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An Almost General Splitting Theorem for Modal Logic

Abstract. Given a normal (multi-)modal logic Θ , a characterization is given of the finitely presentable algebras \mathcal{A} whose logics $L\mathcal{A}$ split the lattice of normal extensions of Θ . This is a substantial generalization of Rautenberg [10] and [11] in which Θ is assumed to be weakly transitive and \mathcal{A} to be finite. We also obtain as a direct consequence a result by Blok [2] that for all cycle-free and finite \mathcal{A} $L\mathcal{A}$ splits the lattice of normal extensions of K . Although we firmly believe it to be true, we have not been able to prove that if a logic A splits the lattice of extensions of Θ then A is the logic of an algebra finitely presentable over Θ ; in this respect our result remains partial.

A. Introduction

The concept of a splitting has been very fruitful in modal logic. Although splittings originated in lattice theory they proved to have rather surprising applications to modal logics with no obvious relation to lattice theory. The idea of a splitting in modal logic is this: given a logic Θ , is there a logic Θ/\mathcal{A} whose models are all the Θ -models that omit \mathcal{A} in the sense that the variety they generate does not contain \mathcal{A} , or, equivalently, does there exist a least logic containing Θ not having \mathcal{A} as a model? If it exists it is called the splitting of Θ by \mathcal{A} .

Splittings first appeared in pure modal logic in Fine [5] where they were called frame logics. By showing that the lattice of normal extensions of $S4$ has \aleph_0 incomparable splittings, Fine showed that this lattice has 2^{\aleph_0} elements. In [2], W. Blok applied splittings to obtain completeness results. He proved that a normal extension of K is complete exactly if it is a splitting logic of K and that the degree of incompleteness is 2^{\aleph_0} otherwise; and that an algebra splits the lattice of K if and only if it is finite, subdirectly irreducible and cycle-free. The first general and theoretic approach to splittings was given in Rautenberg [10], [11] and [12]. He not only showed that many important extensions of $K4$ are splitting logics of $K4$, but also gave a way of deciding whether or not $\Theta(P)$ is a splitting logic of Θ . However, the splitting theorem presented there only treats weakly transitive logics. In modal logics this is not a severe restriction, but as soon as the language has more than one modal operator — e.g. in tense logics — transitivity is no longer a desirable property.

Our main aim is a general characterization of all algebras which split Θ for an arbitrary normal modal logic without any assumptions of transitivity. We allow the language to have more than one modal operator, and also the splitting algebra to be infinite. However, we have to assume that the algebras

we are dealing with are *finitely presentable* over Θ . The road to the main splitting theorem presented here is quite long compared to the splitting theorem for transitive logics because it is no longer true that only the finitely presentable, subdirectly irreducible (s.i.) algebras induce splittings. Moreover, since Θ does not necessarily have the finite model property, it is not true that the class of splitting algebras of Θ coincides with the class of finite s.i. algebras, which is then also the class of finitely presentable s.i. algebras. The investigation into this problem leads directly back to the lattice-theoretic definition of a splitting and the characterization of splitting elements in a lattice.

The first section contains all the relevant lattice facts about splittings. In the next section we introduce modal logics and a new semantics which unifies both modal and dynamic logics. Although we do not include any application for dynamic logic it will become clear that this semantics makes the application of our results even within modal logics easier and more concise. We have tried to keep this part as short as possible. The third part is the heart of the paper, where we prove the splitting theorem. There we try to flesh out the interconnection between the structure of Θ -algebras and the structure of the lattice of normal extensions of Θ . As a byproduct we get several theorems which are of interest in their own right. They deal with the problem of how to decide whether a s.i. algebra is in the variety generated by a set of other algebras. Finally, a nontrivial example of an infinite splitting algebra is given.

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B. Splittings in Lattices

The notion of a splitting was first used in the context of varieties of algebras by McKenzie [9]. However, splittings as a concept of lattice theory date back to P. Whitman [13] who also coined this expression.¹

Let $\mathcal{L} := \langle L, \sqcap, \sqcup, \sqsupseteq, \sqsubseteq, 0, 1 \rangle$ be a complete lattice. For $a \in L$ define $\mathcal{F}a := \{x \in L \mid x \geq a\}$, the *filter* generated by a , and $\mathcal{I}a := \{x \in L \mid x \leq a\}$, the *ideal* generated by a . Also define $\mathcal{E}a := \langle \mathcal{F}a, \sqcap, \sqcup, \sqsupseteq, \sqsubseteq, a, 1 \rangle$. $\mathcal{E}a$ is called the *extension lattice* of a .

DEFINITION 1. $\langle p, q \rangle$ is called a *splitting* of \mathcal{L} if $L = \mathcal{F}q + \mathcal{I}p$ that is, $L = \mathcal{F}q \cup \mathcal{I}p$ and $\emptyset = \mathcal{F}q \cap \mathcal{I}p$. In that case we say that p *splits* \mathcal{L} and that q is its *splitting companion*. q is uniquely determined by p and denoted by \mathcal{L}/p or sometimes by $0/p$.

¹ Whitman claims that Birkhoff [1] uses 'cleavage' in much the same sense as 'splittings' but this is not correct. A *cleavage* for a prime ideal in a lattice is defined in [1] as a prime quotient b/a such that $a \in P$ but $b \notin P$. Incidentally, our usage of 'splitting' which we borrowed from [9] differs slightly from the original one in [13].

Dually, we say that q co-splits \mathcal{L} if for some p $\mathcal{I}p + \mathcal{F}q = L$. Again, p is uniquely determined by q and called the *co-companion* of q . Hence there is a bijection between splitting elements and co-splitting elements of \mathcal{L} . If p splits \mathcal{L} and $p \in \mathcal{F}a$ then p splits $\mathcal{E}a$ and $a/p = a \sqcup 0/p$. If $p \notin \mathcal{E}a$ we define $a/p := a$. Splittings can be iterated, e.g. $(\mathcal{L}/p)/r$. There it need not be the case that r splits \mathcal{L} ; but if it does it is easily checked that $(\mathcal{L}/p)/r = (\mathcal{L}/r)/p = \mathcal{L}/p \sqcup \mathcal{L}/r$. Thus for a set N of splitting elements we define $\mathcal{L}/N := \sqcup \langle \mathcal{L}/p | p \in N \rangle$.

DEFINITION 2. $a \in L$ is called *irreducible* if $a = \sqcap \langle x(i) | i \in I \rangle$ implies $a = x(i)$ for some $i \in I$. $a \in L$ is called *prime* if $a \geq \sqcap \langle x(i) | i \in I \rangle$ implies $a \geq x(i)$ for some $i \in I$.

The dual notions are *join-irreducible* and *join-prime*. If a is prime a is also irreducible. If the lattice is upper continuous, i.e. if $a \sqcap \sqcup \langle b_i | i \in I \rangle = \sqcup \langle a \sqcap b_i | i \in I \rangle$, then every join-irreducible element is also join-prime. This is the case with the lattice of normal extensions of a modal logic.

THEOREM 3 (McKenzie [9]). p splits \mathcal{L} iff p is prime in \mathcal{L} .

By duality, q co-splits \mathcal{L} iff q is join-prime in \mathcal{L} . Thus we have a bijection $\sigma: \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma_*$ from the set of prime elements Σ^* of \mathcal{L} onto the set Σ_* of join-prime elements of \mathcal{L} defined by $\sigma(p) := \mathcal{L}/p$. Moreover, if $p \leq q$ in Σ^* then $\sigma(p) \leq \sigma(q)$ in Σ_* and vice versa, in other words, σ is an isomorphism of posets.

