

STRUCTURAL COMPLETENESS IN MANY-VALUED LOGICS WITH RATIONAL CONSTANTS

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ABSTRACT. The logics \mathbf{RL} , \mathbf{RP} , and \mathbf{RG} have been obtained by expanding Łukasiewicz logic \mathbf{L} , product logic \mathbf{P} , and Gödel–Dummett logic \mathbf{G} with rational constants. We study the lattices of extensions and structural completeness of these three expansions, obtaining results that stand in contrast to the known situation in \mathbf{L} , \mathbf{P} , and \mathbf{G} . Namely, \mathbf{RL} is hereditarily structurally complete. \mathbf{RP} is algebraized by the variety of rational product algebras that we show to be \mathcal{Q} -universal. We provide a base of admissible rules in \mathbf{RP} , show their decidability, and characterize passive structural completeness for extensions of \mathbf{RP} . Furthermore, structural completeness, hereditary structural completeness, and active structural completeness coincide for extensions of \mathbf{RP} , and this is also the case for extensions of \mathbf{RG} , where in turn passive structural completeness is characterized by the equivalent algebraic semantics having the joint embedding property. For nontrivial axiomatic extensions of \mathbf{RG} we provide a base of admissible rules. We leave the problem open whether the variety of rational Gödel algebras is \mathcal{Q} -universal.

1. INTRODUCTION

This work brings together two lines of research: admissible rules and lattices of extensions of logics on the one side, and propositional fuzzy logic with constants for rational numbers on the other. Either of these lines is native to nonclassical logics and trivializes in the classical case.

In the realm of admissibility, it is common to identify *logics* with finitary substitution invariant consequence relations \vdash on the set of formulas of some algebraic language. Formulas φ such that $\emptyset \vdash \varphi$ are then called *theorems* of \vdash . A rule $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n \triangleright \varphi$ is *derivable* in a logic \vdash when $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n \vdash \varphi$. It is *admissible* in \vdash provided that the set of theorems of \vdash is closed under that rule. The derivability of a rule entails its admissibility in \vdash , but the converse fails in general. Indeed, the *structural completion* of a logic \vdash is the only logic whose derivable rules are precisely the rules that are admissible in \vdash . Because of this, questions typically asked about derivability, such as finding an axiomatization or settling decidability, pertain also to admissibility. In a *structurally complete* logic, the set of admissible rules coincides with the set of derivable rules, and a logic is called *hereditarily* structurally complete if the property of structural completeness is shared by all of its extensions.

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Research in structural completeness is well established in intermediate and transitive modal logics. Landmarks include the work of Rybakov on decidability of admissible rules, covered in the monograph [75], Ghilardi’s investigation of the relationship of admissibility to unification [33], and Iemhoff’s construction of explicit bases for the rules admissible in the intuitionistic logic [53], independently discovered by Rozière [73]. Hereditarily structurally complete logics have been described in the realm of intermediate logics by Citkin [18, 19], see also [7, 20], and by Rybakov in that of transitive modal logics [74] (see also [26]). Structural completeness is language sensitive: the pure implication fragment of the intuitionistic logic has been known to be hereditarily structurally complete due to Prucnal’s work [70], yet the implication-negation fragment is incomplete [16].

During the last two decades, research in structural completeness has turned also to the family of fuzzy logics. Three logics of interest in this paper — Łukasiewicz logic \mathbf{L} , product logic \mathbf{P} , and Gödel–Dummett logic \mathbf{G} — can be obtained as axiomatic extensions of Hájek’s basic logic \mathbf{BL} [45], even if they were defined independently prior to the definition of \mathbf{BL} . Łukasiewicz logic was first introduced in [59]. Finite-valued semantics for Gödel–Dummett logic¹ was considered in Gödel’s analysis of intuitionistic logic [40], while Dummett provided an axiomatization of the infinite-valued case in [22]. Product logic first appeared in [48]; see also [45]. All logics in the \mathbf{BL} family are algebraizable in the sense of Blok and Pigozzi [8]: the equivalent algebraic semantics of the three logics are the varieties of MV-algebras, product algebras, and Gödel algebras respectively. MV-algebras and product algebras each have a specific tight connection to lattice-ordered abelian groups, while Gödel algebras coincide with Heyting algebras in which the equation $(x \rightarrow y) \vee (y \rightarrow x) \approx 1$ holds.

While \mathbf{G} and \mathbf{P} are hereditarily structurally complete [25, 14], \mathbf{L} is structurally incomplete [23] and a base for its admissible rules was exhibited by Jeřábek [55], see also [54, 56]. Admissibility in extensions of \mathbf{L} was investigated in [35, 36].² Finally, works addressing variants of structural completeness, such as *active* and *passive* rules also studied in this paper, include [24, 37, 62, 63, 71, 80].

The aim of this paper is to take this line of research further and look at structural completeness for expansions of Łukasiewicz, product, and Gödel logic with rational constants. The pedigree of these logics goes back to the pioneering works of Goguen [41] and Pavelka [66, 67, 68]. Expanding the language with constants can be viewed as taking advantage of the rich algebraic setting to gain more expressivity; see, e.g., [4, 15, 28, 31, 50, 78].

More specifically, while the logics live in an ambience of many truth values, they formally derive only statements that are fully true. It has been established by Goguen and Pavelka that if constants with suitable axioms are added to a logic such as \mathbf{L} , one can walk around this limitation by employing formulas of the form $c \rightarrow \varphi$, with c a constant and φ any formula of the language: assignments sending $c \rightarrow \varphi$ to the top element are precisely those that send φ in the upset of the value of c . Via this

¹Henceforth we write just *Gödel logic*, as is common in the referenced literature.

²More generally, results on logics without weakening have been obtained in [65, 72].

simple hedging device, the existing deductive machinery of the logic (still ostensibly focused on fully true statements) enables deduction on graded statements.

The version of \mathbf{L} with rational constants in [46, 45] has become known as *rational Pavelka logic*. Here we refer to this logic as *rational Łukasiewicz logic* (\mathbf{RL}) to have uniform names over all three expansions, the other two being *rational product logic* \mathbf{RP} and *rational Gödel logic* \mathbf{RG} [27, 30, 47, 76]. These logics are algebraized, respectively, by the varieties of *rational MV-algebras*, *rational product algebras*, and *rational Gödel algebras*.

For each of the three logics, we provide information on the lattice of its extensions and identify the structurally complete ones. The following striking reversal in the lattice structure of extensions instantiates the already mentioned language sensitivity of the notions studied in this paper. While \mathbf{L} is known to be structurally incomplete and the lattice of its extensions is dually isomorphic to lattice of quasivarieties of the \mathcal{Q} -universal variety of MV-algebras [1]³, \mathbf{RL} is hereditarily structurally complete, there being no consistent extensions. On the other hand, the lattice of extensions of \mathbf{RP} is dually isomorphic to the lattice of subquasivarieties of rational product algebras, which we show to be \mathcal{Q} -universal, and the only structurally complete extensions are the logic of the rational product algebra on the rationals in $[0, 1]$ with the natural order and the three proper axiomatic extensions of \mathbf{RP} term-equivalent to the extensions of \mathbf{P} . This contrasts with the known situation in \mathbf{P} , which is hereditarily structurally complete and whose lattice of extensions is a three-element chain. Lastly, while \mathbf{G} is hereditarily structurally complete and has denumerably many extensions, \mathbf{RG} is structurally incomplete and has a continuum of axiomatic extensions.

The paper is structured as follows. Sections 2, 3, and 4 review the rudiments of the theory of quasivarieties, structural completeness, and fuzzy logics respectively. Section 5 establishes the \mathcal{Q} -universality of the class of rational product algebras. Section 6 is dedicated to structural completeness results in extensions of \mathbf{RP} ; in particular, Theorem 6.1 provides a base of rules admissible in \mathbf{RP} , while Corollary 6.3 establishes their decidability. Theorem 6.4 characterizes structurally complete extensions of \mathbf{RP} ; it turns out that structural completeness, active structural completeness, and hereditary structural completeness coincide for extensions of \mathbf{RP} (Corollaries 6.5 and 6.6). Corollary 6.7 offers a characterization of passively structurally complete extensions. Section 7 studies the lattice of extensions of \mathbf{RG} : by Corollary 7.4, already the lattice of axiomatic extensions of \mathbf{RG} is an uncountable chain. The lattice of \mathbf{RG} -extensions is also easily seen to have uncountable antichains; but we do not know whether the class of rational Gödel algebras might be \mathcal{Q} -universal. Section 8 studies structural completeness in \mathbf{RG} ; for extensions of this logic, structural completeness, hereditary structural completeness, and active structural completeness coincide with the extension being algebraized by a quasivariety generated by a chain in RGA (Theorem 8.2); moreover, all such rational Gödel chains are characterized. Passive structural completeness for \mathbf{RG} -extensions is characterized in terms of being algebraized by a quasivariety having the joint embedding property (Theorem 8.1). Theorem 8.4

³Even if the class of MV-algebras is \mathcal{Q} -universal, insights into the structure of quasivarieties generated by MV-chains were provided in [34, 38, 39].

provides a base of admissible rules in any nontrivial axiomatic extension of **RG**. Finally, Theorem 9.1 in section 9 shows that **RL** lacks proper consistent extensions and, therefore, is hereditarily structurally complete.

2. VARIETIES AND QUASIVARIETIES

A *quasivariety* is a class of algebras that can be axiomatized by quasiequations, i.e., sentences of the form

$$\forall \vec{x}((\varphi_1 \approx \psi_1 \ \&\& \dots \ \&\& \ \varphi_n \approx \psi_n) \implies \varphi \approx \psi).$$

We admit the case where the antecedent of the above implication is empty, whence universally quantified equations are special cases of quasiequations. Similarly, a *variety* is a class of algebras that can be axiomatized by universally quantified equations, while a *universal class* is one that can be axiomatized by universally quantified open formulas. It is common to drop the universal quantifiers in the prefix and work with open formulas.

For a general introduction to the theory of these classes we refer the reader to [6, 10, 42] and, in what follows, we shall review some fundamental material only. Varieties, quasivarieties and universal classes can be characterized in terms of model-theoretic constructions. Let $\mathbb{I}, \mathbb{H}, \mathbb{S}, \mathbb{P}$, and \mathbb{P}_U be the class operators of closure under isomorphism, homomorphic images, subalgebras, direct products, and ultraproducts respectively. We assume direct products and ultraproducts of empty families of algebras are trivial algebras. Then, a class of similar algebras K is a variety precisely when it is closed under \mathbb{H}, \mathbb{S} , and \mathbb{P} [10, Thm. I.11.9], it is a quasivariety precisely when it is closed under $\mathbb{I}, \mathbb{S}, \mathbb{P}$, and \mathbb{P}_U [10, Thm. V.2.25] (see also [77, Cor. 2.4]), and it is a universal class precisely when it is closed under \mathbb{I}, \mathbb{S} and \mathbb{P}_U [10, Thm. V.2.20]. Given a class of similar algebras K , the smallest variety and quasivariety containing K will be denoted by $\mathbb{V}(K)$ and $\mathbb{Q}(K)$, respectively. It turns out that $\mathbb{V}(K) = \mathbb{HSP}(K)$ and $\mathbb{Q}(K) = \mathbb{ISP}_{\mathbb{P}_U}(K)$. Moreover, the smallest universal class containing K is $\mathbb{ISP}_{\mathbb{P}_U}(K)$.

A *finite partial subalgebra* C of an algebra A is a finite subset C of A endowed with the restriction of finitely many basic operations of A . Given two similar algebras A and B , a finite partial subalgebra C of A is said to *embed* into B if there exists an injective map $h : C \rightarrow B$ such that for every basic n -ary partial operation f of C and $c_1, \dots, c_n \in C$ such that $f^A(c_1, \dots, c_n) \in C$, we have

$$h(f^A(c_1, \dots, c_n)) = f^B(h(c_1), \dots, h(c_n)).$$

In this case, we say that h is an *embedding* of C into B . When every finite partial subalgebra of A embeds into B , we say that A *partially embeds* into B . Partial embeddability is strictly connected with universal classes, because an algebra A partially embeds into an algebra B if and only if A validates the universal theory of B .

Consider a quasivariety K and an algebra $A \in K$. A congruence θ of A is said to be a *K-congruence* if $A/\theta \in K$. When ordered under inclusion, the set of K -congruences of A is an algebraic lattice, which we denote by $\text{Con}_K A$. On the other hand, the lattice of all congruences of A will be denoted by $\text{Con} A$. A congruence of A is said to be *nontrivial* if it differs from the total relation $A \times A$ and the identity relation Id_A .

The kernel of a homomorphism f will be denoted by $\text{Ker}(f)$. Given $a, c \in A$, the K -congruence of A generated by $\langle a, c \rangle$ is denoted by $\text{Cg}_K^A(a, c)$.

Given a quasivariety K , an algebra $A \in K$ is said to be *relatively subdirectly irreducible* (resp. *relatively finitely subdirectly irreducible*) in K if Id_A is completely meet-irreducible (resp. meet-irreducible) in $\text{Con}_K A$. When K is a variety, $\text{Con}_K A = \text{Con} A$ and A is said to be simply *subdirectly irreducible* (resp. *finitely subdirectly irreducible*). The class of algebras that are relatively subdirectly irreducible (resp. relatively finitely subdirectly irreducible) in K will be denoted by K_{RSI} (resp. K_{RFSI}). It is well known that every member of a quasivariety K is isomorphic to a subdirect product of algebras in K_{RSI} [42, Thm. 3.1.1]. Accordingly, to prove that two quasivarieties K and K' are equal, it suffices to show that $K_{\text{RSI}} = K'_{\text{RSI}}$.

Given a quasivariety K , we denote by $\mathcal{Q}(K)$ the lattice of subquasivarieties of K . On the other hand, a class $V \subseteq K$ is said to be a *relative subvariety* of K if it can be axiomatized by equations relative to K . The lattice of relative subvarieties of K will be denoted by $\mathcal{V}(K)$. Notice that, when K is a variety, $\mathcal{V}(K)$ is the lattice of subvarieties of K . A quasivariety K is said to be *primitive* when all its subquasivarieties are relative subvarieties.

Theorem 2.1 ([42, Prop. 5.1.22]). *If K is a primitive quasivariety, then $\mathcal{Q}(K)$ is a distributive lattice.*

A quasivariety K has the *joint embedding property* (JEP) when every two nontrivial members A and B of K can be embedded into a common $C \in K$. While every variety is generated by its denumerably generated free algebra, it is not true that every variety is generated by a single algebra as a quasivariety. This makes the next result from [61] interesting in the context of varieties as well.

Proposition 2.2 ([42, Prop. 2.1.19]). *A quasivariety has the JEP if and only if it is generated by a single algebra as a quasivariety.*

Finally, a quasivariety K is said to be *Q-universal* if $\mathcal{Q}(M) \in \text{HS}(\mathcal{Q}(K))$, for every quasivariety M in a finite language.⁴ As lattices of quasivarieties in a finite language may be uncountable and need not validate any nontrivial lattice equation [43, 79], the next result follows.

Proposition 2.3. *If K is a Q-universal quasivariety, then $\mathcal{Q}(K)$ is uncountable and does not validate any nontrivial lattice equation.*

3. STRUCTURAL COMPLETENESS

Let $\text{Var} = \{x_n : n \in \omega\}$ be a denumerable set of variables. Given an algebraic language \mathcal{L} , we denote by $Fm_{\mathcal{L}}$ the set of formulas of \mathcal{L} with variables in Var . When \mathcal{L} is clear from the context, we shall write Fm instead of $Fm_{\mathcal{L}}$. A (propositional) *logic* \vdash is then a consequence relation on the set of formulas Fm of some algebraic language

⁴The usual definition of a Q-universal quasivariety K demands that K has finite language. In this paper we drop this requirement, because we deal with quasivarieties whose language is always infinite.

that, moreover, is *substitution invariant* in the sense that for every substitution σ on Fm and every $\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\} \subseteq Fm$,

$$\text{if } \Gamma \vdash \varphi, \text{ then } \sigma[\Gamma] \vdash \sigma(\varphi).$$

Furthermore, in this paper logics \vdash are assumed to be *finitary*, i.e., such that

$$\text{if } \Gamma \vdash \varphi, \text{ then } \Delta \vdash \varphi \text{ for some finite } \Delta \subseteq \Gamma.$$

Given two logics \vdash and \vdash' such that the language of \vdash' extends that of \vdash , we say that \vdash' is an *expansion* of \vdash if, for every set of formulas $\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\}$ in the language of \vdash ,

$$\Gamma \vdash \varphi \iff \Gamma \vdash' \varphi.$$

Similarly, given two logics \vdash and \vdash' in the same language, \vdash' is said to be an *extension* of \vdash when $\Gamma \vdash' \varphi$, for every $\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\} \subseteq Fm$ such that $\Gamma \vdash \varphi$. An extension \vdash' of \vdash is said to be *axiomatic* when there is a set $\Sigma \subseteq Fm$ closed under substitutions such that for all $\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\} \subseteq Fm$,

$$\Gamma \vdash' \varphi \iff \Gamma \cup \Sigma \vdash \varphi.$$

We shall now review the rudiments of the theory of admissible rules. For a systematic treatment, the reader may consult [69, 75]. A formula φ is said to be a *theorem* of a logic \vdash if $\emptyset \vdash \varphi$. Moreover, a *rule* is an expression of the form $\Gamma \triangleright \varphi$, where $\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\} \subseteq Fm$ is a finite set. When $\Gamma = \{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n\}$, we shall sometimes write $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n \triangleright \varphi$ instead of $\Gamma \triangleright \varphi$. A rule $\Gamma \triangleright \varphi$ is said to be *derivable* in a logic \vdash when $\Gamma \vdash \varphi$. It is *admissible* in \vdash when for every substitution σ on Fm ,

$$\text{if } \emptyset \vdash \sigma(\gamma) \text{ for all } \gamma \in \Gamma, \text{ then } \emptyset \vdash \sigma(\varphi).$$

In other words, a rule is admissible in \vdash when its addition to \vdash does not produce any new theorem. Clearly, every rule that is derivable in \vdash is also admissible in \vdash . If the converse holds, \vdash is said to be *structurally complete* (SC). Logics whose extensions are all structurally complete have been called *hereditarily structurally complete* (HSC).

