

Clones (3&4)

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Galois connections

Let A, B be sets, $R \subseteq A \times B$.

For any $S \subseteq A$ and any $T \subseteq B$ let

- ▶ $S^u := \{b \in B \mid \forall a \in S : aRb\}$
- ▶ $T^\ell := \{a \in A \mid \forall b \in T : aRb\}$.

Then

- ▶ the maps $T \mapsto T^\ell$ and $S \mapsto S^u$ are \subseteq -antitone.
- ▶ the maps $S \mapsto \bar{S} := S^{u\ell}$ and $T \mapsto \bar{T} := T^{\ell u}$ are closure operators ($S \subseteq \bar{S} = \bar{\bar{S}}$)
- ▶ $S^{ulu} = S^u$, $T^{\ell\ell\ell} = T$.

Usually it is of interest to characterize the family of *closed* sets $\{S \mid S = \bar{S}\}$ and the closure operator “from below”.

Galois connections, examples

Let A, B be sets, $R \subseteq A \times B$.

$$S^u := \{b \in B \mid \forall a \in S : aRb\} = \bigcap_{a \in S} \{b \in B \mid aRb\}$$

$$T^l := \{a \in A \mid \forall b \in T : aRb\} = \bigcap_{b \in T} \{a \in A \mid aRb\}$$

Examples

- ▶ A = vector space, B = dual space = set of linear forms.
 $aRb \Leftrightarrow b(a) = 0$.
 $S \subseteq A \Rightarrow S^{ul} =$ linear hull of S .
- ▶ A = all formulas, B = all structures,
 $aRb \Leftrightarrow b \models a$ (the formula a holds in the structure b).
 $\bar{S} =$ all consequences of $S = \{a : S \models a\}$
- ▶ A = operations on X , B = relations, $fR\rho \Leftrightarrow f \triangleright \rho$.
 $S^{ul} = \langle S \rangle =$ clone generated by S .

k -ary clones, clones

$$\mathcal{O}^{(k)} := \{f \mid f : X^k \rightarrow X\}. \quad \mathcal{O}_X := \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{O}_X^{(k)}.$$

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Definition (Composition)

Let $f \in \mathcal{O}^{(k)}$, $g_1, \dots, g_k \in \mathcal{O}^{(m)}$.

$$f(g_1, \dots, g_k)(\vec{x}) := f(g_1(\vec{x}), \dots, g_k(\vec{x})) \text{ for all } \vec{x} \in X^m.$$

If C is a clone, then $C^{(k)} := C \cap \mathcal{O}^{(k)}$ is a k -ary clone, the k -ary fragment of C .

Vector-valued operations

C is a clone: $f, g_1, \dots, g_k \in C \Rightarrow f(g_1, \dots, g_k) \in C$.

We can view (g_1, \dots, g_k) as a single function $\vec{g} : X^m \rightarrow X^k$, and write $f \circ \vec{g}$ instead of $f(g_1, \dots, g_k)$.

Definition

For any set $S \subseteq \mathcal{O}_X$ let \tilde{S} be the set of all operations $f : X^k \rightarrow X^n$ with the property that all “components” are in S :

$$\tilde{S} := \bigcup_{k,n} \{f : X^k \rightarrow X^n \mid \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\} : \pi_i^n \circ f \in S\}$$

where $\pi_i^n : X^n \rightarrow X$ is the i -th projection function.

