

# Positive MV-algebras

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Łukasiewicz logic (Łukasiewicz, 1920, Łukasiewicz, Tarski, 1930):  
 $[0, 1]$  as the set of truth values.

Algebraic semantics of classical propositional logic = Boolean algebras.

Algebraic semantics of Łukasiewicz logic = MV-algebras (Chang, 1958).

Consider  $[0, 1]$  with the operations:

- $x \oplus y := \min\{x + y, 1\}$ .

Example:  $0.3 \oplus 0.2 = 0.5$  but  $0.7 \oplus 0.8 = 1$ .

- $\neg x := 1 - x$ .

Example:  $\neg 0.3 = 0.7$ .

- $0$  as a constant.

## Definition

An *MV-algebra*  $\langle A; \oplus, \neg, 0 \rangle$  is a homomorphic image of a subalgebra of a power of  $\langle [0, 1]; \oplus, \neg, 0 \rangle$ :

$$\{\text{MV-algebras}\} = \text{HSP}(\langle [0, 1]; \oplus, \neg, 0 \rangle)$$

Equivalently, an MV-algebra is an algebra  $\langle A; \oplus, \neg, 0 \rangle$  satisfying all equations holding in  $[0, 1]$ .

## Theorem (Chang, 1959)

*MV-algebras can be axiomatized as follows:*

1.  $\langle A; \oplus, 0 \rangle$  is a commutative monoid;
2.  $\neg\neg x = x$ ;
3.  $x \oplus \neg 0 = \neg 0$ ;
4.  $\neg(\neg x \oplus y) \oplus y = \neg(\neg y \oplus x) \oplus x$ .

# Examples of MV-algebras

Examples of MV-algebras.

- $\langle [0, 1], \oplus, \neg, 0 \rangle$  is an MV-algebra.
- For every  $n \geq 1$ :

$$\mathfrak{L}_n := \left\{ \frac{i}{n} \mid i \in \{0, \dots, n\} \right\} \subseteq [0, 1].$$

For example:  $\mathfrak{L}_2 = \{0, \frac{1}{2}, 1\}$ .

- Any Boolean algebra is an MV-algebra: set  $\oplus = \vee$ .
- For any topological space  $X$  (e.g. an interval  $[a, b] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ), the set of continuous functions from  $X$  to  $[0, 1]$  is an MV-algebra.

## Derived MV-terms

One can then term-define:

- $1 := \neg 0$ .
- $x \odot y := \neg(\neg x \oplus \neg y)$ .  
In  $[0, 1]$ :  $x \odot y = \max\{x + y - 1, 0\}$ .  
(Example:  $0.7 \odot 0.8 = 0.5$  but  $0.3 \odot 0.2 = 0$ .)
- $x \vee y := (x \odot \neg y) \oplus y = (y \odot \neg x) \oplus x$ .  
In  $[0, 1]$ :  $x \vee y = \max\{x, y\}$ .
- $x \wedge y := (x \oplus \neg y) \odot y = (y \oplus \neg x) \odot x$ .  
In  $[0, 1]$ :  $x \wedge y = \min\{x, y\}$ .

If  $A$  is an MV-algebra, then  $\langle A; \vee, \wedge, 0, 1 \rangle$  is a bounded distributive lattice.

## Definition

An *Abelian lattice-ordered group* (or *Abelian  $\ell$ -group*, for short) is an Abelian group  $\mathbf{G}$  equipped with a lattice order s.t., for all  $x, y, z \in \mathbf{G}$ ,

$$x \leq y \quad \text{implies} \quad x + z \leq y + z. \quad (\star)$$

## Examples of Abelian $\ell$ -groups

Examples:

1.  $\mathbb{R}$ , with the sum.
2. If  $X$  is a topological space, then the set  $C(X)$  of continuous functions from  $X$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  is an Abelian  $\ell$ -group.



# MV-algebras as unit intervals

Given an Abelian  $\ell$ -group  $\mathbf{G}$  and an element  $1 \in \mathbf{G}$  that is *positive* (i.e.  $1 \geq 0$ ), the set

$$\Gamma(\mathbf{G}, 1) := \{x \in G \mid 0 \leq x \leq 1\}$$

is an MV-algebra with

- $x \oplus y := (x + y) \wedge 1$ ,
- $\neg x := 1 - x$ .
- $0$  the identity element of  $\mathbf{G}$ .

## Theorem (Mundici, 1986)

*Every MV-algebra arises in this way.*

For example:  $[0, 1] = \Gamma(\mathbb{R}, 1)$ .

