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Definition

Let $\hat{C} := \{C_1, \dots, C_n\}$ with $C_i \subseteq P$ for some set P .

$\hat{X} \subseteq \hat{C}$ is a covering of \hat{C} if $\bigcup \hat{X} = \bigcup \hat{C} = \bigcup_{i=1}^n C_i$.

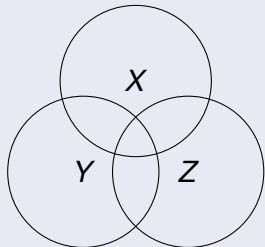
A covering \hat{X} is minimal if $\bigcup \hat{Y} \subset \bigcup \hat{X}$ for all $\hat{Y} \subset \hat{X}$.

Example

$$\hat{C} := \{X \setminus Z, Y \setminus Z, (X \cup Z) \setminus Y, (Y \cup Z) \setminus X\}$$

$$\hat{X} := \{X \setminus Z, Y \setminus Z, (X \cup Z) \setminus Y\}$$

\hat{X} is a minimal
covering of \hat{C} because
 $\hat{X} \subseteq \hat{C}$ and
 $\bigcup \hat{X} = X \cup Y \cup Z = \bigcup \hat{C}$





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The BIG Question

Is there a unique minimal covering for the set of maximal partial clones in k -valued logic?

Why is the BIG Question interesting?

- better criterion for Sheffer partial functions
- learn more about the structure of maximal partial clones



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An n -ary boolean function $f^{(n)}$ is a function $f^{(n)} : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$. Let P_2 be the set of all finitary boolean functions. $C \subseteq P_2$ is a boolean clone if it is closed under composition and contains all projections.

The set $\hat{C} = \{T_0, T_1, M, S, L\}$ is the set of maximal clones of P_2 with

- $T_0 := \{f \in P_2 \mid f(0, \dots, 0) = 0\}$,
- $T_1 := \{f \in P_2 \mid f(1, \dots, 1) = 1\}$,
- M are all monotone functions of P_2 ,
- S are all selfdual functions of P_2 ,
- L are all linear functions of P_2 .



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Lemma (Minimal covering of boolean maximal clones)

$\hat{\mathcal{X}} = \{T_0, T_1, S\}$ is the unique minimal covering of $\hat{\mathcal{C}}$.

Covering.

If $f \notin \bigcup \hat{\mathcal{X}}$, then $f(0, \dots, 0) = 1$, $f(1, \dots, 1) = 0$ and there are $a_1, \dots, a_n \in E_2$ with $f(a_1, \dots, a_n) = f(\bar{a}_1, \dots, \bar{a}_n)$. This implies $f \notin M$ and $f \notin L$ and thus $\bigcup \hat{\mathcal{X}} = \bigcup \hat{\mathcal{C}}$, i.e. $\hat{\mathcal{X}}$ is a covering of $\hat{\mathcal{C}}$.

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Minimal and unique.

Define f_0, f_1, f_S by

x	y	$f_0(x, y)$	$f_1(x, y)$
0	0	0	1
0	1	0	1
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	1

$$f_S(x, y, z) := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } (x, y, z) \text{ has at least 2 entries equal to 1,} \\ 1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then $f_0 \in T_0 \setminus (T_1 \cup M \cup S \cup L)$, $f_1 \in T_1 \setminus (T_0 \cup M \cup S \cup L)$,
and $f_S \in S \setminus (T_0 \cup T_1 \cup M \cup L)$, i.e. $\hat{\mathcal{X}}$ is minimal and the only
minimal covering of $\hat{\mathcal{C}}$. □



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- $k = 2$: YES given by Haddad and Rosenberg in 1991
(4 maximal clones in the minimal covering out of 8)
- $k = 3$: YES given by Haddad and Lau in 2006
(26 out of 58)
- $k = 4$: YES given by Schölzel in 2008
(449 out of 1102)
- $k \geq 5$: *Left to show, but we get to it right away* 😊