Every logic admits a canonical structurally complete extension, see, e.g., [75, Lem. 1.76 & Thms. 1.78 & 1.79].

Proposition 3.1. *Every logic \vdash has a unique structurally complete extension \vdash^+ with the same theorems. Furthermore, a rule is derivable in \vdash^+ precisely when it is admissible in \vdash .*

In view of the above result, \vdash^+ has been called the *structural completion* of \vdash . Since the derivable rules of \vdash^+ coincide with those admissible in \vdash , a set Σ of rules is said to be a *base for the admissible rules on \vdash* if its addition to \vdash axiomatizes \vdash^+ .

Structural completeness can be split in two halves. A rule $\Gamma \triangleright \varphi$ is said to be *active* in a logic \vdash if there exists a substitution σ such that $\emptyset \vdash \sigma(\gamma)$ for all $\gamma \in \Gamma$. It is said to be *passive* in \vdash otherwise. Then, a logic \vdash is called *actively structurally complete* (ASC) if every active rule that is admissible in \vdash is also derivable in \vdash , see [24, 62] (where the adjective *almost* is used instead). Notice that every passive rule is vacuously admissible. Accordingly, \vdash is said to be *passively structurally complete* (PSC) [80] if all rules that are passive in \vdash are also derivable in \vdash .

A logic \vdash is *algebraized* by a quasivariety \mathbf{K} [8] when there are a finite set of equations $\tau(x)$ and a finite set of formulas $\Delta(x, y)$ such that for every $\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\} \subseteq \mathbf{Fm}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma \vdash \varphi &\iff \bigcup \{\tau(\gamma) : \gamma \in \Gamma\} \vDash_{\mathbf{K}} \tau(\varphi) \\ x \approx y &\iff \vDash_{\mathbf{K}} \bigcup \{\tau(\delta) : \delta \in \Delta(x, y)\} \end{aligned}$$

where $\vDash_{\mathbf{K}}$ is the equational consequence relative to \mathbf{K} [8, 32]. In this case, \mathbf{K} is uniquely determined [8, Thm. 2.15] and is called the *equivalent algebraic semantics* of \vdash .

When a logic \vdash is algebraized by a quasivariety \mathbf{K} , structural completeness and its variants admit the following purely algebraic characterization, in which $\mathbf{Fm}_{\mathbf{K}}(\omega)$ and $\mathbf{Fm}_{\mathbf{K}}(0)$ denote, respectively, the denumerably and zero-generated free algebras of \mathbf{K} .

Theorem 3.2. *If a logic \vdash is algebraized by a quasivariety \mathbf{K} , then*

- (i) \vdash is SC if and only if \mathbf{K} is generated as a quasivariety by $\mathbf{Fm}_{\mathbf{K}}(\omega)$;
- (ii) \vdash is HSC if and only if \mathbf{K} is primitive;
- (iii) \vdash is PSC if and only if every positive existential sentence is either true in all nontrivial members of \mathbf{K} or false in all of them;
- (iv) \vdash is ASC if and only if $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{Fm}_{\mathbf{K}}(\omega) \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{Fm}_{\mathbf{K}}(\omega))$ for every relatively subdirectly irreducible algebra $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbf{K}$. If there is a constant symbol in the language, then we can replace “ $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{Fm}_{\mathbf{K}}(\omega) \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{Fm}_{\mathbf{K}}(\omega))$ ” by “ $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{Fm}_{\mathbf{K}}(0) \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{Fm}_{\mathbf{K}}(\omega))$ ” in this statement.

In the above result, items (i) and (ii) are essentially [5, Props. 2.3 & 2.4(2)], while (iii) is [24, Cor. 3.2]. Lastly, (iv) was essentially proved in [24], but see also [71, Thm. 7.3].

When a logic \vdash is algebraized by a quasivariety \mathbf{K} by means of finite sets of equations and formulas τ and Δ , the lattice of extensions of \vdash is dually isomorphic to $\mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{K})$ [32, Cor. 3.40]. The dual isomorphism is given by the map that sends an extension \vdash' to the quasivariety axiomatized by the quasiequations

$$\bigwedge \tau(\gamma_1) \wedge \dots \wedge \bigwedge \tau(\gamma_n) \implies \varepsilon \approx \delta,$$

where $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n \vdash' \varphi$ and $\varepsilon \approx \delta \in \tau(\varphi)$. The inverse of this dual isomorphism sends a quasivariety $\mathbf{M} \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{K})$ to the logic axiomatized by the rules

$$\Delta(\varphi_1, \psi_1) \cup \dots \cup \Delta(\varphi_n, \psi_n) \triangleright \delta$$

where $\mathbf{M} \vDash (\varphi_1 \approx \psi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \varphi_n \approx \psi_n) \implies \varphi \approx \psi$ and $\delta \in \Delta(\varphi, \psi)$. Furthermore, the dual isomorphism restricts to one between the lattice of axiomatic extensions of \vdash and $\mathcal{V}(\mathbf{K})$. Accordingly, the lattice of extensions (resp. axiomatic extensions) of \vdash can be studied through the lens of $\mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{K})$ (resp. $\mathcal{V}(\mathbf{K})$). The effect of structural completeness on the lattice of extensions of \vdash is captured by the following results, the first of which is a direct consequence of Theorem 2.1 and Theorem 3.2(ii).

Corollary 3.3. *If an HSC logic \vdash is algebraized by a quasivariety \mathbf{K} , then the lattice of extensions of \vdash and $\mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{K})$ are distributive.*

Proposition 3.4 ([63, Thm. 4.3 & Rmk. 5.13]). *Let \vdash be a logic algebraized by a quasivariety \mathbf{K} . If \vdash is PSC, then every member of $\mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{K})$ has the JEP. Moreover, for every extension \vdash' of \vdash there exists an algebra \mathbf{A} such that, for every $\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\} \subseteq \text{Fm}$,*

$$\Gamma \vdash' \varphi \iff \tau[\Gamma] \vDash_{\mathbf{A}} \tau(\varphi),$$

where τ is the set of equations witnessing the algebraization of \vdash .

4. FUZZY LOGIC

A *BL-algebra* is a structure $\mathbf{A} = \langle A; \wedge, \vee, \cdot, \rightarrow, 0, 1 \rangle$ that comprises a bounded lattice $\langle A; \wedge, \vee, 0, 1 \rangle$ and a commutative monoid $\langle A; \cdot, 1 \rangle$ such that, for every $a, b, c \in A$, the *residuation law*

$$a \cdot b \leq c \iff a \leq b \rightarrow c$$

holds and

$$(a \rightarrow c) \vee (c \rightarrow a) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad a \wedge c = a \cdot (a \rightarrow c).$$

It follows that the lattice reduct of \mathbf{A} is distributive; see Corollary 4.3 below. Totally ordered algebras are referred to as *chains*. Furthermore, the lattice operations can be defined in terms of \cdot and \rightarrow . For \wedge this is a consequence of the above display, while for \vee we have

$$x \vee y := ((x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow y) \wedge ((y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow x).$$

From a logical standpoint, the class of BL-algebras forms a variety that algebraizes Hájek's *basic logic BL* [45].

Given a BL-algebra \mathbf{A} , a nonempty set $F \subseteq A$ is said to be a *filter* of \mathbf{A} if it is upward closed, in the sense that if $a \in F$ and $a \leq c$, then $c \in F$ (an upset), and it is closed under multiplication, that is, if $a, c \in F$, then $a \cdot c \in F$. A filter F of \mathbf{A} is called *prime* when, for every $a, c \in A$,

$$\text{if } a \vee c \in F, \text{ then } a \in F \text{ or } c \in F.$$

When ordered under the inclusion relation, the set $\text{Fi}A$ of filters of \mathbf{A} becomes a lattice that, moreover, is isomorphic to $\text{Con}A$.

Theorem 4.1 ([45, Lem. 2.3.14]). *Let \mathbf{A} be a BL-algebra. The map $\theta_{(-)}: \text{Fi}A \rightarrow \text{Con}A$, defined by the rule*

$$\theta_F := \{ \langle a, c \rangle \in A \times A : a \rightarrow c, c \rightarrow a \in F \},$$

is a lattice isomorphism. Furthermore, the following conditions are equivalent for a filter F of \mathbf{A} :

- (i) F is prime;
- (ii) A/θ_F is a chain;
- (iii) A/θ_F is finitely subdirectly irreducible.

Henceforth, we will write A/F as a shorthand for A/θ_F .

The following observation is instrumental to prove the existence of prime filters in BL-algebras. Its proof is a straightforward adaptation of [57, Lem. 2.3].

Lemma 4.2. *Let \mathbf{A} be a BL-algebra and $I \subseteq A \setminus \{1\}$ such that $a \vee c \in I$, whenever $a, c \in I$. Then there is a prime filter F of \mathbf{A} disjoint from I .*

In view of the subdirect decomposition theorem [6, Thm. 3.24], the second part of Theorem 4.1 implies the following.

Corollary 4.3. *Every BL-algebra is isomorphic to a subdirect product of BL-chains. As a consequence, the lattice reduct of a BL-algebra is distributive.*

BL-chains, in turn, admit a rich structure theory, as we proceed to explain. A *t-norm* is a binary function $*$: $[0, 1]^2 \rightarrow [0, 1]$ on the unit interval $[0, 1]$ that is commutative, associative, order preserving in both arguments, and such that $1 * a = a$, for every $a \in [0, 1]$. In addition, a t-norm is said to be *continuous* when it is continuous with respect to the standard topology on $[0, 1]$. BL-chains are related to continuous t-norms as follows. On the one hand, every continuous t-norm $*$ induces a BL-chain

$$\langle [0, 1]; \wedge, \vee, *, \rightarrow, 0, 1 \rangle,$$

where \wedge and \vee are the binary operations of infimum and supremum with respect to the standard ordering of $[0, 1]$ and \rightarrow is the binary operation defined by the rule

$$a \rightarrow c := \bigvee \{b \in [0, 1] : b * a \leq c\}.$$

BL-algebras of this form are known as *standard*. On the other hand, every BL-chain embeds into an ultraproduct of standard BL-algebras [13, Thm. 9].

In view of the theorem of Mostert and Shields [64, Thm. B], every continuous t-norm $*$ can be decomposed into an ordinal sum of three special t-norms: the truncated sum $a *_L c := \max\{0, a + c - 1\}$, the product $a *_P c := ac$ and the minimum operation $a *_G c := \min\{a, c\}$.

Because of this, the standard BL-algebras \mathbf{R}_L^- , \mathbf{R}_P^- and \mathbf{R}_G^- induced, respectively, by the three basic continuous t-norms $*_L$, $*_P$, and $*_G$ stand out among BL-chains. Indeed, each of them induces a distinguished axiomatic extension of the basic logic **BL**. For instance, *Lukasiewicz logic* \mathbf{L} is defined, for every set of formulas $\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\}$, as

$$\Gamma \vdash_{\mathbf{L}} \varphi \iff \text{there exists a finite } \Delta \subseteq \Gamma \text{ such that } \tau[\Delta] \models_{\mathbf{R}_L^-} \tau(\varphi),$$

where $\tau := \{x \approx 1\}$. *Product logic* **P** and *Gödel-Dummett logic* **G** (sometimes called simply *Gödel logic*) are obtained similarly, replacing \mathbf{R}_L^- by \mathbf{R}_P^- and \mathbf{R}_G^- respectively, see, e.g., [11, 45].

Lukasiewicz, product, and Gödel logic are algebraized, respectively, by varieties $\mathbf{MV} := \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{R}_L^-)$ of *MV-algebras*, $\mathbf{PA} := \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{R}_P^-)$ of *product algebras*, and $\mathbf{GA} := \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{R}_G^-)$ of *Gödel algebras*. Notably,

$$\mathbf{MV} := \mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{R}_L^-) \quad \mathbf{PA} := \mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{R}_P^-) \quad \mathbf{GA} := \mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{R}_G^-).$$

The first equality above can be traced back to [51, Lem. B], see also the discussion in [39] or [45, Lem. 3.2.11(3)], the second is implicit in [48, 45] and is based on the fact that all nontrivial totally ordered abelian groups have the same universal theory [44], while the third is relatively straightforward.

Sufficiently well-structured MV-algebras, product algebras, and Gödel algebras can be expanded with rational constants, as we proceed to explain. Consider a set of constants

$$\mathcal{C} = \{c_q : q \in [0, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q}\},$$

where \mathbb{Q} denotes the set of rational numbers. Observe that $[0, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q}$ is the universe of a subalgebra of \mathbf{R}_L^- (resp. of \mathbf{R}_P^- and \mathbf{R}_G^-) that we denote by \mathbf{Q}_L^- (resp. \mathbf{Q}_P^- and \mathbf{Q}_G^-). Because of this, given an algebra $A \in \{\mathbf{R}_L^-, \mathbf{R}_P^-, \mathbf{R}_G^-\}$, we can consider the set $\mathcal{B}(A)$ of equations in the language of A expanded with the constants in \mathcal{C} of the form

$$c_p \cdot c_q \approx c_{p \cdot Aq} \quad c_p \rightarrow c_q \approx c_{p \rightarrow Aq} \quad c_0 \approx 0 \quad c_1 \approx 1,$$

for every $p, q \in \mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1]$. The equations in $\mathcal{B}(A)$ are sometimes called the *bookkeeping axioms* of A . We do not include bookkeeping axioms for the lattice operations, because these can be defined in terms of \cdot and \rightarrow .

Definition 4.4. An algebra A in the language of BL-algebras expanded with constants in \mathcal{C} is said to be

- (i) a *rational MV-algebra* if the BL-reduct of A is an MV-algebra and A validates the bookkeeping axioms $\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}_L^-)$;
- (ii) a *rational product algebra* if the BL-reduct of A is a product algebra and A validates the bookkeeping axioms $\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}_P^-)$;
- (iii) a *rational Gödel algebra* if the BL-reduct of A is a Gödel algebra and A validates the bookkeeping axioms $\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R}_G^-)$.

We denote by RMV, RPA and RGA the varieties⁵ of rational MV-algebras, rational product algebras, and rational Gödel algebras respectively.

Canonical rational MV, product, and Gödel algebras can be obtained by expanding the standard BL-algebras \mathbf{R}_L^- , \mathbf{R}_P^- , and \mathbf{R}_G^- with the natural interpretation of the constants in \mathcal{C} , that is, by interpreting c_q as the rational q . We denote these expansions, respectively, by \mathbf{R}_L , \mathbf{R}_P , and \mathbf{R}_G . Furthermore, we denote their subalgebras with universe $\mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1]$ by \mathbf{Q}_L , \mathbf{Q}_P , and \mathbf{Q}_G respectively. The importance of the algebras \mathbf{R}_L , \mathbf{R}_P , and \mathbf{R}_G is witnessed by the equalities

$$\text{RMV} = \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{R}_L) \quad \text{RPA} = \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{R}_P) \quad \text{RGA} = \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{R}_G).$$

For the second and the third equalities above, see [76, Thm. 5.4] and [29, Thm. 13]. Notably, RMV coincides also with the quasivariety generated by \mathbf{R}_L [45, Thm. 3.3.14]. This contrasts with the case of RPA and RGA, as there are not the quasivarieties generated by \mathbf{R}_P and \mathbf{R}_G , see [76, Lem. 3.6] and [29, Sec. 4].

From viewpoint of logic, the varieties RMV, RPA, and RGA algebraize expansions of \mathbf{L} , \mathbf{P} , and \mathbf{G} . For instance RMV algebraizes *rational Łukasiewicz logic* \mathbf{RL} defined, for every set of formulas $\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\}$ as

$$\Gamma \vdash_{\mathbf{RL}} \varphi \iff \text{there exists a finite } \Delta \subseteq \Gamma \text{ such that } \tau[\Delta] \models_{\text{RMV}} \tau(\varphi),$$

where $\tau := \{x \approx 1\}$. *Rational product logic* \mathbf{RP} and *rational Gödel logic* \mathbf{RG} are obtained similarly, replacing RMV by RPA and RGA, see, e.g., [30].

Notice that Theorem 4.1 and Lemma 4.2 apply to rational Łukasiewicz, rational product, and rational Gödel algebras as well, because the addition of constants to a given algebra does not change its congruences and filters.

⁵Notice that RMV, RPA, and RGA are varieties, because so are MV, PA, and GA, and the bookkeeping axioms are equations.

