

# Subordination Algebras as Semantic Environment of Input/Output Logic

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I/O logic is introduced as

- ① agency-related notions
- ② non-classical

*Subordination algebras* can be defined as tuples  $(A, \prec)$  such that  $A$  is a Boolean algebra and  $\prec$  is a binary relation on  $A$  such that the direct (resp. inverse) image of each element  $a \in A$  is a filter (resp. an ideal) of  $A$ . Subordination algebras are equivalent presentations of some other algebras.

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## Definition

An *input/output logic* is a tuple  $\mathbb{L} = (\mathcal{L}, N)$  s.t.  $\mathcal{L} = (\text{Fm}, \vdash)$  is a (selfextensional) logic, and  $N \subseteq \text{Fm} \times \text{Fm}$  is a relation on  $\text{Fm}$ , is called a normative system.

For any  $\Gamma \subseteq \text{Fm}$ , let  $N(\Gamma) := \{\psi \mid \exists \alpha (\alpha \in \Gamma \ \& \ (\alpha, \psi) \in N)\}$ .

## Definition (Output operations)

For any input/output logic  $\mathbb{L}_i = (\mathcal{L}, N_i)$ , and each  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ ,

$$\text{out}_i^N(\Gamma) := N_i(\Gamma) = \{\psi \in \text{Fm} \mid \exists \alpha (\alpha \in \Gamma \ \& \ (\alpha, \psi) \in N_i)\}$$

where  $N_i \subseteq \text{Fm} \times \text{Fm}$  is the *closure* of  $N$  under (i.e. the smallest extension of  $N$  satisfying) the inference rules below, as specified in the table.

$$\frac{}{(\top, \top)} (\top)$$

$$\frac{(\alpha, \varphi) \quad (\alpha, \psi)}{(\alpha, \varphi \wedge \psi)} (\text{AND})$$

$$\frac{(\alpha, \varphi) \quad \beta \vdash \alpha}{(\beta, \varphi)} (\text{SI})$$

$$\frac{(\alpha, \varphi) \quad (\beta, \varphi)}{(\alpha \vee \beta, \varphi)} (\text{OR})$$

$$\frac{(\alpha, \varphi) \quad \varphi \vdash \psi}{(\alpha, \psi)} (\text{WO})$$

$$\frac{(\alpha, \varphi) \quad (\alpha \wedge \varphi, \psi)}{(\alpha, \psi)} (\text{CT})$$



$N_i$	Rules
$N_1$	(T), (SI), (WO), (AND)
$N_2$	(T), (SI), (WO), (AND), (OR)
$N_3$	(T), (SI), (WO), (AND), (CT)
$N_4$	(T), (SI), (WO), (AND), (OR), (CT)

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## Definition ((Proto-)subordination algebra)

A *proto-subordination algebra* is a tuple  $\mathbb{S} = (A, \prec)$  such that  $A$  is a (possibly bounded) poset (with bottom denoted  $\perp$  and top denoted  $\top$  when they exist), and  $\prec \subseteq A \times A$ . A proto-subordination algebra is named as indicated in the left-hand column in the table below when  $\prec$  satisfies the properties indicated in the right-hand column.



# Subordination algebra

Name	Properties
$\diamond$ -premonotone	(SI)
$\blacksquare$ -premonotone	(WO)
premonotone	(SI) (WO)
$\diamond$ -directed	(WO) (DD)
$\blacksquare$ -directed	(SI) (UD)
$\diamond$ -monotone	(WO) (DD) (SI)
$\blacksquare$ -monotone	(SI) (UD) (WO)
directed/monotone	(SI) (WO) (UD) (DD)
$\diamond$ -regular	(SI) (WO) (DD) (OR)
$\blacksquare$ -regular	(SI) (WO) (UD) (AND)
regular	(SI) (WO) (OR) (AND)
$\diamond$ -normal	(SI) (WO) (DD) (OR) ( $\perp$ )
$\blacksquare$ -normal	(SI) (WO) (UD) (AND) ( $\top$ )
subordination algebra	(SI) (WO) (OR) (AND) ( $\perp$ ) ( $\top$ )

