The ReducedContextCompletion Algorithm

Updating the reduced context of a lattice in linear time and linear memory

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Motivation

Exporting the FCA outside of its inner self

The FCA is a powerfull tool to deal with complex data, but the output can be hard to hard for non-It users. The following work will be a first step to:

- Allow non-It users to uses FCA algorithms.
- Put the data-scientist in the center of the process.

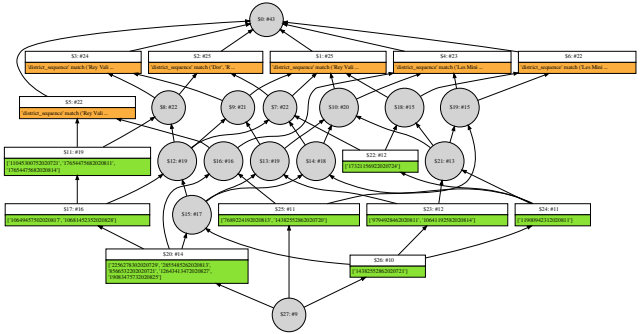

Figure 1: Sub-sequence match of touristics trajectories of La Rochelle

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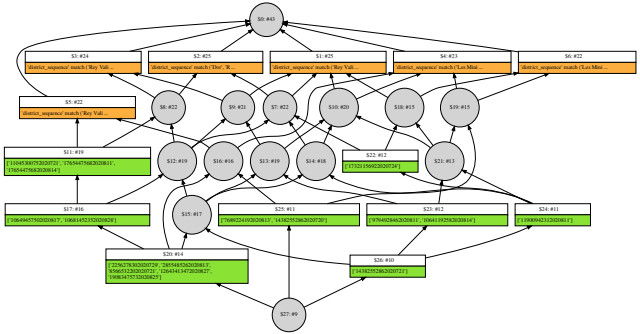
- Build in an iterative and intuitive way a lattice of concepts.
- Allow the user to change the strategy during the building of the lattice.



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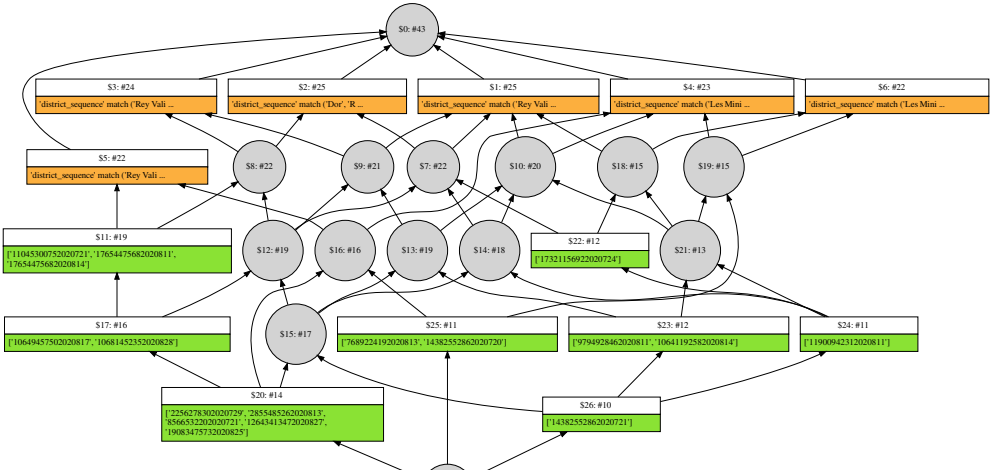

