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We show that states on quantum logics are fully determined by their values on the set of generators. Finitely generated concrete (= set representable) logics are finite. However, we construct an infinite logic with a finite set of generators, the sublogics of which are only concrete logics.

A (*quantum*) *logic* is a partially ordered set L with the least and the greatest elements, 0 and 1, and with the orthocomplementation $' : L \rightarrow L$ such that for any $a, b \in L$

- (i) $a \leq b \Leftrightarrow b' \leq a'$,
- (ii) $(a')' = a$,
- (iii) if $a \leq b'$, then $a \vee b$ exists in L ,
- (iv) if $a \leq b$, then $b = a \vee (b \wedge a')$.

A subset M of a logic L is called a *sublogic* if

- (i) $0 \in M$,
- (ii) $a \in M \Rightarrow a' \in M$,
- (iii) $a, b \in M$ and $a \leq b'$ (in L) $\Rightarrow a \vee b \in M$.

A *block* of L is a maximal Boolean subalgebra of L . Two elements $a, b \in L$ are said to be *compatible* if there are three elements $c, d, e \in L$ such that $c \leq e'$, $d \leq e'$, $c \leq d'$ and $a = c \vee e$, $b = d \vee e$.

A *state* s on L is a mapping $s : L \rightarrow \langle 0, 1 \rangle$ such that $s(1) = 1$, and $s(a \vee b) = s(a) + s(b)$ provided $a \leq b'$. A state is said to be *two-valued* if $s(L) = \{0, 1\}$. Let us denote by $S(L)$ the set of all states on L and by $S_2(L)$ the set of all two-valued states on L .

A logic L need not have a set representation (consider the lattice of all projectors in a Hilbert space). When it has, we call it *concrete*. There is a simple characterization of concrete logics.

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Proposition 1. *A logic L is concrete if and only if for every pair $a, b \in L$, $a \not\leq b$ there exists a two-valued state s such that $s(a) = 1$ and $s(b) = 0$.*

Proof. Follows the standard Boolean set-representation technique — see e.g. [3] or [6].

Let us now state our results.

Proposition 2. *Let L be a logic and let G be a subset of L . Then there exists the least sublogic of L containing G .*

Proof. The intersection of sublogics is again a sublogic.

Definition 3. *If $G \subset L$, then the least sublogic of L containing G is said to be the logic generated by G .*

Proposition 4. *Let P be the logic generated by the set $G \subset L$. Suppose $s, t \in S(P)$ and $s(g) = t(g)$ for each $g \in G$. Then $s(a) = t(a)$ for every $a \in P$.*

Proof. Denote $L_1 = \{a \in P \mid \text{if } s, t \in S(P) \text{ and } s(g) = t(g) \text{ for each } g \in G, \text{ then } s(a) = t(a)\}$. Obviously, $G \subset L_1$. Since L_1 is a sublogic of P , the assertion follows from the minimality of P .

Proposition 5. *Let P be a concrete logic generated by a finite set G . Then P is finite.*

Proof. Suppose P is not finite. Then, as a consequence of Proposition 1, $S_2(P)$ is infinite. Contrariwise, due to Proposition 4, every state on P is fully determined by its values on the elements of the generating set S , and thus $\text{card } S_2(L) \leq 2^{\text{card } G}$.

It should be noticed that the generating in logics follows quite different patterns from the generating in orthomodular lattices ([1], [4]). Our final example shows some properties of generating in logics, which may be rather unexpected.

Example 6. By means of the *Greechie technique* ([2], [5]) we construct a logic L with the following properties:

- (i) L is infinite,
- (ii) L is finitely generated
- (iii) L is not concrete
- (iv) any proper sublogic of L is concrete.

Consider the hypergraph in Fig. 1.

