# Variations of reversibility 

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- Generally speaking, we say that a structure $\mathbb{X}$ is reversible iff all its bijective endomorphisms are automorphisms
- The class of reversible structures contains, for example, compact Hausdorff and Euclidian topological spaces, linear oders, Boolean lattices, well founded posets with finite levels, tournaments, $n$-regular graphs, Henson graphs etc.
- extreme elements of $L_{\infty \omega}$-definable classes of interpretations under certain syntactical restrictions are reversible (Kurilić, M.)
- monomorphic (chainable) structures are reversible (Kurilić)
- Rado graph, the random poset, the ideal $\langle$ Fin, $\subseteq\rangle$, the lattices $\langle\mathbb{N}, \mid\rangle$ and $\langle\omega, \mid\rangle$ are non-reversible structures (Kurilić)
- Reversible structures have the property Cantor-Schröder-Bernstein (shorter CSB) for condensations (bijective homomorphisms)
- each class of reversible posets yields the corresponding class of reversible topological spaces if we observe topology generated by the basis consisting of principal ideals


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## Definition

We say that an $L$-interpretation $\rho \in \operatorname{Int}_{L}(X)$ is:

- strongly reversible iff $[\rho]_{\cong}=\{\rho\}$ (or, equivalently, $[\rho]_{\sim_{c}}=\{\rho\}$ )
- reversible iff $[\rho]_{\cong}$ (or, equivalently, $[\rho]_{\sim_{c}}$ ) is an antichain in the Boolean lattice $\left\langle\operatorname{Int}_{L}(X), \subseteq\right\rangle$
- weakly reversible iff $[\rho] \cong$ is a convex set in the Boolean lattice $\left\langle\operatorname{Int}_{L}(X), \subseteq\right\rangle$

Proposition
Let $X$ be a nonempty set and $L$ a relational language. Then we have:
(a) $\operatorname{sev}_{L}(X) \subseteq \operatorname{Rev}_{L}(X) \subseteq \operatorname{wev}_{L}(X)$;
(b) Strong reversibility, reversibility and weak reversibility are $\sim_{c}$-invariants (and, hence, $\cong$-invariants) on the set $\operatorname{Int}_{L}(X)$.
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Strongly reversible relations are also known in the literature under the name of constant relations.

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Let $X$ be a nonempty set and $L=\left\langle R_{i}: i \in I\right\rangle$ a relational language. For an interpretation $\rho \in \operatorname{Int}_{L}(X)$ the following conditions are equivalent:
(a) $\rho$ is strongly reversible;
(b) $\rho^{c}$ is strongly reversible;
(c) $\operatorname{Aut}(\rho)=\operatorname{Sym}(X)$;
(d) $\operatorname{Cond}(\rho)=\operatorname{Sym}(X)$;
(e) Each relations $\rho_{i}, i \in I$, is strongly reversible;
(f) Each relation $\rho_{i}, i \in I$, is a subset of the set $X^{n_{i}}$ definable by an $L_{\emptyset}$-formula, without quantifiers and parameters.

As a consequence, we have that $\operatorname{sRev}_{L}(X)$ is a complete regular subalgebra of the complete Boolean algebra $\operatorname{Int}_{L}(X)$, and, in particuar, we have that

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\operatorname{sRev}_{L_{b}}(X)=\left\{\emptyset, \Delta_{X}, \Delta_{X}^{c}, X^{2}\right\} .
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(b) $\rho^{c}$ is reversible;
(c) $\operatorname{Aut}(\rho)=\operatorname{Cond}(\rho)$;
(d) $\operatorname{Cond}(\rho)$ is a subgroup of the symmetrical group $\operatorname{Sym}(X)$.

We have that $\operatorname{Fcf}_{L}(X) \subseteq \operatorname{Rev}_{L}(X)$, where

$$
\operatorname{Fcf}_{L}(X):=\left\{\rho \in \operatorname{Int}_{L}(X): \forall i \in I \quad\left(\left|\rho_{i}\right|<\omega \vee\left|X^{n_{i}} \backslash \rho_{i}\right|<\omega\right)\right\} .
$$

Therefore, if the set $X$ is finite, we have that $\operatorname{Rev}_{L}(X)=\operatorname{Int}_{L}(X)$. Also, $\operatorname{fRev}_{L}(X) \subseteq \operatorname{Rev}_{L}(X)$, where

$$
\operatorname{fRev}_{L}(X):=\left\{\rho \in \operatorname{Int}_{L}(X):|\operatorname{Cond}(\rho)|<\omega\right\} .
$$

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We say that an interpretation $\rho \in \operatorname{Int}_{L}(X)$ has the property Cantor-SchröderBernstein for condensations iff whenever $f:\langle X, \rho\rangle \rightarrow\langle X, \sigma\rangle$ and $g:\langle X, \sigma\rangle$ $\rightarrow\langle X, \rho\rangle$ are condensations, we have that $\rho \cong \sigma$, for arbitrary $\sigma \in \operatorname{Int}_{L}(X)$.