C. Modal Logics: Syntax and Semantics

We assume that the reader is familiar with the basic ideas of modal logics and elementary dynamic logics. For the latter we refer to Harel [7]. For several reasons we use the language of dynamic logics. First of all it is more general and flexible than modal logics. Second, the development of dynamic logic cannot be ignored by modal logicians. Instead, they should make their results accessible to a wider audience by adopting the new language of programs. And third, most of our general results can be stated in a more compact way in terms of programs. Thus our language is the language of EPDL (Elementary Propositional Dynamic Logic). It consists of a countable set Var of proposition variables, a countable set $Prg := \{\pi_i | i \in \omega\}$ of elementary program constants, the connectives $\neg, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow, ;, \cup$ as well as $[]$ and $\langle \rangle$. We also use the symbols 0 (false), 1 (true) and 1 (no operation). The brackets $[]$ and $\langle \rangle$ turn programs into modal operators. Thus if μ is a program and P a proposition then $[\mu]P$ and $\langle \mu \rangle P$ are propositions. By \mathcal{L} we denote the set of propositions generated by Var and Prg , by \mathcal{L}_n the subset of propositions generated by Var and $\{\pi_i | i \in n\}$. However, it should be said that none of our results ultimately depends on the choice of the language of programs as long as it contains ‘ \cup ’ since all our results only depend on the semilattice-structure of the programs defined by ‘ \cup ’. It is only for shortness and simplicity that we

have not included the star ‘*’. Or we could have added the intersection ‘ \cap ’ or negation ‘ \setminus ’ of programs (which for a program π yields a program $\setminus\pi$ which makes all and only those worlds accessible which are inaccessible for π). The splitting theorem and all the others remain valid. However, our results do not extend to dynamic logics which have the ‘?’ because we have no semantics for it. In fact, the semantic framework used here does not extend to any semantics for ‘?’.

The important innovation of dynamic logic is the notion of a program as an object of a different category. In EPDL and PDL the programs form an algebra generated by a set of basic programs in Prg and $;$, \cup and (in PDL)*. We call this algebra a P -ring:

DEFINITION 4. An algebra $\mathcal{X} = \langle X, 1, \cup, ; \rangle$ of type $\langle 0, 2, 2 \rangle$ is called P -ring iff the following equations hold:

- (ra) $\pi; (\sigma; \tau) = (\pi; \sigma); \tau$
- (r1) $\pi; 1 = 1; \pi = \pi$
- (ra \cup) $\pi \cup (\sigma \cup \tau) = (\pi \cup \sigma) \cup \tau$
- (rc \cup) $\pi \cup \sigma = \sigma \cup \pi$
- (ri \cup) $\pi \cup \pi = \pi$
- (rdl) $\pi; (\sigma \cup \tau) = \pi; \sigma \cup \pi; \tau$
- (rdr) $(\pi \cup \sigma); \tau = \pi; \tau \cup \sigma; \tau$

A P -ring is always assumed to be finitely generated by $X_0 \subset Prg$.

DEFINITION 5. An algebra $\mathcal{X} = \langle X, 1, \cup, ;, * \rangle$ of type $\langle 0, 2, 2, 1 \rangle$ is called a P^* -ring if $\mathcal{X} \setminus \{1, \cup, ;\}$ is a P -ring and for all $\pi \in X$

- (in*) $(1 \cup \pi); \pi^* = \pi^*$.

This equation is reflected in dynamic algebras by the induction axiom

- (rc*) $[\pi^*](p \rightarrow [\pi]p) \rightarrow p \rightarrow [\pi^*]p$.

As we said already, we will not discuss the case of the star (viz. dynamic algebras) for this would make our introduction unnecessarily long. However, it should be clear that it runs exactly parallel.

DEFINITION 6. Let $\mathbf{A} = \langle A, 1, \setminus, \cap \rangle$ and $\mathbf{B} = \langle B, 1, \setminus, \cap \rangle$ be boolean algebras. $\tau: \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ is called a *hemimorphism*, if $\tau 1 = 1$ and $\tau(a \cap b) = \tau a \cap \tau b$ for all $a, b \in A$. The set of all hemimorphisms from \mathbf{A} to \mathbf{B} is denoted by $Hem(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})$. If $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}$ we simplify this to $Hem(\mathbf{A})$. If $\sigma, \tau \in Hem(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})$ we define $\sigma \cup \tau$ by $(\sigma \cup \tau)a := \sigma a \cap \tau a$.

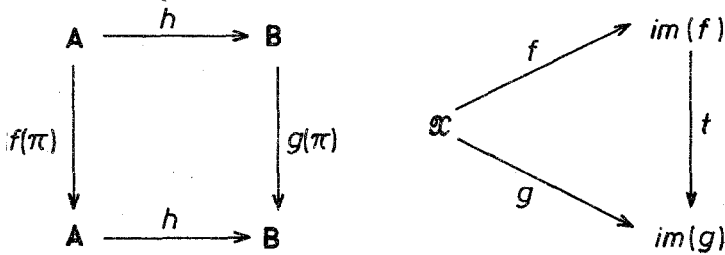
PROPOSITION 7. $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{A}) := \langle Hem(\mathbf{A}), id, \cup, \circ \rangle$ is a P -ring. ■

DEFINITION 8. Let \mathcal{X} be a P -ring. A \mathcal{X} -algebra is a pair $\mathcal{A} = \langle \mathbf{A}, f \rangle$ where \mathbf{A} is a boolean algebra and $f: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{A})$ a P -homomorphism.² A *homomor-*

² We generally refer to \mathcal{X} -algebras as modal or multimodal algebras. If \mathcal{X} is a P^* -ring we call them *dynamic algebras*.

phism between \mathcal{X} -algebras $\langle \mathbf{A}, f \rangle$ and $\langle \mathbf{B}, g \rangle$ is a pair $\langle h, t \rangle$ of mappings, $h \in \text{Hom}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})$ and $t: \text{im}(f) \rightarrow \text{im}(g)$ a P -homomorphism, such that for all $\pi \in X$:

$$\begin{aligned} (xh) \quad & h \circ f(\pi) = g(\pi) \circ h \\ (xp) \quad & t(f(\pi)) = g(\pi). \end{aligned}$$



The idea of this semantics is best explained with an example. Take the variety \mathcal{V}_n of algebras with n modal operators. $\mathcal{A} = \langle \mathbf{A}, \langle \tau_i | i \in n \rangle \rangle \in \mathcal{V}_n$ is then a boolean algebra with n operators. Alternatively, if \mathcal{X}_n is the P -ring freely generated by $\{\pi_i | i \in n\}$, the assignment $f: \pi_i \mapsto \tau_i$ induces a P -homomorphism $f: \mathcal{X}_n \rightarrow \text{Hem}(\mathbf{A})$ whose direct image is the subring generated by the τ_i . This shows how to turn an n -modal algebra into a \mathcal{X}_n -algebra.

Under certain circumstances it is possible to replace \mathcal{X}_n by a homomorphic image. For consider the case when $f: \mathcal{X}_n \rightarrow \text{Hem}(\mathbf{A})$ factors through $g: \mathcal{X}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$. Then $\langle \mathbf{A}, f \rangle$ can equally be viewed as a \mathcal{Y} -algebra. The conditions under which this identification is possible can be spelled out explicitly. For f factors through g iff $f(\pi) = f(\sigma)$ for all π, σ such that $g(\pi) = g(\sigma)$. So we must have $f(\pi)(a) = f(\sigma)(a)$ for all $a \in A$ which is equivalent to $\langle \mathbf{A}, f \rangle \models [\pi] p \leftrightarrow [\sigma] p$ for all such pairs. The algebras satisfying these identities therefore form a variety. A particular example is the class of interior algebras or $S4$ -algebras, which are modal algebras satisfying the identities $a \square \square a = \square a$ and $\square \square a = \square a$. An interior algebra as an \mathcal{X}_1 -algebra can also be construed as a \mathcal{X}_i -algebra, where \mathcal{X}_i is \mathcal{X}_1 factored through $1 \cup \pi_0 = \pi_0$ and $\pi_0; \pi_0 = \pi_0$. It turns out that \mathcal{X}_i has only two elements, namely 1 and π_0 . In general, distinct logics need not have distinct rings of programs. The interior algebras provide an example. It is readily checked that if an extension A of $S4$ has a proper image of \mathcal{X}_i as it's ring programs, this ring must satisfy $1 = \pi_0$. Consequently, $A \supseteq S4(p \leftrightarrow \square p)$.

