A characterization of idempotent strong Mal'cev conditions for congruence meet-semidistributivity in locally finite varieties

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## Overview

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Monochromatic representation of finite posets with disjointness

Canonical decent Mal'cev conditions are realized in all localy finite congruence meet-semidistributive varieties

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Putting it all together

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► for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $A \subseteq n$  the tuple  $\mathbf{x}^A \in \{x, y\}^n$  is defined with

$$\mathbf{x}^A(i) = y \text{ iff } i \in A.$$

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Let's note that we can observe CSP through a relation structure on A.

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## Theorem (Barto)

**A** an idempotent finite algebra generating a congruence meet-semidistributive variety.

Then for every  $CSP(\langle A; \Gamma \rangle)$  which is compatible with **A**, every nontrivial (2,3)-minimal instance of  $CSP(\langle A; \Gamma \rangle)$  has a solution.

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We define **decent Mal'cev condition** as linear, idempotent, and so that it uses only two variables and one term symbol.

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**A** realizes  $\Sigma$  by a term  $t(x_{i_1}, \ldots, x_{i_k})$ , where  $E = \{i_1, \ldots, i_k\} \subseteq n$  iff **A** realizes

$$\Sigma' = \{ f'(\mathbf{x}^{U \cap E}) \approx f'(\mathbf{x}^{V \cap E}) : (U, V) \in \epsilon(\Sigma) \}.$$

Hence  $\epsilon(\Sigma') = \{(U \cap E, V \cap E) : (U, V) \in \epsilon(\Sigma)\}.$ 

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## Lemma

**A** realizes a decent Mal'cev condition  $\Sigma$  of arity n iff **A** realizes some decent Mal'cev condition  $\Pi$  such that for  $\rho = \epsilon(\Pi)$  hold:

- 1.  $\epsilon(\Sigma) \subseteq \rho$
- 2.  $\rho$  has exactly two equivalence complementary classes  $[\emptyset]_{\rho}$  and  $[X]_{\rho}$ ;

3.  $[\emptyset]_{\rho}$  is a down-set and  $[n]_{\rho}$  is an up-set.

This is how it looks like!



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- ► Note that any equivalence relation on P(X) which satisfies (2) and (3) of the previous lemma is 0-1 distinguishing.

*Let*  $\epsilon$  *be an equivalence relation on*  $\mathcal{P}(n)$ *. We define the relation*  $\preceq_{\epsilon}$  *on*  $\mathcal{P}(n)/\epsilon$  *by* 

 $[U]_{\epsilon} \preceq_{\epsilon} [V]_{\epsilon} \text{ iff } (\exists U' \in [U]_{\epsilon}) (\exists V' \in [V]_{\epsilon}) (U' \subseteq V'),$ 

for all  $U, V \subseteq n$ .

*Let*  $\leq_{\epsilon}$  *be the transitive closure of*  $\leq_{\epsilon}$ *.* 

*Let*  $\sim_{\epsilon}$  *be the intersection*  $\leq_{\epsilon} \cap \geq_{\epsilon}$ *.* 

By its definition, ≤<sub>ϵ</sub> is preorder, while ∼<sub>ϵ</sub> is an equivalence relation on P(X)/ϵ.

#### Definition

Given an equivalence relation  $\epsilon$  on  $\mathcal{P}(n)$ , its closure  $\overline{\epsilon}$  will denote  $\{(U, V) : U, V \in \mathcal{P}(n) \text{ and } [U]_{\epsilon} \sim_{\epsilon} [V]_{\epsilon}\}.$ 

Or in other words, these guys shall go together ...



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#### Lemma

Let  $\Sigma$  be a decent Mal'cev condition on the set of variables X. A realizes  $\Sigma$  iff  $\overline{\epsilon(\Sigma)}$  is a 0-1 distinguishing equivalence relation on  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ .

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$$\mathbf{C} \models t(x_1,\ldots,x_n) \approx \bigwedge_{i \in E} x_i$$

for some nonempty  $E \subseteq n$ .

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We have an algorithm for determining D(Σ) for any given decent Mal'cev condition.

• Let's denote  $X \setminus D(\Sigma)$  with  $E(\Sigma)$ .

So this is how it works now!



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... and this is how it works on *X*.

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- 1.  $\{(U \cap E, V \cap E) : (U, V) \in \epsilon(\Sigma)\} \subseteq \rho;$
- 2.  $\rho$  has exactly four equivalence classes, I, J,  $\{\emptyset\}$  and  $\{E\}$ , where I and J are complementary;

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3.  $I \cup \{\emptyset\}$  is a down-set in  $\mathcal{P}(E)$  and  $J \cup \{E\}$  is up-set in  $\mathcal{P}(E)$ ;

We say that a decent Mal'cev condition  $\Sigma$  of arity n such that:

1.  $\epsilon(\Sigma)$  has exactly four equivalence classes,  $I_{\Sigma}$ ,  $J_{\Sigma}$ ,  $\{\emptyset\}$  and  $\{X\}$ , where  $I_{\Sigma}$  and  $J_{\Sigma}$  are complementary,

- 2.  $I_{\Sigma} \cup \{\emptyset\}$  is a down-set in  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  and  $J_{\Sigma} \cup \{X\}$  is an up-set in  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  and
- 3.  $\rho$  is 0-1 distinguishing on  $\mathcal{P}(X)$
- is a canonical decent Mal'cev condition.

Now that's one we need!



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## Corollary

Let **D** realizes a decent Mal'cev condition  $\Sigma$  of arity n, and let  $E = E(\Sigma)$ . Then there exists a canonical decent Mal'cev condition  $\Pi$  on the set of variables  $\{x_i \mid i \in E\}$  such that  $\{(U \cap E, V \cap E) : (U, V) \in \epsilon(\Sigma)\} \subseteq \epsilon(\Pi)$ .

#### Corollary

Let  $\Sigma$  be a decent Mal'cev condition of arity n. Denote by  $\epsilon'$  the equivalence relation on  $\mathcal{P}(E(\Sigma))$  generated by  $\{(U \cap E(\Sigma), V \cap E(\Sigma)) : (U, V) \in \epsilon(\Sigma)\}.$ 

Then **D** realizes  $\Sigma$  iff  $\overline{\epsilon'}$  is a 0-1 distinguishing equivalence relation on  $\mathcal{P}(E(\Sigma))$ .



And we've got him!

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#### Lemma

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Proof:

Ramsey says that for each level we have a large enough set we need...



...so we can pickup as many of them as we need.

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# Putting it all together

## Theorem

Let  $\Sigma$  be a decent Mal'cev condition of arity n. The following conditions are equivalent:

- 1. Every locally finite congruence meet-semidistributive variety realizes  $\Sigma$ .
- **2. D** realizes  $\Sigma$ .
- There exists a canonical decent Mal'cev condition Π on the set of variables E ⊆ X such that
  {(U ∩ E, V ∩ E) : (U, V) ∈ ϵ(Σ)} ⊆ ϵ(Π).

Moreover, whether these three conditions are satisfied can be checked in polynomial time in  $|\Sigma|$  and n.

Our varieties realize the condition





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