

# Positive subreducts of MV-algebras

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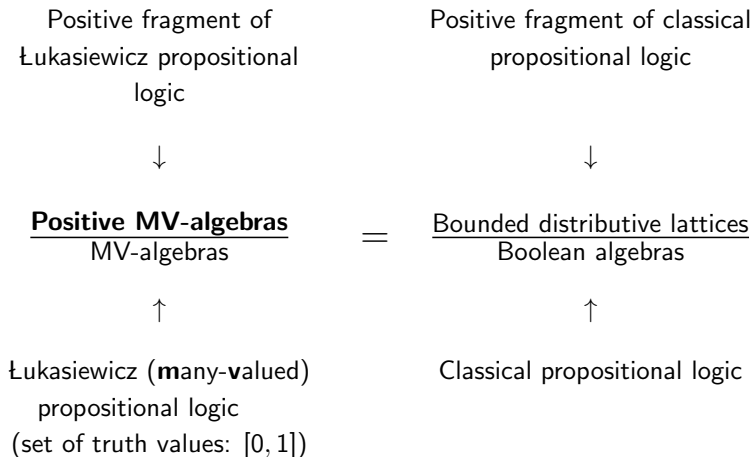
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A *positive* MV-algebra: ?

In this talk: I share some results about positive MV-algebras, introduced by (Cabrer, Jipsen, Kroupa, 2019), that shall help to develop their theory.

# Positive MV-algebras



Examples of positive fragments:

- ▶ Positive modal algebras (Dunn, 1995) := “modal algebras without negation”.
- ▶ Positive relational algebras := “relational algebras without complementation”.

# Positive MV-algebras: history and motivations

- ▶ (Cintula, Kroupa, 2013): positive fragment of Łukasiewicz logic in game theory.
- ▶ (Cabrer, Jipsen, Kroupa, 2019): introduced positive MV-algebras.
- ▶ (A., 2021): used positive MV-algebras to obtain a duality for Nachbin's compact ordered spaces ( $\cong$  stably compact spaces).
- ▶ Just like Heyting algebras are based on bounded distributive lattices, an appropriate *many-valued* version of Heyting algebras (MV-intuitionistic logic) may be based on positive MV-algebras.
- ▶ Positive MV-algebras are a well-behaved study case for some results in duality theory and general algebra.

# MV-algebras

Łukasiewicz many-valued propositional logic [Łukasiewicz, 1920, Łukasiewicz, Tarski, 1930]:  $[0, 1]$  as the set of truth values.

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

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

▶  $x \oplus y := \min\{x + y, 1\}$ .

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

▶  $\neg x := 1 - x$ .

Example:  $\neg 0.3 = 0.7$ .

▶  $0$  as a constant.



## Definition (Chang, 1958, Mangani, 1973)

An *MV-algebra* (for *Many-Valued algebra*) is an algebra  $\langle A; \oplus, \neg, 0 \rangle$  s.t.

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

MV-algebras are the algebras  $\langle A; \oplus, \neg, 0 \rangle$  satisfying all equations holding in  $[0, 1]$ , i.e.:

## Theorem (Chang, 1959)

$[0, 1]$  generates the variety of MV-algebras.

i.e.:  $\{\text{MV-algebras}\} = \text{HSP}([0, 1])$ .

# Examples of MV-algebras

Examples of MV-algebras:

- ▶  $[0, 1]$ .
- ▶ Subalgebras of  $[0, 1]$ , such as:
  1.  $\{0, 1\}$  (here,  $\oplus = \vee$ );
  2.  $\mathfrak{L}_3 := \{0, \frac{1}{2}, 1\}$ .
  3. For every  $n \geq 1$ ,  $\mathfrak{L}_n := \{\frac{0}{n}, \frac{1}{n}, \dots, \frac{n-1}{n}, \frac{n}{n}\}$ .
  4.  $\mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1]$ .
- ▶ Any Boolean algebra: set  $\oplus = \vee$ . One way to think of an MV-algebra is as a generalization of a Boolean algebra where the disjunction might fail to be idempotent.
- ▶ The set  $[0, 1]^X$  of functions from a set  $X$  to  $[0, 1]$ .

