Wake the Concept Lattice in You!

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RESTRUCTURING LATTICE THEORY: AN APPROACH BASED ON HIERARCHIES OF CONCEPTS

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ABSTRACT

Lattice theory today reflects the general status of current methematics: there is a rich production of theoretical concepts, results, and developments, namy of which are reached by elaborate metal gymmatics; on the other hand, the connections of the theory to its surroutlings are getting weaker and weaker, with the result that the theory and weak may and its parts become more isolated. Restructuring lattice theory is an attempt to reinfortheory as concretely as possible, and in this way to promote better communication between lattice theorists and potential users of lattice theory.

The approach reported here goes back to the origin of the lattice concept in nineteenth-century attempts to formalize logic, where a fundamental step was the reduction of a concept to its "extent". We propose to make the reduction less abstract by retaining in some measure the "intent" of a concept. This can be done by starting with a fixed context which is defined as a triple (G.M.I) where G is a set of objects, M is a set of attributes, and I is a binary relation between G and M indicating by gIm that the object g has the attribute m. There is a natural Galois connection between G and M defined by $A' = \{m \in M \mid qIm \text{ for } M \mid qIm \}$ all $g \in A$ for $A \subseteq G$ and $B' = \{g \in G \mid gIm \text{ for all } m \in B\}$ for $B \subseteq M$. Now, a *concept* of the context (G,M,I) is introduced as a pair (A, B) with $A \subseteq G$, $B \subseteq M$, A' = B, and B' = A, where A is called the extent and B the intent of the concept (A, B). The hierarchy of concepts given by the relation subconcept-superconcept is captured by the definition $(A_1, B_1) \leq (A_2, B_2) \Leftrightarrow A_1 \leq A_2 (\Leftrightarrow B_1 \supseteq B_2)$ for concepts (A_1, B_1) and (A_2, B_2) of (G, M, I). Let L(G, M, I) be the 445



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- Conceptualization, philosophical developments
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Credits Uta Priss https://upriss.github.io/fca/fca.html



Organizers: Pablo Cordero, Domingo López-Rodríguez, and Ángel Mora

Crossing FCA path

Partial orders

Concept lattices

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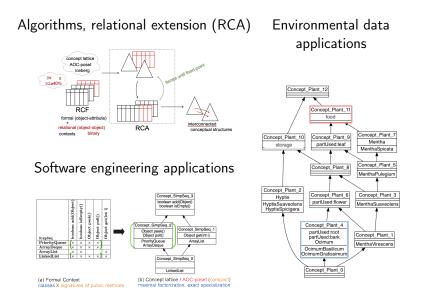
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Multiple inheritance conflict resolution

OOPLSA 1994

Class hierarchy compact factorization

An 'engineering view' on FCA



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Formal Concept Analysis

Formal concepts are "a natural feature of information representation which is as fundamental to hierarchies and object/attribute structures as set theory or relational algebra are for relational databases".



Uta Priss. 40th anniv. vol. of Annual Review of Inf. Sc. and Tech., 2006

Simple but powerful basics

- Formal Context
- Concept Lattice
- Galois connection

Formal Context

Triple (O, A, R), where O is a finite set of objects, A is a finite set of attributes and $R \subseteq O \times A$ is a binary relation. $(o, a) \in R$ means that object o owns attribute a.

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wood- pecker	×		×					×			
giant-otter										×	×
arctic-tern	×		×	×	×		×			×	×

Characteristic maps of $R \subseteq O \times A$

Map f associates an object set with the shared attributes. $f: P(O) \rightarrow P(A) \quad X \longmapsto f(X) = \{y \in A \mid \forall x \in X, (x, y) \in R\}$

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great-auk	×		×				×			×	×
wood- pecker	×		×					×			
giant-otter										×	×
arctic-tern	×		×	×	X		×			×	×

In [Ganter and Wille, 1999], f is denoted by the polymorphic symbol $^\prime.$ We will use both notations depending the situations

Characteristic maps of $R \subseteq O \times A$

Map g associates an attribute set with the objects sharing them $g: P(A) \rightarrow P(O) \quad Y \longmapsto g(Y) = \{x \in O \mid \forall y \in Y, (x, y) \in R\}$

	fli _{es}	^{nocturnal}	feathered	migratory	red-bill	elyt _{ra}	^{sea} -habitat	^{wood, habitat}	six-legged	eats-fish	water-habitat
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great-auk	×		×								×
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Formal Concept

Pair C = (E, I) such that f(E) = I (or equivalently E = g(I)) *E* is the concept *extent*; *I* is the concept *intent*.

