

## Skolemizing distributive semilattices

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ABSTRACT. A (meet) semilattice  $\mathcal{S} = \langle S; \wedge \rangle$  is *distributive* if it satisfies the following first order sentence:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x_1, x_2, x_3 \exists y_1, y_2 (x_3 \geq x_1 \wedge x_2) \\ \Rightarrow (y_1 \geq x_1) \text{ AND } (y_2 \geq x_2) \text{ AND } (y_1 \wedge y_2 = x_3). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{DSL})$$

The usual method of skolemizing (DSL) is to introduce two ternary operations,  $d_i(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  for  $i = 1, 2$ , satisfying these universally quantified implications:

$$\forall x, y, z (z \geq x \wedge y) \Rightarrow (d_1(x, y, z) \geq x), \quad (\text{DSI1})$$

$$\forall x, y, z (z \geq x \wedge y) \Rightarrow (d_2(x, y, z) \geq y), \quad (\text{DSI2})$$

$$\forall x, y, z (z \geq x \wedge y) \Rightarrow (d_1(x, y, z) \wedge d_2(x, y, z) = z), \quad (\text{DSI3})$$

We seek a class of algebras  $\mathcal{SWD}$  (called *semilattices with distribution*) of the form  $\langle S; \wedge, d_1, d_2 \rangle$  such that (DSI1)-(DSI3) hold (this is easy), such that  $\mathcal{SWD}$  is a finitely based equational class (this is not too hard), and such that the arithmetic in  $\mathcal{SWD}$  is easy (this is an entirely different matter).