## Derived MV-terms

Every MV-algebra has a bounded distributive lattice reduct:

- ▶  $x \vee y := \neg(\neg x \oplus y) \oplus y = \neg(\neg y \oplus x) \oplus x$ .
- ▶  $x \wedge y := \neg(\neg x \vee \neg y)$ .
- ▶  $1 := \neg 0$ .

The corresponding order on  $[0, 1]$  is the usual order. On  $[0, 1]^X$ , it is the pointwise order.

One can also term-define the De Morgan dual of  $\oplus$ :

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

# Abelian lattice-ordered groups

MV-algebras can be understood as intervals of Abelian lattice-ordered groups.

## 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.:

(**Translation invariance**) for all  $x, y, z \in \mathbf{G}$ ,  $x \leq y$  implies  $x + z \leq y + z$ .

Examples:

1.  $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}$ , with the sum.
2. The set  $\mathbb{R}^X$  of functions from a set  $X$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ .

# MV-algebras as unit intervals

For  $\mathbf{G}$  an Abelian  $\ell$ -group and  $1 \in \mathbf{G}$  *positive* (i.e.  $1 \geq 0$ ), the interval

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

is an MV-algebra with

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

Examples:

1.  $\Gamma(\mathbb{R}, 1) = [0, 1]$ ,
2.  $\Gamma(\mathbb{Z}, 1) = \{0, 1\}$ .
3.  $\Gamma(\frac{1}{n}\mathbb{Z}, 1) = \{0, \frac{1}{n}, \dots, \frac{n-1}{n}, 1\} = \mathbf{t}_{n+1}$ .
4. For a set  $X$ ,  $\Gamma(\mathbb{R}^X, 1) = [0, 1]^X$ .

## Theorem (Mundici, 1986)

*Every MV-algebra arises in this way, i.e. it is isomorphic to  $\Gamma(\mathbf{G}, 1)$  for some Abelian  $\ell$ -group  $\mathbf{G}$  and some positive  $1 \in \mathbf{G}$ .*

Example: let  $\mathbf{A}$  be the MV-algebra of functions from  $\mathbb{N}$  to  $[0, 1]$ .

$$\mathbf{A} \cong \Gamma(?).$$

$$\mathbf{A} \cong \Gamma(\{\text{functions from } \mathbb{N} \text{ to } \mathbb{R}\}, 1)$$

$$\mathbf{A} \cong \Gamma(\{\text{bounded functions from } \mathbb{N} \text{ to } \mathbb{R}\}, 1)$$

# Mundici's equivalence

For each MV-algebra  $\mathbf{A}$  there is a canonical  $(\mathbf{G}, 1)$  s.t.  $\mathbf{A} \cong \Gamma(\mathbf{G}, 1)$ , characterized by the condition that 1 is a *strong unit*, i.e. for all  $x \in \mathbf{G}$  there is  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.

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

## Theorem (Mundici's equivalence, 1986)

*The categories*

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

*are equivalent.*



# Positive MV-algebras

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

## Bounded distributive lattices as subreducts

Relationship between bounded distributive lattices and Boolean algebras?

The  $\{\vee, \wedge, 0, 1\}$ -reduct of any Boolean algebra is a bounded distributive lattice, as well as any subalgebra of this reduct.

Bounded distributive lattices = subalgebras of  $\{\vee, \wedge, 0, 1\}$ -reducts 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 (Cabrer, Jipsen, Kroupa, 2019)

*Positive MV-algebras* := subalgebras of the  $\{\oplus, \odot, \vee, \wedge, 0, 1\}$ -reducts 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 = positive subreducts of MV-algebras  
= many-valued version of bounded distrib. lattices.

# Examples of positive MV-algebras

Examples of positive MV-algebras:

- ▶ Every MV-algebra, such as  $[0, 1]$ ,  $\{0, 1\}$ ,  $\mathbf{L}_n$ ,  $\mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1]$ ,  $[0, 1]^X$ .
- ▶ Every bounded distributive lattice (set  $\oplus := \vee$  and  $\odot := \wedge$ ).

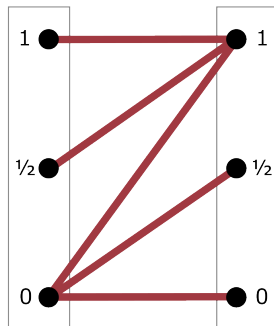
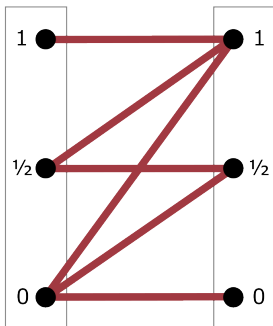
Positive MV-algebras are a common generalization of MV-algebras and bounded distributive lattices.