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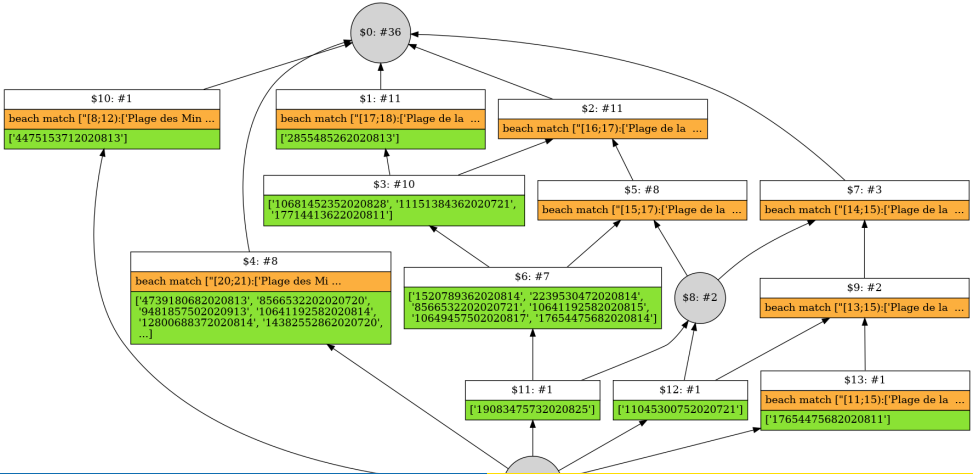

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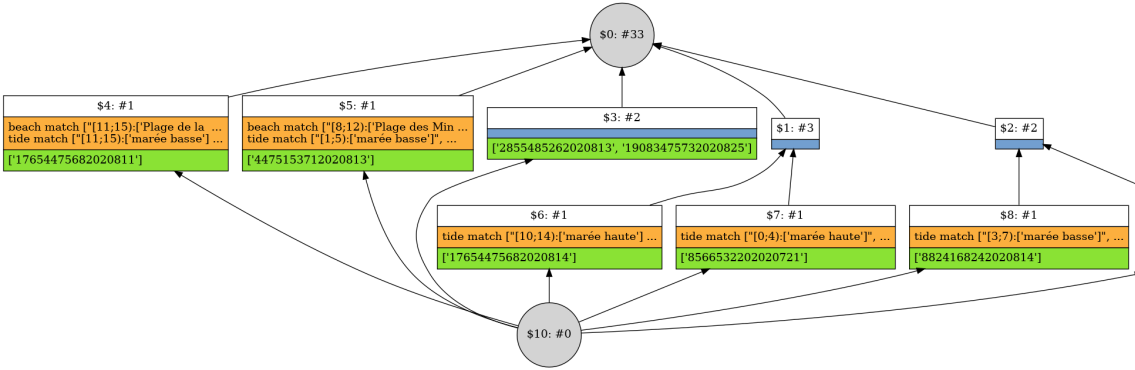

Figure 4

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- Achieve a proper interactive navigation into complex data structures such as lattices.
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Optimization of the solution

Rather than rebuilding the lattice (that can be huge) :

- Maintain a condensed form (the reduced context) of a lattice.
- Update this reduced context according to the changes made by the analysis.

prime factor lattice

Definition of a prime factor lattice

In the prime factor lattice, elements are tuple of prime number divisor. The meet operation between two points seeks the greatest common multiple of those two numbers, while the join operation return the greatest common divisor such as shown in figure 5.

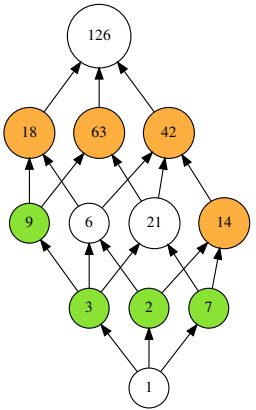


Figure 5: Example of a prime factor

$x_1 = 2$

Figure 6: Initial lattice

Irreducibles

$J^{\curlywedge}$	$M^{\curlywedge}$
$\emptyset$	$\emptyset$

$x_2 = 3$

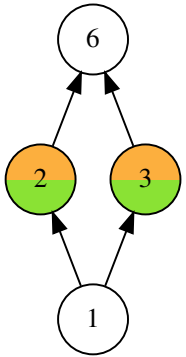


Figure 7: Add the element **3**

Irreducibles

$J^{\curlywedge}$	$M^{\curlywedge}$
(1,3)	(2,6)
(1,2)	(3,6)

$x_3 = 7$

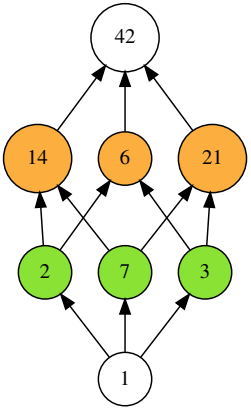


Figure 8: Add the element **7**

Irreducibles

$J^{\nwarrow}$	$M^{\nwarrow}$
(1,3)	~~(2,2)~~
(1,2)	~~(3,3)~~
(1,7)	(2,42)
	(14,42)
	(21,42)

