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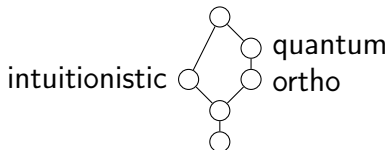
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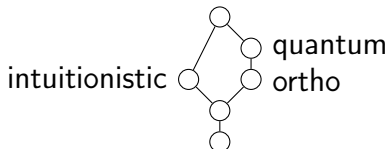
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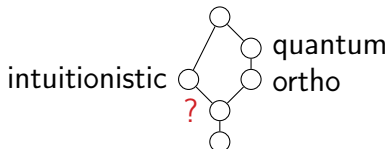
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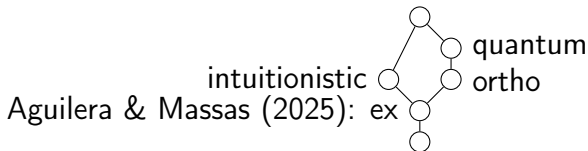
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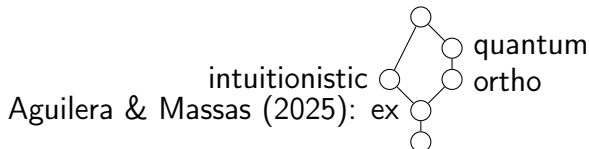
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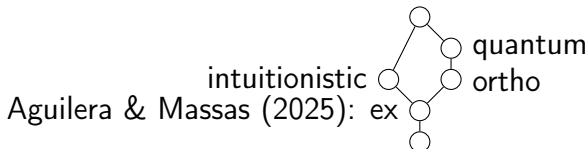


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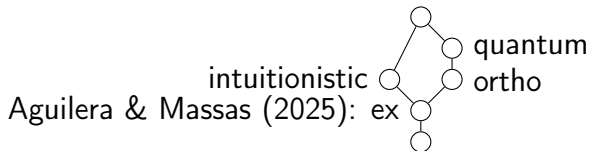


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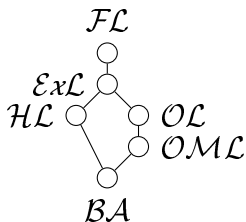
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Supervarieties of
Boolean algebras



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Notational conventions

Change of symbols

$$\wedge \quad x \wedge y \rightsquigarrow x \cdot y \rightsquigarrow xy$$

multiplication $\equiv$ conjunction

$$\vee \quad x \vee y \rightsquigarrow x + y$$

addition $\equiv$ disjunction

$$\neg \quad \neg(\dots) \rightsquigarrow \overline{\dots}$$

overline $\equiv$ negation

0, 1 no change

constants

precedence $\neg \prec \cdot \prec +$

Example

- $\neg(\neg x \wedge \neg y) \rightsquigarrow \overline{\overline{x} \cdot \overline{y}}$
- $\neg(x \wedge y) \vee (z \wedge y) \rightsquigarrow \overline{xy} + zy$

Fundamental lattices: $\mathcal{FL}$

Definition: $\mathbf{L} = \langle L; \cdot, +, 0, 1, \neg \rangle$ is a fundamental lattice if

- $\langle L; \cdot, +, 0, 1 \rangle$ is a bounded lattice
- $\mathbf{L} \models x\bar{x} \approx 0$ (semicomplementation)
- $\mathbf{L} \models (\forall x y: (x \leq y \rightarrow \bar{y} \leq \bar{x}))$ (order reversal)
- $\mathbf{L} \models x \lesssim \bar{\bar{x}}$ (extensionality)

Characterisation: $\mathcal{FL}$ is a variety given by identities/inequalities

- bounded lattice equations
- $x\bar{x} \approx 0$
- $\bar{x} \lesssim \bar{xy}$
- $x \lesssim \bar{\bar{x}}$

Quantum lattices: $\mathcal{OL}$ and $\mathcal{OML}$

Definition: $\mathcal{OL} \subseteq \mathcal{FL}$ is the subvariety given by adding

$$\overline{\overline{x}} \approx x \quad (\text{involution})$$

Definition: $\mathcal{OML} \subseteq \mathcal{OL}$ is the subvariety given by adding

$$x + y \lesssim x + \overline{x}(x + y) \quad (\text{orthomodular inequality})$$

Constructivist lattices: $\Psi\mathcal{FL}$ and $\mathcal{HL}$

Definition: $\Psi\mathcal{FL} \subseteq \mathcal{FL}$ is the subquasivariety given by adding

$$\forall x, y: (xy = 0 \rightarrow y \leq \bar{x}) \quad (\text{pseudocomplementation law})$$

