

TOTALLY REFLEXIVE, TOTALLY SYMMETRIC PATTERN ALGEBRAS

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Abstract. A k -ary relation ρ on a set A induces a partition of each power A^n into “patterns” in a natural way. An operation on A is called a ρ -pattern operation if its restriction to each pattern is a projection. We examine functional completeness of algebras with ρ -pattern fundamental operations in the case when ρ is the totally reflexive, totally symmetric relation of A .

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1. PRELIMINARIES

A finite algebra $\mathbf{A} = (A; F)$ is called *functionally complete* if every (finitary) operation on A is a polynomial operation of \mathbf{A} . A n -ary operation f on A is *conservative* if $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ for all $x_1, \dots, x_n \in A$. An algebra is conservative if its all fundamental operations are conservative.

A possible approach to conservative operations is to consider them as relational pattern functions or ρ -pattern functions. Given a k -ary relation $\rho \subseteq A^k$, two n -tuples $(x_1, \dots, x_n), (y_1, \dots, y_n) \in A^n$ are of the same pattern with respect to ρ if for all $i_1, \dots, i_k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, $(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_k}) \in \rho$ and $(y_{i_1}, \dots, y_{i_k}) \in \rho$ mutually imply each other. An operation $f : A^n \rightarrow A$ is a ρ -pattern function if $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ always equals some x_i , $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ where i depends only on the ρ -pattern of (x_1, \dots, x_n) . In fact, any conservative operation is a ρ -pattern function for some ρ — see [11]. If ρ is the equality relation on A , then the pattern functions whose notion was introduced by Quackenbush [5] are ρ -pattern functions. The maximum and minimum operations on chains, and the ternary discriminator, the dual discriminator studied in [2] and [4] are examples for ρ -pattern functions. An algebra is called a ρ -pattern algebra if its operations (or equivalently its term operations) are ρ -pattern functions for the same relation ρ on A . Specifically, if ρ is a totally reflexive, totally symmetric relation then the ρ -pattern algebras are called totally reflexive, totally symmetric pattern algebras. B. Csákány [1] proved that every finite ρ -pattern algebra $(A; f)$ with $|A| \geq 3$ is functionally complete if f is an arbitrary nontrivial ρ -pattern function where ρ is the equality relation on A .

The aim of this paper is to continue research on the functional completeness of finite totally reflexive, totally symmetric pattern algebras. We have already proved a series of facts concerning functional completeness, for the cases when ρ is an equivalence [14], a central relation [10], a graph of a permutation [11],

[13], a bounded partial order [12], and a regular relation [9] on A . These relations are occurring in Rosenberg's primality criterion [7]. We will use the following definitions and results.

An n -ary relation ρ on A is called *central* if $\rho \neq A^n$ and there exists a nonvoid proper subset C of A such that

- (a) $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \rho$ whenever at least one $a_j \in C$ ($1 \leq j \leq n$);
- (b) ρ is *totally reflexive*, i.e. $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \rho$ if $a_i = a_j$ for some $i \neq j$, ($1 \leq i, j \leq n$),
- (c) ρ is *totally symmetric*, i.e. $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \rho$ implies $(a_{1\pi}, \dots, a_{n\pi}) \in \rho$ for every permutation π of the indices $1, \dots, n$.

Note that every unary relation C distinct from \emptyset and A is central. A n -ary central relation ρ on A is called *minimal central relation* if $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \notin \rho$ with all pairwise different noncentral elements $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$. The compatible binary reflexive symmetric relations of \mathbf{A} are called tolerance relations of \mathbf{A} . If \mathbf{A} has no nontrivial tolerance then \mathbf{A} is a *tolerance-free algebra*. A ternary operation f on A is a *majority function* if for all $x, y \in A$ $f(x, x, y) = f(x, y, x) = f(y, x, x) = x$ holds. By an n -ary i -th *semiprojection* on A ($n \geq 3, 1 \leq i \leq n$) we mean an operation f with the following property $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = x_i$ whenever at least two elements among x_1, \dots, x_n are equal.

The following proposition was got in [13] from Rosenberg's fundamental theorem [6].

PROPOSITION 1. *The clone of term operations of every nontrivial finite ρ -pattern algebra \mathbf{A} with at least three elements contains a nontrivial binary ρ -pattern function or a ternary majority ρ -pattern function, or a nontrivial ρ -pattern function which is a semiprojection.*

Now we formulate the following theorem (see [13, Proposition 4]) which also will be used.

THEOREM 2. *Let \mathbf{A} be an at least three element finite simple conservative algebra. \mathbf{A} is functionally complete iff*

- (1) \mathbf{A} has no compatible binary central relation preserved by every automorphism,
- (2) \mathbf{A} has no compatible bounded partial order ρ , such that for every automorphism π of \mathbf{A} the relation

$$\rho^\pi = \{(x\pi, y\pi) : (x, y) \in \rho\}$$

equals ρ or ρ^{-1} .

We need the following observation.

