### A non-finitely related minimal Taylor algebra

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# Definition: minimal Taylor

Definition

A finite idempotent algebra  $\mathbb A$  is called Taylor, if

- $\bullet~\mathbb{A}$  satisfies a non-trivial Maltsev condition
- (Maroti, McKenzie)  $Clo(\mathbb{A})$  contains a weak-NU operation

$$w(y, x, \ldots, x) \approx w(x, y, x, \ldots, x) \approx \cdots \approx w(x, \ldots, x, y)$$

• (Barto, Kozik)  $\operatorname{Clo}(\mathbb{A})$  contains a cyclic operations  $c_p$  for all primes  $p > |\mathbb{A}|$ 

$$c_p(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_p) \approx c_p(x_p, x_1, \ldots, x_{p-1})$$

•  $HS(P)(\mathbb{A})$  contains a naked set

### Definition

A Taylor algebra  $\mathbb{A}$  is called *minimal*, if any other algebra  $\mathbb{B}$  with  $\operatorname{Clo}(\mathbb{B}) \subsetneq \operatorname{Clo}(\mathbb{A})$  is not Taylor.

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### Theorem (H.)

There is a minimal Taylor algebra that is not finitely related.

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# Minimal Taylor algebras on 3 elements

- (Brady) there are 24
- (Barto, Brady, Jankovec, Vucaj, Zhuk) 18 are "well behaved": "nice" finite relational description
- (H.) one is evil
- 5 are unstudied
- Picture by (Vucaj)



### Connection to constraint satisfaction problems



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# The algebra

- $\mathbb{A} = (\{0, 1, 2\}, m) \quad m \text{ ternary}$ 
  - $m|_{\{0,2\}} = m|_{\{1,2\}} = maj$
  - $m|_{\{0,1\}}(x,y,z) = x \lor y \lor z$
  - $m(0,1,2) = \cdots$

$$\cdots = m(2,1,0) = 1$$



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### Theorem (H.)

The algebra  $\mathbb A$  is minimal Taylor, but not finitely related.

## Understanding the algebra: first observations

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For all operations 
$$f \in \operatorname{Clo}(\mathbb{A})$$
 we have

- $f|_{\{0,1\}} = \bigvee$  essential variables
- $f|_{\{0,2\}} \sim f|_{\{1,2\}} \sim f/\theta$  under bijections  $\{0,2\} \sim \{1,2\} \sim \{(0,1),(2)\}$

• 
$$f(2, \ldots, 2, 1, \ldots, 1) = 1 \implies f(2, \ldots, 2, 0/1, \ldots, 0/1) \in \{0, 1\}$$
 and  
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# $\ensuremath{\mathbb{A}}$ is minimal Taylor

Proposition  $A = (\{0, 1, 2\}, m)$  is minimal Taylor.

#### Proof

Let  $\mathcal{C} \leq \operatorname{Clo}(\mathbb{A})$  be Taylor  $\implies \exists c \in \mathcal{C}_5$  cyclic. Strategy: build *m* from *c* 

• 
$$c|_{\{0,1\}}(x_1, ..., x_5) \approx x_1 \lor \cdots \lor x_5$$
  
•  $c|_{\{0,2\}} = c|_{\{1,2\}} = 5$ -ary majority  
•  $t(x, y, z) := c(x, x, y, y, z)$  agrees with *m* on 2-element subsets

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# $\ensuremath{\mathbb{A}}$ is minimal Taylor

### Proposition

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#### Proof.

t and m agree on 2-element subalgebras. What about t(0, 1, 2)?

r(x,y,z) := t(t(x,x,y), t(x,x,y), z)
t'(x,y,z) := t(r(x,y,z), r(y,z,x), r(z,x,y))

Check two things:

• t and t' agree on 2-element subalgebras

• 
$$t'(0,1,2) = \cdots = t'(2,1,0) = 1$$

So t' = m and  $C = \operatorname{Clo}(\mathbb{A})$ .

