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# N-VALUED LOGICS AND ŁUKASIEWICZ-MOISIL ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. Fundamental properties of N-valued logics are compared and eleven theorems are presented for their Logic Algebras, including Lukasiewicz-Moisil Logic Algebras represented in terms of categories and functors. For example, the Fundamental Logic Adjunction Theorem allows one to transfer certain universal, or global, properties of the Category of Boolean Algebras,  $\mathfrak{B}$ , (which are well-understood) to the more general category  $\mathcal{L}M_n$ of Lukasiewicz-Moisil Algebras. Furthermore, the relationships of LM<sub>n</sub>-algebras to other many-valued logical structures, such as the *n*-valued Post, MV and Heyting logic algebras, are investigated and several pertinent theorems are derived. Applications of Lukasiewicz-Moisil Algebras to biological problems, such as nonlinear dynamics of genetic networks-that were previously reported-are also briefly noted here, and finally, probabilities are precisely defined over LM<sub>n</sub>-algebras with an eye to immediate, possible applications in biostatistics.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Many-valued logics are non-classical logics. They differ significantly from classical logic by not restricting the number of truth values to only two, thus allowing for a larger class of 'degrees of truth'. However, they share with classical logic the acceptance of the principle of truth-functionality, i.e. the 'truth' value of a compound sentence is determined by the 'truth' values of its component sentences. An overview of n-valued logics, and especially logic algebras, will be here presented. The relationships of  $LM_n$ -algebras to other many-valued logical

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structures are here investigated in the context of logic algebras, such as the n-valued Post, MV and Heyting logic algebras. Several pertinent theorems are also presented in this article and their proofs are briefly outlined. Functorial semantics of algebraic theories (Lawvere, 1963) are relevant in this context even though their pertinent axioms differ substantially from those defining the logic algebras considered here. Further developments may also include for example *higher order* categorical logic (Lambek and Scott, 1986) *algebras*.

The applications of many-valued logics to other areas of science such as biology, probability theory and statistics will also be considered here briefly. Since the original paper by Baianu (1977) on genetic network nonlinear dynamics, the first report of the 'non-standard' logic required by complete self-reproduction (Löfgren, 1968), and the earliest seminal papers on Category Theory applications in Relational Biology by Rosen (1958a,b), *n*-valued logics have attracted the increasing interest of mathematical biologists because of their important applications in theoretical genetics and neurosciences (see for example the contribution by Baianu *et al*, 2005 presented in this volume, as well as the very popular books by Rosen, 1991, 1999 aimed at defining the special logic entailed by *life itself*). On the other hand, Boolean logic has already had a long history of applications to modeling of neuronal networks, beginning with the early paper of McCulloch and Pitts (1943); its applications to automata and computer science are well-established and also quite numerous. Finally, we shall here consider the definition of probabilities over  $LM_n$ -algebras with an eye to immediate applications to 'fuzzy' systems, Biostatistics, and perhaps also other areas of Logical–Mathematical, or Relational, Biology.

# 2. N-VALUED LOGICS AND ŁUKASIEWICZ-MOISIL ALGEBRAS

**Definition 1.** (Moisil, 1941, *cited in* Moisil, 1972) An *n*-valued Lukasiewicz-Moisil algebra,  $(LM_n-algebra)$  is a structure of the form  $(L, \lor, \land, N, (\varphi_i)_{i \in \{1,...,n-1\}}, 0, 1)$  such that: (L1)  $(L, \lor, \land, N, 0, 1)$  is a *de Morgan algebra*, that is, a bounded distributed lattice with a decreasing involution N satisfying the de Morgan property  $N(x \lor y) = Nx \land Ny$ ; (L2) For each  $i \in \{1, ..., n-1\}, \varphi_i : L \longrightarrow L$  is a lattice endomorphism;<sup>\*</sup>

<sup>\*</sup>The  $\varphi_i$ 's are called the *Chrysippian endomorphisms* of *L*.