## Definition

A *model* for an input/output logic  $\mathbb{L} = (\mathcal{L}, N)$  is a tuple  $\mathbb{M} = (\mathbb{S}, h)$  s.t.  $\mathbb{S} = (A, \prec)$  is an  $\text{Alg}(\mathcal{L})$ -based proto-subordination algebra (i.e.  $A \in \text{Alg}(\mathcal{L})$ ), and  $h : \text{Fm} \rightarrow A$  is a homomorphism s.t. for all  $\varphi, \psi \in \text{Fm}$ , if  $(\varphi, \psi) \in N$ , then  $h(\varphi) \prec h(\psi)$ .

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## Definition

Let  $A$  be a subposet of a complete lattice  $A'$ .

- 1 The *canonical extension* of a poset  $A$  is a complete lattice  $A^\delta$  containing  $A$  as a dense and compact subposet.
- 2 An element  $k \in A'$  is *closed* if  $k = \bigwedge F$  for some down-directed  $F \subseteq A$ ; an element  $o \in A'$  is *open* if  $o = \bigvee I$  for some up-directed  $I \subseteq A$ ;
- 3  $A$  is *dense* in  $A'$  if every element of  $A'$  can be expressed both as the join of closed elements and as the meet of open elements of  $A$ .
- 4  $A$  is *compact* in  $A'$  if, for all  $F, I \subseteq A$  s.t.  $F$  is down-directed,  $I$  is up-directed, if  $\bigwedge F \leq \bigvee I$  then  $a \leq b$  for some  $a \in F$  and  $b \in I$ .

The canonical extension  $A^\delta$  of any poset  $A$  always exists and is unique up to an isomorphism fixing  $A$ <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Dunn, J. M., M. Gehrke and A. Palmigiano, Canonical extensions and relational completeness of some substructural logics, J. Symb. Log. 70 (2005), pp. 713–740



## Definition

A *slanted algebra* is a triple  $\mathbb{A} = (A, \diamond, \blacksquare)$  such that  $A$  is a poset, and  $\diamond, \blacksquare : A \rightarrow A^\delta$  s.t.  $\diamond a \in K(A^\delta)$  and  $\blacksquare a \in O(A^\delta)$  for every  $a$ . A slanted algebra as above is

- 1 *tense* if  $\diamond a \leq b$  iff  $a \leq \blacksquare b$  for all  $a, b \in A$ ;
- 2 *monotone* if  $\diamond$  and  $\blacksquare$  are monotone;
- 3 *regular* if  $\diamond$  and  $\blacksquare$  are regular (i.e.  $\diamond(a \vee b) = \diamond a \vee \diamond b$  and  $\blacksquare(a \wedge b) = \blacksquare a \wedge \blacksquare b$  for all  $a, b \in A$ );
- 4 *normal* if  $\diamond$  and  $\blacksquare$  are normal (i.e. they are regular and  $\diamond \perp = \perp$  and  $\blacksquare \top = \top$ ).

## Definition

For any slanted algebra  $\mathbb{A} = (A, \diamond, \blacksquare)$  the *canonical extension* of  $\mathbb{A}$  is the (standard!) modal algebra  $\mathbb{A}^\delta := (A^\delta, \diamond^\sigma, \blacksquare^\pi)$  such that  $\diamond^\sigma, \blacksquare^\pi : A^\delta \rightarrow A^\delta$  are defined as follows: for every  $k \in K(A^\delta)$ ,  $o \in O(A^\delta)$  and  $u \in A^\delta$ ,

$$\diamond^\sigma k := \bigwedge \{ \diamond a \mid a \in A \text{ and } k \leq a \} \quad \diamond^\sigma u := \bigvee \{ \diamond^\sigma k \mid k \in K(A^\delta) \text{ and } k \leq u \}$$

$$\blacksquare^\pi o := \bigvee \{ \blacksquare a \mid a \in A \text{ and } a \leq o \}, \quad \blacksquare^\pi u := \bigwedge \{ \blacksquare^\pi o \mid o \in O(A^\delta) \text{ and } u \leq o \}$$

