

# A finite axiomatization of locally square cylindric-relativized set algebras\*

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## Abstract

We give a finite set of equations axiomatizing the class  $G_n$  of locally square cylindric-relativized set algebras of dimension  $n$ , if  $n$  is finite. For infinite  $n$ , we give an axiomatization of the equational theory of  $G_n$ . Here  $G_n$  denotes the class of all cylindric-relativized set algebras of dimension  $n$  with unit a union of Cartesian spaces.

Let  $n$  be an ordinal. We will deal with algebras of  $n$ -ary relations. A cylindric-relativized set algebra of dimension  $n$  is an algebra of  $n$ -ary relations. In more detail, an algebra  $\mathfrak{A} = \langle A, +, -, c_i, d_{ij} \rangle_{i,j < n}$  is a *cylindric-relativized set algebra* of dimension  $n$  (a *Crs<sub>n</sub>*) if the following (i)-(ii) hold.

- (i)  $\langle A, +, - \rangle$  is a Boolean set algebra whose elements are  $n$ -ary relations. Let  $V$  denote the greatest element of this algebra.  $V$  is called the *unit* of  $\mathfrak{A}$ . Thus  $+$ ,  $-$  denote the operations of taking union and taking complement w.r.t.  $V$ .
- (ii) The additional operations are as follows. Let  $i, j < n$ . Then  $d_{ij}$  is a constant and  $c_i$  is a unary operation defined as follows.

$$d_{ij} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{z \in V : z_i = z_j\}.$$

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Let  $x \in A$ . Then  $x$  is an  $n$ -ary relation, i.e.  $x$  is a set of  $n$ -sequences. Now  $c_i(x)$  is the set of those  $n$ -sequences from  $V$  which agree everywhere but on  $i$  with a sequence in  $x$ ; formally

$$c_i(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{z \in V : (\exists s \in x)(\forall k < n, k \neq i)z_k = s_k\}.$$

Thus  $d_{ij}$  and  $c_i(x)$  are  $n$ -ary relations. We require that  $d_{ij} \in A$  and  $c_i(x) \in A$  for all  $i, j < n$  and  $x \in A$ .

$CrS_n$ 's are Boolean algebras with additional unary operators  $c_i$  and constants  $d_{ij}$  ( $Bo_n$ 's, cf. [14]). In some sense, these are the most natural algebras of  $n$ -ary relations.

$CrS_n$  denotes the class of all cylindric-relativized set algebras of dimension  $n$ , and  $GS_n \subseteq G_n \subseteq D_n \subseteq CrS_n$  are subclasses of  $CrS_n$  defined by making restrictions on the biggest element (unit) of the algebra. We briefly recall their definitions below.

By a *Cartesian space* we mean the set of all  $U$ -termed  $n$ -sequences for some set  $U$ , where  $s$  is a  $U$ -termed  $n$ -sequence if  $s = \langle s_i \rangle_{i < n}$  and  $s_i \in U$  for all  $i < n$ . We will consider sequences to be functions, and an ordinal to be the set of all smaller ordinals. Thus, an  $n$ -sequence  $s = \langle s_i \rangle_{i < n}$  is a function with domain  $n = \{i : i < n\}$ . A  $U$ -termed  $n$ -sequence  $s$  is then a function  $s : n \rightarrow U$ . If  $\tau : n \rightarrow n$  is a transformation on  $n$ , then  $s \circ \tau = \langle s_{\tau(i)} \rangle_{i < n}$  is a new sequence, namely the sequence we obtain from  $s$  by "rearranging" it according to  $\tau$ .  $\tau : n \rightarrow n$  is called *permutational* if it is a bijection. We call  $\tau$  *finite* if  $\tau$  moves only finitely many elements, i.e.  $\{i < n : \tau(i) \neq i\}$  is finite.

Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a cylindric-relativized set algebra of dimension  $n$  with unit  $V$ . Then

$\mathfrak{A} \in D_n$  iff for every  $s \in V$  and every finite nonpermutational transformation  $\tau$  of  $n$ , also  $s \circ \tau$  is in  $V$ .

$\mathfrak{A} \in G_n$  iff  $V$  is a union of Cartesian spaces.