$x_4 = 9$

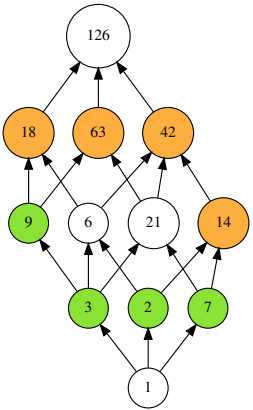


Figure 9: Add the element **9**

Irreducibles

$J^{\downarrow}$	$M^{\downarrow}$
(1,3)	~~(6,6)~~
(1,2)	(42,14)
(1,7)	~~(21,21)~~
(1,9)	(18,126)
	(63,126)
	(42,126)

Relation order

Ordinal definition

$\leq$ is a binary relation on the set S which satisfy three properties such as :

- $\leq$ is **reflexive** : for all $x \in S, x \leq x$
- $\leq$ is **antisymmetric** : for all $x, y \in S$ if $x \leq y$ and $y \leq x$ then $x = y$
- $\leq$ is **transitive** : with $x, y, z \in S$, if we have $x \leq y$ and $y \leq z$ then $x \leq z$.

The meet and join operator

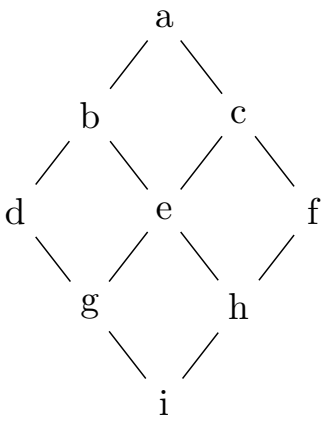
Ordinal definition

- The greatest lower bound of two elements (also named a join) x, y is noted $x \vee y$ refers to the greatest element of the predecessors of both x and y such that $z \leq x$ and $z \leq y$, $z \in S$.
- The least upper bound of two elements (also named a meet) x, y is noted $x \wedge y$ refers to the smallest element of the successor of both x and y such that $x \geq z$ and $y \geq z$, $z \in S$.
- $\vee$ and $\wedge$ can be used to defines the partial order relation $\leq$ on S in the context of a lattice structure.

Definition of a lattice

Lattice definition

- A lattice $L = \langle S, \leq \rangle$ is a poset such that $x \vee y$ and $x \wedge y$ exist for any x and y $\in S$.
- By considering $\vee$ and $\wedge$ as meet and join operators, we can also defines a lattice as $L = \langle S, \vee, \wedge \rangle^{S \neq \emptyset}$.



The irreducible

Reduced context definition

- An element $j \in S$ is called join-irreducible if for any subset X of S, $j \neq \wedge X$. We noted j a join-irreducible on the lattice L, j_L. The set of the join-irreducible of L is noted J_L. In a lattice, a join-irreducible element only has one immediate predecessor noted j^-.
- An element $m \in S$ is called meet-irreducible if for any subset X of S, $m \neq \vee X$. We noted m a join-irreducible on the lattice L, m_L. The set of the meet-irreducible of L is noted M_L. In a lattice, a meet-irreducible element only has one immediate successor noted m^+.

The irreducible

Lattice definition

Irreducible elements of a lattice can't be obtain by $\vee$ operator (for join irreducible) or $\wedge$ (for meet irreducible), they represent the very structure of a lattice.

- We can't have more join irreducible elements than the number of individuals in our data.
- We can't have more meet irreducible elements than the number of different attributes in all our individuals.

$$\overline{J_L \quad M_L}$$

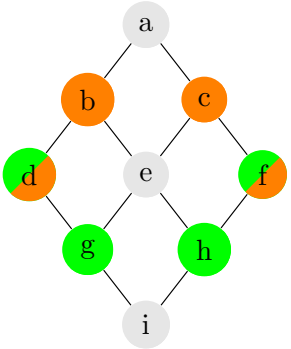


Figure 11: Lattice L, with colored join irreducible and meet irreducible

The reduced context definition

Reduced context definition

- The reduced context (Also called the table) of a lattice is defined as both all elements in J_L and M_L and the relational order $\leq$ on S such that $R_L = \langle J_L, M_L, \leq \rangle$.
- Based on the fundamental theorem, any lattice L is isomorphic to the concept lattice of its reduced context, we can then rebuilt any lattice L based on its irreducible.

