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SOME MODEL THEORY FOR PROBABILITY STRUCTURES

A b s t r a c t. In this paper we study some model theory for Gaifman probability structures. A classical result of Horn-Tarski concerning the extension of probabilities on Boolean algebras will allow us to prove some preservation theorems for probability structures, the model-companion of logical probability, etc. extending some classical results in eastern model theory.

1. Introduction

Let L be a first-order language with a nonempty set C of constant symbols. If U is a set containing C , then $L(U)$ will be the language obtained by adjoining to L the constants of $U - C$. We shall write $\mathbf{c} \in C$ instead of $c_1, \dots, c_n \in C$, $\varphi(\mathbf{x})$ instead of $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$, $\varphi(\mathbf{c})$ instead of $\varphi(c_1, \dots, c_n)$, etc. We shall denote by E the set of sentences of L and by $E(U)$ the set

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of sentences of $L(U)$. B (resp. $B(U)$) will denote the Lindenbaum-Tarski algebra of L (resp. $L(U)$). Of course, B is isomorphic to a Boolean subalgebra of $B(U)$. The equivalence class of a sentence φ will be denoted by $[\varphi]$.

If A is an arbitrary Boolean algebra, then a *probability* on A is a function $m : A \rightarrow [0, 1]$ such that

$$(1.1) \quad m(a \vee b) = m(a) + m(b) \text{ for } a, b \in A \text{ such that } a \wedge b = 0;$$

$$(1.2) \quad m(1) = 1.$$

A (*logical*) *probability* on L is a probability μ on a subalgebra of B . Denote by $\text{dom}(\mu)$ the domain of μ .

A *probability structure* is a pair (U, u) , where $C \subseteq U$ and u is a probability on the Boolean algebra $B(U)$ which satisfies the Gaifman condition:

(G) for any sentence $\exists \mathbf{x}\varphi(\mathbf{x})$ in $L(U)$ we have that

$$u([\exists \mathbf{x}\varphi(\mathbf{x})]) = \sup\{u([\varphi(a_1)] \vee \dots \vee [\varphi(a_n)]) : a_1, \dots, a_n \in U, n \in \omega\}.$$

We shall also use the dual form of (G):

(G^o) for any sentence $\forall \mathbf{x}\varphi(\mathbf{x})$ in $L(U)$ we have that

$$u([\forall \mathbf{x}\varphi(\mathbf{x})]) = \inf\{u([\varphi(a_1)] \wedge \dots \wedge [\varphi(a_n)]) : a_1, \dots, a_n \in U, n \in \omega\}.$$

If μ is a probability on L and (U, u) is a probability structure, then (U, u) is a *model* of μ , denoted by $(U, u) \models \mu$, if μ is equal to the restriction of u to $\text{dom}(\mu)$. Recall the Gaifman completeness theorem [4]:

Theorem 1.1. Every probability μ on L has a model (U, u) .

Let A be an arbitrary Boolean algebra, A' a subalgebra of A and m a probability on A' . Define the *interior measure* m_* and the *exterior measure* m^* of m by putting for any $a \in A$:

$$(1.3) \quad m_*(a) = \sup\{m(x) : x \in A, x \leq a\};$$

$$(1.4) \quad m^*(a) = \inf\{m(x) : x \in A, a \leq x\}$$

We shall use the following Horn-Tarski result [6]:

Theorem 1.2. Let A be a Boolean algebra, A' a subalgebra of A , $a \in A - A'$ and $A'(a)$ the subalgebra of A generated by $A' \cup \{a\}$. If m is a probability on A' and $r \in [0, 1]$, then the following are equivalent:

- (i) m can be extended to a probability m' on $A'(a)$ such that $m'(a) = r$;
- (ii) $m_*(a) \leq r \leq m^*(a)$.

If (U, u) is a probability structure, φ is a sentence in $L(U)$ and $r \in [0, 1]$, then we shall say that (U, u) *satisfies* the pair (φ, r) ($(U, u) \models (\varphi, r)$) if

$u([\varphi]) = r$. A pair (φ, r) , where $\varphi \in E, r \in [0, 1]$, is *consistent* with a probability μ on L if there is a model of μ that satisfies (φ, r) .

