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We consider only distributive bounded lattices in the language  $\mathcal{L}_{lat} = \{\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}, \vee, \wedge\}$ .

For every prime filter  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $L$  let:

- **height**  $\mathfrak{p}$  = the foundation rank of  $\mathfrak{p}$
- **coheight**  $\mathfrak{p}$  = the cofoundation rank of  $\mathfrak{p}$

For every element  $a$  of  $L$  let:

- **dim**  $a = \sup\{\text{coheight } \mathfrak{p} / \mathfrak{p} \text{ prime filter, } a \in \mathfrak{p}\}$
- **codim**  $a = \min\{\text{height } \mathfrak{p} / \mathfrak{p} \text{ prime filter, } a \in \mathfrak{p}\}$

$L$  is **finite dimensional** if every  $a$  in  $L$  has finite dimension.

## Fact

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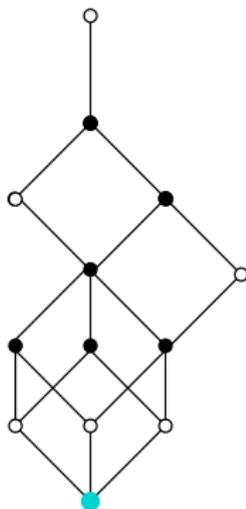


Figure:  $\dim \mathbf{0} = -\infty$

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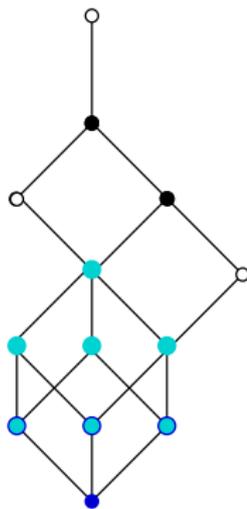


Figure: Points of dimension 0

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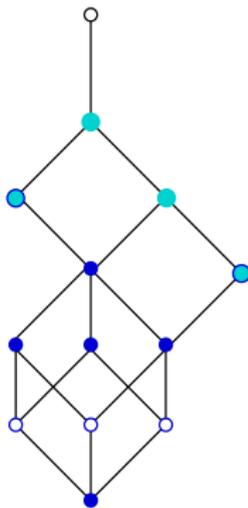


Figure: Points of dimension 1

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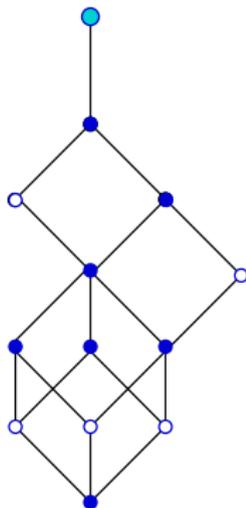


Figure: Points of dimension 2

## Example

$L =$  lattice of Zariski closed subset of the affine  $n$ -space  $k^n$  over an infinite field  $k$ . For every  $A \in L$ ,  $(\text{co})\dim A$  coincides with the geometric  $(\text{co})$ dimension of  $A$  (in  $k^n$ ).

$A - B =$  Zariski closure of  $A \setminus B$  belongs to  $L$ .

A **co-Heyting algebra** is a bounded distributive lattice with an additional binary operation  $a - b = \min\{c / a \leq b \vee c\}$ .

## Lemma

*Let  $d$  be a positive integer. There are positive existential formulas  $\phi_d, \psi_d$  in the language of co-Heyting algebras, such that for every co-Heyting algebra  $L$  and every  $a \in L$ :*

$$\dim a \geq d \iff L \models \phi_d(a)$$

$$\text{codim } a \geq d \iff L \models \psi_d(a)$$

## 2 - Completion

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In every co-Heyting algebra  $L$  define:

$$\delta(a, b) = 2^{-\text{codim}_L(a-b) \vee (b-a)}$$

Fact (Triangle ultrametric inequality)

$$\delta(a, c) \leq \max \delta(a, b), \delta(b, c)$$

$\delta$  is a pseudo-metric, hence defines a topology on  $L$ . The operations  $\vee, \wedge, -$  are uniformly continuous for  $\delta$ .  
 $\delta$  is an ultrametric iff its topology is separated. In this case we say that  $L$  is **separated**.

The **completion**  $\widehat{L}$  of  $L$  with respect to  $\delta$  is the set of equivalence classes of Cauchy sequences. The algebraic structure of  $L$  extends uniquely to  $\widehat{L}$  by uniform continuity.

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## Corollary

*Every monotonic sequence in a compact subset of  $\widehat{L}$  converges.*

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*If  $\widehat{L}$  is compact, then it is bi-Heyting.*

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A co-Heyting algebra  $L$  is **precompact** if its completion is compact.

## Theorem

*In every variety  $\mathcal{V}$  of co-Heyting algebras, the following are equivalent:*

- 1  $\mathcal{V}$  has the finite model property.
- 2 Every algebra free in  $\mathcal{V}$  is Hausdorff.
- 3 Every algebra finitely presented in  $\mathcal{V}$  is precompact Hausdorff.