The reduced context definition

Maintaining the reduced context

- As we can rebuild a lattice L from its reduced context (And as the reduced context only contains irreducible elements and binaries operators of L), we only need to stock the structure R.
- By maintaining and working only on R_L, we drastically reduce the number of elements to take into account during the process and the storage.

Definition : joins and immediate predecessors

Covering relation between joins and immediate predecessors

For the purpose of the algorithm, we introduce a covering relation between joins irreducible and theirs immediate predecessor such as :

$$^{L}\prec_{|J} = \{(j^{-}, j) | j \in J\}$$

Where we note $J_L^{\curlywedge} = {}^{L}\prec_{|J}$ such that $J_L^{\curlywedge}$ is a list of couple (j^{-}, j).

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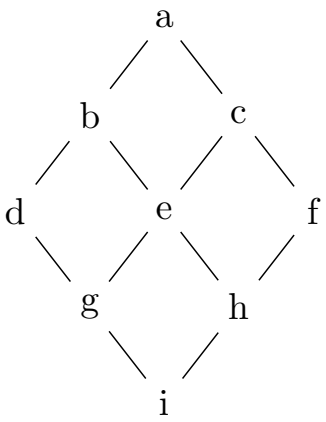
In the following example figure 19 we have :

$J_L^{\curlywedge}$	$M_L^{\curlywedge}$
(i,g)	(a,b)
(i,h)	(a,c)
(g,d)	(b,d)
(h,f)	(c,f)



Problematic

Two sets of couple

In this work, we will uses a special reduced context of L where $R_L^{\curlywedge} = \langle J_L^{\curlywedge}, M_L^{\curlywedge}, \wedge, \vee \rangle$.

Two sets of couple

Based on $R_L^{\curlywedge}$, the reduced context of L, and X, $X \subseteq S$, find the reduced context $R_{L_X}^{\curlywedge}$ of the sublattice L_X, $L_X \subseteq L$, the smallest lattice containing X.

The reduce context completion function

Foreword

- Let L be a finite lattice, with a bottom element noted $\bot_L$ and a top element noted $\top_L$
- With $\mathcal{CL}$ an application that build a the concept lattice, where $L = \mathcal{CL}(\langle M_X^{\downarrow}, J_X^{\downarrow}, \top_X, \bot_X, \wedge, \vee \rangle)$
- Let $L_X = \mathcal{CL}(\langle M_X^{\downarrow}, J_X^{\downarrow}, \top_X, \bot_X, \wedge, \vee \rangle)$, the smallest lattice containing $X \subseteq S$.

The λ case

We introduce λ, a particular case where $\lambda^x = \mathcal{CL}(\langle \emptyset, \emptyset, x, x, \wedge, \vee, \rangle)$ is a lattice that only contains an element $\{x\}$ and the knowledge of join and meet operator of L.

The reduce context completion function

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κ is our reduced context completion function, returning the smallest sub-lattice of L with the element $\{x\}$. Where the function κ^x find $J_x^{\downarrow}$, $M_x^{\downarrow}$ from the reduced context of L, the minimal number of irreducible from L required to build L_x, the smallest lattice containing the element $\{x\}$; based on $\wedge$ and $\vee$ operator of L.
With $X = \{x_1, x_2..x_n\}$ we note :

$$L_X = \mathcal{CL}(\kappa^{x_1}(\kappa^{x_2}(\dots\lambda^{x_n}))) = \mathcal{CL}(\langle M_X^{\downarrow}, J_X^{\downarrow}, \top_X, \bot_X, \wedge, \vee\rangle)$$

