

# On the structure of generalized effect algebras and separation algebras

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# Outline

- Partial Algebras
- Separation algebras
- Generalized effect algebras
- Constructing all GPE-algebras of size  $n$
- Some theorems obtained from this output

## What is a Partial Algebra?

- A *partial operation*  $g$  of arity  $n$  on a set  $A$  is a function from a subset  $D(g)$  of  $A^n$  to  $A$ .
- The notation  $g : A^n \dashrightarrow A$  is used to indicate that  $g$  is an  $n$ -ary partial function on  $A$ .
- A *partial algebra* is a pair  $\mathbf{A} = (A, \mathcal{F}^{\mathbf{A}})$  where  $A$  is a set and  $\mathcal{F}^{\mathbf{A}}$  is a set of operations on  $A$  containing at least one partial operation.

+		0	1	2	3
0		0	1	2	3
1		1	2	3	-
2		2	3	-	-
3		3	-	-	-

## Separation Algebras

A **separation algebra** (or SA)  $\mathbf{A} = (A, +, 0)$  is a partial algebra such that for all  $x, y, z \in A$

$$\text{(canc)} \quad x + y \text{ defined and } x + y = x + z \implies y = z$$

$$\text{(comm)} \quad x + y \text{ defined } \implies x + y = y + x$$

$$\text{(asso)} \quad (x + y) + z \text{ defined } \implies (x + y) + z = x + (y + z)$$

$$\text{(iden)} \quad x + 0 = x$$

In short, an SA is a **cancellative commutative partial monoid**.

Separation algebras are **naturally pre-ordered** by

$$x \leq y \quad \iff \quad \exists w \ x + w = y$$

Any abelian group is a (total) separation algebra ( $\leq$  relates all elements).

# Generalized Effect Algebras

$(\mathbb{N}, +, 0)$  is another (total) separation algebra.

A **generalized effect algebra** (or GEA)  $\mathbf{A} = (A, +, 0)$  is a separation algebra such that for all  $x, y \in A$  we have

$$\text{(positivity)} \quad x + y = 0 \implies x = 0 = y$$

GEAs are naturally **partially** ordered by

$$x \leq y \iff \exists w \ x + w = y$$

An **effect algebra** is a GEA with a top element, denoted 1.

Can define  $x'$  by  $y = x' \iff x + y = 1$ .

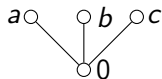
# Examples of GE-Algebras

An effect algebra of size 3



+	0	a	1
0	0	a	1
a	a	1	—
1	1	—	—

A GEA of size 4



+	0	a	b	c
0	0	a	b	c
a	a	—	—	—
b	b	—	—	—
c	c	—	—	—

## Why Study Effect Algebras?

**Effect algebras** have applications in the foundations of **quantum mechanics** and in **probability theory**.

D. J. Foulis and M. K. Bennett [1994]:

If a quantum-mechanical system  $\mathcal{S}$  is represented in the usual way by a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ , then a self-adjoint operator  $A$  on  $\mathcal{H}$  such that  $\mathbf{0} \leq \mathbf{A} \leq \mathbf{1}$  corresponds to an **effect** for  $\mathcal{S}$ . Effects are of significance in representing **unsharp** measurements or observations on the system  $\mathcal{S}$ , and effect valued measures play an important role in stochastic quantum mechanics.

## Why Study Separation Algebras?

Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a separation algebra and for  $X, Y \subseteq A$  define  $X * Y = \{x + y \mid x \in X, y \in Y\}$ , the complex lifting of  $+$ .

The complex algebra  $(\mathcal{P}(A), \cup, \cap, \neg, \emptyset, A, *, \multimap, \{0\})$  is a complete and atomic Boolean algebra with a separating conjunction  $*$  and a residual  $X \multimap Y = \{z \in A \mid X * \{z\} \subseteq Y\}$ .

This is a **Boolean bunched implication algebra**.

In logical form, Boolean bunched implication logic is used in **separation logic** to reason about pointer structures and concurrency of programs.

Concrete examples of separation algebras arise from modeling a memory heap as partial functions  $f$  from  $\mathbb{N}$  (addresses) to  $V$  (values).

$f * g$  is defined and  $= f \cup g \iff D(f) \cap D(g) = \emptyset$ .



## Generalized SAs and Generalized Pseudo EAs

**Generalized separation algebras** are cancellative partial monoids with **conjugation**:  $\exists z(x + z = y) \iff \exists w(w + x = y)$

This axiom ensures that there is only **one** natural pre-order.

