

On the poset product representation of BL-algebras

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Residuated lattices and BL-algebras

A **residuated lattice** is an algebra $\langle L, \wedge, \vee, \cdot, \rightarrow, 0, 1 \rangle$ with four binary operations and two constants such that $\langle L, \wedge, \vee, 0, 1 \rangle$ is a lattice with minimum 0 and maximum 1 (w.r.t. the lattice ordering \leq), $\langle L, \cdot, 1 \rangle$ is a commutative monoid with the unit element 1 and

$$z \leq (x \rightarrow y) \iff x \cdot z \leq y \quad (\text{residuation})$$

for all $x, y, z \in L$. A residuated lattice $(L, \wedge, \vee, \cdot, \rightarrow, 0, 1)$ is a **BL-algebra** if and only if the following identities hold for all $x, y \in L$

$$x \wedge y = x \cdot (x \rightarrow y) \quad (\text{divisibility})$$

$$(x \rightarrow y) \vee (y \rightarrow x) = 1 \quad (\text{prelinearity})$$

A **BL-chain** is a totally ordered BL-algebra.

We will mainly work with two subvarieties of BL-algebras:

- *MV-algebras*

$$\neg\neg x = x \quad (\text{where } \neg x \text{ is } x \rightarrow 0)$$

- *Product algebras*

$$(\neg\neg z \cdot ((x \cdot z) \rightarrow (y \cdot z))) \rightarrow (x \rightarrow y) = 1$$

$$x \wedge \neg x = 0$$

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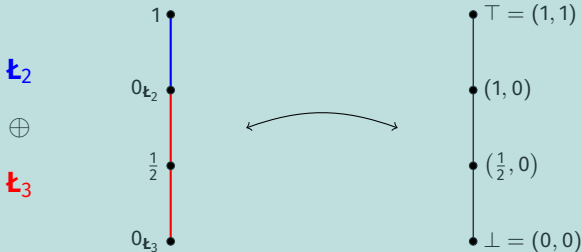
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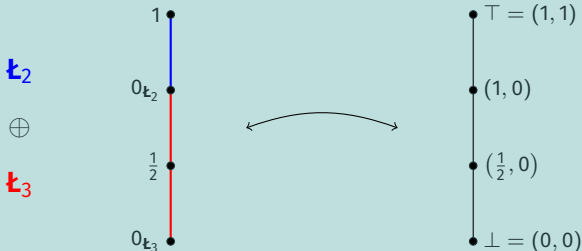
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Although the class of BL-algebras is not closed under poset product,

if P is a forest and \mathbf{A}_p is a BL-chain for all $p \in P$, then $\bigotimes_{p \in P} \mathbf{A}_p$ is a BL-algebra.

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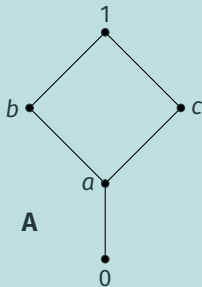
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For finite BL-algebras the authors proved that

