

Generalizations of Relation Algebras from the perspective of (semi)lattices with operators

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Relation algebras

Definition (Tarski 1941)

Relation algebras are algebras $(A, \wedge, \vee, ', \perp, \top, \cdot, \smile, 1)$ such that

- $(A, \wedge, \vee, ', \perp, \top)$ is a Boolean algebra
- $(A, \cdot, 1)$ is a monoid and
- for all $x, y, z \in A$,
 $(x \vee y)z = xz \vee yz$ $(x \vee y)^\smile = x^\smile \vee y^\smile$
 $x^{\smile\smile} = x$ $(xy)^\smile = y^\smile x^\smile$ $x^\smile(xy)' \leq y'$

The axioms were intended to capture the equational theory of algebras of binary relations: For a set U

$Re(U) = (\mathcal{P}(U^2), \cap, \cup, ', \emptyset, U^2, \circ, \smile, id_U)$ is the *full relation algebra* on U

\circ is composition, $R^\smile = \{(u, v) : (v, u) \in R\}$, $id_U = \{(u, u) : u \in U\}$

E.g. $(u, v) \in x^\smile(xy)'$ $\Rightarrow \exists w(w, u) \in x, (w, v) \notin x \circ y \Rightarrow (u, v) \notin y$

Properties of relation algebras

The variety **RRA** of *representable relation algebras* is generated by the class of all full relation algebras

Monk [1964] proved that **RRA** is a *nonfinitely axiomatizable* subvariety of the variety **RA** of all relation algebras

Hirsch and Hodkinson [1997] proved that it is *undecidable* whether a finite relation algebra is in **RRA**

Relation algebras are *Boolean algebras with operators* (\circ, \smile distr. over \vee)

Relation algebras can model relational semantics of computer programs

But both the varieties **RA** and **RRA** have *undecidable* equational theories

Can this be fixed by weakening the axioms, *keeping associativity*?

Conjugates and residuals

The five identities are equivalent to

$$xy \leq z' \iff x \smile z \leq y' \iff zy \smile \leq x'$$

Proof.

From $x \smile (xy)' \leq y'$ we get $xy \leq z' \Rightarrow x \smile z \leq x \smile (xy)' \leq y'$ and

from $x \smile (xy)' \leq y'$ we get $y \leq (x \smile z)'$ $\Rightarrow xy \leq x \smile \smile (x \smile z)' \leq z'$

Conversely from the \iff we get $xy \leq (xy)'' \Rightarrow x \smile (xy)' \leq y'$ □

So defining *conjugates* $x \triangleright z = x \smile z$ and $z \triangleleft y = zy \smile$ we have

$$xy \leq z' \iff x \triangleright z \leq y' \iff z \triangleleft y \leq x'$$

or replacing z by z' and defining *residuals* $x \setminus z = (x \triangleright z)'$ and $z / y = (z' \triangleleft y)'$ we get the equivalent *residuation property*

$$xy \leq z \iff y \leq x \setminus z \iff x \leq z / y$$

Residuated Boolean monoids

Definition (Birkhoff 1948, Jónsson 1991)

Residuated Boolean monoids are algebras $(A, \wedge, \vee, ', \perp, \top, \cdot, \triangleright, \triangleleft, 1)$ s. t.

- $(A, \wedge, \vee, ', \perp, \top)$ is a Boolean algebra
- $(A, \cdot, 1)$ is a monoid and
- for all $x, y, z \in A$, $xy \leq z' \iff x \triangleright z \leq y' \iff z \triangleleft y \leq x'$

Examples: For any monoid $\mathbf{M} = (M, *, e)$ the powerset monoid $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{M}) = (\mathcal{P}(M), \cap, \cup, ', \emptyset, M, \cdot, \triangleright, \triangleleft, \{e\})$ is a residuated Boolean monoid

where $XY = \{x * y : x \in X, y \in Y\}$,

$X \triangleright Y = \{z : x * z = y \text{ for some } x \in X, y \in Y\}$,

$X \triangleleft Y = \{z : z * y = x \text{ for some } x \in X, y \in Y\}$

If $\mathbf{G} = (G, *, ^{-1})$ is a group, $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{G})$ is a relation algebra, $X^\smile = \{x^{-1} : x \in X\}$

