

The “Way-Below” Relation ¹

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Summary. In the paper the “way-below” relation, in symbols $x \ll y$, is introduced. Some authors prefer the term “relatively compact” or “way inside”, since in the poset of open sets of a topology it is natural to read $U \ll V$ as “ U is relatively compact in V ”. A compact element of a poset (or an element isolated from below) is defined to be way below itself. So, the compactness in the poset of open sets of a topology is equivalent to the compactness in that topology.

The article includes definitions, facts and examples 1.1–1.8 presented in [15, pp. 38–42].

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The terminology and notation used in this paper have been introduced in the following articles: [5], [25], [29], [30], [31], [20], [14], [23], [8], [28], [10], [11], [22], [24], [6], [19], [7], [26], [33], [27], [21], [32], [13], [12], [9], [4], [2], [1], [16], [3], [17], and [18].

1. THE “WAY-BELOW” RELATION

Let L be a non empty reflexive relational structure and let x, y be elements of L . We say that x is way below y if and only if:

(Def. 1) 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 $x \leq d$.

We introduce $x \ll y$ and $y \gg x$ as synonyms of x is way below y .

Let L be a non empty reflexive relational structure and let x be an element of L . We say that x is compact if and only if:

(Def. 2) x is way below x .

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We introduce x is isolated from below as a synonym of x is compact.

Next we state several propositions:

- (1) Let L be a non empty reflexive antisymmetric relational structure and let x, y be elements of L . If $x \ll y$, then $x \leq y$.
- (2) Let L be a non empty reflexive transitive relational structure and let u, x, y, z be elements of L . If $u \leq x$ and $x \ll y$ and $y \leq z$, then $u \ll z$.
- (3) Let L be a non empty poset. Suppose L is inf-complete or has l.u.b.'s. Let x, y, z be elements of L . If $x \ll z$ and $y \ll z$, then $\sup \{x, y\}$ exists in L and $x \sqcup y \ll z$.
- (4) Let L be a lower-bounded antisymmetric reflexive non empty relational structure and let x be an element of L . Then $\perp_L \ll x$.
- (5) For every non empty poset L and for all elements x, y, z of L such that $x \ll y$ and $y \ll z$ holds $x \ll z$.
- (6) Let L be a non empty reflexive antisymmetric relational structure and let x, y be elements of L . If $x \ll y$ and $x \gg y$, then $x = y$.

Let L be a non empty reflexive relational structure and let x be an element of L . The functor $\downarrow x$ yields a subset of L and is defined as follows:

(Def. 3) $\downarrow x = \{y : y \text{ ranges over elements of } L, y \ll x\}$.

The functor $\uparrow x$ yielding a subset of L is defined by:

(Def. 4) $\uparrow x = \{y : y \text{ ranges over elements of } L, y \gg x\}$.

We now state several propositions:

- (7) For every non empty reflexive relational structure L and for all elements x, y of L holds $x \in \downarrow y$ iff $x \ll y$.
- (8) For every non empty reflexive relational structure L and for all elements x, y of L holds $x \in \uparrow y$ iff $x \gg y$.
- (9) For every non empty reflexive antisymmetric relational structure L and for every element x of L holds $x \geq \downarrow x$.
- (10) For every non empty reflexive antisymmetric relational structure L and for every element x of L holds $x \leq \uparrow x$.
- (11) Let L be a non empty reflexive antisymmetric relational structure and let x be an element of L . Then $\downarrow x \subseteq \downarrow x$ and $\uparrow x \subseteq \uparrow x$.
- (12) Let L be a non empty reflexive transitive relational structure and let x, y be elements of L . If $x \leq y$, then $\downarrow x \subseteq \downarrow y$ and $\uparrow y \subseteq \uparrow x$.

Let L be a lower-bounded non empty reflexive antisymmetric relational structure and let x be an element of L . Note that $\downarrow x$ is non empty.

Let L be a non empty reflexive transitive relational structure and let x be an element of L . Note that $\downarrow x$ is lower and $\uparrow x$ is upper.

Let L be a sup-semilattice and let x be an element of L . One can verify that $\downarrow x$ is directed.

Let L be an inf-complete non empty poset and let x be an element of L . Note that $\downarrow x$ is directed.

Let L be a connected non empty relational structure. One can check that every subset of L is directed and filtered.

Let us note that every non empty chain which is up-complete and lower-bounded is also complete.

One can verify that there exists a non empty chain which is complete.

We now state several propositions:

- (13) For every up-complete non empty chain L and for all elements x, y of L such that $x < y$ holds $x \ll y$.
- (14) Let L be a non empty reflexive antisymmetric relational structure and let x, y be elements of L . If x is not compact and $x \ll y$, then $x < y$.
- (15) For every non empty lower-bounded reflexive antisymmetric relational structure L holds \perp_L is compact.
- (16) For every up-complete non empty poset L and for every non empty finite directed subset D of L holds $\sup D \in D$.
- (17) For every up-complete non empty poset L such that L is finite holds every element of L is isolated from below.