The set S is a clone iff \tilde{S} contains all projection functions and is closed under composition:

$$\forall g : X^m \rightarrow X^k \quad \forall f : X^k \rightarrow X^n : (f, g \in \tilde{S} \Rightarrow f \circ g \in \tilde{S})$$

Examples of clones

- ▶ Every subset $S \subseteq \mathcal{O}_X$ will *generate* a clone $\langle S \rangle$, the smallest clone containing S .
- ▶ For any relation $\rho \subseteq X^n$: $\text{Pol}(\rho) := \{f \in \mathcal{O}_X^{(|f|)} \triangleright \rho\}$ is a clone.
- ▶ For any relation $\rho \subseteq X^K$ (K infinite), $\text{Pol}(\rho)$ is a clone.
- ▶ For any set R of relations, $\text{POL}(R) := \bigcap_{\rho \in R} \text{Pol}(\rho)$ is a clone.
- ▶ $\langle C \rangle = \text{POL}(\text{INV}(C))$, where $\text{INV}(C) := \bigcap_{f \in C} \text{Inv}(f)$,
 $\text{Inv}(f) := \{\rho \mid f \triangleright \rho\}$.
(For infinite X , need to allow infinitary relations; operations still have finite arity!)

The lattice of all clones on X

For finite X , \mathcal{O}_X is countable.

For infinite X of size κ , \mathcal{O}_X has 2^κ elements.

Definition

For any nonempty set X let $Cl(X)$ be the set of all clones on X .
($Cl(X)$ is a subset of the power set of \mathcal{O}_X .)

- ▶ $Cl(X)$ is a complete lattice. (meet = intersection, join = clone generated by union)
- ▶ $Cl(X)$ is Countable for $|X| = 2$.
(Post's lattice. wikipedia!)
- ▶ $Cl(X)$ is of size $|\mathbb{R}| = 2^{\aleph_0}$ for X finite with > 2 elements.
- ▶ For infinite X of size κ : $|Cl(X)| \leq 2^{2^\kappa}$.
In fact: $= 2^{2^\kappa}$. (Later)

Minimal clones

Definition

We call a clone M **minimal** if $J \subsetneq M$ (J is the smallest clone, containing only the projections), but there is no clone D with $J \subsetneq D \subsetneq M$.

The minimal clones are the **atoms** of the clone lattice.

An **operation m is minimal** iff $\langle m \rangle$ is a minimal clone.

Instead of minimal clones we consider minimal operations.

If m is minimal, then $\forall f \in \langle m \rangle \setminus J : m \in \langle f \rangle$.

- ▶ If m is unary, then have $m \in \langle m^j \rangle$ for all j except if $m^j = id$. Hence $j^2 = id$ (“retraction”), or m is a permutation of prime order.
- ▶ If m not essentially unary, then m must be idempotent.
 $m(x, \dots, x) = m$.

Minimal operations, examples

- ▶ Every constant operation.
- ▶ Every permutation whose order is a prime number.
- ▶ The meet operation of any meet-semilattice.
- ▶ The median operation in any linear order.
- ▶ ... (many more. Some necessary conditions known, but no explicit criterion.)

Fact

*If X is finite, then there are finitely many minimal operations.
Every clone $\neq J$ contains a minimal clone.*

(This is not true for infinite sets. Let $s : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ be defined by $s(x) = x + 1$, then every non-projection in $\langle s \rangle$ is of the form s^j ($j \in \{1, 2, \dots\}$), and none of them is minimal, as $\langle s^{2j} \rangle \subsetneq \langle s^j \rangle$.)

Complete sets

Theorem

For every X : $\langle \mathcal{O}_X^{(2)} \rangle = \mathcal{O}_X$.

Proof for infinite X .

- ▶ Let $p_2 : X^2 \rightarrow X$ be a bijection.
- ▶ Find bijections $p_j : X^j \rightarrow X$ for $j = 3, 4, \dots$, with $p_j \in \langle \mathcal{O}^{(2)} \rangle$.
For example, $p_3(x, y, z) := p_2(x, p_2(y, z))$.
- ▶ For every $f : X^k \rightarrow X$, let $\hat{f} := f \circ p_k^{-1}$.
So $f(\vec{x}) = \hat{f}(p_k(\vec{x}))$ for all $\vec{x} \in X^k$. As \hat{f} is unary, $\hat{f} \in \langle \mathcal{O}^{(2)} \rangle$.
- ▶ From $\hat{f} \in \langle \mathcal{O}^{(2)} \rangle$ and $p_k \in \langle \mathcal{O}^{(2)} \rangle$ conclude $f \in \langle \mathcal{O}^{(2)} \rangle$.

