

Geometric aspects of Łukasiewicz logic

A short excursion

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To construct compound formulæ we use the **logical connectives**:

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- \wedge , for **conjunction** (“and”, Latin *et*);
- \rightarrow , for **implication** (“if... then...”, conditional assertions);
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Let us write FORM for the set of all formulæ constructed over the countable language X_1, \dots, X_n, \dots . Observe that formulæ are defined exactly in the same manner in classical logic.

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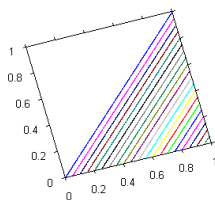
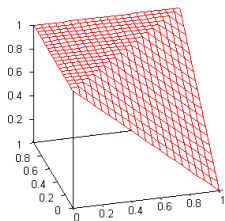
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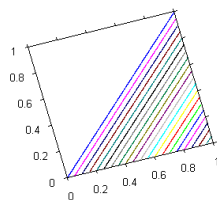
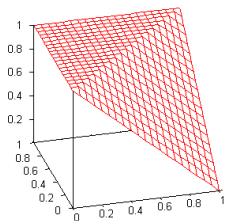
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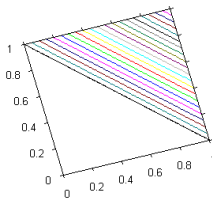
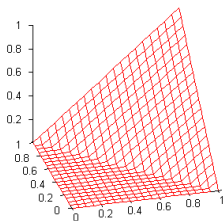
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\top	$\neg\perp$	<i>Verum</i>
$\neg\alpha$	$-$	Negation
$\alpha \rightarrow \beta$	$-$	Implication
$\alpha \vee \beta$	$(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \beta$	(Lattice) Disjunction
$\alpha \wedge \beta$	$\neg(\neg\alpha \vee \neg\beta)$	(Lattice) Conjunction
$\alpha \leftrightarrow \beta$	$(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \rightarrow \alpha)$	Biconditional
$\alpha \oplus \beta$	$\neg\alpha \rightarrow \beta$	Strong disjunction
$\alpha \odot \beta$	$\neg(\alpha \rightarrow \neg\beta)$	Strong conjunction
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Table: Connectives in Łukasiewicz logic.

The corresponding formal semantics is as follows:

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Truth-function of Łukasiewicz “strong conjunction” \odot .
(Note: Non-idempotent operation.)

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- $\neg\neg\alpha \rightarrow \alpha$ (Law of double negation)
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- $(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \vee (\beta \rightarrow \alpha)$ (Pre-linearity)

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Next we select a set of **deduction rules** that tell us that if we already established that formulæ $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ are provable, and these have a certain shape, then a specific formula β is also a provable formula.

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Moral: The import of removing one axiom from an axiom system depends on the axiom system itself. In particular, Hilbert-style systems are of little use to analyse the structural properties of logics in terms of a specific axiomatisation.

(For this, the Gentzen-style systems used in proof theory are more useful.)

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A. Rose and J. Barkley Rosser, *Trans. of the AMS*, 1958.

Proof is syntactic. Algebraic proof given shortly thereafter by C.C. Chang, which introduced **MV-algebras** for this purpose. We will return to them if time allows.

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Lukasiewicz logic fails strong completeness.

Let S be the set of formulæ in one variable p :

$$\varphi_n(p) := ((n + 1)(p^n \wedge \neg p)) \oplus p^{n+1},$$

for each integer $n \geq 1$, where

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Taking stock. $\vdash_{\mathbf{L}}$ is **compact**, but $\vDash_{\mathbf{L}}$ is not.

Note. $S \vdash_{\mathbf{L}} \alpha \Rightarrow S \vDash_{\mathbf{L}} \alpha$ always.

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A folklore theorem:

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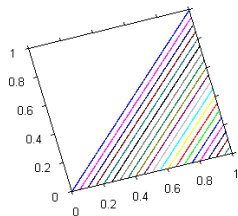
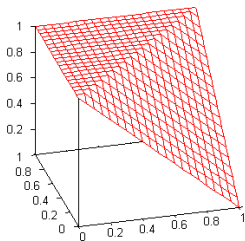
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\wedge	conjunction	And
\rightarrow	implication	If... then...
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Table: Connectives in Lukasiewicz logic.



Truth-function of Lukasiewicz implication.

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Lindenbaum's Equivalence Relation

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Abstractly: $(M, \oplus, \neg, 0)$ is an MV-algebra if $(M, \oplus, 0)$ is a commutative monoid, $\neg\neg x = x$, $1 := \neg 0$ is absorbing for \oplus ($x \oplus 1 = 1$), and, characteristically,

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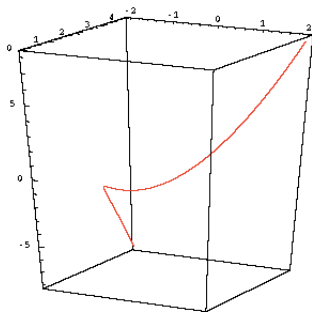
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The *twisted cubic*: $\mathbb{V}(\{y - x^2, z - x^3\})$



(Parametrisation: $t \mapsto (t, t^2, t^3)$.)

