

AN AXIOMATIC CHARACTERIZATION
OF BOOLEAN-VALUED MODELS FOR SET THEORY

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1. Solovay and Tennenbaum gave in [2] an axiomatic characterization of the models $V_{\mathcal{B}}$. As far as we know, the proof of this characterization was never published. The aim of this paper is to give a proof of that characterization.

In this paper \mathcal{B} will denote a fixed complete Boolean algebra. We will denote by $+(\sum)$ the join of two (respectively, infinitely many) elements of Boolean algebra, and by $-$ the Boolean complement. Analogously, $\cdot(\prod)$ stands for meets (sometimes the symbol \cdot will be omitted). $\mathcal{B}(X)$ will denote a class of all functions such that their domains are some sets included in X , and their values belong to \mathcal{B} (X can be a class).

2. By definition, the model $V^{\mathcal{B}}$ is a triple $\langle V^{\mathcal{B}}, \|\cdot = \cdot\|, \|\cdot \in \cdot\| \rangle$, where $V^{\mathcal{B}} = \mathcal{B}(V^{\mathcal{B}})$ (this definition is correct by the axiom of foundation), and Boolean-valued relations $\|\cdot = \cdot\|$ and $\|\cdot \in \cdot\|$ are defined simultaneously by recursion as follows:

$$\|u = v\| = \prod_{x \in \text{dom}(u)} (u(x) \Rightarrow \|x \in v\|) \cdot \prod_{y \in \text{dom}(v)} (v(y) \Rightarrow \|y \in u\|),$$

$$\|u \in v\| = \sum_{y \in \text{dom}(v)} (v(y) \|u = y\|).$$

If φ is a formula of language of model $V^{\mathcal{B}}$, we define in the standard way the Boolean truth value $\|\varphi\|$ which is in \mathcal{B} . We say that the sentence φ is \mathcal{B} -valid in the model $V^{\mathcal{B}}$ if $\|\varphi\| = \mathbf{1}$.

Scott in [1] studied models $V^{\mathcal{B}}$ where, in particular, there was proved that all axioms of Zermelo-Frankel set theory and the axiom of choice are \mathcal{B} -valid in the model $V^{\mathcal{B}}$.

A function $u \in V^{\mathcal{B}}$ is called *extensional* if, for every $x, y \in \text{dom}(u)$,

$$u(x) \|x = y\| \leq u(y).$$

Analogously, we define a notion of extensional function for some functions from a subset (or a subclass) of $V_s^{\mathcal{B}}$ (or R) in \mathcal{B} (see Sections 3 and 4). By $V_{\text{ext}}^{\mathcal{B}}$ we denote the class of all functions that are hereditarily extensional in $V^{\mathcal{B}}$, i. e.

$$V_{\text{ext}}^{\mathcal{B}} = \{u \in \mathcal{B}(V_{\text{ext}}^{\mathcal{B}}) : u \text{ is an extensional function}\}.$$

We can prove that for any function $u \in V^{\mathcal{B}}$ there exists a function $v \in V_{\text{ext}}^{\mathcal{B}}$ such that $\|u = v\| = \mathbf{1}$.

3. The model $V_s^{\mathcal{B}}$ is a sequence $\langle V_s^{\mathcal{B}}, \|\cdot = \cdot\|_s, \|\cdot \in \cdot\|_s \rangle$, where $V_s^{\mathcal{B}}$ denotes the class $\{[u] : u \in V^{\mathcal{B}}\}$ and $[u] = \{v \in V^{\mathcal{B}} : \|u = v\| = \mathbf{1}, \text{ and if } \|w = u\| = \mathbf{1}, \text{ then } \text{rank}(w) \geq \text{rank}(v)\}$.

The Boolean-valued relations are defined by the formulas

$$\begin{aligned} \|[u] = [v]\|_s &= \|u = v\|, \\ \|[u] \in [v]\|_s &= \|u \in v\| \quad \text{for every } u, v \in V^{\mathcal{B}}. \end{aligned}$$

LEMMA 1.

(i) $V_s^{\mathcal{B}}$ is a \mathcal{B} -valued model with predicates $=$ and \in such that usual equality axioms are \mathcal{B} -valid in $V_s^{\mathcal{B}}$.

(ii) For every $x, y \in V_s^{\mathcal{B}}$, if $\|x = y\|_s = \mathbf{1}$, then $x = y$.

