

Measuring and and Scaling in Concept Lattices

Novel Tools in conexp-clj

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What is `conexp-clj`

Where can I get it? <https://github.com/tomhanika/conexp-clj>



Statistics

- Clojure software
- Implements a wide range of FCA and more.
- Last updated: Aug 2025, created May 2009

Basic Functionality

You can run either a clojure program, some IDE for clojure, or interact with the REPL directly. The latter you can achieve by¹:

```
java -jar conexp-clj-2.8.0-standalone-openjdk-17.jar
```

Load a formal context (cxt):

```
(def cxt1 (read-context "sp-food.cxt"))
```

Compute all formal concepts:

```
(def cs1 (concepts cxt1))
```

Draw Concept Lattice:

```
(use 'conexp.gui.draw)  
(draw-concept-lattice cxt1)
```

Compute Canonical Base:

```
(canonical-base cxt1)
```

¹<https://github.com/tomhanika/conexp-clj/releases/download/v2.8.0/conexp-clj-2.8.0-standalone-openjdk-17.jar>

Extended Functionality

- default namespace of `conexp-clj` is called `main`
- all analytical tools are available using the namespace `analysis`
- this namespace can be loaded using
 - ① `(require 'conexp.analysis)`
 - ② `(ns conexp.analysis)`

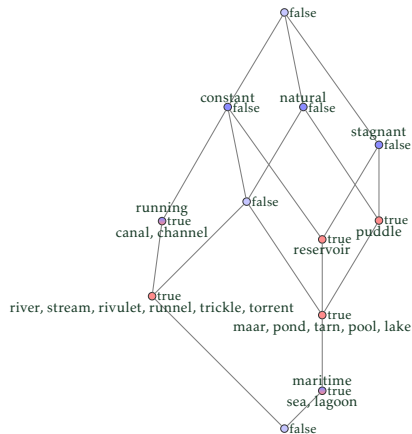
Certain functionalities are not loaded by default, e.g.:

- `(require 'fca.ordinal-motifs)` — ordinal motifs (nominal, ordinal, etc.)
- `(require 'fca.metric-contexts)` — contexts with metric on G or M
- `(require 'fca.non-monotonic-contexts)` – contexts with order on G or M
- `(require 'fca.smeasure)` — scale measures

Metrics

Distributivity

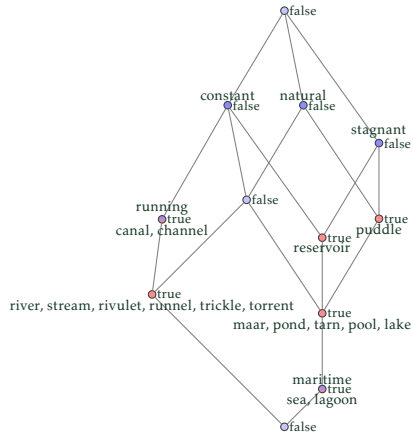
- **(distributive? (concept-lattice cxt))**
false
- **(distributivity-degree (concept-lattice cxt))**
110/117
- **(distributive-triples (concept-lattice cxt))**
will tell you which triples are in distributivity
- **(modular? (concept-lattice cxt))**
false
- **(modularity-degree (concept-lattice cxt))**
1307/1320



More to come during the next days, e.g., Birkhoff Completion

Attribute information entropy is defined by $\sum_{m \in M} 1 - m''/|M|/|M|$.

- **(attribute-information-entropy cxt)**
16/25
- **(object-information-entropy cxt)**
182/289
- **(shannon-attribute-information-entropy cxt)**
2.18
- **(shannon-object-information-entropy cxt)**
8.59
- **(modularity-degree (concept-lattice cxt))**
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- **(n-maximal-relevant cxt (concepts cxt) 3)**
#"constant" "natural" "stagnant"



Substructures and Decomposition

```
(require 'conexp.fca.ordinal-motifs)
```

```
(def os  
  (conexp.fca.ordinal-motifs/generate-scale :ordinal 3))  
  
(conexp.fca.ordinal-motifs/is-of-scale? :ordinal os)  
true
```



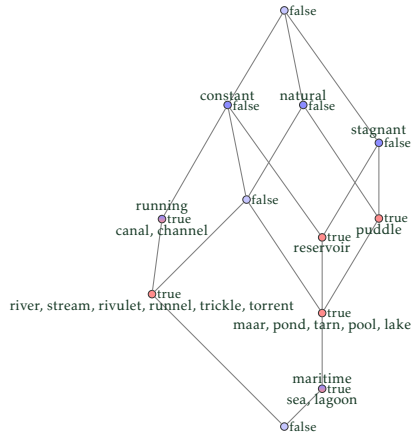
Ordinal Motifs: Example

```
(require 'conexp.fca.ordinal-motifs)
```

```
(def water-complex  
  (conexp.fca.ordinal-motifs/make-scale-complex  
    (dual-context cxt)))
```

```
(conexp.fca.ordinal-motifs/get-complex  
  water-complex :contranominal :maximal true )
```

```
#{"running" "maritime"}  
#{"running" "natural"}  
#{"constant" "natural" "stagnant"}  
#{"running" "stagnant"}
```



Scale-Measures [HH22]

(require 'conexp.fca.smeasure)

