

# Reflexive Relations on Lattices

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# Algebras of Compatible Binary Relations

If  $\mathbf{A}$  is any algebra, then

$$\mathcal{R}_2(\mathbf{A}) = \langle \text{Sub}(\mathbf{A}^2), \cap, \circ, \cdot^{\cup}, \Delta, \nabla \rangle$$

$\cap$  - intersection

$\circ$  - composition

$\cdot^{\cup}$  - converse

$\Delta$  - identity relation

$\nabla$  - universal relation

$\mathbf{Ref}(\mathbf{A}) =$  the subalgebra of  $\mathcal{R}_2(\mathbf{A})$  consisting of reflexive relations

### Theorem (C. Bergman 1998)

*Any finite algebra  $\mathbf{A}$  with a majority term is determined up to categorical equivalence by  $\mathcal{R}_2(\mathbf{A})$ .*

### Problem

Characterize those algebras  $\mathbf{R}$  which are isomorphic to  $\mathcal{R}_2(\mathbf{A})$  for some finite algebra  $\mathbf{A}$  with a majority term.

## Theorem (1998 - “The Subalgebra Theorem”)

*Suppose that  $\mathbf{A}$  is a finite algebra with a majority term and that  $\mathbf{R}$  is a subalgebra of  $\mathcal{R}_2(\mathbf{A})$ . There is an algebra  $\mathbf{B}$  with the same universe as  $\mathbf{A}$  so that  $\mathbf{R} = \mathcal{R}_2(\mathbf{B})$ .*

- The set of algebras isomorphic to  $\mathcal{R}_2(\mathbf{A})$  for some finite  $\mathbf{A}$  with a majority term is closed under subalgebras.
- This set is also closed under finite products.
- What about homomorphisms?

Tools: primitive positive formulas and results of G. Bergman on subalgebras of finite powers of majority algebras

## Theorem (2009)

*The following are equivalent for a finite algebra*

$$\mathbf{R} = \langle R, \cap, \circ, \cdot^{\cup}, \Delta, \nabla \rangle.$$

- *There is a finite algebra  $\mathbf{B}$  with a Boolean lattice reduct so that  $\mathbf{R} \cong \mathbf{Ref}(\mathbf{B})$ .*
- *$\langle R, \cap, \circ, \Delta, \nabla \rangle$  is a bounded distributive lattice with involution  $\cdot^{\cup}$ .*

Tools: Subalgebra Theorem and localization via idempotent unary polynomials. Not extendable to arbitrary lattices.

## Theorem (K. Kaarle 2012)

*The following are equivalent for a finite algebra*

$$\mathbf{R} = \langle R, \cap, \circ, \cdot^{\cup}, \Delta, \nabla \rangle.$$

- 1 *There is a finite algebra  $\mathbf{A}$  with a lattice reduct so that  $\mathbf{R} \cong \mathbf{Ref}(\mathbf{A})$ .*
- 2 *The following hold:*
  - $\langle R, \cap \rangle$  *is a semilattice with least element  $\Delta$  and greatest  $\nabla$ ,*
  - $(x^{\cup})^{\cup} = x$
  - $(x \cap y)^{\cup} = x^{\cup} \cap y^{\cup}$
  - $\langle R, \circ, \Delta \rangle$  *is a monoid with 0-element  $\nabla$ .*
  - $(x \circ y)^{\cup} = y^{\cup} \circ x^{\cup}$ .
  - $\circ$  *distributes over  $\cap$ .*
- 3 *There is a finite algebra  $\mathbf{A}$  with a majority term so that  $\mathbf{R} \cong \mathbf{Ref}(\mathbf{A})$ .*



Tools: Subalgebra Theorem and the construction on the next slide.

# Kaarle's Construction

- 1 Note that there is a join operation  $\vee$  associated with  $\mathbf{R}$ .
- 2 For each  $s \in R$ , define this binary relation on  $R$

$$\theta_s = \{\langle x, y \rangle : x \circ s \geq y \text{ and } y \circ s^{\cup} \geq x\}.$$

- 3 Prove that  $s \rightarrow \theta_s$  is an injective homomorphism from  $\mathbf{R}$  to  $\mathbf{Ref}(\langle R, \cap, \vee \rangle)$ .
- 4 Apply the Subalgebra Theorem.