Complete sets

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Proof for finite X (“Lagrange interpolation”).

Let $(X, +, \cdot, 0, 1)$ be a finite lattice with smallest element 0 and greatest element 1. So $x + 0 = 0 + x = x = 1 \cdot x$ for all x .

- ▶ For each $a \in X$ let $\chi_a : X \rightarrow X$ be the characteristic function of the set $\{a\}$. So $\chi_a \in \mathcal{O}^{(1)} \subseteq \langle \mathcal{O}^{(2)} \rangle$.
- ▶ For each $\vec{a} \in X^k$ let $\chi_{\vec{a}} : X^k \rightarrow X$ be the characteristic function of $\{\vec{a}\}$: $\chi_{\vec{a}} = \prod_i \chi_{a_i}(x_i)$. So $\chi_{\vec{a}} \in \langle \mathcal{O}^{(2)} \rangle$.
- ▶ For any $b \in X$ let $c_b \in \mathcal{O}^{(1)}$ be constant with value b .
- ▶ Every operation $f \in \mathcal{O}^{(k)}$ can now be written as $f = \sum_{\vec{a} \in X^k} (\chi_{\vec{a}} \cdot c_{f(\vec{a})})$. So $f \in \langle \mathcal{O}^{(2)} \rangle$.

(Remark: This proof also works for strongly amorphous sets.)

Precomplete clones

Definition

A clone $C \subseteq \mathcal{O}_X$ is “precomplete” (or “maximal”) if $C \neq \mathcal{O}_X$, but there is no clone D satisfying $C \subsetneq D \subsetneq \mathcal{O}_X$.

Theorem

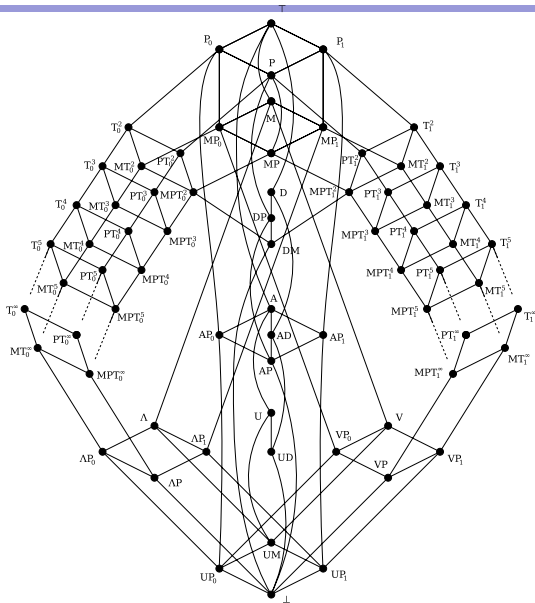
For any clone $C \subsetneq \mathcal{O}_X$ there is a precomplete clone C' with $C \subseteq C'$.

(Remark: Not true for infinite sets! At least if the continuum hypothesis holds.)

Post's lattice

The lattice of all clones on a 2-element set is countably infinite.

It has 5 coatoms
("precomplete" clones)
and 7 atoms.



Precomplete clones, example 1

Let ρ be a nontrivial unary relation, i.e. $\emptyset \subsetneq \rho \subsetneq X$.
Then $\text{Pol}(\rho)$ is the set of all operations f such that ρ is a **subalgebra** of (X, f) . This clone is precomplete.

Proof.

Let $g : X^k \rightarrow X$, $g \notin \text{Pol}(\rho)$. Let $\mathbf{C} := \langle \text{Pol}(\rho) \cup \{g\} \rangle$. We show $\mathbf{C} = \mathcal{O}_X$. Sufficient: $\mathbf{C} \supseteq \mathcal{O}_X^{(2)}$.

