

The lattice of super-Belnap logics

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Introduction

The **four-valued Belnap-Dunn logic \mathcal{B}** is a well-known logic for reasoning with incomplete and inconsistent information.

It was introduced by Nuel Belnap in 1977 as a “useful four-valued logic” or a logic of “how a computer should think”.

Extensions of \mathcal{B} will be called super-Belnap logics (following Rievieccio).

Examples: strong Kleene \mathcal{K} and the Logic of Paradox \mathcal{LP} .

Our goal is to get a better view of the landscape of super-Belnap logics.

Truth and falsehood in \mathcal{B}

In the logic \mathcal{B} , truth values are computed in a perfectly classical way:

$\varphi \wedge \psi$ is true $\Leftrightarrow \varphi$ is true and ψ is true

$\varphi \wedge \psi$ is false $\Leftrightarrow \varphi$ is false or ψ is false

$\varphi \vee \psi$ is true $\Leftrightarrow \varphi$ is true or ψ is true

$\varphi \vee \psi$ is false $\Leftrightarrow \varphi$ is false and ψ is false

$\neg\varphi$ is true $\Leftrightarrow \varphi$ is false

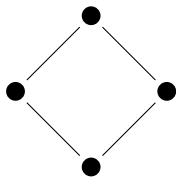
$\neg\varphi$ is false $\Leftrightarrow \varphi$ is true

... it's just that sentences may be both true and false or neither.

In other words, the truth and falsehood values are computed separately.

De Morgan algebras

De Morgan algebras are bounded distributive lattices with an order-inverting involution $-$. They form a variety DMA.



DM₄

$$\text{DMA} = \mathbb{SP}(\mathbf{DM}_4)$$



K₃

$$\text{KA} = \mathbb{SP}(\mathbf{K}_3)$$

$$x \wedge -x \leq y \vee -y$$



B₂

$$\text{BA} = \mathbb{SP}(\mathbf{B}_2)$$

$$x \wedge -x \leq y$$

Logics of order

Each class of lattice-ordered algebras K naturally yields a logic of order:

$\Gamma \vdash \varphi$ if $\bigwedge \bar{\Gamma} \leq \varphi$ holds in K for some finite $\bar{\Gamma} \subseteq \Gamma$

The logic of order of DMA: \mathcal{B} (the Belnap-Dunn logic)

The logic of order of KA: \mathcal{K}_{\leq} (Kleene's logic of order)

The logic of order of BA: \mathcal{CL} (classical logic)

Logics of order are always **self-extensional**: $\varphi \dashv\vdash \psi \Rightarrow \chi(\varphi) \dashv\vdash \chi(\psi)$

Logics given by matrices

A **matrix** is an algebra \mathbf{A} with a set of designated values $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathbf{A}$.

A matrix $(\mathbf{A}, \mathcal{D})$ is a model of a logic \mathcal{L} in case for each $v : \mathbf{Fm} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$:

if $\Gamma \vdash_{\mathcal{L}} \varphi$ and $v[\Gamma] \subseteq \mathcal{D}$, then $v(\varphi) \in \mathcal{D}$

A matrix is **reduced** if no non-trivial congruence on \mathbf{A} preserves \mathcal{D} .

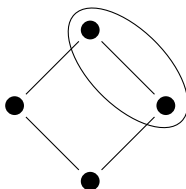
Each matrix \mathbf{M} has a logically equivalent reduced matrix \mathbf{M}/θ .

$\text{Mod } \mathcal{L}$ = class of all models of \mathcal{L}

$\text{Mod}^* \mathcal{L}$ = class of all reduced models of \mathcal{L}

Handling incomplete and contradictory information: \mathcal{B}

The Belnap-Dunn logic is given by the matrix \mathbf{B}_4 :



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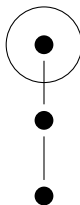
The truth values are: True, False, Neither, Both.