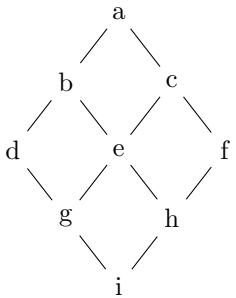
Example

Exemple of a reduced context completion

Let L be a lattice $L = \langle S, \leq \rangle$. Let compute the reduced context completion with a subset of S, $X = \{b, e, d, c\}$ and the goal is to find L_X such that :

$$L_X = \mathcal{CL}(\langle M_X^{\downarrow}, J_X^{\downarrow}, \top_X, \bot_X, \wedge, \vee \rangle) = \mathcal{CL}(\kappa^c(\kappa^d(\kappa^e(\lambda^b))))$$

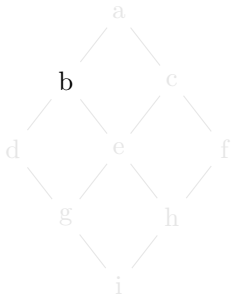
Initialisation



The original lattice $L = \langle S, \leq \rangle$,
$S = \{a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i\}$

Figure 13: Lattice L $< S, \vee, \wedge >$

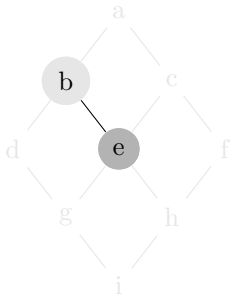
n=1



We create the first sub-lattice λ^b where $\lambda^b = \mathcal{CL}(\langle \emptyset, \emptyset, b, b, \wedge, \vee, \rangle)$

Figure 14: λ^b

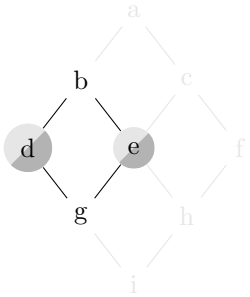
n=2



Apply the function of reduced context completion $\kappa^e(\lambda^b)$ on L, resulting in the sub-lattice noted $L_1 = \mathcal{CL}(\langle\{(e, b)\}, \{(e, b)\}, b, e, \wedge, \vee\rangle)$

Figure 15: The sub-lattice L_2

n=3



Apply the function of reduced context completion $\kappa^d(L_1)$ on L, resulting in the sub-lattice noted $L_2 = \mathcal{CL}(\langle\{(g,d),(g,e)\},\{(d,b),(e,b)\},b,g,\wedge,\vee\rangle)$

Figure 16: The sub-lattice L_3

n=4

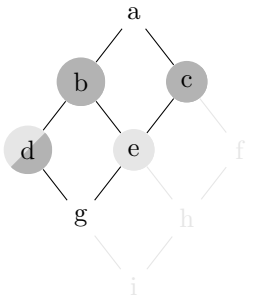


Figure 17: The sub-lattice L_3

Apply the function of reduced context completion $\kappa^c(L_2)$ on L, resulting in the sub-lattice $\kappa^n(\lambda^b)$ noted $L_3 =$
$\mathcal{CL}(\langle\{(g,d),(g,e)\},\{(d,b),(c,a),(b,a)\},a,g,\wedge,\vee\rangle)$

Theorem

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Given a lattice $\mathcal{L} = (S, \wedge, \vee)$, then the algorithm reduced completion computes the minimal sublattice of $\mathcal{L}$ containing a subset $X \subseteq S$.

Lattice of sublattices

The lattice of sublattices

Let us consider each sublattice of $\mathcal{L}$ given by its set of elements, and the relation between these sublattices by inclusion on these sets of elements. The Moore family of all the sublattices of $\mathcal{L}$ equipped with this inclusion relation, and an emptyset $\emptyset$ forms a lattice.

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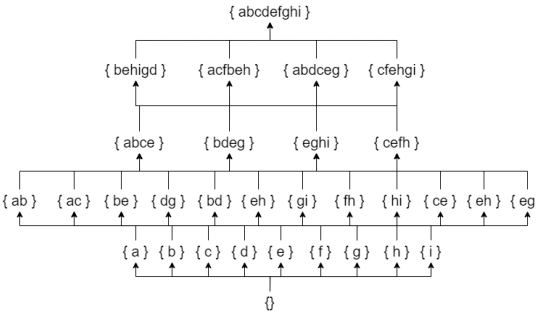

Figure 18: The lattice of the Moore families of sublattices of $\mathcal{L}$ (Partial)

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Closure operator

A closure operator is a function on a set S that satisfy :

- $X \subset \varphi(X)$: **Extensive**
- $X \subset Y \rightarrow \varphi(X) \subset \varphi(Y)$: **Isotone**
- $\varphi(\varphi(X)) = \varphi(X)$: **Idempotent**

Closure operator are determined by their **closed set** (Or Moore Families . . .). The closure $\varphi(X)$ of a set X is the smallest set containing X.

