

## Varieties and quasivarieties, generated by two-element preprimal algebras, and their equivalences

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### 1. Introduction

The subsequent considerations on universal algebras are stimulated by the following situation in the variety of Boolean algebras: It is generated by the two-element Boolean algebra  $\mathbf{2}$  which has the property that every function defined on the two-element set  $\{0, 1\}$  is a term function of  $\mathbf{2}$ . This property corresponds to the functional completeness of classical propositional calculus since the class of Boolean algebras constitutes a semantical basis for classical logics. As a generalization one defines a finite nontrivial algebra  $\mathbf{A} = \langle A; F \rangle$  to be primal if every function on  $A$  is a term function of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Then many properties of Boolean algebras carry over immediately to varieties generated by a primal algebra. This is already implied by the categorical equivalence between any variety which is generated by a primal algebra and the variety of Boolean algebras.

This equivalence is generalized now in two directions: firstly to preprimal algebras and secondly to quasivarieties. The term functions of a preprimal algebra  $\mathbf{A} = \langle A; F \rangle$  constitute a dual atom in the lattice of closed classes of functions defined on  $A$ . All two-element preprimal algebras were determined by E. L. Post [11]. Identifying algebras with the same term functions we obtain exactly the following two-element preprimal algebras (up to isomorphisms):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{C}_3 &= \langle \{0, 1\}; \wedge, +, 0 \rangle, & \mathbf{A}_1 &= \langle \{0, 1\}; \wedge, \vee, 0, 1 \rangle, \\ \mathbf{D}_3 &= \langle \{0, 1\}; d, x+y+z, N \rangle, & \mathbf{L}_1 &= \langle \{0, 1\}; +, N, 0, 1 \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

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Here  $\wedge, \vee, +, N$  are the Boolean operations conjunction, disjunction, addition mod 2, and negation. Further  $d$  is the ternary operation with  $d(x, y, z) = (x \wedge y) \vee \vee (x \wedge z) \vee (y \wedge z)$ . Our main result is the following: A quasivariety is equivalent to the quasivariety generated by one of the two-element preprimal algebras if and only if it is generated by a preprimal algebra of a special form. The result can be applied in non-classical logics and in electrical circuit theory. Consider a variety  $V_2$  generated by a two-element algebra and assume  $V_2 = \text{ISP}(2')$  (I—*isomorphisms*, S—*subalgebras*, P—*direct products*), i.e., assume the quasivariety  $QV_2 = \text{ISP}(2')$  generated by  $2'$  agrees with the variety generated by  $2'$ . In [2] the algebras  $B \in \text{ISP}(2')$  are called pure dyadic algebras. Boolean algebras and Boolean rings, distributive lattices, implication algebras, median algebras, and Boolean groups are well-known examples of pure dyadic algebras. Let  $\mathbf{B}(X) \in V_2$  be the free algebra freely generated by  $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ , and let  $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}$  be two terms of  $\mathbf{B}(X)$ . The fact that every algebra of  $V_2$  is isomorphic to a subdirect power of  $2'$  implies that  $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q} \in \mathbf{B}(X)$  are identical if for all homomorphisms  $h: \mathbf{B}(X) \rightarrow 2'$  one has  $h(\mathbf{p}) = h(\mathbf{q})$ . In the case of Boolean algebras this property is meaningful in the complexity theory of Boolean functions and the truth table method of classical logics ([8]). Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a variety which, as a category, is equivalent to  $V_2$ . Then there is a map  $t$  from the  $n$ -ary terms of  $V_2$  to the  $n$ -ary terms of  $\mathcal{K}$  such that

$$(i) \quad t(\mathbf{x}_i) = \mathbf{x}_i,$$

(ii) if  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are self-maps of  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  and  $V_2$  satisfies  $\mathbf{p}(x_{\alpha 1}, \dots, x_{\alpha n}) = \mathbf{p}(x_{\beta 1}, \dots, x_{\beta n})$ , then  $\mathcal{K}$  satisfies  $(t\mathbf{p})(x_{\alpha 1}, \dots, x_{\alpha n}) = (t\mathbf{q})(x_{\beta 1}, \dots, x_{\beta n})$ .

It follows that  $\mathcal{K}$  satisfies  $(t\mathbf{p})(x_{\alpha 1}, \dots, x_{\alpha n}) = (t\mathbf{q})(x_{\beta 1}, \dots, x_{\beta n})$  if  $h(\mathbf{p}) = h(\mathbf{q})$  holds for all homomorphisms  $h: \mathbf{B}(X) \rightarrow 2'$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $A$  be a nonempty finite set. The collection of  $n$ -ary operations on  $A$  will be denoted by  $O_A^{(n)}$  ( $n \geq 1$ ). We set  $O_A = \bigcup_{n \geq 1} O_A^{(n)}$ . Let  $\varrho$  be an  $h$ -ary relation on  $A$  ( $h \geq 1$ ), i.e.  $\varrho \subseteq A^h$ . Let  $\text{Pol } \varrho$  denote the set of all operations from  $O_A$  preserving  $\varrho$ , i.e. all operations  $f \in O_A$  such that  $\varrho$  is a subalgebra of  $\langle A; f \rangle^h$ . A ternary operation  $d \in O_A^{(3)}$  is called a majority function if for all  $x, y \in A$  we have

$$d(x, x, y) = d(x, y, x) = d(y, x, x) = x.$$

We adopt the terminology of [7] except that polynomials will be called term functions.  $T(\mathbf{A})$  denotes the set of term functions of an algebra  $\mathbf{A} = \langle A; F \rangle$ .  $\mathbf{A}$  is said to be primal if  $T(\mathbf{A}) = O_A$ .  $\mathbf{A}$  is order complete if there is a lattice order  $\cong$  on  $A$  such that  $\text{Pol } \cong = T(\mathbf{A})$ .  $\mathbf{A}$  is said to be preprimal if  $T(\mathbf{A}) \neq O_A$  and the algebra