Hilbert-style axiomatization by Font (1997).

$$\text{Mod}^* \mathcal{B} \subsetneq \{(\mathbf{A}, \mathcal{D}) \mid \mathbf{A} \in \text{DMA}, \mathcal{D} \text{ lattice filter on } \mathbf{A}\} \subsetneq \text{Mod } \mathcal{B}$$

Handling incomplete information: \mathcal{K}

Consider the matrix \mathbf{K}_3 :



The truth values are: True, False, Neither.

This logic extends \mathcal{B} by the rule of resolution: $p \vee q, -q \vee r \vdash p \vee r$.

This is Stephen C. Kleene's strong three-valued logic \mathcal{K} (1938).

Handling contradictory information: \mathcal{LP}

Consider the matrix \mathbf{LP}_3 :

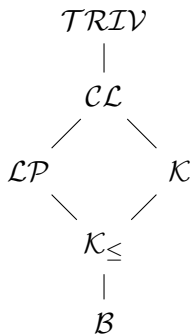


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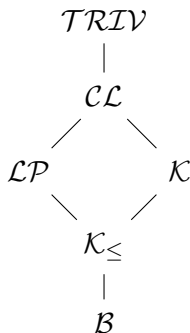
This logic extends \mathcal{B} by the law of the excluded middle: $\emptyset \vdash p \vee \neg p$.

This is Graham Priest's Logic of Paradox \mathcal{LP} (1979).

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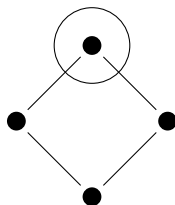


Until recently, these were the only known super-Belnap logics.

No coincidence: these are the only well-behaved super-Belnap logics.

Preserving exact truth: \mathcal{ETL}

Changing the designated values of \mathbf{B}_4 yields the matrix \mathbf{ETL}_4 :



This logic extends \mathcal{B} by the disjunctive syllogism: $p, \neg p \vee q \vdash q$.

This is the Exactly True Logic introduced by Pietz and Rivieccio (2013).

Ex contradictione quodlibet

Consider the logics \mathcal{ECQ}_n extending \mathcal{B} by the rules:

$$(p_1 \wedge \neg p_1) \vee \dots \vee (p_n \wedge \neg p_n) \vdash \emptyset \quad (ECQ_n)$$

Define $\mathcal{ETL}_n = \mathcal{ETL} \vee \mathcal{ECQ}_n$ ($\mathcal{ECQ} = \mathcal{ECQ}_1$ and $\mathcal{ETL} = \mathcal{ETL}_1$).

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Contrary to popular opinion, $p, \neg p \vdash \emptyset$ is **not** *ex contradictione quodlibet*:

$\chi_2 = (p_1 \wedge \neg p_1) \vee (p_2 \wedge \neg p_2)$ is a contradiction, yet $\chi_2 \not\vdash_{\mathcal{ECQ}} \emptyset$.

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Examples:

$$\text{Exp}_{\mathcal{B}} \mathcal{CL} = \mathcal{ECQ}_{\omega}$$

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$$\text{Exp}_{\mathcal{B}} \mathcal{ETL}_n = \mathcal{ECQ}_n$$

Some completeness theorems

The operator Exp_B is useful for proving completeness:

$$\text{Log } \Pi_{i \in I} \mathbf{A}_i = \bigcap_{i \in I} \text{Log } \mathbf{A}_i \cup \bigcup_{i \in I} \text{Exp}_B \text{Log } \mathbf{A}_i$$

We can now immediately compute:

$$\text{Log } \mathbf{B}_2 \times \mathbf{B}_4 = (\mathcal{CL} \cap \mathcal{B}) \cup \text{Exp}_B \mathcal{CL} \cup \text{Exp}_B \mathcal{B} = \mathcal{B} \cup \mathcal{ECQ}_\omega \cup \mathcal{B} = \mathcal{ECQ}_\omega$$

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After all, $(p_1 \wedge -p_1) \oplus (p_2 \wedge -p_2) \not\vdash_{\mathbf{L}} \emptyset$.