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(a) $\rho$ is weakly reversible;
(b) $\rho^{c}$ is weakly reversible;
(c) $[\rho]_{\cong}=[\rho]_{\sim_{c}}$;
(d) $\rho$ has the property Cantor-Schröder-Bernstein for condensations.

Given $\rho \in \operatorname{Int}_{L}(X)$ let us define the following $L$-interpretation:

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\rho^{*}:=\bigcup\left\{\sigma \in \operatorname{At}\left(\operatorname{Int}_{L}(X)^{+}\right) \cap \rho \downarrow: \rho \cong \rho \backslash \sigma\right\} .
$$

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In particular, if $L=L_{b}$, then $\rho^{*}=\{\langle x, y\rangle \in \rho: \rho \cong \rho \backslash\{\langle x, y\rangle\}\}$.

## Theorem

Let $X$ be a nonempty set and $L=\left\langle R_{i}: i \in I\right\rangle$ a relational language. For an interpretation $\rho \in \operatorname{wRev}_{L}(X)$ we have:
(a) $\rho^{*}=\langle\emptyset: i \in I\rangle \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \rho \in \operatorname{Rev}_{L}(X)$;
(b) $\forall i \in I \quad\left(\left(\rho^{*}\right)_{i} \neq \emptyset \Longrightarrow\left|\left(\rho^{*}\right)_{i}\right|>\omega\right)$.

Consequently, we have that in the following classes of binary structures weak reversibility and reversibility are equivalent properties:

- equivalence relations and graphs
- dense partial orders and disjoint unions of chains
- trees having $<\omega$ maximal elements
- separative posets having $<\omega$ minimal elements
- lattices where each element (except, maybe, the largest) is $\wedge$-reducible
- lattices where each element (except, maybe, the smallest) is $V$-reducible


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Let $\sim$ be an equivalence relation on a set $X$ and let $X / \sim=\left\{X_{i}: i \in I\right\}$ be the corresponding partition. Then the structure $\mathbb{X}:=\langle X, \sim\rangle$ has the property CSB for condensations iff the sequence of cardinals $\langle | X_{i}|: i \in I\rangle$ is finite-to-one, or it is a reversible sequence of natural numbers.

For a sequence of ordinals $\left\langle\alpha_{i}: i \in I\right\rangle$, where $\alpha_{i}=\gamma_{i}+n_{i}$, let us define sets $I_{\alpha}:=\left\{i \in I: \alpha_{i}=\alpha\right\}$, for $\alpha \in \operatorname{Ord}, J_{\gamma}:=\left\{j \in I: \gamma_{j}=\gamma\right\}$, for $\gamma \in \operatorname{Lim}_{0}$.

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Poset $\bigcup_{i \in I} \alpha_{i}$ has the property CSB for condensations iff exactly one of the following two cases holds:
(I) The sequence $\left\langle\alpha_{i}: i \in I\right\rangle$ is finite-to-one,
(II) There exists $\gamma:=\max \left\{\gamma_{i}: i \in I\right\}$, for $\alpha \leq \gamma$ we have that $\left|I_{\alpha}\right|<\omega$, and the sequence of natural numbers $\left\langle n_{i}: i \in J_{\gamma} \backslash I_{\gamma}\right\rangle$ is reversible, but not finite-to-one.

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- Rado graph, the random poset, ideal $\langle$ Fin, $\subseteq\rangle$, lattices $\langle\mathbb{N}, \mid\rangle$ and $\langle\omega, \mid\rangle$ do not have the property CSB for condensations.
- The class $\operatorname{wRev}_{L_{b}}(\omega) \backslash \operatorname{Rev}_{L_{b}}(\omega)$ contains various structures: 1. If $\mathbb{X}_{1}=\left\langle\omega, \rho_{1}\right\rangle:=\bigcup_{\omega} \mathbb{L}_{2} \cup \bigcup_{\omega} \mathbf{1}$, then $\rho_{1} \in \operatorname{wRev}_{L_{b}}(\omega) \backslash \operatorname{Rev}_{L_{b}}(\omega)$, and the structure $\mathbb{X}_{1}$ is a non-rooted tree.