RM = the variety of residuated Boolean monoids

RA = the variety of relation algebras

Theorem (Jónsson and Tsinakis 1993)

RA is termequivalent to the subvariety of **RM** defined by $(x \triangleright y)z = x \triangleright (yz)$

The termequivalence is given by $x \triangleright y = x \smile y$, $x \triangleleft y = xy \smile$ and $x \smile = x \triangleright 1$

Aim to lift this result to residuated lattices and FL-algebras

RA and **RM** have undecidable equational theories

Want to find a larger variety “close to” RA that has a decidable equational theory, but ...

Kurucz, Nemeti, Sain and Simon [1993] proved that the variety of all Boolean algebras with an associative operator, as well as a “large number” of expanded subvarieties have undecidable equational theories

Positive Relation Algebras

Basically the theory of relation algebras without complementation

Subalgebras of complementation-free reducts of relation algebras

Subreducts of a variety are always a quasivariety (closed under S, P, P_U)

Is **pRA** a variety? (i.e. closed under H ?)

Is **pRA** finitely based? (i.e. has fin. many equational or q-equat. axioms)

Does **pRA** have a decidable equational theory or universal theory?

[Andreka 1990] Representable pRAs have a decidable theory

Residuals are not definable in **pRA**

Lattice reducts are distributive; $xy = x \wedge y$ for $x, y \leq 1$

Sequential algebras

Definition (Hoare and Von Karger 1994)

A *sequential algebra* is a residuated Boolean monoid that is

- *balanced*: $x \triangleright 1 = 1 \triangleleft x$ and
- *euclidean*: $x(y \triangleright z) \leq (xy) \triangleright z$

Ex: Any relation algebra \mathbf{A} relativized with a reflexive transitive element

For $t \in A$ with $1 \leq t = t^2$ define $\mathbf{A}|_t = (\downarrow t, \wedge, \vee, {}^t, \perp, t, \cdot, \triangleright, \triangleleft, 1)$

where $x{}^t = x' \wedge t$, $x \triangleright y = (x \smile y) \wedge t$ and $x \triangleleft y = (xy \smile) \wedge t$

Problem: Does every sequential algebra arise in this way? True for **RSeA**

[KNSS 1993] The equational theory of sequential algebras is undecidable

[J. and Maddux 1997] Representable sequential algebras are not finitely axiomatizable

Unsorted allegories

Definition (Freyd and Scedrov 1990, Gutierrez 1998)

Unsorted allegories are algebras of the form $(A, \wedge, \cdot, \smile, 1)$ such that

- (A, \wedge) is a semilattice
- $(A, \cdot, 1)$ is a monoid
- $x^{\smile\smile} = x$, $(xy)^{\smile} = y^{\smile}x^{\smile}$, $(x \wedge y)^{\smile} = y^{\smile} \wedge x^{\smile}$,
 $x(y \wedge z) \wedge xy = x(y \wedge z)$ and $(x \wedge (zy^{\smile}))y \wedge z = xy \wedge z$

They are generalizations of relation algebras without $\vee, ', \perp, \top$

Is the equational theory of allegories decidable?

Consider the graphical calculi of Andreka and Bredekhn 1995, Curtis and Lowe 1995, de Freitas and Viana 2010

(Anti)domain-range monoids

Definition (J. and Struth 2009)

A *domain-range monoid* is an algebra $(A, \cdot, 1, d, r)$ such that $(A, \cdot, 1)$ is a monoid and

$$(D1) \quad d(x)x = x$$

$$(D2) \quad d(xy) = d(xd(y))$$

$$(D3) \quad d(d(x)y) = d(x)d(y)$$

$$(D4) \quad d(x)d(y) = d(y)d(x)$$

$$(D5) \quad d(r(x)) = r(x)$$

$$(R1) \quad xr(x) = x$$

$$(R2) \quad r(xy) = r(r(x)y)$$

$$(R3) \quad r(xr(y)) = r(x)r(y)$$

$$(R4) \quad r(x)r(y) = r(y)r(x)$$

$$(R5) \quad r(d(x)) = d(x)$$

A *domain monoid* $(A, \cdot, 1, d)$ is a monoid that satisfies (D1)-(D4)

