

Coordinatization of MV algebras and some fun things about effect algebras

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Definition

An *MV algebra* is a set M with elements $0, 1$, binary operation \oplus , and unary operation \neg , satisfying

- 1 *Associativity*: $a \oplus (b \oplus c) = (a \oplus b) \oplus c$.
- 2 *Commutativity*: $a \oplus b = b \oplus a$.
- 3 *Zero law*: $a \oplus 0 = a$.
- 4 *Involution*: $\neg\neg a = a$.
- 5 *Absorption law*: $a \oplus 1 = 1$.
- 6 *Lukasiewicz axiom*: $\neg(\neg a \oplus b) \oplus b = \neg(\neg b \oplus a) \oplus a$.

Examples

- 1 Every boolean algebra is an MV algebra, with $a \oplus b = a \vee b$.
Lukasiewicz axiom becomes $\neg(\neg a \vee b) \vee b = \neg(\neg b \vee a) \vee a$.
- 2 The unit interval $[0, 1]$ with $x \oplus y = \min(1, x + y)$, and $\neg x = 1 - x$.
- 3 The *Lukasiewicz chains*, $\mathfrak{L}_n = \{0, \frac{1}{n}, \dots, \frac{n-1}{n}, 1\} \subseteq [0, 1]$.

Theorem (Chang's completeness theorem)

An MV equation holds in an arbitrary MV algebra if and only if it holds in $[0, 1]$.

Definition

An *effect algebra* is a set E with elements $0, 1$, **partial** binary operation $\tilde{\oplus}$, and unary operation $(-)^{\perp}$, satisfying

- 1 *Commutativity*: if $a \tilde{\oplus} b \downarrow$, then $b \tilde{\oplus} a \downarrow$, and $a \tilde{\oplus} b = b \tilde{\oplus} a$.
- 2 *Associativity*: if $b \tilde{\oplus} c \downarrow$ and $a \tilde{\oplus} (b \tilde{\oplus} c) \downarrow$, then $a \tilde{\oplus} b \downarrow$, $(a \tilde{\oplus} b) \tilde{\oplus} c \downarrow$, and $a \tilde{\oplus} (b \tilde{\oplus} c) = (a \tilde{\oplus} b) \tilde{\oplus} c$.
- 3 *Zero law*: $a \tilde{\oplus} 0 \downarrow$ and $a \tilde{\oplus} 0 = a$.
- 4 *Orthocomplement law*: a^{\perp} is the **unique** element satisfying $a \tilde{\oplus} a^{\perp} = 1$.
- 5 *Zero-one law*: if $a \tilde{\oplus} 1 \downarrow$, then $a = 0$.

Examples

- 1 Every boolean algebra is an effect algebra, with $p \tilde{\oplus} q \downarrow$ iff $p \wedge q = \perp$, in which case $p \tilde{\oplus} q$ is $p \vee q$.
- 2 The unit interval $[0, 1]$ with $x \tilde{\oplus} y \downarrow$ iff $x + y \leq 1$, in which case $\tilde{\oplus}$ is $+$.
- 3 Denote SA_n the $n \times n$ self-adjoint complex matrices. Define an order on SA_n

$$M \leq N \Leftrightarrow \langle x, Mx \rangle \leq \langle x, Nx \rangle \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{C}^n.$$

Then, *effects* are the self-adjoint matrices

$$\mathcal{E}_n = \{M \in SA_n \mid 0 \leq M \leq I_n\},$$

with $\tilde{\oplus}$ given by matrix addition and defined iff the sum is in \mathcal{E}_n .

Lattice ordering, RDP

Let A be an MV algebra. Define the *algebraic order* $x \leq y$ iff there exists $z \in A$ s.t. $x \oplus z = y$.

(Similarly for an effect algebra E : $x \leq y$ iff there exists $z \in E$ s.t. $x \tilde{\oplus} z = y$.)

Fact: MV algebras (w.r.t. \leq) are always a lattice. *Not* true for effect algebras.

Definition (Riesz decomposition property)

An effect algebra E has the *Riesz decomposition property* (RDP) if:

For all $a, b_1, b_2 \in E$, if $a \leq b_1 \tilde{\oplus} b_2$, then there exist $a_1, a_2 \in E$ such that $a = a_1 \tilde{\oplus} a_2$, $a_1 \leq b_1$, and $a_2 \leq b_2$.

