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## CONDITIONS FOR TRIVIAL PRINCIPAL TOLERANCES

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**Definitions.** By a *tolerance* on an algebra  $\mathfrak{A}$  is meant a compatible reflexive and symmetric relation on  $\mathfrak{A}$ , i.e. a subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{A} \times \mathfrak{A}$  with a reflexive and symmetric relation on  $|\mathfrak{A}|$  as its support.

By a principal tolerance T(a, b) on an algebra  $\mathfrak{A}$  is meant the least tolerance on  $\mathfrak{A}$  containing  $[a, b] \in |\mathfrak{A}| \times |\mathfrak{A}|$ .

An algebra  $\mathfrak{A}$  is said to have trivial principal tolerances if every principal tolerance on  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a congruence.

A class of algebras  $\mathscr{V}$  is said to have trivial principal tolerances if every algebra from  $\mathscr{V}$  has trivial principal tolerances.

**Lemma 1.** Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be an algebra,  $a, b, x, y \in |\mathfrak{A}|$ . There holds  $[x, y] \in T(a, b)$  iff there exist a natural number n, an (n + 2)-ary polynomial f on  $\mathfrak{A}$  and elements  $c_1, \ldots, c_n \in |\mathfrak{A}|$  such that

$$x = f(a, b, c_1, ..., c_n)$$
  

$$y = f(b, a, c_1, ..., c_n).$$

Proof will be omitted, cf. [1].

**Lemma 2.** Let  $\varphi$  be a homomorphism of an algebra  $\mathfrak{A}$  onto an algebra  $\mathfrak{B}$ . Then  $T(\varphi a, \varphi b) = (\varphi \times \varphi) T(a, b)$ .

Proof. Let  $[x, y] \in (\varphi \times \varphi) T(a, b)$ . Then there exist elements  $v, w \in |\mathfrak{A}|$  such that  $[v, w] \in T(a, b)$  and  $x = \varphi v, y = \varphi w$ . By the lemma 1, there exist an (n + 2)-ary polynomial f and elements  $c_1, \ldots, c_n \in |\mathfrak{A}|$  such that  $v = f(a, b, c_1, \ldots, c_n)$ ,  $w = f(b, a, c_1, \ldots, c_n)$ . Then

$$x = \varphi v = \varphi f(a, b, c_1, \dots, c_n) = f(\varphi a, \varphi b, \varphi c_1, \dots, \varphi c_n),$$
  

$$y = \varphi w = \varphi f(b, a, c_1, \dots, c_n) = f(\varphi b, \varphi a, \varphi c_1, \dots, \varphi c_n),$$

so that it holds  $[x, y] \in T(\varphi a, \varphi b)$ . We have obtained  $(\varphi \times \varphi) T(a, b) \subseteq T(\varphi a, \varphi b)$ .

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Clearly  $[\varphi a, \varphi b] \in (\varphi \times \varphi) T(a, b)$ . Since  $(\varphi \times \varphi) T(a, b)$  is reflexive, as  $\varphi$  is onto, and symmetric, and as a homomorphic image of a subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{A} \times \mathfrak{A}$  a subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{B} \times \mathfrak{B}$ , so a tolerance on  $\mathfrak{B}$ , it follows  $T(\varphi a, \varphi b) \subseteq (\varphi \times \varphi) T(a, b)$ . Consequently  $T(\varphi a, \varphi b) = (\varphi \times \varphi) T(a, b)$ . Q.E.D.

**Proposition.** An algebra  $\mathfrak{A}$  satisfies (i) and (ii) iff it satisfies (iii).

(i) **A** has trivial principal tolerances

(ii) every principal congruences S, T on  $\mathfrak{A}$  satisfy STS = TST

(iii) every principal tolerances S, T on  $\mathfrak{A}$  satisfy STS = TST

**Proof.** Obviously (i) and (ii) implies (iii). Let (iii) hold, let T be a principal tolerance on  $\mathfrak{A}$ . Since  $\Delta$  is a principal tolerance on  $\mathfrak{A}$ , it follows  $T = \Delta T \Delta = T \Delta T = T T$ . Thus T is a congruence. There holds (i). But (i) and (iii) implies (i) immediately. Q.E.D.

