

# A story of rules

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# A multiple voices talk

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## One voice is missing ....

### Vincent Duquenne



*"Where is Guigues ?"*

### This talk to pay tribute ....

... to the memory of Vincent Duquenne, who left us so prematurely.

Vincent is "one of the two men" of the canonical basis.

## Preliminaries: Implication

- An *implication* is a rule  $A \rightarrow B$  on a set  $S$  with  $A \subseteq S$  and  $B \subseteq S$ 
  - $A$  is the premise,  $B$  the conclusion,
  - meaning  $A$  *implies*  $B$
  - referring to strong association rules (confidence=1)
- An *implicational system* (IS)  $\Sigma$  is a set of implications
- A subset  $X \subseteq S$  *respects* an implication  $A \rightarrow B$  when

$$A \subseteq X \text{ implies } B \subseteq X$$

## Preliminaries: Closure system

- A *closure operator*  $\varphi$  on a set  $S$  is a map  $\varphi : P(S) \rightarrow P(S)$  that satisfies, for all  $X, Y \subseteq S$ :
  - increasing :  $X \subseteq \varphi(X)$
  - isotone :  $X \subseteq Y$  implies  $\varphi(X) \subseteq \varphi(Y)$
  - idempotent :  $\varphi(\varphi(X)) = \varphi(X)$
- A *closure system* refers to the pair  $(\varphi, S)$  of a set  $S$  and a closure operator  $\varphi$  on  $S$

## Preliminaries: Closure lattice

- A subset  $X \subseteq S$  is called *closed* or a *closure* when  $X = \varphi(X)$
- The set of all closed sets equipped with the inclusion relation forms a lattice called the *closure lattice*
- Closure systems are *equivalent* when they have the same closure lattice

## Preliminaries: Links with FCA

### FCA

Let  $(G, M, \alpha, \beta)$  be a context with :

- $\alpha : P(G) \rightarrow P(M)$   
associates to objects their common attributes
- $\beta : P(M) \rightarrow P(G)$   
associates to attributes their common objects

**Then  $(\alpha \circ \beta, M)$  and  $(\beta \circ \alpha, G)$  are two closure systems**

### Implications

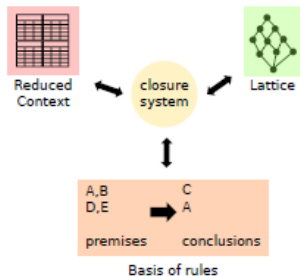
Let  $\Sigma$  be an implicational system on  $S$

For  $X \subseteq S$ , let  $\varphi_{\Sigma}(X)$  be the closure of  $X$ , i.e. the smallest set

- containing  $X$  and
- respecting any implication  $A \rightarrow B \in \Sigma$

**Then  $(\varphi_{\Sigma}, S)$  is a closure system**

## Preliminaries: Links with FCA



### Concept lattice

The *concept lattice* of a context is the mix of the two closure lattices on  $G$  and  $M$

### Basis

IS with some minimality properties

### Reduced context

Context reduced to the *irreducible* elements of the lattice

Bijections where closure system is central<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>K.Bertet, C. Demko, J-F. Viaud, C. Guérin. Lattices, closures systems and implication bases: A survey of structural aspects and algorithms. TCS(2018)



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# What bases of rules ?

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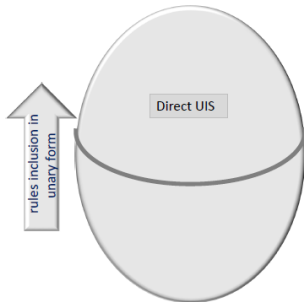


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# The main bases



Equivalent IS ordered by inclusion of their unit form

## Equivalent IS

Their associated closure systems are equivalent (the same closure lattice)

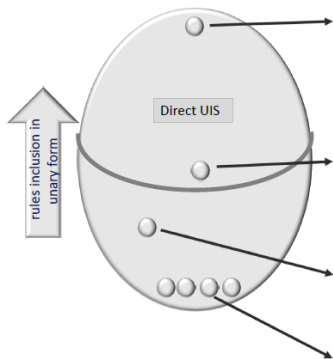
## Unit form

Each implication  $A \rightarrow B$  is replaced by the set of unit implications  $\{A \rightarrow b, \forall b \in B\}$

## Directness

An IS is direct when each closure  $\varphi(X)$  can be obtained by only one-pass on its implications

# The main bases



Equivalent IS ordered by inclusion of their unit form

The full UIS (maximal)

$$\{X \rightarrow \varphi(X) \setminus X : X \subseteq S\}$$

The canonical direct basis (minimal among the direct ones)

$$\{X \rightarrow \varphi(X) \setminus X : X \text{ is a min. gen.}\}$$

The D-basis

Direct according to a special ordering

The canonical basis (one minimal)

$$\{X \rightarrow \varphi(X) \setminus X : X \text{ is a pseudo-cl.}\}$$

# The canonical direct basis

The *canonical direct basis* is a basis unifying various definition of direct basis<sup>2</sup>:

- The canonical and iteration-free basis (Wild, 1994)
- The weak implication basis (Rush, Wille, 1995)
- The minimal functional dependencies (Maier, 1983)
- The proper implications basis (Taouil, Bastide, 2002)
- The direct-optimal basis (Bertet, Nebut, 2004)
- The dependance relation basis (Bertet, 1998)

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<sup>2</sup>K.Bertet, B. Monjardet. The multiple factes of the canonical direct basis, TCS, 411 (2010)

## Dependence relation

Binary relation defined on the set of join-irreducible elements of a lattice (including the sub-order)



Karell (oct 2004, CAMS seminary, EHESS):

*The dependance relation basis is the unique direct-optimal basis*

Bernard Monjardet (oct 2004, CAMS seminary, EHESS):

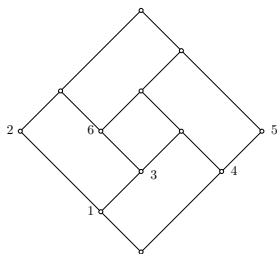
*It looks like other bases I worked on a few years ago. Is it also left-minimal ?*



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# The journey to the $D$ -basis



Finite lattice with six  
join-irreducibles

## A lattice

Partially ordered set where each pair of elements has a least upper bound  $\vee$  and a greatest lower bound  $\wedge$ .

## Join irreducible

An element  $j$  of lattice such that  $j = a \vee b$  implies  $j = a$  or  $j = b$ .