For any slanted algebra  $\mathbb{A}^\delta$ , any assignment  $v : \text{PROP} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}$  uniquely extends to a homomorphism  $v : \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^\delta$

## Definition

A modal inequality  $\phi \leq \psi$  is *satisfied* in a slanted algebra  $\mathbb{A}$  under the assignment  $\nu$  (notation:  $(\mathbb{A}, \nu) \models \phi \leq \psi$ ) if  $(\mathbb{A}^\delta, e \cdot \nu) \models \phi \leq \psi$  in the usual sense, where  $e \cdot \nu$  is the assignment on  $\mathbb{A}^\delta$  obtained by composing the canonical embedding  $e : \mathbb{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^\delta$  to the assignment  $\nu : \text{Prop} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}$ . Moreover,  $\phi \leq \psi$  is *valid* in  $\mathbb{A}$  (notation:  $\mathbb{A} \models \phi \leq \psi$ ) if  $(\mathbb{A}^\delta, e \cdot \nu) \models \phi \leq \psi$  for every assignment  $\nu$  into  $\mathbb{A}$  (notation:  $\mathbb{A}^\delta \models_{\mathbb{A}} \phi \leq \psi$ ).

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# Proto-subordination algebras and slanted algebras

Let  $\mathbb{S} = (A, \prec)$  be a proto-subordination algebra s.t.  $\mathbb{S} \models (\text{DD}) + (\text{UD})$ . The slanted algebra associated with  $\mathbb{S}$  is  $\mathbb{S}^* = (A, \diamond, \blacksquare)$  s.t.  $\diamond a := \bigwedge \prec[a]$  and  $\blacksquare a := \bigvee \prec^{-1}[a]$  for any  $a$ . From  $\mathbb{S} \models (\text{DD})$  it follows that  $\prec[a]$  is down-directed for every  $a \in A$ , hence  $\diamond a \in K(A^\delta)$ . Likewise,  $\mathbb{S} \models (\text{UD})$  guarantees that  $\blacksquare a \in O(A^\delta)$  for all  $a \in A$ .

## Lemma

For any proto-subordination algebra  $\mathbb{S} = (A, \prec)$  and all  $a, b \in A$ ,

- 1  $a \prec b$  implies  $\diamond a \leq b$  and  $a \leq \blacksquare b$ .
- 2 if  $\mathbb{S} \models (\text{WO}) + (\text{DD})$ , then  $\diamond a \leq b$  iff  $a \prec b$ .
- 3 if  $\mathbb{S} \models (\text{SI}) + (\text{UD})$ , then  $a \leq \blacksquare b$  iff  $a \prec b$ .

## Lemma

For any proto-subordination algebra  $\mathbb{S} = (A, \prec)$ ,

① If  $\mathbb{S} \models (\text{WO}) + (\text{DD})$ , then:

- ①  $\mathbb{S} \models (\text{SI})$  iff  $\diamond$  on  $\mathbb{S}^*$  is monotone.
- ②  $\mathbb{S} \models (\text{OR})$  iff  $\mathbb{S}^* \models \diamond(a \vee b) \leq \diamond a \vee \diamond b$ .
- ③  $\mathbb{S} \models (\perp)$  iff  $\mathbb{S}^* \models \diamond \perp \leq \perp$ .

② If  $\mathbb{S} \models (\text{SI}) + (\text{UD})$ , then:

- ①  $\mathbb{S} \models (\text{WO})$  iff  $\blacksquare$  on  $\mathbb{S}^*$  is monotone;
- ②  $\mathbb{S} \models (\text{AND})$  iff  $\mathbb{S}^* \models \blacksquare a \wedge \blacksquare b \leq \blacksquare(a \wedge b)$ ;
- ③  $\mathbb{S} \models (\top)$  iff  $\mathbb{S}^* \models \top \leq \blacksquare \top$ .