MV-effect algebras

Theorem

There is a natural one-to-one correspondence between lattice-ordered effect algebras with RDP and MV algebras.

Proof.

(Sketch): If (A, \oplus) is an MV algebra, we can get an effect algebra $(A, \tilde{\oplus})$ by defining

$$a \tilde{\oplus} b = \begin{cases} a \oplus b & \text{if } a \leq \neg b, \\ \uparrow & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

This effect algebra is lattice ordered and has RDP.

If $(E, \tilde{\oplus})$ is an effect algebra with lattice order and RDP, we can get an MV algebra (E, \oplus) by defining

$$a \oplus b = a \tilde{\oplus} (a^\perp \wedge b). \quad \square$$

Definition (MV-effect algebra)

An effect algebra that has lattice order has RDP is called an *MV-effect algebra*.

Remark: references to and proofs of the above theorem in the present literature is an absolute mess.

But what about the morphisms?

Definition (Homomorphism (of MV algebras))

A function $f: A \rightarrow B$ is an *MV algebra homomorphism* if for all $a, b \in A$:

- 1 $f(0_A) = 0_B$.
- 2 $f(a \oplus b) = f(a) \oplus f(b)$.
- 3 $f(\neg a) = \neg f(a)$.

Definition (Homomorphism (of effect algebras))

A function $f: E \rightarrow F$ an *effect algebra homomorphism* if:

- 1 $f(1_E) = 1_F$.
- 2 If $a, b \in E$ and $a \tilde{\oplus} b \downarrow$, then $f(a) \tilde{\oplus} f(b) \downarrow$ and $f(a \tilde{\oplus} b) = f(a) \tilde{\oplus} f(b)$.

But what about the morphisms?

Let **EA** and **MV** be categories of effect algs and MV algs, respectively.

Proposition

*There are a continuum of effect algebra maps from $[0, 1]^2 \rightarrow [0, 1]$.
There are only two MV algebra maps from $[0, 1]^2 \rightarrow [0, 1]$.*

Let **MVEA** be the (nonfull) subcategory of **EA** of MV-effect algebras and effect algebra homomorphisms **which preserve the lattice operations** \wedge, \vee .

Theorem

There is an isomorphism of categories $\mathbf{MV} \cong \mathbf{MVEA}$.

MV algebras are an equational class. Limits and colimits are easy and obvious.

For effect algebras... products and equalizers exactly as for sets. Coproducts also easy; take coproduct of sets and identify all 0s and 1s.

Coequalizers of effect algebras are kinda hard, though.

Problem: congruences on partial structures aren't nice. Can't simply say "Let R be the effect algebra cong. generated by $\{f(a), g(a) \mid a \in E\}$ ".

Coequalizers — BCMs (Bart Jacobs)

Definition (BCM, BCM homomorphism)

A *barred commutative monoid* (BCM) is a commutative monoid M with an element u called the *bar* of M , s.t. for all $a, b, c \in M$:

- 1 (Positivity): If $a + b = 0$, then $a = b = 0$.
- 2 (Cancellation under the bar): If $a + b = a + c = u$, then $b = c$.

A BCM hom $f: M \rightarrow N$ is a monoid hom which preserves the bar.

Define $\mathcal{T}o: \mathbf{EA} \rightarrow \mathbf{BCM}$ as follows. For effect algebra $(E, \tilde{\oplus})$, let $\mathcal{M}(E)$ be free commutative monoid on E . Then, $\mathcal{T}o(E) = (\mathcal{M}(E)/\sim, 1(1_E))$, where \sim is modding out by obvious stuff.

Define $\mathcal{P}a: \mathbf{BCM} \rightarrow \mathbf{EA}$ by $\mathcal{P}a(M, u) = [0, u] = \{x \in M \mid x \leq u\}$, with $x \tilde{\oplus} y \downarrow \Leftrightarrow x + y \leq u$, in which case $x \tilde{\oplus} y = x + y$.