## Example of a finite lattice

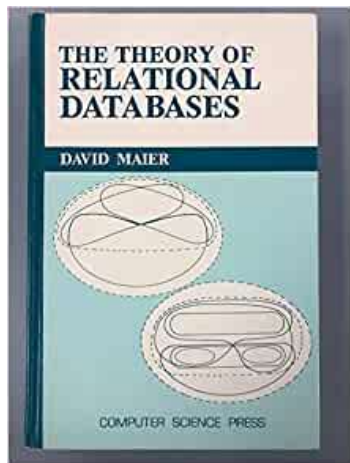
Relations on join irreducibles:  $3 \leq 6$ ,  
or  $3 \leq 2 \vee 5$

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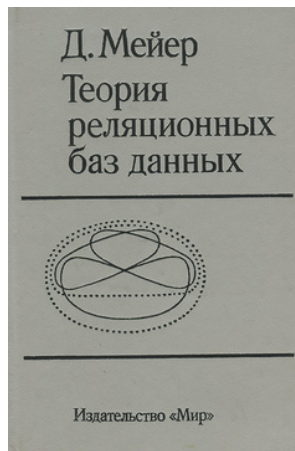
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## Portland-Novosibirsk, 1983-87



1983 issue



1987 issue

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# Alan Day



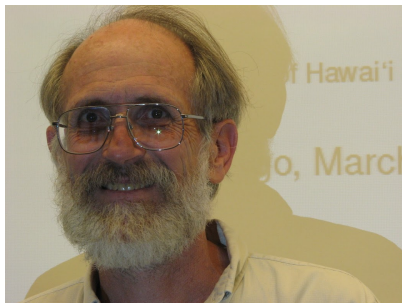
A. Day, *The lattice theory of functional dependencies and normal decompositions*, IJAC 1992

## Day's conference: McMaster University, 1992



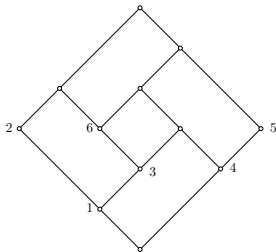
M. Wild, *A theory of finite closure spaces based on implications*,  
Adv. Math. 1996

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J.B.Nation, *An approach to lattice varieties of finite height*, Alg. Universalis 1990

# OD-graph of a finite lattice



Finite lattice with six  
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## OD-graph of a finite lattice

- (I) Partially ordered set of join irreducibles.
- (II) Minimal *join-covers* of join irreducibles.

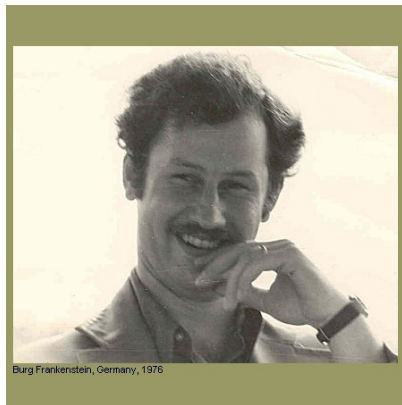
### Example: part (I)

$$1 \leq 2, 1 \leq 3 \leq 6, 4 \leq 5$$

### Example: part (II)

$3 \leq 2 \vee 5$  is a join-cover of 3, but it is not *minimal* cover, since there is  $3 \leq 1 \vee 4$ , where  $1 \leq 2$  and  $4 \leq 5$ , from (I)

## ORDAL'96 : Ottawa



D. Duffus, I. Rival, *A structure theory for ordered sets*, Disc. Math. 1981



## ORDAL'96 : Ottawa



V. Duquenne, *GLAD: General Lattice Analysis and Design*, Invited talk in two parts

## Fast forward to 2011 ...

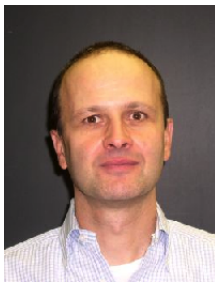
Kira:

*Is that right? So you were there at Ivan's conference? Somehow, I am not good at remembering things. In 2008, on ROGICS conference in Tunisia, I met Guy Jourdan, and he said he remembers me in Ivan Rival's home, when there were just a few people there. Only when he told me I vaguely remembered.*

Vincent

*Hence you don't need a forgetful functor...*

## AMS meeting: University of Illinois, 2009



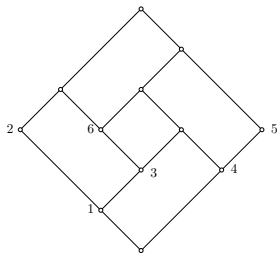
M. Langlois, R. H. Sloan, **Gy. Turán**: *Horn upper bounds and renaming*, Journal on Satisfiability, Boolean Modeling and Computation 2010.

## University of Illinois, Chicago 2010



K. Bertet and B. Monjardet, *The multiple facets of the canonical direct unit implicational basis*, Theoretical Computer Science 2010.

# Connecting the dots



Closure lattice of  
six-element set  
(= set of join-irreducibles)

## Lattice perspective

- (I) Partially ordered set of join irreducibles.
- (II) Minimal *join-covers* of join irreducibles.

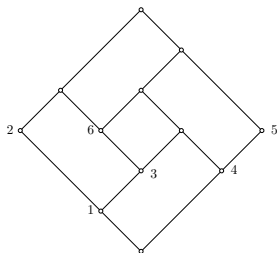
## Closure system perspective

Part (I) becomes:  $2 \rightarrow 1$ ,  
 $6 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 1$ ,  $5 \rightarrow 4$

## Example: part (II)

$2 \& 5 \rightarrow 3$  is an implication from the join-cover of 3, and  $1 \& 4 \rightarrow 3$  from the *minimal* cover of 3.

# The $D$ -basis



Closure lattice of  
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The  $D$ -basis has implications coming from OD-graph

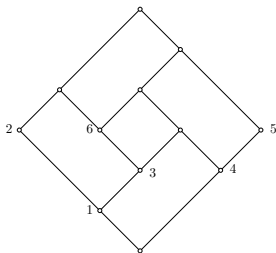
(I) it is a subset of the canonical direct unit basis.

(II) it is *ordered-direct*: apply implications from part (I) before part (II).

Closure system perspective

$D$ -basis is easy to compute from any direct basis.

# The $D$ -basis



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Canonical direct unit basis vs.  
 $D$ -basis

$D$ -basis has 9 implications,  
canonical direct unit basis has 13.  
Extra:  $2 \& 5 \rightarrow 3$ ,  $2 \& 4 \rightarrow 3$ ,  
 $1 \& 5 \rightarrow 3$  and  $2 \& 5 \rightarrow 6$ .

# The $D$ -basis

```

1000010001101101110111
1110010011100011010101
1111011111111000000001
1101011100001110001111
001111111111111111000
0001111100110011000110
111111101010101010101
1101011111101111110111
1100011100000001111000
0000111100001111000011

```

Benchmark 10x22 binary matrix for testing bases on its concept lattice

Canonical basis

has 97 implications

Canonical direct unit basis

has 1534 implications.

The  $D$ -basis

has 719 implications.



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# Yeshiva University, New York 2011



K.Adaricheva, J.B.Nation, **R. Rand**, *Ordered direct implicational basis of a finite closure system*, *Discr. Appl. Math.* 2013.

# Vincent in communication 2011-12

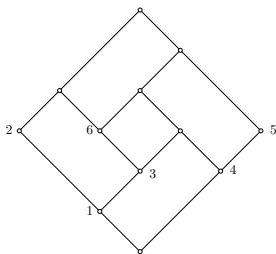


Mushrooms in Sennely,  
which he collected

## From letter in July 2012

*Here is a small idea (I take only 10% if it worked!!). I never took seriously the optimal business, because the right way to calculate with implications doesn't gain anything from it. OK. But there are potentially situations where optimality and your order directness should be crucial: biology, chemistry etc. For classifying an object, you have its partial description, you want to calculate its (quasi-)closure, and for this you have reactives / products / procedures but you can use them only one time, and even with some order constraint.*

# Dependence relation vs. $D$ -relation



Closure lattice of  
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## Dependence relation

Connects an element in the conclusion and elements in the premise of a rule in canonical direct unit basis. Since  $2 \& 5 \rightarrow 3$ ,  $2 \& 4 \rightarrow 3$ ,  $1 \& 5 \rightarrow 3$  and  $1 \& 4 \rightarrow 3$  are in the canonical direct unit basis,  $3$  *depends* on 1, 2, 4, 5.

