



Representations of Domains via CF-approximation Spaces

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Introduction: Representation of Domains

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Preliminaries

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The **representation of domains**, we mean:

- some **general way**
- one can **characterize** a domain.
- use a **suitable family** of a mathematical structure.
- equipped with **set-inclusion order**.





Examples

Continuous domain can be represented

- Abstract bases (B, \prec) : using round ideals. ([2,3])
- c-infs (C, Con, \vdash) : using states; ([7])
- Formal topology: using (psudo)-formal points in suitable topological spaces. ([9])
- $(\mathbb{F}$ -augmented generalized) closure spaces; ([12])
- (Attribute continuous) formal contexts $(P_o, P_a, \models, \mathcal{F}_\tau)$. ([8])



Observations

Clearly,

- Representation via abstract bases is most **natural** due to its simplicity;
- The study scope of abstract bases is little narrow;
- Abstract bases (B, \prec) are special **generalized approximation spaces** (U, R) (GA-space, for short).



Our Intend

And we intend to

- generalize an abstract base to a CF-approximation space (U, R, \mathcal{F}) , a GA-space (U, R) , with some consistent family \mathcal{F} of some finite sets.
- hope that continuous domains can be represented via CF-approximation spaces.



Basic notions

Definition

Let (U, \prec) be a set equipped with a binary relation \prec . We say \prec *fully transitive* if it is transitive and satisfies the *strong interpolation property*:

$$\forall |F| < \infty, F \prec z \Rightarrow \exists y \prec z \text{ such that } F \prec y,$$

where $F \prec y$ means for all $t \in F$, $t \prec y$. We call (B, \prec) an *abstract basis* if \prec is *fully transitive*.



Definition

Let (B, \prec) be an abstract basis. A non-empty subset I of B is a round ideal if

- (1) $\forall y \in I, x \prec y \Rightarrow x \in I$;
- (2) $\forall x, y \in I, \exists z \in I$ such that $x \prec z$ and $y \prec z$.

All the round ideals of B in set-inclusion order is called the round ideal completion of B , denoted by $RI(B)$.

Theorem

For all abstract basis (B, \prec) , $RI(B)$ is a continuous domain. **Conversely**, if P is a continuous domain with a base B , then (B, \ll) with \ll be the restriction of the way-below relation to B , is an abstract basis and $RI(B, \ll) \cong (P, \leq)$.



- A *generalized approximation space* (GA-space, for short) is a pair (U, R) , where U is a set, R is a binary relation on U .
- Define $R_s, R_p : U \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(U)$ such that for all $x \in U$, $R_s(x) = \{y \in U \mid xRy\}$, $R_p(x) = \{y \in U \mid yRx\}$.

Definition

Let (U, R) be a GA-space. For $A \subseteq U$, define

$$\underline{R}(A) = \{x \in U \mid R_s(x) \subseteq A\},$$
$$\overline{R}(A) = \{x \in U \mid R_s(x) \cap A \neq \emptyset\}.$$

The operators $\underline{R}, \overline{R} : \mathcal{P}(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(U)$ are respectively called the *lower and upper approximation operators* in (U, R) , which are key notions in GA-spaces.



Lemma

Let (U, R) be a GA-space. Then the lower and upper approximation operators \underline{R} and \overline{R} have the following properties.

(1) $\underline{R}(A^c) = (\overline{R}(A))^c$, $\overline{R}(A^c) = (\underline{R}(A))^c$, where A^c is the complement of $A \subseteq U$.

(2) $\underline{R}(U) = U$, $\overline{R}(\emptyset) = \emptyset$.

(3) Let $\{A_i \mid i \in I\} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(U)$. Then

$\underline{R}(\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i) = \bigcap_{i \in I} \underline{R}(A_i)$, $\overline{R}(\bigcup_{i \in I} A_i) = \bigcup_{i \in I} \overline{R}(A_i)$.

(4) If $A \subseteq B \subseteq U$, then $\underline{R}(A) \subseteq \underline{R}(B)$, $\overline{R}(A) \subseteq \overline{R}(B)$.

(5) For all $x \in U$, $\overline{R}(\{x\}) = R_p(x)$.



Proposition

Let (U, R) be a GA-space. Then

$\mathcal{T}_R = \{A \subseteq U \mid A \subseteq \underline{R}(A)\}$ is an Alexandrov topology.

