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# Equilibria und weiteres Heiteres 

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#### Abstract

We investigate several technical and conceptual questions.


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## 1 Introduction

We present here various small results, which may one day be published in a bigger paper, and which we wish to make already available to the community.

## 2 Countably many disjoint sets

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## Example 2.1

There is a countably infinite set of formulas s.t. the defined model sets are pairwise disjoint.
Let $p_{i}: i \in \omega$ be propositional variables.
Consider $\phi_{i}:=\bigwedge\left\{\neg p_{j}: j<i\right\} \wedge p_{i}$ for $i \in \omega$.
Obviously, $M\left(\phi_{i}\right) \neq \emptyset$ for all $i$.
Let $i<i^{\prime}$; we show $M\left(\phi_{i}\right) \cap M\left(\phi_{i^{\prime}}\right)=\emptyset . M\left(\phi_{i^{\prime}}\right) \models \neg p_{i}, M\left(\phi_{i}\right) \models p_{i}$.

## Fact 2.1

Any set $X$ of consistent formulas with pairwise disjoint model sets is at most countable

## Proof

Let such $X$ be given.
(1) We may assume that $X$ consists of conjunctions of propositional variables or their negations.

Proof: Rewrite all $\phi \in X$ as disjunctions of conjunctions $\phi_{j}$. At least one of the conjunctions $\phi_{j}$ is consistent. Replace $\phi$ by one such $\phi_{j}$. Consistency is preserved, as is pairwise disjointness.
(2) Let $X$ be such a set of formulas. Let $X_{i} \subseteq X$ be the set of formulas in $X$ with length $i$, i.e., a consistent conjunction of $i$ many propositional variables or their negations, $i>0$.

As the model sets for $X$ are pairwise disjoint, the model sets for all $\phi \in X_{i}$ have to be disjoint.
(3) It suffices now to show that each $X_{i}$ is at most countable; we even show that each $X_{i}$ is finite.

Proof by induction:
Consider $i=1$. Let $\phi, \phi^{\prime} \in X_{1}$. Let $\phi$ be $p$ or $\neg p$. If $\phi^{\prime}$ is not $\neg \phi$, then $\phi$ and $\phi^{\prime}$ have a common model. So one must be $p$, the other $\neg p$. But these are all possibilities, so $\operatorname{card}\left(X_{1}\right)$ is finite.
Let the result be shown for $k<i$.
Consider now $X_{i}$. Take arbitrary $\phi \in X_{i}$. Without loss of generality, let $\phi=p_{1} \wedge \ldots \wedge p_{i}$. Take arbitrary $\phi^{\prime} \neq \phi$. As $M(\phi) \cap M\left(\phi^{\prime}\right)=\emptyset, \phi^{\prime}$ must be a conjunction containing one of $\neg p_{k}, 1 \leq k \leq i$. Consider now $X_{i, k}:=\left\{\phi^{\prime} \in X_{i}: \phi^{\prime}\right.$ contains $\left.\neg p_{k}\right\}$. Thus $X_{i}=\{\phi\} \cup \bigcup\left\{X_{i, k}: 1 \leq k \leq i\right\}$. Note that all $\psi, \psi^{\prime} \in X_{i, k}$ agree on $\neg p_{k}$, so the situation in $X_{i, k}$ is isomorphic to $X_{i-1}$. So, by induction hypothesis, $\operatorname{card}\left(X_{i, k}\right)$ is finite, as all
$\phi^{\prime} \in X_{i, k}$ have to be mutually inconsistent. Thus, $\operatorname{card}\left(X_{i}\right)$ is finite. (Note that we did not use the fact that elements from different $X_{i, k}, X_{i, k^{\prime}}$ also have to be mutually inconsistent; our rough proof suffices.)

Note that the proof depends very little on logic. We needed normal forms, and used two truth values. Obviously, we can easily generalize to finitely many truth values.

## 3 Independence as ternary relation

### 3.1 Situation and definitions

Independence as an abstract ternary relation for probability and other situations has been examined by Pearl et al., see, e.g., [Pea88]. We interpret independence here differently, but in a related way.

