

# On the structure of balanced residuated posets

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# Residuated posets

A **residuated poset** is a structure  $\mathbf{A} = (A, \leq, \cdot, 1, /, \backslash)$  such that

- $(A, \leq)$  is a poset,
- $(A, \cdot, 1)$  is a monoid,
- $xy \leq z \iff x \leq z/y \iff y \leq x \backslash z$  (**res**).

$\implies \cdot$  is order-preserving in both arguments

$/, \backslash$  are order-preserving in numerator, order-reversing in denominator

**Some examples:**  $(\mathbb{R}, \leq, +, 0, -, -^{\text{op}})$ , any  $\ell$ -group,

all **groups** (where  $\leq$  is  $=$ ,  $x \backslash y = x^{-1}y$  and  $x/y = xy^{-1}$ )

all  $\wedge, \vee$ -free reducts of **residuated lattices**.

The **algebraic semantics of any logic** with a fusion, a truth constant and two implications with a deduction theorem (where  $\leq$  is  $\vdash$ )

# Balanced residuated posets

A residuated poset is **balanced** if  $x/x = x \backslash x$

**idempotent** if  $x^2 = x$  (where  $x^2 = x \cdot x$ )

**integral** if  $x \leq 1$  (i.e. 1 is the top element)

**Example:** every commutative residuated lattice is balanced,

every Boolean algebra is idempotent and integral

A **residuated lattice** is a residuated poset that is a lattice (has  $\vee, \wedge$ ).

# The aim of this talk

**Decompose** (certain) residuated posets into **simpler components**.

The components are residuated posets with a **unique positive idempotent**.

Reconstruction uses **Płonka sums of metamorphisms**.

Extends structure theory for **even/odd involutive  $FL_e$ -chains** [Jenei 2022],

**finite commutative idempotent involutive residuated lattices**, the components are **Boolean algebras** [Jipsen, Tuyt, Valota 2021],

and **locally integral involutive residuated posets**, where the components are **integral** involutive residuated posets [Gil-Férez, Jipsen, Lodhia 2023].

# Positive idempotent elements are central

Let  $Id^+(\mathbf{A}) = \{p \in A \mid 1 \leq p = p^2\}$  = the set of positive idempotent elements of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

The notation  $1_x$  is an abbreviation for  $x/x$ .

## Lemma

*In a residuated poset  $\mathbf{A}$  the following are equivalent:*

- $\mathbf{A}$  is balanced (i.e.  $x/x = x \setminus x$ ),
- $p \in Id^+(\mathbf{A})$  implies  $p$  is central (i.e., for every  $x$ ,  $px = xp$ ),
- $1_x$  is an identity for  $x$  (i.e.,  $1_x x = x = x 1_x$ ).

## Lemma

*If  $\mathbf{A}$  is a balanced residuated poset then  $(Id^+(\mathbf{A}), \cdot, 1)$  is a join-semilattice with bottom 1 and the order of  $\mathbf{A}$  agrees with the join-semilattice order on  $Id^+(\mathbf{A})$ .*

## Lemma

*In a residuated poset  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $Id^+(\mathbf{A}) = \{x/x \mid x \in A\} = \{x \setminus x \mid x \in A\}$ .*

## Corollary

*A residuated poset satisfies  $\forall x, x/x = 1 \iff \forall x, x \setminus x = 1$ .*

# An important equivalence relation

Define  $x \equiv y \iff 1_x = 1_y$ .

Then  $\equiv$  is an equivalence relation.

Let  $A_x = \{y \in A \mid 1_x = 1_y\}$  be the equivalence classes.

For a residuated poset  $\mathbf{A}$  the equivalence classes  $A_x$  are called the **local components** of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

# Decomposable residuated posets

A residuated poset is **semilattice decomposable** if

$$1_x = 1_y \implies 1_{x \setminus y} = 1_x.$$

## Lemma

A semilattice decomposable residuated poset is **balanced** and

satisfies  $1_x = 1_y \implies 1_{xy} = 1_x$  and  $1_x = 1_y \implies 1_{x/y} = 1_x$ .

