

Formal Concept Analysis

I Contexts, Concepts, and Concept Lattices

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What is a concept?

Formal Concept Analysis models concepts as units of thought that consist of two parts:

- The *concept extent* comprises all objects that belong to the concept.
- The *concept intent* contains all attributes that all of the objects have in common.

What is a concept?

DIN 2330/ISO 704: Concepts and their Denomination

FCA is working on the conceptual layer. The representational layer plays only a minor role.

representational layer

concept layer

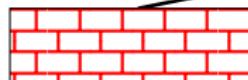
object layer

Denomination

Definition

concept

attribute a
attribute b
attribute c



object 1

property A
property B
property C
property D



object 2

property A
property B
property C
property D



object 3

property A
property B
property C
property D

Formal Context

Def.: A *formal context* is a triple (G, M, I) . where

- G is a set of objects,
- M is a set of attributes, and
- I is a relation between G and M .

We read $(g, m) \in I$ as “object g has attribute m ”.

	National Parks in California						
	NPS Guided Tours	Hiking	Horseback Riding	Swimming	Boating	Fishing	Bicycle Trail
Cabrillo Natl. Mon.						x	x
Channel Islands Natl. Park		x		x		x	
Death Valley Natl. Mon.	x	x	x	x			x
Devils Postpile Natl. Mon.	x	x	x	x		x	
Fort Point Natl. Historic Site	x					x	
Golden Gate Natl. Recreation Area	x	x	x	x		x	x
John Muir Natl. Historic Site	x						
Joshua Tree Natl. Mon.	x	x	x				
Kings Canyon Natl. Park	x	x	x			x	
Lassen Volcanic Natl. Park	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Lava Beds Natl. Mon.	x	x					
Muir Woods Natl. Mon.		x					
Pinnacles Natl. Mon.		x					
Point Reyes Natl. Seashore	x	x	x	x		x	x
Redwood Natl. Park	x	x	x	x			x
Santa Monica Mts. Natl. Recr. Area	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Sequoia Natl. Park	x	x	x			x	
Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity Natl. Recr. Area	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Yosemite Natl. Park	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

Interlude: Vacuous Truth

Logic: a statement about elements of the empty set

Example

- $P :=$ all cell phones in the room are turned off
- $Q :=$ all cell phones in the room are turned on
- $P \wedge Q$

What if there are no cell phones in the room?

A statement $P \Rightarrow Q$ is *vacuously true*, if P is known to be false.

- $\forall g : P(g) \Rightarrow Q(g)$ is always true when $\forall g : \neg P(g)$
- $\forall g \in A : Q(a)$ is always true when ... ?
- $\forall g \in A : (g, m) \in I$ is always true when ... ?
- $\{m \in M \mid \forall g \in A : (g, m) \in I\}$ for $A = \emptyset$ is equal to ... ?

Derivation Operators

For $A \subseteq G$ we define
 $A' := \{m \in M \mid \forall g \in A : (g, m) \in I\}$.

For $B \subseteq M$ we define
 $B' := \{g \in G \mid \forall m \in B : (g, m) \in I\}$.

(X' is spoken
"X prime")

A ↴

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Cabrillo Natl. Mon.						x	x	
Channel Islands Natl. Park		x		x		x		
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Devils Postpile Natl. Mon.	x	x	x	x		x		
Fort Point Natl. Historic Site	x					x		
Golden Gate Natl. Recreation Area	x	x	x	x		x	x	
John Muir Natl. Historic Site	x							
Joshua Tree Natl. Mon.	x	x	x					
Kings Canyon Natl. Park	x	x	x			x		x
Lassen Volcanic Natl. Park	x	x	x	x	x	x		x
Lava Beds Natl. Mon.	x	x						
Muir Woods Natl. Mon.			x					
Pinnacles Natl. Mon.			x					
Point Reyes Natl. Seashore	x	x	x	x		x	x	
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Fort Point Natl. Historic Site	x						x		
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John Muir Natl. Historic Site	x								
Joshua Tree Natl. Mon.	x	x	x						
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Lassen Volcanic Natl. Park	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x
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Derivation Operators: Properties

For $A, A_1, A_2 \subseteq G$

- $A_1 \subseteq A_2 \Rightarrow A'_1 \subseteq A'_2$
- $A \subseteq A''$
- $A' = A'''$

holds.

For $B, B_1, B_2 \subseteq M$

- $B_1 \subseteq B_2 \Rightarrow B'_1 \subseteq B'_2$
- $B \subseteq B''$
- $B' = B'''$

holds.

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Cabrillo Natl. Mon.							x	x	
Channel Islands Natl. Park			x		x		x		
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Yosemite Natl. Park	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

Formal Concept

Def.: A *formal concept* is a pair (A, B) with

- $A \subseteq G$ and $B \subseteq M$
- $A' = B$
- $B' = A$

A is the *extent* and B the *intent* of the concept.

National Parks in California		intent					
extent		NPS Guided Tours	Hiking	Horseback Riding	Swimming	Boating	Fishing
		Cabrillo Natl. Mon.				x	x
		Channel Islands Natl. Park	x		x	x	
		Death Valley Natl. Mon.	x	x	x	x	x
		Devils Postpile Natl. Mon.	x	x	x	x	x
		Fort Point Natl. Historic Site	x				x
		Golden Gate Natl. Recreation Area	x	x	x	x	x
		John Muir Natl. Historic Site	x				
		Joshua Tree Natl. Mon.	x	x	x		
		Kings Canyon Natl. Park	x	x	x		x
		Lassen Volcanic Natl. Park	x	x	x	x	x
		Lava Beds Natl. Mon.	x	x			
		Muir Woods Natl. Mon.		x			
		Pinnacles Natl. Mon.		x			
		Point Reyes Natl. Seashore	x	x	x	x	x
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		Yosemite Natl. Park	x	x	x	x	x

Formal Concept

Lemma: (A, B) is a formal concept iff $A \subseteq G$, $B \subseteq M$ and A and B are both maximal with respect to $A \times B \subseteq I$.

I.e., every concept corresponds to a maximal rectangle in the relation I .