5. EXTENSIONS OF RATIONAL PRODUCT LOGIC

In view of the following result, the lattice of extensions of product logic (without rational constants) is a three-element chain:

Theorem 5.1 ([14, Cor. 3.22]). *The unique proper nontrivial extension of \mathbf{P} is algebraized by a variety term-equivalent to that of Boolean algebras. Consequently, every extension of \mathbf{P} is axiomatic and \mathbf{P} is HSC.*

It is therefore sensible to wonder whether a similar situation holds for the case of rational product logic \mathbf{RP} . The aim of this section is to shed light on this problem. To this end, it is convenient to separate the case of axiomatic extensions from that of arbitrary extensions of \mathbf{RP} . This is because, as regarding axiomatic extensions, \mathbf{RP} behaves similarly to \mathbf{P} .

Theorem 5.2. *There are only two proper nontrivial subvarieties K_1 and K_2 of RPA.*

- (i) K_1 is term-equivalent to the variety of Boolean algebras and is axiomatized by the pair of equations $c_q \approx 1$ and $x \vee (x \rightarrow 0) \approx 1$, where q is any rational number in the interval $(0, 1)$;
- (ii) K_2 is term-equivalent to the variety of product algebras and is axiomatized by the equation $c_q \approx 1$, where q is any rational number in the interval $(0, 1)$.

Consequently, $K_1 \subsetneq K_2$ and $\mathcal{V}(\text{RPA})$ is a four-element chain.

Since the lattice of axiomatic extensions of \mathbf{RP} is dually isomorphic to that of subvarieties of RPA, the above result can be rephrased in logical parlance as follows.

Corollary 5.3. *The lattice of axiomatic extensions of \mathbf{RP} is a four-element chain. The two sole proper consistent axiomatic extensions of \mathbf{RP} are algebraized by varieties term-equivalent, respectively, to those of Boolean and product algebras.*

On the other hand, the lattice of extensions of rational product logic is quite complicated.

Theorem 5.4. *The variety of rational product algebras is \mathcal{Q} -universal. Consequently, the lattice of extensions of \mathbf{RP} has the cardinality of the continuum and does not validate any nontrivial lattice equation.*

Accordingly, from the point of view of extensions, \mathbf{RP} is by far richer than \mathbf{P} .

The remaining part of this section is devoted to the proofs of Theorems 5.2 and 5.4. In order to establish Theorem 5.2, we rely on the following observation.

Proposition 5.5. $\text{RPA} = \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_P)$.

Proof. In [76, Thm. 5.4] it is shown that $\text{RPA} = \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{R}_P)$. Accordingly, to prove that $\text{RPA} = \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_P)$, it suffices to show that if an equation fails in \mathbf{R}_P , then it also fails in \mathbf{Q}_P . Assume, towards a contradiction, that there is an equation $\varepsilon(\vec{x}) \approx \delta(\vec{x})$ true in \mathbf{Q}_P and a tuple \vec{a} of reals in $[0, 1]$ such that $\varepsilon^{\mathbf{R}_P}(\vec{a}) \neq \delta^{\mathbf{R}_P}(\vec{a})$. First notice that we can assume δ to be 1; otherwise we replace the original equation with $\varepsilon \leftrightarrow \delta \approx 1$. In the rest of the proof we moreover assume that the lattice connectives do not occur in ε ; this is without loss of generality as they are term-definable from \cdot and \rightarrow .

Recall that for $a, b \in [0, 1]$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} a \cdot^{\mathbf{R}_P} b = 0 &\iff 0 = \min\{a, b\} \\ a \rightarrow^{\mathbf{R}_P} b = 0 &\iff a > b = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Clearly, $F := (0, 1]$ is a filter on \mathbf{R}_P and \mathbf{R}_P/F is a two-element chain; we can assume that its universe is $\{0, 1\}$ (under the identification of 0 with $0/F$ and 1 with $1/F$). For $a, b \in [0, 1]$, we write $a \sim b$ if and only if $a/F = b/F$.

Now recall that $\varepsilon^{\mathbf{R}_P}(\vec{a}) < 1$ for some $\vec{a} = \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$ in $[0, 1]^n$. Then take $I = \{i \leq n : a_i \text{ is irrational}\}$. For an arbitrarily chosen $i \in I$, fix a sequence $\{a_{ik} : k \in \omega\}$ of rationals in $(0, 1]$ tending to a_i (this is possible because a_i , being irrational, is positive). To conclude the proof, it is enough to find, for the chosen $i \in I$, a rational $c_i \in [0, 1]$ such that

$$\varepsilon^{\mathbf{R}_P}(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, c_i, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n) < 1.$$

This is sufficient as the process can be iterated for the remaining elements of $I \setminus \{i\}$, finally obtaining rationals $c_1, \dots, c_n \in [0, 1]$ such that $\varepsilon^{\mathbf{R}_P}(c_1, \dots, c_n) < 1$, as desired.

Accordingly, fix an $i \in I$ and for each subterm $\eta(\vec{x})$ of $\varepsilon(\vec{x})$, let $f_\eta: (0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be the map defined by the rule

$$f_\eta(z) := \eta^{\mathbf{R}_P}(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, z, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n).$$

We claim that the sequence $\{f_\eta(a_{ik}) : k \in \omega\}$ tends to $\eta^{\mathbf{R}_P}(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ for any choice of η a subterm of ε . The proof is by induction on term structure of η . The cases where η is a variable or a constant are straightforward. Given that a_i and all a_{ik} are positive, we have $a_i \sim a_{ik}$ for each $k \in \omega$. Then for every subterm η of ε and every $k \in \omega$,

$$f_\eta(a_i) \sim f_\eta(a_{ik}).$$

Consequently, if $\eta^{\mathbf{R}_P}(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 0$, then $\{f_\eta(a_{ik}) : k \in \omega\}$ is a constant sequence of zeros and we are done. Then we consider the case where $\eta^{\mathbf{R}_P}(a_1, \dots, a_n) \neq 0$.

For the inductive step, observe that if η is of the form $\varphi_1 \cdot \varphi_2$, the result follows from the inductive hypothesis and the fact that \cdot is continuous in $[0, 1]$. Then we consider the case where η is of the form $\varphi_1 \rightarrow \varphi_2$. We have

$$0 \neq \eta^{\mathbf{R}_P}(\vec{a}) = \varphi_1^{\mathbf{R}_P}(\vec{a}) \rightarrow^{\mathbf{R}_P} \varphi_2^{\mathbf{R}_P}(\vec{a}).$$

Consequently, either $\varphi_1^{\mathbf{R}_P}(\vec{a}) = 0$ or $\varphi_1^{\mathbf{R}_P}(\vec{a}), \varphi_2^{\mathbf{R}_P}(\vec{a}) > 0$. Suppose that the latter holds. Then $f_{\varphi_j}(a_{ik}) \sim f_{\varphi_j}(a_i) = \varphi_j^{\mathbf{R}_P}(\vec{a}) > 0$, for all $j = 1, 2$ and $k \in \omega$. Hence, $0 < f_{\varphi_j}(a_{ik})$ and the result follows from the inductive hypothesis and the fact that \rightarrow is continuous in $(0, 1]$. It only remains to consider the case where $\varphi_1^{\mathbf{R}_P}(\vec{a}) = 0$. We have $\varphi_1^{\mathbf{R}_P}(\vec{a}) \rightarrow \varphi_2^{\mathbf{R}_P}(\vec{a}) = 1$. Furthermore, as $a_i \sim a_{ik}$ for $k \in \omega$, we have

$\varphi_1^{\mathbf{R}^p}(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, a_{ik}, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n) = 0$ for all $k \in \omega$, whence

$$\begin{aligned} & \varphi_1^{\mathbf{R}^p}(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, a_{ik}, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n) \rightarrow^{\mathbf{R}^p} \varphi_2^{\mathbf{R}^p}(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, a_{ik}, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n) \\ & = 0 \rightarrow^{\mathbf{R}^p} \varphi_2^{\mathbf{R}^p}(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, a_{ik}, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n) \\ & = 1 = \varphi_1^{\mathbf{R}^p}(\vec{a}) \rightarrow^{\mathbf{R}^p} \varphi_2^{\mathbf{R}^p}(\vec{a}), \text{ for all } k \in \omega. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $1 = f_\eta(a_i) = f_\eta(a_{ik})$ for each $k \in \omega$. This establishes the claim.

Given the claim, the fact that $\varepsilon^{\mathbf{R}^p}(a_1, \dots, a_n) < 1$ implies the existence of an $m \in \omega$ such that $\varepsilon^{\mathbf{R}^p}(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, a_{im}, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_n) < 1$. Taking $c_i := a_{im}$, we are done. \square

Proof of Theorem 5.2. Observe that a rational product algebra validates the equation $c_q \approx 1$ for some $q \in (0, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}$ if and only if it validates all the equations $\{c_p \approx 1 : p \in (0, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}\}$. Indeed, let $p, q \in (0, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}$ and $c_q^A = 1^A$. Let n be an integer such that $q^n \leq p$. Then, by the bookkeeping axioms, we have

$$c_p^A \geq c_{q^n}^A = (c_q^A)^n = 1^A.$$

Let PA^* be the class of rational product algebras A in which $c_q^A = 1$ for all rational numbers $q \in (0, 1]$. Clearly, PA^* is a subvariety of RPA term-equivalent to that of product algebras. Thus, in view of Theorem 5.1, it suffices to prove that PA^* is the largest proper subvariety of RPA. To this end, let A be a rational product algebra such that $\mathbb{V}(A)$ is a proper subvariety of RPA. By Proposition 5.5, the zero-generated subalgebra C of A cannot be isomorphic to \mathbf{Q}_p . Accordingly, there is a filter F of \mathbf{Q}_p , different from $\{1\}$, such that the algebra C is isomorphic to \mathbf{Q}_p/F . The algebra \mathbf{Q}_p has only three filters: $\{1\}$, $(0, 1]$ and $[0, 1]$. Thus $(0, 1] \subseteq F$, and hence $c_q^A = 1$ for all $q \in (0, 1]$. This means that $A \in \text{PA}^*$. This shows that PA^* is the largest proper subvariety of RPA. \square

The remaining part of the section is devoted to the proof of Theorem 5.4. Let Prime be the set of prime numbers and let $\mathcal{P}_{<\omega}(\text{Prime})$ be the set of finite subsets of Prime. We denote by $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{P}_{<\omega}(\text{Prime}))$ the lattice of universes of subalgebras of $\langle \mathcal{P}_{<\omega}(\text{Prime}), \cup, \emptyset \rangle$ with set inclusion as the order. The following observation can be extracted from the proof of [1, Thm. 3.3].

Theorem 5.6. *Let K be a quasivariety. If there exist a subquasivariety M of K and a surjective bounded-lattice homomorphism*

$$h: \mathcal{Q}(M) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{P}_{<\omega}(\text{Prime})),$$

then K is \mathcal{Q} -universal.

Proof of Theorem 5.4. For the variety RPA we find a quasivariety M and a surjective homomorphism h as in Theorem 5.6.

We begin by defining a family of rational product algebras $\{A_X : X \in \mathcal{P}_{<\omega}(\text{Prime})\}$. For a finite nonempty set X of prime numbers, let A_X be the subalgebra of \mathbf{R}_p^X generated by the function $\text{inv}_X: X \rightarrow [0, 1]$ that sends an element $p \in X$ to $1/\sqrt{p}$. Notice that A_\emptyset is a trivial algebra. Let

$$M := \mathcal{Q}(\{A_X : X \in \mathcal{P}_{<\omega}(\text{Prime})\})$$

and, for a subquasivariety \mathbf{N} of \mathbf{M} , define

$$h(\mathbf{N}) := \{X \in \mathcal{P}_{<\omega}(\text{Prime}) : \mathbf{A}_X \in \mathbf{N}\}.$$

In order to prove that h is a well-defined map from $\mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{M})$ to $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{P}_{<\omega}(\text{Prime}))$, let $\mathbf{N} \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{M})$. Since \mathbf{A}_\emptyset is a trivial algebra, $\mathbf{A}_\emptyset \in \mathbf{N}$, and hence $\emptyset \in h(\mathbf{N})$. To prove that $h(\mathbf{N})$ is closed under binary unions, consider $X_1, X_2 \in h(\mathbf{N})$. By definition of h , we have $\mathbf{A}_{X_1}, \mathbf{A}_{X_2} \in \mathbf{N}$. Moreover, the map that sends an element $a \in \mathbf{A}_{X_1 \cup X_2}$ to the pair $(a|_{X_1}, a|_{X_2})$ is an embedding of $\mathbf{A}_{X_1 \cup X_2}$ into $\mathbf{A}_{X_1} \times \mathbf{A}_{X_2}$. Hence,

$$\mathbf{A}_{X_1 \cup X_2} \in \mathbb{IS}(\mathbf{A}_{X_1} \times \mathbf{A}_{X_2}) \subseteq \mathbb{ISP}(\mathbf{N}) \subseteq \mathbf{N}.$$

As a consequence, $X_1 \cup X_2 \in h(\mathbf{N})$. We conclude that $h: \mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{M}) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{P}_{<\omega}(\text{Prime}))$ is well defined, as desired.

It follows from the definition of h that it preserves the binary meet. We also have $h(\mathbf{M}) = \mathcal{P}_{<\omega}(\text{Prime})$, which means that h sends the top element of $\mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{M})$ to the top element of $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{P}_{<\omega}(\text{Prime}))$. Let Tr be the class of all trivial algebras (in the language of RPA). Since \mathbf{A}_\emptyset is the only trivial algebra in the family $\{\mathbf{A}_X : X \in \mathcal{P}_{<\omega}(\text{Prime})\}$, we have $h(\text{Tr}) = \{\emptyset\}$. This means that h sends the bottom element of $\mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{M})$ to the bottom element of $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{P}_{<\omega}(\text{Prime}))$.

Thus, it only remains to show that f preserves the binary join and is surjective. The proof will proceed through a series of claims. For every $X \in \mathcal{P}_{<\omega}(\text{Prime})$, let us consider the formulas

$$\Gamma_X(z) := \bigvee_{p \in X} (z^2 \leftrightarrow c_{1/p}) \approx 1$$

and

$$\Delta_X(z) := \Gamma_X(z) \wp_{p \in X} \Rightarrow \Gamma_{X \setminus \{p\}}(z).$$

We interpret $\Gamma_\emptyset(z)$ and $\Delta_\emptyset(z)$ as $0 \approx 1$. Hence these formulas hold only in trivial algebras. Moreover, for every $X \in \mathcal{P}_{<\omega}(\text{Prime})$ and $a \in [0, 1]$,

$$\mathbf{R}_p \models \Gamma_X(a) \iff a \in \{1/\sqrt{p} : p \in X\}.$$

As a consequence, we obtain $\mathbf{A}_X \models \Delta_X(\text{inv}_X)$.

For every $p \in \text{Prime}$, let \mathbf{A}_p be a subalgebra of \mathbf{R}_p generated by $1/\sqrt{p}$ (notice that $\mathbf{A}_p \cong \mathbf{A}_{\{p\}}$).

Claim 5.7. *Let p and q be distinct prime numbers. Then $1/\sqrt{p}$ does not belong to \mathbf{A}_q .*

Proof of the claim. Let

$$B_q := (\mathbb{Q} \cup \{a \cdot \sqrt{q} : a \in \mathbb{Q}\} \cup \{a/\sqrt{q} : a \in \mathbb{Q}\}) \cap [0, 1].$$

Then B_q is the universe of a subalgebra \mathbf{B}_q of \mathbf{R}_p . Since $1/\sqrt{q} \in B_q$, we have $\mathbf{A}_q \subseteq \mathbf{B}_q$. And hence, since $1/\sqrt{p} \notin B_q$, we have $1/\sqrt{p} \notin \mathbf{A}_q$. \square

Claim 5.8. *Let $X, Y \in \mathcal{P}_{<\omega}(\text{Prime})$ and $a \in \mathbf{A}_Y$. Then $\mathbf{A}_Y \models \Delta_X(a)$ if and only if $X = Y$ and $a = \text{inv}_X$.*

Proof of the claim. The implication from right to left holds because $A_X \models \Delta_X(\text{inv}_X)$, for all $X \in \mathcal{P}_{<\omega}(\text{Prime})$. To prove the other implication, suppose that $A_Y \models \Delta_X(a)$. Recall that A_Y is the subalgebra of \mathbf{R}_p^Y generated by inv_Y . Therefore, a is a function $a: Y \rightarrow [0, 1]$. Let $q \in Y$. Since A_q is a homomorphic image of A_Y and $\Gamma_X(z)$ is an equation such that $A_Y \models \Delta_X(a)$, we have $A_q \models \Gamma_X(a(q))$. As A_q is a subalgebra of \mathbf{R}_p , we obtain that $a(q) \in \{1/\sqrt{p} : p \in X\} \cap A_q$. By Claim 5.7, it follows that $a(q) = 1/\sqrt{q}$ and $q \in X$. This shows that $a = \text{inv}_Y$ and $Y \subseteq X$. It only remains to show that $X \subseteq Y$. Accordingly, let $p \in X$. Since $A_Y \models \Delta_X(a)$ and $a = \text{inv}_Y$, we have $A_Y \models \Gamma_Z(\text{inv}_Y)$ for every finite set Z of prime numbers such that $Y \subseteq Z$ and $A_Y \not\models \Gamma_{X \setminus \{p\}}(\text{inv}_Y)$. Consequently, $Y \not\subseteq X \setminus \{p\}$. As $Y \subseteq X$, this implies $p \in Y$. Hence, we conclude that $X \subseteq Y$, as desired. \square

Claim 5.9. *Let $X \in \mathcal{P}_{<\omega}(\text{Prime})$ and let $\{\mathbf{B}_i : i \in I\}$ be a family of rational product algebras, each with an element $b_i \in B_i$. Furthermore, let $\mathbf{B} = \prod_{i \in I} \mathbf{B}_i$ and let b be the element of B whose i -th coordinate is b_i . If $\mathbf{B} \models \Delta_X(b)$, then there exists a family of sets $\{Y_i : i \in I\}$ such that*

- (i) $X = \bigcup_{i \in I} Y_i$ and
- (ii) $\mathbf{B}_i \models \Delta_{Y_i}(b_i)$, for every $i \in I$.

