

# Recent results on multi-adjoint concept lattices

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# Abbreviated history of formal concept analysis

- Since its introduction in the eighties by Ganter and Wille, formal concept analysis has become an appealing research topic both from theoretical and applicative perspectives
- FCA is a theory of data analysis which identifies conceptual structures among data sets. It has been applied to linguistic databases, library and information science, software re-engineering, ...
- Handling uncertainty, imprecise data or incomplete information has become an important research topic in the recent years.

# Abbreviated history of formal concept analysis

- Soon after its introduction, a number of different approaches for its generalization were introduced:
  - ▶ Concept lattices by Pollandt.
  - ▶ Fuzzy concept lattices by A. Burusco and R. Fuentes-González.
  - ▶ Generalized concept lattices by Krajčí.
  - ▶ ( $L$ -equality) fuzzy concept lattices by Bělohlávek.
- Nowadays, there are works which extend the theory with:
  - ▶ fuzzy set theory
  - ▶ fuzzy logic reasoning
  - ▶ rough set theory
  - ▶ integrated approaches such as fuzzy and rough, or rough and domain theory

# Abbreviated history of formal concept analysis

- The multi-adjoint framework originated as a generalisation of several non-classical logic programming frameworks whose semantic structure is the multi-adjoint lattice.
- Applying the philosophy of the multi-adjoint framework to formal concept analysis.
  - ▶ Non-commutative conjunctors have been used.
  - ▶ Several adjoint triples: different degrees of preference can be easily established.

# On the multi-adjoint framework

## Step by step

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Hybrid probabilistic logic programs [Dekhtyar & Subrahmanian]:

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# On the multi-adjoint framework

## Common features to the previous approaches

- Different types of weights, confidence values, truth-values, or degrees.
- Implications symbols with weights associated to rules.
- Bodies built with monotone functions.

The paradigm of multi-adjoint logic programming abstracts the particular details of each of the previous approaches, and keeps the deductive engine.

# On the multi-adjoint framework

## Towards multi-adjoint lattices

### Definition

A *residuated lattice* is a tuple  $\langle L, \preceq, \&, \rightarrow, \top \rangle$  such that:

- 1  $\langle L, \preceq \rangle$  is a bounded lattice with  $\top$  being the maximum element
- 2  $\langle L, \&, \top \rangle$  is a commutative monoid
- 3 The pair  $\langle \&, \rightarrow \rangle$  is *adjoint* in  $L$ : for all  $x, y, z \in L$

$$x \preceq (z \rightarrow y) \iff (x \& z) \preceq y$$

Allowing different implications in one program leads to considering algebraic structures in which several adjoint pairs coexist within a lattice (similar motivation to  $L\Pi$  logics, yesterday).

# On the multi-adjoint framework

## Multi-adjoint lattices

### Definition

A multi-adjoint lattice is a tuple  $(L, \preceq, \leftarrow_1, \&_1, \dots, \leftarrow_n, \&_n)$  such as the following conditions hold:

- 1  $\langle L, \preceq \rangle$  is a bounded lattice;
- 2  $(\leftarrow_i, \&_i)$  is an adjoint pair in  $\langle L, \preceq \rangle$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ;
- 3  $\top \&_i \vartheta = \vartheta \&_i \top = \vartheta$  for all  $\vartheta \in L$  and all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

# Multi-adjoint logic programs

## Syntax

### Definition

A *multi-adjoint logic program* is a set  $\mathbb{P}$  of rules of the form  $\langle (A \leftarrow_i \mathcal{B}), \vartheta \rangle$  such that:

- 1 The *weight*  $\vartheta$  is an element of  $L$  (a truth-value);
- 2 The *head*  $A$  is a propositional symbol in  $\Pi$ .
- 3 The *body*  $\mathcal{B}$  is a wff built from propositional symbols and monotonic operators.
- 4 *Facts* are rules with body  $\top$ .

# Multi-adjoint logic programs

## Semantics

### Definitions

- An *interpretation* is a mapping  $I: \Pi \rightarrow L$ .  
Each interpretation can be extended to any wff in the language by homomorphic extension.
- An interpretation  $I \in \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{L}}$  *satisfies* a rule  $\langle A \leftarrow_i B, \vartheta \rangle$  if and only if  $\vartheta \preceq \hat{I}(A \leftarrow_i B)$ .
- An interpretation  $I \in \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{L}}$  is a *model* of program  $\mathbb{P}$  if and only if satisfies all the rules in  $\mathbb{P}$ .