## Corollary

*Every finitely presented co-Heyting algebra is precompact Hausdorff.*

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Let  $\mathcal{F}_n$  be the free co-Heyting algebra with  $n$  generators.

If  $\mathcal{F}_n \equiv \widehat{\mathcal{F}}_n$  then  $\mathcal{F}_n \preccurlyeq \widehat{\mathcal{F}}_n$

Ingredient of the proof:  $\mathcal{F}_n$  has only one set of free generators, definable in  $\mathcal{F}_n$  and  $\widehat{\mathcal{F}}_n$  by the same formula.

## 4- Density and splitting

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The strong order  $\ll$  is defined on  $L$  by:

$$b \ll a \iff b \leq a \text{ and } a - b = a$$

### Example

$L$  = the co-Heyting algebra of Zariski closed subsets of  $k^n$ .  
 $B \ll A$  iff  $B$  has empty interior in  $A$ .

### Fact

*In every co-Heyting algebra  $L$ ,  $\dim a$  is the foundation rank of  $a$  in  $L \setminus \{0\}$  with respect to  $\ll$ .*

We introduce now two axioms of co-Heyting algebras.

- **Density (D1)**

If  $c \ll a \neq \mathbf{0}$  then there exists a non zero element  $b$  such that:

$$c \ll b \ll a$$

- **Splitting (S1)**

If  $b_1 \vee b_2 \ll a \neq \mathbf{0}$  then there exists non zero elements  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  such that:

$$a - a_2 = a_1 \geq b_1$$

$$a - a_1 = a_2 \geq b_2$$

$$a_1 \wedge a_2 = b_1 \wedge b_2$$

## Remark

Since  $a_1 \vee a_2 = (a - a_2) \vee a_2 = a$  the second axiom allows to split  $a$  in two pieces  $a_1, a_2$  along  $b_1, b_2$  (so the name).

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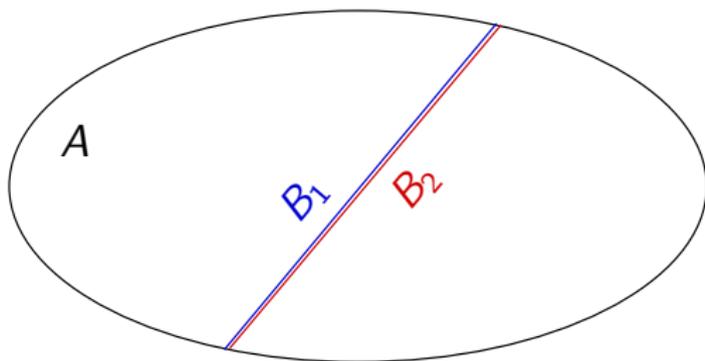


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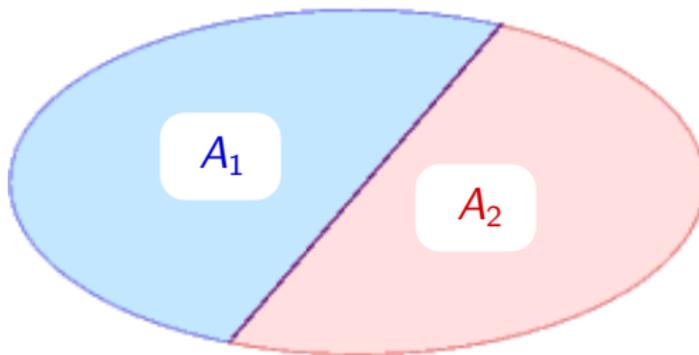


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## Remark

In order to split  $A$  along  $B_1, B_2$  in  $L$ , it is necessary (not sufficient) that  $A \setminus (B_1 \cup B_2)$  is not connected.

