

# ON UNIFORMLY MENGER ELEMENTS

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# Preliminaries

- A *poset* is a pair  $(L, R)$  where  $L$  is a set, and  $R \subseteq L \times L$  is a binary relation on  $L$  satisfying:
  - ①  $\forall a \in L, aRa$ .
  - ②  $\forall a, b, c \in L, aRb \text{ and } bRc \implies aRc$ .
  - ③  $\forall a, b \in L, aRb \text{ and } bRa \implies a = b$ .

When these three properties hold,  $R$  is called a *(partial) order* on  $L$ .

- If there is no danger of confusion we typically use for an order the symbol  $\leq$ , even for distinct relations on distinct sets.
- For a poset  $(L, \leq)$ , we shall write  $L$  if  $\leq$  is clear from the context.
- The *supremum* of a set  $M \subseteq (L, \leq)$ , denoted by  $\sup M$ , is the least upperbound of  $M$ . Similarly, the *infimum* of  $M$ , denoted by  $\inf M$ , is the greatest lowerbound of  $M$ .

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- For a poset  $L$ , we write  $\bigvee M$  and  $\bigwedge M$  for the supremum and the infimum of  $M \subseteq L$ , respectively. For  $\{a, b\} \subseteq L$ , we write  $a \wedge b$  and  $a \vee b$ .
- Given a poset  $L$ , we have that  $\sup \emptyset$  is the least element of  $L$  and we denote it by  $0_L$  and shall be called the *bottom* element of  $L$ . Similarly,  $\inf \emptyset$  is the greatest element of  $L$  and we denote it by  $1_L$ , and shall be called the *top* element of  $L$ .
- A poset  $L$  is a *lattice* if there is an infimum  $a \wedge b$  and a supremum  $a \vee b$  for any two  $a, b \in L$ . It is a *bounded lattice* if it is a lattice that has bottom and top.
- A lattice  $L$  is distributive if there holds the equality:

$$a \vee (b \wedge c) = (a \vee b) \wedge (a \vee c).$$

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- A poset is a *complete lattice* if every subset has a supremum and an infimum.

## Proposition 1.

Let  $L$  be a poset. If each subset of  $L$  has a supremum, then  $L$  is a complete lattice.

- Order preserving maps  $f : L \rightarrow M$  and  $g : M \rightarrow L$  are *Galois adjoint* -  $f$  is a left adjoint of  $g$ , and  $g$  is a right adjoint of  $f$  - if
$$\forall a \in L, \forall b \in M, \quad f(a) \leq b \iff a \leq g(b).$$
- A left (resp. right) Galois adjoint of a given map does not have to exist. If it exists, however, it is uniquely determined.

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## Proposition 2.

If  $L$  and  $M$  are complete lattices, then an order preserving map  $f : L \rightarrow M$  is a left (resp. right) adjoint if and only if it preserves all suprema (resp. infima).

- In a distributive lattice  $L$ , a *pseudocomplement* of  $a \in L$  is the largest element  $b \in L$  such that  $a \wedge b = 0$ , if it exists.
- We denote the pseudocomplement of  $a \in L$  by  $a^*$ . It has a property that

$$a \wedge b = 0 \iff b \leq a^*$$

- A *Heyting algebra* is a bounded lattice  $L$  equipped with a binary operation  $\rightarrow$  satisfying

$$c \leq a \rightarrow b \iff c \wedge a \leq b.$$

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## Proposition 3.

*A complete lattice  $L$  admits a Heyting operation iff there holds the distributive law:*

$$a \wedge \bigvee B = \bigvee_{b \in B} (a \wedge b)$$

*for all  $a \in L$ ,  $B \subseteq L$ .*

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- A *frame* or a *locale* is a complete lattice  $L$  satisfying the following infinite distributive property:

$$a \wedge \bigvee B = \bigvee_{b \in B} (a \wedge b)$$

for all  $a \in L$ ,  $B \subseteq L$ .

## Example 1.

Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. Then  $\tau$  is a frame, where  $\wedge = \cap$ , and  $\bigvee = \bigcup$ .

- Given a space  $X$ , we set  $\mathfrak{O}X = \{\text{open sets of } X\}$  and call  $\mathfrak{O}X$  the *frame of opens* of  $X$ .
- A *frame homomorphism* is a function  $h : L \rightarrow M$  which preserves arbitrary joins (including the bottom element) and finite meets (including the top element).

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## Example 2.

Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous function between spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ . Then the map

$$\mathfrak{O}(f) : \mathfrak{O}Y \rightarrow \mathfrak{O}X, \quad \mathfrak{O}(f)(U) = f^{-1}[U]$$

is a frame homomorphism.

- Associated with any frame homomorphism  $h : L \rightarrow M$  is a right adjoint  $h_* : M \rightarrow L$  which is called a *localic map*.

## Example 3.

Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous function between spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ . Then the map

$$\text{Lc}(f) : \mathfrak{O}X \rightarrow \mathfrak{O}Y, \quad \text{Lc}(f)(U) = \mathfrak{O}(f)_*(U) = Y \setminus \overline{f[X \setminus U]}$$

is a localic map.

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- Denote by:
  - **Top** the category of topological spaces whose morphisms are continuous functions.
  - **Frm** the category of frames whose morphisms are frame homomorphisms.
  - **Loc** the category of locales whose morphisms are localic maps.
- There is a contravariant functor  $\mathfrak{O} : \mathbf{Top} \rightarrow \mathbf{Frm}$  which acts as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\ & \mathfrak{O} \downarrow & \\ \mathfrak{O}X & \xleftarrow{f^{-1}} & \mathfrak{O}Y \end{array}$$

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- A *sublocale* of a frame  $L$  is a subset  $S \subseteq L$  satisfying:
  - $\bigwedge^S = \bigwedge^L$
  - For each  $x \in L$  and each  $s \in S$ ,  $x \rightarrow s \in S$ .
- $\mathcal{S}(L)$  denotes the collection of all sublocales of a frame  $L$ .

## Example 4.

Let  $X$  be a space. For each  $A \subseteq X$ , set

$$\tilde{A} = \{\text{int}((X \setminus A) \cup W) : W \in \mathfrak{O}X\}.$$

$\tilde{A}$  is a sublocale of  $\mathfrak{O}X$  and is called *the sublocale induced by A*.

- In a  $T_D$ -space  $X$ ,  $A \subseteq B$  if and only if  $\tilde{A} \subseteq \tilde{B}$ .
- Given  $a \in L$ , we denote by  $\mathfrak{c}(a) = \{x \in L : a \leq x\}$  the *closed sublocale of L induced by a* and by  $\mathfrak{o}(a) = \{a \rightarrow x : x \in L\}$  the *open sublocale of L induced by a*.

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## Example 5.

Let  $X$  be a space and let  $U \in \mathfrak{O}X$ . Then

$$\mathfrak{o}(U) = \tilde{U}$$

and

$$\mathfrak{c}(U) = \uparrow U.$$

- By a *cover* of a frame  $L$  we refer to  $C \subseteq L$  in which  $\bigvee C = 1$ . Denote by  $\text{Cov}(L)$  the collection of all covers of a frame  $L$ .
- A collection  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{S}(L)$  is a *covering* of  $L$  if  $\bigvee\{C : C \in \mathcal{C}\} = L$ , where the join is calculated in  $\mathcal{S}(L)$ .
- Let  $L$  be a frame and  $A, B \in \text{Cov}(L)$ . Then  $A \leq B$  in case for each  $a \in A$ , there is  $b \in B$  such that  $a \leq b$ .
- For  $A, B \in \text{Cov}(L)$ , we write  $A \wedge B = \{a \wedge b : a \in A, b \in B\}$ .

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- For  $A \in \text{Cov}(L)$ , set  $Ax = \bigvee\{t \in A : t \wedge x \neq 0\}$ .
- For  $\mu \subseteq \text{Cov}(L)$ , we write  $a \triangleleft_\mu b$  if there exists  $A \in \mu$  such that  $Aa \leq b$ .
- Let  $L$  be a frame. A collection  $\mu \subseteq \text{Cov}(L)$  is called a *nearness* on  $L$  if:

