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# **ON CLOSURE OPERATORS ON MONOIDS**

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### INTRODUCTION

The essential part of gramatical categories theory is based on the idea of Galois connection using the induced closure operator.

A groupoid is a set G with a binary operation. If x, y are elements of G, then we denote by xy the element which is obtained by applying the operation to the ordered pair (x, y); xy is the product of x, y. An element  $e \in G$  is called an *identity* if ex = xe = x for each  $x \in G$ . Clearly each groupoid has at most one identity. A groupoid with an identity and with an associative operation is called a *monoid*. If  $x_i$  is an element of a groupoid G for i = 1, 2, ..., n, where  $n \ge 0$  is an integer, then it is possible to form products of these elements in the given order in several ways, e.g.  $(...((x_1x_2) x_3 ... x_{n-1}) x_n$  or  $x_1(x_2 ... (x_{n-2}(x_{n-1}x_n)) ...)$ . If the operation of G is associative, then all these products are equal; we shall denote them by  $x_1x_2 ... x_n$ .

Let V be an arbitrary set. We denote by  $V^*$  the set of all finite sequences of elements of V including the empty sequence  $\Lambda$ ; these sequences are called *strings*. For any  $x \in V$ , we identify x with the string  $(x) \in V^*$ . We define the operation of concatenation in V\*: If  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m)$ ,  $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$  where  $m, n \ge 0$  are integers and  $x_i, y_i \in V$  for i = 1, 2, ..., m, j = 1, 2, ..., n, then we put xy ==  $(x_1, x_2, ..., x_m, y_1, y_2, ..., y_n)$ . It is easy to see that  $\Lambda$  is an identity and that this operation is associative. Thus,  $V^*$  is a monoid, if provided by the operation of concentration; this monoid is called the *free monoid on V*. We have  $(x_1, x_2, ..., x_m) =$  $= (x_1)(x_2) \dots (x_m) = x_1 x_2 \dots x_m$  for each integer  $m \ge 0$  and for arbitrary elements  $x_i \in V$  (i = 1, 2, ..., m), which implies that each element  $x \in V^*$  is of the form  $x = x_1 x_2 \dots x_m$  where  $m \ge 0$  is an integer and  $x_i \in V$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . We put |x| = m and |x| is called the *length of x*. Let V be a set,  $L \subseteq V^*$  a subset of the free monoid  $V^*$ . Then the ordered pair (V, L) is a called a *language*. Let (V, L) be a language,  $x \in V^*$ ,  $(u, v) \in V^* \times V^*$ . If  $uxv \in L$ , then we put  $(x, (u, v)) \in \varrho \subseteq V^* \times (V^* \times V^*)$ . We say that (u, v) is a context accepting x. The correspondence  $\rho$  from  $V^*$  to  $V^* \times V^*$ induces a Galois connection between  $2^{\nu^*}$  and  $2^{\nu^* \times \nu^*}$  The last defines a closure operator on  $2^{V^*}$ .

In [2], necessary and sufficient conditions have been found for obtaining a Galois connection between  $2^{V^*}$  and  $2^{V^* \times V^*}$  by means of some language (V, L). This paper solves a similar problem for closure operators.

At first, we study some basic properties of the closure operators mentioned above. It has appeared that this study can be generalized and transferred from a free monoid to a general one. In solving the basic problem we start from general closure operators on monoids. We are looking for necessary and sufficient condition s for a closure operator to be derived from a Galois connection given by means of contexts. From the standpoint of linguistic interpretation of these results the following question formulated by prof. Novotný, is answered: Which are necessary and sufficient conditions for closure operator c on  $2^{V^*}$  having the property  $c(M) c(N) \subseteq c(MN)$  for all  $M, N \subseteq V^*$ , to be derived from a language (V, L) by constructing the Galois connection by means of its contexts.

### **1. PRINCIPAL CLOSURE OPERATORS**

**1.1. Definition.** Let G be a set,  $(2^G, \subseteq)$  the set of all its subsets partially ordered by inclusion,  $\varphi$  a mapping of  $2^G$  into  $2^G$ . Let the following three conditions be satisfied for arbitrary X,  $Y \subseteq G$ :

(A)  $\varphi(X) \supseteq X$ . (B)  $\varphi(\varphi(X)) = \varphi(X)$ . (C)  $X \subseteq Y$  implies  $\varphi(X) \subseteq \varphi(Y)$ .