For $v \in X$, let c_v be the constant function with value v .

There are $\vec{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_k) \in \rho^k$, $b \notin \rho$ with $g(\vec{a}) = b$,

So $c_b = g(c_{a_1}, \dots, c_{a_k})$ is in \mathbf{C} .

For $f \in \mathcal{O}_X^{(2)}$ define $\hat{f}(x_1, x_2, y) := \begin{cases} x_1 & \text{if } y \in \rho \\ f(x_1, x_2) & \text{if } y \notin \rho \end{cases}$. So $\hat{f} \in \mathbf{C}$.

Now $f = \hat{f}(\pi_1^2, \pi_2^2, c_b)$, i.e., $f(x_1, x_2) = \hat{f}(x_1, x_2, b)$. So $f \in \mathbf{C}$.

Precomplete clones, example 2

\sim a nontrivial equivalence relation $\Rightarrow \text{Pol}(\sim)$ is precomplete.

Proof.

For $\vec{a}, \vec{b} \in X^k$ write $\vec{a} \sim \vec{b}$ iff $\forall i a_i \sim b_i$. This is an equivalence relation on X^k .

Let $g : X^k \rightarrow X$, $g \notin \text{Pol}(\sim)$. Let $C := \langle \text{Pol}(\sim) \cup \{g\} \rangle$. We have to show $C = \mathcal{O}_X$. Sufficient: $C \supseteq \mathcal{O}_X^{(2)}$.

There is k and $\vec{a} \sim \vec{b} \in X^k$ with $\mathbf{1} := g(\vec{a}) \not\sim g(\vec{b}) =: \mathbf{0}$.

We claim that for each $p \in X^2$ there is a function $\chi_p : X^2 \rightarrow X$ which maps p to $\mathbf{1}$, everything else to $\mathbf{0} \not\sim \mathbf{1}$.

For each $p \in X^2$ let $h_p : X^2 \rightarrow X^k$ be defined by $h_p(p) = \vec{a}$, $h_p(x) = \vec{b}$ otherwise. Clearly $h_p \in \widetilde{\text{Pol}(\sim)}$. So $\chi_p := g \circ h_p \in C$.
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Proof that $\text{Pol}(\sim)$ is precomplete, continued.

We started with a clone $C \supsetneq \text{Pol}(\sim)$.

For each $p \in X^2$ we have found $\chi_p \in C$, $\chi_p : X^2 \rightarrow X$ with $\chi_p(p) = 1$, $\chi_p(x) = 0$ for $x \neq p$. (And $0 \not\approx 1$)

Define $\chi : X^2 \rightarrow X^{|X|^2}$ by $\chi(\vec{x}) = (\chi_p(x) : p \in X^2)$. So $\chi \in \tilde{C}$.

Let $f \in \mathcal{O}_X^{(2)}$ be arbitrary. We will show $f \in C$.

Define $\hat{f} : X^{2+|X|^2} \rightarrow X$ as follows:

- ▶ \hat{f} is constant on each \sim -class. (So $\hat{f} \in \text{Pol}(\sim) \subseteq C$)
- ▶ $\hat{f}(\vec{x}, \chi(\vec{x})) = f(\vec{x})$.

This two requirements are compatible, as $\vec{x} \neq \vec{x}'$ implies that $\chi(\vec{x}) \not\approx \chi(\vec{x}')$.

Clearly $f(\vec{x}) = \hat{f}(\vec{x}, \chi(\vec{x}))$. So $f \in C$.

Precomplete clones, example 3

Definition

Let $r : X \rightarrow X$, $f : X^k \rightarrow X$. We say that f **commutes** with r if:

$$\forall x_1, \dots, x_k \in X : f(r(x_1), \dots, r(x_k)) = r(f(x_1, \dots, x_k))$$

Writing r^\bullet for the relation $\{(x, r(x)) \mid x \in X\}$, f commutes with r iff $f \triangleright r^\bullet$. (We may write $f \triangleright r$ instead of $f \triangleright r^\bullet$)

Clearly $f \triangleright r \Rightarrow f \triangleright r^j$ for all j . Hence e.g. $\text{Pol}(r) \subseteq \text{Pol}(r^2)$. But if r is a permutation of order p , then $\text{Pol}(r) = \text{Pol}(r^j)$ whenever p does not divide j .