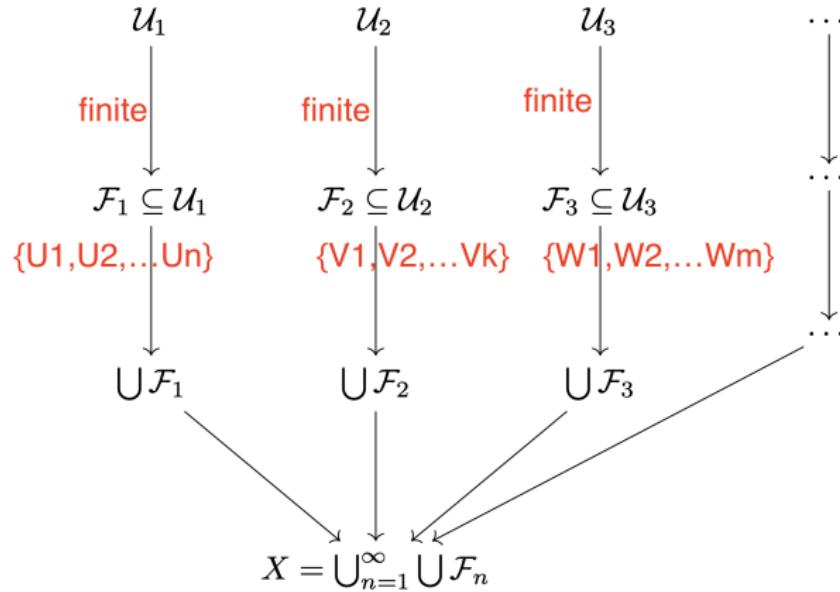
- ① Whenever  $A \in \text{Cov}(L)$  and  $B \in \mu$  with  $B \leq A$ , we have  $A \in \mu$ ;
- ②  $A, B \in \mu$  implies  $A \wedge B \in \mu$ ;
- ③ For each  $x \in L$ ,

$$x = \bigvee\{y \in L : y \triangleleft_\mu x\}.$$

- The pair  $(L, \mu)$ , where  $\mu$  is a nearness on  $L$ , is called a *nearness frame*, and members of  $\mu$  are called *uniform covers*.

# Introducing uniformly Menger elements

- **Menger space:** A space  $X$  is *Menger* if for every sequence  $\{\mathcal{C}_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of open covers of  $X$  we can select, for each  $n$ , a finite set  $\mathcal{V}_n \subseteq \mathcal{C}_n$  such that  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{V}_n$  is a cover of  $X$ .



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- **Menger frame:** (Bayih, Dube, Ighedo 2021) In pointfree topology, a frame  $L$  is *Menger* if for every sequence  $(\mathcal{C}_n)$  of open coverings of  $L$ , there exists, for each  $n$ , a finite  $\mathcal{D}_n \subseteq \mathcal{C}_n$  such that  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{D}_n$  is a covering of  $L$ .

## Proposition 4.

Let  $X$  be a space. Then  $X$  is a Menger space if and only if  $\mathfrak{D}X$  is a Menger frame.

- **Relatively Menger subset:** (Sen 2023) A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is *relatively Menger* if for every sequence  $\{\mathcal{C}_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of open covers of  $X$ , there exists, for each  $n$ , a finite set  $J_n \subseteq \mathcal{C}_n$  such that  $A \subseteq \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} J_n$ .

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- **Relatively Menger sublocale:** In frames, a sublocale  $S$  of a frame  $L$  is *relatively Menger* if for every sequence  $\{\mathcal{C}_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of open coverings of  $L$ , there exists, for each  $n$ , a finite set  $\mathcal{D}_n \subseteq \mathcal{C}_n$  such that  $S \subseteq \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \bigcup \mathcal{D}_n$ .

## Proposition 5.

Let  $X$  be a  $T_D$ -space and  $S \subseteq X$ . Then  $S$  is a relatively Menger subset of  $X$  if and only if  $\tilde{S}$  is a relatively Menger subublocale of  $\mathfrak{O}X$ .

# Introducing uniformly Menger elements

- **Menger element:** An element  $a$  of a frame  $L$  is *Menger* if for every countable collection  $\{C_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of covers of  $L$ , there exists, for each  $n$ , a finite set  $D_n \subseteq C_n$  such that  $a \leq \bigvee_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (\bigvee D_n)$ .
- **Uniform Menger property:** Let  $(X, \mathcal{U})$  be a uniform space. Then  $X$  has the *uniform Menger property* if for every sequence  $\{\mathcal{C}_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of uniform covers of  $X$  there exists, for each  $n$ , a finite set  $\mathcal{V}_n \subseteq \mathcal{C}_n$  such that  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{V}_n$  covers  $X$ .

## Definition 6.

Let  $(L, \mu)$  be a nearness frame. An element  $a \in L$  is *uniformly Menger* if for every countable collection  $\{C_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of uniform covers of  $L$ , there exists, for each  $n$ , a finite set  $D_n \subseteq C_n$  such that  $a \leq \bigvee_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (\bigvee D_n)$ .

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