

Computational complexity of universal theories of residuated structures

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Basic setting from the logical point of view

- We are thinking of propositional logics specified using Gentzen-style deductive systems whose primary entities are sequents of the form

$$\Gamma \vdash \Delta,$$

where Γ and Δ are structure composed of formulas using a binary non-associative and not necessarily commutative operator, usually denoted by comma (we also need parentheses for the grouping of formulas).

- We naturally want

$$\Gamma \vdash \Gamma \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma \vdash \Delta \ \& \ \Delta \vdash \Theta \Rightarrow \Gamma \vdash \Theta,$$

i.e., we want \vdash to be reflexive and transitive (we are not necessarily committed to other properties of \vdash such as monotonicity and compactness).

Basic setting from the logical point of view

- We have binary connectives that internalize in the language structural properties of our sequents:
 - connective \circ ('fusion') represents the comma: if γ_1 and γ_2 correspond, respectively, to Γ_1 and Γ_2 , then $[\gamma_1 \circ \gamma_2] \vdash \Delta$ corresponds to $[\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2] \vdash \Delta$;
 - two connectives \backslash and $/$ internalizing statements about deduction (they differ in whether a designated premise comes from the left or from the right):

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_1 \circ \gamma_2 \vdash \delta &\iff \gamma_2 \vdash \gamma_1 \backslash \delta; \\ \gamma_1 \circ \gamma_2 \vdash \delta &\iff \gamma_1 \vdash \delta / \gamma_2. \end{aligned}$$

- We might want to have other connectives, say \wedge and \vee .
- The basic logic we get is Non-associative Lambek Calculus.
- If we add \wedge and \vee with their usual Gentzen-style rules, we get Full Non-associative Lambek Calculus.
- If, additionally, \wedge and \vee distribute over each other, we get Full Distributive Non-associative Lambek Calculus.

Residuated ordered groupoids (rogs)

Fix a signature σ containing a binary relation symbol \leq and binary operational symbols \circ , \backslash , and $/$.

Definition

A *residuated ordered groupoid* (for short, *rog*) is a σ -structure $\mathbf{A} = \langle A, \circ, \backslash, /, \leq \rangle$, where $\langle A, \leq \rangle$ is a poset and \circ , \backslash and $/$ are binary operations on A such that, for all $a, b, c \in A$,

$$a \circ b \leq c \iff b \leq a \backslash c \iff a \leq c / b. \quad (1)$$

The class of all rogs is denoted by \mathcal{ROG} .

Theories of rogs

The *atomic theory* of \mathcal{ROG} is the set of the atomic formulas (i.e., expressions of the form $s \leq t$) valid in \mathcal{ROG} . This theory is in P (E. Aarts and K. Trautwein [1]).

The *Horn theory* of \mathcal{ROG} is the set of formulas of the form $\alpha_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \alpha_n \Rightarrow \alpha$, where $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ and α are all atomic, valid in \mathcal{ROG} . This theory is in P (W. Buszkowski [2]).

The *universal theory* of \mathcal{ROG} is the set of formulas $\forall x_1 \dots \forall x_n \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$, where φ is a Boolean combination of atomic formulas, valid in \mathcal{ROG} . This theory is coNP-complete (this talk & *JoLLI* paper).

Partial structures

Definition

A *partial σ -structure* is a tuple $\mathbf{B} = \langle B, \circ^{\mathbf{B}}, \setminus^{\mathbf{B}}, /^{\mathbf{B}}, \leq^{\mathbf{B}} \rangle$, where $B \neq \emptyset$, $\leq^{\mathbf{B}} \subseteq B \times B$, and $\circ^{\mathbf{B}}$, $\setminus^{\mathbf{B}}$, and $/^{\mathbf{B}}$ are partial binary operations on B (i.e., partial functions $B \times B \mapsto B$).

The domains of $\circ^{\mathbf{B}}$, $\setminus^{\mathbf{B}}$ and $/^{\mathbf{B}}$ are denoted by, respectively, $\text{dom } \circ^{\mathbf{B}}$, $\text{dom } \setminus^{\mathbf{B}}$, and $\text{dom } /^{\mathbf{B}}$.

Partial rogs

Definition

A **partial rog** is a partial σ -structure $\mathbf{B} = \langle B, \circ^{\mathbf{B}}, \backslash^{\mathbf{B}}, /^{\mathbf{B}}, \leq^{\mathbf{B}} \rangle$ that is a partial substructure of a rog, i.e., such that there exists a rog $\mathbf{A} = \langle A, \circ^{\mathbf{A}}, \backslash^{\mathbf{A}}, /^{\mathbf{A}}, \leq^{\mathbf{A}} \rangle$ with $B \subseteq A$, $\leq^{\mathbf{B}} = \leq^{\mathbf{A}} \upharpoonright_B$ and $a \star^{\mathbf{B}} b = a \star^{\mathbf{A}} b$ for every $\star \in \{\circ, \backslash, /\}$ and every $\langle a, b \rangle \in \text{dom } \star^{\mathbf{B}}$.

Caution: if \mathbf{B} is a partial rog that is a partial substructure of a rog \mathbf{A} , then $\star^{\mathbf{B}}$ ($\star \in \{\circ, \backslash, /\}$) is not necessarily a restriction of $\star^{\mathbf{A}}$ to B . It is possible that $a, b \in B$ and $a \star^{\mathbf{A}} b \in B$, but $\langle a, b \rangle \notin \text{dom } \star^{\mathbf{B}}$; i.e., we do not require that $\text{dom } \star^{\mathbf{B}} = \text{dom } \star^{\mathbf{A}} \upharpoonright B$.

