ON EQUATIONAL CLASSES OF ALGEBRAIC VERSIONS OF LOGIC I

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In this paper we study equational classes of one- and two-dimensional polyadic algebras. We intend to extend this study to higher dimensions, and to other kinds of algebraic logics, such as relation and cylindric algebras.

For one-dimensional polyadic algebras the lattice of equational classes forms a chain of type $\omega + 1$, and we give explicit, simple, equations characterizing each class. We do not have such complete results for two-dimensional polyadic algebras, but we answer some fundamental questions about their lattice of equational classes: there are $\aleph_0$ classes; each class is finitely based; each class is determined by its finite members; each class has decidable equational theory.

The methods of this paper are elementary, but we make essential use of the fundamental article Jónsson [3]. Representation theory does not play a role here, although we may mention that every two dimensional polyadic algebra is representable, and every countable simple two-dimensional polyadic algebra can be embedded in the algebra of all subsets of $\omega \times \omega$ (cf. Everett and Ulam [1], McKinsey [5], Halmos [2, pp. 97–166]. G.- C. Rota suggested the problem of determining equational classes of polyadic algebras. Several conversations with James S. Johnson were useful.

We use standard set-theoretical language. The letters $m, n, \ldots$ range over $\omega$, the set of natural numbers. We use $f: A \rightarrow B$, $f: A \rightarrow B$, $f: A \rightarrow B$ to indicate that $f$ is a function mapping $A$ into $B$, one-one into $B$, or one-one onto $B$ respectively. We denote by $\mathcal{A}B$ the set of all functions mapping $A$ into $B$. The $f$-image of a set $X$ is denoted by $f^*X$. We use $f_{xy}$ interchangably with $f(x, y, z)$. By $I$ we denote the identity function: $Ix = x$ for all $x$. If $E$ is an equivalence relation on a set $A$, a subset of $A$ is $E$-closed if it is a union of $E$-classes. The equivalence class

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of an element \( a \in A \) is denoted by \( a/E \). If \( X \subseteq A \) we let \( X/E = \{ x/E : x \in X \} \). Further, \( SA = \{ X : X \subseteq A \} \).

Symmetric difference is denoted by \( \oplus \). If \( \mathcal{A} \) is a Boolean algebra with operators, \( At\mathcal{A} \) is the set of all atoms of \( \mathcal{A} \); for \( a \in A \), \( Ata \) is the set of all atoms \( \leq a \).

If \( K \) is a class of similar algebras, then \( HK, SK, PK \) are the classes of homomorphic images of members of \( K \), isomorphs of subalgebras of members of \( K \), and isomorphs of direct products of members of \( K \). Thus \( HSPK \) is the equational closure of \( K \). An equational class \( K \) is determined by \( L \) if \( K = HSPL \). If \( L = \{ \mathcal{A} : \mathcal{A} \in K, |A| < \omega \} \), we say that \( K \) is determined by its finite members. A set \( \Gamma \) of equations characterizes \( L \) relative to \( K \) if \( \Gamma \) consists of all \( \mathcal{A} \in K \) in which all equations of \( \Gamma \) hold. For algebras \( \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \) we write \( f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B} \) to indicate that \( f \) is a homomorphism from \( \mathcal{A} \) into \( \mathcal{B} \); \( \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B} \) means that \( f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B} \) for some \( f \). Similarly \( \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \rightarrow \mathcal{B} \) (or \( \mathcal{A} \simeq \mathcal{B} \)), etc. \( EqK \) denotes the set of all equations holding in all members of \( K \). A set \( \Gamma \) of equations is decidable if, under some standard Gödel numbering, \( \Gamma \) is recursive.

We assume an elementary knowledge of polyadic algebras (see Halmos [2]). A one-dimensional, or monadic, polyadic algebra is a structure \( \langle A, +, \cdot, -, c \rangle \) where \( \langle A, +, \cdot, - \rangle \) is a Boolean algebra, and \( c \) is a quantifier on \( \langle A, +, \cdot, - \rangle \). Further \( PA_1 \) is the class of all monadic algebras. The following known theorem is useful in section 1.

**Theorem 0.1.** If \( \mathcal{A} \) is a \( PA_1 \) generated by \( m \) elements, then \( |A| \leq 2^{2^m}2^{3^{m-1}} \).

To introduce the notion of a two-dimensional polyadic algebra, we define \( (0,1), (1/0), (0/1) \in \mathbb{F}^2 \):

\[
\begin{align*}
(0,1)0 &= 1; & (0,1)1 &= 0; \\
(1/0)0 &= 1; & (1/0)1 &= 1; \\
(0/1)0 &= 0; & (0/1)1 &= 0.
\end{align*}
\]

We treat a two-dimensional polyadic algebra, a \( PA_2 \), as a structure
\[
\mathcal{A} = \langle A, +, \cdot, -, c_0, c_1, S(0,1), S(0/1), S(1/0) \rangle;
\]
for the appropriate axioms, see Halmos [2]. For the sake of reference, we take the following redundant set as axioms (where \( \sigma \in \mathbb{F}^2 \), and \( S(I \uparrow 2) \) is the identity on \( A \)).

- **P1** \( \langle A, +, \cdot, - \rangle \) is a Boolean algebra;
- **P2** \( c_i0 = 0 \);
- **P3** \( x \leq c_i x \);
- **P4** \( c_i(x \cdot c_i y) = c_i x \cdot c_i y \);
P5 \( c_i c_j x = c_j c_i x \);

P6 \( S(\sigma)(x + y) = S(\sigma)x + S(\sigma)y \);

P7 \( S(\sigma)(-x) = -S(\sigma)x \);

P8 \( S(\sigma)S(\tau)x = S(\sigma \circ \tau)x \);

P9 \( S(\sigma)c_i x = S(\tau)c_i x \) if \( \sigma \uparrow 2 \sim \{i\} = \tau \uparrow 2 \sim \{i\} \);

P10 \( S(\sigma)c_0 c_1 x = c_0 c_1 x \);

P11 \( S(0,1)c_0 x = c_1 S(0,1)x \);

P12 \( S(0,1)c_1 x = c_0 S(0,1)x \);

P13 \( c_1 S(0/1)x = S(0/1)x \);

P14 \( c_0 S(1/0)x = S(1/0)x \).

The following elementary theorem is useful.

**Theorem 0.2.** If \( a \) is an atom in a \( \mathbf{PA}_2 \mathcal{A} \), then \( c_0 a \) is an atom in the Boolean algebra \( c_0^* A \), and \( c_1 a \) is an atom in \( c_1^* A \).

**Proof.** Suppose \( 0 \neq c_0 b \leq c_0 a \). Then \( a \cdot c_0 b \neq 0 \) (otherwise \( c_0 a \cdot b = 0 \)), so \( a \leq c_0 b, c_0 a \leq c_0 b, \) and \( c_0 b = c_0 a \).

Note that a simple monadic algebra is just a Boolean algebra with the trivial \( c \):

\[
\begin{align*}
  cx &= 1, & x \neq 0, \\
  = 0, & x = 0.
\end{align*}
\]

A subalgebra of a simple \( \mathbf{PA}_1 \) or \( \mathbf{PA}_2 \) is simple. By Jónsson [3] the lattice of equational subclasses of \( \mathbf{PA}_1 \) (or of \( \mathbf{PA}_2 \)) is distributive.

1. Monadic algebras.

The lattice of equational classes of \( \mathbf{PA}_1 \)'s is a chain of type \( \omega + 1 \); in this section we prove this and give explicit equations which characterize each class relative to \( \mathbf{PA}_1 \).

