

Some theorems
concerning
Grzegorzczyk contact lattices

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Grzegorzczuk lattices – definition

A pair $\mathcal{L} = \langle R, \leq \rangle$ is a **Grzegorzczuk lattice** iff it is a lattice with zero element and satisfies the following strong polarization condition:

$$x \not\leq y \rightarrow \exists z \in R (z \leq x \wedge z \perp y \wedge \forall u \in R (u \leq x \wedge u \perp y) \rightarrow u \leq z) \quad (\text{P})$$

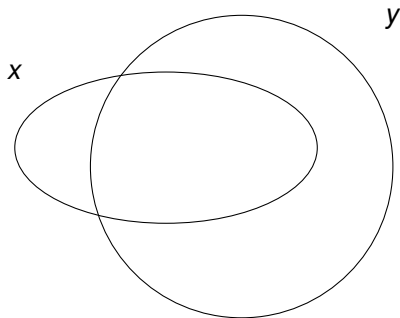
where $x \perp y :\iff x \sqcap y = 0$ (with \sqcap being the standard **meet** operation).

Grzegorzczuk lattices – definition

All Grzegorzczuk lattices have the **relative complement operation** in $R \times R$:

$$x - y := \max\{z \in R \mid z \leq x \wedge z \perp y\}, \quad (\text{df } -)$$

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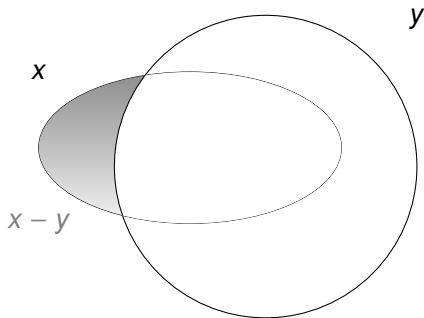


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Grzegorzczuk lattices – definition

- ▶ From model theoretical point of view, the class of Grzegorzczuk lattices coincides with the class of **generalized Boolean algebras**.
- ▶ A family of finite subsets of \mathbb{N} is an example of a Grzegorzczuk lattice.

Pre-contact lattices

A **pre-contact lattice** is a triple $\mathfrak{C} = \langle R, \leq, \mathbf{C} \rangle$, where $\langle R, \leq \rangle$ is a Grzegorzczuk lattice and $\mathbf{C} \subseteq R \times R$ (called **pre-contact**) satisfies:

$$0 \mathbf{C} x \quad (\text{C0})$$

$$x \neq 0 \rightarrow x \mathbf{C} x \quad (\text{C1})$$

$$x \mathbf{C} y \rightarrow y \mathbf{C} x \quad (\text{C2})$$

$$x \mathbf{C} y \wedge y \leq z \rightarrow x \mathbf{C} z. \quad (\text{C3})$$

Pre-contact lattices – motivations

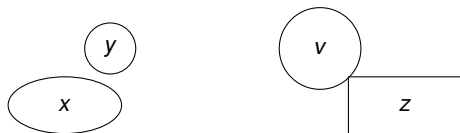


Figure: In both pairs regions are external to each other. Regions x and y are separated, but regions v and z are not—they are externally tangent to each other. The relation \perp does not differentiate between these two situations.

Pre-contact lattices

In a standard way we define two further auxiliary relations, **overlap** and **non-tangential part**:

$$x \circ y \iff x \sqcap y \neq 0 \quad (\text{df } \circ)$$

$$x \ll y \iff \forall z \in R (z \perp y \rightarrow z \mathbf{C} x). \quad (\text{df } \ll)$$

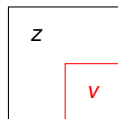
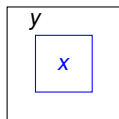


Figure: Geometrical interpretation of non-tangential inclusion: x is non-tangentially included in y , while v touches the complement of z .

