

THE POSET OF ALL LOGICS I: INTERPRETATIONS AND LATTICE STRUCTURE

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ABSTRACT. A notion of interpretation between arbitrary logics is introduced, and the poset Log of all logics ordered under interpretability is studied. It is shown that in Log infima of arbitrarily large sets exist, but binary suprema in general do not. On the other hand, the existence of suprema of sets of equivalential logics is established. The relations between Log and the lattice of interpretability types of varieties are investigated.

1. INTRODUCTION

Universal algebra [3, 7] and abstract algebraic logic [10, 15] are two disciplines that study, respectively, general algebraic structures and propositional logics. One of their main achievements is the development of two parallel taxonomies, one of varieties (a.k.a. equational classes) of algebras, and the other one of propositional logics.

More precisely, the *Maltsev hierarchy* of universal algebra is a classification of varieties in terms of syntactic principles (called *Maltsev conditions*) intended to describe the structure of the congruence lattices of algebras [25, 29, 40, 48, 49]. The first, and perhaps most celebrated, example of a Maltsev condition is the requirement that a variety K is congruence permutable, equivalent to the syntactic requirement of the existence of a *minority term* for K [31], i.e. a ternary term $\varphi(x, y, z)$ such that

$$K \models \varphi(x, x, y) \approx y \approx \varphi(y, x, x).$$

Similarly, in abstract algebraic logic, the *Leibniz hierarchy* is a taxonomy of propositional logics in terms of rule schemata (here called *Leibniz conditions*) whose aim is to govern the interplay between lattices of deductive filters (a.k.a. theories) of logics and lattices of congruences of algebras [4, 5, 10, 12, 36, 43]. One of the most fundamental examples of a Leibniz condition is the requirement that a logic \vdash possesses a set $\Delta(x, y)$ of binary formulas satisfying the rules

$$\emptyset \triangleright \Delta(x, x) \text{ and } x, \Delta(x, y) \triangleright y,$$

which generalize the behaviour of most implication connectives. This requirement is equivalent to the property that the Leibniz operator of the logic \vdash is monotone [4].

From this point of view, it is natural to wonder whether the Maltsev and Leibniz hierarchies are two faces of the same coin (see for instance [44]). In a series of papers of which this one is the first (and whose next parts are [27, 28]) we show that this is indeed the case. More in detail, it turns out that the Maltsev hierarchy is a sort of *finitary companion* of the Leibniz hierarchy of the two-deductive systems [6], i.e. substitution-invariant consequence relations between pairs of terms understood as equations. One of the main obstacles to establish this result is that, while there exists a precise definition of

Maltsev condition, this is not the case for what concerns Leibniz conditions (which until now were recognized on empirical grounds only).

To clarify the notion of a Leibniz condition, we adopt an order-theoretic perspective inspired by the theory of the Maltsev hierarchy, in which varieties are ordered by means of the existence of interpretations between them [38, 46] (see also [30]). A variety K is said to be *interpretable* [46] into another variety V , when V is term-equivalent to some variety V^* whose reducts (in a smaller signature) belong to K . When this is true we write $K \leq V$. For instance, the variety of distributive lattices is interpretable into the one of Boolean algebras, while the variety of sets (lacking non-trivial operations) is interpretable in any variety. It is clear that the interpretability relation \leq is a preorder on the collection of all varieties. More interestingly, the poset Var associated with \leq happens to be a lattice, sometimes called the lattice of *interpretability types* of varieties [20, 38]. The study of the lattice Var allowed to identify the classes of models of Maltsev conditions with the filters of Var that are generated by finitely presentable varieties [2, 21, 38, 46].

As we mentioned, we will export this order-theoretic perspective to the realm of propositional logics that, when ordered under a suitable notion of interpretability, form the *poset of all logics* Log . Accordingly, the aim of this paper is to describe the structure of the poset Log , which will be exploited to define and investigate Leibniz conditions in general in [27, 28]. The main results of this paper can be summarized as follows. First we establish that Log is a set-complete meet-semilattice in which binary joins may fail to exist (Theorems 4.6 and 5.1). Then we show that the proper submeet-semilattice Equiv of Log , whose elements are equivalential logics, happens to have joins and to be a set-complete lattice (Theorem 6.5). We conclude by investigating the bottom and the top parts of Log and by comparing the poset of all logics Log with the lattice of interpretability types of varieties Var .

2. PROPOSITIONAL LOGICS

For general informations on abstract algebraic logic, we refer the reader to [4, 5, 6, 10, 15, 16, 17, 26, 50]. We fix a proper class of (propositional) variables $\{x_\alpha : \alpha \in \text{OR}\}$ indexed in a one-to-one way by the ordinals. Given an algebraic language \mathcal{L} (from now on, simply *a language*), and an infinite cardinal κ , we denote by $Fm_{\mathcal{L}}(\kappa)$ the set of formulas of \mathcal{L} with variables among $\{x_\alpha : \alpha < \kappa\}$, and by $\mathbf{Fm}_{\mathcal{L}}(\kappa)$ the corresponding algebra. When the language \mathcal{L} is clear from the context, we simply write $Fm(\kappa)$. For the sake of simplicity, we assume that languages have no nullary operation¹. Note that the cardinality of $Fm_{\mathcal{L}}(\kappa)$ is the maximum of κ and the cardinality of \mathcal{L} .

A *logic* \vdash is then a consequence relation on the set $Fm_{\mathcal{L}}(\kappa)$, for some language \mathcal{L} and infinite cardinal κ , that is substitution invariant in the sense that for every *substitution* σ on $Fm_{\mathcal{L}}(\kappa)$ and $\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\} \subseteq Fm_{\mathcal{L}}(\kappa)$,

$$\text{if } \Gamma \vdash \varphi, \text{ then } \sigma[\Gamma] \vdash \sigma(\varphi).$$

Given a logic \vdash , we denote by \mathcal{L}_\vdash (resp. κ_\vdash) the language (resp. the cardinality of the set of variables) in which \vdash is formulated. Moreover, we write $Fm(\vdash)$ as a shorthand for $Fm_{\mathcal{L}_\vdash}(\kappa_\vdash)$. A *theorem* of \vdash is a formula φ such that $\emptyset \vdash \varphi$.

¹In the appendix we explain why this assumption is harmless, and how we can modify our approach to cover logics in languages with constants as well. However, this comes at the cost of distinguishing cases so frequently that the exposition would turn unnecessarily cumbersome.

Given an algebra A and a logic \vdash in the same language, a set $F \subseteq A$ is said to be a *deductive filter* of \vdash on A when for every $\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\} \subseteq Fm(\vdash)$ such that $\Gamma \vdash \varphi$ and every homomorphism $h: Fm(\vdash) \rightarrow A$, if $h[\Gamma] \subseteq F$, then $h(\varphi) \in F$. The set of deductive filters of \vdash on A is a closure system, whose closure operator is denoted by $Fg_{\vdash}^A(\cdot): \mathcal{P}(A) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A)$. Given $X \cup \{a\} \subseteq A$, we write $Fg_{\vdash}^A(X, a)$ as a shorthand for $Fg_{\vdash}^A(X \cup \{a\})$. Given an algebra B , we also write $B \subseteq A$ when B is a subalgebra of A , and $B \leq A$ when B is isomorphic to a subalgebra of A .

Lemma 2.1. *Let \vdash be a logic formulated on $Fm(\kappa)$ and A an algebra.*

- (i) *If $B \subseteq A$ and $X \subseteq A$, then $Fg_{\vdash}^B(X \cap B) \subseteq Fg_{\vdash}^A(X)$.*
- (ii) *Let $\lambda \geq |Fm(\kappa)|$ and $X \cup Z \cup \{a\} \subseteq A$ be such that $|Z| \leq \lambda$. If $a \in Fg_{\vdash}^A(X)$, then there is an algebra $B \subseteq A$ such that $|B| \leq \lambda$, $Z \subseteq B$, and $a \in Fg_{\vdash}^B(X \cap B)$.*

Proof. Condition (i) is straightforward. Hence we detail only the proof of (ii).

It is well-known that

$$Fg_{\vdash}^A(X) = \bigcup_{\alpha < \lambda^+} V_{\alpha}$$

where the various V_{α} are defined in the following way. First we set $V_0 := X$, and at limit ordinals we take unions. At successor ordinals we proceed as follows. If $\alpha < \lambda$, then

$$V_{\alpha+1} := V_{\alpha} \cup \{c \in C : c = f(\varphi) \text{ for some homomorphism } f: Fm(\kappa) \rightarrow A \text{ and } \Gamma \cup \{\varphi\} \subseteq Fm(\kappa) \text{ such that } \Gamma \vdash \varphi \text{ and } v[\Gamma] \subseteq V_{\alpha}\}.$$

We claim that for every $\alpha < \lambda^+$ and $b \in V_{\alpha}$, there is an algebra $B[b, \alpha] \leq A$ such that $|B[b, \alpha]| \leq \lambda$, $Z \subseteq B[b, \alpha]$, and $b \in Fg_{\vdash}^{B[b, \alpha]}(X \cap B[b, \alpha])$. To prove this, we reason by induction on $\alpha \leq \lambda^+$. In the case where $\alpha = 0$ we take the subalgebra of A generated by $X \cup Z$. If α is a limit ordinal and $b \in V_{\alpha}$, then $b \in V_{\beta}$ for some $\beta < \alpha$. Therefore, with an application of the inductive hypothesis, we are done.

Then we consider the case where $\alpha = \beta + 1$. Since $b \in V_{\beta+1}$, there are a homomorphism $f: Fm(\kappa) \rightarrow A$ and $\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\} \subseteq Fm(\kappa)$ such that $\Gamma \vdash \varphi$, $b = f(\varphi)$, and $v[\Gamma] \subseteq V_{\beta}$. Now, for every $\gamma \in \Gamma$, we consider the algebra $B[f(\gamma), \beta]$ given by the inductive hypothesis. Let $B[b, \alpha]$ be the subalgebra of A generated by

$$Z \cup f[Fm(\kappa)] \cup \bigcup_{\gamma \in \Gamma} B[f(\gamma), \beta].$$

The fact that $|Z| + |Fm(\kappa)| \leq \lambda$, and that $|B[f(\gamma), \beta]| \leq \lambda$ for every $\gamma \in \Gamma$ ensures that $|B[b, \alpha]| \leq \lambda$.

It only remains to show that $b \in Fg_{\vdash}^{B[b, \alpha]}(X \cap B[b, \alpha])$. To this end, consider $\gamma \in \Gamma$. By the inductive hypothesis and condition (i) we obtain that

$$f(\gamma) \in Fg_{\vdash}^{B[f(\gamma), \beta]}(X \cap B[f(\gamma), \beta]) \subseteq Fg_{\vdash}^{B[b, \alpha]}(X \cap B[b, \alpha]). \quad (1)$$

Since $f[Fm(\kappa)] \subseteq B[b, \alpha]$, the homomorphism $f: Fm(\kappa) \rightarrow B[b, \alpha]$ is well defined. Together with the fact that $\Gamma \vdash \varphi$ and that $f[\Gamma] \subseteq Fg_{\vdash}^{B[b, \alpha]}(X \cap B[b, \alpha])$ by (1), this implies that $b = f(\varphi) \in Fg_{\vdash}^{B[b, \alpha]}(X \cap B[b, \alpha])$, as desired. This establishes the claim.

Together with the fact that $Fg_{\vdash}^A(X) = \bigcup_{\alpha < \lambda^+} V_{\alpha}$, the claim concludes the proof. \square

Given an algebra A , we denote by $\text{Con}A$ its congruence lattice. Moreover, a congruence $\theta \in \text{Con}A$ is *compatible* with a set $F \subseteq A$ when for every $a, b \in A$,

$$\text{if } \langle a, b \rangle \in \theta \text{ and } a \in F, \text{ then } b \in F.$$

The *Leibniz congruence* $\Omega^A F$ of F is the largest congruence on A compatible with F . Similarly, given a logic \vdash (in the same language as A), we set

$$\tilde{\Omega}_\vdash^A F := \bigcap \{ \Omega^A G : G \text{ is a deductive filter of } \vdash \text{ on } A, \text{ and } F \subseteq G \}.$$

The relation $\tilde{\Omega}_\vdash^A F$ is often called the *Suszko congruence* of F . The congruences $\Omega^A F$ and $\tilde{\Omega}_\vdash^A F$ can be described as follows [15, Thms. 4.23 and 5.32]:

Proposition 2.2. *Let \vdash be a logic, A an algebra, $F \subseteq A$, and $a, b \in A$.*

- (i) $\langle a, b \rangle \in \Omega^A F \iff (p(a) \in F \text{ if and only if } p(b) \in F), \text{ for every unary polynomial function } p \text{ of } A.$
- (ii) $\langle a, b \rangle \in \tilde{\Omega}_\vdash^A F \iff \text{Fg}_\vdash^A(F, p(a)) = \text{Fg}_\vdash^A(F, p(b)), \text{ for every unary polynomial function } p \text{ of } A.$

A *matrix* is a pair $\langle A, F \rangle$ such that A is an algebra and $F \subseteq A$. A matrix $\langle A, F \rangle$ is said to be *reduced* when $\Omega^A F$ is the identity relation. Moreover, we set

$$\langle A, F \rangle^* := \langle A / \Omega^A F, F / \Omega^A F \rangle.$$

Similarly, given a class of matrices K , we set

$$\mathbb{R}(K) := \mathbb{I} \{ \langle A, F \rangle^* : \langle A, F \rangle \in K \},$$

where \mathbb{I} is the class operator of closing under isomorphic copies. A matrix $\langle A, F \rangle$ is said to be *trivial* when A is the trivial algebra (which we denote by $\mathbf{1}$) and $F = \{1\}$.

