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#### INDUCTIVE CLONES

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#### 1. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout this article, we restrict ourselves to algebras whose base set is finite, has  $n \geq 3$  elements and is identified with  $\{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ .

A well-known theorem of ŚWIERCZKOWSKI [6] says that if the base set of an algebra  $A$  is independent then  $A$  is trivial. This theorem can be reformulated as follows: let  $A$  be an  $n$ -element algebra; whose at most  $n$ -ary term functions are projections; then all term functions of  $A$  are projections. A very close result was proved independently by HARNAU [3] (Lemma 2.2.): let  $C$  be a clone on an  $n$ -element set, whose at most  $n$ -ary functions are essentially at most unary; then every function in  $C$  is essentially at most unary.

Consider a  $k$ -ary function  $f: A^k \rightarrow A$ , and a partition  $\pi$  of the set  $K = \{1, \dots, k\}$ . Let  $\varphi$  be a self-map of  $K$  mapping every  $x \in K$  on the least element of the block of  $\pi$  containing  $x$  and let  $\{i_1, \dots, i_t\}$  (with  $i_1 \leq \dots \leq i_t$ ) be the image of  $\varphi$ . We define the  $t$ -ary function  $f^\pi$  by  $f^\pi(x_1, \dots, x_t) = f(x_{\varphi(1)}, \dots, x_{\varphi(k)})$ . It is said to be a *factor function* (shortly: *factor*) of  $f$ . The factor  $f^\pi$  is *proper* if  $\pi$  is

not the least partition (i.e. has a nonsingleton block). We associate with  $f$  and  $\pi$  also the restriction  $f^\pi$  of  $f$  to the set of all  $k$ -tuples  $\langle a_1, \dots, a_k \rangle \in A^k$  with  $a_i = a_j$  whenever  $i$  and  $j$  belong to the same class of  $\pi$ .

Clearly, if  $C$  is a clone and  $f \in C$  then any factor  $f^\pi$  of  $f$  also belongs to  $C$ . As we shall see, the converse is not true in general; however, it is easy to see that the theorem of Świerczkowski mentioned above is equivalent to the assertion that every more than  $n$ -ary function is a projection provided all of its proper factors are projections. Substituting "projection" by "essentially at most unary function" here, we obtain Harnau's result. These examples suggest the following definition: call a clone  $C$  on an  $n$ -element set *inductive* if every more than  $n$ -ary function belongs to  $C$  provided all of its proper factors are members of  $C$ .

In this note, we prove the inductivity or the non-inductivity of several clones, especially of those occurring in Rosenberg's completeness theorem (see, e.g., [5], p. 155), and we give an application of the inductivity of clones of linear functions.

## 2. INDUCTIVE CLONES

The following lemma is trivial:

LEMMA. Let  $Q$  be a subset of the poset  $P$  of partitions of  $\{1, \dots, k\}$  ( $k \geq 4$ ) distinct from the least partition. If

- (1)  $\rho \in Q$  whenever  $\rho > \pi \in Q$
- (2) at least two minimal elements of  $P$  belong to  $Q$ , and

- (3)  $Q$  contains every minimal element of  $P$  covered in  $P$  by two elements of  $Q$ ,

then  $P = Q$ .

The above quoted results can be expressed as follows:

PROPOSITION 1. The clone of projections  $P$  and the clone  $U$  of essentially at most unary functions are both inductive.

For reader's convenience we give a short proof based on the lemma. Let  $k > n$  and let  $f$  be a  $k$ -ary function whose all proper factors belong to  $P(U)$ . For each partition  $\pi$  of  $\{1, \dots, k\}$  denote by  $\hat{\pi}$  the block of  $\pi$  such that  $f^\pi(x_1, \dots, x_k) = g(x_j)$  for some  $j \in \hat{\pi}$  and  $g$  unary (where  $g$  is the identity if the clone is  $P$ ). It suffices to show that there exists an  $i$  ( $\leq k$ ) such that  $i \in \hat{\pi}$  for every proper  $\pi$ .