$\mathfrak{A} \in GS_n$  iff  $V$  is a disjoint union of Cartesian spaces.

An equivalent definition of  $G_n$  is that  $s \circ \tau \in V$  for every transformation  $\tau$  of  $n$  and sequence  $s \in V$ .

For a class  $K$  of algebras,  $IK$  denotes the class of all isomorphic copies of elements of  $K$ . Now,  $ICrS_n, ID_n, IG_n, IGS_n$  are all distinct classes, equations distinguishing them are given in [19, 20].

Let  $n$  be finite. In this paper we give a finite equational axiom system for  $G_n$ . It was already known that  $IG_n$  is axiomatizable by equations, i.e. it is a *variety* (Németi [19]), moreover it is a canonical variety, i.e. it is closed under perfect extensions (Andréka-Goldblatt-Németi [3]). These will also follow from the theorem in the present paper because the axiomatization we give contains only positive equations (i.e. Boolean negation – does not occur in the extra-Boolean equations, but Boolean product  $\cdot$  may occur in them).

If  $n$  is infinite, then we do not know whether  $IG_n$  is a variety or not. We do not even know whether  $IG_n$  is axiomatizable with first-order formulas or not. In this paper we give a finite scheme of equations axiomatizing the equational theory of  $G_n$ . This finite scheme is a natural generalization of the axiom system given for the finite case. More on  $IG_n$  can be found in [3, 4, 13, 15, 19, 20, 21].

Let now  $n \geq 3$  be arbitrary. To contrast the above results, we note that  $ICrs_n, ID_n, IGs_n$  are all varieties,  $ICrs_n$  and  $IGs_n$  are not finitely axiomatizable, and a finite axiomatization for  $ID_n$  is given in [6]. There is a difference between non-finite (schema) axiomatizability of  $Gs_n$  and  $Crs_n$ , however:  $Gs_n$  cannot be axiomatized with any axiom system that contains only finitely many variables ([1]), while an (infinite) equational axiomatization of  $Crs_n$  which uses only two variables is given in [16] (this system is due to D. Resek and R. Thompson). Axiomatizations for  $Gs_n$  are surveyed in [9], a recent new axiom system for  $Gs_n$  is in [11]. A rich material on these classes can be found, besides the above cited references, e.g. in [7, 5, 10, 9, 17, 18].

We now turn to giving the equational axiomatization of  $IG_n$ .

Let  $n$  be a finite number and let  $i, j < n$ . Let  $Ax_{ij}$  be the following equation:

$$x \leq c_i c_j (s_j^i c_j x \cdot s_i^j c_i x \cdot \prod_{k < n, k \neq i, j} s_i^k s_j^i s_k^j c_k x).$$

In the above,  $\prod$  is the grouped version of  $\cdot$ , and  $s_j^i(x) = c_i(d_{ij} \cdot x)$  if  $i \neq j$  and  $s_i^i(x) = x$ . We will see from the proof of the next theorem that  $Ax_{ij}$  intuitively says that for any sequence in the unit, we can also put into the unit the sequence we obtain from it by interchanging its  $i$ 'th and  $j$ 'th elements. From the equation  $Ax_{ij}$  we will only use its following consequence:

$$x \neq 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad s_j^i c_j x \cdot s_i^j c_i x \cdot \prod_{k < n, k \neq i, j} s_i^k s_j^i s_k^j c_k x \neq 0.$$

Intuitively, this ensures that if a sequence is in  $x$ , then its permuted version can be put into  $s_j^i c_i x \cdot \dots$

To extend these equations for infinite  $n$ , assume now that  $n$  is any ordinal, possibly infinite. For all  $i, j < n$  and all finite subsets  $\Gamma$  of  $n$  let  $Ax_{ij\Gamma}$  denote the following equation:

$$x \leq c_i c_j (s_j^i c_j x \cdot s_i^j c_i x \cdot \prod_{k \in \Gamma, k \neq i, j} s_i^k s_j^i s_k^j c_k x).$$

Let  $Ax_n$  be the set of all  $Ax_{ij}$ , for  $i, j < n$ , and let  $Ax'_n = \{Ax_{ij\Gamma} : i, j < n, \Gamma \subseteq n, \Gamma \text{ finite}\}$ . We will simply write  $Ax$  and  $Ax'$  if there is no danger of confusion.  $IG_n, HG_n$  denote the classes of all isomorphic copies and all homomorphic images of elements of  $G_n$ , respectively. We note that a simple finite set of equations (equation schemes in the case when  $n$  is infinite) which axiomatizes  $ID_n$  is given in [6]. Therefore Theorem 1 below gives axiom systems for  $IG_n$  and  $HG_n$ ; and these axiom systems are finite if  $n$  is finite.