Examples: All **commutative idempotent** residuated posets.

A RP is **involution** if  $0/(x \setminus 0) = (0/x) \setminus 0$  for some constant 0.

[Gil-Férez, J., Lodhia] all locally integral **involution** residuated posets are decomposable.



# The decomposition theorem

## Theorem

Every decomposable residuated poset  $\mathbf{A}$  is a disjoint union of residuated posets  $\mathbf{A}_p = (A_p, \leq_p, \cdot_p, 1_p, \setminus_p, /_p)$  where  $p$  ranges over the join-semilattice  $(Id^+(\mathbf{A}), \leq, \cdot)$ ,  $p = 1_p$  is the unique positive idempotent of  $\mathbf{A}_p$  and  $\leq_p, \cdot_p, \setminus_p, /_p$  are the restrictions of  $\leq, \cdot, \setminus, /$  to  $A_p$ .

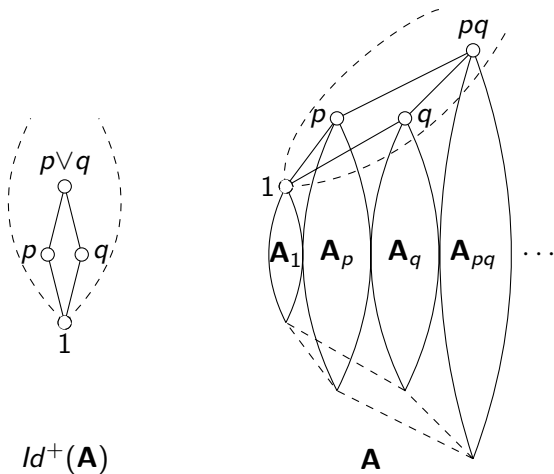
## Proof.

Suppose  $\mathbf{A}$  is decomposable and let  $p \in Id^+(\mathbf{A})$ , so  $p = 1_p$ . Then  $\mathbf{A}$  is balanced, so  $p$  is a left and right identity on  $A_p$ . For  $x, y \in A_p$  we have  $1_x = p = 1_y$ , so the preceding lemma implies  $1_{xy} = 1_x$  and  $1_{x/y} = 1_x = p$ . Therefore  $xy, x/y \in A_p$ , so the  $\mathbf{A}_p$  are residuated posets.  $\square$

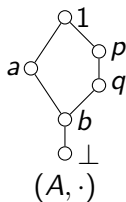
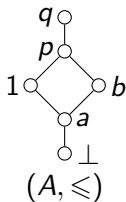
# A diagram of the decomposition into local components

Each component  $A_p$  intersects  $Id^+(\mathbf{A})$  in a **unique** element  $1_x = p$ .

The  $\mathbf{A}_p$  are **integral**  $\iff$   $\mathbf{A}$  is **square-decreasing** ( $x \cdot x \leq x$ ).



## A six-element decomposable example



The left poset  $(A, \leq)$  can be equipped with a commutative idempotent multiplication, i.e., the meet operation of the right poset.

This multiplication preserves all joins of  $(A, \leq)$ , hence is residuated.

This gives a residuated poset  $\mathbf{A}$ , where  $Id^+(\mathbf{A}) = \{1, p, q\}$  and  $A_1 = \{1, a\}$ ,  $A_p = \{p\}$ , and  $A_q = \{q, b, \perp\}$ .

These sets are closed under residuals, hence  $\mathbf{A}$  is decomposable.

# Reconstructing RPs from local components

In many cases the original residuated poset can be reconstructed from the local components and two families of maps:

$$\varphi_{pq}, \psi_{pq} : \mathbf{A}_p \rightarrow \mathbf{A}_q \text{ for } p \leq q \in Id^+(\mathbf{A}).$$

The maps are defined by  $\varphi_{pq}(x) = qx$  and  $\psi_{pq}(x) = q \setminus x$ .

Reconstructing the monoid operation uses a **Plonka sum**.

