

Varieties, Quasivarieties and Prevarieties: Completing the Picture

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Outline

- Review 1: variety and quasivariety
- Review 2: orthogonality and prevariety
- New notion: **sort-of-variety**

New

characterization	Variety	Sort-of-variety	Quasivariety	Prevariety
logical	equations $\forall \vec{x} (s = t)$	$\forall \exists !$ -formulas $\forall \vec{x} \exists ! \vec{y} E$	implications $\forall \vec{x} (E \rightarrow s = t)$	preequations $\forall \vec{x} (E \rightarrow \exists ! \vec{y} E')$
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Review: variety and quasivariety

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Variety: definition

Def. (variety)

$V \subset \text{Alg}\Sigma$ is a *variety*

$\Leftrightarrow \exists E$: a set of equations

$$\forall \vec{x} (s = t)$$

s.t. $V = \{A \in \text{Alg}\Sigma \mid A \models E\}$

signature-relevant
definition

Example

- The class of **groups** is a variety for $\{\cdot, 1, {}^{-1}\}$, but **not** for $\{\cdot\}$
- **Rings, lattices** (for *appropriate* signatures)

Variety: HSP theorem

Thm. (Birkhoff)

$V \subset \text{Alg}\Sigma$ is a variety

$\Leftrightarrow V$ is closed under

- (H) homomorphic images
- (S) subalgebras
- (P) products

Variety can be characterized by *closure property*

Cor. The class of **torsion-free abelian groups** **isn't** a variety for $\{+, 0, -\}$

Quasivariety

Def. (quasivariety)

$V \subset \text{Alg}\Sigma$ is a *quasivariety*
 $\Leftrightarrow \exists E$: a set of *implications*

$$\forall \vec{x} (\bigwedge s_i = t_i \rightarrow s = t)$$

s.t. $V = \{A \in \text{Alg}\Sigma \mid A \models E\}$

Example Torsion-free abelian groups for $\{+, 0, -\}$

- *group-equations* & $\forall x (n \cdot x = 0 \rightarrow x = 0)$ for each n

Thm. $V \subset \text{Alg}\Sigma$ is a quasivariety

$\Leftrightarrow V$ is closed under

(S) subalgebras, (P) products and (FC) filtered colimits

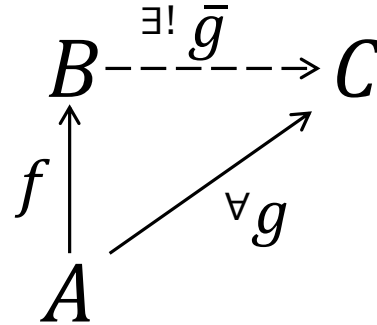
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Orthogonality [Freyd, Kelly 1972]

Def. (orthogonality)

$f: A \rightarrow B$ is *orthogonal* to $C \iff$
 $(f \perp C)$



Example

In the category of groups,

$$(\pi: \mathbb{Z} \twoheadrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}) \perp G \iff G \models \forall x (x^n = e)$$

$$(\iota: 2\mathbb{Z} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{Z}) \perp G \iff G \models \forall x \exists! y (y^2 = x)$$

Orthogonality

Observation FX, A, B : finitely presentable (FP)

- φ : equation $\leftrightarrow f: FX \twoheadrightarrow A$ (FX : free)
- φ : implication $\leftrightarrow f: A \twoheadrightarrow B$

Variety and quasivariety are characterized
by orthogonality

→ What if we drop these conditions on morphisms:
surjectiveness and free-domain?

Review: prevariety

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Prevariety [Adámek, Sousa 2004]

Def. (prevariety a.k.a. ω -orthogonality class)

$V \subset \text{Alg}\Sigma$ is a *prevariety*

$\Leftrightarrow \exists M$: a set of morphisms (between FP algebra)

s.t. $V = \{A \in \text{Alg}\Sigma \mid M \perp A\}$


correspond to *pre-equation*

$$\forall \vec{x} (E \rightarrow \exists! \vec{y} E')$$

- It also can be characterized by closure property

2 axes for variety-like notions

	Free-domain	Arbitrary
Surjective	Variety: $FX \twoheadrightarrow A$	Quasi-variety: $A \twoheadrightarrow B$
Arbitrary	Sort-of-variety: $FX \rightarrow A$	Prevariety: $A \rightarrow B$



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New notion: sort-of-variety

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Sort-of-variety: definition

Def. (sort-of-variety)

$V \subset \text{Alg}\Sigma$ is a *sort-of-variety*

$\Leftrightarrow \exists E$: a set of *$\forall\exists!$ -formulas*

s.t. $V = \{A \in \text{Alg}\Sigma \mid A \models E\}$

orthogonality to
 $f: FX \rightarrow A$

$\forall \vec{x} \exists! \vec{y} E$

Remark

- $\forall\exists!$ -formula defines “extra” operations on algebras
- Σ -morphisms must preserve them

Sort-of-variety: example

Example

The class of **groups** is a sort-of-variety for $\{ \cdot \}$

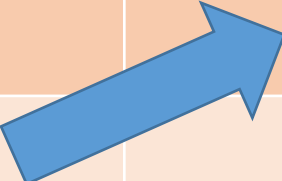
- neither a variety nor a quasivariety
- associativity, $\forall xy \exists! z (x \cdot z = y)$, $\forall xy \exists! z (z \cdot x = y)$ and $\exists! e (e^2 = e)$
- They define 3 extra operations $\{ \backslash, /, e \}$
 - which satisfy $x \cdot (x \backslash y) = y$ etc.
 - e is unit and $x^{-1} = x \backslash e$
- $\{ \cdot \}$ -morphisms preserve unit and multiplication

Relation between other variety-like notions

Thm.

A sort-of-variety for Σ is isomorphic to a quasivariety for an extended signature Σ' (by the forgetful functor).

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Expanding Σ 

Converse?

Observation

- The quasivariety of *torsion-free abelian groups* and that of *positive monoids* are a sort-of-variety.
- The class of *left-cancellative monoids* is quasivariety, but doesn't seem to be a sort-of-variety.

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Summary

- Reviewed variety, quasivariety and prevariety
- Introduced a new variety-like notion: *sort-of-variety*

Future work

- Find the closure property for sort-of-variety
- Exploit its relation between other variety-like notions

