

Discriminator Varieties of Double-Heyting Algebras

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$$t(x, y, z) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \neq y \\ z & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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- We define the *pseudocomplement* of $x \in H$ by $x^* := x \rightarrow 0$
- Dually, the *dual pseudocomplement* of $x \in H$ is given by $x^+ := 1 - x$
- We set $x^{0(+^*)} = x$, then define $x^{(n+1)(+^*)} := (x^{n(+^*)})^{+^*}$

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Simple implies finite range of $+^*$

Lemma

Let H be a double-Heyting algebra. If H is simple, then for every $x \in H$ with $x \neq 1$ there exists some $n_x < \omega$ where $x^{n_x(+^)} = 0$.*

Proof.

If H is simple there can only be two normal filters on H . In particular, for any $x \in H$ with $x \neq 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} N(x) &= H \\ \iff 0 &\in N(x) \\ \iff (\exists n_x < \omega) &0 \in x^{n_x(+^*)} \end{aligned}$$

as $N(x) = \bigcup_{m \in \omega} \uparrow x^{m(+^*)}$



The class \mathcal{D}_n

- The class \mathcal{D}_n is the equational class of double-Heyting algebras satisfying the following equation H

$$x^{(n+1)(+*)} = x^{n(+*)}$$

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Theorem

\mathcal{D}_n is a discriminator variety for every $n < \omega$

Proof sketch.

We omit the proof that if $H \in \mathcal{D}_n$ is subdirectly irreducible, then

$$x^{n(+*)} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Put $x \leftrightarrow y := (x \rightarrow y) \wedge (y \rightarrow x)$. The discriminator term is

$$[x \wedge (x \leftrightarrow y)^{n(+*)+}] \vee [z \wedge (x \leftrightarrow y)^{n(+*)}] \quad \square$$

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