Characterisation: $\Psi\mathcal{FL}$ is a variety given by

- bounded lattice equations
- $x\bar{x} \approx 0$
- $x\bar{y} \approx x\overline{xy}$
- $\bar{0} \approx 1$ (pseudocomplemented fundamental lattices)

Characterisation: $\Psi\mathcal{FL} \subseteq \mathcal{FL}$ is the subvariety given by adding

$$x\bar{y} \approx x\overline{xy} \quad (\text{pseudocomplementation identity})$$

Definition: $\mathcal{HL} \subseteq \Psi\mathcal{FL}$ is the subvariety given by adding

$$x(y + z) \approx xy + xz \quad (\text{distributivity})$$

Ex-lattices: $\mathcal{ExL}$

Def. (Aguilera & Massas): $\mathcal{ExL} \subseteq \mathcal{FL}$ is the subvariety given by adding

(ex):

$$\overline{x(yw + yu)} \cdot x(w + v) \cdot \overline{\overline{z}} \lesssim \overline{\overline{xz}} \cdot (xw + xv + z) \cdot (y(w + u) + \overline{y(w + u)})$$

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Lemma (Aguilera & Massas): $\mathcal{EL}$ satisfy (4 variables!)

- $\bar{x} \cdot \bar{y} \lesssim \overline{xy}$ (nu)
- $x(y + z)\bar{w} \lesssim xy + xz + w$ (vi)
- $\overline{w(xy + xz)w} \lesssim x(y + z) + \overline{x(y + z)}$ (cl)

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Characterisation of (nu)

Characterisation (MB): For $L \in \mathcal{FL}$ TFAE

- $L \models (\text{ex1})$ (ex1)
- $L \models \bar{\bar{x}} \cdot \bar{\bar{y}} \approx \bar{\bar{xy}}$ (nu=)
- $L \models \bar{\bar{x}} \cdot \bar{\bar{y}} \approx \bar{\bar{xy}}$ (nu)
- $L \models x \cdot \bar{\bar{y}} \approx \bar{\bar{xy}}$ (nu $\leq$)
- $L \models x \cdot \bar{\bar{y}} \approx x\bar{\bar{xy}}$
- $L \models \overline{x \cdot \bar{\bar{y}}} \approx \bar{\bar{xy}}$ (*)
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Characterisation of (vi)

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- $\mathbf{L} \models (\text{ex2})$ (ex2)
- $\mathbf{L} \models \overline{\overline{w}}x(z + y) \lesssim w + xz + xy$ (vi)
- $\mathbf{L} \models w + \overline{\overline{w}}x(z + y) \approx \overline{\overline{w}}(w + xz + xy)$ (di₄)
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Proof reminds of the characterisation of each of the two distributive laws by a universal inequality

Side note: some identities of $\mathcal{V}i\mathcal{L}$

Lemma (MB): $\mathcal{V}i\mathcal{L}$ satisfy

- $x(y + z)\overline{\overline{xz}} \lesssim xy + xz$
- $x(y + z)\overline{\overline{xz}} \approx (xy + xz)\overline{\overline{xz}} \approx xy\overline{\overline{xz}} + xz$
- $x(\overline{x} + y)\overline{\overline{z}} \lesssim xy + z$
- $x\overline{\overline{xy}}(\overline{x} + y) \approx x\overline{\overline{y}}(\overline{x} + y) \approx xy$
- $\overline{\overline{z}}(x + y) \lesssim \overline{\overline{z}}x + \overline{\overline{z}}y + z$
- $\overline{\overline{x}}(x + y) \approx x + \overline{\overline{x}}y$
- $\overline{\overline{x}}(x + \overline{x}) \approx x$

Characterisation of (cl)

Characterisation (MB): For $L \in \mathcal{FL}$ TFAE

- $L \models (\text{ex3})$ (ex3)
- $L \models \overline{w(xy + xz)w} \lesssim x(y + z) + \overline{x(y + z)}$ (cl)
- $L \models$
 - $\overline{xy + xz} \lesssim x(y + z) + \overline{x(y + z)}$ (cl1)
 - and
 - $\overline{wyw} \lesssim y + \bar{y}$ (cl2)
- in (cl): $w = 1 \rightsquigarrow (\text{cl1})$
- in (cl): $x = 1, z = y \rightsquigarrow (\text{cl2})$
- $\overline{w(xy + xz)w} \stackrel{(\text{cl2})}{\lesssim} xy + xz + \overline{xy + xz}$
 $\stackrel{(\text{cl1})}{\lesssim} xy + xz + x(y + z) + \overline{x(y + z)}$
 $\approx x(y + z) + \overline{x(y + z)}$ (cl)

Combining the characterisations

Theorem (MB): The variety $\mathcal{ExL}$ can be axiomatised by...