Lattices of super-Belnap logics

The lattice of (finitary) super-Belnap logics: $\text{Ext}_{(\omega)} \mathcal{B}$

The lattice of (finitary) explosive extensions of \mathcal{B} : $\text{Exp Ext}_{(\omega)} \mathcal{B}$

$\text{Exp}_{\mathcal{B}}$ is an interior operator on $\text{Ext}_{\omega} \mathcal{B}$.

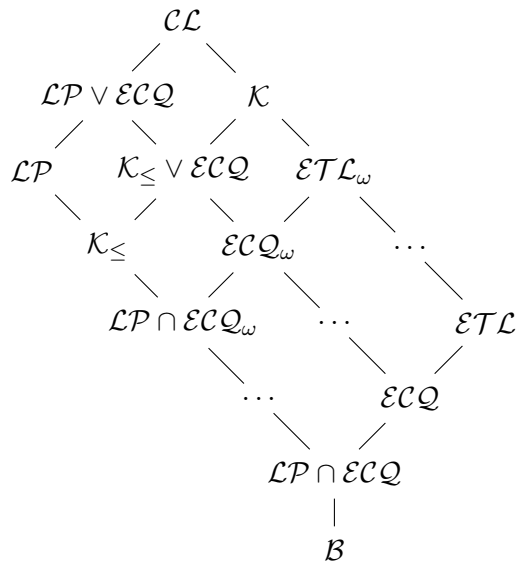
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$\text{Exp Ext}_{(\omega)} \mathcal{L}$ is a distributive sublattice of $\text{Ext}_{(\omega)} \mathcal{L}$.

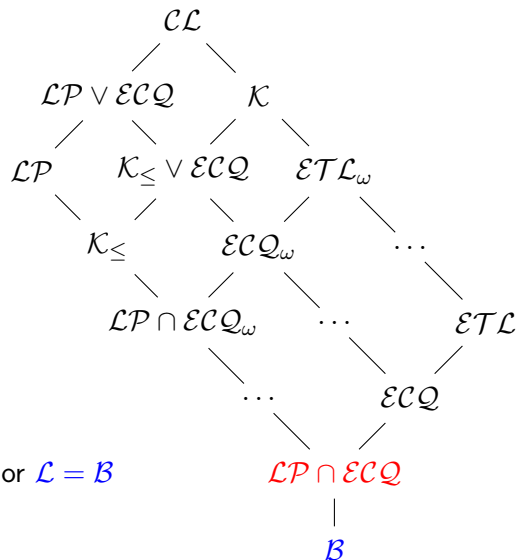
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$\text{Ext}_{(\omega)} \mathcal{B}$ is non-modular: $(\mathcal{LP} \cap \mathcal{ETL}) \vee \mathcal{ECQ} < (\mathcal{LP} \vee \mathcal{ECQ}) \cap \mathcal{ETL}$.

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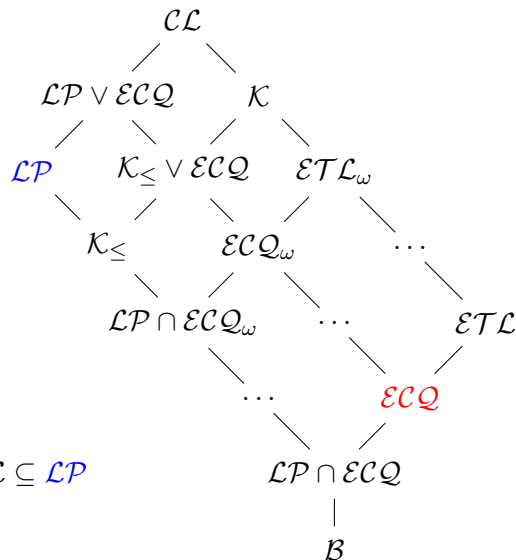