Reconstructing the order and residuals requires a generalization.

## Brief review of Płonka sums

Let  $\mathbf{I} = (I, \vee)$  be a join semilattice of **indices**.

A **semilattice directed system**  $\Phi = \{\varphi_{ij}: \mathbf{A}_i \rightarrow \mathbf{A}_j : i \leq j \text{ in } \mathbf{I}\}$  is a family of homomorphisms between algebras of the same type if  $\varphi_{ii}$  is the identity on  $\mathbf{A}_i$  and  $\varphi_{jk} \circ \varphi_{ij} = \varphi_{ik}$ , for all  $i \leq j \leq k$ .

If the algebras contain constants, assume  $\mathbf{I}$  has a least element  $\perp$ .

The **Płonka sum** of a semilattice directed system  $\Phi$  is an algebra  $\mathbf{S}$  of the same type defined on the disjoint union of the universes  $S = \bigsqcup_{i \in I} A_i$ .

For every  $n$ -ary operation symbol  $\sigma$  and  $a_1 \in A_{i_1}, \dots, a_n \in A_{i_n}$ ,

$$\sigma^{\mathbf{S}}(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \sigma^{\mathbf{A}_j}(\varphi_{i_1 j}(a_1), \dots, \varphi_{i_n j}(a_n)),$$

where  $j = i_1 \vee \dots \vee i_n$ , and for every constant symbol  $\omega$ ,  $\omega^{\mathbf{S}} = \omega^{\mathbf{A}_{\perp}}$ .

# Metamorphisms between algebras

Let  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}$  be algebras with operation symbols  $\sigma \in \mathcal{O}$ .

A **metamorphism**  $h : \mathbf{A} \looparrowright \mathbf{B}$  is a sequence of functions  $h^\sigma = (h^{\sigma 0}, \dots, h^{\sigma n})$  for each  $n$ -ary symbol  $\sigma \in \mathcal{O}$  such that

$$h^{\sigma 0}(\sigma^{\mathbf{A}}(a_1, \dots, a_n)) = \sigma^{\mathbf{B}}(h^{\sigma 1}(a_1), \dots, h^{\sigma n}(a_n)).$$

In particular, for every constant  $\omega$ ,  $f^\omega = (f^{\omega 0})$  and  $f^{\omega 0}(\omega^{\mathbf{A}}) = \omega^{\mathbf{B}}$ .

Every homomorphism  $g : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$  gives rise to a **metamorphism**  $h^\sigma = (g, \dots, g)$ , and algebras of the same type form a category with componentwise composition of metamorphisms:

If  $h : \mathbf{A} \looparrowright \mathbf{B}$  and  $k : \mathbf{B} \looparrowright \mathbf{C}$  then  $k \circ h : \mathbf{A} \looparrowright \mathbf{C}$  is defined by  $(k \circ h)^\sigma = (k^{\sigma 0} \circ h^{\sigma 0}, \dots, k^{\sigma n} \circ h^{\sigma n})$ .

The **identity** metamorphism is  $id : \mathbf{A} \looparrowright \mathbf{A}$ ,  $id^\sigma = (id^{\mathbf{A}}, \dots, id^{\mathbf{A}})$ .

# Łonka sum of metamorphisms

A **semilattice directed system of metamorphisms** is a family  $\mathcal{H} = \{h_{pq}: \mathbf{A}_p \rightarrow \mathbf{A}_q : p \leq q \text{ in } \mathbf{I}\}$  such that  $h_{pp} = id^{\mathbf{A}_p}$  and  $h_{qr} \circ h_{pq} = h_{pr}$ .

The **Łonka sum of a directed system of metamorphisms**  $\mathcal{H}$  is the algebra  $\mathbf{A}$  whose universe is  $A = \biguplus A_p$ , and such that for every  $n$ -ary operation  $\sigma$  and all  $a_1 \in A_{p_1}, \dots, a_n \in A_{p_n}$ ,

$$\sigma^{\mathbf{A}}(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \sigma^{\mathbf{A}_q}(h_{p_1q}^{\sigma_1}(a_1), \dots, h_{p_nq}^{\sigma_n}(a_n)),$$

where  $q = p_1 \vee \dots \vee p_n$ .