The kernel of a homomorphism of \mathcal{X} -algebras is an *open filter*: a subset $F \subseteq A$ is called an *open filter* if it is closed under

$$\begin{aligned} (f \leq) \quad & a \in F \text{ and } a \leq b \Rightarrow b \in F \\ (f \cap) \quad & a, b \in F \Rightarrow a \cap b \in F \\ (f \square) \quad & a \in F \text{ and } \pi \in X \Rightarrow [\pi] a \in F. \end{aligned}$$

Open filters are in one-to-one correspondence to surjective homomorphisms.

In the same way we define \mathcal{X} -frames (or Kripke-frames) as we have done for \mathcal{X} -algebras. A \mathcal{X} -frame Γ is a pair $\langle G, \gamma \rangle$ where G is a set (the set of worlds)

and $\gamma: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \text{Rel}(G)$ a homomorphism into the P -ring of relations over G . We leave the details of this construction to the reader. Mappings between \mathcal{X} -frames are called p -morphisms. As an example he may check the definitions in the $S4$ -case which is the most simple one. Other P -rings of interest are \mathcal{X}_n , the P -ring freely generated by n elements, and \mathcal{X}_n^k , the P -ring generated by n elements in which every program is k -transitive. To define \mathcal{X}_n^k we need some notation:

$$\begin{aligned} (exm) \quad & \pi^0 := 1 & \pi^{m+1} &:= \pi^m; \pi \\ (ex \leq) \quad & \pi^{(0)} := 1 & \pi^{(m+1)} &:= \pi^{(m)} \cup \pi^{m+1} \\ (df\xi) \quad & \xi &:= \bigcup \langle \pi_i \mid i \in n \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

\mathcal{X}_n^k is generated by $\{\pi_i \mid i \in n\}$ and the equation $\xi^{(k+1)} = \xi^{(k)}$: \mathcal{X}_n^k is called k -transitive. A logic Θ is called k -transitive if $[\xi^{(k+1)}]p \leftrightarrow [\xi^{(k)}]p \in \Theta$ and weakly transitive if it is k -transitive for some $k \in \omega$. In a frame for a k -transitive logic every path consisting of more than k successive moves from one point to another can be replaced by a path of at most k moves joining these points.

Now let \mathcal{X} be any P -ring generated by $\{\pi_i \mid i \in n\}$, $Y \subseteq \text{Var}$ a set of proposition variables. $\mathcal{F}(Y) := \langle \text{Fr}_{\mathcal{X}}(Y), p \rangle$ denotes the free \mathcal{X} -algebra generated by Y . $\text{Fr}_{\mathcal{X}}(Y)$ is the boolean algebra generated by \mathcal{X} and Y and the equations

$$\begin{aligned} (ie;) \quad & [\mu; \sigma]p = [\sigma]([\mu]p) \\ (ie \cup) \quad & [\mu \cup \sigma]p = [\mu]p \wedge [\sigma]p \\ (ie1) \quad & [1]p = p \\ (ie\mu) \quad & [\mu]1 = 1 \\ (sm \wedge) \quad & [\mu](p \wedge q) = [\mu]p \wedge .[\mu]q \text{ for all } \mu, \sigma \in X. \end{aligned}$$

$p: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(\text{Fr}_{\mathcal{X}}(Y))$ is defined by $p(\pi)(Q) := [\pi]Q$. If $\mathcal{A} = \langle \mathbf{A}, f \rangle$ is a \mathcal{X} -algebra and $\beta: Y \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$ a valuation then β defines a unique extension $h_{\beta}: \langle \beta, t \rangle: \langle \text{Fr}_{\mathcal{X}}(Y), p \rangle \rightarrow \langle \mathbf{A}, f \rangle$. We say, $\langle \mathcal{A}, \beta, a \rangle$ is a model for P if $0 < a \leq \beta(P)$ and we write $\mathcal{A}, \beta \models P > 0$. We say, $\langle \mathcal{A}, \beta \rangle$ satisfies P if $\langle \mathcal{A}, \beta, 1 \rangle$ is a model for P and write $\mathcal{A}, \beta \models P$. This corresponds to the usual definition of a model where instead of an algebra a frame g is given: $\langle g, \beta, s \rangle$ is a model for P iff $g, \beta, s \models P$. We also say that $\langle g, \beta \rangle$ is a model for P if such an $s \in g$ exists. The logic $L\mathcal{A}$ of \mathcal{A} is the set of all $P \in \mathcal{L}_n$ which are always satisfied: $L\mathcal{A} := \{P \in \mathcal{L}_n \mid \forall \beta: \text{var}(P) \rightarrow \mathbf{A}: \mathcal{A}, \beta \models P\}$.

A normal (n -)modal logic is a subset of \mathcal{L}_n which contains the axioms of classical logic, the axioms corresponding to the above equations,

$$(bd) \quad \vdash [\pi](p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow .[\pi]p \rightarrow [\pi]q, \pi \in X$$

and which is closed under substitution of formulas for proposition variables, modus ponens and necessitation: $P/[\pi]P, \pi \in X$. Usually, we denote logics by upper case Greek letters. A logic Θ corresponds to a uniquely determined variety $\mathcal{V}(\Theta) := \{\mathcal{A} \mid L\mathcal{A} \cong \Theta\}$ of \mathcal{X}_n -algebras and every variety of \mathcal{X}_n -algebras V determines a logic $\mathcal{L}(V) := \bigcap \langle L\mathcal{A} \mid \mathcal{A} \in V \rangle$. The minimal normal n -modal logic is denoted by K_n .

D. Splitting Varieties of Modal Logics

D.1. Irreducible and Prime Logics

The aim of this section is to describe how the concepts from lattice theory are translated into properties of algebras and varieties of modal algebras. We assume that the language is some fixed \mathcal{L}_n and the logic $\Theta \subseteq \mathcal{L}_n$. We will show that the splitting logics are of type $L\mathcal{A}$ where \mathcal{A} is not only subdirectly irreducible (henceforth s.i.) but also *prime* in $\mathcal{V}(\Theta)$, and then proceed to describe the notion of primeness in terms of algebras and their varieties. We have seen in Section B that in contrast to irreducibility of an element a in a lattice \mathcal{L} , which depends only on the structure of the local extension lattice $\mathcal{E}a$, primeness depends on the overall structure of \mathcal{L} . It is therefore natural to expect that irreducibility corresponds to an internal property of an algebra i.e. a property that depends only on the structure of the algebra itself; and that primeness of an algebra is dependent also on the variety it is contained in. But even in the case of irreducibility the matter is quite complicated. Suppose we are given a P -ring \mathcal{K} and the corresponding variety \mathcal{V} of \mathcal{K} -algebras and Θ corresponds to a subvariety of \mathcal{V} . Then we have the

THEOREM 9. $\Lambda \in \mathcal{E}\Theta$ is irreducible only if $\Lambda = L\mathcal{A}$ for a subdirect irreducible \mathcal{A} .