Def.: The set of all concepts of (G, M, I) is depicted as $\mathfrak{B}(G, M, I)$.

extent

National Parks in California		NPS Guided Tours	Hiking	Horseback Riding	Swimming	Boating	Fishing	Bicycle Trail	Cross Country Trail
Cabrillo Natl. Mon.							x	x	
Channel Islands Natl. Park			x		x		x		
Death Valley Natl. Mon.	x	x	x	x				x	
Devils Postpile Natl. Mon.	x	x	x	x		x			
Fort Point Natl. Historic Site	x						x		
Golden Gate Natl. Recreation Area	x	x	x	x		x		x	
John Muir Natl. Historic Site	x								
Joshua Tree Natl. Mon.	x	x	x						
Kings Canyon Natl. Park	x	x	x			x	x		x
Lassen Volcanic Natl. Park	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x
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Sequoia Natl. Park	x	x	x				x		x
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Yosemite Natl. Park	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

intent

Formal Concept: Subconcept and Superconcept

The blue concept is a *subconcept* of the yellow concept because

- the blue extent is contained in the yellow extent
- (\Leftrightarrow the yellow intent is contained in the blue intent)

Def.:

$$(A_1, B_1) \leqslant (A_2, B_2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow A_1 \subseteq A_2$$

$$(\Leftrightarrow B_1 \supseteq B_2)$$

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Fort Point Natl. Historic Site	x						x	
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Concept Lattice

(Recapitulation: Partial Order)

Def. (recap.): $(A_1, B_1) \leqslant (A_2, B_2) :\Leftrightarrow A_1 \subseteq A_2 (\Leftrightarrow B_1 \supseteq B_2)$

Def.: The set of all concepts $\mathfrak{B}(G, M, I)$ together with the partial order \leqslant is the *concept lattice* of the context (G, M, I) and is depicted with $\underline{\mathfrak{B}}(G, M, I)$.



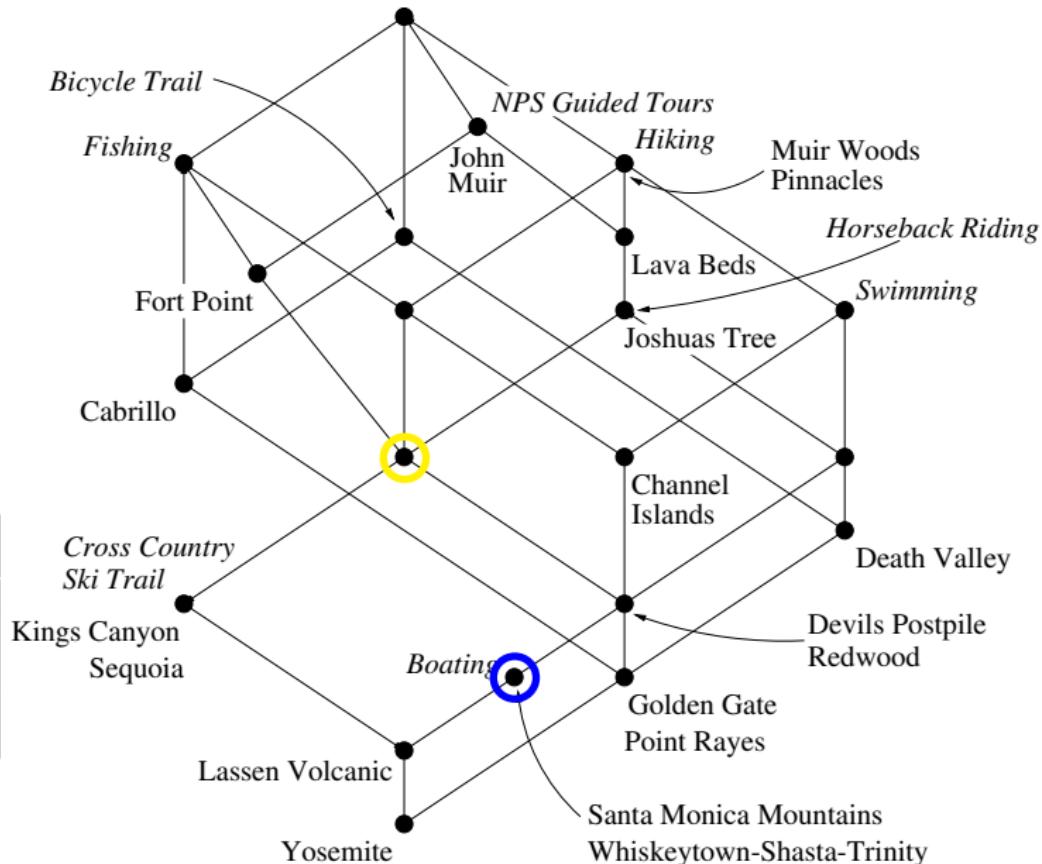
On the blackboard:

- definition of partial order
- definition of total order
- examples

Concept Lattice: as Line Diagram

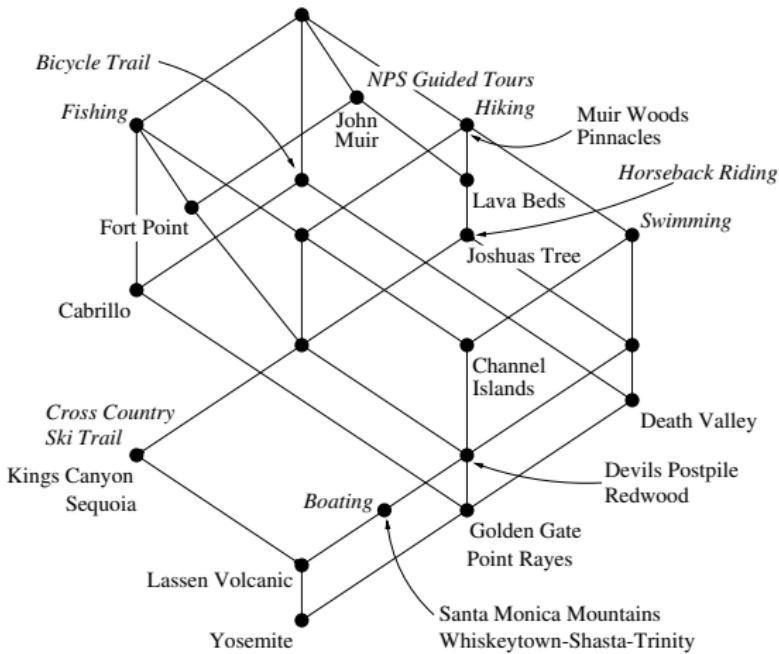
The *concept lattice* for the national park context.

National Parks in California	Biking	Hiking	Camping	Swimming	Boating	Rainbow Falls	Glacier Point
Cabrillo Nat. Mar.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Channel Islands Nat. Park	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Death Valley Nat. Mar.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Devils Postpile Nat. Mon.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Fort Point Nat. Monument	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Golden Gate National Seashore	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Golden Gate National Parks	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
John Muir Nat. Historic Site	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Kings Canyon Nat. Park	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Lassen Volcanic Nat. Park	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Muir Woods Nat. Mar.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Pinnacles Nat. Mar.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Point Reyes National Seashore	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Sequoia Nat. Park	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Santa Monica Mountains Nat. Park	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity Nat. Park	x	x	x	x	x	x	x



Concept Lattice: Implications (Preview)

Def.: An *implication* $X \rightarrow Y$ holds in a context, if every object that has all attributes from X also has all attributes from Y .