- (L3) For each  $i \in \{1, \ldots, n-1\}, x \in L, \varphi_i(x) \lor N\varphi_i(x) = 1 \text{ and } \varphi_i(x) \land N\varphi_i(x) = 0;$
- (L4) For each  $i, j \in \{1, \ldots, n-1\}, \varphi_i \circ \varphi_j = \varphi_k$  iff (i+j) = k;
- (L5) For each  $i, j \in \{1, \ldots, n-1\}, i \leq j$  implies  $\varphi_i \leq \varphi_j$ ;
- (L6) For each  $i \in \{1, \ldots, n-1\}$  and  $x \in L$ ,  $\varphi_i(Nx) = N\varphi_{n-i}(x)$ .
- (L7) (Moisil's determination principle)
- $[\forall i \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}, \varphi_i(x) = \varphi_i(y)] \text{ implies } x = y.$

**Example 2.1.** Let  $L_n = \{0, 1/(n-1), \dots, (n-2)/(n-1), 1\}$ . This set can be naturally endowed with an  $LM_n$  –algebra structure as follows:

- the bounded lattice operations are those induced by the usual order on rational numbers;

- for each  $j \in \{0, \dots, n-1\}, N(j/(n-1)) = (n-j)/(n-1);$ 

- for each  $i \in \{1, ..., n-1\}$  and  $j \in \{0, ..., n-1\}$ ,  $\varphi_i(j/(n-1)) = 0$  if j < i and = 1 otherwise.

Note that, for n = 2,  $L_n = \{0, 1\}$ , and there is only one Chrysippian endomorphism of  $L_n$  is  $\varphi_1$ , which is necessarily restricted by the determination principle to a bijection, thus making  $L_n$  a Boolean algebra (if we were also to disregard the redundant bijection  $\varphi_1$ ). Hence, the 'overloaded' notation  $L_2$ , which is used for both the classical Boolean algebra and the two-element LM<sub>2</sub>-algebra, remains consistent.

**Example 2.2.** Consider a Boolean algebra  $(B, \vee, \wedge, \bar{}, 0, 1)$ . Let  $T(B) = \{(x_1, \ldots, x_n) \in B^{n-1} \mid x_1 \leq \ldots \leq x_{n-1}\}$ . On the set T(B), we define an LM<sub>n</sub>-algebra structure as follows:

- the lattice operations, as well as 0 and 1, are defined component-wise from  $L_2$ ;

- for each  $(x_1, ..., x_{n-1}) \in T(B)$  and  $i \in \{1, ..., n-1\}$  one has:

$$N(x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}) = (\overline{x_{n-1}}, \ldots, \overline{x_1})$$
 and  $\varphi_i(x_1, \ldots, x_n) = (x_i, \ldots, x_i)$ .

The following result establishes the relationship between the structures  $L_2$  and  $L_n$ .

**Proposition 1.** The LM<sub>n</sub>-algebras  $L_n$  and  $T(L_2)$  are isomorphic.

**Remark 1.** Lukasiewicz utilized two principal logical connectives, the implication  $\rightarrow$  and the negation  $\neg$ , defined by  $x \rightarrow y = \min(1, 1 - x + y)$  and  $\neg x = 1 - x$ . Based on these two

connectives, one can also introduce all the other connectives needed to define the Łukasiewicz logics:  $x \lor y = (x \to y) \to y = (y \to x) \to x$ , and  $x \land y = N(Nx \lor Ny)$ .

