\})$ .

$\forall$  wins the play if  $b \notin l_{\mathcal{N}_i}(x, y)$  for some  $i < n$ . Otherwise,  $\exists$  wins the play.

Let  $a \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{N}$  a network, define a game  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{N}, \mathcal{A}, a)$  such that  $\forall$  picks  $a$  in the initial round and  $\mathcal{N}_0 = \mathcal{N}$ . The rules of the game are the same as previously.

**Lemma 2.** Let  $\mathcal{A} = \langle A, ;, + \rangle$  be a join semilattice-ordered semigroup,

1. If  $\mathcal{A}$  is representable then  $\exists$  has a winning strategy in  $\mathcal{G}_\omega(\mathcal{A})$ .
2. If  $|\mathcal{A}| = \omega$  and  $\exists$  has a winning strategy in  $\mathcal{G}_\omega(\mathcal{A})$  then  $\mathcal{A}$  is representable.

*Proof.*

1. Let  $h : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow 2^{D \times D}$  is a representation of the base set  $D \neq \emptyset$ .  $\exists$  maintains a map  $' : \text{Nodes}(\mathcal{N}) \rightarrow D$ , where  $\mathcal{N}$  is a network being played, such that  $a \in l_{\mathcal{N}}(x, y)$  implies  $(x', y') \in h(a)$ .

2. Let  $a \in \mathcal{A}$ . We consider a play of the game where  $\forall$  picks  $a$  and  $b$  with  $a \not\leq b$  in the initial round and plays  $(\mathcal{N}, x, y, z, c, d)$  in the further rounds for each  $x, y, z \in \text{Nodes}(\mathcal{N})$  and  $c, d \in \mathcal{A}$ . Here,  $c \in l_{\mathcal{N}}(x, y)$  and  $d \in l_{\mathcal{N}}(y, z)$ .

$\forall$  also plays all rounds  $(\mathcal{N}, x, y, c, d)$  for each  $x, y \in \text{Nodes}(\mathcal{N})$  and  $c, d \in \mathcal{A}$  such that there is  $e \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $e \leq c; d$  and  $e \in l_{\mathcal{N}}(x, y)$ .

$\forall$  picks also  $c + d$  and vertices  $x, y \in \text{Nodes}(\mathcal{N})$  for  $c, d \in \mathcal{A}$ .

We have the following play of a game that we define as a sequence of prenetworks where  $\exists$  has a winning strategy for each  $i < \omega$ :

$$\mathcal{N}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{N}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{N}_2 \dots$$

Let us put  $\mathcal{N}^*(a) = \bigcup_{i < \omega} \mathcal{N}_i$ . It is clear that  $\mathcal{N}^*$  is a network.

Let us put the following network assuming that  $\mathcal{N}^*(a_1, a_2)$  and  $\mathcal{N}^*(b_1, b_2)$  are disjoint for  $a_1 \neq 2$  and  $b_1 \neq b_2$ :

$$\mathcal{N} = \bigcup_{a, b \in \mathcal{A}, a \not\leq b} \mathcal{N}^*(a, b)$$

$\mathcal{N}$  is really a network since it is the disjoint union of networks.

Let us define the  $\text{rep} : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \text{Nodes}(\mathcal{N})$ :

$$\text{rep}(a) = \{(x, y) \mid \exists b \leq a \ b \in l_{\mathcal{N}}(x, y)\}$$

Let us ensure that  $\text{rep}$  is a representation.

Let us show that  $\text{rep}(a + b) = \text{rep}(a) \cup \text{rep}(b)$

Suppose  $(x, y) \in \text{rep}(a + b)$ . That is, there exists  $c \leq a + b$  with  $c \in l_{\mathcal{N}}(x, y)$ , so does  $a + b$  since  $l_{\mathcal{N}}$  is an upper cone.

$a + b \in l_{\mathcal{N}}(x, y)$ , that is,

$$a + b \in \bigcup_{c_1, c_2 \in \mathcal{A}, c_1 \not\leq c_2} l_{\mathcal{N}^*(c_1, c_2)}(x, y)$$

That is, there is  $c \in \mathcal{A}$  with such that  $a + b \in l_{\mathcal{N}^*(c_1, c_2)}(x, y)$ , but  $l_{\mathcal{N}^*(c_1, c_2)}(x, y)$  is join-prime, so we have either  $a \in l_{\mathcal{N}^*(c_1, c_2)}(x, y)$  or  $b \in l_{\mathcal{N}^*(c_1, c_2)}(x, y)$ . Thus,  $\text{rep}(a + b) \subseteq \text{rep}(a) \cup \text{rep}(b)$ .