## $D$ -relation

Similar relation for the  $D$ -basis. Since only  $1 \& 4 \rightarrow 3$  is in the  $D$ -basis, are in the canonical direct unit basis,  $3$  *D-depends* on 1, 4.

## $D$ -relation in the context

```
1000010001101101110111  
1110010011100011010101  
1111011111111000000001  
1101011100001110001111  
001111111111111111000  
0001111100110011000110  
1111111101010101010101  
1101011111101111110111  
1100011100000001111000  
0000111100001111000011
```

### The $D$ -relation

can be found in the context using the standard arrow relations.

### The $D$ -basis

can be extracted from the context using hypergraph dualization.

### The $D$ -relation

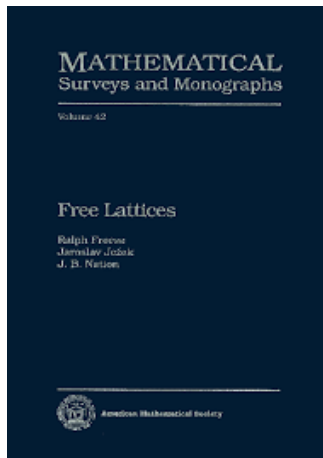
plays an important role in the study of structure of free lattices.

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# Free lattices - 1992



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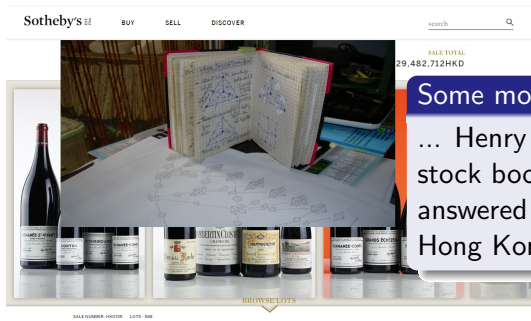
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## Vincent in Dagstuhl - 2014



Vincent is the third on the left!

## Vincent on his stock booklet



Some months ago ...

... Henry Crapo asked me my stock booklet, to which I answered for fun that I sold it in a Hong Kong auction.

## Fast backward to 2011 ...

Kira:

*During my stay in Hawai'i I was able to show that aggregated E-basis is an optimization of your canonical basis.*

Vincent

*Hard to see that, one day, you are no more optimal, but it's life! (I'm kidding, which you understood is my favorite hobby...)*

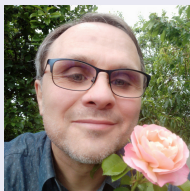


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# What about non binary data ?

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## The first approaches aiming to adapt data to FCA are not really effective

- Multivalued context
- Discretization/scaling of numerical data into intervals
- Embedding of more complex data into numerical vector
- ....
  - => Huge number of binary attributes
  - => Loss of value
  - => Loss of structure

## The question of an extension of FCA framework to the non-binary case has been addressed

- For what kind of data ?
- How to define a concept/closure lattice ?
  - What is the closure operator ?
  - Is there a Galois connection ?
- How to extract/deduce (bases of rules) from the lattice ?
  - What are the minimal generators ?
  - What are the pseudo-closed sets ?

## Some approaches are dedicated to particular data

### Triadic concept analysis (Lehmann, Wille, 1995)

- Dedicated to triadic contexts: 3 sets (Obj, Att, Cond), with a 3-ary relation
- Triadic concepts and triadic implications are defined
- $N \xrightarrow{ad} P$  ( $N \rightarrow P$  under  $ad$ )
- Extensions to n-adic (Voutsadakis, 2002)
- Triadic association rules (Missaoui et al, 2013)

### Relational concept analysis (Huchard et al 2007)

- Defined for relational data
- An iterative process generates a concept lattice

K	P	N	R	K	S
1	abd	abd	ac	ab	a
2	ad	bcd	abd	ad	d
3	abd	d	ab	ab	a
4	abd	bd	ab	ab	d
5	ad	ad	abd	abc	a

## Others works extend FCA to non-binary data

### Logical Concept Analysis

*Logical Concept Analysis*<sup>a</sup> is a generalization of FCA in which sets of attributes are replaced by logical expressions. The power set of attributes is replaced by an arbitrary set of formulas to which are associated a subsumption relation, and conjunctive and disjunctive operations, and therefore forms a lattice.

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<sup>a</sup>S. Ferré, O. Ridoux. A Logical Generalization of Formal Concept Analysis. LNCS. 2000

LCA is the fundamental base of Abstract Conceptual Navigation (Ferré 2014) whose principle is to navigate in a conceptual space where places are logical concepts connected by navigation links.

## Other works extends FCA to non-binary data

### Pattern structures

*Pattern structures*<sup>a</sup> allows to extend FCA algorithms to non-binary data when a Galois connection exists between objects and their description, i.e. the space description provides a subsumption relation.

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<sup>a</sup>B. Ganter, S. Kuznetsov. Pattern structures and their projections. International Conference on Conceptual Structures. 2001.

- Pattern structures for numerical data (Kaytoue, 2020)
- Pattern structure for sequential data (Buzmakov et al, 2017)
- ...

But pattern lattices are huge, often intractable.

**From the deluge of data to the deluge of patterns and rules!!**



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# NEXTPRIORITYCONCEPT

## Founding ideas

Inspired by discussions with colleagues, and in particular with Sergei K. during his stay at La Rochelle



# NEXTPRIORITYCONCEPT

## Founding ideas

NEXTPRIORITYCONCEPT<sup>a</sup> generates concepts from heterogeneous and complex data :

- A pattern structure approach
- Inspired by the Bordat algorithm, it maintains the lattice structure using a priority queue and a constraint propagation mechanism
- Generic strategies allows to limit the generation of patterns
- Patterns are described in a generic way by first order monadic predicates

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<sup>a</sup>Demko, Bertet, Faucher, Viaud, Kuznetsov. NEXTPRIORITYCONCEPT: A new and generic algorithm computing concepts from complex and heterogeneous data. TCS. 2020

# Bordat algorithm as basis

## A dual version of Bordat theorem

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Concepts( $(G, M, (\alpha, \beta))$ )