Proof of the claim. Let $i \in I$. Since $\mathbf{B} \models \Delta_X(b)$, we have $\mathbf{B} \models \Gamma_X(b)$. As $\Gamma_X(z)$ is an equation, it is preserved by homomorphisms and, therefore, $\mathbf{B}_i \models \Gamma_X(b_i)$. Hence, since X is finite, there exists a subset Y_i of X such that $\mathbf{B}_i \models \Gamma_{Y_i}(b_i)$ but $\mathbf{B}_i \not\models \Gamma_{Y_i \setminus \{p\}}(b_i)$ for every $p \in Y_i$. In particular, $\mathbf{B}_i \models \Delta_{Y_i}(b_i)$.

Let then $Y := \bigcup_{i \in I} Y_i$. By construction, $Y \subseteq X$. In order to prove reverse inclusion, consider $i \in I$. From $Y_i \subseteq Y$ and $\mathbf{B}_i \models \Gamma_{Y_i}(b_i)$ it follows $\mathbf{B}_i \models \Gamma_Y(b_i)$. Thus, $\mathbf{B} \models \Gamma_Y(b)$ and, therefore, $\mathbf{B} \models \Gamma_Z(b)$ for every finite set $Z \supseteq Y$ of primes. Let $p \in X$. Since $\mathbf{B} \models \Delta_X(b)$, we have $\mathbf{B} \not\models \Gamma_{X \setminus \{p\}}(b)$. It follows that $Y \not\subseteq X \setminus \{p\}$. As $Y \subseteq X$, this implies $p \in Y$. Hence, we conclude that $X \subseteq Y$. \square

We are now in a position to prove surjectivity.

Claim 5.10. *The map h is surjective.*

Proof of the claim. Let $S \in \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{P}_{<\omega}(\text{Prime}))$ and define

$$\mathbf{N} := \mathbb{Q}(\{\mathbf{A}_Y : Y \in S\}).$$

We clearly have $S \subseteq h(\mathbf{N})$. For the verification of the reverse inclusion, let us consider a set X in $h(\mathbf{N})$, i.e., such that $A_X \in \mathbf{N}$. Then

$$A_X \in \mathbb{Q}(\{\mathbf{A}_Y : Y \in S\}) = \text{ISPP}_U(\{\mathbf{A}_Y : Y \in S\}).$$

Accordingly, there is a family of algebras $\{\mathbf{B}_i : i \in I\}$ such that A_X embeds into the product $\prod_{i \in I} \mathbf{B}_i$ and, for every $i \in I$, there is a family of algebras $\{C_{ij} : j \in J_i\}$ and an ultrafilter U_i on J_i such that $\mathbf{B}_i = \prod_{j \in J_i} C_{ij}/U_i$ and the various C_{ij} belong to the family $\{\mathbf{A}_Y : Y \in S\}$.

Since $A_X \models \Delta_X(\text{inv}_X)$ and A_X embeds into $\prod_{i \in I} \mathbf{B}_i$, there is $b \in B$ such that $\prod_{i \in I} \mathbf{B}_i \models \Delta_X(b)$. Then we may apply Claim 5.9 obtaining a family $\{Y_i : i \in I\}$ of finite subsets of X as in the statement of the claim. In particular, for every $i \in I$, we

have $B_i \models \exists z \Delta_{Y_i}(z)$. By Łoś' Theorem [10, Thm. V.2.9], there exists a nonempty set $W \in U_i$ such that $C_{ij} \models \exists z \Delta_{Y_i}(z)$ for every $j \in W$. Consequently, there exists $j \in J_i$ such that $C_{ij} \models \exists z \Delta_{Y_i}(z)$. Recall that $C_{ij} = A_Y$ for some $Y \in S$. By Claim 5.8, the sets Y_i and Y are equal. In this way, we showed that $Y_i \in S$, for every $i \in I$. Since X is finite, the set $\{Y_i : i \in I\}$, consisting of subsets of X , is finite as well. Moreover, it is a subset of S . Thus, its union, which equals X , belongs to S . \square

Claim 5.11. *Let $X \in \mathcal{P}_{<\omega}(\text{Prime})$. If $B \models \exists z \Delta_X(z)$ and $B \in \mathbb{P}_U(\{A_Y : Y \in \mathcal{P}_{<\omega}(\text{Prime})\})$, then $B \in \mathbb{I}\mathbb{P}_U(A_X)$.*

Proof of the claim. Assume that $B \models \exists z \Delta_X(z)$ and that $B = \prod_{i \in I} C_i / U$, where all C_i belong to $\{A_Y : Y \in \mathcal{P}_{<\omega}(\text{Prime})\}$. Let $J := \{i \in I : C_i \models \exists z \Delta_X(z)\}$. By Łoś' Theorem, $J \in U$. Moreover, by Claim 5.8, $C_i = A_X$ for every $i \in J$. Thus B is isomorphic to the ultrapower $A_X^I / (U \cap \mathcal{P}(J))$ of A_X . \square

Claim 5.12. *Let $X \in \mathcal{P}_{<\omega}(\text{Prime})$ and $A \in M$. If $A \models \exists z \Delta_X(z)$, then A_X embeds into A .*

Proof of the claim. Let $a \in A$ be such that $A \models \Delta_X(a)$. We will show that the subalgebra A' of A generated by a is isomorphic to A_X .

As $A \in M = \mathbb{I}\mathbb{S}\mathbb{P}\mathbb{P}_U(\{A_Y : Y \in S\})$, there exists an embedding $e: A \rightarrow \prod_{i \in I} B_i$, where $B_i = \prod_{j \in J_i} C_{ij} / U_i$ for some algebras $C_{ij} \in \{A_Y : Y \in \mathcal{P}_{<\omega}(\text{Prime})\}$ and ultrafilters U_i on J_i . Let $b := e(a)$. Then, since e is an embedding, $\prod_{i \in I} B_i \models \Delta_X(b)$ and, hence, we may apply Claim 5.9 obtaining a family $\{Y_i : i \in I\}$ of finite subsets of X as in the statement of the claim. Consider $i \in I$. By Claim 5.9, $B_i \models \Delta_{Y_i}(b_i)$, where b_i is the i -th coordinate of b . Moreover, by Claim 5.11, B_i is isomorphic to an ultrapower of A_{Y_i} . In particular, there exists an elementary embedding $e_i: A_{Y_i} \rightarrow B_i$. Since $A_{Y_i} \models \Delta_{Y_i}(\text{inv}_{Y_i})$ and e_i is an embedding, $B_i \models \Delta_{Y_i}(e_i(\text{inv}_{Y_i}))$. Furthermore, by Claim 5.8, there is at most one element of A_{Y_i} satisfying $\Delta_{Y_i}(z)$. Since A_{Y_i} and B_i are elementarily equivalent, the same is true for B_i . Therefore, from $B_i \models \Delta_{Y_i}(e_i(\text{inv}_{Y_i})) \wedge \Delta_{Y_i}(b_i)$ it follows $b_i = e_i(\text{inv}_{Y_i})$.

Let B'_i be the subalgebra of B_i generated by b_i . Since A_{Y_i} is generated by inv_{Y_i} and $e_i: A_{Y_i} \rightarrow B_i$ is an embedding that sends inv_{Y_i} to b_i , the algebras A_{Y_i} and B'_i are isomorphic under $e_i: A_{Y_i} \rightarrow B'_i$. Furthermore, recall that A' is the subalgebra of A generated by a and that the map $e: A \rightarrow \prod_{i \in I} B_i$ is an embedding that sends a to b . Since $b_i \in B'_i$ for all $i \in I$, the map e restricts to an embedding of A' into $\prod_{i \in I} B'_i$. Lastly, as each $e_i^{-1}: B'_i \rightarrow A_{Y_i}$ is an isomorphism that sends b_i to inv_{Y_i} , there exists an embedding $e^+: A' \rightarrow \prod_{i \in I} A_{Y_i}$ such that

$$e^+(a) = \langle \text{inv}_{Y_i} : i \in I \rangle.$$

Since $\bigcup_{i \in I} Y_i = X$, the subalgebra of $\prod_{i \in I} A_{Y_i}$ generated by $e^+(a)$ is isomorphic to A_X . Thus, A' is isomorphic to A_X , as desired. \square

Claim 5.13. *The map h preserves binary joins.*

Proof of the claim. Let N_1 and N_2 be subquasivarieties of M . We have to show that $h(N_1 \vee N_2) = h(N_1) \vee h(N_2)$. Since h is order preserving, the inclusion $h(N_1) \vee h(N_2) \subseteq h(N_1 \vee N_2)$ holds.

In order to verify the reverse inclusion, we consider a set X in $h(N_1 \vee N_2)$. Then $A_X \in N_1 \vee N_2 = \text{ISPP}_U(N_1 \cup N_2)$. It is a general fact about ultraproducts that $\mathbb{P}_U(N_1 \cup N_2) = \mathbb{P}_U(N_1) \cup \mathbb{P}_U(N_2)$. Since N_1 and N_2 are closed under the formation of ultraproducts, this yields $\mathbb{P}_U(N_1 \cup N_2) = N_1 \cup N_2$. Since they are also closed under direct products, there are $B_1 \in N_1$ and $B_2 \in N_2$ such that A_X embeds into $B_1 \times B_2$. Since $A_X \models \exists z \Delta_X(z)$, we obtain $B_1 \times B_2 \models \exists z \Delta_X(z)$. By Claim 5.9, there are sets Y_1 and Y_2 such that $X = Y_1 \cup Y_2$ and $B_1 \models \exists z \Delta_{Y_1}(z)$ and $B_2 \models \exists z \Delta_{Y_2}(z)$. By Claim 5.12, A_{Y_1} embeds into B_1 . Hence, $A_{Y_1} \in N_1$ and, therefore, $Y_1 \in h(N_1)$. In the same way, we obtain that $Y_2 \in h(N_2)$. Thus $X = Y_1 \cup Y_2 \in h(N_1) \vee h(N_2)$. \square

Hence, we conclude that $h: \mathcal{Q}(M) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{P}_{<\omega}(\text{Prime}))$ is a surjective bounded-lattice homomorphism. \square

6. STRUCTURAL COMPLETENESS IN RATIONAL PRODUCT LOGIC

While it is well known that product logic \mathbf{P} is HSC (Theorem 5.1), from Theorem 5.4 and Corollary 3.3 it follows that \mathbf{RP} is not HSC. Indeed, as we shall see, \mathbf{RP} is not even passively structurally complete. The next result provides an answer to the question which rules are admissible in \mathbf{RP} .

Theorem 6.1. *The structural completion of \mathbf{RP} is the unique extension of \mathbf{RP} whose equivalent algebraic semantics is $\mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_P)$. A base for the admissible rules of \mathbf{RP} is given by the set of rules of the form*

$$c_q \vee z \triangleright z \quad (c_p \leftrightarrow x^n) \vee z \triangleright z,$$

for each (equiv. some) $q \in (0, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}$ and each $p \in [0, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q}$, $n \in \omega$ such that $\sqrt[n]{p}$ is irrational.

The core of the proof of Theorem 6.1 amounts to the following description of the universal theory of \mathbf{Q}_P .

Theorem 6.2. *The universal theory of \mathbf{Q}_P is axiomatized relative to RPA by the sentences*

$$\forall xy (x \leq y \wp y \leq x), \quad c_q \not\approx 1, \quad \text{and} \quad \forall x (c_p \not\approx x^n),$$

for each (equiv. some) $q \in (0, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}$ and each $p \in [0, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}$, $n \in \omega$ such that $\sqrt[n]{p}$ is irrational.

Theorem 6.1 provides a decision procedure for admissibility in \mathbf{RP} . It follows from the rational root theorem (see e.g. [52, Thm. III.6.8]) that the set $\{\langle n, p \rangle : n \in \omega \text{ and } p \in [0, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q} \text{ and } \sqrt[n]{p} \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ is decidable. Hence, the base for the admissible rules from Theorem 6.1 forms a decidable set. To determine whether a rule $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n \triangleright \varphi$ is admissible in \mathbf{RP} , we use the procedure consisting in enumerating all proofs with the assumptions among $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n$ in the logic obtained from \mathbf{RP} by adding the rules in Theorem 6.1 (and accepting if φ is obtained) and, simultaneously, enumerating all tuples \vec{a} of elements in $[0, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q}$ such that $\gamma_1^{\mathbf{Q}_P}(\vec{a}) = \dots = \gamma_n^{\mathbf{Q}_P}(\vec{a}) = 1$ (and rejecting if one is found such that $\varphi^{\mathbf{Q}_P}(\vec{a}) \neq 1$).

Corollary 6.3. *Admissible rules in \mathbf{RP} form a decidable set.*

The next results (which will be proved later on) present a full characterization of (hereditarily, actively, passively) structurally complete extensions of **RP**.

Theorem 6.4. *An extension \vdash of **RP** is SC if and only if one of the following holds:*

- (i) \vdash is the structural completion of **RP** and, therefore, it is algebraized by $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_P)$; or
- (ii) \vdash is algebraized by one of the three proper subvarieties of RPA, in which case \vdash is HSC.

Corollary 6.5. *An extension of **RP** is HSC if and only if it is SC.*

Corollary 6.6. *An extension of **RP** is ASC if and only if it is SC.*

Corollary 6.7. *An extension of **RP** is PSC if and only if it is SC or it validates all rules of the form*

$$\mathbf{c}_q \vee \bigvee_{i=1}^k (x_i^{n_i} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{c}_{p_i}) \triangleright 0,$$

where k is a non-negative integer, n_1, \dots, n_k are natural numbers, and $q, p_1, \dots, p_k \in [0, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}$ are such that all numbers $\sqrt[n_i]{p_i}$ are irrational.

Remark 6.8. In view of Corollaries 6.5 and 6.6, the notions of ASC, SC, and HSC are equivalent for extensions of **RP**. We will show that this equivalence cannot be extended to PSC, as there exist extensions of **RP** that are PSC, but not SC.

To this end, consider the algebra $\mathbf{Q}_P \times \mathbf{Q}_{P'}$, where $\mathbf{Q}_{P'}$ is the expansion of the product algebra \mathbf{Q}_P^- in which all constants \mathbf{c}_p with $p \neq 0$ are interpreted to the maximum element 1 and in which \mathbf{c}_0 is interpreted as 0. Moreover, let \vdash be the unique extension \vdash of **RP** algebraized by $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_P \times \mathbf{Q}_{P'})$. Notice that \vdash is PSC, by Corollary 6.7. On the other hand, $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_P \times \mathbf{Q}_{P'})$ is neither a proper subvariety of RPA (because it contains \mathbf{Q}_P) nor $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_P)$ (because $\mathbf{Q}_{P'} \notin \mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_P)$). Therefore, \vdash is not SC, by Theorem 6.4. \square

We begin by showing how to derive Theorem 6.4 from Theorem 6.1. To this end, suppose that Theorem 6.1 holds. Recall that $\mathbf{Fm}_{\text{RPA}}(\omega)$ denotes the free denumerably generated rational product algebra.

Lemma 6.9. *The following holds for a subquasivariety \mathbf{K} of RPA.*

- (i) $\mathbf{Q}_P \in \mathbf{K}$ if and only if $\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{K}) = \text{RPA}$.
- (ii) If $\mathbf{Q}_P \in \mathbf{K}$, then $\mathbf{Q}_P \leq \mathbf{Fm}_{\mathbf{K}}(\omega)$.
- (iii) If $\mathbf{Q}_P \in \mathbf{K}$, then $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_P) = \mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Fm}_{\mathbf{K}}(\omega))$.

Proof. (i): Suppose $\mathbf{Q}_P \in \mathbf{K}$. Then $\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_P) \subseteq \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{K})$. By Proposition 5.5, $\text{RPA} = \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_P)$, therefore $\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{K}) = \text{RPA}$. Now, let $\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{K}) = \text{RPA}$. By Proposition 5.5, the free algebras of RPA, \mathbf{K} , and $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_P)$ coincide. In particular, since \mathbf{Q}_P is the zero-generated free algebra in RPA, we conclude that $\mathbf{Q}_P \in \mathbf{K}$.

(ii): This follows from the fact that if $\mathbf{Q}_P \in \mathbf{K}$, then \mathbf{Q}_P is the zero-generated free algebra of \mathbf{K} .

(iii): By (ii), $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_P) \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Fm}_{\mathbf{K}}(\omega))$. On the other hand, since the free algebras of $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_P)$ and of \mathbf{K} coincide, we have $\mathbf{Fm}_{\mathbf{K}}(\omega) \in \mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_P)$, hence $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Fm}_{\mathbf{K}}(\omega)) \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_P)$. \square

Proof of Theorem 6.4. Let K_{\vdash} be the quasivariety of rational product algebras algebraizing \vdash .