Examples:

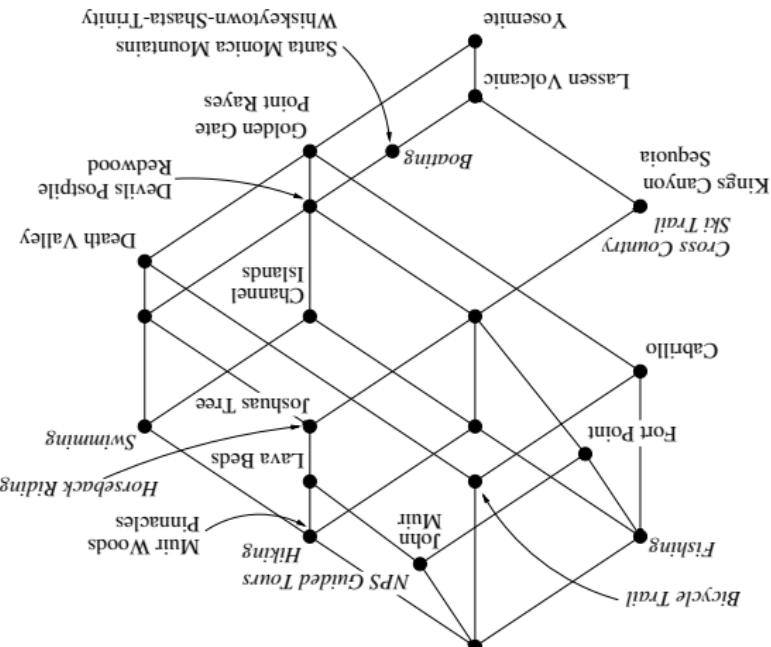
- $\{Swimming\} \rightarrow \{Hiking\}$
- $\{Boating\} \rightarrow \{Swimming, Hiking, NPS\ Guided\ Tours, Fishing, Horseback\ Riding\}$
- $\{Bicycle\ Trail, NPS\ Guided\ Tours\} \rightarrow ?$

Concept Lattice: Dual Context

Def.: Let (G, M, I) be a context. Then (M, G, I^{-1}) with $(m, g) \in I^{-1} \iff (g, m) \in I$ is the *dual context* of (G, M, I) .

Theorem: Its concept lattice is isomorphic to $(\mathfrak{B}(G, M, I), \leq)$.

Remark: In general, G and M need not be disjunct, they can even be identical.



Concept Lattice

Recapitulation: Lattices



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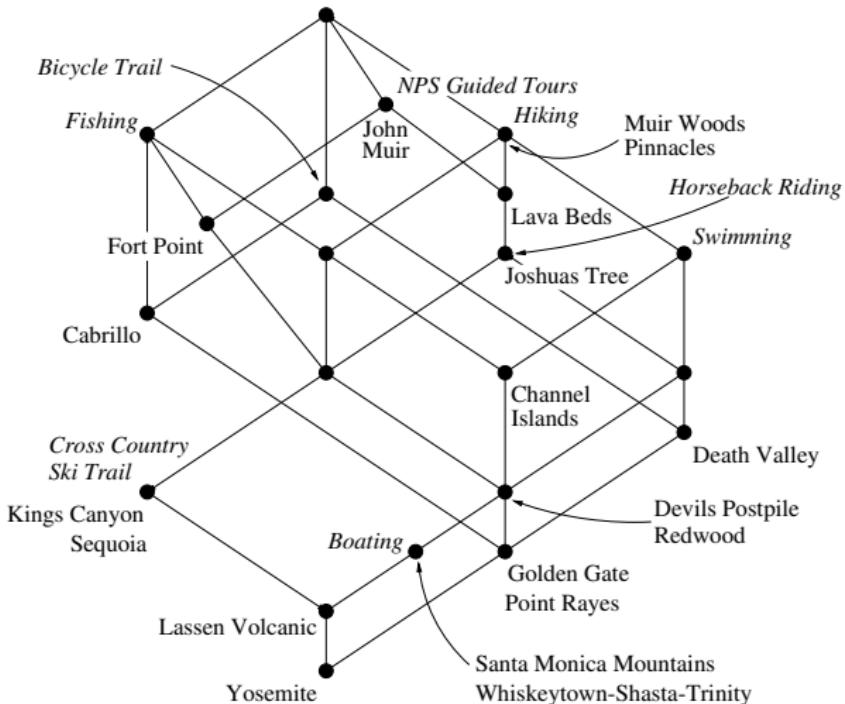
- lower bound, upper bound
- infimum (join, \wedge), supremum (meet, \vee)
- **Lemma:** For two formal concepts $(A_1, B_1), (A_2, B_2)$ we get
 - the infimum $(A_1, B_1) \wedge (A_2, B_2)$ as $(A_1 \cap A_2, (B_1 \cup B_2)''')$
 - the supremum $(A_1, B_1) \vee (A_2, B_2)$ as $((A_1 \cup A_2)'', B_1 \cap B_2)$
- Def. (complete) lattice (V, \leqslant)
- $0_V, 1_V$

Concept Lattice: The Basic Theorem on Concept Lattices

A
B
C

On the blackboard:

- supremum/infimum
- reducible, irreducible,
- dense
- isomorphisms of
- lattices
- Basic Theorem



Concept Lattice: The Duality Principle

- Let (V, \leq) be a (complete) lattice. Then (V, \geq) is also a (complete) lattice.
- (cf. with the definition of the dual context)
- If a theorem holds for (complete) lattices, then the 'dual theorem' also holds, i.e., the theorem where all occurrences of $\leq, \cap, \cup, \wedge, \vee, \mathbf{1}_V, \mathbf{0}_V$, etc. have been replaced by $\geq, \cup, \cap, \vee, \wedge, \mathbf{0}_V, \mathbf{1}_V$, etc.

Computing All Concepts

There are several algorithms to compute all concepts:

- naive approach
- intersection method
- NEXT CLOSURE (Ganter 1984) → Chapter 3
- TITANIC (Stumme et al. 2001) → Chapter 3
- ... and several incremental algorithms

Computing All Concepts: Naive Approach

Theorem

Each concept of a context (G, M, I) has the form (X'', X') for some subset $X \subseteq G$ and (Y', Y'') for some subset $Y \subseteq M$.

Conversely, all such pairs are concepts.

Algorithm

Determine for every subset Y of M the pair (Y', Y'') .

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Inefficient! (Too) many concepts are generated multiple times.

Computing All Concepts: Intersection Method

 On the blackboard: attribute extent $\{m\}'$, closure system

- Suitable for manual computation (Wille 1982)
- Best worst-case time complexity (Nourine, Raynoud 1999)
- Based on the following

Theorem

Every extent is the intersection of attribute extents. (I.e., the closure system of all extents is generated by the attribute extents.)

Which intersections of attribute extents should we take?