**Theorem 1 (Axiomatizations of  $IG_n$  and  $HG_n$ )**

- (i)  $IG_n = \{\mathfrak{A} \in ID_n : \mathfrak{A} \models Ax\}$ , if  $n$  is finite,  $n \geq 3$ .
- (ii)  $HG_n = \{\mathfrak{A} \in ID_n : \mathfrak{A} \models Ax'\}$  for all  $n \geq 3$ .
- (iii)  $IG_2 = \{\mathfrak{A} \in ID_n : \mathfrak{A} \models x - d_{01} \leq c_0 c_1 (-d_{01} \cdot s_1^0 c_1 x \cdot s_0^1 c_0 x)\}$ .

**Proof.** Let  $n \geq 2$ . First we show that  $G_n \models Ax'$ . Let  $\mathfrak{A} \in G_n$  with unit  $V$ ,  $x \in A$  and let  $s \in x$ . Let  $i, j, k < n$ ,  $k \neq i, j$ . Let  $z = s \circ [i, j]$ , where  $[i, j] : n \rightarrow n$  is the permutation of the set  $n = \{\ell : \ell < n\}$  which interchanges  $i$  and  $j$  and leaves all the other elements fixed. Then  $z \in V$  and it is easy to check that  $s \in c_i c_j (\{z\})$ ,  $z \in s_j^i c_j x$ ,  $z \in s_i^j c_i x$ ,  $z \in s_i^k s_j^i s_k^j c_k x$ . This shows that  $\mathfrak{A} \models Ax_{ij\Gamma}$  for all  $i, j < n$  and for all finite  $\Gamma \subseteq n$ . This shows  $G_n \models Ax'$ . The same argument shows that  $G_2$  satisfies the indicated equation (notice that if  $s \in x - d_{01}$ , then  $s_0 \neq s_1$ , and so  $z$  also is in  $-d_{01}$ ).

To show the other direction of (i)-(iii), we first assume that  $n$  is finite  $n \geq 2$ . The proof below is an extension of the one in [6], and it will also show some similarities with the proofs in [2].

First we make an observation. Let  $V$  be a  $D_n$ -unit. Then

(\*) If  $s \in V$  has a repetition, then  $s \circ \tau \in V$  for all  $\tau : n \rightarrow n$ .

Indeed, if  $\tau$  is nonpermutational, then  $s \circ \tau \in V$  by the definition of a  $D_n$ -unit and since  $n$  is finite. If  $\tau$  is permutational, then  $s \circ \tau = s \circ \tau'$  for some nonpermutational  $\tau'$  because  $s$  has a repetition. (Indeed, assume  $s_i = s_j$  for  $i, j < n$ ,  $i \neq j$ . Let  $\tau'$  be

such that  $\tau'(m) = \tau(m)$  if  $m \neq \tau^{-1}(j)$ , and  $\tau'(\tau^{-1}(j)) = \tau(i)$ .) This shows that (\*) holds. By (\*) we have that if a  $D_n$ -unit  $V$  is such that  $s \circ \tau \in V$  for all repetition-free  $s \in V$  and for all bijections  $\tau$ , then  $V$  is a  $G_n$ -unit.

Let  $\mathfrak{A} \in ID_n$ , and assume that  $\mathfrak{A} \models Ax$ . We want to show that  $\mathfrak{A}$  is isomorphic to an  $\mathfrak{A}'' \in G_n$ .

It is proved, implicitly, in [6] that every algebra  $\mathfrak{A} \in ID_n$  is isomorphic to an  $\mathfrak{A}' \in D_n$  such that the unit  $V$  of  $\mathfrak{A}'$  satisfies (\*\*) below:

(\*\*) For all repetition-free sequences  $s, z \in V$ , the ranges of  $s$  and  $z$  are different, i.e.  $Rng(s) \neq Rng(z)$ .