The number of minimal partitions of  $\{1, \dots, k\}$  is  $\binom{k}{2}$ , which is greater than  $k$ , since  $k \geq 4$ . Hence there exists an  $i$  such that  $i \in \hat{\pi}_1, \hat{\pi}_2$  for two distinct minimal partitions  $\pi_1, \pi_2$ . We show that the set  $Q$  of proper partitions  $\pi$  satisfying  $i \in \hat{\pi}$  fulfils the conditions of the Lemma. If  $\pi < \rho$ , then  $f^\rho$  is a factor of  $f^\pi$ , whence (1) follows. (2) is true by the choice of  $i$ . Now assume that two distinct partitions  $\rho$  and  $\sigma$  from  $Q$  cover a minimal element  $\pi$  of  $P$ . As  $\pi = \rho \wedge \sigma$  and  $i \in \hat{\rho}, i \in \hat{\sigma}$ , we have  $i \in \hat{\rho} \cap \hat{\sigma} = \hat{\pi}$ , whence  $\pi \in Q$  follows, proving (3).

PROPOSITION 2. Let  $R$  be a ring /ring with unit 1/ and  $A$  a faithful  $R$ -module. Then the clone

$$C = \{\lambda_1 x_1 + \dots + \lambda_k x_k + a : k \geq 1; \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k \in R, a \in A\}$$

$$(C' = \{\lambda_1 x_1 + \dots + \lambda_k x_k : k \geq 1, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k \in R,$$

$$\lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_k = 1\})$$

is inductive.

We prove this for  $C$  only; for  $C'$ , the same argument works. Suppose that  $f$  is a  $k$ -ary function ( $k > n$ ) on  $A$  whose all proper factors are in  $C$ . It is enough to find  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k \in R$  and  $a \in A$  such that  $f_\pi(x_1, \dots, x_k) = \alpha_1 x_1 + \dots + \alpha_k x_k + a$  for every  $\pi$ . Assume

$$f(x_1, x_1, x_3, \dots, x_k) = \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_3 x_3 + \dots + \beta_k x_k + b,$$

$$f(x_1, x_3, x_3, \dots, x_k) = \gamma_1 x_1 + \gamma_3 x_3 + \dots + \gamma_k x_k + c.$$

We show that  $\alpha_1 = \gamma_1$ ,  $\alpha_2 = \beta_1 - \gamma_1$ ,  $\alpha_3 = \beta_3$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $\alpha_k = \beta_k$ ,  $a = b$  will do. By the lemma, we have to show that the set  $Q$  of proper partitions  $\pi$  satisfying  $f_\pi(x_1, \dots, x_k) = \gamma_1 x_1 + (\beta_1 - \gamma_1)x_2 + \beta_3 x_3 + \dots + \beta_k x_k + b$  fulfils the conditions of the lemma. Indeed,  $f(x_1, x_1, x_3, \dots, x_k) = \gamma_1 x_1 + (\beta_1 - \gamma_1)x_1 + \beta_3 x_3 + \dots + \beta_k x_k + b = \alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \alpha_3 x_3 + \dots + \alpha_k x_k + a$ , and  $f(x_1, x_3, x_3, \dots, x_k) = \gamma_1 x_1 + (\gamma_3 - \beta_3)x_3 + \beta_3 x_3 + \gamma_4 x_4 + \dots + \gamma_k x_k + c = \alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 + \alpha_3 x_3 + \dots + \alpha_k x_k + a$  since  $c = f(0, \dots, 0) = b$ ,  $(\gamma_3 - \beta_3)x = f(x, x, x, 0, \dots, 0) - (\beta_3 + \gamma_1)x - c = (\beta_1 - \gamma_1)x$ ,  $\gamma_4 x = f(0, 0, 0, x, 0, \dots, 0) - c = \beta_4 x$ , and so on. Thus  $Q$  contains two minimal partitions. Clearly, if  $\pi_1 < \pi_2$  and  $\pi_1 \in Q$  then  $\pi_2 \in Q$ .