# Multi-adjoint logic programs

## Fixed point semantics

The immediate consequences operator introduced originally by van Emden and Kowalski can be generalized to a multi-adjoint framework as follows:

### Definition

Let  $\mathbb{P}$  be a multi-adjoint program. The *immediate consequence operator*  $T_{\mathbb{P}}: \mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathcal{I}$  is defined, given an interpretation  $I$  and an atom  $A$ , as follows

$$T_{\mathbb{P}}(I)(A) = \sup\{\vartheta \&_i I(\mathcal{B}) \mid A \xrightarrow{\vartheta}_i \mathcal{B} \in \mathbb{P}\}$$

Note that all the suprema exist, since we are working on a complete lattice.



# Multi-adjoint logic programs

## Models and fixed-point

### Lemma

*The operator  $T_{\mathbb{P}}$  is non-decreasing.*

### Theorem

*An interpretation  $I$  is a model of a multi-adjoint program  $\mathbb{P}$  if and only if  $T_{\mathbb{P}}(I) \sqsubseteq I$ .*

This theorem, together with Knaster-Tarski's theorem, implies that every program has a least model which can be obtained by transfinite iteration from the bottom interpretation.

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# Multi-adjoint concept lattice

## Adjoint triples

### Definition

Let  $(P_1, \leq_1)$ ,  $(P_2, \leq_2)$ ,  $(P_3, \leq_3)$  be posets and  $\&: P_1 \times P_2 \rightarrow P_3$ ,  $\swarrow: P_3 \times P_2 \rightarrow P_1$ ,  $\nwarrow: P_3 \times P_1 \rightarrow P_2$  be mappings, then  $(\&, \swarrow, \nwarrow)$  is an *adjoint triple* with respect to  $P_1, P_2, P_3$  if:

- 1  $\&$  is order-preserving in both arguments.
- 2  $\swarrow$  and  $\nwarrow$  are order-preserving in the succedent and order-reversing in the antecedent.
- 3  $x \leq_1 z \swarrow y$  iff  $x \& y \leq_3 z$  iff  $y \leq_2 z \nwarrow x$ , with  $x \in P_1$ ,  $y \in P_2$  and  $z \in P_3$ .

# Multi-adjoint concept lattice

## Multi-adjoint frames and contexts

### Definition

A *multi-adjoint frame*  $\mathcal{L}$  is a tuple

$$(L_1, L_2, P, \preceq_1, \preceq_2, \leq, \&_1, \swarrow^1, \nwarrow_1, \dots, \&_n, \swarrow^n, \nwarrow_n)$$

where  $(L_1, \preceq_1)$  and  $(L_2, \preceq_2)$  are complete lattices,  $(P, \leq)$  is a poset and, for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $(\&_i, \swarrow^i, \nwarrow_i)$  is an adjoint triple with respect to  $L_1, L_2, P$ .

### Definition

Let  $(L_1, L_2, P, \&_1, \dots, \&_n)$  be a multi-adjoint frame, a *context* is a tuple  $(A, B, R, \sigma)$  such that  $A$  and  $B$  are non-empty sets,  $R$  is a  $P$ -fuzzy relation  $R: A \times B \rightarrow P$  and  $\sigma: B \rightarrow \{1, \dots, n\}$  is a mapping which associates any element in  $B$  with some particular adjoint triple in the frame.

# Multi-adjoint concept lattice

## Galois connections: the construction

We can define the mappings  $\uparrow^\sigma : L_2^B \longrightarrow L_1^A$  and  $\downarrow^\sigma : L_1^A \longrightarrow L_2^B$ :

$$\begin{aligned}g^{\uparrow^\sigma}(a) &= \inf\{R(a, b) \swarrow^{\sigma(b)} g(b) \mid b \in B\} \\f^{\downarrow^\sigma}(b) &= \inf\{R(a, b) \nwarrow_{\sigma(b)} f(a) \mid a \in A\}\end{aligned}$$

These two arrows,  $(\uparrow^\sigma, \downarrow^\sigma)$ , generate a Galois connection.