# Mundici's equivalence

## Definition

A *strong unit* of an Abelian  $\ell$ -group  $\mathbf{G}$  is a positive element  $1 \in \mathbf{G}$  s.t. for all  $x \in \mathbf{G}$  there is  $n \in \mathbb{N}_{>0}$  s.t.

$$\underbrace{(-1) + \cdots + (-1)}_{n \text{ times}} \leq x \leq \underbrace{1 + \cdots + 1}_{n \text{ times}}.$$

## Theorem (Mundici, 1986)

*The categories*

1. of Abelian  $\ell$ -groups with strong unit and unit-preserving homomorphisms, and
2. of MV-algebras and homomorphisms

*are equivalent.*

# Positive MV-algebras

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## Bounded distributive lattices as subreducts

Relationship between bounded distributive lattices and Boolean algebras?

Bounded distr. lattices =  $\{\vee, \wedge, 0, 1\}$ -subreducts of Boolean algebras.

$\vee, \wedge, 0, 1$  are order-preserving, and they term-generate all order-preserving Boolean terms.

Bounded distributive lattices = positive subreducts of Boolean algebras.

## Definition

*Positive MV-algebras* :=  $\{\oplus, \odot, \vee, \wedge, 0, 1\}$ -subreducts of MV-algebras.

$\oplus, \odot, \vee, \wedge, 0, 1$  are order-preserving in each coordinate. We leave out  $\neg$ , which is not order-preserving.

## Theorem (Cintula, Kroupa, 2013)

$\oplus, \odot, \vee, \wedge, 0, 1$  generate all order-preserving terms of MV-algebras.

# Positive MV-algebras

Bounded distributive lattices = positive subreducts of Boolean algebras.

Positive MV-algebras = positive subreducts of MV-algebras.

$$\frac{\text{Positive MV-algebras}}{\text{MV-algebras}} = \frac{\text{Bounded distributive lattices}}{\text{Boolean algebras}}.$$

MV-algebras = many-valued version of Boolean algebras.

Positive MV-algebras = many-valued version of bounded distrib. lattices.

# Examples of positive MV-algebras

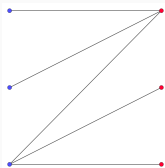
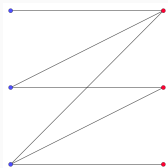
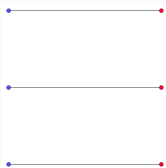
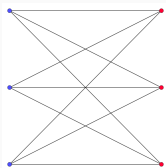
Examples of positive MV-algebras:

1. Every MV-algebra, such as  $[0, 1]$ , or  $\mathbb{L}_n$ .
2. Every bounded distributive lattice (set  $\oplus := \vee$  and  $\odot := \wedge$ ).
3. Given an ordered topological space  $X$  (e.g. an interval  $[a, b] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ), the set of continuous order-preserving functions from  $X$  to  $[0, 1]$  is a positive MV-algebra.

## Examples of positive MV-algebras

Positive (subdirect) subreducts  $A \leq \mathfrak{L}_2 \times \mathfrak{L}_2$ :

1. Full product:  $\mathfrak{L}_2 \times \mathfrak{L}_2$ .
2. Diagonal:  $\{(a, a) \mid a \in \mathfrak{L}_2\} = \{(0, 0), (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}), (1, 1)\}$ .
3. Order-preserving functions:  $\{(a_1, a_2) \in \mathfrak{L}_2 \times \mathfrak{L}_2 \mid a_1 \leq a_2\} = \{(0, 0), (0, \frac{1}{2}), (0, 1), (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}), (\frac{1}{2}, 1), (1, 1)\}$ .
4. Ordinal sum:  $\{(a_1, a_2) \in \mathfrak{L}_2 \times \mathfrak{L}_2 \mid a_1 = 0 \text{ or } a_2 = 1\} = \{(0, 0), (0, \frac{1}{2}), (0, 1), (\frac{1}{2}, 1), (1, 1)\}$ .
5. Those obtained from 3. and 4. by swapping the two coordinates.





# Sketch of main results

Main results:

1. Finite axiomatization.
2. Positive MV-algebras = unit intervals of certain lattice-ordered monoids.

# Finite axiomatization of positive MV-algebras

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# Axiomatization of positive MV-algebras

Positive MV-algebras cannot be axiomatized by equations (they are not closed under homomorphic images).