REMARK 3. Let ρ be compatible binary central relation of \mathbf{A} preserved by an automorphism π of \mathbf{A} . If π has a central element of ρ in one of its cycles, then this cycle only contains central elements of ρ .

2. RESULTS

If ρ is a unary relation on A , then the ρ pattern algebra \mathbf{A} is not functionally complete see [14].

PROPOSITION 4. *Let ρ be an at least 3-ary totally reflexive relation on an at least three element finite set A . The ρ -pattern algebra \mathbf{A} is functionally complete iff \mathbf{A} is tolerance-free.*

Proof. The functionally complete algebras are tolerance-free. If \mathbf{A} is a tolerance-free ρ -pattern algebra where ρ is an at least 3-ary totally reflexive relation then we show that it is functionally complete. The binary ρ -pattern functions are projections on A . If $a, b \in A$, then the patterns (a, a, b) , (a, b, a) , (b, a, a) are the same with respect to ρ . Thus none of the ρ -pattern functions is a majority function on A . The nontrivial ρ -pattern functions which are semiprojections do not preserve the bounded partial orders on \mathbf{A} (see [3]). Using Proposition 1 we get that the algebra \mathbf{A} is functionally complete. \square

THEOREM 5. *Let ρ be an at least binary totally reflexive, totally symmetric relation on an at least three element finite set A . The finite ρ -pattern algebra \mathbf{A} is functionally complete iff \mathbf{A} is tolerance-free.*

Proof. If ρ is the equality relation on A , then our theorem is true (see [1]). If ρ is an at least 3-ary relation on A , then by the Proposition 4 our theorem is true. From now on let ρ be a binary no equality relation on A . The functionally complete ρ -pattern algebras are tolerance-free algebras. Therefore it is enough to prove that every finite tolerance-free ρ -pattern algebra \mathbf{A} is functionally complete. There are two binary nontrivial ρ -pattern functions on A . One of them is

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } (x, y) \in \rho, \\ y & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The other function can be obtained from f by changing x and y . We will show that f does not preserve the bounded partial orders on A . From that we get that the other function does not preserve them either. Let \leq be a bounded partial order on A with the least element 0, and the greatest element 1.

a) Let ρ be a central relation on A . If ρ has at least two central elements then ρ is not simple see [10], and the ρ - pattern algebra \mathbf{A} is not tolerance-free algebra.

b) Let ρ be a central relation on A with a single central element c and $a, b \in A$, $(a, b) \notin \leq$, $(a, b) \notin \rho$. The following matrices will be used

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc} a & a & b & b & 0 & c & 0 & c & 0 & 0 & c & k \\ 0 & b & a & 1 & 1 & 1 & k & k & k & c & 0 & 0 \\ \hline a & b & a & b & 1 & c & k & c & k & 0 & c & 0 \end{array}$$

If $c = 0$, then the first, if $c = 1$ then the second matrix shows that f does not preserve ρ . If 0 and 1 are not central elements of ρ , then there is an element

$k \in A$ with $(0, k) \notin \rho$. If $k = 1$, then the third matrix will be used. If $k \neq 0, 1$, then we have the following cases:

- (1) k and c are incomparable,
- (2) $k \leq c$,
- (3) $c < k$.

In case (1) the fourth matrix, in case (2) the fifth matrix, and in case (3) the sixth matrix show that f does not preserve \leq .

c) If ρ is not a central relation on A , then the following matrices will be used

$$\begin{array}{cc|cc|cc|cc} 1 & 1 & 0 & a & d & 1 & e & 1 \\ 0 & a & 1 & 1 & e & e & d & d \\ \hline 1 & a & 1 & a & d & e & e & d \end{array}$$

If $(0, 1) \in \rho$, then there exists element a with $(a, 1) \notin \rho$. Now the first matrix shows that f does not preserve ρ . If $(0, 1) \notin \rho$ and there exists element a with $a \neq 1$, $(a, 1) \in \rho$, then the second matrix does the work. If $(0, 1) \notin \rho$ and there does not exist element a with $a \neq 1$, $(a, 1) \in \rho$, then there are elements d, e with $d \neq e$, $(d, e) \in \rho$. In this case the third matrix with $(d, e) \not\leq$ and the fourth matrix with $(e, d) \not\leq$ show that f does not preserve \leq . Therefore the nontrivial binary ρ -pattern functions do not preserve the bounded partial orders if ρ is a binary no equality relation on A .

If ρ is a binary no equality relation on A with $a \neq b$, $(a, b) \in \rho$, then the patterns (a, a, b) , (a, b, a) and (a, b, b) are the same with respect to ρ . In this case none of the ρ -pattern functions is a majority function. We have already mentioned that the nontrivial semiprojections do not preserve the bounded partial orders on A . The tolerance-free algebras are simple and have no compatible binary central relations. Therefore using Theorem 2 we get from Proposition 1 that \mathbf{A} is functionally complete. \square

Using Theorem 2 and Theorem 5 we can formulate the following corollary.