### Definition

The *multi-adjoint concept lattice* associated to a multi-adjoint frame  $(L_1, L_2, P, \&_1, \dots, \&_n)$  and a context  $(A, B, R, \sigma)$  is the set

$$\mathcal{M} = \{\langle g, f \rangle \mid g \in L_2^B, f \in L_1^A \text{ and } g^{\uparrow^\sigma} = f, f^{\downarrow^\sigma} = g\}$$

where  $\langle g_1, f_1 \rangle \preceq \langle g_2, f_2 \rangle$  is defined by  $g_1 \preceq_2 g_2$ .

# Multi-adjoint concept lattice

## The basic theorem

### Theorem

A multi-adjoint concept lattice  $(\mathcal{M}, \preceq)$ , defined on a fixed frame  $(L_1, L_2, P, \&_1, \dots, \&_n)$ , and a context  $(A, B, R, \sigma)$ , is isomorphic to a complete lattice  $(V, \sqsubseteq)$  if and only if there exists a pair of mappings  $\alpha: A \times L_1 \rightarrow V$  and  $\beta: B \times L_2 \rightarrow V$  such that:

- $\alpha[A \times L_1]$  is infimum-dense;
- $\beta[B \times L_2]$  is supremum-dense; and
- For each  $a \in A$ ,  $b \in B$ ,  $x \in L_1$  and  $y \in L_2$ :

$$\beta(b, y) \sqsubseteq \alpha(a, x) \quad \text{if and only if} \quad x \&_b y \leq R(a, b)$$

# Variants of multi-adjoint concept lattices

- multi-adjoint t-concept lattices
- multi-adjoint dual concept-lattices
- multi-adjoint property-oriented concept lattices
- multi-adjoint object-oriented concept lattices
- multi-adjointness and heterogeneous conjunctors

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## t-concept lattices

- The t-concept lattice is introduced as a set of triples associated to graded tabular information in a non-commutative fuzzy logic.
- Following the general techniques of formal concept analysis, given a non-commutative conjunctive it is possible to provide generalizations of the mappings for the intension and the extension in two different ways, and this generates a pair of concept lattices.
- The information common to both concept lattices can be seen as a sublattice of the Cartesian product of both concept lattices.

## t-concept lattices

- The t-concepts are introduced as a generalisation of the approach given by Georgescu-Popescu for non-commutative conjunctors.
- The basic structure we will work with is that of multi-adjoint frame, where the complete lattices  $\langle L_1, \preceq_1 \rangle, \langle L_2, \preceq_2 \rangle$  coincide.
- Given a context  $(A, B, R, \sigma)$ , besides the Galois connection  $(\uparrow, \downarrow)$  defined for the multi-adjoint concept lattice, it is possible to define an alternative version as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}g^{\uparrow op}(a) &= \inf\{R(a, b) \multimap_b g(b) \mid b \in B\} \\f^{\downarrow op}(b) &= \inf\{R(a, b) \multimap^b f(a) \mid a \in A\}\end{aligned}$$

- We have two Galois connections on which two different multi-adjoint concept lattices  $(\mathcal{M}, \preceq), (\mathcal{M}^{op}, \preceq)$  can be defined, which are different if at least one conjunctor  $\&_i$  is non-commutative.

## t-concept lattices

This suggests to consider the following subsets of  $\mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{M}^{op}$

$$\mathcal{N}_1 = \{(\langle g, f_1 \rangle, \langle g, f_2 \rangle) \mid \langle g, f_1 \rangle \in \mathcal{M}, \langle g, f_2 \rangle \in \mathcal{M}^{op}\}$$

$$\mathcal{N}_2 = \{(\langle g_1, f \rangle, \langle g_2, f \rangle) \mid \langle g_1, f \rangle \in \mathcal{M}, \langle g_2, f \rangle \in \mathcal{M}^{op}\}$$

which are sublattices of  $\mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{M}^{op}$  and, thus, are complete lattices.

### Fact

The approach by Georgescu-Popescu is a particular instance of this approach.

Their construction explicitly assumes that  $(L, \&, \top)$  should be a commutative monoid, but  $\mathcal{N}_i$  can be defined directly from an adjoint triple which, obviously needs not be either commutative or associative.