## Definition 3.1

We consider function sets $\Sigma$ etc. over a fixed, arbitrary domain $I$, into some fixed codomain $K$.
For pairwise disjoint subsets $X, Y, Z$ of $I$, we define
$\langle X| Y|Z\rangle$ iff for all $f, g \in \Sigma$ such that $f \upharpoonright Y=g \upharpoonright Y(f \upharpoonright Y$ the restriction of $f$ to elements of $Y$, etc.), there is $h \in \Sigma$ such that $h \upharpoonright X=f \upharpoonright X, h \upharpoonright Y=f \upharpoonright Y=g \upharpoonright Y, h \upharpoonright Z=g \upharpoonright Z$. $Y$ may be empty, then the condition $f \upharpoonright Y=g \upharpoonright Y$ is void.
Thus, the definition is relative to $\Sigma$.
$\langle X| Y|Z\rangle$ means thus, that we can piece functions together, or that we have a sort of decomposition of $\Sigma$ into a product. This is an independence property, we can put parts together independently.

## Notation 3.1

In more complicated cases, we will often write $A B C$ for $\langle A| B|C\rangle$, and $\neg A B C$ or $-A B C$ if $\langle A| B|C\rangle$ does not hold. Moreover, we will often just write $f(A)$ for $f \upharpoonright A$, etc.
For $\left\langle A \cup A^{\prime}\right| B|C\rangle$, we will then write $\left(A A^{\prime}\right) B C$, etc.
If only singletons are involved, we will sometimes write $a b c$ instead of $A B C$, etc.
When we speak about fragments of functions, we will often write just $A: \sigma$ for $\sigma \upharpoonright A, B: \sigma=\tau$ for $\sigma \upharpoonright B=\tau \upharpoonright B$, etc.

We use the following notations for functions:

## Definition 3.2

The constant functions $0_{c}$ and $1_{c}$ :
$0_{c}(i)=0$ for all $i \in I$
$1_{c}(i)=1$ for all $i \in I$
Moreover, when we define a function $\sigma: I \rightarrow\{0,1\}$ argument by argument, we abbreviate $\sigma(a)=0$ by $a=0$, etc.
Sometimes, we also give (a fragment of) a function just by the sequence of the values, so instead of writing $a=0, b=1, c=1$, we just write 011 - context will disambiguate.
E.g., Pearl discusses the following rules for the ternary relation:

## Definition 3.3

(a) Symmetry: $\langle X| Y|Z\rangle \leftrightarrow\langle Z| Y|X\rangle$
(b) Decomposition: $\langle X| Y|Z \cup W\rangle \rightarrow\langle X| Y|Z\rangle$
(c) Weak Union: $\langle X| Y|Z \cup W\rangle \rightarrow\langle X| Y \cup W|Z\rangle$
(d) Contraction: $\langle X| Y|Z\rangle$ and $\langle X| Y \cup Z|W\rangle \rightarrow\langle X| Y|Z \cup W\rangle$
(e) Intersection: $\langle X| Y \cup W|Z\rangle$ and $\langle X| Y \cup Z|W\rangle \rightarrow\langle X| Y|Z \cup W\rangle$
( $\emptyset$ Empty outside: $\langle X| Y|Z\rangle$ if $X=\emptyset$ or $Z=\emptyset$.

We show now that above Rules $(a)-(d)$ hold in our context, but (e) does not hold.

## Fact 3.1

In our interpretation,
(1) rule (e) does not hold,
(2) all $\langle X| Y|\emptyset\rangle$ (and thus also all $\langle\emptyset| Y|Z\rangle$ ) hold.
(3) rules $(a)-(d)$ hold, even when one or both of the outside elements of the triples is the empty set.

## Proof

(1) (e) does not hold:

Consider $I:=\{x, y, z, w\}$ and $U:=\{1111,0100\}$. Then $x(y w) z$ and $x(y z) w$, as for all $\sigma \upharpoonright y w$ there is just one $\tau$ this $\sigma$ can be. The same holds for $x(y z) w$. But for $y=1$, there are two different paths through $y=1$, which cannot be combined.
(2) This is a trivial consequence of the fact that $\{f: f: \emptyset \rightarrow U\}=\{\emptyset\}$.
(3) Rules (a), (b), (c) are trivial, by definition, also for $X, Z=\emptyset$. In (c), if $W=\emptyset$, there is nothing to show.

