

State-morphisms on Hilbert algebras

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ABSTRACT. In this paper (which is a continuation of [2]) we develop a theory of state-morphisms on Hilbert algebras.

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1. Introduction

The notion of *state* is an analogue of a probability measure and has a very important role in the theory of quantum structures (see [10]). The state on *MV*-algebras was first introduced by Kôpka and Chovanek in [13]; the state on *BL*-algebras was introduced by Riečan in [14]. In the case of non-commutative fuzzy structures, these states were introduced by Dvurecenskij for pseudo *MV*-algebras in [9], by Georgescu for pseudo *BL*-algebras in [12], by Dvurecenskij and Rachunek for bounded non-commutative *RI*-monoids in [11], and by Ciungu for pseudo *BCK*-algebras in [7].

Hilbert algebras are important tools for certain investigations in algebraic logic since they can be considered as fragments of any propositional logic containing a logical connective implication and the constant 1 which is considered as the logical value "true". The concept of Hilbert algebras was introduced by Henkin and Skolem (under the name *implicative models*) for investigations in intuitionistic logics and other non-classical logics. Diego in [8] proved that Hilbert algebras form a variety which is locally finite.

This paper is organized as follows:

In Section 2 we recall the basic definitions and put in evidence many rules of calculus in Hilbert algebras which we need in the rest of paper (especially $c_{10} - c_{28}$). Also we recall some results relative to maximal deductive systems for the case of bounded and unbounded Hilbert algebras (Theorem 2.1 and Corollary 2.1). In Section 3 we recall some results relative to the theory of Bosbach states on Hilbert algebras developed in [2]. In Section 4 we develop a theory of state-morphisms on Hilbert algebras.

2. Preliminaries

In this paper the symbols \Rightarrow and \Leftrightarrow are used for logical implication and respectively logical equivalence.

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Definition 2.1. ([2]-[6], [8])

A Hilbert algebra is an algebra $(A, \rightarrow, 1)$ of type $(2, 0)$ such that the following axioms are fulfilled for every $x, y, z \in A$:

- (a₁) $x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow x) = 1$;
- (a₂) $(x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z)) \rightarrow ((x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow (x \rightarrow z)) = 1$;
- (a₃) If $x \rightarrow y = y \rightarrow x = 1$, then $x = y$.

In [8] it is proved that the system of axioms $\{a_1, a_2, a_3\}$ is equivalent with the system $\{a_4, a_5, a_6, a_7\}$, where:

- (a₄): $x \rightarrow x = 1$;
- (a₅): $1 \rightarrow x = 1$;
- (a₆): $x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z) = (x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow (x \rightarrow z)$;
- (a₇): $(x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow ((y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow x) = (y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow ((x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow y)$.

For examples of Hilbert algebras see [3]-[6] and [8]. If A is a Hilbert algebra, then the relation \leq defined by $x \leq y$ iff $x \rightarrow y = 1$ is a partial order on A (which will be called the *natural ordering*); with respect to this ordering 1 is the largest element of A . A *bounded* Hilbert algebra is a Hilbert algebra with a smallest element 0 ; in this case for $x \in A$ we denote $x^* = x \rightarrow 0$.

From [2]-[6], [8] in a Hilbert algebra A we have the following rules of calculus for $x, y, z \in A$:

- (c₁) $x \rightarrow 1 = 1$;
- (c₂) $x \leq y \rightarrow x$;
- (c₃) $x \leq (x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow y$;
- (c₄) $((x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow y) \rightarrow y = x \rightarrow y$;
- (c₅) $x \rightarrow y \leq (y \rightarrow z) \rightarrow (x \rightarrow z)$;
- (c₆) If $x \leq y$, then $z \rightarrow x \leq z \rightarrow y$ and $y \rightarrow z \leq x \rightarrow z$;
- (c₇) $x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z) = y \rightarrow (x \rightarrow z)$;

For $x_1, \dots, x_n \in A$ ($n \geq 1$) we will define $(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}; x_n) = x_n$ if $n = 1$ and $x_1 \rightarrow (x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}; x_n)$ if $n > 1$.

Then we have:

- (c₈) If σ is a permutation of $\{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$ ($n \geq 2$), then

$$(x_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, x_{\sigma(n-1)}; x_n) = (x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}; x_n);$$

- (c₉) $x \rightarrow (x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}; x_n) = (x, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}; x_n) = (x_1, x, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}; x_n) = \dots = (x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}, x; x_n)$.