Pre-contact lattices

A canonical interpretation of a pre-contact lattice is obtained by taking a Grzegorzczuk lattice whose regions are regular open sets of some topological space, and defining:

$$x \mathbf{C} y \iff \text{Cl } x \cap \text{Cl } y \neq \emptyset. \quad (\text{df } \mathbf{C})$$

In consequence:

$$x \ll y \iff \text{Cl } x \subseteq y.$$

Pre-points in pre-contact lattices

A **pre-point** (or **representative of a point**) is any nonempty set Q or regions satisfying the following three conditions:

$$\forall_{x,y \in Q} (x = y \vee x \ll y \vee y \ll x) \quad (\text{r1})$$

$$\forall_{x \in Q} \exists_{y \in Q} y \ll x \quad (\text{r2})$$

$$\forall_{x,y \in R} (\forall_{u \in Q} (u \circ x \wedge u \circ y) \rightarrow x \mathbf{C} y). \quad (\text{r3})$$

Let \mathbf{Q} be the set of all pre-points of a given pre-contact lattice.

Pre-points in pre-contact lattices

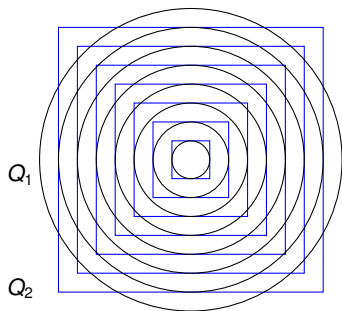


Figure: Q_1 and Q_2 represent the same point

Grzegorzczuk contact lattices

Grzegorzczuk axioms for pre-contact lattices postulate existence of pre-points:

$$x \circ y \rightarrow \exists_{Q \in \mathbf{Q}} \exists_{z \in Q} z \leq x \sqcap y \quad (\mathbf{G}_\circ)$$

$$x \mathbf{C} y \wedge x \perp y \rightarrow \exists_{Q \in \mathbf{Q}} \forall_{z \in Q} (z \circ x \wedge z \circ y) \quad (\mathbf{G}_\perp)$$

Intuitively, these can be geometrically interpreted as follows:

(\mathbf{G}_\circ) there is a pre-point in every non-zero region,

(\mathbf{G}_\perp) there are pre-points at the loci of contact of regions.

Grzegorzczuk contact lattice is any pre-contact lattice which satisfies the two axioms above.

Grzegorczyk contact lattices

Theorem

Axioms:

$$x \mathbf{C} (y \sqcup z) \rightarrow x \mathbf{C} y \vee x \mathbf{C} z, \quad (\text{C4})$$

$$\forall_{z \in R} (z \mathbf{C} x \rightarrow z \mathbf{C} y) \rightarrow x \leq y. \quad (\text{C5})$$

are true in any GCL (which justifies the name [contact lattices](#)).

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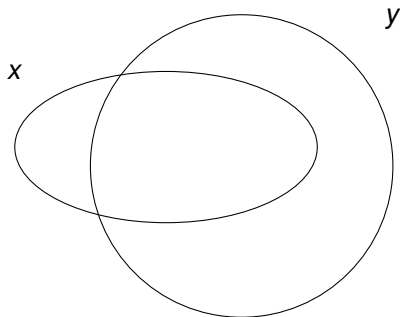
A proof of (C4).

- ▶ If $x \mathbf{C} (y \sqcup z)$, then by the Grzegorzczuk axiom's there is a pre-point Q such that (a) $\forall_{u \in Q} u \circ x$ and (b) $\forall_{u \in Q} u \circ y \sqcup z$.
- ▶ Divide Q into: $Q_y := \{u \in Q \mid u \circ y\}$ and $Q_z := \{u \in Q \mid u \circ z\}$. Assume there is $q \in Q \setminus Q_y$ (i.e. $q \perp y$).
- ▶ Pick an arbitrary $u \in Q$. **We have that $q \leq u$ or $u \leq q$.**
- ▶ In the first case, $q \circ z$ and the more so $u \circ z$.
- ▶ In the second case, $u = q \sqcap u$ and so $u \perp y$, so $u \circ z$.
- ▶ Therefore $Q \subseteq Q_z$ and from this, (a) and properties of pre-points we have that $x \mathbf{C} z$. □