2. If $\mathbb{X}_{2}=\left\langle\omega, \rho_{2}\right\rangle:=\mathbf{1}+\mathbb{X}_{1}$, then $\rho_{2} \in \operatorname{wev}_{L_{b}}(\omega) \backslash \operatorname{Rev}_{L_{b}}(\omega)$, and the structure $\mathbb{X}_{2}$ is a rooted tree.
3. If $\mathbb{X}_{3}=\left\langle\omega, \rho_{3}\right\rangle:=\left(\mathbb{A}_{\omega}+\mathbf{1}\right) \cup \bigcup_{\omega} \mathbf{1}$, then
$\rho_{3} \in \operatorname{Rev}_{L_{b}}(\omega) \backslash \operatorname{Rev}_{L_{b}}(\omega)$, and the structure $\mathbb{X}_{3}$ is a separative poset.
4. If $\mathbb{X}_{4}=\left\langle\omega, \rho_{4}\right\rangle:=\mathbf{1}+\left(\bigcup_{\omega} \mathbb{L}_{4} \cup \bigcup_{\omega} \mathbb{B}_{2}\right)+\mathbf{1}$, then
$\rho_{4} \in \operatorname{wRe}_{L_{b}}(\omega) \backslash \operatorname{Rev}_{L_{b}}(\omega)$, and the structure $\mathbb{X}_{4}$ is a lattice.
5. The structure $\mathbb{X}_{1}$ is disconnected and $\mathbb{X}_{1}^{c}$ is connected.
6. The structure $\mathbb{X}_{2}$ is bi-connected.

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## Proposition

Let $X$ be a nonempty set and $L$ a relational language. If $\rho \in \operatorname{wRev}_{L}(X) \backslash \operatorname{Rev}_{L}(X)$ we have:
(a) The interpretation $\rho^{*}$ is not reversible;
(b) The interpretation $\rho \backslash \rho^{*}$ is not finitary reversible;
(c) $\rho \not \not \approx \sigma$, and thus also $\rho \not \chi_{c} \sigma$, for each $\sigma \subseteq \rho \backslash \rho^{*}$;
(d) If $\rho \backslash \rho^{*} \in \operatorname{Rev}_{L}(X)$, and if $L=L_{n}=\langle R\rangle$, where $\operatorname{ar}(R)=n$, then $\rho \cong \rho \backslash \sigma$, for each $\sigma \in\left[\rho^{*}\right]^{<\omega}$;
(e) If $\rho \backslash \rho^{*} \in \operatorname{sRev}_{L}(X)$, then $\rho^{*} \in \operatorname{wRev}_{L}(X)$;
(f) If $\rho^{*} \in \operatorname{wRev}_{L}(X)$ or $\rho \backslash \rho^{*} \in \operatorname{Rev}_{L}(X)$, then $\left(\rho^{*}\right)^{*}=\rho^{*}$.

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$\rho_{k} \in \operatorname{wRev}_{L_{b}}(\omega) \backslash \operatorname{Rev}_{L_{b}}(\omega)$, for $k \in\{1,2,3,4\}$.

1. If $\mathbb{X}_{1}=\left\langle\omega, \rho_{1}\right\rangle:=\bigcup_{\omega} \mathbb{D}_{2} \cup \bigcup_{\omega} \mathbf{1}$, then

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\begin{array}{cc}
\rho_{1}^{*}=\rho_{1} \in \operatorname{wev}_{L_{b}}(\omega) \backslash \operatorname{Rev}_{L_{b}}(\omega), & \rho_{1} \backslash \rho_{1}^{*}=\emptyset \in \operatorname{Rev}_{L_{b}}(\omega) \\
\operatorname{Cond}\left(\rho_{1}\right)=\operatorname{Cond}\left(\rho_{1}^{*}\right), & \left(\rho_{1}^{*}\right)^{*}=\rho_{1}^{*} .
\end{array}
$$