Theorem

*Assume that $r : X \rightarrow X$ is a **permutation** and all cycles have the same prime length. Then $\text{Pol}(r)$ is precomplete.*

Precomplete clones, examples 4,5

- ▶ “monotone”: Let $\rho \subseteq X \times X$ be a partial order with smallest and greatest element.
 $\text{Pol}(\rho)$ is the set of all **pointwise monotone** operations.
- ▶ “affine” Assume $|X| = p^m$, so wlog X is a finite field $X = GF(p^m)$.
Let $\rho = \{(a, b, c, d) \in X^4 \mid a + b = c + d\}$. Then $\text{Pol}(\rho)$ is the set of all operations f of the form

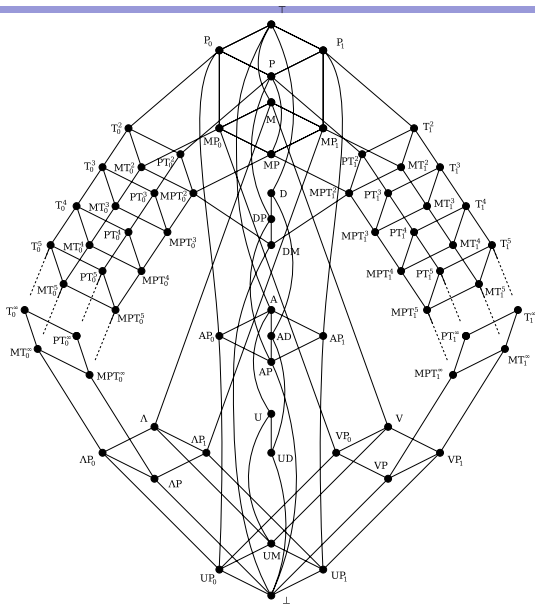
$$f(x_1, \dots, x_k) = a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} x_i^{p^j}$$

All these clones are precomplete.

Post's lattice, again

The 5 precomplete clones in $C(\{0, 1\})$:

- ▶ operations preserving $\{0\}$.
- ▶ operations preserving $\{1\}$.
- ▶ monotone operations
- ▶ “commuting”: $f(\neg x) = \neg f(x)$.
- ▶ affine operations



Rosenberg's list

Theorem

Let $X = \{1, \dots, k\}$. Then there is an explicit finite list of relations ρ_1, \dots, ρ_m such that every precomplete clone on X is one of $\text{Pol}(\rho_1), \dots, \text{Pol}(\rho_m)$.

The list includes

- ▶ all “central relations” (generalisations of $\rho \subsetneq X$)
- ▶ all nontrivial equivalence relations
(\bar{A} if $|X| = 2$)
- ▶ all prime permutations
- ▶ All bounded partial orders
- ▶ affine relations (only if $|X| = p^n$)
- ▶ (others. more complicated but still explicit)

Rosenberg's list

Theorem

Let $X = \{1, \dots, k\}$. Then there is an explicit finite list of relations ρ_1, \dots, ρ_m such that every precomplete clone on X is one of $\text{Pol}(\rho_1), \dots, \text{Pol}(\rho_m)$.

Completeness criterion $\langle \mathcal{S} \rangle \neq \mathcal{O}_X$ iff there is some ρ_i from the list with $\forall f \in \mathcal{S} : f \triangleright \rho_i$.

A complicated interval in the clone lattice

Definition

Let C_{idem} be the clone of all **idempotent** operations:

$f(x, \dots, x) = x$. (Assume $|X| \geq 3$.)

Find all clones between C_{idem} and \mathcal{O}_X !