Topology \mathcal{T}_R is called a *topology induced by relation R* .
And a set A in (U, \mathcal{T}_R) is closed iff $\overline{R}(A) \subseteq A$.



Abstract base to CF-approximation space

- Change an abstract base (B, \prec) to the triple $(B, \prec, \{\{b\} \mid b \in B\})$.
- $\{\downarrow^{\prec} b \mid b \in B\}$ is a base of $RI(B)$, where $\downarrow^{\prec} b = \{c \in B \mid c \prec b\}$.
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- Change the family $\{\{b\} \mid b \in B\}$ to a suitable family \mathcal{F} of some finite subsets of U .
- The family \mathcal{F} can also induce a base of a continuous domain.



CF-approximation spaces

Definition

Let (U, R) be a GA-space, R a transitive relation and $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{P}_{fin}(U) \cup \{\emptyset\}$. If for all $F \in \mathcal{F}$, whenever $K \subseteq_{fin} \bar{R}(F)$, there always exists $G \in \mathcal{F}$ such that

$$K \subseteq \bar{R}(G), G \subseteq \bar{R}(F),$$

then (U, R, \mathcal{F}) is called a generalized approximation space with consistent family of finite subsets, or a *CF-approximation space*, for short.



CF-closed sets

Definition

Let (U, R, \mathcal{F}) be a CF-approximation space, $E \subseteq U$. If for all $K \subseteq_{fin} E$, there always exists $F \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $K \subseteq \overline{R}(F) \subseteq E$ and $F \subseteq E$, then E is called a **CF-closed set** of (U, R, \mathcal{F}) . The collection of all CF-closed sets of (U, R, \mathcal{F}) is denoted by $\mathfrak{C}(U, R, \mathcal{F})$.

Remark

- (1) If $\emptyset \in \mathfrak{C}(U, R, \mathcal{F})$, then $\emptyset \in \mathcal{F}$ by $\overline{R}(\emptyset) = \emptyset$.
- (2) For CF-approximation space (U, R, \mathcal{F}) , if $\mathcal{F} = \{\{x\} \mid x \in U\}$, then (U, R) is an abstract base, and all the CF-closed sets of (U, R, \mathcal{F}) are precisely all the round ideals of (U, R) .



Properties of CF-closed sets

Proposition

Let (U, R, \mathcal{F}) be a CF-approximation space. If $E \in \mathfrak{C}(U, R, \mathcal{F})$, then E is a closed set in \mathcal{T}_R .

Proposition

Let (U, R, \mathcal{F}) be a CF-approximation space, then

- (1) for any $F \in \mathcal{F}$, $\bar{R}(F) \in \mathfrak{C}(U, R, \mathcal{F})$;
- (2) if $E \in \mathfrak{C}(U, R, \mathcal{F})$, $A \subseteq E$, then $\bar{R}(A) \subseteq E$;
- (3) if $\{E_i\}_{i \in I} \subseteq \mathfrak{C}(U, R, \mathcal{F})$ is a directed family, then $\bigcup_{i \in I} E_i \in \mathfrak{C}(U, R, \mathcal{F})$.

The above proposition above shows that $(\mathfrak{C}(U, R, \mathcal{F}), \subseteq)$ is a dcpo.



Characterizations of CF-closed sets

Proposition

Let (U, R, \mathcal{F}) be a CF-approximation space. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) $E \in \mathfrak{C}(U, R, \mathcal{F})$;*
- (2) The family $\mathcal{A} = \{\bar{R}(F) \mid F \in \mathcal{F}, F \subseteq E\}$ is directed and $E = \bigcup \mathcal{A}$;*
- (3) There exists a family $\{F_i\}_{i \in I} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ such that $\{\bar{R}(F_i)\}_{i \in I}$ is directed, and $E = \bigcup_{i \in I} \bar{R}(F_i)$;*
- (4) There always exists $F \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $K \subseteq \bar{R}(F) \subseteq E$ whenever $K \subseteq_{fin} E$.*



Way-below relation \ll in $(\mathfrak{C}(U, R, \mathcal{F}), \subseteq)$

Theorem

Let (U, R, \mathcal{F}) be a CF-approximation space,
 $E_1, E_2 \in \mathfrak{C}(U, R, \mathcal{F})$. Then $E_1 \ll E_2$ if and only if there
exists $F \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $E_1 \subseteq \overline{R}(F)$ and $F \subseteq E_2$.