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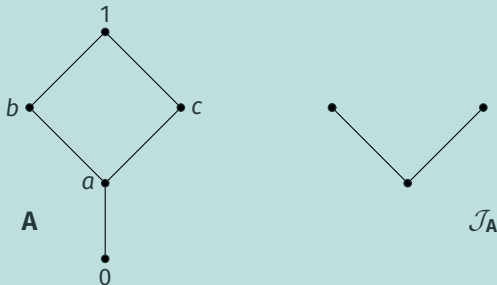
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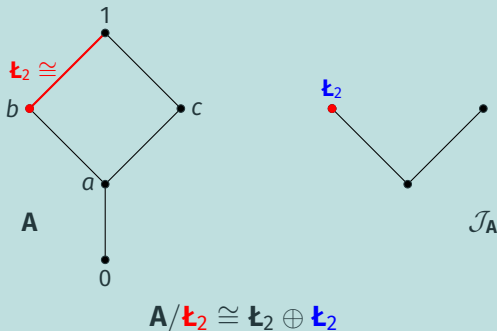
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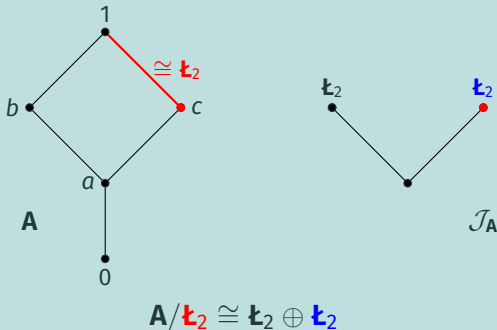
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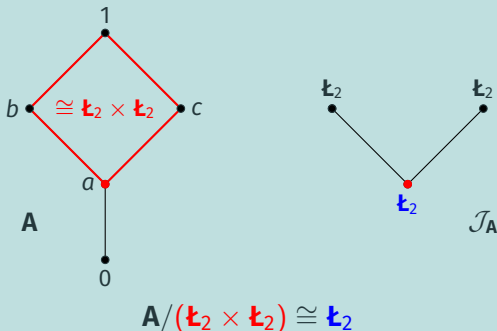
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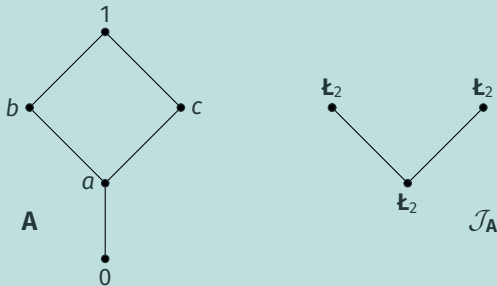
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Proposition

Let \mathbf{A} be a non-trivial BL-chain. Then \mathbf{A} is idempotent free if and only if \mathbf{A} is poset product indecomposable.

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- Since they are idempotent free BL-chains, MV-chains and every BL-chain of type $\mathbf{L}_n \oplus (\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}]_n$ ($n \geq 2$) are representable.
- Finite BL-algebras are representable.

Given a Gödel algebra \mathbf{A} we set $\mathcal{J}_{\mathbf{A}}$ to be the poset of completely \vee -irreducible elements of \mathbf{A} .

Theorem

If $\mathcal{J}_{\mathbf{A}}$ is a well partial order, then $\mathbf{A} \cong \bigotimes_{\mathcal{J}_{\mathbf{A}}} \mathbf{L}_2$.

Let $\mathcal{J}_{\mathbf{A}}$ be the poset of completely \vee -irreducible elements of a Gödel algebra \mathbf{A} .

- If every prime filter of \mathbf{A} is a principal filter, then each connected component of the poset $\mathcal{J}_{\mathbf{A}}$ has a minimum element. In addition,
- if $\mathcal{J}_{\mathbf{A}}$ has no infinite antichains, then

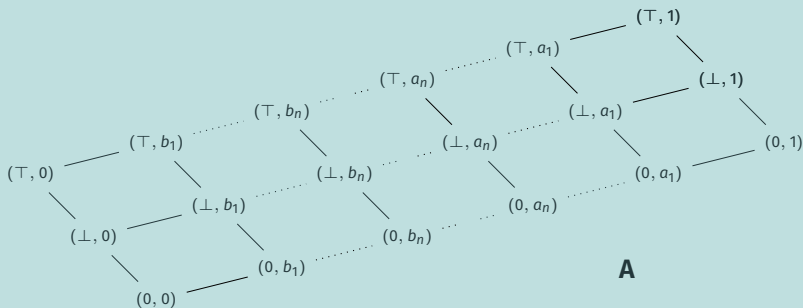
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The BL-chain $\mathbf{A} = (\bigoplus_{\mathbb{N}} \mathbf{L}_2) \oplus (\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}]_{\mathbb{N}}$ is not representable.

- Since $\mathcal{J}_{\mathbf{A}} \cong \mathbb{N}$ as a poset, $\mathcal{J}_{\mathbf{A}}$ is a well-ordered set.
- Essentially, \mathbf{A} is not representable because $(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}]_{\mathbb{N}}$ is unbounded.

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Let $\mathbf{A} = (\mathbf{L}_2 \oplus \mathbf{L}_2) \times \mathbf{C}$, where \mathbf{C} is the Chang's MV-chain.

