

# Double Heyting algebras vs. Boolean algebras with operators

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It must be noted that the definition of a BAO we are using is dual to the traditional sense. But, courtesy of the symmetry of Boolean algebras, that doesn't matter.

## Relation algebras

The prototypical BAO is a *relation algebra*, first laid out by Tarski in 1948.

### Definition

An algebra  $\mathbf{A} = \langle A; \vee, \wedge, \circ, \smile, \neg, 0, 1, \text{id} \rangle$  is a relation algebra if

- ▶  $\langle A; \vee, \wedge, \neg, 0, 1 \rangle$  is a Boolean algebra,
- ▶  $\langle A; \circ, \text{id} \rangle$  is a monoid,
- ▶  $(\forall x, y, z, \in A) x \circ y \leq \neg z \Leftrightarrow \smile x \circ z \leq \neg y \Leftrightarrow z \circ \smile y \leq \neg x$ .

The operation  $\circ$  is called composition and  $\smile$  converse.

Both  $\circ$  and  $\smile$  are join-preserving and 0-absorbing.

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Let  $x \rightarrow y = \neg x \vee y$ ; then let  $x \leftrightarrow y = (x \rightarrow y) \wedge (y \rightarrow x)$ .

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Simply demand that  $\theta(F)$  is compatible with each  $f_i$ :

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It can be shown that this is equivalent to the demand,

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Let  $\mathbf{B}$  be a BAO. Denote by  $\mathbf{B}^\#$  the algebra obtained by replacing each operator  $f$  of  $\mathbf{B}$  with the set  $\{f^{(k)} \mid k \leq \text{arity}(f)\}$ .

### Proposition (Folklore)

*The congruences on  $\mathbf{B}$  are exactly the same as the congruences on  $\mathbf{B}^\#$ .*

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We can reduce even further. For a unary BAO with operators  $f_1, \dots, f_n$ , define the operation

$$dx := x \wedge f_1x \wedge f_2x \wedge \dots \wedge f_nx,$$

and then let  $\mathbf{B}^b = \langle B; \vee, \wedge, \neg, 0, 1, d \rangle$ .

(Aside: prepending  $d$  with  $x \wedge$  is a convenience that ensures  $dx \leq x$ ).

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We let  $\neg x = x \rightarrow 0$ . This is called the pseudocomplement.

### Proposition

*Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a Heyting algebra. Then  $\text{Con}(\mathbf{A}) \cong \text{Fil}(\mathbf{A})$  via the same map as for Boolean algebras.*

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### Corollary

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So we say that a filter compatible with  $M$  is a *congruence-filter*.

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Therefore, if  $M$  is finite, it would suffice to find a compatibility term for each element of  $M$ .



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### Proof.

( $\Rightarrow$ ) As  $x \leftrightarrow 1 = x$ , if  $x \in F$  then  $fx = fx \leftrightarrow 1 = fx \leftrightarrow f1 \in F$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) First note that,

$$fb \geq fa \wedge fb = f(a \wedge b) = f(a \wedge (a \rightarrow b)) = fa \wedge f(a \rightarrow b)$$

Thus, by definition of  $\rightarrow$ , we have  $f(a \rightarrow b) \leq fa \rightarrow fb$ , and similarly,  $f(b \rightarrow a) \leq fb \rightarrow fa$ . Now, if  $a \leftrightarrow b \in F$ , then  $a \rightarrow b \in F$  and  $b \rightarrow a \in F$ . Because  $F$  is closed under  $f$ , we then have  $f(a \rightarrow b) \in F$  and  $f(b \rightarrow a) \in F$ . It then follows that  $fa \rightarrow fb \in F$  and  $fb \rightarrow fa \in F$ , and hence  $fa \leftrightarrow fb \in F$ . Hence,  $F$  is compatible with  $f$ . □

# Normalising

The following construction is due to Hasimoto (2001).

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$$f^{\leftrightarrow}(a) := \{f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \leftrightarrow f(y_1, \dots, y_n) \mid (\forall i \leq n) x_i \leftrightarrow y_i \geq a\}.$$

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

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### Lemma 2 (Hasimoto, 2001)

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Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be an expanded Heyting algebra and let  $M$  denote the set of operations on  $\mathbf{A}$ . Let  $[\mathbf{A}]$  denote the algebra

$$\langle A; \vee, \wedge, \rightarrow, [M], 0, 1 \rangle.$$

### Theorem 3 (Hasimoto, 2001)

Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be an expanded Heyting algebra and assume that  $[M]$  exists in  $\mathbf{A}$ .

1.  $\text{CFil}([\mathbf{A}]) \subseteq \text{CFil}(\mathbf{A})$ .
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For part (2), the condition  $(\forall a \in A) [M]a \in \text{CFg}^{\mathbf{A}}(a)$  is equivalent to the claim that every congruence-filter of  $\mathbf{A}$  is closed under  $[M]$ . Part (2) then holds after a brief explanation. □

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Although nice, Hasimoto's construction does not have to produce a term function on  $\mathbf{A}$ , even when it exists.

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### Corollary (Sankappanavar, 1985)

Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be an  $H^+$ -algebra. Then  $\neg\sim$  is a congruence-filter term on  $\mathbf{A}$ .

We also saw

### Theorem (Köhler, 1980)

Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a double Heyting algebra and  $F$  a filter of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Then  $\theta(F)$  is a congruence on  $\mathbf{A}$  if and only if  $F$  is closed under  $\neg\sim$ .

We will obtain this result as well by showing that  $[\dot{\div}] = \neg\sim$ .

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The equation  $x \vee (y \div z) = x \vee [(y \vee x) \div (z \vee x)]$  holds in all double Heyting algebras. So,

$$\begin{aligned}\sim a \vee (x_1 \div x_2) &= \sim a \vee [(x_1 \vee \sim a) \div (x_2 \vee \sim a)] \\ &= \sim a \vee [(y_1 \vee \sim a) \div (y_2 \vee \sim a)] \\ &= \sim a \vee (y_1 \div y_2).\end{aligned}$$

Taking a meet with  $\neg\sim a$  will finish the job. □