Computing All Concepts: Intersection Method

How to determine all formal concepts of a formal context:

- ① For each attribute $m \in M$ compute the attribute extent $\{m\}'$.
- ② For any two sets in this list, compute their intersection. If it is not yet contained in the list, add it.
- ③ Repeat until no new extents are generated.
- ④ If G is not yet contained in the list, add it.
- ⑤ For every extent A in the list compute the corresponding intent A' .

Computing All Concepts: Intersection Method

A
B
C

On the blackboard: “triangle” example

Triangles		
abbreviation	coordinates	diagram
T1	(0,0) (6,0) (3,1)	
T2	(0,0) (1,0) (1,1)	
T3	(0,0) (4,0) (1,2)	
T4	(0,0) (2,0) (1,√3)	
T5	(0,0) (2,0) (5,1)	
T6	(0,0) (2,0) (1,3)	
T7	(0,0) (2,0) (0,1)	

Attributes	
symbol	property
a	equilateral
b	isosceles
c	acute angled
d	obtuse angled
e	right angled

	a	b	c	d	e
T1		×		×	
T2		×			×
T3			×		
T4	×	×	×		
T5				×	
T6		×	×		
T7					×

Drawing Concept Lattices

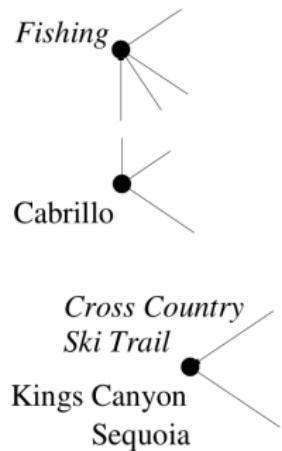
How to draw a concept lattice by hand:

- ① Draw a small circle for the extent G at the top.
- ② For every extent (starting with the one's with the most elements) draw a small circle and connect it with the lowest circle(s) whose extent contains the current extent.
- ③ Every attribute is written slightly above the circle of its attribute extent.
- ④ Every object is written slightly below the circle that is exactly below the circles that are labeled with the attributes of the object.

Drawing Concept Lattices

How you can check the drawn diagram:

- ① Is it really a lattice? (that's often skipped)
- ② Is every concept with exactly one upper neighbor labeled with at least one attribute?
- ③ Is every concept with exactly one lower neighbor labeled with at least one object?
- ④ Is for every $g \in G$ and $m \in M$ the label of the object g below the label of the attribute m iff $(g, m) \in I$ holds?



Clarifying and Reducing a Formal Context



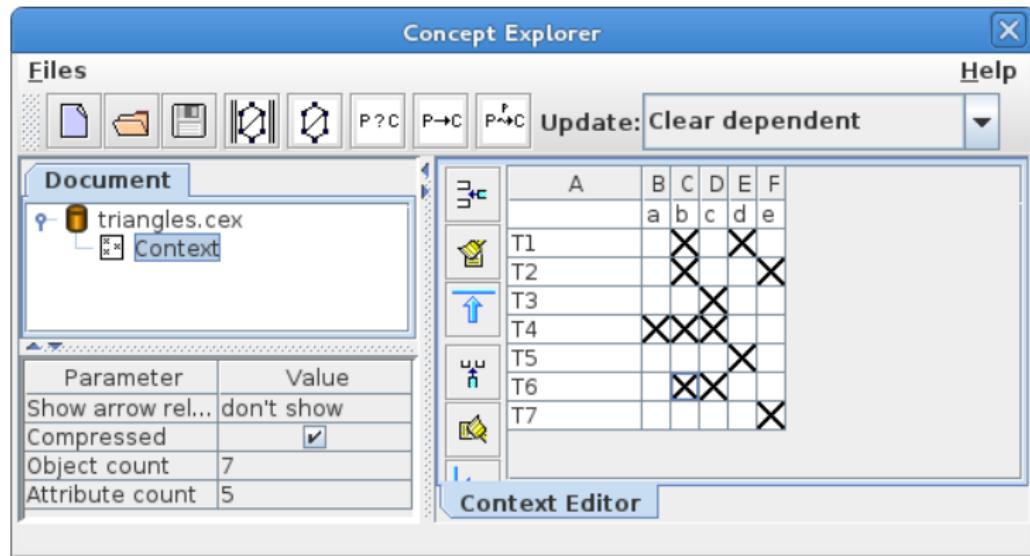
On the blackboard:

- proper subconcept ($<$)
- lower neighbor (\prec)
- reducible objects/attributes
- clarifying and reducing
- reduced context, standard context

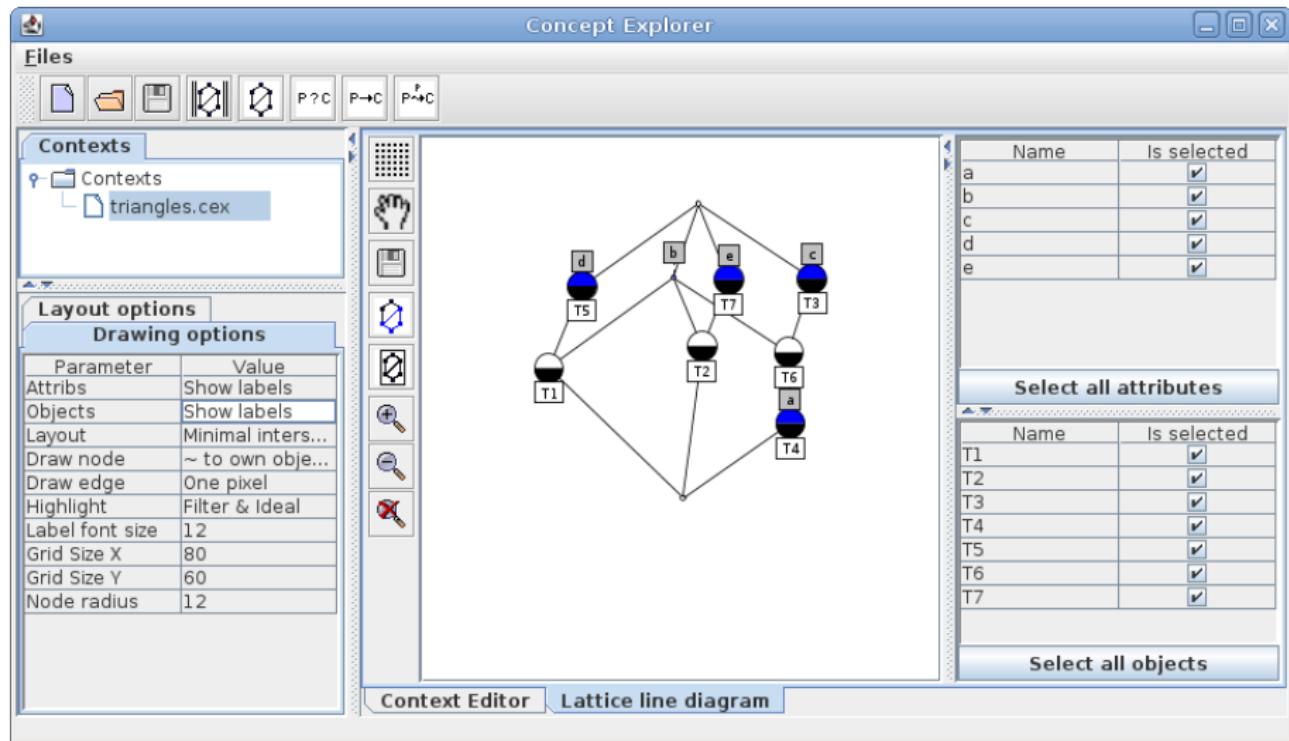
Theorem

A finite context and its reduced context have isomorphic concept lattices. For every finite lattice L there is (up to isomorphism) exactly one reduced context, the concept lattice of which is isomorphic to L , namely its standard context.