Corollary

Let (U, R, \mathcal{F}) be a CF-approximation space,
 $E \in \mathfrak{C}(U, R, \mathcal{F})$, $F \in \mathcal{F}$. The following statements hold:

- (1) If $F \subseteq E$, then $\overline{R}(F) \ll E$;
- (2) $\overline{R}(F) \ll \overline{R}(F)$ if and only if there exists $G \in \mathcal{F}$, such
that $G \subseteq \overline{R}(G) = \overline{R}(F)$.



Representation Theorem

Theorem

Let (U, R, \mathcal{F}) be a CF-approximation space. Then $(\mathfrak{C}(U, R, \mathcal{F}), \subseteq)$ is a continuous domain.

Theorem

Let L be a cont. domain, $\mathcal{F}_L = \{F \subseteq_{fin} L \mid F \text{ has a top}\}$ and $R_L = \ll$. Then $\mathfrak{C}(L, R_L, \mathcal{F}_L) = \{\downarrow x \mid x \in L\}$.



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Theorem

(Representation Theorem) A poset L is a continuous domain iff there is a CF-approximation space (U, R, \mathcal{F}) such that $L \cong (\mathfrak{C}(U, R, \mathcal{F}), \subseteq)$.



Representations of some special domains

We have some special cases of representation theorem.

Theorem

*Let (U, R, \mathcal{F}) be a CF-approximation space. If $(\{\overline{R}(F) \mid F \in \mathcal{F}\}, \subseteq)$ is a csl (resp., **sup-semilattice with bottom element**), then $\mathfrak{C}(U, R, \mathcal{F})$ is a bc-domain (resp., **continuous lattice**). Conversely, above types of domains can be respectively represented in this way.*



Topological F-approximation spaces

Definition

Let R be a *preorder*, $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{P}_{fin}(U) \cup \{\emptyset\}$. Then (U, R, \mathcal{F}) is called a *topological F-approximation space*.

Remark

A *topological F-approximation space* must be a *CF-approximation space*.



Representations of Algebraic domains

Theorem

Let (U, R, \mathcal{F}) be a topological F -approximation space. Then $(\mathcal{C}(U, R, \mathcal{F}), \subseteq)$ is an algebraic domain. Conversely, any algebraic domain can be **represented by some topological F -approximation space**.

let (L, \leq) be an algebraic domain. Set a topological F -approximation space $(K(L), R_{K(L)}, \mathcal{F}_{K(L)})$, where $\mathcal{F}_{K(L)} = \{F \subseteq_{fin} K(L) \mid F \text{ has top element}\}$, $R_{K(L)} = \leq$ is a partial order. Then we have that $\mathcal{C}(K(L), R_{K(L)}, \mathcal{F}_{K(L)}) = \{\downarrow x \cap K(L) \mid x \in L\}$. Since L is an algebraic domain, we know that $(\{\downarrow x \cap K(L) \mid x \in L\}, \subseteq) \cong (L, \leq)$.



CF-approximation relations

Definition

Let $(U_1, R_1, \mathcal{F}_1)$, $(U_2, R_2, \mathcal{F}_2)$ be CF-approximation spaces, and $\Theta \subseteq \mathcal{F}_1 \times \mathcal{F}_2$ a binary relation. If

1. for all $F \in \mathcal{F}_1$, there is $G \in \mathcal{F}_2$ such that $F \Theta G$;
2. $(\forall F, F' \in \mathcal{F}_1, G \in \mathcal{F}_2) (F \subseteq \overline{R_1}(F'), F \Theta G) \Rightarrow (F' \Theta G)$;
3. $(\forall F \in \mathcal{F}_1, G, G' \in \mathcal{F}_2) (F \Theta G, G' \subseteq \overline{R_2}(G)) \Rightarrow (F \Theta G')$;
4. for all $F \in \mathcal{F}_1, G \in \mathcal{F}_2$, if $F \Theta G$, then there are $F' \in \mathcal{F}_1, G' \in \mathcal{F}_2$ s. t. $F' \subseteq \overline{R_1}(F), G \subseteq \overline{R_2}(G')$ and $F' \Theta G'$; and
5. for all $F \in \mathcal{F}_1, G_1, G_2 \in \mathcal{F}_2$, if $F \Theta G_1$ and $F \Theta G_2$, then there is $G_3 \in \mathcal{F}_2$ s. t. $G_1 \cup G_2 \subseteq \overline{R_2}(G_3)$ and $F \Theta G_3$,

then Θ is called a **CF-approximation relation** from $(U_1, R_1, \mathcal{F}_1)$ to $(U_2, R_2, \mathcal{F}_2)$.