This proposition describes completely relations among the conditions (i), (i) and (iii). It will be illustrated in the following examples.

**Example 1.** Let  $\mathscr{V}$  be the variety of all monounary algebras that satisfy identity ffx = x. Every  $\mathscr{V}$ -free algebra satisfies (i), but if it has at least two generators it does not satisfy (ii) and (iii):

Obviously  $T(a, b) = \{[a, b], [b, a], [fa, fb], [fb, fa]\} \cup \Delta$ .

 $1.\,fa\,=\,b$ 

In this case  $T(a, b) = \{[a, b], [b, a]\} \cup \Delta$ . It is a congruence.

2. fa ≠ b

In this case  $fb \neq a$ , because fb = a would imply fa = ffb = b, and obviously  $fa \neq a, fb \neq b$ . So T(a, b) is a congruence.

Let a, b be two distinct free generators of a  $\mathscr{V}$ -free algebra. We have  $[b, fb] \in \mathcal{E}$  T(a, b) T(a, fa) T(a, b), but  $[b, fb] \notin T(a, fa) T(a, b) T(a, fa)$ .



**Example 2.** A simple algebra which is not tolerance simple satisfies (*ii*) but it does not satisfy (*i*) and (*iii*). An example of such an algebra is the following modular lattice.

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**Theorem 1.** Let  $\mathscr{V}$  be a class of algebras and let  $\mathscr{F}$  be a subclass of  $\mathscr{V}$  such that  $\mathscr{V} = H\mathscr{F}$ . The following conditions are equivalent:

(A)  $\mathscr{V}$  has trivial principal tolerances

(B) every algebra  $\mathfrak{A}$  from  $\mathcal{F}$  satisfies (i) and (ii)

(C) every algebra  $\mathfrak{A}$  from  $\mathcal{F}$  satisfies (iii)

(**D**) every algebra 𝔄 from 𝒞 satisfies (iii)

Proof.  $A \Rightarrow D$ : Let  $\mathscr{V}$  have trivial principal tolerances. Let  $S = \Theta(a, b)$ ,  $T = \Theta(c, d)$  be arbitrary principal tolerances i.e. principal congruences on  $\mathfrak{A}$ . We have  $\mathbf{H}\mathscr{V} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{H}\mathscr{F} = \mathbf{H}\mathscr{F} = \mathscr{V}$ , thus  $\mathfrak{A}|_T$  is an algebra from  $\mathscr{V}$ . Denote by  $\varphi$ the quotient homomorphism of  $\mathfrak{A}$  onto  $\mathfrak{A}|_T$ . By the lemma 2,  $T(\varphi a, \varphi b) =$   $= (\varphi \times \varphi) T(a, b)$ . Let  $[x, y] \in STS$ , so there exists elements v, w such that  $[x, v] \in S$ ,  $[v, w] \in T$  and  $[w, y] \in S$ . Then  $\varphi v = \varphi w$  and it holds  $[\varphi x, \varphi v] \in T(\varphi a, \varphi b)$ ,  $[\varphi v, \varphi y] \in T(\varphi a, \varphi b)$ . Since  $\mathfrak{A}|_T$  is an algebra from  $\mathscr{V}$  and so it has trivial principal tolerances, we have  $[\varphi x, \varphi y] \in T(\varphi a, \varphi b)$ . It means that there exist elements  $x_1, y_1 \in |\mathfrak{A}|$  such that  $[x, x_1] \in T, [y, y_1] \in T$  and  $[x_1, y_1] \in S$ , and so  $[x, y] \in TST$ . We have obtained  $STS \subseteq TST$  for arbitrary principal tolerances S, T on  $\mathfrak{A}$ . Thus  $STS \subseteq TST \subseteq STS$  holds for arbitrary principal tolerances on  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

 $D \Rightarrow C$  is obvious.