Example

Let $Y \subseteq X$. Then $C_{\text{idem}|Y} := \{f \mid \forall x \in Y : f(x, \dots, x) = x\}$ is a clone $\supseteq C_{\text{idem}}$.

Theorem

Every clone between C_{idem} and \mathcal{O}_X is of the form $C_{\text{idem}|Y}$.

Hence: the interval $[C_{\text{idem}}, \mathcal{O}_X]$ is (anti-)isomorphic to the power set of X .

(Precomplete clones correspond to singletons, \mathcal{O}_X to \emptyset .)

$[C_{\text{idem}}, \mathcal{O}_X]$, proof sketch

Let C be a clone containing all idempotent operations

$$f(x, \dots, x) = x.$$

We want to find Y such that

$$C = C_{\text{idem} \upharpoonright Y} = \{f \mid \forall y \in Y : f(y, \dots, y) = y\}.$$

- ▶ $\text{fix}(f) := \{a \in X \mid f(a, \dots, a) = a\}$, $\text{nix}(f) := X \setminus \text{fix}(f)$.
- ▶ Let $R := \{\text{nix}(f) \mid f \in C\}$.
- ▶ R is downward closed.
- ▶ R is upward directed, hence an ideal.
- ▶ Let Z be the largest element of R , $Y := X \setminus Z$.
- ▶ So $C \subseteq C_{\text{idem} \upharpoonright Y}$.
- ▶ If $\text{nix}(f) \subseteq \text{nix}(g)$ and $g \in C$, then $f \in C$.
- ▶ Hence $C = C_{\text{idem} \upharpoonright Y}$.

A complicated interval, continued

C_{idem} = the clone of all **idempotent** operations: $f(x, \dots, x) = x$.

Theorem (X finite)

Every clone between C_{idem} and \mathcal{O}_X is of the form $C_{\text{idem}|Y}$.

For infinite X :

Definition

For every filter \mathcal{F} on X , let

$$C_{\mathcal{F}} := \bigcup_{Y \in \mathcal{F}} C_{\text{idem}|Y} = \{f \mid \exists Y \in \mathcal{F} \forall y \in Y f(y, \dots, y) = y\}$$

Each $C_{\mathcal{F}}$ is a clone above C_{idem} .

A complicated interval, conclusion

$$C_{\mathcal{F}} := \{f \mid \exists Y \in \mathcal{F} \forall y \in Y f(y, \dots, y) = y\}$$

Theorem

Let X be any set. Then the map $\mathcal{F} \mapsto C_{\mathcal{F}}$ is an order-preserving bijection between the filters on X and the clones above $C_{\mathcal{F}}$.

Ultrafilters correspond to precomplete clones in this interval, and the improper filter corresponds to \mathcal{O}_X .

(For finite sets, all filters are principal.)

Translation to topology: the interval $[C_{\text{idem}}, \mathcal{O}_X]$ is anti-isomorphic to the family of closed sets of βX , the Čech-Stone compactification of the discrete space X . (Precomplete clones correspond to points, \mathcal{O}_X to \emptyset .)

Another complicated interval

Let X be infinite. We will find “very many” clones with trivial unary fragment, i.e., below \mathbf{C}_{idem} , the clone of all idempotent operations. (Unfortunately: no complete classification.)

In fact all our operations will be “conservative”:

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_k) \in \{x_1, \dots, x_k\}.$$

- ▶ Let $(A_i : i \in I)$ be a family of sufficiently independent sets. (In particular: we demand that for any finite $I_0 \subseteq I$ and any $j \in I \setminus I_0$ the set $(\cup_{i \in I_0} A_i) \cap (X \setminus A_j)$ contains at least 2 elements. It is possible to find such a family with $2^{|X|}$ elements, in particular: an uncountable such family.)
- ▶ Fix a linear order \leq_i on A_i , with minimum operation \wedge_i .
- ▶ Extend \wedge_i to X by requiring $x \wedge_i y = x$ outside A_i .
- ▶ For any $I' \subseteq I$ let $\mathbf{C}_{I'} := \langle \{\wedge_i \mid i \in I'\} \rangle$. Then all $\mathbf{C}_{I'}$ are distinct. (Note: the numbers of such clones = $2^{2^{|X|}}$!)

