Correction: Some non-classical approaches to the Brandenburger - Keisler Paradox

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In my paper (Başkent, 2015), there appears to be a problem. The problem regards the algebraic and category theoretical properties of co-Heyting (Brouwerian) algebras. Proposition 3.5 must read as follows.

Proposition 3.5 Co-Heyting algebras are co-Cartesian closed categories.

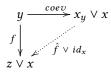
It is well-known that Heyting algebras are cartesian closed (Awodey, 2006). Therefore, their dual are co-cartesian closed: they have initial elements, co-products and co-exponentials.

In the case of co-Heyting algebras, the initial element is **0** by containment. For every *x*, we have $\mathbf{0} \subseteq x$.

The co-product in a co-Heyting algebra is the join \lor with respect to containment. Because, by definition, for all $x, y, x \lor y$ is the unique element such that $x \le x \lor y$ and $y \le x \lor y$. And, for all z with $x \le z$ and $y \le z$, we have $x \lor y \le z$. This shows that \lor is a co-product, by definition.

The co-exponential object x_y is a bit tricky. We define x_y as $\neg x \land y$. It's easy to see that the dual of this is $\neg x \lor y$ and it is exponential object in Heyting algebra. Nevertheless, let us show that $\neg x \land y$ is indeed the co-exponential object in co-Heyting algebras.

For two objects x, y, their co-exponential is an object x_y together with a co-evaluation map *coev* : $y \mapsto x_y \lor x$ such that for any object z and a map $f : y \mapsto z \lor x$, there is a unique map $\hat{f} : x_y \mapsto z$ such that the following diagram commutes:



Now, we can claim that co-exponential x_y is $\neg x \land y$. First of all, *coev* arrow is $y \leq (\neg x \land y) \lor x$. This always holds, because

$$y \le (\neg x \land y) \lor x = (\neg x \lor x) \land (y \lor x) = 1 \land (y \lor x) = y \lor x.$$

We also need to show that $y \le z \lor x$ iff $\neg x \land y \le z$, reading off from the commutativity diagram above.

From left-to-right direction, let $z \lor x \le y$. Then,

 $\neg x \land y \leq \neg x \land (z \lor x) = (\neg x \land z) \lor (\neg x \land x) = \neg x \land z \leq z,$

which produces $\neg x \land y \leq z$.

From right-to-left direction, suppose $\neg x \land y \leq z$. Then, reading from right to left,

$$y \le y \lor x = (\neg x \lor x) \land (y \lor x) = (\neg x \land y) \lor x \le z \lor x,$$

which produces $y \le z \lor x$. Therefore, $\neg x \land y$ is the co-exponential object x_y . This completes the proof.

Similarly, the closed sets in a topology is an example of a co-CCC, *not* a CCC. In that case, argumentation in the paper is correct: the co-product (*not* the product) is the union of closed sets C_1 and C_2 , and the co-exponent (*not* the exponent) is $Clo(C_1^c \cap C_2)$.

Even if these corrections change the reasoning for Theorem 3.7, they don't affect the main result: Co-Heyting algebras still admit fixed-points due to Lawvere's Theorem because they have products (that is \land) and co-products (that is \lor).

Theorem 3.7 Co-Heyting algebras admit fixed-points. Therefore, there exists a co-Heyting algebraic model with a satisfiable BK sentence.

First, as demonstrated in (Abramsky & Zvesper, 2015, Proposition 4.3), Lawvere theorem works in any category with finite products, which includes co-Heyting algebras. Moreover, since aforementioned paper also establishes that the BK argument reduces to Lawvere's theorem, our Theorem 3.7 follows immediately.

More precisely, in co-Heyting algebras, the valuation at the boundary ∂ produces a fixed-point regardless of the truth value.

We define $\partial(p) = p \wedge \neg p$ where \sim is the co-Heyting (paraconsistent) negation. The operator \sim is unary, thus has to admit fixed-points. Thus, for all $x \in \partial(p)$, we have $x = \neg x$. Particularly, for all $x \in \partial(p)$, we have $\partial x = x$.

For the BK paradox, simply take *p* as the BK sentence.

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