For each \( m \in \omega \sim 1 \) let \( \mathcal{A}_m \) be a simple monadic algebra of power \( 2^m \), and let \( K_m = \mathbf{HSP}\{\mathcal{A}_m\} \). Let \( K_0 \) be the class of all one-element monadic algebras. Thus \( K_0 \subseteq K_1 \subseteq \ldots \subseteq \mathbf{PA}_1 \). By Jónsson [3, 3.4], all of these classes are distinct. Let \( L \) be any equational class of monadic algebras, \( L \neq K_0 \) and let \( L' \) be the class of all simple members of \( L \). We distinguish two cases.

**Case 1.** All members of \( L' \) are finite. Then, by an ultraproduct or compactness argument, \( L' \) has a member of maximum cardinality \( 2^m \). Obviously then \( L = K_m \).

**Case 2.** Some member of \( L' \) is infinite. Then all finite simple monadic
algebras are in $L$. Since every algebra is the union of its finitely generated subalgebras, and since every finitely generated monadic algebra is finite, $L = PA_2$.

Each of the classes $K_0, K_1, \ldots, PA_1$ is characterized relative to $PA_1$ by a single equation. For $K_0$ and $K_1$ we can take $v_0 = v_1$ and $cv_0 = v_0$ respectively. For $K_m$, $m \in \omega \sim 2$, we can take
\begin{equation}
\prod_{i<j<n} c(v_i \oplus v_j) \simeq 0,
\end{equation}
where $n = 2^m + 1$; finally, for $PA_1$ take $v_0 \simeq v_0$. In the natural equation (1), $2^m + 1$ variables occur. It is natural to ask how few variables can appear in equations relatively characterizing $K_m$. The number $2^m + 1$ can easily be reduced to $m$; for $m > 1$, $K_m$ is relatively characterized by the equation
\begin{equation}
\prod_{i<j<m} c(v_i \oplus v_j) \cdot \prod_{i<j<m} c(v_i \cdot v_j) \cdot \prod_{i<m} v_i \cdot \prod_{i<m} c v_i \simeq 0.
\end{equation}
On the other hand, if $2^p < 2^m$, it is clear that an equation with $p$ or fewer variables cannot relatively characterize $K_m$. An exact value for the number of variables needed is not known. A reformulation of this problem is: for $m > 1$, what is the least $n$ such that $\mathfrak{A} \in K_m$ whenever every subalgebra of $\mathfrak{A}$ generated by $\leq n$ elements is in $K_m$?

Since each class $K_m$, as well as $PA_1$, is finitely axiomatizable, by Theorem 0.1 it follows that each Eq$K_m$, as well as Eq$PA_1$ is decidable. It seems to be a difficult problem whether the full elementary theory of $PA_1$'s is decidable.

2. Algebraic lemmas for $PA_2$'s.

In this section we collect some algebraic facts which will be needed in discussing equational classes of $PA_2$'s.

If $\mathfrak{A}$ and $\mathfrak{B}$ are two $PA_2$'s and $F \subseteq A$, an $\mathfrak{A}$-isomorphism of $F$ into $\mathfrak{B}$ is a one-one map $f$ of $F$ into $B$ such that if $x, y \in F$, then $f(x + y) = fx + fy$, $f(xy) = fx fy$, $f(-x) = -fx$, $fc_0x = c_0 fx$, $fc_1x = c_1 fx$, $fS(0, 1)x = S(0, 1) fx$, $fS(1/0)x = S(1/0) fx$, and $fS(0/1)x = S(0/1) fx$; these conditions under the assumptions that, respectively, $x + y \in F, \ldots, S(0/1)x \in F$. The following theorem is analogous to an unpublished theorem of Leon Henkin concerning two-dimensional cylindric algebras and representable two-dimensional cylindric algebras. The present theorem, with its immediate corollary that Eq$PA_2$ is decidable, was independently proved by Henkin.

**Theorem 2.1.** If $\mathfrak{A}$ is a simple $PA_2$ and $F$ is a finite subset of $A$, then there is a finite simple $PA_2 \mathfrak{B}$ with at most $2^{2^m}$ elements, where $m = 12 |F|$, such that there is an $\mathfrak{A}$-isomorphism from $F$ into $\mathfrak{B}$.
PROOF. Let

\[ F_0 = F \cup c_0^*F \cup c_1^*F, \quad F_1 = F_0 \cup S(0,1)^*F_0 \cup S(1/0)^*F_0 \cup S(0/1)^*F_0, \]

and let \( B \) be the Boolean subalgebra of \( \mathcal{A} \) generated by \( F_1 \). Thus \( |B| \leq 2^{2^n} \), as desired. For the Boolean operations on \( B \) we take the restrictions of those of \( \mathcal{A} \). Clearly \( B \) is closed under \( S(0/1) \), \( S(1/0) \) and \( S(0,1) \), and we let these operations on \( B \) also be the restrictions of those of \( \mathcal{A} \). Now for any \( x \in A \) and \( i < 2 \) let

\[ c_i^*x = \prod_{x \leq c_i^*t \in B} c_i^*t. \]

Clearly \( B \) is closed under \( c_0^* \) and \( c_1^* \), and we let the restrictions of these to \( B \) be the remaining operations on \( B \), giving an algebraic structure \( \mathcal{B} \). The following properties of the \( c_i^* \) are clear for any \( x \in A \), \( i < 2 \):

\[ \begin{align*}
(2) & \quad c_i^*c_i^*x = c_i^*x \in B, \\
(3) & \quad c_i^*x \leq c_i^*x, \\
(4) & \quad c_i^*x \in B \implies c_i^*x = c_i^*x. 
\end{align*} \]

From (4) it follows that the identity map on \( F \) is an \( \mathcal{A} \)-isomorphism of \( F \) into \( \mathcal{B} \). It remains only to show that \( \mathcal{B} \) is a simple \( PA_2 \). Conditions P1, P6, P7, P8 and P9 are immediate. P2 follows from (4), and (1) yields P3. Turning to P4, suppose \( x, y \in B \) and \( i < 2 \). By P3, \( xc_i^*y \leq c_i^*x c_i^*y \); hence \( c_i^*(xc_i^*y) \leq c_i^*x c_i^*y \). Next, let \( t \) be any element of \( A \) such that \( xc_i^*y \leq c_t^*x \in B \). Then \( x \leq c_t^*x - c_i^*y \), and the latter is a \( c_i^*-closed \) member of \( B \). Hence \( c_i^*x \leq c_t^*x - c_i^*y \) by (1), that is, \( c_i^*x c_i^*y \leq c_t^*x \). Using (1) again, this shows that \( c_i^*x c_i^*y \leq c_i^*(xc_i^*y) \). Hence P4 holds. Using P1–P4 and (3) it is easily seen that \( c_0^*c_1^*x = c_1^*c_0^*x = 1 \) whenever \( 0 \leq x \in B \). Hence P5 holds (and \( \mathcal{B} \) is hence shown simple if the remaining postulates are verified). Condition P10 also easily follows now. It remains only to check one of the two symmetric conditions P11 and P12, say P11; and one of the two symmetric conditions P13 and P14. say P13. For P11, we have for \( x \in B \)

\[ \begin{align*}
(5) & \quad S(0,1)c_0^*x = \prod_{x \leq c_0^*t \in B} S(0,1)c_0^*t, \\
(6) & \quad c_1^*S(0,1)x = \prod_{S(0,1)x \leq c_1^*t \in B} c_1^*t. 
\end{align*} \]

If \( x \leq c_0^*t \in B \), then \( S(0,1)x \leq c_1^*S(0,1)t \in B \) and hence by (6)

\[ c_1^*S(0,1)x \leq c_1^*S(0,1)t = S(0,1)c_0^*t. \]

It follows that \( c_1^*S(0,1)x \leq S(0,1)c_0^*x \) by (5). The converse inclusion is similar.
As to P13, if \( x \in B \), then \( c_1S(0/1)x = S(0/1)x \), and P13 results by (4). This completes the proof.