Theorem (B. Jacobs, 2012)

The functors $\mathcal{T}o: \mathbf{EA} \rightleftarrows \mathbf{BCM}$: $\mathcal{P}a$ form an adjunction with $\mathcal{T}o$ full and faithful. So $\mathbf{EA} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{BCM}$ is a coreflection.

Coequalizers

Proposition

Let $f, g: M \rightarrow N$ be BCM homomorphisms. The coequalizer of f, g is $\pi: N \rightarrow N/\approx$, where \approx is the smallest BCM congruence on N containing $\{(f(x), g(x)) \mid x \in M\}$ and π is the natural projection onto the quotient.

Corollary

Let $f, g: E \rightarrow F$ be effect algebra homomorphisms. Let $\pi: \mathcal{T}o(F) \rightarrow \mathcal{T}o(F)/\approx$ be the coequalizer in **BCM** of $\mathcal{T}o(f), \mathcal{T}o(g): \mathcal{T}o(E) \rightarrow \mathcal{T}o(F)$.

$$\mathcal{T}o(E) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{T}o(f)} \\ \xrightarrow{\mathcal{T}o(g)} \end{array} \mathcal{T}o(F) \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathcal{T}o(F)/\approx$$

Then, the coequalizer of f, g in **EA** is $\mathcal{P}a(\pi) \circ \eta_F: F \rightarrow \mathcal{P}a(\mathcal{T}o(F)/\approx)$.

$$E \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{f} \\ \xrightarrow{g} \end{array} F \xrightarrow{\eta_F} \mathcal{P}a\mathcal{T}o(F) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{P}a(\pi)} \mathcal{P}a(\mathcal{T}o(F)/\approx)$$

Monomorphisms

Non-definition (“Monomorphism”)

An effect algebra homomorphism f is a “**monomorphism**” (definition given in the present literature) if $f(a) \tilde{\oplus} f(b) \downarrow$ implies $a \tilde{\oplus} b \downarrow$.

Lemma

*The monomorphisms of **EA** are precisely the injective effect algebra homomorphisms.*

Example

Consider the inclusion $i: \{0, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, 1\} \rightarrow [0, 1]$. This is injective, and so a monomorphism. But it's not a “**monomorphism**”, as $i(\frac{1}{4}) \tilde{\oplus} i(\frac{1}{4}) \downarrow$ but $\frac{1}{4} \tilde{\oplus} \frac{1}{4} \uparrow$.

Theorem

*The “**monomorphisms**” are actually the **regular monomorphisms** (equalizers).*

Definition (Inverse semigroup)

An *inverse semigroup* is a pair $(S, *)$ consisting of a set S and a binary operation $*: S \times S \rightarrow S$ satisfying (writing simply xy for $x * y$):

- 1 *Associativity*: for all $x, y, z \in S$, $(xy)z = x(yz)$.
- 2 *Pseudoinverse*: for all $x \in S$, there exists a unique $x^{-1} \in S$ such that $xx^{-1}x = x$ and $x^{-1}xx^{-1} = x^{-1}$.

For an inverse semigroup S , write $E(S) = \{x \in S \mid x \text{ is idempotent}\}$.

For $x, y \in S$, define $x \leq y$ to mean there exists $e \in E(S)$ such that $x = ye$. This is a partial order.

Example: partial bijections

Example

Let X be a set. Then the *partial bijections* on X (that is, partially defined functions $X \rightarrow X$ which are injective), $\mathcal{I}(X)$, is an inverse semigroup called the *symmetric inverse monoid* on X .

Given $f, g \in \mathcal{I}(X)$, we have $gf = g \circ f$, where $\text{dom}(g \circ f) = f^{-1}(\text{dom } g \cap \text{im } f)$, and when $x \in \text{dom}(g \circ f)$, then $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x))$.

When X is a finite set of n elements, we write $\mathcal{I}(X)$ as \mathcal{I}_n .

Facts: The idempotents of $\mathcal{I}(X)$ are the partial identity maps. For $f, g \in \mathcal{I}(X)$, $f \leq g$ means g is an extension of f .