Suppose first that $\mathbb{V}(K_{\vdash}) = \text{RPA}$. By Theorem 3.2(i), \vdash is SC if and only if $K_{\vdash} = \mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Fm}_{K_{\vdash}}(\omega))$. Moreover, applying Lemma 6.9, \vdash is SC if and only if $K_{\vdash} = \mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_P)$; by Theorem 6.1, the last equality holds if and only if \vdash is the structural completion of **RP**.

Suppose on the other hand that $\mathbb{V}(K_{\vdash})$ is a proper subvariety of RPA. By Theorem 5.2, this guarantees that K_{\vdash} is term-equivalent to a quasivariety of product algebras. By theorem 5.1, the variety of product algebras is primitive. It follows that K_{\vdash} is a variety, i.e., the condition (ii) holds. In view of Theorem 3.2(ii), \vdash is HSC. \square

Proof of Corollary 6.5. It is enough to show that all SC extensions of **RP** listed in Theorem 6.4 are HSC. For the extensions in item (ii), this fact follows from Theorems 5.1 and 5.2 (cf. the proof of Theorem 6.4).

For the structural completion of **RP**, we show that $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_P)$ is a minimal quasivariety. To this end, observe that if $A \in \mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_P)$ is nontrivial, then A validates the quasiequations of the form $c_q \approx 1 \implies 0 \approx 1$, for $q \in \mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1)$. Consequently, $c_q^A < 1$, for all $q \in [0, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}$ and, therefore, \mathbf{Q}_P embeds into A . This implies that $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_P) \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(A)$. Hence, we conclude that $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_P)$ is a minimal quasivariety. \square

Proof of Corollary 6.6. Let \vdash be an ASC extension of **RP** and let K_{\vdash} be the quasivariety algebraizing \vdash . If $K_{\vdash} \models c_p \approx 1$ for some $p \in [0, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}$ then, by Theorem 5.2, K_{\vdash} is contained in a proper subvariety of RPA. Thus, by Theorem 6.4, the quasivariety K_{\vdash} is primitive and \vdash is SC.

Otherwise, $\mathbf{Q}_P \in K_{\vdash}$. This implies $\mathbb{V}(K_{\vdash}) = \text{RPA}$, by Lemma 6.9(i). Consequently, RPA and K_{\vdash} have the same free algebras and, therefore, the same admissible quasiequations. It follows that **RP** and \vdash have the same admissible rules. Therefore, in order to prove that \vdash is SC, it suffices to show that the rules that are admissible in **RP** are derivable in \vdash . Clearly, it will be enough to show that the rules in the base of the admissible rules for **RP** presented in Theorem 6.1 are derivable in \vdash .

To this end, consider any rule $\varphi(x) \vee z \triangleright z$ in this base. Since $\emptyset \vdash \varphi(x) \vee 1$, this rule active in \vdash . Furthermore, it is admissible, because **RP** and \vdash have the same admissible rules. From the assumption that \vdash is ASC it follows that $\varphi(x) \vee z \vdash z$. Hence, we conclude that \vdash is SC, as desired. \square

Proof of Corollary 6.7. It suffices to show that a non SC extension \vdash of **RP** is PSC if and only if it validates all rules of the form

$$c_q \vee \bigvee_{i=1}^k (x_i^{n_i} \leftrightarrow c_{p_i}) \triangleright 0, \quad (1)$$

where k is a non-negative integer, n_1, \dots, n_k are natural numbers, and $q, p_1, \dots, p_k \in [0, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}$ are such that all numbers $\sqrt[n_i]{p_i}$ are irrational.

Accordingly, consider a non SC extension \vdash of **RP** and let K_{\vdash} be the its equivalent algebraic semantics. By Theorems 5.2 and 6.4, we have $\mathbb{V}(K_{\vdash}) = \text{RPA}$; moreover by Lemma 6.9(i), $\mathbf{Q}_P \in K_{\vdash}$.

Let T be the set of all formulas that are antecedents of one of the rules in (1). The stipulation that \vdash validates the rules in (1) is equivalent to the following:

(i) Every nontrivial $A \in \mathbf{K}_\vdash$ validates all the sentences $\forall \vec{x} \delta(\vec{x}) \approx 1$ with $\delta(\vec{x}) \in T$.

In view of Theorem 3.2(iii), the logic \vdash is PSC if and only if the nontrivial members of \mathbf{K}_\vdash validate the same existential positive sentences. Since \mathbf{Q}_P is free in \mathbf{K}_\vdash , there exists a homomorphism from \mathbf{Q}_P to any member of \mathbf{K}_\vdash . Hence, every existential positive sentence which is valid in \mathbf{Q}_P is also valid in \mathbf{K}_\vdash . Consequently, the stipulation that \vdash is PSC is equivalent to the following:

(ii) If $A \in \mathbf{K}_\vdash$ is nontrivial, every existential positive sentence valid in A is also valid in \mathbf{Q}_P .

Therefore, it will be enough to show that conditions (i) and (ii) are equivalent.

Assume first that (i) holds and consider a nontrivial $A \in \mathbf{K}_\vdash$. Let

$$D = \{\delta^A(\vec{a}) : \delta \in T \text{ and } \vec{a} \text{ is a tuple of elements in } A\}.$$

By assumption, $1 \notin D$. We will verify that the set D is closed under the join operation. Let $c_{q_1} \vee \varepsilon_1(\vec{x}_1)$ and $c_{q_2} \vee \varepsilon_2(\vec{x}_2)$ be any terms in T and \vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2 tuples of elements in A . Put $q := \max(q_1, q_2)$. Then

$$c_{q_1} \vee \varepsilon_1^A(\vec{a}_1) \vee c_{q_2} \vee \varepsilon_2^A(\vec{a}_2) = c_q \vee \varepsilon_1^A(\vec{a}_1) \vee \varepsilon_2^A(\vec{a}_2) \in D.$$

By Lemma 4.2, there exists a prime filter F of A such that $D \cap F = \emptyset$. Furthermore, A/F is a chain, by Theorem 4.1. And since $D \cap F = \emptyset$, the algebra A/F validates all sentences $\forall \vec{x} \delta(\vec{x}) \approx 1$ with $\delta \in T$. In particular, A/F validates all sentences listed in Theorem 6.2 and, using this theorem, A/F validates the universal theory of \mathbf{Q}_P .

To prove (ii), we will reason by contraposition. Accordingly, consider a positive existential sentence Ψ that fails in \mathbf{Q}_P . Then its negation $\Rightarrow\Psi$ is equivalent to a universal sentence valid in \mathbf{Q}_P . Using the fact just proved, we infer that $\Rightarrow\Psi$ is valid in A/F . Consequently, Ψ does not hold in A/F . Since A/F is a homomorphic image of A and Ψ is a positive existential sentence (and, therefore, it persists in homomorphic images), Ψ is not valid in A , thus establishing condition (ii).

Now assume (ii) holds. Let $\delta(\vec{x}) \in T$ and let A be a nontrivial algebra in \mathbf{K}_\vdash . By the specification imposed on the parameters in δ and the fact that \mathbf{Q}_P is a chain, the sentence $\exists \vec{x} \delta(\vec{x}) \approx 1$ fails in \mathbf{Q}_P . By assumption, this implies that it also fails in A . Hence, $\forall \vec{x} \delta(\vec{x}) \approx 1$ holds in A . This shows that the condition (i) holds. \square

In order to prove Theorem 6.2, let us first collect a few relevant facts. By an ℓ -group we denote a lattice-ordered abelian group; an o -group is a totally ordered ℓ -group. There exists a categorical equivalence between the class of product chains and the class of o -groups (see [12] for an extension to a broader class of product algebras and ℓ -groups). Let us formulate a relevant part of this equivalence.

Proposition 6.10 ([45, Thm. 4.1.8], [48, Thm. 2]). *Let A be a nontrivial product chain. Then there exists an o -group $\Lambda(A)$ such that its negative cone $\{g \in \Lambda(A) : g \leq^{\Lambda(A)} 1\}$*

coincides with $A \setminus \{0\}$ and for every $a, b \in A \setminus \{0\}$ we have

$$1^A = 1^{\Lambda(A)}, \quad a \leq^A b \text{ if and only if } a \leq^{\Lambda(A)} b, \quad a \cdot^A b = a \cdot^{\Lambda(A)} b,$$

$$a \rightarrow^A b = \begin{cases} 1^{\Lambda(A)} & \text{if } a \leq^A b \\ b \cdot^{\Lambda(A)} (a^{-1})^{\Lambda(A)} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Notice that $\Lambda(A)$ is unique up to isomorphism. For $\Lambda(\mathbf{R}_p^-)$ and $\Lambda(\mathbf{Q}_p^-)$ we take the (multiplicative) groups of positive reals and positive rationals.

We will rely on the following results.

Theorem 6.11 ([76, Thm. 5.3]). *Let A be a rational product chain such that $c_q <^A 1$ for some (equiv. every) $q \in (0, 1) \cap \mathbf{Q}$. Then A partially embeds into \mathbf{R}_p .*

Theorem 6.12. [52, Thm. II.1.6] *Let $m \in \omega$. Let F be a free abelian group of rank m and G a nontrivial subgroup of F . Then G is a free abelian group. Moreover, there exists a basis $\{e_1, \dots, e_m\}$ of F and positive integers $k \leq m$ and d_1, \dots, d_k such that $\{e_1^{d_1}, e_2^{d_2}, \dots, e_k^{d_k}\}$ is a basis of G .*

We are now ready to prove Theorem 6.2.

Proof. The sentences in the statement are valid in \mathbf{Q}_p . Thus it suffices to prove that every rational product algebra A validating them also validates the universal theory of \mathbf{Q}_p . To show this, it suffices to prove that every such rational product algebra A partially embeds into \mathbf{Q}_p . Although we will use Theorem 6.11, the result could not be obtained by partially embedding first A into \mathbf{R}_p and then \mathbf{R}_p into \mathbf{Q}_p , because \mathbf{R}_p cannot be partially embedded into \mathbf{Q}_p (for instance, $\exists x (x^2 \approx c_{1/2})$ holds in \mathbf{R}_p , but fails in \mathbf{Q}_p).

Accordingly, consider a rational product algebra A validating the sentences in the statement. Clearly, A is a chain, as it validates $\forall xy (x \leq y \vee y \leq x)$. Moreover, since $c_q \not\approx 1$ for $q \in (0, 1) \cap \mathbf{Q}$, we may assume that $\mathbf{Q}_p \leq A$. Let B be a finite partial subalgebra of A . We will find an embedding $h: B \rightarrow \mathbf{Q}_p$. To this end, we may assume without loss of generality that B contains c_q^A for some $q \in (0, 1) \cap \mathbf{Q}$ and moreover that $1^A \in B$ and $0^A \notin B$. Let A^- and \mathbf{Q}_p^- be the product algebra reducts of A and of \mathbf{Q}_p . Let also $\Lambda(A^-)$ and $\Lambda(\mathbf{Q}_p^-)$ be the σ -groups associated with A^- and \mathbf{Q}_p^- respectively as in Proposition 6.10. Clearly $\mathbf{Q}_p^- \leq A^-$, whence we may assume that $\Lambda(\mathbf{Q}_p^-) \leq \Lambda(A^-)$. Moreover, $0^A \notin B$ gives $B \subseteq \Lambda(A^-)$.

Consider the set \mathcal{C} of constants. An expansion $\Lambda(A)$ with the constants from \mathcal{C} of the σ -group $\Lambda(A^-)$ is obtained by interpreting each $c \in \mathcal{C}$ in the expansion with the element that interprets c in A . The expansions $\Lambda(\mathbf{R}_p)$ and $\Lambda(\mathbf{Q}_p)$ are defined analogously from $\Lambda(\mathbf{R}_p^-)$ and $\Lambda(\mathbf{Q}_p^-)$.

Claim 6.13. $\Lambda(A)$ is partially embeddable into $\Lambda(\mathbf{R}_p)$.

Proof of the Claim. Let D be any finite set of elements in $\Lambda(A)$. We may assume, without loss of generality, that D is closed under reciprocals. By Theorem 6.11, there exists an embedding $g: D \cap A \rightarrow (0, 1]$ of the finite partial subalgebra of A

with universe $D \cap A$ into \mathbf{R}_p . Let $f: D \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ be given by $f(d) = g(d)$ if $d \leq 1$, otherwise $f(d) = g(d^{-1})^{-1}$. Then f is an embedding of the finite partial subalgebra of $\Lambda(A)$ with universe D into $\Lambda(\mathbf{R}_p)$. For instance, consider $c, d \in D$ such that $c \leq 1, d > 1$ and $c \cdot d \in D$. Then $g(c) = g(c \cdot d \cdot d^{-1}) = g(c \cdot d) \cdot g(d^{-1})$. Thus, $f(c \cdot d) = g(c \cdot d) = g(c) \cdot g(d^{-1})^{-1} = f(c) \cdot f(d)$. \square

Let G_B be the o -subgroup of $\Lambda(A^-)$ generated by B . (Then G_B is generated by B also as a group.) Let also Q_B be the o -subgroup of $\Lambda(A^-)$ whose universe is the intersection of G_B with the universe of $\Lambda(Q_P^-)$. Clearly, Q_B is also a o -subgroup of G_B . As B is finite, G_B is finitely generated. Furthermore, since the multiplication in $\Lambda(A^-)$ preserves the strict order $<$, G_B is torsion free. Thus, the group reduct of G_B is free. Lastly, $c_q \in B \cap \mathbb{Q} \subseteq Q_B$, whence Q_B is nontrivial. Applying Theorem 6.12 we obtain a basis $\{e_1, \dots, e_m\}$ for the group reduct of G_B , and positive integers $k \leq m$ and d_1, \dots, d_k such that $\{e_1^{d_1}, \dots, e_k^{d_k}\}$ is a basis for the group reduct of Q_B . Since G_B is totally ordered and multiplication is order preserving, we can also assume that $e_1, \dots, e_m \leq 1^A$.

Claim 6.14. *We have $e_1, \dots, e_k \in (0, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}$.*

Proof of the Claim. Let $i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$ and $q := e_i^{d_i}$. Since q belongs to the basis for Q_B and $Q_B \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$, we obtain that q is rational. Moreover, as $e_i^{d_i} = c_q^A$, the sentence $\forall x (x^{d_i} \neq c_q)$ fails in A , so it is not among the axioms in Theorem 6.2. It follows that $\sqrt[d_i]{q}$ is rational. As $Q_P \leq A$, this yields $\sqrt[d_i]{q} \in A$. We obtain that $e_i^{d_i} = q = (\sqrt[d_i]{q})^{d_i}$ in A . As taking powers is injective in product algebras, this yields $e_i = \sqrt[d_i]{q} \in \mathbb{Q}$. \square

Therefore, we may assume that $d_i = 1$, for all $1 \leq i \leq k$. Summarizing the situation, $\{e_1, \dots, e_m\}$ is a basis for G_B while $\{e_1, \dots, e_k\}$ a basis for Q_B . Therefore, every element $b \in B$ can be represented as

$$b = e_1^{l_1^b} \cdots e_m^{l_m^b}$$

for unique integers l_1^b, \dots, l_m^b . Let

$$l := \max\{|l_i^b| : i \in \{1, \dots, m\} \text{ and } b \in B\},$$

where $|l_i^b|$ is the absolute value of l_i^b . Moreover let $C_0 = \{e_1^{j_1} \cdots e_m^{j_m} : j_i \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } |j_i| \leq l \text{ for all } i \leq m\}$ and let C_0 be the finite partial subalgebra of $\Lambda(A)$ with universe C_0 . We have $B \subseteq C_0 \subseteq G_B$. Let $f: C_0 \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ be an embedding of C_0 into $\Lambda(\mathbf{R}_p)$ as in Claim 6.13. Notice that if $q \in C_0 \cap Q_B$, then $f(q) = q$. This is because C_0 is closed under reciprocals and, since $c_{q'}^{\Lambda(A)}$ is defined for $q' := \min(q, 1/q)$, we have

$$f(c_{q'}^{\Lambda(A)}) = c_{q'}^{\Lambda(\mathbf{R}_p)} = q' \quad \text{and} \quad f(1/q') = 1/f(q').$$

Let $C = C_0 \cap A$ and C be the partial subalgebra of A on C . Since C extends B , to conclude the proof, it suffices to show that C embeds into Q_P . Define

$$\Delta := \min\{s/r : r, s \in f[C] \text{ and } r < s\} \quad \text{and} \quad d := \sqrt[2 \cdot lm]{\Delta}.$$

Notice that $d > 1$. Clearly, $e_1, \dots, e_m \in C$.

For every $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ we pick a number r_i in $(0, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}$ as follows. For $i \leq k$, let $r_i := e_i = f(e_i)$. This is possible, because e_i is rational by Claim 6.14. For $i > k$, let r_i be any element in $(0, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}$ subject to the bounds $r_i/f(e_i) < d$ and $f(e_i)/r_i < d$. It follows from the density of \mathbb{Q} in \mathbb{R} that such an r_i exists.

Finally, we define a function $h: C \rightarrow (0, 1]$ by putting, for $c \in C$,

$$h(c) := r_1^{l_1^c} \cdots r_m^{l_m^c}.$$

We will verify that h is an embedding of C into \mathbf{Q}_P .