- ▶ For a poset  $X$ , the set of order-preserving functions from  $X$  to  $[0, 1]$ .

# Examples of positive MV-algebras

Some subreducts of the MV-algebra  $\mathfrak{L}_3 \times \mathfrak{L}_3 = \{0, \frac{1}{2}, 1\} \times \{0, \frac{1}{2}, 1\}$ :

- ▶ Order-preserving functions:  $\{(a, b) \in \mathfrak{L}_3 \times \mathfrak{L}_3 \mid a \leq b\}$ .
- ▶ Ordinal sum:  $\{(a, b) \in \mathfrak{L}_3 \times \mathfrak{L}_3 \mid a = 0 \text{ or } b = 1\}$ .



## Positive MV-algebras as intervals

MV-algebras = intervals of Abelian lattice-ordered groups.

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



## Definition

A *cancellative commutative distributive  $\ell$ -monoid* is a cancellative commutative monoid equipped with a distributive lattice-order s.t. the monoid operation  $+$  distributes over the lattice operations  $\vee$  and  $\wedge$ .

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

- ▶  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}$ , every Abelian  $\ell$ -group.
- ▶ The set of order-preserving functions from a poset  $X$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ .

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 and Vannucci, 2022)

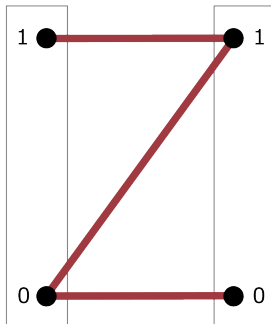
Every positive MV-algebra arises in this way, i.e. it is isomorphic to  $\Gamma(\mathbf{M}, 1)$  for some cancellative commutative distributive  $\ell$ -monoid  $\mathbf{M}$  and some positive invertible  $1 \in \mathbf{M}$ .

Examples:

- ▶  $[0, 1] \cong \Gamma(\mathbb{R}, 1)$ .
- ▶  $\mathfrak{L}_3 = \{0, \frac{1}{2}, 1\} \cong \Gamma(\frac{1}{2}\mathbb{Z}, 1)$ .

# Positive MV-algebras as intervals

- ▶ The three-element bounded distributive lattice, as a positive MV-algebra (set  $\oplus := \vee$  and  $\odot := \wedge$ )



is isomorphic to

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

i.e. the set of order-preserving functions from  $\{x < y\}$  to  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

# Positive MV-algebras as intervals

- ▶ Let  $\mathbf{L}$  be a bounded distributive lattice, and set  $\oplus := \vee$  and  $\odot := \wedge$ .

$$\mathbf{L} \cong \Gamma(?).$$

Set  $X :=$  Priestley dual of  $\mathbf{L}$ .

$\mathbf{L} \cong \{\text{order-preserving continuous functions } X \rightarrow \{0, 1\}\}$ .

Set  $\mathbf{M} := \{\text{continuous order-preserving functions } X \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}\}$ ; let  $1 \in \mathbf{M}$  be the function constantly equal to  $1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then

$$\mathbf{L} \cong \{\text{order-preserving continuous functions } X \rightarrow \{0, 1\}\} = \Gamma(\mathbf{M}, 1).$$

# Positive Mundici's equivalence

For each positive MV-algebra  $\mathbf{A}$  there is a canonical choice of  $\mathbf{M}$  and  $1 \in \mathbf{M}$  such that  $\mathbf{A} \cong \Gamma(\mathbf{M}, 1)$ . This is characterized by the condition that  $1$  is a *strong unit*, i.e. for all  $x \in \mathbf{M}$  there is  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.

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

Theorem (Positive Mundici's equivalence) (A., Jipsen, Kroupa, Vannucci, 2022)

The categories

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are equivalent.

Mundici's result follows as a restriction of this equivalence.