Rule (d): The cases for $X, W, Z=\emptyset$ are trivial. Assume $\sigma, \tau$ such that $\sigma \upharpoonright Y=\tau \upharpoonright Y$, we want to combine $\sigma \upharpoonright X$ with $\tau \upharpoonright Z \cup W$. By $\langle X| Y|Z\rangle$, there is $\rho$ such that $\rho \upharpoonright X=\sigma \upharpoonright X, \rho \upharpoonright Y=\sigma \upharpoonright Y=\tau \upharpoonright Y$, $\alpha \upharpoonright X=\rho \upharpoonright Z=\tau \upharpoonright Z$. Thus $\rho$ and $\tau$ satisfy the prerequisite of $\langle X| Y \cup Z|W\rangle$, and there is $\alpha$ such that $\alpha \upharpoonright X=\rho \upharpoonright X=\sigma \upharpoonright X, \alpha \upharpoonright X=\rho \upharpoonright Y=\sigma \upharpoonright Y=\tau \upharpoonright Y, \alpha \upharpoonright W=\tau \upharpoonright W$.

Next, we give an example which shows that increasing the center set can change validity of the tripel in any way.

## Example 3.1

Consider $I:=\{x, a, b, c, d, z\}$.
Let $\Sigma:=\{111111,011110,011101,111100,110111,010000\}$.
Then $\neg x(a b c d) z, x(a b c) z, \neg x(a b) z$.
For $\neg x(a b c d) z$, fix $a b c d=1111$, then $111111,011110 \in \Sigma$, but, e.g., $011111 \notin \Sigma$.
For $x(a b c) z$, the following combinations of abc exist: 111, 101, 100. The result is trivial for 101 and 100. For 111, all combinations for $x$ and $z$ with 0 and 1 exist.
For $\neg x(a b) z$, fix $a b=10$, then $110111,010000 \in \Sigma$, but there is, e.g., no $110 x y 0 \notin \Sigma$.

| Validity of $A B C, A C D, A D E, A E B \Rightarrow A B E$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | $A$ | $B$ | $C$ | $D$ | $E$ |  |
|  | $\sigma$ | $\sigma=\tau$ |  |  | $\tau$ | $A B E ?$ |
| $(1) \rho_{1}$ | $\sigma$ | $\sigma=\tau$ | $\tau$ |  |  | $A B C$ |
| $(2) \rho_{2}$ | $\sigma$ |  | $\tau$ | $\tau$ |  | $A C D$ |
| $(3) \rho_{3}$ | $\sigma$ |  |  | $\tau$ | $\tau$ | $A D E$ |
| $(4) \rho_{4}$ | $\sigma$ | $\sigma=\tau$ |  |  | $\tau$ | $A E B$ |

### 3.2 New rules

Above rules $(a)-(d)$ are not the only ones to hold, and we introduce now more complicated ones, and show that they hold in our situation. Of the possibly infinitary rules, only (Loop1) is given in full generality, (Loop2) and (Struc) are only given to iluustrate that even the infinitary rule (Loop1) is not all there is.
For warming up, we consider the following short version of (Loop1):

## Example 3.2

$A B C, A C D, A D E, A E B \Rightarrow A B E$.
We show that this rule holds in all $\Sigma$.
Suppose $A: \sigma, B: \sigma=\tau, C: \tau$, so by $A B C$, there is $\rho_{1}$ such that
$A: \rho_{1}=\sigma, B: \rho_{1}=\sigma=\tau, C: \rho_{1}=\tau$. So by $A C D$, there is $\rho_{2}$ such that
$A: \rho_{2}=\sigma, C: \rho_{2}=\rho_{1}=\tau, D: \rho_{2}=\tau$. So by $A D E$, there is $\rho_{3}$ such that
$A: \rho_{3}=\sigma, D: \rho_{3}=\rho_{2}=\tau, E: \rho_{3}=\tau$. So by $A E B$, there is $\rho_{4}$ such that
$A: \rho_{4}=\sigma, E: \rho_{4}=\rho_{3}=\tau, B: \rho_{4}=\tau=\sigma$.
So $A B E$.
We abbreviate this reasoning by:
(1) $A B C: A: \sigma, B: \sigma=\tau, C: \tau$
(2) $A C D:(1)+\tau$
(3) $A D E:(2)+\tau$
(4) $A E B:(3)+\tau$

So $A B E$.
It is helpful to draw a little diagram as in the following Table 3.1 (page 5).

We introduce now some new rules.