Then  $\varphi$  is called a *closure operator on*  $2^{G}$ . The set  $\varphi(X)$  is called the  $\varphi$ -closure of the set X.

**1.2. Definition.** Let G be a set,  $\varphi$  be a closure operator on  $2^G$ . A set  $X \subseteq G$  is called  $\varphi$ -closed if  $\varphi(X) = X$ .

We denote by  $\Phi_G$  the set of all closure operators on  $2^G$ .

**1.3. Remark.** If G is a set then we say a "closure operator on G" instead of a "closure operator on  $2^{G}$ ", too.

In this paper we shall study the closures, which can belong to various closure operators on a given set. Therefore the distinction, introduced in 1.2, is necessary.

**1.4. Theorem.** (See [1], § 23). Let G be a set,  $\varphi$  a closure operator on G. Then the following assertions hold:

(A) G is  $\varphi$ -closed.

(B)  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}$  is defined, in a unique way, by the system of all  $\boldsymbol{\varphi}$ -closed subsets of G.

(C) The  $\varphi$ -closure of each subset X of G is the least  $\varphi$ -closed subset of G including X.

**1.5. Lemma.** Let G be a set. A subset  $\Phi$  of  $2^G$  is the system of all  $\varphi$ -closed subsets for a closure operator  $\varphi$  iff  $\Phi$  is closed with respect to intersections.

Proof. See [1], p. 75.

**1.6. Definition.** Let G be a monoid,  $P_1, P_2, \ldots, P_n$  subsets of G where n is a natural number. Then we put  $P_1P_2 \ldots P_n = \{x_1x_2 \ldots x_n; x_i \in P_i, i = 1, 2, \ldots, n\}$ .

**1.7. Definition.** Let S and T be a pair of partially ordered sets,  $\sigma$  a mapping of S into T and  $\tau$  a mapping of T into S. We say that the ordered pair of mappings ( $\sigma$ ,  $\tau$ ) establishes a Galois connection between the partially ordered sets S and T, if the following conditions (1)-(4) are satisfied:

(A)  $x_1 \leq x_2$  implies  $\sigma(x_1) \geq \sigma(x_2)$  for arbitrary  $x_1, x_2 \in S$ .

(B)  $y_1 \leq y_2$  implies  $\tau(y_1) \geq \tau(y_2)$  for arbitrary  $y_1, y_2 \in T$ .

(C)  $x \leq \tau \sigma(x)$  for every element x of S.

(D)  $y \leq \sigma \tau(y)$  for every element y of T.

**1.8. Theorem.** If the ordered pair of mappings  $(\sigma, \tau)$  establishes a Galois connection between the partially ordered sets S and T, then  $\tau\sigma$  is a closure operator on S, and  $\sigma\tau$  is a closure operator on T.

Proof. See [1], Theorem 16.

**1.9. Remark.** Let G be a monoid,  $L \subseteq G$  its subset. For  $X \subseteq G$  we put  $\sigma_L(X) = \{(u, v); (u, v) \in G \times G, uxv \in L \text{ for each } x \in X\}$ . For  $Y \subseteq G \times G$  we put  $\tau_L(Y) = \{x; x \in G, uxv \in L \text{ for each } (u, v) \in Y\}$ . Then the ordered pair of mappings  $(\sigma_L, \tau_L)$  is a Galois connection between  $2^G$  and  $2^{G \times G}$ .

Indeed, if  $X_1, X_2 \in 2^G$  are arbitrary sets such that  $X_1 \subseteq X_2$ , and  $(u, v) \in \sigma_L(X_2)$ , then  $uxv \in L$  for each  $x \in X_2$ . However,  $X_1 \subseteq X_2$  implies  $uxv \in L$  for each  $x \in X_1$ . Thus,  $(u, v) \in \sigma_L(X_1)$ ; we obtain  $\sigma_L(X_1) \supseteq \sigma_L(X_2)$ . Further, let  $X \in 2^G$  be an arbitrary set,  $x \in X$  its element. Then  $uxv \in L$  for each  $(u, v) \in \sigma_L(X)$ , which implies  $x \in \tau_L(\sigma_L(X))$ . Therefore we have  $\tau_L(\sigma_L(X)) \supseteq X$ . Thus, we have verified the validity of (A) and (C) from 1.7. Similarly, we can prove that (B) and (D) holds true, too. Thus,  $(\sigma_L, \tau_L)$ establishes a Galois connection between partially ordered sets  $(2^G, \subseteq)$  and  $(2^{G \times G}, \subseteq)$ .