Finally we show that  $Q$  satisfies (3), too. Let  $\pi = (12)$ ,  $\kappa = (123)$ ,  $\lambda = (12)(34)$ , where the parentheses indicate the at least two-element classes of the partition; the further possible cases may be treated analogously. Suppose

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_1, x_1, x_1, x_4, \dots, x_k) &= \\ &= (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3)x_1 + \alpha_4 x_4 + \dots + \alpha_k x_k + a. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_1, x_1, x_3, x_3, \dots, x_k) &= \\ &= (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)x_1 + (\alpha_3 + \alpha_4)x_3 + \dots + \alpha_k x_k + a, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_1, x_1, x_3, x_4, \dots, x_k) &= \\ &= \delta_1 x_1 + \delta_3 x_3 + \delta_4 x_4 + \dots + \delta_k x_k + d, \end{aligned}$$

with suitable  $\delta_1, \dots, \delta_k \in R$ ,  $d \in A$ . Then  $d = f(0, \dots, 0) = a$ ;  $\delta_1 x = f(x, x, 0, \dots, 0) - a = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)x$ , i.e.,  $\delta_1 = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2$ ;  $(\delta_1 + \delta_3)x = f(x, x, x, 0, \dots, 0) - a = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3)x$  whence  $\delta_3 = \alpha_3$ ; considering  $f(0, 0, x, x, 0, \dots, 0)$  and  $f(0, 0, 0, 0, x, 0, \dots, 0)$  we obtain  $\delta_4 = \alpha_4$ ,  $\delta_5 = \alpha_5$ , etc., showing that  $f(x_1, x_1, x_3, x_4, \dots, x_k) = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)x_1 + \alpha_3 x_3 + \alpha_4 x_4 + \dots + \alpha_k x_k + a$ , which was needed.

A special case of  $C$  is the clone of all functions of form  $\sum \lambda_i x_i + a$ , where  $A$  is a  $p$ -elementary Abelian group considered as an  $R$ -module with  $R$  the full endomorphism ring of  $A$ . (This is the third type of maximal clones in Rosenberg's theorem.)

It is easy to observe that the clone of all functions preserving a given non-trivial equivalence relation on  $A$  and the clone of all functions invariant un-

der a given permutation  $p$  of  $A$  are also inductive.

Indeed, let  $f: A^k \rightarrow A$  where  $|A| < k$  and suppose that, for any proper  $\pi$ ,  $f^\pi$  preserves a given non-trivial equivalence  $\sim$  on  $A$ . Let  $a_i, b_i \in A$  and assume  $a_i \sim b_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, k$ ). Since  $|A| < k$ , at least two  $a_i$ 's - say,  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  - coincide; the same is valid for the  $b_i$ 's. If  $b_1 = b_2$  then  $f(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k) \sim f(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k)$ , since  $f^{(12)}$  preserves  $\sim$ . If  $b_1 = b_3$  then  $f(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, \dots, a_k) \sim f(b_1, b_1, b_1, b_4, \dots, b_k)$ , since  $a_2 = a_1 \sim b_1$ ,  $a_3 \sim b_3 = b_1$ , and  $f^{(12)}$  preserves  $\sim$ ; further,  $f(b_1, b_1, b_1, b_4, \dots, b_k) \sim f(b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4, \dots, b_k)$ , since  $b_1 \sim a_1 = a_2 \sim b_2$  and  $f^{(13)}$  preserves  $\sim$ . The remaining case  $b_3 = b_4$  can be settled in the same fashion. Thus,  $f$  preserves  $\sim$ .

As for the clone of  $p$ -invariant functions, it suffices to remark that  $b_i = a_i p$  implies that the pattern of equalities in  $\langle a_1, \dots, a_k \rangle$  is the same as in  $\langle b_1, \dots, b_k \rangle$ , whence  $(f(a_1, \dots, a_k))p = f(b_1, \dots, b_k)$ , since every  $f^\pi$  is invariant under  $p$ .

### 3. NON-INDUCTIVE CLONES

Let  $\leq$  be a non-trivial partial order on  $A$ . Then the clone of all functions preserving  $\leq$  is not inductive. We show this by constructing an  $(n+1)$ -ary non-monotone function on  $A$  with monotone factor functions only.

For this aim, denote by  $A_{(ik)}^{n+1}$  the set of all  $(n+1)$ -tuples from  $A$  whose  $i$ th and  $k$ th entries coincide. Then  $A^{n+1} = \bigcup_{i \neq k} A_{(ik)}^{n+1}$ . Making use of the com-

ponentwise partial order on  $A^{n+1}$ , we define a new partial order on it as follows: for  $a, b \in A^{n+1}$  let  $b \preceq a$  iff there exist  $c_0 = b, c_1, \dots, c_t = a$  ( $t \geq 0$ ) in  $A^{n+1}$  such that, for every  $j = 1, \dots, t$ ,  $c_{j-1} \leq c_j$  in  $A^{n+1}$ , and there exist  $i = i(j), k = k(j)$  such that  $c_{j-1}, c_j \in A_{(ik)}^{n+1}$ .