For $x, y \in A$ we define $x \sqcup y = (x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow ((y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow x)$. Then we have the following rules of calculus for $x, y, z \in A$:

- (c₁₀) $x, y \leq x \sqcup y$ and $x \sqcup y = y \sqcup x$;
- (c₁₁) $x \sqcup x = x, x \sqcup 1 = 1$;
- (c₁₂) $x \sqcup (x \rightarrow y) = 1$;
- (c₁₃) $(x \rightarrow y) \sqcup (y \rightarrow x) = 1$;
- (c₁₄) $x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z) = (x \rightarrow z) \sqcup (y \rightarrow z)$;
- (c₁₅) $x \rightarrow (y \sqcup z) = (x \rightarrow y) \sqcup (x \rightarrow z)$;
- (c₁₆) $(x \rightarrow y) \sqcup z = x \rightarrow (y \sqcup z)$.

If A is a bounded Hilbert algebra and $x, y \in A$, then we denote $x \vee y = x^* \rightarrow y$ and $x \wedge y = (x \rightarrow y^*)^*$. We have the following rules of calculus for $x, y, z \in A$ (see [2]):

- (c₁₇) $0^* = 1, 1^* = 0$;
- (c₁₈) $x \rightarrow y^* = y \rightarrow x^*$;
- (c₁₉) $x \rightarrow x^* = x^*, x^* \rightarrow x = x^{**}, (y \rightarrow x)^* \leq x \rightarrow y$;

- (c₂₀) If $x \leq y$, then $y^* \leq x^*$;
(c₂₁) $x, y \leq x \vee y, x \vee x = x^{**}, x \vee 0 = x^{**}, x \vee 1 = 1, x \vee x^* = 1, x \vee (y \rightarrow z) = (x \vee y) \rightarrow (x \vee z)$;
(c₂₂) $x \vee (y \vee z) = (x \vee y) \vee z = y \vee (x \vee z)$;
(c₂₃) $x^* \sqcup y^* = x \rightarrow y^*$;
(c₂₄) $(x \rightarrow y)^{**} = x^{**} \rightarrow y^{**} = x \rightarrow y^{**}$.

Proposition 2.1. ([2]) *Let A be a bounded Hilbert algebra and $x, y, z \in A$. Then*

- (c₂₅) $x \wedge 0 = 0, x \wedge 1 = x^{**}, x \wedge x = x^{**}$;
(c₂₆) $x \wedge y = y \wedge x \leq x^{**}, y^{**}$;
(c₂₇) $x \leq y \Rightarrow x \wedge y = x^{**}$;
(c₂₈) $x \wedge (y \wedge z) = (x \wedge y) \wedge z$.

Definition 2.2. *If A is a Hilbert algebra, a subset D of A is a deductive system of A if the following axioms are satisfied:*

- (a₈) $1 \in D$;
(a₉) *If $x, x \rightarrow y \in D$, then $y \in D$.*

We denote by $Ds(A)$ the set of all deductive systems of A .

We say that $M \in Ds(A)$, $M \neq A$, is *maximal* if it is a maximal element in the lattice $(Ds(A), \subseteq)$. Let us denote by $Max(A)$ the set of all maximal deductive systems of A . We have the following theorem of characterization for maximal deductive systems:

Theorem 2.1. ([15]) *Let A be a Hilbert algebra and $M \in Ds(A)$, $M \neq A$. The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i) $M \in Max(A)$;
(ii) *If $x, y \in A$ and $x \sqcup y \in M$, then $x \in M$ or $y \in M$;*
(iii) *If $x \notin M$, then $x \rightarrow y \in M$ for every $y \in A$.*

Corollary 2.1. *If A is a bounded Hilbert algebra and $M \in Ds(A)$, $M \neq A$, then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i) $M \in Max(A)$;
(ii) *If $x \notin M$, then $x^* \in M$.*

3. Bosbach states on Hilbert algebras

In this section we recall some results relative to the theory of Bosbach states on a Hilbert algebra A . This concept is obtained by using Bosbach condition ([1]).