# t-concept lattices

## The basic theorem

### Theorem

Given two complete lattices  $(V_1, \sqsubseteq_1)$ ,  $(V_2, \sqsubseteq_2)$  which represent the multi-adjoint concept lattices  $(\mathcal{M}, \preceq)$ ,  $(\mathcal{M}^{op}, \preceq)$ , respectively, the sublattice  $\mathcal{V}$  of  $V_1 \times V_2$  is defined as:

$$\mathcal{V} = \left\{ \left( \inf_{(a,x) \in K_1} \alpha_1(a,x), \inf_{(a,x) \in K_2} \alpha_2(a,x) \right) \mid (K_1, K_2) \in \mathcal{K} \right\}$$

where  $\mathcal{K} = \{(K_1, K_2) \mid K_1, K_2 \subseteq A \times L \text{ and } \inf_{(a,x) \in K_1} @_a^{x\downarrow} = \inf_{(a,x) \in K_2} @_a^{x\downarrow op}\}$  and  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  are the maps associated to  $(\mathcal{M}, \preceq)$ ,  $(\mathcal{M}^{op}, \preceq)$  respectively.

The sublattice  $\mathcal{V}$  above is isomorphic to the complete sublattice of t-concepts  $\mathcal{N}_1$  of  $\mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{M}^{op}$ .

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## Dual multi-adjoint concept lattices

Given a poset  $(P, \leq)$ , the *dual* ordering of  $\leq$  is the relation  $\leq^\partial$ , defined as  $x_1 \leq^\partial x_2$  if and only if  $x_2 \leq x_1$ , for all  $x_1, x_2 \in P$ . Usually, we will write  $P^\partial$  instead of  $(P, \leq^\partial)$ , and we will say that  $P^\partial$  is the *dual* of  $P$ .

### Definition

A *dual multi-adjoint frame*, denoted  $(L_1, L_2, P, \&_1, \dots, \&_n)^\partial$ , is a (standard) frame  $(L_1^\partial, L_2^\partial, P, \preceq_1, \preceq_2, \leq, \&_1, \dots, \&_n)$ .

The notion of context is exactly that given previously.

The mappings  $\uparrow^\nabla : L_2^B \rightarrow L_1^A$  and  $\downarrow^\nabla : L_1^A \rightarrow L_2^B$  are defined, given  $g: B \rightarrow L_2$ ,  $f: A \rightarrow L_1$ , as

$$\begin{aligned} g^{\uparrow^\nabla}(a) &= \sup_1 \{ R(a, b) \swarrow^{\sigma(b)} g(b) \mid b \in B \} \\ f^{\downarrow^\nabla}(b) &= \sup_2 \{ R(a, b) \nwarrow_{\sigma(b)} f(a) \mid a \in A \} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\sup_1, \sup_2$  are the supremum operators on  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ , respectively.

# Dual multi-adjoint concept lattices

## Proposition

The mappings  $\uparrow^\nabla : L_2^B \rightarrow L_1^A$  and  $\downarrow^\nabla : L_1^A \rightarrow L_2^B$  satisfy that  $g^{\uparrow^\nabla} = ((g^\partial)^\uparrow)^\partial$ ,  $f^{\downarrow^\nabla} = ((f^\partial)^\downarrow)^\partial$ , for all  $g \in L_2^B$ ,  $f \in L_1^A$ .

## Proposition

- 1  $\uparrow^\nabla : L_2^B \rightarrow L_1^A$  and  $\downarrow^\nabla : L_1^A \rightarrow L_2^B$  are order-reversing.
- 2  $\uparrow^\nabla \downarrow^\nabla : L_2^B \rightarrow L_2^B$ ,  $\downarrow^\nabla \uparrow^\nabla : L_1^A \rightarrow L_1^A$  are interior operators.
- 3  $g^{\uparrow^\nabla \downarrow^\nabla \uparrow^\nabla} = g^{\uparrow^\nabla}$ ,  $f^{\downarrow^\nabla \uparrow^\nabla \downarrow^\nabla} = f^{\downarrow^\nabla}$ , for all  $g \in L_2^B$ ,  $f \in L_1^A$ .