E.g., we might have $\langle a_1, a_2 \rangle \in \text{dom } \circ^{\mathbf{B}}$, $\langle b_1, b_2 \rangle \in \text{dom } \backslash^{\mathbf{B}}$, and $a_2 \circ^{\mathbf{A}} b_1 = a_1 \circ^{\mathbf{A}} a_2 (= a_1 \circ^{\mathbf{B}} a_2)$, but $\langle a_2, b_1 \rangle \notin \text{dom } \circ^{\mathbf{B}}$.

Embedding a partial structure into a structure

Definition

Let $\mathbf{B} = \langle B, \circ^{\mathbf{B}}, \backslash^{\mathbf{B}}, /^{\mathbf{B}}, \leq^{\mathbf{B}} \rangle$ be a partial σ -structure and $\mathbf{A} = \langle A, \circ^{\mathbf{A}}, \backslash^{\mathbf{A}}, /^{\mathbf{A}}, \leq^{\mathbf{A}} \rangle$ a σ -structure. An *embedding* of \mathbf{B} into \mathbf{A} is a map $\alpha : B \rightarrow A$ such that

- $a \leq^{\mathbf{B}} b \iff \alpha(a) \leq^{\mathbf{A}} \alpha(b)$, for every $a, b \in B$;
- $\alpha(a \star^{\mathbf{B}} b) = \alpha(a) \star^{\mathbf{A}} \alpha(b)$, for every $\star \in \{\circ, \backslash, /\}$ and every $\langle a, b \rangle \in \text{dom } \star^{\mathbf{B}}$.

Fact

If a partial σ -structure \mathbf{B} is embeddable into a rog \mathbf{A} , then \mathbf{B} is isomorphic to a partial substructure of \mathbf{A} ; hence, \mathbf{B} is a partial rog.

Characterization of partial rogs

Theorem

A partial σ -structure $\mathbf{B} = \langle B, \circ^{\mathbf{B}}, \setminus^{\mathbf{B}}, /^{\mathbf{B}}, \leq^{\mathbf{B}} \rangle$ is a partial rog iff the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i) $\langle B, \leq^{\mathbf{B}} \rangle$ is a poset;
- (ii) $\forall \langle a, b \rangle, \langle c, d \rangle \in \text{dom } \circ^{\mathbf{B}} [a \leq^{\mathbf{B}} c \ \& \ b \leq^{\mathbf{B}} d \implies a \circ^{\mathbf{B}} b \leq^{\mathbf{B}} c \circ^{\mathbf{B}} d]$;
- (iii) $\forall \langle a, b \rangle \in \text{dom } \circ^{\mathbf{B}} \forall \langle c, d \rangle \in \text{dom } \setminus^{\mathbf{B}}$
 $[a \leq^{\mathbf{B}} c \ \& \ b \leq^{\mathbf{B}} c \setminus^{\mathbf{B}} d \implies a \circ^{\mathbf{B}} b \leq^{\mathbf{B}} d]$;
- (iv) $\forall \langle a, b \rangle \in \text{dom } \circ^{\mathbf{B}} \forall \langle c, d \rangle \in \text{dom } /^{\mathbf{B}}$
 $[a \leq^{\mathbf{B}} c /^{\mathbf{B}} d \ \& \ b \leq^{\mathbf{B}} d \implies a \circ^{\mathbf{B}} b \leq^{\mathbf{B}} c]$;
- (v) $\forall \langle a, b \rangle \in \text{dom } \setminus^{\mathbf{B}} \forall \langle c, d \rangle \in \text{dom } \circ^{\mathbf{B}}$
 $[a \leq^{\mathbf{B}} c \ \& \ c \circ^{\mathbf{B}} d \leq^{\mathbf{B}} b \implies d \leq^{\mathbf{B}} a \setminus^{\mathbf{B}} b]$;
- (vi) $\forall \langle a, b \rangle \in \text{dom } /^{\mathbf{B}} \forall \langle c, d \rangle \in \text{dom } \circ^{\mathbf{B}}$
 $[b \leq^{\mathbf{B}} d \ \& \ c \circ^{\mathbf{B}} d \leq^{\mathbf{B}} a \implies c \leq^{\mathbf{B}} a /^{\mathbf{B}} b]$;

Characterization of partial rogs (contnd)

Theorem

A partial σ -structure $\mathbf{B} = \langle B, \circ^{\mathbf{B}}, \backslash^{\mathbf{B}}, /^{\mathbf{B}}, \leq^{\mathbf{B}} \rangle$ is a partial rog iff $\langle B, \leq^{\mathbf{B}} \rangle$ is a poset and the following conditions are satisfied:

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- (vii) $\forall \langle a, b \rangle, \langle c, d \rangle \in \text{dom } \backslash^{\mathbf{B}} [a \leq^{\mathbf{B}} c \ \& \ d \leq^{\mathbf{B}} b \Rightarrow c \backslash^{\mathbf{B}} d \leq^{\mathbf{B}} a \backslash^{\mathbf{B}} b];$
- (viii) $\forall \langle a, b \rangle \in \text{dom } \backslash^{\mathbf{B}} \forall \langle c, d \rangle \in \text{dom } /^{\mathbf{B}}$
 $[a \leq^{\mathbf{B}} c /^{\mathbf{B}} d \ \& \ c \leq^{\mathbf{B}} b \Rightarrow d \leq^{\mathbf{B}} a \backslash^{\mathbf{B}} b];$
- (ix) $\forall \langle a, b \rangle \in \text{dom } /^{\mathbf{B}} \forall \langle c, d \rangle \in \text{dom } \backslash^{\mathbf{B}}$
 $[d \leq^{\mathbf{B}} a \ \& \ b \leq^{\mathbf{B}} c \backslash^{\mathbf{B}} d \Rightarrow c \leq^{\mathbf{B}} a /^{\mathbf{B}} b];$
- (x) $\forall \langle a, b \rangle, \langle c, d \rangle \in \text{dom } /^{\mathbf{B}} [c \leq^{\mathbf{B}} a \ \& \ b \leq^{\mathbf{B}} d \Rightarrow c /^{\mathbf{B}} d \leq^{\mathbf{B}} a /^{\mathbf{B}} b].$

(\Rightarrow) The analogues of properties (i) through (x) hold in every rog.