Theorem (Wagner-Preston theorem)

For every inverse semigroup S , there exists a set X and an injective homomorphism $i: S \hookrightarrow \mathcal{I}(X)$ such that, for $a, b \in S$,

$$a \leq b \Leftrightarrow i(a) \leq i(b).$$

Boolean inverse monoids

Definition (Boolean inverse monoid)

An inverse semigroup is a *boolean inverse monoid* if it has an identity 1 (note this does not mean $xx^{-1} = 1$), absorbing element 0, and

- 1 $E(S)$ is a boolean algebra.
- 2 For all $a, b \in S$, if $ab^{-1} = 0 = a^{-1}b$, then $a \vee b$ exists.
- 3 Multiplication distributes over binary joins.

Definition (Factorizable)

An inverse monoid is *factorizable* if every element is beneath an element in the group of units i.e.

$$\forall x \in S, \exists y \in S \text{ s.t. } yy^{-1} = 1 = y^{-1}y \text{ and } x \leq y.$$

A factorizable boolean inverse monoid is called a *Foulis monoid*.
Symmetric inverse monoids $\mathcal{I}(X)$ are Foulis monoids iff X is finite.

Green's \mathcal{D} and \mathcal{J} relations

For an inverse semigroup S , $a, b \in S$, define

$$a\mathcal{D}b \iff \exists c \in S \text{ such that } a^{-1}a = c^{-1}c \text{ and } cc^{-1} = b^{-1}b.$$

For $f, g \in \mathcal{I}_n$, $f\mathcal{D}g$ iff $|\text{dom } f| = |\text{dom } g|$.

Proposition

\mathcal{D} is an equivalence relation. Consider a distributive inverse semigroup S with zero and define

$$a \tilde{\oplus} b = \begin{cases} a \vee b, & \text{if } ab^{-1} = 0 = a^{-1}b, \\ \uparrow, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- S with $\tilde{\oplus}$ is a partial commutative monoid, and so is S/\mathcal{D} .
- S a Foulis monoid $\Rightarrow S/\mathcal{D}$ an effect algebra with RDP.
- S a Foulis monoid with lattice order $\Rightarrow S/\mathcal{D}$ an MV-effect algebra.

Define $a\mathcal{J}b \iff SaS = SbS$.

Fact: In a Foulis monoid, $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{J}$.

Coordinatization Theorem

Definition (AF inverse monoid)

Let

$$S_0 \xrightarrow{\tau_0} S_1 \xrightarrow{\tau_1} S_2 \xrightarrow{\tau_2} \dots$$

be a sequence of finite products of finite symmetric inverse monoids and injective maps. The directed colimit of such a sequence is called an *AF inverse monoid*.

Definition (Coordinatizable)

An MV algebra A is said to be *coordinatizable* if there is a Foulis monoid S such that $S/\mathcal{D} \cong A$.

Theorem (Lawson & Scott)

Every countable MV algebra A can be coordinatized by some Foulis monoid S . Moreover, S can be taken to be an AF inverse monoid.

Theorem (Wehrung)

Every MV algebra can be coordinatized. A direct generalization of AF inverse monoids applies at cardinality \aleph_1 , but not at \aleph_2 and beyond.

Coordinatization examples

The *Lukasiewicz chains*, $\mathfrak{L}_n = \{0, \frac{1}{n}, \dots, \frac{n-1}{n}, 1\} \subseteq [0, 1]$ are coordinatized by \mathcal{I}_n . Recall that a \mathcal{D} -class of \mathcal{I}_n consists of all the partial bijections with the same size domain. The \mathcal{D} -class of partial bijections on m elements corresponds to the element $\frac{m}{n}$.

Theorem (Lawson & Scott)

The dyadic rationals in $[0, 1]$ (those with denominator 2^k) are coordinatized by the dyadic inverse monoid, which turns out to be isomorphic to the directed colimit of

$$\mathcal{I}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{I}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{I}_4 \rightarrow \mathcal{I}_8 \rightarrow \mathcal{I}_{16} \rightarrow \dots$$

How to generalize to get all the rationals in $[0, 1]$?

First idea...

$$\mathcal{I}_1 \xrightarrow{\tau_1} \mathcal{I}_2 \xrightarrow{\tau_2} \mathcal{I}_3 \xrightarrow{\tau_3} \mathcal{I}_4 \xrightarrow{\tau_4} \dots$$

Problem: maps don't make sense. Successive maps are “inclusions”. For

$\tau: \mathcal{I}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{I}_m$ to make sense, n must divide m .