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$$\forall z \in R (z \mathbf{C} x \rightarrow z \mathbf{C} y) \rightarrow x \leq y \quad (\text{C5})$$

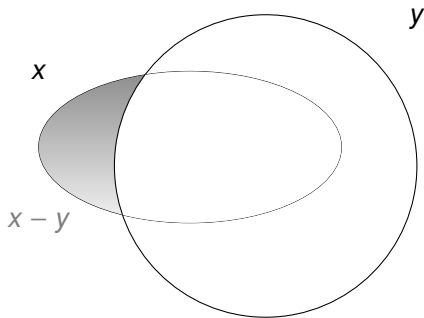
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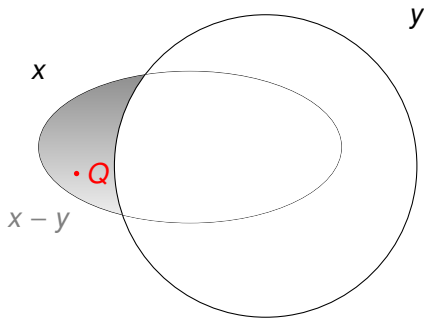
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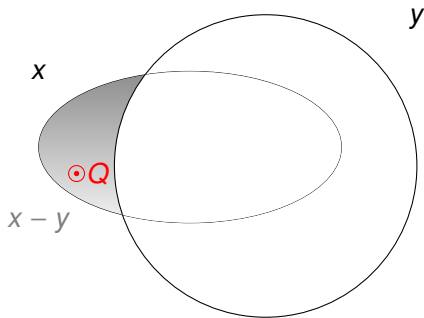
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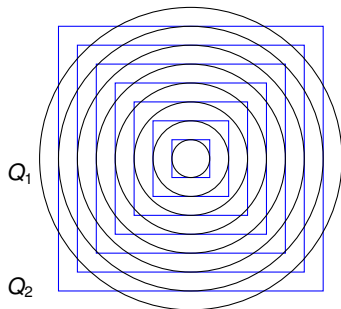
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Grzegorzczuk points and their properties

Points are (proper) filters generated by pre-points:

$$p \in \mathbf{Pt} \iff \exists Q \in \mathbf{Q} \ p = \{x \in R \mid \exists y \in Q \ y \leq x\}. \quad (\text{df } \mathbf{Pt})$$

Points will be denoted by small Greek letters 'p', 'q', 'r', 's'.



Grzegorzczuk points and their properties

Definition (of round filters and ends)

- ▶ A filter \mathcal{F} of GCL is a **round** (contracting, concordant) filter iff for every $x \in \mathcal{F}$ there is $y \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $y \ll x$.
- ▶ \mathcal{F} is an **end** iff it is a maximal round filter.

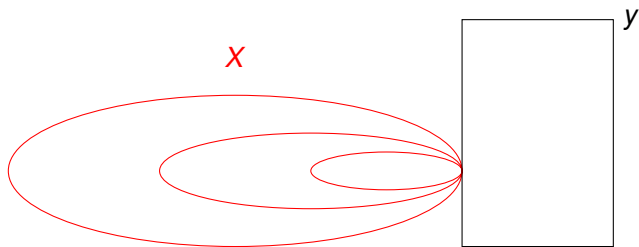
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Theorem

Every Grzegorzczuk point is an end (but not vice versa).