# Axiomatization of positive MV-algebras

# Axiomatizations

Boolean algebras	Bounded distributive lattices	MV-algebras	Positive MV-algebras
Variety	Variety	Variety	Not variety ✗ Quasivariety ✓
Generated by $\{0, 1\}$ as a quasivariety	Generated by $\{0, 1\}$ as a quasivariety	Generated by $[0, 1]$ as a quasivariety	Generated by $[0, 1]$ as a quasivariety ✓
Finitely axiomatized	Finitely axiomatized	Finitely axiomatized	Finitely axiomatized ✓



## Theorem (A., Jipsen, Kroupa and 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. If  $x_0 = y_0 \oplus y_1$  and  $x_1 = y_0 \odot y_1$ , then
  - ▶ (Modularity)  $(x_0 \odot z) \oplus x_1 = x_0 \odot (z \oplus x_1)$ ;
  - ▶ (Absorption)  $((x_0 \odot z) \oplus x_1) \wedge z = x_0 \odot z$  and  $(x_0 \odot (z \oplus x_1)) \vee z = z \oplus x_1$ .
5. (Cancellation) If  $x \oplus z = y \oplus z$  and  $x \odot z = y \odot z$ , then  $x = y$ .

(1–4) are equations, (5) is a quasi-equation.

## Free MV-extension

# Free MV-extension

By definition, every positive MV-algebra  $\mathbf{A}$  embeds into some MV-algebra.

Is there a canonical embedding?

Yes, for general algebraic reasons: the forgetful functor

$$\{\text{MV-algebras}\} \longrightarrow \{\text{Positive MV-algebras}\}.$$

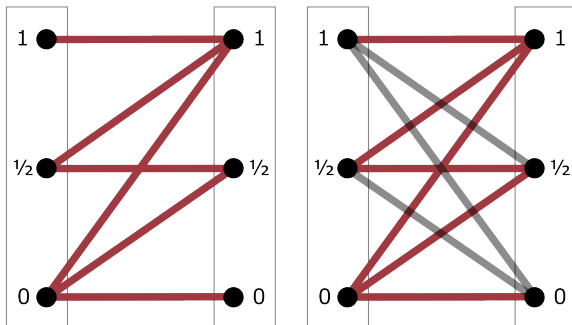
has a left adjoint (for general algebraic reasons). For each positive MV-algebra  $\mathbf{A}$ , the component  $\eta_{\mathbf{A}}: \mathbf{A} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{B}$  of the unit is injective (fairly immediate), and we call  $\eta_{\mathbf{A}}$  (or simply the MV-algebra  $\mathbf{B}$ ) the *free MV-extension* of  $\mathbf{A}$ .



# Canonical embedding

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

Let  $\mathbf{A} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{B}$  be an embedding of a positive MV-algebra  $\mathbf{A}$  into an MV-algebra  $\mathbf{B}$  (i.e.  $\mathbf{A}$  is a positive subreduct of  $\mathbf{B}$ ), and let  $\mathbf{C}$  be the MV-subalgebra of  $\mathbf{B}$  generated by  $\mathbf{A}$ . The embedding  $\mathbf{A} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{C}$  is the free MV-extension of  $\mathbf{A}$ .



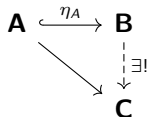
In other words: an embedding of a positive MV-algebra into an MV-algebra is free iff it is MV-generating.

There is a unique generating embedding (the universal one):

## Theorem (Equivalent reformulation)

*Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a positive MV-algebra, let  $f: \mathbf{A} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{B}_1$  and  $g: \mathbf{A} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{B}_2$  be two injective positive MV-homomorphisms into MV-algebras, and suppose that the images of  $f$  and  $g$  generate  $\mathbf{B}_1$  and  $\mathbf{B}_2$  as MV-algebras. Then  $\mathbf{B}_1$  and  $\mathbf{B}_2$  are isomorphic over  $\mathbf{A}$ .*

Universal property:



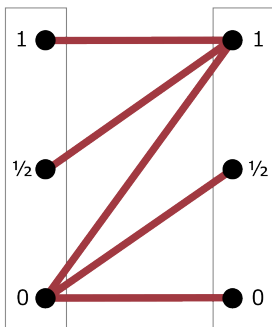
## Theorem (Equivalent reformulation)

*Given MV-algebras  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{C}$  and a partial function  $f : \mathbf{A} \subseteq \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  such that  $\mathbf{A}$  MV-generates  $\mathbf{B}$  and is closed under  $\oplus, \odot, \vee, \wedge, 0$  and  $1$ , and  $f : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  preserves these operations,  $f$  extends uniquely to an MV-homomorphism  $\mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ .*



Computational advantage:

The set of homomorphisms of MV-algebras from  $\mathbb{L}_3 \times \mathbb{L}_3$  to an MV-algebra  $\mathbf{C}$  is in bijection with the set of homomorphisms of positive MV-algebras from the algebra below to  $\mathbf{C}$ .