Definition 3.1. ([2]) *A Bosbach state on a Hilbert algebra A is a function $s : A \rightarrow [0, 1]$ such that the following axioms hold:*

- (a₁₀) $s(1) = 1$;
(a₁₁) $s(x) + s(x \rightarrow y) = s(y) + s(y \rightarrow x)$, for all $x, y \in A$.

Remark 3.1. *In [2] I given (following a suggestion of a referee) another definition for a Bosbach state on a Hilbert algebra, namely, a function, $s : A \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is a Bosbach state if verify (a₁₀), (a₁₁) and*

- (a₁₂) *there exists an element $a \in A$ such that $s(a) = 0$.*

In this paper we consider the notion of Bosbach state in the sense of Definition 3.1.

Example 3.1. *The function $\mathbf{1} : A \rightarrow [0, 1]$, $\mathbf{1}(x) = 1$, for every $x \in A$ is a Bosbach state on A .*

Example 3.2. If $M \in \text{Max}(A)$, then $s_M : A \rightarrow [0, 1]$, defined by $s_M(x) = 1$ if $x \in M$ and 0 if $x \notin M$ is a Bosbach state on A . Indeed, since $1 \in M$, then $s_M(1) = 1$. Consider $x, y \in A$. If $x, y \in M$, then $x \rightarrow y, y \rightarrow x \in M$ and the axiom (a_{11}) is verified ($1 + 1 = 1 + 1$). If $x, y \notin M$, then by Theorem 2.1 we deduce that $x \rightarrow y, y \rightarrow x \in M$, so the axiom (a_{11}) is also verified ($0 + 1 = 0 + 1$). If $x \notin M$ and $y \in M$, then $x \rightarrow y \in M$ and $y \rightarrow x \notin M$, so the axiom (a_{11}) is also verified ($0 + 1 = 1 + 0$).

Example 3.3. If $s : A \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is a Bosbach state, then for every $a \in A$, $s_a : A \rightarrow [0, 1]$, $s_a(x) = s(a \rightarrow x)$ is also a Bosbach state on A . Indeed, $s_a(1) = s(a \rightarrow 1) = s(1) = 1$ and for $x, y \in A$, $s_a(x) + s_a(x \rightarrow y) = s(a \rightarrow x) + s(a \rightarrow (x \rightarrow y)) = s(a \rightarrow x) + s((a \rightarrow x) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow y)) = s(a \rightarrow y) + s((a \rightarrow y) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow x)) = s(a \rightarrow y) + s(a \rightarrow (y \rightarrow x)) = s_a(y) + s_a(y \rightarrow x)$.

For a Bosbach state $s : A \rightarrow [0, 1]$ we define $\text{Ker}(s) = \{x \in A : s(x) = 1\}$.

Proposition 3.1. ([2]) $\text{Ker}(s) \in \text{Ds}(A)$.

Proposition 3.2. ([2]) If $s : A \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is a Bosbach state on A , then for all $x, y \in A$ we have:

- (c₂₉) $x \leq y \Rightarrow s(x) \leq s(y)$;
(c₃₀) $s((x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow y) = s((y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow x)$.

4. State-morphisms on Hilbert algebras

In this section we develop a theory of state-morphisms on Hilbert algebras. Let us denote by $[0, 1]$ the standard MV -algebra of real unit interval $[0, 1]$, where for $x, y \in [0, 1]$, $x \oplus y = \min\{x + y, 1\}$, $x \odot y = \max\{x + y - 1, 0\}$, $x \rightsquigarrow y = \min\{1 - x + y, 1\}$, $x \wedge y = \min\{x, y\}$ and $x \vee y = \max\{x, y\}$. Clearly, $x \rightsquigarrow x = 1$, $x \rightsquigarrow 1 = 1$, $1 \rightsquigarrow x = x$ and $x \wedge a \leq y$ iff $a \leq x \rightsquigarrow y$ for every $x, y, a \in [0, 1]$. Also, $(x \rightsquigarrow y) \rightsquigarrow y = (y \rightsquigarrow x) \rightsquigarrow x = x \vee y$, for every $x, y \in [0, 1]$.

Definition 4.1. A state-morphism on a Hilbert algebra A is a function $f : A \rightarrow [0, 1]$ such that for every $x, y \in A$:

- (a₁₃) $f(x \rightarrow y) = f(x) \rightsquigarrow f(y)$.
If A is bounded we add the condition
(a₁₄) $f(0) = 0$.