# Proto-subordination algebras and slanted algebras

For any proto-subordination algebra  $\mathbb{S} = (A, \prec)$ ,

- ①  $\mathbb{S} \models \prec \subseteq \leq$  iff  $\mathbb{S}^* \models a \leq \diamond a$  iff  $\mathbb{S}^* \models \blacksquare a \leq a$ .
- ② If  $\mathbb{S} \models (\text{WO}) + (\text{DD})$ , then  $\mathbb{S} \models \leq \subseteq \prec$  iff  $\mathbb{S}^* \models \diamond a \leq a$ ;
- ③ if  $\mathbb{S} \models (\text{WO}) + (\text{DD}) + (\text{SI})$ , then
  - ①  $\mathbb{S} \models (\text{T})$  iff  $\mathbb{S}^* \models \diamond a \leq \diamond \diamond a$ .
  - ②  $\mathbb{S} \models (\text{D})$  iff  $\mathbb{S}^* \models \diamond \diamond a \leq \diamond a$ .
- ④ if  $\mathbb{S} \models (\text{WO}) + (\text{DD}) + (\text{SI})$  and is meet-semilattice based, then
  - ①  $\mathbb{S} \models (\text{CT})$  iff  $\mathbb{S}^* \models \diamond a \leq \diamond(a \wedge \diamond a)$ .
  - ②  $\mathbb{S} \models (\text{SL2})$  iff  $\mathbb{S}^* \models \diamond(\diamond a \wedge \diamond b) \leq \diamond(a \wedge b)$ .
- ⑤ if  $\mathbb{S} \models (\text{SI})$ , then  $\mathbb{S} \models (\text{CT})$  implies  $\mathbb{S} \models (\text{T})$ .
- ⑥ if  $\mathbb{S}$  is directed and based on  $(A, \neg)$  with  $\neg$  antitone, involutive, and (left or right) self-adjoint,
  - ①  $\mathbb{S} \models (\text{S6})$  iff  $\mathbb{S}^* \models \neg \diamond a = \blacksquare \neg a$ , thus  $\blacksquare a := \neg \diamond \neg a$ .
  - ②  $\mathbb{S} \models (\text{S6})$  iff  $\mathbb{S}^* \models \diamond \neg a = \neg \blacksquare a$ , thus  $\diamond a := \neg \blacksquare \neg a$ .
- ⑦ If  $\mathbb{S} \models (\text{SI}) + (\text{UD}) + (\text{WO})$  and is join-semilattice based, then
  - ①  $\mathbb{S} \models (\text{S9} \Rightarrow)$  iff  $\mathbb{S}^* \models \blacksquare(a \vee \blacksquare b) \leq \blacksquare a \vee \blacksquare b$ .
  - ②  $\mathbb{S} \models (\text{S9} \Leftarrow)$  iff  $\mathbb{S}^* \models \blacksquare a \vee \blacksquare b \leq \blacksquare(a \vee \blacksquare b)$ .
  - ③  $\mathbb{S} \models (\text{SL1})$  iff  $\mathbb{S}^* \models \blacksquare(a \vee b) \leq \blacksquare(\blacksquare a \vee \blacksquare b)$ .



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The output operators  $out_i^N$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 4$  associated with a given input/output logic  $\mathbb{L} = (\mathcal{L}, M)$  can be given semantic counterparts in the environment of proto-subordination algebras as follows: for every proto-subordination algebra  $\mathbb{S} = (A, \prec)$ , we let  $\mathbb{S}_i := (A, \prec_i)$  where  $\prec_i \subseteq A \times A$  is the smallest extension of  $\prec$  which satisfies the properties indicated in the following table:

$\prec_i$	Properties
$\prec_1$	(T), (SI), (WO), (AND)
$\prec_2$	(T), (SI), (WO), (AND), (OR)
$\prec_3$	(T), (SI), (WO), (AND), (CT)
$\prec_4$	(T), (SI), (WO), (AND), (OR), (CT)

Then, for each  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ , if  $k \in K(A^\delta)$ , then

$$\diamond_i^\sigma k := \bigwedge \{ \prec_i[a] \mid a \in A \text{ and } k \leq a \}$$

encodes the algebraic counterpart of  $out_i^N(\Gamma)$  for any  $\Gamma \subseteq \text{Fm}$ , and the characteristic properties of  $\diamond_i$  for each  $1 \leq i \leq 4$  are those identified above.