**A generalized pseudo effect algebra (GPEA)** is a positive GSA

$$\mathbf{A} = (A, +, 0)$$

+	0	a	b	c	1
0	0	a	b	c	1
a	a	—	1	—	—
b	b	—	—	1	—
c	c	1	—	—	—
1	1	—	—	—	—

This is a GPE-algebra.

$$\mathbf{B} = (A \setminus \{c\}, +|_B, 0)$$

$+ _B$	0	a	b	1
0	0	a	b	1
a	a	—	1	—
b	b	—	—	—
1	1	—	—	—

This is a closed subalgebra of **A** that fails conjugation.

## Downward Closed Subsets of GPE-Algebras

### Lemma

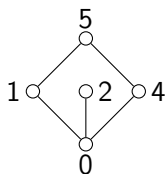
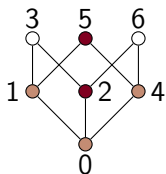
Let  $\mathbf{A} = (A, +, 0)$  be a GPE-algebra and  $0 \in B \subseteq A$ .

Define the downward closed subset  $\downarrow B$  of  $B$  by

$$\downarrow B := \{x \in A \mid x \leq y \text{ for some } y \in B\}.$$

Then  $\mathbf{B} = (\downarrow B, +\downarrow B, 0)$  is a GPE-algebra.

## Example of a Downward Closed Subset



+	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	1	—	3	—	5	—	—
2	2	3	—	—	6	—	—
3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
4	4	5	6	—	—	—	—
5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—
6	6	—	—	—	—	—	—

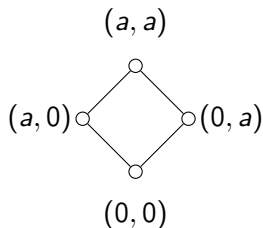
+	0	1	2	4	5
0	0	1	2	4	5
1	1	—	—	5	—
2	2	—	—	—	—
4	4	5	—	—	—
5	5	—	—	—	—

## Products of GPE-algebras (continued)

### Lemma

*The direct product of a family of GPE-algebras is also a GPE-algebra.*

$$\begin{array}{c|cc}
 & \mathbf{A} & \\
 + & 0 & a \\
 \hline
 0 & 0 & a \\
 a & a & -
 \end{array}$$

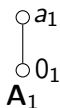

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc}
 & \mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{A} & & & \\
 + & (0, 0) & (0, a) & (a, 0) & (a, a) \\
 \hline
 (0, 0) & (0, 0) & (0, a) & (a, 0) & (a, a) \\
 (0, a) & (0, a) & - & (a, a) & - \\
 (a, 0) & (a, 0) & (a, a) & - & - \\
 (a, a) & (a, a) & - & - & -
 \end{array}$$


# Simple Pastings of GPE-algebras (continued)

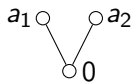
## Lemma

*The simple pasting of a family of GPE-algebras is also a GPE-algebra.*

$+1$	$\mathbf{A}_1$	
	$0_1$	$a_1$
$0_1$	$0_1$	$a_1$
$a_1$	$a_1$	$-$

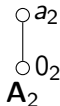


$+$	$\mathbf{A}_1 +_0 \mathbf{A}_2$		
	$0$	$a_1$	$a_2$
$0$	$0$	$a_1$	$a_2$
$a_1$	$a_1$	$-$	$-$
$a_2$	$a_2$	$-$	$-$



$\mathbf{A}_1 +_0 \mathbf{A}_2$

$+2$	$\mathbf{A}_2$	
	$0_2$	$a_2$
$0_2$	$0_2$	$a_2$
$a_2$	$a_2$	$-$



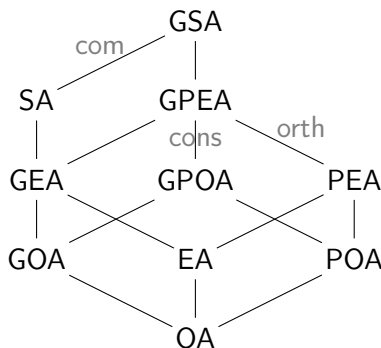
## Subclasses and Expansions of GPE-algebras

Adding combinations of three independent axioms creates subclasses:

(com)  $x + y = y + x$  (**commutative**)

(orth)  $x + y = 1 \iff y = x^\sim \iff x = y^-$  (**orthocomplement**)

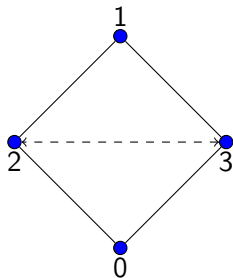
(cons)  $x + x$  defined  $\implies x = 0$  (**consistent**)