## Definition 3.4

- (Bin1)
$X Y Z, X Y^{\prime} Z, Y(X Z) Y^{\prime} \Rightarrow X\left(Y Y^{\prime}\right) Z$
- (Bin2)
$X Y Z, X Z Y^{\prime}, Y(X Z) Y^{\prime} \Rightarrow X\left(Y Y^{\prime}\right) Z$
- (Loop1)
$A B C, A C D_{1}, A D_{1} D_{2}, \ldots, A D_{i-1} D_{i}, A D_{i} D_{i+1}, A D_{i+1} D_{i+2}, \ldots, A D_{n-1} D_{n}, A D_{n} G, A G B \Rightarrow A B G$
so we turn $A G B$ around to $A B G$.
When we have to be more precise, we will denote this condition $\left(\operatorname{Loop} 1_{n}\right)$ to fix the length.
- (Loop2)
$A B C, A C D, D A E, D E F, F D G, F G H, H F B \Rightarrow H B F$ :
- (Struc)
$A B C, A C D, A E F, A F G, D A G, A H I, A I J, G A J, B A J \Rightarrow A B J$

The complicated structure of these rules suggests already that the ternary relations are not the right level of abstraction to speak about construction of functions from fragments. This is made formal by our main result below, which shows that there is no finite characterization by such relations. In other words, the main things happen behind the screen.

## Fact 3.2

The new rules are valid in our situation.

## Proof

- (Bin1)
(1) $X Y Z: X: \sigma, Y: \sigma=\tau, Z: \tau$
(2) $X Y^{\prime} Z: X: \sigma, Y^{\prime}: \sigma=\tau, Z: \tau$
(3) $Y(X Z) Y^{\prime}:(1)+(2)$

So $X\left(Y Y^{\prime}\right) Z$.

- (Bin2)

Let $X: \sigma, Y: \sigma=\tau, Y^{\prime}: \sigma=\tau, Z: \tau$
(1) $X Y Z: X: \sigma, Y: \sigma=\tau, Z: \tau$
(2) $X Z Y^{\prime}:(1)+\tau$
(3) $Y(X Z) Y^{\prime}:(1)+(2)$

So $X\left(Y Y^{\prime}\right) Z$.

- (Loop1)
(1) $A B C: A: \sigma, B: \sigma=\tau, C: \tau$
(2) $A C D_{1}:(1)+\tau$
(3) $A D_{1} D_{2}:(2)+\tau$
$(i+1) A D_{i-1} D_{i}:(i)+\tau$
$(i+2) A D_{i} D_{i+1}:(i+1)+\tau$
$(i+3) A D_{i+1} D_{i+2}:(i+2)+\tau$
....
$(n+1) A D_{n-1} D_{n}:(n)+\tau$
$(n+2) A D_{n} G:(n+1)+\tau$
$(n+3)$ AGB: $(n+2)+\tau=\sigma$
So $A B G$.
- (Loop2)

Let
(1) $A B C: A: \sigma, B: \sigma=\tau, C: \tau$
(2) $A C D: 1+\tau$
(3) $D A E: 2+\sigma$
(4) $D E F: 3+\sigma$
(5) $F D G: 4+\tau$
(6) $F G H: 5+\tau$
(7) $H F B: 6+\sigma$

So $H B F$ by $B: \sigma=\tau$.

- (Struc)
(1) $A B C: A: \sigma, B: \sigma=\tau, C: \tau$
(2) $A C D:(1)+\tau$
(3) $A E F: A: \sigma, E: \sigma=\tau, F: \tau$
(4) $A F G:(3)+\tau$
(5) $D A G:(2)+(4)$
(6) $A H I: A: \sigma, H: \sigma=\tau, I: \tau$
(7) $A I J:(6)+\tau$
(8) $G A J:(5)+(7)$
(9) $B A J:(1)+(8)$

So $A B J$.
Note that we use here $B: \sigma=\tau, E: \sigma=\tau, H: \sigma=\tau$, whereas the other tripels are used for other functions.

Next we show that the full (Loop1) cannot be derived from the basic rules $(a)-(d)$ and (Bin1), and shorter versions of (Loop1). (This is also a consequence of the sequel, but we want to point it out right away.)