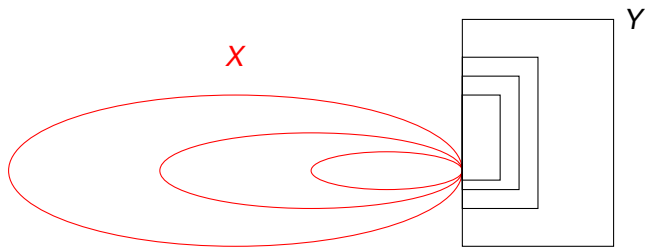
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$$y \infty X \iff \forall_{x \in X} y \mathbf{C} x \quad (\text{df } \infty)$$



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$$X \infty Y \iff \forall_{x \in X} x \infty Y \quad (\text{df' } \infty)$$



Grzegorzczuk points and their properties

Lemma

If a round filter \mathcal{F} satisfies the following condition:

$$x \infty \mathcal{F} \wedge x \ll y \rightarrow y \in \mathcal{F} \quad (*)$$

then \mathcal{F} is an end.

Proof.

- ▶ Suppose that a round filter \mathcal{F} satisfies (*) and let \mathcal{F}' be any round filter such that $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{F}'$.
- ▶ Notice that $\mathcal{F} \infty \mathcal{F}'$.
- ▶ Assume that $x \in \mathcal{F}'$. Then for some $x_0 \in \mathcal{F}'$ both $x_0 \ll x$ and $x_0 \infty \mathcal{F}$.
- ▶ Hence $x \in \mathcal{F}$, by (*). □

Lemma

For any GCL:

$$x \ll y \iff \forall_{p \in \mathbf{Pt}} (y \in p \vee \exists_{z \in p} z \perp x).$$

Proof.

- ▶ (\rightarrow) Let $x \ll y$. Assume for a contradiction that for some point $p \in \mathbf{Pt}$ we have (a) $y \notin p$ and $\forall_{z \in p} z \circ x$.
- ▶ Hence (b) $\forall_{z \in p} z \not\ll y$, and therefore (c) $\forall_{z \in p} z - y \mathbf{C} x$ (since $z - y \perp y$ and $x \ll y$).
- ▶ The point p is generated by some $\mathbf{Q} \ni Q_p \subseteq p$.
- ▶ Thanks to (b) we have (d): $\forall_{u, v \in Q_p} u \circ v - y$. Indeed, by (r1), either $v \leq u$ or $u \leq v$.
- ▶ In the first case: $v - y \leq v \leq u$.
- ▶ In the second case: $u - y \leq v - y$ and $u - y \leq u$; so $v - y \circ u$.
- ▶ Since $Q_p \neq \emptyset$, we pick a member v_0 thereof. Thus, by (r3), (a) and (d), we have $v_0 - y \mathbf{C} x$, which contradicts (c). \square

Grzegorzczuk points and their properties

Lemma

For any GCL:

$$x \ll y \iff \forall_{p \in \mathbf{Pt}} (y \in p \vee \exists_{z \in p} z \perp x).$$

Proof.

- ▶ (\leftarrow) Suppose that $x \not\ll y$, i.e., there is $u_0 \in R$ such that (a) $u_0 \perp y$ and (b) $u_0 \mathbf{C} x$.
- ▶ Then, by (b), there is $p_0 \in \mathbf{Pt}$ such that (c):
 $\forall_{z \in p_0} (z \circ u_0 \wedge z \circ x)$.
- ▶ Thus $y \notin p$, by (a) and (c). □

Grzegorzczuk points and their properties

Theorem

Every Grzegorzczuk point is an end.

Proof.

It is easy to see that every point is a round filter. By the previous lemma every point satisfies (*):

$$x \in \mathcal{F} \wedge x \ll y \rightarrow y \in \mathcal{F} .$$

So every $p \in \mathbf{Pt}$ is an end.



Grzegorzczuk points and their properties

Theorem

Not every end is a Grzegorzczuk point.

Proof.

