

Proof by Order

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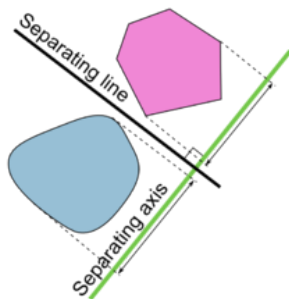
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How do **proof** and **order** interact in lattice-ordered groups?

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A **lattice-ordered group** (or **ℓ -group**) is also an algebraic structure

$$\mathbf{L} = (L, \wedge, \vee, \cdot, ^{-1}, e)$$

satisfying the following conditions:

- $(L, \cdot, ^{-1}, e)$ is a group
- (L, \wedge, \vee) is a lattice (with $a \leq b \Leftrightarrow a \wedge b = a$)
- $a(b \vee c)d = abd \vee acd$ for all $a, b, c, d \in L$.

It follows also that \mathbf{L} is distributive and satisfies $e \leq a \vee a^{-1}$.

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Rewriting Equations

Moreover, for ℓ -group terms s, t and any ℓ -group \mathbf{G} ,

$$\mathbf{G} \models s \approx t \quad \iff \quad \mathbf{G} \models e \leq (\bar{s} \cdot t) \wedge (\bar{t} \cdot s).$$

So to check the validity of ℓ -group equations, it suffices to check the validity of equations $e \leq t$ where t is a *join of group terms*.

The **integers** provide an important example of an ℓ -group:

$$\mathbf{Z} = (\mathbb{Z}, \min, \max, +, -, 0).$$

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