Alan Rose (1956, 1962) noticed that for  $n \ge 5$ ,  $L'_n = \{0, 1/(n-1), (n-2)/(n-1), 1\}$  – which is an  $LM_n$ -subalgebra of  $L_n$ , is no longer closed under the Łukasiewicz's implication:  $(n-2)/(n-1) \rightarrow 1/(n-1) = 2/(n-1) \notin L'_n$ . This fact shows that for  $n \ge 5$  the  $LM_n$ -algebras are no longer suitable algebraic models for Łukasiewicz's logics, although, as we shall soon discuss, they are suitable for  $n \in \{3, 4\}$ . Related studies were also carried out previously by Rose and Rosser (1958), and earlier still by Rosser and Turquette (1952). Subsequently, the logics represented by the  $LM_n$ -structures were called *Moisil logics* and were studied for their own sake, as an alternative many-valued extension of classical logic. Further formalisations of the  $N_0$ -valued Łukasiewicz logics were also carried out subsequently by Rose (1978) for the development of a suitable propositional calculus.

**Proposition 2.** The  $LM_n$ -algebras form a variety, the determination principle being replaceable by the following conditions:

- $x \wedge N\varphi_i(x) \wedge \varphi_{i+1}(y) \leq y$ , for each  $i \in \{1, \ldots, n-1\}$ ;
- $\varphi_1(x) \leqslant x \leqslant \varphi_{n-1}(x);$
- $-x \wedge \bigwedge_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} N\varphi_i(x) \lor \varphi_i(y) \leqslant y.$

We now turn to a detailed consideration of the relationship between  $LM_n$ - and Boolean algebras. For each  $LM_n$ -algebra, L, we define its *Boolean center* C(L) as the set of all complemented elements of L:  $C(L) = \{x \in L / x \lor Nx = 1\}$ . One can easily see that, for each  $x \in L$ , the following equivalencies hold:

 $x \in C(L)$  iff  $x \wedge Nx = 0$  iff  $\exists i \in \{1, ..., n-1\}, \ \varphi_i(x) = x$  iff  $\forall i \in \{1, ..., n-1\}, \ \varphi_i(x) = x$ iff  $\exists i \in \{1, ..., n-1\}, \ \exists y \in L, \ \varphi_i(y) = x.$ 

**Definition 2.** An LM<sub>n</sub>-algebra is called *centered* if there exist  $d_2, \ldots, d_{n-1} \in L$  such that: (1)  $\varphi_i(d_j) = \begin{cases} 1 & , & \text{if } j \leq i \\ 0 & , & \text{if } j > i \end{cases}$ , for each  $i, j \in \{1, \ldots, n-1\}$ . (Note that, provided  $d_2, \ldots, d_{n-1}$  exist, by the determination principle, it follows that  $d_{n-1} \leq d_{n-2} \leq \ldots \leq d_2$ .)

Let  $\mathcal{L}M_n$ ,  $\mathcal{C}LM_n$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  denote the categories of  $LM_n$ -, centered  $LM_n$ -, and Boolean algebras respectively, with usual algebra homomorphisms as arrows. The following result establishes an important link between the categories  $\mathcal{L}M_n$  and  $\mathcal{B}$ , and points to the "categorical image"  $\mathcal{C}LM_n$  of the extension from the Boolean to the Lukasiewicz-Moisil algebras.

# **Theorem 2.1.** (*The Fundamental Logic Adjunction Theorem*)

Let  $C: \mathcal{L}M_n \longrightarrow \mathcal{B}$  and  $T: \mathcal{B} \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}M_n$  be the two functors defined by:

- for each  $LM_n$ -algebra L, C(L) is the Boolean center of L (which is a Boolean algebra);

- for each  $LM_n$ -morphism  $f : L \longrightarrow L'$ ,  $C(f) : C(L) \longrightarrow C(L')$  is the restriction and corestriction of f to C(L) and C(L');

- for each Boolean algebra B, T(B) is the already defined  $LM_n$ -algebra;

- for each Boolean morphism  $g: B \longrightarrow B', T(g): T(B) \longrightarrow T(B')$  is defined by  $T(g)(u) = g \circ u$ for all  $u \in T(B)$ .

