

# Auxiliary and Approximating Relations<sup>1</sup>

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**Summary.** The aim of this paper is to formalize the second part of Chapter I Section 1 (1.9–1.19) in [10]. Definitions of Scott’s auxiliary and approximating relations are introduced in this work. We showed that in a meet-continuous lattice, the way-below relation is the intersection of all approximating auxiliary relations (proposition (40) — compare 1.13 in [10, pp. 43–47]). By (41) a continuous lattice is a complete lattice in which  $\ll$  is the smallest approximating auxiliary relation. The notions of the strong interpolation property and the interpolation property are also introduced.

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The articles [18], [9], [20], [16], [19], [17], [8], [2], [21], [23], [22], [6], [7], [3], [15], [1], [14], [11], [24], [12], [4], [13], and [5] provide the notation and terminology for this paper.

## 1. AUXILIARY RELATIONS

Let  $L$  be a non empty reflexive relational structure. The functor  $\ll_L$  yielding a binary relation on  $L$  is defined by:

(Def. 2)<sup>1</sup> For all elements  $x, y$  of  $L$  holds  $\langle x, y \rangle \in \ll_L$  iff  $x \ll y$ .

Let  $L$  be a relational structure. The functor  $\leq_L$  yields a binary relation on  $L$  and is defined by:

(Def. 3)  $\leq_L =$  the internal relation of  $L$ .

Let  $L$  be a relational structure and let  $R$  be a binary relation on  $L$ . We say that  $R$  is auxiliary(i) if and only if:

(Def. 4) For all elements  $x, y$  of  $L$  such that  $\langle x, y \rangle \in R$  holds  $x \leq y$ .

We say that  $R$  is auxiliary(ii) if and only if:

(Def. 5) For all elements  $x, y, z, u$  of  $L$  such that  $u \leq x$  and  $\langle x, y \rangle \in R$  and  $y \leq z$  holds  $\langle u, z \rangle \in R$ .

Let  $L$  be a non empty relational structure and let  $R$  be a binary relation on  $L$ . We say that  $R$  is auxiliary(iii) if and only if:

(Def. 6) For all elements  $x, y, z$  of  $L$  such that  $\langle x, z \rangle \in R$  and  $\langle y, z \rangle \in R$  holds  $\langle x \sqcup y, z \rangle \in R$ .

We say that  $R$  is auxiliary(iv) if and only if:

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<sup>1</sup> The definition (Def. 1) has been removed.

(Def. 7) For every element  $x$  of  $L$  holds  $\langle \perp_L, x \rangle \in R$ .

Let  $L$  be a non empty relational structure and let  $R$  be a binary relation on  $L$ . We say that  $R$  is auxiliary if and only if:

(Def. 8)  $R$  is auxiliary(i), auxiliary(ii), auxiliary(iii), and auxiliary(iv).

Let  $L$  be a non empty relational structure. One can check that every binary relation on  $L$  which is auxiliary is also auxiliary(i), auxiliary(ii), auxiliary(iii), and auxiliary(iv) and every binary relation on  $L$  which is auxiliary(i), auxiliary(ii), auxiliary(iii), and auxiliary(iv) is also auxiliary.

Let  $L$  be a lower-bounded transitive antisymmetric relational structure with l.u.b.'s. One can verify that there exists a binary relation on  $L$  which is auxiliary.

One can prove the following proposition

- (1) Let  $L$  be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice,  $A_1$  be an auxiliary(ii) auxiliary(iii) binary relation on  $L$ , and  $x, y, z, u$  be elements of  $L$ . If  $\langle x, z \rangle \in A_1$  and  $\langle y, u \rangle \in A_1$ , then  $\langle x \sqcup y, z \sqcup u \rangle \in A_1$ .

Let  $L$  be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice. Note that every binary relation on  $L$  which is auxiliary(i) and auxiliary(ii) is also transitive.

Let  $L$  be a relational structure. Note that  $\leq_L$  is auxiliary(i).

Let  $L$  be a transitive relational structure. Note that  $\leq_L$  is auxiliary(ii).

Let  $L$  be an antisymmetric relational structure with l.u.b.'s. One can check that  $\leq_L$  is auxiliary(iii).