Clearly, $\mathbf{1} : A \rightarrow [0, 1]$, $\mathbf{1}(x) = 1$, for every $x \in A$ is a state morphism (called *trivial*). From (a₁₃) we deduce that $f(1) = f(1 \rightarrow 1) = f(1) \rightsquigarrow f(1) = 1$. If A is bounded, then for every $x \in A$ we have $f(x^*) = f(x \rightarrow 0) = f(x) \rightsquigarrow f(0) = f(x) \rightsquigarrow 0 = (f(x))^* = 1 - f(x)$.

Proposition 4.1. Let A be a Hilbert algebra and $f : A \rightarrow [0, 1]$ a state-morphism. Then:

- (i) f is a Bosbach state;
(ii) If A is a bounded Hilbert algebra, then $f(x \wedge y) = f(x) \odot f(y)$, for every $x, y \in A$.

Proof. (i). For every $x, y \in A$ we have $f(x) + f(x \rightarrow y) = f(x) + [f(x) \rightsquigarrow f(y)] = f(x) + \min\{1 - f(x) + f(y), 1\} = \min\{1 + f(y), 1 + f(x)\} = f(y) + \min\{1, 1 + f(x) - f(y)\} = f(y) + \min\{1 - f(y) + f(x), 1\} = f(y) + [f(y) \rightsquigarrow f(x)] = f(y) + f(y \rightarrow x)$, that is, f is a Bosbach state.

(ii). Suppose A is a bounded Hilbert algebra and consider $x, y \in A$. We have $f(x \wedge y) = f((x \rightarrow y^*)^*) = 1 - [f(x) \rightsquigarrow (f(y))^*] = 1 - [f(x) \rightsquigarrow (1 - f(y))] = 1 -$

$$\min\{1-f(x)+1-f(y), 1\} = 1+\max\{f(x)+f(y)-2, -1\} = \max\{f(x)+f(y)-1, 0\} = f(x) \odot f(y).$$

□

Proposition 4.2. *Let A be a Hilbert algebra and $s : A \rightarrow [0, 1]$ a Bosbach state on A . Then the following are equivalent:*

- (i) s is a nontrivial state-morphism;
- (ii) $\text{Ker}(s) \in \text{Max}(A)$.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii). Since s is a nontrivial state-morphism, then $\text{Ker}(s) \neq A$. To prove $\text{Ker}(s) \in \text{Max}(A)$, let $x, y \in A$ such that $x \sqcup y \in \text{Ker}(s)$.

Then $s(x \sqcup y) = 1 \Rightarrow s(x \rightarrow y) \rightsquigarrow s((y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow x) = 1 \Rightarrow [s(x) \rightsquigarrow s(y)] \rightsquigarrow s((y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow x) = 1$.

If $s(x) \leq s(y)$ then we obtain that $s((y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow x) = 1 \Rightarrow [s(y) \rightsquigarrow s(x)] \rightsquigarrow s(x) = 1 \Rightarrow s(x) \vee s(y) = 1 \Rightarrow s(y) = 1 \Rightarrow y \in \text{Ker}(s)$.

Analogously, since $x \sqcup y = y \sqcup x$, if $s(y) \leq s(x)$, then $x \in \text{Ker}(s)$, hence by Theorem 2.1 we deduce that $\text{Ker}(s) \in \text{Max}(A)$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i). Suppose $\text{Ker}(s) \in \text{Max}(A)$ and consider $x, y \in A$. Since by (c_{12}) , $x \sqcup (x \rightarrow y) = 1 \in \text{Ker}(s) \Rightarrow x \in \text{Ker}(s)$ or $x \rightarrow y \in \text{Ker}(s)$.

If $x \in \text{Ker}(s) \Rightarrow s(x) = 1 \Rightarrow s(x) \rightsquigarrow s(y) = s(y)$. Since s is supposed Bosbach state, then $s(x) + s(x \rightarrow y) = s(y) + s(y \rightarrow x)$. But $x \in \text{Ker}(s) \Rightarrow y \rightarrow x \in \text{Ker}(s) \Rightarrow s(x) = s(y \rightarrow x) = 1$, so we obtain that $1 + s(x \rightarrow y) = s(y) + 1 \Rightarrow s(x \rightarrow y) = s(y) = s(x) \rightsquigarrow s(y)$.