Celani introduces an expansion of Priestley's duality for bounded distributive lattices to *subordination lattices*, i.e. tuples  $\mathbb{S} = (A, \prec)$  such that  $A$  is a distributive lattice and  $\prec \subseteq A \times A$  is a subordination relation. The dual structure of any subordination lattice  $\mathbb{S} = (A, \prec)$  is referred to as the (*Priestley*) *subordination space* of  $\mathbb{S}$ , and is defined as  $\mathbb{S}_* := (X(A), R_\prec)$ , where  $X(A)$  is the set of prime filters of  $A$ , and  $R_\prec \subseteq X(A) \times X(A)$  is defined as follows: for all prime filters  $P, Q$  of  $A$ ,

$$(P, Q) \in R_\prec \quad \text{iff} \quad \prec[P] := \{x \in A \mid \exists a(a \in P \ \& \ a \prec x)\} \subseteq Q.$$

Up to isomorphism, we can equivalently define the subordination space of  $\mathbb{S}$  as follows:

## Definition

The *subordination space* associated with a subordination lattice  $\mathbb{S} = (A, \prec)$  is  $\mathbb{S}_* := (J^\infty(A^\delta), R_\prec)$ , where  $J^\infty(A^\delta)$  is the set of the completely join-irreducible elements of  $A^\delta$ , and  $R_\prec \subseteq J^\infty(A^\delta) \times J^\infty(A^\delta)$  such that  $(j, i) \in R_\prec$  iff  $i \leq \diamond j$ .

## Lemma

For any subordination lattice  $\mathbb{S} = (A, \prec)$ , the subordination spaces  $\mathbb{S}_*$  given according to the two definitions above are isomorphic.

## Proposition

For any subordination lattice  $\mathbb{S}$ ,

- 1  $\mathbb{S} \models \prec \subseteq \leq$  iff  $R_{\prec}$  is reflexive;
- 2  $\mathbb{S} \models (D)$  iff  $R_{\prec}$  is transitive, i.e.  $R_{\prec} \circ R_{\prec} \subseteq R_{\prec}$ ;
- 3  $\mathbb{S} \models (T)$  iff  $R_{\prec}$  is dense, i.e.  $R_{\prec} \subseteq R_{\prec} \circ R_{\prec}$ ;

## Proposition

Let  $\mathbb{S} = (A, \prec)$  be a subordination lattice, and  $(X, R_{\prec})$  be its subordination space, then,

①  $\mathbb{S} \models (\text{CT})$  iff

$$\forall P, Q \in X (PR_{\prec}Q \implies \exists N, O \in X (P, N \subseteq O \& PR_{\prec}N \& OR_{\prec}Q));$$

②  $\mathbb{S} \models (\text{S6})$  iff

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall P, Q, N \in X (\exists M \in X (M \subseteq P \cap Q \& MR_{\prec}N) \\ &\implies \exists K, L \in X (K \subseteq M \cap L \& LR_{\prec}Q \& KR_{\prec}N)); \end{aligned}$$

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# Summary and further work

- ① ✓ Subordination algebra and slanted algebra
- ② ✓ Semantic for I/O logic and counterpart of subordination space
- ③ ? designing scalable I/O reasoners for legal applications.
- ④ ? dynamic-deontic logic.



Finally, we hope that the bridge established here can be used to improve mathematical models and methods such as topological, algebraic and duality-theoretic techniques in normative reasoning on one hand, and finding conceptual applications for subordination algebra and related literature on the other hand.