Let  $L$  be a lower-bounded antisymmetric non empty relational structure. Note that  $\leq_L$  is auxiliary(iv).

In the sequel  $a$  denotes a set.

Let  $L$  be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice. The functor  $\text{Aux}(L)$  is defined by:

(Def. 9)  $a \in \text{Aux}(L)$  iff  $a$  is an auxiliary binary relation on  $L$ .

Let  $L$  be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice. Observe that  $\text{Aux}(L)$  is non empty.

We now state two propositions:

- (2) For every lower-bounded sup-semilattice  $L$  and for every auxiliary(i) binary relation  $A_1$  on  $L$  holds  $A_1 \subseteq \leq_L$ .
- (3) For every lower-bounded sup-semilattice  $L$  holds  $\top_{\langle \text{Aux}(L), \subseteq \rangle} = \leq_L$ .

Let  $L$  be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice. One can verify that  $\langle \text{Aux}(L), \subseteq \rangle$  is upper-bounded.

Let  $L$  be a non empty relational structure. The functor  $\text{AuxBottom}(L)$  yields a binary relation on  $L$  and is defined by:

(Def. 10) For all elements  $x, y$  of  $L$  holds  $\langle x, y \rangle \in \text{AuxBottom}(L)$  iff  $x = \perp_L$ .

Let  $L$  be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice. One can verify that  $\text{AuxBottom}(L)$  is auxiliary.

We now state two propositions:

- (4) For every lower-bounded sup-semilattice  $L$  and for every auxiliary(iv) binary relation  $A_1$  on  $L$  holds  $\text{AuxBottom}(L) \subseteq A_1$ .
- (5) For every lower-bounded sup-semilattice  $L$  and for every auxiliary(iv) binary relation  $A_1$  on  $L$  holds  $\perp_{\langle \text{Aux}(L), \subseteq \rangle} = \text{AuxBottom}(L)$ .

Let  $L$  be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice. One can verify that  $\langle \text{Aux}(L), \subseteq \rangle$  is lower-bounded.

Next we state several propositions:

- (6) Let  $L$  be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice and  $a, b$  be auxiliary(i) binary relations on  $L$ . Then  $a \cap b$  is an auxiliary(i) binary relation on  $L$ .
- (7) Let  $L$  be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice and  $a, b$  be auxiliary(ii) binary relations on  $L$ . Then  $a \cap b$  is an auxiliary(ii) binary relation on  $L$ .

- (8) Let  $L$  be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice and  $a, b$  be auxiliary(iii) binary relations on  $L$ . Then  $a \cap b$  is an auxiliary(iii) binary relation on  $L$ .
- (9) Let  $L$  be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice and  $a, b$  be auxiliary(iv) binary relations on  $L$ . Then  $a \cap b$  is an auxiliary(iv) binary relation on  $L$ .
- (10) Let  $L$  be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice and  $a, b$  be auxiliary binary relations on  $L$ . Then  $a \cap b$  is an auxiliary binary relation on  $L$ .
- (11) Let  $L$  be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice and  $X$  be a non empty subset of  $\langle \text{Aux}(L), \subseteq \rangle$ . Then  $\bigcap X$  is an auxiliary binary relation on  $L$ .

Let  $L$  be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice. Observe that  $\langle \text{Aux}(L), \subseteq \rangle$  has g.l.b.'s.

Let  $L$  be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice. One can check that  $\langle \text{Aux}(L), \subseteq \rangle$  is complete.

Let  $L$  be a non empty relational structure, let  $x$  be an element of  $L$ , and let  $A_1$  be a binary relation on the carrier of  $L$ . The functor  $\downarrow_{A_1}x$  yields a subset of  $L$  and is defined by:

(Def. 11)  $\downarrow_{A_1}x = \{y; y \text{ ranges over elements of } L: \langle y, x \rangle \in A_1\}$ .

The functor  $\uparrow_{A_1}x$  yields a subset of  $L$  and is defined by:

(Def. 12)  $\uparrow_{A_1}x = \{y; y \text{ ranges over elements of } L: \langle x, y \rangle \in A_1\}$ .

One can prove the following proposition

- (12) Let  $L$  be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice,  $x$  be an element of  $L$ , and  $A_1$  be an auxiliary(i) binary relation on  $L$ . Then  $\downarrow_{A_1}x \subseteq \downarrow x$ .