An *antidomain monoid* $(A, \cdot, 1, a)$ is a monoid that satisfies

$$a(x)x = a(1)$$

$$xa(1) = a(1)$$

$$a(x)a(y) = a(y)a(x)$$

$$a(a(x))x = x$$

$$a(x) = a(xy)a(xa(y))$$

$$a(xy)x = a(xy)xa(y)$$

Defining $d(x) = a(a(x))$ in an antidomain monoid gives a domain monoid

(Anti)domain-range semirings

Definition (Desharnais, Möller and Struth, 2003)

A *domain-range semiring* is an algebra $(A, \cdot, 1, +, 0, d, r)$ such that

- $(A, \cdot, 1, d, r)$ is a domain-range monoid
- $(A, +, 0)$ is a semilattice with bottom
- \cdot, d, r distribute over $+$
- $x0 = 0x = 0 \quad d(0) = 0 \quad r(0) = 0 \quad d(x)+1=1$

An *antidomain semiring* $(A, \cdot, 1, +, 0, a)$ is an antidomain monoid such that $(A, +, 0)$ is a semilattice with bottom, \cdot distributes over $+$, $a(x+y) = a(x)a(y)$, $x0 = 0x = 0$, $a(1) = 0$ and $a(x) + 1 = 1$

RAs have antidomain-range semiring reducts with $d(x) = xx^\smile \wedge 1$ etc

[J., Struth] The equational theory of domain-range semirings is decidable

[Hirsch Mikulas 2010] The class of representable (anti)domain(-range) monoids is not finitely axiomatizable

Residuated lattices and FL-algebras

Definition (Ward and Dilworth 1939, Ono 1990)

A *Residuated lattices* is of the form $(A, \wedge, \vee, \cdot, \backslash, /, 1)$ where

- (A, \wedge, \vee) is a lattice
- $(A, \cdot, 1)$ is a monoid
- the *residuation property* holds, i. e., for all $x, y, z \in A$

$$x \cdot y \leq z \iff x \leq z/y \iff y \leq x \backslash z$$

A *Full Lambek* (or *FL-*)*algebra* $(A, \wedge, \vee, \cdot, \backslash, /, 1, 0)$ is a residuated lattice expanded with a constant 0 (no properties assumed about it)

Examples: BAs, Heyting algebras, MV-algebras, BL-algebras, intuitionistic linear logic algebras, ... are FL-algebras

Generalized BAs, Brouwerian algebras, Wajsberg hoops, basic hoops, l-groups, GMV-algebras, GBL-algebras, ... are residuated lattices

Relational semantics for lattices with operators

Atom structures for BAOs = Kripke frames = $(W, R_i (i \in I))$

For lattices with operators = Galois frames = $(W, W', N, R_i, \epsilon_i (i \in I))$

E.g. for residuated lattices: $\mathbf{W} = (W, W', N, \circ, \backslash, //, E)$ such that

- N is a binary relation from W to W' , called the *Galois relation*,
- $X^\triangleright = \{y \in W' : XNy\}$ $Y^\triangleleft = \{x \in W : xNY\}$ $\gamma_N(X) = X^{\triangleright\triangleleft}$
- $\circ \subseteq W^3$, $\backslash \subseteq W \times W' \times W'$, $// \subseteq W' \times W \times W'$
- $x \circ y = \{z : (x, y, z) \in \circ\}$ and similarly for $\backslash, //$
- $(u \circ v) N w$ iff $v N (u \backslash w)$ iff $u N (w // v)$ all $u, v \in W, w \in W'$
- $E \subseteq W$ such that $(x \circ E)^\triangleright = \{x\}^\triangleright = (E \circ x)^\triangleright$, for all $x \in W$
- $[(x \circ y) \circ z]^\triangleright = [x \circ (y \circ z)]^\triangleright$ for all $x, y, z \in W$

Then $\mathbf{W}^+ = (\gamma_N[\mathcal{P}(W)], \cap, \vee, \circ, \backslash, //, E)$ is a residuated lattice

Conversely, from a residuated lattice we get a Galois frame by taking

$W = \text{filters}$, $W' = \text{ideals}$, $N = \{(F, I) : F \cap I \neq \emptyset\}$