$\langle A; F \cup \{f\} \rangle$  is primal for every operation  $f \in O_A \setminus T(A)$ . By a compatible relation of an algebra  $\mathbf{A} = \langle A; F \rangle$  we mean a relation  $\varrho$  on  $A$  such that  $F \subseteq \text{Pol } \varrho$ . The compatible binary reflexive and symmetric relations on  $\mathbf{A}$  are called tolerance relations of  $\mathbf{A}$ . We say a relation  $\varrho$  generates an algebra  $\mathbf{A}$  if  $T(\mathbf{A}) = \text{Pol } \varrho$ , and we write  $\mathbf{A}_\varrho$  for any such algebra.

For  $2 \leq h < \infty$  let  $\sigma_h = \{(a_1, \dots, a_h) \in A^h : a_i \neq a_j, 1 \leq i < j \leq h\}$ . Furthermore, we set  $\iota_h = A^h \setminus \sigma_h$ . An  $h$ -ary relation  $\varrho$  on  $A$  ( $h \geq 3$ ) is totally reflexive if  $\varrho \supseteq \iota_h$ . A binary relation on  $A$  is called trivial if  $\varrho = \iota_2$  or  $\varrho = A^2$ .

We say that an algebra is tolerance-free if it has no nontrivial tolerance relation. An algebra  $\mathbf{A} = \langle A; F \rangle$  is said to be semiprimal if every operation on  $A$  admitting all subalgebras of  $\mathbf{A}$  is a term function of  $\mathbf{A}$  and demiprimal if  $\mathbf{A}$  has no proper subalgebra and every operation on  $A$  admitting all automorphisms of  $\mathbf{A}$  is a term function of  $\mathbf{A}$ . We need the following result from [1].

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $\mathbf{A} = \langle A; F \rangle$  be a finite algebra with a majority term function. Then an operation on  $A$  is a term function of  $\mathbf{A}$  iff it preserves all compatible binary relations of  $\mathbf{A}$ .*

From Theorem 2.1 we obtain immediately the following

**Corollary 2.2.** *Let  $\mathbf{A} = \langle A; F \rangle$  be a finite algebra with a majority term function. Then  $\mathbf{A}$  is primal iff it has no nontrivial compatible binary relation. Moreover,  $\mathbf{A}$  is preprimal iff it has a nontrivial compatible binary relation and for any two nontrivial compatible relations  $\varrho_1$  and  $\varrho_2$  of  $\mathbf{A}$  we have  $\text{Pol } \varrho_1 = \text{Pol } \varrho_2$ .*

We need the following list of preprimal algebras ([12], [5]):

- $\mathbf{A}_\cong$ , where  $\cong$  is a lattice order on  $A$ , hence  $\mathbf{A}_\cong$  is order complete,
- $\mathbf{A}_{\{b\}}$ , where  $\{b\}$  is a one-element subalgebra of  $\mathbf{A}_{\{b\}}$ , hence  $\mathbf{A}_{\{b\}}$  is semiprimal,
- $\mathbf{A}_{s_2}$ , where  $s_2$  is a permutation on  $A$  without invariant elements and with cycles of the same length 2, hence  $\mathbf{A}_{s_2}$  is demiprimal,  $|A| = 2m, m \in N$ ,
- $\mathbf{A}_{\alpha_m}$ , where  $\alpha_m = \{(x, y, z, e) : e = x + y + z\}$ ,  $x + y + z$  is the operation of a Boolean 3-group  $\mathbf{G}_3^m = \langle A; x + y + z \rangle$  with  $|A| = 2^m, m \in N, m \geq 1$ .

Clearly,  $\mathbf{A}_1, \mathbf{C}_3, \mathbf{D}_3$  and  $\mathbf{L}_1$  are preprimal algebras of these forms with  $|A| = 2$ .

Let  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{K}$  be quasivarieties which are equivalent as categories, i.e., there are functors  $G: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$  and  $H: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$ , and for each  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathcal{L}$  there are isomorphisms  $\alpha_A: \mathbf{A} \rightarrow HG(\mathbf{A})$  and  $\beta_B: \mathbf{B} \rightarrow GH(\mathbf{B})$  such that for each  $g: \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}'$  in  $\mathcal{K}$  and each  $h: \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}'$  in  $\mathcal{L}$  the following diagrams commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbf{A} & \xrightarrow{g} & \mathbf{A}' \\
 \alpha_A \downarrow & & \downarrow \alpha_{A'} \\
 HG(\mathbf{A}) & \xrightarrow{HG(g)} & HG(\mathbf{A}')
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbf{B} & \xrightarrow{h} & \mathbf{B}' \\
 \beta_B \downarrow & & \downarrow \beta_{B'} \\
 GH(\mathbf{B}) & \xrightarrow{GH(h)} & GH(\mathbf{B}')
 \end{array}$$

The question arises, which properties of a quasivariety carry over to equivalent quasivarieties? Necessary conditions are given by