If $x \rightarrow y \in \text{Ker}(s) \Rightarrow s(x \rightarrow y) = 1$. Since $s(x) + s(x \rightarrow y) = s(y) + s(y \rightarrow x) \Rightarrow s(x) - s(y) = s(y \rightarrow x) - 1 \leq 0 \Rightarrow$

$s(x) - s(y) = s(y \rightarrow x) - 1 \leq 0 \Rightarrow s(x) \leq s(y) \Rightarrow s(x) \rightsquigarrow s(y) = 1 = s(x \rightarrow y)$, so (a_{13}) is verified. □

If A is a Hilbert algebra and $D \in \text{Ds}(A)$, then for $x \in A$ we denote by x/D the equivalence class of x relative to D and by A/D the quotient Hilbert algebra (see [6] and [8]).

We recall that for $x, y \in A$, $x/D = y/D$ iff $x \rightarrow y, y \rightarrow x \in D$.

Lemma 4.1. *Let A be a Hilbert algebra and $s : A \rightarrow [0, 1]$ a Bosbach state on A . For all $x, y \in A$, the following are equivalent:*

- (i) $x/\text{Ker}(s) = y/\text{Ker}(s)$;
- (ii) $s(x) = s(y)$.

Proof. We have $x/\text{Ker}(s) = y/\text{Ker}(s) \Leftrightarrow x \rightarrow y, y \rightarrow x \in \text{Ker}(s) \Leftrightarrow s(x \rightarrow y) = s(y \rightarrow x) = 1$.

Since $s(x) + s(x \rightarrow y) = s(y) + s(y \rightarrow x)$ we obtain that $s(x) = s(y)$. □

Following Lemma 4.1, if A is a Hilbert algebra and $s : A \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is a Bosbach state on A , then the function $\widehat{s} : A/\text{Ker}(s) \rightarrow [0, 1]$, $\widehat{s}(x/\text{Ker}(s)) = s(x)$, is well-defined.

It follows immediately that \widehat{s} is a state on $A/\text{Ker}(s)$.

Proposition 4.3. *Let A be a bounded Hilbert algebra and $s_1, s_2 : A \rightarrow [0, 1]$ two Bosbach states such that s_1 is a state-morphism. If $\text{Ker}(s_1) = \text{Ker}(s_2)$, then $s_1 = s_2$.*

Proof. We denote $M = \text{Ker}(s_1)$; following Proposition 4.2, $M \in \text{Max}(A)$. Since $\text{Ker}(s_2) = M$ we get that $\text{Ker}(s_2)$ is also maximal.

From Proposition 4.2, it follows that s_2 is a state-morphism. Clearly, if $x \in M$, then $s_1(x) = s_2(x) = 1$.

Consider now $x \notin M$. Since $M \in \text{Max}(A)$, then $x^* \in M$ (by Corollary 2.1), since $s_1(x^*) = s_2(x^*) = 1 \Leftrightarrow 1 - s_1(x) = 1 - s_2(x) = 1 \Leftrightarrow s_1(x) = s_2(x)$, hence $s_1 = s_2$. \square

Open question 1. Proposition 4.3 is true if A is unbounded?

Corollary 4.1. *Let A be a bounded Hilbert algebra and $M \in \text{Max}(A)$. Then there is a unique Bosbach state $s : A \rightarrow [0, 1]$ such that $\text{Ker}(s) = M$.*

Proof. Following Example 3.2, the function $s_M : A \rightarrow [0, 1]$, defined by $s_M(x) = 1$ if $x \in M$ and 0 if $x \notin M$ is a Bosbach state on A and $\text{Ker}(s) = M$. Following Proposition 4.3, if $s : A \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is another Bosbach state such that $\text{Ker}(s) = M = \text{Ker}(s_M)$, then $s = s_M$. \square

Corollary 4.2. *If A is a bounded Hilbert algebra, then the assignment $s \rightsquigarrow \text{Ker}(s)$ establishes a bijection between the Bosbach states on A and $\text{Max}(A)$.*

Let A be a Hilbert algebra and $s : A \rightarrow [0, 1]$ a Bosbach state on A .