$(F, G, H) \in \circ$ iff $F \cdot G \subseteq H$, $(F, I, J) \in \parallel$ iff $F \setminus I \subseteq J$, $E = \downarrow 1$

W^+ gives the *canonical extension* of the residuated lattice

For semilattices only need filters (or ideals)

Galois frames can be built from a *Gentzen system* \mathbf{G} (sequent calculus)

$W = T(\text{Var})^* = \text{sequences of terms over } \wedge, \vee, \cdot, \setminus, /, 1, \text{Var}$

$W' = T(\text{Var}) \times W^2$

$N = \{(w, (t, u, v)) : \mathbf{G} \vdash uwv \leq t\}$, $\circ = \text{concatenation}$, $E = \{()\}$

$zwN(t, u, v)$ iff $\mathbf{G} \vdash uzwv \leq t$ iff $wN(t, uz, v)$, so $z \parallel (t, u, v) = \{(t, uz, v)\}$

Consequences of this construction

[J. and Tsinakis 2002] Algebraic proof of *eq. decidability* for RL, FL

[Blok and van Alten 2003] *Finite embeddability property* for integral RL

[Belardinelli, J. and Ono 2004] *Finite model property* for FL_{ew}

[Wille 2005] Algebraic proof of *equational decidability* of cyclic InFL

[J. and Galatos 2010] Algebraic proofs of cut-elimination, FMP and eq. decidability for RL, FL and “structural subvarieties”, InFL, distributive FL

The construction can be adapted to *many subvarieties* of residuated lattices and other lattice ordered algebras, gives FEP in integral case

Whenever the Gentzen system gives a decision procedure then \mathbf{W}^+ contains the *Var-generated free algebra* of the variety

[J. and Moshier] Adding topology to Galois frames gives a *duality* for LOs

Returning to FL-algebras and relation algebras

- Complementation free reducts of residuated Boolean monoids
- *Symmetric relation algebras* are a subvariety of **RA** defined by $x^\smile = x$

If we let $0 = 1'$, $x \setminus y = (xy)'$ and $x / y = (x'y)'$ then symmetric RAs are FL-algebras

In this case $x' = x \setminus 0 = 0 / x$

But for relation algebras in general $x \setminus 0 = (x^\smile 1'')' = x^{\smile'}$ so complementation is not recovered by this term

In an FL-algebra there are two *linear negations*

$$\sim x = x \setminus 0 \qquad -x = 0 / x$$

but they need not coincide

Definition of FL'-algebras

To interpret relation algebras into FL-algebras we expand FL-algebras with a unary operation:

Definition

An *FL'-algebra* is an expansion of an FL-algebra with a unary operation $'$ that satisfies $x'' = x$. Also define the following terms:

- *converses* $x^\smile = (\sim x)'$ and $x^\sqcup = (-x)'$,
- *conjugates* $x \triangleright y = (x \setminus y)'$ and $y \triangleleft x = (y' / x)'$

and consider the identities

$$(In) \quad \sim -x = x = -\sim x \quad (\text{involutive law})$$

$$(Cy) \quad \sim x = -x \quad (\text{cyclic law})$$

$$(Dm) \quad (x \wedge y)' = x' \vee y' \quad (\text{De Morgan, equivalent to } (x \vee y)' = x' \wedge y')$$

Properties of FL'-algebras

Proposition

In an FL'-algebra the following properties hold:

- 1 $(xy) \triangleright z = y \triangleright (x \triangleright z)$ and $z \triangleleft (yx) = (z \triangleleft x) \triangleleft y$
- 2 $(xy) \smile = y \triangleright x \smile$ and $(xy) \sqcup = y \sqcup \triangleleft x$
- 3 $1 \triangleright x = x$ and $x \triangleleft 1 = x$
- 4 $\sim x = -x$ iff $x \smile = x \sqcup$ (cyclic/balanced)

