

# On the coextension of cut-continuous pomonoids

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## Abstract

A map between posets is residuated if the inverse image of each principal ideal is again a principal ideal. A generalisation of this property has been studied in a number of papers: the so-called *cut-continuous maps* can be defined by the condition that the inverse images of principal ideals are just cuts, that is, sets consisting of the lower bounds of all their upper bounds [1]. The idea underlying the present work is to apply this definition in the context of pomonoids. For a pomonoid to be residuated means that the multiplication from the left or from the right is a residuated map. We relax this definition, just requiring that multiplication from the left or right is cut-continuous.

*Cut-continuous pomonoids* thus comprise residuated posets. Our actual interest concerns the latter structures and the starting point of considerations is the following. Let  $L$  be a commutative, integral residuated lattice and let  $C$  be a filter, that is, an upwards closed subalgebra of  $L$ . Then  $C$  induces a congruence  $\theta_C$  of  $L$  and in fact all congruences of  $L$  are of this form. Let  $P = L/\theta_C$  be the quotient; then we call  $L$  a *coextension of  $P$  by  $C$* .

Given commutative, integral residuated lattices  $P$  and  $C$ , we raise the question how to determine the coextensions of  $P$  by  $C$ . It should be understood that this question is feasible only if  $C$  is assumed to be of a particularly simple structure. The typical example is  $C = \mathbb{R}^-$ , the negative real cone endowed with the natural order and usual addition. In order to determine coextensions of the mentioned type, we may furthermore adopt what we could call a local viewpoint: we consider the monoidal multiplication of the enlarged structure restricted to single congruence classes. More specifically, let  $L$  be as above, possessing the filter  $C$ . Then each congruence class is, first of all, a  $C$ -module: it is a lattice on which the elements of the residuated lattice  $C$  act, and the action is in both arguments residuated. Second, let  $R, S$  be two congruence classes such that  $R = S \rightarrow (R \cdot S)$ . Then the mapping  $R \times S \rightarrow T$ ,  $(r, s) \mapsto r \cdot s$ , that is, the monoidal multiplication restricted to  $R \times S$ , is separately in each argument residuated and action preserving; we speak of a bimorphism of  $C$ -modules.

These simple observations imply that in order to construct a coextension of  $P$  by  $C$ , we have to associate with each element of  $P$  a  $C$ -module, and we have to determine bimorphisms in line with the product on  $P$ . The first step, the systematic determination of  $C$ -modules, does not seem possible in general. For a specific  $C$ , however, the possibilities can be very limited, an example being the mentioned negative real cone. But

second, once the  $C$ -modules are given, the question is how to explore the bimorphisms. This is where the present paper intends to contribute. An application is the *construction of residuated structures related to fuzzy logics*, in particular left-continuous t-norms [4].

Given modules  $R, S, T$  over some cut-continuous pomonoid  $C$ , we are interested in determining all the bimorphisms  $\psi: R \times S \rightarrow T$ . A tensor product facilitates this task, allowing us to focus on morphisms instead.

**Definition 1.** Let  $C$  be a cut-continuous pomonoid. Then a  $C$ -module is a poset  $R$  together with an *action*  $\star: C \times R \rightarrow R$  such that (i)  $a \star (b \star x) = (a \cdot b) \star x$  and  $1 \star x = x$  for any  $a, b \in C$  and  $x, y \in R$  and (ii)  $\star$  is separately cut-continuous.

A *morphism* between  $C$ -modules  $R$  and  $S$  is a cut-continuous map  $\varphi: R \rightarrow S$  such that  $\varphi(a \star x) = a \star \varphi(x)$  for any  $a \in C$  and  $x \in R$ . Finally, for  $C$ -modules  $R, S$ , and  $T$ , a *bimorphism* is a map  $\psi: R \times S \rightarrow T$  that is a morphism of  $C$ -modules in each argument. Let  $C$  be a cut-continuous pomonoid and let  $R, S$  be  $C$ -modules. By a *tensor product* of  $R$  and  $S$ , we mean a bimorphism  $\pi$  from  $R \times S$  to a further  $C$ -module denoted by  $R \otimes_C S$ , such that for any bimorphism  $\psi$  from  $R \times S$  to a  $C$ -module and sup-lattice  $T$  there is a morphism  $\tilde{\psi}: R \otimes_C S \rightarrow T$  such that  $\psi = \tilde{\psi} \circ \pi$ .

**Theorem 1.** Let  $C$  be a cut-continuous pomonoid and let  $R, S$  be  $C$ -modules. Then there is a tensor product  $R \otimes_C S$  of  $R$  and  $S$ .

The results of the present work represent, in our opinion, a step in the direction of providing a framework for the determination of coextensions of cut-continuous pomonoids. Several problems remained open and should be addressed in further research. E.g., our results apply to the construction of coextensions in the case of a total order, whereas the general case remains tricky; the problem is that the restriction of the monoidal operation to a pair of congruence classes is seen to be cut-continuous only under the assumption of linearity. Some important results in this direction were obtained in [2]. Note also that finite residuated lattices form another important class satisfying the assumptions for the restriction.

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