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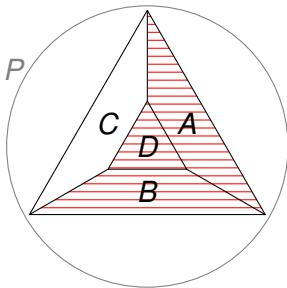
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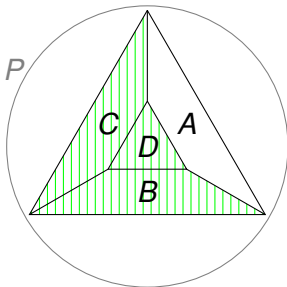
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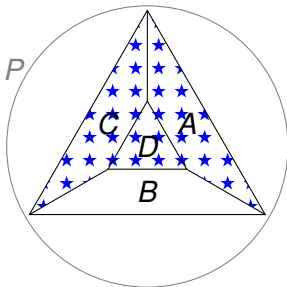
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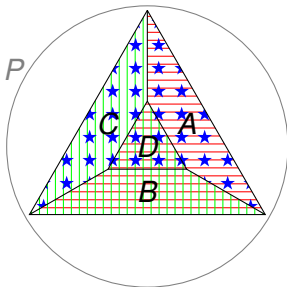
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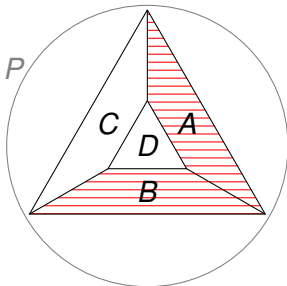
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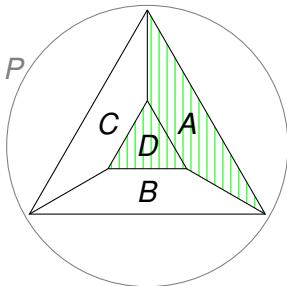
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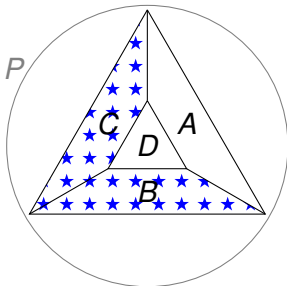
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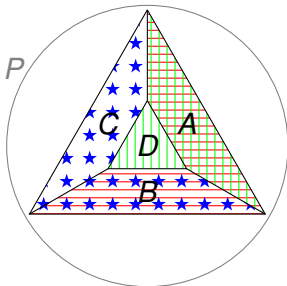
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Definition

$$E_k := \{0, 1, \dots, k-1\}$$

$$P_k := \left\{ f^{(n)} \mid f^{(n)} : E_k^n \rightarrow E_k, n \geq 1 \right\}$$

Let $D \subseteq E_k^n$, $n \geq 1$ and $f^{(n)} : D \rightarrow E_k$. Then f is called a n -ary partial function on E_k with domain D . We also write $\text{dom}(f) = D$. Let \tilde{P}_k be the set of all n -ary partial functions on E_k with $n \geq 1$.



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Definition

The set $A \subseteq \tilde{P}_k$ is a partial clone iff it is closed under composition and contains all projections.

The composition $f[g_1, \dots, g_n] \in \tilde{P}_k^{(m)}$ with $f \in \tilde{P}_k^{(n)}$ and $g_1, \dots, g_n \in \tilde{P}_k^{(m)}$ is defined by

$$f[g_1, \dots, g_n](\mathbf{x}) := \begin{cases} f(g_1(\mathbf{x}), \dots, g_n(\mathbf{x})) & \text{if } \mathbf{x} \in \bigcap_{i=1}^n \text{dom}(g_i), \\ \text{not defined} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



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Definition

A clone $A \neq \tilde{P}_k$ is called maximal, if there is no clone A' with

$$A \subset A' \subset \tilde{P}_k.$$

Let $p.\mathcal{M}_k$ be the set of all maximal partial clones.