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begin
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  Add top to a queue Q;
  while Q not empty do
    (A, B) ← Q.pop();
    produce (A, B);
    LP ← Immediate-Predecessors((A, B));
    forall (A', B') ∈ LP do
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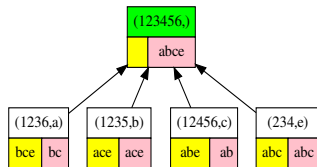
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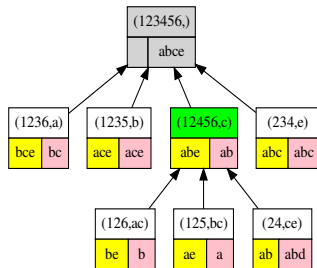
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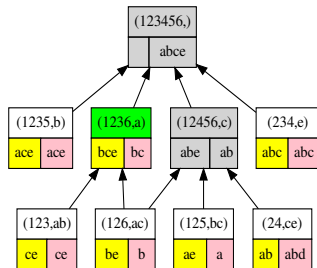
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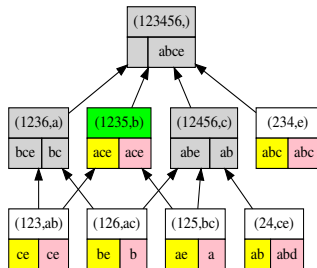
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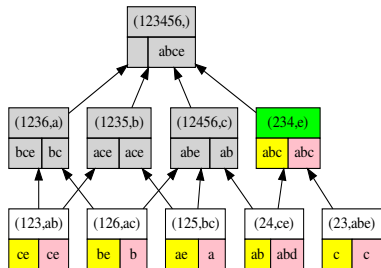
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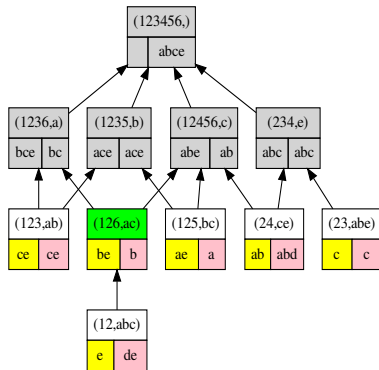
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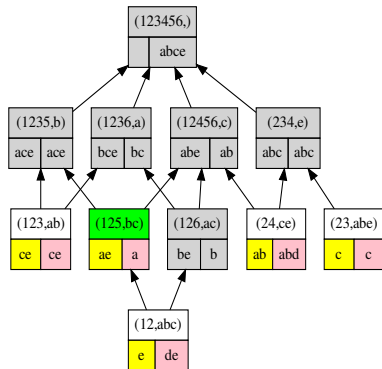
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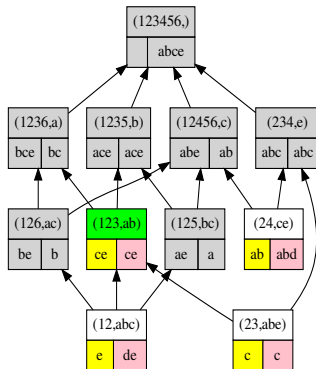
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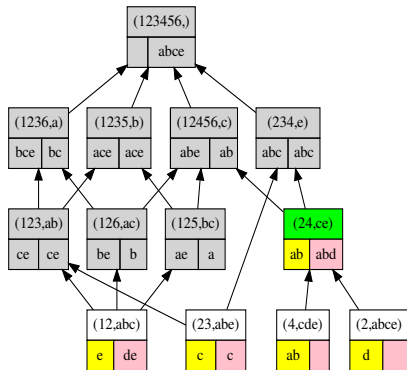
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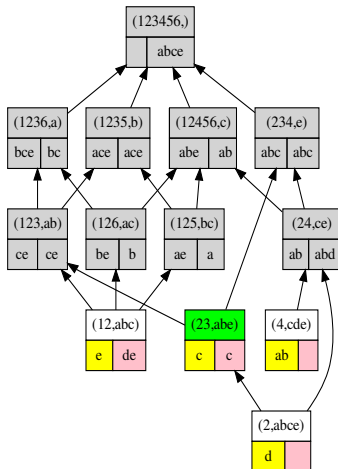
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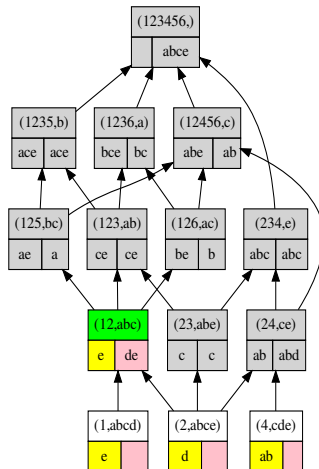
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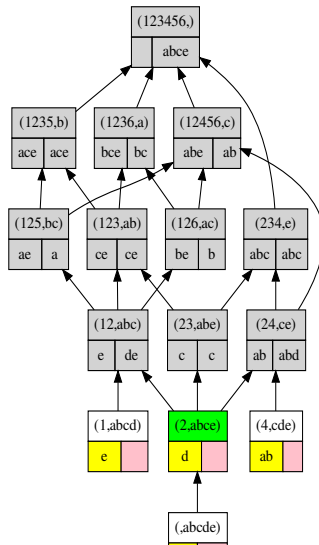
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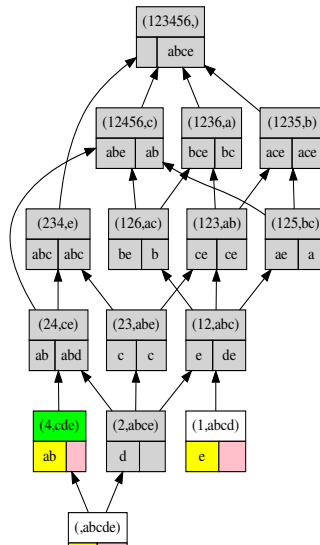
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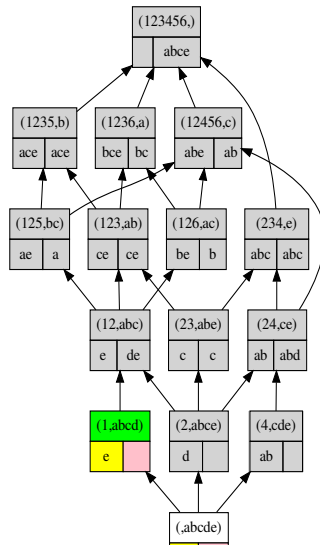
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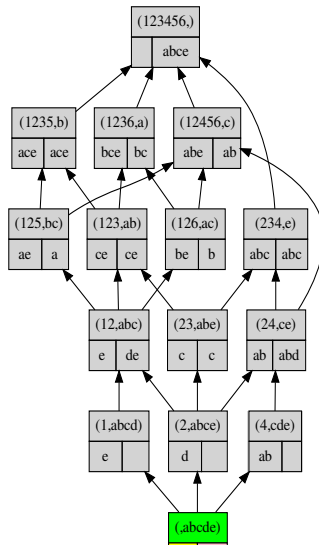
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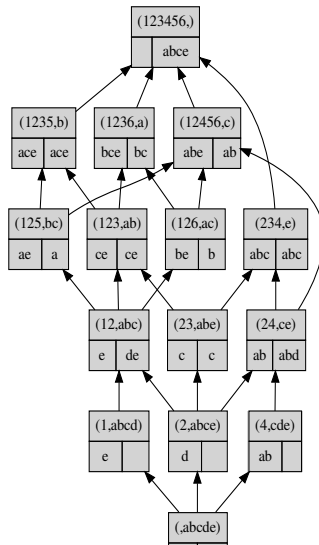
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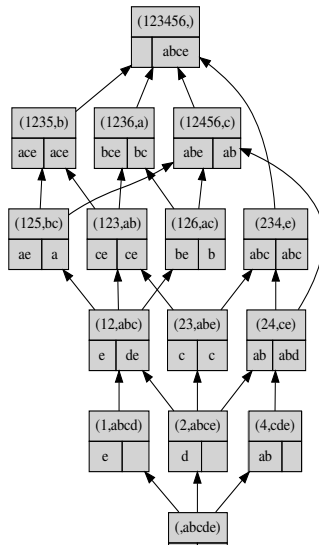
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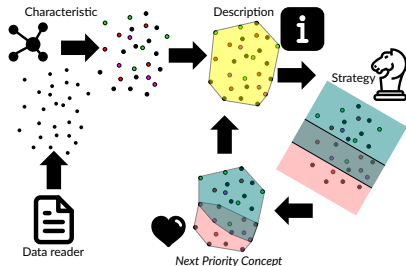
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# Descriptions and strategies for heterogenous data



## Description

The description  $\delta(A)$  is composed of predicates describing the borders of the **generalized** convex hull of  $A$

## Strategy

The strategy  $\sigma(A)$  is composed of predicates describing a “cut” of the **generalized** convex hull of  $A$  from which the predecessors are generated.

