

# On Finitely-Generated Johansson Algebras

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A proof was given in 1986 by A. Citkin and also, in 2005 by G. Bezhanishvili and R. Grigolia.

We generalize this theorem and extend it to the Johansson algebras.

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Johansson suggested to drop axioms for negation and instead, use a new primitive nulary connective  $\lambda$ , without any axioms for it, and let  $\neg p := p \rightarrow \lambda$ . Let us note that Kolmogorov's axiom is derivable in Johansson's calculus..

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If  $A$  is a J-algebra and  $a \in A$ , by  $[a]$  we denote a *principal filter* of  $A$  generated by  $a$ , that is  $[a] = \{b \in A \mid a \leq b\}$ .

Similarly to Heyting algebras, for any coset  $C \in A/[a]$ ,

- (a)  $C$  contains the largest element denoted by  $m_C$ ;
- (b)  $\text{card}(C) \leq \text{card}([a])$ .

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Thus, if  $a \in A$  is an element of finite rank, then,  $A$  is finite as long as  $A[a]$  is finite.

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Immediately from Theorem 1, we obtain the Generalized Kuznetsov Theorem.

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### Corollary (Kuznetsov's Theorem)

*If  $A$  is finitely-generated J-algebra, then filter  $D(A)$  contains the smallest element  $d_A$  and algebra  $A[d_A]$  is finitely-generated.*

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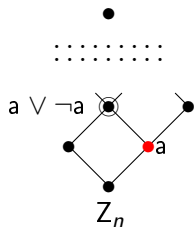
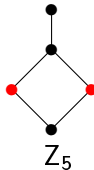
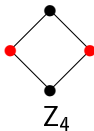
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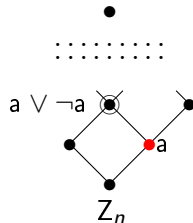
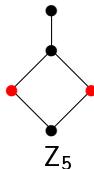
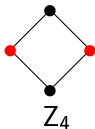
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Using Corollary 4, by simple induction (and without use of the Nishimura Theorem) one can prove that for every  $n > 1$  there is a unique modulo isomorphism single-generated Heyting algebra of cardinality  $n$ .





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Relation  $\ll$  is transitive and asymmetric with a single exception:  $1 \ll 1$ .



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Refine height of trivial algebra (and only it) is 0. Refine height of Boolean algebras is 1.

For Heyting algebras of finite slices, refine height is the minimal number of slice this algebra belongs to.

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There is a big difference between height and refined height:

$$h(a) \geq h(a/F) \text{ while } \mathfrak{h}(a) \leq \mathfrak{h}(a/F).$$

It is possible that  $\mathfrak{h}(a)$  is finite, while  $\mathfrak{h}(a/F)$  is infinite.

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On the other hand, in  $F_H(n)$ , all distinct from 1 elements have finite refined height.

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Final remark.

For any element  $a$  of a finitely-generated J-algebra  $A$  having a finite height, algebra  $A[a]$  is finitely generated and contains the smallest dense element which we denote  $\Delta a$ . It is not hard to see that  $\Delta a$  is the same element as the one defined in KM-algebras. Therefore, the preceding statement is equivalent to a statement formulated by Kuznetsov in 1982, the proof of which, to the best of my knowledge, has never been published.

Thanks

Thank you for your attention.

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