Definition 4.2. *We say that s is an extremal state if for any $0 < \lambda < 1$ and for any two states $s_1, s_2 : A \rightarrow [0, 1]$ such that $s = \lambda s_1 + (1 - \lambda)s_2$, then $s_1 = s_2$.*

Theorem 4.1. *Let A be a Hilbert algebra.*

- (i) *If $s : A \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is an extremal state, then $s = \mathbf{1}$;*
- (ii) *If A is bounded and s is a state-morphism then s is an extremal state.*

Proof. (i). For a fixed element $a \in A$ and $x \in A$ we have $s(x) + s(x \rightarrow a) = s(a) + s(a \rightarrow x)$. If consider $s_1^a, s_2^a : A \rightarrow [0, 1]$, $s_1^a(x) = s(a \rightarrow x)$ and $s_2^a(x) = s(x) - s(x \rightarrow a) + s(a)$ then $s = \frac{1}{2}s_1^a + \frac{1}{2}s_2^a$. From Example 3.3 we deduce that s_1^a is a Bosbach state on A . We will prove that s_2^a is also a Bosbach state on A . Indeed, for $x, y \in A$ we have following sequence of equivalences: $s_2^a(x) + s_2^a(x \rightarrow y) = s_2^a(y) + s_2^a(y \rightarrow x) \Leftrightarrow s(x) - s(x \rightarrow a) + s(a) + s(x \rightarrow y) - s((x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow a) + s(a) =$

$$\begin{aligned} & s(y) - s(y \rightarrow a) + s(a) + s(y \rightarrow x) - s((y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow a) + s(a) \Leftrightarrow \\ & s(y \rightarrow a) + s((y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow a) = s(x \rightarrow a) + s((x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow a) \Leftrightarrow s(y \rightarrow a) + s(y \rightarrow x) + s((y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow a) + s(x \rightarrow y) = s(x \rightarrow a) + s(x \rightarrow y) + s((x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow a) + s(y \rightarrow x) \\ & \Leftrightarrow s(y \rightarrow a) + s(a) + s(a \rightarrow (y \rightarrow x)) + s(x \rightarrow y) = s(x \rightarrow a) + s(a) + s(a \rightarrow (x \rightarrow y)) + s(y \rightarrow x) \Leftrightarrow s((a \rightarrow y) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow x)) - s((a \rightarrow x) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow y)) = \\ & s(x \rightarrow a) + s(y \rightarrow x) - s(y \rightarrow a) - s(x \rightarrow y) \Leftrightarrow s(a \rightarrow x) - s(a \rightarrow y) = s(x \rightarrow a) + s(y \rightarrow x) - s(y \rightarrow a) - s(x \rightarrow y) \Leftrightarrow \\ & [s(a \rightarrow x) - s(x \rightarrow a)] + [s(y \rightarrow a) - s(a \rightarrow y)] + [s(x \rightarrow y) - s(y \rightarrow x)] = 0 \Leftrightarrow \\ & [s(x) - s(a)] + [s(a) - s(y)] + [s(y) - s(x)] = 0 \Leftrightarrow 0 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

If s is supposed extremal, from $s = \frac{1}{2}s_1^a + \frac{1}{2}s_2^a \Rightarrow s_1^a = s_2^a$. Then for every $x \in A$ we have $s(a \rightarrow x) = s(x) - s(x \rightarrow a) + s(a) \Rightarrow s(a \rightarrow x) - s(x) = s(a) - s(x \rightarrow a)$.

Since $x \leq a \rightarrow x$ and $a \leq x \rightarrow a$ we deduce that $s(a \rightarrow x) - s(x) = s(a) - s(x \rightarrow a) = 0$.

So $s(a \rightarrow x) = s(x)$, for every $a, x \in A$. In particular for $a = x$ we obtain $s(x) = s(1) = 1$, for every $x \in A$, hence $s = \mathbf{1}$.

(ii). Assume $s = \lambda s_1 + (1 - \lambda)s_2$, which $0 < \lambda < 1$ and s_1, s_2 states on A . It is easy to prove that $\text{Ker}(s) = \text{Ker}(s_1) \cap \text{Ker}(s_2)$. But $\text{Ker}(s) \in \text{Max}(A)$, so $\text{Ker}(s) = \text{Ker}(s_1) = \text{Ker}(s_2)$. Apply now Proposition 4.3 we get that $s_1 = s_2$. \square

Open question 2. If A is a bounded Hilbert algebra, then every extremal state $s : A \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is a state-morphism? (as in the case of pseudo-MV algebras and pseudo-BL algebras - see [9] and [12]).

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