The proofs of other algebraic facts which we need are facilitated by the introduction of the notion of an atomic structure. This notion was introduced and studied for arbitrary Boolean algebras with operators in Jónsson and Tarski [4], and its theory was extensively developed for cylindric algebras by Henkin. An atomic structure is a quadruple \( \mathfrak{A} = \langle A, E, f, B \rangle \) satisfying the following conditions:

A1  \( A \) is a non-empty set;
A2  \( E \) is an equivalence relation on \( A \);
A3  \( f \) is a permutation of \( A \);
A4  \( B \subseteq A \);
A5  \( f \circ f = I \uparrow A \);
A6  for all \( x, y \in A/E \) there is an \( a \in x \) such that \( fa \in y \);
A7  \( |B \cap x| = 1 \) for every \( x \in A/E \);
A8  \( fb = b \) for each \( b \in B \).

Given an atomic structure \( \mathfrak{A} \), we let

\[
PA_2 \mathfrak{A} = \langle \mathcal{S}A, \cup, \cap, \sim, c_0, c_1, S(0, 1), S(0/1), S(1/0) \rangle,
\]

where, for any \( X \subseteq A \),

A9  \( c_0X = \{ a \in A : \exists b \in X(aEb) \} \);
A10 \( c_1X = \{ a \in A : \exists b \in X(faEf) \} \);
A11 \( S(0, 1)X = \{ a \in A : fa \subseteq X \} \);
A12 \( S(1/0)X = \bigcup_{a \in \mathcal{X}b} a/E \);
A13 \( S(0/1)X = S(0, 1)S(1/0)X \).

Conversely, if \( \mathfrak{B} \) is a simple complete atomic \( PA_2 \) we let

\[
At \mathfrak{B} = \langle At \mathfrak{B}, E, f, C \rangle,
\]

where

A14  \( E = \{(a, b) : a, b \in At \mathfrak{B}, c_0a = c_0b \} \);
A15  \( f = S(0, 1) \uparrow At \mathfrak{B} \);
A16  \( C = \{ a \in At \mathfrak{B} : S(1/0)a \neq 0 \} \).

The basic theorem on atomic structures is as follows.

**Theorem 2.2.** (i) If \( \mathfrak{A} \) is a finite atomic structure, then \( PA_2 \mathfrak{A} \) is a simple finite \( PA_2 \), and \( At PA_2 \mathfrak{A} \simeq \mathfrak{A} \).

(ii) If \( \mathfrak{B} \) is a simple finite \( PA_2 \), then \( At \mathfrak{B} \) is a finite atomic structure, and \( PA_2 At \mathfrak{B} \simeq \mathfrak{B} \).
Proof. (i). Clearly \( PA_2 \mathcal{A} \) satisfies P1–P4 and P14. Axiom P5 will follow from simplicity, which we proceed to prove. Suppose \( 0 \vdash X \subseteq A \) and \( a \in A \); we wish to show that \( a \in c_0 c_1 X \) and \( a \in c_1 c_0 X \). Choose \( b \in X \). Choose \( x \in fb/E \) such that \( fx \in a/E \) (using A6). Thus \( aEfx = xEFb \), and \( b \in X \). It follows that \( a \in c_0 c_1 X \). The proof that \( a \in c_1 c_0 X \) is analogous.

P6 and P7 are obvious for \( \sigma = (0,1) \). If \( a \in S(1/0)(X \cup Y) \), with \( X, Y \subseteq A \), choose \( b \in (X \cup Y) \cap B \) so that \( aEb \); this clearly implies that \( a \in S(1/0)X \cup S(1/0)Y \). The converse is similar, so P6 holds for \( \sigma = (1/0) \). Suppose \( a \in S(1/0)(\sim X) \). Choose \( b \in \sim X \cap B \) such that \( aEb \). Condition A7 rules out the possibility that \( a \in S(1/0)X \). Thus \( S(1/0)(\sim X) \subseteq \sim S(1/0)X \), and the converse is obvious. Hence P7 holds for \( \sigma = (1/0) \). Finally, from A13 it is now obvious that P6 and P7 hold for \( \sigma = (0/1) \).

We take only one representative case for P8. Suppose \( a \in S(1/0)S(0,1)X \). Choose \( b \in S(0,1)X \cap B \) such that \( aEb \). Thus \( fb \in X \); but \( fb = b \) by A8. Hence \( b \in X \cap B \), so \( a \in S(1/0)X \). The converse is similar.

As to P9, we also treat only one case: \( S(0,1)c_1 X = S(1/0)c_1 X \). Indeed, suppose \( a \in S(0,1)c_1 X \). Thus \( fa \in c_1 X \); choose \( x \in X \) such that \( aEfx \). Choose \( b \in (fx/E) \cap B \). Then \( fb = bEFx \), and so \( b \in B \cap c_1 X \). Since \( aEb \), it follows that \( a \in S(1/0)c_1 X \). The converse is similar.

P10 is obvious by simplicity, P11 is easy, and P12 follows from P11. Finally, P13 easily follows from the remaining conditions. We have now established that \( PA_2 \mathcal{A} \) is a simple finite \( PA_2 \). It is obvious that \( \mathcal{A}tPA_2 \mathcal{A} \cong \mathcal{A}t \).

(ii). Clearly \( \mathcal{A}t \mathcal{B} \) satisfies A1–A5. Let \( x, y \in At \mathcal{B}/E \). Choose \( d \in x \), \( b \in y \). Then \( c_0 c_1 fb = 1 \), so \( d \leq c_0 c_1 fb \). It follows that there is an \( a \leq c_1 fb \) such that \( d \leq c_0 a \). Hence \( dEa \),

\[
S(0,1)a \leq S(0,1)c_1 fb = c_0 S(0,1)S(0,1)b = c_0 b .
\]

Hence \( dEa, faEb \), so \( a \in x \) and \( fa \in y \), as desired—A6 holds. For A7, let \( x \in At \mathcal{B}/E \). Choose \( a \in x \). Then \( S(1/0)c_0 a = c_0 a \), so

\[
0 \vdash c_0 a = \sum_{b \in At \mathcal{B}, b \leq c_0 a} S(1/0)b .
\]

Choose \( b \in At \mathcal{B} \) with \( b \leq c_0 a \) and \( S(1/0)b \vdash 0 \). Thus \( b \in x \cap C \). Suppose also that \( d \in x \cap C \) and \( b \nvdash d \). Thus \( d \leq c_0 a \) and \( S(1/0)d \vdash 0 \). Now

\[
c_0 S(1/0)d = S(1/0)d \leq S(1/0)c_0 d = c_0 d = c_0 a ;
\]
hence \( S(1/0)d = c_0 a \) by Theorem 0.2. Similarly \( S(1/0)b = c_0 a \). Hence

\[
c_0 a = S(1/0)b \cdot S(1/0)d = S(1/0)(b \cdot d) = 0 ,
\]
a contradiction. Hence $A7$ holds. Note that we have shown that $S(1/0)b = c_0b$ for any $b \in C$. To verify $A8$, suppose $b \in C$. Then

$$S(1/0)fb = S(1/0)S(0,1)b = S(1/0)b + 0;$$

hence $fb \in C$. Further, $c_0fb = S(1/0)fb = S(1/0)b = c_0b$. Hence $fb \in C \cap (b/E)$, so $fb = b$ by $A7$. We have now proved that $A1 \ S$ is an atomic structure.

It is easily verified that the function $g$ such that $gx = \{a \in A \ S: a \leq x\}$ for any $x \in B$ is an isomorphism from $B$ onto $PA_2 A1 \ S$. This completes the proof.

**Theorem 2.3.** Let $A = \langle A, E, f, B \rangle$ and $C = \langle C, F, g, D \rangle$ be two finite atomic structures. Suppose $G: C \to SA$ such that

1. $G$ is a one-one map of $C$ onto a partition of $A$;
2. if $u, v \in C$ and $ufv$, then $Gu/E = Gv/E$;
3. if $u, v \in C$ and $ufv$, then $Gu/E \cap Gv/E = 0$;
4. if $u \in C$ then $Gfu = f^*Gv$;
5. if $d \in D$, then $B \cap \cup_{a \in Gd} a/E \subseteq Gd$.