Indeed, in the proof of Theorem 1 in [6], to any  $\mathfrak{A} \in ID_n$  we define a set  $V$  such that  $\mathfrak{A}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{A}' \in D_n$  with unit  $V$ . The construction of  $V$  is given on p.674 in [6], and conditions (b),(c),(d) on the same page ensure that (\*\*) holds for  $V$ .

(\*\*) means, in other words, that if  $s \in V$  and  $s$  is repetition-free, then no other permuted version of  $s$  is in  $V$ . By (\*\*), the unit of  $\mathfrak{A}'$  satisfies the weaker condition (\*\*\*) below:

(\*\*\*) For all repetition-free sequences  $s \in V$ , either  $s \circ \tau \in V$  for all bijections  $\tau : n \rightarrow n$  or else  $s \circ \tau \notin V$  for all bijections  $\tau : n \rightarrow n$  which are not the identity on  $n$ .

The idea of the following proof is that we can “throw in” the permuted versions of the repetition-free sequences in  $V$  such that “ $\mathfrak{A}'$  will not change”.  $Ax_{ij}$  will tell us “where to put the new sequence  $s \circ [i, j]$ ”. In more detail, assume that  $\mathfrak{A}' \in D_n$  has unit  $V$  such that (\*\*\*) holds. Let  $s \in V$  be a repetition-free sequence such that “no permuted version of  $s$  is in  $V$ ”. Let  $S = \{z_0, z_1, \dots, z_N\}$  be a listing of all the permuted versions of  $s$ — i.e.  $S = \{s \circ \tau : \tau \text{ is a bijection of } n\}$ — such that

$$\begin{aligned} z_0 &= s \\ z_i &= z_j \circ [k, \ell] \text{ for some } j < i, k, \ell < n \\ z_i &\neq z_j \text{ if } i \neq j. \end{aligned}$$

Such a listing is possible. Then  $V \cup S$  also satisfies (\*\*\*) . We will “represent”  $\mathfrak{A}'$  on  $V \cup S$ , i.e. we will show that  $\mathfrak{A}'$  is isomorphic to an  $\mathfrak{A}''$  with unit  $V \cup S$ . (We will do this by putting  $z_0, z_1, \dots, z_N$  into the representation, one by one. In each step we will use an axiom  $Ax_{k\ell}$  to tell us “where to put”  $z_i$ .) By an induction then  $\mathfrak{A}$  is isomorphic to an  $\mathfrak{A}'' \in D_n$  with unit  $V$  such that all permuted versions of all repetition-free members of  $V$  are also in  $V$ . Then  $V$  is a  $G_n$ -unit by (\*) and we will be done.

We may assume that  $\mathfrak{A}$  is atomic, because of the following. An equation in the language of  $Bo_n$ 's is called *positive in the wider sense* if complementation  $-$  occurs only in front of some constant terms or in form of Boolean meet  $\cdot$ . Every Boolean algebra with operators  $\mathfrak{B}$  can be embedded into an atomic one  $\mathfrak{B}'$  such that all the equations valid in  $\mathfrak{B}$  which are positive in the wider sense continue to hold in the atomic one,  $\mathfrak{B}'$ , by [12, 2.15, 2.18] (see also [8, 2.7.5, 2.7.13]). All the axioms listed in this paper as well as the axioms defining  $ID_n$  in  $Bo_n$  given in [6] are positive in the wider sense. Any representation for  $\mathfrak{B}'$  gives a representation for  $\mathfrak{B} \subseteq \mathfrak{B}'$  with the same unit. Thus we may assume that  $\mathfrak{A}$  is atomic.

A cylindric-relativised set algebra  $\mathfrak{B} \in Crs_n$  is called *completely represented* if every sequence in the unit of  $\mathfrak{B}$  is in some atom, i.e. if the unit of  $\mathfrak{B}$  is the union – and not only the supremum – of the atoms of  $\mathfrak{B}$ . We also may assume that  $\mathfrak{A}$  is completely represented, because of the following. The representation for  $\mathfrak{A} \in ID_n$  given on p.674 in [6] is a complete one, and in the above outlined induction step we obtain a complete representation from a complete one.

