The Free Algebra in a Two-sorted Variety of State Algebras

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States of MV-algebras [6] are [0, 1]-valued functions, which generalise finitely-additive probability measures on boolean algebras, and whose domains are MV-algebras [2]. Flaminio and Montagna [3] introduced an internal state as an additional unary operation $\sigma: M \to M$ satisfying certain equational laws on an MV-algebra M. Internal states capture the basic properties of states in a setting amenable to universal-algebraic techniques.

In our note [5] we made first steps towards a general two-sorted algebraic model for expressing the notion of state between two MV-algebras M and N, making thus a fundamental distinction between events (captured by elements of the domain M) and probability degrees (represented by the co-domain N). A generalised state of M with values in N is a mapping $s: M \to N$ such that for every $a, b \in M$ the following hold: $s(a \oplus b) = s(a) \oplus s(b \land \neg a)$, $s(\neg a) = \neg s(a)$, and $s(\top) = \top$. A state algebra is a two-sorted algebra (M, N, s), where the operations of M and N are in the single sorts given by M and N, respectively, and the only operation between the two sorts is the generalised state s. The class of all state algebras constitutes a two-sorted algebraic variety. Most universal-algebraic constructions and results have analogous correspondents in the multi-sorted setting [1].

In this contribution we will characterise the free state algebra $\mathbf{F}(S_1, S_2)$ generated by a twosorted set of generators (S_1, S_2) . The free state algebra can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{F}(S_1, S_2) = \mathbf{F}(S_1, \emptyset) \amalg \mathbf{F}(\emptyset, S_2),$$

where $\mathbf{F}(S_1, \emptyset)$ and $\mathbf{F}(\emptyset, S_2)$ are the free state algebras over (S_1, \emptyset) and (\emptyset, S_2) , respectively, and II denotes the coproduct operation in the multi-sorted algebraic category of state algebras. First, the algebra $\mathbf{F}(S_1, \emptyset)$ is isomorphic to the state algebra $(F(S_1), \langle \widehat{F(S_1)} \rangle, \alpha)$, where $F(S_1)$ is the free MV-algebra over $S_1, \langle \widehat{F(S_1)} \rangle$ is the affine representation of $F(S_1)$ (see [4]), and α is the evaluation map $F(S_1) \to \langle \widehat{F(S_1)} \rangle$ sending elements of $F(S_1)$ to [0, 1]-valued affine functions over the state space of $F(S_1)$. Second, the free state algebra over (\emptyset, S_2) is $\mathbf{F}(\emptyset, S_2) = (2, F(S_2), s_0)$, where 2 is the two-element MV-algebra, $F(S_2)$ is the free MV-algebra generated by S_2 , and s_0 is the only possible generalised state $2 \to F(S_2)$. We will show that

$$\mathbf{F}(S_1, \emptyset) \amalg \mathbf{F}(\emptyset, S_2) = (F(S_1), \langle F(S_1) \rangle \amalg_{MV} F(S_2), \beta_1 \circ \alpha),$$

where

$$\langle \widehat{F(S_1)} \rangle \amalg_{MV} F(S_2)$$

is the coproduct (free product [7]) of MV-algebras $\langle \widehat{F(S_1)} \rangle$ and $F(S_2)$, and the map $\beta_1: \langle \widehat{F(S_1)} \rangle \to \langle \widehat{F(S_1)} \rangle \amalg_{MV} F(S_2)$ is the coproduct injection.

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