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giant-otter										×	×
arctic-tern	×		×	×	×		×			×	×

Concept ordering

Concepts can be ordered through the following partial order \leq_s : $(E_1, I_1) \leq_s (E_2, I_2) \Leftrightarrow E_1 \subseteq E_2$, or equivalently $I_2 \subseteq I_1$ (E_1, I_1) sub-concept of (E_2, I_2) ; (E_2, I_2) super-concept of (E_1, I_1)

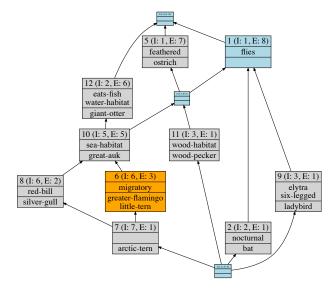
 $\begin{array}{l} C_{great-auk}:\\ X_{10} = \\ \{great-auk, silver-gull, greater-flamingo, little-tern, arctic-tern\}\\ Y_{10} = \{sea-habitat, eats-fish, water-habitat, feathered, flies\} \end{array}$

 $\begin{array}{l} C_{silver-gull}:\\ X_8 = \{silver-gull, arctic-tern\}\\ Y_8 = \{sea-habitat, eats-fish, water-habitat, feathered, flies, red-bill\} \end{array}$

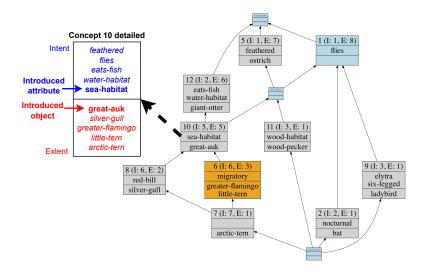
 $C_{silver-gull} \leq_s C_{great-auk}$, as $X_8 \subseteq X_{10}$ (and $Y_{10} \subseteq Y_8$).

Concept lattice $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{K}} = (\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{K}}, \leq_s)$

Set C_K of all concepts of K = (O, A, R), provided with \leq_s

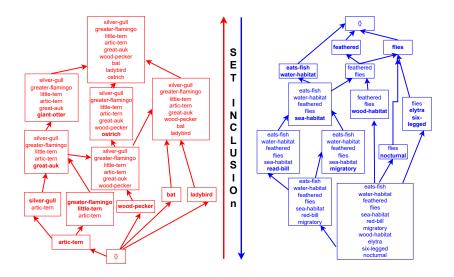


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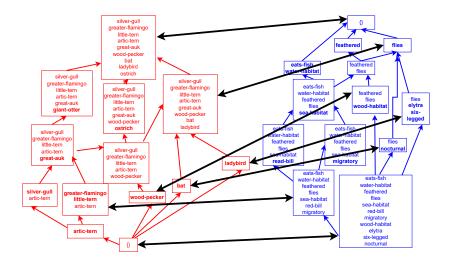


Top-down inherited attributes, bottom-up inherited objects

Concept lattices: Assembly of two isomorphic lattices



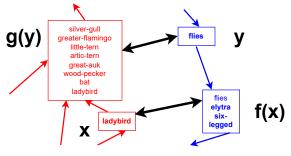
Assembly: through a Galois connection



Generalization: Galois connection

(f, g) associated with a $R \subseteq O \times A$ is a Galois connection between $(2^O, \subseteq)$ and $(2^A, \subseteq)$

Galois connection For posets (X, \leq_X) and (Y, \leq_Y) , and $f : X \to Y$ et $g : Y \to X$ The pair (f, g) is a Galois connection if: $\forall x \in X$ and $\forall y \in Y$, $x \leq_X g(y) \Leftrightarrow y \leq_Y f(x)$.



poset: partially ordered set

Generalization: Galois connection

If (f, g) is a Galois connection between (X, \leq_X) and (Y, \leq_Y) $h_X = g \circ f$ et $h_Y = f \circ g$ are closure operators:

op closure operator on a poset (P, \leq_P)

- isotone: $X \leq_P Y \Rightarrow op(X) \leq_P op(Y)$
- extensive: $X \leq_P op(X)$
- idempotent: op(op(X)) = op(X)

X is a closed set iff op(X) = X

$$\begin{split} &X = \{great-auk, silver-gull\} \\ &f(X) = \{sea-habitat, eats-fish, water-habitat, feathered, flies\} \\ &g(f(X)) = \{great-auk, silver-gull, greater-flamingo, little-tern, arctic-tern\} \\ &f(g(f(X))) = \{sea-habitat, eats-fish, water-habitat, feathered, flies\} \\ &g(f(g(f(X)))) = \{great-auk, silver-gull, greater-flamingo, little-tern, arctic-tern\} \end{split}$$

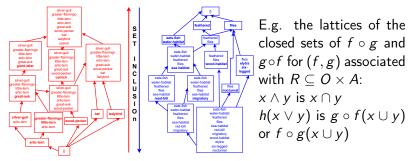
Generalization: Galois connection

Property (Closure lattice)

Let F the set of closed sets of a closure operator h on a finite lattice T. Let us consider the following operations on $x, y \in F$:

- $x \wedge_F y = x \wedge y$
- $x \vee_F y = h(x \vee y)$

 (F, \wedge_F, \vee_F) is a lattice.