**Theorem 2.2.** [3] *Let  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{K}$  be quasivarieties which are equivalent as categories via the functors  $G: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$  and  $H: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$ .*

(1) *If  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{L}$  is a finite algebra, then  $H(\mathbf{A})$  is a finite algebra.*

(2) *For all  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{L}$  the subalgebra lattices of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $H(\mathbf{A})$  are isomorphic. Therefore the subalgebra lattices of  $\mathbf{A}^2$  and  $H(\mathbf{A}^2)$  are isomorphic and since  $H(\mathbf{A}^2)$  is isomorphic to  $H(\mathbf{A})^2$ , the subalgebra lattices of  $\mathbf{A}^2$  and  $H(\mathbf{A})^2$  are isomorphic.*

(3)  *$H$  maps subdirectly irreducible algebras to subdirectly irreducible algebras, simple algebras to simple algebras, and tolerance-free algebras to tolerance-free algebras.*

(4) *If  $\mathcal{L}$  is the variety generated by some algebra  $\mathbf{A}$ , then  $\mathcal{K}$  is the variety generated by  $H(\mathbf{A})$ .*

(5) *If  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{K}$  are varieties and if in  $\mathcal{L}$  there exists a majority term then in  $\mathcal{K}$  there also exists a majority term; i.e. if  $\mathcal{L}$  is the variety generated by  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{A}$  has a majority function among its term functions then  $H(\mathbf{A})$  also has a majority function among its term functions.*

### 3. Tolerance-free algebras having majority term functions

The two-element preprimal algebras  $\mathbf{C}_3$ ,  $\mathbf{A}_1$  and  $\mathbf{D}_3$  have majority functions among their algebraic functions ([4]) and admit no nontrivial tolerance relation. By [4] the quasivarieties generated by  $\mathbf{C}_3$ ,  $\mathbf{A}_1$  and  $\mathbf{D}_3$  agree with the varieties generated by these algebras. Therefore, by Theorem 2.2 (3), (4), (5), varieties equivalent as categories to  $V_{\mathbf{C}_3}$ ,  $V_{\mathbf{A}_1}$ ,  $V_{\mathbf{D}_3}$  are generated by tolerance-free algebras  $H(\mathbf{C}_3)$ ,  $H(\mathbf{A}_1)$ , and  $H(\mathbf{D}_3)$  having majority functions among their term functions. In order to characterize varieties equivalent to  $V_{\mathbf{C}_3}$ ,  $V_{\mathbf{A}_1}$ ,  $V_{\mathbf{D}_3}$  we give some properties for tolerance-free algebras having majority term functions.

For a binary relation on  $A$  define two  $n$ -ary relations  $\varrho_n$  and  $\varrho'_n$  ( $2 \leq n \leq |A|$ ) as follows:

$$\varrho_n = \{(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in A^n : (a_i, u) \in \varrho, i = 1, \dots, n, \text{ for some } u \in A\},$$

$$\varrho'_n = \{(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in A^n : (o, a_i) \in \varrho, i = 1, \dots, n, \text{ for some } o \in A\}.$$

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $\varrho$  be a binary relation on  $A$  preserved by a majority function  $d \in O_A^{(3)}$ . If  $\varrho \circ \varrho^{-1} = A^2$  ( $\varrho^{-1} \circ \varrho = A^2$ ), then  $\varrho_n = A^n$  ( $\varrho'_n = A^n$ ) for every  $n = 2, \dots, |A|$ .*

**Proof.** We prove the lemma by induction on  $n$ . Clearly,  $\varrho_2 = \varrho \circ \varrho^{-1} = A^2$ . Suppose that  $\varrho_{n-1} = A^{n-1}$ ,  $2 \leq n \leq |A|$ . From the definition of  $\varrho_n$  it follows that  $\varrho_n \supseteq I_n$ , i.e.  $\varrho_n$  is totally reflexive. Now, if  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in A^n$  then  $(a_2, a_2, a_3, a_4, \dots, a_n) \in \varrho_n$ ,  $(a_1, a_1, a_3, a_4, \dots, a_n) \in \varrho_n$  and  $(a_1, a_2, a_2, a_4, \dots, a_n) \in \varrho_n$ . Therefore

$(a_1, \dots, a_n) = (d(a_2, a_1, a_1), d(a_2, a_1, a_2), d(a_3, a_3, a_2), d(a_4, a_4, a_4), \dots, d(a_n, a_n, a_n)) \in \varrho_n$ . Hence  $\varrho_n = A^n$ . (Similarly, we can prove that  $\varrho^{-1} \circ \varrho = A^2$  implies  $\varrho'_n = A^n$ ,  $n=2, \dots, |A|$ .)

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $\mathbf{A} = \langle A; F \rangle$  be a tolerance-free algebra admitting a majority term function, and let  $\varrho$  be a binary nontrivial reflexive compatible relation of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Then  $\varrho$  is a lattice order.*