The logic *induced* by a class of similar matrices K in κ variables is the consequence relation \vdash on $\text{Fm}(\kappa)$ defined for every $\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\} \subseteq \text{Fm}(\kappa)$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma \vdash \varphi &\iff \text{for every } \langle A, F \rangle \in K \text{ and homomorphism } h: \text{Fm}(\kappa) \rightarrow A, \\ &\text{if } h[\Gamma] \subseteq F, \text{ then } h(\varphi) \in F. \end{aligned}$$

A matrix $\langle A, F \rangle$ is said to be a *model* of a logic \vdash (in the same language as A) when F is a deductive filter of \vdash on A . We set

$$\text{Mod}(\vdash) := \{ \langle A, F \rangle : \langle A, F \rangle \text{ is a model of } \vdash \}$$

$$\text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash) := \{ \langle A, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}(\vdash) : \tilde{\Omega}_\vdash^A F \text{ is the identity relation} \}.$$

Observe that \vdash is the logic induced both by $\text{Mod}(\vdash)$ and $\text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash)$ [15, Thm. 4.16].

We denote by $\mathbb{S}, \mathbb{P}, \mathbb{P}_{\text{sd}}$ and $\mathbb{P}_{\kappa+}$ the class operators for substructures, direct products, subdirect products, and reduced products over κ -complete filters. We assume that their application produces classes closed under isomorphic copies. Moreover, we assume that the product-style operators, when applied to empty sets of indexes, produce trivial matrices. We also consider the following class operator: given a class of matrices K and an infinite cardinal κ , we define

$$\mathbb{U}_\kappa(K) := \{ \langle A, F \rangle : \langle B, F \cap B \rangle \in K \text{ for every } \kappa\text{-generated } B \leq A \}.$$

Lemma 2.3. *If \vdash is a logic, then $\text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash) = \mathbb{P}_{\text{sd}}\mathbb{R}(\text{Mod}(\vdash))$.*

Proof. See [11, Thm. 5.3]. \(\square\)

The first equality of the following result is taken from [14, 41], and generalizes a previous result in [8].

Theorem 2.4. *Let K be a class of matrices. If \vdash is the logic induced by K on $Fm(\kappa)$ and $|Fm(\kappa)| \leq \kappa$, then $\mathbb{R}(\text{Mod}(\vdash)) = \mathbb{RSP}_{\mathbf{R}_{\kappa^+}}(K) = \mathbb{RU}_{\kappa}\mathbb{SP}(K)$.*

Proof. Under the assumption that the cardinality of the language of a class of matrices K is $\leq \kappa$, the proof of the equality $\mathbb{SP}_{\mathbf{R}_{\kappa^+}}(K) = \mathbb{U}_{\kappa}\mathbb{SP}(K)$ is routinary. \square

Corollary 2.5. *Let K be a class of matrices. If \vdash is the logic induced by K on $Fm(\kappa)$ and $|Fm(\kappa)| \leq \kappa$, then $\text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\vdash) = \mathbb{P}_{\text{SD}}\mathbb{RSP}_{\mathbf{R}_{\kappa^+}}(K)$.*

Proof. Immediate from Lemma 2.3 and Theorem 2.4. \square

Corollary 2.6. *Let \vdash be the logic induced by a class of matrices K on $Fm(\kappa)$. Then the algebraic reducts of the matrices in $\text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\vdash)$ belong to the variety generated by the algebraic reducts of the matrices in K .*

A logic \vdash is said to be *equivalential* [4, 9] if there is a non-empty² set of formulas $\Delta(x, y)$ such that for every $\langle A, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}(\vdash)$ and $a, b \in A$,

$$\langle a, b \rangle \in \Omega^A F \iff \Delta^A(a, b) \subseteq F.$$

In this case we say that Δ is a set of *congruence formulas* for \vdash . Examples of equivalential logics comprise all the so-called algebraizable logics [5], as well as a wide range of non-algebraizable ones such as the the local consequence of the normal modal system \mathbf{K} [32]. For further information about equivalential logics, see [10, 15, 22, 23, 24].

Theorem 2.7. *A logic \vdash is equivalential if and only if there is a non-empty set of formulas $\Delta(x, y)$ such that for every n -ary connective $*$,*

$$\begin{aligned} \emptyset \vdash \Delta(x, x) \quad x, \Delta(x, y) \vdash y \\ \bigcup_{1 \leq i \leq n} \Delta(x_i, y_i) \vdash \Delta(* (x_1, \dots, x_n), *(y_1, \dots, y_n)). \end{aligned}$$

In this case, Δ is a set of congruence formulas for \vdash and $\text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\vdash) = \mathbb{R}(\text{Mod}(\vdash))$.

Proof. See [15, Thms. 6.17 and 6.60]. \square

For equivalential logics we have the following improvement of Corollary 2.5:

Lemma 2.8. *Let \vdash be the logic induced by a class of reduced matrices K on $Fm(\kappa)$. If \vdash is equivalential, then $\text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\vdash) = \mathbb{U}_{\kappa}\mathbb{P}_{\text{SD}}\mathbb{S}(K)$.*

Proof. This result is essentially [45, Thm. 5.6]. \square

A *tuple* of elements of a set A is a *finite* sequence of elements of A .

Lemma 2.9. *If \vdash is a logic on $Fm(\kappa)$ and $\lambda \geq |Fm(\kappa)|$, then $\text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\vdash)$ is closed under \mathbb{U}_{λ} .*

²In the literature the set Δ is not required to be non-empty. However, this restriction is almost immaterial as, in a fixed language, there is a unique equivalential logic with an empty Δ is the pathological *almost inconsistent* logic [15, Prop. 6.11.5].

Proof. Suppose, with a view to contradiction, that there is a matrix $\langle A, F \rangle \in \mathbb{U}_\lambda(\text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash))$ such that $\langle A, F \rangle \notin \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash)$. First observe that $\langle A, F \rangle$ is a model of \vdash , since $\lambda \geq \kappa$ and \vdash is defined on $Fm(\kappa)$. Then the congruence $\tilde{\Omega}_\vdash^A F$ is not the identity relation. Together with Proposition 2.2(ii), this implies that there are two different $a, b \in A$ such that for every $\varphi(x, \vec{y}) \in Fm(\omega)$, and every tuple $\vec{c} \in A$,

$$\text{Fg}_\vdash^A(F, \varphi(a, \vec{c})) = \text{Fg}_\vdash(F, \varphi^A(b, \vec{c})). \quad (2)$$

We define a chain (under the inclusion relation) $\langle B_\alpha : \alpha < \lambda \rangle$ of subalgebras of A as follows. First we let B_0 be the subalgebra of A generated by $\{a, b\}$. At limit ordinals we take unions. Now, suppose that B_α has already been defined and that $\alpha < \lambda$. Consider a formula $\varphi(x, \vec{y}) \in Fm(\omega)$ and a tuple $\vec{c} \in B_\alpha$. By Lemma 2.1 and (2) there is a subalgebra $B[\varphi, \vec{c}, \alpha] \leq A$ such that $|B[\varphi, \vec{c}, \alpha]| \leq \lambda$, $a, b, \vec{c} \in B[\varphi, \vec{c}]$ and

$$\text{Fg}_\vdash^{B[\varphi, \vec{c}, \alpha]}(F \cap B[\varphi, \vec{c}, \alpha], \varphi(a, \vec{c})) = \text{Fg}_\vdash^{B[\varphi, \vec{c}, \alpha]}(F \cap B[\varphi, \vec{c}, \alpha], \varphi(b, \vec{c})). \quad (3)$$

Then we let $B_{\alpha+1}^*$ be the subalgebra of A generated by the union of the various $B[\varphi, \vec{c}, \alpha]$, and B_α the subalgebra of A generated by $B_\alpha \cup B_{\alpha+1}^*$.

Now we set

$$\langle B, G \rangle := \langle \bigcup_{\alpha < \lambda} B_\alpha, F \cap \bigcup_{\alpha < \lambda} B_\alpha \rangle.$$

Bearing in mind that $|B[\varphi, \vec{c}, \alpha]| + |Fm(\kappa)| \leq \lambda$, an easy induction shows that $|B_\alpha| \leq \lambda$ for every $\alpha < \lambda$. As a consequence, we obtain that $|B| \leq \lambda$ and, therefore, that B is λ -generated. Together with $\langle A, F \rangle \in \mathbb{U}_\lambda(\text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash))$, this implies that $\langle B, G \rangle \in \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash)$.

Now, the fact that $\langle B, G \rangle \in \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash)$ implies that $\tilde{\Omega}_\vdash^B G$ is the identity relation and, therefore, that $\langle a, b \rangle \notin \tilde{\Omega}_\vdash^B G$. By Lemma 2.2(ii) we can assume w.l.o.g. that there are a formula $\varphi(x, \vec{y}) \in Fm(\omega)$ and a tuple $\vec{c} \in B$ such that $\varphi(a, \vec{c}) \notin \text{Fg}_\vdash^B(G, \varphi(b, \vec{c}))$. Observe that there is $\alpha < \lambda$ such that $\vec{c} \in B_\alpha$. By (3) and Lemma 2.1(i) we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(a, \vec{c}) &\in \text{Fg}_\vdash^{B[\varphi, \vec{c}, \alpha]}(F \cap B[\varphi, \vec{c}, \alpha], \varphi(b, \vec{c})) \\ &= \text{Fg}_\vdash^{B[\varphi, \vec{c}, \alpha]}(G \cap B[\varphi, \vec{c}, \alpha], \varphi(b, \vec{c})) \\ &\subseteq \text{Fg}_\vdash^B(G, \varphi(b, \vec{c})). \end{aligned}$$

But this contradicts the fact that $\varphi(a, \vec{c}) \notin \text{Fg}_\vdash^B(G, \varphi(b, \vec{c}))$. Hence we reached a contradiction, as desired. \square

3. INTERPRETATIONS

Definition 3.1. Let \mathcal{L} and \mathcal{L}' be two languages. A *translation* τ of \mathcal{L} into \mathcal{L}' is a map that associates an n -ary formula $\tau(*)$ of \mathcal{L}' in variables x_1, \dots, x_n to every n -ary function symbol $*$ of \mathcal{L} .

Let τ be a translation of \mathcal{L} into \mathcal{L}' . Given two infinite cardinals $\kappa \leq \lambda$ and a formula $\varphi \in Fm_{\mathcal{L}}(\kappa)$, we define a formula $\tau(\varphi) \in Fm_{\mathcal{L}'}(\lambda)$ by recursion as follows. If $\varphi = x_\alpha$ for some $\alpha < \kappa$, then $\tau(\varphi) := x_\alpha$. Moreover, if $\varphi = *(\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n)$ for some n -ary function symbol $*$ of \mathcal{L} , then $\tau(\varphi) := \tau(*) (\tau(\psi_1), \dots, \tau(\psi_n))$. We extend this notation to sets of formulas $\Gamma \subseteq Fm_{\mathcal{L}}(\kappa)$, by setting $\tau[\Gamma] := \{\tau(\gamma) : \gamma \in \Gamma\}$. Note that the variables of $\tau(\varphi)$ are among the variables in φ .

Moreover, given an \mathcal{L}' -algebra A , we let A^τ be the \mathcal{L} -algebra, whose universe is A , and whose n -ary operations $*$ are interpreted as follows:

$$*^{A^\tau}(a_1, \dots, a_n) := \tau(*)^A(a_1, \dots, a_n), \text{ for every } a_1, \dots, a_n \in A.$$

By induction on the construction of the formulas we obtain that for every $\varphi(z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \text{Fm}_{\mathcal{L}}(\kappa)$ and every $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$,

$$\tau(\varphi)^A(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \varphi^{A^\tau}(a_1, \dots, a_n).$$

Definition 3.2. Let \vdash and \vdash' be two logics. An *interpretation* of \vdash into \vdash' is a translation τ of \mathcal{L}_\vdash into $\mathcal{L}_{\vdash'}$ such that

$$\text{if } \langle A, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash'), \text{ then } \langle A^\tau, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash).$$

For instance, for every given logic the identity map is an interpretation of it into any of its extensions.

Proposition 3.3. If τ is an interpretation of \vdash into \vdash' , and $\langle A, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}(\vdash')$, then $\langle A^\tau, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}(\vdash)$. Moreover, if $\lambda \leq \kappa_\vdash \leq \kappa_{\vdash'}$, then for every $\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\} \subseteq \text{Fm}_{\mathcal{L}_\vdash}(\lambda)$,

$$\text{if } \Gamma \vdash \varphi, \text{ then } \tau[\Gamma] \vdash' \tau(\varphi).$$

Proposition 3.4. Let \vdash and \vdash' be two logics and τ be a translation of \mathcal{L}_\vdash into $\mathcal{L}_{\vdash'}$. Then τ is an interpretation of \vdash into \vdash' if and only if $\langle A^\tau, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash)$ for every $\langle A, F \rangle \in \mathbb{R}(\text{Mod}(\vdash'))$.

Proof. The “only if” part is immediate. The “if” one is a consequence of Lemma 2.3. \square

When there is an interpretation of \vdash into \vdash' we write $\vdash \leq \vdash'$ and say that \vdash is *interpretable* into \vdash' . Similarly, we say that \vdash and \vdash' are *equi-interpretable* if $\vdash \leq \vdash'$ and $\vdash' \leq \vdash$. Given a logic \vdash , we denote by $[\vdash]$ the class of all logics which are equi-interpretable with \vdash . It is clear that relation \leq is a preorder on the *proper class* of all logics, and that it induces a partial order on the *collection* of all classes of the form $[\vdash]$. The latter poset constitutes the object of study of this work.