**1.10. Corollary.** Let G be a monoid,  $L \subseteq G$  its subset,  $(\sigma_L, \tau_L)$  a Galois connection between  $2^G$  and  $2^{G \times G}$ . We put  $\tau_L(\sigma_L(X)) = \varphi_L(X)$  for arbitrary  $X \subseteq G$ . Then  $\varphi_L$  is a closure operator on G.

**1.11. Definition.** Let G be a monoid,  $\varphi$  a closure operator on G.  $\varphi$  is called *principal*, if there exists  $L \subseteq G$  with the property  $\varphi = \varphi_L$ .

We denote by  $\Phi_{G_p}$  the set of all principal closure operators on G.

**1.12. Theorem.** Let G be a monoid,  $L \subseteq G$  its subset,  $\varphi_L$  a principal closure operator on G. Then L is  $\varphi_L$ -closed.

**Proof.** By 1.1. (A) we obtain  $L \subseteq \varphi_L(L)$ .

Let us have  $x \in \varphi_L(L)$ . Then  $uxv \in L$  for each  $(u, v) \in \sigma_L(L)$ . As  $(e, e) \in \sigma_L(L)$ , we have  $x = exe \in L$  which implies  $\varphi_L(L) \subseteq L$ .

**1.13. Theorem.** Let G be a monoid,  $L \subseteq G$  its subset. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

(i)  $\varphi_L(X) = G$  for each  $X \subseteq G$ .

(ii) L = G.

Proof. Let us have L = G. Then  $\sigma_L(X) = G \times G$  for each  $X \subseteq G$  and further  $\tau_L(Y) = G$  for each  $Y \subseteq G \times G$ . Thus,  $\varphi_L(X) = G$  for each  $X \subseteq G$ .

Let us have  $\varphi_L(X) = G$  for each  $X \subseteq G$ . If  $L \neq G$  then, according to 1.12, we have  $\varphi_L(L) = L \neq G$ , which is a contradiction. Thus L = G.

**1.14. Theorem.** Let G be a monoid,  $L \subseteq G$  its subset. Let M,  $N \subseteq G$  be arbitrary sets. Then  $\varphi_L(M) \varphi_L(N) \subseteq \varphi_L(MN)$ .

Proof. Let  $x \in \varphi_L(M)$ ,  $y \in \varphi_L(N)$ ,  $(u, v) \in \sigma_L(MN)$ . If  $m \in M$  and  $n \in N$  are arbitrary elements, then  $mn \in MN$ . It yields  $umnv \in L$ . Thus  $um(nv) \in L$  for each  $m \in M$ . Hence  $(u, nv) \in \sigma_L(M)$ ; we have  $uxnv \in L$  seeing that  $x \in \tau_L(\sigma_L(M))$ . It implies  $(ux) nv \in L$  for each  $n \in N$ . We have proved that  $(ux, v) \in \sigma_L(N)$ . Since  $y \in \tau_L(\sigma_L(N))$ , we obtain  $uxyv \in L$ . It follows  $xy \in \tau_L(\sigma_L(MN)) = \varphi_L(MN)$ .

**1.15. Example.** Let (V, L) be a language where  $V = \{a\}$  and  $L = \{a^2, a^3\}$ . We put  $M = \{a^3\}, N = \{A, a\}$ .

Evidently,  $M, N \subseteq V^*$ . We have  $\sigma_L(M) = \sigma_L(\{a^3\}) = \{(\Lambda, \Lambda)\}, \varphi_L(M) = = \tau_L(\{(\Lambda, \Lambda)\}) = \{a^2, a^3\}$ . Further,  $\sigma_L(N) = \sigma_L(\{\Lambda, a\}) = \{(\Lambda, a^2), (a, a), (a^2, \Lambda)\}, \varphi_L(N) = \tau_L(\{(\Lambda, a^2), (a, a), (a^2, \Lambda)\}) = \{\Lambda, a\}$ . Thus,  $\varphi_L(M) \varphi_L(N) = \{a^2, a^3\} \times \{\Lambda, a\} = \{a^2, a^3, a^4\}$ . Clearly,  $MN = \{a^3, a^4\}$ . It follows that  $\sigma_L(MN) = = \sigma_L(\{a^3, a^4\}) = \emptyset, \varphi_L(MN) = \tau_L(\emptyset) = V^*$ , which implies  $\varphi_L(M) \varphi_L(N) = \{a^2, a^3, a^4\} \subset V^* = \varphi_L(MN)$ .