PROOF. Surely we have $\Lambda = L\mathcal{A}$ for some $\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{V}$. If \mathcal{A} is not s.i., say \mathcal{A} is a subdirect product of $\langle \mathcal{A}_i | i \in I \rangle$, where every \mathcal{A}_i is s.i., then we have $L\mathcal{A} = \bigcap \langle L\mathcal{A}_i | i \in I \rangle$. Hence there is a \mathcal{A}_i such that $L\mathcal{A}_i = L\mathcal{A} = \Lambda$. ■

A criterion for subdirect irreducibility is given in Rautenberg [10]:

THEOREM 10. $\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{V}$ is s.i. iff there is a $c \in A \setminus \{1\}$ such that $\forall a \in A \setminus \{1\} : \exists \mu \in X : [\mu]a \leq c$. Every c that has this property is called an *opremum* of \mathcal{A} . c is not uniquely determined. If \mathcal{A} is finite then \mathcal{A} is s.i. iff the corresponding frame is generated by a single point.

But the converse of Theorem 9 is generally false. As an example take the $S4$ -frame $\langle \{\infty\} \cup \omega, \triangleleft \rangle$ with $s \triangleleft t$ iff $s = \infty$ or $s \geq t$. This frame is generated by ∞ and therefore the algebra \mathcal{A} of finite and cofinite subsets of that frame is s.i. However, it can be shown that $L\mathcal{A} = S4.Grz.3$ which has the finite model property (f.m.p.) and is therefore not irreducible in $\mathcal{E}K$. To obtain a converse of Theorem 9 we remind ourselves of the fact that in a lattice an element a is irreducible iff it is prime in $\mathcal{E}a$. So we find

THEOREM 11. Λ is irreducible in $\mathcal{E}\Theta$ if and only if $\Lambda = L\mathcal{A}$ for a s.i. algebra such that $L\mathcal{A}$ is prime in $\mathcal{E}L\mathcal{A}$. ■

which reduces the problem of finding the algebras whose logics are irreducible to the more general problem of characterizing splitting algebras. Therefore we will now attempt such a characterization.

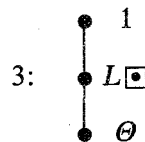
By analogy, an algebra \mathcal{A} or a frame Γ is called *prime* in $\mathcal{E}\Theta$ or $\mathcal{V}(\Theta)$ if $L\mathcal{A}(L\Gamma)$ is prime in $\mathcal{E}\Theta$. In previous work only finite algebras have been considered (see for example Blok [2], Rautenberg [10, 12]). This restriction is only justified if the base logic Θ has f.m.p. For if a logic is prime in $\mathcal{E}\Theta$ it is also irreducible and so it is generated by a s.i. algebra. Thus, if Θ has f.m.p. then only finite algebras can induce splittings of $\mathcal{E}\Theta$. Since we want the most general characterization of splitting algebras we do not want to make any assumptions on Θ . However, we have not been able to obtain full generality. Our characterization is restricted to the class of *finitely presentable algebras over Θ* , which, from a technical point of view, is the most natural class of algebras to work with.

D.2. Finitely Presentable Algebras

DEFINITION 12. Let $\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{V}(\Theta)$ be finitely generated by $\{a_i | i \in k\}$. \mathcal{A} is called *finitely presentable over Θ* if there exists a formula $\Delta \in \mathcal{L}_n$ so that $var(\Delta) \subseteq \{p_i | i \in k\}$ and the canonical homomorphism $pr: \mathcal{F}_\Theta(var(\Delta))/\langle \Delta \rangle \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ defined by $pr(p_i) = a_i$ is an isomorphism. $\mathcal{F}_\Theta(Y)$ denotes the free Θ -algebra generated by Y and $\langle \Delta \rangle$ the open filter generated by Δ . We call Δ a *diagram* of \mathcal{A} over Θ . Δ is not uniquely determined.

We also say that \mathcal{A} is *k-presentable* to indicate that Δ is based on no more than k variables. Similarly we use the expression that \mathcal{A} is *k-generated* if a set of no more than k elements of \mathcal{A} exists which generates \mathcal{A} .

EXAMPLE. Let \mathcal{R} denote the recession frame, which is defined by $\mathcal{R} := \langle \omega, \triangleleft \rangle$ where $n \triangleleft m$ iff $n \leq m + 1$ (see Blok [3] and Rautenberg [12]). Let \mathcal{B} be the algebra of the finite and cofinite subset of ω and $\Theta := L\mathcal{B} = K(\Box \Diamond p \rightarrow \Diamond \Box \Box p, \Box p \rightarrow p, \Diamond p \wedge \Box(p \rightarrow \Box p) \rightarrow p)$. \mathcal{B} is 1-generated e.g. by $\{0\} \subseteq \omega$. Thus we have a surjective homomorphism $\pi: \mathcal{F}(p) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ defined by $\pi(p) = \{0\}$. $\{0\}$ satisfies the equation $\Box \{0\} = \emptyset$ and if we let $\Delta := \neg \Box p$ we get $\mathcal{B} \cong \mathcal{F}_\Theta(p)/\langle \Delta \rangle$. It is known (see Blok [3], Theorem 5.2) that \mathcal{B} is s.i. and $\mathcal{E}\mathcal{A} \cong 3$ (see picture). Hence \mathcal{B} is prime in $\mathcal{E}\Theta$ and induces a splitting $\mathcal{E}\Theta/\Theta = L\Box$, where \Box denotes the frame with one reflexive point.



If \mathcal{A} is finite then \mathcal{A} is *k-presentable* iff it is *k-generated*. In particular, \mathcal{A} is *k-presentable* for $k = card(A)$:

PROPOSITION 13. Let \mathcal{A} be finite. Define

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(\mathcal{A}) := & \bigwedge \langle p_a \vee p_b \leftrightarrow p_{a \cup b} | a, b \in A \rangle \\ & \wedge \bigwedge \langle \neg p_a \leftrightarrow p_{\setminus a} | a \in A \rangle \\ & \wedge \bigwedge \langle [\pi] p_a \leftrightarrow p_{[\pi]a} | a \in A, \pi \in X_0 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Then $\Delta(\mathcal{A})$ is a diagram for \mathcal{A} over Θ .

PROOF. Consider $\varepsilon: \mathcal{F}_\Theta(\text{var}(\Delta)) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}: p_a \mapsto a$. ε is surjective and factors through pr , that is, $\varepsilon = pr \circ \kappa$ for a homomorphism κ . Since $pr \circ \kappa = \varepsilon$ is surjective, pr is surjective. It remains to show that pr is injective. This is done by showing that $\kappa(P) = \kappa(Q)$ iff $P \leftrightarrow Q \in \langle \Delta \rangle$ and for every P there is a $a \in A$ such that $P \leftrightarrow p_a \in \langle \Delta \rangle$ which is proved by induction on P . Hence $\text{card}(\text{im}(\kappa)) = \text{card}(A)$ and since A is finite, pr is injective. ■

D.3. Varieties of Modal Algebras

DEFINITION 14. Let Δ be a diagram of \mathcal{A} over Θ , $\mathcal{B} \in \mathcal{V}(\Theta)$ and $\mu \in X$. \mathcal{B} is said to be μ -consistent with \mathcal{A} , if a valuation $\beta: \text{var}(\Delta) \rightarrow B$ exists such that $\mathcal{B}, \beta \models \neg p_c \wedge [\mu] \Delta > 0$, where $p_c \in \text{var}(\Delta)$, c being an opremum of \mathcal{A} . If $M \subseteq X$ is a set of programs, \mathcal{B} is called M -consistent with \mathcal{A} if a valuation $\beta: \text{var}(\Delta) \rightarrow B$ exists satisfying $\mathcal{B}, \beta \models \neg p_c \wedge [\mu] \Delta > 0$ for all $\mu \in M$.