For further investigations $p.\mathcal{M}_k$ is split into

$$p.\mathcal{M}_k = \hat{U} \cup \hat{A} \cup \hat{Q}_0 \cup \hat{Q}_1 \cup \hat{S} \cup \hat{L}.$$



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- Define directed graph $G = (V, E)$ with
 - $V = p.\mathcal{M}_k$
 - $E \subseteq V^2$
 - $XY \notin E$ iff for every $f \in X$ there is some $g \in X$ with $g \notin Y$ and

$$\forall Z \in p.\mathcal{M}_k (f \notin Z \implies g \notin Z).$$

- show that G is acyclic
- if $X \in p.\mathcal{M}_k$ is a sink in G then X is in every minimal covering of $p.\mathcal{M}_k$
- X is covered by its successors in G , i.e. $X \subseteq \bigcup S(X)$ with $S(X) := \{Y \in p.\mathcal{M}_k \mid XY \in E\}$



General shape of G

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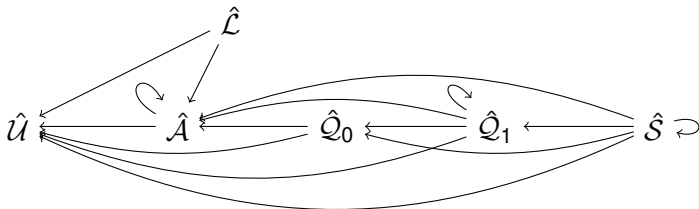
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G is a subgraph of the following graph



 $\hat{\mathcal{A}}, \hat{\mathcal{S}}$

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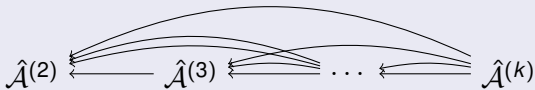
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Lemma

$G \cap \hat{\mathcal{A}} = (\hat{\mathcal{A}}, E_{\hat{\mathcal{A}}})$ with $E_{\hat{\mathcal{A}}} = \{XY \in E \mid X, Y \in \hat{\mathcal{A}}\}$ is a subgraph of



where $\hat{\mathcal{A}}^{(h)} := \{X \in \hat{\mathcal{A}} \mid \text{ar}(X) = h\}$ for some function ar (arity of a corresponding relation given by the Theorem of Haddad and Rosenberg [1989, 1992]).

Lemma

$G \cap \hat{\mathcal{S}}$ looks like $G \cap \hat{\mathcal{A}}$.



The beast \hat{Q}_1 (Act 1)

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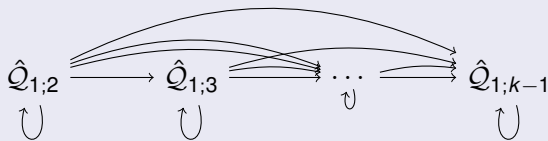
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Let $\text{pp } X$ be a certain relation corresponding to $X \in \hat{Q}_1$ and $\text{ar}_{\hat{Q}} X$ the arity of $\text{pp } X$.

Lemma

$G \cap \hat{Q}_1$ is a subgraph of



where $\hat{Q}_{1;h} := \{X \in \hat{Q}_1 \mid \text{ar}_{\hat{Q}}(X) = h\}$.

Lemma

$G \cap \hat{Q}_{1;h}$ is a subgraph of $(\hat{Q}_{1;h}, E')$ with
 $E' := \{XY \in (\hat{Q}_{1;h})^2 \mid \text{pp } Y \subseteq \text{pp } X\}$.



The beast \hat{Q}_1 (Act 2)

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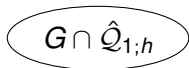
Let $X \in \hat{Q}_1$ be arbitrary
and $M(X) := \{Y \in \hat{Q}_1 \mid$
 $\text{pp } Y = \text{pp } X\}$.

Lemma

$G \cap M(X)$ is acyclic.

Theorem (Conclusion)

$G \cap \hat{Q}_1$ is acyclic.





Answering the BIG Question

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Theorem (YES, it is unique!)

The sinks of G are in every minimal covering of $p.\mathcal{M}_k$. The graph G is acyclic and therefore there is a unique minimal covering of $p.\mathcal{M}_k$ for each $k \geq 2$.

BUT

The proof for uniqueness does not give all members of the unique minimal covering of $p.\mathcal{M}_k$.



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