Take $\mathcal{S} := \{(n, +\infty) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$, a family of open infinite segments in \mathbb{R} . We consider the contracting filter $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{S}}$ generated by \mathcal{S} and its contracting maximal extension $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{S}}^*$. Notice that $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{S}}^*$ does not satisfy:

$$x \mathbf{C} y \iff \forall_{z \in \rho} (z \circ x \wedge z \circ y),$$

so it is not a member of **Pt**. To see that, we define two open subsets of \mathbb{R} :

$$U := \text{Int Cl} \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (4n, +\infty) \quad \text{and} \quad V := \text{Int Cl} \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (4n + 2, +\infty).$$

We have $V \infty \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{S}}^* \infty U$, yet $\text{Cl } V \cap \text{Cl } U = \emptyset$, i.e., $V \not\mathbf{C} U$. □

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$$\forall_{x,y \in Q} (x = y \vee x \ll y \vee y \ll x) \quad (r1)$$

$$\forall_{x \in Q} \exists_{y \in Q} y \ll x \quad (r2)$$

$$\forall_{x,y \in R} (\forall_{u \in Q} (u \circ x \wedge u \circ y) \rightarrow x \mathbf{C} y) \quad (r3)$$

Lemma

For any pre-contact lattice in which $\mathbf{C} = \circ$: if $a \in \text{At}$, then $\{a\} \in \mathbf{Q}$.

Proof.

- ▶ For any atom a the singleton $\{a\}$ trivially satisfies (r1).
- ▶ (r2) is satisfied since $\mathbf{C} = \circ$ entails $\ll = \leq$.
- ▶ For (r3): If $a \circ x$ and $a \circ y$, then $a \leq x$ and $a \leq y$. Hence $x \circ y$, i.e., $x \mathbf{C} y$. □

Existence of GCLs

Fact

Every atomic Grzegorzcyk lattice in which $\mathbf{C} = \circ$ is a GCL.

Proof.

- ▶ First, if $x \circ y$, then $x \sqcap y \in R^+$ and there is $a \in \text{At}$ such that $a \leq x \sqcap y$. But $\{a\} \in \mathbf{Q}$.
- ▶ Second, since $\mathbf{C} = \circ$, the condition ' $x \mathbf{C} y \wedge x \perp y$ ' is false for all $x, y \in R$. Hence (G_{\perp}) also holds. □

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Definition

- ▶ A **representation** of a GCL \mathfrak{G} is an isomorphism ι from \mathfrak{G} into a GCL whose domain is contained in $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{Pt})$ (the power set of the set of Grzegorzczuk points of \mathfrak{G}).
- ▶ A representation ι is **reduced** if the image $\iota[R]$ separates points of \mathbf{Pt} : for any $p \neq q \in \mathbf{Pt}$ there is a region x such that $p \in \iota(x)$ but $q \notin \iota(x)$.
- ▶ A representation ι is **perfect** if for all $x \in R$ and $p \in \mathbf{Pt}$:

$$x \in p \iff p \in \iota(x).$$

Representation theorems for GCLs

Definition

For any region x we define:

$$\text{Int}(x) := \{p \in \mathbf{Pt} \mid x \in p\}$$

the set of **internal** points of x .

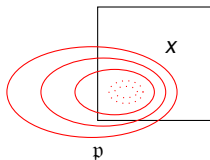


Figure: An internal point of the region x

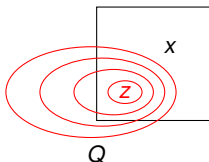
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Fact

Every non-zero region has a point.

Proof.

Reflexivity of \circ gives $x \circ x$, so by (G_{\circ}) there is $Q \in \mathbf{Q}$ and $z \in Q$ such that $z \leq x$:



Representation theorems for GCLs

Lemma

The operation $\mathbf{lrl}: R \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{Pt})$ has the following properties:

$$\mathbf{lrl}(x) = \emptyset \iff x = 0$$

$$x \circ y \iff \mathbf{lrl}(x) \cap \mathbf{lrl}(y) \neq \emptyset$$

$$\mathbf{lrl}(x \sqcap y) = \mathbf{lrl}(x) \cap \mathbf{lrl}(y)$$

$$x \leq y \iff \mathbf{lrl}(x) \subseteq \mathbf{lrl}(y)$$

$$x = y \iff \mathbf{lrl}(x) = \mathbf{lrl}(y)$$

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Definition

For any region x we define:

$$\mathbf{Adh}(x) := \{p \in \mathbf{Pt} \mid x \infty p\}$$

the set of **adherent** points of x .