We say that M exhausts \mathcal{X} if $\forall \zeta \in X \exists \mu \in M: \zeta \subset \mu$. If \mathcal{B} is μ -consistent with \mathcal{A} for every $\mu \in M$ (M -consistent with \mathcal{A}) and M exhausts \mathcal{X} then \mathcal{B} is said to be weakly consistent with \mathcal{A} (extremely consistent with \mathcal{A}).

REMARK. \mathcal{B} is μ -consistent with \mathcal{A} iff $\exists \beta: \mathcal{B}, \beta \models [\mu] \Delta \wedge \neg p_c > 0$ iff $[\mu] \Delta \rightarrow p_c \notin L\mathcal{A}$ iff $\text{Con}_{L\mathcal{A}} [\mu] \Delta \rightarrow p_c$. Also, \mathcal{B} is M -consistent with \mathcal{A} iff $\text{Con}_{L\mathcal{A}} \{[\mu] \Delta \rightarrow p_c \mid \mu \in M\}$. If M exhausts X this is equivalent to $\text{Con}_{L\mathcal{A}} \{[\pi] \Delta \rightarrow p_c \mid \pi \in X\}$. Hence extreme consistency does not depend on M . Weak consistency does also not depend on the choice of M .

THEOREM 15. Let \mathcal{A} be s.i. and finitely presentable over Θ . Then the following assertions are equivalent for all $\mathcal{B} \in \mathcal{V}(\Theta)$:

- (i) \mathcal{B} is extremely consistent with \mathcal{A}
- (ii) $\mathcal{A} \in \text{SH}(\mathcal{B})$
- (iii) $\mathcal{A} \in \text{HS}(\mathcal{B})$.

PROOF. Let Δ be a diagram of \mathcal{A} over Θ .

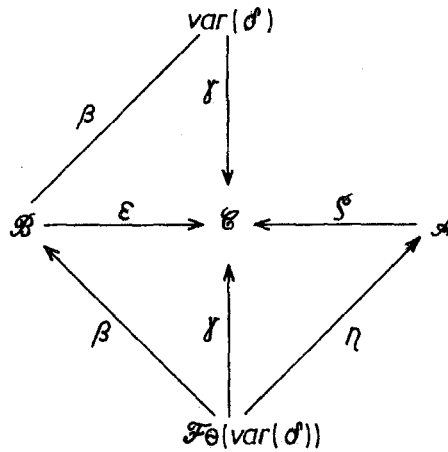
(i) \Rightarrow (ii): Let M exhaust \mathcal{X} and let $\beta: \text{var}(\Delta) \rightarrow B$ be such that $\mathcal{B}, \beta \models \neg p_c \wedge [\mu] \Delta > 0$ for all $\mu \in X$. Define $F := \{b \in B \mid \exists \mu \in M: \bar{\beta}([\mu] \Delta) \leq b\}$. F is an open filter:

$(f \leq)$ is obviously fulfilled.

$(f \cap)$ Let $b_1, b_2 \in F$ and $\bar{\beta}([\mu_i] \Delta) \leq b_i, i = 1, 2$. Then there is a $\mu_3 \supset \mu_1 \cup \mu_2$, for M exhausts \mathcal{X} . Hence $\bar{\beta}([\mu_3] \Delta) \leq \bar{\beta}([\mu_1 \cup \mu_2] \Delta) \leq \bar{\beta}([\mu_1] \Delta) \cap \bar{\beta}([\mu_2] \Delta) \leq b_1 \cap b_2$ and therefore $b_1 \cap b_2 \in F$.

$(f \sqsubset)$ Let $b \in F$ and $\pi \in X$. We have $\bar{\beta}([\mu] \Delta) \leq b$ for a certain $\mu \in M$ and there is a $\hat{\mu} \in M$ such that $\mu; \pi \subset \hat{\mu}$ and $\bar{\beta}([\hat{\mu}] \Delta) \leq \bar{\beta}([\mu; \pi] \Delta) = [\pi] \bar{\beta}([\mu] \Delta) \leq [\pi] b$ whence $[\pi] b \in F$.

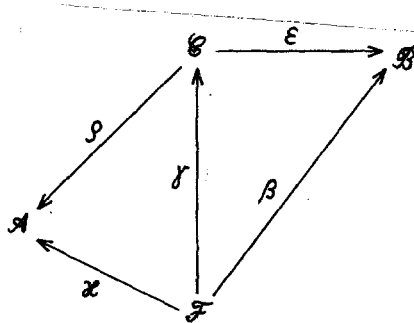
Consider the induced mapping $\varepsilon: \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}/F =: \mathcal{C}$ and set $\gamma := \varepsilon \circ \beta: \text{var}(\Delta) \rightarrow C$. Then $\bar{\gamma}([\mu] \Delta) = 1$ for all $\mu \in M$. The morphism $\bar{\gamma}$ factors through $\eta: \mathcal{F}_\Theta(\text{var}(\Delta)) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$, for $\mathcal{A} \cong \mathcal{F}_\Theta(\text{var}(\Delta))/\langle \Delta \rangle$.



The induced mapping ζ is injective because \mathcal{A} is s.i. and has a minimal nontrivial congruence relation which is generated by c . It is therefore sufficient to show that $\zeta(c) \neq 1$ or equivalently $\zeta(\setminus c) \neq 0$. But $\zeta(\setminus c) = \zeta \circ \eta(\neg p_c) = \bar{\gamma}(\neg p_c) = \epsilon \circ \bar{\beta}(\neg p_c) > 0$ because for every $a \in F: \bar{\beta}(\neg p_c) \cap a \geq \bar{\beta}(\neg p_c) \cap \bar{\beta}([\mu] \Delta) = \bar{\beta}(\neg p_c \wedge [\mu] \Delta) \neq 0$ for some $\mu \in M$ with $\bar{\beta}([\mu] \Delta) \leq a$. Hence ζ is injective and $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbf{S}(\mathcal{C}) \subseteq \mathbf{SH}(\mathcal{B})$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii): from universal algebra.

(iii) \Rightarrow (i): Let $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbf{HS}(\mathcal{B})$. Then there is a \mathcal{C} such that $\epsilon: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ is injective and $\varrho: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is surjective:



Here, $\mathcal{F} := \mathcal{F}_\Theta(\text{var}(\Delta))$ and κ is the canonical mapping. \mathcal{F} is free and a fortiori projective and thus κ can be lifted over ϱ to $\gamma: \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$. Then $\beta = \epsilon \circ \gamma$. For every $\pi \in X$, $\kappa(\neg p_c \wedge [\pi] \Delta) = \kappa(\neg p_c) > 0$ and since ϵ is injective, $\beta(\neg p_c \wedge [\pi] \Delta) = \epsilon \circ \gamma(\neg p_c \wedge [\pi] \Delta) > 0$ for every $\pi \in X$. Hence \mathcal{B} is extremely consistent with \mathcal{A} . ■

LEMMA 16. Let \mathcal{A} be s.i. and finitely presentable over Θ , $\mathcal{B} \in \mathcal{V}(\Theta)$. If \mathcal{B} weakly consistent with \mathcal{A} then there is a $\mathcal{S} \in \mathbf{P}_U(\mathcal{B})$ which is extremely consistent with \mathcal{A} .