(\Leftarrow) We construct a relational frame \mathfrak{F} from \mathbf{B} and then a rog $\mathbf{A}_{\mathfrak{F}}$ out of \mathfrak{F} , and embed \mathbf{B} into $\mathbf{A}_{\mathfrak{F}}$.

Relational frames

Relational frames are widely used in the study of non-classical logics, due to the success of the Kripke frame semantics for modal and superintuitionistic logics. The relational frame theory for rogs and related structures is due to Dunn [3].

Definition

A **frame** is a relational structure $\mathfrak{F} = \langle P, \leq, R \rangle$, where $\langle P, \leq \rangle$ is a poset and R is a ternary relation on P that is monotone in the last coordinate and antitone in the first two coordinates: for every $f, f', g, g', h, h' \in P$,

$$R(f, g, h) \ \& \ f' \leq f \ \& \ g' \leq g \ \& \ h \leq h' \implies R(f', g', h'). \quad (2)$$

From frames to algebras

Let $\mathfrak{F} = \langle P, \leq, R \rangle$ be a frame and $U(P)$ be the set of upsets of \mathfrak{F} (i.e. if $X \in U(P)$, $f \in X$ and $f \leq g$, then $g \in X$).

Define, for all $X, Y \in U(P)$,

$$X \circ Y := \{h \in P \mid \exists f, g \in P [f \in X \ \& \ g \in Y \ \& \ R(f, g, h)]\}; \quad (3)$$

$$X \setminus Y := \{g \in P \mid \forall f, h \in P [f \in X \ \& \ R(f, g, h) \Rightarrow h \in Y]\}; \quad (4)$$

$$Y / X := \{f \in P \mid \forall g, h \in P [g \in X \ \& \ R(f, g, h) \Rightarrow h \in Y]\}. \quad (5)$$

Since \mathfrak{F} satisfies (2), so defined \circ , \setminus and $/$ are operations on $U(P)$.

The definitions (3)–(5) ensure that (1) is satisfied with respect to \subseteq on $U(P)$. Hence, $\mathbf{A}_{\mathfrak{F}} = \langle U(P), \circ, \setminus, /, \subseteq \rangle$ is a rog.

From algebras to frames

Let $\mathbf{A} = \langle A, \circ, \backslash, /, \leq \rangle$ be a rog. Define a ternary relation R on $U(A)$ by

$$R(f, g, h) \iff \forall a, b \in A [a \in f \ \& \ b \in g \implies a \circ b \in h]. \quad (6)$$

Then R and \subseteq satisfy condition (2), hence $\mathfrak{F}_{\mathbf{A}} = \langle U(A), \subseteq, R \rangle$ is a frame.

Fact

Let $\mathbf{A} = \langle A, \circ, \backslash, /, \leq \rangle$ be a rog. The map $\mu: A \rightarrow U(U(A))$ defined by $\mu(a) = \{f \in U(A) \mid a \in f\}$ is an embedding of \mathbf{A} into $\mathbf{A}_{\mathfrak{F}_{\mathbf{A}}}$.

Proof idea for part (\Leftarrow) of the Theorem

Suppose $\mathbf{B} = \langle B, \circ^{\mathbf{B}}, \setminus^{\mathbf{B}}, /^{\mathbf{B}}, \leq^{\mathbf{B}} \rangle$ is a partial σ -structure satisfying (i) through (x). We obtain a rog into which \mathbf{B} is embeddable. Define a ternary relation $R^{\mathbf{B}}$ on $U(B)$ by:

$$\begin{aligned}
 R^{\mathbf{B}}(f, g, h) \iff & \forall \langle a, b \rangle \in \text{dom } \circ^{\mathbf{B}} [a \in f \ \& \ b \in g \implies a \circ^{\mathbf{B}} b \in h] \\
 & \& (\forall \langle a, b \rangle \in \text{dom } \setminus^{\mathbf{B}} [a \in f \ \& \ a \setminus^{\mathbf{B}} b \in g \implies b \in h] \\
 & \& \forall \langle a, b \rangle \in \text{dom } /^{\mathbf{B}} [a /^{\mathbf{B}} b \in f \ \& \ b \in g \implies a \in h].
 \end{aligned}$$

Then, $\mathfrak{F} = \langle U(B), \subseteq, R^{\mathbf{B}} \rangle$ is a frame.

Let $\mathbf{A}_{\mathfrak{F}} = \langle U(U(B)), \circ, \setminus, /, \subseteq \rangle$ be the rog associated with \mathfrak{F} and let $\mu: B \rightarrow U(U(B))$ be the map defined by $\mu(a) = \{f \in U(B) \mid a \in f\}$. Then, μ is an embedding of \mathbf{B} into $\mathbf{A}_{\mathfrak{F}}$.