Claim 6.15. *For every $q \in (0, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q}$ such that $c_q^A \in C$, we have $h(c_q^A) = q$.*

Proof of the Claim. Since $c_q^A \in C$ is rational and in G_B , there are unique l_1, \dots, l_k such that $c_q^A = e_1^{l_1} \cdots e_k^{l_k}$ with $|l_i| \leq l$ for $i \leq k$. Since $\mathbf{Q}_P \leq A$ and $e_1, \dots, e_k \in [0, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q}$, this implies that $e_1^{l_1} \cdots e_k^{l_k} = q$, where multiplication is computed in \mathbf{Q}_P . As h is the identity map on the set $\{e_1, \dots, e_k\}$, the statement follows. \square

Claim 6.16. *The map h is order preserving and injective on C . Consequently, $h[C] \subseteq (0, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q}$ and h preserves the lattice operations.*

Proof of the Claim. Consider an arbitrary $c \in C$. Since all elements $e_1^{j_1} \cdots e_m^{j_m}$, where $|j_i| \leq l$, belong to C_0 , by Claim 6.13 we have $f(c) = f(e_1)^{l_1^c} \cdots f(e_m)^{l_m^c}$. (However, these elements are not necessarily in C , which is why we extend partial embeddability to o-groups in Claim 6.13.) Thus,

$$\frac{h(c)}{f(c)} = \left(\frac{r_1}{f(e_1)} \right)^{l_1^c} \cdots \left(\frac{r_m}{f(e_m)} \right)^{l_m^c} < d^{lm} = \sqrt{\Delta}.$$

Similarly,

$$\frac{f(c)}{h(c)} < \sqrt{\Delta}.$$

Applying the above inequalities and the definition of Δ , for $c_1, c_2 \in C$ such that $c_1 < c_2$ we obtain

$$h(c_1) < f(c_1) \cdot \sqrt{\Delta} = \frac{f(c_1) \cdot \Delta}{\sqrt{\Delta}} \leq \frac{f(c_2)}{\sqrt{\Delta}} < h(c_2).$$

Finally, as we assumed that $1^A \in B \subseteq C$, it follows that $h(c) \leq h(1^A) = 1$ for every $c \in C$. Since we assumed that $0^A \notin B$, we conclude that $0 \notin f[C]$. \square

Claim 6.17. *If $c_1, c_2, c_3 \in C$ and $c_1 \cdot^A c_2 = c_3$, then $h(c_1) \cdot^{\mathbf{Q}_P} h(c_2) = h(c_3)$.*

Proof of the Claim. This follows from the uniqueness of the numbers l_i^c , where $c \in \{c_1, c_2, c_3\}$ and $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$. \square

Claim 6.18. *If $c_1, c_2, c_3 \in C$ and $c_1 \rightarrow^A c_2 = c_3$, then $h(c_1) \rightarrow^{\mathbf{Q}_P} h(c_2) = h(c_3)$.*

Proof of the Claim. If $c_3 = 1$, then $c_1 \leq c_2$. Thus, by Claim 6.16, $h(c_1) \leq h(c_2)$ and, therefore, $h(c_1) \rightarrow^{\mathcal{Q}_P} h(c_2) = 1 = h(c_3)$. If $c_1 > c_2$, by Proposition 6.10, we have $c_3 = c_2 \cdot^{G_B} (c_1^{-1})^{G_B}$. Thus, we have $l_i^{c_3} = l_i^{c_2} - l_i^{c_1}$ for $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$. Moreover, by Claim 6.16, $h(c_1) > h(c_2)$. Therefore, we obtain

$$h(c_3) = r_1^{l_1^{c_2} - l_1^{c_1}} \dots r_m^{l_m^{c_2} - l_m^{c_1}} = h(c_2) \cdot^{\mathbf{A}(\mathcal{Q}_P)} (h(c_1)^{-1})^{\mathbf{A}(\mathcal{Q}_P)} = h(c_1) \rightarrow^{\mathcal{Q}_P} h(c_2). \quad \square$$

Hence, $h: \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}_P$ is an embedding. This concludes the proof of 6.2. \square

Lastly, we present a proof of Theorem 6.1.

Proof. Let \vdash be the structural completion of \mathbf{RP} . By Theorem 3.2(i), \vdash is the unique extension of \mathbf{RP} algebraized by $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Fm}_{\mathbf{RPA}}(\omega))$, which by Lemma 6.9(iii) equals $\mathbb{Q}(\mathcal{Q}_P)$. Because of this, the problem of axiomatizing \vdash relative to \mathbf{RP} is equivalent to that of axiomatizing $\mathbb{Q}(\mathcal{Q}_P)$ relative to RPA. We will therefore focus on the latter.

Let T be the set of all terms c_p or $c_q \leftrightarrow x^n$ with $p, q \in (0, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}$, $n \in \omega$, and $\sqrt[n]{q}$ irrational. Moreover, let $A \in \mathbf{RPA}$. Clearly if A belongs to $\mathbb{Q}(\mathcal{Q}_P)$, then A validates all quasiequations $\delta(x) \vee z \approx 1 \implies z \approx 1$ with $\delta(x) \in T$, since they all hold in \mathcal{Q}_P (recall that $\delta^{\mathcal{Q}_P}(a) < 1$ for $\delta(x) \in T$, $a \in [0, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q}$). Now assume, on the other hand, that A validates all these quasiequations.

Claim 6.19. *Let $a \in A \setminus 1$. Then there exists a filter F_a of A such that $a \notin F_a$ and A/F_a validates the universal theory of \mathcal{Q}_P .*

Proof of the Claim. For $k \in \omega$, let

$$D_k := \{a \vee \delta_1(b_1) \vee \dots \vee \delta_k(b_k) : \delta_1(x), \dots, \delta_k(x) \in T \text{ and } b_1, \dots, b_k \in A\},$$

and define $D := \bigcup \{D_k : k \in \omega\}$.

We will prove that $1 \notin D_k$, by induction on k . As $a \neq 1$ and $D_0 = \{a\}$, we have $1 \notin D_0$. Suppose that $1 \notin D_{k-1}$ and, towards a contradiction, that $a \vee \delta_1(b_1) \vee \dots \vee \delta_k(b_k) = 1$ for some $\delta_1(x), \dots, \delta_k(x) \in T$ and $b_1, \dots, b_k \in A$. Since A satisfies the quasiequation $z \vee \delta_k(x) \approx 1 \implies z \approx 1$, we obtain that $a \vee \delta_1(b_1) \vee \dots \vee \delta_{k-1}(b_{k-1}) = 1$ (consider an assignment which maps z onto $a \vee \delta_1(b_1) \vee \dots \vee \delta_{k-1}(b_{k-1})$ and x onto b_k). This contradicts the assumption that $1 \notin D_{k-1}$. Hence, we conclude that

$$1 \notin \bigcup_{k \in \omega} D_k = D.$$

As D is closed under the join operation and does not contain 1, by Lemma 4.2, there exists a prime filter F_a of A such that $F_a \cap D = \emptyset$. In particular, $a \notin F_a$. It remains to show that A/F_a validates the sentences listed in Theorem 6.2, i.e., that A/F_a is a chain and for every $\delta \in T$ and $b/F_a \in A/F_a$ we have $\delta(b/F_a) \neq 1$. By Theorem 4.1, the primeness of F_a yields that A/F_a is a chain. Then consider $\delta \in T$ and $b/F_a \in A/F_a$. By definition of D , we have $a \vee \delta(b) \in D$. As $F_a \cap D = \emptyset$ and F_a is an upset, this yields $\delta(b) \notin F_a$. Consequently, $\delta(b/F_a) \neq 1$, as desired. \square

For $a \in A \setminus \{1\}$ let F_a be a filter as in Claim 6.19. Then all algebras A/F_a are in $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_p)$. Moreover, as $\bigcap \{F_a : a \in A \setminus \{1\}\} = \{1\}$, the algebra A embeds into the product $\prod \{A/F_a : a \in A \setminus \{1\}\}$. This yields that $A \in \mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_p)$.⁶ \square

7. EXTENSIONS OF RATIONAL GÖDEL LOGIC

The lattice of extensions of Gödel logic \mathbf{G} is notoriously transparent:

Theorem 7.1 ([25]). *Every extension of \mathbf{G} is axiomatic and the lattice of extensions of \mathbf{G} is a chain of order type $\omega + 1$. Consequently, \mathbf{G} is HSC.*

In algebraic parlance, the above result states that the quasivariety of Gödel algebras is primitive, whence \mathbf{G} is HSC in view of Theorem 3.2(ii). In this section, we shall see that the addition of rational constants to \mathbf{G} complicates the structure of the lattice of (axiomatic) extensions of \mathbf{RG} .

Given a real $r \in (0, 1]$, let \mathbf{Q}_r be the rational Gödel algebra with universe

$$([0, r] \cap \mathbb{Q}) \cup \{1\}$$

The order relation of \mathbf{Q}_r is the natural order in \mathbb{Q} . Accordingly, \mathbf{Q}_r is a chain. This settles the interpretation of the lattice connectives and of the implication (as for all $a, c \in \mathbf{Q}_r$ we get $a \rightarrow c = 1$ if $a \leq c$, and $a \rightarrow c = c$ otherwise). Finally, given a rational $q \in [0, 1]$, the interpretation of c_q in \mathbf{Q}_r is q if $q \in \mathbf{Q}_r$, and 1 otherwise. Notice that if $r = 1$, then $\mathbf{Q}_1 = \mathbf{Q}_G$.

Fix a denumerable set $\{t_n : n \in \omega\}$ disjoint from $[0, 1]$. Given a rational $p \in [0, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q}$ and an ordinal $\gamma \in \omega + 1$, let \mathbf{Q}_p^γ be the rational Gödel algebra with the universe

$$([0, p] \cap \mathbb{Q}) \cup \{1\} \cup \{t_n : n < \gamma\}$$

defined as follows. The order relation of \mathbf{Q}_p^γ is given by the rule

$$a \leq c \iff \text{either } c = 1 \text{ or } (a, c \in [0, 1] \text{ and } a \leq^{\mathbb{Q}} c) \text{ or } (a \in [0, 1] \text{ and } c \notin [0, 1]) \\ \text{or } (a = t_n \text{ and } c = t_m, \text{ for some } n \leq m).$$

Accordingly, \mathbf{Q}_p^γ is a chain. Similarly to the case of \mathbf{Q}_r , this settles the interpretation of the lattice connectives and of the implication. And given a rational $q \in [0, 1]$, the interpretation of c_q in \mathbf{Q}_p^γ is q if $q \in \mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma$, and 1 otherwise.

Theorem 7.2. *The following hold:*

- (i) *Every nontrivial variety \mathbf{K} of rational Gödel algebras is of the form $\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_r)$ for some $r \in (0, 1]$ or $\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma)$ for some $\gamma \in \omega + 1$ and $p \in [0, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q}$. Furthermore, $\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_r)$ is axiomatized by the equations $\{c_q \approx 1 : q \in [r, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q}\}$ and $\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma)$ is axiomatized by the equations $\{c_q \approx 1 : q \in (p, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q}\}$ and*

$$\left(\bigvee_{0 \leq i < j \leq n+2} (c_p \vee x_i) \leftrightarrow (c_p \vee x_j) \right) \approx 1$$

if $\gamma = n \in \omega$, and by $\{c_q \approx 1 : q \in (p, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q}\}$ otherwise.

⁶The above argument can be replaced by the use of [21, Cor. 3.8] or [17, Cor. 6].

(ii) For all $r_1, r_2 \in (0, 1]$, $p_1, p_2 \in [0, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}$, and $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in \omega + 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_{r_1}) \subseteq \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_{r_2}) &\iff r_1 \leq r_2, \\ \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_{r_1}) \subseteq \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_{p_1}^{\gamma_1}) &\iff r_1 \leq p_1, \\ \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_{p_1}^{\gamma_1}) \subseteq \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_{r_1}) &\iff p_1 < r_1, \\ \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_{p_1}^{\gamma_1}) \subseteq \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_{p_2}^{\gamma_2}) &\iff \text{either } p_1 < p_2 \text{ or } (p_1 = p_2 \text{ and } \gamma_1 \leq \gamma_2). \end{aligned}$$

(iii) $\mathcal{V}(\mathbf{RGA})$ is an uncountable chain isomorphic to the poset obtained adding a new bottom element to the Dedekind–MacNeille completion of the lexicographic order of $[0, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}$ and $\omega + 1$.

Remark 7.3. The axiomatization given in item (i) can be simplified for varieties of the form $\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_q)$ with $q \in \mathbb{Q} \cap (0, 1]$, as these can be axiomatized by the single equation $c_q \approx 1$. On the other hand, varieties of the form $\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_r)$ with $r \in (0, 1] \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ do not admit a finite axiomatization. \square

In view of the dual isomorphism between the lattice of axiomatic extensions of \mathbf{RG} and $\mathcal{V}(\mathbf{RGA})$, the above result provides a full description of the former as well.

Given a logic \vdash and a set of formulas Σ , we denote by $\vdash + \Sigma$ the extension of \vdash axiomatized relative to \vdash by Σ .

Corollary 7.4. *Every consistent axiomatic extension of \mathbf{RG} is of the form*

$\mathbf{RG}_r := \mathbf{RG} + \{c_q : q \in [r, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q}\}$ for some $r \in (0, 1]$,

$\mathbf{RG}_p^\omega := \mathbf{RG} + \{c_q : q \in (p, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}\}$ for some rational $p \in [0, 1)$ or

$\mathbf{RG}_p^n := \mathbf{RG}_p^\omega + \bigvee_{0 \leq i < j \leq n+2} (c_p \vee x_i) \leftrightarrow (c_p \vee x_j)$ for some rational $p \in [0, 1)$ and $n \in \omega$. Moreover, the lattice of axiomatic extensions of \mathbf{RG} is an uncountable chain dually isomorphic to the poset obtained adding a new bottom element to the Dedekind–MacNeille completion of the lexicographic order of $[0, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}$ and $\omega + 1$.

On the other hand, the structure of the lattice of arbitrary extensions of \mathbf{RG} is still largely unknown. For instance, the problem of determining whether the variety of rational Gödel algebras is \mathcal{Q} -universal is still open. However, it is easy to see that it has uncountable chains and antichains. For chains, this is a consequence of Corollary 7.4, while for antichains it suffices to notice that $\{\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_r) : r \in (0, 1]\} \cup \{\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_p^0) : p \in [0, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}\}$ is a set of minimal quasivarieties (this can be proved by adapting the argument for the minimality of $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_p)$ in the proof of Corollary 6.5).

The rest of the section is dedicated to the proof of Theorem 7.2. We begin by the following observation:

Proposition 7.5. *For every nontrivial rational Gödel chain \mathbf{A} , there are $r \in (0, 1]$, $p \in [0, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}$, and $\gamma \in \omega + 1$ such that $\text{ISP}_{\mathbb{U}}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{ISP}_{\mathbb{U}}(\mathbf{Q}_r)$ or $\text{ISP}_{\mathbb{U}}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{ISP}_{\mathbb{U}}(\mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma)$. Moreover,*

(i) $\text{ISP}_{\mathbb{U}}(\mathbf{Q}_r)$ is axiomatized relative to the class of RGA chains by the sentences

$$c_{q'} \not\approx 1 \text{ for all } q' \in [0, r) \cap \mathbb{Q} \text{ and } c_q \approx 1 \text{ for all } q \in [r, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q};$$

(ii) $\text{ISP}_U(\mathbf{Q}_p^\omega)$ is axiomatized relative to the class of RGA chains by the sentences

$$c_p \not\approx 1 \text{ and } c_q \approx 1 \text{ for all } q \in (p, 1] \cap \mathbf{Q};$$

(iii) $\text{ISP}_U(\mathbf{Q}_p^n)$ is axiomatized relative to the class of RGA chains by the sentences

$$c_p \not\approx 1, c_q \approx 1 \text{ for all } q \in (p, 1] \cap \mathbf{Q}, \text{ and} \\ \forall x_0 \dots x_{n+2} \left(\bigvee_{0 \leq i < j \leq n+2} (c_p \vee x_i) \leftrightarrow (c_p \vee x_j) \right) \approx 1.$$

Proof. Let A be a rational Gödel chain. We shall define an algebra S_A that embeds into A . To this end, let C be the zero-generated subalgebra of A . Since A is nontrivial, $C = \mathbf{Q}_r$ for some $r \in (0, 1]$ or $C = \mathbf{Q}_p^0$ for some $p \in [0, 1) \cap \mathbf{Q}$. If $C = \mathbf{Q}_r$ for some $r \in (0, 1]$ then let $S_A := C$. If $C = \mathbf{Q}_p^0$ for some $p \in [0, 1) \cap \mathbf{Q}$, then let $\downarrow(C \setminus \{1\})$ be the downset of $(C \setminus \{1\})$ in A . If $\omega \leq |A \setminus \downarrow(C \setminus \{1\})|$, take $S_A := \mathbf{Q}_p^\omega$. While if $|A \setminus \downarrow(C \setminus \{1\})| = n + 1 \in \omega$, take $S_A := \mathbf{Q}_p^n$. In both cases, $S_A \in \text{IS}(A)$. Therefore, in order to prove that S_A and A have the same universal theory, it suffices to show that A partially embeds into S_A .

To this end, consider a finite partial subalgebra B of A . The elements of B can be divided into those that are not the interpretation of any constant (denoted by a_1, \dots, a_n) and those that are (denoted by $c_{q_1}^A, \dots, c_{q_m}^A$). For the sake of simplicity, we may assume that

$$0 = c_{q_1}^A < c_{q_2}^A < \dots < c_{q_m}^A = 1.$$

As A is a chain, $[c_{q_1}^A, c_{q_2}^A), \dots, [c_{q_{m-1}}^A, c_{q_m}^A)$ is a partition of $A \setminus \{1\}$.