Lemma 1.3. Assume that μ is a probability on L , $\varphi \in E$ and $r \in [0, 1]$. Then, the following are equivalent:

- (i) (φ, r) is consistent with μ ;
- (ii) $\mu_*([\varphi]) \leq r \leq \mu^*([\varphi])$.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii) Assume that there is a model (U, u) of μ that satisfies (φ, r) . Then, for any $\psi \in E$,

$$[\psi] \in \text{dom}(\mu), \vdash \psi \rightarrow \varphi \Rightarrow \mu([\psi]) = u([\psi]) \leq u([\varphi]) = r.$$

Hence, $\mu_*([\varphi]) \leq r$ and, similarly, $r \leq \mu^*([\varphi])$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i) In accordance to Theorem 1.2 there exists a probability η that extends μ such that $[\varphi] \in \text{dom}(\eta)$ and $\eta([\varphi]) = r$. By Theorem 1.1, there is a model (U, u) of η , so $u([\varphi]) = \eta([\varphi]) = r$. Hence, $(U, u) \models (\varphi, r)$. ■

Let (U, u) and (V, v) be two probability structures such that $U \subseteq V$. (U, u) is a *substructure* of (V, v) , denoted by $(U, u) \subseteq (V, v)$, if for any quantifier-free sentence φ in $L(U)$, $u([\varphi]) = v([\varphi])$. (U, u) is an *elementary substructure* of (V, v) , denoted by $(U, u) \prec (V, v)$, if for any sentence φ in $L(U)$, $u([\varphi]) = v([\varphi])$.

Lemma 1.4. Let (U, u) be a substructure of (V, v) . Then,

- (i) for any existential sentence φ in $L(U)$, $u([\varphi]) \leq v([\varphi])$;
- (ii) for any universal sentence φ in $L(U)$, $v([\varphi]) \leq u([\varphi])$.

Proof. Using the conditions (G) and (G°) . ■

Let $(U_\alpha, u_\alpha), \alpha < \lambda$ be a chain of probability structures. If $U = \cup_{\alpha < \lambda} U_\alpha$ then there exists a unique probability u on $B(U)$ such that $u|_{B(U_\alpha)} = u_\alpha$ for any $\alpha < \lambda$. The probability structure (U, u) will be called the *union* of the chain $(U_\alpha, u_\alpha), \alpha < \lambda$. This construction appears implicitly in the proof of Theorem 1 of [4].

Lemma 1.5. ([4]) If $(U_\alpha, u_\alpha), \alpha < \lambda$ is an elementary chain of probability structures and (U, u) is its union, then (U_α, u_α) is an elementary substructure of (U, u) for all $\alpha < \lambda$.

Proof. See the proof of Theorem 1 of [4] ■

For any U with $C \subseteq U$, let us denote by $D(U)$ the set of basic sentences in $L(U)$ and by $E_0(U)$ the set of quantifier-free sentences in $L(U)$. $B_0(U)$ will be the subalgebra of equivalence classes of quantifier-free sentences in $L(U)$.

2. Existentially closed probability structures

Let (U, u) be a substructure of (V, v) . We say that (V, v) is an *existential extension* of (U, u) , denoted by $(U, u) \prec_{\forall} (V, v)$, if $u([\varphi]) = v([\varphi])$ for any existential sentence φ in $L(U)$.

One remarks that (V, v) is an *existential extension* of (U, u) iff $u([\varphi]) = v([\varphi])$ for any universal sentence φ in $L(U)$.

Proposition 2.1. If $(U, u) \subseteq (V, v)$, then the following are equivalent:

- (i) $(U, u) \prec_{\forall} (V, v)$;
- (ii) there is an extension (W, w) of (V, v) such that $(U, u) \prec (W, w)$.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii) Suppose that $(U, u) \prec_{\forall} (V, v)$. We shall prove that there is a probability η on $L(V)$ such that:

- (I) $B(U) \cup \{[\varphi] : \varphi \in D(V)\} \subseteq \text{dom}(\eta)$;
- (II) η extends u ;
- (III) $\eta([\varphi]) = v([\varphi])$ for any $\varphi \in D(V)$.