*Proof.*  $\varrho \cap \varrho^{-1}$  ( $\subseteq \varrho$ ) is a tolerance relation of  $\mathbf{A}$  distinct from  $A^2$ . Therefore  $\varrho \cap \varrho^{-1} = \iota_2$ , i.e.  $\varrho$  is antisymmetric.  $\varrho \circ \varrho^{-1}$  and  $\varrho^{-1} \circ \varrho$  are tolerance relations distinct from  $\iota_2$ . Therefore,  $\varrho \circ \varrho^{-1} = \varrho^{-1} \circ \varrho = A^2$ , which by Lemma 3.1 implies that  $\varrho_{|A|} = \varrho'_{|A|} = A^{|A|}$ . Hence there are elements  $0, 1 \in A$  such that  $(a, 1) \in \varrho$  and  $(0, a) \in \varrho$  for every  $a \in A$ . Let  $d$  be a majority term function of  $\mathbf{A}$ . It is known [6] that  $d(0, a, b) = a \wedge b$  and  $d(1, a, b) = a \vee b$  are the infimum and supremum of  $a$  and  $b$  with respect to  $\varrho$ . Finally we show that  $\varrho$  is transitive. Let  $(a, b) \in \varrho$  and  $(b, c) \in \varrho$ . Then  $d(0, a, b) = a \wedge b = a$  and  $d(1, b, c) = b \vee c = c$ . Therefore  $(a, c) = (d(0, a, b), d(1, b, c)) \in \varrho$ , which completes the proof.

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let  $\mathbf{A} = \langle A; F \rangle$  be a tolerance-free algebra with a majority term function admitting no proper subalgebra. Let  $\varrho$  be a binary nontrivial symmetric compatible relation of  $\mathbf{A}$  with  $\varrho \cap \iota_2 = \emptyset$ . Then  $\varrho = \{(a, s(a)) : a \in A\}$  where  $s$  is an automorphism of  $\mathbf{A}$  without fixed points and with cycles of equal length 2.*

*Proof.* Since  $\varrho \circ \varrho^{-1}$  and  $\varrho^{-1} \circ \varrho$  are tolerance relations of  $\mathbf{A}$  it follows that  $\varrho \circ \varrho^{-1}, \varrho^{-1} \circ \varrho \in \{\iota_2, A^2\}$ . If  $\varrho \circ \varrho^{-1} = A^2$ , then by Lemma 3.1  $\varrho_{|A|} = A^{|A|}$ . Thus there is a  $u \in A$  such that  $(a, u) \in \varrho$  for every  $a \in A$ , implying that  $(u, u) \in \varrho$ , a contradiction. Similarly we can prove that  $\varrho^{-1} \circ \varrho \neq A^2$ . Hence  $\varrho \circ \varrho^{-1} = \varrho^{-1} \circ \varrho = \iota_2$ , which implies that  $\varrho = \{(a, s(a)) : a \in A\}$  for a permutation  $s$  on  $A$ . Clearly,  $s$  has no fixed point ( $\varrho \cap \iota_2 = \emptyset$ ). From  $\varrho = \varrho^{-1}$  one gets  $\varrho^2 = \iota_2$ . Therefore each cycle of  $s$  has length 2.

The proof of the next lemma is given in [6].

**Lemma 3.4.** *Let  $\mathbf{A} = \langle A; F \rangle$  be a tolerance-free algebra having a majority term function. Then  $\mathbf{A}$  has at most two compatible lattice orders  $\varrho$  and  $\varrho^{-1}$ .*

**Lemma 3.5.** *Let  $\mathbf{A} = \langle A; F \rangle$  be an algebra with a majority term function and exactly one proper subalgebra which moreover has exactly one element. Let  $\{b\}$  be the one-element subalgebra of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Suppose  $\mathbf{A}$  has exactly three nontrivial binary compatible relations. Then  $\mathbf{A}$  is a semiprimal algebra of the form  $\mathbf{A}_{\{b\}}$  and thus preprimal.*

*Proof.*  $\{b\} \times \{b\}$ ,  $A \times \{b\}$ , and  $\{b\} \times A$  are all nontrivial compatible binary relations of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Therefore, by Theorem 2.1,  $T(\mathbf{A}) = \text{Pol}(\{b\} \times \{b\}) \cap \text{Pol}(A \times \{b\}) \cap$

$\cap \text{Pol}(\{b\} \times A) = \text{Pol}(\{b\})$ , i.e.  $A$  is a semiprimal algebra of the form  $A_{\{b\}}$  and thus preprimal.

We are ready to formulate and prove our first theorem.

**Theorem 3.6.** *Let  $\mathbf{P}$  be one of the two-element algebras  $A_1, C_3, D_3$ , and let  $V_{\mathbf{P}}$  be the variety generated by  $\mathbf{P}$ . Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a variety equivalent as a category to  $V_{\mathbf{P}}$ . Then  $\mathcal{K}$  is generated by one of the preprimal algebras  $A_{\cong}, A_{\{b\}}$  or  $A_{s_2}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a quasivariety which is equivalent as a category to the quasivariety  $QV_{\mathbf{P}}$  via some functors  $G: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow QV_{\mathbf{P}}$  and  $H: QV_{\mathbf{P}} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$ . Since  $\mathbf{P}$  has a term function which is a majority function, by a result of JÓNSSON [10], we have  $QV_{\mathbf{P}} = V_{\mathbf{P}}$ . By Theorem 2.2,  $\mathcal{K}$  is the variety generated by the finite algebra  $H(\mathbf{P})$  and  $H(\mathbf{P})$  is tolerance-free, having a term function which is a majority function.  $H(A_1)$  and  $H(D_3)$  have no proper subalgebras and  $H(C_3)$  has exactly one (one-element) subalgebra. By Theorem 2.2 (2), the subalgebra lattices of  $\mathbf{P}^2$  and  $H(\mathbf{P})^2$  are isomorphic. Therefore  $H(D_3)$  has exactly one nontrivial compatible binary relation  $\varrho$  and  $\varrho \cap \iota_2 = \emptyset$  holds. By Lemma 3.3, Theorem 2.1, and Corollary 2.2  $H(D_3)$  is a demiprimal preprimal algebra of the form  $A_{s_2}$ . Further,  $H(A_1)$  has exactly two binary nontrivial compatible relations which are reflexive. By Lemma 3.2, Lemma 3.4, Theorem 2.1, and Corollary 2.2  $H(A_1)$  is an order-complete preprimal algebra  $A_{\cong}$ .  $H(C_3)$  has exactly three nontrivial binary compatible relations. By Lemma 3.5,  $H(C_3)$  is a semiprimal preprimal algebra of the form  $A_{\{b\}}$ .