Suppose for the converse,  $(x, y) \in \text{rep}(a)$ . We need  $(x, y) \in \text{rep}(a + b)$ . In other words, we have some  $c \in \mathcal{A}$  with  $c \leq a$  and  $c \in l_{\mathcal{N}}(x, y)$ . We have  $c \leq a \leq a + b$ , so  $(x, y) \in \text{rep}(a + b)$ .

Let us show that  $\text{rep}(a; b) = \text{rep}(a); \text{rep}(b)$ .

Suppose  $(x, y) \in \text{rep}(a; b)$ . We need some  $z$  with  $(x, z) \in \text{rep}(a)$  and  $(z, y) \in \text{rep}(b)$ .

There is  $c \leq a; b$  with  $c \in l_{\mathcal{N}}(x, y)$ . That is, there are  $a_1, a_0 \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{N}_i$  such that  $c \in l_{\mathcal{N}_i}(x, y)$  where  $\forall$  plays  $(a_1, a_0)$  for the initial round.

By the condition,  $\forall$  makes the witness moves and  $\exists$  responds with a witness. Her response is a node  $z$  such that  $l_{\mathcal{N}_{i+1}}(x, z) = \uparrow(l_{\mathcal{N}_i}(x, z) \cup \{a\})$  and  $l_{\mathcal{N}_{i+1}}(z, y) = \uparrow(l_{\mathcal{N}_i}(z, y) \cup \{b\})$ . The inclusion  $\text{rep}(a; b) \subseteq \text{rep}(a); \text{rep}(b)$  holds since all witness moves have been played and for every such a move there exists a witness.

Suppose  $(x, y) \in \text{rep}(a); \text{rep}(b)$ . We need  $(x, y) \in \text{rep}(a; b)$ . That is, there exists  $z \in \text{Nodes}(\mathcal{N})$  with  $(x, z) \in \text{rep}(a)$  and  $(z, y) \in \text{rep}(b)$ . So, there are  $c, d$  such that  $c \leq a$  with  $c \in l_{\mathcal{N}}(x, z)$  and  $d \leq b$  with  $d \in l_{\mathcal{N}}(z, y)$ . We also know that  $l_{\mathcal{N}}(x, z); l_{\mathcal{N}}(z, y) \subseteq l_{\mathcal{N}}(x, y)$  because all composition moves have been played. So  $c; d \in l_{\mathcal{N}}(x, y)$ . That makes  $(x, y) \in \text{rep}(a; b)$  since  $c; d \leq a; b$ .

For injectivity, suppose  $a \leq b$  and  $(x, y) \in \text{rep}(a)$ , that is, there is  $c \leq a$  such that  $c \in l_{\mathcal{N}}(x, y)$ , but  $c \leq a \leq b$ , so  $(x, y) \in \text{rep}(b)$ .

Suppose  $a \not\leq b$ , then there are  $x, y \in \text{Nodes}(\mathcal{N}(a, b))$  such that  $a \in l_{\mathcal{N}}(x, y)$ . These elements are  $x_0, x_1$  that  $\exists$  picks as her response in the zero round.  $\exists$  has a winning strategy, so  $b \notin l(x_0, x_1)$ , but  $(x, y) \in \text{rep}(a)$ , but  $(x, y) \notin \text{rep}(b)$ .

□

The following proposition is a version of [12, Proposition 7.24] and the right-to-left part is proved using König's lemma [15, Exercise 5.6.5].

**Proposition 4.** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a join semilattice-ordered semigroup, then there exists a game such that  $\mathcal{A}$  is representable iff  $\exists$  has a winning strategy in the all finite length games.*

Now we are seeking to obtain the explicit axiomatisation of  $\mathbf{R}(\cdot, +)$ . See [12, Chapter 9] for the discussion in detail to have a more general methodology. Our purpose is to provide the recursively enumerable axiomatisation of  $\mathbf{R}(\cdot, +)$ .

**Definition 12.** Let  $\text{Var}$  be a set of variables. The set of terms  $T$  is generated by the following grammar:

$$\text{Term} ::= \text{Var} \mid (T + T) \mid (T; T)$$

**Definition 13.** A *term network* is a finite network  $\langle V, E, l \rangle$ , where  $\langle V, E \rangle$  is a directed graph and  $l : E \rightarrow 2^{Term}$  is a labelling function such that every  $l(x, y)$  is finite for each  $(x, y) \in E$ .

