

Free algebras and coproducts in varieties of Gödel algebras

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Free Heyting algebras

Intuitionistic logic is the logic of constructive mathematics and is obtained by weakening the principles of classical logic via the rejection of the **law of excluded middle** ($p \vee \neg p$).

Heyting algebras provide the algebraic semantics for the **intuitionistic propositional calculus IPC**.

Definition

A **Heyting algebra** H is a distributive lattice equipped with a binary operation \rightarrow satisfying

$$a \wedge b \leq c \quad \text{iff} \quad a \leq b \rightarrow c$$

for any $a, b, c \in H$.

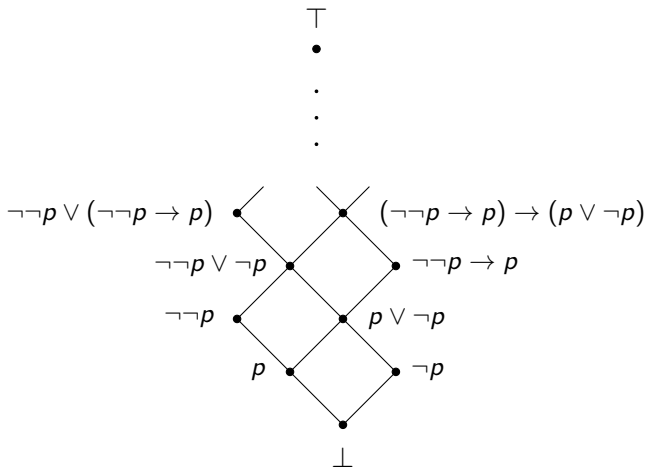
A Heyting algebra F is said to be **free** over a set X if there exists a map $f: X \rightarrow F$ such that for any Heyting algebra H and map $g: X \rightarrow H$, there is a unique Heyting homomorphism $h: F \rightarrow H$ with $g = h \circ f$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F & \overset{\exists! h}{\dashrightarrow} & H \\ f \uparrow & \nearrow g & \\ X & & \end{array}$$

Free Heyting algebras arise as **Lindenbaum-Tarski algebras**:

Let $\text{Form}(X)$ be the set of formulas with variables from a set X and define $\varphi \sim \psi$ iff $\vdash_{\text{IPC}} \varphi \leftrightarrow \psi$. Then $\text{Form}(X)/\sim$ is a Heyting algebra free over X .

The free Heyting algebra over 1 generator is also known as the [Rieger-Nishimura lattice](#).



The free Heyting algebra over 2 generators is very complicated.

Definition

An **Esakia space** is a Stone space X with a partial order \leq such that:

- if $x \in X$, then $\uparrow x$ is closed;
- if $V \subseteq X$ is clopen, then $\downarrow V$ is clopen.

Esakia spaces

Heyting algebras

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \longrightarrow & \text{ClopUp}(X) \\ \text{Spec}(H) & \longleftarrow & H \end{array}$$

Theorem (Esakia duality 1974)

*The category of **Heyting algebras** and Heyting homomorphisms is dually equivalent to the category of **Esakia spaces** and continuous p -morphisms.*

The coloring technique was developed by Esakia and Grigolia in the 1970s to dually describe sets of generators.

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. The n -universal model X_n is built as follows:

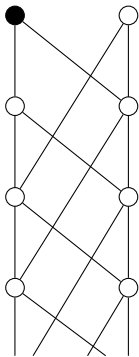
- each point of X_n is associated with a color, which is an element of $\mathcal{P}(\{1, \dots, n\})$, and the coloring preserves the order;
- the layers of X_n are built each one at the time from the top;
- the top layer contains 2^n points, one for each color;
- two points of the same color cannot have the same elements as immediate successors;
- if a point has only one immediate successor, then its color should be strictly smaller than the one of its successor.

Theorem

- F_n is isomorphic to a subalgebra of $\text{Up}(X_n)$.
- X_n is the dense and open upset of the Esakia dual of F_n consisting of the points of finite depth (equivalently, $\uparrow x$ is finite).

X_1 is also known as the **Rieger-Nishimura ladder**.

The Esakia dual of F_1 is the following.



