

ALGEBRAS OF BINARY FORMULAS FOR  
 $\aleph_0$ -CATEGORICAL WEAKLY CIRCULARLY MINIMAL  
THEORIES: PIECEWISE MONOTONIC CASE

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**Abstract:** Algebras of binary isolating formulas are described for  $\aleph_0$ -categorical 1-transitive non-primitive weakly circularly minimal theories of convexity rank greater than 1 having a non-trivial piecewise (non-strictly) monotonic function.

**Keywords:** weak circular minimality, algebra of binary formulas,  $\aleph_0$ -categorical theory, circularly ordered structure, convexity rank.

## 1 Preliminaries

Algebras of binary formulas are a tool for describing relationships between elements of the sets of realizations of a type at the binary level with respect to the superposition of binary definable sets. A *binary isolating formula* is a formula of the form  $\varphi(x, y)$  such that for some parameter  $a$  the formula  $\varphi(a, y)$  isolates a complete type in  $S(\{a\})$ . The concepts and notations related to these algebras can be found in the papers [1, 2]. In recent years, algebras of binary formulas have been studied intensively and have been continued in the works [3]–[7].

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Let  $L$  be a countable first-order language. Throughout we consider  $L$ -structures and assume that  $L$  contains a ternary relational symbol  $K$ , interpreted as a circular order in these structures (unless otherwise stated).

Let  $\mathcal{M} = \langle M, \leq \rangle$  be a linearly ordered set. If we connect two endpoints of  $\mathcal{M}$  (possibly,  $-\infty$  and  $+\infty$ ), then we obtain a circular order. More formally, the *circular order* is described by a ternary relation  $K$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (co1)  $\forall x \forall y \forall z (K(x, y, z) \rightarrow K(y, z, x))$ ;
- (co2)  $\forall x \forall y \forall z (K(x, y, z) \wedge K(y, x, z) \Leftrightarrow x = y \vee y = z \vee z = x)$ ;
- (co3)  $\forall x \forall y \forall z (K(x, y, z) \rightarrow \forall t [K(x, y, t) \vee K(t, y, z)])$ ;
- (co4)  $\forall x \forall y \forall z (K(x, y, z) \vee K(y, x, z))$ .

Sometimes we will identify  $\mathcal{M}$  and the universe  $M$  if a linear/circular order is fixed.

The notion of *weak circular minimality* was studied initially in [8]. Let  $A \subseteq M$ , where  $\mathcal{M}$  is a circularly ordered structure. The set  $A$  is called *convex* if for any  $a, b \in A$  the following property is satisfied: for any  $c \in M$  with  $K(a, c, b)$ ,  $c \in A$  holds, or for any  $c \in M$  with  $K(b, c, a)$ ,  $c \in A$  holds. A *weakly circularly minimal structure* is a circularly ordered structure  $\mathcal{M} = \langle M, K, \dots \rangle$  such that any definable (with parameters) subset of  $M$  is a union of finitely many convex sets in  $\mathcal{M}$ . Recall [9] that such a structure  $\mathcal{M}$  is called *circularly minimal* if any definable (with parameters) of  $M$  is a union of finitely many intervals and points in  $\mathcal{M}$ . Clearly, the weak circular minimality is a generalization of circular minimality. Notice also that any weakly o-minimal structure is weakly circular minimal. The converse, in general, fails. The study of weakly circularly minimal structures was continued in the papers [10]–[16].