For $X \subseteq C$ define $G'X = \bigcup_{x \in X} Gx$. Then $G': PA_2 C \to PA_2 A$.

**Proof.** From (i) it easily follows that $G'$ is a Boolean isomorphism into. $G'$ preserves $c_0$. Let $u \in G'c_0X$. Choose $x \in c_0X$ such that $u \in Gx$. Say $xFy \in X$. Then $Gx/E = Gy/E$ by (ii). Choose $z \in Gy$ such that $u/E = z/E$. Thus $uEz \in Gx$, $z \in G'X$, $u \in c_0G'X$.

Conversely, suppose that $u \in c_0G'X$. Say $uEv \in G'X$, $v \in Gx$, $x \in X$. By (i) choose $w \in C$ such that $u \in Gw$. Thus $v \in Gx$, $v \in u/E$, so $Gx/E \cap Gw/E = 0$; by (iii), $xfv$. Hence $w \in c_0X$, $u \in G'c_0X$.

$G'$ preserves $S(0,1)$. Let $u \in G'S(0,1)X$. Say $u \in Gx$, $x \in S(0,1)X$. Thus $ix \in X$. By (iv), $fu \in Ggx$, so $fu \in G'X$ and $u \in S(0,1)G'X$. The converse is similar.

$G'$ preserves $c_1$: follows from the preceding two cases.

$G'$ preserves $S(1/0)$. Let $u \in G'S(1/0)X$. Say $u \in Gx$, $x \in S(1/0)X$. Choose $d \in X \cap D$ such that $xFd$. Thus $Gx/E = Gd/E$ by (ii). Hence choose $w \in Gd$ such that $u/E = w/E$. Choose $b \in (w/E) \cap B$. By (v), $b \in Gd$. Thus $b \in G'X \cap B$, so, since $uEb$, $u \in S(1/0)G'X$.

Conversely, suppose $u \in S(1/0)G'X$. Choose $b \in G'X \cap B$ such that $uEb$. Say $b \in Gx$, $x \in X$. By (i) choose $y \in C$ such that $u \in Gy$. Thus $Gx/E \cap Gy/E = 0$, so by (iii) $xFy$. Choose $d \in x/F \cap D$. Thus $xFd$, so by (ii) $Gx/E = Gd/E$. Hence

$$b \in B \cap \bigcup_{a \in Gd} a/E \subseteq Gd$$
by (v). Thus \( b \in Gx \cap Gd \), so \( x = d \). Hence \( u \in Gy \), \( yFx \), \( x \in D \cap X \), so \( u \in G'S(1/0)X \).

It is obvious that \( G' \) preserves \( S(0/1)X \).

The following notation will be found useful in what follows. If \( \mathcal{A} = \langle A, E, f, B \rangle \) is an atomic structure and \( u \) and \( v \) are \( E \)-closed subsets of \( A \), we set

\[
N^\mathcal{A}_u = \{a \in u : fa = a\}, \\
P^\mathcal{A}_u = \{a \in u : a \neq fa \in u\}, \\
M^\mathcal{A}_{uv} = \{a \in u : fa \in v\}
\]

Note that if \( u \) is an \( E \)-class, then \( N^\mathcal{A}_u \neq 0 \) (since \( |B \cap u| = 1 \)), and \( |P^\mathcal{A}_u| \) is infinite or else finite and even. If \( u \) and \( v \) are distinct \( E \)-classes, then \( M^\mathcal{A}_{uv} \neq 0 \) by A6; also note that \( |M^\mathcal{A}_{uv}| = |M^\mathcal{A}_{vu}| \). The limiting possibilities \( |N^\mathcal{A}_u| = 1, P^\mathcal{A}_u = 0, |M^\mathcal{A}_{uv}| = 1 \) can be realized.

**Theorem 2.4.** Let \( \mathcal{A} = \langle A, E, f, B \rangle \) and \( \mathcal{C} = \langle C, F, g, D \rangle \) be finite atomic structures, and suppose given \( H : A/E \rightarrow C/F \) such that for all distinct \( x, y \in A/E \),

\[
\begin{align*}
(\text{i}) & \quad |P^\mathcal{A}_{Hx}| \leq |P^\mathcal{C}_x|, \\
(\text{ii}) & \quad |N^\mathcal{A}_{Hx}| - \frac{1}{2}(|P^\mathcal{A}_x| - |P^\mathcal{A}_{Hx}|) \leq |N^\mathcal{C}_x|, \\
(\text{iii}) & \quad |M^\mathcal{A}_{Hx,Hy}| \leq |M^\mathcal{C}_{xy}|.
\end{align*}
\]

Then \( PA_2 \mathcal{C} \Rightarrow PA_2 \mathcal{A} \).

**Proof.** Let \( x_0, \ldots, x_{m-1} \) be an enumeration of \( A/E \) without repetitions. For each \( i < m \) and each \( j \) with \( i < j < m \) choose \( Q_{0i}, Q_{1i}, Q_{2i}, Q_{3ij} \) such that:

1. \( Q_{0i} \subseteq N^\mathcal{A}_{x_i}, Q_{0i} \cap B = 0 \), and \( |Q_{0i}| = \max(0, |N^\mathcal{C}_{x_i}| - \frac{1}{2}(|P^\mathcal{A}_{x_i}| - |P^\mathcal{A}_{Hx_i}|) - 1) \);
2. \( Q_{1i} \) is a collection of pairwise disjoint doubletons \( \{y, z\} \subseteq P^\mathcal{A}_{x_i} \) such that \( fy = z \), with \( |Q_{1i}| = |N^\mathcal{C}_{Hx_i}| - |Q_{0i}| - 1 \);
3. \( Q_{2i} \subseteq P^\mathcal{C}_{x_i} \), \( (Q_{2i} \cup f^*Q_{2i}) \cap Q_{1i} = 0 \), \( Q_{2i} \cap f^*Q_{2i} = 0 \), and \( |Q_{2i}| = \frac{1}{2}|P^\mathcal{C}_{Hx_i}| \);
4. \( Q_{3ij} \) is a partition of \( M^\mathcal{A}_{x_ix_j} \) into \( |M^\mathcal{C}_{Hx_i,Hx_j}| \) pairwise disjoint non-empty sets.

To see that this is possible, note first that \( Q_{3ij} \) can be chosen to satisfy (4) by virtue of (iii). Concerning (1)–(3), we consider two cases.

**Case 1.** \( |N^\mathcal{A}_{Hx_i}| - \frac{1}{2}(|P^\mathcal{A}_{x_i}| - |P^\mathcal{A}_{Hx_i}|) - 1 \leq 0 \). Then
\[ 2(|N_{Hx_i}^g| - 1) \leq |P_{x_i}^g| - |P_{Hx_i}^g| . \]

Thus \( Q_{14} \) can be chosen as in (2), and then \( |P_{x_i}^g| \sim \bigcup_{a \in Q_{14}} \alpha^g \geq |P_{Hx_i}^g| \). It is then clear that \( Q_{2t} \) can be chosen as in (3). Of course in the present Case 1 we let \( Q_{0t} = 0 \).

Case 2. \( |N_{Hx_i}^g| - \frac{1}{2}(|P_{x_i}^g| - |P_{Hx_i}^g|) - 1 > 0 \). By (ii) we can choose \( Q_{0t} \) as in (1). Then

\[ |N_{Hx_i}^g| - |Q_{0t}| - 1 = \frac{1}{2}(|P_{x_i}^g| - |P_{Hx_i}^g|) \]

Then we can choose \( Q_{14} \) as in (2), and we will then have

\[ |P_{x_i}^g| \sim \bigcup_{a \in Q_{14}} \alpha^g = |P_{Hx_i}^g| , \]

which makes possible the choice of \( Q_{2t} \) satisfying (3).