Evaluation of formulas in rogs

Universal σ -sentences are formulas of the form $\forall x_1 \dots \forall x_n \varphi$, where φ is a quantifier-free (first-order) σ -formula, i.e., a formula defined by the BNF expression

$$\varphi := t \leq t \mid \neg \varphi \mid (\varphi \wedge \varphi) \mid (\varphi \vee \varphi),$$

with t ranging over σ -terms, and containing no variables other than x_1, \dots, x_n .

Formulas are evaluated as in standard model theory. The *universal theory of \mathcal{ROG}* is the set of all universal σ -sentences valid on \mathcal{ROG} .

By the semantics of quantifiers, a universal sentence $\forall x_1 \dots \forall x_n \varphi$ is valid on \mathcal{ROG} iff $\neg \varphi$ is not satisfiable in \mathcal{ROG} . Thus, satisfiability of quantifier-free σ -formulas in \mathcal{ROG} and membership in the universal theory of \mathcal{ROG} are complementary computational problems.

Evaluation of quantifier-free formulas in partial rogs

We shall also need the notion of satisfaction of a quantifier-free σ -formula in a partial rog under a partial assignment (partial function from variables into the universe of a partial rog). Let \mathbf{B} be a partial rog and v a partial assignment in \mathbf{B} .

Define the relation $\mathbf{B} \downarrow v(t)$ (“the value of t in \mathbf{B} is defined under v ”):

$$\mathbf{B} \downarrow v(x_i) \iff x_i \in \text{dom } v;$$

$$\mathbf{B} \downarrow v(t_1 \star t_2) \iff \mathbf{B} \downarrow v(t_1), \mathbf{B} \downarrow v(t_2) \text{ and } \langle v(t_1), v(t_2) \rangle \in \text{dom } \star^{\mathbf{B}},$$

where $\star \in \{\circ, \backslash, /\}$.

Intuitively, $\mathbf{B} \models^v \varphi$ and $\mathbf{B} \not\models^v \varphi$ mean that the relation $\mathbf{B} \downarrow v(t)$ holds for enough terms of φ for the value of φ in \mathbf{B} under v to come out as, respectively, true and false.

Evaluation of quantifier-free formulas in partial rogs

Formally, we define the relations $\mathbf{B} \models^v \varphi$ (“ φ is satisfied in \mathbf{B} under v ”), $\mathbf{B} \not\models^v \varphi$ (“ φ is not satisfied in \mathbf{B} under v ”) and $\mathbf{B} \approx^v \varphi$ (“the value of φ in \mathbf{B} under v is undefined”):

$$\mathbf{B} \models^v t_1 \leq t_2 \iff \mathbf{B} \downarrow v(t_1), \mathbf{B} \downarrow v(t_2) \text{ and } v(t_1) \leq^{\mathbf{B}} v(t_2);$$

$$\mathbf{B} \not\models^v t_1 \leq t_2 \iff \mathbf{B} \downarrow v(t_1), \mathbf{B} \downarrow v(t_2) \text{ and } v(t_1) \not\leq^{\mathbf{B}} v(t_2);$$

$$\mathbf{B} \approx^v t_1 \leq t_2 \quad \text{otherwise;}$$

$$\mathbf{B} \models^v \neg \varphi \iff \mathbf{B} \not\models^v \varphi;$$

$$\mathbf{B} \not\models^v \neg \varphi \iff \mathbf{B} \models^v \varphi;$$

$$\mathbf{B} \approx^v \neg \varphi \quad \text{otherwise;}$$

$$\mathbf{B} \models^v \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2 \iff \mathbf{B} \models^v \varphi_1 \text{ and } \mathbf{B} \models^v \varphi_2;$$

$$\mathbf{B} \not\models^v \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2 \iff \mathbf{B} \not\models^v \varphi_1 \text{ or } \mathbf{B} \not\models^v \varphi_2;$$

$$\mathbf{B} \approx^v \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2 \quad \text{otherwise;}$$

$$\mathbf{B} \models^v \varphi_1 \dot{\vee} \varphi_2 \iff \mathbf{B} \models^v \varphi_1 \text{ or } \mathbf{B} \models^v \varphi_2;$$

$$\mathbf{B} \not\models^v \varphi_1 \dot{\vee} \varphi_2 \iff \mathbf{B} \not\models^v \varphi_1 \text{ and } \mathbf{B} \not\models^v \varphi_2;$$

$$\mathbf{B} \approx^v \varphi_1 \dot{\vee} \varphi_2 \quad \text{otherwise.}$$

Evaluation of quantifier-free formulas in partial rogs

A quantifier-free σ -formula φ is *satisfiable* in a partial rog \mathbf{B} if there exists a partial assignment v on \mathbf{B} such that $\mathbf{B} \models^v \varphi$.

Measures of complexity of formulas

The standard measure of complexity of a formula φ is its length $len \varphi$ (the number of occurrences of symbols in φ).

For us, it's more convenient to work with the following measure:

$$size \varphi = \# \text{ of variables} + \# \text{ of occurrences of operation symbols in } \varphi.$$

Surely, $size \varphi \leq len \varphi$, so we are fine.

Main theorem for rogs

Lemma

A quantifier-free σ -formula φ is satisfiable in ROG iff it is satisfiable in a partial rog whose cardinality does not exceed size φ .

Proof.