#### 2. ADMISSIBLE CLOSURE OPERATORS

**2.1. Definition.** Let G be a monoid,  $\varphi$  a closure operator on G. We say that  $\varphi$  is *admissible* if  $\varphi(M) \varphi(N) \subseteq \varphi(MN)$  for arbitrary  $M, N \subseteq G$ .

We denote by  $\Phi_{G_a}$  the set of all admissible closure operators on G.

2.2. Remark. By 1.14, we see that every principal closure operator is admissible on a monoid.

**2.3. Theorem.** Let G be a monoid. Let elements a, x in G exist such that  $a \neq e$  and  $ax \neq a$ .

Then  $\Phi_{G_a} \subset \Phi_G$ .

Proof. We put  $\mathfrak{A}_{\varphi} = \{X; X \subseteq G, e \notin X\}$ . If  $\emptyset \neq \mathfrak{M} \subseteq \mathfrak{A}_{\varphi} \cup G$  then  $\bigcap_{A \in \mathfrak{M}} \in \mathfrak{A}_{\varphi} \cup G$ . Thus, by 1.4.(C),  $\mathfrak{A}_{\varphi} \cup G$  is a system of all  $\varphi$ -closed subsets from G, where  $\varphi$  is a suitable closure operator on G. According to 1.4.(B), the closure operator  $\varphi$  is defined by this system.

By 1.4.(C) we have, for every  $M \subseteq G$ , that  $\varphi(M) = M$  when  $e \notin M$ , and  $\varphi(M) = G$  when  $e \in M$ .

Let  $M = \{a\}$ ,  $N = \{e\}$ . Then  $\varphi(M) = \{a\}$ ,  $\varphi(N) = G$ ,  $MN = \{a\}$ ,  $\varphi(MN) = \{a\}$ . Thus,  $\varphi(M) \varphi(N) = \{a\} G \notin \{a\} = \varphi(MN)$ .

2.4. Theorem. There exists an admissible closure operator not principal on a monoid.

Proof. Let V be a set,  $a \in V$ . We put  $\mathfrak{S}_{\varphi} = \{\emptyset, \{A\}, \{a\}, \{A, a\}, V^*\}$ . It is easy to see that  $\mathfrak{S}_{\varphi}$  is a system of all  $\varphi$ -closed sets, where  $\varphi$  is a suitable closure operator. This system defines  $\varphi$ .

Let  $M \subseteq V^*$  be a set.

(a) Let us have  $M = \emptyset$ . Then  $\varphi(M) \varphi(N) = M\varphi(N) = \emptyset = \varphi(MN)$  for arbitrary  $N \subseteq V^*$ .

(b) Let us have  $\emptyset \neq M \subseteq V^*$ .

Let us suppose that  $M = \{\Lambda\}$  and  $N \subseteq V^*$ . Then  $\varphi(M) \varphi(N) = M\varphi(N) = \varphi(N) = \varphi(\{\Lambda\} N) = \varphi(MN)$  for an arbitrary  $N \subseteq V^*$ .

Let us suppose that  $M \neq \{\Lambda\}$  and  $N \subseteq V^*$ . If  $N = \emptyset$  or  $= \{\Lambda\}$ , then we have  $\varphi(M) \varphi(N) = \varphi(M) N = \varphi(MN)$ . If  $\emptyset \neq N \neq \{\Lambda\}$ , then the set  $MN \subseteq V^*$  contains a string having the length greater than 1. Thus, by 1.4.(C),

$$\varphi(MN) = V^* \supseteq \varphi(M) \, \varphi(N).$$

We have proved  $\varphi(M) \varphi(N) \subseteq \varphi(MN)$  for any  $M, N \subseteq V^*$ . Therefore  $\varphi$  is an admissible closure operator on  $V^*$ .

Let us suppose that  $\varphi$  is principal; we put  $\varphi = \varphi_L$  for a suitable  $L \subseteq V^*$ . By 1.11,  $L \in \mathfrak{S}_{\varphi}$ .

(1) Let  $L = \emptyset$  or  $= \{A\}$  or  $= \{a\}$ .