Problems definition

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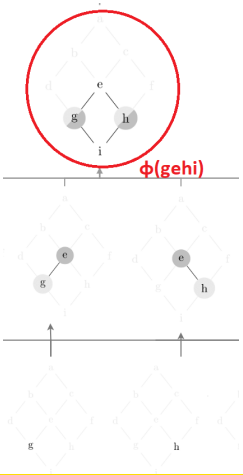
The algorithm successively computed a reduced context for x_1, then x_2, ..., then x_n. Let X_i be the set of element of the lattice of the reduced context computed at each iteration, i.e. for $\{x_1, .., x_i\}$. Then X_n is the set of elements of the reduced context of the lattice computed by the algorithm.
Therefore we have to proove that the algorithm computes the minimal set of elements that generate $\mathcal{CL}(\varphi(X))$, i.e. that $X_n = \mathcal{CL}(\varphi(X))$.



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Let us assume that we have the reduced context of the smallest context containing $\{x_1, .., x_{i-1}\}$, then $X_{i-1} = \mathcal{CL}(\varphi(\{x_1, .., x_{i-1}\}))$.
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X_i is composed of these updated irreducible elements, together with join and meet issued from these irreducible elements.

Proof

κ is a closure operator

- This computation is extensive since $X \subseteq X_n = \mathcal{CL}(\varphi(X))$.
- Moreover, if κ is applied twice, then no element is added $\mathcal{CL}(\varphi(\varphi(X))) = \mathcal{CL}(\varphi(X))$: idempotent.
- And this computation add new irreducible elements to generate new elements, then it is isotone: if $X \subseteq Y$ then $\mathcal{CL}(\varphi(X)) \subseteq \mathcal{CL}(\varphi(Y))$.

Input of the algorithme

Input

- The reduced context of a lattice L
- An element $x \in S$

Output

- the reduced context of the sublattice L_X, $L_X \subseteq L$

The algorithm of ReducedContextCompletion

Input

- $M^{\curlywedge}$: Set of couples (m, m^{+})
- $J^{\curlywedge}$: Set of couples (j^{-}, j)
- $\top$: The top element of the current lattice
- $\bot$: The bottom element of the current lattice
- $\wedge$: The join operator of L
- $\vee$: the meet operator of L
- X : Subset of S

Three step

- Startup Check
- Maximum and minimum updating
- Irreducibles updating

Startup check of ReducedContextCompletion

Startup check

- if $(., x)$ in $J^{\curlywedge}$: continue
- if $(x, .)$ in $M^{\curlywedge}$: continue
- if x is $\top$: continue
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Maximum and minimum redefinition

- if $x > \top$: $\textsc{AddMaximum}(x)$
- if $x < \bot$: $\textsc{addMinimum}(x)$
- if $x \not\leq \top$ nor $\not\geq \top$: $\textsc{ExtendMaximum}(x)$
- if $x \not\leq \bot$ nor $\not\geq \bot$: $\textsc{ExtendMinimum}(x)$

Add new maximum

AddMaximum(x)

- $add(\top, x)$ in $M^{\curlywedge}$ // add x as successor of $\top$
- $add(x, \top)$ in $J^{\curlywedge}$ // add $\top$ as predecessor of x
- $\top \leftarrow x$ // x become the new top element
- continue

Add new minimum

addMinimum(x)

- $add(\bot, x)$ in $J^{\curlywedge}$ // add x as predecessor of $\bot$
- $add(x, \bot)$ in $M^{\curlywedge}$ // add $\bot$ as successor of x
- $\bot \leftarrow x$ // x become the bottom element
- continue

Extend a new maximum or new minimum

ExtendMinimum(x)