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be an  $\aleph_0$ -categorical weakly circularly minimal structure,  $G := \text{Aut}(\mathcal{M})$ . Following the standard group theory terminology, the group  $G$  is called *k-transitive* if for any pairwise distinct  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k \in M$  and pairwise distinct  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k \in M$  there exists  $g \in G$  such that  $g(a_1) = b_1, g(a_2) = b_2, \dots, g(a_k) = b_k$ . A *congruence* on  $\mathcal{M}$  is an arbitrary  $G$ -invariant equivalence relation on  $\mathcal{M}$ . The group  $G$  is called *primitive* if  $G$  is 1-transitive and there are no non-trivial proper congruences on  $\mathcal{M}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N}$  be circularly ordered structures. The *2-reduct* of  $\mathcal{M}$  is a circularly ordered structure with the same universe of  $\mathcal{M}$  and consisting of predicates for each  $\emptyset$ -definable relation on  $\mathcal{M}$  of arity  $\leq 2$  as well as of the ternary predicate  $K$  for the circular order, but does not have other predicates of arities more than two. We say that the structure  $\mathcal{M}$  is *isomorphic* to  $\mathcal{N}$  *up to binarity* or *binarily isomorphic* to  $\mathcal{N}$  if a 2-reduct of  $\mathcal{M}$  is isomorphic to a 2-reduct of  $\mathcal{N}$ .

### Notation.

- (1)  $K_0(x, y, z) := K(x, y, z) \wedge y \neq x \wedge y \neq z \wedge x \neq z$ .

(2)  $K(u_1, \dots, u_n)$  denotes a formula saying that all subtuples of the tuple  $\langle u_1, \dots, u_n \rangle$  having the length 3 (in ascending order) satisfy  $K$ ; similar notations are used for  $K_0$ .

(3) Let  $A, B, C$  be disjoint convex subsets of a circularly ordered structure  $\mathcal{M}$ . We write  $K(A, B, C)$  if for any  $a, b, c \in M$  with  $a \in A, b \in B, c \in C$  we have  $K(a, b, c)$ . We extend naturally that notation using, for instance, the notation  $K_0(A, d, B, C)$  if  $d \notin A \cup B \cup C$  and  $K_0(A, d, B) \wedge K_0(d, B, C)$  holds.

The following definition can be used in a circular ordered structure as well.

**Definition 1.** [17], [18] Let  $T$  be a weakly o-minimal theory,  $M$  be a sufficiently saturated model of  $T$ ,  $A \subseteq M$ . The rank of convexity of the set  $A$  ( $RC(A)$ ) is defined as follows:

- 1)  $RC(A) = -1$  if  $A = \emptyset$ .
- 2)  $RC(A) = 0$  if  $A$  is finite and non-empty.
- 3)  $RC(A) \geq 1$  if  $A$  is infinite.
- 4)  $RC(A) \geq \alpha + 1$  if there exist a parametrically definable equivalence relation  $E(x, y)$  and an infinite sequence of elements  $b_i \in A, i \in \omega$ , such that:

- For every  $i, j \in \omega$  whenever  $i \neq j$  we have  $M \models \neg E(b_i, b_j)$ ;
- For every  $i \in \omega$ ,  $RC(E(x, b_i)) \geq \alpha$  and  $E(M, b_i)$  is a convex subset of  $A$ .

- 5)  $RC(A) \geq \delta$  if  $RC(A) \geq \alpha$  for all  $\alpha < \delta$ , where  $\delta$  is a limit ordinal.

If  $RC(A) = \alpha$  for some  $\alpha$ , we say that  $RC(A)$  is defined. Otherwise (i.e. if  $RC(A) \geq \alpha$  for all  $\alpha$ ), we put  $RC(A) = \infty$ .

The rank of convexity of a formula  $\phi(x, \bar{a})$ , where  $\bar{a} \in M$ , is defined as the rank of convexity of the set  $\phi(M, \bar{a})$ , i.e.  $RC(\phi(x, \bar{a})) := RC(\phi(M, \bar{a}))$ .

The rank of convexity of an 1-type  $p$  is defined as the rank of convexity of the set  $p(M)$ , i.e.  $RC(p) := RC(p(M))$ .

In particular, a theory has convexity rank 1 if there are no definable (with parameters) equivalence relations with infinitely many infinite convex classes.

