

On epimorphisms of ordered algebras

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Ordered algebras

- An ordered Ω -algebra is a triple $(\mathcal{A}, \Omega, \leq_A)$,

where (\mathcal{A}, Ω) is an Ω -algebra,

and (\mathcal{A}, \leq_A) is a poset,

such that every $f^A \in \Omega_A$ is monotone,

i.e. if f^A has arity n , then

- $(x_1 \leq_A x'_1 \wedge x_2 \leq_A x'_2 \wedge \cdots \wedge x_n \leq_A x'_n)$
 $\implies f^A(x_1, \dots, x_n) \leq_A f^A(x'_1, \dots, x'_n).$

- A homomorphism of ordered algebras is a monotone map, that is also homomorphism of the underlying algebras.

- A homomorphism $f : (\mathcal{A}, \Omega, \leq_A) \longrightarrow (\mathcal{B}, \Omega, \leq_B)$ is called an order-embedding if $f(x) \leq_B f(x') \implies x \leq_A x'$.
- **Fact** Every order-embedding is injective.
- A surjective order-embedding is called an order-isomorphism.

Amalgams of ordered algebras

- An amalgam of ordered algebras is a list $(\mathcal{C}; \mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2; \phi_1, \phi_2)$,

where \mathcal{C} , \mathcal{A}_1 and \mathcal{A}_2 are ordered algebras,

and $\phi_i : \mathcal{C} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}_i$, $i \in \{1, 2\}$, are order-embeddings.

Diagrammatically:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{C} & \xrightarrow{\phi_1} & \mathcal{A}_1 \\ \phi_2 \downarrow & & \\ & & \mathcal{A}_2 \end{array}$$

Amalgamation

- We say that $(\mathcal{C}; \mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2; \phi_1, \phi_2)$ is **weakly** embeddable if there exists an ordered algebra \mathcal{D} ,

admitting order-embeddings $\psi_i : \mathcal{A}_i \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$, $i \in \{1, 2\}$,

such that the following diagram commutes (equivalently, is a pushout):

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{C} & \xrightarrow{\phi_1} & \mathcal{A}_1 \\ \phi_2 \downarrow & & \downarrow \psi_1 \\ \mathcal{A}_2 & \xrightarrow{\psi_2} & \mathcal{D} \end{array}$$

- We say that $(\mathcal{C}; \mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2; \phi_1, \phi_2)$ is (**strongly**) embeddable if

there exists an ordered algebra \mathcal{D} such that the above diagram is both a pushout and a pullback

that is ψ_1 and ψ_2 agree on \mathcal{C} **only**.

- $(\mathcal{C}; \mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2; \phi_1, \phi_2)$ is called a **special amalgam**,

if there exists an order-isomorphism $\nu : \mathcal{A}_1 \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}_2$, with

$$\nu \circ \phi_1 = \phi_2.$$

- **Fact** Every special amalgam is weakly embeddable.

Special amalgams

- Let \mathcal{C} be an ordered subalgebra of an ordered algebra \mathcal{A} .
- Take two disjoint order-isomorphic copies \mathcal{A}_1 and \mathcal{A}_2 via, say,

$$v_i : \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}_i, i \in \{1, 2\}.$$

- This gives a special amalgam $(\mathcal{C}; \mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2; v_1|_{\mathcal{C}}, v_2|_{\mathcal{C}})$.
- Indeed every special amalgam is the one obtained in this way.
- **Theorem** Let $(\mathcal{C}; \mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2; v_1|_{\mathcal{C}}, v_2|_{\mathcal{C}})$ be a special amalgam that is weakly embedded in \mathcal{D} via $\psi_i : \mathcal{A}_i \longrightarrow \mathcal{D}$ (as noted above).
- Then for $a_1 \in \mathcal{A}_1$, $a_2 \in \mathcal{A}_2$, one has

$$\psi_1(a_1) = \psi_2(a_2) \implies a_1 = v_1(a), \quad a_2 = v_2(a),$$

for some $a \in \mathcal{A}$.

Epis of ordered algebras

- Given a category \mathcal{C} of ordered algebras $f \in \text{Mor}(\mathcal{C})$ is termed an epimorphism (shortly epi.) if it is right cancellative,

i.e. for all $g, h \in \text{Mor}(\mathcal{C})$

$$g \circ f = h \circ f \implies g = h.$$

- Fact** Every surjective homomorphism is an epi, but the converse is not true.