Definition 3.5. We denote by Log the *poset of all logics*, i.e. the poset whose universe is $\{[\vdash] : \vdash \text{ is a logic}\}$ equipped with the partial order \leq , defined as follows:

$$[\vdash] \leq [\vdash'] \iff \vdash \leq \vdash'.$$

Remark 3.6. The reader may feel reassured by learning that, despite our reference to classes and collections, the results of this work can be formulated entirely in ZFC. This is because our statements can be phrased equivalently as speaking about logics ordered under the *preorder* \leq by modifying the statements about posets to statements about preorders in the natural way. It is therefore only for the sake of simplicity that we found convenient to work with the poset Log whose elements are, strictly speaking, proper classes. \square

The notion of interpretability can be broken into two halves as follows:

Definition 3.7. Let \vdash and \vdash' be logics.

- (i) \vdash and \vdash' are *term-equivalent* if there are interpretations τ of \vdash into \vdash' and ρ of \vdash' into \vdash such that

$$\langle A, F \rangle = \langle A^{\tau\rho}, F \rangle \text{ and } \langle B, G \rangle = \langle B^{\rho\tau}, G \rangle$$

for every $\langle A, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash')$ and $\langle B, G \rangle \in \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash)$.

- (ii) \vdash' is a *compatible expansion* of \vdash if $\mathcal{L}_\vdash \subseteq \mathcal{L}_{\vdash'}$ and the \mathcal{L}_\vdash -reducts of the structures in $\text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash')$ belong to $\text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash)$.

Proposition 3.8. *Let \vdash and \vdash' be logics. Then $\vdash \leq \vdash'$ if and only if \vdash' is term-equivalent to a compatible expansion of \vdash .*

Proof. The “if” part is immediate. To prove the “only if” part, suppose that there is an interpretation τ of \vdash into \vdash' . We can assume w.l.o.g. that the sets of function symbols of \vdash and \vdash' are disjoint. Then let \mathcal{L} be the language extending $\mathcal{L}_{\vdash'}$ with the symbols of \vdash . Given a matrix $\langle A, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash')$, we denote by $A_\mathcal{L}$ the \mathcal{L} -algebra obtained by enriching A with the following interpretation of n -ary symbols $*$ of \vdash : for every $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$,

$$*^{A_\mathcal{L}}(a_1, \dots, a_n) := \tau(*)^A(a_1, \dots, a_n).$$

Then consider the class of matrices $K := \{\langle A_\mathcal{L}, F \rangle : \langle A, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash')\}$, and let \vdash'' be the logic on $Fm_\mathcal{L}(\kappa_{\vdash'})$ induced by K . It is not hard to see that $\text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash'') = K$. Together with the fact that τ is an interpretation of \vdash into \vdash' , this implies that \vdash'' is a compatible expansion of \vdash . As it is clear that \vdash' and \vdash'' are term-equivalent, we are done. \square

The following is instrumental to construct concrete interpretations.

Proposition 3.9. *Let K be a class of reduced matrices that induces an equivalential logic \vdash' . Moreover, let \vdash be a logic such that $\kappa_{\vdash'} \geq |Fm(\vdash)|$. A translation τ of \mathcal{L}_\vdash into $\mathcal{L}_{\vdash'}$ is an interpretation of \vdash into \vdash' if and only if $\langle A^\tau, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash)$ for every $\langle A, F \rangle \in \mathbb{S}(K)$.*

Proof. The “if” part follows from the fact that $\mathbb{S}(K) \subseteq \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash')$ by Lemma 2.8.

To prove the “only if” part, suppose that $\langle A^\tau, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash)$ for every $\langle A, F \rangle \in \mathbb{S}(K)$. By Lemmas 2.3 and 2.9 this yields that $\langle A^\tau, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash)$ for every $\langle A, F \rangle \in \mathbb{U}_{\kappa_{\vdash'}} \mathbb{P}_{\text{sd}} \mathbb{S}(K)$. With an application of Lemma 2.8, we conclude that $\langle A^\tau, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash)$ for every $\langle A, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash')$ and, therefore, that τ is an interpretation of \vdash into \vdash' . \square

4. EXISTENCE OF INFIMA OF SETS

A basic question about the poset Log is whether it is a lattice or not. It turns out that Log has infima of arbitrarily large sets, but unfortunately may lack even finite suprema. In this section we describe a construction that supplies an explicit description of infima.

Definition 4.1. Given a family $\{\mathcal{L}_i : i \in I\}$ of languages, we denote by $\bigotimes_{i \in I} \mathcal{L}_i$ the language whose n -ary symbols $*$ are sequences of the form

$$* = \langle \varphi_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) : i \in I \rangle,$$

where $\varphi_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in Fm_{\mathcal{L}_i}(\omega)$ for every $i \in I$. Keeping this in mind, consider a family $J = \{A_i : i \in I\}$ in which A_i is an \mathcal{L}_i -algebra, for every $i \in I$. The *non-indexed product* $\bigotimes_{i \in I} A_i$ of J is the $\bigotimes_{i \in I} \mathcal{L}_i$ -algebra defined as follows:

- (i) the universe of $\bigotimes_{i \in I} A_i$ is the Cartesian product $\prod_{i \in I} A_i$, and
- (ii) the n -ary symbols $* = \langle \varphi_i(x_1, \dots, x_n) : i \in I \rangle$ are interpreted as

$$*^{\bigotimes_{i \in I} A_i}(\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n) := \langle \varphi_i^{A_i}(\vec{a}_1(i), \dots, \vec{a}_n(i)) : i \in I \rangle,$$

for every $\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_n \in \prod_{i \in I} A_i$. \square

Non-indexed products of algebras found various applications in universal algebra, especially in the theory of Maltsev conditions [2, 20, 21, 38, 46]. We use the terminology of these papers and extend it to families of matrices and logics.

Definition 4.2. The *non-indexed product* of a family $\{\langle A_i, F_i \rangle : i \in I\}$ of matrices is defined in a similar fashion, by setting

$$\bigotimes_{i \in I} \langle A_i, F_i \rangle := \langle \bigotimes_{i \in I} A_i, \prod_{i \in I} F_i \rangle. \quad \boxtimes$$

Remark 4.3. If $\{\vdash_i : i \in I\}$ is a family of logics, then the cardinal of $\bigotimes_{i \in I} \mathcal{L}_{\vdash_i}$ is lesser than or equal to $\prod_{i \in I} |Fm(\vdash_i)|$. Moreover, if $\kappa \geq \prod_{i \in I} |Fm(\vdash_i)|$ and $Fm(\kappa)$ is the set of formulas of $\bigotimes_{i \in I} \mathcal{L}_{\vdash_i}$ in κ variables, then $|Fm(\kappa)| \leq \kappa$. \boxtimes

Given a collection $\{K_i : i \in I\}$ in which K_i is a class of \mathcal{L}_i -matrices and I is a set, we define

$$\bigotimes_{i \in I} K_i := \mathbb{I}\{\bigotimes_{i \in I} \langle A_i, F_i \rangle : \langle A_i, F_i \rangle \in K_i\}.$$

A submatrix $\langle A, F \rangle \subseteq \bigotimes_{i \in I} \langle A_i, F_i \rangle$ is said to be a *non-indexed subdirect product* of $\{\langle A_i, F_i \rangle : i \in I\}$, in symbols $\langle A, F \rangle \subseteq_{\text{sd}} \bigotimes_{i \in I} \langle A_i, F_i \rangle$, if the projection maps $\pi_i : A \rightarrow A_i$ are surjective. We write $\langle A, F \rangle \leq_{\text{sd}} \bigotimes_{i \in I} \langle A_i, F_i \rangle$ to indicate that $\langle A, F \rangle$ is isomorphic to a matrix $\langle B, G \rangle$ such that $\langle B, G \rangle \subseteq_{\text{sd}} \bigotimes_{i \in I} \langle A_i, F_i \rangle$.

Definition 4.4. Let $\{\vdash_i : i \in I\}$ be a family of logics. The *non-indexed product* $\bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i$ of $\{\vdash_i : i \in I\}$ is the logic in the language $\bigotimes_{i \in I} \mathcal{L}_i$ formulated in κ variables and induced by the class of matrices $\bigotimes_{i \in I} \text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\vdash_i)$, where

$$\kappa := \prod_{i \in I} |Fm(\vdash_i)|.$$

When $I = \emptyset$, we stipulate that $\bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i$ is the logic in the empty language formulated in countably many variables and induced by the trivial matrix $\langle \mathbf{1}, \{1\} \rangle$. \boxtimes

Our aim is to prove that $\llbracket \bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i \rrbracket$ is the infimum of $\{\llbracket \vdash_i \rrbracket : i \in I\}$ in Log . To this end, we rely on the following characterization of $\text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i)$, to be established later on.

Proposition 4.5. *If $\{\vdash_i : i \in I\}$ is a family of logics, then*

$$\text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i) = \mathbb{P}_{\text{sd}}(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \mathbb{R}(\text{Mod}(\vdash_i))) = \mathbb{P}_{\text{sd}}(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\vdash_i)).$$

Moreover,

$$\text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i) = \{\langle A, F \rangle : \langle A, F \rangle \leq_{\text{sd}} \bigotimes_{i \in I} \langle A_i, F_i \rangle \text{ for some } \langle A_i, F_i \rangle \in \text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\vdash_i)\}.$$

As we promised, we obtain the following:

Theorem 4.6. *The infimum of a set $\{\llbracket \vdash_i \rrbracket : i \in I\} \subseteq \text{Log}$ is $\llbracket \bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i \rrbracket$. Thus Log is a set-complete meet-semilattice, i.e. infima of subsets of Log exist.*

Proof. First we show that $\bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i \leq \vdash_j$ for every $j \in I$. To this end, consider the map τ that sends every n -ary basic operation of $\bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i$ to its j -th component (which is an n -ary term of \vdash_j). Consider $\langle A, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i)$. It is clear that $\langle A^\tau, F \rangle \cong \bigotimes_{i \in I} \langle A_i, F_i \rangle$ such that $\langle A_i, F_i \rangle$ is the trivial \mathcal{L}_i -matrix for every $i \in I \setminus \{j\}$, and $\langle A_j, F_j \rangle := \langle A, F \rangle$. By Proposition 4.5 we have

$$\langle A^\tau, F \rangle \cong \bigotimes_{i \in I} \langle A_i, F_i \rangle \in \bigotimes_{i \in I} \text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\vdash_i) \subseteq \text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i).$$

In particular, this means that τ is an interpretation of $\otimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i$ in \vdash_j , thus $\otimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i \leq \vdash_j$. As a consequence, $\llbracket \otimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i \rrbracket$ is a lower bound of $\{\llbracket \vdash_i \rrbracket : i \in I\}$.

To prove that $\{\llbracket \vdash_i \rrbracket : i \in I\}$ is the greatest lower bound of $\llbracket \otimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i \rrbracket$, consider a logic \vdash such that $\vdash \leq \vdash_i$ for every $i \in I$. Then for each $i \in I$ there is an interpretation τ_i of \vdash into \vdash_i . Let τ be the map that associates with every basic n -ary symbol $*$ of \vdash the following n -ary term of $\otimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i$:

$$\tau(*) := \langle \tau_i(*) : i \in I \rangle.$$

Now, consider a matrix $\langle A, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}^\equiv(\otimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i)$. From Proposition 4.5 it follows that $\langle A, F \rangle \leq \prod_{j \in J} (\otimes_{i \in I} \langle A_i^j, F_i^j \rangle)$ is a subdirect product for some $\langle A_i^j, F_i^j \rangle \in \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash_i)$. It is easy to see that

$$\langle A^\tau, F \rangle \leq \prod_{j \in J} \left(\prod_{i \in I} \langle A_i^j, F_i^j \rangle^{\tau_i} \right)$$

is also a subdirect product. Since each τ_i is an interpretation of \vdash into \vdash_i , we conclude that

$$\langle A^\tau, F \rangle \in \mathbb{P}_{\text{sd}} \mathbb{P}(\text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash)) = \mathbb{P}_{\text{sd}}(\text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash)).$$

Together with the fact that $\text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash)$ is closed under subdirect products by Lemma 2.3, this yields that $\langle A^\tau, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash)$. Hence we conclude that $\otimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i \leq \vdash$. \square

The remaining part of this section is devote to prove Proposition 4.5. The proof proceeds through a series of technical observations.

Lemma 4.7. *If $\langle A, F \rangle \subseteq_{\text{sd}} \otimes_{i \in I} \langle A_i, F_i \rangle$ and $F \neq \emptyset$, then for every $\vec{a}, \vec{c} \in A$,*

$$\langle \vec{a}, \vec{c} \rangle \in \Omega^A F \iff \text{for every } i \in I, \langle \vec{a}(i), \vec{c}(i) \rangle \in \Omega^{A_i} F_i.$$

Proof. The right-to-left direction is an easy exercise. To prove the left-to-right direction, suppose that $\langle \vec{a}, \vec{c} \rangle \in \Omega^A F$. By Lemma 2.2(i), given an arbitrary $j \in I$, we need to show that $p(\vec{a}(j)) \in F$ iff $p(\vec{c}(j)) \in F$, for every unary polynomial function $p(x)$ of A_j . To this end, consider a formula $\varphi(x, y_1, \dots, y_n)$ of A_j and elements $e_1, \dots, e_n \in A_j$ such that

$$\varphi^{A_j}(\vec{a}(j), e_1, \dots, e_n) \in F_j. \quad (4)$$

Since $\pi_j : A \rightarrow A_j$ is surjective, there are $\vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_n \in A$ whose j -th components are respectively e_1, \dots, e_n . Moreover, as $F \neq \emptyset$, we can choose an element $\vec{e} \in F$. Then consider the basic operation

$$\psi(x, y_1, \dots, y_n, z) := \langle \psi_i(x, y_1, \dots, y_n, z) : i \in I \rangle$$

of A , where $\psi_j = \varphi$, and $\psi_i = z$ for every $i \in I \setminus \{j\}$. We have that for every $i \in I$,

$$\psi(\vec{a}, \vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_n, \vec{e})(i) = \begin{cases} \varphi^{A_j}(\vec{a}(j), e_1, \dots, e_n) & \text{if } i = j \\ \vec{e}(i) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Together with (4) and $\vec{e} \in F$, this implies that $\psi(\vec{a}, \vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_n, \vec{e}) \in F$. Since $\langle \vec{a}, \vec{c} \rangle \in \Omega^A F$, we obtain that $\psi(\vec{c}, \vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_n, \vec{e}) \in F$ as well. In particular, this means that

$$\varphi^{A_j}(\vec{c}(j), e_1, \dots, e_n) = \psi(\vec{c}, \vec{e}_1, \dots, \vec{e}_n, \vec{e})(j) \in F_j.$$

Hence we conclude that $\langle \vec{a}(j), \vec{c}(j) \rangle \in \Omega^{A_j} F_j$, as desired. \square

Corollary 4.8. *If $\langle A, F \rangle \subseteq_{\text{sd}} \otimes_{i \in I} \langle A_i, F_i \rangle$ and $F \neq \emptyset$, then*

- (i) *if the matrices in $\{\langle A_i, F_i \rangle : i \in I\}$ are reduced, then so is $\langle A, F \rangle$;*

(ii) $\langle A, F \rangle^* \leq_{\text{sd}} \bigotimes_{i \in I} \langle A_i, F_i \rangle^*$.