(For a general fact holding in subreducts of prevarieties (work in progress with C. van Alten),) this is equivalent to the following:

## Theorem

*Every MV-equation is equivalent (in MV-algebras) to a system of equations in the positive fragment.*

Example: for all  $x, y, z$  in an MV-algebra:

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

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

Digression: characterization of unique embedding

# Abelian groups and commutative monoids

## Fact

Each cancellative commutative monoid  $\mathbf{M}$  has a **unique** (up to iso) generating embedding  $\mathbf{M} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{G}$  into an Abelian group.

Uniqueness up to iso means:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{M} & \xrightarrow{f_1} & \mathbf{G}_1 \\ & \searrow f_2 & \downarrow \text{iso} \\ & & \mathbf{G}_2 \end{array}$$

Example:  $\mathbb{N} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ .

It is not difficult to prove that every  $g \in \mathbf{G}_1$  is a difference  $g = x - y$  of elements of  $\mathbf{M}$ . Then, set  $\psi(g) := f(x) - f(y) \in \mathbf{G}_2$ .

Is this a well-defined function?

Suppose  $x - y = x' - y'$  and let us prove  $f(x) - f(y) = f(x') - f(y')$ .

$$\begin{aligned}x - y = x' - y' &\iff x + y' = x' + y \\&\implies f(x + y') = f(x' + y) \\&\iff f(x) + f(y') = f(x') + f(y) \\&\iff f(x) - f(y) = f(x') - f(y').\end{aligned}$$

Further, one proves that  $\psi$  is a group isomorphism that extends  $f$ .

Key facts used:

1. If  $\mathbf{M}$  is a generating submonoid of an Abelian group  $\mathbf{G}$ , then every element of  $\mathbf{G}$  is a difference of two elements of  $\mathbf{M}$ .
2. For all  $x, y$  in an Abelian group,

$$x - y = x' - y' \iff x + y' = x' + y.$$

## Fact

Any equation between two terms in the language of Abelian groups is equivalent to an equation in the language of monoids.

Example: for all  $x, y, z$  in an Abelian group

$$-x + y - z = x \iff y = x + x + z.$$

(Thanks to the cancellation property.)

For arbitrary (i.e. non-necessarily commutative) monoids/groups, we do **not** have this uniqueness of embeddings.

For example, the monoid  $\{x, y, z\}^*$  of words on three letters has distinct non-isomorphic generating embeddings into groups:

- ▶ into the free group  $\text{Free}(\{x, y, z\})$  on three elements ( $x \mapsto x$ ,  $y \mapsto y$ ,  $z \mapsto z$ ) and
- ▶ into the free group  $\text{Free}(\{x, y\})$  on two elements ( $x \mapsto x$ ,  $y \mapsto y$ ,  $z \mapsto xy^{-1}x$ ).

The equation  $z = xy^{-1}x$  cannot be expressed via an equation in the language of monoids.

## Fact

Each cancellative commutative distributive  $\ell$ -monoid  $\mathbf{M}$  has a **unique** (up to iso) generating embedding  $\mathbf{M} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{G}$  into an Abelian  $\ell$ -group.



Key facts used:

1. If  $\mathbf{M} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{G}$  is a generating sub- $\ell$ -monoid of an Abelian  $\ell$ -group  $\mathbf{G}$ , then every element of  $\mathbf{G}$  is a difference of elements of  $\mathbf{M}$ .
2. For all  $x, y$  in an Abelian  $\ell$ -group,

$$x - y = x' - y' \iff x + y' = x' + y.$$

## Fact

Any equation between two terms in the language of Abelian  $\ell$ -groups is equivalent to an equation in the language of  $\ell$ -monoids.