Let  $f : I \rightarrow M$  be an  $\emptyset$ -definable function with  $Dom(f) = I \subseteq M$ , where  $I$  is an open convex set. We say that  $f$  is *monotonic-to-right (left) on  $I$*  if it preserves (reverses) the relation  $K_0$ , i.e. for any  $a, b, c \in I$  such that  $K_0(a, b, c)$  we have  $K_0(f(a), f(b), f(c))$  ( $K_0(f(c), f(b), f(a))$ ). We also say that  $f$  is *piecewise monotonic-to-right (left) on  $M$*  if there exists an  $\emptyset$ -definable non-trivial equivalence relation  $E(x, y)$  partitioning  $M$  into finitely many infinite convex classes so that  $f$  is monotonic-to-right on each  $E$ -class and  $f$  is not monotonic-to-left (right) on  $M/E$ , where by  $M/E$  we denote the set of representatives of  $E$ -classes in  $M$ .

**Example.** [10] Let  $M := \langle M, K, E^2, f^1 \rangle$  be a circularly ordered structure, where  $M$  is a disjoint union of  $\mathbb{Q}_1, \mathbb{Q}_2, \dots, \mathbb{Q}_6$ , where  $\mathbb{Q}_i$  is a copy of the ordering of rational numbers  $\mathbb{Q}$ . The symbol  $E$  interprets an equivalence relation on  $M$  as follows:  $E(a, b)$  iff there is  $1 \leq i \leq 6$  with  $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}_i$ .

The symbol  $f$  interprets a function on  $M$  as follows:  $f(Q_i) = Q_{i+3}$  for each  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ ,  $f(Q_j) = Q_{j-3}$  for each  $4 \leq j \leq 6$ , and  $f(q) = -q$  for all  $q \in Q$ .

It can be proved that  $M$  is an  $\aleph_0$ -categorical 1-transitive weakly circularly minimal structure,  $f$  is a bijection on  $M$  so that  $f^2(a) = a$  for all  $a \in M$ ,  $f$  is monotonic-to-left on each  $E$ -class and  $f$  is monotonic-to-right on  $M/E$ , i.e.  $f$  is piecewise monotonic-to-left on  $M$ .

**Lemma 1.** [10] *Let  $M$  be an  $\aleph_0$ -categorical 1-transitive weakly circularly minimal structure,  $f$  be an  $\emptyset$ -definable function on  $M$ . Then  $f$  cannot be piecewise monotonic-to-right on  $M$ .*

The following theorem characterizes  $\aleph_0$ -categorical 1-transitive non-primitive weakly circularly minimal structures of convexity rank greater than 1 having a non-trivial piecewise (non-strictly) monotonic function up to binarity:

**Theorem 1.** [11] *(piecewise monotonic case) Let  $M$  be an  $\aleph_0$ -categorical 1-transitive non-primitive weakly circularly minimal structure of convexity rank greater than 1 having a non-trivial piecewise (non-strictly) monotonic function so that  $dcl(a) \neq \{a\}$  for some  $a \in M$ . Then  $M$  is isomorphic up to binarity to  $M_{s,m,k} := \langle M, K, f^1, E_1^2, \dots, E_s^2, E_{s+1}^2 \rangle$ , where*

- $M$  is a circularly ordered structure,  $M$  is densely ordered,  $s \geq 1$ ,  $k \geq 2$ ,  $k$  is even,  $k$  divides  $m$ ,  $m \geq 4$ ;
- $E_{s+1}$  is an equivalence relation partitioning  $M$  into  $m$  infinite convex classes without endpoints, for every  $1 \leq i \leq s$  the relation  $E_i$  is an equivalence relation partitioning every  $E_{i+1}$ -class into infinitely many infinite convex  $E_i$ -subclasses without endpoints so that the induced order on  $E_i$ -subclasses is dense without endpoints;
- $f$  is a bijection on  $M$  so that  $f^k(a) = a$  for any  $a \in M$ , for every  $1 \leq i \leq s+1$   $f(E_i(M, a)) = E_i(M, f(a))$  and  $\neg E_i(a, f(a))$ , and  $f$  is piecewise monotonic-to-left on  $M$ , i.e.  $f$  is monotonic-to-left on each  $E_{s+1}$ -class and  $f$  is monotonic-to-right on  $M/E_{s+1}$ .