Identities and compositions

- Given a CF-approximation space (U, R, \mathcal{F}) , define a binary relation $\text{Id}_{(U,R,\mathcal{F})} \subseteq \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{F}$ such that for all $F, G \in \mathcal{F}$, $(F, G) \in \text{Id}_{(U,R,\mathcal{F})} \Leftrightarrow G \subseteq \bar{R}(F)$.
- Let $(U_1, R_1, \mathcal{F}_1)$, $(U_2, R_2, \mathcal{F}_2)$, $(U_3, R_3, \mathcal{F}_3)$ be CF-approximation spaces, $\Theta \subseteq \mathcal{F}_1 \times \mathcal{F}_2$, $\Upsilon \subseteq \mathcal{F}_2 \times \mathcal{F}_3$ be CF-approximation relations. Define $\Upsilon \circ \Theta \subseteq \mathcal{F}_1 \times \mathcal{F}_3$, the **composition** of Υ and Θ by that for any $F_1 \in \mathcal{F}_1, F_3 \in \mathcal{F}_3$, $(F_1, F_3) \in \Upsilon \circ \Theta$ iff there exists $F_2 \in \mathcal{F}_2$ satisfying $(F_1, F_2) \in \Theta$ and $(F_2, F_3) \in \Upsilon$.



Categories CF-GA and CDOM

- **CF-GA** objects: CF-approximation spaces;
morphisms: CF-approximation relations.

The identities are defined above.

Compositions are compositions of binary relations

- **CDOM** objects: continuous domains;
morphisms: Scott continuous maps.
Identity map and compositions of maps



Induced Scott continuous maps

Let Θ be a CF-approximation relation from $(U_1, R_1, \mathcal{F}_1)$ to $(U_2, R_2, \mathcal{F}_2)$. For all $F \in \mathcal{F}_1$, set $\tilde{\Theta}(F) = \bigcup \{ \overline{R_2}(G) \mid F \Theta G \text{ and } G \in \mathcal{F}_2 \}$. Define a map $f_\Theta : \mathcal{C}(U_1, R_1, \mathcal{F}_1) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(U_2)$ such that for all $E \in \mathcal{C}(U_1, R_1, \mathcal{F}_1)$, $f_\Theta(E) = \bigcup \{ \tilde{\Theta}(F) \mid F \subseteq E \text{ and } F \in \mathcal{F}_1 \}$.

Theorem

Let Θ be a CF-approximation relation from $(U_1, R_1, \mathcal{F}_1)$ to $(U_2, R_2, \mathcal{F}_2)$. Then f_Θ is a Scott continuous map from $\mathcal{C}(U_1, R_1, \mathcal{F}_1)$ to $\mathcal{C}(U_2, R_2, \mathcal{F}_2)$.



Induced CF-approximation relations

Theorem

Let $f : \mathfrak{C}(U_1, R_1, \mathcal{F}_1) \rightarrow \mathfrak{C}(U_2, R_2, \mathcal{F}_2)$ be a Scott continuous map. Define $\Theta_f \subseteq \mathcal{F}_1 \times \mathcal{F}_2$ such that

$$\forall F \in \mathcal{F}_1, G \in \mathcal{F}_2, F \Theta_f G \Leftrightarrow G \subseteq f(\overline{R_1}(F)).$$

Then Θ_f is a CF-approximation relation from $(U_1, R_1, \mathcal{F}_1)$ to $(U_2, R_2, \mathcal{F}_2)$.



Equivalence of CF-GA and CDOM

Theorem

Let $f : \mathfrak{C}(U_1, R_1, \mathcal{F}_1) \rightarrow \mathfrak{C}(U_2, R_2, \mathcal{F}_2)$ be a Scott continuous map, Θ a CF-approximation relation from $(U_1, R_1, \mathcal{F}_1)$ to $(U_2, R_2, \mathcal{F}_2)$. Then $\Theta_{f_\Theta} = \Theta$ and $f_{\Theta_f} = f$.

Theorem

The categories **CF-GA** and **CDOM** are equivalent.



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