- add($(\bot \wedge x), \bot$) in $J^{\curlywedge}$ // Add the bottom element of κ^x into the set of join irreducibles
- $\bot \leftarrow (\bot \wedge x)$ // Update bottom element

ExtendMaximum(x)

- add($\top, (\top \vee x)$) in $M^{\curlywedge}$ // Add the top element of x into the set of meet irreducibles
- $\top \leftarrow (\top \vee x)$ // Update top element

Classical case : the main execution

Setting immediate successor and immediate predecessor of x

At this step, x is between $\top$ and $\bot$. We initialize $\bot$ as potential immediate predecessor of $x \in J^{\curlywedge}$, and top as potential immediate successor of $x \in M^{\curlywedge}$, and then we maintain the irreducible.

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Entering into the main execution

- insertJoinIrreducible(x)
- insertMeetIrreducible(x)

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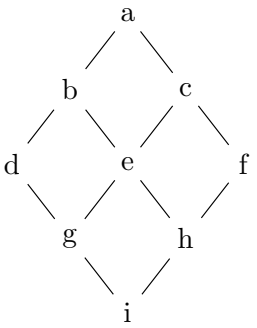

Figure 20: A lattice L

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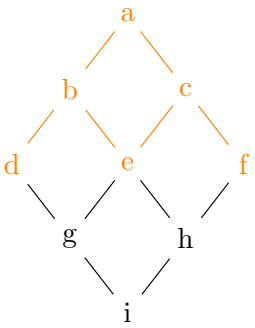

Figure 21: A join-semi-lattice from L

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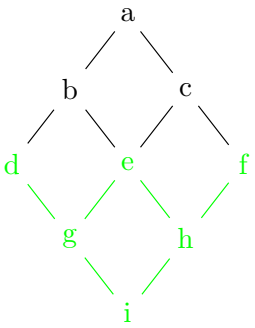

Figure 22: A meet-semi-lattice from L

insertJoinIrreducible(x)

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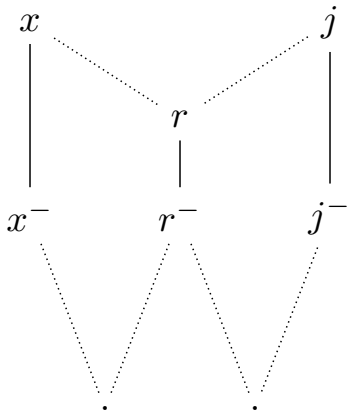
for (j^-, j) *in* $J^{\curlywedge}$ **do**
  $r = j \wedge x$
  $r^- = (j^- \wedge x) \vee (j \wedge x^-)$
  $add(r-, r)$ in $J^{\curlywedge}$
  $x^- \vee = r$
  $j^- \vee = r$
end

insertJoinIrreducible(x)

for (j^-, j) *in* $J^{\curlywedge}$ **do**
  if $j^- == j$ **then**
    $remove(j^-, j)$ from $J^{\curlywedge}$
  end
end

insertJoinIrreducible(x)



- $r = j \wedge x$
- $x^- \wedge = r$
- $j^- \wedge = r$

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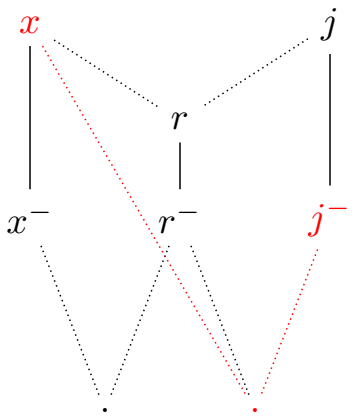

$j^- \wedge x$

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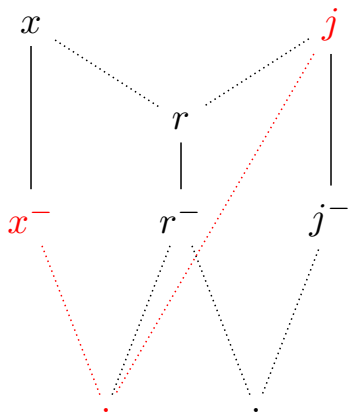