# NEXTPRIORITYCONCEPT

## Remark

The NEXTPRIORITYCONCEPT algorithm is a **pattern discovery** approach where each  $(S^i, \sigma^i, \delta^i)$  corresponds to a pattern structure:

- the description  $\delta^i$  corresponds to the patterns given by predicates  
=> **heterogeneous data are possible**
- the strategy  $\sigma^i$  allows a predecessor generation “on the fly” for each subsets  $A$  of objects  
=> **discovered patterns are more suited to the data**

# NEXTPRIORITYCONCEPT

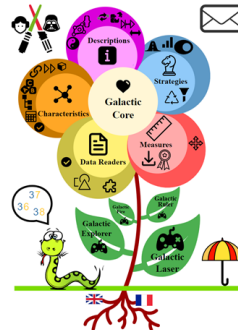
## Theorem (Demko et al. 2020)

If each description  $\delta^i$  verifies  $\delta^i(A) \sqsubseteq \delta^i(A')$  for  $A' \subseteq A$  then:  
**The NextPriorityConcept algorithm computes the concept lattice of  $(G, P, \delta)$  where  $P$  is the set of predicates issued from the descriptions.**

# GALACTIC

**GALACTIC: Platform written in python, fully extensible**

- A **Core** library, with an implementation of **NEXTPRIORITYCONCEPT**
- An eco-systems of plugins:
  - data readers plugins
  - characteristics plugins
  - description plugins
  - strategies plugins
  - measures plugins
- Applications
  - Galactic-laser
  - Galactic-ruler



(demonstration on  
thursday afternoon)

## And what about rules ?

### Canonical direct basis of rules

- Rules are composed of set of predicates in premise and conclusion
- The minimal generators of a concepts corresponds to "the borders" of the convex hull
- Only the irreducible predicates of  $P$  must be considered

For example, the predicate "*is multiple of 12*" is not irreducible when the two predicates "*is multiple of 3*" and "*is multiple of 4*" have been generated

*"is multiple of 3" and "is multiple of 4"  $\Rightarrow$  "is multiple of 12" ?*

## Example dataset

### Iris dataset (Fisher, 1930)

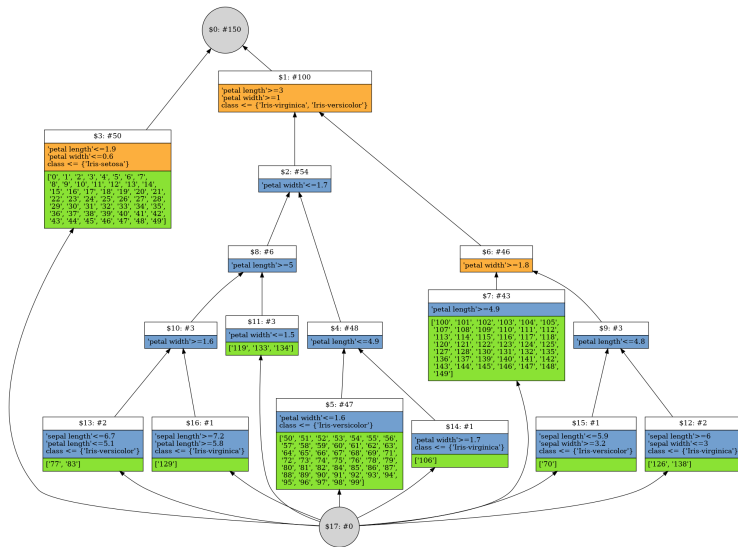
- 150 individuals
- 4 numerical parameters and one modal parameter
- the whole lattice contains over 6 millions concepts

### Strategies

Guided by the user providing the strategies, the NextPriorityConcept algorithm produces a lattice of 18 concepts



# Example lattice



## Example rules

### Top rule

```
if (Support 1, Confidence 1)
then
  'sepal length' >= 4.3
  'sepal length' <= 7.9
  'sepal width' >= 2
  'sepal width' <= 4.4
  'petal length' >= 1
  'petal length' <= 6.9
  'petal width' >= 0.1
  'petal width' <= 2.5
class <= {'virginica', 'setosa', 'versicolor'}
```

## Example rules

### Second rule

```
if (Support 0.666667, Confidence 1)
  'petal length'>=3
then
  'sepal length'>=4.9
  'sepal length'<=7.9
  'sepal width'>=2
  'sepal width'<=3.8
  'petal length'<=6.9
  'petal width'>=1
  'petal width'<=2.5
class <= {'virginica', 'versicolor'}
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## Example rules

### Specific rule