## Fact 3.3

Let $n \geq 1$, then $\left(\operatorname{Loop} 1_{n}\right)$ does not follow from the rules $(a)-(d),(\emptyset),(\operatorname{Bin} 1)$, and the shorter versions of (Loop1)

## Proof

Consider the following set of tripels $L \cup L^{\prime}$ over $I:=\left\{a, b, c, g, d_{1}, \ldots, d_{n}\right\}$ :
$L:=\left\{a b c, a c d_{1}, a d_{1} d_{2}, \ldots, a d_{i} d_{i+1}, \ldots, a d_{n} g, a g b\right\}$,
$L^{\prime}:=\{\emptyset A B: A \cap B=\emptyset, A \cup B \subseteq I\}$,
and close this set under symmetry (rule (a)). Call the resulting set $\mathcal{A}$.
Note that, on the outside, we have $\emptyset$ or singletons, inside singletons or $\emptyset$. If the inside is $\emptyset$, one of the outside sets must also be $\emptyset$.
When we look at $L$, and define a relation $<$ by $x<y$ iff $a x y \in L$, we see that the only $<$-loop is $b<c<d_{1}<$ $\ldots<d_{n}<g<b$.
We show first that $\mathcal{A}$ is closed under rules $(a)-(d)$ (see Definition 3.3 (page 4$)$ ).
(a) is trivial.
(b) If $W=\emptyset$ or $Z=\emptyset$, this is trivial, if $W=Z$, this is trivial, too.
(c) If $Z \cup W=\emptyset$, this is trivial, if $Z \cup W$ is a singleton, so $Z=\emptyset$ or $W=\emptyset$ or $Z=W . Z=\emptyset$ or $W=\emptyset$ are trivial, otherwise $Z=W$ contradicts disjointness.
(d) $Z=\emptyset$ is trivial, so is $W=\emptyset$, otherwise $Z=W$ contradicts disjointness.
$(\operatorname{Bin} 1) X=\emptyset$ or $Z=\emptyset$ are trivial, otherwise $X=Z$ is excluded by disjointness. So we are in $L^{\prime}$ for $Y(X Z) Y^{\prime}$. So $Y=\emptyset$ or $Y^{\prime}=\emptyset$ and it is trivial.
Obviously, $\left(\operatorname{Loop} 1_{n}\right)$ does not hold.
We show now that all $\left(\operatorname{Loop}_{k}\right), 0 \leq k<n$ hold.
We do the case $k=0$ first.
Consider $A B C, A C G, A G B \Rightarrow A B G$.
If $A=\emptyset$ or $G=\emptyset$, the condition holds.
So assume $A, G \neq \emptyset$. Thus, by above remark, $C \neq \emptyset$, and then $B \neq \emptyset$. Thus, the prerequisites have to be in $L$. Moreover, $A$ has to be $a$, which is the only element occuring repeatedly on the outside. Consider now a relation $<^{\prime}$ defined by $U<^{\prime} V$ iff $A U V$ is among the prerequisites. We then have $B<^{\prime} C<^{\prime} G<^{\prime} B$, but this contradicts the fact that the only existing loop goes through all elements. So the prerequisites cannot be all in $L$, a contradiction.
Consider the case $0<k<n$.
This has the form $A B C, A C D_{1}, A D_{1} D_{2}, \ldots, A D_{k} G, A G B \Rightarrow A B G$.
Again, the cases $A=\emptyset$ or $G=\emptyset$ are obvious, assume $A, G \neq \emptyset$. Then $D_{k} \neq \emptyset$, so descending all $D_{i} \neq \emptyset$, and $C \neq \emptyset$ and $B \neq \emptyset$. Thus, all prerequisites are in $L$. Defining again a relation $<^{\prime}$ as above, we see again that the resulting $<^{\prime}$-loop is too short, and we have again a contradiction.

### 3.3 There is no finite characterization

We turn to our main result.

### 3.3.1 Discussion

Consider the following simple, short, loop for illustration:
$A B C, A C D, A D E, A E F, A F G, A G B \Rightarrow A B G$ - so we can turn $A G B$ around to $A B G$.
Of course, this construction may be arbitrarily long.
The idea is now to make $A B G$ false, and, to make it coherent, to make one of the interior conditions false, too, say $A D E$. We describe this situation fully, i.e. enumerate all conditions which hold in such a situation. If we make now $A D E$ true again, we know this is not valid, so any (finite) characterization must say "NO" to this. But as it is finite, it cannot describe all the interior tripels of the type $A D E$ in a sufficiently long loop, so we just change one of them which it does not "see" to FALSE, and it must give the same answer NO, so this fails.

Basically, we cannot describe parts of the loop, as the $<\|>$-language is not rich enough to express it, we see only the final outcome.
The problem is to fully describe the situation.