(‘only if’) Let $\mathbf{A} \models^v \varphi$, for a rog \mathbf{A} . Put $B = \{v(t) \mid t \in \text{terms } \varphi\}$. Then $|B| \leq \text{size } \varphi$. For all $a_1, a_2 \in B$ and $\star \in \{\circ, \backslash, /\}$, let $\langle a_1, a_2 \rangle \in \text{dom}(\star^{\mathbf{B}})$ if there exists $t_1 \star t_2 \in \text{terms } \varphi$ with $a_1 = v(t_1)$ and $a_2 = v(t_2)$. Then, for every $\star \in \{\circ, \backslash, /\}$ and $\langle a_1, a_2 \rangle \in \text{dom}(\star^{\mathbf{B}})$, set $a_1 \star^{\mathbf{B}} a_2 := a_1 \star^{\mathbf{A}} a_2$. Set $\leq^{\mathbf{B}} = \leq^{\mathbf{A}} \upharpoonright_B$. Then $\mathbf{B} := \langle B, \circ^{\mathbf{B}}, \backslash^{\mathbf{B}}, /^{\mathbf{B}}, \leq^{\mathbf{B}} \rangle$ is a partial rog. Let $\bar{v} := v \upharpoonright_{\text{var } \varphi}$. Then $\mathbf{B} \models^{\bar{v}} \varphi$. Thus, φ is satisfiable in a partial rog of the required cardinality.

(‘if’) Let $\mathbf{B} \models^{\bar{v}} \varphi$, for a partial rog \mathbf{B} and a partial assignment \bar{v} . Let \mathbf{B} be a partial substructure of a rog \mathbf{A} . Let v be a assignment on \mathbf{B} extending \bar{v} . Then, $\mathbf{B} \models^v \varphi$. Since \mathbf{B} is a partial substructure of \mathbf{A} , it follows that $\mathbf{A} \models^v \varphi$. □

Main theorem for rogs

Theorem

Satisfiability of quantifier-free σ -formulas in ROG is in NP. Hence, the universal theory of ROG is in coNP.

Proof.

Let φ be a quantifier-free σ -formula. By Lemma, it is enough to check if it is satisfiable in a partial rog of cardinality $\leq \text{size } \varphi$. We use a nondeterministic algorithm: Guess a partial σ -structure $\mathbf{B} = \langle B, \circ^{\mathbf{B}}, \setminus^{\mathbf{B}}, /^{\mathbf{B}}, \leq^{\mathbf{B}} \rangle$ with $|B| \leq \text{size } \varphi$ and a partial assignment \bar{v} on \mathbf{B} . Check whether \mathbf{B} is a partial rog and whether $\mathbf{B} \models^{\bar{v}} \varphi$. If both checks succeed, return “yes”; otherwise, return “no.”

In view of Theorem, to check if \mathbf{B} is a partial rog, it is enough to check properties (i) through (x), which can be done in time polynomial in $|B| \leq \text{size } \varphi$. Checking whether $\mathbf{B} \models^{\bar{v}} \varphi$ can also be done in time polynomial in $\text{size } \varphi$. □

Main theorem for rogs

We say that a k -ary predicate P on a structure with domain A is *non-trivial* if $P \neq \emptyset$ and $P \neq A^k$; we say that a structure is *non-trivial* if it has a non-trivial predicate definable in its signature.

Proposition

Let \mathcal{K} be a class of structures containing a non-trivial structure. Then, satisfiability of quantifier-free first-order formulas in \mathcal{K} is NP-hard and, hence, the universal theory of \mathcal{K} is coNP-hard.

Proof.

Reduction from SAT. Use non-triviality to simulate Boolean variables. \square

Theorem

Satisfiability of quantifier-free σ -formulas in \mathcal{ROG} is NP-complete. Hence, the universal theory of \mathcal{ROG} is coNP-complete.

Unital and integral rogs

Let σ^1 be an expansion of signature σ with a constant $\mathbf{1}$.

Definition

A **unital rog** (for short, **urog**) is a σ^1 -structure $\mathbf{A} = \langle A, \circ, \backslash, /, \mathbf{1}, \leq \rangle$, where $\langle A, \circ, \backslash, /, \leq \rangle$ is a rog and $\mathbf{1} \in A$ such that $a \circ \mathbf{1} = a = \mathbf{1} \circ a$, for every $a \in A$.

Definition

An **integral rog** (for short, **irog**) is a urog where $a \leq \mathbf{1}$, for every $a \in A$.

Using techniques similar to those used for rogs, we obtain the following:

Theorem

Satisfiability of quantifier-free σ^1 -formulas both in urogs and irogs is NP-complete. Hence, the universal theories of urogs and irogs are both coNP-complete.

Residuated algebras

Definition

Let $k \geq 1$. A *residuated k -algebra* is a structure

$\mathbf{A} = \langle A, \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_k, \leq \rangle$, where $\langle A, \leq \rangle$ is a poset and \mathbf{A} satisfies the k -ary residuation property: for every $a_1, \dots, a_k, c \in A$ and every $j \in \{1, \dots, k\}$,

$$\mathbf{t}(a_1, \dots, a_k) \leq c \iff a_j \leq \mathbf{r}_j(a_1, \dots, a_{j-1}, c, a_{j+1}, \dots, a_k). \quad (7)$$

Definition

A *residuated algebra* is a structure $\mathbf{A} = \langle A, \rho, \leq \rangle$, where $\langle A, \leq \rangle$ is a poset and ρ is a family of k -tuples $\langle \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_k \rangle$, with $k \geq 1$, such that each structure $\mathbf{A} = \langle A, \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_k, \leq \rangle$ is a residuated k -algebra.

Theorem

Let \mathcal{C} be a class of residuated algebras. Satisfiability of quantifier-free formulas in \mathcal{C} is NP-complete. Hence, the universal theory of \mathcal{C} is coNP-complete.