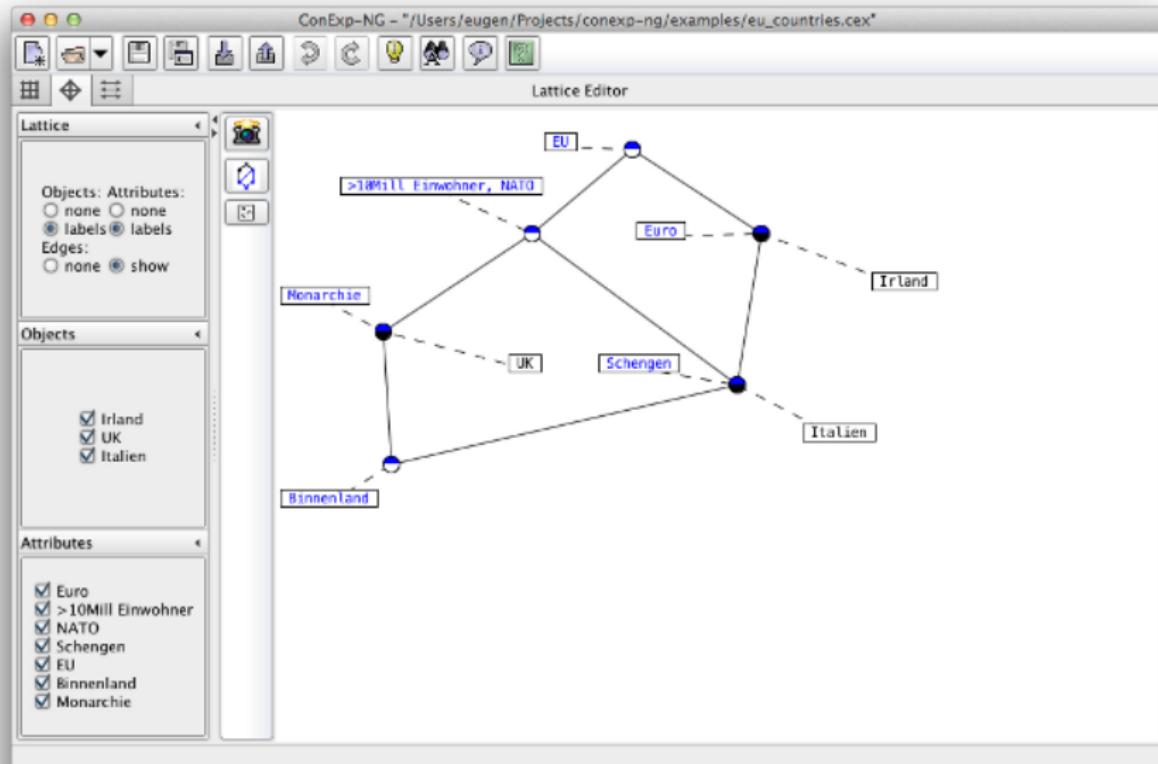
Interlude: ConExp



Interlude: ConExp



NEW: ConExp-NG



<https://github.com/fcatoools/conexp-ng>

Additive Line Diagrams

Rep.: An attribute $m \in M$ is called *irreducible*, if there is no set X of attributes with $m \notin X$ such that $\{m\}' = \bigcap_{x \in X} \{x\}' (= X')$.
The set of irreducible attributes is depicted as M_{irr} .

We define the map $\text{irr} : \underline{\mathfrak{B}}(G, M, I) \rightarrow \mathfrak{P}(M_{irr})$ as

$$\text{irr}(A, B) := \{m \in B \mid m \text{ irreducible}\}.$$

Let $\text{vec} : M_{irr} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_{<0}$. Then

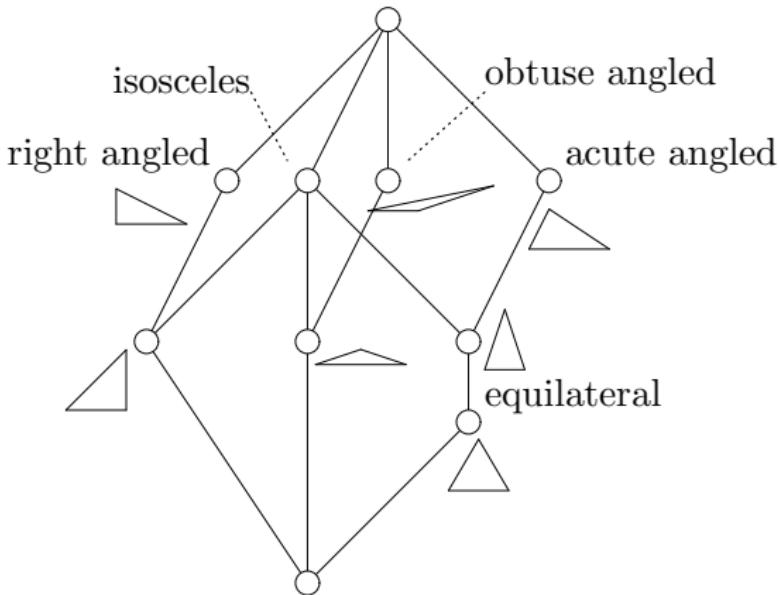
$$\text{pos} : \underline{\mathfrak{B}}(G, M, I) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \text{ with } \text{pos}(A, B) := \sum_{m \in \text{irr}(A, B)} \text{vec}(m)$$

is an *additive line diagram* of the concept lattice $\underline{\mathfrak{B}}(G, M, I)$.