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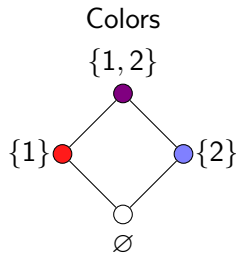
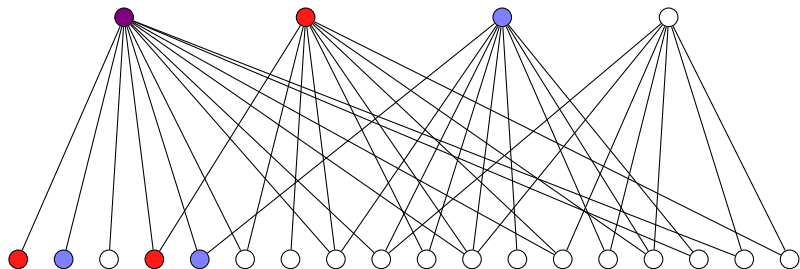


Colors

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However, X_2 is extremely complicated. Its third layer contains more than 250 000 points.



The Esakia dual of F_2 has the cardinality of the continuum.

Free Gödel algebras

The **propositional Gödel-Dummett logic LC** is obtained by adding the prelinearity axiom $(p \rightarrow q) \vee (q \rightarrow p)$ to IPC.

Gödel algebras provide the algebraic semantics for LC.

Definition

A Heyting algebra G is called a **Gödel algebra** if $(a \rightarrow b) \vee (b \rightarrow a) = 1$ for any $a, b \in G$.

We can think of LC as the extension of IPC in which “**the truth values are linearly ordered**”. The variety of Gödel algebras is generated by the class of all finite Heyting chains or by any infinite Heyting chain.

Thus, LC is also the logic of $[0, 1]$ as a Heyting chain, and hence it can also be thought of as a **fuzzy logic**. In fact, LC is the t-norm fuzzy logic associated to the minimum t-norm.

Free Gödel algebras arise as Lindenbaum-Tarski algebras for LC.

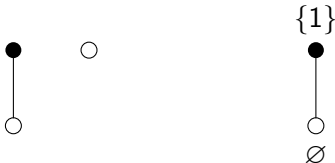
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The n -universal model for LC is **finite** and (once equipped with the discrete topology) coincides with the Esakia dual of the free Gödel algebra on n generators.

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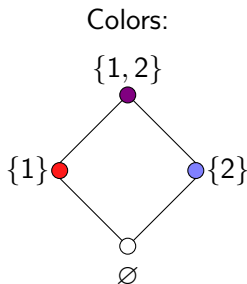
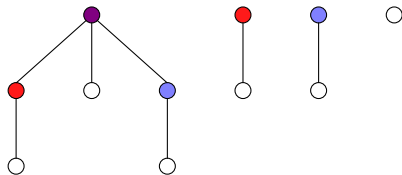