 $C \Rightarrow B$ : follows from the Proposition.

 $B \Rightarrow A$ : Let every algebra  $\mathfrak{A}$  from  $\mathscr{F}$  satisfy (i) and (ii). Let  $\mathfrak{B}$  be an arbitrary algebra from  $\mathscr{V}$ . Since  $\mathscr{V} = \mathbf{H}\mathscr{F}$ , there exists an algebra  $\mathfrak{A}$  from  $\mathscr{F}$  and a homomorphism  $\varphi$  of  $\mathfrak{A}$  onto  $\mathfrak{B}$ . Let  $a, b, x, y, z \in |\mathfrak{B}|$  be such that  $[x, y] \in T(a, b)$  and  $[y, z] \in T(a, b)$ . Choose  $g_a \in \varphi^{-1}a$  and  $g_b \in \varphi^{-1}b$ . Then, by the lemma 2, T(a, b) = $= (\varphi \times \varphi) T(g_a, g_b)$ . Thus there exist elements  $g_x, g_y, h_y, h_z \in |\mathfrak{A}|$  such that  $[g_x, g_y] \in T(g_a, g_b)$ ,  $[h_y, h_z] \in T(g_a, g_b)$  and  $\varphi g_x = x$ ,  $\varphi g_y = \varphi h_y = y$ ,  $\varphi h_z = z$ . By the assumption,  $T(g_a, g_b)$  is a congruence. So if  $g_y = h_y$ , then  $[g_x, h_z] \in$  $\in T(g_a, g_b)$  and consequently  $[x, z] \in T(a, b)$ . If  $g_y \neq h_y$ , denote  $S = T(g_y, h_y)$  and  $T = T(g_a, g_b)$ . We have  $[g_x, h_z] \in TST$ . By the assumption, there exist elements  $g_1, g_2 \in |\mathfrak{A}|$  such that  $[g_x, g_1] \in S$ ,  $[g_1, g_2] \in T$  and  $[g_2, h_z] \in S$ . Since  $S \subseteq$  $\subseteq$  Ker  $\varphi$ , it holds  $\varphi g_x = \varphi g_1$  and  $\varphi g_2 = \varphi h_z$ . Hence  $[x, z] = [\varphi g_x, \varphi h_z] =$  =  $[\varphi g_1, \varphi g_2] \in (\varphi \times \varphi) T = T(a, b)$ . We have obtained that T(a, b) is a congruence. Q.E.D.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $\mathscr{V}$  be a variet v of algebras. The following conditions are equivalent:

(A) *¥* has trivial principal tolerances,

(B) every  $\mathscr{V}$ -free algebra  $\mathfrak{A}$  satisfies (i) and (ii),

(C) every V-free algebra 𝔄 satisfies (iii),

(D) every algebra 𝔄 from 𝒞 satisfies (iii),

(E) for every natural number n, every (n + 2)-ary polynomials  $f_1$ , g,  $f_2$  and every n-ary polynomials s, t, u, v such that

$$f_1(s(x_1, ..., x_n), t(x_1, ..., x_n), x_1, ..., x_n) = g(u(x_1, ..., x_n), v(x_1, ..., x_n), x_1, ..., x_n), f_2(t(x_1, ..., x_n), s(x_1, ..., x_n), x_1, ..., x_n) = g(v(x_1, ..., x_n), u(x_1, ..., x_n), x_1, ..., x_n),$$

holds in  $\mathscr{V}$  there exist (n + 2)-ary polynomials  $g_1, f, g_2$  such that