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a join semilattice-ordered semigroup and  $\vartheta : \text{Var} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  a valuation. The value of complex terms is defined inductively for  $a, b \in T$ :

1.  $(a; b)^{\vartheta} = a^{\vartheta}; b^{\vartheta}$
2.  $(a + b)^{\vartheta} = a^{\vartheta} + b^{\vartheta}$

Let  $\mathcal{N} = \langle V, E, l \rangle$  a term network,  $\mathcal{A}$  be a join-semilattice ordered semigroup and  $\vartheta : \text{Var} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  a valuation. Let us define the prenetwork  $\mathcal{N}^{\vartheta}$  with the same edges and vertices with labelling  $l^{\vartheta}(x, y) = \uparrow \vartheta[l_{\mathcal{N}}(x, y)]$ .

Let  $\mathcal{N}$  be a term network. We define the following three extensions of  $\mathcal{N}$  reflecting the composition, witness, and join moves respectively:

1. Let  $x, y \in \text{Nodes}(\mathcal{N})$  and let  $t$  be a term.  $\mathcal{N}_c$  is the extension of  $\mathcal{N}$ , where  $\text{Nodes}(\mathcal{N}_c) = \text{Nodes}(\mathcal{N})$  and  $l_{\mathcal{N}_c}(x, y) = l_{\mathcal{N}}(x, y) \cup \{t\}$  and  $l_{\mathcal{N}_c}(u, v) = l_{\mathcal{N}}(u, v)$  for each  $u \neq x$  and  $v \neq y$ . We denote this network as  $\mathcal{N}_c(\mathcal{N}, x, y, t)$ .
2. Let  $x, y \in \text{Nodes}(\mathcal{N})$ , let  $z$  be a node (regardless of whether  $z \in \text{Nodes}(\mathcal{N})$ ), and  $t_1, t_2$  any terms. Let us define a network  $T$  such that  $\text{Nodes}(T) = \{x, y, z\}$ . We define labelling as  $l_T(x, y) = \{t_1\}$  and  $l_T(y, z) = \{t_2\}$ . So we put  $\mathcal{N}_w = \mathcal{N} \cup T$ . We denote this network as  $\mathcal{N}_w(\mathcal{N}, x, y, z, t_1, t_2)$ .

3. Let  $x, y \in \text{Nodes}(\mathcal{N})$  and let  $t_1, t_2$  be terms. Let us define  $T_i = \langle \{x, y\}, \{(x, y)\}, l_{T_i} \rangle$ , where  $l_{T_i}(x, y) = l_{\mathcal{N}}(x, y) \cup \{t_i\}$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . So  $\mathcal{N}_{j_1} = \mathcal{N} \cup T_1$  and  $\mathcal{N}_{j_2} = \mathcal{N} \cup T_2$ .

**Lemma 3.** *For each  $n < \omega$  there exists a first-order sentence  $\rho_n$  such that  $\exists$  has a winning strategy in  $\mathcal{G}_n(\mathcal{A})$  iff  $\mathcal{A} \models \rho_n$ .*

*Proof.* As usual, for each  $n < \omega$  we construct a formula  $\sigma_n$  claiming that  $\exists$  has a winning strategy in the game of length  $n$ . To be more precise, our purpose is to have

$$\exists \text{ has a winning strategy in } \mathcal{G}_n(\mathcal{N}^\vartheta, \mathcal{A}, \vartheta(v)) \text{ if and only if } \mathcal{A} \models \sigma_n(\mathcal{N}, v)$$

where  $\mathcal{A}$  is a join semilattice-ordered semigroup,  $\vartheta : \text{Var} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is a variable assignment, and  $\mathcal{N}$  is a term network.

We define the following sequence of formulas  $\{\sigma_n\}_{n < \omega}$  inductively:

$$1. \sigma_0(\mathcal{N}, v) = \bigwedge_{a \in l_{\mathcal{N}}(x, y)} \neg(a \leq v)$$

$\sigma_0(\mathcal{N}, v)$  merely claims that  $\exists$  has a winning strategy in the zero length game.

2. Suppose  $\sigma_n(\mathcal{N}, v)$  are already constructed for some  $n < \omega$ . Let us define a formula  $\sigma_{n+1}$  claiming that  $\exists$  always has a proper response for a network  $\mathcal{M}$  being played.

$\sigma_{n+1}(\mathcal{N}, v)$  is defined as follows:

$$\sigma_{n+1}(\mathcal{N}, v) = \sigma_{n+1_c}(\mathcal{N}, v) \wedge \sigma_{n+1_w}(\mathcal{N}, v) \wedge \sigma_{n+1_j}(\mathcal{N}, v)$$