## Fact

Each bounded distributive lattice  $\mathbf{L}$  has a **unique** (up to iso) generating embedding  $\mathbf{L} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{B}$  into a Boolean algebra.

This embedding is called the *free Boolean extension*.

1. If  $\mathbf{L} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{B}$  is a generating bounded sublattice of a Boolean algebra  $\mathbf{B}$ , then every element of  $\mathbf{B}$  is a join of finitely many differences of elements of  $\mathbf{L}$ :

$$z = \bigvee_{i=1}^n x_i \wedge \neg y_i.$$

2. Every equation between joins of differences is equivalent to a system of equations in the language of bounded distributive lattices.

Distributivity in a lattice: For all  $a, b, c$ ,  $a = b$  iff  $a \vee c = b \vee c$  and  $a \wedge c = b \wedge c$ .

$$x \wedge \neg y = z \iff \begin{cases} (x \wedge \neg y) \vee y = z \vee y \\ (x \wedge \neg y) \wedge y = z \wedge y \end{cases} \iff \begin{cases} x \vee y = z \vee y \\ 0 = z \wedge y. \end{cases}$$

## Fact

Any equation between two terms in the language of Boolean algebras is equivalent to a system of equations in the language of bounded distributive lattices.

## Fact

Each positive MV-algebra  $\mathbf{A}$  has a **unique** (up to iso) generating embedding  $\mathbf{A} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{B}$  into an MV-algebra.

We called this embedding the *free MV-extension* of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

1. If  $\mathbf{A} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{B}$  is a generating positive MV-subalgebra of an MV-algebra  $\mathbf{B}$ , then every element of  $\mathbf{B}$  is a sum of finitely many “differences” of elements of  $\mathbf{A}$ :

$$z = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n x_i \odot \neg y_i.$$

2. Every equation between sums of differences is equivalent to a system of equations in the language of positive MV-algebras.

Cancellation: For all  $a, b, c$  in an MV-algebra,  $a = b$  iff  $a \oplus c = b \oplus c$  and  $a \odot c = b \odot c$ .

$$x \odot \neg y = z \iff \begin{cases} (x \odot \neg y) \oplus y = z \oplus y \\ (x \odot \neg y) \odot y = z \odot y. \end{cases} \iff \begin{cases} x \vee y = z \oplus y \\ 0 = z \odot y. \end{cases}$$

## Fact

Any equation between two terms in the language of MV-algebras is equivalent to a system of equations in the language of positive MV-algebras.

## Definition

A *prevariety* is a class  $\mathcal{V}$  of algebras closed under subalgebras and products.

Examples: any variety, any quasivariety.



## Setting

- ▶ An algebraic language  $\mathcal{L}_+$  and a sublanguge  $\mathcal{L}_- \subseteq \mathcal{L}_+$ .
- ▶ Two prevarieties  $\mathcal{V}_+$  and  $\mathcal{V}_-$  for  $\mathcal{L}_+$  and  $\mathcal{L}_-$ , respectively.

We assume “ $\mathcal{V}_+ \subseteq \mathcal{V}_-$ ” i.e.:  $\mathcal{V}_-$  contains all  $\mathcal{L}_-$ -reducts of algebras in  $\mathcal{V}_+$ .

For example:

1.  $\mathcal{V}_+ = \{\text{Abelian groups}\}$ ,  $\mathcal{V}_- = \{\text{cancellative commutative monoids}\}$ .
2.  $\mathcal{V}_+ = \{\text{Abelian groups}\}$ ,  $\mathcal{V}_- = \{\text{commutative monoids}\}$ .
3.  $\mathcal{V}_+ = \{\text{groups}\}$ ,  $\mathcal{V}_- = \{\text{monoids}\}$ .
4.  $\mathcal{V}_+ = \{\text{MV-algebras}\}$ ,  $\mathcal{V}_- = \{\text{positive MV-algebras}\}$ .

## Definition

Unique embeddability property :=

Given  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{V}_-$ ,  $\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C} \in \mathcal{V}_+$ , and injective  $\mathcal{V}_-$ -homomorphisms  $f: \mathbf{A} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{B}$  and  $g: \mathbf{A} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{C}$  whose images  $\mathcal{V}_+$ -generate  $\mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{C}$  respectively, there is a  $\mathcal{V}_+$ -isomorphism  $h: \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  making the following diagram commute.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{A} & \xrightarrow{f} & \mathbf{B} \\ & \searrow g & \downarrow h \\ & & \mathbf{C} \end{array}$$

We have the unique embeddability property for  $\mathcal{V}_+ = \{\text{Abelian groups}\}$  and  $\mathcal{V}_- = \{\text{commutative monoids}\}$ .