Generalization: Galois lattice

If (f,g) is a Galois connection between (A, \leq_A) and (B, \leq_B) , and $h_A = g \circ f$ and $h_B = f \circ g$ are the associated closure operators: If F_{h_A} are the closed sets of h_A and F_{h_B} the closed sets of h_B . If A (resp. B) is a finite lattice, F_{h_A} (resp. F_{h_B}) can be provided with a lattice structure.

They are isomorphic (by f or g). The Galois lattice is the set of pairs (x, y) such that y = f(x) (or eq. x = g(y)), provided with the order $(x_1, y_1) \leq_G (x_2, y_2)$ iff $x_1 \leq_A x_2$



E.g. the Galois lattice of the Galois connection (f,g) associated with $R \subseteq O \times A$.

Inspiring references



- Concept lattices (Rudolf Wille, 1982, Bernhard Ganter & Rudolf Wille, 1999)
- Lattice theory, Galois connections, Galois lattices (Marc Barbut & Bernard Monjardet, 1970; Georges David Birkhoff, 1940; Øystein Ore, 1944)
- Galois connection, subgroups/subfields (Evariste Galois, \sim 1830)

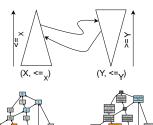
Sum up

Any Galois connection between finite lattices (X, \leq_X) and (Y, \leq_Y) induces a Galois lattice (i.e. theory is not restricted to tabular data)

Duality between: Objects/attributes ; lattices (X, \leq_X) and (Y, \leq_Y)

Genericity: Any lattice can be labelled to be a Galois lattice of some binary relation

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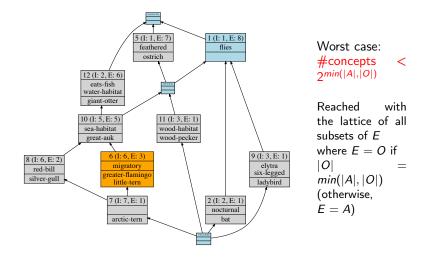
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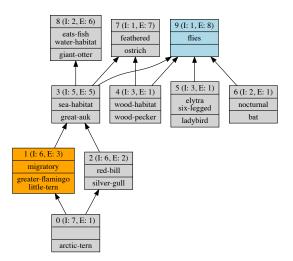
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Conceptual structures: Concept lattice



Conceptual structures: AOC poset

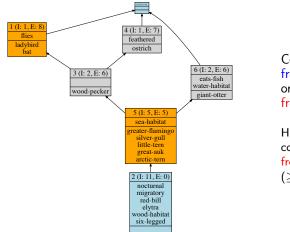


Sub-order of introducer concepts

Worst case complexity:#concepts < |A| + |O|

Reached when |A| = |O| and every attribute is shared by several distinct objects (ex. bipartite crown graph)

Conceptual structures: Iceberg



Concepts with frequent intent or frequent extent

Here: concepts with frequent extent $(\geq 50\%)$ $\mathsf{Pair}\ (\mathit{Prem}, \mathit{Conc}) \subseteq \mathsf{A} \times \mathsf{A} \ \mathsf{s.t.} \ g(\mathit{Prem}) \subseteq g(\mathit{Conc})$

all the objects that own the attributes of Prem (premise) also own the attributes of Conc (conclusion)

 $\textit{elytra} \implies \textit{six-legged}$

 $feathered \land eats - fish \land water - habitat \implies flies \land sea - habitat$

Implication rules

Criteria for an implication set

- Sound: any implication of the set holds
- Complete: any other implication can be obtained from the set
- Basis: sound and complete
- Minimal cardinality
- Direct: any attribute closed set can be obtained in one iteration
- No redundancy between rules and inside rules

Implication rules

Diverse approaches

- Minimal non-redundant set of binary implications
- Basis of Duquennes-Guigues [Guigues, 1986] (For a systematic study, see [Bertet&Monjardet, 2010])
- Left-minimal direct basis of implications [Cordero 2013]
- Basis of proper premises [Reppe, 2008; Ryssel, 2014]
- and others ...