If (Dm): $(x \wedge y)' = x' \vee y'$ is assumed then we also have

- $xy \leq z' \Leftrightarrow x \triangleright z \leq y' \Leftrightarrow z \triangleleft y \leq x'$ (conjugation)
- $(x \vee y) \smile = x \smile \vee y \smile$ and $(x \vee y) \sqcup = x \sqcup \vee y \sqcup$
- $(x \vee y) \triangleright z = (x \triangleright z) \vee (y \triangleright z)$ and $z \triangleleft (x \vee y) = (z \triangleleft x) \vee (z \triangleleft y)$
- $(x \vee y) \triangleleft z = (x \triangleleft z) \vee (y \triangleleft z)$ and $z \triangleright (x \vee y) = (z \triangleright x) \vee (z \triangleright y)$

RL'-algebras

FL-algebras are a subvariety of FL'-algebras if we define $x' = x$

Residuated lattices (**RL**) are a subvariety of **FL** if we define $0 = 1$

RL' is the subvariety of **FL'** defined by $1' = 0$

Lemma

In an RL'-algebra the following properties hold:

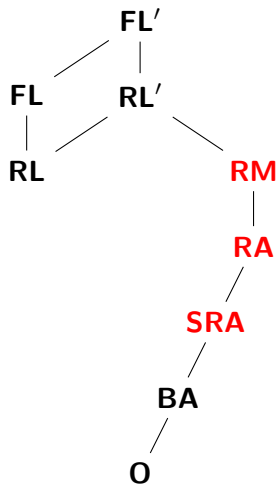
- $x \triangleright 1 = x^\smile$ and $1 \triangleleft x = x^\sqcup$
- $1^\smile = 1^\sqcup = 1$

Proof.

$x \triangleright 1 = (x \setminus 0)' = x^\smile$. Likewise, $1 \triangleleft x = x^\sqcup$

By previous Prop. $1 \triangleright x = x$, hence $1^\smile = 1 \triangleright 1 = 1$ □

Some subvarieties of \mathbf{FL}'



How ' interacts with the linear negations

Recall the definitions $x^\smile = (\sim x)'$ and $x^{\sqcup} = (-x)'$

Proposition

In a $DmFL'$ -algebra \mathbf{A} (1a)-5(b) are equivalent:

$$(1a) \quad (\sim x)' = -(x')$$

$$(1b) \quad (-x)' = \sim(x')$$

De Morgan involution

$$(2a) \quad x^{\smile'} = x'^{\sqcup}$$

$$(2b) \quad x^{\sqcup'} = x'^{\smile}$$

De Morgan converses

$$(3a) \quad \sim x = x'^{\sqcup}$$

$$(3b) \quad -x = x'^{\smile}$$

De Morgan converses

$$(4a) \quad x^{\sqcup\sqcup} \leq x \leq x^{\smile\smile}$$

$$(4b) \quad x^{\smile\smile} \leq x \leq x^{\sqcup\sqcup}$$

converses involutive

$$(5a) \quad \sim x^{\smile} \leq x' \leq -x^{\sqcup}$$

$$(5b) \quad -x^{\sqcup} \leq x' \leq \sim x^{\smile}$$

Moreover, each of these properties implies

$$(In) \quad \sim -x = x = -\sim x$$

(linear) involutive.

Proof.

To see that (1a) \Leftrightarrow (1b), replace x by x' in (1a) to get $-x = (\sim(x'))'$ and apply ' to both sides. Since $x'' = x$, this calculation is reversible. \square

Proof continued.

The equivalence of (1a), (2a), (3a), (1b), (2b) and (3b) follows directly from the definition of the converses

(1a) \Rightarrow (4a): By definition of x^\smile we have

$x^{\smile\smile} = [\sim((\sim x)')] = -((\sim x)'') = \sim x \geq x$, where the second equality follows from (1a). By (Dm) we deduce $x^{\smile\smile} \leq x'$, hence $x^{\sqcup\sqcup} \leq x'$ by (2a). Replacing x by x' we get $x^{\sqcup\sqcup} \leq x$.

(4a) \Rightarrow (1a): $x^{\sqcup\sqcup} \leq x^{\sqcup\smile\smile} = x^{\sqcup\smile\smile\smile} = (\sim - x)'^{\smile} \leq x'^{\smile}$, where the last inequality follows from $x \leq \sim - x$ and the fact that $'$ is order reversing and \sqcup is order preserving. For the reverse inclusion we use the assumption $x^{\sqcup\sqcup} \leq x$, which gives $x'^{\smile} \leq x^{\sqcup\sqcup\smile} = (-x^{\sqcup})^{\smile\smile} = (\sim - (x^{\sqcup}))' \leq x^{\sqcup\smile}$.