Positive MV-algebras form a quasi-variety (generated by  $[0, 1]$ ).

# Axiomatization of positive MV-algebras

## Theorem [A., Jipsen, Kroupa, Vannucci, 2022]

Positive MV-algebras are axiomatized by:

1.  $\langle A; \oplus, 0 \rangle$  and  $\langle A; \odot, 1 \rangle$  are commutative monoids;
2.  $\langle A; \vee, \wedge \rangle$  is a distributive lattice;
3. Both  $\oplus$  and  $\odot$  distribute over both  $\vee$  and  $\wedge$ ;
4.  $(x \oplus y) \odot ((x \odot y) \oplus z) = (x \odot (y \oplus z)) \oplus (y \odot z)$ ;
5.  $(x \odot y) \oplus z = ((x \oplus y) \odot ((x \odot y) \oplus z)) \vee z$ ;
6.  $(x \oplus y) \odot z = ((x \oplus y) \odot ((x \odot y) \oplus z)) \wedge z$ ;
7. If  $x \oplus z = y \oplus z$  and  $x \odot z = y \odot z$ , then  $x = y$ .

In  $[0, 1]$ , both sides of (4) equal  $\min\{\max\{x + y + z - 1, 0\}, 1\}$ .

Finitely many quasi-equations.

## **Equivalence with certain lattice-ordered monoids**

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MV-algebras = intervals of Abelian  $\ell$ -groups.

Positive MV-algebras = intervals of certain lattice-ordered monoids.

## Definition

A *commutative distributive  $\ell$ -monoid* is a commutative monoid equipped with a distributive lattice-order s.t.  $+$  distributes over  $\vee$  and  $\wedge$ , i.e.

$$x + (y \vee z) = (x + y) \vee (x + z),$$

$$x + (y \wedge z) = (x + y) \wedge (x + z).$$

A commutative distributive  $\ell$ -monoid is said to be *cancellative* if

$$x + z = y + z \quad \text{implies} \quad x = y.$$

Examples of cancellative commutative distributive  $\ell$ -monoids:

- $\mathbb{R}$ .
- Every Abelian  $\ell$ -group.
- Given an ordered topological space  $X$  (such as an interval  $[a, b] \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ ), the set of continuous order-preserving functions from  $X$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ .



# Lattice-ordered monoids

Given a cancellative commutative distributive  $\ell$ -monoid  $\mathbf{M}$  and a positive invertible element  $1 \in \mathbf{M}$ , the set

$$\Gamma(\mathbf{M}, 1) := \{x \in \mathbf{M} \mid 0 \leq x \leq 1\}$$

is a positive MV-algebra, with

- $x \oplus y := (x + y) \wedge 1$ ;
- $x \odot y := (x + y - 1) \vee 0$ ;
- $\vee, \wedge, 0, 1$  as in  $\mathbf{M}$ .

**Theorem (A., Jipsen, Kroupa, Vannucci, 2022)**

*Every positive MV-algebra arises in this way.*

Examples:

- $[0, 1] \cong \Gamma(\mathbb{R}, 1)$ .
- $\{0, 1\} \cong \Gamma(\mathbb{Z}, 1)$ .
- The three-element bounded distributive lattice, as a positive MV-algebra (set  $\oplus := \vee$  and  $\odot := \wedge$ ), is isomorphic to

$$\Gamma(\{(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \mid a \leq b\}, (1, 1)) = \{(0, 0) < (0, 1) < (1, 1)\}.$$

# Equivalence à la Mundici for positive MV-algebras

## Definition

A *strong unit* of a (cancellative) commutative distributive  $\ell$ -monoid  $\mathbf{M}$  is a positive invertible element  $1 \in \mathbf{M}$  s.t., for every  $x \in \mathbf{M}$ , there is  $n \in \mathbb{N}_{>0}$  s.t.

$$\underbrace{(-1) + \cdots + (-1)}_{n \text{ times}} \leq x \leq \underbrace{1 + \cdots + 1}_{n \text{ times}}.$$

## Theorem (A., Jipsen, Kroupa, Vannucci, 2022)

The categories

1. of cancellative commutative distributive  $\ell$ -monoids with strong unit and unit-preserving homomorphisms, and
2. of positive MV-algebras and homomorphisms

are equivalent.

## **Beyond cancellation**

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Abelian  $\ell$ -groups with  $1 \cong$  MV-algebras

cancellative commut. distr.  $\ell$ -monoids with  $1 \cong$  Positive MV-algebras

commut. distr.  $\ell$ -monoids with  $1 \cong$  ???