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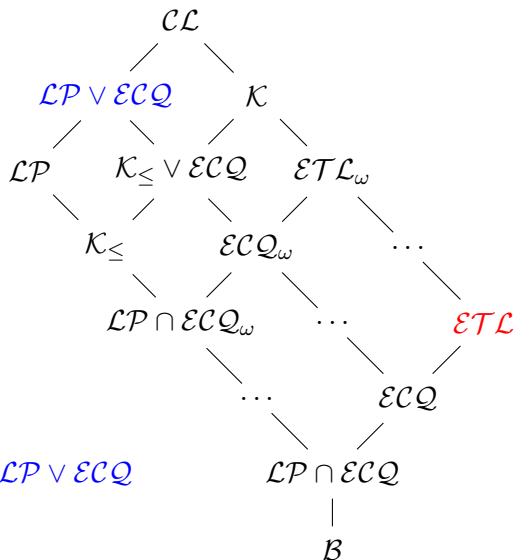
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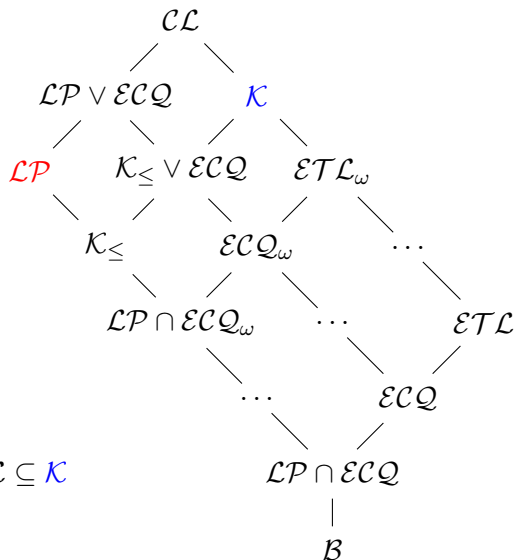
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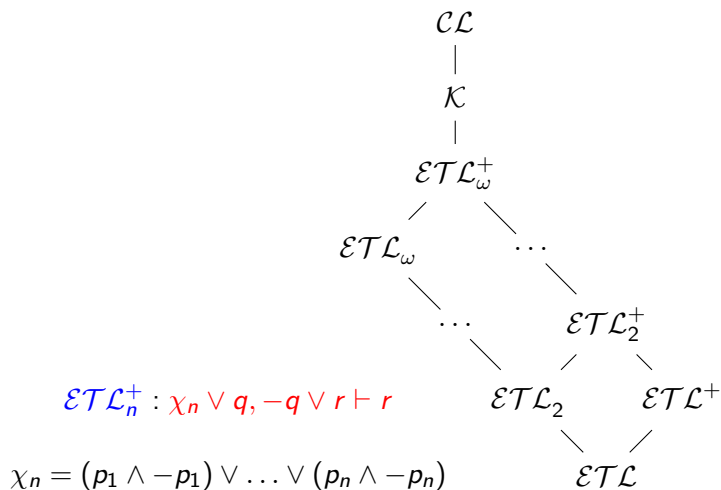
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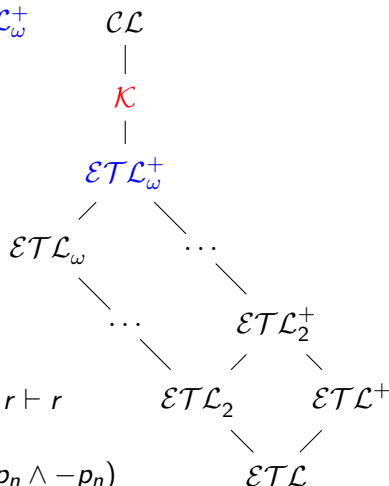
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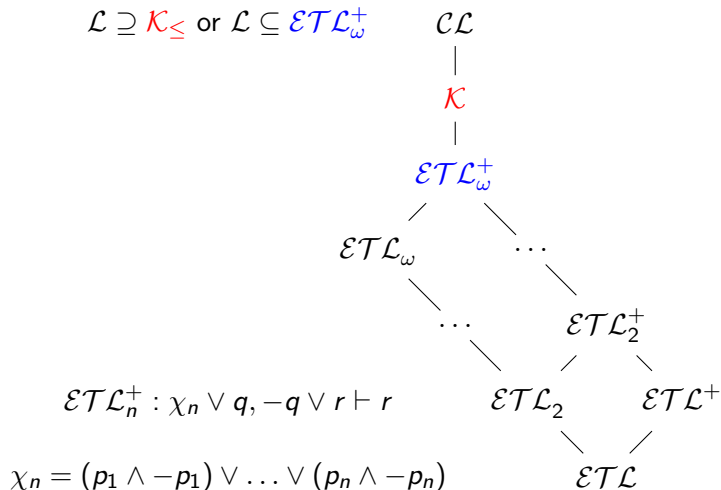


