

# The logic of quasi true

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**Abstract.** We introduce the new logic  $CL$ , which is an extension of the infinitely valued Lukasiewicz logic  $L$ , the language of which is enriched by 0-ary connective  $c$  that is interpreted as "quasi-false", the algebraic counterpart of which are algebras from a quasi-variety generated by the perfect Chang  $MV$ -algebras  $C$  signature of which is enriched by the constant element  $\mathbf{c}$ . For this aim we introduce a new class  $\mathbf{CL}$  of algebras which is a quasi-variety and the algebras from this quasi-variety we name  $CL$ -algebras. Adding a new inference rule to the logic  $CL$ , thereby increasing a deducibility power, we introduce the logic  $CL^+$  and defining the notion of quasi-true ( $q$ -true) formulas it is proved the completeness theorem for this logic.

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## 1 Introduction

$MV$ -algebras are the algebraic counterpart of Lukasiewicz sentential calculus  $L$  [1]. Since there are non simple linearly ordered  $MV$ -algebras, in this case, infinitesimal elements of an  $MV$ -algebra are allowed to be truth values. We look for a logic which is an extension of  $L$  that is evaluated over a non simple  $MV$ -chain. There are  $MV$ -algebras which are not semisimple, i.e. the intersection of their maximal ideals (the radical of  $A$ ) is different from  $\{0\}$ . Non-zero elements from the radical of  $A$  are called infinitesimals. Perfect  $MV$ -algebras are those non semisimple  $MV$ -algebras generated by their infinitesimal elements. The perfect algebra  $C$  is introduced by Chang in [1] which is generated by the one infinitesimal element  $\mathbf{c}$ . Considering the unit interval  $MV$ -algebra  $[0, 1]$  as the structure over which to evaluate a formula of a sentential calculus, one has many possibilities to evaluate a formula. Let us start with Lukasiewicz logic  $L$ , and evaluate formulas over  $[0, 1]$ . A truth value  $x \in [0, 1]$ ,  $x \neq 1$ , can be considered as the value of a not-true formula. The distance of  $x$  from 1 can be considered as expressing how much  $x$  is close to be true. Starting from  $x$ , assuming  $v(\alpha) = x$ , where  $v(\alpha)$  is the valuation of the formula  $\alpha$ , then after a finite number of steps made by the strong disjunction  $\oplus$ , like  $v(\alpha)$ ,  $v(\alpha \oplus \alpha)$ ,  $v(\alpha \oplus \alpha \oplus \alpha)$ , ..., we get, for every evaluation  $v$ ,  $v(\alpha \oplus \dots \oplus \alpha) = 1$ , and, similarly using the strong conjunction  $\odot$ , also  $v(\alpha \odot \dots \odot \alpha) = 0$ . This cannot be for Lukasiewicz tautologies  $\alpha$ , indeed we have  $v(\alpha) = 1$  and  $v(\alpha \odot \dots \odot \alpha) = 1$ , for all evaluations  $v$ . All that is due

to the simplicity of  $[0, 1]$ . Assume now to evaluate  $\mathbb{L}$  over a ultrapower  $*[0, 1]$  of  $[0, 1]$ . Assume there is a formula  $\alpha$  such that  $v(\alpha)$  is infinitesimally close to 1. We are interested in considering such formulas having a *co-infinitesimal* value for every evaluation. For any of such formulas the behavior has to be intermediate between the behavior of tautologies and the behavior of formulas evaluated into a real number in  $[0, 1]$ . It is reasonable to look at such formulas as *quasi true*. So it is an interesting task to explore the way to make *formal* such a concept of *quasi truth* and to develop logics allowing a generalization of the concept of truth. We look for logics which are extensions of  $\mathbb{L}$  having evaluation over a non simple *MV*-chain. So, we can think of the logic *CL* of the perfect *MV*-algebra  $C$ , roughly speaking, as a variant of logic of the concept of "quasi-true", or better of the concept of "infinitesimally close to the truth".

## 2 *CL*-algebras

An algebra  $A = (A, 0, \mathbf{c}, \neg, \oplus)$  is said to be *CL*-algebra if  $A = (A, 0, \neg, \oplus)$  is *MV*-algebra and in addition it satisfy the following axioms:

- 1)  $2(x^2) = (2x)^2$ ,
- 2)  $2\mathbf{c} \odot \neg\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{c}$ ,
- 3)  $(\mathbf{c} \odot \neg x) \wedge x = 0$ ,
- 4)  $\mathbf{c} \rightarrow \neg\mathbf{c} = 1$ ,
- 5)  $y^2 \oplus ((2\neg y) \odot (y \odot \neg x)) = 0 \Rightarrow (2x = 1)$ ,
- 6)  $x \wedge \mathbf{c} = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$ .