### 3.3.2 Composition of layers

A very helpful fact is the following:

## Definition 3.5

Let $\Sigma_{j}$ be function sets over $I$ into some set $K, j \in J$.
Let $\Sigma:=\left\{f: I \rightarrow K^{J}: f(i)=\left\{\left\langle f_{j}(i), j\right\rangle: j \in J, f_{j} \in \Sigma_{j}\right\}\right\}$.
So any $f \in \Sigma$ has the form $f(i)=\left\langle f_{1}(i), f_{2}(i), \ldots, f_{n}(i)\right\rangle, f_{m} \in \Sigma_{m}$ (we may assume $J$ to be finite).

Thus, given $f \in \Sigma, f_{m} \in \Sigma_{m}$ is defined.

## Fact 3.4

For the above $\Sigma\langle A| B|C\rangle$ holds iff it holds for all $\Sigma_{j}$.
Thus, we can destroy the $\langle A| B|C\rangle$ independently, and collect the results.

## Proof

The proof is trivial, and a direct consequence of the fact that $f=f^{\prime}$ iff for all components $f_{j}=f_{j}^{\prime}$.
Suppose for some $\Sigma_{k}, k \in J, \neg\langle A| B|C\rangle$.
So for this $k$ there are $f_{k}, f_{k}^{\prime} \in \Sigma_{k}$ such that $f_{k}(B)=f_{k}^{\prime}(B)$, but there is no $f_{k}^{\prime \prime} \in \Sigma_{k}$ such that $f_{k}^{\prime \prime}(A)=f_{k}(A)$, $f_{k}^{\prime \prime}(B)=f_{k}(B)=f_{k}^{\prime}(B), f_{k}^{\prime \prime}(C)=f_{k}^{\prime}(C)$ (or conversely). Consider now some $h \in \Sigma$ such that $h_{k}=f_{k}$, and $h^{\prime}$ is like $h$, but $h_{k}^{\prime}=f_{k}^{\prime}$, so also $h^{\prime} \in \Sigma$. Then $h(B)=h^{\prime}(B)$, but there is no $h^{\prime \prime} \in \Sigma$ such that $h^{\prime \prime}(A)=h(A)$, $h^{\prime \prime}(B)=h(B)=h^{\prime}(B), h^{\prime \prime}(C)=h^{\prime}(C)$.
Conversely, suppose $\langle A| B|C\rangle$ for all $\Sigma_{j}$. Let $h, h^{\prime} \in \Sigma$ such that $h(B)=h^{\prime}(B)$, so for all $j \in J h_{j}(B)=h_{j}^{\prime}(B)$, where $h_{j} \in \Sigma_{j}, h_{j}^{\prime} \in \Sigma_{j}$, so there are $h_{j}^{\prime \prime} \in \Sigma_{j}$ with $h_{j}^{\prime \prime}(A)=h_{j}(A), h_{j}^{\prime \prime}(B)=h_{j}(B)=h_{j}^{\prime}(B), h_{j}^{\prime \prime}(C)=h_{j}^{\prime}(C)$ for all $j \in J$. Thus, $h^{\prime \prime}$ composed of the $h_{j}^{\prime \prime}$ is in $\Sigma$, and $h^{\prime \prime}(A)=h(A), h^{\prime \prime}(B)=h(B)=h^{\prime}(B), h^{\prime \prime}(C)=h^{\prime}(C)$.

### 3.3.3 Systematic construction

Recall the general form of (Loop1) for singletons:
$a b c, a c d_{1}, a d_{1} d_{2}, \ldots, a d_{i-1} d_{i}, a d_{i} d_{i+1}, a d_{i+1} d_{i+2}, \ldots, a d_{n-1} d_{n}, a d_{n} g, a g b \Rightarrow a b g$
so we turn $a g b$ around to $a b g$.
We will fully describe a model of above tripels, with the exception of $a b g$ and $a d_{i} d_{i+1}$ which will be made to fail, and all other $\langle X| Y|Z\rangle$ which are not in above list of tripels to preserve, will fail, too (except for $X=\emptyset$ or $Z=\emptyset)$.
We use the following fact:

## Fact 3.5

Let $X \subseteq I, \operatorname{card}(X)>1, \Sigma_{X}:=\{\sigma: I \rightarrow\{0,1\}: \operatorname{card}\{x \in X: \sigma(x)=0\}$ is even $\}$
Then $\neg A B C$ iff $A \cap X \neq \emptyset, C \cap X \neq \emptyset, X \subseteq A \cup B \cup C$.