Let  $L$  be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice, let  $x$  be an element of  $L$ , and let  $A_1$  be an auxiliary(iv) binary relation on  $L$ . Observe that  $\downarrow_{A_1}x$  is non empty.

Let  $L$  be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice, let  $x$  be an element of  $L$ , and let  $A_1$  be an auxiliary(ii) binary relation on  $L$ . Observe that  $\downarrow_{A_1}x$  is lower.

Let  $L$  be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice, let  $x$  be an element of  $L$ , and let  $A_1$  be an auxiliary(iii) binary relation on  $L$ . Note that  $\downarrow_{A_1}x$  is directed.

Let  $L$  be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice and let  $A_1$  be an auxiliary(ii) auxiliary(iii) auxiliary(iv) binary relation on  $L$ . The functor  $\downarrow_{A_1}$  yields a map from  $L$  into  $\langle \text{Ids}(L), \subseteq \rangle$  and is defined by:

(Def. 13) For every element  $x$  of  $L$  holds  $(\downarrow_{A_1})(x) = \downarrow_{A_1}x$ .

We now state three propositions:

- (13) Let  $L$  be a non empty relational structure,  $A_1$  be a binary relation on  $L$ ,  $a$  be a set, and  $y$  be an element of  $L$ . Then  $a \in \downarrow_{A_1}y$  if and only if  $\langle a, y \rangle \in A_1$ .
- (14) Let  $L$  be a sup-semilattice,  $A_1$  be a binary relation on  $L$ , and  $y$  be an element of  $L$ . Then  $a \in \uparrow_{A_1}y$  if and only if  $\langle y, a \rangle \in A_1$ .
- (15) Let  $L$  be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice,  $A_1$  be an auxiliary(i) binary relation on  $L$ , and  $x$  be an element of  $L$ . If  $A_1 =$  the internal relation of  $L$ , then  $\downarrow_{A_1}x = \downarrow x$ .

Let  $L$  be a non empty poset. The functor  $\text{MonSet}(L)$  yields a strict relational structure and is defined by the conditions (Def. 14).

- (Def. 14)(i)  $a \in$  the carrier of  $\text{MonSet}(L)$  iff there exists a map  $s$  from  $L$  into  $\langle \text{Ids}(L), \subseteq \rangle$  such that  $a = s$  and  $s$  is monotone and for every element  $x$  of  $L$  holds  $s(x) \subseteq \downarrow x$ , and
- (ii) for all sets  $c, d$  holds  $\langle c, d \rangle \in$  the internal relation of  $\text{MonSet}(L)$  iff there exist maps  $f, g$  from  $L$  into  $\langle \text{Ids}(L), \subseteq \rangle$  such that  $c = f$  and  $d = g$  and  $c \in$  the carrier of  $\text{MonSet}(L)$  and  $d \in$  the carrier of  $\text{MonSet}(L)$  and  $f \leq g$ .

We now state two propositions:

(16) Let  $L$  be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice. Then  $\text{MonSet}(L)$  is a full relational substructure of  $(\langle \text{Ids}(L), \subseteq \rangle)^{\text{the carrier of } L}$ .

(17) Let  $L$  be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice,  $A_1$  be an auxiliary(ii) binary relation on  $L$ , and  $x, y$  be elements of  $L$ . If  $x \leq y$ , then  $\downarrow_{A_1} x \subseteq \downarrow_{A_1} y$ .

Let  $L$  be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice and let  $A_1$  be an auxiliary(ii) auxiliary(iii) auxiliary(iv) binary relation on  $L$ . Observe that  $\downarrow_{A_1}$  is monotone.

Next we state the proposition

(18) Let  $L$  be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice and  $A_1$  be an auxiliary binary relation on  $L$ . Then  $\downarrow_{A_1} \in \text{the carrier of } \text{MonSet}(L)$ .

Let  $L$  be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice. Note that  $\text{MonSet}(L)$  is non empty.

One can prove the following propositions:

(19) For every lower-bounded sup-semilattice  $L$  holds  $\text{IdsMap}(L) \in \text{the carrier of } \text{MonSet}(L)$ .