Residuated distributive lattice-oriented groupoids (brdgs)

A residuated distributive lattice-oriented groupoid is a rog where the partial order is a distributive lattice. We shall assume, for convenience, that the lattice is bounded.

Fix a signature σ^{brdg} containing a binary relation symbol \leq , binary operational symbols \wedge , \vee , \circ , \backslash , $/$, and constants 0 and 1.

Definition

A *bounded residuated distributive lattice-oriented groupoid* (for short, *brdg*) is a σ^{brdg} -structure $\mathbf{A} = \langle A, \wedge, \vee, \circ, \backslash, /, \leq, 0, 1 \rangle$, where $\langle A, \wedge, \vee, 0, 1 \rangle$ is a bounded distributive lattice, \leq is the partial order associated with the lattice, and \circ , \backslash and $/$ are binary operations on A such that, for all $a, b, c \in A$, the residuation condition (1) is satisfied.

The class of all brdgs is denoted by \mathcal{BRDG} .

Inequality is defined in the usual way: $a \leq b := a \wedge b = a$.

Theories of brdgs

The *equational theory* of \mathcal{BRDG} is the set of equations valid in \mathcal{BRDG} . This theory is in coNP-complete (Shkatov and Van Alten, forthcoming).

The *quasi-equational theory* of \mathcal{BROG} is the set of quasi-equations valid in \mathcal{BRDG} . This theory is EXPTIME-complete (this talk; [1]).

The *universal theory* of \mathcal{BRDG} is the set of formulas $\forall x_1 \dots \forall x_n \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$, where φ is a Boolean combination of atomic formulas, valid in \mathcal{BRDG} . This theory is EXPTIME-complete (this talk & *Algebra Universalis* paper).

Relational frames

Definition (Recall)

A **frame** is a relational structure $\mathfrak{F} = \langle P, \leq, R \rangle$, where $\langle P, \leq \rangle$ is a poset and R is a ternary relation on P that is monotone in the last coordinate and antitone in the first two coordinates: for every $f, f', g, g', h, h' \in P$,

$$R(f, g, h) \ \& \ f' \leq f \ \& \ g' \leq g \ \& \ h \leq h' \implies R(f', g', h').$$

From frames to algebras and back

Let $\mathfrak{F} = \langle P, \leq, R \rangle$ be a frame and $U(P)$ be the set of upsets of \mathfrak{F} . Define operations on $U(P)$ as before, i.e., by (3)–(5). Then, $\mathbf{A}_{\mathfrak{F}} = \langle U(P), \cap, \cup, \circ, \setminus, /, \subseteq, \emptyset, P \rangle$ is a brdg.

Let $\mathbf{A} = \langle A, \wedge, \vee, \circ, \setminus, /, \leq, 0, 1 \rangle$ be a brdg and let $P(A)$ be the set of prime filters of \mathbf{A} . Define a ternary relation R on by (2):

$$R(f, g, h) \iff \forall a, b \in A [a \in f \ \& \ b \in g \implies a \circ b \in h].$$

Then R and \subseteq satisfy condition (2), hence $\mathfrak{F}_{\mathbf{A}} = \langle P(A), \subseteq, R \rangle$ is a frame.

Fact

Let $\mathbf{A} = \langle A, \wedge, \vee, \circ, \setminus, /, \leq, 0, 1 \rangle$ be a brdg. The map $\mu: A \rightarrow U(P)$ defined by $\mu(a) = \{f \in P \mid a \in f\}$ is an embedding of \mathbf{A} into $\mathbf{A}_{\mathfrak{F}_{\mathbf{A}}}$.

Partial σ^{brdg} -structures and partial rdgs

Definition

A **partial σ^{brdg} -structure** is a tuple $\mathbf{B} = \langle B, \wedge^{\mathbf{B}}, \vee^{\mathbf{B}}, \circ^{\mathbf{B}}, \backslash^{\mathbf{B}}, /^{\mathbf{B}}, \leq^{\mathbf{B}}, 0^{\mathbf{B}}, 1^{\mathbf{B}} \rangle$, where $B \neq \emptyset$, $\leq^{\mathbf{B}} \subseteq B \times B$, $0^{\mathbf{B}}, 1^{\mathbf{B}} \in B$, and $\wedge^{\mathbf{B}}, \vee^{\mathbf{B}}, \circ^{\mathbf{B}}, \backslash^{\mathbf{B}}$, and $/^{\mathbf{B}}$ are partial binary operations on B (i.e., partial functions $B \times B \mapsto B$).

Definition

A **partial brdg** is a partial σ^{brdg} -structure $\mathbf{B} = \langle B, \wedge^{\mathbf{B}}, \vee^{\mathbf{B}}, \circ^{\mathbf{B}}, \backslash^{\mathbf{B}}, /^{\mathbf{B}}, \leq^{\mathbf{B}} \rangle$ that is a partial substructure of a brdg, i.e., such that there exists a brdg $\mathbf{A} = \langle A, \wedge^{\mathbf{A}}, \vee^{\mathbf{A}}, \circ^{\mathbf{A}}, \backslash^{\mathbf{A}}, /^{\mathbf{A}}, \leq^{\mathbf{A}} \rangle$ with $B \subseteq A$, $\leq^{\mathbf{B}} = \leq^{\mathbf{A}} \upharpoonright_B$, $0^{\mathbf{B}} = 0^{\mathbf{A}}$, $1^{\mathbf{B}} = 1^{\mathbf{A}}$, and $a \star^{\mathbf{B}} b = a \star^{\mathbf{A}} b$, for every $\star \in \{\wedge, \vee, \circ, \backslash, /\}$ and every $\langle a, b \rangle \in \text{dom } \star^{\mathbf{B}}$.