It is worth to note that the pair  $(\uparrow^\nabla, \downarrow^\nabla)$  is **not** a Galois connection but satisfies that  $\uparrow^\nabla \downarrow^\nabla$  and  $\downarrow^\nabla \uparrow^\nabla$  are interior operators, and this is enough to construct a concept lattice.

# Dual multi-adjoint concept lattices

## Definition

- 1 A *dual concept* is a pair  $\langle g, f \rangle$  such that  $g \in L_2^B, f \in L_1^A$  and the equations  $g^{\uparrow\nabla} = f$  and  $f^{\downarrow\nabla} = g$  hold.
- 2 Given a dual multi-adjoint frame  $(L_1, L_2, P, \&_1, \dots, \&_n)^\partial$  and a context  $(A, B, R, \sigma)$ , a *dual multi-adjoint concept lattice* is the pair  $(\mathcal{M}^\nabla, \leq^\nabla)$ , where

$$\mathcal{M}^\nabla = \{ \langle g, f \rangle \mid g \in L_2^B, f \in L_1^A \text{ and } g^{\uparrow\nabla} = f, f^{\downarrow\nabla} = g \}$$

is the set of dual concepts, and  $\leq^\nabla$  is the order defined  $\langle g_1, f_1 \rangle \leq^\nabla \langle g_2, f_2 \rangle$  if and only if  $g_1 \preceq_2 g_2$  (or, equivalently,  $f_2 \preceq_1 f_1$ ).

As  $(\uparrow^\nabla, \downarrow^\nabla)$  is not a Galois connection, the proof that  $(\mathcal{M}^\nabla, \leq^\nabla)$  is indeed a complete lattice does not follow the usual approach. In order to prove this fact, we have to consider an auxiliary multi-adjoint concept lattice.



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# Multi-adjoint \*-oriented concept lattices (Medina)

## Modal-style operators

Given the sets  $A$ ,  $B$ , and a crisp relation  $R: A \times B \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ , we can consider the following mappings  $\pi: 2^B \rightarrow 2^A$ ,  $N: 2^B \rightarrow 2^A$ ,  $\nabla: 2^B \rightarrow 2^A$  defined, for each  $X \subseteq B$ , as:

$$X^\pi = \{a \in A \mid \text{there is } b \in X, \text{ such that } aRb\}$$

$$X^N = \{a \in A \mid \text{for all } b \in B, \text{ if } aRb, \text{ then } b \in X\}$$

$$X^\nabla = \{a \in A \mid \text{there exists } b \in X^c, \text{ such that } aR^c b\}$$

where  $X^c$ ,  $R^c$  are the complement of  $X$  and the complement relation of  $R$ , respectively. Some pairs of the derivation operators above can be shown to form (antitone or isotone) Galois connections and allow for constructing new formal concept lattices: the *classical*, the *dual*, the *object-oriented* and the *property-oriented*.

# Multi-adjoint \*-oriented concept lattices

## (Isotone) Galois connections

### Definitions

- Let  $(P_1, \leq_1)$  and  $(P_2, \leq_2)$  be posets, and  $\downarrow: P_1 \rightarrow P_2$ ,  $\uparrow: P_2 \rightarrow P_1$  mappings, the pair  $(\uparrow, \downarrow)$  forms a *Galois connection* between  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  if and only if:
  - ▶  $\uparrow$  and  $\downarrow$  are order-reversing;
  - ▶  $x \leq_1 x^{\downarrow\uparrow}$ , for all  $x \in P_1$ , and
  - ▶  $y \leq_2 y^{\uparrow\downarrow}$ , for all  $y \in P_2$ .
- Let  $(P_1, \leq_1)$  and  $(P_2, \leq_2)$  be posets, and  $\downarrow: P_1 \rightarrow P_2$ ,  $\uparrow: P_2 \rightarrow P_1$  mappings, the pair  $(\uparrow, \downarrow)$  forms an *isotone Galois connection* between  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  if and only if:
  - ▶  $\uparrow$  and  $\downarrow$  are order-preserving;
  - ▶  $x \leq_1 x^{\downarrow\uparrow}$ , for all  $x \in P_1$ , and
  - ▶  $y^{\uparrow\downarrow} \leq_2 y$ , for all  $y \in P_2$ .