(20) For every lower-bounded sup-semilattice  $L$  and for every auxiliary binary relation  $A_1$  on  $L$  holds  $\downarrow_{A_1} \leq \text{IdsMap}(L)$ .

(21) For every lower-bounded non empty poset  $L$  and for every ideal  $I$  of  $L$  holds  $\perp_L \in I$ .

(22) For every upper-bounded non empty poset  $L$  and for every filter  $F$  of  $L$  holds  $\top_L \in F$ .

(23) For every lower-bounded non empty poset  $L$  holds  $\downarrow(\perp_L) = \{\perp_L\}$ .

(24) For every upper-bounded non empty poset  $L$  holds  $\uparrow(\top_L) = \{\top_L\}$ .

In the sequel  $L$  is a lower-bounded sup-semilattice and  $x$  is an element of  $L$ .

Next we state three propositions:

(25)  $(\text{The carrier of } L) \mapsto \{\perp_L\}$  is a map from  $L$  into  $\langle \text{Ids}(L), \subseteq \rangle$ .

(26)  $(\text{The carrier of } L) \mapsto \{\perp_L\} \in \text{the carrier of } \text{MonSet}(L)$ .

(27) For every auxiliary binary relation  $A_1$  on  $L$  holds  $(\text{the carrier of } L) \mapsto \{\perp_L\}, \downarrow_{A_1} \in \text{the internal relation of } \text{MonSet}(L)$ .

Let us consider  $L$ . Note that  $\text{MonSet}(L)$  is upper-bounded.

Let us consider  $L$ . The functor  $\text{Rel2Map}(L)$  yields a map from  $\langle \text{Aux}(L), \subseteq \rangle$  into  $\text{MonSet}(L)$  and is defined as follows:

(Def. 15) For every auxiliary binary relation  $A_1$  on  $L$  holds  $(\text{Rel2Map}(L))(A_1) = \downarrow_{A_1}$ .

The following propositions are true:

(28) For all auxiliary binary relations  $R_1, R_2$  on  $L$  such that  $R_1 \subseteq R_2$  holds  $\downarrow_{R_1} \leq \downarrow_{R_2}$ .

(29) For all binary relations  $R_1, R_2$  on  $L$  such that  $R_1 \subseteq R_2$  holds  $\downarrow_{R_1} x \subseteq \downarrow_{R_2} x$ .

Let us consider  $L$ . Note that  $\text{Rel2Map}(L)$  is monotone.

Let us consider  $L$ . The functor  $\text{Map2Rel}(L)$  yields a map from  $\text{MonSet}(L)$  into  $\langle \text{Aux}(L), \subseteq \rangle$  and is defined by the condition (Def. 16).

(Def. 16) Let  $s$  be a set. Suppose  $s \in \text{the carrier of } \text{MonSet}(L)$ . Then there exists an auxiliary binary relation  $A_1$  on  $L$  such that

(i)  $A_1 = (\text{Map2Rel}(L))(s)$ , and

(ii) for all sets  $x, y$  holds  $\langle x, y \rangle \in A_1$  iff there exist elements  $x', y'$  of  $L$  and there exists a map  $s'$  from  $L$  into  $\langle \text{Ids}(L), \subseteq \rangle$  such that  $x' = x$  and  $y' = y$  and  $s' = s$  and  $x' \in s'(y')$ .

Let us consider  $L$ . Note that  $\text{Map2Rel}(L)$  is monotone.

We now state two propositions:

- (30)  $\text{Map2Rel}(L) \cdot \text{Rel2Map}(L) = \text{id}_{\text{domRel2Map}(L)}$ .  
 (31)  $\text{Rel2Map}(L) \cdot \text{Map2Rel}(L) = \text{id}_{\text{the carrier of MonSet}(L)}$ .

Let us consider  $L$ . Observe that  $\text{Rel2Map}(L)$  is one-to-one.

We now state three propositions:

- (32)  $(\text{Rel2Map}(L))^{-1} = \text{Map2Rel}(L)$ .  
 (33)  $\text{Rel2Map}(L)$  is isomorphic.  
 (34) For every complete lattice  $L$  and for every element  $x$  of  $L$  holds  $\bigcap\{I; I \text{ ranges over ideals of } L: x \leq \sup I\} = \downarrow x$ .