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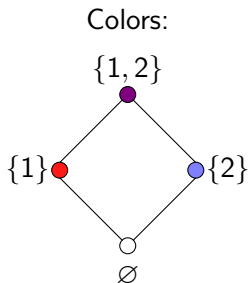
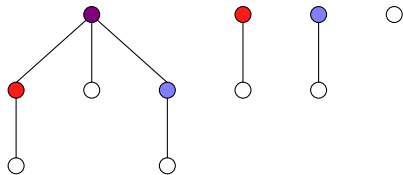
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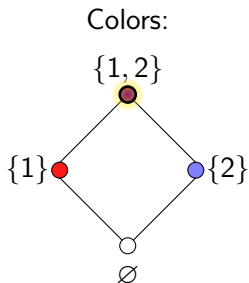
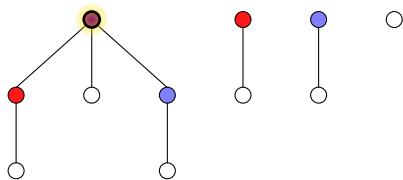
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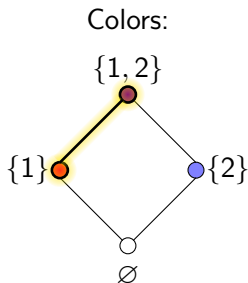
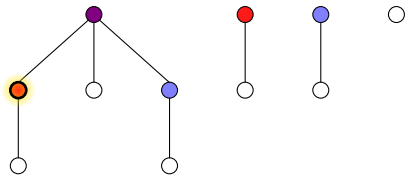
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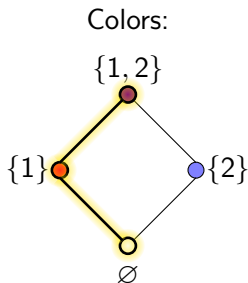
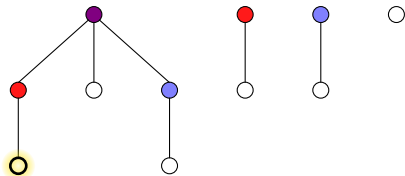
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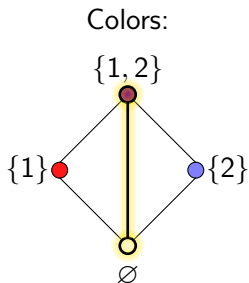
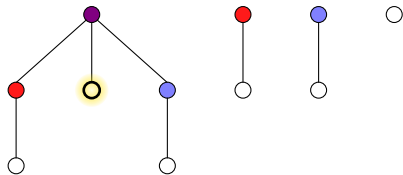
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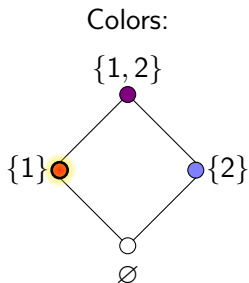
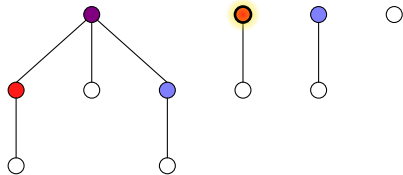
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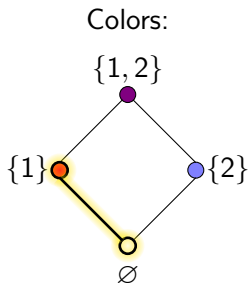
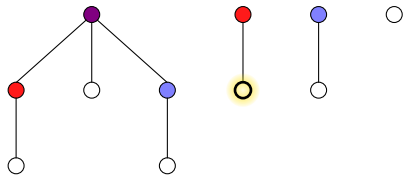
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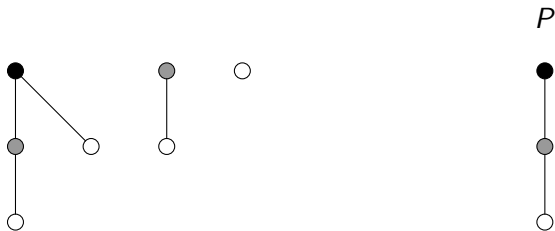
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Which Gödel algebra is dual to what we get when we replace $\mathcal{P}(\{1, \dots, n\})$ with an arbitrary finite poset P ?

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$$\begin{array}{ccc} F & \overset{\exists! h}{\dashrightarrow} & G \\ f \uparrow & \nearrow g & \\ L & & \end{array}$$

Theorem (Aguzzoli, Gerla, and Marra 2008)

Let L be a finite distributive lattice and P a poset such that $L \cong \text{Up}(P)$. The poset of all nonempty chains in P is the Esakia dual of the Gödel algebra free over L .

How to generalize this result to
infinite distributive lattices?

Definition

A **Priestley space** is a Stone space X with a partial order \leq such that

- $x \not\leq y$ implies there is U clopen upset such that $x \in U$ and $y \notin U$.

Priestley spaces

Distributive lattices

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \longrightarrow & \text{ClopUp}(X) \\ \text{Spec}(L) & \longleftarrow & L \end{array}$$

Theorem (Priestley duality 1972)

*The category of **distributive lattices** and lattice homomorphisms is dually equivalent to the category of **Priestley spaces** and continuous order-preserving maps.*

Definition

If X is a Priestley space, we define

$$\text{CC}(X) := \{C \subseteq X \mid C \text{ is a nonempty closed chain}\}.$$

We order $\text{CC}(X)$ by setting $C \leq D$ iff D is an upset of C .

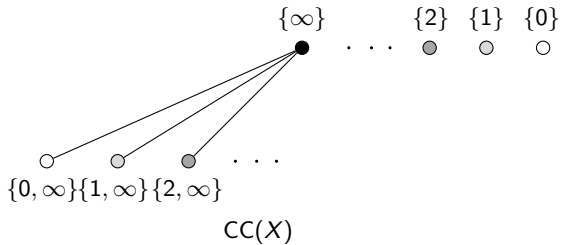
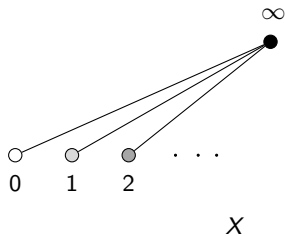
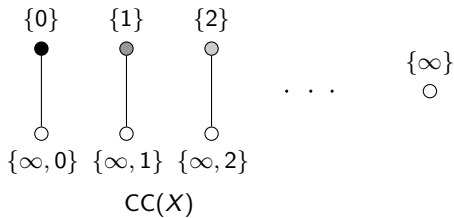
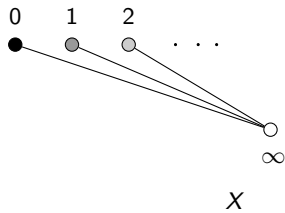
We topologize $\text{CC}(X)$ with the **Vietoris topology**, which is generated by the subbasis consisting of the sets $\Box V$ and $\Diamond V$ for any V clopen of X :