The equivalence of (4a) and (5a) is a simple consequence of the definition of the converses and (Dm).

(1a) \Rightarrow (In): We always have $x \leq \sim - x$. Hence by (Dm), $(\sim - x)' \leq x'$, so by (1a) and its equivalent (1b) $-\sim(x') \leq x'$, for all x . Consequently $-\sim x \leq x$, for all x . Since the reverse inequality always holds, this establishes half of (In); the other half follows by symmetry. \square

How ' interacts with multiplication

The prefix (Di), for *De Morgan involution*, is used for an algebras that satisfies (1a) or any of its other 9 equivalent forms.

A 4-element counterexample shows that (In) is not equivalent to (Di), even in the commutative case.

Define the term $x + y = \sim(-y \cdot -x)$ ($= -(\sim y \cdot \sim x)$ if (In) is assumed)

Proposition

In every InFL'-algebra the following are equivalent and they imply $0 = 1'$

$$(1) (xy)^\sim = y^\sim x^\sim \quad (2) (xy)^\sqcup = y^\sqcup x^\sqcup$$

$$(3) x \triangleright y = x^\sim y \quad (4) y \triangleleft x = yx^\sqcup$$

$$(5) (xy)' = x' + y'$$

The prefix (Dp) for *De Morgan product* is used for (5)

Quasi relation algebras

A *quasi relation algebra* (*qRA*) is an FL' -algebra that satisfies
(Dm): $(x \wedge y)' = x' \vee y'$, (Di): $(\sim x)' = -(x')$ and (Dp): $(xy)' = x' + y'$

Proposition

RA = qRA + Boolean, i.e. it suffices to add

distributivity: $x \wedge (y \vee z) = (x \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge z)$ and

complementation: $x \wedge x' = \perp (= 1 \wedge 1')$ and $x \vee x' = \top (= 1 \vee 1')$

Proof.

$x \wedge x' = \perp$ implies $\sim(x \wedge x') = \top$, hence $\sim x \vee \sim(x') = \top$.

By distributivity and (Di) $(\sim x)' \leq \sim(x') = (-x)'$, so $x^\smile \leq x^{\sqcup}$.

The reverse is similar, and the remaining axioms of RA follow from their qRA versions. □

qRAs from lattice ordered groups

Let $G = \text{Aut}(C)$ be the ℓ -group of all order-automorphisms of a chain C , and assume that C has a dual automorphism $\partial : C \rightarrow C$

G is a involutive FL-algebra with $\sim x = -x = x^{-1}$, $x + y = xy$, and $0 = 1$

For $g \in G$, define $g'(x) = g(x^\partial)^\partial$. Then $g'' = g$, $1' = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} y = g^{-1'}(x) &\Leftrightarrow y = g^{-1}(x^\partial)^\partial \Leftrightarrow y^\partial = g^{-1}(x^\partial) \\ g(y^\partial)^\partial = x &\Leftrightarrow g'(y) = x \Leftrightarrow y = g'^{-1}(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$(g \vee h)'(x) = (g(x^\partial) \vee h(x^\partial))^\partial = g(x^\partial)^\partial \wedge h(x^\partial)^\partial = (g' \wedge h')(x) \text{ and}$$

$$(gh)'(x) = (g(h(x^\partial)))^\partial = g(h(x^\partial)^\partial)^\partial = (g'h')(x) = (g' + h')(x).$$

Hence G expanded with $'$ is a quasi relation algebra.

Constructing qRAs from InFL-algebras

For InFL-algebra $(A, \wedge, \vee, \cdot, \sim, -, 1, 0)$ define $\mathbf{A}^\partial = (A, \vee, \wedge, +, -, \sim, 0, 1)$

\mathbf{A}^∂ is also an InFL-algebra called the *dual* of \mathbf{A}

Define $F : \mathbf{InFL} \rightarrow \mathbf{InFL}'$ by $F(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{A}^\partial$ expanded with $(a, b)' = (b, a)$

For a homomorphism $h : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ define $F(h) : F(\mathbf{A}) \rightarrow F(\mathbf{B})$ by $F(h)(a, b) = (h(a), h(b))$.

