# Congruence FD-maximal algebras 

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## Congruence lattices

Problem. For a given class $\mathcal{K}$ of algebras describe $\operatorname{Con} \mathcal{K}=$ all lattices isomorphic to Con $A$ for some $A \in \mathcal{K}$.

In this lecture we concentrate on

Problem.Let $\mathcal{K}$ be a finitely generated $C D$ variety. Describe finite members of $\operatorname{Con} \mathcal{K}$.

## Necessary condition

In the sequel: $\mathcal{V} \ldots$ a finitely generated CD variety; $\mathrm{SI}(\mathcal{V}) \ldots$ the family of subdirectly irreducible members; $\mathrm{M}(L) \ldots$ completely $\wedge$-irreducible elements of a lattice $L$.

## Lemma

Let $L \in \operatorname{Con} \mathcal{V}$. Then for every $x \in \mathrm{M}(L)$, the lattice $\uparrow x$ is isomorphic to $\operatorname{Con} T$ for some $T \in \mathrm{SI}(\mathcal{V})$.

## Congruence FD-maximal varieties

On the finite level (for finite $L$ ), the necessary condition is sometimes also sufficient. In such a case we say that $\mathcal{V}$ is congruence $F D$-maximal. Formally, $\mathcal{V}$ is congruence FD-maximal, if for every finite distributive lattice $L$ the following two conditions are equivalent:
(i) $L \in \operatorname{Con} \mathcal{V}$;
(ii) for every $x \in \mathrm{M}(L)$, the lattice $\uparrow x$ is isomorphic to Con $T$ for some $T \in \operatorname{SI}(\mathcal{V})$.
In other words, $\mathcal{V}$ is congruence FD-maximal iff the class of all finite members of $\operatorname{Con} \mathcal{V}$ is as large as possible by the necessary condition.

## Congruence FD-maximal algebras

Let $A$ be a finite subdirectly irreducible algebra generating a CD variety. We say that $A$ is congruence FD-maximal, if for every finite distributive lattice $L$ the following two conditions are equivalent:
(i) $L \in \operatorname{Con~}_{s} \mathrm{H}(A)$;
(ii) for every $x \in \mathrm{M}(L)$, the lattice $\uparrow x$ is isomorphic to Con $T$ for some $T \in \mathrm{H}(A)$.
In other words, $A$ is congruence FD-maximal iff the class of all finite members of $\operatorname{Con} \mathrm{P}_{s} \mathrm{H}(A)$ is as large as possible by the necessary condition.

## Connection

## Theorem

If $\mathcal{V}$ is congruence FD-maximal, then there is a family $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \operatorname{SI}(\mathcal{V})$ such that
(i) every $B \in \mathcal{M}$ is congruence FD-maximal;
(ii) for every $A \in \operatorname{SI}(\mathcal{V})$ there is $B \in \mathcal{M}$ with $\operatorname{Con} A \cong \operatorname{Con} B$;
(iii) if $A, B \in \mathcal{M}, \alpha \in \operatorname{Con} A, \beta \in \operatorname{Con} B$ with $\uparrow \alpha \cong \uparrow \beta$, then $A / \alpha \cong B / \beta$.

Proof: Ramsey type argument
Conjecture: The converse holds

## Easy case

## Theorem

Every finite algebra generating a CD variety, whose congruence lattice is a chain, is congruence FD-maximal.

## The simplest of the difficult cases

Let $A$ be a finite algebra generating CD variety such that $\operatorname{Con} A$ is

## Compatible families

Let $E$ be a subset of $B \times B$ for some set $B$. Let $X$ be a set and let $\mathcal{F}$ be a set of functions $X \rightarrow B$. We say that $\mathcal{F}$ is
$E$-compatible if $\{(f(x), g(x)) \mid x \in X\}=E$ or $\{(g(x), f(x)) \mid x \in X\}=E$ for every $f, g \in \mathcal{F}, f \neq g$.

## Lemma

Suppose that $E \subseteq B \times B$ contains a pair $(a, b)$ with $a \neq b$. Then the following condition are equivalent.
(i) There exist arbitrarily large finite $E$-compatible sets of functions.
(ii) For every $(a, b) \in E$ there are $x, y, z \in B$ such that

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\begin{aligned}
& (x, x),(y, y),(z, z),(x, y) \\
& (x, z),(y, z),(x, a),(x, b),(a, y),(y, b),(a, z),(b, z) \in E .
\end{aligned}
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## Characterization theorem

Let $A$ be as above.

## Theorem

$A$ is congruence $F D$-maximal iff
(i) $A / \alpha$ and $A / \beta$ are isomorphic to the same algebra $B$;
(ii) there are homomorphisms $h_{0}, h_{1}: A \rightarrow B$ with $\operatorname{Ker}\left(h_{0}\right)=\alpha$, $\operatorname{Ker}\left(h_{1}\right)=\beta$ such that the relation $E=\left\{\left(h_{0}(x), h_{1}(x)\right) \mid x \in A\right\} \subseteq B \times B$ admits arbitrarily large $E$-compatible sets of functions.