Embedding a partial structure into a structure

Definition

Let $\mathbf{B} = \langle B, \wedge^{\mathbf{B}}, \vee^{\mathbf{B}}, \circ^{\mathbf{B}}, \backslash^{\mathbf{B}}, /^{\mathbf{B}}, \leq^{\mathbf{B}} \rangle$ be a partial σ^{brdg} -structure and $\mathbf{A} = \langle A, \wedge^{\mathbf{A}}, \vee^{\mathbf{A}}, \circ^{\mathbf{A}}, \backslash^{\mathbf{A}}, /^{\mathbf{A}}, \leq^{\mathbf{A}} \rangle$ a σ^{brdg} -structure. An *embedding* of \mathbf{B} into \mathbf{A} is a map $\alpha : B \rightarrow A$ such that

- $a \leq^{\mathbf{B}} b \iff \alpha(a) \leq^{\mathbf{A}} \alpha(b)$, for every $a, b \in B$;
- $\alpha(0^{\mathbf{B}}) = 0^{\mathbf{A}}$;
- $\alpha(1^{\mathbf{B}}) = 1^{\mathbf{A}}$;
- $\alpha(a \star^{\mathbf{B}} b) = \alpha(a) \star^{\mathbf{A}} \alpha(b)$, for every $\star \in \{\wedge, \vee, \circ, \backslash, /\}$ and every $\langle a, b \rangle \in \text{dom } \star^{\mathbf{B}}$.

Fact

If a partial σ^{brdg} -structure \mathbf{B} is embeddable into a brdg \mathbf{A} , then \mathbf{B} is isomorphic to a partial substructure of \mathbf{A} ; hence, \mathbf{B} is a partial brdg.

Characterization of partial bounded lattices

Fix the signature σ^{bl} containing \wedge , \vee , 0 , and 1 .

Theorem (Van Alten 2013)

A partial σ^{bl} -structure $\mathbf{B} = \langle B, \wedge^{\mathbf{B}}, \vee^{\mathbf{B}}, \leq^{\mathbf{B}}, 0^{\mathbf{B}}, 1^{\mathbf{B}} \rangle$ is a partial bounded lattice if $\leq^{\mathbf{B}}$ is a partial order on B , with bounds $0^{\mathbf{B}}$ and $1^{\mathbf{B}}$, and $\wedge^{\mathbf{B}}$ and $\vee^{\mathbf{B}}$ are compatible with $\leq^{\mathbf{B}}$, i.e.,

- *if $\langle a, b \rangle \in \text{dom } \wedge^{\mathbf{B}}$, then $a \wedge^{\mathbf{B}} b$ is the glb w.r.t. $\leq^{\mathbf{B}}$;*
- *if $\langle a, b \rangle \in \text{dom } \vee^{\mathbf{B}}$, then $a \vee^{\mathbf{B}} b$ is the lub w.r.t. $\leq^{\mathbf{B}}$.*

Characterization of partial bounded distributive lattices

Definition

Let $\mathbf{B} = \langle B, \wedge^{\mathbf{B}}, \vee^{\mathbf{B}}, \leq^{\mathbf{B}}, 0^{\mathbf{B}}, 1^{\mathbf{B}} \rangle$ be a partial lattice. A set $f \subseteq B$ is a *prime filter* in \mathbf{B} if the following hold:

- $0^{\mathbf{B}} \notin f$ and $1^{\mathbf{B}} \in f$;
- if $a \in f$ and $a \leq^{\mathbf{B}} b$, then $b \in f$;
- if $a \in f$, $b \in f$, and $\langle a, b \rangle \in \text{dom } \wedge^{\mathbf{B}}$, then $a \wedge^{\mathbf{B}} b \in f$;
- if $a \notin f$, $b \notin f$, and $\langle a, b \rangle \in \text{dom } \vee^{\mathbf{B}}$, then $a \vee^{\mathbf{B}} b \notin f$.

Theorem (Van Alten 2013)

A partial σ^{bl} -structure $\mathbf{B} = \langle B, \wedge^{\mathbf{B}}, \vee^{\mathbf{B}}, \leq^{\mathbf{B}}, 0^{\mathbf{B}}, 1^{\mathbf{B}} \rangle$ is a partial bounded distributive lattice if \mathbf{B} is a partial bounded lattice and, moreover, there exists a set F of prime filters of \mathbf{B} such that

$$\forall a, b \in B [a \not\leq^{\mathbf{B}} b \Rightarrow \exists f \in F (a \in f \ \& \ b \notin f)]. \quad (8)$$