$$\Box V = \{C \in \text{CC}(X) \mid C \subseteq V\},$$

$$\Diamond V = \{C \in \text{CC}(X) \mid C \cap V \neq \emptyset\}.$$

Theorem (C. 2024)

- If X is a Priestley space, then $\text{CC}(X)$ is an Esakia root system.
- Let L be a distributive lattice and X its Priestley dual. Then the Gödel algebra free over L is dual to the Esakia space $\text{CC}(X)$.



Let $\mathbf{2}$ be the 2-element chain with the discrete topology. If S is a set, we consider $\mathbf{2}^S$ with the product topology and the product order.

Proposition

$\mathbf{2}^S$ is a Priestley space dual to the distributive lattice free over S .

Theorem (C. 2024)

The Gödel algebra free over a set S is dual to the Esakia space $\text{CC}(\mathbf{2}^S)$.

Ghilardi in 1992 showed that Heyting algebras free over finitely many generators are bi-Heyting algebras.

Definition

Let L be a distributive lattice.

- L is a **co-Heyting algebra** if its order dual is a Heyting algebra.
- L is a **bi-Heyting algebra** if it is both a Heyting and a co-Heyting algebra.

Co-Heyting algebras are dual to co-Esakia spaces and bi-Heyting algebras are dual to bi-Esakia spaces.

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Free Gödel algebras over finitely many generators are finite, and so are bi-Heyting algebras.

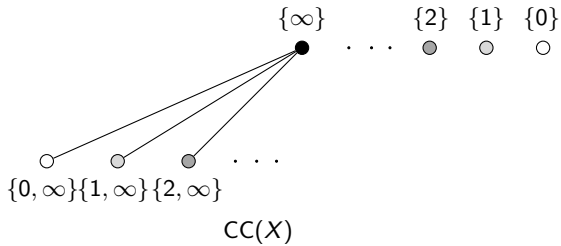
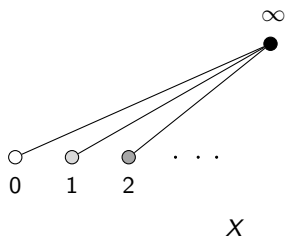
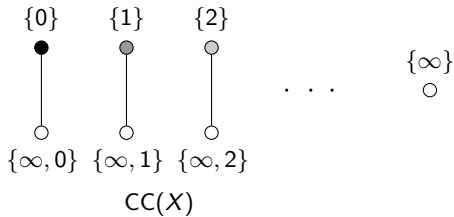
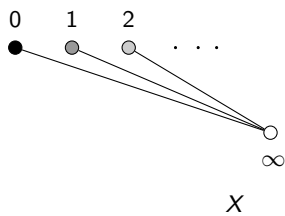
Theorem (C. 2024)

*Let F be the Gödel algebra free over a distributive lattice L .
Then F is a bi-Heyting algebra iff L is a co-Heyting algebra.*

Since free distributive lattices are co-Heyting algebras:

Corollary (C. 2024)

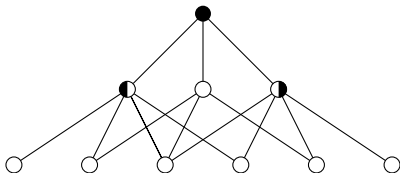
Free Gödel algebras are bi-Heyting algebras.



Coproducts of Gödel algebras

Coproducts of Heyting algebras (dually, products of Esakia spaces) are complicated. In 2006 **Grigolia** gave a description of binary coproducts of finite Heyting algebras in dual terms.

If $\mathbf{2}$ is the 2-element chain, seen as an Esakia space, then $\mathbf{2} \times \mathbf{2}$ in the category of Esakia spaces is infinite. The following are its first 3 layers.

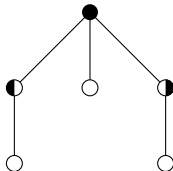


The size of the layers grow exponentially:

- the 4th layer has 72 points
- and the 5th layer has more than 10^{21} points.