2. THE WAY-BELOW RELATION IN OTHER TERMS

The scheme $SSubsetEx$ deals with a non empty relational structure \mathcal{A} and a unary predicate \mathcal{P} , and states that:

There exists a subset X of \mathcal{A} such that for every element x of \mathcal{A} holds $x \in X$ iff $\mathcal{P}[x]$

for all values of the parameters.

We now state several propositions:

- (18) Let L be a complete lattice and let x, y be elements of L . Suppose $x \ll y$. Let X be a subset of L . If $y \leq \sup X$, then there exists a finite subset A of L such that $A \subseteq X$ and $x \leq \sup A$.
- (19) Let L be a complete lattice and let x, y be elements of L . Suppose that for every subset X of L such that $y \leq \sup X$ there exists a finite subset A of L such that $A \subseteq X$ and $x \leq \sup A$. Then $x \ll y$.
- (20) Let L be a non empty reflexive transitive relational structure and let x, y be elements of L . If $x \ll y$, then for every ideal I of L such that $y \leq \sup I$ holds $x \in I$.
- (21) Let L be an up-complete non empty poset and let x, y be elements of L . If for every ideal I of L such that $y \leq \sup I$ holds $x \in I$, then $x \ll y$.
- (22) Let L be a lower-bounded lattice. Suppose L is meet-continuous. Let x, y be elements of L . Then $x \ll y$ if and only if for every ideal I of L such that $y = \sup I$ holds $x \in I$.
- (23) Let L be a complete lattice. Then every element of L is compact if and only if for every non empty subset X of L there exists an element x of

L such that $x \in X$ and for every element y of L such that $y \in X$ holds $x \not\leq y$.

3. CONTINUOUS LATTICES

Let L be a non empty reflexive relational structure. We say that L satisfies axiom of approximation if and only if:

(Def. 5) For every element x of L holds $x = \sup \downarrow x$.

Let us note that every non empty reflexive relational structure which is trivial satisfies axiom of approximation.

Let L be a non empty reflexive relational structure. We say that L is continuous if and only if:

(Def. 6) For every element x of L holds $\downarrow x$ is non empty and directed and L is up-complete and satisfies axiom of approximation.

One can check that every non empty reflexive relational structure which is continuous is also up-complete and satisfies axiom of approximation and every lower-bounded sup-semilattice which is up-complete and satisfies axiom of approximation is also continuous.

Let us note that there exists a lattice which is continuous, complete, and strict.

Let L be a continuous non empty reflexive relational structure and let x be an element of L . One can verify that $\downarrow x$ is non empty and directed.

Next we state two propositions:

- (24) Let L be an up-complete semilattice. Suppose that for every element x of L holds $\downarrow x$ is non empty and directed. Then L satisfies axiom of approximation if and only if for all elements x, y of L such that $x \not\leq y$ there exists an element u of L such that $u \ll x$ and $u \not\leq y$.
- (25) For every continuous lattice L and for all elements x, y of L holds $x \leq y$ iff $\downarrow x \subseteq \downarrow y$.

One can verify that every non empty chain which is complete satisfies axiom of approximation.

The following proposition is true

- (26) For every complete lattice L such that every element of L is compact holds L satisfies axiom of approximation.

4. THE WAY-BELOW RELATION IN DIRECT POWERS

Let f be a binary relation. We say that f is nonempty if and only if:

(Def. 7) For every 1-sorted structure S such that $S \in \text{rng } f$ holds S is non empty.

We say that f is reflexive-yielding if and only if:

(Def. 8) For every relational structure S such that $S \in \text{rng } f$ holds S is reflexive.

Let I be a set. Observe that there exists a many sorted set indexed by I which is relational structure yielding, nonempty, and reflexive-yielding.

Let I be a set and let J be a relational structure yielding nonempty many sorted set indexed by I . Observe that $\prod J$ is non empty.

Let I be a non empty set, let J be a relational structure yielding nonempty many sorted set indexed by I , and let i be an element of I . Then $J(i)$ is a non empty relational structure.

Let I be a set and let J be a relational structure yielding nonempty many sorted set indexed by I . Note that every element of $\prod J$ is function-like and relation-like.

Let I be a non empty set, let J be a relational structure yielding nonempty many sorted set indexed by I , let x be an element of $\prod J$, and let i be an element of I . Then $x(i)$ is an element of $J(i)$.

Let I be a non empty set, let J be a relational structure yielding nonempty many sorted set indexed by I , let i be an element of I , and let X be a subset of $\prod J$. Then $\pi_i X$ is a subset of $J(i)$.

Next we state two propositions:

(27) Let I be a non empty set, and let J be a relational structure yielding nonempty many sorted set indexed by I , and let x be a function. Then x is an element of $\prod J$ if and only if $\text{dom } x = I$ and for every element i of I holds $x(i)$ is an element of $J(i)$.

(28) Let I be a non empty set, and let J be a relational structure yielding nonempty many sorted set indexed by I , and let x, y be elements of $\prod J$. Then $x \leq y$ if and only if for every element i of I holds $x(i) \leq y(i)$.