Consider $\varphi \in E(U)$, $\mathbf{a} \in V - U$ and $\psi(\mathbf{a}) \in D(V)$ such that $\vdash \varphi \leftrightarrow \psi(\mathbf{a})$. It follows that $\vdash \varphi \leftrightarrow \forall \mathbf{x} \psi(\mathbf{x})$, therefore, since $\forall \mathbf{x} \psi(\mathbf{x})$ is an universal sentence in $L(U)$, $u([\varphi]) = u([\forall \mathbf{x} \psi(\mathbf{x})]) = v([\forall \mathbf{x} \psi(\mathbf{x})]) = u([\psi(\mathbf{a})])$.

Let now $\varphi \in D(V)$ such that $[\varphi] \notin B(U)$. We shall prove that

$$(2.1) \quad u_*([\varphi]) \leq v([\varphi]) \leq u^*([\varphi]).$$

Let $\psi \in E(U)$ and $\mathbf{a} \in V - U$ such that $\vdash \psi \rightarrow \varphi(\mathbf{a})$. It follows that $\vdash \psi \rightarrow \forall \mathbf{x} \psi(\mathbf{x})$ and $\vdash \forall \mathbf{x} \varphi(\mathbf{x}) \leftrightarrow \varphi(\mathbf{a})$, hence $u([\psi]) \leq u([\forall \mathbf{x} \psi(\mathbf{x})]) = v([\forall \mathbf{x} \psi(\mathbf{x})]) = v([\varphi])$. By Theorem 1.2, there is a probability μ on the Boolean algebra $B(U)([\varphi])$ such that μ extends u and $\mu([\varphi]) = v([\varphi])$. Now, the construction of η will be done by a transfinite induction. Applying Theorem 1.1, there is a probability structure (W, w) fulfilling the required conditions.

(i) \Rightarrow (ii) Straightforward. ■

A probability μ on L is *model-complete* if $(U, u) \subseteq (V, v)$ implies $(U, u) \prec (V, v)$ for any models $(U, u), (V, v)$ of μ .

Proposition 2.2. For a probability μ on L the following are equivalent:

- (i) μ is model-complete;
- (ii) for any models $(U, u), (V, v)$ of μ , $(U, u) \subseteq (V, v)$ implies $(U, u) \prec_V (V, v)$.

Proof. Straightforward, using Proposition 2.1 and the proof of Robinson's model completeness test ([5],[7]). ■

A probability μ on L is called *inductive* if the class of its models is closed under unions of chains. By Lemma 1.5, every model-complete probability is inductive.

A probability structure (U, u) is *existentially closed* if $(U, u) \subseteq (V, v)$ implies that (V, v) is an existential extension of (U, u) .

Proposition 2.3. If μ is an inductive probability on L , then any model of μ can be embedded into an existentially closed model of μ .

Proof. Let (U, u) be a model of μ and k be the cardinal number of the language $L(U)$. Consider an enumeration $\varphi_\alpha, \alpha < k$ of the existential sentences in $L(U)$. We shall define by induction a chain $(U_\alpha, u_\alpha), \alpha < k$ of models of μ .

(I) $(U_0, u_0) = (U, u)$;

(II) Assume that $\alpha = \beta + 1$ and that there was defined (U_γ, u_γ) for any $\gamma \leq \beta$. Since (U_β, u_β) is a model of μ , we have that there is a probability η on $L(U_\beta)$ such that η extends μ and the restriction of u_β to $B_0(U_\beta)$. By Lemma 1.3, there is a model (V, v) of η such that $v([\varphi_\beta]) = \eta^*([\varphi_\beta])$. We shall prove that for any model (W, w) of μ the following implication holds:
(2.2) $(U_\beta, u_\beta) \subseteq (W, w) \Rightarrow w([\varphi_\beta]) \leq v([\varphi_\beta])$.

