

► MIGUEL CAMPERCHOLI, *Dominions in filtral quasivarieties*.

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Let $\mathbf{A} \leq \mathbf{B}$ be structures, and \mathcal{K} a class of structures. An element $b \in B$ is *dominated* by \mathbf{A} relative to \mathcal{K} if for all $\mathbf{C} \in \mathcal{K}$ and all homomorphisms $g, g' : \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ such that g and g' agree on A , we have $gb = g'b$. Write \mathcal{D}_{01} for the class of bounded distributive lattices, let $\mathbf{B} := \mathbf{2} \times \mathbf{2}$, and let \mathbf{A} be the sublattice of \mathbf{B} with universe $\{\langle 0, 0 \rangle, \langle 0, 1 \rangle, \langle 1, 1 \rangle\}$. As 01-lattice homomorphisms map pairs of complemented elements to pairs of complemented elements, and every element in a distributive lattice has at most one complement, it follows that $\langle 1, 0 \rangle \in \text{dom}_{\mathbf{B}}^{\mathcal{K}} \mathbf{A}$. The key element to take away from this argument is that $\langle 1, 0 \rangle$ is generated by A if we add the complementation operation to \mathbf{B} . Since this (partial) operation is defined in every member of \mathcal{D}_{01} by the conjunction of atomic formulas

$$\varphi(x, y) := x \wedge y = 0 \ \& \ x \vee y = 1,$$

it is preserved by all relevant maps. This situation generalizes as follows. Recall that a class of algebraic structures is a *quasivariety* provided it is axiomatizable and closed under direct products and substructures. A quasivariety \mathcal{Q} is *filtral* if it is semisimple, its class of simple members is universal, and it is congruence distributive. For instance, \mathcal{D}_{01} is a filtral quasivariety. In our talk we shall discuss the following result and some applications.

THEOREM. *Let \mathcal{Q} be a filtral quasivariety and let \mathcal{M} be its class of simple members. Suppose \mathcal{M} has the amalgamation property and \mathcal{M}_{ec} (the class of existentially closed members in \mathcal{M}) is axiomatizable. For all $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathcal{Q}$ such that $\mathbf{A} \leq \mathbf{B}$ and all $b \in B$ the following are equivalent:*

1. $b \in \text{dom}_{\mathbf{B}}^{\mathcal{Q}} \mathbf{A}$
2. *There are a conjunction of atomic formulas $\delta(\bar{x}, y)$ and $\bar{a} \in A$ such that:*
 - $\delta(\bar{x}, y)$ defines a function in \mathcal{Q}
 - $\mathbf{B} \models \delta(\bar{a}, b)$
 - $\mathcal{M}_{ec} \models \forall \bar{x} \exists y \delta(\bar{x}, y)$.