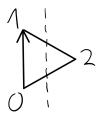
A non-finitely related minimal Taylor algebra

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Definition: minimal Taylor

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A finite idempotent algebra \mathbb{A} is called *Taylor*, if

- $\bullet~\mathbb{A}$ satisfies a non-trivial Maltsev condition
- (Maroti, McKenzie) $\operatorname{Clo}(\mathbb{A})$ 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 cyclic operations for all primes $p > |\mathbb{A}|$

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

• $HS(P)(\mathbb{A})$ does not contain 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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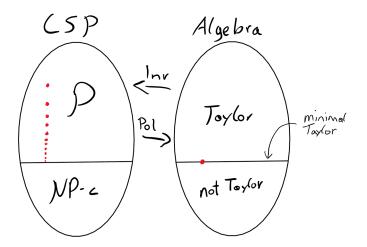
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Theorem (H.)

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

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Connection to constraint satisfaction problems



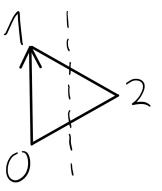
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The algebra

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

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



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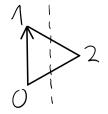
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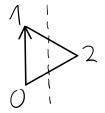
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Proposition

Let $f \in Clo(\mathbb{A})$, then • (monotone) f(2, ..., 2, 2, 0, ..., 0) = 0 implies f(2, ..., 2, 0, 0, ..., 0) = 0• (self dual) f(2, ..., 2, 0, ..., 0) = 0 if and only if f(0, ..., 0, 2, ..., 2) = 2

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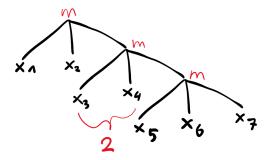
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Inside the congruence

Proposition

Let $f \in \operatorname{Clo}(\mathbb{A})$ with $f(2, \ldots, 2, 0/1, \ldots, 0/1) = 0/1$. Then

$$f(2,\ldots,2,y_1,\ldots,y_k)|_{\{0,1\}^k} = \bigvee$$
 some y_i



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Both theorems do not apply to \mathbb{A} !

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A is not finitely related iff $\forall n \exists f_n$ of arity > n such that $f_n \notin Clo(\mathbb{A})$ but all *n*-ary minors of f_n are in $Clo(\mathbb{A})$.

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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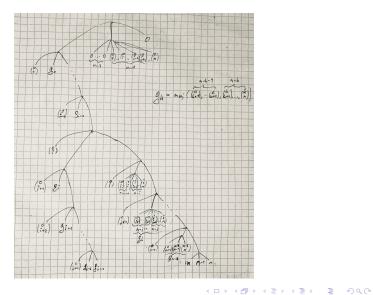
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Strategy

- Find relations R_n of arity n
- Construct f_n for every n of arity $\approx n^2$
- Show f_n does not preserve R_n , i.e $f_n \notin Clo(\mathbb{A})$
- Show that *n*-ary minors of f_n are in $Clo(\mathbb{A})$

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A big tree



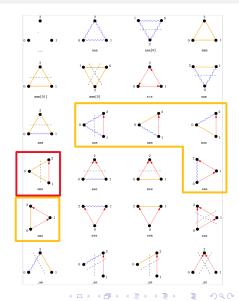
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Minimal Taylor algebras on 3 elements

- (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)



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