We obtain  $\sigma_L(\{\Lambda, a\}) = \emptyset$  and  $\varphi_L(\{\Lambda, a\}) = \tau_L(\emptyset) = V^* \neq \{\Lambda, a\} = \varphi(\{\Lambda, a\})$  which is a contradiction.

(2) Let us have  $L = \{\Lambda, a\}$ . Then  $\sigma_L(\{a\}) = \{(\Lambda, \Lambda)\}, \ \varphi_L(\{a\}) = \tau_L(\{(\Lambda, \Lambda)\}) = \{\Lambda, a\} \neq \{a\} = \varphi(\{a\})$ , which is a contradiction.

(3) Let us have  $L = V^*$ .

By 1.11,  $\varphi_L(X) = V^*$  holds for each  $X \subseteq V^*$ . It follows that  $\varphi_L(X) = V^* \neq X = \varphi(X)$  for  $X \in \mathfrak{S}_{\varphi} - \{V^*\}$ , which is a contradiction.

We have proved that  $\varphi$  is not principal.

**2.5. Corollary.** Let  $V \neq \emptyset$  be a set. Then  $\Phi_{V_n^*} \subset \Phi_{V_n^*} \subset \Phi_{V^*}$ . Proof. 1. Let us have  $a \in V^*$ ,  $a \neq A$ . Then  $ax \neq a$  for each  $x \in V^*$ . Thus, according to 2.3, we have  $\Phi_{V_a}^* \subset \Phi_{V^*}$ .

2. V is not empty. Thus, by proof of 2.4,  $\{\emptyset, \{\Lambda\}, \{\Lambda, a\}, \{a\}, V^*\}$  is the system of all  $\varphi$ -closed subsets from V\*, where  $\varphi$  is an admissible closure operator not principal on V\*. Therefore, by 2.2, the second part of our assertion holds true, too.

# 3. CHARACTERIZATION OF PRINCIPAL CLOSURE OPERATORS

**3.1. Lemma.** Let G be a monoid,  $L \subseteq G$  its subset. Let there exist  $\varphi_L$ -closed sets X,  $Y \subseteq G$  such that  $Y \not\subseteq X$ . Then there exist  $\varphi_L$ -closed sets U,  $V \subseteq G$ , such that  $UXV \subseteq L$  and  $UYV \not\subseteq L$ .

Proof. There exist  $(u_0, v_0) \in \sigma_L(X)$  and  $y_0 \in Y$ , such that  $u_0 y_0 v_0 \notin L$ . Namely, if  $uyv \in L$  for each  $(u, v) \in \sigma_L(X)$  and each  $y \in Y$ , then  $Y \subseteq \tau_L(\sigma_L(X)) = \varphi_L(X) = X$ , which is a contradiction.

We put  $U = \varphi_L(\{u_0\})$ ,  $V = \varphi_L(\{v_0\})$ . Then we have  $u_0y_0v_0 \in UYV$  and  $u_0y_0v_0 \notin L$ . Thus,  $UYV \notin L$ .

On the contrary,  $u_0 xv_0 \in L$  holds for each  $x \in X$ . We obtain  $(e, xv_0) \in \sigma_L(\{u_0\})$  for each  $x \in X$ . Then we have  $uxv_0 \in L$  for each  $x \in X$  and each  $u \in \tau_L(\sigma_L(\{u_0\}) =$  $= \varphi_L(\{u_0\}) = U$ . It implies  $(ux, e) \in \sigma_L(\{v_0\})$  for each  $u \in U$  and each  $x \in X$ . Thus,  $uxv \in L$  for each  $u \in U$ ,  $x \in X$ ,  $v \in \tau_L(\sigma_L(\{v_0\})) = \varphi_L(\{v_0\}) = V$ , which implies  $UXV \subseteq L$ .

**3.2. Definition.** Let G be a monoid,  $L \subseteq G$  its subset,  $\varphi$  a closure operator on G. We say that L is a *disjunctive set for*  $\varphi$  if, for arbitrary  $\varphi$ -closed sets X,  $Y \subseteq G$  with the property  $Y \nsubseteq X$ , there exist  $\varphi$ -closed sets U,  $V \subseteq G$ , such that  $UXV \subseteq L$  and  $UYV \oiint L$ .

**3.3. Theorem.** There exists a disjunctive closed set for any principal closure operator on a monoid.

Proof. It follows from 1. and 3.1.

**3.4. Theorem.** Let G be a monoid,  $\varphi$  an admissible closure operator on G. If there exists a  $\varphi$ -closed set disjunctive for  $\varphi$ , then  $\varphi$  is principal.