 $f_1(t(x_1, ..., x_n), s(x_1, ..., x_n), x_1, ..., x_n) = g_1(u(x_1, ..., x_n), v(x_1, ..., x_n), x_1, ..., x_n),$   $f(s(x_1, ..., x_n), t(x_1, ..., x_n), x_1, ..., x_n) = g_1(v(x_1, ..., x_n), u(x_1, ..., x_n), x_1, ..., x_n),$   $f(t(x_1, ..., x_n), s(x_1, ..., x_n), x_1, ..., x_n) = g_2(u(x_1, ..., x_n), v(x_1, ..., x_n), x_1, ..., x_n),$  $f_2(s(x_1, ..., x_n), t(x_1, ..., x_n), x_1, ..., x_n) = g_2(v(x_1, ..., x_n), u(x_1, ..., x_n), x_1, ..., x_n),$ 

holds in  $\mathscr{V}$ .

**Proof.** Since every algebra from  $\mathscr{V}$  is a homomorphic image of a  $\mathscr{V}$ -free algebra, we have  $A \Rightarrow D \Rightarrow C \Rightarrow B \Rightarrow A$  by theorem 1.

 $C \Rightarrow E$ : Suppose C. Let  $f_1, g, f_2, s, t, u, v$  be polynomials satisfying the first two identities. Then  $[f_1(t(x), s(x), x), f_2(s(x), t(x), x)] \in T(s(x), t(x)) T(u(x), v(x))$ T(s(x), t(x)), where x denotes  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$ . It is true also for the  $\mathscr{V}$ -free algebra over n free generators, so applying C and lemma 1 we obtain polynomials  $g_1, f, g_2$  in request.

 $E \Rightarrow C$ : Suppose E. Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a  $\mathscr{V}$ -free algebra,  $a, b, c, d, x, y \in |\mathfrak{A}|, [x, y] \in \mathfrak{E}$  $\in T(a, b) T(c, d) T(a, b)$ . By the lemma 1, there exist natural numbers  $m_p, m_q, m_r$ and an  $m_p$ -ary polynomial  $h_p$ , an  $m_q$ -ary polynomial  $h_q$ , an  $m_r$ -ary polynomial  $h_r$ , elements  $p_1, \ldots, p_{m_p}, q_1, \ldots, q_{m_q}, r_1, \ldots, r_{m_r}$  such that

$$h_p(a, b, p_1, \dots, p_{m_p}) = x; h_p(b, a, p_1, \dots, p_{m_p}) = h_q(c, d, q_1, \dots, q_{m_q}), h_r(a, b, r_1, \dots, r_{m_r}) = h_q(d, c, q_1, \dots, q_{m_q}), h_r(b, a, r_1, \dots, r_{m_r}) = y.$$

There exists a finite set of free generators of  $\mathfrak{A}$ , denote it  $\{x_1, \ldots, x_n\}$ , such that *a*, *b*, *c*, *d*,  $p_1, \ldots, p_{m_p}, q_1, \ldots, q_{m_q}, r_1, \ldots, r_{m_r}$  are elements of the subalgebra  $\mathfrak{B}$ of  $\mathfrak{A}$  generated by  $\{x_1, \ldots, x_n\}$ , which is itself a  $\mathscr{V}$ -free algebra with the set of free generators  $\{x_1, \ldots, x_n\}$ . Thus there exist *n*-ary polynomials s, t, u, v such that

$$a = t(x_1, ..., x_n),$$
  

$$b = s(x_1, ..., x_n),$$
  

$$c = u(x_1, ..., x_n),$$
  

$$d = v(x_1, ..., x_n)$$

and (n + 2)-ary polynomials  $f_1, g, f_2$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} &h_p(w, z, p_1, \dots, p_{m_p}) = f_1(w, z, x_1, \dots, x_n), \\ &h_q(w, z, q_1, \dots, q_{m_q}) = g(w, z, x_1, \dots, x_n), \\ &h_r(w, z, r_1, \dots, r_{m_r}) = f_2(w, z, x_1, \dots, x_n) \end{aligned}$$

holds for abitrary elements  $w, z \in |\mathfrak{B}|$ . Now we substitute a, b, c, d for w, z and then t(x), s(x), u(x), v(x) for a, b, c, d. We obtain the first two expressions from E and

$$f_1(t(\mathbf{x}), s(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x},$$
  
$$f_2(s(\mathbf{x}), t(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{y}.$$

Since  $x_1, ..., x_n$  are free generators, the first two identities from E hold identically in the variety  $\mathscr{V}$ . Thus there exist (n + 2)-ary polynomials  $g_1, f, g_2$  such that the last four identities from E hold in  $\mathscr{V}$ . But then  $[x, y] \in T(c, d)$  T(a, b) T(c, d)Q.E.D.