Then, the following statements are valid:

(1) C is faithful and T is full and faithful;

(2) C is a left adjoint (Kan, 1958) of T, where the unit  $\eta$  and the counit  $\varepsilon$  are given by: for each LM algebra L and Boolean algebra B,

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$$\eta_L : L \longrightarrow TC(L), \ \eta_L(x)(i) = \varphi_i(x), \text{ for all } x \in L \text{ and } i \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}.$$

-  $\varepsilon_B : CT(B) \longrightarrow B, \ \varepsilon_B(u) = u(1) \text{ for all } u \in CT(B).$ 

- (3)  $\eta_L$  is always a LM embedding and  $\varepsilon_B$  a Boolean isomorphism;
- (4) For every Boolean algebra B, T(B) is a centered LM algebra and

$$(\mathcal{C}LM_n \xrightarrow{C} \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B} \xrightarrow{T} \mathcal{C}LM_n)$$

is an *equivalence* of categories.

This fundamental theorem allows one to transfer certain universal, or global, properties of  $\mathcal{B}$  (which are well-understood) to the more general category  $\mathcal{L}M_n$ . The following result will illustrate the transfer procedure:

**Theorem 2.2.** (Moisil's Representation Theorem) For each  $LM_n$ -algebra L there exists a non-empty set X and an  $LM_n$ -monomorphism  $L \longrightarrow L_n^X$ .

Sketch of proof: The first step is to consider the Boolean center C(A) of A, to which one can apply the Stone Representation Theorem in order to find both a non-empty set X and a Boolean monomorphism  $d: C(L) \longrightarrow L_2^X$ . The second step consists in applying the functor T to obtain the following natural sequence of monomorphisms and isomorphisms in  $\mathcal{L}M_n$ :  $L \xrightarrow{\eta_L} T(C(L)) \xrightarrow{T(d)} T(L_2^X) \simeq T(L_2)^X \simeq L_n^X$ ; this gives by composition an effective construction based on d of an  $LM_n$ -monomorphism between L and  $L_n^X$ .

Moisil's Representation Theorem plays an important role in the theory of  $LM_n$ -algebras, similar to that of Stone's Representation Theorem for the case of Boolean algebras. Namely, it reduces the problem of  $LM_n$ - algebraic calculus to the computation in  $L_n$ , which is readily programmable.

**Remark 2.**  $L_n$  is meant to represent the set of truth values for an *n*-valued logic. Therefore one can think of an  $LM_n$ -algebra as the "set of propositions considered up to logical equivalence", or more precisely, as the Lindenbaum algebra for such a logic. The algebraic operations are simply "translations" of the logical ones, and the corresponding logical notations are therefore also preserved. Whereas in the Lukasiewicz logic everything centers around implication, in the Moisil logic, the lattice structure serves as the site for the actions of the Chrysippian endomorphisms. Thus, to a single proposition p in the *n*-valued Moisil logic, there correspond (n-1) propositions in Boolean logic,  $\varphi_1(p), \ldots, \varphi_{n-1}(p)$ , called the nuances (shades of meaning) of p. The principle of determination described in axiom (L7) shows that two propositions are equivalent if and only if their nuances are equivalent in the Boolean logic. Hence an *n*-valued proposition is perfectly determined by all its nuances. Notably, the nuances appear at two distinct levels:

- (i) that of truth values;
- (ii) that of logical inference (or, equivalently, that of algebraic calculus).

Moisil's Representation Theorem ensures the possibility of formulating axioms for a Moisil logic that is complete in the sense of representing  $L_n$ .

# 3. Relationships of $LM_n$ -algebras to other many-valued logical structures

In this section we shall consider in some detail the relationships of  $LM_n$ -algebras to n-valued Post algebras, Heyting algebras (of intuitionistic, Brouwerian logic), and MV-algebras.