PROOF. Let M exhaust X and $\beta_\mu: \text{var}(\Delta) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ be such that $\bar{\beta}_\mu(\neg p_c \wedge [\mu] \Delta) > 0$. Then define $\mathcal{S} := \prod \mathcal{B}/U$, $\sigma := \prod \beta_\mu/U$, where U is

an ultrafilter on M which contains all sets of the form $M_\mu := \{\hat{\mu} | \hat{\mu} \supset \mu\}$. Such an ultrafilter exists because $M_\mu \cap M_{\bar{\mu}} \supseteq M_{\bar{\mu}} \neq \emptyset$ for some $\bar{\mu} \supseteq \mu \cup \hat{\mu}$. Then $\sigma(\neg p_c \wedge [\mu] \Delta) > 0$ for every $\mu \in M$, for $\{\hat{\mu} | \beta_{\hat{\mu}}(\neg p_c \wedge [\mu] \Delta) > 0\} \supseteq \{\hat{\mu} | \hat{\mu} \supset \mu\} = M_\mu \in U$. Hence \mathcal{S} is extremely consistent with \mathcal{A} . ■

This lemma can be generalized as follows: If M satisfies $\forall \mu_1, \mu_2 \exists \mu_3 : \mu_1 \cup \mu_2 \subset \mu_3$ and for every $\mu \in M$ there is a $\mathcal{B}_\mu \in \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{B}$ a class of algebras $-$, which is μ -consistent with \mathcal{A} then there exists a $\mathcal{S} \in \mathbf{P}_U(\mathbf{B})$ which is M -consistent with \mathcal{A} . \mathcal{S} will be explicitly constructed in the proof of the splitting theorem.

Putting our results together we get the the following result which also makes use of Jónsson's lemma on congruence distributive varieties:

THEOREM 17. *Let \mathcal{A} be s.i. and finitely presentable over Θ . Then the following assertions are equivalent for every $\mathcal{B} \in \mathcal{V}(\Theta)$:*

- (i) \mathcal{B} is weakly consistent with \mathcal{A}
- (ii) $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbf{SHP}_U(\mathcal{B})$
- (iii) $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbf{HSP}(\mathcal{B})$.

PROOF. (i) \Rightarrow (ii) There is a $\mathcal{S} \in \mathbf{P}_U(\mathcal{B})$ which is extremely consistent with \mathcal{A} . Hence $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbf{SH}(\mathcal{S}) \subseteq \mathbf{SHP}_U(\mathcal{B})$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i): If \mathcal{B} is not weakly consistent with \mathcal{A} then there is an M exhausting X and a $\mu \in M$ such that $\mathcal{B} \models [\mu] \Delta \rightarrow p_c$. It follows that $\mathcal{S} \models [\mu] \Delta \rightarrow p_c$ for any $\mathcal{S} \in \mathbf{P}_U(\mathcal{B})$. Hence \mathcal{S} is not extremely consistent with \mathcal{A} and thus $\mathcal{A} \notin \mathbf{SH}(\mathcal{S})$. Since this valid for all $\mathcal{S} \in \mathbf{P}_U(\mathcal{B})$, $\mathcal{A} \notin \mathbf{SHP}_U(\mathcal{B})$.

(ii) \Leftrightarrow (iii): Jónsson's lemma. ■

D.4. The Splitting Theorem

THEOREM 18. (*Splitting Theorem*). *Let \mathcal{A} be s.i. and finitely presentable over Θ . $L\mathcal{A}$ is prime in $\mathcal{E}\Theta$ iff there is a $\mu \in X$ such that for all $\mathcal{B} \in \mathcal{V}(\Theta)$*

(†) *If \mathcal{B} is μ -consistent with \mathcal{A} then \mathcal{B} is weakly consistent with \mathcal{A} .*

PROOF. (\Rightarrow) Let $M = X$. Assume that (†) is not satisfied for all $\mu \in M$. For every $\mu \in M$ there is a \mathcal{B}_μ which is μ -consistent with \mathcal{A} but not μ' -consistent for a $\mu' \in M$. Hence by the preceding theorem $\mathcal{A} \notin \mathbf{HSP}(\mathcal{B}_\mu)$ or $L\mathcal{B}_\mu \not\supseteq L\mathcal{A}$. But by the generalized Lemma 16 we know that there is a $\mathcal{S} \in \mathbf{P}_U(\{\mathcal{B}_\mu | \mu \in M\})$ which is extremely consistent with \mathcal{A} . So $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbf{HS}(\mathcal{S})$ and therefore $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbf{HSP}(\{\mathcal{B}_\mu | \mu \in M\})$, i.e. $L\mathcal{A} \supseteq \bigcap \langle L\mathcal{B}_\mu | \mu \in M \rangle$. Hence $L\mathcal{A}$ is not prime in $\mathcal{E}\Theta$.

(\Leftarrow) Let (†) be fulfilled by some M and $\mu \in M$ for all $\mathcal{B} \in \mathcal{V}(\Theta)$. Let $L\mathcal{A} \supseteq \bigcap \langle L\mathcal{B}_i | i \in I \rangle$ i.e. $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbf{HSP}(\{\mathcal{B}_i | i \in I\})$. For a suitable $\mathcal{S} \in \mathbf{P}_U(\{\mathcal{B}_i | i \in I\})$, $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbf{HS}(\mathcal{S})$. Hence \mathcal{S} is extremely consistent and a fortiori μ -consistent with \mathcal{A} . Consequently, there exists an $i \in I$ such that \mathcal{B}_i is μ -consistent with \mathcal{A} . By assumption, \mathcal{B}_i is then weakly consistent with \mathcal{A} and so by Theorem 17 $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbf{HSP}(\mathcal{B}_i)$ and thus $L\mathcal{A} \supseteq L\mathcal{B}_i$. Hence $L\mathcal{A}$ is prime in $\mathcal{E}\Theta$. ■

COROLLARY 19. *If \mathcal{A} and μ fulfill the conditions of the Splitting Theorem we have*

$$\mathcal{E}\Theta/\mathcal{A} = \Theta([\mu] \Delta \rightarrow p_c)$$

PROOF. $\mathcal{B} \in \mathcal{V}(\mathcal{E}\Theta/\mathcal{A})$ iff $L\mathcal{B} \not\subseteq L\mathcal{A}$ iff $\mathcal{A} \notin \mathbf{HSP}(\mathcal{B})$ is not weakly consistent with \mathcal{A} iff \mathcal{B} is μ -inconsistent with \mathcal{A} for some $\mu \in X$ iff $[\mu] \Delta \rightarrow p_c \in L\mathcal{B}$. ■

It can be shown that if Δ splits $\mathcal{E}\Theta$ then $\mathcal{E}\Theta/\Delta = \Theta(P)$ for some formula P and $\Delta = L\mathcal{A}$ where $\mathcal{A} \in \mathbf{HF}_\Theta(\text{var}(P))$; thus \mathcal{A} is $\text{card}(\text{var}(P))$ -generated. We conjecture that \mathcal{A} is also finitely presentable so that this assumption can effectively be dropped from the Splitting Theorem.

CONJECTURE 20. *If \mathcal{A} is prime in $\mathcal{V}(\Theta)$ then \mathcal{A} is finitely presentable over Θ .*

In addition we would get a characterization of algebras whose logics are irreducible. For if \mathcal{A} is s.i. and finitely presentable over $L\mathcal{A}$ then $L\mathcal{A}$ is irreducible iff \mathcal{A} is prime in $\mathbf{HSP}(\mathcal{A})$ iff \mathcal{A} satisfies (\dagger) within $\mathbf{HSP}(\mathcal{A})$. Now if primeness implies finite presentability we get the

CONJECTURE 21. *Δ is irreducible iff $\Delta = L\mathcal{A}$ for a s.i. \mathcal{A} which is finitely presentable over $L\mathcal{A}$ and satisfies (\dagger) of the Splitting Theorem for $\mathbf{HSP}(\mathcal{A})$.*

An important specialization of Theorem 18 is

COROLLARY 22. *If \mathcal{K} has a maximal element μ , every finitely presentable s.i. algebra is a splitting algebra. In particular every finite s.i. algebra is a splitting algebra.*

PROOF. $\{\mu\}$ exhausts \mathcal{K} . ■

As a consequence we get the following theorem due to Rautenberg [10]:

COROLLARY 23. *Let Θ be weakly transitive. Then every finite s.i. Θ -algebra splits $\mathcal{E}\Theta$.* ■

This result implies among other that if Θ is weakly transitive and has f.m.p. then no infinite s.i. Θ -algebra can be finitely presentable. If the free algebra on k generators is infinite it is therefore not s.i. Looking again at the counterexample for Theorem 9 we surprisingly get that the constructed algebra is not finitely presentable although it is 2-generated.