In [19] algebras of binary isolating formulas are described for  $\aleph_0$ -categorical weakly circularly minimal theories with a primitive automorphism group. In [20] algebras of binary isolating formulas are described for  $\aleph_0$ -categorical weakly circularly minimal theories of convexity rank 1 with a 1-transitive non-primitive automorphism group and a non-trivial definable closure. Here we describe algebras of binary isolating formulas for  $\aleph_0$ -categorical weakly circularly minimal theories of convexity rank greater than 1 with a 1-transitive non-primitive automorphism group and having a non-trivial piecewise (non-strictly) monotonic function.

## 2 Results

**Definition 2.** [1] Let  $p \in S_1(\emptyset)$  be non-algebraic. The algebra  $\mathcal{P}_{\nu(p)}$  is said to be *deterministic* if  $u_1 \cdot u_2$  is a singleton for any labels  $u_1, u_2 \in \rho_{\nu(p)}$ .

Generalizing the last definition, we say that the algebra  $\mathcal{P}_{\nu(p)}$  is *m-deterministic* if the product  $u_1 \cdot u_2$  consists of at most  $m$  elements for any labels  $u_1, u_2 \in \rho_{\nu(p)}$ . We also say that an *m-deterministic* algebra  $\mathcal{P}_{\nu(p)}$  is *strictly m-deterministic* if it is not  $(m - 1)$ -deterministic.

**Example.** Consider the structure  $M_{1,4,2} := \langle M, K^3, f^1, E_1^2, E_2^2 \rangle$  from Theorem 1, where  $f$  is piecewise monotonic-to-left on  $M$ ,  $E_1$  is an equivalence relation partitioning  $M$  into infinitely many infinite convex classes,  $E_2$  is an equivalence relation partitioning  $M$  into four infinite convex classes.

We assert that  $Th(M_{1,4,2})$  has twelve binary isolating formulas:

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_0(x, y) &:= x = y, \theta_1(x, y) := K_0(x, y, f(x)) \wedge E_1(x, y), \\ \theta_2(x, y) &:= K_0(x, y, f(x)) \wedge \neg E_1(x, y) \wedge E_2(x, y), \\ \theta_3(x, y) &:= K_0(x, y, f(x)) \wedge \neg E_2(x, y) \wedge \neg E_2(f(x), y), \\ \theta_4(x, y) &:= K_0(x, y, f(x)) \wedge \neg E_1(f(x), y) \wedge E_2(f(x), y), \\ \theta_5(x, y) &:= K_0(x, y, f(x)) \wedge E_1(f(x), y), \\ \theta_6(x, y) &:= f(x) = y, \theta_7(x, y) := K_0(f(x), y, x) \wedge E_1(f(x), y), \\ \theta_8(x, y) &:= K_0(f(x), y, x) \wedge \neg E_1(f(x), y) \wedge E_2(f(x), y), \\ \theta_9(x, y) &:= K_0(f(x), y, x) \wedge \neg E_2(f(x), y) \wedge \neg E_2(x, y), \\ \theta_{10}(x, y) &:= K_0(f(x), y, x) \wedge \neg E_1(x, y) \wedge E_2(x, y), \\ \theta_{11}(x, y) &:= K_0(f(x), y, x) \wedge E_1(x, y), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$K_0(\theta_i(a, M), \theta_{i+1}(a, M), \theta_{i+2}(a, M)), \text{ where } 0 \leq i \leq 9,$$

$$K_0(\theta_{10}(a, M), \theta_{11}(a, M), \theta_0(a, M)), \quad K_0(\theta_{11}(a, M), \theta_0(a, M), \theta_1(a, M))$$

hold for any  $a \in M$ .