## Positive example

For $A=N_{5}$ we have $B=\{0,1\}, E=\{(0,0),(0,1),(1,0),(1,1)\}$ so almost every family of functions is $E$-compatible and $A$ is congruence FD-maximal.

$N_{5}$

## Negative example 1

The lattice $N_{5}$ with the distinguished element (nullary operation) $b$ is not congruence FD-maximal, because the quotients $N_{5} / \alpha$ and $N_{5} / \beta$ are not isomorphic.

## Negative example2

Consider the following lattice $A$ with two additional unary operations.


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\begin{aligned}
& f(00)=00, f(0 a)=0 b, f(0 b)=f(01)=01 \\
& f(a b)=f(a 1)=b 1, f(b 1)=f(11)=11 \\
& g(11)=11, g(b 1)=a 1, g(a 1)=g(01)=01 \\
& g(a b)=g(0 b)=0 a, g(0 a)=g(00)=00
\end{aligned}
$$

## Negative example 2

We have $B=\{0,1, a, b\}$,
$E=\{(0,0),(0, a),(0, b),(a, b),(0,1),(a, 1),(b, 1),(1,1)\}$ (the labels on the elements of $A$ ), and the pair $(a, b)$ violates the condition. Thus, $A$ is not congruence FD-maximal.

## Generalization

Let $\operatorname{Con} A$ be the $n$-dimensional cube with a new zero added. Let $\alpha_{1}, \ldots, \alpha_{n}$ be the coatoms of $\operatorname{Con} A$
The concept of a compatible family has to be generalized.
Let $E$ be a subset of $B^{n}$ for some set $B$. For a permutation $\pi$ on $\{1, \ldots, n\}$ denote

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E^{\pi}=\left\{\left(a_{\pi(1)}, \ldots, a_{\pi(n)}\right) \mid\left(a_{1}, \ldots, a_{n}\right) \in E\right\}
$$

Let $X$ be a set and let $\mathcal{F}$ be a set of functions $X \rightarrow B$. We say that $\mathcal{F}$ is $E$-compatible if for every mutually distinct $f_{1}, \ldots, f_{n} \in \mathcal{F}$ there exists $\pi$ such that $\left\{\left(f_{1}(x), \ldots, f_{n}(x)\right) \mid x \in X\right\}=E^{\pi}$.

## Compatible families generalized

## Lemma

Suppose that $E \subseteq B^{n}$ contains a non-diagonal n-tuple. Then the following condition are equivalent.
(i) There exist arbitrarily large finite $E$-compatible sets of functions.
(ii) There exist a permutation $\pi$ such that for every $\left(a_{2}, a_{4}, \ldots, a_{2 n}\right) \in E^{\pi}$ there are $a_{1}, a_{3}, \ldots, a_{2 n+1} \in B$ such that $\left(a_{i_{1}}, \ldots, a_{i_{n}}\right) \in E^{\pi}$ whenever $i_{1} \leq \cdots \leq i_{n}$ and every every even $k$ appears at most once among $i_{1}, \ldots, i_{n}$.

## Characterization theorem

Let $A$ be as above.

## Theorem

$A$ is congruence FD-maximal iff
(i) all quotients $A / \alpha_{i}$ are isomorphic to the same algebra $B$;
(ii) there are homomorphisms $h_{i}: A \rightarrow B$ with $\operatorname{Ker}\left(h_{i}\right)=\alpha_{i}$, ( $i=1, \ldots, n$ ) such that the relation $E=\left\{\left(h_{1}(x), \ldots, h_{n}(x)\right) \mid x \in A\right\} \subseteq B^{n}$ admits arbitrarily large $E$-compatible sets of functions.

## General case

Again, quotients with isomorphic congruence lattices must themselves be isomorphic. Actually, we can prove more.

## Theorem

Let $A$ be congruence FD-maximal, $\alpha, \beta \in \operatorname{Con} A$ with $\uparrow \alpha \cong \uparrow \beta$. Then there is an isomorphism $\varphi: \uparrow \alpha \rightarrow \uparrow \beta$ and isomorphisms $f_{\gamma}: A / \gamma \rightarrow A / \varphi(\gamma)$ for all $\gamma \in \uparrow \alpha$ that commute with the natural projections, that is

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\begin{array}{cc}
A / \gamma \xrightarrow{f_{\gamma}} A / \varphi(\gamma) \\
\pi_{\gamma \delta} \downarrow & \\
& \downarrow^{\pi_{\varphi(\gamma) \varphi(\delta)}} \\
A / \delta \xrightarrow{f_{\delta}} A / \varphi(\delta)
\end{array}
$$

whenever $\gamma \leq \delta$.

## What remains to do?

Problem. Characterize heterogeneous relations that admit arbitrarily large systems of compatible functions.