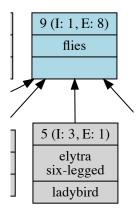
Duquenne-Guigues Basis of Implications (DGBI)

Cardinality minimal set of non redundant implications

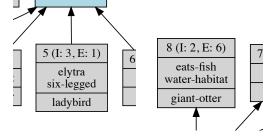
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Logical Constraints: Binary implication



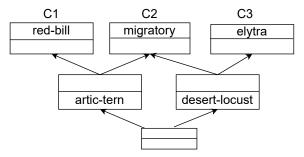
Logical Constraints: Co-occurrence (equivalence)



elytra and six-legged both introduced in Concept 5 elytra \Leftrightarrow six-legged

eats-fish and water-habitat both introduced in Concept 8 $eats-fish \Leftrightarrow water-habitat$

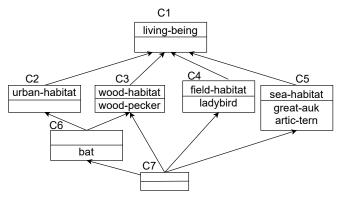
Logical Constraints: Mutual exclusion



Intersection of C1, C2, C3 extents is empty

 \neg (*red-bill* \land *migratory* \land *elytra*)

Logical Constraints: Or

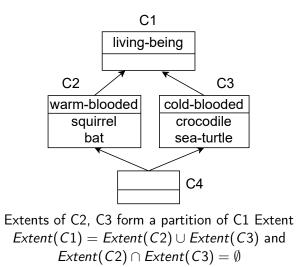


Extent of C1 is covered by extents of C2, C3, C4 and C5 (possibly non disjoint)

 $Extent(C1) = Extent(C2) \cup Extent(C3) \cup Extent(C4) \cup Extent(C5)$

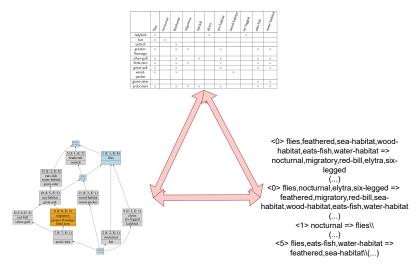
 $\begin{array}{ll} \textit{living-being} \implies \\ \textit{urban-habitat} \lor \textit{wood-habitat} \lor \textit{field-habitat} \lor \textit{sea-habitat} \end{array}$

Logical Constraints: Xor



living-being \implies warm-blooded \oplus cold-blooded

Sum up



The magic triangle

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FCA for various data types

- Multi-valued attributes : integers, double, terms, structures, symbolic objects, etc. (Ganter et Wille, Diday, Polaillon, ...)
- Fuzzy (Belohlavek et al., Cabrera, Cordero, Enciso, Mora, Lòpez-Ròdriguez, Ojeda-Aciego et al., Cornejo, Medina et al., Yahia et al., Dubois, Prade ...)
- Value taxonomies (Godin et al., Carpineto et Romano, ...)
- Logical description (Chaudron et al., Ferré et al., ...)
- Graphs (Ganter and Kuznetsov, Liquière, Prediger et Wille, Kötters et al., Graph-FCA Ferré et al...)
- Multi-relational, RCA (Priss, Rouane et al., ...); RCA+Fuzzy (Boffa et al.)
- Polyadic (Sacarea, Tronca et al.)
- Sequences (Boukhetta, Demko, Bertet et al., Buzmakov et al.)
- Temporal data (Wolff et al., Nica, Braud, Dolques, Le Ber et al., Boukhetta, Demko, Bertet et al.)
- Pattern Structures (Ganter et al., Kuznetsov et al., Napoli et al., Buzmakov et al.)

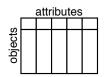
Scaling: Multi-valued attributes

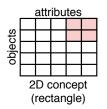
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[Ganter & Wille, 1999; Kaytoue et al, 2011] - Credits example P. Keip

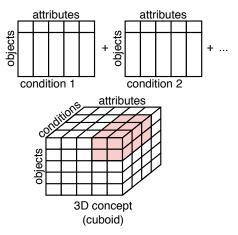
Triadic concept analysis

FCA





TCA

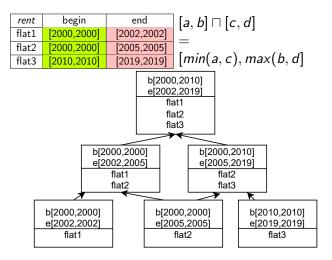


Pattern Structures

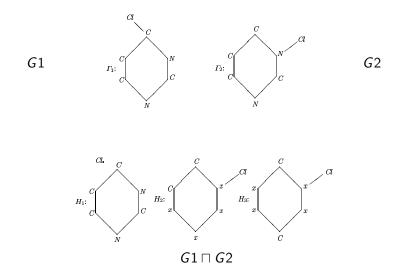
Pattern structures, Ganter and Kuznetsov 2001 In the following framework:

- a set of objects G
- a set of descriptions (D, \sqcap) which is a semilattice
- a partial order on D: $a \sqsubseteq b$ iff $a \sqcap b = a$ (a is subsumed by b)
- a map $\delta: \mathcal{G} \to \mathcal{D}$
- A Galois connection (f, g) can be defined:
 - $\forall A \subseteq G, f(A) = \sqcap_{g \in A} \delta(g)$
 - $\forall d \in D, g(d) = \{g \in G | d \sqsubseteq \delta(g)\}$

Ex.1 Interval Pattern Structures [Kaytoue et al., 2011]



Ex.2 Graph Pattern Structures [Ganter&Kuznetsov, 2001]



Relational Concept Analysis (RCA)

[Huchard et al., 2007, Rouane Hacène et al. 2013]



Principles

- Extends the purpose of FCA for taking into account object categories and links between objects
- Main principles:
 - a relational model based on the entity-relationship model (with binary relationships)
 - integrate relations in formal contexts between objects as *relational* attributes
 - various operators (quantifiers) inspired by description logics
 - iterative and tunable process
- RCA provides a set of interconnected lattices
- Produced structures can be written in DLs

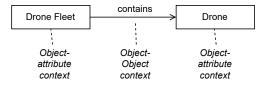
Relational Context Family (RCF)

A RCF \mathcal{F} is a pair (K, R) with:

- K is a set of object-attribute contexts $K_i = (O_i, A_i, I_i)$
- *R* is a set of object-object contexts $R_j = (O_k, O_l, I_j)$
 - (O_k, O_l) are the object sets of formal contexts $(K_k, K_l) \in K^2$

•
$$I_j \subseteq O_k \times O_l$$

- *K_k* is the *source/domain context*
- K₁ is the target/range context
- we may have $K_k = K_l$



Drone types (Object-Attribute context)

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https://www.thedronechart.com

DroneFleet	mission:agri	mission:rescue	mission:Audiovisual	archi:centralized	archi:distributed	guidance:human	guidance:ML	control:leaderFollower	control:behaviorBased
agriDF0	×			×		×		×	
agriDF1	×				×	×		×	
rescueDF2		×			×	×	×		×
rescueDF3		×			×	×	×		×
audiovisualDF4			×		×	×			×

Contains (Object-Object Context)

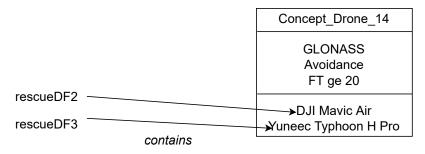
contains	Syma X4S Assault	Syma X8G	Parrot Bebop	DJI Ryze Tello	Hubsan X4 H502S	Aosenma CG035 GPS FPV	DJI Mavic Air	Yuneec Typoon H Pro
agriDF0	x							
agriDF1	x	x					×	×
rescueDF2							x	
rescueDF3								x
audiovisualDF4			x	x	x		x	×

 \Rightarrow rescueDF2 and rescueDF3 do not share drone types

Relational attributes

rescueDF2 and rescueDF3 do not share concrete drone types but they share the fact that all their drones with GLONASS, GPS, FT \geq 20, etc.

Relational attribute: ∃∀contains(Concept_Drone_14)



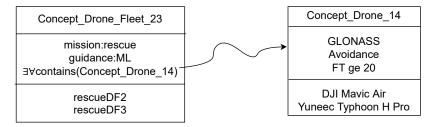
Drone fleets (Extended Object-Attribute context)

DroneFleet	mission:agri	mission:rescue	mission:Audiovisual	archi:centralized	archi:distributed	guidance:human	guidance:ML	control:leaderFollower	control:behaviorBased	∃∀ <i>contains</i> (<i>Concept_Drone_</i> 14)	
agriDF0	×			×		×		×			
agriDF1	×				×	×		×			
rescueDF2		×			×	×	×		X	×	
rescueDF3		×			×	×	×		×	×	
audiovisualDF4			×		×	×			×		

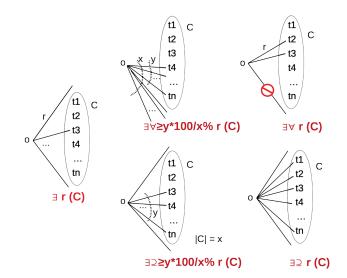
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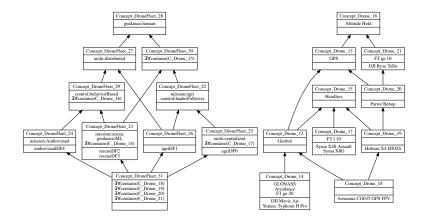
Relational attribute: ∃∀*contains*(*Concept*_*Drone*_14)