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Most super-Belnap logics are not very well-behaved.

Extensions of \mathcal{ETL}

Let us restrict our attention to $\text{Ext}_\omega \mathcal{ETL}$ now. Riviuccio proved:

$$\text{Mod}^* \mathcal{ETL} \subsetneq \{(\mathbf{A}, \{\mathbf{T}\}) \mid \mathbf{A} \in \text{DMA}\} \subsetneq \text{Mod} \mathcal{ETL}$$

Special quasiequation = $\mathbf{T} \approx \gamma_1 \ \& \ \dots \ \& \ \mathbf{T} \approx \gamma_n \Rightarrow \mathbf{T} \approx \varphi$

Special antiequation = $\mathbf{T} \not\approx \gamma$

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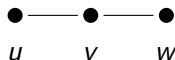
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Our results about $\text{Ext}_\omega \mathcal{ETL}$ will have algebraic corollaries.

From graphs to models of \mathcal{ETL}

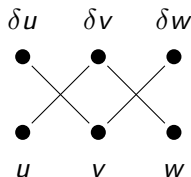
For us, graphs will be finite undirected graphs, possibly with loops.

To each graph G , we assign the two matrices γG and μG .



$$G = (X, R) \\ -U = X \setminus R[U]$$

$$\gamma G = (\mathcal{P}(X), \cap, \cup, X, \emptyset, -) \\ \mathcal{D} = \{X\}$$



$$\mathcal{F} = (W, \leq \delta) \\ -U = W \setminus \delta[U]$$

$$\mu G = (\mathcal{P}_{\leq}(W), \cap, \cup, W, \emptyset, -) \\ \mathcal{D} = \{W\}$$

Example: ex contradictione and graph colourings

The **finite** reduced models of \mathcal{ETL} are precisely the matrices $\mathbf{B}_2^n \times \mu G$.

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$$(p_1 \wedge \neg p_1) \vee \dots \vee (p_n \wedge \neg p_n) \not\vdash_{\mu G} \emptyset \Leftrightarrow G \text{ is } n\text{-colourable}$$

Proposition

The logics \mathcal{ETL}_n ($n \geq 2$) are complete w.r.t. the class of matrices μG such that G is not n -colourable.

The homomorphism order on finite graphs

The class of finite graphs may be ordered by homomorphisms:

$G \leq H$ if and only if there is a graph homomorphism $h : G \rightarrow H$

This yields the homomorphism order on finite graphs.

Theorem

Each countable pre-order embeds into the hom order on finite graphs.

(Usually formulated in terms of partial orders instead of pre-orders.)

Restricting to loopless graphs = dropping the top equivalence class

Restricting to graphs with edges = dropping the bottom equivalence class

$\text{Ext}_\omega \mathcal{ETL}$ and $\text{Exp Ext}_\omega \mathcal{ETL}$

Theorem

The interval $[\mathcal{ETL}, \mathcal{ETL}_\omega] \subseteq \text{Ext}_\omega \mathcal{ETL}$ is dually isomorphic to the lattice of classes of graphs closed under finite disjoint unions, surjective graph homomorphisms, and vertex reductions.

Vertex reduction means contracting all the outgoing edges of a vertex.