Coproducts of Gödel algebras (dually, products of Esakia root systems) are much simpler. **D'Antona and Marra** in 2006 dually described the coproduct of two finite Gödel algebras, which is always finite.

The following is 2×2 in the category of Esakia root systems.

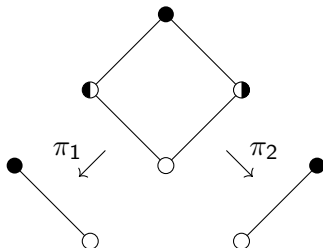
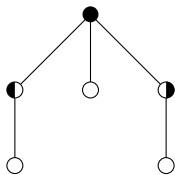


Let $\{X_i\}$ be a family of Esakia root systems. We denote by $\prod_i X_i$ their cartesian product with the product topology and the product order.

Definition

Let $\bigotimes_i X_i$ be the subspace of $\text{CC}(\prod_i X_i)$ given by

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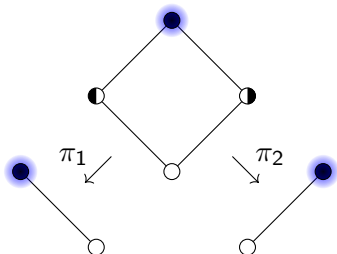
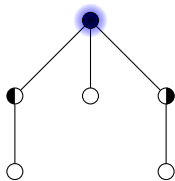


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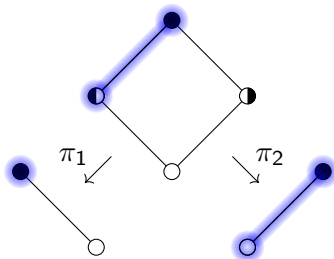
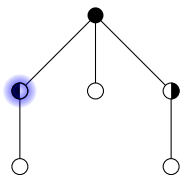


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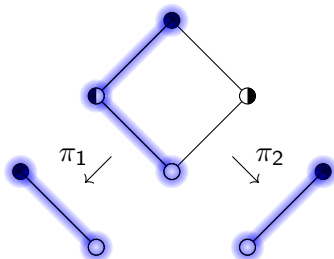
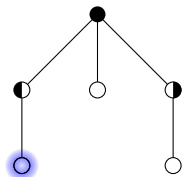


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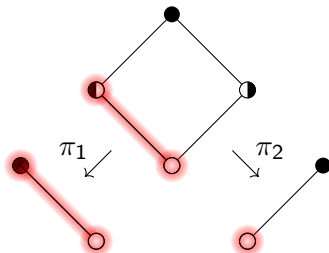
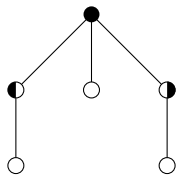


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Theorem (C. 2024)

- If $\{X_i\}$ is a family of Esakia root systems, then $\bigotimes_i X_i$ is their product in the category of Esakia root systems.
- Let $\{G_i\}$ be a family of Gödel algebras and $\{X_i\}$ their dual Esakia root systems. Then $\bigoplus_i G_i$ is dual to $\bigotimes_i X_i$.

The **depth** (or height) of a poset is the sup of the lengths of its finite chains.

Theorem (C. 2024)

Let $\{X_i\}$ be a family of nonempty Esakia root systems. Then $\bigotimes_i X_i$ has depth

$$1 + \sum_{i \in I} (d_i - 1),$$

where $d_i \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$ is the depth of X_i .

Free algebras in varieties of Gödel algebras

Each proper extension of LC is of the form $LC_n := LC + \text{bd}_n$, where bd_n is the bounded depth n axiom for $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

$$\text{bd}_0 := \perp \quad \text{bd}_{n+1} := x_{n+1} \vee (x_{n+1} \rightarrow \text{bd}_n)$$

The algebraic semantics for LC_n is given by GA_n ; the class of Gödel algebras validating bd_n .

Theorem

Esakia duality restricts to a duality between the category of GA_n -algebras and the category of Esakia root systems of depth $\leq n$.

Theorem (C. 2024)

The dual descriptions of free Gödel algebras and coproduct of Gödel algebras can be adapted to GA_n by replacing $\text{CC}(X)$ with its subspace

$$\text{CC}(X)_n = \{C \in \text{CC}(X) \mid C \text{ has size at most } n\}.$$

Interestingly, free GA_n -algebras are almost never bi-Heyting.

Corollary (C. 2024)

The GA_n -algebra free over a set S is bi-Heyting iff S is finite.

THANK YOU!