```
if (Support 0.333333, Confidence 1)
  'petal length' <= 1.9
then
  'sepal length' >= 4.3
  'sepal length' <= 5.8
  'sepal width' >= 2.3
  'sepal width' <= 4.4
  'petal length' >= 1
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  'petal width' <= 0.6
class <= {'setosa'}
```

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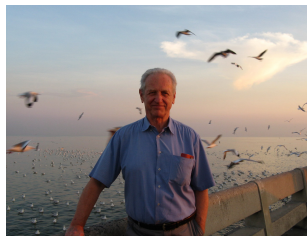
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$$[\text{MP}] \frac{p \rightarrow q, p}{\therefore q}$$



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$$u \leftarrow q, p, \dots t$$

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## Example

SSN	LastName	FirstName	City
111111111	Smith	John	Richardson
222222222	Li	Peng	Richardson
333333333	Kant	John	Plano
444444444	Smith	Mark	Plano

- Does  $\{ssn\} \rightarrow \{LastName\}$  hold?
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# Axiomatic Systems



# Armstrong Axioms

<i>Reflexivity</i>	[Ref]		$\vdash_{\mathcal{A}} AB \rightarrow A$
<i>Augmentation</i>	[Aug]	$A \rightarrow B$	$\vdash_{\mathcal{A}} AC \rightarrow BC$
<i>Transitivity</i>	[Tran]	$A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C$	$\vdash_{\mathcal{A}} A \rightarrow C$

# Armstrong Axioms

The system shows how rules works (semantics).

<i>Decomposition</i>	[Dec]	$A \rightarrow BC$	$\vdash_{\mathcal{A}} A \rightarrow B$
<i>Composition</i>	[Com]	$\{A \rightarrow B, C \rightarrow D\}$	$\vdash_{\mathcal{A}} AC \rightarrow BD$
<i>Union</i>	[Uni]	$A \rightarrow B, A \rightarrow C$	$\vdash_{\mathcal{A}} A \rightarrow BC$
<i>Pseudo Transitivity</i>	[Pse]	$A \rightarrow B, BC \rightarrow D$	$\vdash_{\mathcal{A}} AC \rightarrow D$
<i>Sel</i>	[Tran]		$\vdash_{\mathcal{A}} A \rightarrow A$



# Axiomatic System for implications

## Theorem

*Armstrong axioms is a sound and complete axiomatic system for FCA implications.*

## Logic for implications. Simplification logic.

One axiom scheme

$$\text{[Ref]} \quad \vdash_S A \rightarrow A;$$

And the following inference rules:

$$\text{[Frag]} \quad A \rightarrow BC \vdash_S A \rightarrow B;$$

$$\text{[Comp]} \quad A \rightarrow B, C \rightarrow D \vdash_S AC \rightarrow BD;$$

$$\text{[Simp]} \quad \text{If } A \subseteq C \text{ and } A \cap B = \emptyset, \text{ then} \\ A \rightarrow B, C \rightarrow D \vdash_S C - B \rightarrow D - B.$$

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# Negative attributes



## Negative attributes

[Ref] If  $A \supseteq B$  then  $\vdash A \rightarrow B$

[Augm]  $A \rightarrow B \vdash AC \rightarrow BC$

[Trans]  $A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C \vdash A \rightarrow C$

Plus the following two rules:

[Cont]  $\vdash a\bar{a} \rightarrow Y\bar{Y}$ .

[Rft]  $Aa \rightarrow b \vdash A\bar{b} \rightarrow \bar{a}$ .

The closure of  $A$  wrt  $\Gamma$ , denoted as  $A^+$ , is the biggest set such that  $\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow A^+$ .

Therefore,

$$\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B \text{ if and only } B \subseteq A^+$$

# Fuzzy implications



[Belohlavek R. and Vychodil V.]

# Fuzzy implications

## Grades

$$\{^{0.2}/y_1, y_2\} \Rightarrow \{^{0.8}/y_3\}$$

## Object-attribute data with grades

Every object that has attribute  $y_1$  to degree at least 0.2 and attribute  $y_2$  to degree 1, has also attribute  $y_3$  to degree at least 0.8

## Ranked tables over domains with similarities

Every two tuples that are similar on attribute  $y_1$  to degree at least 0.2 and are equal on attribute  $y_2$  are similar on attribute  $y_3$  to degree at least 0.8

# Fuzzy implications

## FFDs over Ranked data tables with grades

- Axioms:  $\vdash AB \Rightarrow A.$
- Cut rule:  $\{A \Rightarrow B, BC \Rightarrow D\} \vdash AC \Rightarrow D.$
- Multiplication rule:  $\{A \Rightarrow B\} \vdash c^* \otimes A \Rightarrow c^* \otimes B.$



# Fuzzy implications

## Fuzzy Attribute Simplification Logic

- Axioms:  $\vdash AB \Rightarrow A.$
- Simplification rule:  $\{A \Rightarrow B, C \Rightarrow D\} \vdash A(C \setminus B) \Rightarrow D.$
- Multiplication rule:  $\{A \Rightarrow B\} \vdash c^* \otimes A \Rightarrow c^* \otimes B.$

## Derived rules

- Decomposition rule:  $\{A \Rightarrow BC\} \vdash A \Rightarrow B.$
- Composition rule:  $\{A \Rightarrow B, C \Rightarrow D\} \vdash AC \Rightarrow BD.$

# Triadic implications



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## Conditional Attribute Implication

The CAIL axiomatic system consists of the following rules:

$$\text{[Non-constraint]} \quad \vdash_{\mathcal{C}} \emptyset \xrightarrow{\emptyset} \Omega.$$

$$\text{[Inclusion]} \quad \vdash_{\mathcal{C}} XY \xrightarrow{\Gamma} X.$$

$$\text{[Augmentation]} \quad X \xrightarrow{C} Y \vdash_{\mathcal{C}} XZ \xrightarrow{C} YZ.$$

$$\text{[Transitivity]} \quad \{X \xrightarrow{C_1} Y, Y \xrightarrow{C_2} Z\} \vdash_{\mathcal{C}} X \xrightarrow{C_1 \cap C_2} Z.$$

$$\text{[Conditional Decomposition]} \quad X \xrightarrow{C_1 C_2} Y \vdash_{\mathcal{C}} X \xrightarrow{C_1} Y.$$

**[Conditional Composition]**

$$\{X \xrightarrow{C_1} Y, Z \xrightarrow{C_2} W\} \vdash_{\mathcal{C}} XZ \xrightarrow{C_1 C_2} Y \cap W.$$

## Simplification Logic for CAIs

The CAISL axiomatic system has two axiom schemes:

$$\text{[Non-constraint]} \quad \vdash_{\mathcal{S}} \emptyset \xrightarrow{\emptyset} \Omega.$$

$$\text{[Reflexivity]} \quad \vdash_{\mathcal{S}} X \xrightarrow{\Gamma} X.$$

and four inference rules:

$$\text{[Decomposition]} \quad \{X \xrightarrow{c_1 c_2} YZ\} \vdash_{\mathcal{S}} X \xrightarrow{c_1} Y.$$

$$\text{[Composition]} \quad \{X \xrightarrow{c_1} Y, Z \xrightarrow{c_2} W\} \vdash_{\mathcal{S}} XZ \xrightarrow{c_1 \cap c_2} YW.$$