We do not have the unique embeddability property for  $\mathcal{V}_+ = \{\text{groups}\}$  and  $\mathcal{V}_- = \{\text{monoids}\}$ .

## Definition

Expressibility property :=

for each pair  $(\sigma(x_1, \dots, x_n), \rho(x_1, \dots, x_n))$  of terms in  $\mathcal{L}_+$ , there is a (finite) set of pairs  $(\alpha_i(x_1, \dots, x_n), \beta_i(x_1, \dots, x_n))_i$  of terms in  $\mathcal{L}_-$  s.t., for all  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{V}_+$  and  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbf{A}$ ,

$$\sigma(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \rho(x_1, \dots, x_n) \Leftrightarrow \forall i \alpha_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \beta_i(x_1, \dots, x_n).$$

I.e.: every equation in  $\mathcal{L}_+$  is equivalent to a system of equations in  $\mathcal{L}_-$ .

For Abelian groups and commutative monoids we have the expressibility property.

For groups and monoids we do **not** have the expressibility property.

## Theorem (ongoing joint work with C. van Alten)

Unique embeddability property  $\iff$  expressibility property.

Main usage: proving the unique embeddability property by showing that equations in the richer language can be expressed in the poorer language (e.g.:  $x - y = x' - y'$  iff  $x + y' = y + x'$ ).

For positive MV-algebras:

Every equation in the language of Abelian  $\ell$ -groups can be rewritten in the language of  $\ell$ -monoids.

→ Each cancellative commutative distributive  $\ell$ -monoid has a unique generating embedding into an Abelian  $\ell$ -group.

↓

Every equation in the language of MV-algebras can be rewritten in the language of positive MV-algebras.

← Each positive MV-algebra has a unique generating embedding into an MV-algebra.

## Recap

## Definition

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

1. Not a variety. ✗
2. Quasivariety, generated by  $[0, 1]$ . ✓
3. Finite quasi-equational axiomatization. ✓
4. Intervals of certain  $\ell$ -monoids. ✓
5. Unique embedding into MV-algebras. (Embedding + MV-generating  $\Rightarrow$  Free.) ✓

## Future directions



# Future directions

## 1. What makes Mundici's equivalence work?

Goal: to obtain an equivalence à la Mundici between

- ▶ certain algebras in the signature  $\{\oplus, \odot, 0, 1\}$ , and
- ▶ certain algebras in the signature  $\{0, +, 1, \tau_0, \tau_1\}$ , where  $\tau_0$  and  $\tau_1$  are unary symbols to be thought of as  $\tau_0(x) = x \vee 0$  and  $\tau_1(x) = x \wedge 1$ .

I would like to do it without assuming the cancellation property so that (not necessarily distributive) bounded lattices can be seen as intervals of monoids.

(Side question: is there a *unique* generating embedding of  $\{\oplus, \odot, 0, 1\}$ -subreducts of MV-algebras into MV-algebras?

Equivalently, is every equation in the language of MV-algebras equivalent to an equation in  $\{\oplus, \odot, 0, 1\}$ ?)

Yet a further step would be to go to the non-commutative case.

2. (Jointly with A. Přenosil): MV-version of Blok-Esakia theorem.
  - ▶ Consider a notion of modal MV-algebras which is an MV-version of S4 in the sense that the Gödel–McKinsey–Tarski translation ( $x \rightarrow y = \Box(\neg x + y)$ ) connects the logic MV.S4 and the intuitionistic version of Łukasiewicz (= logic of positive MV-algebras where the product is residuated).
  - ▶ Then, try to extend this to some sort of Blok-Esakia style bijection between the extensions of MV.S4.Grz (whatever this is) and the intuitionistic version of Łukasiewicz.

3. (From an input of a referee:) Does the characterization of the unique embeddability property extend beyond algebraic structures to a general model-theoretic setting? (Replacing equations by atomic formulae.)

4. (From an input of L. Carai) Duality à la Baker-Beynon for positive MV-algebras?

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Thank you!