With the help of Theorem 18 a theorem of Blok [2] can be generalized. Let us say that a finite \mathcal{K} -algebra is *cycle-free* iff $\mathcal{A} \models [\xi^{m+1}]0$ for some $m \in \omega$. It can be seen that \mathcal{A} is cycle-free iff the corresponding Kripke-structure contains no cycles.³ If $\mathcal{A} \not\models [\xi^m]0$ then $[\xi^m]0$ is an opremum of \mathcal{A} .

COROLLARY 24 (Blok [2]). *Let $\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{V}_n$ be finite s.i. and cycle-free. Then \mathcal{A} is prime in every variety containing it.*

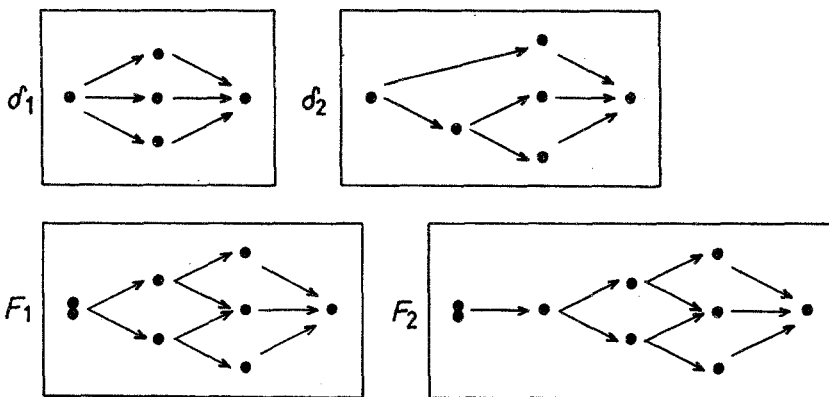
³ Generally, we would define a π -cycle to be a sequence $\langle a_i | i \in n \rangle$ such that $a_i \triangleleft_\pi a_{i+1 \pmod{n}}$ but $a_i \neq a_j$ for $i \neq j$. A cycle is then simply a ξ -cycle.

PROOF. Let $\mathcal{A} \models [\xi^m]0$. Then $\mu := \xi^{(m)}$ satisfies (\dagger) in Theorem 18. For if $\mathcal{B}, \beta \models [\xi^m]\Delta \wedge [\xi^m]0 > 0$ then $\mathcal{B}, \beta \models [\xi^{(m+r)}]\Delta \wedge [\xi^m]0 > 0$ because $\vdash [\xi^m]0 \rightarrow [\xi^m][\xi^r]\Delta = [\xi^{m+r}]\Delta$ for all $r \geq 0$ whence $0 < [\xi^m]\Delta \wedge [\xi^m]0 \leq [\xi^{(m)}]\Delta \wedge [\xi^m][\xi^r]\Delta$ for all r . Since $M := \{\xi^{(r)} \mid r \in \omega\}$ exhausts \mathcal{X} (\dagger) is satisfied for all \mathcal{B} . ■

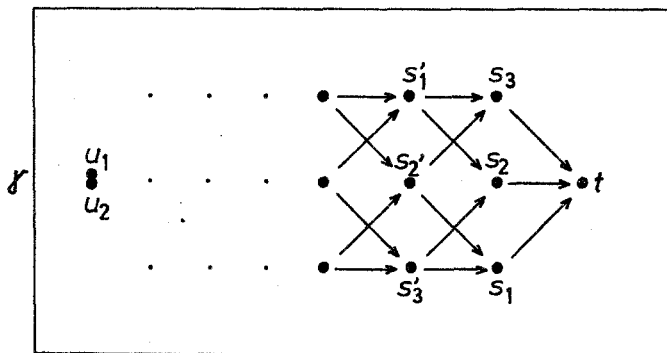
In general, the application of the Splitting Theorem is not straightforward. For example, the converse of Corollary 24 is also true. This can be shown with the help of the ramification technique (see Rautenberg [12]); but there seems to be no simple proof for this — let alone for the stronger result by Blok [2] that $1 \neq \Lambda = K/N$ for some set N of algebras iff N is a set of finite, cycle-free algebras.

E. An Infinite Splitting Algebra

In this chapter I will construct a modal logic which has infinitely many nonfinite splitting algebras. This logic is $\Theta := S4.I_3.2/\{\Delta_1, \Delta_2, F_1, F_2\}$. Here, $S4.I_3$ is the logic of $S4$ -frames of width 3. Θ is complete (see Fine [4]) but lacks the finite model property since it has a nonfinite splitting frame.



Let I be the following frame



and let α be the following valuation on Γ : $\alpha(r_i) = \{u_i\}$, $\alpha(q_i) = \{s_i\}$, $\alpha(p) = \{t\}$. Also let $\mathcal{B} := \mathcal{F}_\Theta(X)/\langle Q \rangle$ where $X = \{p_1, p_2, p_3, q, r_1, r_2\}$ and

$$\begin{aligned}
Q = & p_1 \rightarrow \neg r_1 \wedge \neg r_2 \wedge \neg q \wedge \neg p_2 \wedge \neg p_3 \\
& \wedge p_2 \rightarrow \neg r_1 \wedge \neg r_2 \wedge \neg q \wedge \neg p_1 \wedge \neg p_3 \\
& \wedge p_3 \rightarrow \neg r_1 \wedge \neg r_2 \wedge \neg q \wedge \neg p_1 \wedge \neg p_2 \\
& \wedge q \rightarrow \neg r_1 \wedge \neg r_2 \wedge \neg p_1 \wedge \neg p_2 \wedge \neg p_3 \\
& \wedge r_1 \rightarrow \neg r_2 \wedge \neg q \wedge \neg p_1 \wedge \neg p_2 \wedge \neg p_3 \\
& \wedge r_2 \rightarrow \neg r_1 \wedge \neg q \wedge \neg p_1 \wedge \neg p_2 \wedge \neg p_3 \\
& \wedge \neg r_1 \wedge \neg r_2 \rightarrow \Box(\neg r_1 \wedge \neg r_2) \\
& \wedge p_1 \rightarrow \neg \Diamond r_1 \wedge \neg \Diamond r_2 \wedge \Diamond q \wedge \neg \Diamond p_2 \wedge \neg \Diamond p_3 \\
& \wedge p_2 \rightarrow \neg \Diamond r_1 \wedge \neg \Diamond r_2 \wedge \Diamond q \wedge \neg \Diamond p_1 \wedge \neg \Diamond p_3 \\
& \wedge p_3 \rightarrow \neg \Diamond r_1 \wedge \neg \Diamond r_2 \wedge \Diamond q \wedge \neg \Diamond p_2 \wedge \neg \Diamond p_2 \\
& \wedge q \rightarrow \Box q \\
& \wedge r_1 \rightarrow \Diamond r_2 \wedge \Diamond q \wedge \Diamond p_1 \wedge \Diamond p_2 \wedge \Diamond p_3 \\
& \wedge r_2 \rightarrow \Diamond r_1 \wedge \Diamond q \wedge \Diamond p_1 \wedge \Diamond p_2 \wedge \Diamond p_3.
\end{aligned}$$

Let \mathcal{A} be the algebra of finite and cofinite subsets of Γ . I will now prove the following

PROPOSITION 25. *The canonical homomorphism $h: \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ induced by $h(p) = \alpha(p)$ for $p \in X$ is an isomorphism.*

Having proved this proposition, the rest will easily follow. Since Γ is generated by a single point, \mathcal{A} is s.i. and since \mathcal{A} is finitely presentable we have thus shown with the help of Corollary 22 that \mathcal{A} is a splitting algebra of Θ .