We say that an atom of  $\mathfrak{A}$  is *repetition-free* if it is below no  $d_{ij}$  (i.e. if it is below  $\prod_{i < j < n} -d_{ij}$ ). Let  $a$  be an arbitrary repetition-free atom of  $\mathfrak{A}$  and let  $i, j < n$ ,  $i \neq j$ .

Let now  $n \geq 3$  and let

$$b \leq s_j^i c_j a \cdot s_i^j c_i a \cdot \prod_{k \neq i, j} s_i^k s_j^i s_k^j c_k a$$

be an atom. Such an atom exists by  $\mathfrak{A} \models Ax$ . We will show that  $b$  is repetition-free.

We will work in the *atom-structure* of  $\mathfrak{A}$  for a while. I.e. let  $At$  be the set of all atoms of  $\mathfrak{A}$ , let  $E_{ij} = \{x \in At : x \leq d_{ij}\}$  and let  $T_i = \{\langle x, y \rangle : x, y \in At, c_i x = c_i y\}$ . Let  $E_{ijk} = E_{ij} \cap E_{jk}$ . We will freely use the following properties of atom-structures: For all  $x, y \in At$

$$x \in E_{ij}, x T_k y \text{ imply } y \in E_{ij} \text{ if } k \neq i, j.$$

$$x, y \in E_{ij}, x T_i y \text{ imply } x = y.$$

$$E_{ij} \cap E_{jk} \subseteq E_{ik} = E_{ki}.$$

For any  $x \in At$  and  $i, j < n$ ,  $i \neq j$  there is a unique  $y \in At$  such that  $x T_i y \in E_{ij}$ .

It is not difficult to check that the first three statements hold in the atom-structure of any  $\mathfrak{A} \in Crs_n$  while the last statement holds in the atom-structure of any  $\mathfrak{A} \in D_n$ .

First we show that  $b \in E_{ij}$  would imply that  $a \in E_{ij}$ . Let  $k < n$ ,  $k \neq i, j$ . Then  $b \leq s_i^k s_j^i s_k^j c_k a$ , and this means that there are atoms  $x, y, z$  of  $\mathfrak{A}$  such that  $bT_k x, x \in E_{ik}, xT_i y, y \in E_{ij}, yT_j z, z \in E_{jk}, zT_k a$ , see Figure 1.

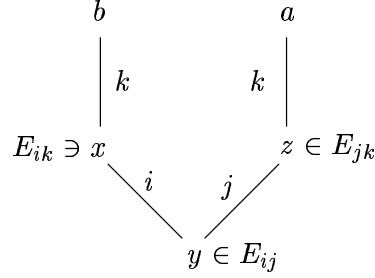


Figure 1:

Now,  $b \in E_{ij}$  implies  $x \in E_{ijk}$ , which implies that  $y = x$ ,  $y \in E_{ijk}$  which imply that  $z = y$ ,  $z \in E_{ijk}$ , which imply that  $a \in E_{ij}$ .

Next we show that  $b \in E_{ik}$  would imply that  $a \in E_{jk}$ . By  $b \leq s_i^j c_i a$  there is an atom  $x$  such that  $bT_j x \in E_{ij}, xT_i a$ , see Figure 2.

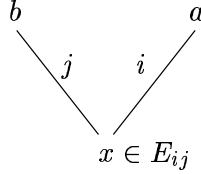


Figure 2:

Now  $b \in E_{ik}$  implies  $x \in E_{ijk}$  which implies that  $a \in E_{jk}$ .

Finally we show that  $b \in E_{kl}$  would imply  $a \in E_{kl}$  for all  $k \neq \ell$ ,  $j, i \neq k, \ell$ . Let  $x$  be an atom as in Figure 2. Then  $b \in E_{kl}$  implies that  $x \in E_{kl}$  which implies that  $a \in E_{kl}$ .

Thus  $b$  is repetition-free, because  $a$  is repetition-free.