Rational polyhedra



Leonardo's Truncated Icosahedron

(Illustration for Luca Pacioli's *The Divine Proportion*, 1509.)

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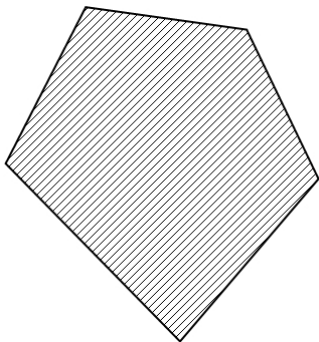
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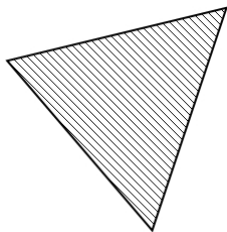
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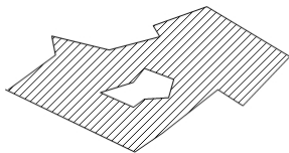


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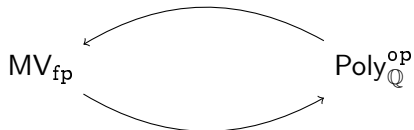
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Remark. The subspace $\mathbb{V}(\tau) \subseteq [0, 1]^n$ homeomorphic to the **maximal spectral space** of $\mathcal{F}_n / \langle \tau \rangle$, topologised by the (analogue of) the Zariski topology. The MV-algebra $\nabla(P)$ is the exact analogue for rational polyhedra of the coordinate ring of an affine algebraic variety.

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Semantics: Solutions, or Models — *Geometrical*

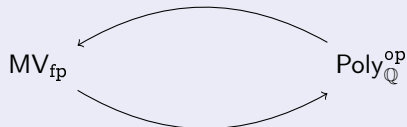
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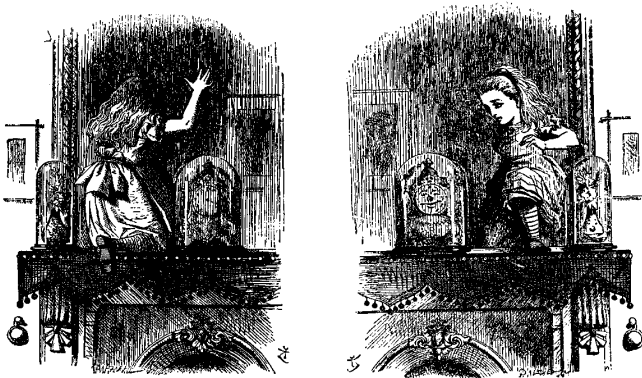
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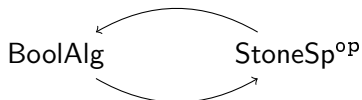
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The ensuing spaces are nowadays called **Stone spaces**. The **clopen** sets — those sets which are both closed and open in the topology — correspond to **principal ideals/filters**, and hence to **elements** of the algebra. Thus, the original algebra can be recovered from its space of maximal ideals; Stone's construction is in fact a two-way road.

The syntax-semantics dictionary.

Algebra, or Syntax.	Topology, or Semantics.
Boolean algebra	Stone (or Boolean) space
Homomorphism	Continuous map
Finite Boolean algebra	Finite set
Finite algebra homomorphism	Function
Free n -gen. algebra	$\{0, 1\}^n$
Maximal ideal	Point of Stone space
Ideal	Closed subset of Stone space
Principal ideal	Clopen subset of Stone space
⋮	⋮



The syntax-semantics dictionary.

Algebra, or Syntax.	Geometry, or Semantics.
F.p. algebra	Rational polyhedron
Homomorphism	\mathbb{Z} -map
F.p. subalgebra	Continuous image by \mathbb{Z} -map
F.p. quotient algebra	Rational subpolyhedron
F.p. projective algebra	Retract of cube by \mathbb{Z} -maps
Free n -gen. algebra	$[0, 1]^n$
Maximal congruence	Point of rational polyhedron
Intersection of maximal cong.	Closed subset of rational polyhedron
Finite product $A \times B$	Finite disjoint union
\vdots	\vdots



Algebraic geometry	General algebra
Ground field k $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ Affine space k^n	A \mathcal{F}_n A^n
Ideal of $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ Affine variety in k^n Coord. ring $k[x_i]/\mathbb{I}(\mathbb{V}(S))$	Congruence on \mathcal{F}_n Galois-fixed subset of A^n Quotient $\mathcal{F}_n/\mathbb{I}(\mathbb{V}(S))$
Homomorphism of k -alg. Map of affine varieties	V-homomorphism Term-definable map
<i>Nullstellensatz</i> <i>co-Nullstellensatz</i>	V.M. & L. Spada, 2012 ?
Maximal ideal \vdots	Maximal congruence \vdots

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