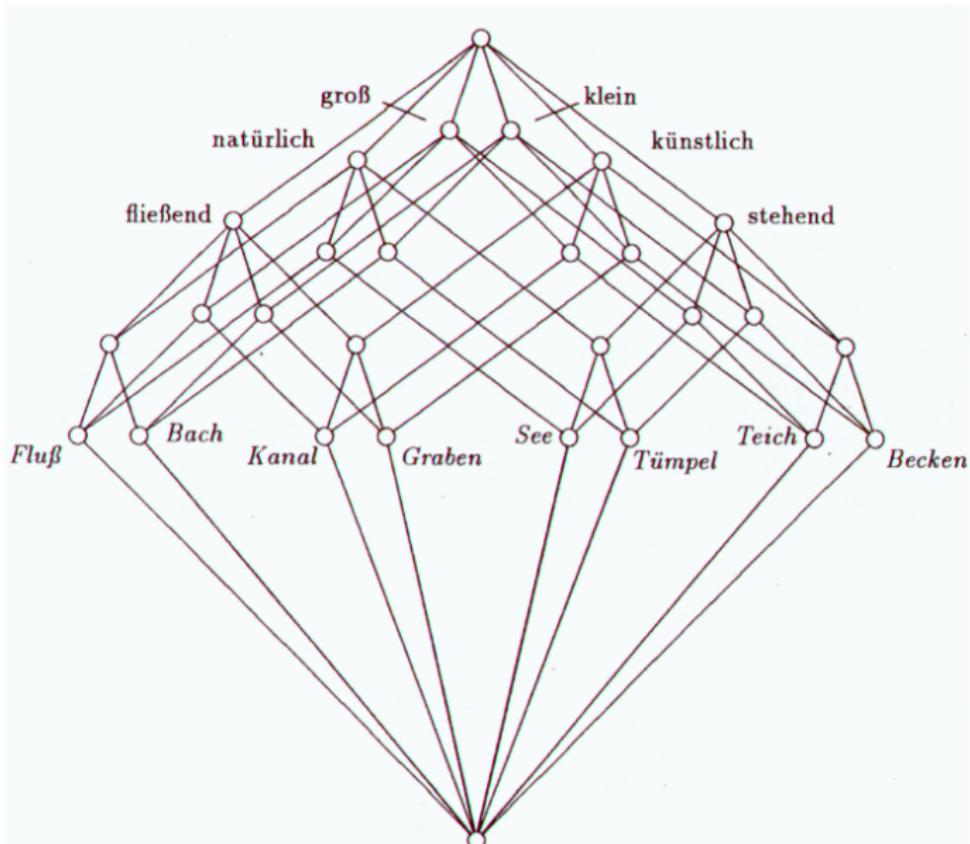
Additive Line Diagrams

An additive line diagram of the triangles context.

The position of the attribute concepts defines the position of all remaining concepts. If we consider the distance between $\underline{1_{\text{B}}}$ and the attribute extents as vectors, then the position of any concept is equal to the sum of the vectors that belong to its concept intent.

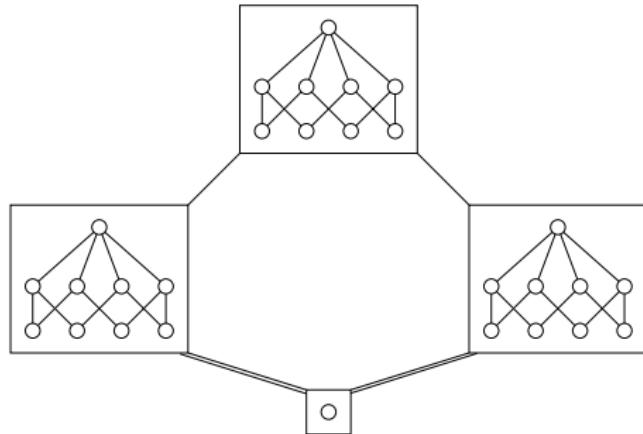


Additive Line Diagrams

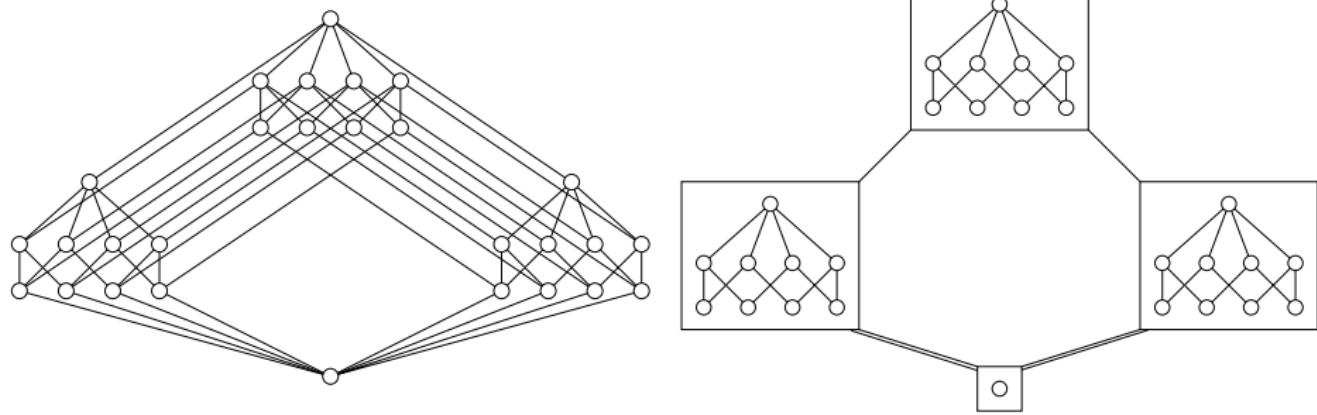


Nested Line Diagrams: Motivation and Idea

- readability of line diagrams often lost for many concepts ($\gtrapprox 50$)
- *nested line diagrams* allow us to go further
- and: support the visualization of changes caused by the addition of further attributes
- *basic idea*: cluster parts of an ordinary diagram and replace bundles of parallel lines between these parts by one line each



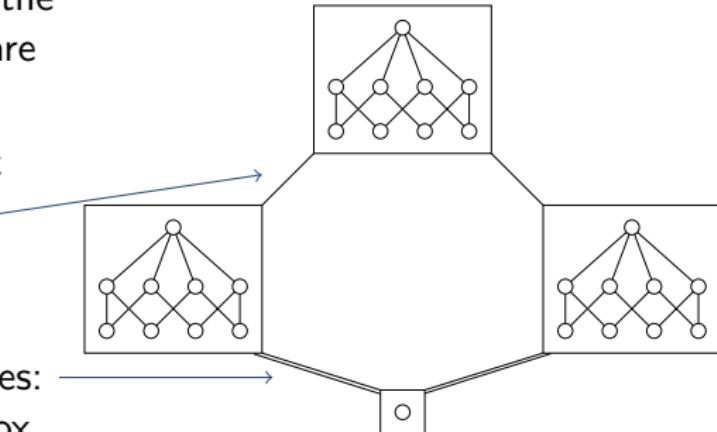
Nested Line Diagrams: Example



The previous concept lattice as ordinary line diagram and as nested line diagram. (For simplification, object and attribute labels have been omitted.)