**[Conditional Composition]**

$$\{X \xrightarrow{c_1} Y, Z \xrightarrow{c_2} W\} \vdash_{\mathcal{S}} XZ \xrightarrow{c_1 c_2} Y \cap W.$$

**[Simplification]** If  $X \cap Y = \emptyset$ ,

$$\{X \xrightarrow{c_1} Y, XZ \xrightarrow{c_2} W\} \vdash_{\mathcal{S}} XZ \setminus Y \xrightarrow{c_1 \cap c_2} W \setminus Y.$$

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# Automated reasoning. Attribute closure operator.

## Classical attribute closure

Input:  $\Gamma, A$

Output:  $A_{\Gamma}^{+}$

**begin**

$A_{\Gamma}^{+} := A$

**repeat**

$A' := A_{\Gamma}^{+}$

**for each**  $X \rightarrow Y \in \Gamma$  **if**  $X \subseteq A_{\Gamma}^{+}$  **and**  $Y \not\subseteq A_{\Gamma}^{+}$  **then**

$A_{\Gamma}^{+} := A_{\Gamma}^{+} \cup \{Y\}$

**until**  $A_{\Gamma}^{+} = A'$

**return**  $A_{\Gamma}^{+}$

# Automated reasoning. Implication theorem.

## Implication Theorem

Let  $M$  be a set of attributes,  $\Sigma \subseteq \mathcal{L}_M$  and  $A, B \subseteq M$ . The following conditions are equivalent:

$$\Sigma \vdash A \rightarrow B \quad \text{iff} \quad B \subseteq A_{\Sigma}^{+} \quad \text{iff} \quad \{\emptyset \rightarrow A\} \cup \Sigma \vdash \emptyset \rightarrow B.$$



## Automated reasoning. Equivalences

### Theorem

*In Simplification logic, the following equivalences hold:*

① (Fr-Eq):  $\{A \rightarrow B\} \equiv \{A \rightarrow B - A\}$

② (Co-Eq):  $\{A \rightarrow B, A \rightarrow C\} \equiv \{A \rightarrow BC\}$

③ (Si-Eq): *If  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  and  $A \subseteq C$  then*

$$\{A \rightarrow B, C \rightarrow D\} \equiv \{A \rightarrow B, C - B \rightarrow D - B\}$$

④ (rSi-Eq): *If  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  and  $A \subseteq C \cup D$  then*

$$\{A \rightarrow B, C \rightarrow D\} \equiv \{A \rightarrow B, C \rightarrow D - B\}$$

## Automated reasoning. Closure method.

- 1  $\emptyset \rightarrow X$  is added to  $\Sigma$ . It is called the *guide*.
- 2 The procedure compares the guide with the rest of the implications and applies the following SLFD equivalences:
  - Eq. I: If  $B \subseteq A$  then  $\{\emptyset \rightarrow A, B \rightarrow C\} \equiv \{\emptyset \rightarrow AC\}$
  - Eq. II: If  $C \subseteq A$  then  $\{\emptyset \rightarrow A, B \rightarrow C\} \equiv \{\emptyset \rightarrow A\}$
  - Eq. III: Otherwise,  
$$\{\emptyset \rightarrow A, B \rightarrow C\} \equiv \{\emptyset \rightarrow A, B - A \rightarrow C - A\}$$
- 3 When a fix point is achieved, if the guide is  $\emptyset \rightarrow A$ , then we have that  $X_{\Sigma}^+ = A$ .

This Closure returns:

- the closure of  $X$
- a set of simplified implications, enclosing the knowledge not used (yet)

# Attribute closure. Example.

$\{ad \rightarrow c, b \rightarrow e, be \rightarrow cg, bc \rightarrow g, c \rightarrow a, cd \rightarrow b, cf \rightarrow bh, cg \rightarrow af, lm \rightarrow n, \emptyset \rightarrow bd\}$

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$\{a \rightarrow c, cf \rightarrow bh, lm \rightarrow n, \emptyset \rightarrow abcdefg\}$

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## Fuzzy implications :: Equivalences

### Implication Theorem

Let  $A, B \in L^Y$ ,  $c \in L$  and  $T \in L^{\mathcal{L}}$ .

$T \vdash A \stackrel{c}{\Rightarrow} B$  if and only if  $\{T \Rightarrow A\} \cup c(T) \vdash T \Rightarrow c \otimes B$

### Equivalences

For all  $A, B, C \in L^Y$ , if  $A' = A(S(B, A)^* \otimes C)$  then

- 1  $\{T \Rightarrow A, B \Rightarrow C\} \equiv \{T \Rightarrow A', B - A' \Rightarrow C - A'\}$  [gSiEq]
- 2 If  $B \setminus A' = \emptyset$  then  $\{T \Rightarrow A, B \Rightarrow C\} \equiv \{T \Rightarrow A' C\}$  [gSiUnEq]
- 3 If  $C \setminus A' = \emptyset$  then  $\{T \Rightarrow A, B \Rightarrow C\} \equiv \{T \Rightarrow A'\}$  [gSiAxEq]

## Fuzzy implications :: Closure method

Input:  $T$  (theory),  $A$  ( $L$ -set of attributes)

Output:  $A^+$  (closure of  $A$  with respect to  $c(T)$ )

BEGIN

Let  $A_0 := \emptyset$ ,  $T_0 := \emptyset$ , and  $i := 0$

Let  $A_1 := A$ ;

Apply (**DeEq**) to every formula in  $c(T)$  obtaining  $T_1$

WHILE ( $A_i \neq A_{i+1}$  or  $T_i \neq T_{i+1}$ ) DO

$i := i + 1$ ;  $A_{i+1} := A_i$ ;  $T_{i+1} := T_i$

Modify  $T_{i+1}$  and  $A_{i+1}$  applying

(**gSiEq**), (**gSiUnEq**), and (**gSiAxEq**) to

$\top \Rightarrow A_i$  and each  $U \Rightarrow V \in T_i$

END WHILE

RETURN  $A_i$

END

# Triadic implications :: equivalences

## Equivalences

The following equivalences hold:

$$\text{Axiom Eq.: } \{X \xrightarrow{\emptyset} Y\} \equiv \{X \xrightarrow{c} \emptyset\} \equiv \emptyset$$

$$\text{Decomposition Eq.: } \{X \xrightarrow{c} Y\} \equiv \{X \xrightarrow{c} Y \setminus X\}$$

$$\text{Composition Eq.: } \{X \xrightarrow{c} Y, X \xrightarrow{c} W\} \equiv \{X \xrightarrow{c} YW\}$$

Conditional Composition Eq.:

$$\{X \xrightarrow{c_1} Y, X \xrightarrow{c_2} Y\} \equiv \{X \xrightarrow{c_1 c_2} Y\}$$

$$\text{Simplification Eq.: If } X \cap Y = \emptyset, \text{ then } \{X \xrightarrow{c_1 c_2} Y, XV \xrightarrow{c_2} W\} \equiv \{X \xrightarrow{c_1 c_2} Y, XV \setminus Y \xrightarrow{c_2} W \setminus Y\}$$

# Triadic implications :: Implication theorem

## Theorem

For any  $\Sigma \subseteq \mathcal{L}_{\Omega, \Gamma}$  and  $X \xrightarrow{c} Y \in \mathcal{L}_{\Omega, \Gamma}$ , one has

$$\Sigma \vdash X \xrightarrow{c} Y \text{ if and only if } \Sigma \cup \{\emptyset \xrightarrow{c} X\} \vdash \emptyset \xrightarrow{c} Y$$

## Proposition

The following equivalences hold:

$$\{\emptyset \xrightarrow{c_1} X, U \xrightarrow{c_2} V\} \equiv \{\emptyset \xrightarrow{c_1} X, U \setminus X \xrightarrow{c_1 \cap c_2} V \setminus X, U \xrightarrow{c_2 \setminus c_1} V\} \quad (1)$$