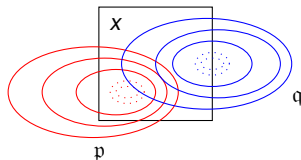


Figure: Both points p and q are adherent to the region x , but q is not internal point of x

Representation theorems for GCLs

Basic properties of **Adh**: $R \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{Pt})$ operation:

$$\mathbf{Irl}(x) \subseteq \mathbf{Adh}(x)$$

$$p \in \mathbf{Adh} x \iff \forall_{y \in p} y \circ x \iff x \infty p$$

$$\mathbf{Adh}(x \sqcup y) = \mathbf{Adh}(x) \cup \mathbf{Adh}(y)$$

$$x = y \iff \mathbf{Adh}(x) = \mathbf{Adh}(y)$$

$$x \mathbf{C} y \iff \mathbf{Adh}(x) \cap \mathbf{Adh}(y) \neq \emptyset$$

Representation theorems for GCLs

Definition

Let $\mathfrak{G}_1 = \langle R_1, \leq_1, \mathbf{C}_1 \rangle$ and $\mathfrak{G}_2 = \langle R_2, \leq_2, \mathbf{C}_2 \rangle$ be relational structures with binary relations. A **strong homomorphism** from \mathfrak{R}_1 into \mathfrak{R}_2 is a map $h: R_1 \rightarrow R_2$ such that for all $x, y \in R_1$:

$$x \leq_1 y \iff h(x) \leq_2 h(y),$$

$$x \mathbf{C}_1 y \iff h(x) \mathbf{C}_2 h(y).$$

Lemma

If \mathfrak{G}_1 is a GCL and e is an embedding from \mathfrak{G}_1 into \mathfrak{G}_2 , then $\langle e[R_1], \leq_2|_{e[R_1]}, \mathbf{C}_2|_{e[R_1]} \rangle$ is also a GCL.

Representation theorems for GCLs

The operation **lrl** is one-to-one, so in the family **lrl**[*R*] we can introduce the following binary relation:

$$X \mathbf{C} Y \quad :\longleftrightarrow \quad \mathbf{Adh} \circ \mathbf{lrl}^{-1}(X) \cap \mathbf{Adh} \circ \mathbf{lrl}^{-1}(Y) \neq \emptyset. \quad (\text{df } \mathbf{C})$$

It means that for any $x, y \in R$ we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{lrl}(x) \mathbf{C} \mathbf{lrl}(y) &\longleftrightarrow \mathbf{Adh}(x) \cap \mathbf{Adh}(y) \neq \emptyset \\ &\longleftrightarrow x \mathbf{C} y. \end{aligned}$$

Representation theorems for GCLs

Thus, for a Grzegorzcyk contact lattice \mathfrak{G} , we can put $\mathfrak{G}_1 := \langle \mathbf{lrl}[R], \subseteq, \mathbf{C} \rangle$, about which holds the following:

Theorem

1. *The operation \mathbf{lrl} is an isomorphism of \mathfrak{G} onto \mathfrak{G}_1 .*
2. *\mathfrak{G}_1 is a G-structure.*
3. *The operation \mathbf{lrl} is a reduced and perfect representation of \mathfrak{G} .*
4. *If \mathfrak{G} has the unity 1 , then \mathfrak{G}_1 has the unity \mathbf{Pt} and $\mathbf{lrl}(1) = \mathbf{Pt}$.*
5. *\mathfrak{G} is complete iff \mathfrak{G}_1 is complete.*

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A GCL $\langle R, \leq, \mathbf{C} \rangle$ is finite iff $\langle R, \leq \rangle$ is a finite Grzegorzcyk lattice and $\mathbf{C} = \circ$.

Theorem

A GCL $\langle R, \leq, \mathbf{C} \rangle$ is finite iff it is complete and the set of its Grzegorzcyk points coincides with the set of ultrafilters of $\langle R, \leq \rangle$.