**Proof.** Let  $X \subseteq G$  be an arbitrary set.

(A) Let us suppose that  $y \in \varphi_L(X) - \varphi(X)$ .

Clearly,  $\varphi(X)$  and  $\varphi(\{y\})$  are  $\varphi$ -closed sets with the properties  $y \in \varphi(\{y\})$  and  $y \notin \varphi(X)$ . Thus,  $\varphi(\{y\}) \notin \varphi(X)$ . Since L is a disjunctive closed set for  $\varphi$ , there exist  $\varphi$ -closed U,  $V \subseteq G$  such that  $U\varphi(X) V \subseteq L$  and  $U\varphi(\{y\}) V \notin L$ . Evidently,  $U \neq \emptyset \neq V$ . Further, there exist  $u_0 \in U$ ,  $y_0 \in \varphi(\{y\})$  and  $v_0 \in V$  such that  $u_0 y_0 v_0 \notin L$ . But  $u_0 x v_0 \in L$  for each  $x \in X$ , thus,  $(u_0, v_0) \in \sigma_L(X)$ . Moreover,  $y \in \varphi_L(X) = \tau_L(\sigma_L(X))$  which implies  $u_0yv_0 \in L$ . It follows  $u_0y_0v_0 \in \varphi(\{u_0\}) \varphi(\{y\}) \varphi(\{v_0\}) \subseteq \varphi(\{u_0yv_0\}) \subseteq L$ seeing that  $\varphi$  is an admissible closure operator and L is a  $\varphi$ -closed set. Thus we have a contradiction. Hence, we have  $\varphi_L(X) \subseteq \varphi(X)$ .

(B) Let us suppose that  $y \in \varphi(X) - \varphi_L(X)$ .

Then there exists an ordered pair  $(u_0, v_0) \in \sigma_L(X)$ , such that  $u_0yv_0 \notin L$ . Indeed, from the fact that  $uyv \in L$  for each  $(u, v) \in \sigma_L(X)$  it follows that  $y \in \tau_L(\sigma_L(X)) = \varphi_L(X)$ , which is a contradiction. It implies  $u_0yv_0 \in \varphi(\{u_0\} \varphi(X) \varphi(\{v_0\}) \subseteq \varphi(\{u_0\} X\{v_0\})$ , because  $\varphi$  is an admissible closure operator. The fact that  $(u_0, v_0) \in \sigma_L(X)$  implies  $\{u_0\} X\{v_0\} \subseteq L$ . It follows  $\varphi(\{u_0\} X\{v_0\}) \subseteq \varphi(L) = L$  seeing that L is  $\varphi$ -closed. Thus, we obtain  $u_0yv_0 \in L$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore we have  $\varphi(X) \subseteq \varphi_L(X)$ .

We have proved  $\varphi(X) = \varphi_L(X)$  for each  $X \subseteq G$ .

**3.5. Main Theorem.** Let G be a monoid,  $\varphi$  a closure operator on G. Then the following assertions are equivalent:

(A)  $\varphi$  is principal.

(B)  $\varphi$  is admissible and there exists a disjunctive  $\varphi$ -closed subset in G.

Proof. It follows from 2.2, 3.3 and 3.4.

**3.6. Example.** Let  $V^*$  be a free monoid over  $V = \{a\}$ . We put  $\mathscr{A}_{\psi} = \{\emptyset, \{A\}, \{a\}, V^*\}$ . It is easy to see that  $\mathscr{A}_{\psi}$  is a system closed with respect to intersections, which defines a closure operator  $\Psi$  on  $V^*$ . 1. We put  $L = \{a\}$ .

Let X,  $Y \in \mathscr{A}_{\psi}$  be sets with the property  $Y \not\subseteq X$ .

(a) Let us have  $X = \emptyset$ . Then  $Y = \{A\}$  or  $= \{a\}$  or  $= V^*$ . We put  $U = \{a\} = W$ . Then we obtain  $UXW = \emptyset \subseteq L$  and  $UYW = \{a^2\}$  in the first case,  $= \{a^3\}$  in the second case, and  $= \{a^2\} V^*$  in the third. None of these sets is a subset of L.