# Multi-adjoint \*-oriented concept lattices

## Special types of frames

### Definitions

- A *multi-adjoint property-oriented frame*  $\mathcal{L}$  is a frame  $(L_1, L_2, P, \&_1, \dots, \&_n)$  such that  $(\&_i, \swarrow^i, \nwarrow_i)$  is an adjoint triple **with respect to**  $P, L_2, L_1$ , for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .
- A *multi-adjoint object-oriented frame*  $\mathcal{L}$  is a tuple  $(L_1, L_2, P, \&_1, \dots, \&_n)$  such that  $(\&_i, \swarrow^i, \nwarrow_i)$  is an adjoint triple **with respect to**  $L_1, P, L_2$ , for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

# Multi-adjoint \*-oriented concept lattices

## Adjoint triples and duality

### Lemma

Given the posets  $(P_1, \leq_1)$ ,  $(P_2, \leq_2)$ ,  $(P_3, \leq_3)$  and an adjoint triple with respect them  $(\&, \swarrow, \nwarrow)$ , we obtain that:

- 1  $(\&^{op}, \nwarrow, \swarrow)$  is an adjoint triple with respect to  $P_2, P_1, P_3$ .
- 2  $(\swarrow, \&, \nwarrow_{op})$  is an adjoint triple with respect to  $P_3^\partial, P_2, P_1^\partial$ .
- 3  $(\nwarrow, \&^{op}, \swarrow^{op})$  is an adjoint triple with respect to  $P_3^\partial, P_1, P_2^\partial$ .
- 4  $(\nwarrow_{op}, \swarrow^{op}, \&^{op})$  is an adjoint triple with respect to  $P_1, P_3^\partial, P_2^\partial$ .

# Multi-adjoint \*-oriented concept lattices

## Fuzzy version of modal operators

We can define  $\uparrow^N : L_2^B \rightarrow L_1^A$ ,  $\uparrow^\pi : L_2^B \rightarrow L_1^A$ :

$$\begin{aligned}g^{\uparrow^\pi}(a) &= \sup\{R(a, b) \&_b g(b) \mid b \in B\} \\g^{\uparrow^N}(a) &= \inf\{g(b) \frown_b R(a, b) \mid b \in B\}\end{aligned}$$

Analogously,  $\downarrow^N : L_2^A \rightarrow L_1^B$ ,  $\downarrow^\pi : L_2^A \rightarrow L_1^B$ :

$$\begin{aligned}f^{\downarrow^\pi}(b) &= \sup\{R(a, b) \&_b f(a) \mid a \in A\} \\f^{\downarrow^N}(b) &= \inf\{f(a) \frown_b R(a, b) \mid a \in A\}\end{aligned}$$

Clearly, these definitions are generalizations of the classical and fuzzy possibility and necessity operators by Gediga-Düntsches, Georgescu-Popescu, Chen-Yao, Lai-Zhang, etc.

# Multi-adjoint \*-oriented concept lattices

## Definition

A multi-adjoint property-oriented concept lattice is the set

$$\mathcal{M}_{\pi N} = \{\langle g, f \rangle \mid g \in L_2^B, f \in L_1^A \text{ and } g^{\uparrow\pi} = f, f^{\downarrow N} = g\}$$

with ordering defined by  $\langle g_1, f_1 \rangle \preceq \langle g_2, f_2 \rangle$  iff  $g_1 \preceq_2 g_2$  (or  $f_1 \preceq_1 f_2$ ).

## Theorem

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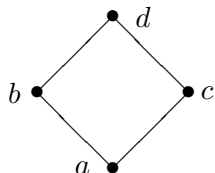
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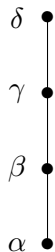
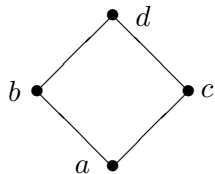
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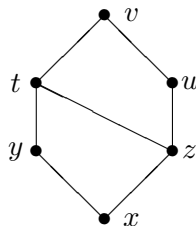
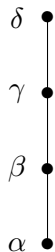
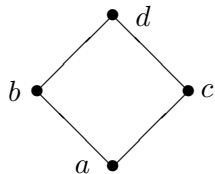


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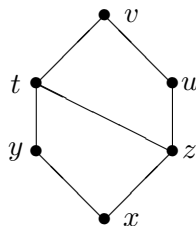
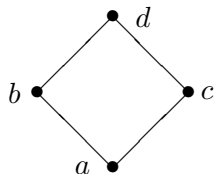