Suppose that $(U_\beta, u_\beta) \subseteq (W, w)$. For any $\psi \in E_0(U_\beta)$ we get that $w([\psi]) = u_\beta([\psi]) = \eta([\psi])$, so (W, w) is a model of η . Since $(\varphi_\beta, w([\varphi_\beta]))$ is consistent with η , applying Lemma 1.3 we obtain that $w([\varphi_\beta]) \leq \eta^*([\varphi_\beta]) = v([\varphi_\beta])$. That is, (2.2) holds. We define $(U_\alpha, u_\alpha) = (V, v)$.

(III) If α is a limit ordinal, then (U_α, u_α) is the union of the chain $(U_\beta, u_\beta), \beta < \alpha$.

Hence, we have defined the chain $(U_\alpha, u_\alpha), \alpha < k$ of models of μ . Let (V_1, v_1) be the union of this chain. It follows that the following holds:

(2.3) If φ is an existential sentence in $L(U)$, $(W, w) \models \mu$ and $(V_1, v_1) \subseteq (W, w)$, then $v_1([\varphi]) = w([\varphi])$.

One can define by induction a chain $(V_n, v_n), n < \omega$ of models of μ such that for any $n < \omega$ a property similar to (2.3) holds. Let (V, v) be the

union of this chain. It follows that (V, v) is an existentially closed model of μ such that $(U, u) \subseteq (V, v)$. \blacksquare

If μ is a probability on L , then let us denote by \mathbf{E}_μ the class of existentially closed models of μ .

Proposition 2.4. Let μ be a probability on L . Then \mathbf{E}_μ is the unique class \mathbf{C} of models of μ having the following properties:

- (i) any model of μ can be embedded into a member of \mathbf{C} ;
- (ii) if $(U, u), (V, v)$ are members of \mathbf{C} , then $(U, u) \subseteq (V, v)$ implies $(U, u) \prec_V (V, v)$;
- (iii) \mathbf{C} is maximal with respect to the conditions (i) and (ii).

3. A preservation theorem

Given a probability structure (U, u) , $\varphi \in E(U)$ and $r \in [0, 1]$, let us define

$$(3.1) \quad (U, u) \models^* (\varphi, r) \text{ iff } u([\varphi]) \geq r;$$

$$(3.2) \quad \mu_V = \{(\varphi, \mu_*([\varphi])) : \varphi \text{ is an universal sentence in } L\}.$$

Proposition 3.1. Let μ be a probability on L and (U, u) be a probability structure. Then (U, u) can be embedded in a model (V, v) of μ iff $(U, u) \models^* \mu_V$.

Proof. Suppose that $(U, u) \subseteq (V, v)$ and that $(V, v) \models \mu$. Let φ be an universal sentence in $L(U)$. It follows that for any $[\psi] \in \text{dom}(\mu)$ such that $\vdash \psi \rightarrow \varphi$, we have that $\mu([\psi]) = v([\psi]) \leq u([\psi]) \leq u([\varphi])$. Therefore, $\mu_*([\varphi]) \leq u([\varphi])$, so $(U, u) \models^* \mu_V$.