The way we assess the proof for the proposition is by showing that the dual map for h between the frames for \mathcal{B} and \mathcal{A} is an isomorphism. Having thus found the underlying frame of \mathcal{B} it is routine to check that \mathcal{B} is the algebra of finite and cofinite subsets of Γ . Before we start the proof we need a couple of definitions and observations. Let us say that a subset N of a frame Δ is a *slice* iff it is a maximal set of incomparable points. Equivalently, since Δ is reflexive and transitive, N is a slice of h iff $\forall u \in h \exists m \in N: m \triangleleft u$ or $u \triangleleft m$. If $\text{card}(N) = k$ we also call N a *k-slice*. If N is a slice of h and $T \subseteq N$ we say that u is a *unifier* for T iff $\forall n \in N: u \triangleleft n \Leftrightarrow n \in T$ and u immediately precedes every $t \in T$ but $\neg \exists n \in N: n \triangleleft u$. If $\text{card}(T) = k$ we call u a *k-unifier*. Now let $\delta: X \rightarrow 2^D$ a valuation on Δ .

LEMMA 26. *If u_1 and u_2 are within the same cluster and $h, \delta, u_1 \models p$ iff $h, \delta, u_2 \models p$ for all propositional variables of X then $h, \delta, u_1 \models P$ iff $h, \delta, u_2 \models P$ for all P with variables in X . ■*

LEMMA 27. *If u_1 is a 1-unifier for $\{u_2\}$ and $h, \delta, u_1 \models p$ iff $h, \delta, u_2 \models p$ for all propositional variables of X then $h, \delta, u_1 \models P$ iff $h, \delta, u_2 \models P$ for all P with variables in X .*

PROOF. By induction on P . The nontrivial case is $P = \Diamond Q$. Suppose, $u_1 \models \Diamond Q$. Then there is a $v \triangleright u_1$ such that $v \models Q$. If $v = u_1$ then by induction hypothesis $u_2 \models Q$ whence $u_2 \models \Diamond Q$. If $v \neq u_1$ then, since u_1 immediately precedes u_2 , $u_2 \triangleleft v$ and thus $u_2 \models \Diamond Q$. Conversely, if $u_2 \models \Diamond Q$ then $u_1 \models \Diamond Q$ as well. ■

LEMMA 28. Let N be a slice and u_1, u_2 be unifiers for T_1 and T_2 with $T_1 \neq T_2$. Then u_1 and u_2 are incomparable.

PROOF. Suppose $u_1 \triangleleft u_2$. Then either u_1 and u_2 are in the same cluster, in which case $T_1 \neq T_2$ cannot hold, or u_1 does not immediately precede every $t \in T_1$. ■

PROOF OF THE PROPOSITION. Let Δ be the frame of \mathcal{B} whose points are the ultrafilters of \mathcal{B} with $U \triangleleft T \Leftrightarrow \forall \Box a \in U : a \in T$. Now take an ultrafilter U such that $q \in U$. Then $\Box q \in U$ by Q and $\neg p_i, \neg r_j, \Box \neg p_i, \Box \neg r_j \in U, i \leq 3, j \leq 2$. Thus $U \triangleleft T$ iff $T = U$. Likewise, let $p_1 \in T$. Then $\Box \neg r_1, \Box \neg r_2, \Box \neg p_2, \Box \neg p_3, \Diamond q \in T$ and so $T \triangleleft T'$ iff $T = T'$ or $q \in T'$ i.e. $T' = U$. Thus one can prove that Δ contains exactly one point of depth 1 and exactly 3 points of depth 2 which form a 3-slice. Finally, it can be shown that $r_i \in T$ implies $T \triangleleft T'$ for all T' . Consequently, if S, S' are two points of finite depth > 2 , we have for all generators $p \in X : p \in S \Leftrightarrow p \in S'$. (In fact, $\forall p \in X : p \notin S$). Lemma 26 guarantees that all clusters with more than one point are of infinite depth.

Now we show by induction that for every $n \in \omega, n > 1$, there are exactly 3 points of depth n which are incomparable and that the points of depth $n + 1$ form a slice of all 2-unifiers of the slice of depth n . Looking at Δ we see that Δ is built the same way and so $\Delta \cong \Gamma$.

(A) To start the induction, we note that the points of depth 2 are a 3-slice since they satisfy Δ .

(B) Now assume that the points of depth n are a 3-slice. Call them x_1, x_2 and x_3 . Let y be of depth $n + 1$. Then y immediately precedes an x_i . Furthermore, y must be a unifier because if it precedes a point of the slice it must immediately precede it. y cannot be a 3-unifier because Δ omits Δ_1 , since it is a Θ -frame. Also, y cannot be a 1-unifier because of Lemma 27. Thus y is a 2-unifier. What is left to prove is that there are 3 2-unifier for $\{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$. Clearly, there cannot be more. Let us therefore see whether there might be less.

(i) If there is just one unifier y we can assume that it unifies $\{x_1, x_2\}$. Then $\{x_3, y\}$ is a 2-slice. For assume $y \not\triangleleft u$ and $x_3 \not\triangleleft u$. Then neither $x_1 \triangleleft u$ nor $x_2 \triangleleft u$ can hold. Hence $u \triangleleft x_i$ for some i . If $i = 3$ we are done. If $i \neq 3$ then u must precede either x_1 or x_2 . But then it must precede both because there is no 1-unifier for $\{x_j\}$. Hence $u \triangleleft y$. Thus $\{y, x_3\}$ is a 2-slice, and again by Lemma 27 we see that there are no 1-unifier, there can only be a single 2-unifier z . But then Δ does not omit Δ_2 since the p -morphism which maps all points of depth $< n$ onto a single point maps the subframe generated by z onto Δ_2 .

(ii) Thus assume that there are two 2-unifier, y_1 unifying $\{x_2, x_3\}$ and y_2 unifying $\{x_1, x_3\}$. Again, it can be shown that now we have a 2-slice $\{y_1, y_2\}$. Again there are no 1-unifier so there is a single 2-unifier z . If z is contained in 2-point cluster, the subframe generated by z maps onto F_1 . But if $\{z\}$ is an 1-point cluster we can show that $\{z\}$ is a 1-slice. Then the map which reduces all points between the initial cluster of Δ and z onto z reduces Δ to F_2 .

But Δ omits all those frames. Hence the points of depth $n+1$ are a 3-slice consisting of all the 2-unifiers of $\{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$. ■

THEOREM 29. \mathcal{A} is a nonfinite splitting algebra of Θ .

The same proof can be used not only for Γ but for frames of similar shape. For if $\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$ is a subframe and $\{u_1\}$ is a slice of Δ such that there are only finitely many points $x \triangleleft u_1$ in Δ then Δ is finitely presentable and if Δ is one generated it therefore underlies a splitting algebra. Thus we have the

THEOREM 30. Θ has infinitely many infinite splitting algebras. ■

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