N-valued Post algebras. N-valued Post algebras were introduced by Rosenbloom (1962) as algebraic counterparts of n-valued Post logic. In a seminal 1941 publication (cited in Moisil, 1972), Moisil introduced the definition of *trivalent centered algebras for Lukasiewicz logic*, and these were extended by Georgescu and Vraciu (1970) to the already mentioned centered  $LM_n$ -algebras. Subsequently, it was shown by Cignoli (1977) that the latter are equivalent to the n-valued Post algebras.

**Definition 3.** An *n*-valued Post algebra is a structure of the form  $(L, \lor, \land, N, 0, 1, c_1, \ldots, c_{n-2})$ , where  $c_1, \ldots, c_{n-2}$  are constants, such that:

- (1)  $(L, \lor, \land, N, 0, 1)$  is a de Morgan algebra;
- (2)  $0 \leq c_1 \leq \ldots \leq c_{n-2} \leq 1;$

(3) every  $x \in L$  can be uniquely represented in the form  $x = (b_1 \wedge c_1) \vee \ldots \vee (b_{n-2} \wedge c_{n-2}) \vee b_{n-1}$ , with  $b_1, \ldots, b_{n-1} \in C(L)$ ,  $b_{n-1} \leq \ldots \leq b_1$  (where C(L) is defined as for LM algebras, being in fact the Boolean center of the de Morgan algebra L).<sup>†</sup>

Let  $\mathcal{P}ost_n$ , denote the category of *n*-valued Post algebras with the usual algebra homomorphisms as arrows.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup>Of course, the coefficients  $b_i$  depend on x.

**Proposition 3.** (1) Any centered  $LM_n$ -algebra becomes an *n*-valued Post algebra with the same underlying set if we define, for each  $i \in \{1, \ldots, n-2\}$ ,  $c_i = d_{n-i}$ . (Then, for each element x and  $i \in \{1, \ldots, n-1\}$ , the coefficient  $b_i$  is  $\varphi_{n-i}(x)$ .)

(2) Any *n*-valued Post algebra becomes a centered  $LM_n$ -algebra with the same underlying set if we define, for each  $i \in \{2, ..., n-2\}, d_i = c_{n-i}$ .

(3) The above two mappings, taken together with the identity morphisms, yield an isomorphism of categories between  $\mathcal{P}ost_n$  and  $\mathcal{C}LM_n$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** (1)  $\mathcal{P}ost_n$  is a subcategory of  $\mathcal{L}M_n$ , and the inclusion functor  $\mathcal{P}ost_n \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}M_n$  has a left adjoint;

(2)  $\mathcal{P}ost_n$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  are *equivalent* categories.

**Remark 3.** The process of modeling a logical system algebraically occurs at two distinct levels:

(i) a *local* level, based on the assumption that one can use the *internal structure* of the corresponding logic algebras that are employed to derive logical inferences;

(ii) a *global* level, which is developed by taking into account the *higher dimensional algebra* represented by the category of all the initially defined logic algebras.

Theorem 3.1 shows that the behavior of a logical system is not completely determined by its properties at the global level, even though  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{P}ost_n$  are equivalent in the categorical sense. The actual behavior of *n*-valued Post logic is clearly distinct to, and richer than, that of Boolean logic. Therefore, one concludes that a complete study of logical systems must include *both* a global and a local analysis of their properties.

**MV–algebras.** MV–algebras were introduced by Chang in 1958 as algebraic models for the Lukasiewicz–Tarski infinitely–valued logic.

**Definition 4.** An MV-algebra is a structure  $(A, \oplus, -, 0)$ , where  $\oplus$  is a binary operation, - is unitary, and 0, 1 are constants, satisfying the following axioms:

(M1)  $(A, \oplus, 0)$  is a commutative monoid; (M2)  $\overline{\overline{x}} = x$ ; (M3)  $x \oplus \overline{0} = \overline{0}$ ; (M4)  $\overline{\overline{x} \oplus y} \oplus y = \overline{\overline{y} \oplus x} \oplus x$ .

