

# Density Elimination and the Corresponding Algebraic Construction

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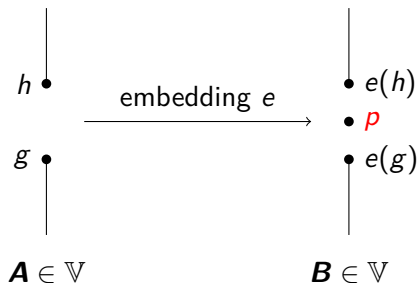
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A variety  $\mathbb{V}$  ordered algebras is said to be **densifiable** if every gap  $(g, h)$  of a chain in  $\mathbb{V}$  can be filled by another chain in  $\mathbb{V}$ .



## Theorem

Let  $\mathbb{V}$  be a densifiable variety. Then every (nontrivial) finite or countable chain in  $\mathbb{V}$  is embeddable into a countable dense chain in  $\mathbb{V}$ .

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### Lemma

- $\mathbf{W}$  can be extended so that it is residuated.
- $\mathbf{W}^+$  forms an  $FL_e$ -chain.
- $\mathbf{A}$  embeds into  $\mathbf{W}^+$  via  $x \mapsto \{x\}^{\triangleright\triangleleft}$ .
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