Idea: if $nq = m$, then each element of the underlying set of $X_n = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ is identified with a subset of q elements in $X_m = \{x_1, \dots, x_{nq}\}$ in an obvious way; e.g. identify $x_1 \in X_n$ with $\{x_1, \dots, x_q\} \subseteq X_m$. Extend this to identification to functions.

Definition (Omnidivisional sequence)

A sequence $D = \{n_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ of natural numbers is *omnidivisional* if it satisfies the following properties.

- For all i , $n_i \mid n_{i+1}$.
- For all $m \in \mathbb{N}$, there exists $i \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $m \mid n_i$.

Example

Let p_i be the i^{th} prime number. Then $\{\prod_{i=1}^n p_i^{n-i+1}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is an omnidivisional sequence. The first few members of the sequence are $2, 2^2 3, 2^3 3^2 5, 2^4 3^3 5^2 7, \dots$

Example

The sequence $\{n!\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$.

Coordinatizing $\mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1]$

Theorem (Coordinatization of the rationals)

Let $D = \{n_i\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ be an omnidivisional sequence. Then, the directed colimit of the sequence

$$Q: \mathcal{I}_{n_1} \xrightarrow{\tau_1} \mathcal{I}_{n_2} \xrightarrow{\tau_2} \mathcal{I}_{n_3} \xrightarrow{\tau_3} \mathcal{I}_{n_4} \xrightarrow{\tau_4} \dots,$$

coordinatizes $\mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1]$.

Proof.

Denote the directed colimit of Q by Q_{∞} . Define a map $w: Q_{\infty}/\mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1]$ as follows. For $s \in \mathcal{I}_{n_i}$, define

$$w([s]/\mathcal{D}) = \frac{|\text{dom}(s)|}{n_i}.$$

Check this is well-defined on several different levels, check it's an iso, check it's an MV map. □

Coordinatization decomposition theorem

Theorem (Decomposition theorem, part 1)

Let A be an MV algebra. Suppose that A has a chain of subalgebras

$$A_0 \subseteq A_1 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq A_n \subseteq \dots$$

such that $A = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$ and that each A_i is coordinatized by an inverse semigroup S_i . Denote inclusions by $\ell_i: A_i \rightarrow A_{i+1}$. Choose an explicit isomorphism $f_i: A_i \rightarrow S_i/\mathcal{D}$ for each i .

Suppose there are injective maps $\tau_i: S_i \rightarrow S_{i+1}$ such that the maps $t_i: S_i/\mathcal{D} \rightarrow S_{i+1}/\mathcal{D}$, $s/\mathcal{D} \rightarrow \tau_i(s)/\mathcal{D}$ are well defined on \mathcal{D} -classes, and that the following diagram commutes for all i .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A_i & \xrightarrow{\ell_i} & A_{i+1} \\ f_i^{-1} \uparrow & & \downarrow f_{i+1} \\ S_i/\mathcal{D} & \xrightarrow{t_i} & S_{i+1}/\mathcal{D} \end{array}$$

Then, A is coordinatized by $\lim_{\rightarrow} (S_0 \xrightarrow{\tau_0} S_1 \xrightarrow{\tau_1} S_2 \xrightarrow{\tau_2} \dots)$.

Coordinatization decomposition theorem

Theorem (Decomposition theorem, part 2)

Suppose A is an MV algebra coordinatized by the directed colimit of

$$S_0 \xrightarrow{\tau_0} S_1 \xrightarrow{\tau_1} S_2 \xrightarrow{\tau_2} \dots$$

Then, A has a sequence of subalgebras forming a chain of inclusions

$$A_0 \subseteq A_1 \subseteq A_2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq A_n \subseteq \dots$$

such that $A = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$, and each A_i is coordinatized by S_i .

Some MV algebras yet to be coordinatized, which the decomposition theorems might be useful for:

- The full interval $[0, 1]$.
- The free MV algebra on one (or more) generators.
- Many more challenges/examples given by Mundici.

Thanks!

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