**Comment.** The identity 1) says that a *CL*-algebra is a member of the subvariety  $V(C)$  (= the variety generated by all perfect *MV*-algebras) of the variety of all *MV*-algebras. The second 2) says that  $\mathbf{c} \neq \mathbf{c} \vee \neg\mathbf{c}$  and  $\mathbf{c} \neq 1$ . 3) says that  $\mathbf{c}$  is the atom in a totally ordered *CL*-algebra. 4) says that  $\mathbf{c} \leq \neg\mathbf{c}$ . 5) gives that we exclude the algebras  $C_m = \Gamma(Z \times_{lex} \dots \times_{lex} Z, (1, 0, \dots, 0))$  where the number of factors  $Z$  is equal to  $m \geq 3$ ,  $\times_{lex}$  is the lexicographic product and  $\Gamma$  is well known Mundici's functor establishing a categorical equivalence between the category of *MV*-algebras and the category of lattice ordered groups with strong unite. 6) says that  $\mathbf{c} \neq 0$  and  $(C, \mathbf{c})$  is the only subdirectly irreducible algebra; here we have analogy with Boolean algebras.

Hereinafter we denote a *CL*-algebra as  $(A, \mathbf{c})$ , where  $A$  is an *MV*-algebra. Denote the class of all *CL*-algebras by  $\mathbf{CL}$ . We assume that  $\mathbf{CL}$  contains one-element *CL*-algebra.

**Theorem 1.** 1) *The class  $\mathbf{CL}$  is a quasivariety.*

2)  *$\mathbf{CL}$  is generated by  $(C, \mathbf{c})$ . Moreover,  $\mathbf{CL} = \mathbf{SP}(C, \mathbf{c})$ , where  $\mathbf{S}$  is the operator of taking a subalgebra and  $\mathbf{P}$  is the operator of taking a direct product.*

3) *Let  $(A, \mathbf{c})$  be a totally ordered *CL*-algebra. There is no element  $x \in A$  such that  $n\mathbf{c} < x < (n+1)\mathbf{c}$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .*

4) *The *CL*-algebra  $(C, \mathbf{c})$  is a subalgebra of every *CL*-algebra  $(A, \mathbf{c})$ .*

5) *Any *CL*-algebra  $(A, \mathbf{c})$  is represented as a subdirect product of copies of *CL*-algebras  $(C, \mathbf{c})$ .*

### 3 $CL$ - and $CL^+$ -logics

Now we define a logic  $CL$ , the algebraic counterparts of which are  $CL$ -algebras. The language of  $CL$  consists of the propositional variables, propositional constant  $c$  and logical connectives  $\rightarrow, \neg$ . The formulas are defined as usual. The following formulas are axioms of  $CL$ :

- L1.  $\alpha \rightarrow (\beta \rightarrow \alpha)$ ,
- L2.  $(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow ((\beta \rightarrow \gamma) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \gamma))$ ,
- L3.  $(\neg\alpha \rightarrow \neg\beta) \rightarrow (\beta \rightarrow \alpha)$ ,
- L4.  $((\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow ((\beta \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow \alpha)$ ,
- Lp.  $2(\alpha^2) \leftrightarrow (2\alpha)^2$ ,
- CL.  $c \rightarrow \neg c$ ,
- CL1.  $2c \odot \neg c \leftrightarrow c$ ,
- CL2.  $(c \rightarrow \alpha) \vee \neg\alpha$ .

- Inference rules: MP.  $\alpha, \alpha \rightarrow \beta \Rightarrow \beta$ , R1.  $\alpha \vee \neg c \Rightarrow \alpha$ ,  
 R2.  $\neg(\beta \rightarrow \neg\beta) \rightarrow \neg((\beta \rightarrow \neg\beta) \rightarrow (\beta \rightarrow \alpha)) \Rightarrow \neg\alpha \rightarrow \alpha$ .

Semantically, we say that a formula  $\alpha$  is 1-true if it is identically true in every  $CL$ -algebra, and  $\alpha$  is  $q$ -true if  $\neg\alpha \rightarrow \alpha$  is 1-true.

**Theorem 2.** 1)  $\alpha$  is 1-true iff  $\vdash_{CL} \alpha$ . Hence,  $\alpha$  is  $q$ -true iff  $\vdash_{CL} \neg\alpha \rightarrow \alpha$ .  
 2)  $\vdash_{CL} 2(-c)^n$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

Let  $CL^+$  be the extension of the logic  $CL$  by the inference rule  
 R4:  $(\alpha \vee \neg\alpha) \rightarrow \alpha \Rightarrow \alpha$ .

**Theorem 3.**  $\alpha$  is  $q$ -true iff  $\vdash_{CL^+} \alpha$ .

For every formula  $\alpha$  of the logic  $CL^+$  define its translation  $tr(\alpha)$  into classical logic  $Cl$  as follows: (1) if  $\alpha$  is a propositional variable  $p$ , then  $tr(\alpha) = \alpha$ ; (2)  $tr(c) = p \wedge \neg p$ ; (3)  $tr(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) = tr(\alpha) \rightarrow tr(\beta)$ ; (4)  $tr(\neg\alpha) = \neg tr(\alpha)$ .

**Theorem 4.** 1)  $\vdash_{CL^+} \alpha$  iff  $\vdash_{Cl} tr(\alpha)$ . 2) If  $\vdash_{Cl} \alpha$ , then  $\vdash_{CL^+} \alpha$ .

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