Assume now that  $n \geq 2$  and  $i, j \leq n$ ,  $i \neq j$ . For any repetition-free atom  $a$  choose a repetition-free atom  $b$  below  $s_j^i c_j a \cdot s_i^j c_i a \cdot \prod_{k \neq i, j} s_i^k s_j^i s_k^j c_k a$  and let

$$f_{ij}(a) = b.$$

Such a  $b$  exists, because if  $n \geq 3$ , then we have seen this above, and if  $n = 2$ , then this holds by the axiom we required to hold.

Let now  $s$  be the repetition-free sequence we chose at the beginning of this proof, and recall the definition of  $S = \{z_0, z_1, \dots, z_N\}$ . We will define a sequence  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_N$  of repetition-free atoms. Let  $a$  be an atom such that  $s \in a$ . Such an atom exists by our assumption that  $\mathfrak{A}$  is completely represented.

Let

$$a_0 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} a.$$

Assume that  $a_\ell$  has been defined for all  $\ell < i$ . Let  $\ell < i$  and  $m \neq j$  be such that  $z_i = z_\ell \circ [m, j]$ . (If there are several such  $\ell, m, j$ , then we just select one such triple.) Now we define

$$a_i \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} f_{mj}(a_\ell).$$

We are ready to define the new representation of  $\mathfrak{A}$ : For any  $x \in A$  define  $x'$  as

$$x' \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} x \cup \{z_i : a_i \leq x, i < N\}.$$

(Intuitively, this means that “we put the sequences  $z_i$  into the atoms  $a_i$ ”.)

Then  $V' = V \cup S$ , so the unit of the new representation will be  $V \cup S$  as desired. We have to show that the function  $x \mapsto x'$  is an embedding of  $\mathfrak{A}$  into the full (i.e. biggest) set algebra with unit  $V \cup S$ . Let us denote this function  $x \mapsto x'$  by  $h$ .

Clearly,  $h$  is a one-to-one Boolean embedding, and  $h(d_{ij}) = d_{ij}$  for all  $i, j < n$ . To show that  $h$  respects the cylindrifications  $c_k$ , first we prove an auxiliary statement.

**Notation:** If  $z$  is an  $n$ -sequence and  $k, \ell < n$ , then  $z(k/z_\ell)$  denotes the sequence which agrees everywhere with  $z$  except on  $k$ , where it is the same as  $z_\ell$ .

**Lemma 2** *Assume that  $z \in S$  and  $z \in x'$ ,  $x \in \text{At}$ . Let  $k, \ell < n$ ,  $k \neq \ell$ . Then for all  $b \in \text{At}$  we have that*

$$(\star) \quad z(k/z_\ell) \in b \text{ iff } xT_k b \in E_{k\ell}.$$

**Proof.** By  $z \in S$  there is an  $m \leq N$  such that  $z = z_m$ . The proof will proceed by induction on  $m$ .

Assume that  $m = 0$ . Then  $z_0 = s \in V$  and also  $s \in x = a$  by  $s \in x'$  and  $s \in a = a_0$ . Thus  $(\star)$  is true because  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a set algebra with  $D_n$ -unit  $V$ .



Assume that  $(\star)$  is true for all  $k, \ell < n$  and for all  $m < p$ . We will show that  $(\star)$  is true for  $p$ , too. Let  $z_p = z_m \circ [i, j]$  be such that  $m < p$  and  $a_p = f_{ij}(a_m)$ . There are such  $m, i, j$  by the definition of  $a_p$ . Then  $x = a_p$  by  $z_p \in x'$ , and also  $z_m \in a_m$ .

First we prove that  $xT_k b \in E_{k\ell}$  imply that  $z(k/z_\ell) \in b$ .

Case 1  $k \neq i, j$  and  $\ell = i$  or  $\ell = j$ . Assume first that  $\ell = j$ .

By  $a_p = f_{ij}(a_m)$  we have that  $a_p \leq s_i^k s_j^i s_k^j c_k(a_m)$ . Since in  $D_n$  the so called Merry Go Round equation  $s_i^k s_j^i s_k^j c_k x = s_j^k s_i^j s_k^i c_k x$  is true, then we also have that  $x = a_p \leq s_j^k s_i^j s_k^i c_k(a_m)$ . Thus there are atoms  $d, e, b^+$  such that  $xT_k b^+, b^+ \in E_{kj}, b^+ T_j e, e \in E_{ij}, e T_i d, d \in E_{ki}, d T_k a_m$ . By  $xT_k b \in E_{kj}$  then  $b^+ = b$  (by the basic properties of atom-structures). See Figure 3.