Define labels for these formulas as follows:

$$\text{label } k \text{ for } \theta_k(x, y) \text{ where } 0 \leq k \leq 11.$$

It easy to check that for the algebra  $\mathfrak{P}_{M_{1,4,2}}$  the Cayley table has the following form:

·	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
0	{0}	{1}	{2}	{3}	{4}	{5}	{6}	{7}	{8}	{9}	{10}	{11}
1	{1}	{1}	{2}	{3}	{4}	{5}	{5}	{5, 6, 7}	{8}	{9}	{10}	{11, 0, 1}
2	{2}	{2}	{2}	{3}	{4}	{4}	{4}	{4}	...	{9}	{10, 11, 0, 1, 2}	{2}
3	{3}	{3}	{3}	...	{9}	{9}	{9}	{9}	{9}	...	{3}	{3}
4	{4}	{4}	...	{9}	...	{2}	{2}	{2}	{2}	{3}	{4}	{4}
5	{5}	{5, 6, 7}	{8}	{9}	{10}	{11, 0, 1}	{1}	{1}	{2}	{3}	{4}	{5}
6	{6}	{7}	{8}	{9}	{10}	{11}	{0}	{1}	{2}	{3}	{4}	{5}
7	{7}	{7}	{8}	{9}	{10}	{11}	{11}	{11, 0, 1}	{2}	{3}	{4}	{5, 6, 7}
8	{8}	{8}	{8}	{9}	{10}	{10}	{10}	{10}	...	{3}	{4, 5, 6, 7, 8}	{8}
9	{9}	{9}	{9}	...	{3}	{3}	{3}	{3}	...	{3}	{9}	{9}
10	{10}	{10}	...	{3}	...	{8}	{8}	{8}	{9}	{10}	{10}	{10}
11	{11}	{11, 0, 1}	{2}	{3}	{4}	{5, 6, 7}	{7}	{7}	{8}	{9}	{10}	{11}

By the Cayley table the algebra  $\mathfrak{P}_{M_{1,4,2}}$  is not commutative.

**Theorem 2.** *The algebra  $\mathfrak{P}_{M_{s,m,k}}$  of binary isolating formulas having a piecewise monotonic-to-left function on  $M$  has  $2k(s+1)+m$  labels, is strictly  $(2s+3)$ -deterministic and is not commutative.*

*Proof.* Indeed, since  $f^k(a) = a$ , we have the following isolating formulas:

$$f^l(x) = y \text{ for every } 0 \leq l \leq k - 1.$$

Since for every  $1 \leq i \leq s$  the relation  $E_i$  is an equivalence relation partitioning every  $E_{i+1}$ -class into infinitely many infinite convex  $E_i$ -subclasses without endpoints so that the induced order on  $E_i$ -subclasses is dense without endpoints, we obtain the following binary isolating formulas:

$$K_0(f^l(x), y, f^{l+1}(x)) \wedge E_1(f^l(x), y), \text{ where } 0 \leq l \leq k - 1,$$

$$K_0(f^l(x), y, f^{l+1}(x)) \wedge \neg E_j(f^l(x), y) \wedge E_{j+1}(f^l(x), y),$$

$$\text{where } 0 \leq l \leq k - 1, 1 \leq j \leq s - 1,$$

$$K_0(f^l(x), y, f^{l+1}(x)) \wedge \neg E_s(f^l(x), y) \wedge \neg E_s(f^{l+1}(x), y), \text{ where } 0 \leq l \leq k - 1,$$

$$K_0(f^l(x), y, f^{l+1}(x)) \wedge \neg E_j(f^{l+1}(x), y) \wedge E_{j+1}(f^{l+1}(x), y),$$

$$\text{where } 0 \leq l \leq k - 1, 1 \leq j \leq s - 1,$$

$$K_0(f^l(x), y, f^{l+1}(x)) \wedge E_1(f^{l+1}(x), y), \text{ where } 0 \leq l \leq k - 1.$$

Since in this structure there exists additionally an equivalence relation  $E_{s+1}(x, y)$  partitioning  $M$  into  $m$  infinite convex classes, additionally the following binary isolating formulas appear:

$$K_0(f^l(x), y, f^{l+1}(x)) \wedge \neg E_s(f^l(x), y) \wedge E_{s+1}(f^l(x), y),$$

$$K_0(f^l(x), y, f^{l+1}(x)) \wedge \neg E_s(f^{l+1}(x), y) \wedge E_{s+1}(f^{l+1}(x), y),$$

where  $0 \leq l \leq k - 1$ .