- Let \mathcal{C} be an ordered subalgebra of an ordered algebra \mathcal{A} . Then we define (an ordered subalgebra)

$$\widehat{\text{Dom}}_{\mathcal{A}}\mathcal{C} = \{x \in \mathcal{A} : \forall f, g : \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{B}, f|_{\mathcal{C}} = g|_{\mathcal{C}} \implies f(x) = g(x)\}$$

- We call $\widehat{\text{Dom}}_{\mathcal{A}}\mathcal{C}$, the (ordered) dominion of \mathcal{C} in \mathcal{A} .
- Treating \mathcal{C} and \mathcal{A} as unordered algebras one gets the analogous definition for $\text{Dom}_{\mathcal{A}}\mathcal{C}$, the unordered dominion of \mathcal{C} in \mathcal{A} .

- **Fact.** $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \text{Dom}_{\mathcal{A}}\mathcal{C} \subseteq \widehat{\text{Dom}}_{\mathcal{A}}\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$.
- **Fact** $f : (\mathcal{A}, \Omega, \leq_A) \longrightarrow (\mathcal{B}, \Omega, \leq_B)$ is an epi iff $\widehat{\text{Dom}}_{\mathcal{B}} \text{Im } f = \mathcal{B}$.
- **Fact** $f : (\mathcal{A}, \Omega) \longrightarrow (\mathcal{B}, \Omega)$ is an epi iff $\text{Dom}_{\mathcal{B}} \text{Im } f = \mathcal{B}$.
- **Consequence** Consider $f : (\mathcal{A}, \Omega, \leq_A) \longrightarrow (\mathcal{B}, \Omega, \leq_B)$.

If $f : (\mathcal{A}, \Omega) \longrightarrow (\mathcal{B}, \Omega)$ is an epi in the unordered context

then so is $f : (\mathcal{A}, \Omega, \leq_A) \longrightarrow (\mathcal{B}, \Omega, \leq_B)$ in the unordered context, for all 'compatible' \leq_A and \leq_B making f monotone.

- **Conjecture 1** (Conversely) If $f : (\mathcal{A}, \Omega, \leq_A) \longrightarrow (\mathcal{B}, \Omega, \leq_B)$ is an epi in the ordered context

then so is $f : (\mathcal{A}, \Omega) \longrightarrow (\mathcal{B}, \Omega)$, in the unordered context.

- **Fact** The conjecture is true in the category of all semigroups (monoids) vs. the category of all ordered semigroups (monoids).
- Clearly, this conjecture will be true if the following is true.
- **Conjecture 2** $\text{Dom}_{\mathcal{A}}\mathcal{C} = \widehat{\text{Dom}}_{\mathcal{A}}\mathcal{C}$.
- **Fact** The above is also true for semigroups (monoids) vs. ordered semigroups (monoids).

Dominions and special amalgamation

- **Fact** We have

$$\widehat{\text{Dom}}_{\mathcal{A}}\mathcal{C} \cong \widehat{\text{Dom}}_{\mathcal{A}_i}v_i|_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{C}) = \psi_i^{-1}[\psi_1(\mathcal{A}_1) \cap \psi_2(\mathcal{A}_2)],$$

where \mathcal{D} is the 'pushout', (it's a bit abuse of the language).

- **Fact** The analogue of the above holds in the unordered context.
- **Observation** A special amalgam $(\mathcal{C}; \mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2)$ of ordered (resp. unordered) algebras is embeddable iff

$$\psi_i^{-1}[\psi_1(\mathcal{D}) \cap \psi_2(\mathcal{D})] = v_i|_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{C}),$$

where \mathcal{D} is the respective 'pushout'.

- Hence Conjecture 2 will be true if the following holds,
- **Conjecture 3** A special amalgam $(\mathcal{C}; \mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2)$ is embeddable in the ordered context iff it is such in the unordered context.

Special amalgamation and epimorphisms

- **Fact** The last conjecture is true for semigroups (monoids) vs. ordered semigroups (monoids).
- **Theorem** Let Ω be a type. Then in the category of all ordered Ω -algebras epis are surjective. (We have a written proof of this.)
- **Theorem** Let Ω be a type. Then in the category of all unordered Ω -algebras epis are surjective. (We have a written proof of this, in fact this is obtained by slightly modifying the above proof.)
- **Corollary** Conjecture 3 is true for any class of all Ω -algebras.

- An identity is called **balanced** if in both the terms, that are used to define it, the number of occurrences of every variable is the same.
- **Theorem** Let \mathcal{V} be a variety of Ω - algebras whose defining identities are balanced. Let \mathcal{V}' be the variety of ordered algebras obtained from \mathcal{V} . Then Conjecture 3 is true for \mathcal{V} vs. \mathcal{V}' . (I don't have a complete written proof but I think I can write one).
- **Question** What about arbitrary \mathcal{V} and \mathcal{V}' (I don't have any proof, or counter example).

This research (if it is worth this name) is being conducted jointly with Professor Boza Tasic.

This talk was motivated by the following articles.

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