Conversely, suppose that $(U, u) \models^* \mu_V$. Let $[\varphi] \in \text{dom}(\mu)$ and $\psi \in D(U)$ such that $\vdash \psi \leftrightarrow \varphi$. We shall prove that $\mu([\varphi]) = u([\psi])$. Let $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ be the constants from $U - C$ that appear in ψ . We get that $\vdash \varphi \leftrightarrow \psi(\mathbf{a})$, so $\vdash \neg\varphi \leftrightarrow \neg\psi(\mathbf{a})$, hence $\vdash \varphi \leftrightarrow \forall \mathbf{x}\psi(\mathbf{x})$ and $\vdash \neg\varphi \leftrightarrow \neg\forall \mathbf{x}\psi(\mathbf{x})$. Since $\forall \mathbf{x}\psi(\mathbf{x})$ is an universal sentence, it follows that $(U, u) \models^* (\forall \mathbf{x}\psi(\mathbf{x}), \mu_*([\forall \mathbf{x}\psi(\mathbf{x})]))$, that is $u([\forall \mathbf{x}\psi(\mathbf{x})]) \geq \mu_*([\forall \mathbf{x}\psi(\mathbf{x})])$. From the condition (G°) we obtain that $u([\psi(\mathbf{a})]) \geq u([\forall \mathbf{x}\psi(\mathbf{x})])$, hence $u([\psi(\mathbf{a})]) \geq u_*([\forall \mathbf{x}\psi(\mathbf{x})]) = u_*([\varphi])$. Similarly, from $(U, u) \models^* (\forall \mathbf{x}\neg\psi(\mathbf{x}), \mu_*([\forall \mathbf{x}\neg\psi(\mathbf{x})]))$, we get that $u([\neg\psi(\mathbf{a})]) \geq \mu_*([\neg\psi])$.

By [6], Corollary 1.18, p. 476 we get that $\mu_*([\neg\varphi]) + \mu^*([\varphi]) = 1$, hence $1 - u([\psi(\mathbf{a})]) \geq 1 - \mu^*([\varphi])$. We have got that $\mu_*([\varphi]) \leq u([\psi(\mathbf{a})]) \leq \mu^*([\varphi])$. Since $[\varphi] \in \text{dom}(\mu)$, we get that $\mu_*([\varphi]) = \mu([\varphi]) = \mu^*([\varphi])$. Hence,

$$\mu([\varphi]) = u([\psi]).$$

Let now $\varphi \in D(U)$ such that $[\varphi] \notin \text{dom}(\mu)$. We shall prove that μ can be extended to a probability η such that $[\varphi] \in \text{dom}(\eta)$ and $\eta([\varphi]) = u([\varphi])$. By Theorem 1.2, it suffices to prove that $\mu_*([\varphi]) \leq u([\varphi]) \leq \mu^*([\varphi])$. If $\varphi = \varphi(\mathbf{a})$, with $\mathbf{a} \in U - C$, then $\varphi(\mathbf{a}), \neg\varphi(\mathbf{a}) \in D(U)$ and $\vdash \varphi(\mathbf{a}) \leftrightarrow \forall \mathbf{x}\varphi(\mathbf{x}), \vdash \neg\varphi(\mathbf{a}) \leftrightarrow \forall \mathbf{x}\neg\varphi(\mathbf{x})$. Since $(U, u) \models^* (\forall \mathbf{x}\varphi(\mathbf{x}), \mu_*(\forall \mathbf{x}\varphi(\mathbf{x})))$, we get that $u([\varphi]) = u(\forall \mathbf{x}\varphi(\mathbf{x})) \geq \mu_*(\forall \mathbf{x}\varphi(\mathbf{x})) = \mu_*([\varphi])$. Similarly, we have that $u([\neg\varphi]) \geq \mu_*([\neg\varphi])$. It follows that $u([\varphi]) \leq \mu^*([\varphi])$.

We can define by transfinite induction a probability ε on $L(U)$ such that

$$(3.3) \quad \text{dom}(\mu) \cup \{[\varphi] : \varphi \in D(U)\} \subseteq \text{dom}(\varepsilon);$$

$$(3.4) \quad \varepsilon \text{ extends } \mu;$$

$$(3.5) \quad \varepsilon([\varphi]) = u([\varphi]) \text{ for any } \varphi \in D(U).$$

Applying Theorem 1.2, there is a model (V, v) of ε such that $(V, v) \models \mu$ and $(U, u) \subseteq (V, v)$. ■

A probability μ on L is preserved under probability substructures if $(U, u) \subseteq (V, v)$ and $(V, v) \models \mu$ implies $(U, u) \models \mu$.

Corollary 3.2. Let μ be a probability on L . The following are equivalent:

- (i) μ is preserved under probability substructures;
- (ii) for any probability structure (U, u) , $(U, u) \models^* \mu_{\forall}$ implies $(U, u) \models \mu$.