We now define a function \( G \) by recursion. If \( G \upharpoonright \bigcup_{j<i} Hx_j \) has been defined, let \( G \) on \( Hx_i \) be such that \( G \) maps

\[ N_{Hx_i}^g \sim D \text{ one-one onto } \{ \{a\} : a \in Q_{0t} \} \cup Q_{14} , \]

\[ N_{Hx_i}^g \cap D \text{ one-one onto } \{(N_{x_i}^g \cup P_{x_i}^g) \sim (Q_{0t} \cup Q_{14} \cup Q_{2t} \cup f^*Q_{2t}) \} , \]

\[ P_{Hx_i}^g \text{ one-one onto } \{ \{a\} : a \in Q_{2t} \} \cup \{ \{fa\} : a \in Q_{2t} \} \]

in such a way that \( Ggd = f^*Gd \) for all \( d \in D_{Hx_i}^g \);

for every \( j < i \) and for every \( d \in M_{Hx_i,Hx_j}^g \), \( Gd = f^*Gd \);

and for every \( j > i \), \( G \) maps \( M_{Hx_i,Hx_j}^g \) one-one onto \( Q_{34j} \).

It is routine to check that the conditions of Theorem 2.3 are met, so \( PA_2 \mathfrak{C} \rightarrow PA_2 \mathbb{A} \).

In order to generalize 2.4 we need the following theorem, which is of independent interest.

**Theorem 2.5.** Let \( \mathbb{A} \) be a simple infinite \( PA_2 \) such that \( c_0^*A \) is finite. Then every finitely generated subalgebra of \( \mathbb{A} \) is finite. In fact, if \( X \subseteq A \) then the subalgebra generated by \( X \) has at most \( 2^m \) elements, where \( m = 8|c_0^*A| + 4|X| \).

**Proof.** Let \( B_0 = X \cup c_0^*A \cup c_1^*A \). Note that \( |c_0^*A| = |c_1^*A| \) because of the Boolean automorphism \( S(0,1) \). Let

\[ B_1 = B_0 \cup S(0,1)^*B_0 \cup S(0/1)^*B_0 \cup S(1/0)^*B_0 . \]
The Boolean subalgebra generated by $B_1$ clearly coincides with the $PA_2$-subalgebra generated by $X$, and the theorem follows.

In Halmos [2, pp. 92–93] it is shown that Theorem 2.5 cannot be extended to all $PA_2$'s.

Our next result is a generalization of Theorem 2.4 and plays a crucial role in the next section. We recall that for any $PA_2 \mathfrak{A}$, the $c_0$-closed elements of $A$, form a Boolean algebra; we denote this Boolean algebra by $c_0^* \mathfrak{A}$.

**Theorem 2.6.** Let $\mathfrak{A}$ be a simple finite $PA_2$, and $\mathfrak{B}$ any simple atomic $PA_2$. Assume that $H: At c_0^* \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow At c_0^* \mathfrak{B}$. For distinct atoms $x, y$ of $c_0^* \mathfrak{A}$ let

\[
    f_x = |\{ a \in At x : S(0,1)a=a \} |
\]

\[
    g_x = |\{ a \in At x : a \neq S(0,1)a \in At x \} |
\]

\[
    h_{xy} = |\{ a \in At x : S(0,1)a \in At y \} |
\]

and similarly define $f_{Hx}, g_{Hx}, h_{Hx,Hy}$. Then $H$ extends to an isomorphism from $\mathfrak{A}$ into $\mathfrak{B}$ iff for any two distinct atoms $x, y$ of $c_0^* \mathfrak{A}$ the following conditions hold:

(i) $g_x \leq f_{Hx}$;
(ii) $g_{Hx}$ is infinite, or $g_{Hx}$ is finite and $f_x - \frac{1}{2}(g_{Hx} - g_x) \leq f_{Hx}$;
(iii) $h_{xy} \leq h_{Hx,Hy}$.

**Proof.** $\Rightarrow$: both (i) and (iii) are obvious. Now assume that $g_{Hx}$ is finite. If $a \in At x$ and $a = S(0,1)a \in At x$, then

\[ H(a) \cap \{ b \in At Hx : b \neq S(0,1)b \in At Hx \} \]

is either empty or has a positive even number of elements. From this observation the inequality (ii) follows easily.

$\Leftarrow$: By Theorem 2.5 we may assume that $\mathfrak{B}$ is finite. Passing to the associated atomic structures we see that the conditions of Theorem 2.4 are satisfied, and the proof of Theorem 2.4 gives the desired result.

**Theorem 2.7.** If $\mathfrak{A}$ is a simple $PA_2$ with $|c_0^* A| = 2^{m+1}$, then $\mathfrak{A}$ has a subalgebra $\mathfrak{B}$ with $|c_0^* B| = 2^m$.

**Proof.** By Theorem 2.6 we may assume that for distinct atoms $x, y$ of $c_0^* A$ we have

\[ |\{ a \in At x : S(0,1)a=a \} | = 1 , \]
\[ |\{a \in \text{At}x : a \vdash S(0,1)a \in \text{At}x\}| = 0, \]
\[ |\{a \in \text{At}x : S(0,1)a \in \text{At}y\}| = 1. \]

Now let \(x\) and \(y\) be distinct atoms of \(c_0^*\mathcal{A}\). Let \(B\) consist of all \(a \in \text{At}\mathcal{A}\) such that \(a \nvdash x + y\) and \(S(0,1)a \nvdash x + y\), together with all elements

\[
a + b \text{ with } a \leq x, \ b \leq y, \ S(0,1)a + S(0,1)b \leq z
\]

for some \(z \in \text{At}c_0^*A, \ z \vdash x,y\);

\[
a + b \text{ with } a \leq x, \ b \leq y, \ S(0,1)a \leq y, \ S(0,1)b \leq x;
\]

\[
a + b \text{ with } a \leq x, \ b \leq y, \ S(0,1)a = a, \ S(0,1)b = b.
\]

It is easily checked that the subalgebra generated by \(B\) is the desired subalgebra of \(\mathcal{A}\).

We now turn to the case of \(\mathcal{PA}_2\)'s with \(c_0^*A\) infinite. Here a central role is played by the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.8.** Let \(\mathcal{A} = \langle A, E, f, B \rangle\) and \(\mathcal{C} = \langle C, F, g, D \rangle\) be two finite atomic structures, with \(9 \cdot |C|^2 \leq |A/E|\). Then \(\mathcal{PA}_2\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{PA}_2\mathcal{A}\).

**Proof.** Let \(n = |C|\) and \(m = |C/F|\). By Theorem 2.7 we may assume that \(|A/E| = 9mn\). Let \(\langle z_{ijk} : i < m, j < 3, k < 3n \rangle\) be an enumeration of \(A/E\). For \(i < m\) let \(Z_i = \{z_{ijk} : j < 3, k < 3n\}\). An \(i\)-selector is a subset \(X\) of \(A\) such that \(X \cap z_{ijk} \neq 0\) for all \(j < 3, k < 3n\), while \(X \subseteq \bigcup_{j<3,k<3n}z_{ijk}\). Now we claim:

(1) For each \(i < m\) there is a family \(T\) of \(3n\) pairwise disjoint \(i\)-selectors such that \(X \subseteq M_{Z_i Z_i}\) for each \(X \in T\), and \(X \cap f^*X = 0\) for any \(X, Y \in T\).