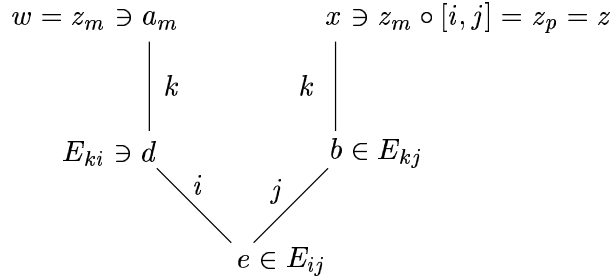


Figure 3:

Let  $w = z_m$  and recall that  $z = z_p$ . Then  $w(k/w_i) \in d$  by our induction hypothesis, and therefore  $w(k/w_i)(i/w_j) \in e$  because  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a set algebra. But then  $w(k/w_i)(i/w_j)(j/w_i) \in b$ , again because  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a set algebra (notice that  $w_i$  is the  $k$ 'th member of the sequence  $w(k/w_i)(i/w_j)$ ). Finally notice that  $z(k/z_j) = w(k/w_i)(i/w_j)(j/w_i)$ .

The case  $\ell = i$  is completely similar, except that we do not have to use the Merry Go Round equation.

Case 2  $k \neq i, j$  and  $\ell \neq i, j$ .

Then  $z(k/z_\ell) = z(k/z_j)(k/z_\ell)$  and therefore we will use the previous case. Let  $b^+ \in E_{kj}$  be such that  $xT_k b^+$ . Such a  $b^+$  exists by basic properties of atom-structures. Then by Case 1 we have that  $z(k/z_j) \in b^+$ , and then  $z(k/z_j)(k/z_\ell) \in b$ , because  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a set algebra,  $z(k/z_j) \in V$  and  $b^+ T_k b \in E_{k\ell}$ .

Case 3  $k = i$  and  $\ell = j$ .

By  $a_p \leq f_{ij}(a_m)$  we have that  $a_m \leq s_j^i c_i(a_p)$ , see Figure 4.

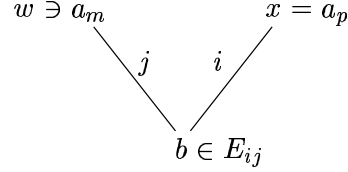


Figure 4:

Now,  $w \in a_m$  implies, by the induction hypothesis, that  $w(j/w_i) \in b$ . But  $w(j/w_i) = z(i/z_j)$ .

The case  $k = i$ ,  $\ell \neq i, j$  is as above. The case  $k = j$  is completely analogous.

Thus we have seen that  $xT_k b \in E_{k\ell}$  imply that  $z(k/z_\ell) \in b$ . To see the other direction, assume that  $z(k/z_\ell) \in b$ . There is a  $b^+$  such that  $xT_k b^+ \in E_{k\ell}$ , and we have seen that  $z(k/z_\ell) \in b^+$  for this  $b^+$ . Then  $b = b^+$  because distinct atoms are disjoint from each other, and so  $bT_k x$  since  $b^+T_k x$ . **QED(Lemma 2)**

Now we are ready to show that  $h$  is a homomorphism w.r.t.  $c_i$ . Let  $j < n$ ,  $j \neq i$ . We will use that two sequences  $z$  and  $w$  differ only at  $i$  if and only if  $z(i/z_j) = w(i/w_j)$ .

To show that  $h$  is a homomorphism w.r.t.  $c_i$  amounts to showing (I)-(II) below for all atoms  $a, b$  and sequences  $z, w \in V \cup S$ :

- (I)  $z \in a$ ,  $w \in b$  and  $z(i/z_j) = w(i/w_j)$  imply that  $aT_i b$
- (II)  $z \in a$  and  $aT_i b$  imply that  $z(i/z_j) = w(i/w_j)$  for some  $w \in b$ .