4. A characterization of inductive probabilities

A class Σ of probability structures is *inductive* if it is closed under unions of chains. Thus, a probability μ is inductive iff the class of its models is inductive. For a probability μ on L , let us denote

$$(4.1) \quad \Sigma_\mu = \{(U, u) : (U, u) \models^* \mu_{\forall}\}$$

$$(4.2) \quad \mu_{\forall\exists} = \{(\varphi, \mu_*([\varphi])) : \varphi \text{ is an } \forall\exists\text{-sentence in } L\}.$$

Proposition 4.1. Σ_μ is an inductive class.

Proof. Let (U_α, u_α) , $\alpha < \lambda$ be a chain in Σ_μ and (U, u) be its union. Let $\forall \mathbf{x}\varphi(\mathbf{x})$ be an universal sentence in L . Then by the Gaifman condition (G):

$$\begin{aligned} u([\forall \mathbf{x}\varphi(\mathbf{x})]) &= \inf\{u([\varphi(a_1)] \wedge \dots \wedge [\varphi(a_n)]) : a_1, \dots, a_n \in U\} \\ &= \inf_{\alpha < \lambda} \inf\{u([\varphi(a_1)] \wedge \dots \wedge [\varphi(a_n)]) : a_1, \dots, a_n \in U\} \\ &= \inf_{\alpha < \lambda} \{u_\alpha([\forall \mathbf{x}\varphi(\mathbf{x})])\} \geq \mu_*([\forall \mathbf{x}\varphi(\mathbf{x})]) \end{aligned}$$

because $(U_\alpha, u_\alpha) \models^* (\forall \mathbf{x}\varphi(\mathbf{x}), \mu_*(\lceil \forall \mathbf{x}\varphi(\mathbf{x}) \rceil))$ for any $\alpha < \lambda$. It follows that $(U, u) \models^* (\forall \mathbf{x}\varphi(\mathbf{x}), \mu_*(\lceil \forall \mathbf{x}\varphi(\mathbf{x}) \rceil))$, so $(U, u) \models^* \mu_\forall$. \blacksquare

Lemma 4.2. If (V, v) is an existential extension of (U, u) and φ is an $\forall\exists$ -sentence in $L(U)$ then $v(\lceil \varphi \rceil) \leq u(\lceil \varphi \rceil)$.

Lemma 4.3. Let (U_α, u_α) , $\alpha < \lambda$ be a chain of probability structures, (U, u) be its union, φ an $\forall\exists$ -sentence in L and $r \in [0, 1]$. If $(U_\alpha, u_\alpha) \models^* (\varphi, r)$ for $\alpha < \lambda$ then $(U, u) \models^* (\varphi, r)$.

Proposition 4.4. For a probability μ on L the following are equivalent:

- (i) μ is inductive;
- (ii) For any probability structure (U, u) , (U, u) is a model of μ iff $(U, u) \models^* \mu_{\forall\exists}$.

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii) Assume that $(U, u) \models \mu$. Then for any $\varphi \in E$ and $\psi \in \text{dom}(\mu)$, $\vdash \psi \rightarrow \varphi$ implies $\mu(\lceil \psi \rceil) = u(\lceil \psi \rceil) \leq u(\lceil \varphi \rceil)$, so $\mu_*(\lceil \varphi \rceil) \leq u(\lceil \varphi \rceil)$. Thus $(U, u) \models^* (\varphi, \mu_*(\lceil \varphi \rceil))$. Now assume that $(U, u) \models^* \mu_{\forall\exists}$. We shall show that there is an existential extension (U_1, u_1) of (U, u) which is a model of μ . It suffices to prove that there exists a probability η on $L(U)$ such that the following hold:

$$(4.3) \{ \lceil \varphi \rceil : \varphi \text{ is an existential sentence in } L(U) \} \subseteq \text{dom}(\mu);$$

$$(4.4) \eta \text{ extends } \mu;$$

$$(4.5) \text{ If } \varphi \text{ is an existential sentence in } L(U) \text{ then } \eta(\lceil \varphi \rceil) = u(\lceil \varphi \rceil).$$