#### 4. Dualities and full dualities of quasivarieties

The next statements concern the category equivalence of a quasivariety generated by any preprimal algebra of the form  $A_{\cong}, A_{\{b\}}, A_{s_2}, A_{s_m}$  to the quasivariety generated by a two-element preprimal algebra  $A_1, C_3, D_3, L_1$ . These considerations rest upon concepts and results of DAVEY—WERNER [3] on dualities and equivalences of quasivarieties.

Let  $\mathbf{C} = \langle C; F \rangle$  be a finite algebra and let  $\mathcal{L} = \text{ISP}(\mathbf{C})$  be the quasivariety generated by  $\mathbf{C}$ . Let  $\mathbf{C} = \langle C; \tau, R \rangle$  be a topological relational structure where  $R$  is a set of compatible relations of  $\mathbf{C}$ , and  $\tau$  is the discrete topology on  $C$ . Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be the class of all topological relational structures of the same type as  $\mathbf{C}$ . For  $\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y} \in \mathcal{L}$  a morphism  $X \rightarrow Y$  is a map between the carrier sets of  $\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}$ , which preserves the defining relations of  $\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}$ . Let  $\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$  denote the set of all continuous morphisms  $X \rightarrow Y$ . A mapping  $\Phi \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$  is an embedding if it is one-to-one, closed, and for each relation  $r \in R$  and  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$  we have

$$(\Phi(x_1), \dots, \Phi(x_n)) \in r \Rightarrow (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in r.$$

An onto-embedding is an isomorphism in  $\mathcal{L}$ . Let  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{L}$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ .  $Y$  is a closed substructure if the inclusion map  $Y \rightarrow X$  is an embedding. A power of  $\mathbf{C}$  is always endowed with the product topology and the pointwise relations, i.e. the sets

$$\langle i; p \rangle := \{x \in C^I : x(i) = p\} \quad \text{with } i \in I \text{ and } p \in C$$

form a subbasis for the topology on  $C^I$ . For  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in C^I$  one has

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in r \Leftrightarrow (\forall i \in I)(x_1(i), \dots, x_n(i)) \in r.$$

The subclass of  $\mathcal{L}$  consisting of all members isomorphic to a closed substructure of a power of  $\mathbf{C}$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{R}$ . Symbolically, we write  $\mathcal{R} = \text{ISP}(\mathbf{C})$ .

The following lemma shows the interconnection between the categories  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{R}$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** *There exists a pair of adjoint contravariant functors  $D: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$ ,  $E: \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$ .*

A pair  $(D, E)$  as in Lemma 4.1 is called a protoduality. The protoduality is called a duality if for each algebra  $\mathbf{A}$  in  $\mathcal{L}$  the embedding  $e_A: \mathbf{A} \rightarrow ED(\mathbf{A})$  is an isomorphism.

Let  $\mathcal{R}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{R}$  be the subcategory consisting of all structures isomorphic to some closed substructure of a power of  $\mathbf{C}$ . Then the duality  $(D, E)$  is called a full duality between  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{R}_0$  if for all  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathcal{R}_0$  the embedding  $e_X: \mathbf{X} \rightarrow DE(\mathbf{X})$  is an isomorphism.  $\mathbf{C}$  is said to be injective in  $\mathcal{R}_0$  (with respect to some class  $\mathcal{S}$  of embeddings) if for each embedding  $\sigma: \mathbf{X} \rightarrow \mathbf{Y}$  in  $\mathcal{R}_0$  ( $\sigma \in \mathcal{S}$ ), every continuous morphism  $\varphi: \mathbf{X} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  extends to a continuous morphism  $\psi: \mathbf{Y} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  with  $\psi \circ \sigma = \varphi$ .

The next statements rest upon the following two conditions (IB) and (EF).

- (IB) For every substructure  $\mathbf{X}$  of a finite power  $\mathbf{C}^n$  of  $\mathbf{C}$ , each morphism  $\varphi: \mathbf{X} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  extends to a term function  $\bar{\varphi}: C^n \rightarrow C$  of  $\mathbf{C}$ .
- (EF) If  $\mathbf{X}$  is a proper substructure of some finite  $\mathbf{Y} \in \mathcal{R}_0$  then there exist two different morphisms  $\varphi, \psi: \mathbf{Y} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  such that  $\varphi|_X = \psi|_X$ .

**Lemma 4.2.** *Let  $\mathcal{L} = \text{ISP}(\mathbf{C})$  for a finite algebra  $\mathbf{C} = \langle C; F \rangle$ . Let  $\mathbf{C} = \langle C; \tau, R \rangle$  be a (finite) relational structure where  $R$  is a finite set of compatible relations on  $C$  and  $\mathcal{R} = \text{ISP}(\mathbf{C})$ . Suppose the conditions (IB) and (EF) hold. Then the protoduality  $(D, E)$  is a full duality between  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{R}_0$ , and  $\mathbf{C}$  is injective in  $\mathcal{R}_0$ .*

Now we assume that  $\mathbf{C}$  admits a majority term function.