... extending the axioms of fundamental lattices by each of

- (ex) 6 variables
- (ex1), (ex2), (ex3) 6 variables
- (nu), (vi), (cl) 4 variables
- (nu), (di), (cl1), (cl2) 3 variables

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- $\overline{xy + xz} \left(x(y + z) + \overline{x(y + z)} \right) \approx \overline{xy + xz}$ (cl1=)
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- $\overline{xy + xz} \lesssim x(y + z) + \overline{x(y + z)}$ (cl1)
- $\overline{xy}x \lesssim y + \bar{y}$ (cl2)

Separating the influence of distributivity

We know

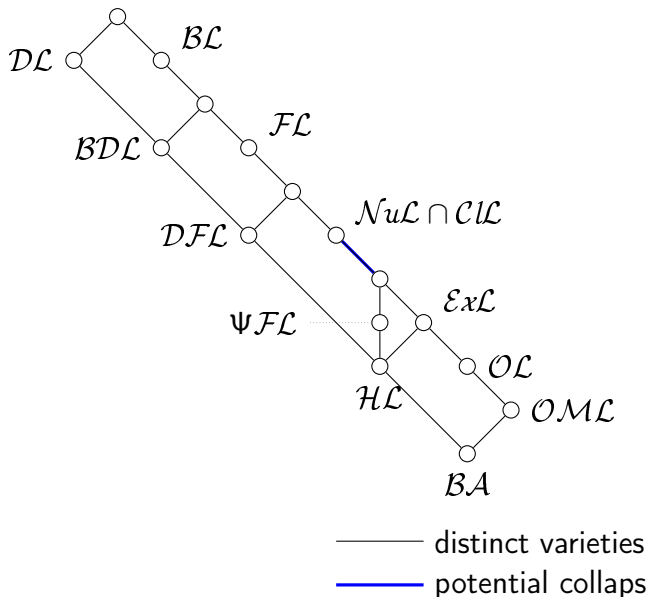
- $\mathcal{HL} \vee \mathcal{OL} = \mathcal{ExL} = \mathcal{NuL} \cap \mathcal{CL} \cap \mathcal{ViL} \subseteq \mathcal{NuL} \cap \mathcal{CL}$
- $\mathcal{HL} = \mathcal{DFL} \cap \mathcal{PFL}$ (distr. & pseudocompl.)

Observation (MB):

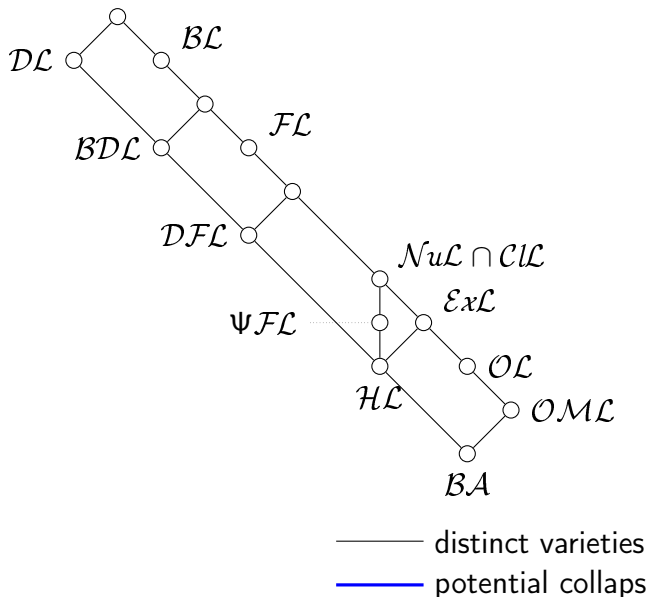
- actually: $\mathcal{PFL} \vee \mathcal{ExL} \subseteq \mathcal{NuL} \cap \mathcal{CL}$
but: $\mathcal{PFL} \not\subseteq \mathcal{ViL}$

suggests that influence of $\mathcal{DFL}$ through $\mathcal{HL}$ on $\mathcal{ExL}$ is only in terms of (vi) $\iff$ (di)

Summarising lattice of $\langle \cdot, +, 0, 1, \neg \rangle$ -varieties



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The end

$$x\overline{xy} \lesssim y + \overline{y} \quad (\text{cl2})$$

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