Local clones

Let X be infinite. A clone C is **local** if each fragment $C \cap \mathcal{O}_X^k$ is closed in the product topology (pointwise convergence) on X^{X^k} (with discrete X). Equivalently: If there is a set R of relations of finite arity such that $C = \text{POL}(R)$.

The lattice of local clones has only $2^{|X|}$ elements; the lattice of all clones: $2^{2^{|X|}}$.

Example:

On a finite set with k elements, the interval $[\mathcal{O}_X^{(1)}, \mathcal{O}_X]$ has $k + 1$ elements.

On any infinite set X , the interval $[\mathcal{O}_X^{(1)}, \mathcal{O}_X]$ in the lattice of **all clones** has at least $2^{2^{|X|}}$ elements.

On any infinite set X , the interval $[\mathcal{O}_X^{(1)}, \mathcal{O}_X]$ in the lattice of **local clones** has at only countably many elements.

Bonus round: non-AC

We used $X \times X \approx X$ to show that $\langle \mathcal{O}_X^{(2)} \rangle = \mathcal{O}_X$ (for infinite sets X). But $X \times X \approx X$ uses the axiom of choice (and in fact $\forall X$ infinite : $X \times X \approx X$ is equivalent to AC). Was that necessary?

Yes, probably.

Proof sketch. Really: a hint. An idea of a hint. No satisfaction guaranteed.

Let (M, R_3) be the “random 3-uniform hypergraph”. That is, R_3 is a totally symmetric totally irreflexive relation which is “as random as possible”. For example: For all (reasonable) finite sets $\{a_1, b_1, \dots, a_k, b_k, c_1, d_1, \dots, c_n, d_n\} \subseteq M$ there is some $e \in M$ with $R(a_i, b_i, e)$ for all i , and $\neg R(c_j, d_j, e)$ for all j . (Technically: the Fraïssé limit of all finite 3-uniform hypergraphs.)

non-AC, continued

Continuation of the proof.

Let (M, R_3) be the “random 3-uniform hypergraph”. (M countable, $R_3 \subseteq M^3$ is “random” or “generic”.)

Let f_1, \dots, f_m be first order definable binary operations, say definable from m_1, \dots, m_k in the structure (M, R) . Then the set $X \times X$ can be partitioned into finitely many sets according to the “type” a pair (x, y) can have over m_1, \dots, m_k . On each type each operation f_i must be either constant or a projection, so the same is true for any element of $\langle f_1, \dots, f_k \rangle$. But the function χ_R is neither a projection or a constant on any type. So we have found a definable ternary function not in the clone generated by the definable binary functions.

non-AC, conclusion

We have found a definable ternary function on (M, R) , definable from R , but not in the clone generated by the definable binary functions.

Now construct a model of $ZF_{+\neg AC}$ in which all operations on M are definable from R and finitely many parameters. In this model, all binary operations are trivial on a large set, but not all ternary operations.

Summary

- ▶ The clone lattice on $\{0, 1\}$ is well understood. (But nontrivial.)
- ▶ $Cl(X)$ for larger finite sets X : many fragments are explicitly known (certain intervals, coatoms, . . .), others only partially (atoms), or only for very small sets (say, $|X| \leq 4, 5$).
- ▶ To analyse k -ary operations, it is often helpful to consider $k + 1$ -ary operations. (Or $2k$ -ary. or $(k + |X|^2)$ -ary, etc.)
- ▶ Many open questions.
- ▶ For infinite X : set theory kicks in. Local clones more interesting than all clones?

Thank you
for your attention!
and for your questions!
... and for your corrections!!