COROLLARY 6. *Let ρ be at least binary totally reflexive, totally symmetric relation on an at least three element finite set A . The finite simple ρ -pattern algebra \mathbf{A} is functionally complete iff \mathbf{A} has no compatible binary central relation preserved by every automorphism.*

CLAIM 7. *Let ρ be an at least binary central relation on a finite set A . Then the ρ -pattern algebra (A, f) is not functionally complete if f is a binary ρ -pattern function.*

Indeed, if ρ is a binary central relation on A , then let C be the center of ρ . The binary ρ -pattern functions preserve the nontrivial equivalence with blocks C , $A \setminus C$. Therefore the algebra $(A; f)$ is not functionally complete.

If ρ is an at least 3-ary central relation on A , then the binary ρ -pattern functions are projections.

CLAIM 8. *Let ρ be an at least binary central relation on a finite set A . Then there exists a nontrivial ρ -pattern function f which is a semiprojection and the algebra $(A; f)$ is not functionally complete.*

Indeed, if ρ is a binary central relation on A , then the function

$$f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \begin{cases} x_3, & \text{if } (x_1, x_2), (x_2, x_3) \in \rho \text{ and } (x_1, x_3) \notin \rho \\ x_1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

is a nontrivial ρ -pattern function, which is a semiprojection.

If ρ is an at least 3-ary central relation on A , then the function

$$g_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \begin{cases} x_n, & \text{if } (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \rho, \\ x_1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

is a nontrivial ρ -pattern function which is also a semiprojection. It is easy to see that f and g preserve the nontrivial equivalence with block C , $A \setminus C$ where C is the center of ρ . The proof is completed.

PROPOSITION 9. *Let ρ be an at least binary minimal central relation with the center $\{c\}$ on a finite set A . The finite simple ρ -pattern algebra \mathbf{A} is functionally complete iff \mathbf{A} has no compatible binary minimal central relation with the center $\{c\}$.*

Proof. The algebra \mathbf{A} is a nontrivial algebra. From the Theorem 5 we get that \mathbf{A} has no compatible bounded partial order. The central element c is the fixed point of the automorphisms of ρ . These automorphisms are also the automorphisms of \mathbf{A} . They can preserve only that binary minimal central relation whose center is $\{c\}$. Using the Theorem 2 and Remark 3 we get the proof.

Define the following subsets of A^n :

$$A_1 := \{(c, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in A^n : c, a_2, \dots, a_n \text{ are pairwise different elements}\},$$

\vdots

$$A_n := \{(a_1, a_2, \dots, c) \in A^n : a_1, a_2, \dots, c \text{ are pairwise different elements}\},$$

$$B := \{(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in A^n : \exists i, j, (1 \leq i \neq j \leq n) \text{ with } a_i = a_j\},$$

$$D := \{(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in A^n : a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \text{ are pairwise different noncentral elements}\}. \quad \square$$

THEOREM 10. *Let ρ be an at least binary minimal central relation with the center $\{c\}$ on a finite set A . If f is a n -ary nontrivial ρ -pattern function which is an i -th semiprojection on A then the algebra $(A; f)$ is functionally complete unless*

$$(a) f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = c \text{ iff } x_i = c; \quad \text{or}$$

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \begin{cases} x_i, & \text{if } (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in B \text{ or } (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in D, \\ c & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases}$$

or

with $(a_1, \dots, a_k, \dots, a_n) \in D$. Then we get from the fifth matrix that f does not preserve τ . In the second case we suppose that there exists $j \neq k$, $(1 \leq j, k \leq n)$ for which $(a_1, \dots, c, \dots, a_k, \dots, a_n) \in A_j$ with

$$f(a_1, \dots, c, \dots, a_k, \dots, a_n) = a_k, \quad k \neq i.$$

If $j \neq i$ and $(a_1, \dots, a_i, \dots, c, \dots, a_k, \dots, a_n) \in A_j$ then the sixth matrix shows that f does not preserve τ . If $j = i$, then in case $(a_1, \dots, c, \dots, a_k, \dots, a_n) \in A_j$ we use the seventh matrix. The proof is completed. \square

THEOREM 11. *Let ρ be an at least binary minimal central relation with the center $\{c\}$ on a finite set A . The ρ -pattern algebra \mathbf{A} is functionally complete iff*

- (1) \mathbf{A} has no compatible equivalence with blocks $\{c\}, A \setminus \{c\}$,
- (2) \mathbf{A} has no compatible binary minimal central relation with the center $\{c\}$.

Proof. We can see in the proof of Claim 7 and Theorem 10 that one of the term operations of \mathbf{A} which can generate minimal clone preserves the equivalence with blocks $\{c\}, A \setminus \{c\}$ or does not preserve the nontrivial equivalences on A . Therefore one of the term operations of \mathbf{A} preserves the equivalence with blocks $\{c\}, A \setminus \{c\}$ or does not preserve the nontrivial equivalences on A . Using the Proposition 9 we get our theorem. \square

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