(iii) The axioms of extensionality and foundation are \mathcal{B} -valid in $V_s^{\mathcal{B}}$.

(iv) There is a function π defined on a class $\mathcal{B}(V_s^{\mathcal{B}})$ onto $V_s^{\mathcal{B}}$ such that

$$(1) \quad \|x \in \pi(u)\|_s = \sum_{y \in \text{dom}(u)} (u(y) \|x = y\|_s)$$

for every $x \in V_s^{\mathcal{B}}$ and $u \in \mathcal{B}(V_s^{\mathcal{B}})$.

Proof of (iv). Notice that if for some function $u \in \mathcal{B}(V_s^{\mathcal{B}})$ there exists $y \in V_s^{\mathcal{B}}$ such that

$$\|x \in y\|_s = \sum_{t \in \text{dom}(u)} (u(t) \|t = x\|_s),$$

then, by (ii) and (iii), y is unique.

Let $u \in \mathcal{B}^d$ for some set $d \subseteq V_s^{\mathcal{B}}$. From every set $x \in d$ we choose an element v_x . Clearly, $[v_x] = x$. We can write $\pi(u) = [v]$, where $v \in \mathcal{B}^{\{v_x : x \in d\}}$ and $v(v_x) = u(x)$. $[v]$ has property (1), because

$$\begin{aligned} \|[w] \in [v]\|_s &= \|w \in v\| = \sum_{x \in d} (v(v_x) \|v_x = w\|) \\ &= \sum_{x \in d} (u(x) \|[v_x] = [w]\|_s) = \sum_{x \in d} (u(x) \|x = [w]\|_s). \end{aligned}$$

We now prove that for every $x \in V_s^{\mathcal{B}}$ there exists $u \in \mathcal{B}(V_s^{\mathcal{B}})$ such that $\pi(u) = x$. Let $x \in V_s^{\mathcal{B}}$. Then there is an extensional function $v \in V^{\mathcal{B}}$

such that $[v] = x$. Consider a function $u \in \mathcal{B}^{\{[w]: w \in \text{dom}(v)\}}$ such that $u([w]) = v(w)$. We have $\pi(u) = [v]$, because

$$\begin{aligned} \|[t] \in [v]\|_s &= \|t \in v\| = \sum_{w \in \text{dom}(v)} (v(w) \|t = w\|) \\ &= \sum_{w \in \text{dom}(v)} (u([w]) \|t = [w]\|_s) = \sum_{z \in \text{dom}(u)} (u(z) \|t = z\|_s). \end{aligned}$$

4. Let X be a class or a set. A class (a set) $X \subseteq V_s^{\mathcal{B}}$ ($X \subseteq V^{\mathcal{B}}$ or $X \subseteq R$) is called *complete* if, for every extensional function F from X into \mathcal{B} , there is $y \in X$ such that

$$F(y) = \sum_{t \in X} F(t).$$

Let $\langle R, \|\cdot = \cdot\|_R, \|\cdot \in \cdot\|_R \rangle$ be a Boolean-valued model which satisfies (i)-(iv), i. e. if in Lemma 1 we replace $V_s^{\mathcal{B}}$ by R , $\|\cdot = \cdot\|_s$ and $\|\cdot \in \cdot\|_s$ by $\|\cdot = \cdot\|_R$ and $\|\cdot \in \cdot\|_R$, respectively, and π by π_R , then conditions (i)-(iv) are satisfied.

LEMMA 2. *Let X be a class or a set included in R . Then the class $\pi_R(\mathcal{B}(X))$ is complete.*

LEMMA 3. *For every $x \in R$ there is a function v defined on a complete set $d \subseteq R$ such that $v(t) = \|t \neq 0\|_R$ for $t \in d$, where $0 = \pi_R(\emptyset)$, and $\pi_R(v) = x$.*

Lemmas 2 and 3 are simple generalizations of analogous lemmas from the Scott's paper [1].