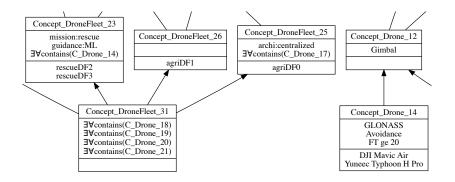
Quantifiers



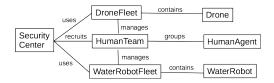
AOC-posets of drone fleets and drones



AOC-posets of drone fleets and drones (excerpt)



RCA in the general case



An iterative process

- Complex model with paths and cycles of any length
- Objects groups (concepts) are propagated along the paths and the cycles, step after step
- The process stops when no new concept appears

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FCA in Knowledge Discovery

- Knowledge structuring: ontologies, data models in KR/DB/SE Stumme, Maedche, Cimiano, Hotho, Sertkaya, Valtchev, ...
- Information retrieval, Exploratory KD: conceptual navigation, visualization, Decision Tree - like structure, Efficient index structure Ferré, Carpineto, Romano, Eklund, ...
- Data mining, Data analysis: Pattern mining, implication/association rules, functional dependencies, interestingness measures Valtchev et al., Missaoui et al., Bertet et al., Cordero et al., Valverde-Albacete et al. Baixeries et al. ...
- Knowledge elicitation: Concept discovery, concept definition, attribute exploration Ganter, Obidekov, Alam, Buzmakov, Codocedo, Napoli, ...
- Recommendation systems Ignatov, Kuznetsov, Codocedo, Napoli, ...
- Querying with answers classification Messai, Napoli, Azmeh et al., ...

Part of them in: Jonas Poelmans, Sergei O. Kuznetsov, Dmitry I. Ignatov, Guido Dedene: Formal Concept Analysis in knowledge processing: A survey on models and techniques. Expert Syst. Appl. 40(16): 6601-6623 (2013) + significant new work since

Applications (A few domains)

- Environment, biology, chemistry, health
- Linguistics, Text understanding
- Software engineering
- Communities, social network

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Tools (A few examples)

More than 50 web applications, downloadable software or plugins at Uta Priss webpage https://upriss.github.io/fca/fcasoftware.html

- Algorithms: Conexp family, ToscanaJ, fcaR, GALACTIC
- Specializations: RCA software (Galicia, RCAexplore, FCA4J), Fuzzy (fcaR), polyadic (FCA Tools Bundle)
- IR and Search/Query engines: Credo family, Search Sleuth family, Camelis, Sparklis family
- Visualization+navigation: Latviz, RV-xplorer, ConceptCloud, RCAviz

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Focus on Software Engineering

- Mostly well formatted and complete data: conceptual models, specifications, source code, traces, call graphs, git actions...
- Software engineers are proficient to understand and exploit the results
- A large range of applications, e.g.
 - Migration from procedural to object-oriented paradigm
 - Class model / Class hierarchies refactoring from artefact description or artefact usage
 - Organization of repositories of software artefacts: classes, components, web services
 - Extraction of model transformation patterns
 - Feature models synthesis in software product lines

Focus on class model refactoring: Motivation

Class models, ontologies

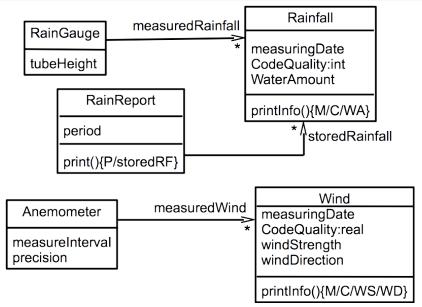
- Capturing and representing domain knowledge
- Highlight is-a relationships as the skeleton of the representation
- Encourage reuse and abstraction

Normal form model with RCA

- No redundancy
- All abstractions and specialization relationships are included
- Most compact structure

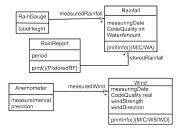
Seminal paper (FCA version): Godin & Mili, 1993

Focus on class model refactoring: Initial Model



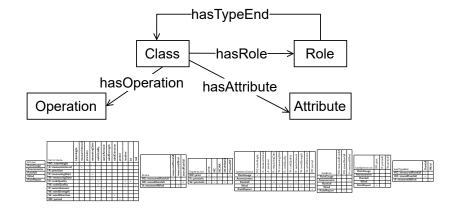
inspired by Pesticides Models, A. Miralles, IRSTEA

Focus on class model refactoring: Identified defaults

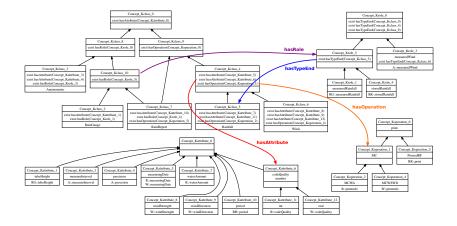


- measuringDate codeQuality repeated in Rainfall and Wind (missing *measure* abstraction)
- RainGauge et Anemometer are connected via measuredXXX (missing *Device* abstraction)
- repeated behavior in print methods (M/C = print measuringDate / codeQuality).