	<i>running</i>	<i>maritime</i>	<i>constant</i>	<i>natural</i>	<i>stagnant</i>
<i>river</i>	×	·	×	×	·
<i>stream</i>	×	·	×	×	·
<i>reservoir</i>	·	·	×	·	×
<i>puddle</i>	·	·	·	×	×
<i>sea</i>	·	×	×	×	×
<i>lagoon</i>	·	×	×	×	×
<i>rivulet</i>	×	·	×	×	·
<i>maar</i>	·	·	×	×	×
<i>pond</i>	·	·	×	×	×
<i>runnel</i>	×	·	×	×	·
<i>tarn</i>	·	·	×	×	×
<i>canal</i>	×	·	×	·	·
<i>pool</i>	·	·	×	×	×
<i>trickle</i>	×	·	×	×	·
<i>channel</i>	×	·	×	·	·
<i>lake</i>	·	·	×	×	×
<i>torrent</i>	×	·	×	×	·

	<i>fun</i>	<i>favorit</i>
<i>river</i>	×	×
<i>stream</i>	×	×
<i>reservoir</i>	·	·
<i>puddle</i>	·	×
<i>sea</i>	·	×
<i>lagoon</i>	·	×
<i>rivulet</i>	×	×
<i>maar</i>	·	×
<i>pond</i>	·	×
<i>runnel</i>	×	×
<i>tarn</i>	·	×
<i>canal</i>	×	·
<i>pool</i>	·	×
<i>trickle</i>	×	×
<i>channel</i>	×	·
<i>lake</i>	·	×
<i>torrent</i>	×	×

(require 'conexp.fca.smeasure)

Scale-Measure for Bodies of water

- We want to measure the objects of *Bodies of water* using the attribute set {fun, favorite}.
- Since both contexts shall use the same objects, we can use an identity map.
- (def sm1
 (conexp.fca.smeasure/make-smeasure
 cxt cxt-sm identity)
 If the result is not a scale-measure, no scale-measure will returned.

	fun	favorit
river	×	×
stream	×	×
reservoir	·	·
puddle	·	×
sea	·	×
lagoon	·	×
rivulet	×	×
maar	·	×
pond	·	×
runnel	×	×
tarn	·	×
canal	×	·
pool	·	×
trickle	×	×
channel	×	·
lake	·	×
torrent	×	×

Scale-Measures II

(println sm1)

```
conexp.analysis=> (conexp.fca.smeasure/make-smeasure cxt cxt-sm identity)
      |running maritime constant natural stagnant      |fun favorit
-----+-----
river  |x      .      x      x      .      → river  |x  x
-----+-----
stream |x      .      x      x      .      → stream  |x  x
-----+-----
reservoir|.      .      x      .      x      → reservoir|.  .
-----+-----
puddle  |.      .      .      x      x      → puddle  |.  x
-----+-----
sea     |.      x      x      x      x      → sea     |.  x
-----+-----
lagoon  |.      x      x      x      x      → lagoon  |.  x
-----+-----
rivulet |x      .      x      x      .      → rivulet |x  x
-----+-----
maar    |.      .      x      x      x      → maar    |.  x
-----+-----
pond    |.      .      x      x      x      → pond    |.  x
-----+-----
runnel  |x      .      x      x      .      → runnel  |x  x
-----+-----
tarn    |.      .      x      x      x      → tarn    |.  x
```

A scale-measure can always be represented in a canonical form, i.e., using a identity map on objects and attributes that are created using conjunction/disjunction on the original attribute set.

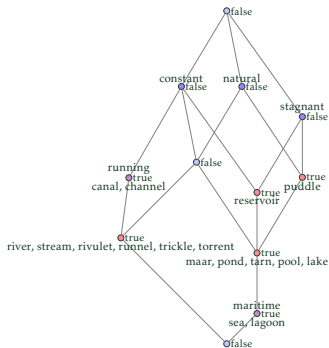
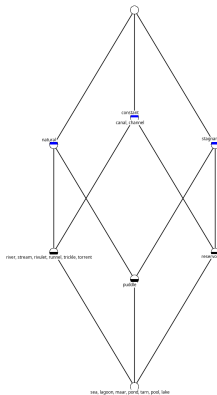
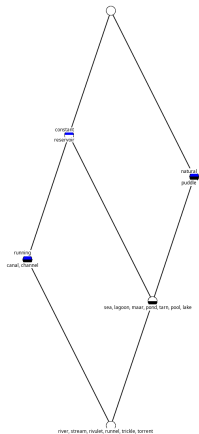
- **(conexp.fca.smeasure/canonical-smmeasure-representation sm1)**
- **smmeasure-valid-attr**
Filters the scale-measure scale attributes to the set of valid attributes
- **smmeasure-invalid-attr**
- **smmeasure-valid-exts**
Filters the scale-measure extents to the set of valid extents.

Maximal Decomposable Intervals

Part of Bachelor Thesis by Jannik Nordmeyer (<https://doi.org/10.17170/kobra-2025021510916>)

```
(def il (conexp.fca.decompositions/maximally-decomposable-intervals))
```

```
(draw-lattice (first il)) (draw-lattice (second il))
```



Wishlist?

If you have one wish

- Which function would you like to see in `conexp-clj`
(Pleas don't say better GUI)

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