The scheme *LambdaC'* deals with a non empty relational structure  $\mathcal{A}$ , a unary functor  $\mathcal{F}$  yielding a set, a unary functor  $\mathcal{G}$  yielding a set, and a unary predicate  $\mathcal{P}$ , and states that:

There exists a function  $f$  such that  $\text{dom } f = \text{the carrier of } \mathcal{A}$  and for every element  $x$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  holds if  $\mathcal{P}[x]$ , then  $f(x) = \mathcal{F}(x)$  and if not  $\mathcal{P}[x]$ , then  $f(x) = \mathcal{G}(x)$  for all values of the parameters.

Let  $L$  be a semilattice and let  $I$  be an ideal of  $L$ . The functor  $\text{DownMap}(I)$  yielding a map from  $L$  into  $\langle \text{Ids}(L), \subseteq \rangle$  is defined as follows:

- (Def. 17) For every element  $x$  of  $L$  holds if  $x \leq \sup I$ , then  $(\text{DownMap}(I))(x) = \downarrow x \cap I$  and if  $x \not\leq \sup I$ , then  $(\text{DownMap}(I))(x) = \downarrow x$ .

Next we state two propositions:

- (35) For every semilattice  $L$  and for every ideal  $I$  of  $L$  holds  $\text{DownMap}(I) \in \text{the carrier of MonSet}(L)$ .  
 (36) Let  $L$  be an antisymmetric reflexive relational structure with g.l.b.'s,  $x$  be an element of  $L$ , and  $D$  be a non empty lower subset of  $L$ . Then  $\{x\} \sqcap D = \downarrow x \cap D$ .

## 2. APPROXIMATING RELATIONS

Let  $L$  be a non empty relational structure and let  $A_1$  be a binary relation on  $L$ . We say that  $A_1$  is approximating if and only if:

- (Def. 18) For every element  $x$  of  $L$  holds  $x = \sup \downarrow_{A_1} x$ .

Let  $L$  be a non empty poset and let  $m_1$  be a map from  $L$  into  $\langle \text{Ids}(L), \subseteq \rangle$ . We say that  $m_1$  is approximating if and only if:

- (Def. 19) For every element  $x$  of  $L$  there exists a subset  $i_1$  of  $L$  such that  $i_1 = m_1(x)$  and  $x = \sup i_1$ .

One can prove the following propositions:

- (37) For every lower-bounded meet-continuous semilattice  $L$  and for every ideal  $I$  of  $L$  holds  $\text{DownMap}(I)$  is approximating.  
 (38) Every lower-bounded continuous lattice is meet-continuous.

One can verify that every lower-bounded lattice which is continuous is also meet-continuous.

We now state the proposition

- (39) For every lower-bounded continuous lattice  $L$  and for every ideal  $I$  of  $L$  holds  $\text{DownMap}(I)$  is approximating.

Let  $L$  be a non empty reflexive antisymmetric relational structure. One can verify that  $\ll_L$  is auxiliary(i).

Let  $L$  be a non empty reflexive transitive relational structure. One can check that  $\ll_L$  is auxiliary(ii).

Let  $L$  be a poset with l.u.b.'s. Note that  $\ll_L$  is auxiliary(iii).

Let  $L$  be an inf-complete non empty poset. One can verify that  $\ll_L$  is auxiliary(iii).

Let  $L$  be a lower-bounded antisymmetric reflexive non empty relational structure. Note that  $\ll_L$  is auxiliary(iv).

We now state two propositions:

(40) For every complete lattice  $L$  and for every element  $x$  of  $L$  holds  $\downarrow_{\ll_L} x = \downarrow x$ .

(41) For every lattice  $L$  holds  $\leq_L$  is approximating.

Let  $L$  be a lower-bounded continuous lattice. Observe that  $\ll_L$  is approximating.

Let  $L$  be a complete lattice. One can check that there exists a binary relation on  $L$  which is approximating and auxiliary.

Let  $L$  be a complete lattice. The functor  $\text{App}(L)$  is defined as follows:

(Def. 20)  $a \in \text{App}(L)$  iff  $a$  is an approximating auxiliary binary relation on  $L$ .

Let  $L$  be a complete lattice. One can check that  $\text{App}(L)$  is non empty.