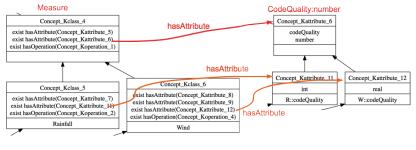
Focus on class model refactoring: Encoding principles



Focus on class model refactoring: Lattices



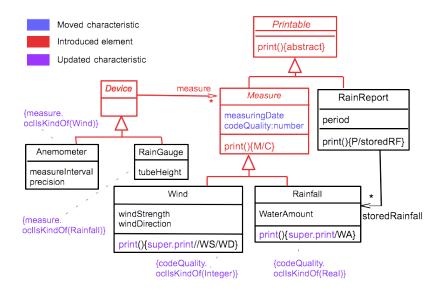
Focus on class model refactoring: Lattices excerpt



Class Lattice

Attribute Lattice

Focus on class model refactoring: Final Model



Focus on class model refactoring: references

- Design: PhDs theses of C. Roume (2004), A. Rouane Hacène (2006), J.-R. Falleri (2009), A. Osman Guédi (2013)
- Implementation and practice: France Télécom (M. Dao, 2004), IRSTEA (A. Miralles, 2012-...)
- Cousin methods: OODB schema refactoring (Lakhal et al., Missikov & Scholl, Rundensteiner), Ontology learning and refactoring (Rouane Hacène, Napoli, Valtchev et al.)

Focus on software product lines

Software Product Lines

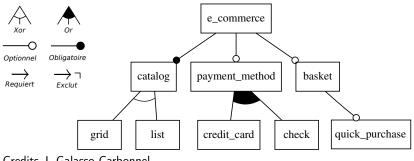
A paradigm to discipline the construction of families of similar software (e.g. e-commerce, travel reservation), reduce the cost, increase quality and personalization

Main challenge

Capturing, representing and exploiting variability to be able to derive almost automatically software variants

Focus on software product lines: Feature Model

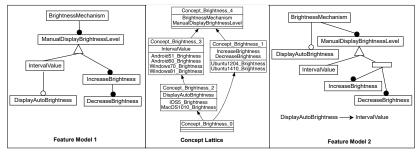
Feature Model One of the most used variability models



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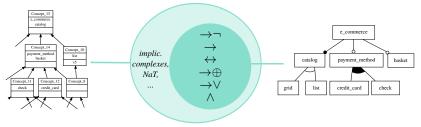
Focus on software product lines: FCA variability model

All FM with the same configuration set can be mapped or extracted from the concept lattice [Galasso-Carbonnel et al.]



Credits A. Waffo Kouhoué, Y. Bonavero

FCA is more powerful than FM: it allows to express any propositional logic formula [Galasso-Carbonnel et al.]



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Focus on software product lines:

Applications

- Feature Model refactoring or synthesis (from a set of existing configurations)
- Feature Model operations: union, intersection
- Configuration recommendation

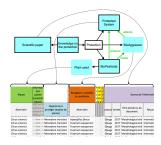
Evaluations

- SPLOT repository (http://www.splot-research.org/)
- Product comparison matrix (e.g. wikipedia)
- Visual accessibility options in operating systems

• Find alternative solutions to chemical pesticides and antibiotics



- +45000 plant usage description
- +35 attributes
- +700 scientific papers



- Data exploration with RCAVIZ rcaviz.lirmm.fr/
- Implication Rules computed for FCA and RCA with www.lirmm.fr/fca4j/

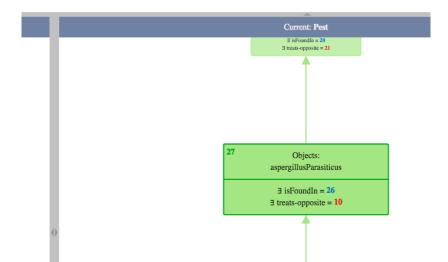
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Aspergillus parasiticus attack in Benin

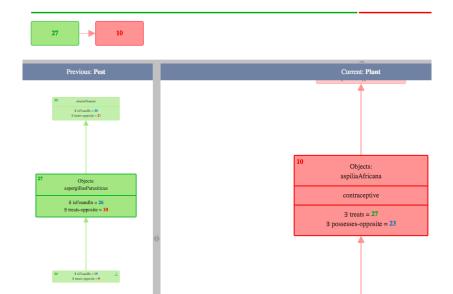


Credit example: A. Ouzerdine - RCAVIZ joint work with E. Muller, P. Martin, A. Sallaberry, P. Poncelet