2. If $\mathbb{X}_{2}=\langle\omega, \rho\rangle:=\mathbb{G}_{2} \cup \bigcup_{\omega} \mathbb{D}_{2} \cup \bigcup_{\omega} \mathbf{1}$, then

$$
\rho_{2}^{*} \in \operatorname{wRev}_{L_{b}}(\omega) \backslash \operatorname{Rev}_{L_{b}}(\omega), \quad \rho_{2} \backslash \rho_{2}^{*} \in \operatorname{Rev}_{L_{b}}(\omega) \backslash \operatorname{sev}_{L_{b}}(\omega),
$$ $\operatorname{Cond}\left(\rho_{2}\right) \subsetneq \operatorname{Cond}\left(\rho_{2}^{*}\right)$,

$$
\left(\rho_{2}^{*}\right)^{*}=\rho_{2}^{*}
$$

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3. If $\mathbb{X}_{3}=\left\langle\omega, \rho_{3}\right\rangle:=\bigcup_{\omega} \mathbb{G}_{2} \cup \bigcup_{\omega} \mathbb{D}_{2}$, then

$$
\rho_{3}^{*} \notin \operatorname{wev}_{L_{b}}(\omega), \quad \rho_{3} \backslash \rho_{3}^{*} \cong \rho_{1} \in \operatorname{wev}_{L_{b}}(\omega) \backslash \operatorname{Rev}_{L_{b}}(\omega)
$$

$$
\operatorname{Cond}\left(\rho_{3}\right) \subsetneq \operatorname{Cond}\left(\rho_{3}^{*}\right),
$$

$$
\emptyset=\left(\rho_{3}^{*}\right)^{*} \subsetneq \rho_{3}^{*} .
$$

4. If $\mathbb{X}_{4}=\left\langle\omega, \rho_{4}\right\rangle=\bigcup_{\omega} \mathbb{C}_{3} \cup \bigcup_{\omega} \mathbb{D}_{3}$, then

$$
\rho_{4}^{*} \notin \operatorname{wRev}_{L_{b}}(\omega),
$$

$$
\rho_{4} \backslash \rho_{4}^{*} \notin \operatorname{wRev}_{L_{b}}(\omega),
$$

$$
\operatorname{Cond}\left(\rho_{4}\right) \subsetneq \operatorname{Cond}\left(\rho_{4}^{*}\right),
$$

$$
\emptyset=\left(\rho_{4}^{*}\right)^{*} \subsetneq \rho_{4}^{*} .
$$

Here we encounter the following open questions:

1. Is there a $\rho \in \operatorname{wRev}_{L}(X) \backslash \operatorname{Rev}_{L}(X)$ such that $\rho^{*} \in \operatorname{wRev}_{L}(X)$ and $\rho \backslash \rho^{*} \notin \operatorname{Rev}_{L}(X)$ ?
2. Is there a $\rho \in \operatorname{wRev}_{L}(X) \backslash \operatorname{Rev}_{L}(X)$ such that $\rho^{*} \notin \operatorname{wRev}_{L}(X)$ and $\rho \backslash \rho^{*} \in \operatorname{Rev}_{L}(X)$ ?

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Let $X$ be a nonempty set and $L=\left\langle R_{i}: i \in I\right\rangle$ a relational language. Then for an interpretation $\rho=\left\langle\rho_{i}: i \in I\right\rangle \in \operatorname{Int}_{L}(X)$ we have:
(a) The interpretation $\rho$ is strongly reversible iff each relation $\rho_{i}, i \in I$, is strongly reversible;
(b) If relations $\rho_{i}, i \in I$, are reversible then the interpretation $\rho$ is reversible;
(c) If there exists $i_{0} \in I$ such that the relation $\rho_{i_{0}}$ is weakly reversible, and such that relations $\rho_{i}, i \in I \backslash\left\{i_{0}\right\}$, are strongly reversible, then the interpretation $\rho$ is weakly reversible.

If we substitute strong reversibility with reversibility in (c), the statement fails to be true.

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Here we encounter some basic open questions that are still open. Namely, let $L=\left\langle R_{1}, R_{2}\right\rangle$, where $\operatorname{ar}\left(R_{1}\right)=\operatorname{ar}\left(R_{2}\right)=2$ :

1. Is there a $\rho=\left\langle\rho_{1}, \rho_{2}\right\rangle \in \operatorname{wev}_{L}(X) \backslash \operatorname{Rev}_{L}(X)$ such that

$$
\left\{\rho_{1}, \rho_{2}\right\} \cap\left(\operatorname{wRev}_{L_{b}}(X) \backslash \operatorname{Rev}_{L_{b}}(X)\right)=\emptyset ?
$$

2. Is there $\rho=\left\langle\rho_{1}, \rho_{2}\right\rangle \in \operatorname{wev}_{L}(X) \backslash \operatorname{Rev}_{L}(X)$ such that

$$
\left\{\rho_{1}, \rho_{2}\right\} \cap \operatorname{sev}_{L_{b}}(X)=\emptyset ?
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