Now  $\preceq$  is weaker than  $\leq$ ; still they coincide on each  $A_{(ik)}^{n+1}$ . Hence it is enough to find a function  $f: A^{n+1} \rightarrow A$  which is not monotone with respect to  $\leq$  and is monotone with respect to  $\preceq$ . Indeed, an  $n$ -ary factor  $f^{(ik)}$  of  $f$  is monotone exactly when  $f_{(ik)}$  is monotone, and the latter one is the restriction of  $f$  to  $A_{(ik)}^{n+1}$ .

Let  $S$  and  $T$  be arbitrary posets: take an arbitrary  $a \in S$ , and let  $c, d \in T$ ,  $c < d$ . Then the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} c & \text{if } x \leq a, \\ d & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

is monotone. Apply this fact to the case  $S = A^{n+1}$  with  $\preceq$ ,  $T = A = \{a_1, \dots, a_{n-2}, 0, 1\}$  where 1 covers 0,  $c = 0$ ,  $d = 1$ ,  $a = \langle 0, 1, 1, a_1, \dots, a_{n-2} \rangle$ . Then  $f$  is monotone with respect to  $\preceq$ . Put  $b = \langle 0, 0, 1, a_1, \dots, a_{n-2} \rangle$ . Then  $b \preceq a$  fails, because there is no  $c \in A^{n+1}$  with  $b < c < a$ , and there are no  $i, k$  with  $a, b \in A_{(ik)}^{n+1}$ . Hence it follows  $0 = f(a) < f(b) = 1$ , though  $b < a$ , showing that  $f$  is not monotone with respect to  $\leq$ .

The inductivity of the remaining clones appearing in Rosenberg's theorem will be refuted by a common counter-example. Define  $f: A^{n+1} \rightarrow A$  as follows:

$$f(a_1, \dots, a_{n+1}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } |\{a_1, \dots, a_{n+1}\}| \leq n-1, \\ n-1 & \text{if } \{a_1, \dots, a_{n+1}\} = A, \\ a_r = a_s, & r < s. \end{cases}$$

Then  $(C_i)$

$$f(1, 2, \dots, i, 0, 0, i+1, i+2, \dots, n-1) = i$$

holds for each  $i \in A$ .

Now, let  $\rho$  be an  $h$ -ary ( $2 \leq h < n$ ) central relation on  $A$ ; suppose that  $0$  belongs to the centre of  $\rho$  and  $\langle 1, 2, \dots, h \rangle \notin \rho$ . Then  $(C_1), \dots, (C_h)$  together show that  $f$  does not preserve  $\rho$ . On the other hand, every factor of  $f$  takes on at most two values one of which is always  $0$ ; thus,  $\rho$  is preserved by every factor of  $f$ . This means that the clone of all functions preserving  $\rho$  is not inductive. In contrast with this, the clone of all functions preserving a unary central relation is inductive.

Finally, let  $T$  be a  $h$ -regular family of equivalences on the set  $A = \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$  ( $2 < h \leq n$ ), and denote by  $\lambda_T$  the relation determined by  $T$ . We can assume without loss of generality that  $\{0, 1, \dots, h-1\}$  is a full system of representatives for some equivalence in  $T$  (i.e.,  $\langle 0, 1, \dots, h-1 \rangle \notin \lambda_T$ ). Then  $(C_0), \dots, (C_{h-1})$  together show that  $f$  does not preserve  $\lambda_T$ . As in the preceding case, we can check that each factor of  $f$  preserves  $\lambda_T$ . Thus, the clone of all functions preserving  $\lambda_T$  is not inductive.