One can prove the following propositions:

(42) Let  $L$  be a complete lattice and  $m_1$  be a map from  $L$  into  $\langle \text{Ids}(L), \subseteq \rangle$ . Suppose  $m_1$  is approximating and  $m_1 \in$  the carrier of  $\text{MonSet}(L)$ . Then there exists an approximating auxiliary binary relation  $A_1$  on  $L$  such that  $A_1 = (\text{Map2Rel}(L))(m_1)$ .

(43) For every complete lattice  $L$  and for every element  $x$  of  $L$  holds  $\bigcap \{ (\text{DownMap}(I))(x) : I \text{ ranges over ideals of } L \} = \downarrow x$ .

(44) Let  $L$  be a lower-bounded meet-continuous lattice and  $x$  be an element of  $L$ . Then  $\bigcap \{ \downarrow_{A_1} x; A_1 \text{ ranges over auxiliary binary relations on } L: A_1 \in \text{App}(L) \} = \downarrow x$ .

In the sequel  $L$  is a complete lattice.

One can prove the following propositions:

(45)  $L$  is continuous if and only if for every approximating auxiliary binary relation  $R$  on  $L$  holds  $\ll_L \subseteq R$  and  $\ll_L$  is approximating.

(46)  $L$  is continuous if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:

(i)  $L$  is meet-continuous, and

(ii) there exists an approximating auxiliary binary relation  $R$  on  $L$  such that for every approximating auxiliary binary relation  $R'$  on  $L$  holds  $R \subseteq R'$ .

Let  $L$  be a relational structure and let  $A_1$  be a binary relation on  $L$ . We say that  $A_1$  satisfies strong interpolation property if and only if:

(Def. 21) For all elements  $x, z$  of  $L$  such that  $\langle x, z \rangle \in A_1$  and  $x \neq z$  there exists an element  $y$  of  $L$  such that  $\langle x, y \rangle \in A_1$  and  $\langle y, z \rangle \in A_1$  and  $x \neq y$ .

Let  $L$  be a relational structure and let  $A_1$  be a binary relation on  $L$ . We say that  $A_1$  satisfies interpolation property if and only if:

(Def. 22) For all elements  $x, z$  of  $L$  such that  $\langle x, z \rangle \in A_1$  there exists an element  $y$  of  $L$  such that  $\langle x, y \rangle \in A_1$  and  $\langle y, z \rangle \in A_1$ .

We now state the proposition

(48)<sup>2</sup> Let  $L$  be a relational structure and  $A_1$  be a binary relation on  $L$ . Suppose  $A_1$  satisfies strong interpolation property. Then  $A_1$  satisfies interpolation property.

Let  $L$  be a non empty relational structure. One can verify that every binary relation on  $L$  which satisfies strong interpolation property satisfies also interpolation property.

In the sequel  $A_1$  denotes a binary relation on  $L$  and  $x, y, z$  denote elements of  $L$ .

The following four propositions are true:

(49) For every approximating binary relation  $A_1$  on  $L$  such that  $x \not\leq y$  there exists an element  $u$  of  $L$  such that  $\langle u, x \rangle \in A_1$  and  $u \not\leq y$ .

(50) Let  $R$  be an approximating auxiliary(i) auxiliary(iii) binary relation on  $L$ . If  $\langle x, z \rangle \in R$  and  $x \neq z$ , then there exists  $y$  such that  $x \leq y$  and  $\langle y, z \rangle \in R$  and  $x \neq y$ .

(51) Let  $R$  be an approximating auxiliary binary relation on  $L$ . Suppose  $x \ll z$  and  $x \neq z$ . Then there exists an element  $y$  of  $L$  such that  $\langle x, y \rangle \in R$  and  $\langle y, z \rangle \in R$  and  $x \neq y$ .

(52) For every lower-bounded continuous lattice  $L$  holds  $\ll_L$  satisfies strong interpolation property.

Let  $L$  be a lower-bounded continuous lattice. Observe that  $\ll_L$  satisfies strong interpolation property.

Next we state two propositions:

(53) Let  $L$  be a lower-bounded continuous lattice and  $x, y$  be elements of  $L$ . If  $x \ll y$ , then there exists an element  $x'$  of  $L$  such that  $x \ll x'$  and  $x' \ll y$ .