The condition (ii) in **B** cannot be omitted. There exists a variety which has not trivial principal tolerances even though all free algebras of it have.

**Example 3.** The variety from example 1 has not trivial principal tolerances: Put  $|\mathfrak{A}| = \{a, b, c\}, f = (a \mapsto a, b \mapsto c, c \mapsto b)$ . Obviously  $[a, c] \in T(a, b)$ , but  $[b, c] \notin T(a, b)$ .



**Example 4.** The variety of distributive lattices has trivial principal tolerances (cf. [2]). We confirm that fact by proving the assertion (E).

Let  $f_1, f_2, g, s, t, u, v$  be arbitrary lattice polynomials satisfying the conditions required. Denote by  $h_1, h_2$  the following (n + 2)-ary lattice polynomials:

$$h_1(y, z, x) \equiv f_1(s(x), t(x), x) \lor f_1(z, y, x) \lor f_2(y, z, x) \lor f_2(t(x), s(x), x),$$
  
$$h_2(y, z, x) \equiv f_1(s(x), t(x), x) \land f_1(z, y, x) \land f_2(y, z, x) \land f_2(t(x), s(x), x).$$

It is clear that

$$h_2(s(x), t(x), x) \leq h_2(t(x), s(x), x) \leq h_1(t(x), s(x), x) \leq h_1(s(x), t(x), x),$$

and if we denote

$$j(y, z, \mathbf{x}) \equiv (g(u(\mathbf{x}), v(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}) \land g(y, z, \mathbf{x})) \lor (g(z, y, \mathbf{x}) \land g(v(\mathbf{x}), u(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}),$$

then we obtain

$$h_1(t(\mathbf{x}), s(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}) = j(u(\mathbf{x}), v(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x})$$

and

$$h_2(t(x), s(x), x) = j(v(x), u(x), x).$$

From the  $\vee \wedge$ -representation of  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  and in view of the above we conclude that there exist *n*-ary lattice polynomials  $a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2$  such that

$$h_1(s(\mathbf{x}), t(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}) = (a_1(\mathbf{x}) \land (s(\mathbf{x}) \lor t(\mathbf{x}))) \lor b_1(\mathbf{x}),$$
  

$$h_1(t(\mathbf{x}), s(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}) = (a_1(\mathbf{x}) \land (s(\mathbf{x}) \land t(\mathbf{x}))) \lor b_1(\mathbf{x}),$$
  

$$h_2(t(\mathbf{x}), s(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}) = (a_2(\mathbf{x}) \land (s(\mathbf{x}) \lor t(\mathbf{x}))) \lor b_2(\mathbf{x}),$$
  

$$h_2(s(\mathbf{x}), t(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}) = (a_2(\mathbf{x}) \land (s(\mathbf{x}) \land t(\mathbf{x}))) \lor b_2(\mathbf{x}),$$

be means of which we can construct the desired polynomials. First we define auxiliary (n + 2)-ary lattice polynomials  $k_1, k_2, l$  by

$$k_1(y, z, \mathbf{x}) \equiv j(y, z, \mathbf{x}) \lor ((a_1(\mathbf{x}) \lor a_2(\mathbf{x})) \land (s(\mathbf{x}) \lor t(\mathbf{x}))),$$

$$k_2(y, z, \mathbf{x}) \equiv j(y, z, \mathbf{x}) \land ((((a_1(\mathbf{x}) \lor a_2(\mathbf{x})) \land (s(\mathbf{x}) \land t(\mathbf{x}))) \lor b_2(\mathbf{x})),$$

$$l(y, z, \mathbf{x}) \equiv (((s(\mathbf{x}) \land y) \lor (z \land t(\mathbf{x}))) \land (a_1(\mathbf{x}) \lor a_2(\mathbf{x}))) \lor b_2(\mathbf{x}).$$