If the type  $\tau$  contains a constant symbol  $\omega$ , then we assume that  $\mathbf{I}$  has a least element  $\perp$  and  $\omega^{\mathbf{A}} = \omega^{\mathbf{A}_\perp}$ .

# Reconstructing Płonka decomposable residuated posets

A residuated poset is **Płonka decomposable** if it satisfies

$$1_{xy} = 1_{x \setminus y} = 1_{x/y} = 1_x \cdot 1_y.$$

For  $p \leq q \in Id^+(\mathbf{A})$  define  $\varphi_{pq}, \psi_{pq} : \mathbf{A}_p \rightarrow \mathbf{A}_q$  by

$$\varphi_{pq}(x) = qx \quad \text{and} \quad \psi_{pq}(x) = q \setminus x.$$

## Theorem

*The algebraic reduct of a Płonka decomposable residuated poset  $\mathbf{A}$  is the Płonka sum of the directed system of metamorphisms*

$\mathcal{H} = \{h_{pq} : \mathbf{A}_p \rightarrow \mathbf{A}_q : p \leq q \text{ in } \mathbf{I}\}$  given by

$$\begin{aligned} h_{pq}^1 &= (\varphi_{pq}), & h_{pq}^i &= (\varphi_{pq}, \varphi_{pq}, \varphi_{pq}), \\ h_{pq}^{\setminus} &= (\psi_{pq}, \varphi_{pq}, \psi_{pq}), & h_{pq}^{\setminus} &= (\psi_{pq}, \psi_{pq}, \varphi_{pq}). \end{aligned}$$

*Moreover, for all  $p, q \in I$ ,  $a \in A_p$ , and  $b \in A_q$ ,*

$$a \leq b \quad \iff \quad \varphi_{ps}(a) \leq_s \psi_{qs}(b), \quad \text{where } s = pq.$$



# Sums of posets

Let  $\mathbf{I} = (I, \vee)$  be a join-semilattice and  $(\Phi, \Psi)$  a pair of directed systems of monotone maps  $\Phi = \{\varphi_{pq} : \mathbf{A}_p \rightarrow \mathbf{A}_q : p \leq q \text{ in } \mathbf{I}\}$  and  $\Psi = \{\psi_{pq} : \mathbf{A}_p \rightarrow \mathbf{A}_q : p \leq q \text{ in } \mathbf{I}\}$ .

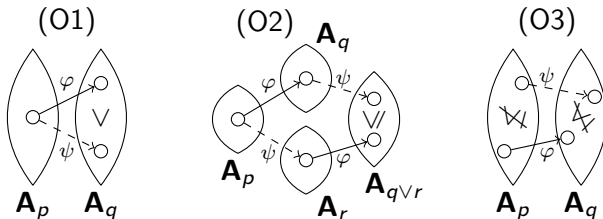
Define the relation  $\leq$  on  $A = \biguplus A_p$  as follows: for all  $p, q \in I$ ,  $a \in A_p$ , and  $b \in A_q$ ,

$$a \leq b \iff \varphi_{ps}(a) \leq_s \psi_{qs}(b), \quad \text{where } s = p \vee q.$$

In general, this relation is not a partial order, but it will be if the following three conditions are satisfied. In that case, we call  $(A, \leq)$  the **sum** of the family of posets  $\{\mathbf{A}_p : p \in I\}$  **over**  $(\Phi, \Psi)$ .

- (O1) if  $p < q$  then  $\psi_{pq} <_q \varphi_{pq}$  pointwise,
- (O2) if  $p \leq q, r$  and  $t = q \vee r$ , then  $\varphi_{qt}\psi_{pq} \leq_t \psi_{rt}\varphi_{pr}$  pointwise,
- (O3) for all  $a, b \in A_p$  and  $p \leq q$ , if  $\varphi_{pq}(a) \leq_q \psi_{pq}(b)$ , then  $a \leq_p b$ .