For let \(\alpha\) be a rotation of \(3n\): \(\alpha l = l + 1\) for \(l + 1 < 3n\) and \(\alpha(3n - 1) = 0\); and let \(\beta\) be a rotation of \(3\): \(\beta 0 = 1, \beta 1 = 2, \beta 2 = 0\). For \(j < 3, k < 3n, l < 3n\) choose

\[
x_{jkl} \in M(z(i,j,k), z(i,\beta j, \alpha^l k));
\]

and let \(X_i = \{x_{jkl} : j < 3, k < 3n\}\). Clearly \(\langle X_i : l < 3n \rangle\) is a system of \(3n\) pairwise disjoint \(i\)-selectors all \(\subseteq M_{Z_i Z_i}\) with \(X_i \cap f^*X_{i'} = 0\) for each \(l, l' < 3n\). Thus (1) holds. Similarly:

(2) If \(i < i' < m\), then there is a family \(T\) of \(3n\) pairwise disjoint \(i\)-selectors such that \(X \subseteq M_{Z_i Z_{i'}}\) for each \(X \in T\).

Now let \(\{x_0, \ldots, x_{m-1}\} = C/F\). By (1) choose for each \(i < m\) sets \(G_i, H_i\) such that
(3) \(G_i\) and \(H_i\) are families of pairwise disjoint \(i\)-selectors such that
\[X \subseteq M_{Z_i Z_i}\]
for each \(X \in G_i \cup H_i\) and \(X \cap f^* Y = 0\) for any \(X, Y \in G_i \cup H_i\).

(4) If \(X \in G_i \cup H_i\) and \(Y \in G_i \cup H_i\) and \(X \neq Y\), then \(X \cap Y = 0\).

(5) \(G_i \cap H_i = 0\).

(6) \(|G_i| = |N_{x_i}| - 1\).

(7) \(|H_i| = \frac{1}{2}|P_{x_i}|\).

By (2), if \(i < i' < m\) choose a family \(K_{i'i'}\) of pairwise disjoint \(i\)-selectors all \(\subseteq M_{Z_i Z_i}\) such that
\[|K_{i'i'}| = |M_{x_i x_i'}|\]
and \(\bigcup K_{i'i'} = M_{Z_i Z_i'}\).

We now define \(L: C \to SA\); we define \(L\) on \(x_0, \ldots, x_{m-1}\) by recursion. Suppose that \(i < m\) and \(L\mid(x_0 \cup \ldots \cup x_{i-1})\) has been defined. Let \(L\) map \(N_{x_i} \sim D\) one-one onto \(\{X \cup f^* X: X \in G_i\}\), and let \(L\) map \(P_{x_i}\) one-one onto \(H_i \cup \{f^* X: X \in H_i\}\) in such a way that
\[L u = f^* L u\]
for each \(u \in P_{x_i}\).

Furthermore:
- for \(u \in x_i \cap D\) let \(Lu = M_{Z_i Z_i} \sim L^*(M_{x_i x_i} \sim D)\);
- for \(i' < i\) and \(u \in M_{x_i x_i'}\) let \(Lu = f^* L u\);
- for \(i < i'\) let \(L\) map \(M_{x_i x_i'}\) one-one onto \(K_{i'i'}\).

Now by Theorem 2.3 the desired result follows.

**Theorem 2.9.** If \(\mathcal{A}\) is a simple \(PA_2\) with \(c_0^* A\) infinite, then every simple finite \(PA_2\) can be embedded in \(\mathcal{A}\).

**Proof.** By Theorem 2.8 it suffices to prove

(1) for every \(m \in \omega \sim 1\) there is a finite subalgebra \(\mathcal{B}\) of \(\mathcal{A}\) with \(m \leq |c_0^* B|\).

Let \(X\) be any subset of \(c_0^* A\) with \(m\) members. Let \(B_0 = X \cup S(0,1)^* X\), and let \(B_1\) be the Boolean subalgebra of \(B_0\) generated by \(B_0\). Clearly \(B_1\) is a subalgebra of \(\mathcal{A}\) with the desired property.

For the proof of Theorem 2.11 and for later purposes it is convenient to expand on some previous notation. If \(\mathcal{A}\) is an atomic \(PA_2\) with \(c_0^* A\) finite, a *signature* of \(\mathcal{A}\) is a quadruple \(t = (m,f,g,h)\) such that for some \(x: m \to \text{At} c_0^* \mathcal{A}\) and for \(i, j \in m\),
\[ f_i = \{ a \in \text{At} x_i : S(0,1)a = a \} \cap \omega; \]
\[ g_i = \{ a \in \text{At} x_i : a \neq S(0,1)a \in \text{At} x_i \} \cap \omega; \]
\[ h_{ij} = \{ a \in \text{At} x_i : S(0,1)a \in \text{At} x_j \} \cap \omega. \]

We say then that \( t \) is compatible with \( x \). Given two signatures \( s_i = (m_i, f_i, g_i, h_i) \) for \( i \in 2 \), we write \( s_0 \leq s_1 \) provided that \( m_0 = m_1 \), \( g_{0i} \leq g_{1i} \), \( g_{1i} \) is infinite or \( f_{0i} - \frac{1}{2}(g_{1i} - g_{0i}) \leq f_{1i} \), and \( h_{0ij} \leq h_{1ij} \) for all distinct \( i, j < m \). Clearly \( \leq \) is a partial ordering on signatures. Further, by Theorem 2.6,

**Theorem 2.10.** If \( \mathcal{A} \) is a simple finite \( \mathcal{PA}_2 \) and \( \mathcal{B} \) is a simple atomic \( \mathcal{PA}_2 \) with \( |c_0^*A| = |c_0^*B| \), then \( \mathcal{A} \) can be imbedded in \( \mathcal{B} \) iff there are signatures \( s, t \) of \( \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \) respectively such that \( s \leq t \).

**Theorem 2.11.** Let \( i < \omega \), and let \( L \) be a finite set of simple atomic \( \mathcal{PA}_2 \)'s \( \mathcal{A} \) with \( |c_0^*A| = 2^i \). Let \( M \) be the class of all finite simple \( \mathcal{PA}_2 \)'s \( \mathcal{B} \) with \( |c_0^*B| = 2^i \) such that \( \mathcal{B} \) cannot be imbedded in any \( \mathcal{A} \in L \). Finally, let \( N \) consist of one algebra from each isomorphism type of the minimal members of \( M \) under the subalgebra relation. Then \( N \) is finite, and for each finite simple \( \mathcal{PA}_2 \mathcal{C} \) with \( |c_0^*C| = 2^i \) the following two conditions are equivalent:

(i) \( \mathcal{C} \) cannot be imbedded in any \( \mathcal{A} \in L \);

(ii) for some \( \mathcal{B} \in N \), \( \mathcal{B} \) can be imbedded in \( \mathcal{C} \).

**Proof.** Let \( S \) be the set of all signatures of members of \( L \); note that \( S \) is finite. Let \( T \) be the set of all signatures \( s' = (i, f', g', h') \) of finite simple \( \mathcal{PA}_2 \)'s such that \( s' \equiv t \) for all \( t \in S \) and such that the following conditions hold, where \( s'' = (i, f'', g'', h'') \):

1. If \( j < i, f'_j > 1 \), and \( s'' \) differs from \( s' \) only in that \( f''_j = f'_j - 1 \), then \( s'' \leq t \) for some \( t \in S \);
2. If \( j < i, g'_j > 2 \), and \( s'' \) differs from \( s' \) only in that \( g''_j = g'_j - 2 \), then \( s'' \leq t \) for some \( t \in S \);
3. If \( j, k < i, j \neq k, h'_jk > 1 \), and \( s'' \) differs from \( s' \) only in that \( h''_{jk} = h'_jk - 1 \) and \( h''_{kj} = h'_kj - 1 \), then \( s'' \leq t \) for some \( t \in S \).