#### 4. AN APPLICATION

Consider the three-element set  $A = \{0, 1, 2\}$ . We write  $r_3(x, y)$  for  $2x + 2y \pmod{3}$ ,  $d$  for the dual discriminator, and  $\iota_3$  for the ternary near-projection on  $A$  (see, e.g. [1]). We prove that in the lattice of clones on  $A$  the clone  $[r_3]$  is covered by  $[r_3, d]$ . This was discovered by MARCENKOV [4], who determined the lattice of clones of homogeneous functions on the three-element set. We give another proof here, using the inductivity of the clone  $[r_3]$  which is the same as the clone of functions of form  $\sum \lambda_i x_i$  with  $\sum \lambda_i = 1$ , where  $A$  is the base set of  $\text{GF}(3)$  and  $\lambda_i \in \text{GF}(3)$  (clone  $C'$  in Proposition 2). Taking into account that  $[r_3, d]$  is the clone of all homogeneous functions on  $A$  (see Theorem 2 in [2]), our assertion can be formulated in the following more symmetric way: on the three element set an arbitrary nontrivial linear homogeneous function together with an arbitrary non-linear homogeneous function generates the clone of all homogeneous functions.

We have to show that

$$(*) \quad [r_3, f] \supseteq [r_3, d]$$

whenever  $f$  is homogeneous and  $f \notin [r_3]$ . First, let  $f$  be a non-trivial pattern function. Then, as the minimal clones of pattern functions on  $A$  are exactly  $[\iota_3]$  and  $[d]$  (see [2], Theorem 1),  $\iota_3 \in [f]$  or  $d \in [f]$  holds. The latter case implies  $(*)$  immediately, while the former can be settled using the identity

$$(**) \quad d(x,y,z) = \tau_3(\tau_3(y,x,z), r_3(x,y), \tau_3(z,y,x)).$$

Secondly, let  $f$  be a non-pattern function. Then  $f$  is at least ternary. It suffices, however, to consider only the case when  $f$  is exactly ternary. Indeed, if  $n > 3$  is the minimal integer with the property that there exists an  $n$ -ary homogeneous non-linear  $f$  such that  $[r_3, f]$  does not contain  $[r_3, d]$ , then, for each proper factor  $f^\pi$ ,  $[r_3, f^\pi] (\subseteq [r_3, f])$  does not contain  $[r_3, d]$  a fortiori, whence  $f^\pi \in [r_3]$ . As  $[r_3]$  is inductive, this implies  $f \in [r_3]$ , a contradiction.

Thus, let  $f$  be a ternary homogeneous non-pattern function on  $A$  with  $f \notin [r_3]$ . Such a function is determined uniquely by the values  $f(0,1,2)$ ,  $f(0,0,1)$ ,  $f(0,1,0)$ , and  $f(0,1,1)$ . A trivial computation shows that there exist 51 such functions and each of them can be obtained by a permutation of variables from exactly one of the following ten functions:

	$f_1$	$f_2$	$f_3$	$f_4$	$f_5$	$f_6$	$f_7$	$f_8$	$f_9$	$f_{10}$
$f_i(0,1,2)$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$f_i(0,0,1)$	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
$f_i(0,1,0)$	0	2	0	2	2	2	0	0	2	2
$f_i(0,1,1)$	2	2	2	0	1	2	0	1	0	2

We have to prove that, for any  $i$ , either  $d \in [f_i]$  or  $\tau_3 \in [f_i]$  holds (the latter one also suffices in view of (\*\*)). But this is true, as the following identities show:

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(f_1(z,y,x), z, z) &= d(x,y,z), \\ f_4(f_4(x,y,z), f_4(y,z,x), f_4(z,x,y)) &= f_2(x,y,z), \\ f_2(z,y, f_2(y,z,x)) &= \tau_3(x,y,z), \\ f_7(z, f_7(z,x,y), y) &= f_8(x,y,z), \\ f_8(x, x, f_8(x,y,z)) &= f_3(x,y,z), \\ f_3(x, z, f_3(y,x,z)) &= f_{10}(x,y,z), \\ f_{10}(z,y, f_{10}(z,y,x)) &= p(x,y,z) \end{aligned}$$

where  $p$  is Pixley's ternary discriminator (it is well-known that  $d \in [p]$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} f_5(x, f_5(x,z,y), x) &= f_6(x,y,z), \\ f_6(f_6(x,z,y), f_6(z,y,x), f_6(y,x,z)) &= \tau_3(x,y,z), \\ f_9(x,y, f_9(y,x,z)) &= p(x,y,z). \end{aligned}$$

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