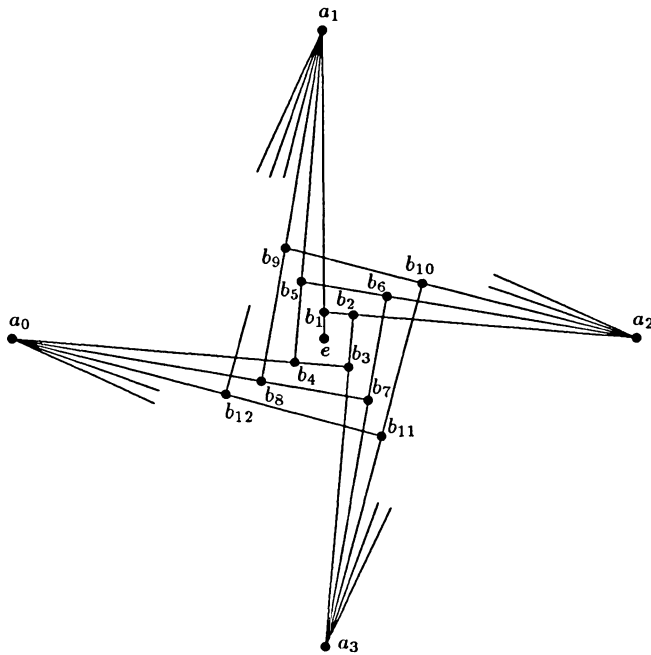


Fig. 1

Since it contains no “loops” of order 3, it is a representation of a logic L . Obviously, L is infinite. Let P be the logic generated by the set $G = \{a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, e\}$. Then $b_1 = (e \vee a_1)'$ is an element of P , and, by an induction, also $b_{i+1} = (b_i \vee a_{i(\text{mod } 4)})'$ are elements of P . Hence $P = L$. We have shown that L is an infinite logic with a finite set of generators. According to Proposition 5, L is not concrete.

Let us investigate proper sublogics of L . When a sublogic contains all elements of the set G , it is the whole logic L . It follows that there is only a limited number of sublogics of L . In fact, there are six classes of them:

- (C1) a “horizontal sum” ([3], [5]) of a finite or countable set of Boolean algebras 2^2 ;
- (C2) the logic depicted in Fig. 2a) or its sublogic containing only a finite number of blocks;
- (C3) a horizontal sum of a logic from the class (C1) and a logic from the class (C2);
- (C4) a horizontal sum of two logics from the class (C2);
- (C5) the logic depicted in Fig. 2b) or its sublogic containing a finite number of pairs of blocks;
- (C6) the logic depicted in Fig. 2c) or its sublogic containing a finite number of triads of blocks.

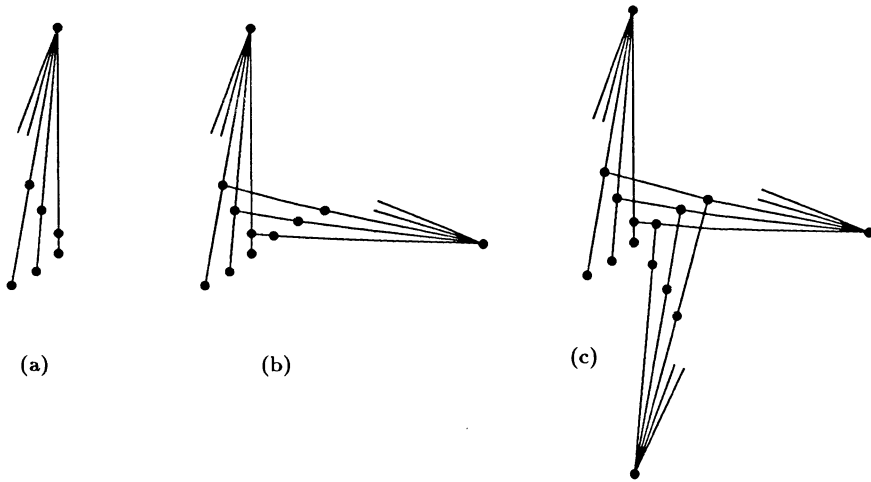


Fig. 2

It is an easy consequence of Proposition 1 that all these sublogics are concrete. As an example we construct a “separating” family of states for the class (C6). We denote the atoms in agreement with Fig.1 (the element a_0 is omitted). A state is fully described by its evaluations on all atoms. For the reason of a simpler description we denote $e = b_0$. Now the two-valued states required by Proposition 1 are given in Tab.1.

Table 1. “Separating” states for the class (C6).

	a_1	a_2	a_3	b_{4j+1}	b_{4j+2}	b_{4j+3}	b_{4j}
s_1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
s_2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
s_3	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
s_4	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
s_5	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
s_6	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
s_7	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
t_i	0	0	0	δ_{ij}	$1 - \delta_{ij}$	δ_{ij}	$1 - \delta_{ij}$

$$i = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$j = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\delta_{i,j} = 1 \text{ if } i = j, \quad \delta_{i,j} = 0 \text{ otherwise}$$

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