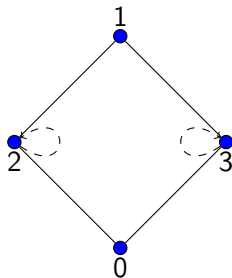
G = Generalized, S = Separation, P = Pseudo, E = Effect, O = Ortho

# Examples

**Orthoalgebra**  
(Consistency Satisfied)



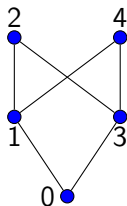
**Effect Algebra**  
(Consistency Not Satisfied)



# Examples

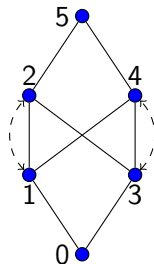
## Generalized Effect Algebra

(Orthocomplementation Not Satisfied)



## Effect Algebra

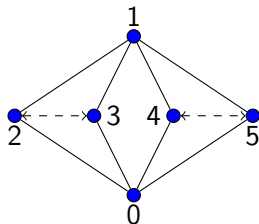
(Orthocomplementation Satisfied)



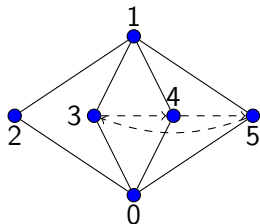


# Examples

**Orthoalgebra**  
(Commutativity Satisfied)



**Pseudo Orthoalgebra**  
(Commutativity Not Satisfied)



# From Separation Algebras to Effect Algebras

An element  $v$  is *invertible* if there exists  $w$  such that  $vw = e = wv$

$A^*$  denotes the set of invertible elements of a GS-algebra  $\mathbf{A}$ .

The inverse of  $v$ , if it exists, is unique and is denoted by  $v^{-1}$ .

## Lemma

Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a generalized separation algebra. Then

- 1  $A^*$  is the bottom equivalence class  $[e]$  of the poset  $A/\equiv = (\{[x] : x \in A\}, \leq)$ ,
- 2  $\mathbf{A}^* = (A^*, \cdot, e, {}^{-1})$  is a (total) group and is a closed subalgebra of  $\mathbf{A}$ ,
- 3  $x \equiv y$  holds if and only if  $x \in yA^*$ , and
- 4  $\equiv$  is the identity relation if and only if  $e$  is the only invertible element.

# From Separation Algebras to Effect Algebras

Every separation algebra can be collapsed in a unique way to a largest generalized effect algebra.

Hence a substantial part of the structure theory of separation algebras is covered by results about generalized effect algebras.

## Theorem

For a GS-algebra  $\mathbf{A}$ ,

- 1 the relation  $\equiv$  is a closed congruence,
- 2  $\mathbf{A}/\equiv$  is a GPE-algebra,
- 3 the congruence classes of  $\equiv$  all have the same cardinality, and
- 4 if  $h : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$  is a homomorphism and  $\mathbf{B}$  is a GPE-algebra then there exists a unique homomorphism  $g : \mathbf{A}/\equiv \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$  such that  $g \circ \gamma = h$  (where  $\gamma : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}/\equiv$  is the canonical homomorphism  $\gamma(x) = [x]$ ).

# From abelian groups and effect algebras to separation algebras

## Theorem

Let  $\mathbf{G}$  be an abelian group and  $\mathbf{B}$  a GE-algebra.

Then  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{G} \times \mathbf{B}$  is a separation algebra with  $\mathbf{A}^* = \mathbf{G} \times \{e\}$ .

Similarly the product of a group and a GPE-algebra is a GS-algebra.

## Proof.

The product of separation algebras is again a separation algebra since this class of algebras is defined by quasi-identities.

The element  $(g, e) \in A$  has inverse  $(g^{-1}, e)$ .

Now let  $b \in B$ . If  $(g, b)$  has an inverse  $(h, c)$  then  $bc = e$ , hence by positivity of  $B$  we have  $b = e$ .