Characterization of partial brdgs

Theorem

A partial σ^{brdg} -structure $\mathbf{B} = \langle B, \wedge^{\mathbf{B}}, \vee^{\mathbf{B}}, \circ^{\mathbf{B}}, \setminus^{\mathbf{B}}, /^{\mathbf{B}}, \leq^{\mathbf{B}}, 0^{\mathbf{B}}, 1^{\mathbf{B}} \rangle$ is a partial brdg iff its σ^{bl} -reduct is a partial bounded lattice and there exists a set \mathcal{F} of prime filters of \mathbf{B} such that (8) holds and, moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} \forall h \in F \forall \langle a, b \rangle \in \text{dom } \circ^{\mathbf{B}} & [a \circ^{\mathbf{B}} b \in h \Rightarrow \exists f, g \in F (a \in f \ \& \ b \in g \ \& \ R^{\mathbf{B}}(f, g, h))]; \\ \forall g \in F \forall \langle a, b \rangle \in \text{dom } \setminus^{\mathbf{B}} & [a \setminus^{\mathbf{B}} b \notin g \Rightarrow \exists f, h \in F (a \in f \ \& \ b \notin h \ \& \ R^{\mathbf{B}}(f, g, h)); \\ \forall f \in F \forall \langle a, b \rangle \in \text{dom } /^{\mathbf{B}} & [a /^{\mathbf{B}} b \notin f \Rightarrow \exists g, h \in F (a \in g \ \& \ b \notin h \ \& \ R^{\mathbf{B}}(f, g, h)), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} R^{\mathbf{B}}(f, g, h) \quad \Rightarrow \quad & \forall \langle a, b \rangle \in \text{dom } \circ^{\mathbf{B}} (a \in f \ \& \ b \in g \Rightarrow a \circ^{\mathbf{B}} b \in h) \ \& \\ & \forall \langle a, b \rangle \in \text{dom } \setminus^{\mathbf{B}} (a \in f \ \& \ a \setminus^{\mathbf{B}} b \in g \Rightarrow b \in h) \ \& \\ & \forall \langle a, b \rangle \in \text{dom } /^{\mathbf{B}} (b /^{\mathbf{B}} a \in f \ \& \ a \in g \Rightarrow b \in h). \end{aligned}$$

Characterization of partial brdgs (contd)

Proof.

(‘only if’) Let $\mathbf{B} = \langle B, \wedge^{\mathbf{B}}, \vee^{\mathbf{B}}, \circ^{\mathbf{B}}, \backslash^{\mathbf{B}}, /^{\mathbf{B}}, \leq^{\mathbf{B}}, 0^{\mathbf{B}}, 1^{\mathbf{B}} \rangle$ be a partial substructure of a brdg \mathbf{A} . Then, $\langle B, \wedge^{\mathbf{B}}, \vee^{\mathbf{B}}, 0^{\mathbf{B}}, 1^{\mathbf{B}} \rangle$ is a partial bounded lattice. We need to exhibit a set of filters satisfying (8). Set $F := \{\mathcal{F} \cap B \mid \mathcal{F} \text{ is a prime filter of } \mathbf{A}\}$. It can be shown that F is the required set of prime filters.

(‘if’) Let $\mathbf{B} = \langle B, \wedge^{\mathbf{B}}, \vee^{\mathbf{B}}, \circ^{\mathbf{B}}, \backslash^{\mathbf{B}}, /^{\mathbf{B}}, \leq^{\mathbf{B}}, 0^{\mathbf{B}}, 1^{\mathbf{B}} \rangle$ be a partial σ^{brdg} -structure satisfying the requirements of the theorem. The structure $\mathfrak{F} = \langle F, \subseteq, R^{\mathbf{B}} \rangle$ is a frame. Let

$\mathbf{A}_{\mathfrak{F}} = \langle U(F), \cap, \cup, \circ, \backslash, /, \subseteq, \emptyset, F \rangle$ be the brdg for \mathfrak{F} . Define the map $\mu : B \rightarrow U(F)$ by $\mu(a) := \{f \in F \mid a \in f\}$. It can be shown that μ is an embedding of \mathbf{B} into $\mathbf{A}_{\mathfrak{F}}$. Hence, \mathbf{B} is a partial brdg. \square

Upper bound for brdgs

Lemma

A quantifier-free σ^{brdg} -formula φ is satisfiable in \mathcal{BRDG} iff it is satisfiable in a partial brdg whose cardinality does not exceed $|\varphi| + 2$.

Theorem

Satisfiability of quantifier-free σ^{brdg} -formulas in \mathcal{BRDG} is in EXPTIME. Hence, the universal theory of \mathcal{BRDG} is in EXPTIME.

Upper bound for brdgs

Proof.

Let φ be a quantifier-free σ^{brdg} -formula. By Lemma, it is enough to check if it is satisfiable in a partial brdg of cardinality $\leq size\ \varphi + 2$.

We use the following deterministic algorithm to check if a partial σ^{brdg} -structure \mathbf{B} is a partial brdg:

- (1) Check that $\leq^{\mathbf{B}}$ is a partial order on B , that $0^{\mathbf{B}}$ and $1^{\mathbf{B}}$ are bounds, and that $\wedge^{\mathbf{B}}$ and $\vee^{\mathbf{B}}$ are compatible with $\leq^{\mathbf{B}}$ (polynomial);
- (2) Check if there exists a set of prime filters of \mathbf{B} with the required properties. To that end,
 - Generate all prime filters of \mathbf{B} (exponential in $|\mathbf{B}|$);
 - Repeatedly eliminate filters not meeting the desired properties (exponential in $|\mathbf{B}|$);
 - If the resultant set is empty, return ‘no’; otherwise, check (8).

Using the outlined algorithm, we check all the structures σ^{brdg} -structures of size $\leq size\ \varphi$ to see if they are partial brdgs and, if so, check if φ is satisfied there under some partial assignment. □

Lower bound for brdgs

By reduction from a set of modal formulas describing an $n \times n$ tiling problem through the universal theory of bounded distributive lattices with a unary operator.

Theorem

Satisfiability of quantifier-free σ^{brdg} -formulas in \mathcal{BRDG} is EXPTIME-complete. Hence, the universal theory of \mathcal{BRDG} is EXPTIME-complete.

Since the negation of a formula obtained through the reduction is a quasi-equation, we also obtain the following:

Theorem

The quasi-equational theory of \mathcal{BRDG} is EXPTIME-complete.

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