Then consider the map $h: B \rightarrow S_A$ defined as follows. For every $i \leq m - 1$, let $a_{i_1} < \dots < a_{i_k}$ be the elements of $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ in the i -th component $[c_{q_i}^A, c_{q_{i+1}}^A)$ of the above partition and choose some $b_{i_1}, \dots, b_{i_k} \in S_A$ such that

$$c_{q_i}^{S_A} < b_{i_1} < \dots < b_{i_k} < c_{q_{i+1}}^{S_A}.$$

If $i \neq m - 1$, this is possible because $[c_{q_i}^{S_A}, c_{q_{i+1}}^{S_A})$ is an infinite set. While if $i = m - 1$, this can be done by the construction of S_A . Then let $h(a_{i_k}) := b_{i_k}$. Furthermore, we set $h(c_q^A) = c_q^A = c_q^{S_A}$, for every $q \in \{q_1, \dots, q_m\}$. This completes the definition of h . As in Gödel chains the behaviour of the implication is fully determined by the order structure, $h: B \rightarrow S_A$ is an embedding, as desired. We conclude that A and S_A have the same universal theory.

(i): Let A be a rational Gödel chain validating the sentences in the statement. Then the zero-generated subalgebra of A is \mathbf{Q}_r . Thus, $S_A = \mathbf{Q}_r$. Consequently, A and \mathbf{Q}_r have the same universal theory and, in particular, $A \in \text{ISP}_U(\mathbf{Q}_r)$.

(ii): Let A be a rational Gödel chain validating the sentences in the statement. Then the zero-generated subalgebra of A is \mathbf{Q}_p^0 . Thus, $S_A \in \{\mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma : \gamma \in \omega + 1\}$. Furthermore, since A and S_A have the same universal theory, $A \in \text{ISP}_U(S_A)$. Thus,

$$A \in \text{ISP}_U(S_A) \subseteq \text{ISP}_U \text{S}(\mathbf{Q}_p^\omega) = \text{ISP}_U(\mathbf{Q}_p^\omega).$$

(iii): Let A be a rational Gödel chain validating the sentences in the statement. An argument similar to the one detailed for case (ii) shows that $S_A \in \{Q_p^\gamma : \gamma \in \omega + 1\}$. Moreover, since A validates

$$\forall x_0 \dots x_{n+2} \left(\bigvee_{0 \leq i < j \leq n+2} (c_p \vee x_i) \leftrightarrow (c_p \vee x_j) \right) \approx 1,$$

we obtain that $|A \setminus \downarrow(C \setminus \{1\})| = m + 1$ for some $m \leq n$, where C is the universe of the zero-generated subalgebra of A . Thus, $S_A = Q_p^m$, for some $m \leq n$. Consequently,

$$A \in \text{ISP}_U(S_A) = \text{ISP}_U(Q_p^m) \subseteq \text{ISP}_U(Q_p^n) \subseteq \text{ISP}_U(Q_p^n). \quad \square$$

Corollary 7.6. *Every variety of rational Gödel algebras is generated by a set of algebras of the form Q_r , where $r \in (0, 1]$, or Q_p^γ , where $p \in [0, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}$ and $\gamma \in \omega + 1$.*

Proof. Recall that every variety is generated by its subdirectly irreducible members. As every subdirectly irreducible rational Gödel algebra is a chain, the result follows from Proposition 7.5. \square

Proof of Theorem 7.2. (ii): Consider $r_1, r_2 \in (0, 1]$, $p_1, p_2 \in [0, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}$ and $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \in \omega + 1$. We need to prove that

$$\mathbb{V}(Q_{r_1}) \subseteq \mathbb{V}(Q_{r_2}) \iff r_1 \leq r_2.$$

To prove the implication from left to right, we reason by contraposition. Accordingly, assume that $r_2 < r_1$. Since \mathbb{Q} is dense in \mathbb{R} , there exists a rational $r_2 \leq q < r_1$. Consequently, the equation $c_q \approx 1$ holds in Q_{r_2} , but fails in Q_{r_1} , whence $Q_{r_1} \notin \mathbb{V}(Q_{r_2})$. To prove the implication from right to left, if $r_1 \leq r_2$, then $Q_{r_1} \in \mathbb{H}(Q_{r_2}) \subseteq \mathbb{V}(Q_{r_2})$.

Then we turn to prove that

$$\mathbb{V}(Q_{r_1}) \subseteq \mathbb{V}(Q_{p_1}^{\gamma_1}) \iff r_1 \leq p_1.$$

If $r_1 \leq p_1$ then $Q_{r_1} \in \mathbb{H}(Q_{p_1}^{\gamma_1}) \subseteq \mathbb{V}(Q_{p_1}^{\gamma_1})$. If $p_1 < r_1$, then there exists a rational $p_1 < q < r_1$. Consequently, the equation $c_q \approx 1$ holds in $Q_{p_1}^{\gamma_1}$, but fails in Q_{r_1} , whence $Q_{r_1} \notin \mathbb{V}(Q_{p_1}^{\gamma_1})$.

Now, we will show that

$$\mathbb{V}(Q_{p_1}^{\gamma_1}) \subseteq \mathbb{V}(Q_{r_1}) \iff p_1 < r_1.$$

If $p_1 < r_1$, every finite partial subalgebra of $Q_{p_1}^{\gamma_1}$ embeds into some member of $\{Q_q : q \in (p_1, r_1] \cap \mathbb{Q}\}$. This implies that $Q_{p_1}^{\gamma_1}$ validates the universal theory of $\{Q_q : q \in (p_1, r_1] \cap \mathbb{Q}\}$. Consequently, $Q_{p_1}^{\gamma_1} \in \text{ISP}_U(\{Q_q : q \in (p_1, r_1] \cap \mathbb{Q}\})$. As $\{Q_q : q \in (p_1, r_1] \cap \mathbb{Q}\} \subseteq \mathbb{H}(Q_{r_1})$, this yields $Q_{p_1}^{\gamma_1} \in \mathbb{V}(Q_{r_1})$. If $r_1 \leq p_1$, then $c_{p_1} \approx 1$ holds in Q_{r_1} , but fails in $Q_{p_1}^{\gamma_1}$, whence $Q_{p_1}^{\gamma_1} \notin \mathbb{V}(Q_{r_1})$.

Lastly, we will prove that

$$\mathbb{V}(Q_{p_1}^{\gamma_1}) \subseteq \mathbb{V}(Q_{p_2}^{\gamma_2}) \iff \text{either } p_1 < p_2 \text{ or } (p_1 = p_2 \text{ and } \gamma_1 \leq \gamma_2).$$

We prove the implication from left to right by contraposition. Assume that either $p_2 < p_1$ or $(p_1 = p_2 \text{ and } \gamma_2 < \gamma_1)$. First suppose that $p_2 < p_1$, then there exists a rational $p_2 < q < p_1$. Consequently, the equation $c_q \approx 1$ holds in $Q_{p_2}^{\gamma_2}$, but fails

in $\mathbf{Q}_{p_1}^{\gamma_1}$, whence $\mathbf{Q}_{p_1}^{\gamma_1} \notin \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_{p_2}^{\gamma_2})$. Then suppose that $p_1 = p_2 = q \in [0, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}$ and $\gamma_2 < \gamma_1$. Since $\gamma_2 < \gamma_1$, necessarily $\gamma_1 > 0$. Furthermore, from $\gamma_2 < \gamma_1 \in \omega + 1$ it follows that $\gamma_2 = n$ for some $n \in \omega$. Since $q < 1$ and $\gamma_2 = n$, the interval $[c_q, 1]$ in $\mathbf{Q}_q^{\gamma_2}$ is an $(n + 2)$ -element set, whence

$$\mathbf{Q}_{p_2}^{\gamma_2} \models \bigvee_{0 \leq i < j \leq n+2} (c_q \vee x_i) \leftrightarrow (c_q \vee x_j) \approx 1.$$

On the other hand, since $p_1 = q$ and $\gamma_1 > \gamma_2 = n$, the interval $[c_q, 1]$ in $\mathbf{Q}_{p_1}^{\gamma_1}$ has size $> n + 2$. Consequently the above equation fails in $\mathbf{Q}_{p_1}^{\gamma_1}$, whence $\mathbf{Q}_{p_1}^{\gamma_1} \notin \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_{p_2}^{\gamma_2})$.

To prove the implication from right to left, if $p_1 < p_2$, by previous items, $\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_{p_1}^{\gamma_1}) \subseteq \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_{p_2}) \subseteq \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_{p_2}^{\gamma_2})$. If $p_1 = p_2$ and $\gamma_1 \leq \gamma_2$, then $\mathbf{Q}_{p_1}^{\gamma_1} \in \mathbb{S}(\mathbf{Q}_{p_2}^{\gamma_2}) \subseteq \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_{p_2}^{\gamma_2})$.

(i): Let \mathbf{K} be a nontrivial variety of rational Gödel algebras. In view of Corollary 7.6, \mathbf{K} is generated by a nonempty set of algebras $\{A_i : i \in I\}$ of the form \mathbf{Q}_r or \mathbf{Q}_p^γ , where $r \in (0, 1]$, $p \in [0, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}$, and $\gamma \in \omega + 1$. We shall define an algebra \mathbf{S} of the previous type such that $\mathbf{K} = \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{S})$. Let

$$s = \sup \{r \in [0, 1] : \mathbf{Q}_r \in \{A_i : i \in I\} \text{ or } \mathbf{Q}_r^\gamma \in \{A_i : i \in I\} \text{ for some } \gamma \in \omega + 1\}.$$

If there exists $\gamma \in \omega + 1$ such that $\mathbf{Q}_s^\gamma \in \{A_i : i \in I\}$, let $\mathbf{S} := \mathbf{Q}_s^\delta$ where $\delta = \sup \{\gamma \in \omega + 1 : \mathbf{Q}_s^\gamma \in \{A_i : i \in I\}\}$. Otherwise, let $\mathbf{S} := \mathbf{Q}_s$. By (ii), $\mathbf{K} \subseteq \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{S})$. If $\mathbf{S} \in \{A_i : i \in I\}$, trivially $\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{S}) \subseteq \mathbf{K}$. If $\mathbf{S} \notin \{A_i : i \in I\}$, then either $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{Q}_s$ or \mathbf{Q}_s^ω . In both cases, every finite partial subalgebra in \mathbf{S} embeds into some member of $\{A_i : i \in I\}$. As a consequence, \mathbf{S} validates the universal theory of $\{A_i : i \in I\}$, whence $\mathbf{S} \in \mathbb{ISP}_U(\{A_i : i \in I\}) \subseteq \mathbf{K}$. We conclude that $\mathbf{K} = \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{S})$ and, therefore, that every variety of rational Gödel algebras is generated by an algebra of the form \mathbf{Q}_r or \mathbf{Q}_p^γ .

In order to axiomatize varieties of the form $\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma)$, let Σ be the set of equations given by the statement. First observe that $\mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma \models \Sigma$. Then consider a rational Gödel algebra $\mathbf{A} \notin \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma)$. As we showed in the above paragraph, the variety $\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{A})$ is generated by an algebra of the form of the form \mathbf{Q}_r for some $r \in (0, 1]$ or $\mathbf{Q}_{p'}^\delta$ for some $p' \in [0, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}$ and $\delta \in \omega + 1$. If $\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_r)$, since $\mathbf{A} \notin \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma)$, we get $\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_r) \not\subseteq \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma)$. By (ii), $p < r$. Thus, there is a rational $p < q < r$ such that $c_q^{\mathbf{Q}_r} \neq 1$. In that case, $\mathbf{Q}_r \not\models \Sigma$, whence $\mathbf{A} \not\models \Sigma$. If $\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_{p'}^\delta)$, since $\mathbf{A} \notin \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma)$, we get $\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_{p'}^\delta) \not\subseteq \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma)$. By (ii), either $p < p'$ or $p = p'$ and $\gamma < \delta$. If $p < p'$, similar to the previous case $\mathbf{Q}_{p'}^\delta \not\models c_{p'}^\delta \approx 1$, whence $\mathbf{A} \not\models \Sigma$. If $p = p'$ and $\gamma < \delta$, then $\gamma = n \in \omega$ and

$$\mathbf{Q}_{p'}^\delta \not\models \left(\bigvee_{0 \leq i, j \leq n+2} (c_p \vee x_i) \leftrightarrow (c_p \vee x_j) \right) \approx 1,$$

whence $\mathbf{A} \not\models \Sigma$. Thus, we conclude that Σ axiomatizes $\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma)$.

It only remains to axiomatize varieties of the form $\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_r)$ for $r \in (0, 1]$. Since $c_q^{\mathbf{Q}_q} = 1$ for every rational $q \in [r, 1]$, the equations in the statement are valid in

$\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_r)$. A similar argument as in the case of varieties of the form $\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma)$ shows that if $\mathbf{A} \notin \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_r)$, then there is a rational $r \leq q < 1$ such that $\mathbf{A} \not\approx c_q \approx 1$.

(iii): Let $\mathcal{V}(\mathbf{RGA})^-$ be the poset of nontrivial varieties of rational Gödel algebras. Notice that $\mathcal{V}(\mathbf{RGA})^-$ is indeed a complete lattice and that $\mathcal{V}(\mathbf{RGA})$ is obtained adding a new bottom element to $\mathcal{V}(\mathbf{RGA})^-$. Therefore, to conclude the proof, it suffices to show that $\mathcal{V}(\mathbf{RGA})^-$ is isomorphic to the Dedekind–MacNeille completion [60] of the poset \mathbb{X} obtained by endowing the direct product

$$([0, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q}) \times (\omega + 1)$$

with the lexicographic order of \mathbb{Q} and $\omega + 1$. By (i) and (ii), the map $f: \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}(\mathbf{RGA})^-$, defined by

$$f(\langle q, \gamma \rangle) := \begin{cases} \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_0^\gamma), & \text{if } q = 0; \\ \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_q) & \text{if } q \neq 0 \text{ and } \gamma = 0; \\ \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_q^n) & \text{if } q \neq 0 \text{ and } \gamma = n + 1; \\ \mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_q^\omega) & \text{if } q \neq 0 \text{ and } \gamma = \omega, \end{cases}$$

is an order embedding. Furthermore, $f[\mathbb{X}]$ is both join-dense and meet-dense in the complete lattice $\mathcal{V}(\mathbf{RGA})^-$. As, up to isomorphism, the Dedekind–MacNeille completion of a poset \mathbb{Y} is the only completion in which \mathbb{Y} is both join-dense and meet-dense [3, Prop. 1] (see also [9]), we conclude that $\mathcal{V}(\mathbf{RGA})^-$ is isomorphic to the Dedekind–MacNeille completion of \mathbb{X} , as desired. \square

8. STRUCTURAL COMPLETENESS IN RATIONAL GÖDEL LOGIC

It is well known that \mathbf{G} is HSC [25]. While this is false for \mathbf{RG} , it is still possible to obtain a full characterization of structural completeness and its variants in extensions of \mathbf{RG} . The next result characterizes PSC extensions of \mathbf{RG} .

Theorem 8.1. *The following are equivalent for an extension \vdash of \mathbf{RG} :*

- (i) \vdash is PSC;
- (ii) \vdash is algebraized by a quasivariety with the JEP;
- (iii) \vdash is algebraized by a quasivariety whose nontrivial members have isomorphic zero-generated subalgebras.

The other variants of structural completeness turn out to be equivalent among extensions of \mathbf{RG} .

Theorem 8.2. *The following are equivalent for an extension \vdash of \mathbf{RG} :*

- (i) \vdash is HSC;
- (ii) \vdash is SC;
- (iii) \vdash is ASC;
- (iv) \vdash is algebraized by a quasivariety \mathbf{K} generated by a chain \mathbf{A} .

Furthermore, in condition (iv) \mathbf{A} can be chosen either trivial or of the form \mathbf{Q}_r or \mathbf{Q}_p^γ , where $r \in (0, 1]$, $p \in [0, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}$ and $\gamma \in \omega + 1$.

Proof of Theorem 8.1. The implication (i) \Rightarrow (ii) is a consequence of Proposition 3.4, while (ii) \Rightarrow (iii) is straightforward.

(iii) \Rightarrow (i): Let \mathbf{K} be the quasivariety algebraizing \vdash . In view of Theorem 3.2(iii), it suffices to show that every two nontrivial members validate the same positive existential sentences. To this end, consider two nontrivial $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbf{K}$. By assumption the zero-generated algebra \mathbf{C} of \mathbf{A} and of \mathbf{B} coincide.