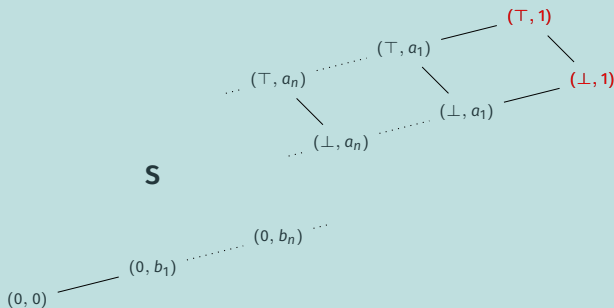


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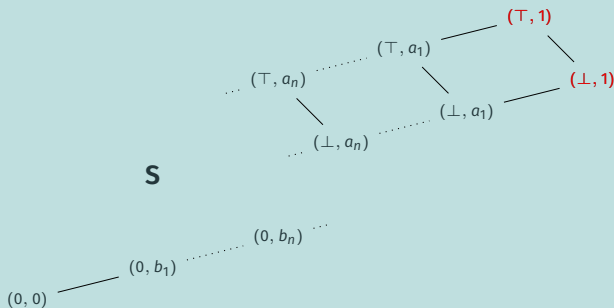


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$\mathcal{I}_{\mathbf{S}}$ is not a suitable set for indexing BL-chains and recover \mathbf{S} .

Sufficient conditions for representability

Last examples suggest the introduction of additional conditions.

Theorem

Let \mathbf{A} be a BL-algebra such that each connected component of the poset of idempotent completely \vee -irreducible elements $\mathcal{J}_{\mathbf{A}}$ is a partially well-ordered set. If

(a) every $i \in \mathcal{J}_{\mathbf{A}}$ is a \vee -irreducible element in \mathbf{A} and

(b) $\bigcap_{i \in \mathcal{J}_{\mathbf{A}}} [i] = \{1\}$, then

$\mathbf{A} \cong \bigotimes_{i \in \mathcal{J}_{\mathbf{A}}} \mathbf{A}_i$, where each \mathbf{A}_i is an idempotent free BL-chain.

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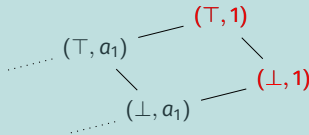
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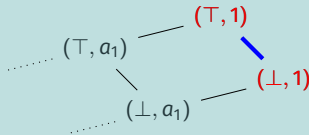


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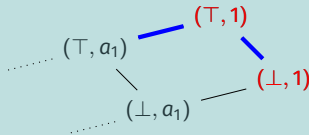
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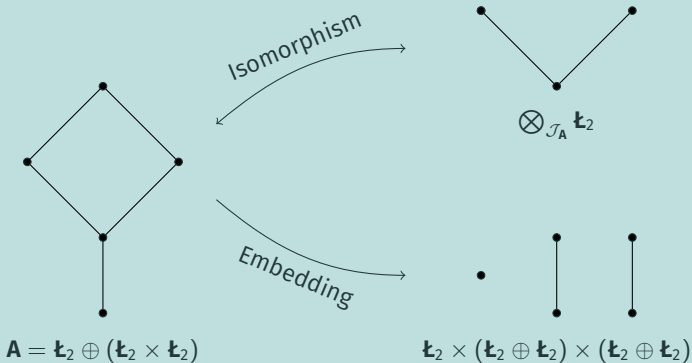
$(\top, 1) \in \mathcal{J}_{\mathbf{S}}$, but it is not \vee -irreducible in \mathbf{S} .

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Appendix - Embedding and representation theorems

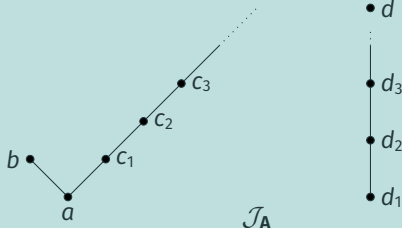


Appendix - Example

The Gödel algebra (with infinite spectrum)

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is representable. The forest $\mathcal{J}_{\mathbf{A}}$ looks like



We showed that $\mathbf{A} \cong \bigotimes_{\mathcal{J}_{\mathbf{A}}} \mathfrak{L}_2$.