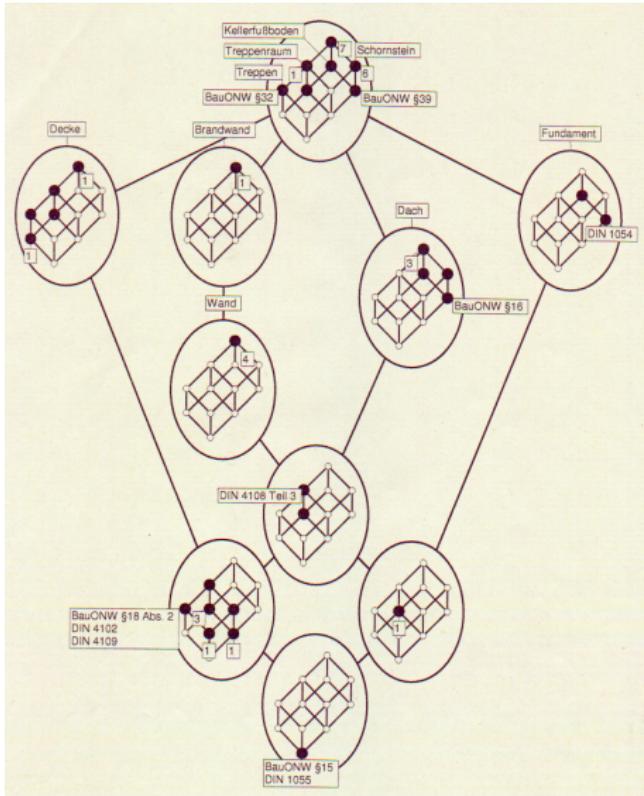
Nested Line Diagrams

- a nested line diagram consists of *boxes* which contain parts of the ordinary diagram and which are *connected by lines*
- simplest case: two boxes that are connected by a line are congruent → corresponding circles are direct neighbors
- double lines between two boxes: every element of the upper box is larger than every element of the lower box



Nested Line Diagrams

- two boxes connected by a single line need not be congruent but contain a part of two congruent figures
- the two congruent figures are drawn as “background structure” into the boxes
- elements are drawn as bold circles if they are part of the respective substructure
- the line connecting both boxes indicates that the respective pairs of elements of the background shall be connected with each other



Nested Line Diagrams: Drawing Example

Die Ducks. Psychogramm einer Sippe.

	generation			sex		financial status		
	older	middle	younger	♂	♀	rich	carefree	indebted
Tick			×	×			×	
Trick			×	×			×	
Track			×	×			×	
Donald		×		×				×
Daisy		×			×		×	
Gustav		×		×			×	
Dagobert	×			×		×		
Annette	×				×		×	
Primus v. Quack	×			×			×	

Taken from: Grobian Gans: *Die Ducks. Psychogramm einer Sippe.*
Rowohlt, Reinbek bei Hamburg 1972, ISBN 3-499-11481-X

Nested Line Diagrams: Construction

- ① split the attribute set: $M = M_1 \cup M_2$
(needs not be disjoint, more important: both sets bear meaning)
- ② draw the line diagrams of the subcontexts

$$\mathbb{K}_i := (G, M_i, I \cap G \times M_i), i \in \{1, 2\}$$

and label them with objects and attributes, as usual



On the blackboard: **Theorem 2** (script, p. 35)

- ③ sketch a nested diagram of the product of the concept lattices $\underline{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{K}_i)$
 - ① draw a large diagram of $\underline{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{K}_1)$ where the concepts are large boxes
 - ② draw a copy of $\underline{\mathcal{B}}(\mathbb{K}_2)$ into each box

Nested Line Diagrams: Labeling

- by Theorem 2, $\underline{\mathcal{B}}(G, M, I)$ is embedded in this product as \bigvee -semilattice
- if a list of elements of $\underline{\mathcal{B}}(G, M, I)$ exists, enter them according to their intents
- otherwise, enter the object concepts (whose intents can be read off directly from the context) and form all suprema

This gives us another method for determining a concept lattice by hand:

- split up the attribute set as appropriate
- determine the (small) concept lattices of the subcontexts
- draw their product as nested line diagram
- enter the object concepts and close against suprema

This is particularly advisable in order to arrive at a useful diagram quickly.

Nested Line Diagrams: Example

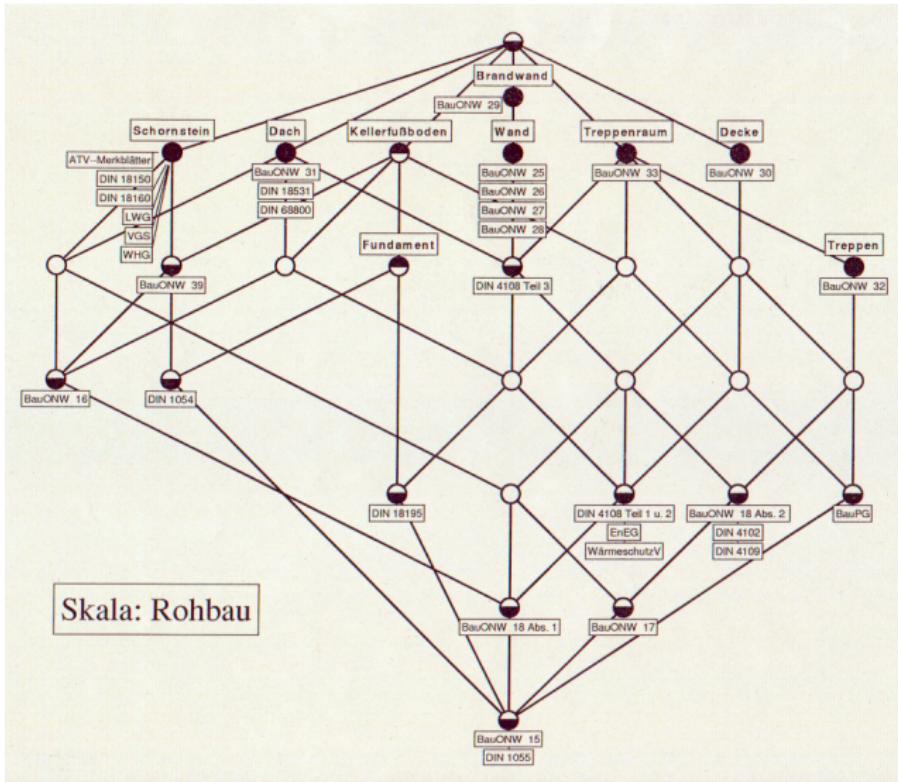
Baurecht in Nordrhein-Westfalen

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	Dach	Decke	Wand	Brandwand	Treppenraum	Fundament	Kellerfußböden	Schlittenstein
BauONW 15	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
BauONW 16	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
BauONW 17	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
BauONW 18 Abs. 1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
BauONW 18 Abs. 2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
BauONW 25		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
BauONW 26		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
BauONW 27		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
BauONW 28		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
BauONW 29			X					X
BauONW 30		X						
BauONW 31		X						
BauONW 32			X					X
BauONW 33			X					X
BauONW 36								
BauONW 39								X
BauONW 40								X
BImSchG								
BauPG	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
EnEG	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WHG								
LWG								
WärmeschutzV		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
HeizAnlV		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
BImSchV								
VGS								
DIN 1054								
DIN 1055								
DIN 4102	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
DIN 4108 Teil 1 u. 2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
DIN 4108 Teil 3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
DIN 4109	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
DIN 18150								
DIN 18160								
DIN 18195	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
DIN 18531	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
DIN 68800	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
DIN-Normen für Feuerungsanlagen								
DIN-Normen für Entwässerung								
ATV-Merkblätter								X