Theorem (generalization of Brzozowski 2001)

F is a functor from InFL to qRA.

If G is the reduct functor from qRA to InFL then for any quasi relation algebra \mathbf{C} , the map $\sigma_{\mathbf{C}} : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow FG(\mathbf{C})$ given by $\sigma_{\mathbf{C}}(a) = (a, a')$ is an embedding.

Proving that $F(\mathbf{A})$ is a qRA

Proof.

Let \mathbf{A} be an InFL-algebra. Since \mathbf{A}^∂ is also an InFL-algebra, it will follow that $F(\mathbf{A})$ is a qRA as soon as we observe that (Dm), (Dp) and (Di) hold.

$$\text{(Dm): } ((a, b) \wedge (c, d))' = (a \wedge c, b \vee d)' = (b \vee d, a \wedge c) = (b, a) \vee (d, c) = (a, b)' \vee (c, d)'.$$

$$\text{(Dp): } ((a, b) \cdot (c, d))' = (ac, b + d)' = (b + d, ac) = (\sim(-d \cdot -b), \sim(-c + -a)) = \sim((-d, -c) \cdot (-b, -a)) = \sim(-(d, c) \cdot -(b, a)) = (b, a) + (d, c) = (a, b)' + (c, d)'.$$

$$\text{(Di): } \sim(a, b)' = \sim(b, a) = (\sim b, -a) = (-a, \sim b)' = (-(a, b))' \text{ and similarly } -(a, b)' = (\sim(a, b))'.$$

□

Corollary

The equational theory of qRA is a conservative extension of that of InFL; i.e., every equation over the language of InFL that holds in qRA, already holds in InFL.

Lifting the Jónsson-Tsinakis result to qRAs

Theorem

qRAs are term-equivalent to the subvariety of **DiDmRL'** defined by $(x \triangleright y)z = x \triangleright (yz)$

The term-equivalence is given by $x \triangleright y = x \smile y$, $x \triangleleft y = xy^{\sqcup}$ and $x \smile = x \triangleright 1$, $x^{\sqcup} = 1 \triangleleft x$

Proof.

By (Dp) $x \triangleright y = x \smile y$, hence $(x \triangleright y)z = x \smile yz = x \triangleright (yz)$

Conversely, if $(x \triangleright y)z = x \triangleright (yz)$ holds then $x \smile z = (x \triangleright 1)z = x \triangleright z$, hence (Dp) holds. □

qRAs have a decidable equational theory

We make use of the following result:

Theorem (J. and Galatos)

*The variety **InFL** is generated by its finite members, hence has a decidable equational theory*

For an **InFL**-term t , we define the *dual* term t^∂ inductively by

$$\begin{array}{ll} x^\partial = x & (s \wedge t)^\partial = s^\partial \vee t^\partial \\ 0^\partial = 1 & (s \vee t)^\partial = s^\partial \wedge t^\partial \\ 1^\partial = 0 & (s \cdot t)^\partial = s^\partial + t^\partial \\ (\sim s)^\partial = -s^\partial & (s + t)^\partial = s^\partial \cdot t^\partial \\ (-s)^\partial = \sim s^\partial & \end{array}$$

We also define $(s = t)^\partial$ to be $s^\partial = t^\partial$.

Lemma

An equation ε is valid in **InFL** iff ε^∂ is also valid in **InFL**.

We fix a partition of the denumerable set of variables into two denumerable sets X and X^\bullet , and fix a bijection $x \mapsto x^\bullet$ from the first set to the second (hence $x^{\bullet\bullet}$ denotes x).