## Proof

" $\Leftarrow$ ":
Suppose $A \cap X \neq \emptyset, C \cap X \neq \emptyset, X \subseteq A \cup B \cup C$.
Take $\sigma$ such that $\operatorname{card}\{x \in X: \sigma(x)=0\}$ is odd, then $\sigma \notin \Sigma_{X}$. As $X \nsubseteq A \cup B$, there is $\tau \in \Sigma_{X}$ such that $\sigma \upharpoonright A \cup B=\tau \upharpoonright A \cup B$. As $X \nsubseteq B \cup C$, there is $\rho \in \Sigma_{X}$ such that $\rho \upharpoonright B \cup C=\sigma \upharpoonright B \cup C$. Thus, $\tau \upharpoonright B=\rho \upharpoonright B$. If there were $\alpha \in \Sigma_{X}$ such that $\alpha \upharpoonright A \cup B=\tau \upharpoonright A \cup B$ and $\alpha \upharpoonright B \cup C=\rho \upharpoonright B \cup C$, then $\alpha \upharpoonright A \cup B \cup C=\sigma \upharpoonright A \cup B \cup C$, contradiction
" $\Rightarrow$ ":
Suppose $A \cap X=\emptyset$ or $C \cap X=\emptyset$, or $X \nsubseteq A \cup B \cup C$. We show $A B C$.
Case 1: $C \cap X=\emptyset$. Let $\sigma, \tau \in \Sigma_{X}$ such that $\sigma \upharpoonright B=\tau \upharpoonright B$. As $C \cap X=\emptyset$, we can continue $\sigma \upharpoonright A \cup B$ as we like.
Case 2, $A \cap X=\emptyset$, analogous.
Case 3: $X \nsubseteq A \cup B \cup C$. But then there is no restriction in $A \cup B \cup C$.

We will have to make $a b g$ false, but $a g b$ true. On the other hand, we will make $a b d_{1}$ false, but $a d_{1} b$ need not be preserved.
This leads to the following definition, which helps to put order into the cases.

## Definition 3.6

Suppose we have to destroy axy. Then
$d \min (a x y):=\min \{d(\{a, x, y\},\{a, u, v\}): a u v$ has to be preserved $\}-d$ the counting Hamming distance.
Thus, $d \min (a b g)=0$ (as $a g b$ has to be preserved), $\operatorname{dmin}\left(a b d_{1}\right)=1$ (because $a b c$ has to be preserved, but not $\left.a d_{1} b\right)$.
We introduce the following order defined from the loop prerequisites to be preserved.

## Definition 3.7

Order the elements by following the string of sequences to be preserved as follows:
$d_{i+1} \prec d_{i+2} \prec \ldots \prec d_{n-1} \prec d_{n} \prec g \prec b \prec c \prec d_{1} \prec d_{2} \prec \ldots \prec d_{i-1} \prec d_{i}$
Note that the interruption at $a d_{i} d_{i+1}$ is crucial here - otherwise, there would be a cycle.
As usual, $\preceq$ will stand for $\prec$ or $=$.

### 3.3.4 The cases to consider

The elements to consider are: $a, b, c, g, d_{1}, \ldots, d_{n}$.
The tripels to preserve are:
$P:=\left\{a b c, a c d_{1}, a d_{1} d_{2}, \ldots, a d_{i-1} d_{i},\left(\right.\right.$ BUT NOT $\left.\left.a d_{i} d_{i+1}\right), a d_{i+1} d_{i+2}, \ldots, a d_{n-1} d_{n}, a d_{n} g, a g b\right\}$
The $\langle X| Y|Z\rangle$ to destroy are (except when $X=\emptyset$ or $Z=\emptyset$ ):
(1) all $\langle X \| Z\rangle$
(2) all $\langle X| Y|Z\rangle$ such that $X \cup Y \cup Z$ has $>3$ elements
(3) all tripels which do not have $a$ on the outside, e.g. $b g c$
(4) and the following tripels:
(the ( 0 ) will be explained below - for the moment, just ignore it)
$a b g(0), a b d_{1}, \ldots, a b d_{n}$
$a c b(0), a c g, a c d_{2}, \ldots, a c d_{n}$
$a g c, a g d_{1}, \ldots, a g d_{n}(0)$
$a d_{1} b, a d_{1} c(0), a d_{1} g, a d_{1} d_{3}, \ldots, a d_{1} d_{n}$
$a d_{2} b, a d_{2} c, a d_{2} g, a d_{2} d_{1}(0), a d_{2} d_{4}, \ldots, a d_{2} d_{n}$
...
$a d_{i} b, a d_{i} c, a d_{i} g, a d_{i} d_{1}, a d_{i} d_{2}, \ldots$, ALSO $a d_{i} d_{i+1}, \ldots, a d_{i} d_{n}$
$a d_{n-1} b, a d_{n-1} c, a d_{n-1} g, a d_{n-1} d_{1}, \ldots, a d_{n-1} d_{n-2}$ (0)
$a d_{n} b, a d_{n} c, a d_{n} d_{1}, \ldots, a d_{n} d_{n-1}$ (0)