**Lemma 4.3.** *Let  $\mathbf{C} = \langle C; F \rangle$  be a finite algebra with a majority term function. Let  $R$  be the set of all binary compatible relations on  $C$ . Then the protoduality  $(D, E)$  is a duality between  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{R}_0$ , and  $\mathbf{C}$  is injective in  $\mathcal{R}_0$ . If (EF) holds,  $(D, E)$  is a full duality between  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{R}_0$ .*

We are ready to apply the preceding duality theory to obtain dualities or even full dualities for varieties (quasivarieties) generated by two-element preprimal algebras.

**Theorem 4.4.** *Let  $\mathbf{2}_p = \langle \{0, 1\}; F \rangle$  be a two-element preprimal algebra ( $\mathbf{2}_p \in \{\mathbf{A}_1, \mathbf{C}_3, \mathbf{D}_3, \mathbf{L}_1\}$ ). Let  $\mathbf{2}_p = \langle \{0, 1\}; \varrho \rangle$  be a finite relational structure with  $F = \text{Pol } \varrho$  and  $\mathcal{R} = \text{ISP}(\mathbf{2}_p)$ . Then the protoduality is a full duality between  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{R}_0$  and  $\mathbf{2}_p$  is injective in  $\mathcal{R}_0$ .*

**Proof.** By Corollary 2.2 for any two nontrivial compatible relations  $\varrho_1, \varrho_2$  of a preprimal algebra  $\mathbf{A} = \langle A; F \rangle$  we have  $F = \text{Pol } \varrho_1 = \text{Pol } \varrho_2$ . Therefore we can set  $\mathbf{2}_p = \langle \{0, 1\}; \varrho \rangle$  with  $F = \text{Pol } \varrho$ . The algebras  $\mathbf{A}_1, \mathbf{C}_3$ , and  $\mathbf{D}_3$  have majority term functions. In view of Lemma 4.3 it is sufficient to prove that condition (EF) is satisfied. We define  $\mathbf{A}_1 = \langle \{0, 1\}; \cong \rangle$ ,  $\mathbf{C}_3 = \langle \{0, 1\}; 0 \rangle$ ,  $\mathbf{D}_3 = \langle \{0, 1\}; N \rangle$ . In the first case, if  $\mathbf{X} \subset \mathbf{Y} \in \mathcal{R}_0$ ,  $Y$  finite, and  $a \in Y \setminus X$ , then both  $(a) = \{y \in Y: y \cong a\}$  and  $(a) = \{y \in Y: y < a\}$  are ideals such that  $X \cap (a) = X \cap (a)$ . Thus  $\varphi, \psi: Y \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ ,  $\varphi(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x \cong a$ ,  $\psi(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x < a$  are two order-preserving maps which agree on  $X$ . In the second case, let  $\mathbf{X} \subset \mathbf{Y}$  be a substructure of a finite  $\mathbf{Y} \in \mathcal{R}_0$ , i.e.  $0 \in \mathbf{X}$  and let  $\varphi, \psi: Y \rightarrow \mathbf{C}_3$  with  $\varphi(x) = 0$  and

$$\psi(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \in X \\ 1 & \text{if } x \notin X. \end{cases}$$

Then  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are morphisms,  $\varphi \neq \psi$  but  $\varphi/X = \psi/X$ .

Now we consider  $\mathbf{D}_3$ . Let  $\mathbf{X} \subset \mathbf{Y} \in \mathcal{R}_0$ ,  $Y$  finite, i.e.  $NX \subseteq X$  where  $N$  is a permutation on  $Y$  with cycles of the same length 2 and without fixed points. Then we consider two proper subsets  $X_1, X_2 \subset X$  with  $X_1 = \{x \in X: Nx \in X_2\}$ ,  $X_2 = \{x \in X: Nx \in X_1\}$ ,  $0 \in X_1, 1 \in X_2, N0 = 1$ . From  $Nx \neq x$ ,  $x \in Y$  it follows  $X_1 \cap X_2 = \emptyset$ . Further, we have  $X_1 \cup X_2 = X$ ,  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  can be extended to  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$ , respectively, such that  $Y_1 = \{x \in Y: Nx \in Y_2\}$ ,  $Y_2 = \{x \in Y: Nx \in Y_1\}$ ,  $Y_1 \cap Y_2 = \emptyset$ ,  $Y_1 \cup Y_2 = Y$ . We choose

$$\varphi(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \in X_1 \\ 1 & \text{if } x \in X_2 \\ 0 & \text{if } x \in Y_1 \setminus X_1 \\ 1 & \text{if } x \in Y_2 \setminus X_2 \end{cases}, \quad \psi(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \in X_1 \\ 1 & \text{if } x \in X_2 \\ 1 & \text{if } x \in Y_1 \setminus X_1 \\ 0 & \text{if } x \in Y_2 \setminus X_2 \end{cases}.$$

$\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are two distinct morphisms which agree on  $X$ .