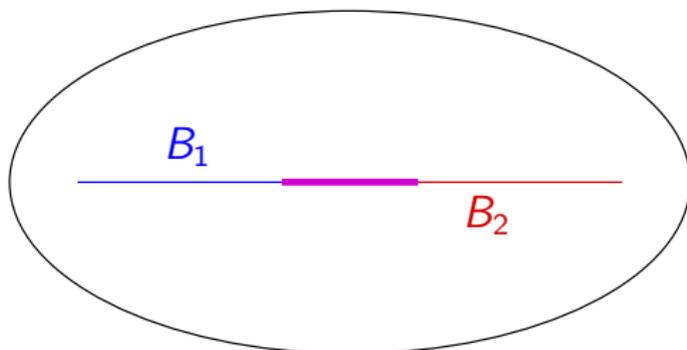


Figure: No splitting... in  $L$

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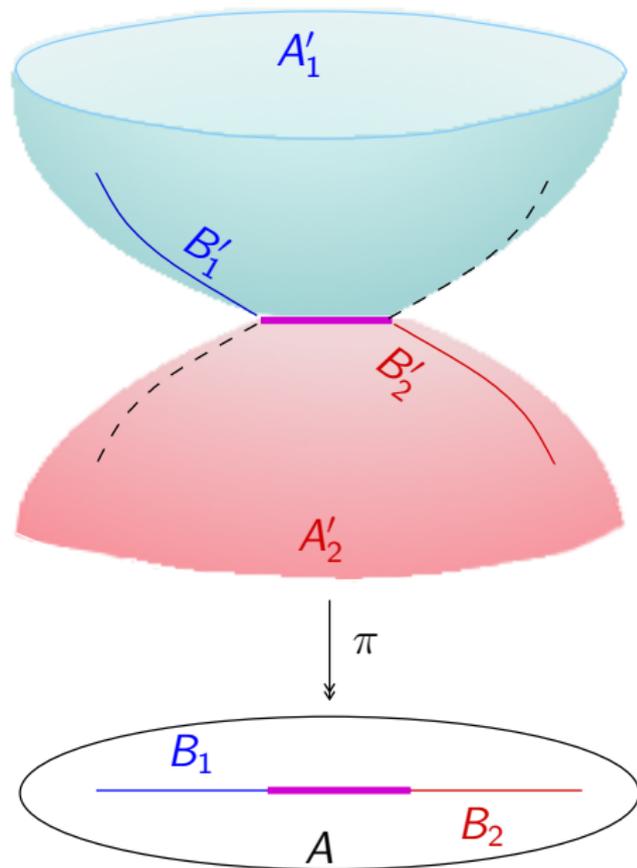
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The map  $f : A \in L \mapsto \pi^{-1}(A)$  embeds  $L$  into a co-Heyting algebra  $L'$  in which the image of  $A$  can be split along the images  $B'_1, B'_2$  of  $B_1, B_2$ :

$$f(A) = \pi^{-1}(A) = A'_1 \cup A'_2$$

### Theorem

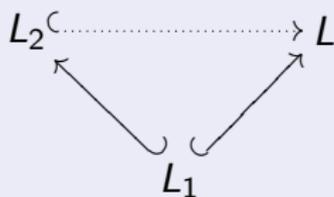
*Every co-Heyting algebra embeds into a co-Heyting algebra satisfying the density and splitting axioms D1, S1.*

### Corollary

*Every existentially closed co-Heyting algebra satisfies the density and splitting axioms D1, S1.*

## Theorem

*Let  $L_1, L_2, L$  be co-Heyting algebras. If  $L_2$  is finite and  $L$  satisfies axioms D1 and S1 then every embedding of  $L_1$  into  $L$  extends to an embedding of  $L_2$  into  $L$ .*



## Question 3

If  $L_1, L_2$  are finitely generated and  $L$  satisfies axioms D1 and S1, does every embedding of  $L_1$  into  $L$  extend to an embedding of  $L_2$  into an elementary extension of  $L$ ?

## 5- Model completion

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### Theorem (L. Maksimova)

*There are exactly eight varieties of co-Heyting algebras having the amalgamation property.*

### Remark

- Only the theories  $T_1, \dots, T_8$  of these varieties can have a model-completion.
- We can forget about  $T_8$  (theory of the one-point co-Heyting algebra) and  $T_7$  (theory of boolean algebras) whose model-theoretic properties are well known.

### Theorem (A. Pitts)

*The second order intuitionistic propositional calculus is interpretable in the first order one.*

Theorem (A. Pitts, S. Ghilardi, M. Zawadowski)

*Each theory  $T_1, \dots, T_6$  has a model-completion.*

Ingredients of the proof:

- The amalgamation property for  $T_1, \dots, T_6$ .
- Pitts's theorem for  $T_1$  (the theory of all co-Heyting algebras), and an adaptation of it for  $T_2$ .
- General model-theoretic non-sense for  $T_3, \dots, T_6$ , using that these theories are locally finite.

Remark

No meaningful axiomatization of these model-completions is given by this approach.

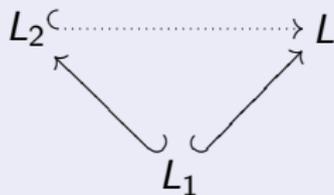
For each  $k$  between 1 and 6, we introduced two axioms  $D_k, S_k$  adapting to  $T_k$  the density and splitting axioms  $D1, S1$  of  $T_1$ .

### Theorem

*Every model of  $T_k$  embeds into a model of  $T_k$  satisfying the density and splitting axioms  $D_k$  and  $S_k$ .*

### Theorem

*Let  $L_1, L_2, L$  be models of  $T_k$ . If  $L_2$  is finite and  $L$  satisfies axioms  $D_k$  and  $S_k$  then every embedding of  $L_1$  into  $L$  extends to an embedding of  $L_2$  into  $L$ .*



Since every finitely generated model of  $T_k$  is finite for  $k = 3, 4, 5, 6$  it follows immediately that:

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Let  $\mathcal{L}_k$  denote the superintuitionistic logic corresponding to the variety of Heyting algebras whose duals are models of  $T_k$ .

### Corollary

*The second order propositional calculus of  $\mathcal{L}_k$  is interpretable in the first order one.*

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