By Lemma 4.2, the set \mathcal{F} of prime filters F of \mathbf{A} such that $F \cap \mathbf{C} = \{1\}$ is nonempty, and we can apply Zorn's lemma, obtaining a maximal $F \in \mathcal{F}$. As F is prime, by Theorem 4.1 \mathbf{A}/F is a chain. By construction of F we know that the zero-generated subalgebra of \mathbf{A}/F is isomorphic to \mathbf{C} . Therefore, we may assume, without loss of generality, that $\mathbf{C} \leq \mathbf{A}/F$. Clearly, either \mathbf{Q}_r or \mathbf{Q}_p^0 is the zero-generated subalgebra of \mathbf{A}/F , namely \mathbf{C} . Furthermore, by the maximality of F , we get that if $a \in \mathbf{A}/F$ is strictly larger than all the elements of $\mathbf{C} \setminus \{1\}$, then $a = 1$. Together with Proposition 7.5, this yields that $\text{ISP}_U(\mathbf{A}/F) = \text{ISP}_U(\mathbf{Q}_r)$ for some $r \in (0, 1]$ or $\text{ISP}_U(\mathbf{A}/F) = \text{ISP}_U(\mathbf{Q}_p^0)$ for some $p \in [0, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}$. Thus, $\mathbf{A}/F \in \text{ISP}_U(\mathbf{C})$. Since $\mathbf{C} \leq \mathbf{B}$, this yields $\mathbf{A}/F \in \text{ISP}_U(\mathbf{B})$. Then there exists an embedding $f_A: \mathbf{A}/F \rightarrow \mathbf{B}_u$, where \mathbf{B}_u is an ultrapower of \mathbf{B} . Let $g_A: \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}/F$ be the canonical surjection. Then the composition $h_A: f_A \circ g_A$ is a homomorphism from \mathbf{A} to \mathbf{B}_u . Since positive existential sentences persist in homomorphic images, extensions, and ultraroots, we conclude that every positive existential sentence that is true of \mathbf{A} is also true of \mathbf{B} . \square

In order to prove Theorem 8.2, we rely on the following observation.

Proposition 8.3. *Let \mathbf{K} be a nontrivial subquasivariety of RGA and $\mathbf{Fm}_{\mathbf{K}}(\omega)$ its denumerably generated free algebra. Then there are $r \in [0, 1)$, $p \in [0, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}$ and $\gamma \in \omega + 1$ such that $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Fm}_{\mathbf{K}}(\omega)) = \mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_r)$ or $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Fm}_{\mathbf{K}}(\omega)) = \mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma)$.*

Proof. By Theorem 7.2, there are $r \in [0, 1)$, $p \in [0, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}$, and $\gamma \in \omega + 1$ such that $\mathbf{Fm}_{\mathbf{K}}(\omega)$ is the denumerably generated free algebra of $\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_r)$ or $\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma)$. This yields that $\mathbf{Fm}_{\mathbf{K}}(\omega)$ is also the denumerably generated free algebra of $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_r)$ or $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma)$, whence $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Fm}_{\mathbf{K}}(\omega)) \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_r)$ or $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Fm}_{\mathbf{K}}(\omega)) \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma)$. If $\mathbf{Fm}_{\mathbf{K}}(\omega) = \mathbf{Fm}_{\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_r)}(\omega)$, then \mathbf{Q}_r is the zero-generated subalgebra of $\mathbf{Fm}_{\mathbf{K}}(\omega)$. Whence $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_r) \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Fm}_{\mathbf{K}}(\omega))$. Similarly, if $\mathbf{Fm}_{\mathbf{K}}(\omega) = \mathbf{Fm}_{\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_p^0)}(\omega)$, then $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_p^0) \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Fm}_{\mathbf{K}}(\omega))$. Finally, assume $\mathbf{Fm}_{\mathbf{K}}(\omega) = \mathbf{Fm}_{\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma)}(\omega)$ with $\gamma > 0$. Notice that

$$\mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma \in \text{ISP}_U(\{\mathbf{Q}_p^n : n \in \omega \text{ and } 1 \leq n \leq \gamma\}).$$

Consequently, to conclude the proof, it suffices to show that each \mathbf{Q}_p^n (where $n \in \omega$ and $1 \leq n \leq \gamma$) embeds into $\mathbf{Fm}_{\mathbf{K}}(\omega)$. This can be done by a straightforward adaptation of the method described in [25] for the case of Gödel algebras without constants.

We shall sketch it for the sake of completeness. For every $1 \leq n \leq \gamma$ such that $n \in \omega$, the algebra \mathbf{Q}_p^n is the chain consisting of the interval $[0, p] \cap \mathbb{Q}$ on top of which we added the $n + 1$ element chain

$$t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_{n-1} < 1.$$

Then \mathbf{Q}_p^n can be embedded into $\mathbf{Fm}_K(\omega)$ using the map that is the identity on $([0, p] \cap \mathbf{Q}) \cup \{1\}$ and that sends t_i to the (equivalence class of) the formula φ_i , where

$$\varphi_0 := c_p \vee x_2 \vee (x_2 \rightarrow x_1) \text{ and } \varphi_{j+1} := x_{j+2} \vee (x_{j+2} \rightarrow \varphi_j). \quad \square$$

Proof of Theorem 8.2. The implications (i) \Rightarrow (ii) and (ii) \Rightarrow (iii) are straightforward.

(iii) \Rightarrow (ii): Let K be the quasivariety algebraizing \vdash and $\mathbf{Fm}_K(\omega)$ its denumerably generated free algebra. Suppose, with a view to contradiction, that \vdash is not SC. As \vdash is ASC, this means that it is not PSC. In view of Theorem 8.1, there is a zero-generated algebra $C \in K$ different from the zero-generated subalgebra $\mathbf{Fm}_K(0)$ of $\mathbf{Fm}_K(\omega)$. Clearly, there is $q \in [0, 1] \cap \mathbf{Q}$ such that the equation $c_q \approx 1$ holds in C , but not in $\mathbf{Fm}_K(\omega)$. Furthermore, by Proposition 8.3 there are $r \in (0, 1]$, $p \in [0, 1] \cap \mathbf{Q}$, and $\gamma \in \omega + 1$ such that $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Fm}_K(\omega)) = \mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_r)$ or $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Fm}_K(\omega)) = \mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma)$. Let then $A \in \{\mathbf{Q}_r, \mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma\}$ be such that $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Fm}_K(\omega)) = \mathbb{Q}(A)$. In particular, $A \not\models c_q \approx 1$. As A is a chain, we have

$$A \models x \vee c_q \approx 1 \implies x \approx 1.$$

Since \vdash is ASC, by Theorem 3.2(iv) $C \times \mathbf{Fm}_K(0) \in \mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Fm}_K(\omega)) = \mathbb{Q}(A)$, whence

$$C \times \mathbf{Fm}_K(0) \models x \vee c_q \approx 1 \implies x \approx 1.$$

But this is false, as witnessed by the assignment $x \mapsto \langle 0, 1 \rangle$. Hence, we conclude that \vdash is PSC and, therefore, SC.

(ii) \Rightarrow (iv): Suppose that \vdash is SC. By Theorem 3.2(i) and Proposition 8.3, \vdash is algebraized by a quasivariety that is either trivial or of the form $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_r)$ for some $r \in (0, 1]$ or $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma)$ for some $p \in [0, 1] \cap \mathbf{Q}$ and $\gamma \in \omega + 1$.

(iv) \Rightarrow (i): If \vdash is algebraized by the trivial quasivariety, then \vdash is clearly HSC. Then we consider the case where it is algebraized by a quasivariety $\mathbb{Q}(A)$ where A is a nontrivial chain. By Proposition 7.5 we can assume that $A = \mathbf{Q}_r$ for some $r \in (0, 1]$ or $A = \mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma$ for some $p \in [0, 1] \cap \mathbf{Q}$ and $\gamma \in \omega + 1$.

Suppose first that $A = \mathbf{Q}_r$. Since the zero-generated subalgebra of every nontrivial member of $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_r)$ is \mathbf{Q}_r , the quasivariety $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_r)$ is minimal and, therefore, \vdash is HSC.

Then we consider the case where $A = \mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma$. In view of Theorem 3.2(i), to prove that \vdash is HSC, it suffices to show that every subquasivariety of $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma)$ is generated as a quasivariety by its denumerably generated free algebra. This is true for $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma)$, by Proposition 8.3. Then consider a proper subquasivariety K of $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma)$. Since K is nontrivial, $\mathbf{Q}_p^0 \in K$. On the other hand, as K is proper, $\mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma \notin K$. Consequently, there is $n \in \omega$ such that for all $m \in \omega + 1$,

$$\mathbf{Q}_p^m \in K \iff m \leq n.$$

Together with Proposition 8.3, this implies $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Fm}_K(\omega)) = \mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_p^n)$. In particular,

$$K \models \left(\bigvee_{0 \leq i < j \leq n+2} (c_p \vee x_i) \leftrightarrow (c_p \vee x_j) \right) \approx 1.$$

Now, let $A \in K$. As $A \in \mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma)$, we know that A is a subdirect product of algebras that are relatively subdirectly irreducible in $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma)$. Since $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma) = \text{ISPP}_U(\mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma)$,

these algebras belong to $\mathbb{ISP}_U(\mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma)$ and, therefore, are chains. Thus, A is a subdirect product of chains $\{C_i : i \in I\}$ in $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma)$. Furthermore, as A validates the equation in the above display, so do the various C_i . In view of Proposition 7.5 and the fact that $C_i \in \mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma)$, this implies that

$$\{C_i : i \in I\} \subseteq \mathbb{ISP}_U(\{\mathbf{Q}_p^0, \dots, \mathbf{Q}_p^n\}) \subseteq \mathbb{ISP}_U(\mathbf{Q}_p^n).$$

Thus, A is a subdirect product of members of $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_p^n)$. Since $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_p^n) = \mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Fm}_K(\omega))$, we conclude that $A \in \mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Fm}_K(\omega))$. Thus, K is generated as a quasivariety by $\mathbf{Fm}_K(\omega)$, as desired. \square

The next result presents bases for the admissible rules on all the axiomatic extensions of \mathbf{RG} .

Theorem 8.4. *The following holds for every $r \in (0, 1]$, $p \in [0, 1) \cap \mathbb{Q}$, and $\gamma \in \omega + 1$:*

- (i) *A base for the admissible rules of \mathbf{RG}_r is given by the rules of the form $c_q \vee z \triangleright z$, for all $q \in [0, r) \cap \mathbb{Q}$;*
- (ii) *A base for the admissible rules of \mathbf{RG}_p^γ is given by the rule $c_p \vee z \triangleright z$.*

Proof. After Theorem 8.2, the structural completion of \mathbf{RG}_r is algebrized by $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_r)$ and that of \mathbf{RG}_p^γ by $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma)$. Thus, in order to obtain a base for admissible rules of \mathbf{RG}_r and \mathbf{RG}_p^γ , it suffices to find an axiomatization of $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_r)$ and $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma)$ relative to $\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_r)$ and $\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{RG}_p^\gamma)$, respectively. By Proposition 7.5 and Theorem 7.2, the universal class of \mathbf{Q}_r is axiomatized relative to $\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_r)$ by $c_q \not\approx 1$ for all $q \in [0, r) \cap \mathbb{Q}$. Using a similar argument as in the proof of Theorem 6.1, $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_r)$ is axiomatized relative to $\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_r)$ by $c_q \vee z \approx 1 \implies z \approx 1$ for all $q \in [0, r) \cap \mathbb{Q}$. Similarly, $\mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma)$ is axiomatized relative to $\mathbb{V}(\mathbf{Q}_p^\gamma)$ by $c_p \vee z \approx 1 \implies z \approx 1$. \square

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The lattice of axiomatic extensions of \mathbf{L} is denumerable and its structure was completely described in [58], see also [11, Chpt. 8]. On the other hand, the variety of MV-algebras is well known to be \mathcal{Q} -universal [1]. We conclude this paper by showing that the addition of constants trivializes the lattice of extensions of \mathbf{RL} .

Theorem 9.1. *The logic \mathbf{RL} has no proper consistent extensions and, therefore, is HSC.*

The rest of this section is dedicated to the proof of the theorem. Recall that \mathbf{Q}_L^- denotes the subalgebra of \mathbf{R}_L^- on the rational numbers in $[0, 1]$ and \mathbf{L}_{n+1} is the subalgebra on $\{0, 1/n, \dots, n-1/n, n\}$. The algebra \mathbf{Q}_L^- generates MV as a quasivariety, as the following proposition shows:⁷

Proposition 9.2 ([2, Thm. 17]). *Assume a MV-quasiequation Φ does not hold in MV (equivalently, in \mathbf{R}_L^-). Then there is a natural number n such that Φ does not hold in \mathbf{L}_{n+1} .*

⁷In fact, by [34, Thm. 2.5], $\mathbb{ISP}_U(\mathbf{R}_L^-)$ and $\mathbb{ISP}_U(\mathbf{Q}_L^-)$ coincide.

The details for the next paragraph can be found in [45], see also [49]. Let A be an MV-algebra, a an element of its universe, $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ a term in the language of MV-algebras, and $1 \leq i \leq n$. The equation $\varphi \approx 1$ implicitly defines a in variable x_i in A provided that there are $c_1, \dots, c_n \in A$ such that $\varphi^A(c_1, \dots, c_n) = 1^A$ and, moreover, for every $c_1, \dots, c_n \in A$,

$$\text{if } v(c_1, \dots, c_n) = 1^A, \text{ then } c_i = a.$$

The element a is said to be implicitly definable in A if there is an equation that implicitly defines it.

Proposition 9.3 ([45, Lems. 3.3.11 & 3.3.13]).

- (i) Each rational number $r \in (0, 1)$ is implicitly definable in \mathbf{R}_L^- .
- (ii) If $T \cup \{\alpha \approx \beta\}$ is a finite set of equations in variables \vec{x} and constants c_{r_1}, \dots, c_{r_k} in the language of rational MV-algebras, T_0 is a (finite) set of equations in the language of MV-algebras implicitly defining each r_i , $1 \leq i \leq k$, in distinct variables z_i (not among \vec{x}) in \mathbf{R}_L^- , and T^*, α^*, β^* result from T, α, β by replacing the constant c_{r_i} with variable z_i respectively for $1 \leq i \leq k$, then $T \models_{\mathbf{R}_L} \alpha \approx \beta$ if and only if $T_0 \cup T^* \models_{\mathbf{R}_L^-} \alpha^* \approx \beta^*$;
- (iii) Under the conditions and notation of (ii), also $T \models_{\mathbf{Q}_L} \alpha \approx \beta$ if and only if $T_0 \cup T^* \models_{\mathbf{Q}_L^-} \alpha^* \approx \beta^*$.

Proof. Part (i) is [45, Lem. 3.3.11] and part (ii) is the proof method of [45, Lem. 3.3.13]: the variables z_i , under the theory implicitly defining the finitely many rational constants, act semantically as the respective constants. Since the interpretation of constants is with the rationals, the argument can be carried out for the algebras \mathbf{Q}_L and \mathbf{Q}_L^- , which justifies (iii), even though not explicit in [45]. \square

Notice that, in contrast to the situation in Gödel or product algebras, the interpretation of the constant c_r with the rational r is the only possible in the algebra \mathbf{R}_L^- ; see under Thm. 26 in [27] for an explicit mention of this fact.

Proposition 9.4 ([45, Lem. 3.3.14], [27, Prop. 24]). $\text{RMV} = \mathbb{Q}(\mathbf{R}_L)$.

Lemma 9.5. \mathbf{R}_L and \mathbf{Q}_L generate the same quasivarieties.

Proof. Let $\Phi = (\varphi_1 \approx \psi_1 \wp \dots \wp \varphi_n \approx \psi_n) \implies \varphi \approx \psi$ be a quasiequation in the language of RMV. Moreover let c_{r_1}, \dots, c_{r_k} be the constants in Φ , and assume T_0 is a finite conjunction of equations in the language of MV-algebras that implicitly define r_1, \dots, r_k in \mathbf{R}_L^- in some pairwise distinct variables z_1, \dots, z_k not occurring in Φ . (We further assume that any auxiliary variables in the defining equations for r_i, r_j , where $i \neq j$, are also distinct.) Notice that T_0 exists by Proposition 9.3(i). Finally, let Φ^* result from Φ by replacing the rational constants c_{r_1}, \dots, c_{r_k} with z_1, \dots, z_k . Notice that Φ^* is an quasiequation in the language of MV-algebras.

It is enough to show that $\mathbf{Q}_L \models \Phi$ implies $\mathbf{R}_L \models \Phi$. To that end, assume $\mathbf{R}_L \not\models \Phi$; by Proposition 9.3(ii) this is equivalent to $\mathbf{R}_L^- \not\models T_0 \implies \Phi^*$. Moreover, using Proposition 9.2, there is a natural number n such that $\mathbf{L}_{n+1} \not\models T_0 \implies \Phi^*$. Since each finite MV-chain is isomorphic to a subalgebra of \mathbf{Q}_L^- , we may conclude that $\mathbf{Q}_L^- \not\models T_0 \implies \Phi^*$. Finally, the latter is the case if and only if $\mathbf{Q}_L \not\models \Phi$, applying Proposition 9.3(iii). \square

Proposition 9.6. *Let $A \in \text{RMV}$ be nontrivial. Then $\mathbf{Q}_L \leq A$.*

Proof. Any nontrivial $A \in \text{RMV}$ has a subalgebra that is a homomorphic image of \mathbf{Q}_L , and since the latter is simple and A lacks trivial subalgebras, we get $\mathbf{Q}_L \leq A$. \square

Proof of Theorem 9.1. We will show that RMV is a minimal quasivariety. By Proposition 9.6, $\mathbf{Q}_L \leq A$ whenever $A \in \text{RMV}$ is nontrivial. Thus, for any nontrivial class $\mathbf{K} \subseteq \text{RMV}$, we have $\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_L) \subseteq \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{K})$. Combining Proposition 9.4 and Lemma 9.5, we get $\text{RMV} = \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{Q}_L)$; since we know the latter to be included in $\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{K})$, and given that \mathbf{K} was arbitrarily chosen, the minimality of RMV follows. \square

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