(54) Let  $L$  be a lower-bounded continuous lattice and  $x, y$  be elements of  $L$ . Then  $x \ll y$  if and only if for every non empty directed subset  $D$  of  $L$  such that  $y \leq \sup D$  there exists an element  $d$  of  $L$  such that  $d \in D$  and  $x \ll d$ .

### 3. EXERCISES

Let  $L$  be a relational structure, let  $X$  be a subset of  $L$ , and let  $R$  be a binary relation on the carrier of  $L$ . We say that  $X$  is directed w.r.t.  $R$  if and only if:

(Def. 23) For all elements  $x, y$  of  $L$  such that  $x \in X$  and  $y \in X$  there exists an element  $z$  of  $L$  such that  $z \in X$  and  $\langle x, z \rangle \in R$  and  $\langle y, z \rangle \in R$ .

One can prove the following proposition

(55) Let  $L$  be a relational structure and  $X$  be a subset of  $L$ . Suppose  $X$  is directed w.r.t. the internal relation of  $L$ . Then  $X$  is directed.

Let  $X, x$  be sets and let  $R$  be a binary relation. We say that  $x$  is maximal w.r.t.  $X, R$  if and only if:

(Def. 24)  $x \in X$  and it is not true that there exists a set  $y$  such that  $y \in X$  and  $y \neq x$  and  $\langle x, y \rangle \in R$ .

Let  $L$  be a relational structure, let  $X$  be a set, and let  $x$  be an element of  $L$ . We say that  $x$  is maximal in  $X$  if and only if:

(Def. 25)  $x$  is maximal w.r.t.  $X$ , the internal relation of  $L$ .

One can prove the following proposition

(56) Let  $L$  be a relational structure,  $X$  be a set, and  $x$  be an element of  $L$ . Then  $x$  is maximal in  $X$  if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:

(i)  $x \in X$ , and

(ii) it is not true that there exists an element  $y$  of  $L$  such that  $y \in X$  and  $x < y$ .

<sup>2</sup> The proposition (47) has been removed.

Let  $X, x$  be sets and let  $R$  be a binary relation. We say that  $x$  is minimal w.r.t.  $X, R$  if and only if:

(Def. 26)  $x \in X$  and it is not true that there exists a set  $y$  such that  $y \in X$  and  $y \neq x$  and  $\langle y, x \rangle \in R$ .

Let  $L$  be a relational structure, let  $X$  be a set, and let  $x$  be an element of  $L$ . We say that  $x$  is minimal in  $X$  if and only if:

(Def. 27)  $x$  is minimal w.r.t.  $X$ , the internal relation of  $L$ .

The following propositions are true:

(57) Let  $L$  be a relational structure,  $X$  be a set, and  $x$  be an element of  $L$ . Then  $x$  is minimal in  $X$  if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:

(i)  $x \in X$ , and

(ii) it is not true that there exists an element  $y$  of  $L$  such that  $y \in X$  and  $x > y$ .

(58) If  $A_1$  satisfies strong interpolation property, then for every  $x$  such that there exists  $y$  which is maximal w.r.t.  $\downarrow_{A_1}x, A_1$  holds  $\langle x, x \rangle \in A_1$ .

(59) If for every  $x$  such that there exists  $y$  which is maximal w.r.t.  $\downarrow_{A_1}x, A_1$  holds  $\langle x, x \rangle \in A_1$ , then  $A_1$  satisfies strong interpolation property.

(60) Let  $A_1$  be an auxiliary(ii) auxiliary(iii) binary relation on  $L$ . Suppose  $A_1$  satisfies interpolation property. Let given  $x$ . Then  $\downarrow_{A_1}x$  is directed w.r.t.  $A_1$ .

(61) If for every  $x$  holds  $\downarrow_{A_1}x$  is directed w.r.t.  $A_1$ , then  $A_1$  satisfies interpolation property.

(62) Let  $R$  be an approximating auxiliary(i) auxiliary(ii) auxiliary(iii) binary relation on  $L$ . Suppose  $R$  satisfies interpolation property. Then  $R$  satisfies strong interpolation property.

Let us consider  $L$ . One can check that every approximating auxiliary binary relation on  $L$  which satisfies interpolation property satisfies also strong interpolation property.

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