Proof. Condition (i) is an immediate consequence of Lemma 4.7. To prove condition (ii), consider the map $f: \langle A, F \rangle^* \rightarrow \bigotimes_{i \in I} \langle A_i, F_i \rangle^*$ defined as

$$f(a / \Omega^A F) := \langle a(i) / \Omega^{A_i} F_i : i \in I \rangle$$

for every $a \in A$. From Lemma 4.7 it follows that f is a well-defined embedding. Together with the fact that $\langle A, F \rangle \subseteq_{\text{sd}} \bigotimes_{i \in I} \langle A_i, F_i \rangle$, this implies that $\langle A, F \rangle^* \leq_{\text{sd}} \bigotimes_{i \in I} \langle A_i, F_i \rangle^*$. \square

Proposition 4.9. *Let $\{\vdash_i : i \in I\}$ be a family of logics. The logic $\bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i$ has theorems if and only if each \vdash_i has theorems.*

Proof. The “only if” part is immediate. To prove the “if” one, suppose that each \vdash_i has a theorem φ_i . By substitution invariance, we can assume that $\varphi_i = \varphi_i(x)$. Then the formula $\varphi(x) := \langle \varphi_i(x) : i \in I \rangle$ is a theorem of $\bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i$. \square

Lemma 4.10. *Let $\{\vdash_i : i \in I\}$ be a family of logics, and $\langle A, F \rangle$ a matrix such that $F \neq \emptyset$. The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i) $\langle A, F \rangle \in \mathbb{R}(\text{Mod}(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i))$.
- (ii) $\langle A, F \rangle \leq_{\text{sd}} \bigotimes_{i \in I} \langle A_i, F_i \rangle$, for some $\langle A_i, F_i \rangle \in \mathbb{R}(\text{Mod}(\vdash_i))$.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii): Let $\kappa := \prod_{i \in I} |Fm(\vdash_i)|$ and $Fm(\kappa)$ the set of formulas of $\bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i$ in κ variables. We know that $\kappa \geq |Fm(\kappa)|$. Since $\bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i$ is the logic on $Fm(\kappa)$ induced by $\bigotimes_{i \in I} \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash_i)$, we can apply Theorem 2.4 yielding

$$\langle A, F \rangle \in \mathbb{RSP}_{\mathbf{R}_{\kappa}^+} \left(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash_i) \right).$$

Then there are a matrix $\langle B, G \rangle$, a family of matrices $\{\langle B_i^j, G_i^j \rangle : i \in I, j \in J\}$, and a κ^+ -complete filter F on J such that $\langle B, G \rangle^* = \langle A, F \rangle$, $\langle B_i^j, G_i^j \rangle \in \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash_i)$, and

$$\langle B, G \rangle \leq \left(\prod_{j \in J} \left(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \langle B_i^j, G_i^j \rangle \right) \right) / F. \quad (5)$$

It is easy to see that the map

$$f: \prod_{j \in J} \left(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \langle B_i^j, G_i^j \rangle \right) \rightarrow \bigotimes_{i \in I} \left(\prod_{j \in J} \langle B_i^j, G_i^j \rangle \right),$$

defined by the rule

$$f(\vec{a})(i)(j) := \vec{a}(j)(i), \text{ for every } i \in I, j \in J,$$

is an isomorphism. We shall see that also the map

$$g: \prod_{j \in J} \left(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \langle B_i^j, G_i^j \rangle \right) / F \rightarrow \bigotimes_{i \in I} \left(\prod_{j \in J} \langle B_i^j, G_i^j \rangle / F \right),$$

defined by the rule

$$g(\vec{a}/F)(i) := f(\vec{a})(i)/F, \text{ for every } i \in I,$$

is an isomorphism. The proof that g is a well-defined surjective homomorphism is routinary. To prove that g is also injective, consider $\vec{a}, \vec{c} \in \prod_{j \in J} \left(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \langle B_i^j, G_i^j \rangle \right)$ such that

$g(\vec{a}/F) = g(\vec{c}/F)$, i.e. that $f(\vec{a})(i)/F = f(\vec{c})/F$ for every $i \in I$. Since $\kappa \geq |I|$ and F is κ^+ -complete, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \{j \in J : \vec{a}(j) = \vec{c}(j)\} &= \bigcap_{i \in I} \{j \in J : \vec{a}(j)(i) = \vec{c}(j)(i)\} \\ &= \bigcap_{i \in I} \{j \in J : f(\vec{a})(i)(j) = f(\vec{c})(i)(j)\} \\ &\in F. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\vec{a}/F = \vec{c}/F$ and, therefore, g is injective. This establishes that g is an isomorphism.

Together with (5), this yields that $\langle \mathbf{B}, G \rangle \leq \bigotimes_{i \in I} (\prod_{j \in J} \langle \mathbf{B}_i^j, G_i^j \rangle / F)$. As a consequence, there are $\langle \mathbf{A}_i, F_i \rangle \in \mathbb{SP}_{\mathbb{R}_{\kappa^+}}(\text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash_i))$ such that $\langle \mathbf{B}, G \rangle \leq_{\text{sd}} \bigotimes_{i \in I} \langle \mathbf{A}_i, F_i \rangle$. Together with Corollary 4.8, this implies that

$$\langle \mathbf{A}, F \rangle \leq_{\text{sd}} \bigotimes_{i \in I} \langle \mathbf{A}_i, F_i \rangle^*$$

where $\langle \mathbf{A}_i, F_i \rangle^* \in \mathbb{RSP}_{\mathbb{R}_{\kappa^+}}(\text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash_i))$. As $\kappa \geq |Fm(\vdash_i)|$, it is not hard to see that $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{R}_{\kappa^+}}(\text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash_i)) \subseteq \text{Mod}(\vdash_i)$. In particular, this implies that $\mathbb{SP}_{\mathbb{R}_{\kappa^+}}(\text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash_i)) \subseteq \text{Mod}(\vdash_i)$ and, therefore, that $\langle \mathbf{A}_i, F_i \rangle^* \in \mathbb{R}(\text{Mod}(\vdash_i))$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i): From the definition of $\bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i$ it follows that $\bigotimes_{i \in I} \langle \mathbf{A}_i, F_i \rangle$ is a model of $\bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i$. As submatrices of models are still models, this implies that $\langle \mathbf{A}, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i)$. Finally, the matrix $\langle \mathbf{A}, F \rangle$ is reduced by Corollary 4.8. \square

The following observation is well-known [15, pag. 205].

Lemma 4.11. *Let \vdash be a logic, and \mathbf{A} an algebra.*

- (i) *If $\langle \mathbf{A}, \emptyset \rangle \in \mathbb{R}(\text{Mod}(\vdash))$, then \mathbf{A} is the trivial algebra $\mathbf{1}$.*
- (ii) *A logic \vdash has theorems if and only if $\langle \mathbf{1}, \emptyset \rangle \notin \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash)$ or, equivalently, if $\langle \mathbf{1}, \emptyset \rangle \notin \mathbb{R}(\text{Mod}(\vdash))$.*

As a consequence we obtain a transparent description of $\mathbb{R}(\text{Mod}(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i))$:

Proposition 4.12. *Let $\{\vdash_i : i \in I\}$ be a family of logics. The class $\mathbb{R}(\text{Mod}(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i))$ consists of matrices satisfying condition (ii) of Lemma 4.10, plus $\langle \mathbf{1}, \emptyset \rangle$ in case some \vdash_i has no theorems.*

Proof. This is an easy consequence of Proposition 4.9, and of Lemmas 4.10 and 4.11 \square

Let $\{\mathcal{L}_i : i \in I\}$ be a family of languages and $\langle \mathbf{A}, F \rangle$ be a \mathcal{L}_j -matrix for some $j \in I$. We denote by $\langle \mathbf{A}, F \rangle^b$ the $\bigotimes_{i \in I} \mathcal{L}_i$ -matrix $\bigotimes_{i \in I} \langle \mathbf{A}_i^-, F_i^- \rangle$, where

$$\langle \mathbf{A}_i^-, F_i^- \rangle := \begin{cases} \langle \mathbf{A}, F \rangle & \text{if } i = j \\ \langle \mathbf{1}, \{1\} \rangle & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Note that if $\langle \mathbf{A}, F \rangle$ is reduced, then $\langle \mathbf{A}, F \rangle^b$ is reduced as well.

Lemma 4.13. *If $\{\vdash_i : i \in I\}$ is a family of logics,*

$$\mathbb{R}(\text{Mod}(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i)) \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\text{sd}}(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \mathbb{R}(\text{Mod}(\vdash_i))) \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\text{sd}}\mathbb{R}(\text{Mod}(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i)).$$

Proof. We detail only the proof of the first inclusion, since the proof of the second one exploits similar ideas. Consider a matrix $\langle A, F \rangle \in \mathbb{R}(\text{Mod}(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i))$. First we consider the case where $F = \emptyset$. As the matrix $\langle A, F \rangle$ is reduced, we know that A is trivial by Lemma 4.11(i). Now, the fact that F is empty implies that $\bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i$ has no theorems. From Proposition 4.9 it follows that there is $j \in I$ such that \vdash_j has no theorems. Therefore by Lemma 4.11(ii) the \mathcal{L}_j -matrix $\langle \mathbf{1}, \emptyset \rangle$ belongs to $\mathbb{R}(\text{Mod}(\vdash_j))$. As a consequence we obtain that

$$\langle A, F \rangle = \langle \mathbf{1}, \emptyset \rangle^b \in \bigotimes_{i \in I} (\mathbb{R}(\text{Mod}(\vdash_i))).$$

Then we consider the case where $F \neq \emptyset$. From Lemma 4.10 we know that $\langle A, F \rangle \leq_{\text{sd}} \bigotimes_{i \in I} \langle A_i, F_i \rangle$ for some $\langle A_i, F_i \rangle \in \mathbb{R}(\text{Mod}(\vdash_i))$. Moreover, it is easy to see that the map

$$f: \prod_{i \in I} \langle A_i, F_i \rangle^b \rightarrow \bigotimes_{i \in I} \langle A_i, F_i \rangle$$

defined by the rule

$$f(\vec{a})(i) := \vec{a}(i)(i), \text{ for every } i \in I,$$

is an isomorphism. Together with the fact that $\langle A, F \rangle \leq_{\text{sd}} \bigotimes_{i \in I} \langle A_i, F_i \rangle$, this implies that

$$\langle A, F \rangle \leq \prod_{i \in I} \langle A_i, F_i \rangle^b$$

is a subdirect product. Hence we conclude that $\langle A, F \rangle \in \mathbb{P}_{\text{sd}}(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \mathbb{R}(\text{Mod}(\vdash_i)))$. \square

Proof of Proposition 4.5. We begin by proving the first part. From Lemma 2.3 and 4.13 it follows that

$$\text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i) = \mathbb{P}_{\text{sd}} \mathbb{R}(\text{Mod}(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i)) \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\text{sd}} \mathbb{P}_{\text{sd}}(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \mathbb{R}(\text{Mod}(\vdash_i))) = \mathbb{P}_{\text{sd}}(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \mathbb{R}(\text{Mod}(\vdash_i))).$$

Moreover, since $\mathbb{R}(\text{Mod}(\vdash_i)) \subseteq \text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\vdash_i)$ for every $i \in I$, we have

$$\mathbb{P}_{\text{sd}}(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \mathbb{R}(\text{Mod}(\vdash_i))) \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\text{sd}}(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\vdash_i)).$$

It only remains to prove that $\mathbb{P}_{\text{sd}}(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\vdash_i)) \subseteq \text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i)$. Since the class $\text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i)$ is closed under subdirect products by Lemma 2.3, it suffices to show that $\bigotimes_{i \in I} \text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\vdash_i) \subseteq \text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i)$. To this end, consider a matrix $\langle A_i, F_i \rangle \in \text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\vdash_i)$ for each $i \in I$. By Lemma 2.3, for every $i \in I$ there is a family $\{\langle A_i^j, F_i^j \rangle : j \in J_i\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}(\text{Mod}(\vdash_i))$ such that $\langle A_i, F_i \rangle \leq \prod_{j \in J_i} \langle A_i^j, F_i^j \rangle$ is a subdirect product. We can assume w.l.o.g. that $J_i = J_j$ for every $i, j \in I$ (for instance, by adding trivial matrices to the factors of products when necessary). Accordingly, we drop the index i in each J_i , and write simply J . Under this convention, it is easy to see that

$$\bigotimes_{i \in I} \langle A_i, F_i \rangle \leq \prod_{j \in J} \left(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \langle A_i^j, F_i^j \rangle \right)$$

is a subdirect product. Together with Lemmas 4.13 and 2.3, this yields

$$\bigotimes_{i \in I} \langle A_i, F_i \rangle \in \mathbb{P}_{\text{sd}}(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \mathbb{R}(\text{Mod}(\vdash_i))) \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\text{sd}} \mathbb{R}(\text{Mod}(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i)) = \text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i).$$

Hence we conclude that $\bigotimes_{i \in I} \text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\vdash_i) \subseteq \text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i)$, as desired.