Aspergillus parasiticus concept is highlighted; we follow relational attribute to Concept 10 (controlling plant)

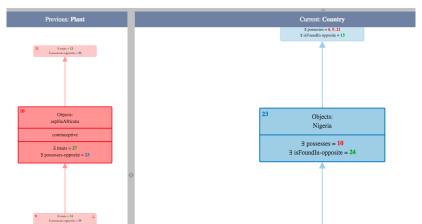


Which is ... Aspilia Africana

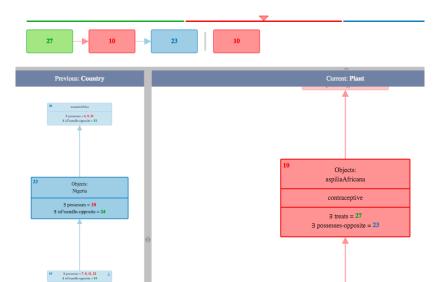


Unfortunately, it can be found in Nigeria (not in Benin) - Concept 23

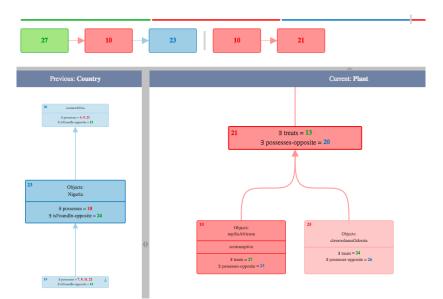




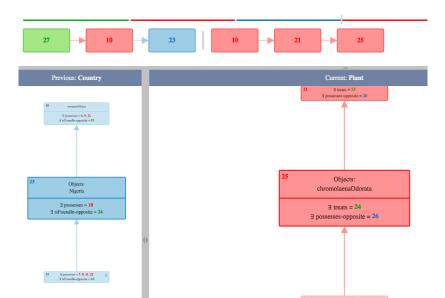
Can we find in Benin an alternative to Aspilia Africana? We come back to Concept 10.



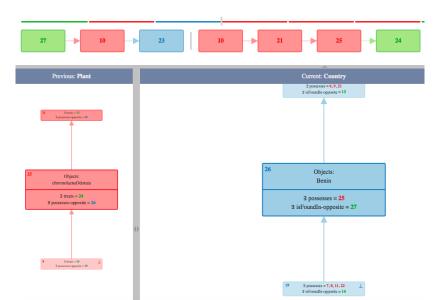
To find a cousin plant, we go up to Concept 21



Then down to Concept 25, where we find Chromolaena odorata

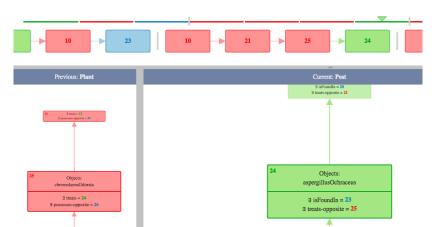


Which fortunately, can be found in Benin (Concept 26)



Chromolaena odorata controls Aspergillus ochraceus, which has the same genus as Aspergillus parasiticus.

This hypothesis that can be delivered to experts: i.e. conduct experiments for using Chromolaena odorata against Aspergillus parasiticus





Challenges

- Incomplete and imprecise data (e.g. indications like spp)
- Potential mistakes (needed cleaning)
- FCA/RCA tools still hardly used by domain experts (a data scientist is needed)

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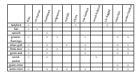
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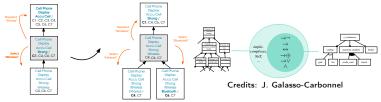
FCA: a Swiss knife for Knowledge Discovery







six-legged => flies, elytrared-bill => flies, feathered, sea-habitat, eatsfish, water-habitat feathered, eats-fish, water-habitat => flies, seahabitat eats-fish => water-habitat



Credits: J. Galasso-Carbonnel

What's next?

- Theory: e.g. connecting the different FCA trends, connecting FCA to other KD approaches
- Algorithms: e.g. local/incremental, parallel
- Methodology: e.g. User interaction, Detecting and correcting anomalies, Classifying rules, Generalizing from applications
- Address Complex data / Big data challenges
- Using FCA/RCA as data complexity measuring framework
- Hybrid IA/KD systems; Explainable AI
- Integration in data science workflows (e.g. in Orange or Scikit-learn with subsymbolic ML, in Jupyter Notebooks)

Thank you!



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