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 $\{1\} < \{0,1\}$  is cube term blocker:

- $m|_{\{0,1\}}$  is join semilattice
- *m* preserves  $\{0,1\}^n \setminus \{0\}^n$
- $\implies$   $\mathbb{A}$  does not have cube term



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$$B \triangleleft_J \mathbb{A}$$
 if  $B \leq \mathbb{A}$  and  
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$$\{1\}, \{2\}, \{0, 1\}, \{1, 2\} \triangleleft_m \mathbb{A}$$
assume  $\{0\}, \{0, 2\} \triangleleft_J \mathbb{A}$ :
$$\implies p_i(0, 1, 0) = 0$$

$$\implies y \text{ dummy}$$

$$\implies p_i(x, y, z) \approx p_{i+1}(x, y, z) \notin$$

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## How to prove non-finitely related?

#### Observation

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#### Proof.

Show ( $\Leftarrow$ ): Let  $\{R_1, R_2, ...\}$  be a relational basis. Find  $f_n \notin Clo(\mathbb{A})$  where  $f_n$  does not preserve some  $R_i$ , but all its *n*-ary minors do.

$$f_n(\underbrace{\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2, \bar{x}_3, \dots, \bar{x}_{ar}}_{I}) \notin R_i$$

 $\in R_i$ , more than *n* many

Then  $|R_i| > n$ , hence  $|\{R_1, R_2, ...\}| = \infty$ .

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• X big and 
$$X \subseteq X' \implies X'$$
 big

- big sets pairwise intersect
- exactly one of X and  $[n] \setminus X$  is big

#### Proposition

Functions in  $Clo(\mathbb{A})$  modulo  $\theta$  are determined by their big sets, where

## Describing functions: Beating

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- X big iff X beats  $[n] \setminus X$
- Y dummy iff  $\emptyset$  beats Y
- X beats Y iff Y not part of disjunction

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- Rules for big sets must hold (supersets are big, big sets intersect,...)
- X beats Y,  $Y' \subseteq Y$  and  $X \subseteq X' \implies X'$  beats Y' (\*)
- X beats Y and Y beats  $Z \implies X$  beats Z
- X beats Y and Y beats  $X \implies X$  and Y dummy
- ...?

But: (\*) can be used to define functions

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# High arity relations

#### Definition

Let  $R_n \subseteq \{0, 1, 2\}^n$ ,  $\bar{x} \in R_n$  if and only if

$$\forall i < j: \quad x_i = x_j = 2 \implies \exists k > i: \quad x_k = 1$$

Show that  $R_n$  is preserved by m.

Proof.



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### What do the relations say?

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### "variables cannot beat each other"

There is no function in  $Clo(\mathbb{A})$  where X beats Y, Y beats X and  $X \cup Y$  big.

$$f\begin{pmatrix}2\dots 2, 2\dots 2, 2\dots 2\\1\dots 1, 2\dots 2, 2\dots 2\\0\dots 0, 2\dots 2, 1\dots 1\\0\dots 0, \underbrace{1\dots 1}_{X}, \underbrace{2\dots 2}_{Y}\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}2\\2\\0\\0\end{pmatrix} \notin R_{4}$$

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# High arity functions

• Building  $f_n$ : n(n+1)/2 + 2 variables



•  $f_n/\theta$ : X' big iff it contains one of the following X



# High arity functions

### Definition

Let  $f_n$  be the function where X' beats Y' iff

•  $X' \supseteq X$  and  $Y' \subseteq Y$  with X, Y one of



### Intuition

- Variables cannot beat each other
- *f<sub>n</sub>* tries to hide this

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# (Not) preserving relations

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Last part:

- (n-1)-ary minors must identify two variables from first column
- Show that f<sub>n</sub> is in Clo(A) if two variables from first column are identified i.e. f<sub>n</sub><sup>(x<sub>1,i</sub>=x<sub>1,j</sub>)</sup> ∈ Clo(A)

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# Building minors



### Thank you for listening!

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