To prove the second part, we rely on the first one. Consider a matrix $\langle A, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}^\equiv(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i) = \mathbb{P}_{\text{sd}}(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash_i))$. We can assume w.l.o.g. that

$$\langle A, F \rangle \subseteq \prod_{j \in J} \bigotimes_{i \in I} \langle B_i^j, G_i^j \rangle$$

is a subdirect product for some families $\{\langle B_i^j, G_i^j \rangle : j \in J\} \subseteq \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash_i)$, one for each $i \in I$. Then for every $i \in I$, let

$$\begin{aligned} f : \prod_{j \in J} \bigotimes_{i \in I} \langle B_i^j, G_i^j \rangle &\rightarrow \bigotimes_{i \in I} \left(\prod_{j \in J} \langle B_i^j, G_i^j \rangle \right) \\ \pi_i : \prod_{j \in J} \bigotimes_{i \in I} B_i^j &\rightarrow \prod_{j \in J} B_i^j \end{aligned}$$

be, respectively, the isomorphism defined in the proof of Lemma 4.10, and the natural projection on the i -th component. Bearing this in mind, for every $i \in I$ let $\langle C_i, H_i \rangle$ be the matrix where C_i is the subalgebra $\pi_i[f[A]] \subseteq \prod_{j \in J} B_i^j$ and $H_i = \pi_i[f[F]]$.

The restriction $f|_A : \langle A, F \rangle \rightarrow \bigotimes_{i \in I} \langle C_i, H_i \rangle$ is a well-defined matrix embedding such that $\pi_i[f|_A[A]] = C_i$ for every $i \in I$. Hence, we conclude that

$$\langle A, F \rangle \leq_{\text{sd}} \bigotimes_{i \in I} \langle C_i, H_i \rangle.$$

Now, it is not hard to see that $\langle C_i, H_i \rangle$ is a subdirect product of $\prod_{j \in J} \langle B_i^j, G_i^j \rangle$, for every $i \in I$. Since each $\text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash_i)$ is closed under subdirect products, this implies that $\langle C_i, H_i \rangle \in \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash_i)$ for every $i \in I$. This proves the inclusion from left to right.

To prove the other inclusion, let $\langle A, F \rangle \leq_{\text{sd}} \bigotimes_{i \in I} \langle A_i, F_i \rangle$ where $\langle A_i, F_i \rangle \in \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash_i)$ for every $i \in I$. Then, as in the proof of Lemma 4.13, we have that $\langle A, F \rangle$ is a subdirect product of $\prod_{i \in I} \langle A_i, F_i \rangle^b$. From the fact that $\langle A_i, F_i \rangle^b \in \bigotimes_{i \in I} \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash_i)$ for every $i \in I$, we obtain that $\langle A, F \rangle \in \mathbb{P}_{\text{sd}}(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash_i))$. \square

The characterization of $\text{Mod}^\equiv(\bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i)$ given in Proposition 4.5 has a particularly appealing simplification in the case where the index set I is finite.

Corollary 4.14. *If \vdash and \vdash' are logics, then*

$$\text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash \bigotimes \vdash') = \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash) \bigotimes \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash').$$

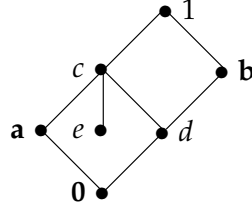
Proof. As shown essentially in [46, Lem. 1.9 and 1.10], if K_1 and K_2 are classes of matrices (resp. algebras) closed under subdirect products, then so is $K_1 \bigotimes K_2$. Together with Lemma 2.3, this implies that the class $\text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash) \bigotimes \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash')$ is closed under subdirect products. By Proposition 4.5 we conclude that $\text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash \bigotimes \vdash') = \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash) \bigotimes \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash')$. \square

5. FINITE SUPREMA NEED NOT EXIST

It is well known that if \mathbb{A} is a poset whose universe is a set and in which infima of sets exist, then \mathbb{A} is a complete lattice. Unfortunately, the proof of this fact relies on the assumption that the universe of \mathbb{A} is a set and, therefore, cannot be applied to the poset Log (which is known to have infima of sets by Theorem 4.6). The situation is entirely different for Log . This section is devoted to prove the following:

Theorem 5.1. *Finite suprema need not exist in Log .*

The proof of this theorem builds on a counterexample. Let $A = \langle A; \vee, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{0} \rangle$ be the join-semilattice, expanded with constants³, depicted below:



Then let \vdash_{\vee} be the logic in countably many variables induced by the set of matrices

$$\{\langle A, \{1\} \rangle, \langle A, \{1, c\} \rangle\}.$$

Fact 1. We have that $\langle A, \{1\} \rangle \in \text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\vdash_{\vee})$.

Proof. It is clear that $\langle A, \{1\} \rangle$ is a model of \vdash_{\vee} . Hence it will be enough to prove that $\tilde{\Omega}_{\vdash_{\vee}}^A \{1\}$ is the identity relation on A . From the definition of \vdash_{\vee} it follows that $\{c, 1\}$ is a deductive filter of \vdash_{\vee} on A . Now, an easy computation shows that:

- (i) The blocks of $\Omega^A \{1\}$ are $\{a, e, c\}, \{0, d\}, \{b\}, \{1\}$.
- (ii) The blocks of $\Omega^A \{c, 1\}$ are $\{0\}, \{a\}, \{e\}, \{b, d\}, \{c, 1\}$.

Together with the fact that

$$\tilde{\Omega}_{\vdash_{\vee}}^A \{1\} \subseteq \Omega^A \{1\} \cap \Omega^A \{c, 1\},$$

this implies that $\tilde{\Omega}_{\vdash_{\vee}}^A \{1\}$ is the identity relation on A . \(\square\)

Fact 2. The algebraic reducts of the matrices in $\text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\vdash_{\vee})$ are either trivial or have at least four elements.

Proof. In this proof we assume that semilattices are equipped with the join-order. Consider a matrix $\langle B, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\vdash_{\vee})$ such that B is non-trivial. By Corollary 2.6 we know that B is a semilattice with constants $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{0}$ such that

$$\mathbf{0} \leq \mathbf{a} \text{ and } \mathbf{0} \leq \mathbf{b}. \quad (6)$$

Now, since B is non-trivial, we know that $F \neq B$. Together with the fact that

$$\mathbf{a} \vdash_{\vee} x \quad \mathbf{b} \vdash_{\vee} x \quad \mathbf{0} \vdash_{\vee} x$$

this implies that $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{0} \notin F$. Observe that $\mathbf{a} \vee \mathbf{b} \in F$, since $\emptyset \vdash_{\vee} \mathbf{a} \vee \mathbf{b}$. Hence, to conclude that B has at least four elements, it will be enough to check that $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{0}$ are different one from the other. From the fact that $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \notin F$ and $\mathbf{a} \vee \mathbf{b} \in F$, it follows that \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} are incomparable in the order of B . Together with (6), this implies that $\mathbf{0}$ is different from \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} . \(\square\)

We say that a *negation algebra* is an algebra $B = \langle B; \neg \rangle$ where \neg is a unary operation with at most one fix point, and such that $\neg \neg a = a$ for all $a \in B$. We denote by NA the class of negation algebras, and by \vdash_{\neg} be the negation fragment of classical propositional logic (formulated in countably many variables). The relation between \vdash_{\neg} and NA is captured by the following result:

³ We use in this section “constant(s)” as an abbreviation for “constant unary operation(s)”.

Fact 3. $\text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash_{\neg})$ is the class of matrices $\langle \mathbf{B}, F \rangle$ such that either \mathbf{B} is trivial or \mathbf{B} is a negation algebra and in this case either $F = \emptyset$ or $F = \{a\}$ for some $a \in B$ that is not a fixed point of \neg .

Proof. The interested reader may consult the Appendix for the details. \square

Now, given a cardinal $\kappa > 0$ and $\alpha < \kappa$, we let $A_{\alpha, \kappa}$ be the expansion of A with a constant for every element of A , a unary operation \neg defined as

$$\neg 0 = d \quad \neg d = 0 \quad \neg a = c \quad \neg c = a \quad \neg 1 = b \quad \neg b = 1 \quad \neg e = e,$$

and with a set of binary operations $\{\neg_{\beta} : \beta < \kappa\}$ defined for every $\beta < \kappa$ and $p, q \in A$ as follows:

$$p \neg_{\beta} q := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p = q \text{ or } \beta \neq \alpha \\ 0 & \text{if } p \neq q \text{ and } \beta = \alpha. \end{cases}$$

Then let \vdash_{κ} be the logic formulated in countably many variables induced by the class of matrices $\{\langle A_{\alpha, \kappa}, \{1\} \rangle : \alpha < \kappa\}$.

Fact 4. For every $\kappa > 0$, the logic \vdash_{κ} is equivalential.

Proof. Consider the set

$$\Delta(x, y) := \{x \neg_{\alpha} y : \alpha < \kappa\}.$$

It is easy to see that Δ witnesses the validity of the rules in Theorem 2.7. Hence we conclude that \vdash_{κ} is equivalential. \square

Fact 5. For every $\kappa > 0$, $\llbracket \vdash_{\kappa} \rrbracket$ is an upper bound of $\llbracket \vdash_{\vee} \rrbracket$ and $\llbracket \vdash_{\neg} \rrbracket$ in Log.

Proof. Consider the class of matrices $K := \{\langle A_{\alpha, \kappa}, \{1\} \rangle : \alpha < \kappa\}$. It is clear that \vdash_{κ} is the logic induced by K and that $\mathbb{S}(K) = K$. Then let τ be the identity translation of $\mathcal{L}_{\vdash_{\vee}}$ into $\mathcal{L}_{\vdash_{\kappa}}$. By Fact 1 we have that

$$\langle \mathbf{B}^{\tau}, F \rangle = \langle \mathbf{A}, \{1\} \rangle \in \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash_{\vee})$$

for every $\langle \mathbf{B}, F \rangle \in K$. Together with Fact 4 and Proposition 3.9, this implies that τ is an interpretation of \vdash_{\vee} into \vdash_{κ} .

A similar argument (requiring Fact 3) shows that \vdash_{\vee} is also interpretable in \vdash_{κ} . \square

Suppose, with a view to contradiction, that there exists the supremum of $\llbracket \vdash_{\vee} \rrbracket$ and $\llbracket \vdash_{\neg} \rrbracket$ in Log, i.e. that there exists a logic \vdash such that

$$\llbracket \vdash \rrbracket = \llbracket \vdash_{\vee} \rrbracket \vee \llbracket \vdash_{\neg} \rrbracket. \quad (7)$$

From now on, our aim is to obtain a contradiction.

Fact 6. For every $\kappa > 0$, we have $\llbracket \vdash \rrbracket \leq \llbracket \vdash_{\kappa} \rrbracket$.

Proof. This is a direct consequence of Fact 5. \square

Now, since \vdash is a logic, its language is a set, say of cardinality κ . We can assume w.l.o.g. that κ is infinite (if it is not, then we can add to it infinitely many unary operations whose interpretation in $\text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash)$ would be the identity map). By Fact 6 there is an interpretation τ of \vdash into \vdash_{κ^+} .

Fact 7. There is $\alpha < \kappa^+$ such that the symbol \neg_{α} does not appear in the terms $\{\tau(\varphi) : \varphi \in \mathcal{L}_{\vdash}\}$.

Proof. Straightforward. \square

From now on we will work with the special $\alpha < \kappa^+$ provided by Fact 7. Let $\hat{A}_{\alpha, \kappa^+}$ be the $\{\neg \circ_\alpha\}$ -free reduct of A_{α, κ^+} .

Fact 8. The algebra $\hat{A}_{\alpha, \kappa^+}$ is term-equivalent to

$$\langle A; \vee^{A_{\alpha, \kappa^+}}, \neg^{A_{\alpha, \kappa^+}}, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{0}, e \rangle.$$

Proof. Using negation, it is easy to see that all constants from $\hat{A}_{\alpha, \kappa^+}$ are definable in the displayed algebra. Moreover, if $\beta \neq \alpha$, then $\neg \circ_\beta^{A_{\alpha, \kappa^+}}$ is a constant map. This shows that all term-functions of $\hat{A}_{\alpha, \kappa^+}$ are also term-functions of the algebra in the display. The converse is obvious. \square

In what follows we will work under the identification of $\hat{A}_{\alpha, \kappa^+}$ with the algebra displayed in Fact 8.

Fact 9. If $\gamma(x)$ is a formula of $\hat{A}_{\alpha, \kappa^+}$ such that $\langle A; \gamma^{\hat{A}_{\alpha, \kappa^+}} \rangle$ is a negation algebra, then γ can be obtained as a composition of \vee and \neg .

Proof. Assume that $\langle A; \gamma^{\hat{A}_{\alpha, \kappa^+}} \rangle$ is a negation algebra. Suppose, with a view to contradiction, that either $\mathbf{0}$ or \mathbf{a} or \mathbf{b} occur in γ . It is not hard to see that this implies that $e \notin \gamma^{\hat{A}_{\alpha, \kappa^+}}[A]$. However, since $\langle A; \gamma^{\hat{A}_{\alpha, \kappa^+}} \rangle$ is a negation algebra, we know that

$$e = \gamma^{\hat{A}_{\alpha, \kappa^+}} \gamma^{\hat{A}_{\alpha, \kappa^+}}(e) \in \gamma^{\hat{A}_{\alpha, \kappa^+}}[A],$$

which is false. Hence we conclude that $\mathbf{0}$, \mathbf{a} , and \mathbf{b} do not occur in γ .