5. THEOREM. *The model $V_s^{\mathcal{B}}$ is the unique one (up to an isomorphism) which satisfies conditions (i)-(iv) from Lemma 1.*

Proof. We will prove that the model R is isomorphic with $V_s^{\mathcal{B}}$. Let S be the smallest class such that $S = \pi_R(\mathcal{B}(S))$. Clearly, $S \subseteq R$. Consider a function $f: V_{\text{ext}}^{\mathcal{B}} \rightarrow R$ which is characterized by the formula

$$f(u) = \pi_R(\{\langle f(x), u(x) \rangle : x \in \text{dom}(u)\}).$$

The function f has the following properties:

1. $\{\langle f(x), u(x) \rangle : x \in \text{dom}(u)\}$ is a function if $u \in V_{\text{ext}}^{\mathcal{B}}$, i. e. the definition of f is correct.
2. $f(V_{\text{ext}}^{\mathcal{B}}) \subseteq S$.
3. $\|f(u) = f(v)\|_R = \|u = v\|$ for $u, v \in V_{\text{ext}}^{\mathcal{B}}$.

These properties will be proved simultaneously by recursion. Assume that for every $x \in \text{dom}(u)$ and $y \in \text{dom}(v)$ properties 1, 2 and 3 are valid ($u, v \in V_{\text{ext}}^{\mathcal{B}}$).

1. If $x_1, x_2 \in \text{dom}(u)$, $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$, and u is an extensional function, then $\mathbf{1} = \|f(x_1) = f(x_2)\|_R = \|x_1 = x_2\| \leq \|u(x_1) \leftrightarrow u(x_2)\|$, i. e. $u(x_1) = u(x_2)$.

2. If $f(\text{dom}(u)) \subseteq S$, then, by the definition of S ,

$$f(u) = \pi_R(\{\langle f(x), u(x) \rangle : x \in \text{dom}(u)\}) \in S.$$

(By 1 this formula makes sense.)

3. The axiom of extensionality is \mathcal{B} -valid in R and π_R has property (iv). Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(u) = f(v)\|_R &= \prod_{x \in \text{dom}(u)} (u(x) \Rightarrow \|f(x) \in f(v)\|_R) \cdot \prod_{y \in \text{dom}(v)} (v(y) \Rightarrow \|f(y) \in f(u)\|_R) \\ &= \prod_{x \in \text{dom}(u)} \left(u(x) \Rightarrow \sum_{y \in \text{dom}(v)} (v(y) \|f(x) = f(y)\|_R) \right) \cdot \\ &\quad \cdot \prod_{y \in \text{dom}(v)} \left(v(y) \Rightarrow \sum_{x \in \text{dom}(u)} (u(x) \|f(x) = f(y)\|_R) \right) \\ &= \prod_{x \in \text{dom}(u)} \left(u(x) \Rightarrow \sum_{y \in \text{dom}(v)} (v(y) \|x = y\|) \right) \cdot \\ &\quad \cdot \prod_{y \in \text{dom}(v)} \left(v(y) \Rightarrow \sum_{x \in \text{dom}(u)} (u(x) \|x = y\|) \right) \\ &= \prod_{x \in \text{dom}(u)} (u(x) \Rightarrow \|x \in v\|) \cdot \prod_{y \in \text{dom}(v)} (v(y) \Rightarrow \|y \in u\|) = \|u = v\|. \end{aligned}$$

$$4. \|f(u) \in f(v)\|_R = \|u \in v\|.$$

$$5. f(V_{\text{ext}}^{\mathcal{B}}) = S.$$

It only suffices to prove that $\pi_R(u) \in f(V_{\text{ext}}^{\mathcal{B}})$ for every extensional function $u \in \mathcal{B}(f(V_{\text{ext}}^{\mathcal{B}}))$. If $\text{dom}(u) \subseteq f(V_{\text{ext}}^{\mathcal{B}})$, then there exists a set $X \subseteq V_{\text{ext}}^{\mathcal{B}}$ such that $f(X) = \text{dom}(u)$. Take the function $v = \{\langle x, u(f(x)) \rangle : x \in X\}$. Clearly, $v \in V_{\text{ext}}^{\mathcal{B}}$. Let $y \in R$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|y \in f(v)\|_R &= \sum_{x \in X} (u(f(x)) \|f(x) = y\|_R) = \sum_{z \in f(X)} (u(z) \|z = y\|_R) \\ &= \sum_{z \in \text{dom}(u)} (u(z) \|z = y\|_R) = \|y \in \pi_R(u)\|_R, \end{aligned}$$

i. e. $f(v) = \pi_R(u)$. In that case $\pi_R(u) \in f(V_{\text{ext}}^{\mathcal{B}})$.

