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The identity function is a normal filter term for Heyting algebras.

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A main result

Theorem (T., 2016)

Let \mathcal{V} be a variety of dually pseudocomplemented EHAs, assume \mathcal{V} has a normal filter term t, and let $dx = \neg \sim x \land tx$. Then the following are equivalent.

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This generalises a result by Kowalski and Kracht¹ for BAOs and another result to appear for double-Heyting algebras²

¹ Kowalski, T., and M. Kracht, 'Semisimple varieties of modal algebras', Studia Logica, 83 (2006), 1-3, 351–363.

² Taylor, C., 'Discriminator varieties of double-Heyting algebras', Rep. Math. Logic, (2016). To appear.

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Definition

Let **A** be a Heyting algebra and let $f: A^n \to A$ be a map. For each $a \in A$, define the set $f^{\leftrightarrow}(a)$ by

 $f^{\leftrightarrow}(a) = \{f(x_1,\ldots,x_n) \leftrightarrow f(y_1,\ldots,y_n) \mid x_i \leftrightarrow y_i \geq a\}$

Informally, the set $f^{\leftrightarrow}(a)$ is a set of elements that "should" be in a normal filter containing *a* if *f* is in the signature of **A**. If the infimum of $f^{\leftrightarrow}(a)$ exists, then that element encapsulates some of this information.

Definition

For any set K of maps on A, let $[K]: A \rightarrow A$ be the partial operation

$$[K]a = \bigwedge \bigcup \{ f^{\leftrightarrow}(a) \mid f \in K \}.$$

We say that [K] exists in **A** if it is defined for all $a \in A$. If $K = \{f\}$ we will write [f] instead.

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The construction on the previous slide is due to Hasimoto³.

Definition

Assume [*M*] exists in **A**. Let \mathbf{A}^{\flat} denote the algebra

 $\langle A; \lor, \land, \rightarrow, [M], 0, 1 \rangle.$

Theorem (Hasimoto, 2001)

Let A be an EHA and assume [M] exists in A.

• Fil(\mathbf{A}^{\flat}) \subseteq Fil(\mathbf{A}) and Con(\mathbf{A}^{\flat}) \subseteq Con(\mathbf{A}).

2 The following are equivalent:

•
$$[M]a \in Fg^{A}(a)$$
 for all $a \in A$,

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Lemma (Hasimoto, 2001)

Assume [M] exists in **A**. Then, for all $x, y \in A$,

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$$[M](x \land y) = [M]x \land [M]y$$
, and,
• $[M]1 = 1$.

Lemma

Assume [M] exists in **A**. If there is a unary term t in the language of **A** such that tx = [M]x, then t is a normal filter term on **A**.

Proof.

Let *F* be a filter on **A**. If *F* is closed under *t* then by the previous theorem it is a normal filter on **A**. Conversely, if *F* is a normal filter on **A**, then whenever $(x, 1) \in \theta(F)$ we have $(tx, t1) \in \theta(F)$. But t1 = 1, and so $tx \in 1/\theta(F) = F$.