It only remains to prove that e does not occur in γ . Suppose the contrary, with a view to contradiction. An easy induction on the construction of formulas shows that if $\varphi(x)$ is a formula of $\hat{A}_{\alpha, \kappa^+}$ in which $\mathbf{0}$, \mathbf{a} , and \mathbf{b} do not occur and in which e occurs, then $\varphi^{\hat{A}_{\alpha, \kappa^+}}(0) \in \{e, \mathbf{a}, c\}$. As $\mathbf{0}$, \mathbf{a} , and \mathbf{b} do not occur in the composition $\gamma(\gamma(x))$, this means that $\gamma^{\hat{A}_{\alpha, \kappa^+}} \gamma^{\hat{A}_{\alpha, \kappa^+}}(0) \neq 0$. But this contradicts the fact that $\langle A; \gamma^{\hat{A}_{\alpha, \kappa^+}} \rangle$ is a negation algebra, as desired. \square

Fact 10. The blocks of $\Omega^{A^\tau}_{\alpha, \kappa^+} \{1\}$ are $\{0, d\}$, $\{a, c, e\}$, $\{b\}$, $\{1\}$.

Proof. By Fact 7 we know that the term-functions of $A^\tau_{\alpha, \kappa^+}$ are also term-functions of $\hat{A}_{\alpha, \kappa^+}$. In particular, this means that $\text{Con} \hat{A}_{\alpha, \kappa^+} \subseteq \text{Con} A^\tau_{\alpha, \kappa^+}$.

Consider the equivalence relation θ on A determined by the partition in the statement. Using for instance Fact 8, it is easy to see that θ is a congruence of $\hat{A}_{\alpha, \kappa^+}$. Then θ is also a congruence of $A^\tau_{\alpha, \kappa^+}$. As θ is compatible with $\{1\}$, this implies that $\theta \subseteq \Omega^{A^\tau}_{\alpha, \kappa^+} \{1\}$.

As a consequence, we obtain that $A/\Omega^{A^\tau}_{\alpha, \kappa^+} \{1\}$ is a set of at most four elements. Moreover, since $\Omega^{A^\tau}_{\alpha, \kappa^+} \{1\}$ is compatible with $\{1\}$, we know that $\langle 0, 1 \rangle \notin \Omega^{A^\tau}_{\alpha, \kappa^+} \{1\}$. Therefore we have

$$2 \leq |A/\Omega^{A^\tau}_{\alpha, \kappa^+} \{1\}| \leq 4. \quad (8)$$

Now, it is easy to see that $\langle A_{\alpha, \kappa^+}, \{1\} \rangle \in \mathbb{R}(\text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash_{\kappa^+}))$. Since τ is an interpretation of \vdash into \vdash_{κ^+} , this implies that $\langle A^\tau_{\alpha, \kappa^+}, \{1\} \rangle \in \text{Mod}(\vdash)$ and, therefore, that $\langle A^\tau_{\alpha, \kappa^+}, \{1\} \rangle^* \in \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash)$. Together with Fact 2 and $\vdash_\vee \leq \vdash$, this implies that either the matrix $\langle A^\tau_{\alpha, \kappa^+}, \{1\} \rangle^*$ is trivial, or the congruence $\Omega^{A^\tau}_{\alpha, \kappa^+} \{1\}$ has at least four blocks.

By (8) we conclude that $\Omega^{A^\tau}_{\alpha, \kappa^+} \{1\}$ has exactly four blocks. Together with the fact that $\theta \subseteq \Omega^{A^\tau}_{\alpha, \kappa^+} \{1\}$, this implies that $\theta = \Omega^{A^\tau}_{\alpha, \kappa^+} \{1\}$. \square

We are now ready to produce the desired contradiction. To this end, recall that there is an interpretation ρ of \vdash_{\neg} into \vdash . Since $\langle A_{\alpha, \kappa^+}, \{1\} \rangle \in \text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\vdash_{\neg})$, we can apply Fact 3 obtaining that $\langle A; \tau\rho(\neg)^{A_{\alpha, \kappa^+}} \rangle$ is a negation algebra. By Fact 7 we know that the function $\tau\rho(\neg)^{A_{\alpha, \kappa^+}} : A \rightarrow A$ is a term-function of $\hat{A}_{\alpha, \kappa^+}$. Hence we can apply Fact 9 obtaining that $\tau\rho(\neg)^{A_{\alpha, \kappa^+}}$ can be produced as a composition of the functions

$$\neg^{A_{\alpha, \kappa^+}} : A \rightarrow A \text{ and } \vee^{A_{\alpha, \kappa^+}} : A \times A \rightarrow A.$$

This yields that

$$\tau\rho(\neg)^{A_{\alpha, \kappa^+}}(0) \in \{0, d\} \text{ and } \tau\rho(\neg)^{A_{\alpha, \kappa^+}}(e) = e. \quad (9)$$

From the fact that $\langle A_{\alpha, \kappa^+}, \{1\} \rangle \in \text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\vdash_{\neg})$ it follows that $\langle A_{\alpha, \kappa^+}^\tau, \{1\} \rangle \in \text{Mod}(\vdash)$. In particular, this implies that

$$\langle A_{\alpha, \kappa^+}^\tau / \theta, \{1\} / \theta \rangle \in \text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\vdash),$$

where $\theta := \Omega^{A^\tau}_{\alpha, \kappa^+} \{1\}$. Together with Fact 3, this yields that $\langle A / \theta; \tau\rho(\neg)^{A_{\alpha, \kappa^+} / \theta} \rangle$ is a negation algebra. However, by Fact 10 and (9) this negation algebra has two distinct fixed points for negation (namely $0 / \theta$ and e / θ), which is impossible. Hence we reached a contradiction, establishing Theorem 5.1.

6. THE LATTICE OF EQUIVALENTIAL LOGICS

Even if suprema need not exist in Log there is an important subsemilattice of Log where suprema exist, i.e. the lattice of equivalential logics.

Proposition 6.1.

- (i) Let \vdash and \vdash' be logics. If \vdash is equivalential and $\vdash \leq \vdash'$, then \vdash' is also equivalential.
- (ii) If $\{\vdash_i : i \in I\}$ is a family of equivalential logics, then $\bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i$ is equivalential.

Proof. (i): Let $\Delta(x, y)$ be the set of formulas witnessing the fact that \vdash is equivalential, as in Theorem 2.7. Moreover, let τ be an interpretation of \vdash into \vdash' . We consider the set $\Sigma(x, y) := \tau[\Delta]$ of formulas of $\mathcal{L}_{\vdash'}$. In order to establish that \vdash' is equivalential, it will be enough to show that Σ and \vdash' satisfy the conditions in Theorem 2.7.

From Proposition 3.3 it follows that $\emptyset \vdash' \Sigma(x, x)$ and $x, \Sigma(x, y) \vdash' y$. It only remains to prove that for every n -ary connective $*$ of \vdash' ,

$$\bigcup_{1 \leq i \leq n} \Sigma(x_i, y_i) \vdash' \Sigma(* (x_1, \dots, x_n), * (y_1, \dots, y_n)). \quad (10)$$

To this end, consider an n -ary connective $*$ of \vdash' , a matrix $\langle A, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\vdash')$, and tuples $\vec{a}, \vec{c} \in A^n$ such that

$$\bigcup_{1 \leq i \leq n} \Sigma^A(a_i, c_i) \subseteq F.$$

Since $\Sigma = \tau[\Delta]$, we have

$$\bigcup_{1 \leq i \leq n} \Delta^{A^\tau}(a_i, c_i) \subseteq F.$$

As Δ is a set of congruence formulas for \vdash , and $\langle A^\tau, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash) = \mathbb{R}(\text{Mod}(\vdash))$, the above display implies that $\vec{a} = \vec{c}$. As a consequence, we obtain that $*^A(\vec{a}) = *^A(\vec{c})$. Since $\emptyset \vdash' \Sigma(x, x)$ and $\langle A, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}(\vdash')$, this yields

$$\Sigma^A(*(\vec{a}), *(\vec{c})) = \Sigma^A(*(\vec{a}), *(\vec{a})) \subseteq F.$$

Hence we conclude that (10) holds.

(ii): Given $i \in I$, let $\Delta_i(x, y)$ be a set of congruence formulas for \vdash_i . Observe that the Cartesian product $\prod_{i \in I} \Delta_i$ can be viewed as a set $\Delta(x, y)$ of formulas of $\bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i$. Since the various Δ_i satisfy the rules in Theorem 2.7, and $\bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i$ is the logic induced by $\bigotimes_{i \in I} \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash_i)$, it is easy to see that the set Δ satisfies the rules in Theorem 2.7 as well. As a consequence, we conclude that $\bigotimes_{i \in I} \vdash_i$ is an equivalential logic. \square

The above result motivates the following definition:

Definition 6.2. Let Equiv be the subposet of Log that contains the classes $\llbracket \vdash \rrbracket$ such that \vdash is an equivalential logic.

From Proposition 6.1 it follows that Equiv is a *set-complete filter* of Log , i.e. an upset that is closed under infima of sets. Moreover, we shall prove that in Equiv suprema of sets exist.

Definition 6.3. Given a family $\{\mathcal{L}_i : i \in I\}$ of languages, we let $\bigoplus_{i \in I} \mathcal{L}_i$ be the language consisting of the disjoint union of the various \mathcal{L}_i . Moreover, given a family $\{\vdash_i : i \in I\}$ of equivalential logics, we let $\bigoplus_{i \in I} \vdash_i$ be the logic in the language $\bigoplus_{i \in I} \mathcal{L}_i$ formulated in $\Sigma_{i \in I} \kappa_{\vdash_i}$ variables and induced by the following class of $\bigoplus_{i \in I} \mathcal{L}_{\vdash_i}$ -matrices:

$$\{ \langle A, F \rangle : \text{the } \mathcal{L}_{\vdash_i}\text{-reduct of } \langle A, F \rangle \text{ belongs to } \mathbb{R}(\text{Mod}(\vdash_i)) \text{ for all } i \in I \}. \quad (11)$$

We will show that $\llbracket \bigoplus_{i \in I} \vdash_i \rrbracket$ is the supremum of $\{\llbracket \vdash_i \rrbracket : i \in I\}$ both in Log and Equiv .

Lemma 6.4. Let $\{\vdash_i : i \in I\}$ be a family of equivalential logics.

- (i) If Δ is a set of congruence formulas for \vdash_i , then so it is for $\bigoplus_{i \in I} \vdash_i$.
- (ii) The logic $\bigoplus_{i \in I} \vdash_i$ is equivalential.
- (iii) $\text{Mod}^\equiv(\bigoplus_{i \in I} \vdash_i)$ is the class of matrices in (11).
- (iv) $\llbracket \bigoplus_{i \in I} \vdash_i \rrbracket$ is the supremum of $\{\llbracket \vdash_i \rrbracket : i \in I\}$ both in Equiv and in Log .

Proof. (i): Observe that the \mathcal{L}_{\vdash_i} -reducts of the matrices in (11) are reduced. Together with the fact that Δ is a set of congruence formulas for \vdash_i , this easily implies that Δ satisfies the conditions of Theorem 2.7 for $\bigoplus_{i \in I} \vdash_i$. As a consequence, we conclude that Δ is a set of congruence formulas for $\bigoplus_{i \in I} \vdash_i$.

(ii): Immediate from (i). (iii): Let M be the class of matrices in (11). It is easy to see that the matrices in M are reduced and, therefore, that $M \subseteq \text{Mod}^\equiv(\bigoplus_{i \in I} \vdash_i)$. To prove the other inclusion, consider $\langle A, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}^\equiv(\bigoplus_{i \in I} \vdash_i)$. As $\bigoplus_{i \in I} \vdash_i$ is equivalential by (ii), we can apply Theorem 2.7 obtaining that $\langle A, F \rangle \in \mathbb{R}(\text{Mod}(\bigoplus_{i \in I} \vdash_i))$. It will be enough to show that (for every $i \in I$) the \mathcal{L}_{\vdash_i} -reduct $\langle A^-, F \rangle$ of $\langle A, F \rangle$ is a reduced model of \vdash_i . The fact that $\langle A^-, F \rangle$ is a model of \vdash_i is clear. To prove that it is reduced, let Δ be a set of congruence formulas of \vdash_i . By (i) we know that Δ is also a set of congruence formulas for $\bigoplus_{i \in I} \vdash_i$. Together with the fact that $\langle A, F \rangle$ is a reduced model of $\bigoplus_{i \in I} \vdash_i$, this implies that for every $a, b \in A$,

$$a = b \iff \Delta^A(a, b) \subseteq F \iff \Delta^{A^-}(a, b) \subseteq F.$$

Since $\langle A^-, F \rangle$ is a model of \vdash_i , this implies that the matrix $\langle A^-, F \rangle$ is reduced.

(iv): By (i) we know that $\llbracket \bigoplus_{i \in I} \vdash_i \rrbracket$ belongs to *Equiv*. Hence it will be enough to show that it is the supremum of $\{\llbracket \vdash_i \rrbracket : i \in I\}$ in *Log*. Recall from Theorem 2.7 that $\text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash_i) = \mathbb{R}(\text{Mod}(\vdash_i))$ for all $i \in I$. Together with (iii), this implies that $\vdash_j \leq \bigoplus_{i \in I} \vdash_i$ for all $j \in I$.