Now, we can easily prove that mapping h which is defined by the formula $h([u]) = f(u)$ for every $u \in V_{\text{ext}}^{\mathcal{B}}$ is an isomorphism of models $V_S^{\mathcal{B}}$ and S .

We will show that $S = R$. Let

$$\mu(x) = \sum_{t \in S} \|t = x\|_R \quad \text{for } x \in R.$$

We will prove that $x \in S$ iff $\mu(x) = \mathbf{1}$. Clearly, $\mu(x) = \mathbf{1}$ if $x \in S$. Assume that $\mu(x) = \mathbf{1}$. By Lemma 2, S is a complete class. Since the

function $\|\cdot = x\|_R$ is extensional, there is $x_0 \in \mathcal{S}$ such that

$$\|x_0 = x\|_R = \sum_{t \in \mathcal{S}} \|t = x\|_R = \mu(x) = \mathbf{1}.$$

In that case $x = x_0 \in \mathcal{S}$.

Assume that $x \in R \setminus \mathcal{S}$. Clearly, $\mu(x) < \mathbf{1}$. Since the function $-\mu(t)$ is extensional, there is x_0 such that

$$\mu(x_0) = \prod_{t \in R} \mu(t).$$

By Lemma 3, there is a complete set $\bar{d} \subseteq R$ such that

$$x_0 = \pi_R(\bar{d} \times \{\|x_0 \neq 0\|_R\}).$$

Let $x_1 \in \bar{d}$ and let

$$\mu(x_1) = \prod_{t \in \bar{d}} \mu(t).$$

x_1 has the following properties:

6. $\|x_1 \in x_0\|_R = \sum_{t \in \bar{d}} (\|x_0 \neq 0\|_R \|x_1 = t\|_R) = \|x_0 \neq 0\|_R$,
7. $\mu(x_1) = \mu(x_0)$.

Proof of 7. From the definition of x_0 it follows that $\mu(x_1) \geq \mu(x_0)$. Assume that

$$\mu(x_1) = \prod_{t \in \bar{d}} \mu(t) > \mu(x_0).$$

We will get a contradiction. For every $t \in \bar{d}$ we choose $z_t \in \mathcal{S}$ such that $\mu(t) = \|t = z_t\|_R$. Let

$$x' = \pi_R(\{\langle z_t, \|x_0 \neq 0\|_R \rangle; t \in \bar{d}\}) \in \mathcal{S}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_0 = x'\|_R &= \prod_{t \in \bar{d}} \left(\|x_0 \neq 0\|_R \Rightarrow \sum_{z \in \bar{d}} (\|x_0 \neq 0\|_R \|z_z = t\|_R) \right) \\ &\quad \cdot \prod_{t \in \bar{d}} \left(\|x_0 \neq 0\|_R \Rightarrow \sum_{z \in \bar{d}} (\|x_0 \neq 0\|_R \|z_t = z\|_R) \right) \\ &\geq \prod_{t \in \bar{d}} (\|x_0 \neq 0\|_R \Rightarrow \|z_t = t\|_R) \geq \prod_{t \in \bar{d}} \mu(t) = \mu(x_1) > \mu(x_0). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, $\|x' = x_0\|_R \leq \mu(x_0)$. A contradiction.

By recursion we can prove the existence of a sequence x_n such that, for every $n \in \omega$,

8. $\|x_{n+1} \in x_n\|_R = \|x_n \neq 0\|_R$,
9. $\mu(x_n) = \mu(x_0)$.

Since $0 = \pi_R(\emptyset) \in \mathcal{S}$, $-\mu(x_0) = -\mu(x_n) \leq \|x_n \neq 0\|_R = \|x_{n+1} \in x_n\|_R$.
Consider

$$x = \pi_R(\{\langle x_n, 1 \rangle; n \in \omega\}) \in R.$$

For that element we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\forall y \in x \exists t \in x t \in y\|_R &= \prod_{n \in \omega} \sum_{m \in \omega} \|x_m \in x_n\|_R \\ &\geq \prod_{n \in \omega} \|x_{n+1} \in x_n\|_R \geq -\mu(x_0) > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the axiom of foundation is not \mathcal{B} -valid in R which contradicts our assumption (iii).

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