Finally, we consider  $\mathbf{L}_1 = \langle \{0, 1\}, +, N, 0, 1 \rangle$ . Let  $\mathcal{L} = \text{ISP}(\mathbf{L}_1)$  be the quasivariety generated by  $\mathbf{L}_1$  ( $\mathcal{L} \neq \mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{L}_1}$ ). The term functions of  $\mathbf{L}_1$  are exactly all Boolean functions which preserve  $\alpha = \{(x, y, z, e): e = x + y + z\}$ . Here  $x + y + z$  is the ternary operation of the Boolean 3-group  $\mathbf{G}_3 = \langle \{0, 1\}; x + y + z \rangle$ . For  $\mathbf{L}_1 = \mathbf{G}_3$  condition (IB) is satisfied.  $\text{ISP}(\mathbf{G}_3)$  is the variety of Boolean 3-groups.  $\mathbf{X}$  being a proper subal-



gebra of a finite Boolean 3-group  $Y \in \mathcal{R}_0$ , we choose a maximal subgroup  $Z$  of  $Y$  containing  $X$ .  $Y \setminus Z$  is simple and thus isomorphic to  $L_1$ . Hence we have two homomorphisms  $Y \rightarrow L_1$  with kernels  $Z$  and  $Y$ , respectively, which therefore agree on  $X$ . Thus condition (EF) is satisfied.

### 5. Application of the Equivalent Quasivarieties Theorem

In this section we prove that the quasivarieties generated by the preprimal algebras  $A_{\cong}$ ,  $A_{(b)}$ ,  $A_{s_2}$ ,  $A_{\alpha_m}$ , respectively, are equivalent as categories to the varieties (quasivarieties) generated by the two-element preprimal algebras  $A_1$ ,  $C_3$ ,  $D_3$ ,  $L_1$ . We need the following Equivalent Quasivarieties Theorem [3].

**Theorem 5.1.** *Assume that the protoduality  $(D, E)$  is a full duality between  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{R}_0$  and assume further that  $C$  is injective in  $\mathcal{R}_0$ . Then a quasivariety  $\mathcal{K}$  is equivalent as a category to the quasivariety  $\mathcal{L}$  if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:*

- (i) *there is a finite algebra  $Q$  in  $\mathcal{K}$  and a family  $R$  of compatible relations on  $Q$  such that  $Q = \langle Q; R \rangle$  is an object of  $\mathcal{R}_0$ ,*
  - (ii) (a)  $\mathcal{K} = \text{ISP}(Q)$ ,
  - (b)  $C$  is isomorphic to a subalgebra of a power of  $Q$ ,
  - (iii)  $Q$  is injective in  $\mathcal{R}_0$  (or equivalently,  $Q$  is a retract of a finite power of  $C$ ),
  - (iv) *for each positive integer  $n$  every morphism  $Q^n \rightarrow Q$  is a term function on  $Q$ .*
- If  $\mathcal{K}$  is equivalent as a category to  $\mathcal{L}$ , then  $Q$  above can be chosen to be  $H(C)$ .*

Let  $2_p = \langle \{0, 1\}; F \rangle$  be a two-element preprimal algebra and let  $2_p = \langle \{0, 1\}; \varrho \rangle$  be a relational structure with  $F = \text{Pol } \varrho$ . We set  $\mathcal{L} = \text{ISP}(2_p)$  and  $\mathcal{R} = \text{ISP}(2_p)$ . By Theorem 4.4  $(D, E)$  is a full duality between  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{R}_0$  and  $2_p$  is injective in  $\mathcal{R}_0$ . In order to apply Theorem 5.1 for the proof that the quasivariety generated by one of the preprimal algebras  $A_{\cong}$ ,  $A_{(b)}$ ,  $A_{s_2}$ ,  $A_{\alpha_m}$  is equivalent as a category to the quasivariety  $\mathcal{L}$  one has to show that conditions (i)–(iv) are satisfied.

**Lemma 5.2.** *The variety generated by a preprimal algebra  $A_{\cong}$  is category equivalent to  $V_{A_1}$ .*

**Proof.** By Theorem 3.6  $\mathcal{K} = \text{ISP}(A_{\cong})$  is the variety generated by  $A_{\cong}$ . It is clear that  $C = A_1 = \langle \{0, 1\}; \cong \rangle$ ,  $Q = A_{\cong}$ ,  $Q = A_{\cong} = \langle A; \cong \rangle$  fulfil the conditions (i), (ii) (a), and (iv).  $A_1$  is isomorphic to the substructure of  $A_{\cong}$  consisting of the least and the greatest element with respect to  $\cong$ , i.e. (ii) (b) holds. Then the lattice  $P(A)$  of all subsets of  $A$  is isomorphic to a finite power of  $A_1$ , and the maps  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$

given by

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma: \mathbf{A}_{\leq} &\rightarrow P(A), & \sigma(a) &= \{x \in A: (x, a) \in \cong \text{ for all } a \in A\}, \\ \tau: P(A) &\rightarrow \mathbf{A}_{\leq}, & \tau(B) &= \sup B \text{ for all } B \subseteq A,\end{aligned}$$

are order preserving and such that  $\sigma \circ \tau = 1_{\mathbf{A}_{\leq}}$ . Hence (iii) holds.

