

# Twist structures and Nelson conuclei

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Examples/connections/applications:

1. Ideals of rings, under the **usual multiplication and division** of ideals. (Ward and Dilworth)
2. Lattice-ordered groups:  $x \backslash y = x^{-1}y$ ,  $y/x = yx^{-1}$ .
3. Boolean and Heyting algebras, where  $x \cdot y = x \wedge y$  (add a constant 0).
4. Relation algebras:  $R \backslash S = (R^{\cup} \circ S^c)^c$ ,  $S/R = (S^c \circ R^{\cup})^c$ .
5. Mathematical linguistics: Context-free grammars, pregroups. (Lambek)
6. CS: Memory allocation, pointer management, concurrent programming. (Separation logic, bunched implication logic).
7. Substructural logics: Linear, relevance, MV, BL, MTL, where **multiplication is strong conjunction**. Connections to proof theory.

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A *residuated lattice-ordered semigroup* is defined as above by without asking for an identity element.

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We will unify and generalize these classes of algebras.

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**Fact.** In the above examples, the map  $\mathbf{n}$  is a conucleus. Does it satisfy any special properties?



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Twist products were introduced by Kahlman for lattices and Chu for categories. They were used by Tsinakis-Wille to construct atomic varieties. They feature in the study of bilattices. They are used in constructing Sugihara monoids from Gödel algebras.

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This construction plays an important role in GBI-algebras and in weakening relation algebras.

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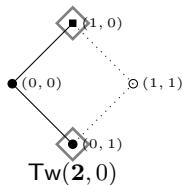
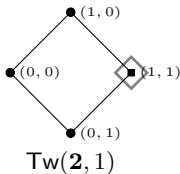
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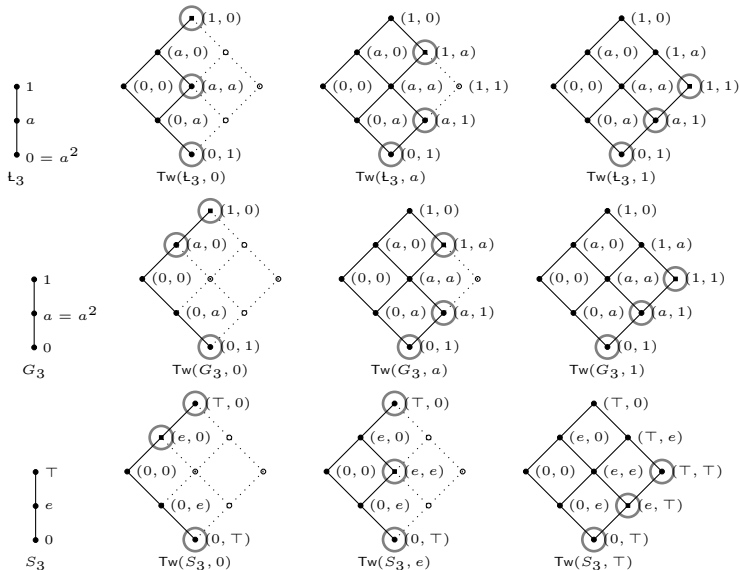
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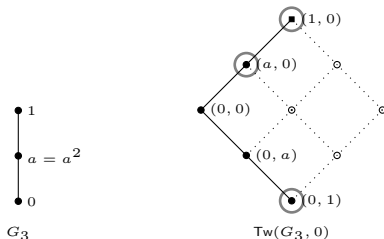
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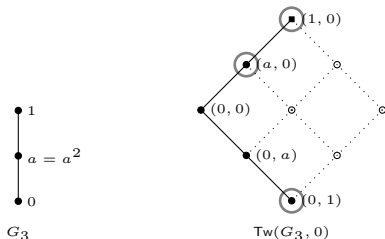
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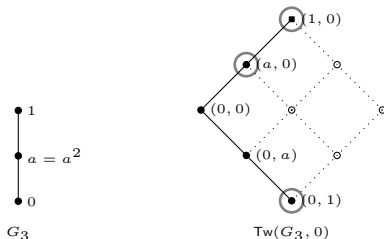
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Let  $\mathbf{A} = (A, \wedge, \vee, \cdot, \sim, +, e)$  be an involutive commutative residuated lattice with a bottom element  $\perp$  and  $\mathbf{n}$  a Nelson conucleus on (the  $\perp$ -free subreduct of)  $\mathbf{A}$ . Let  $0 = \mathbf{n}(\perp)$  and for  $a \in A$  set  $\neg_{\mathbf{n}} a = a \rightarrow_{\mathbf{n}} 0 = \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{n}(a) \rightarrow \perp)$ . If for all  $a \in A$  we have  $\neg_{\mathbf{n}} \neg_{\mathbf{n}} a = \mathbf{n}(a)$ , we say that  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{n})$  is in  $\mathcal{INCA}$ .

So, for all  $x \in A_n$ , we have  $\neg_{\mathbf{n}} \neg_{\mathbf{n}} x = x$  and so  $\mathbf{A}_n$  is an integral commutative involutive residuated lattice (the bottom element 0 is added to the type).

**Lemma:** If  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{n}) \in \mathcal{INCA}$ , then

1.  $F_A := \{\mathbf{n}(x) + \mathbf{n}(\sim x) : x \in A\} = \{\mathbf{n}(\sim z) : \mathbf{n}(z) = 0, z \in A\}$ .
2.  $F_A$  is a filter of  $\mathbf{A}_n$ .
3.  $\mathbf{A} \cong \mathbf{Tw}(\mathbf{L}_A, \mathbf{n}(\sim e), F_A)$ .

**Theorem:** This extends to a categorical equivalence.

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**Lemma:** If  $\mathbf{n}$  is a Nelson conucleus on a residuated lattice  $\mathbf{A}$ , then:

1. The relation  $\preceq$  is a preorder compatible with the operations of  $\bar{\mathbf{A}}$ . Also,  $x \theta y$  iff  $x \preceq y$  and  $y \preceq x$ .
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Nelson lattices and paraconsistent Nelson lattices were defined by Rasiowa as special cases of Rasiowa-type algebras. In our presentation, the elements of  $\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{n}}$  serve as canonical representatives for the elements of  $\bar{\mathbf{A}}/\theta$  and the description is internal to  $\mathbf{A}$ .