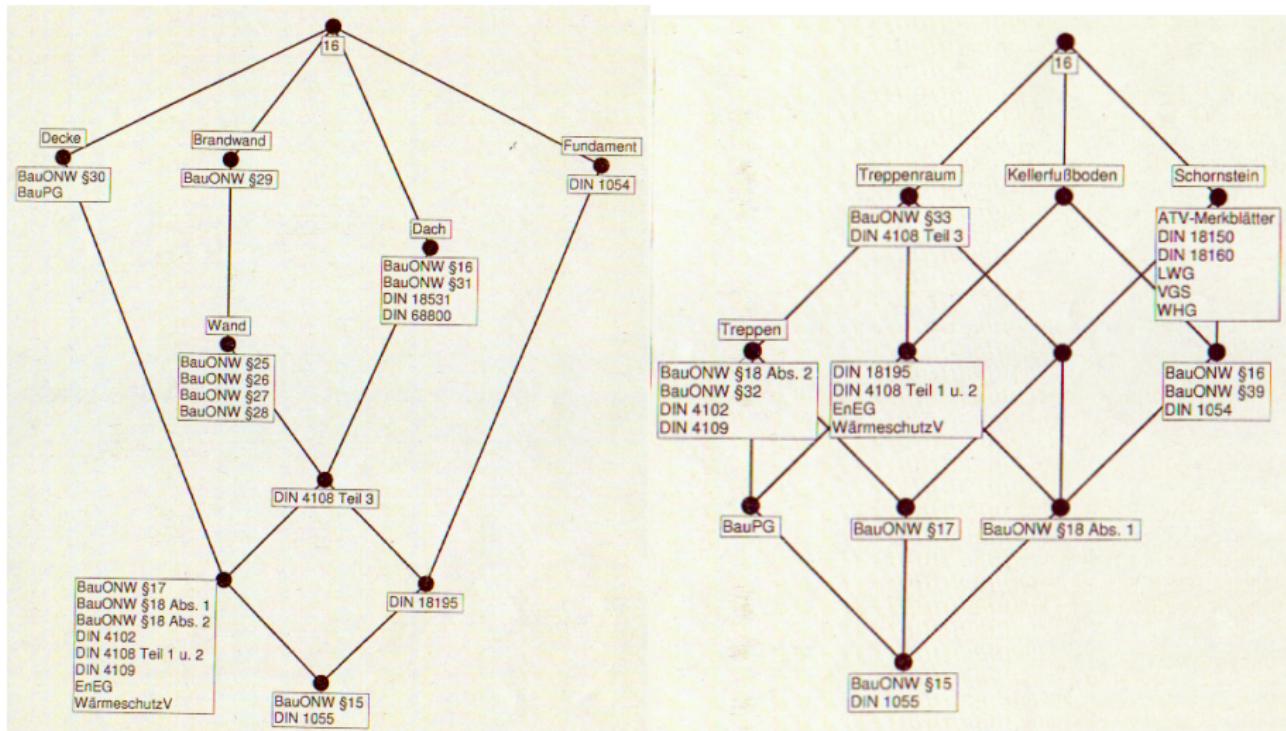
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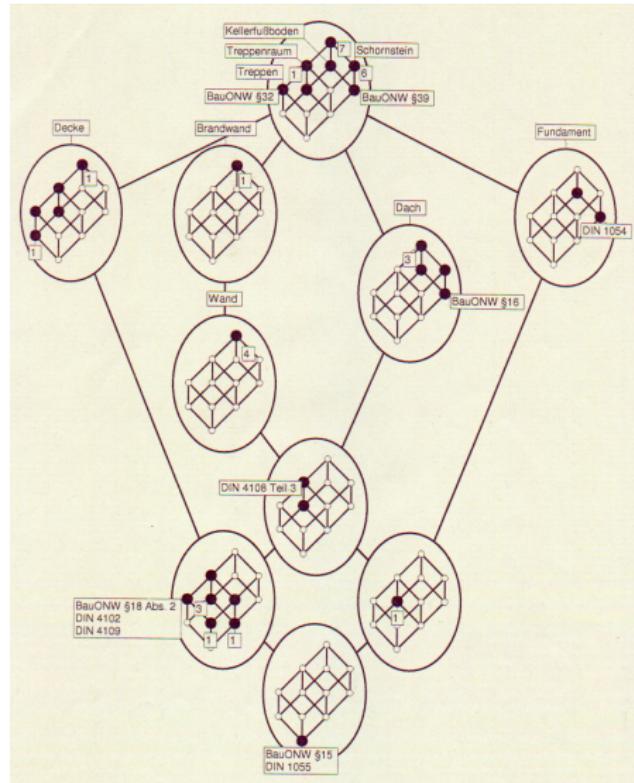
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Nested Line Diagrams: Reading off Implications

- implications *within the inner scale* can be read off at the top concept:

$$\{\text{Treppen}\} \Rightarrow \{\text{Treppenraum}\}$$

- implications *within the outer scale* can be read off at it:

$$\{\text{Wand}\} \Rightarrow \{\text{Brandwand}\}$$

$$\{\text{Decke, Brandwand}\} \Rightarrow \{\text{Wand, Dach}\}$$

$$\{\text{Decke, Fundament}\} \Rightarrow \{?\}$$

- implications *between the inner and the outer scale* are shown by “not realized” concepts: premise = intent of the not-realized concept, conclusion = intent of the largest realized subconcept:

$$\{\text{Decke, Kellerfußboden}\} \Rightarrow \{\text{Treppenraum}\}$$

$$\{\text{Treppenraum, Schornstein}\} \Rightarrow \{\text{Decke, Wand, Brandwand, Dach}\}$$

$$\{\text{Fundament}\} \Rightarrow \{?\}$$

$$\{\text{Wand, Dach, Schornstein}\} \Rightarrow \{?\}$$