Also, the formulas  $\theta^{l,i}(x, y)$  containing the conjunctive term  $K_0(f^l(x), y, f^{l+1}(x))$  and extracting the  $i$ -th  $E_{s+1}$ -class to the right of  $E_{s+1}$ -class containing  $f^l(x)$  for some  $1 \leq i \leq m/k - 1$  (here also  $0 \leq l \leq k - 1$ ) will be binary isolating formulas. For example, the formula  $\theta^{l,1}(x, y)$  has the following form:

$$\theta^{l,1}(x, y) := K_0(f^l(x), y, f^{l+1}(x)) \wedge \neg E_{s+1}(f^l(x), y) \wedge$$

$$\forall t [K_0(f^l(x), t, y) \wedge \neg E_{s+1}(t, y) \rightarrow E_{s+1}(f^l(x), t)].$$

Thus, we obtain  $k + k + 2k(s - 1) + k + 2k + k(m/k - 1) = 2k(s + 1) + m$  binary isolating formulas.

The formulas

$$\exists t [f^l(x) = t \wedge K_0(f^l(t), y, f^{l+1}(t)) \wedge E_1(f^l(t), y)]$$

and

$$\exists t [K_0(f^l(x), t, f^{l+1}(x)) \wedge E_1(f^l(x), t) \wedge f^l(t) = y],$$

where  $0 \leq l \leq k - 1$ , uniquely determine the formula

$$K_0(f^{2l \bmod k}(x), y, f^{2l+1 \bmod k}(x)) \wedge E_1(f^{2l \bmod k}(x), y).$$

The formula

$$\exists t [K_0(x, t, f(x)) \wedge E_1(x, t) \wedge K_0(f(t), y, f^2(t)) \wedge E_1(f(t), y)]$$

is compatible with the following formulas:

$$\begin{aligned} &K_0(x, y, f(x)) \wedge E_1(f(x), y), \\ &f(x) = y, \\ &K_0(f(x), y, f^2(x)) \wedge E_1(f(x), y). \end{aligned}$$

While the formula

$$\exists t[K_0(f(x), t, f^2(x)) \wedge E_1(f(x), t) \wedge K_0(t, y, f(t)) \wedge E_1(t, y)]$$

uniquely determines the formula  $K_0(f(x), y, f^2(x)) \wedge E_1(f(x), y)$ . Consequently, the algebra  $\mathfrak{A}_{M_{s,m,k}}$  is not commutative.

And in general we consider the formula

$$\begin{aligned} &\exists t[K_0(f^{l_1}(x), t, f^{l_1+1}(x)) \wedge E_1(f^{l_1}(x), t) \wedge \\ &K_0(f^{l_2}(t), y, f^{l_2+1}(t)) \wedge E_1(f^{l_2}(t), y)], \end{aligned}$$

where  $0 \leq l_1, l_2 \leq k-1$ . Such a formula for even  $l_2$  uniquely determines the formula

$$K_0(f^{l_1+l_2 \pmod k}(x), y, f^{l_1+l_2+1 \pmod k}(x)) \wedge E_1(f^{l_1+l_2 \pmod k}(x), y),$$

and for odd  $l_2$  it is compatible with the following three formulas:

$$\begin{aligned} &K_0(f^{l_1+l_2 \pmod k}(x), y, f^{l_1+l_2+1 \pmod k}(x)) \wedge E_1(f^{l_1+l_2 \pmod k}(x), y), \\ &f^{l_1+l_2 \pmod k}(x) = y, \\ &K_0(f^{l_1+l_2-1 \pmod k}(x), y, f^{l_1+l_2 \pmod k}(x)) \wedge E_1(f^{l_1+l_2 \pmod k}(x), y). \end{aligned}$$

