

Complexity of Path Semantics

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In this paper I show that Path Semantics is extremely more complex than classical logic, by calculating the complexity of binary functions in Path Semantical Quantum Propositional Logic.

In normal Boolean Algebra^[1], there are 16 binary functions^[2]:

$$|\text{bool} \times \text{bool} \rightarrow \text{bool}| = |\text{bool}|^{|\text{bool} \times \text{bool}|} = 2^4 = 16$$

Each of the 16 binary functions have a name:

0000 false₂
0001 and
0010 nimp/nc
0011 fstb
0100 nimp/nc
0101 sndb
0110 neqb/xor
0111 or
1000 nor
1001 eqb/nxor
1010 nsndb
1011 rimp/nrnc
1100 nfstb
1101 imp/nc
1110 nand
1111 true₂

For each symmetric normal path^[3] by `not`, one gets a pair of binary functions, for example:

and[not] <=> or or[not] <=> and

These two normal paths are known as “De Morgan’s laws”^[4].

This means that there are 8 functions pairs that are central to how we think about Boolean algebra.

However, normal Boolean algebra can be extended in different ways. For example, one way is Answered Modal Logic^[5] or Uberwrong Logic^[6], which are equivalent. Another way is Homotopy Level Two Computing^[7]. There exists other four-value logics as well^[8].

Since four-value logic extends normal Boolean algebra by replacing a single bit with two bits, it follows that all extensions to four-value logic are in some sense isomorphic. Yet, the number of binary functions in four-value logic is so vast, that treating these four-value logics as the same language is impractical:

$$|\text{bool}^2 \times \text{bool}^2 \rightarrow \text{bool}^2| = |\text{bool}^2|^{|\text{bool}^2 \times \text{bool}^2|} = 4^{16} = 4294967296$$

It means, most of these functions are never given any name in practice. This is why for example Uberwrong Logic can have 16 “authentic” functions and 16 “inauthentic” functions, although any of these functions are just one among 4294967296 others. The bias of language is a perspective.

The number of binary functions in an extended N-value logic is given by the formula:

$$(2^n)^{(2^n)^2}$$

Here is a table of this sequence up to 5 bits:

N	Number of binary functions
0	1
1	16
2	4294967296
3	6277101735386680763835789423207666416102355444464034512896
4	179769313486231590772930519078902473361797697894230657273430081157732675805500963132708477322407536021120113879871393357658789768814416622492847430639474124377767893424865485276302219601246094119453082952085005768838150682342462881473913110540827237163350510684586298239947245938479716304835356329624224137216
5	187749072224295762487282918043534149672470009810028327446062532949263717368127024576140841104973120370273487261876951083004001413137204173750956938653211788724190430095984469913776932431963546640404661377521170242454281393564883698042160362597493239676179542430408230026967675408244369534225406182334053860953190851410763968250231766966368150031479733532494389362263966829774739549874576217702802049949175044144226916408271128525427622225198410553089064349578703883506197408833728032937541363391644479638264014861396658218947068985826257384271858030352807755971277360363293570350006795256116943835609813348656451703942739615910726879627516589755942615059584953695158906776349078531641699376974783981966272485654732492263213186492225477260675547523932337061020406120250964136034529347299464072163800076187742576595379686343865722042219212538664133431405598476618632378694390016986508065484388368263534489462021091442580691883449258543148763819608108278025227630151849488163230271017209333339572098874097605709683555074986308074644075465524908758151061239207358632374820522302308593867486159699800255775718113162926434961209248394655996108849613488899817872188299520363081282737595469502189721561285889897515363929727744544447417526634383587059070293805996935707713490568437981961300034126756863201261849257039580831538344714324593879688126002780304484145068997028656541324271928440299730361243738276658036052139964707237167826208674384719689501485461459019092511353744510977179559894717372061260467912691621997768268855590726394611504645144576

An easier formula to use is one that tells the position in binary format, a `1` followed by `0`s:

$$n * ((2^n)^2)$$

For example, at `N = 18`, the number that counts binary functions take up more than 1 TiB of memory. The complexity of this logic is incomprehensible to humans.

When considering that Homotopy Level Two Computing is just a simplification of Path Semantical Quantum Propositional Logic^[9] where `~` can be applied at most once, it follows that Path Semantics^[10] is extremely complex. Most of Path Semantics will forever be hidden and unnamed.

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