To prove (I)-(II), let  $a, b$  be two atoms, and let  $aT_i a^+ \in E_{ij}$ ,  $bT_i b^+ \in E_{ij}$ . Then  $z \in a$  implies  $z(i/z_j) \in a^+$  if  $z \in S$  by the previous lemma, and if  $z \in V$ , then this is so since  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a set algebra and  $z(i/z_j) \in V$ . Similarly,  $w \in b$  implies  $w(i/w_j) \in b^+$  for all  $w \in V \cup S$ .

Proof of (I): Assume  $z \in a$ ,  $w \in b$ ,  $z(i/z_j) = w(i/w_j)$ . Then  $z(i/z_j) \in a^+$  and  $w(i/w_j) \in b^+$  by the above, hence  $a^+ = b^+$ , which implies that  $aT_i b$  by the definition of  $a^+, b^+$ .

Proof of (II): Assume  $z \in a$ ,  $aT_i b$ . Then  $z(i/z_j) \in a^+$ . Further,  $aT_i b$  implies that  $a^+ = b^+$ . So  $z(i/z_j) \in b^+$ . Now since  $b^+T_i b$ ,  $z(i/z_j) \in V$ , and since  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a set algebra,  $z(i/z_j) \in b^+$  implies that  $w(i/w_j) = z(i/z_j)$  for some  $w \in b$ .

By the above we have seen that  $h$  is an embedding of  $\mathfrak{A}$  into the full set algebra with unit  $V \cup S$ , i.e.  $\mathfrak{A}$  “can be represented on  $V \cup S$ .” Now repeating the above procedure along a transfinite induction we get a representation of  $\mathfrak{A}$  on  $G(V) = \{s \circ \tau : s \in V \text{ and } \tau : n \rightarrow n\}$ . Since  $G(V)$  is a  $G_n$ -unit, this shows that  $\mathfrak{A} \in IG_n$ . By this, (i), (iii) of Theorem 1 are proved.

Let  $n$  be infinite and let  $\Sigma_n$  be the set of equations given in [6] which axiomatizes  $ID_n$ . We want to show that  $\Sigma_n \cup Ax'$  axiomatizes the equational theory of  $G_n$ . We have already seen that  $G_n \models \Sigma_n \cup Ax'$ . Let now  $e$  be an arbitrary equation that holds in  $G_n$ . We want to show that  $e$  follows from  $\Sigma_n \cup Ax'$ . Let  $\Gamma$  be a finite subset of  $n$ ,  $|\Gamma| \geq 3$ , which strictly contains all the indices occurring in  $e$  (i.e.  $\Gamma$  contains some other index, too). By [20, Lemma 4.13(ii)] then  $G_\Gamma \models e$ . Here  $G_\Gamma$  is the natural generalization of  $G_m$  to the case when  $m$  is any set of indices (and not necessarily an ordinal). Let  $Ax_\Gamma \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{Ax_{ij\Gamma} : i, j \in \Gamma\}$ . By Theorem 1(i) then  $IG_\Gamma = \{\mathfrak{A} \in ID_\Gamma : \mathfrak{A} \models Ax_\Gamma\}$  since  $\Gamma$  is finite,  $|\Gamma| \geq 3$ . Let  $\Sigma_\Gamma$  be the set of axioms given in [6] which axiomatizes  $ID_\Gamma$ . Thus  $\Sigma_\Gamma \cup Ax_\Gamma \models e$  by  $G_\Gamma \models e$ . By looking into [6], we see that  $\Sigma_\Gamma \subseteq \Sigma_n$  by  $\Gamma \subseteq n$ . Also,  $Ax_\Gamma \subseteq Ax'$ . Hence  $\Sigma_n \cup Ax' \models e$ , this is what we wanted to show. We have seen that  $\Sigma_n \cup Ax'$  axiomatizes the equational theory of  $G_n$ . Since  $IG_n$  is closed under subalgebras and direct products, the variety generated by  $G_n$  is  $HG_n$ . Thus  $\mathfrak{A} \in HG_n$  iff  $\mathfrak{A} \models \Sigma_n \cup Ax'$  iff ( $\mathfrak{A} \in ID_n$  and  $\mathfrak{A} \models Ax'$ ). This proves (ii) of Theorem 1. **QED(Theorem 1)**

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