# MV-monoidal algebras

## Definition (A., 2021)

A *MV-monoidal algebra* is an algebra  $\langle A; \oplus, \odot, \vee, \wedge, 0, 1 \rangle$  s.t.

1.  $\langle A; \oplus, 0 \rangle$  and  $\langle A; \odot, 1 \rangle$  are commutative monoids;
2.  $\langle A; \vee, \wedge \rangle$  is a distributive lattice;
3. Both  $\oplus$  and  $\odot$  distribute over both  $\vee$  and  $\wedge$ ;
4.  $(x \oplus y) \odot ((x \odot y) \oplus z) = (x \odot (y \oplus z)) \oplus (y \odot z)$ ;
5.  $(x \odot y) \oplus z = ((x \oplus y) \odot ((x \odot y) \oplus z)) \vee z$ ;
6.  $(x \oplus y) \odot z = ((x \oplus y) \odot ((x \odot y) \oplus z)) \wedge z$ .

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If  $x \oplus z = y \oplus z$  and  $x \odot z = y \odot z$ , then  $x = y$ .

Finitely many equations.

MV-monoidal algebras are precisely the unit intervals of commutative distributive  $\ell$ -monoids.

## Theorem

The categories

1. of commutative distributive  $\ell$ -monoids with strong unit and unit-preserving homomorphisms, and
2. of MV-monoidal algebras and homomorphisms

are equivalent.

## Examples of MV-monoidal algebras

1. Every positive MV-algebra.
2.  $\{0 < \varepsilon < 1\}$  with  $\varepsilon \oplus \varepsilon = \varepsilon$  and  $\varepsilon \odot \varepsilon = 0$ . This is  $\Gamma(\mathbf{M}, 1)$ , where  $\mathbf{M} = \{\dots -1 < -1 + \varepsilon < 0 < \varepsilon < 1 < 1 + \varepsilon < 2 < 2 + \varepsilon \dots\}$  with  $\varepsilon + \varepsilon = \varepsilon$ . E.g.:  $(2 + \varepsilon) + (3 + \varepsilon) = 5 + \varepsilon$ .  $\mathbf{M}$  is not cancellative.  $\{0 < \varepsilon < 1\}$  is not a positive MV-algebra.





## Free MV-extension

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For every bounded distributive lattice  $L$  there is an essentially unique embedding into a Boolean algebra.

### Theorem

*For every bounded distributive lattice  $L$ , for all injective bounded lattice homomorphisms  $f: L \hookrightarrow A$  and  $g: L \hookrightarrow B$  into Boolean algebras, the Boolean algebras generated by the images of  $f$  and  $g$  are isomorphic over  $L$ .*

In other words: if  $L$  is a bounded distributive lattice,  $B$  is a Boolean algebra,  $\iota: L \hookrightarrow B$  is an injective bounded lattice homomorphism and the image of  $\iota$  generates  $B$ , then the embedding  $\iota$  is free (i.e. it is the unit of the left adjoint to the forgetful functor  $\text{BA} \rightarrow \text{BDL}$ ).

The same thing happens for positive MV-algebras.

### Theorem

*For every positive MV-algebra  $L$ , for all injective bounded lattice homomorphisms  $f: L \hookrightarrow A$  and  $g: L \hookrightarrow B$  into MV-algebras, the MV-algebras generated by the images of  $f$  and  $g$  are isomorphic over  $L$ .*

This is equivalent to the fact that every MV-equation is equivalent (in MV-algebras) to a system of equations in the positive fragment. E.g.: for all  $x, y, z$  in an MV-algebra, we have

$$x = \neg y \iff \begin{cases} x \odot y = 0; \\ x \oplus y = 1. \end{cases}$$

$$x \oplus \neg y = z \iff \begin{cases} x \wedge y = z \odot y; \\ 1 = z \oplus y. \end{cases}$$

## Recap

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## Definition

Positive MV-algebras := positive subreducts of MV-algebras.

- Positive MV-algebras have a finite quasi-equational axiomatization.
- Positive MV-algebras are precisely the unit intervals of cancellative commutative distributive  $\ell$ -monoids.
- Beyond cancellation: the unit intervals of commutative distributive  $\ell$ -monoids are MV-monoidal algebras (axiomatized by finitely many equations).
- The embedding of a positive MV-algebra into some MV-algebra is essentially unique.

Thank you!