We let 1 denote  $\overline{0}$  and  $x \odot y$  denote  $\overline{x} \oplus \overline{y}$ . Then the axioms (M3) and (M4) can be rewritten as  $x \oplus 1 = 1$  and  $(x \odot \overline{y}) \oplus y = (y \odot \overline{x}) \oplus x$ . Moreover, if we further denote  $x \lor y = (x \odot \overline{y}) \oplus y$  and  $x \land y = (x \oplus \overline{y}) \odot y$ , we obtain the following:

**Proposition 4.** The structure  $(A, \lor, \land, 0, 1)$  is a bounded distributive lattice.

**Example 3.1.** The standard MV-algebra is  $L_{\infty} = ([0, 1], \oplus, -, 0)$ , where  $\oplus$  and - are defined by:  $x \oplus y = \min(x + y, 1)$  and  $\overline{x} = 1 - x$  for all  $x, y \in [0, 1]$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** (Chang's Representation Theorem, 1958) Any MV–algebra is isomorphic to a subdirect product of MV–chains (*i.e.*, totally–ordered MV–algebras).

The above result reduces the algebraic calculus of MV–algebras to the much simpler one of MV–chains. In fact, one can prove that the class of MV–algebras is generated both as a variety and as a quasi–variety by  $L_{\infty}$ ; hence, the computation reduction is even more substantial in the algebraic calculus of  $L_{\infty}$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** (Mundici, 1986) The category of MV–algebras is equivalent to the category of lattice–ordered Abelian groups with a strong unit.

**Definition 5.** (Grigolia, 1978). An  $MV_n$ -algebra is an MV-algebra A subject to the following additional requirements:

(M5) (n-1)x = nx;(M6)  $(jx^{j-1})^n = nx^j$  for each  $j \in \{2, ..., (n-2)\}$  such that j does not divide (n-1).

It was shown that  $MV_n$ -algebras are *equivalent* – in the categorical sense – to a subclass of  $LM_n$ -algebras which was introduced by R. Cignoli in 1977, the subclass of *proper*  $LM_n$ algebras.

One also has the following important result:

**Theorem 3.4.** For  $n \in \{3, 4\}$ , the category  $\mathcal{L}M_n$  is isomorphic to the category of  $MV_n$ -algebras.

This categorical result shows the fact that, for the "multi–value degrees" 3 and 4, the Moisil logic actually coincides with the corresponding Lukasiewicz logic. A very interesting, and rather unexpected, result is that the class of n-valued Post algebras can be seen as an *infinitely axiomatizable subvariety* of the class of MV–algebras.

**Theorem 3.5.** The *n*-valued Post algebras are *polynomially equivalent* to the  $MV_n$ -algebras.

Heyting algebras. We already noted that the Łukasiewicz implication cannot be defined in an  $LM_n$ -algebra when  $n \ge 5$ . On the other hand, one can always define on a  $LM_n$ algebra L the following implication operator, called the *Heyting implication*:  $x \Rightarrow y =$  $y \lor \bigwedge_{i=1}^{(n-1)} N\varphi_i(x) \lor \varphi_i(y)$ .

**Theorem 3.6.** The structure  $(L, \lor, \land, \Rightarrow, 0, 1)$  is a Heyting algebra (for Brouwerian intutionistic logic).

In the light of the above result, and from a purely logical standpoint, the Moisil logics could also be developed within the framework of Brower's intuitionistic logic.

**Proposition 5.** The "forgetful" functor between the categories of  $LM_n$ -algebras and of Heyting algebras, given by:  $(L, \lor, \land, N, (\varphi_i)_{i \in \{1, ..., n-1\}}, 0, 1) \mapsto (L, \lor, \land, \Rightarrow, 0, 1)$ , is full and faithful, and it also has a left adjoint.

# 4. Defining probabilities over $LM_n$ -Algebras

The classical theory of probabilities began by developing two fundamental concepts:

- (i) the *field of events* associated to random experiments;
- (*ii*) the definition of *probability* based on Kolmogorov axiomatics.

