

# SUBDIRECTLY IRREDUCIBLE DOUBLE BOOLEAN ALGEBRAS

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The definition and investigation of double Boolean algebras (dBas) arise from the development of Contextual Logic at TU Darmstadt during the past years. Contextual Logic is intended to be a mathematization of the traditional philosophical logic with its doctrines of concepts, judgements and conclusions. A survey of the basic ideas and results of this approach can be found in [Wi00], for more detailed information see [Pr98], [GW99], [Wi00] and [Vor05].

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# Introduction

The following operations are defined on  $\mathfrak{P}(K)$ . For  $(A, B)$  and  $(C, D)$  in  $\mathfrak{P}(K)$ ,

meet:	$(A, B) \sqcap (C, D)$	$:=$	$(A \cap C, (A \cap C)')$
join:	$(A, B) \sqcup (C, D)$	$:=$	$((B \cap D)', B \cap D)$
negation	$\neg(A, B)$	$:=$	$(G \setminus A, (G \setminus A)')$
opposition	$\lrcorner(A, B)$	$:=$	$((M \setminus B)', M \setminus B)$
nothing	$\perp$	$:=$	$(\emptyset, M)$
all	$\top$	$:=$	$(G, \emptyset)$

$(\mathfrak{P}(K), \sqcap, \sqcup, \neg, \lrcorner, \perp, \top)$  is an algebra of type  $(2, 2, 1, 1, 0, 0)$  called the protoconcept algebra of the context  $K$ .



## Theorem 2 ([Wil00])

*The following equations hold in the algebra of protoconcepts.*

$$(1a) \quad (x \sqcap x) \sqcap y = x \sqcap y$$

$$(2a) \quad x \sqcap y = y \sqcap x$$

$$(3a) \quad x \sqcap (y \sqcap z) = (x \sqcap y) \sqcap z$$

$$(4a) \quad x \sqcap (x \sqcup y) = x \sqcap x$$

$$(5a) \quad x \sqcap (x \vee y) = x \sqcap x$$

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$$(12) \quad (x \sqcap x) \sqcup (x \sqcap x) = (x \sqcup x) \sqcap (x \sqcup x)$$

where  $x \vee y = \neg(\neg x \sqcap \neg y)$  and  $x \wedge y = \lrcorner(\lrcorner x \sqcup \lrcorner y)$

## Definition 3 ([VW05])

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$$x \sqsubseteq y \iff x \sqcap y = x \sqcap x \text{ and } x \sqcup y = y \sqcup y \quad (2)$$

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## Example 1

We consider the context describe by the following cartesian table:

	a	b	c
1	X		X
2		X	X
3	X	X	X

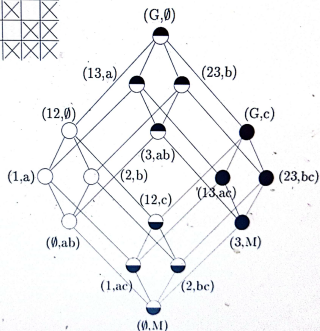
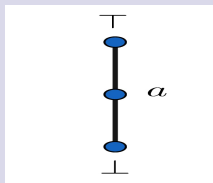


Fig. 1. A context and its nonconcent algebra

## Example 2

The algebra  $\underline{D}_{3,I} = (D_{3,I} = \{\perp, a, \top\}; \sqcup, \sqcap, \neg, \lrcorner, \perp, \top)$  with  $D_{3_{\sqcap}} = \{\perp, a\}$  and  $D_{3_{\sqcup}} = \{a, \top\}$  is a **pure, trivial and regular dBa** with the Cayley tabular given below [Kwu07]:



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$\sqcap$	$\perp$	$a$	$\top$
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$a$	$\perp$	$a$	$a$
$\top$	$\perp$	$a$	$a$

$\sqcup$	$\perp$	$a$	$\top$
$\perp$	$a$	$a$	$\top$
$a$	$a$	$a$	$\top$
$\top$	$\top$	$\top$	$\top$

$x$	$\perp$	$a$	$\top$
$\neg x$	$a$	$\perp$	$\perp$
$\lrcorner x$	$\top$	$\top$	$a$

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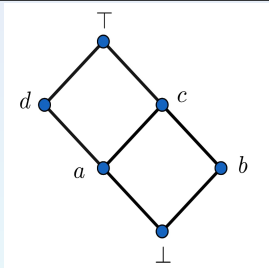
The algebra  $\underline{D}_6 = (D_6 = \{\perp, a, b, c, d, \top\}, \sqcup, \sqcap, \neg, \lrcorner, \perp, \top)$  with  $D_{6_{\sqcap}} = \{\perp, a, b, c\}$  and  $D_{6_{\sqcup}} = \{a, c, d, \top\}$  is a **pure and regular dBa** which is **not trivial** with the Cayley tabular given below :

$\sqcap$	$\perp$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$	$\top$
$\perp$	$\perp$	$\perp$	$\perp$	$\perp$	$\perp$	$\perp$
$a$	$\perp$	$a$	$\perp$	$a$	$a$	$a$
$b$	$\perp$	$\perp$	$b$	$b$	$\perp$	$b$
$c$	$\perp$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$a$	$c$
$d$	$\perp$	$a$	$\perp$	$a$	$a$	$a$
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$b$	$c$	$c$	$c$	$c$	$\top$	$\top$
$c$	$c$	$c$	$c$	$c$	$\top$	$\top$
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$x$	$\perp$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$	$\top$
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$\lrcorner x$	$\top$	$\top$	$d$	$d$	$c$	$a$



## Definition 5 ([BS81])

Let  $\underline{B} = (B, \vee, \wedge, ', 0, 1)$  be a Boolean algebra.

(a) A subset  $I$  of  $B$  is called an **ideal** if it satisfies:

- (1)  $0 \in I$
- (2)  $\forall x, y \in B, x, y \in I \Rightarrow x \vee y \in I$
- (3)  $\forall x, y \in B, y \in I, x \leq y \Rightarrow x \in I$

(b) A subset  $F$  of  $B$  is called a **filter** if it satisfies:

- (1)  $1 \in F$
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In this work we have shown that the study of the subdirectly irreducibility of a double Boolean algebra is focused on his pure part and we hve characterized some specific double Boolean algebras subdirectly irreducibles.



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