Actually, this is a special case of a much more sophisticated construction.

An infinite extension.

Only need to extend the Subalgebra Theorem and  
apply Kaarle's Construction.



# Primitive Positive Definitions

## Theorem (Finite – Bodnarchuk, Kalužnin, Kotov, Romov – 1969)

*Suppose that  $R$  is a set of binary relations on a finite set  $A$ . There is an algebra  $\mathbf{A}$  with universe  $A$  so that  $\text{Sub}(\mathbf{A}^2) = R$  if and only if  $R$  is closed under primitive positive definitions.*

## Theorem (Infinite)

*Suppose that  $R$  is a set of binary relations on a (possibly infinite) set  $A$ . There is an algebra  $\mathbf{A}$  with universe  $A$  so that  $\text{Sub}(\mathbf{A}^2) = R$  if and only if*

- *$R$  is closed under primitive positive definitions allowing infinite quantification and conjunction and*
- *As a lattice  $R$  is algebraic.*

### Theorem (G. Bergman 1977)

*Suppose  $\mathbf{A}$  is an algebra with a majority term.*

- *The subalgebras of finite powers of  $\mathbf{A}$  are uniquely determined by their binary projections.*
- *The systems of binary projections of subalgebras of finite powers of  $\mathbf{A}$  are easily recognizable.*

### Theorem (G. Bergman 1977)

*Suppose  $\mathbf{L}$  is a complete lattice.*

- *The complete sublattices of arbitrary powers of  $\mathbf{L}$  are uniquely determined by their binary projections.*
- *The systems of binary projections of complete sublattices of arbitrary powers of  $\mathbf{L}$  are easily recognizable.*

### Theorem (Subalgebra Theorem)

*Suppose that  $\mathbf{A}$  is a finite algebra with a majority term and that  $\mathbf{R}$  is a subalgebra of  $\mathcal{R}_2(\mathbf{A})$ . There is an algebra  $\mathbf{B}$  with the same universe as  $\mathbf{A}$  so that  $\mathbf{R} = \mathcal{R}_2(\mathbf{B})$ .*

### Theorem (Infinite Variant for Lattices)

*Suppose that  $\mathbf{L}$  is a complete lattice and that  $\mathbf{R}$  is a subalgebra of  $\mathcal{R}_2(\mathbf{L})$ . If*

- *Every member of  $\mathbf{R}$  is a complete sublattice of  $\mathbf{L}^2$  and*
- *As a lattice  $\mathbf{R}$  is algebraic*

*then there is an algebra  $\mathbf{B}$  with the same universe as  $\mathbf{L}$  so that  $\mathbf{R} = \mathcal{R}_2(\mathbf{B})$ .*

## Theorem

*The following are equivalent for a countable algebra*

$\mathbf{R} = \langle R, \cap, \circ, \cdot^{\cup}, \Delta, \nabla \rangle$ .

- *There is an algebra  $\mathbf{A}$  with a complete lattice reduct  $\mathbf{L}$  so that  $\mathbf{R} \cong \mathbf{Ref}(\mathbf{A})$  and so that every relation in  $\mathbf{Ref}(\mathbf{A})$  is a complete sublattice of  $\mathbf{L}^2$ .*
- *The following hold:*
  - $\langle R, \cap \rangle$  is a semilattice with least element  $\Delta$  and greatest  $\nabla$ ,
  - $(x^{\cup})^{\cup} = x$
  - $(\wedge x_i)^{\cup} = \wedge (x_i^{\cup})$  ←
  - $\langle R, \circ, \Delta \rangle$  is a monoid with 0-element  $\nabla$ .
  - $(x \circ y)^{\cup} = y^{\cup} \circ x^{\cup}$ .
  - $\circ$  distributes over **arbitrary**  $\cap$ . ←
  - As a lattice  $\mathbf{R}$  is algebraic. ←

Thanks