

ON TWO ORDERINGS
OF MAXIMAL ORTHOGONAL SUBSETS
OF AN ORTHOPOSET

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(1) If P is orthocomplete, then with every $V \in M$ associated is a quantifier C_V , i.e., a closure operator on P whose range is a subalgebra of P :

$$C_V(p) := \bigvee(v \in V : v \not\leq p).$$

Fact: $C_U C_V = C_V$ iff $C_V C_U = C_V$ iff $U \leq_2 V$. —•

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If x depends on y and x takes a value a , then y has a value in $d^{-1}(a)$, so the following should hold for every $u \in \text{dom } x$:

$u \leq \bigvee (v \in \text{dom } y: v \leq u)$.

All these joins exist iff $\text{dom } x \leq_2 \text{dom } y$. —•

Questions

(1) When do \leq_1 and \leq_2 coincide?

(2) When is \mathcal{M} a bounded complete poset under \leq_1 ? under \leq_2 ?

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In an orthoposet P ,

- elements p and q are said to be *orthogonal* (in symbols, $p \perp q$) if $p \leq q^{\perp}$ (equivalently, if $q \leq p^{\perp}$),
- a subset X is said to be *orthogonal* if elements of X differ from 0 and are mutually orthogonal. —

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- *orthocomplete* if every its orthogonal subset has a join,
- *Boolean* if $p \perp q$ whenever $p \wedge q = 0$.

Fact: If a Boolean orthoposet is a lattice or is orthocomplete, then it is a Boolean algebra.

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Observations:

For all U, V if $U \leq_2 V$, then $U \leq_1 V$.

If P is orthocomplete, then $U \leq_2 V$ iff $U \leq_1 V$.

If P is Boolean, then $U \leq_2 V$ iff $U \leq_1 V$. —•

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In particular, then X is a *nearlattice* with bottom, i.e.,

- has the least element 0,
- any two elements of X have the meet, **and**
- every initial segment $[0, a]$ of X is a sublattice of X . —▪

X is *locally bounded complete* if every subset of X having an upper bound a has the l.u.b. in the lower part $(a]$ of X .

Lemma

If X is locally bounded complete, then X is bounded complete.

For every bounded subset of X , its local join is its join in P .

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Suppose that $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathcal{M}$ and $\mathcal{U} \leq_1 V$.

Lemma

V is a join of \mathcal{U} iff the family $(\delta_U^V: U \in \mathcal{U})$ is separating:

for any $v_1, v_2 \in V$,

if $\delta_U^V(v_1) = \delta_U^V(v_2)$ for all $U \in \mathcal{U}$, then $v_1 = v_2$.

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