Then consider a logic \vdash such that $\vdash_i \leq \vdash$ for every $i \in I$. Then for every $i \in I$, there is an interpretation τ_i of \vdash_i into \vdash . Observe that all these τ_i can be joined together into a translation τ of $\bigoplus_{i \in I} \mathcal{L}_i$ into \mathcal{L}_\vdash . We will show that τ is also an interpretation of $\bigoplus_{i \in I} \vdash_i$ into \vdash . To this end, consider a matrix $\langle A, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash)$. We know that $\langle A^{\tau_i}, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash_i) = \mathbb{R}(\text{Mod}(\vdash_i))$ for every $i \in I$. This implies that the matrix $\langle A^\tau, F \rangle$ belongs to the class in (11). By (iii) we conclude that $\langle A, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}^\equiv(\bigoplus_{i \in I} \vdash_i)$. \square

As a consequence, we obtain the following:

Theorem 6.5. *Equiv is a set-complete lattice, i.e. infima and suprema of subsets of Equiv exist. Moreover, these infima and suprema coincide with those of Log.*

Proof. From Proposition 6.1(ii) and Lemma 6.4(iv). \square

Problem 1. Do suprema of protoalgebraic logics [15] exist as well?

An adaptation of an argument given in [20, pag. 34] shows that the lattice *Equiv* is not modular. However, to our knowledge, the following problem remains open:

Problem 2. Do *Equiv* and *Var* satisfy any non-trivial lattice equation?

7. THE TOP AND THE BOTTOM

In this section we will describe the top and the bottom parts of *Log*. To this end, recall that a logic \vdash is *inconsistent* if $\Gamma \vdash \varphi$ for every $\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\} \subseteq \text{Fm}(\vdash)$. Similarly, \vdash is said to be *almost inconsistent* if it lacks theorems and $\Gamma \vdash \varphi$ for every $\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\} \subseteq \text{Fm}(\vdash)$ such that $\Gamma \neq \emptyset$. The following result is part of the folklore.

Lemma 7.1. *A logic \vdash is inconsistent (resp. almost inconsistent) if and only if $\text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash)$ is the class of isomorphic copies of $\langle \mathbf{1}, \{1\} \rangle$ (resp. of $\langle \mathbf{1}, \{1\} \rangle$ and $\langle \mathbf{1}, \emptyset \rangle$).*

The lemma easily implies that any two inconsistent (resp. almost inconsistent) logics are equi-interpretable (since any translation between their languages is necessarily an interpretation).

Corollary 7.2. *The class of all inconsistent (resp. almost inconsistent) logics is a member of Log.*

In the light of the above corollary, the main results of this section can be summarized as follows:

Theorem 7.3. *The poset Log lacks a minimum. Moreover, its maximum is the class of all inconsistent logics, and its unique coatom is the class \mathcal{K} of all almost inconsistent logics. In particular, a logic \vdash lacks theorems if and only if $\llbracket \vdash \rrbracket \leq \mathcal{K}$.*

Proof. We first prove that *Log* has no minimum. Suppose, with a view to contradiction, that *Log* has a minimum $\llbracket \vdash \rrbracket$. Then let $\kappa := |\text{Fm}(\vdash)|$ and consider the language \mathcal{L} that consists in κ^+ binary connectives $\{\neg_{\alpha} : \alpha < \kappa^+\}$. For every $\alpha < \kappa^+$, let A_α be the

\mathcal{L} -algebra with universe $\{1, 0, a\}$ and operations defined for every $p, q \in A$ and $\beta < \kappa^+$ as follows:

$$p \multimap_{\beta} q := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p = q \text{ or } \beta \neq \alpha \\ 0 & \text{if } p \neq q \text{ and } \beta = \alpha. \end{cases}$$

Let also \vdash_{κ^+} be the logic (formulated in a countable set of variables) induced by the class of *reduced* matrices

$$\mathbf{M} := \{\langle A_{\alpha}, \{1, a\} \rangle : \alpha < \kappa^+\}.$$

Clearly, $\mathbf{M} \subseteq \text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\vdash_{\kappa^+})$.

Since \vdash is the minimum of Log , there is an interpretation τ of \vdash into \vdash_{κ^+} . On cardinality grounds, there is $\alpha < \kappa^+$ such that the symbol \multimap_{α} does not occur in the formulas $\{\tau(\varphi) : \varphi \in \mathcal{L}\}$. In particular, this implies that the matrix $\langle A_{\alpha}^{\tau}, \{1, a\} \rangle$ is not reduced.

On the other hand, we know that $\tilde{\Omega}_{\vdash}^{A_{\alpha}^{\tau}}\{1, a\}$ is the identity relation, since τ is an interpretation of \vdash into \vdash_{κ^+} and $\langle A_{\alpha}, \{1, a\} \rangle \in \text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\vdash_{\kappa^+})$. Now, since $A_{\alpha} = \{1, 0, a\}$, the only deductive filter of \vdash on A_{α}^{τ} extending properly $\{1, a\}$ is forcefully $\{1, 0, a\}$. Hence we obtain that

$$\tilde{\Omega}_{\vdash}^{A_{\alpha}^{\tau}}\{1, a\} = \Omega_{\vdash}^{A_{\alpha}^{\tau}}\{1, a\} \cap \Omega_{\vdash}^{A_{\alpha}^{\tau}}\{1, 0, a\} = \Omega_{\vdash}^{A_{\alpha}^{\tau}}\{1, a\} \cap A_{\alpha}^2 = \Omega_{\vdash}^{A_{\alpha}^{\tau}}\{1, a\}.$$

But this implies that $\Omega_{\vdash}^{A_{\alpha}^{\tau}}\{1, a\}$ is the identity relation, which is false.

Now, from Lemma 7.1 it follows easily that the class of inconsistent (resp. almost inconsistent) logics is the maximum (resp. a coatom) of Log . Hence, in order to establish the second part of the theorem it only remains to show that the class \mathcal{K} of all almost inconsistent logics is the unique coatom of Log , and that a logic \vdash lacks theorems if and only if $\llbracket \vdash \rrbracket \leq \mathcal{K}$.

By Lemmas 4.11(ii) and 7.1 a logic \vdash lacks theorems if and only if $\llbracket \vdash \rrbracket \leq \mathcal{K}$. Hence it only remains to show that \mathcal{K} is the unique coatom of Log . Suppose, with a view to contradiction, that there is a coatom $\llbracket \vdash \rrbracket$ in Log such that \vdash is not almost inconsistent. Since $\llbracket \vdash \rrbracket$ is neither the maximum of Log , nor comparable with \mathcal{K} , we know that \vdash is not inconsistent and that it has theorems. Then there is a matrix $\langle A, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\vdash)$ such that $F \in \mathcal{P}(A) \setminus \{\emptyset, A\}$. In particular, this implies that $|A| \geq 2$. Now, consider the matrix

$$\langle B, G \rangle := \langle A, F \rangle^{|A|} \in \mathbb{P}(\text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\vdash)) \subseteq \text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\vdash)$$

and observe that $|B| > |A|$ by Cantor's Theorem.

Let B^+ be the expansion of B with all finitary operations on B , and consider the logic \vdash^+ formulated in $|Fm(\vdash)|$ variables induced by the matrix $\langle B^+, G \rangle$.

Bearing in mind that all finitary operations on B are term-function of B^+ , it is not hard to see that the matrix $\langle B^+, G \rangle$ is reduced and that the logic \vdash^+ is equivalential (see [34, Lemma 3.2] if necessary). Moreover, we have that $\mathbb{S}(B^+) = \{B^+\}$. Together with Proposition 3.9, this implies that the identity map is a translation of \vdash into \vdash^+ . Since \vdash is a coatom of Log , this implies that either \vdash^+ is inconsistent or it is equi-interpretable with \vdash . As $G \neq B$ and $\langle B^+, G \rangle$ is a model of \vdash^+ , we know that \vdash^+ is not inconsistent, whence $\vdash^+ \leq \vdash$.

Together with the fact that $\langle A, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\vdash)$, this implies that $\text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\vdash^+)$ contains a matrix of size $|A|$. However, from Lemma 2.8 it follows that every non-trivial member of $\text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\vdash^+)$ has cardinality $\geq |B|$. Together with the fact that $|A| < |B|$, this implies that A is trivial, which is false. \square

Remark 7.4. The proof above of the first part of Theorem 7.3 suggests that the lack of a minimum in Log can be amended if we impose restrictions on the cardinality of the languages in which logics are formulated.⁴ To be more precise, we will show that the following poset has a minimum for every infinite cardinal κ :

$$\text{Log}_\kappa := \{ \llbracket \vdash \rrbracket : |\mathcal{L}_\vdash| \leq \kappa \} \subseteq \text{Log}.$$

To this end, recall that the *basic logic* \vdash_V of a variety V [18, 19] is the logic in the language of V (formulated in a countable set of variables) induced by the following class of matrices

$$\{ \langle A, F \rangle : A \in V \text{ and } F \subseteq A \}.$$

Given an infinite cardinal κ , we consider the language \mathcal{L}_κ comprising κ different n -ary symbols for every $n \in \omega$. Then let V_κ be the variety of all \mathcal{L}_κ -algebras. Clearly $\llbracket \vdash_{V_\kappa} \rrbracket \in \text{Log}_\kappa$. More interestingly, we shall prove that $\llbracket \vdash_{V_\kappa} \rrbracket$ is indeed the minimum of Log_κ .

Consider a logic \vdash such that $|\mathcal{L}_\vdash| \leq \kappa$. We can assume w.l.o.g. that the language of \vdash is of size κ . Then there is a surjective translation $\tau: \mathcal{L}_\kappa \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_\vdash$. We will show that τ is an interpretation of \vdash_{V_κ} into \vdash . To this end, consider $\langle A, F \rangle \in \mathbb{R}(\text{Mod}(\vdash))$. Since τ is surjective, the algebras A and A^τ are term-equivalent. In particular, this implies that the matrix $\langle A^\tau, F \rangle$ is reduced. Together with the fact that $A^\tau \in V_\kappa$, this implies that $\langle A^\tau, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash_{V_\kappa})$. Hence, with an application of Proposition 3.4, we conclude that τ is an interpretation. \square

As a consequence of the remark we have:

Corollary 7.5. *The upset of Log generated by the set $\{ \llbracket \vdash_{V_\kappa} \rrbracket : \kappa \text{ is an infinite cardinal} \}$ is Log .*

8. RELATIONS WITH THE LATTICE OF VARIETIES

For $\kappa \in \omega$, a k -deductive system \vdash [6] is a consequence relation over $Fm_{\mathcal{L}}(\kappa)^k$ (for some language \mathcal{L} and infinite cardinal κ) that, moreover, is substitution invariant in the sense that for every substitution σ ,

$$\text{if } \Gamma \vdash \langle \varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_k \rangle, \text{ then } \{ \langle \sigma(\gamma_1), \dots, \sigma(\gamma_k) \rangle : \langle \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_k \rangle \in \Gamma \} \vdash \langle \sigma(\varphi_1), \dots, \sigma(\varphi_k) \rangle$$

for every $\Gamma \cup \{ \langle \varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_k \rangle \} \subseteq Fm_{\mathcal{L}}(\kappa)^k$.

Example 8.1. Observe that 1-deductive systems coincide with logics. Moreover, every variety K can be associated with a 2-deductive system \models_K formulated over $Fm(\omega)^2$ as follows. For every $\Gamma \cup \langle \varphi, \psi \rangle \subseteq Fm(\omega)^2$ we set

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma \models_K \langle \varphi, \psi \rangle &\iff \text{for every } A \in K \text{ and homomorphism } f: Fm(\omega) \rightarrow A \\ &\text{if } f(\varepsilon) = f(\delta) \text{ for all } \langle \varepsilon, \delta \rangle \in \Gamma, \text{ then } f(\varphi) = f(\psi). \end{aligned}$$

The relation \models_K is a notational variant of the standard equational consequence relative to K (formulated in countably many variables). \square

⁴The reader may have noticed that also the proof that finite suprema need not exist in Log relies on the fact that the cardinality of languages in which logics are formulated is unbounded. However, in that case, it is not clear to the authors that imposing cardinality restriction on the size of the languages would be sufficient to recover the existence of suprema in Log .

The theory of k -deductive systems is a smooth generalization of that of logics (for the details, see for instance [6, 42]). In particular, every k -deductive system \vdash can be associated with a class $\text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash)$ of models of the form $\langle A, F \rangle$ where A is an algebra and $F \subseteq A^k$. Bearing this in mind, we say that an *interpretation* of a k -deductive system \vdash into another k -deductive system \vdash' is a translation τ of the language of \vdash into that of \vdash' such that $\langle A^\tau, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash)$, for every $\langle A, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}(\vdash')$. We denote by $\text{Syst}(k)$ the poset of classes $\llbracket \vdash \rrbracket$ of equi-interpretable k -deductive systems, ordered under interpretability. Let also $\text{Equiv}(k)$ be the subposet of $\text{Syst}(k)$ that contains the classes $\llbracket \vdash \rrbracket$ such that \vdash is an equivalential k -deductive system. A straightforward adaptation of the proof of Theorem 6.5 shows that $\text{Equiv}(k)$ is a set-complete lattice.

Recall from the Introduction that a variety K is *interpretable* [46] into another variety V , when V is term-equivalent to some variety V^* whose reducts (in a smaller signature) belong to K , in which case we write $K \leq V$. When $K \leq V$ and $V \leq K$ we say that K and V are *equi-interpretable*. The class of all varieties equi-interpretable with K is denoted by $\llbracket K \rrbracket$ and is called the *interpretability type* of K . Moreover, we denote by Var the lattice of interpretability types of varieties ordered by the relation \leq defined as follows: $\llbracket K \rrbracket \leq \llbracket V \rrbracket$ if and only if $K \leq V$. The next result draws a relation between $\text{Syst}(2)$, and the lattice Var of interpretability types of varieties.