# Construction of posets from components



## Theorem

Given a pair  $(\Phi, \Psi)$  of directed systems of monotone maps, the relation  $\leq$  defined by

$$a \leq b \iff \varphi_{ps}(a) \leq_s \psi_{qs}(b), \quad \text{where } s = p \vee q.$$

is a partial order extending the order of each poset **if and only if**  $(\Phi, \Psi)$  satisfies (O1)–(O3).

## Construction Theorem

Let  $\{\mathbf{A}_p : p \in I\}$  be a family of residuated posets indexed on a join semilattice  $\mathbf{I} = (I, \vee)$  with least element  $\perp$  and  $\Phi, \Psi$  a pair of semilattice directed systems of monotone maps such that  $\mathcal{H} = \{h_{pq} : \mathbf{A}_p \multimap \mathbf{A}_q : p \leq q \text{ in } \mathbf{I}\}$  is a directed system of metamorphisms defined by

$$\begin{aligned} h_{pq}^1 &= (\varphi_{pq}), & h_{pq}^i &= (\varphi_{pq}, \varphi_{pq}, \varphi_{pq}), \\ h_{pq}^{\setminus} &= (\psi_{pq}, \varphi_{pq}, \psi_{pq}), & h_{pq}^{\prime} &= (\psi_{pq}, \psi_{pq}, \varphi_{pq}). \end{aligned}$$

and  $(\Phi, \Psi)$  satisfies (O1)–(O3). Then the Płonka sum of  $\mathcal{H}$  together with the sum of the poset reduces over  $(\Phi, \Psi)$  is a residuated poset.

An **involutive residuated poset**, or InRP, is a structure of the form  $\mathbf{A} = (A, \leq, \cdot, 1, \sim, -)$  such that  $(A, \leq)$  is a poset and  $(A, \cdot, 1)$  is a monoid satisfying

$$x \leq y \iff x \cdot \sim y \leq -1 \iff -y \cdot x \leq -1. \quad (\text{ineg})$$

The monoid operation is residuated with residuals defined by  $x \backslash y = \sim(-y \cdot x)$  and  $x / y = -(y \cdot \sim x)$ .

An ipo-monoid  $\mathbf{A}$  is **locally integral** if it is balanced, and it satisfies  $x \leq 1_x$  and  $x \backslash 1_x = 1_x$ , where  $1_x = x / x = -(x \cdot \sim x)$ .

The metamorphisms are determined by the two families of maps

$$\varphi_{pq}(x) = 1_q \cdot x = q \cdot x \text{ and}$$

$$\psi_{pq}(x) = \sim(-x \cdot 1_q) = q \setminus x = \sim\varphi_{pq}(-x).$$

Hence every locally integral InRP is a Płonka sum, and its order can be recovered by

$$a \leq b \iff \varphi_{ps}(a) \leq_s \psi_{qs}(b), \quad \text{where } s = p \vee q.$$

This is the structure theory originally obtained in an ad hoc manner in [Gil-Férez, J., Lodhia 2023].

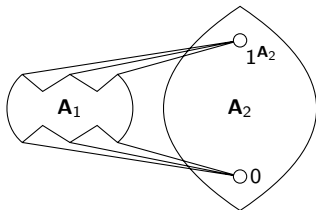
$$a \leq b \iff \varphi_{ps}(a) \cdot_s \varphi_{ps}(\sim b) = 0_s, \quad \text{where } s = p \vee q.$$

## Example: Płonka sum of two residuated posets

Let  $\mathbf{A}_1$  and  $\mathbf{A}_2$  be two residuated posets, with two directed systems  $\Phi = \{\varphi_{pq} : p \leq q\}$  and  $\Psi = \{\psi_{pq} : p \leq q\}$ , indexed over the 2-element chain  $1 < 2$ , such that the nonidentity maps  $\varphi_{12}, \psi_{12} : \mathbf{A}_1 \rightarrow \mathbf{A}_2$  are defined by

$$a \mapsto \varphi_{12}(a) = 1^{\mathbf{A}_2} \quad \text{and} \quad a \mapsto \psi_{12}(a) = 0,$$

with  $0$  a fixed element in  $\mathbf{A}_2$  such that  $0 < 1^{\mathbf{A}_2}$ .