Theorem

The lattice $\text{Exp Ext}_\omega \mathcal{ETL}$ is dually isomorphic to the lattice of classes of graphs (with a non-empty set of edges) closed under homomorphisms.

Corollary

*There is a continuum of finitary explosive extensions of \mathcal{ETL} (and of \mathcal{B}).
The lattice $\text{Ext}_\omega \mathcal{B}$ contains infinite increasing and decreasing chains.*

Explosive extensions of \mathcal{B}

The lattice $\text{Exp Ext}_\omega \mathcal{B}$ is essentially the same as $\text{Exp Ext}_\omega \mathcal{ETL}$.

$$\text{Exp Ext}_\omega \mathcal{ETL} = \text{Exp Ext}_\omega \mathcal{ECQ} = \mathcal{LP} \cap \text{Exp Ext}_\omega \mathcal{ECQ}.$$

$$\text{via } \mathcal{L} \mapsto \text{Exp}_{\mathcal{B}} \mathcal{L} \text{ and } \mathcal{L} \mapsto \mathcal{ETL} \vee \mathcal{L}$$

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$$\text{Exp Ext}_\omega \mathcal{B} = \{\mathcal{B}\} \cup \text{Exp Ext}_\omega \mathcal{ECQ} = \{\mathcal{B}\} \cup \text{Exp Ext}_\omega \mathcal{ETL}.$$

Each of the intervals $[\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{LP}]$, $[\mathcal{ECQ}, \mathcal{LP} \vee \mathcal{ECQ}]$ and $\text{Ext}_\omega \mathcal{ETL}$ thus contains a distributive sublattice of the cardinality of the continuum.

Example: from graph theory to super-Belnap logics

The **girth** of a (loopless) graph is the length of its shortest cycle.

Theorem (Erdős, 1959)

The class of non- n -colourable (loopless) graphs has unbounded girth.

Corollary

The logics \mathcal{ETL}_n are not complete w.r.t. a finite set of finite matrices.

Proof.

If it were, then the class of non- n -colourable graphs would be the closure of a finite set of graphs under disjoint unions, surjective homomorphisms, and vertex reductions. But these operations all preserve or decrease girth. \square

Example: a non-finitary super-Belnap logic

For each graph H (with some edges), there is a formula φ_H such that:

$$\mu G \text{ satisfies } \varphi_H \vdash \emptyset \Leftrightarrow G \not\leq H.$$

Let \mathcal{L}_K extend \mathcal{ETL} by the rule $\{\varphi_H \mid H \in K\} \vdash \emptyset$. Then:

$$\mu G \notin \text{Mod } \mathcal{L}_K \Leftrightarrow G \leq H \text{ for all } H \in K.$$

Theorem

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Proof.

Consider a free countably generated meet-semilattice embedded into the hom order on finite graphs. Let K be its antichain of generators. If \mathcal{L}_K is finitary, then $\mathcal{L}_K = \mathcal{L}_{\bar{K}}$ for some finite $\bar{K} \subseteq K$. Thus $\text{Mod } \mathcal{L}_K = \text{Mod } \mathcal{L}_{\bar{K}}$, hence the finite meet of \bar{K} would have to be below each $H \in K$. \square

Example: completeness of \mathcal{ETL}_ω^+

Recall that \mathcal{ETL}_n^+ extends \mathcal{B} by the rule $\chi_n \vee q, -q \vee r \vdash r$.

G is weakly n -colourable if there is a partial n -colouring which leaves some vertices U uncoloured such that not every vertex of G is a neighbour of U .

We may observe: $\mu G \in \text{Mod } \mathcal{ETL}_n^+ \Leftrightarrow G$ not weakly n -colourable.

Let $G_2 = \bullet \overset{\cap}{\text{---}} \bullet$ and let \mathbf{ETL}_8 be the 8-element matrix μG_2 .

Proposition

$$\mathcal{ETL}_\omega^+ = \text{Log } \mathbf{ETL}_8.$$

Proof.

Each graph which is not weakly n -colourable for any n is a surjective homomorphic image of a disjoint union of copies of G_2 . □

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