It is then clear that the following conditions hold for each \( s' \in T \), where \( t = (i, f', g', h') \) for each \( t \in S \):

4. \( \forall j < i, f'_j \leq \max \{ f'_j + \frac{1}{2}g'_j + 1 : f'_j, g'_j < \omega, t \in S \} \)
5. \( \forall j < i, g'_j \leq \max \{ g'_j + 2 : g'_j < \omega, t \in S \} \)
6. \( \forall j, k < i (j \neq k \Rightarrow h'_{jk} \leq \max \{ h'_{jk} + 1 : h'_{jk} < \omega, t \in S \}) \).

From (4)–(6) it follows that \( T \) is finite. However, it is clear that any
signature of a member of $N$ is in $T$; hence $N$ is finite. The equivalence of (i) and (ii) is obvious.

**Theorem 2.12.** For every $n$ there is an $m > n$ such that every finite simple $PA_2$ of power $\geq m$ has a proper subalgebra of power $> n$.

**Proof.** Let $m = 2^{2p}$, where $p = 12n + 5$. Let $\mathcal{A}$ be a finite simple $PA_2$ of power $\geq m$. We consider two cases.

*Case 1.* $|c_0^*A| \leq n$. Let $X$ be any subset of $A$ of power $n + 1$. Then, by 2.5, the subalgebra of $\mathcal{A}$ generated by $X$ has at most $12n + 4$ elements, and is, hence, proper.

*Case 2.* $n < |c_0^*A|$. Let $X \subseteq c_0^*A$ have $n + 1$ elements, and choose $B_1$ as in the proof of Theorem 2.9. The desired conclusion again follows.

3. Equational classes of $PA_2$'s.

In this section we apply the lemmas of section 2 to obtain information about the lattice $\mathcal{L}$ of equational classes of $PA_2$'s.

**Theorem 3.1.** If an equational class $K \subseteq PA_2$ has a simple member $\mathcal{A}$ with $c_0^*A$ infinite, then $K = PA_2$.

**Proof.** By Theorems 2.1 and 2.9.

The following theorem results at once from Theorems 2.1, 2.5, and 2.9.

**Theorem 3.2.** Every equational class of $PA_2$'s is determined by its finite members.

We now discuss covers in $\mathcal{L}$. By the argument of Jónsson [3, Corollary 4.4], we have:

**Theorem 3.3.** If $K \subseteq PA_2$, then $K$ has a cover in $\mathcal{L}$.

**Theorem 3.4.** $PA_2$ does not cover any $K \in \mathcal{L}$.

**Proof.** Let $n$ be maximal such that $K$ has a simple member $\mathcal{A}$ with $|c_0^*A| = n$. Let $\mathcal{B}$ be a simple $PA_2$ with $\omega > |c_0^*B| > n$. Then $K \subseteq HSP(K \cup \{\mathcal{B}\}) \subseteq PA_2$.

**Theorem 3.5.** Suppose $L$ and $K$ are equational classes of $PA_2$'s such
that $L$ covers $K$. Then there is a finite simple $\mathfrak{A} \in L \sim K$ such that $B \in K$ for each proper subalgebra $B$ of $\mathfrak{A}$, and $L = \text{HSP}(K \cup \{\mathfrak{A}\})$.

**Proof.** Let $\mathfrak{C}$ be a simple algebra in $L$ but not in $K$. By 2.5 there is some finite subalgebra $\mathfrak{A}$ of $\mathfrak{C}$ which is in $L$ but not in $K$. Thus

$$K \subset \text{HSP}(K \cup \{\mathfrak{A}\}) \subseteq L,$$

so $\text{HSP}(K \cup \{\mathfrak{A}\}) = L$. By Jónsson [3, 3.6 and 3.2], the simple members of $L$ are those of $K$ together with members of $S\{\mathfrak{A}\}$. If $B \subset \mathfrak{A}$, the simple members of $\text{HSP}(K \cup \{B\})$ are those of $K$ together with members of $S\{B\}$; $B \notin K$ would yield $\text{HSP}(K \cup \{B\}) = L$ and so $\mathfrak{A} \notin K \cup S\{B\}$, contradiction.

To complete our discussion of covers, we first need the following important result about equational classes.

**Theorem 3.6.** If $K$ is an equational class properly contained in $P\hspace{1pt}A_2$, then there exist $m \in \omega \sim 1$ and $L_0, \ldots, L_m \subseteq K$ such that the following conditions hold:

(i) $K = \text{HSP}(L_0 \cup \ldots \cup L_m)$;
(ii) $\forall i \leq m (L_i \text{ is a finite set of simple (if } 0 \leq i \text{ atomic } P\hspace{1pt}A_2 \text{'s } \mathfrak{A} \text{ with } |c_0^*A| = 2^i)$;
(iii) $\forall i \in m \sim 1 \forall \mathfrak{A} \text{ (If } \mathfrak{A} \text{ is a simple } P\hspace{1pt}A_2 \text{ with } |c_0^*A| = 2^i \text{, then } \mathfrak{A} \in K \text{ iff every finite subalgebra } B \text{ of } \mathfrak{A} \text{ with } |c_0^*B| = 2^i \text{ can be imbedded in some member of } L_i \text{).}$

**Proof.** Let $L_0$ be a singleton of a one-element $P\hspace{1pt}A_2$. By Theorem 3.2, $K$ is determined by its finite members. Hence $K = \text{HSPM}$, where $M$ is the class of all simple atomic members of $K$. Since $K \neq P\hspace{1pt}A_2$, there is an $m \in \omega \sim 1$ such that for any $\mathfrak{A} \in M$, $|c_0^*A| \leq 2^m$. Now let $i \in m \sim 1$ be fixed. Let $T_i$ be the set of all signatures of members $\mathfrak{A}$ of $M$ with $|c_0^*A| = 2^i$, and $T_i'$ be the set of all $\leq$-maximal members of $T_i$. For each $s \in T_i'$ let $\mathfrak{A}_s \in M$ have signature $s$, and let $L_i = \{\mathfrak{A}_s; s \in T_i\}$.

To verify (iii), let $\mathfrak{A}$ be a simple $P\hspace{1pt}A_2$ with $|c_0^*A| = 2^i$. First suppose $\mathfrak{A} \in K$, and $B$ is a finite subalgebra of $\mathfrak{A}$ with $|c_0^*B| = 2^i$. Thus $B \in M$. Let $t$ be a signature of $B$. By Zorn's lemma, $t \searrow s$ for some $s \in T_i'$. Then by Theorem 3.6, $B$ can be imbedded in $\mathfrak{A}_s$, as desired. The converse follows from the equational character of $K$. Condition (i) clearly follows from (iii). It remains only to show that $L_i$ is finite.

Suppose $L_i$ is infinite. Let $F$ be a non-principal ultrafilter on $T_i'$, and let $\mathfrak{B} = P_{s \in T_i'} \mathfrak{A}_s/F$. Then $\mathfrak{B}$ is again a simple atomic member of $M$
with $|c_0*B'| = 2^i$. Let $t$ be a signature of $\mathfrak{B}$, say $t = (i, f, g, h)$. There is a formula $\psi$ with the following properties:

1. the free variables of $\psi$ are $v_0, \ldots, v_{i-1}$;
2. If $C$ is a simple atomic $PA_2$ with $|c_0*C| = 2^i$ and with $\langle x_0, \ldots, x_{i-1} \rangle$ an enumeration of the atoms of $c_0*C$, then $\mathfrak{C} \models \psi[x_0, \ldots, x_{i-1}]$ iff for all distinct $j, k < i$,

$$(f_j \text{ finite } \Rightarrow \ |\{a \in At x_j : S(0, 1)a = a\}| = f_j),$$
$$(g_j \text{ finite } \Rightarrow \ |\{a \in At x_j : a \neq S(0, 1)a \in At x\}| = g_j),$$
$$(h_{jk} \text{ finite } \Rightarrow \ |\{a \in At x_j : S(0, 1)a \in At x_k\}| = h_{jk}).$$

Let $\varphi$ be the sentence

$$\exists v_0 \ldots \exists v_{i-1} [\land_{j < i} (v_j \text{ is an atom of the } c_0\text{-closed Boolean part}) \land \psi].$$

Thus $\varphi$ holds in $\mathfrak{B}$, so $U = \{s \in T'_i : \varphi \text{ holds in } \mathfrak{U}_s\} \in F$; hence $U$ is infinite. For each $s \in U$ there is a signature $u_s$ of $\mathfrak{B}$ such that $s \leq u_s$. Since $U$ is infinite and $\mathfrak{B}$ has only finitely many signatures, there is an infinite subset $V$ of $U$ and a signature $v$ of $\mathfrak{B}$ such that $s \leq v$ for all $s \in V$. Since $V \subseteq T'_i$ and $v \in T'_i$, this is a contradiction. The proof is complete.