$$\{\emptyset \xrightarrow{c_1} X, U \xrightarrow{c_2} V\} \equiv \{\emptyset \xrightarrow{c_1 \cap c_2} XV, \emptyset \xrightarrow{c_1 \setminus c_2} X, U \xrightarrow{c_2 \setminus c_1} V\}, \text{ when } U \subseteq X \quad (2)$$

$$\{\emptyset \xrightarrow{c_1} X, U \xrightarrow{c_2} V\} \equiv \{\emptyset \xrightarrow{c_1} X, U \xrightarrow{c_2 \setminus c_1} V\}, \text{ when } V \subseteq X \quad (3)$$



# Triadic :: Closure method

**input** : A set of implications  $\Sigma$ , and a CAI  $X \xrightarrow{C} Y$

**output**: A boolean answer

**begin**

$\Delta_X := X \times C, \Delta_Y := (Y \times C) \setminus (X \times C)$

**repeat**

    flag:=false

**foreach**  $U \xrightarrow{C_1} V \in \Sigma$  with  $C_1 \cap C \neq \emptyset$  **do**

$\Delta_C := \{c \in C_1 \cap C \mid U \times \{c\} \subseteq \Delta_X\}$

**if**  $\Delta_C \neq \emptyset$  **then** ..... Equivalence (2)

$\Delta_X := \Delta_X \cup (V \times \Delta_C)$

$\Delta_Y := \Delta_Y \setminus (V \times \Delta_C)$

$\Sigma := \Sigma \setminus \{U \xrightarrow{C_1} V\}$

$C_1 := C_1 \setminus \Delta_C$

**if**  $C_1 \neq \emptyset$  **then**  $\Sigma := \Sigma \cup \{U \xrightarrow{C_1} V\}$

            flag:=true

**end**

$\Delta_C := \{c \in C_1 \cap C \mid V \times \{c\} \subseteq \Delta_X\}$

**if**  $\Delta_C \neq \emptyset$  **then** ..... Equivalence (3)

**if**  $\Delta_C = C_1$  **then**  $\Sigma := \Sigma \setminus \{U \xrightarrow{C_1} V\}$

**else**  $\Sigma := (\Sigma \setminus \{U \xrightarrow{C_1} V\}) \cup \{U \xrightarrow{C_1 \setminus \Delta_C} V\}$

**end**

**end**

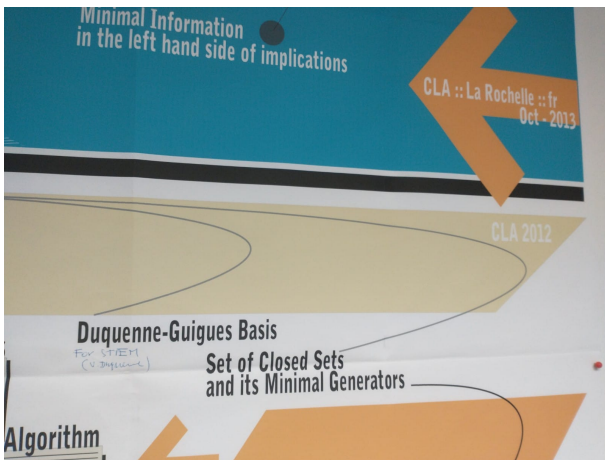
**until**  $(\Delta_Y = \emptyset)$  or (flag=false)

# Asking Vincent for an autograph

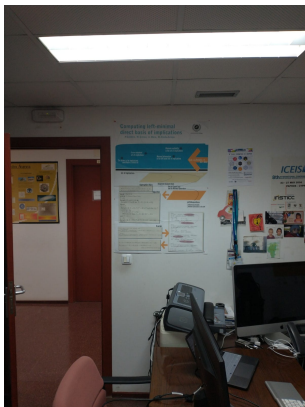




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# Moving towards applications

How to guide an user (users) in a recommendation system?

- Closures of preferences of the users - blindly
- Closures of preferences of the users - guided by attributes on the left-hand side of the implications
- Preferences of the users - guided by attributes on minimal generators
- Some of the above options enhanced by parallelism and/or cooperative user guidance

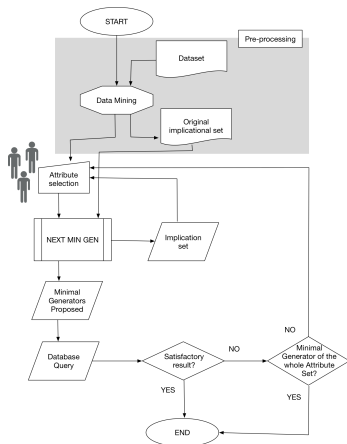
# A Formal Concept Analysis approach to cooperative conversational recommendation

P. Cordero, M. Enciso, A. Moram, M. Ojeda, C. Rossi - International Journal of Computational Intelligence Systems (2020) 13(1) 1243–1252

The knowledge inside the implications addresses us towards the development of some recommender systems.

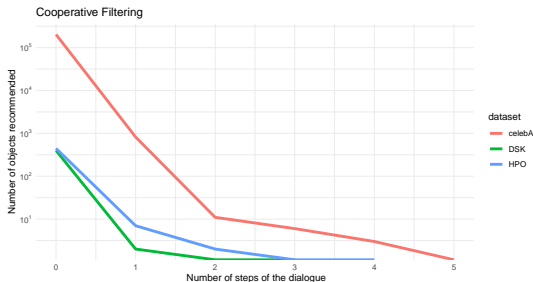
- Based on logic which allows to manage the users' preferences by following a conversational paradigm.
- Lazy computation of minimal generators - on-demand computation of minimal generators by means of an algorithm with polynomial delay.

# A Formal Concept Analysis approach to cooperative conversational recommendation





# A Formal Concept Analysis approach to cooperative conversational recommendation



step	Objects celebA	Objects DSK	Objects HPO
0	202599	398	446
1	820	2	7
2	11	0	2
3	6	0	0
4	3	0	0
5	0	0	0

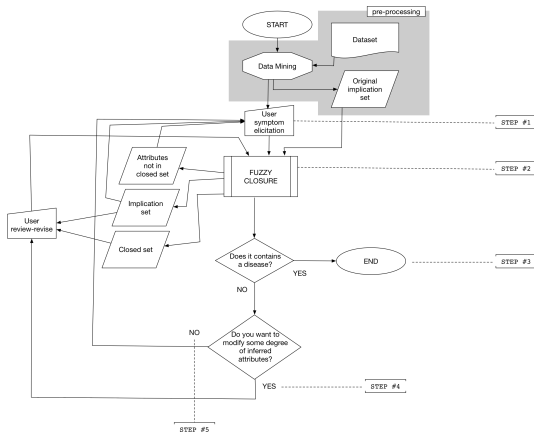
# A conversational recommender system for diagnosis using fuzzy rules

P. Cordero, M. Enciso, D. López, A. Mora - Expert Systems With Applications  
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Graded implications in the framework of Fuzzy Formal Concept Analysis are used as the knowledge guiding the recommendations.

- Conversational recommender systems have proven to be a good approach in telemedicine, building a dialogue between the user and the recommender based on user preferences provided at each step of the conversation.
- We propose a conversational recommender system for medical diagnosis using fuzzy logic.
- The recommender system has been used to provide differential diagnosis between schizophrenia and schizoaffective and bipolar disorders.

# A conversational recommender system for diagnosis using fuzzy rules



# A conversational recommender system for diagnosis using fuzzy rules

	Accuracy	Sensitivity	Specificity	Precision
ALS	0.360	0.333	0.380	0.290
IBCF (Cosine)	0.555	0.475	0.615	0.483
IBCF (Pearson)	0.770	0.466	1.000	1.000
LIBMF	0.491	0.901	0.181	0.455
SVD	0.376	0.515	0.271	0.349
SVDF	0.431	1.000	0.000	0.431
UBCF (Cosine)	0.608	0.967	0.335	0.524
UBCF (Pearson)	0.525	0.783	0.330	0.470
C5.0	0.674	0.636	1.000	1.000
PART	0.883	0.847	0.950	0.970
JRip	0.752	0.814	0.688	0.731
Random Forest	0.953	0.924	1.000	1.000
xgboost	0.818	0.963	0.713	0.706
k-nn	0.589	0.603	0.544	0.815
<b>Proposal</b>	0.982	0.996	0.948	0.955

**Table:** Comparison of the current proposal to other recommender systems and machine learning methods.

## Demo - fcaR

How to use Simplification Logic using fcaR to compute closures:  
[https://github.com/Malaga-FCA-group/fcaR\\_demos/blob/main/SLrecommender\\_DSK\\_C.html](https://github.com/Malaga-FCA-group/fcaR_demos/blob/main/SLrecommender_DSK_C.html)

# Conclusion

- 1 What bases of rules ?
  - The main bases
  - The  $D$ -basis
- 2 What about non binary data ?
  - Some approaches for non-binary data
  - NEXTPRIORITYCONCEPT algorithm
- 3 How to reason on rules ?
  - Implication logics
  - Automated reasoning
  - Applications

## Tools demonstration

### Tools demonstration: Thursday afternoon

- **fcaR**: R package for FCA
- **Galactic**: Concept generation for heterogenous and complex data

# A story of rules ...

A story of encounters  
and people ....

... behind the story of  
results

On the importance ...

... of encounters  
... of exchanges  
... of (non virtual)  
conferences





# To the memory of Vincent Duquenne



# Vincent's house at Sennelly



Rest in peace