Consider $\lceil \varphi \rceil \in \text{dom}(\mu)$ and $\exists \mathbf{x}\psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{a})$ an existential sentence in $L(U)$ (with \mathbf{a} in $U - C$) such that $\vdash \varphi \leftrightarrow \exists \mathbf{x}\psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{a})$. We shall prove that $\mu(\lceil \varphi \rceil) = u(\lceil \exists \mathbf{x}\psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{a}) \rceil)$. We remark that $\vdash \varphi \leftrightarrow \forall \mathbf{y}\exists \mathbf{x}\psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$, $\vdash \neg\varphi \leftrightarrow \forall \mathbf{y}\neg\exists \mathbf{x}\psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$

for an appropriate choice of \mathbf{y} . Then one gets

$$u(\lceil \varphi \rceil) = u(\lceil \exists \mathbf{x}\psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{a}) \rceil) \geq u(\lceil \forall \mathbf{y}\exists \mathbf{x}\psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \rceil) \geq \mu_*(\lceil \forall \mathbf{y}\exists \mathbf{x}\psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \rceil) = \mu_*(\lceil \varphi \rceil)$$

since $(U, u) \models^* (\forall \mathbf{y}\exists \mathbf{x}\psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}), \mu_*(\lceil \forall \mathbf{y}\exists \mathbf{x}\psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \rceil))$. Similarly one gets $u(\lceil \neg\varphi \rceil) \geq \mu_*(\lceil \neg\varphi \rceil) = 1 - \mu_*(\lceil \varphi \rceil)$, so $\mu_*(\lceil \varphi \rceil) \leq u(\lceil \varphi \rceil) \leq \mu^*(\lceil \varphi \rceil)$. But $\lceil \varphi \rceil \in \text{dom}(\mu)$ so $\mu_*(\lceil \varphi \rceil) = \mu(\lceil \varphi \rceil) = \mu^*(\lceil \varphi \rceil)$, hence $\mu(\lceil \varphi \rceil) = u(\lceil \varphi \rceil) = u(\lceil \exists \mathbf{x}\psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{a}) \rceil)$.

For any existential sentence φ in $L(U)$ with $\lceil \varphi \rceil \notin \text{dom}(\mu)$ we shall establish the inequality

$$(4.6) \mu_*(\lceil \varphi \rceil) \leq u(\lceil \varphi \rceil) \leq \mu^*(\lceil \varphi \rceil).$$

If $\varphi = \varphi(\mathbf{a})$ with \mathbf{a} in $U - C$ then $\forall \mathbf{x}\varphi(\mathbf{x})$ is an $\forall\exists$ -sentence in L , so $(U, u) \models^* (\forall \mathbf{x}\varphi(\mathbf{x}), \mu_*(\lceil \forall \mathbf{x}\varphi(\mathbf{x}) \rceil))$. Thus

$u([\varphi]) = u([\forall \mathbf{x}\varphi(\mathbf{x})]) \geq \mu_*([\forall \mathbf{x}\varphi(\mathbf{x})]) = \mu_*([\varphi])$. Similarly from $(U, u) \models^* (\forall \mathbf{x}\neg\varphi(\mathbf{x}), \mu_*([\forall \mathbf{x}\neg\varphi(\mathbf{x})])$ one can infer that $u([\neg\varphi]) \geq \mu_*([\neg\varphi]) = 1 - \mu_*([\varphi])$, so (4.6) holds.

By Theorem 1.2, there is a probability ν defined on the Boolean subalgebra generated by $\text{dom}(\mu) \cup \{[\varphi]\}$ such that ν extends μ and $\nu([\varphi]) = u([\varphi])$. We can define by transfinite induction a probability η that satisfies the conditions (4.3)-(4.5).