(b) Let us have  $X = \{A\}$ . Then  $Y = \{a\}$  or  $= V^*$ . If  $U = \{A\}$ ,  $W = \{a\}$  then  $UXW = \{A\}\{A\}\{a\} = \{a\} = L$ . If  $Y = \{a\}$  then  $UYV = \{A\}\{a\}\{a\} = \{a^2\} \notin L = \{a\}$ . At last, if  $Y = V^*$  then  $UYV = \{A\}V^*\{a\} = V^* - \{A\} \neq \{a\} = L$ .

(c) Let us have  $X = \{a\}$ . Then  $Y = V^*$  or  $= \{A\}$ . If  $U = \{A\}$  and  $W = \{A\}$ , then  $UXW = \{A\}\{a\}\{A\} = \{a\} = L$ . Further,  $UYW = \{A\}V^*\{A\} = V^*$  or  $= \{A\}\{A\}\{A\} = \{A\}$ . It follows that  $UYW \notin \{a\} = L$ .

We have proved that to each  $\Psi$ -closed sets  $X, Y \subseteq V^*$  with the property  $Y \not \subseteq X$ there exist  $\Psi$ -closed sets  $U, W \subseteq V^*$  such that  $UXW \subseteq$  and  $UYW \not \subseteq L$ . Thus  $L = \{a\}$  is a disjunctive set for  $\Psi$ .

Let  $R \subseteq V^*$  be a  $\Psi$ -closed set, i.e.  $R \in \mathscr{A}_{\psi}$ .

- (i) Let us have  $R = \emptyset$ . Then  $\sigma_L(\emptyset) = V^* \times V^*$ ,  $\tau_L(V^* \times V^*) = \emptyset$ ,  $\varphi_L(\emptyset) = \tau_L(\sigma_L(\emptyset)) = \emptyset$ .
- (ii) Let us have  $R = \{\Lambda\}$ . Then  $\sigma_L(\{\Lambda\}) = \{(\Lambda, a), (a, \Lambda)\}, \varphi_L(\{\Lambda\}) = \tau_L(\{(\Lambda, a), (a, \Lambda)\}) = \{\Lambda\}.$

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(iii) Let us have  $R = \{a\}$ . Then  $\sigma_L(\{a\}) = \{(\Lambda, \Lambda)\}, \varphi_L(\{a\}) = \tau_L(\{(\Lambda, \Lambda)\}) = \{a\}$ .

(iv) Let us have  $R = V^*$ . Then  $\sigma_L(V^*) = \emptyset$ ,  $\varphi_L(V^*) = \tau_L(\emptyset) = V^*$ .

We have proved that  $\varphi_L(R) \in \mathscr{A}_{\psi}$ .

Let  $Z \subseteq V^*$  be a set with the property  $Z \notin \mathscr{A}_{\psi}$ . By 1.4.(D) we have  $\Psi(Z) = V^*$ . Clearly it follows that  $\sigma_L(Z) = \emptyset$  and  $\varphi_L(Z) = \tau_L(\emptyset) = V^*$ .

From this analysis it follows that  $\Psi = \varphi_L$ . Simultaneously, we have proved that  $\Psi$  is obtained by constructing the Galois connection by means of contexts of the language (V, L), where  $L = \{a\}$  is a disjunctive set for  $\Psi$ .

2. We put  $L = \{\Lambda\}$ .

Let us denote  $\mathfrak{D} = \{UXW; X = \{a\}, U, W \in \mathscr{A}_{\psi}\}$ . It is easy to see that  $\mathfrak{D} = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{a^2\}, \{a^3\}, \{V^* - \{a, A\}, \{V^* - \{A\}\}\}, \text{ thus } UXW \not\equiv L \text{ for any not empty } \Psi\text{-closed sets } U, W \subseteq V^*$ . It follows that  $UXW \subseteq L$  implies either  $U = \emptyset$  or  $W = \emptyset$ . Thus  $UYW = \emptyset \subseteq L$  for each  $Y \subseteq V^*$ . Therefore L is not a disjunctive set for  $\Psi$ .

We have  $\sigma_L(\{a\}) = \emptyset$  and  $\varphi_L(\{a\}) = \tau_L(\emptyset) = V^* \neq \{a\} = \Psi(\{a\})$ . Thus, we obtain  $\Psi \neq \varphi_L$ .

We have proved that  $L = \{\Lambda\}$  is not a disjunctive set for  $\Psi$ , and this closure operator on  $V^*$  cannot be obtained by constructing the Galois connection by means of contexts of the corresponding language (V, L).

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