where

- $\sigma_{n+1_c}(\mathcal{N}, v) = \bigwedge_{x, y, z \in \text{Nodes}(\mathcal{N}), t_1 \in l_{\mathcal{N}}(x, y), t_2 \in l_{\mathcal{N}}(y, z)} \sigma_n(\mathcal{N}_c(x, z, t_1, t_2), v)$
- $\sigma_{n+1_w}(\mathcal{N}, v) = \bigwedge_{x, y \in \text{Nodes}(\mathcal{N}), t \in l_{\mathcal{N}}(x, y)} \forall u_1, u_2 (t \leq u_1; u_2 \rightarrow \bigvee_{w \in \text{Nodes}(\mathcal{N}) \cup \{z\}} \mathcal{N}_c(x, y, w, u_1, u_2)),$   
where  $z \notin \text{Nodes}(\mathcal{N})$ .
- $\sigma_{n+1_j}(\mathcal{N}, v) = \forall a \forall b (v = a + b \rightarrow \bigwedge_{x, y \in \text{Nodes}(\mathcal{N})} \sigma_n(\mathcal{N}_{j_1}(\mathcal{N}, x, y, a), v) \vee \sigma_n(\mathcal{N}_{j_2}(\mathcal{N}, x, y, b), v))$

So,  $\exists$  has a winning strategy iff these formulas are true under the valuation  $\vartheta$  since the formulas  $\{\sigma_n\}_{n < \omega}$  encode the presence of a winning strategy for  $\exists$  on every finitary round.

Let  $v_0$  be any variable,  $\mathcal{N}_{v_0}$  denotes the term network having the form  $\langle \{\{x_0, x_1\}, \{(x_0, x_1)\}, l \rangle$ , where  $l(x, y) = \{v_0\}$ . We define the following sequence of formulas  $(\rho_n)_{n < \omega}$ :

$$\rho_n = \forall v_0 \forall v_1 (\neg(v_0 \leq v_1) \rightarrow \sigma(\mathcal{N}_{v_0}, v_0))$$

□

This inductive sequence of formulas provides us the explicit axiomatisation of the class of representable join semilattice-ordered semigroups.

**Theorem 4.**  *$\mathbf{R}(+, ;)$  is axiomatised with the axioms of join semilattice-ordered semigroups and the countable sequences of universal formulas  $\{\rho_n\}_{n < \omega}$ . Moreover,  $\mathbf{R}(+, ;)$  has a recursively enumerable axiomatisation.*

*Proof.*  $\mathbf{R}(+, ;)$  forms a pseudo-elementary class (see [6] to have a rigorous definition). Let us define a two sorted language with sorts **a** (algebra) and **r** (representation). We have  $\mathbf{R}(+, ;) = \{\mathcal{M} \upharpoonright_{\mathbf{a}} \mid \mathcal{M} \models (\rho_n)_{n < \omega}\}$ . Every  $\rho_n$  may be equivalently transformed into a universal formula by bringing all universal quantifiers into the prefix. So we apply [12, Theorem 9.28]. □

## 4.2 The finite representation property for $\mathbf{R}(+, ;)$

Let us show finite representability for  $\mathbf{R}(+, ;)$ . Suppose that a finite  $\mathcal{A}$  is representable, so  $\exists$  has a winning strategy on  $\mathcal{G}^\omega(\mathcal{A})$ . Let us consider  $\mathcal{N} = \langle V, E, l \rangle$ , the network constructed during the  $\mathcal{G}^\omega(\mathcal{A})$  game.

**Definition 14.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a join semilattice-ordered semigroup and let  $\mathcal{N}_1$  and  $\mathcal{N}_2$  be  $\mathcal{A}$ -networks. A strong homomorphism from  $\mathcal{N}_1$  onto  $\mathcal{N}_2$  is a map  $f : \mathcal{N}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{N}_2$  such that:

1.  $(x, y) \in E_2$  implies  $(f(x), f(y)) \in E_1$ ,
2. If  $(x', y') \in E_2$ , then there exists  $x, y \in E_1$  such that  $f(x) = x'$  and  $f(y) = y'$  and  $(x, y) \in E_1$ ,
3.  $l_{\mathcal{N}_1}(x, y) = l_{\mathcal{N}_2}(f(x), f(y))$

By  $\mathcal{N}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{N}_2$  we mean that there exists a strong homomorphism of  $\mathcal{N}_1$  onto  $\mathcal{N}_2$ .

**Lemma 4.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a representable join semilattice-ordered semigroup,  $\mathcal{N} = \langle V, E, l \rangle$  be an  $\mathcal{A}$ -network that was constructed during  $\mathcal{G}^\omega(\mathcal{A})$ .

Let  $\mathcal{N}'$  be another  $\mathcal{A}$ -network such that  $\mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}'$ , then the map  $f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow 2^{E'}$

$$f(a) = \{(x, y) \in E' \mid \exists b \leq a \ \& \ b \in l_{\mathcal{N}'}(x, y)\}$$

is a representation of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Lemma 5.**

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