

Bridges between Logic and Algebra

Part 1: Intuitionistic Logic

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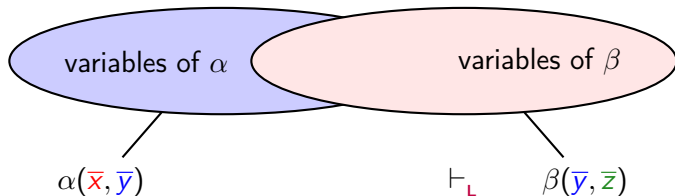
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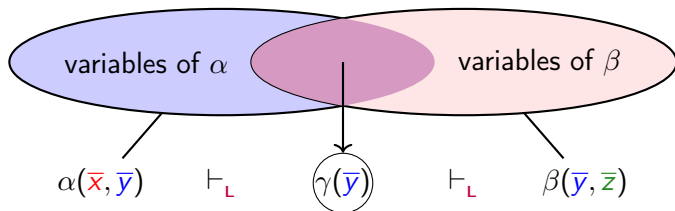
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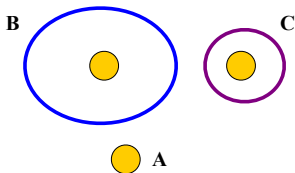
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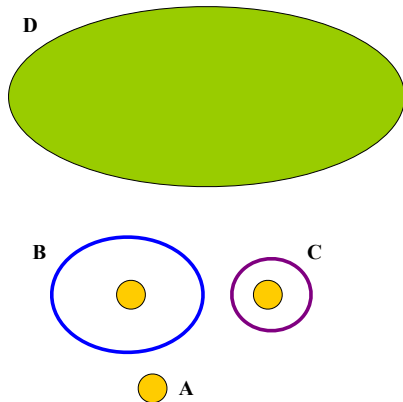
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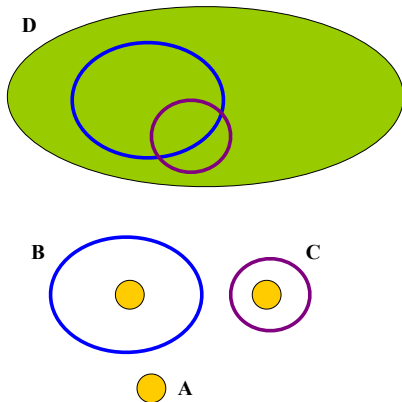
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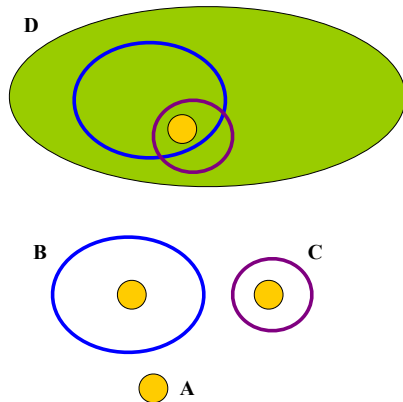
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How can we build and cross bridges between **logic** and **algebra**?

How can we do this for **intuitionistic logic** and **Heyting algebras**?

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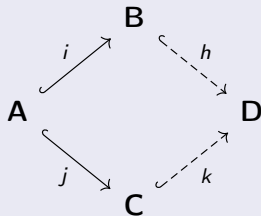
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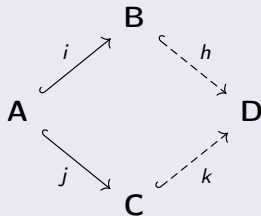
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