### 3.3.5 Solution of the cases

We show how to destroy all tripels mentioned above, while preserving all tripels in $P$.
(1) all $\langle X| Y|Z\rangle$ where $X \cup Y \cup Z$ has $>3$ elements:

See Fact 3.5 (page 9) with the $X$ there with 4 elements, for all such $X, Y, Z$ separately, so all tripels in $P$ are preserved.
(2) all $\langle X| Y|Z\rangle$ with 1 element:-
(3) all $\langle X \| Z\rangle$ :

This can be done by considering $\Sigma_{j}:=\left\{0_{c}, 1_{c}\right\}$. Then, say for $a, c$, we have to examine the fragments 00 and 11 , but there is no 10 or 01 . For $\langle a| b|c\rangle$ this is no problem, as we have only the two 000,111 , which do not agree on $b$.
(4) all $\langle X| Y|Z\rangle$ with 2 elements: eliminated by $\langle X \| Z\rangle$
(5) all $\langle X| Y|Z\rangle$ with 3 elements:
(5.1) $a$ is not on the outside
(5.1.1) $a$ is in the middle, we need $\neg x a y$ : Consider $\Sigma$ with 2 functions, $0_{c}$, and the second defined by $a=0$, and all $u=1$ for $u \neq a$. Obviously, $\neg x a y$. Recall that all tripels to be preserved have $a$ on the outside, and some other element $x$ in the middle. Then the two functions are different on $x$.
(5.1.2) $a$ is not in $x y z$, we need $\neg x y z$ : Consider $\Sigma$ with 2 functions, $0_{c}$, and the second defined by $a=y=0$, all $u=1$ for $u \neq a, u \neq y$. As $a$ is neither $x$ nor $z, \neg x y z$. If some $u v w$ has $a$ on the outside, say $u=a$, then both functions are 000 or 0 vw on this tripel, so $u v w$ holds.
(5.2) $a$ is on the outside, we destroy $a y z$ :
(5.2.1) Case $\operatorname{dmin}(a y z)>0$ :

Take as $\Sigma$ the set of all functions with values in $\{0,1\}$, but eliminate those with $a=y=z=0$. Then $\neg a y z$ (we have $100,001,101$, but not 000 ), but for all auv with $d(\{a, y, z\},\{a, u, v\})>0$ $a u v$ has all possible combinations, as all combinations for $a y$ and $a z$ exist.
(5.2.2) Case $\operatorname{dmin}(a y z)=0$.

The elements with $d$ min $=0$ are:
$a b g, a c b, a g d_{n}, a d_{1} c, a d_{2} d_{1}, \ldots, a d_{i} d_{i-1}$, NOT $a d_{i+1} d_{i}, a d_{i+2} d_{i+1}, \ldots, a d_{n} d_{n-1}$ they were marked with (0) above.
$\Sigma$ will again have 2 functions, the first is always $0_{c}$.
The second function: Always set $a=1$.
We see that the tripels with $d \min =0$ to be destroyed have the form $a y z$, where $z$ is the immediate $\prec$-predecessor of $y$ in above order - see Definition 3.7 (page 10). Conversely, those to be preserved (in $P$ ) have the form $a z y$, where again $z$ is the immediate $\prec$-predecessor of $y$.
We set $z^{\prime}=1$ for all $z^{\prime} \preceq z$, and $y^{\prime}=0$ for all $y^{\prime} \succeq y$. Recall that $z \prec y$, so we have the picture $d_{i+1}=1, \ldots, z=1, y=0, \ldots, d_{i}=0$.
Then $\neg a y z$, as we have the fragments 000,101 . But $a z y$, as we have the fragments 000,110 . Moreover, considering the successors of the sequence, we give the values 11 , or 10 , or 00 . This results in the function fragments for auv as 111 , or 110 , or 100 . But the resulting fragment sets (together with $0_{c}$ ) are then: $\{000,111\},\{000,110\},\{000,100\}$. They all make auv true. Thus, all tripels in $P$ are preserved.

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