Therefore  $\mathbf{A}^* = \mathbf{G} \times \{e\}$ . □

## Building GPE-algebras

### Theorem

Let  $\mathbf{P} = (P, \oplus, 0)$  be a GPEA. Let  $P_m = P \cup \{m\}$  where  $m \notin P$ . Then  $\mathbf{P}_m = (P_m, +, 0)$  is a GPEA if and only if the following conditions hold:

- (1) For all  $x, y \in P$ ,  $x + y \in P$  iff  $x \oplus y$  is defined, in which case  $x + y = x \oplus y$ .
- (2)  $m + 0 = m = 0 + m$
- (3)  $m + x$  and  $x + m$  are undefined for all  $x \in P_m \setminus \{0\}$
- (4)  $x + y = m = x + z \implies y = z$  and  $x + y = m = z + y \implies x = z$
- (5) For all  $x, y \in P$ ,  $x + y = m \implies \exists u, v$  s.t.  $u + x = m = y + v$
- (6)  $(x + y) + z = m \iff x + (y + z) = m$

## Enumerating GPE-algebras: Initial Setup

Consider a GPE-algebra  $\mathbf{P} = (P, \oplus, 0)$ .

The program generates a new GPE-algebra  $\mathbf{P}_m = (P_m, +, 0)$ , with  $P_m = P \cup \{m\}$ .

Initial rules for  $+$ :

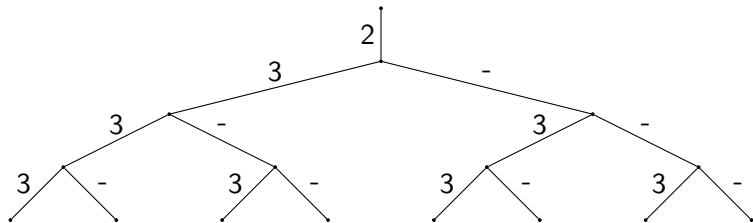
- (1) For all  $x, y \in P$ ,  $x + y$  is defined iff  $x \oplus y$  is defined, in which case  $x + y = x \oplus y$  (**satisfies posi**)
- (2)  $m + 0 = m = 0 + m$  (**satisfies iden**)
- (3) For all  $x \in P_m$  such that  $x \neq 0$ ,  $x + m$  and  $m + x$  are undefined
- (4) For all  $x, y \in P$  such that  $x \oplus y$  is undefined,  $x + y$  is not yet determined, which will be represented by  $x + y = N$

## Process of filling out the operation table

$\oplus$	0	1	2
0	0	1	2
1	1	2	-
2	2	-	-

→

+	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	1	2	<i>N</i>	-
2	2	<i>N</i>	<i>N</i>	-
3	3	-	-	-



## Checking for cancellativity, conjugation and associativity

A table is **cancellative** if each element appears no more than once in every row/column.

Cancellative

+	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	1	2	-	-
2	2	-	3	-
3	3	-	-	-

Not Cancellative

+	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	1	2	3	-
2	2	-	3	-
3	3	-	-	-

$$1 + 2 = 3$$

$$2 + 2 = 3$$



## Checking for Conjugation

A table is **conjugative** if for all  $i, j$ :

- each element defined in row  $i$  is also defined in column  $i$
- each element defined in column  $j$  is also defined in row  $j$ .

Conjugative

+	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	1	2	3	-
2	2	3	-	-
3	3	-	-	-

Not Conjugative

+	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	1	2	3	-
2	2	-	-	-
3	3	-	-	-

$$1 + 2 = 3$$

$$\nexists u(u + 1 = 3)$$

$$\nexists v(2 + v = 3)$$

## Checking for Associativity

A table is **associative** if for all  $x, y, z \in P$ :

- If  $(x + y) + z$  is undefined, then  $x + (y + z)$  is also undefined.
- If  $(x + y) + z$  is defined, then  $(x + y) + z = x + (y + z)$ .

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for all x,y,z in P_m where (x+y) is defined:
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  if (x+y)+z is undefined:
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    if y+z and x+(y+z) are defined:
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      return False
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```
  if (x+y)+z is defined:
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    if y+z or x+(y+z) are undefined:
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      return False
```

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    if x+(y+z) != (x+y)+z:
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      return False
```

```
return True
```

# Counting (G)(P)(O) Effect algebras and Separation algebras

$n$	OA	POA	GOA	EA	PEA	GPOA	GEA	SA	GPEA	GSA
2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2
3	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	3	2	3
4	1	1	2	3	3	2	5	8	5	8
5	0	1	2	4	5	3	12	13	13	14
6	1	2	4	10	12	7	35	39	42	48
7	0	2	8	14	19	19	119	120	171	172
8	2	5	18	40	52	68	496	507	1020	1037
9	0	4	42	60	84	466	2699	2703	11742	11749
10	2	10	156	172	240	8740	21888	21905	322918	
11	0	9	834	282	418		292496	292497		

Table: Number of partial algebras in each class

O = Ortho, P = Pseudo, G = Generalized, E = Effect, S = Separation

## Further results about GPE-algebras

The **height** of an element  $a$  in a finite GPE-algebra is the length of a maximal path from 0 to  $a$  in the Hasse diagram of the partial order.