The characterization of finite GCLs

We have already proved the following:

Lemma

For any pre-contact lattice in which $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{O}$: if $a \in \text{At}$, then $\{a\} \in \mathbf{Q}$.

And we can prove this:

Lemma

If a is an atom of a GCL, then $a \ll a$, and $\{a\} \in \mathbf{Q}$.

Proof.

It follows from Grzegorzczuk's axioms that every region has non-tangential part. So there is x such that $x \ll a$. Thus $x \leq a$ and $x = a$. □

The characterization of finite GCLs

Corollary

In any GCL:

1. For all $a \in \text{At}$ and $x \in R$:
 - a) $a \not\leq x$ iff $a \perp x$
 - b) $a \leq x$ iff $a \circ x$ iff $a \leq x$ iff $a \ll x$
 - c) if $x \neq a$, then $a \not\leq x - a$.
2. For all atoms $a \neq b$: $a \not\leq b$.

Proof.

For every atom $a \ll a$, so if $x \in R$ and $x \perp a$, the definition of \ll entails that $x \not\leq a$. For the other implication: if $x \circ a$, then $x \leq a$.



The characterization of finite GCLs

Theorem

A GCL $\langle R, \leq, \mathbf{C} \rangle$ is finite iff $\langle R, \leq \rangle$ is a finite Grzegorzcyk lattice and $\mathbf{C} = \circ$.

Proof.

(\rightarrow) If GCL is finite, then for any $x \in R$, x is the supremum of some set $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ of atoms. Thus if $x \mathbf{C} y$, $a_1 \sqcup \dots \sqcup a_n \mathbf{C} y$ and the condition (C4) entails that for some $i \leq n$, $a_i \mathbf{C} y$, i.e. $a_i \leq y$. Thus $x \circ y$.

(\leftarrow) By assumption $\langle R, \leq \rangle$ is atomic, and earlier we proved that every atomic Grzegorzcyk lattice in which $\mathbf{C} = \circ$ is a GCL. \square

The characterization of finite GCLs

Theorem

For every complete Grzegorzcyk contact lattice \mathfrak{G} the following conditions are equivalent:

1. \mathfrak{G} is finite
2. \mathbf{Pt} is finite
3. $\mathbf{Ult} \subseteq \mathbf{Pt}$
4. $\mathbf{Ult} = \mathbf{Pt}$.

Proof.

(1 \leftrightarrow 2) If \mathfrak{G} is not finite, it must have an infinite anti-chain A . Every region $x \in A$ has some point p_x , and if $x \neq y$, then $p_x \neq p_y$.

(1 \rightarrow 3) If \mathfrak{G} is finite, then every ultrafilter \mathcal{U} is generated by an atom, and so it must be a point.

(3 \rightarrow 4) If $p \in \mathbf{Pt}$, then it is a filter, so there is an ultrafilter $\mathcal{U} \supseteq p$. But \mathcal{U} is a point by an assumption, so $p = \mathcal{U}$. □

The characterization of finite GCLs

Theorem

For every complete Grzegorzcyk contact lattice \mathfrak{G} the following conditions are equivalent:

1. \mathfrak{G} is finite
2. \mathbf{Pt} is finite
3. $\mathbf{Ult} \subseteq \mathbf{Pt}$
4. $\mathbf{Ult} = \mathbf{Pt}$.

Proof.

(4 \rightarrow 2) If $\mathbf{Ult} = \mathbf{Pt}$, then every ultrafilter of \mathfrak{G} is generated by a chain. So every ultrafilter is principal, and therefore \mathfrak{G} is finite (since every infinite and complete GCL has a free ultrafilter). \square

The characterization of finite GCLs

Theorem

A GCL $\langle R, \leq, \mathbf{C} \rangle$ is finite iff it is complete and the set of its Grzegorzczuk points coincides with the set of ultrafilters of $\langle R, \leq \rangle$.

Corollary

If a GCL is finite, then the set of its Grzegorzczuk points coincides with the set of ends.

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Thank you