**Corollary 3.7.** Any equational class of $PA_2$'s is determined by a finite set of its simple members.

Our discussion of covers is now completed by the following result:

**Theorem 3.8.** Each member of $\mathcal{L}$ has only finitely many covers.

**Proof.** Let $K \in \mathcal{L}$, $K \models PA_2$. Choose $m, L_0, \ldots, L_m$ in accordance with 3.6. Then choose $N_0, \ldots, N_m$ in accordance with Theorem 2.11. Suppose $K'$ covers $K$. By 3.5, $K' = HSP(K \cup \{\mathfrak{U}\})$, where $\mathfrak{U}$ is finite and simple, and $\mathfrak{B} \in K$ for each proper subalgebra $\mathfrak{B}$ of $\mathfrak{U}$. By Theorem 2.7 we see that either $\mathfrak{U}$ is a minimal $PA_2$ such that $|c_0*A| = 2^{m+1}$ or else $\mathfrak{U}$ is isomorphic to some member of $\bigcup_{i \leq m} L_i$. At any rate, there are only finitely many choices for $\mathfrak{U}$, up to isomorphism, as desired.

Theorem 3.6 is also crucial in proving the following theorem, which is one of the main results of this paper.

**Theorem 3.9.** Each member of $\mathcal{L}$ is finitely based.

**Proof.** Suppose $K \in \mathcal{L}$, $K \models PA_2$. Choose $m, L_0, \ldots, L_m$ as in 3.6. Let $i \leq m$. Let $N_i$ be chosen in accordance with 2.11, and let $n_i \max \{|B| : \mathfrak{B} \in N_i\}$. Now there is an open formula $\psi_i$ with variables $v_0, \ldots, v_{n_i-1}$, $w_0, \ldots, w_{i-1}$ such that:
(1) for any $PA_2 S$, $S$ satisfies $\psi_i[b_0, \ldots, b_{n_i-1}, d_0, \ldots, d_{l-1}]$ iff $\{b_0, \ldots, b_{n_i-1}\}$ is a subalgebra of $S$, and $d_0, \ldots, d_{l-1}$ are all of the distinct atoms of the Boolean algebra of $c_0$-closed elements of $\{b_0, \ldots, b_{n_i-1}\}$.

Now let $S$ be the set of all signatures of members of $L_i$; note that $S$ is finite. For any $j < i$ and $l < \omega$ let $\varphi_{i,l}$ be the open formula

$$\bigwedge_{k \leq i} \left[ 0 \leq u_k \wedge u_k \leq w_j \wedge S(0,1)u_k \leq u_k \wedge S(0,1)u_k \leq w_j \wedge \bigvee_{s < n_i} (u_k = v_s) \right] \wedge \bigwedge_{s < t \leq k} (u_s \cdot u_t = 0)$$

For $s = (i, f, g, h) \in S$, $j < i$, $l < g_j$, and $f_j, g_j < \omega$, we let

$$p(i, j, s) = f_j + \frac{1}{2}(g_j - l - 1).$$

Then let $\varphi_i$ be the following sentence:

$$\forall v_0 \ldots \forall v_{n_i-1} \forall w_0 \ldots \forall w_{i-1} \left( \forall v_i \rightarrow \bigvee_{s \in S \setminus \{i,f,g,h\}} \left( \bigwedge_{j < i, \varphi_{i,l}} (0 \leq v_k \wedge S(0,1)v_k \leq v_k \wedge S(0,1)v_k = v_k) \right) \right)$$

$$\rightarrow \exists u_0 \ldots \exists u_{g_i} \varphi_{i,l} \left( \left( \bigwedge_{j < i, \varphi_{i,l}} (0 \leq v_k \wedge S(0,1)v_k \leq v_k \wedge S(0,1)v_k = v_k) \right) \wedge \bigwedge_{l \leq t \leq i} (u_t \leq v_k) \rightarrow \exists x_0 \ldots \exists x_{p(s,j,d)} \left[ \bigwedge_{t < g_i} (0 \leq x_i \wedge S(0,1)x_i = x_i) \wedge \bigwedge_{t < r} (x_t \cdot x_r = 0) \right] \right)$$

$$\wedge \left( \bigwedge_{h < i, j + k, h, j + k < \omega} (0 \leq u_k \wedge S(0,1)u_k \leq w_j \wedge \bigvee_{t < n} (u_t = v_l) \wedge \bigwedge_{t < r} (u_t \cdot u_r = 0) \right) \right).$$

Clearly $\varphi_i$ is logically equivalent to a universal sentence $\chi_i$. We now claim:

(2) for any $i < m$, if $S$ is a simple $PA_2$ then $S$ satisfies $\chi_i$ iff each finite subalgebra $C$ of $S$ with $|c_0 \cdot C| = 2^i$ can be imbedded in a member of $L_i$.

Indeed, the direction $\Leftarrow$ is obvious. Now suppose that $C$ is a finite subalgebra of $S$ with $|c_0 \cdot C| = 2^i$ which cannot be imbedded in any member of $L_i$; let $C$ be minimal with this property. Then $C$ is isomorphic to some member of $N_i$, and hence $|C| \leq n_i$. It easily follows that $\chi_i$ fails in $C$, and hence also in $S$. 


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Now let $\theta_K$ be a universal sentence logically equivalent to the following sentence:

$$-\exists v_0 \ldots \exists v_{m+1} \left[ \bigwedge_{i<j \leq m+1} (v_i \cdot v_j = 0) \land \bigwedge_{i \leq m+1} (c_0 v_i = v_i \cdot v_i = 0) \right] \land \bigwedge_{i \leq m} \chi_i.$$  

From 3.6 and (2) we easily infer that:

(3) for any simple $P\!A_2 \mathfrak{A}$, $\mathfrak{B}$ satisfies $\theta_K$ iff $\mathfrak{B} \in K$.

Now with each open formula $\varphi$ we associate a term $\tau_\varphi$:

$$\tau(\sigma \circ \xi) = c_0 c_1 (\sigma \circ \xi), \quad \tau(-\varphi) = -\tau_\varphi, \quad \tau(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) = -\tau_\varphi \cdot \tau_\psi$$

Then $\varphi$ holds in a simple $P\!A_2 \mathfrak{A}$ iff $\tau_\varphi \circ 0$ holds in $\mathfrak{A}$. It follows that if the open part of $\theta_K$ above is $\varphi$, then $\tau_\varphi \circ 0$ characterizes $K$ relative to $P\!A_2$, as desired.

**Corollary 3.10.** $|\mathcal{L}| = \aleph_0$.

From Theorems 2.1, 2.5, and 3.9 we obtain

**Corollary 3.11.** For each $K \in \mathcal{L}$, $\text{Eq}K$ is decidable.

In conclusion we may mention the following unpublished result of Ralph McKenzie, which constitutes a far-reaching generalization of a part of 3.9:

**Theorem.** If $\mathfrak{A}$ is a finite lattice with finitely many additional operations, then $HSP[\mathfrak{A}]$ is finitely based.

**Added in Proof.** The question concerning the number of variables needed to characterize $K_m$ relative to $P\!A_1$ has been solved by Th. Lucas.

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