Using the above argument and Proposition 2.1 one can define by induction a sequence $(U_n, u_n), n < \omega$ of probability structures such that the following conditions hold for all $n < \omega$:

$$(4.7) \quad (U_0, u_0) = (U, u);$$

$$(4.8) \quad (U_{2n}, u_{2n}) \prec (U_{2n+2}, u_{2n+2});$$

$$(4.9) \quad (U_{2n}, u_{2n}) \prec_{\forall} (U_{2n+1}, u_{2n+1});$$

$$(4.10) \quad (U_{2n+1}, u_{2n+1}) \models \mu;$$

$$(4.11) \quad (U_{2n}, u_{2n}) \models^* \mu_{\forall\exists}.$$

If we denote by (W, w) the union of this chain, then applying Lemma 1.5 we get that $(U, u) \prec (W, w)$. Since μ is inductive, (W, w) is a model of μ , hence $(U, u) \models \mu$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i) By Lemma 4.3. ■

5. Model-companion of a probability

Let μ, η be two probabilities on L . We say that η is *model-consistent relative to μ* if any model of μ can be embedded into a model of η ; μ and η are *mutually model-consistent* if each is model-consistent relative to the other. The probability η is called a *model-companion* of μ if η is model-complete and μ, η are mutually model-consistent.

Proposition 5.1. Let μ, η be two probabilities on L . If μ is inductive, then the following are equivalent:

- (i) η is a model-companion of μ ;
- (ii) \mathbf{E}_μ is the class of models of the probability η .

Proof. (i) \Rightarrow (ii) We shall prove first that any model (U, u) of η is a model of μ . By Proposition 4.4, it suffices to show that $(U, u) \models^* \mu_{\forall\exists}$. Suppose that φ is an $\forall\exists$ -sentence in L . By hypothesis and Proposition 2.3, (U, u) can be embedded into an existentially closed model (V, v) of μ . If ψ is a sentence in L such that $\vdash \psi \rightarrow \varphi$, then by Lemma 4.2,

$\mu([\psi]) = v([\psi]) \leq v([\varphi]) \leq u([\varphi])$, so $\mu_*([\varphi]) \leq u([\varphi])$. This yields $(U, u) \models^* (\varphi, \mu_*([\varphi]))$, i.e. $(U, u) \models^* \mu_{\forall\exists}$.

Let \mathbf{C} be the class of models of η . Assume (U, u) in \mathbf{C} and $(U, u) \subseteq (V, v)$ with $(V, v) \models \mu$. Then $(V, v) \subseteq (W, w)$ for some model (W, w) of η , so $(U, u) \prec (W, w)$, η being model-complete. It follows that (V, v) is an existential extension of (U, u) , so (U, u) is in E_μ .

In order to prove the converse inclusion $E_\mu \subseteq \mathbf{C}$ assume (U, u) is an existentially closed model of μ . Thus there exists $(V, v) \models \eta$ such that $(U, u) \subseteq (V, v)$, so (V, v) is an existential extension of (U, u) .

Let φ be an $\forall\exists$ -sentence in L and $\psi \in E$ such that $\vdash \psi \rightarrow \varphi$. Thus $\eta([\psi]) = v([\psi]) \leq v([\varphi]) \leq u([\varphi])$, by Lemma 4.2. It follows that $\eta_*([\varphi]) \leq u([\varphi])$, so $(U, u) \models^* (\varphi, \eta_*([\varphi]))$. Then $(U, u) \models^* \mu_{\forall\exists}$. But η is model-complete, so it is inductive. By Proposition 4.4 one can infer that $(U, u) \models \eta$, so $(U, u) \in \mathbf{C}$.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i) If (U, u) is a model of η , then $(U, u) \subseteq (V, v)$ for some member (V, v) of E_μ , in accordance with Proposition 2.3. By hypothesis, $(V, v) \models \eta$. It is obvious that any model of η is a model of μ .

Assume now (U, u) , (V, v) are two models of η such that $(U, u) \subseteq (V, v)$. Thus, they are in E_μ , so (V, v) is an existential extension of (U, u) . By Proposition 2.2 η is model-complete. \blacksquare

Corollary 5.2. If η, ε are two model-companions of the probability μ on L then the models of η, ε are identical.

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