We have

$$k_{1}(u(\mathbf{x}), v(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}) = h_{1}(t(\mathbf{x}), s(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}) \lor ((a_{1}(\mathbf{x}) \lor a_{2}(\mathbf{x})) \land (s(\mathbf{x}) \lor t(\mathbf{x}))) =$$

$$= ((a_{1}(\mathbf{x}) \land (s(\mathbf{x}) \land t(\mathbf{x}))) \lor b_{1}(\mathbf{x})) \lor$$

$$\lor ((a_{1}(\mathbf{x}) \lor a_{2}(\mathbf{x})) \land (s(\mathbf{x}) \lor t(\mathbf{x})))) =$$

$$= ((a_{1}(\mathbf{x}) \lor a_{2}(\mathbf{x})) \land (s(\mathbf{x}) \lor t(\mathbf{x}))) \lor b_{1}(\mathbf{x}) =$$

$$= (a_{1}(\mathbf{x}) \land (s(\mathbf{x}) \lor t(\mathbf{x}))) \lor (a_{2}(\mathbf{x}) \land (s(\mathbf{x}) \lor t(\mathbf{x}))) \lor b_{1}(\mathbf{x}) =$$

$$= h_{1}(s(\mathbf{x}), t(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}),$$

$$k_{1}(v(\mathbf{x}), u(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}) = h_{2}(t(\mathbf{x}), s(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}) \lor ((a_{1}(\mathbf{x}) \lor a_{2}(\mathbf{x})) \land (s(\mathbf{x}) \lor t(\mathbf{x}))) =$$

$$= ((a_{2}(\mathbf{x}) \land (s(\mathbf{x}) \lor t(\mathbf{x}))) \lor b_{2}(\mathbf{x})) \lor$$

$$\lor ((a_{1}(\mathbf{x}) \lor a_{2}(\mathbf{x})) \land (s(\mathbf{x}) \lor t(\mathbf{x}))) =$$

$$= ((a_{1}(\mathbf{x}) \lor a_{2}(\mathbf{x})) \land (s(\mathbf{x}) \lor t(\mathbf{x}))) \lor b_{2}(\mathbf{x}) = l(s(\mathbf{x}), t(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}),$$

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$$k_{2}(u(\mathbf{x}), v(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}) = h_{1}(t(\mathbf{x}), s(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}) \land \\ \land (((a_{1}(\mathbf{x}) \lor a_{2}(\mathbf{x})) \land (s(\mathbf{x}) \land t(\mathbf{x}))) \lor b_{2}(\mathbf{x})) = \\ = (((a_{1}(\mathbf{x}) \land (s(\mathbf{x}) \land t(\mathbf{x}))) \lor b_{1}(\mathbf{x})) \land \\ \land (((a_{1}(\mathbf{x}) \lor a_{2}(\mathbf{x})) \land (s(\mathbf{x}) \land t(\mathbf{x}))) \lor b_{2}(\mathbf{x})) = \\ = ((a_{1}(\mathbf{x}) \lor a_{2}(\mathbf{x})) \land (s(\mathbf{x}) \land t(\mathbf{x}))) \lor b_{2}(\mathbf{x}) = \\ = l(t(\mathbf{x}), s(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}), \\ k_{2}(v(\mathbf{x}), u(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}) = h_{2}(t(\mathbf{x}), s(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}) \land (((a_{1}(\mathbf{x}) \lor a_{2}(\mathbf{x})) \land (s(\mathbf{x}) \land t(\mathbf{x}))) \lor b_{2}(\mathbf{x})) = \\ = ((a_{2}(\mathbf{x}) \land (s(\mathbf{x}) \lor t(\mathbf{x}))) \lor b_{2}(\mathbf{x})) \land (s(\mathbf{x}) \land t(\mathbf{x}))) \lor b_{2}(\mathbf{x})) = \\ = ((a_{2}(\mathbf{x}) \land (s(\mathbf{x}) \lor t(\mathbf{x}))) \lor b_{2}(\mathbf{x})) \land (s(\mathbf{x}) \land t(\mathbf{x}))) \lor b_{2}(\mathbf{x})) = \\ = ((a_{2}(\mathbf{x}) \land (s(\mathbf{x}) \lor t(\mathbf{x}))) \lor b_{2}(\mathbf{x})) \land (s(\mathbf{x}) \land t(\mathbf{x}))) \lor b_{2}(\mathbf{x})) \land \\ \end{cases}$$