Let I be a non empty set and let J be a relational structure yielding nonempty reflexive-yielding many sorted set indexed by I . Note that $\prod J$ is reflexive. Let i be an element of I . Then $J(i)$ is a non empty reflexive relational structure.

Let I be a non empty set, let J be a relational structure yielding nonempty reflexive-yielding many sorted set indexed by I , let x be an element of $\prod J$, and let i be an element of I . Then $x(i)$ is an element of $J(i)$.

One can prove the following propositions:

(29) Let I be a non empty set and let J be a relational structure yielding nonempty many sorted set indexed by I . If for every element i of I holds $J(i)$ is transitive, then $\prod J$ is transitive.

(30) Let I be a non empty set and let J be a relational structure yielding nonempty many sorted set indexed by I . Suppose that for every element i of I holds $J(i)$ is antisymmetric. Then $\prod J$ is antisymmetric.

(31) Let I be a non empty set and let J be a relational structure yielding nonempty reflexive-yielding many sorted set indexed by I . Suppose that for every element i of I holds $J(i)$ is a complete lattice. Then $\prod J$ is a complete lattice.

(32) Let I be a non empty set and let J be a relational structure yielding

nonempty reflexive-yielding many sorted set indexed by I . Suppose that for every element i of I holds $J(i)$ is a complete lattice. Let X be a subset of $\prod J$ and let i be an element of I . Then $(\sup X)(i) = \sup \pi_i X$.

- (33) Let I be a non empty set and let J be a relational structure yielding nonempty reflexive-yielding many sorted set indexed by I . Suppose that for every element i of I holds $J(i)$ is a complete lattice. Let x, y be elements of $\prod J$. Then $x \ll y$ if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:
- (i) for every element i of I holds $x(i) \ll y(i)$, and
 - (ii) there exists a finite subset K of I such that for every element i of I such that $i \notin K$ holds $x(i) = \perp_{J(i)}$.

5. THE WAY-BELOW RELATION IN TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

One can prove the following four propositions:

- (34) Let T be a non empty topological space and let x, y be elements of $\langle \text{the topology of } T, \subseteq \rangle$. Suppose x is way below y . Let F be a family of subsets of T . If F is open and $y \subseteq \bigcup F$, then there exists a finite subset G of F such that $x \subseteq \bigcup G$.
- (35) Let T be a non empty topological space and let x, y be elements of $\langle \text{the topology of } T, \subseteq \rangle$. Suppose that for every family F of subsets of T such that F is open and $y \subseteq \bigcup F$ there exists a finite subset G of F such that $x \subseteq \bigcup G$. Then x is way below y .
- (36) Let T be a non empty topological space, and let x be an element of $\langle \text{the topology of } T, \subseteq \rangle$, and let X be a subset of T . If $x = X$, then x is compact iff X is compact.
- (37) Let T be a non empty topological space and let x be an element of $\langle \text{the topology of } T, \subseteq \rangle$. Suppose $x = \text{the carrier of } T$. Then x is compact if and only if T is compact.

Let T be a non empty topological space. We say that T is locally-compact if and only if the condition (Def. 9) is satisfied.

- (Def. 9) Let x be a point of T and let X be a subset of T . Suppose $x \in X$ and X is open. Then there exists a subset Y of T such that $x \in \text{Int } Y$ and $Y \subseteq X$ and Y is compact.

Let us observe that every non empty topological space which is compact and T_2 is also T_3 , T_4 , and locally-compact.

We now state the proposition

- (38) For every set x holds $\{x\}_{\text{top}}$ is T_2 .

One can verify that there exists a non empty topological space which is compact and T_2 .

One can prove the following two propositions:

- (39) Let T be a non empty topological space and let x, y be elements of \langle the topology of $T, \subseteq\rangle$. If there exists a subset Z of T such that $x \subseteq Z$ and $Z \subseteq y$ and Z is compact, then $x \ll y$.
- (40) Let T be a non empty topological space. Suppose T is locally-compact. Let x, y be elements of \langle the topology of $T, \subseteq\rangle$. If $x \ll y$, then there exists a subset Z of T such that $x \subseteq Z$ and $Z \subseteq y$ and Z is compact.

Let T be a topological structure and let X be a subset of the carrier of T . Then \bar{X} is a subset of T .

The following three propositions are true:

- (41) Let T be a non empty topological space. Suppose T is locally-compact and a T_2 space. Let x, y be elements of \langle the topology of $T, \subseteq\rangle$. If $x \ll y$, then there exists a subset Z of T such that $Z = x$ and $\bar{Z} \subseteq y$ and \bar{Z} is compact.
- (42) Let X be a non empty topological space. Suppose X is a T_3 space and \langle the topology of $X, \subseteq\rangle$ is continuous. Then X is locally-compact.
- (43) For every non empty topological space T such that T is locally-compact holds \langle the topology of $T, \subseteq\rangle$ is continuous.

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