For a **qRA**-term t , we define the term t° inductively by

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 x^\circ = x & (s'')^\circ = s \\
 0^\circ = 0, \quad 1^\circ = 1, & ((s \wedge t)')^\circ = s'^{\circ} \vee t'^{\circ}, \\
 (0')^\circ = 1, \quad (1')^\circ = 0, & ((s \vee t)')^\circ = s'^{\circ} \wedge t'^{\circ}, \\
 (s \diamond t)^\circ = s^\circ \diamond t^\circ, \text{ for all } \diamond \in \{\wedge, \vee, \cdot, +\}, & ((s \cdot t)')^\circ = s'^{\circ} + t'^{\circ}, \\
 (\sim s)^\circ = \sim s^\circ, \quad (-s)^\circ = -s^\circ, & ((s + t)')^\circ = s'^{\circ} \cdot t'^{\circ}, \\
 ((\sim s)')^\circ = -(s'^{\circ}), \quad ((-s)')^\circ = \sim(s'^{\circ}), & (x')^\circ = x^\bullet
 \end{array}$$

Lemma

For every **qRA**-term t , $t^{\circ\partial}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = t'^{\circ}(x_1^{\bullet}, \dots, x_n^{\bullet})$.

For a substitution σ , we define a substitution σ° by $\sigma^{\circ}(x) = (\sigma(x))^{\circ}$, if $x \in X$, and $\sigma^{\circ}(x) = (\sigma(x)')^{\circ}$, if $x \in X^{\bullet}$.

Lemma

For every **qRA**-term t and **qRA**-substitution σ , $(\sigma(t))^{\circ} = \sigma^{\circ}(t^{\circ})$.

Theorem

An equation ε over X holds in **qRA** iff the equation ε° holds in **InFL**.

Corollary

The equational theory of **qRA** is decidable.

qRA has the finite model property

Theorem

The variety **qRA** is generated by its finite members. Actually, the finite members of the form $F(\mathbf{A})$, for $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbf{InFL}$, generate the variety.

Proof.

Let $\varepsilon = (s = t)$ be an equation in the language of **qRA**, over the variables x_1, \dots, x_n , that fails in the variety.

Then the equation $s^\circ = t^\circ$ (over the variables $x_1, \dots, x_n, x_1^\bullet, \dots, x_n^\bullet$) fails in **InFL**

Since the variety **InFL** is generated by its finite members, there is a finite $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbf{InFL}$ and $a_1, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_n \in A$, such that $(s^\circ)^{\mathbf{A}}(\bar{a}, \bar{b}) \neq (t^\circ)^{\mathbf{A}}(\bar{a}, \bar{b})$.

We can assume that negations in $s = t$ have been pushed down to the variables

Then s and s° are almost identical, except for occurrences of variables x' and x^\bullet . □

qRA has the finite model property

Proof continued.

Therefore, $s(x_1, \dots, x_n) = s^\circ(x_1, \dots, x_n, x'_1, \dots, x'_n)$, and the same for t .
We have

$$\begin{aligned} s^{F(\mathbf{A})}((a_1, b_1), \dots, (a_n, b_n)) &= \\ (s^\circ)^{F(\mathbf{A})}((a_1, b_1), \dots, (a_n, b_n), (a_1, b_1)', \dots, (a_n, b_n)') &= \\ (s^\circ)^{F(\mathbf{A})}((a_1, b_1), \dots, (a_n, b_n), (b_1, a_1), \dots, (b_n, a_n)) &= \\ ((s^\circ)^{\mathbf{A}}(\bar{a}, \bar{b}), (s^\circ)^{\mathbf{A}^\theta}(\bar{b}, \bar{a})) &\neq \\ ((t^\circ)^{\mathbf{A}}(\bar{a}, \bar{b}), (t^\circ)^{\mathbf{A}^\theta}(\bar{b}, \bar{a})) &= \\ t^{F(\mathbf{A})}((a_1, b_1), \dots, (a_n, b_n)). \end{aligned}$$

In other words, the equation $s = t$ fails in $F(\mathbf{A})$, which is a finite qRA. \square

Conclusion

By expanding FL-algebras with a unary De Morgan operation one can interpret relation algebras with FL'-algebras

This leads to the variety of quasi relation algebras that has many properties in common with RA

In addition **qRA** has a decidable equational theory and the FMP

Problem: Do distributive qRAs have a decidable equational theory?

Problem: Are positive relation algebras finitely based or eq. decidable?

Problem: Is every sequential algebra a relativization of a relation algebra?

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