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### Definition

Given the posets  $(P_1, \leq_1)$ ,  $(P_2, \leq_2)$  and  $(P, \leq)$ , we say that  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are *P-connected* if there exist increasing mappings  $i_1: P_1 \rightarrow P$ ,  $\phi_1: P \rightarrow P_1$ ,  $i_2: P_2 \rightarrow P$  and  $\phi_2: P \rightarrow P_2$  verifying that  $\phi_1(i_1(x)) = x$ , and  $\phi_2(i_2(y)) = y$ , for all  $x \in P_1$ ,  $y \in P_2$

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## Multi-adjoint $L$ -connected concept lattice

On a frame where  $(L_1, \preceq_1)$  and  $(L_2, \preceq_2)$  are  $L$ -connected, we define a new concept lattice by following the usual construction:

### Definition

Given the complete lattices  $(L_1, \preceq_1)$ ,  $(L_2, \preceq_2)$  and  $(L, \preceq)$ , where  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are  $L$ -connected, the *multi-adjoint  $L$ -connected concept lattice* associated to a multi-adjoint frame  $(L_1, L_2, L, \&_1, \dots, \&_n)$  and context  $(A, B, R, \sigma)$  is the set

$$\mathcal{M}_L = \{ \langle g^*, f^* \rangle \mid (g^*)^{\uparrow c} = f^* \text{ and } (f^*)^{\downarrow c} = g^* \}$$

in which the ordering is defined by  $\langle g_1^*, f_1^* \rangle \leq \langle g_2^*, f_2^* \rangle$  if and only if  $g_1^* \preceq g_2^*$  (equivalently  $f_2^* \preceq f_1^*$ ).

## Multi-adjoint $L$ -connected concept lattice

The following theorem defines meet and join operators which will provide  $\mathcal{M}_L$  a complete lattice structure.

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$$\begin{aligned}\langle g_1^*, f_1^* \rangle \wedge \langle g_2^*, f_2^* \rangle &= \langle \psi_2 \circ \phi_2(g_1^* \wedge g_2^*), (f_1^* \vee f_2^*)^{\downarrow c \uparrow c} \rangle \\ \langle g_1^*, f_1^* \rangle \vee \langle g_2^*, f_2^* \rangle &= \langle (g_1^* \vee g_2^*)^{\uparrow c \downarrow c}, \psi_1 \circ \phi_1(f_1^* \wedge f_2^*) \rangle\end{aligned}$$

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## A detailed example

- We have written a scientific paper but we still have to decide which journal it will be submitted to.
- A number of journals are considered as potential target, depending on several parameters appearing in the ISI Journal Citation Report.
- The sets of attributes and objects are the following:

$$A = \{\text{Impact, Imm Index, Cited HL, Best Pos}\}$$

$$B = \{\text{AMC, CAMWA, FSS, IEEE-FS, IJGS, IJUFKS, JIFS}\}$$

# A detailed example

## The frame

We consider the following frame

$$([0, 1]_{20}, [0, 1]_8, [0, 1]_{100}, \leq, \leq, \leq, \&P^*)$$

where  $[0, 1]_m$  denotes a regular partition of  $[0, 1]$  into  $m$  pieces.

- Information about the attributes, is considered in steps of 0.05, in order to appreciate a qualitative difference.
- Levels of preference of the journal are considered in eighths.
- Information taken from the JCR is rounded to the second decimal digit.

# A detailed example

## The frame

The corresponding residuated implications

$$\swarrow_P^* : [0, 1]_{100} \times [0, 1]_8 \rightarrow [0, 1]_{20}$$

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are defined as:

$$z \swarrow_P^* y = \frac{\lfloor 20 \cdot \min\{1, z/y\} \rfloor}{20} \quad z \nwarrow_P^* x = \frac{\lfloor 8 \cdot \min\{1, z/x\} \rfloor}{8}$$

where  $\lfloor \_ \rfloor$  is the floor function.

# A detailed example

## The frame

Fuzzy relation between the objects and the attributes.