Then  $(\Phi, \Psi)$  satisfies the conditions of the **Construction Theorem**, hence we obtain a residuated poset  $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{A}_1 \uplus \mathbf{A}_2$ .

# When will the construction produce a residuated lattice?

In general this is an open problem, but for the two-component Płonka sum it suffices if  $\mathbf{A}_1$  is a (chopped) lattice and  $\mathbf{A}_2$  is a lattice.

Join and meet are defined as follows:

$$a \vee^{\mathbf{S}} b = \begin{cases} a \vee^{\mathbf{A}} b & \text{if } a, b \in A \text{ have an upper bound in } A \\ 1^{\mathbf{B}} & \text{if } a, b \in A \text{ have no upper bound in } A \\ a \vee^{\mathbf{B}} b & \text{if } a, b \in B \\ a & \text{if } a \in A, b \in B \text{ with } b \leq 0 \\ b \vee^{\mathbf{B}} 1^{\mathbf{B}} & \text{if } a \in A, b \in B \text{ with } b \not\leq 0, \end{cases}$$

$$a \wedge^{\mathbf{S}} b = \begin{cases} a \wedge^{\mathbf{A}} b & \text{if } a, b \in A \text{ have a lower bound in } A \\ 0 & \text{if } a, b \in A \text{ have no lower bound in } A \\ a \wedge^{\mathbf{B}} b & \text{if } a, b \in B \\ a & \text{if } a \in A, b \in B \text{ with } 1^{\mathbf{B}} \leq b \\ b \wedge^{\mathbf{B}} 0 & \text{if } a \in A, b \in B \text{ with } 1^{\mathbf{B}} \not\leq b. \end{cases}$$

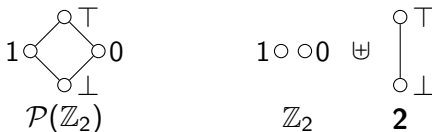
## Example of a 4-element relation algebra

For any monoid  $\mathbf{M} = (M, \cdot, e)$  the **complex algebra**  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{M})$  is the residuated lattice  $(\mathcal{P}(M), \cap, \cup, \cdot, \setminus, /, \{e\})$ , where for all  $X, Y \subseteq M$ ,

$$X \cdot Y = \{xy : x \in X, y \in Y\},$$

$$X \setminus Y = \{z \in M : X \cdot \{z\} \subseteq Y\} \quad \text{and} \quad X / Y = \{z \in M : \{z\} \cdot Y \subseteq X\}.$$

The previous two-component Płonka sum can be used for the 4-element relation algebra  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}_2)$  where  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  is the 2-element group.



This relation algebra is **not** locally integral, but it is Płonka decomposable, and the Płonka sum decomposition can be applied to all members of the variety of relation algebras generated by  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}_2)$ .









## How good is this structure theory?

The table below shows how many Płonka decomposable residuated posets can be built from indecomposable residuated posets (i.e. ones with a unique positive idempotent).

Cardinality $n =$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Residuated posets (RP)	1	2	5	28	186	1795		
Residuated lattices	1	1	3	20	149	1488	18554	295292
<b>Slat. decomposable RP</b>	1	2	5	24	134	1029		
<b>Płonka decomposable RP</b>	1	2	5	23	121	889		
<b>Unique pos. idem. RP</b>	1	2	4	16	72	516		
Com. idem. Pł. decomp. RP	1	1	2	5	13	36	107	
Idempotent integral RP	1	1	1	2	3	5	8	15

E.g., for commutative idempotent Płonka decomposable residuated posets, **99** seven-element RPs can be constructed from **13** indecomposable components.

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