Proposition 8.2. *The map given by the rule $\llbracket K \rrbracket \longmapsto \llbracket \models_K \rrbracket$ is a lattice-embedding of Var into $\text{Equiv}(2)$.*

Proof sketch. It is well known that if K is a variety, then \models_K is an algebraizable [5] (and, therefore, equivalential) 2-deductive system such that

$$\text{Mod}^\equiv(\models_K) = \{ \langle A, \{ \langle a, a \rangle : a \in A \} \rangle : A \in K \}.$$

As a consequence, a variety K is interpretable into another variety V if and only if \models_K is interpretable into \models_V . Hence, the map in the statement is an order-embedding. The fact that it is a lattice homomorphism follows from the description of infima and suprema in Var [20, 38], and from a straightforward adaptation of the description of infima and suprema of equivalential logics given here to the case of 2-deductive systems. \square

The above result gives a logical explanation of some known facts about Var . For instance, the fact that Var is a lattice (as opposed to a poset only) can be viewed as a consequence of the fact that equivalential 2-deductive systems form a lattice. Similarly, the fact that Var has no coatoms [20, Chpt. 2] follows from a variant of Theorem 7.3, and the observation that every two-deductive system of the form \models_K has at least one theorem, namely $\langle x, x \rangle$.

We conclude this section by showing that there is a meet-homomorphism from Var to Log (Theorem 8.4). To this end, given a language \mathcal{L} we denote by $T_m(\mathcal{L})$ the set of all its m -ary terms in the variables x_1, \dots, x_m . Then, for every \mathcal{L} -algebra A and $n > 0$, the n -th *matrix power* of A is the algebra

$$A^{[n]} := \langle A^n; \{ m_t : t \in T_{kn}(A)^n \text{ for some positive } k \in \omega \} \rangle,$$

where for each $t = \langle t_1, \dots, t_n \rangle \in T_{kn}(A)^n$, we define $m_t : (A^n)^k \rightarrow A^n$ as follows: if $a_j = \langle a_{j1}, \dots, a_{jn} \rangle \in A^n$ for $j = 1, \dots, k$, then

$$m_t(a_1, \dots, a_k) = \langle t_i^A(a_{11}, \dots, a_{1n}, \dots, a_{k1}, \dots, a_{kn}) : 1 \leq i \leq n \rangle.$$

For $0 < n \in \omega$, the n -th matrix power of a class K of similar algebras is the class $K^{[n]} := \mathbb{I}\{A^{[n]} : A \in K\}$. Applications of the matrix power construction range from the algebraic study of category equivalences and adjunctions [13, 33, 35] to the study of clones [39], Maltsev conditions [47, 20], and finite algebras [25].

Given a variety K , we denote by \vdash_K^2 the logic formulated in countably many variables induced by the class of matrices

$$\mathbb{I}\{\langle A^{[2]}, \{\langle a, a \rangle : a \in A \rangle\} : A \in K\}. \quad (12)$$

We rely on the following observation [37, Thm. 8]:

Theorem 8.3. *If K is variety, then $\text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash_K^2)$ is the class in (12).*

As a consequence we obtain the desired result (cf. [20, Prop. 7]):

Theorem 8.4. *The map defined by the rule $\llbracket K \rrbracket \mapsto \llbracket \vdash_K^{[2]} \rrbracket$ is a meet-homomorphism from Var into Log .*

Proof. We claim that if K and V are varieties such that $K \leq V$, then $\vdash_K^{[2]} \leq \vdash_V^{[2]}$. To prove this, let τ be an interpretation of K into V . It is not hard to see that the map τ^* , defined by the rule $\langle t_1, t_2 \rangle \mapsto \langle \tau(t_1), \tau(t_2) \rangle$, is an interpretation of $K^{[2]}$ into $V^{[2]}$. We will show that τ^* is also an interpretation of $\vdash_K^{[2]}$ into $\vdash_V^{[2]}$. To this end, consider $\langle A, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash_V^{[2]})$. By Theorem 8.3 there is $B \in V^{[2]}$ such that $\langle A, F \rangle \cong \langle B, \{\langle b, b \rangle : b \in B \rangle\}$. As τ^* is an interpretation of $K^{[2]}$ and $V^{[2]}$, this yields $B^{\tau^*} \in K^{[2]}$. Hence, by Theorem 8.3 we obtain

$$\langle A, F \rangle \in \mathbb{I}(\langle B^{\tau^*}, \{\langle b, b \rangle : b \in B \rangle\}) \subseteq \text{Mod}^\equiv(\vdash_K^{[2]}).$$

We conclude that τ^* is an interpretation of $\vdash_K^{[2]}$ into $\vdash_V^{[2]}$, establishing the claim.

Let $\mu : \text{Var} \rightarrow \text{Log}$ be the map in the statement. From the claim it follows that μ is well-defined. Then we turn to prove that it is a meet-homomorphism. To this end, given two varieties K and V , we set $K \otimes V := \mathbb{I}\{A \otimes B : A \in K \text{ and } B \in V\}$. It is easy to see that $K \otimes V$ is a variety. Moreover, recall that $\llbracket K \otimes V \rrbracket$ is the meet of $\llbracket K \rrbracket$ and $\llbracket V \rrbracket$ in Var , and that $(K \otimes V)^{[2]}$ is term-equivalent to $K^{[2]} \otimes V^{[2]}$ (see for instance [20]). Together with Corollary 4.14 and Theorem 8.3, this implies that $\vdash_{K \otimes V}^{[2]}$ is term-equivalent to $\vdash_K^{[2]} \otimes \vdash_V^{[2]}$ as well. Hence we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(\llbracket K \rrbracket) \wedge \mu(\llbracket V \rrbracket) &= \llbracket \vdash_K^{[2]} \rrbracket \wedge \llbracket \vdash_V^{[2]} \rrbracket = \llbracket \vdash_K^{[2]} \otimes \vdash_V^{[2]} \rrbracket = \llbracket \vdash_{K \otimes V}^{[2]} \rrbracket \\ &= \mu(\llbracket K \otimes V \rrbracket) = \mu(\llbracket K \rrbracket \wedge \llbracket V \rrbracket). \end{aligned}$$

This shows that μ is a meet-homomorphism, as desired. \square

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APPENDIX

A. Recall that \vdash_{\neg} is the negation fragment of classical propositional logic. The following result is part of the folklore:

Proposition 8.5. *The logic \vdash_{\neg} is axiomatized by the following rules:*

$$x, \neg x \triangleright y \quad x \triangleright \neg \neg x \quad \neg \neg x \triangleright x.$$

Theorem 8.6. $\text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\vdash_{\neg})$ is the class of matrices $\langle A, F \rangle$ such that either A is trivial or $(A \in \text{NA}$ and either $F = \emptyset$ or $F = \{a\}$ for some $a \in A$ that is not a fixed point of \neg).

Proof. We begin by proving the inclusion from left to right. To this end, observe that \vdash_{\neg} is determined by the matrix $\langle \mathbf{2}, \{1\} \rangle$ where $\mathbf{2}$ is the negation reduct of the two-element Boolean algebra with universe $\{0, 1\}$. Then consider a matrix $\langle A, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\vdash_{\neg})$ such that A is non-trivial. First we show that $A \in \text{NA}$. The fact that $\mathbf{2} \models x \approx \neg \neg x$, together with Corollary 2.5, implies that $A \models x \approx \neg \neg x$.

It only remains to prove that A has at most one fixed point of \neg . Suppose that $a, b \in A$ are fixed points of \neg . We prove that $\text{Fg}_{\vdash_{\neg}}^A(F, p(a)) = \text{Fg}_{\vdash_{\neg}}^A(F, p(b))$ for every unary polynomial function p of A . This implies that $\langle a, b \rangle \in \tilde{\Omega}_{\vdash_{\neg}}^A F$ by Proposition 2.2(ii) and, since $\langle A, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\vdash_{\neg})$, we that $a = b$. Let p be a unary polynomial function of A . Because of the poor language of A , every polynomial function $q(x)$ of A has the form

$$q(x) = \underbrace{\neg \dots \neg}_{n\text{-times}} x \quad \text{or} \quad q(x) = \underbrace{\neg \dots \neg}_{n\text{-times}} c$$

for some $n \in \omega$ and $c \in A$. If p is of the first shape, then since a, b are fixed points of \neg , it easily follows that $p(a) = a$ and $p(b) = b$; then using the rule $x, \neg x \triangleright y$, which holds in the logic, it follows that $b \in \text{Fg}_{\vdash_{\neg}}^A(F, a)$ and $a \in \text{Fg}_{\vdash_{\neg}}^A(F, b)$ and, therefore, $\text{Fg}_{\vdash_{\neg}}^A(F, p(a)) = \text{Fg}_{\vdash_{\neg}}^A(F, p(b))$. If p is of the second shape, then there is nothing to prove. Hence we conclude that A is a negation algebra.

Now, recall that \vdash_{\neg} is determined by a matrix $\langle \mathbf{2}, \{1\} \rangle$, whose set of designated elements is a singleton. By a minor variant of [1, Thm. 8], this implies that $\text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\vdash_{\neg})$ is a class of matrices $\langle A, F \rangle$ such that F is either empty or a singleton. Then consider a matrix $\langle A, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\vdash_{\neg})$ such that A is non-trivial. We know that A is a negation algebra and that F is either empty or a singleton. Suppose, with a view to contradiction, that $F = \{a\}$ for a fixed point a of \neg . Since $x, \neg x \vdash_{\neg} y$, this implies that $F = A$ and, therefore, that A is trivial which is false. This establishes the inclusion from left to right.

To prove the inclusion from right to left, consider a matrix $\langle A, F \rangle$ in the right-hand side of the display in the statement. If $A = \mathbf{1}$, then either $F = \emptyset$ or $F = \{1\}$. In both cases, $\langle A, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}^{\equiv}(\vdash_{\neg})$, since \vdash_{\neg} has no theorems. Then we suppose that A is non-trivial, in which case $A \in \text{NA}$ and either $F = \emptyset$ or $F = \{a\}$ for some $a \in A$ that is not a fixed point of \neg . Together with Proposition 8.5, this implies that $\langle A, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}(\vdash_{\neg})$.

It only remains to prove that $\tilde{\Omega}_{\vdash_{\neg}}^A F$ is the identity relation. To prove this, consider two different elements $b, c \in A$. First we consider the case where $F = \emptyset$. Since A is a negation algebra, it has at most one fixed point of \neg . Thus we can assume w.l.o.g. that b is not a fixed point of \neg . Together with Proposition 8.5, this implies that $\langle A, \{b\} \rangle \in \text{Mod}(\vdash_{\neg})$. Moreover, clearly we have that $F = \emptyset \subseteq \{b\}$ and $\langle b, c \rangle \notin \Omega^A \{b\} \subseteq \tilde{\Omega}_{\vdash_{\neg}}^A \emptyset = \tilde{\Omega}_{\vdash_{\neg}}^A F$.

Then we consider the case in which $F = \{a\}$ for some $a \in A$ that is not a fixed point of \neg . Since A has at most one fixed point of \neg , $A \models x \approx \neg \neg x$, and $b \neq c$ one of the following conditions holds:

- (i) Either $(b \neq \neg b \text{ and } b \neq \neg a)$ or $(c \neq \neg c \text{ and } c \neq \neg a)$.
- (ii) Either $(b = \neg b \text{ and } c = \neg a)$ or $(c = \neg c \text{ and } b = \neg a)$.

If condition (i) holds, we can assume w.l.o.g. that $b \neq \neg b$ and $b \neq \neg a$. If $c = a$, then $\langle b, c \rangle \notin \Omega^A\{a\} \subseteq \tilde{\Omega}_{\vdash_{\neg}}^A\{a\} = \tilde{\Omega}_{\vdash_{\neg}}^A F$. Then consider the case where $c \neq a$. By Proposition 8.5 we know that $\{a, b\}$ is a deductive filter of \vdash_{\neg} . Hence we have that $\langle b, c \rangle \notin \Omega^A\{a, b\} \subseteq \tilde{\Omega}_{\vdash_{\neg}}^A\{a\} = \tilde{\Omega}_{\vdash_{\neg}}^A F$. Then suppose that the condition (ii) holds. We can assume w.l.o.g. that $b = \neg b$ and $c = \neg a$. In this case we have that $\neg b \notin \{a\}$ and $\neg c \in \{a\}$ which, by Proposition 2.2(ii), implies that $\langle b, c \rangle \notin \tilde{\Omega}_{\vdash_{\neg}}^A F$.

This concludes the proof that $\tilde{\Omega}_{\vdash_{\neg}}^A F$ is the identity relation. \square

B. We close the paper with an observation on languages with constant symbols. If a logic \vdash has constants in its language, then we can obtain a new language by keeping all the connectives of \mathcal{L}_{\vdash} and replacing each constant c by a unary operation $*_c$. Then we can transform every algebra A for the language \mathcal{L}_{\vdash} into an algebra A^{co} for the new language, where $*_c^{A^{co}}$ is the unary constant map to c^A . The logic \vdash^{co} in the new language induced by the class of matrices

$$\{\langle A^{co}, F \rangle : \langle A, F \rangle \in \text{Mod}(\vdash)\}$$

is the incarnation of the logic \vdash in our setting of logics with languages without constants.

Note that if the language of \vdash has no constant symbols, then $\vdash = \vdash^{co}$. It is therefore natural to say of any two logics \vdash and \vdash' , possibly with constants, that \vdash is *interpretable* into \vdash' if \vdash^{co} is interpretable into \vdash'^{co} in the sense of Definition 3.2. Alternatively, and with similar ideas to the ones used in the paper, the reader can easily figure out how to modify our notion of a concrete interpretation to accommodate interpretations between languages possibly with constants.

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