The set of events is classically assumed to have the structure of a Boolean algebra when the random experiments follow the laws of classical logic, as this is the case for classical statistical mechanics or relativistic theories of classical stochastic processes. On the other hand, we can consider situations, as encountered in quantum theories, when the random experiments seem to be governed by many-valued logics. In such situations, the set of events could be structured by an associated Łukasiewicz–Moisil algebra. The natural next step in many-valued probability theory is then to provide an axiomatic basis, by defining the notion of *probability on a Lukasiewicz–Moisil algebra*.

**Definition 6.** A probability over a  $LM_n$ -algebra L (the latter representing the "set of events") is a function  $s: L \longrightarrow [0, 1]$  such that the following properties are valid:

(P1)  $s(x \lor y) + s(x \land y) = s(x) + s(y)$  for all  $x, y \in L$ ; (P2)  $s(x) = 1/(n-1)[s(\varphi_1 x) + \ldots + s(\varphi_{n-1} x)]$  for all  $x \in L$ ; (P3) s(0) = 0 and s(1) = 1.

**Remark 4.**  $s \mid C(L)$  – the restriction of s to the Boolean center of L – is a classical probability over C(L).

**Theorem 4.1.** Any classical probability  $m : C(L) \longrightarrow [0, 1]$  over the Boolean center of an  $LM_n$ -algebra L has a unique extension to a probability  $s : L \longrightarrow [0, 1]$  defined over L.

The above theorem shows that any probability defined over an  $LM_n$ -algebra is determined by the restriction to its Boolean center.

Let s be a probability over an  $LM_n$ -algebra L and  $a \in L$  such that s(a) > 0. Then we define the functions  $s(\cdot | a) : L \longrightarrow [0, 1]$  by setting:

$$s(x|a) = \frac{1}{(n-1)s(a)} \sum_{i=1}^{(n-1)} s(x \wedge \varphi_i a) = 1/[(n-1)s(a)] \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} s(\varphi_i x \wedge a) .$$

The function  $s(\cdot | a)$  thus defined is called a *conditional probability*.

**Remark 5.** If  $a \in C(L)$ , then  $s(x | a) = s(x \land a)/s(a)$  for all  $x \in C(L)$ , thus one recovers the conditional probability defined classically over a Boolean algebra.

**Proposition 6.** If s is a probability over L and  $a \in L$  such that s(a) > 0, then  $s(\cdot | a)$  is also a probability over L.

**Definition 7.** An  $LM_n$ -algebra L is said to be  $\sigma$ -complete if it is so as a lattice, i.e., all countable sequences in L have suprema and infima in L. For each subset L' of L, we let S(L') denote the  $\sigma$ -complete sub-LM<sub>n</sub>-algebra of L generated by L'.

**Definition 8.** A probability s over a  $\sigma$ -complete LM<sub>n</sub>-algebra L is called:

- a  $\sigma$ -probability, if  $s(\bigvee_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} s(x_k)$  for each sequence  $(x_k)_k \subseteq L$  such that  $x_k \wedge x_l = 0$  whenever  $k \neq l$ ;

- continuous, if  $\bigvee_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k = x$  implies  $\lim_{k\to\infty} s(x_k) = s(x)$  for each increasing sequence  $(x_k)_k \subseteq L$  and each  $x \in L$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** Let L be a  $\sigma$ -complete  $LM_n$ -algebra and L' a sub- $LM_n$ -algebra of L. Then any continuous state on L' can be uniquely extended to a  $\sigma$ -state on S(L').

**Theorem 4.3.** Let s be a probability ( $\sigma$ -probability) over an LM<sub>n</sub>-algebra L. Then there is a unique probability ( $\sigma$ -probability)  $s^{\sim}$  over T(C(L)) such that  $s(x) = s^{\sim}(\varphi_1 x, \ldots, \varphi_{n-1} x)$ for all  $x \in L$ .

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