$R$	AMC	CAMWA	FSS	IEEE-FS	IJGS	IJUFKS	JIFS
Impact	0.34	0.21	0.52	0.85	0.43	0.21	0.09
Imm Index	0.13	0.09	0.36	0.17	0.10	0.04	0.06
Cited HL	0.31	0.71	0.92	0.65	0.89	0.47	0.93
Best Pos	0.75	0.50	1.00	1.00	0.50	0.25	0.25



## A detailed example

**Problem: Choosing a suitable journal to submit**

Depends on the notion of “suitability” we have in mind. For example, in the context  $(A, B, R, \sigma)$  where  $\sigma(b) = \&_{P}$  for every  $b \in B$ , by the fuzzy subset  $f: A \rightarrow [0, 1]$  below:

$$\begin{array}{ll} f(\text{Impact}) = 0.75, & f(\text{Imm Index}) = 0.30, \\ f(\text{Cited HL}) = 0.55, & f(\text{Best Pos}) = 0.50 \end{array}$$

Now, the problem consists in finding a multi-adjoint concept which represents the suitable journal as defined by the fuzzy set  $f$ .

# A detailed example

## Computing the concept

Any concept gets completely determined by any of its components.

$$\begin{aligned} f^\downarrow(\text{AMC}) &= \inf\{R(a, \text{AMC}) \frown_P^* f(a) : a \in A\} \\ &= \frac{\lfloor 8 \cdot \min\{1, 0.13/0.3\} \rfloor}{8} = 0.375 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{lll} f^\downarrow(\text{AMC}) = 0.375 & f^\downarrow(\text{CAMWA}) = 0.250 & f^\downarrow(\text{FSS}) = 0.625 \\ f^\downarrow(\text{JIFS}) = 0.000 & f^\downarrow(\text{IJGS}) = 0.250 & f^\downarrow(\text{IJUFKS}) = 0.125 \\ f^\downarrow(\text{IEEE-FS}) = 0.500 & & \end{array}$$

Note that, despite being the property with the highest weight, the use of this definition for “suitability” does not directly select the one with highest impact factor, since other attributes are taken into account as well.

## A detailed example

### Including preferences

Consider the context  $(A, B, R, \sigma')$ , where  $\sigma'(b) = \&_{\mathcal{L}P}$  for all  $b \in B_1$  and  $\sigma'(b) = \&_{\mathcal{L}L}$  for all  $b \in B_2$ , where  $B_1 = \{\text{AMC, CAMWA, FSS, IJGS}\}$  and  $B_2 = \{\text{IEEE-FS, IJUFKS, JIFS}\}$ .

This particular choice of  $\sigma'$  allows for using the Łukasiewicz implication in order to compute the values for journals in the AI category, hence the definition of  $f^\downarrow$  is modified considering different cases:

$$f^\downarrow(b) = \begin{cases} \inf\{R(a, b) \multimap_P^* f(a) : a \in A\} & \text{if } b \in B_1 \\ \inf\{R(a, b) \multimap_L^* f(a) : a \in A\} & \text{if } b \in B_2 \end{cases}$$

The final result that we obtain in this case is that the journal that better suits our needs is IEEE-FS:

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## A detailed example

### Including preferences

The mere assignment of 'greater' operators to a subset of objects does not imply that the best selection is necessarily in this subset. For instance, consider  $f_1$  to be the following modification of the notion of suitability:

$$\begin{aligned}f_1(\text{Impact}) &= 0.65, & f_1(\text{Imm Index}) &= 0.45, \\f_1(\text{Cited HL}) &= 0.55, & f_1(\text{Best Pos}) &= 0.5\end{aligned}$$

The results associated to this  $f_1$  are shown below

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Therefore, in spite of having increased the preference for journals in the AI category, for this particular definition of suitable journal FSS remains as the best journal, and IEEE-FS is the second best suited.

## Current and future work

- Practical applications of these concept lattices, algorithms for computing them, etc
- MACL with heterogeneous conjunctors seems to embed the theory of fuzzy concept lattices with hedges by Bělohlávek and Vychodil.  
Initial results have already been obtained in joint work with Olomouc to export results based on hedges to the more general framework.
- General study of conditions characterising general forms of Galois connections in terms of properties of the fuzzy conjunctor and implication considered in a multi-adjoint frame.

# Recent results on multi-adjoint concept lattices

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