$j \wedge x^-$

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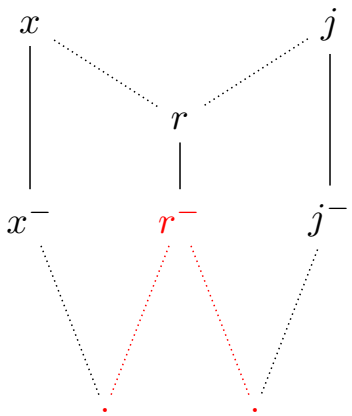

$$(j^- \wedge x) \vee (j \wedge x^-)$$

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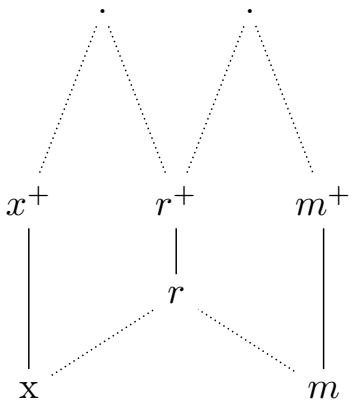
for (m, m^+) *in* $M^{\curlywedge}$ **do**
  $r = m \vee x$
  $r^+ = (m^+ \vee x) \wedge (m \vee x^+)$
  $add(r, r+)$ in $M^{\curlywedge}$
  $x^+ \vee = r$
  $m^+ \vee = r$
end

insertMeetIrreducible(x)

for (m, m^+) *in* $M^{\curlywedge}$ **do**
  if $m^+ == m$ **then**
    $remove(m, m+)$ from $M^{\curlywedge}$
  end
end

insertMeetIrreducible(x)



- $r = m \vee x$
- $x^+ \vee = r$
- $m^+ \vee = r$

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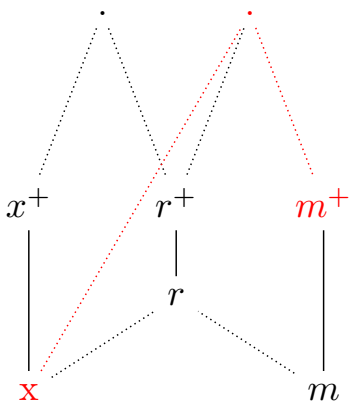

$m^+ \vee x$

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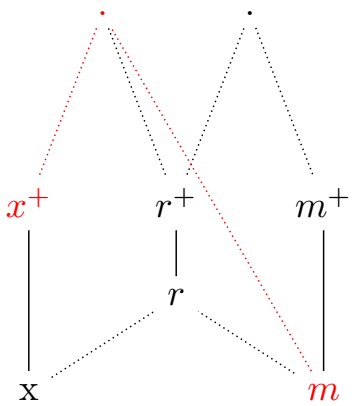

$m \vee x^+$

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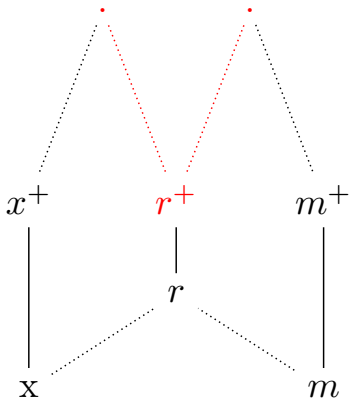

$$r^+ = (m^+ \vee x) \wedge (m \vee x^+)$$

Theorem

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At the end of the algorithm $\langle J^{\curlywedge}, M^{\curlywedge}, \top, \bot, \vee, \wedge \rangle$ is the reduced context of L_X.

Conclusion

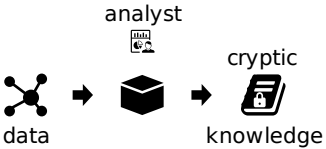

Figure 31: Deep learning

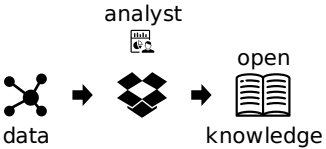

Figure 32: FCA

Conclusion

Future works

The reduced context completion, is a first step in data navigation, but not only. With this algorithm, we are able to only work on reduced contexts of lattices, drastically reducing the number of elements to take into account.