Further consider the formula

$$\begin{aligned} &\exists t[K_0(f^{l_1}(x), t, f^{l_1+1}(x)) \wedge E_1(f^{l_1}(x), t) \wedge K_0(f^{l_2}(t), y, f^{l_2+1}(t)) \\ &\wedge \neg E_j(f^{l_2}(t), y) \wedge E_{j+1}(f^{l_2}(t), y)], \end{aligned}$$

where  $0 \leq l_1, l_2 \leq k-1$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq s$ . It uniquely determines the formula

$$\begin{aligned} &K_0(f^{l_1+l_2 \pmod k}(x), y, f^{l_1+l_2+1 \pmod k}(x)) \wedge \neg E_j(f^{l_1+l_2 \pmod k}(x), y) \\ &\wedge E_{j+1}(f^{l_1+l_2 \pmod k}(x), y). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, the formula

$$\begin{aligned} &\exists t[K_0(f^{l_2}(x), t, f^{l_2+1}(x)) \wedge \neg E_j(f^{l_2}(x), t) \wedge E_{j+1}(f^{l_2}(x), t) \\ &\wedge K_0(f^{l_1}(t), y, f^{l_1+1}(t)) \wedge E_1(f^{l_1}(t), y)] \end{aligned}$$

uniquely determines the formula

$$\begin{aligned} &K_0(f^{l_1+l_2-1 \pmod k}(x), y, f^{l_1+l_2 \pmod k}(x)) \wedge \neg E_j(f^{l_1+l_2 \pmod k}(x), y) \\ &\wedge E_{j+1}(f^{l_1+l_2 \pmod k}(x), y). \end{aligned}$$

Consider now the formulas  $\theta^{l_1, i}(x, y)$  and  $\theta^{l_2, j}(x, y)$  for arbitrary  $0 \leq l_1, l_2 \leq k-1$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq m/k-1$ . If  $i+j \pmod{m/k} \neq 0$ , it is easy to check that the formulas

$$\exists t[\theta^{l_1, i}(x, t) \wedge \theta^{l_2, j}(t, y)] \text{ and } \exists t[\theta^{l_2, j}(x, t) \wedge \theta^{l_1, i}(t, y)]$$

uniquely determine the formula  $\theta^{l_1+l_2(\bmod k), i+j(\bmod m/k)}(x, y)$ .

If  $i + j \pmod{m/k} = 0$ , these formulas are compatible with the following  $2s + 3$  formulas:

$$\begin{aligned} & f^{l_1+l_2+1(\bmod k)}(x) = y, \\ & K_0(f^{l_1+l_2(\bmod k)}(x), y, f^{l_1+l_2+1(\bmod k)}(x)) \wedge E_1(f^{l_1+l_2+1(\bmod k)}(x), y), \\ & K_0(f^{l_1+l_2(\bmod k)}(x), y, f^{l_1+l_2+1(\bmod k)}(x)) \wedge \neg E_j(f^{l_1+l_2+1(\bmod k)}(x), y) \\ & \quad \wedge E_{j+1}(f^{l_1+l_2+1(\bmod k)}(x), y), \quad 1 \leq j \leq s, \\ & K_0(f^{l_1+l_2+1(\bmod k)}(x), y, f^{l_1+l_2+2(\bmod k)}(x)) \wedge E_1(f^{l_1+l_2+1(\bmod k)}(x), y), \\ & K_0(f^{l_1+l_2+1(\bmod k)}(x), y, f^{l_1+l_2+2(\bmod k)}(x)) \wedge \neg E_j(f^{l_1+l_2+1(\bmod k)}(x), y) \\ & \quad \wedge E_{j+1}(f^{l_1+l_2+1(\bmod k)}(x), y), \quad 1 \leq j \leq s. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the algebra  $\mathfrak{P}_{M_s, m, k}$  is strictly  $(2s + 3)$ -deterministic.  $\square$

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