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$$\wedge \left( \left( (a_1(\mathbf{x}) \lor a_2(\mathbf{x})) \land (s(\mathbf{x}) \land t(\mathbf{x})) \right) \lor b_2(\mathbf{x}) \right) =$$
  
=  $(a_2(\mathbf{x}) \land (s(\mathbf{x}) \land t(\mathbf{x}))) \lor b_2(\mathbf{x}) =$   
=  $h_2(s(\mathbf{x}), t(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}).$ 

Now, the polynomials  $g_1, g_2, f$  are as follows:

$$g_1(y, z, \mathbf{x}) \equiv (f_1(t(\mathbf{x}), s(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}) \land k_1(y, z, \mathbf{x})) \lor (f_2(s(\mathbf{x}), t(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}) \land k_2(z, y, \mathbf{x})),$$
  

$$g_2(y, z, \mathbf{x}) \equiv (f_1(t(\mathbf{x}), s(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}) \land k_2(y, z, \mathbf{x})) \lor (f_2(s(\mathbf{x}), t(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}) \land k_1(z, y, \mathbf{x})),$$
  

$$f(y, z, \mathbf{x}) \equiv (f_1(t(\mathbf{x}), s(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}) \land l(y, z, \mathbf{x})) \lor (f_2(s(\mathbf{x}), t(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}) \land l(z, y, \mathbf{x})).$$

Indeed, this construction yields

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$$g_{1}(u(\mathbf{x}), v(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}) = (f_{1}(t(\mathbf{x}), s(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}) \land h_{1}(s(\mathbf{x}), t(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x})) \lor \\ \lor (f_{2}(s(\mathbf{x}), t(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}) \land h_{2}(s(\mathbf{x}), t(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x})) = \\ = f_{1}(t(\mathbf{x}), s(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}), \\ g_{1}(v(\mathbf{x}), u(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}) = (f_{1}(t(\mathbf{x}), s(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}) \land h(s(\mathbf{x}), t(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x})) \lor \\ \lor (f_{2}(s(\mathbf{x}), t(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}) \land h(t(\mathbf{x}), s(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x})) = \\ = f(s(\mathbf{x}), t(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}), \\ g_{2}(u(\mathbf{x}), v(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}) = (f_{1}(t(\mathbf{x}), s(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}) \land h(t(\mathbf{x}), s(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x})) \lor \\ \lor (f_{2}(s(\mathbf{x}), t(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}) \land h(s(\mathbf{x}), t(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x})) = \\ = f(t(\mathbf{x}), s(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}), \\ g_{2}(v(\mathbf{x}), u(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}) = (f_{1}(t(\mathbf{x}), s(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}) \land h_{2}(s(\mathbf{x}), t(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x})) \lor \\ \lor (f_{2}(s(\mathbf{x}), t(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}) \land h_{1}(s(\mathbf{x}), t(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x})) = \\ = f_{2}(s(\mathbf{x}), t(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{x}). \end{aligned}$$

Noted by the referee. For motivation and some other results see [3], which has appeared in the meantime.

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