**Lemma 5.3.** *The variety generated by a preprimal algebra  $\mathbf{A}_{(b)}$  is category equivalent to  $V_{\mathbf{C}_3}$ .*

*Proof.* By Theorem 3.6 we have  $\mathcal{K} = \text{ISP}(\mathbf{A}_{(b)}) = V_{\mathbf{A}_{(b)}}$ . For  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{C}_3 = \langle \{0, 1\}; 0 \rangle$ ,  $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{A}_{(b)}$ ,  $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{A}_{(b)} = \langle A; b \rangle$ , conditions (i), (ii) (a), and (iv) hold.  $\mathbf{C}_3$  is isomorphic to a substructure of  $\mathbf{A}_{(b)}$  consisting of  $b$  and any other element of  $A$ . Hence (ii) (b) holds. We choose a positive integer  $n$  such that  $|A| \leq 2^n$ . Then there exist a monomorphism  $\sigma: \mathbf{A}_{(b)} \rightarrow \langle \{0, 1\}^n; 0 \rangle$  and an epimorphism  $\tau: \langle \{0, 1\}^n; 0 \rangle \rightarrow \mathbf{A}_{(b)}$  such that  $\sigma \circ \tau = 1_{\mathbf{A}_{(b)}}$ . Hence (iii) holds.

**Lemma 5.4.** *The variety generated by a preprimal algebra  $\mathbf{A}_{s_2}$  is category equivalent to  $V_{\mathbf{D}_3}$ .*

*Proof.* By Theorem 3.6, we have  $\mathcal{K} = \text{ISP}(\mathbf{A}) = V_{\mathbf{A}_{s_2}}$ . For  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{D}_3 = \langle \{0, 1\}; N \rangle$ ,  $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{A}_{s_2}$ ,  $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{A}_{s_2} = \langle A; N \rangle$ , conditions (i), (ii) (a), and (iv) hold.  $\mathbf{C}_3$  is isomorphic to a substructure of  $\mathbf{A}_{s_2}$  consisting of any two elements  $a, b$ ,  $a \neq b$ , of  $A$  with  $Na = b$ ,  $Nb = a$  ( $|A| = 2k$ ). Hence (ii) (b) holds. We choose  $n$  such that  $|A| \leq 2^n$ . Without restriction of generality we choose  $\mathbf{A}_{s_2} = \langle \{0, 1, \dots, 2k-1\}; N \rangle$  with  $N = (01)(23)\dots(2k-1\ 2k)$ , and  $2^n = \langle \{a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{2^n-1}\}; N \rangle$ . Then we can define a monomorphism  $\sigma: \mathbf{A}_{s_2} \rightarrow 2^n$  by  $\sigma(i) = a_i$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, 2k-1$ , and an epimorphism  $\tau: 2^n \rightarrow \mathbf{A}_{s_2}$  by  $\tau(a_i) = i$  for  $i = 0, \dots, 2k-1$  and  $\tau(a_{2k+i}) = i$  for  $i = 0, \dots, 2^n - 2k$  such that  $\sigma \circ \tau = 1_{\mathbf{A}_{s_2}}$ . Hence (iii) holds.

**Lemma 5.5.** *A quasivariety  $\mathcal{K}$  is category equivalent to the quasivariety generated by  $\mathbf{L}_1$  if and only if it is generated by a preprimal algebra  $\mathbf{A}_{\alpha_m}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{L} = \text{ISP}(\mathbf{L}_1)$  be the quasivariety generated by  $\mathbf{L}_1$ . By Theorem 4.4, for  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{L}_1 = \mathbf{G}_3 = \langle \{0, 1\}; x+y+z \rangle$ ,  $\mathcal{R} = \text{ISP}(\mathbf{L}_1)$  the protoduality  $(D, E)$  is a full duality between  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{R}_0$ , and  $\mathbf{L}_1$  is injective in  $\mathcal{R}_0$ .

Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be equivalent to  $\mathcal{L} = \text{ISP}(\mathbf{L}_1)$ . Then by Theorem 5.1 (i), there exist a finite algebra  $\mathbf{Q}$  in  $\mathcal{K}$  and a family  $R$  of compatible relations of  $\mathbf{Q}$  such that  $\mathbf{Q} = \langle \mathbf{Q}; R \rangle$  is an object of  $\mathcal{R}_0$ , i.e.  $\mathbf{Q}$  is a Boolean 3-group and therefore  $\mathbf{Q}$  is a finite power of the two-element Boolean 3-group. By (iv),  $\mathbf{Q}$  is a preprimal algebra of the form  $\mathbf{A}_{\alpha_m}$  with  $\alpha_m = \{(x, y, z, e): e = x+y+z\}$  and  $x+y+z$  the operation of a Boolean 3-group  $\mathbf{G}_3^m = \langle A; x+y+z \rangle$ ,  $|A| = 2^m$ ,  $m > 1$ . Conversely, let  $\text{ISP}(\mathbf{A}_{\alpha_m})$  be the quasivariety generated by  $\mathbf{A}_{\alpha_m}$ . Taking  $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{A}_{\alpha_m}$ ,  $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{G}_3^m$ , (i), (ii) (a), (b), and (iv)

are satisfied. Since  $\mathbf{G}_3$  is injective in  $\mathcal{R}_0$ ,  $\mathbf{Q}=\mathbf{G}_3^m$  also is injective in  $\mathcal{R}_0$ . Hence (iii) holds and  $\text{ISP}(\mathbf{A}_{\alpha_m})$  is equivalent to  $\text{ISP}(\mathbf{L}_1)$ .

Finally, by Lemmas 5.2—5.5 and Theorem 3.6 we obtain

**Theorem 5.6.** *A quasivariety is category equivalent to the quasivariety generated by a two-element preprimal algebra iff it is generated by a preprimal algebra of one of the forms  $\mathbf{A}_{\leq}$ ,  $\mathbf{A}_{\{b\}}$ ,  $\mathbf{A}_{s_2}$  ( $|A|=2k$ ),  $\mathbf{A}_{\alpha_m}$  ( $|A|=2^m$ ).*

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