A set of elements of the same height make up a **level**.

The **atoms** of a GPE-algebra are the elements in level 1, i.e, they only have the bottom element 0 below them.

### Lemma

*Associativity holds automatically for naturally ordered partial algebras that have two levels or less.*

### Lemma

*A GPE-algebra is a GE-algebra if and only if it has a generating set in which all elements commute.*

## Further results about GPE-algebras

Recall that every 1-generated group is commutative.

### Theorem

*Every 1- or 2-generated GPE-algebra is commutative.*

Let  $L(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k)$  denote the number of GPE-algebras (up to isomorphism) with level structure  $(n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k)$  and  $n = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^k n_i$  number of elements.

The number of **integer partitions**  $p(n)$  for a positive integer  $n$  is the number of ways positive integers can sum to  $n$ , ignoring order.

We now show that the number of GPE-algebras of height  $\leq 2$  with cardinality  $n$  is given by the sum of  $p(k)$  for  $k = 1$  to  $n - 2$ .

## Further results about GPE-algebras

A partial operation  $+$  can be viewed as a coalgebra  $\alpha : A \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A^2)$  where  $\alpha(x) = \{(y, z) \in A^2 \mid x = y + z\}$ .

### Lemma

*For a GPE-algebra  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $x \in A$ , the binary relation  $\alpha(x)$  is a permutation of its domain, hence in the finite case the domain is partitioned into disjoint finite cycles.*

### Lemma

*For any GPE-algebra of size  $n \geq 3$ ,  $L(n - 2, 1) = L(n - 3, 1) + p(n - 2)$ .*

### Theorem

*The number of GPE-algebra of cardinality  $n$  with level structure  $(n - 2, 1)$  is  $\sum_{k=1}^{n-2} p(k)$ .*

## Residuated posets from GPE-algebras

A **residuated partially ordered monoid**  $(A, \leq, \cdot, e, \backslash, /)$  is a poset  $(A, \leq)$ , a monoid  $(A, \cdot, e)$ , and for all  $x, y, z \in A$ ,  $xy \leq z \Leftrightarrow y \leq x \backslash z \Leftrightarrow y \leq z/x$ .

### Definition

Let  $\mathbf{A} = (A, +, 0)$  be a generalized pseudo-effect algebra.

Define  $\bar{\mathbf{A}} = (A \cup \{\perp, \top\}, \cdot, e, \backslash, /)$  as follows:

- $e = 0$  and  $\perp < x < \top$  for any  $x \in A$
- $x \cdot y := x + y$  if  $x + y$  is defined, else  $x \cdot y = \top$  for  $x, y \in A$
- $y/x = z \iff y = z + x$  and  $x \backslash y = z \iff y = x + z$
- $y/x = x \backslash y = \perp$  if  $x \not\leq y$
- $\perp/x = x \backslash \perp = x/\top = \top \backslash x = \perp$
- $\perp x = x \perp = \perp$  and  $y \top = \top y = \top$  for  $x, y \in A \cup \{\perp, \top\}$  with  $y \neq \perp$

# Residuated posets from GPE-algebras

Theorem (Rump, Yang 2014)

Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be a GPE-algebra. Then  $\bar{\mathbf{A}}$  is a residuated poset.

Corollary

Every GPE-algebra is an interval in some (total) residuated poset.  
 A GPE-algebra  $\mathbf{A}$  is lattice-ordered  $\iff \bar{\mathbf{A}}$  is a residuated lattice.

$$E_2$$

$\oplus$	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	—


 $\bar{E}_2$ 

$\cdot$	$\top$	1	e	$\perp$
$\top$	$\top$	$\top$	$\top$	$\perp$
1	$\top$	$\top$	1	$\perp$
e	$\top$	1	e	$\perp$
$\perp$	$\perp$	$\perp$	$\perp$	$\perp$





## Pseudo-effect algebras and involutive residuated lattices

It is also possible to axiomatize the residuated po-monoids that uniquely correspond to GPE-algebras

A residuated poset is **involutive** if there exists an element  $d$  such that the terms  $\sim x = x \setminus d$  and  $-x = d / x$  satisfy  $-\sim x = x = \sim -x$ .

### Theorem

*If  $\mathbf{A}$  is a PE/PO-algebra, effect algebra or orthoalgebra, then  $\bar{\mathbf{A}}$  is an involutive residuated poset.*

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