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AN ELEMENTARY METHOD OF DETERMINING  
THE DEGREE OF COMPLETENESS OF  $n$ -VALUED  
LUKASIEWICZ PROPOSITIONAL CALCULUS

**Abstract**

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The method of calculating the degree of completeness presented below differs from methods discussed in [1] and [2] and is explicitly based on elementary properties of Łukasiewicz valuations and reveals the character of possible enlargements of given  $n$ -valued Łukasiewicz logic. Above all it seems to be especially convenient for didactic purposes.

$C, N$  – implication and negation (in Polish notation)

$\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  – formulas (wffs) of implicational-negational  $n$ -valued Łukasiewicz calculus

$FOR$  – the set of all formulas of implicational-negational  $n$ -valued Łukasiewicz calculus

$v$  – an arbitrary Łukasiewicz valuation ( $n$ -valued)

$Sb(X)$  – the set of all substitutions of formulas from  $X$

$NWD$  – Minimal common divisor

$d(n-1)$  – number of all divisors of  $n-1$  (counted with 1 and  $n-1$ )

$C(X) = \{\alpha \in FOR : \forall v(v(X) = \{1\} \Rightarrow v(\alpha) = 1)\}$

$V(m) = \{i \in \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\} : \exists k (i = k \cdot NWD(m, n-1))\}$  for  $m > 0$ .

We have always  $0 \in V(m)$  and  $n-1 \in V(m)$ .

$v_m$  – an Łukasiewicz valuation such that  $v_m(FOR) \subset V(m)$ .

LEMMA 1.  $V(m) = V(NWD(m, n - 1))$ .

Hence the number of different sets  $V(m)$  equals  $d(n - 1)$ .

LEMMA 2.  $v(\alpha), v(\beta) \in V(m) \Rightarrow v(C\alpha\beta), v(N\alpha) \in V(m)$ .  $E(V(m)) = \{\alpha \in FOR : \forall v_m(v_m(\alpha) = n - 1)\}$ .

LEMMA 3.

- a)  $V(m) \subset B(k) \Rightarrow E(V(k)) \subset E(V(m))$
- b)  $V(m) \neq V(k) \Rightarrow E(V(k)) \neq E(V(m))$ ,

It is obvious that  $E(V(m)) \supset L_n$ .

COROLLARY 1. *There are  $d(n - 1)$  different sets  $E(V(m))$ .*

This is an easy consequence of Lemmas 1 and 3.

LEMMA 4.  $E(V(m)) = C(Sb(E(V(m))))$ .

Trivially from Lemma 2.

$$|\alpha| = \begin{cases} \min\{k \in \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\} : \alpha \in E(V(k))\} & \text{iff } \exists m : \\ & \alpha \in E(V(m)) \\ & 0 < m \leq n-1 \\ 0 & \text{iff } \forall m : \\ & \alpha \notin E(V(m)) \end{cases}$$

LEMMA 5.

- a)  $|\alpha| = 0 \Rightarrow C(Sb(\alpha)) = FOR$
- b)  $|\alpha| > 0 \Rightarrow C(Sb(\alpha)) = E(V(|\alpha|))$ .

Ad a). Let  $|\alpha| = 0$ . There exists  $v \in V(n - 1)$  such that  $v(\alpha) = 0$ . Now we define function  $e$ :

$$e(p) = \begin{cases} Cpp & \text{iff } v(p) = n - 1 \\ NCpp & v(p) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Formula  $h^e(\alpha)$  is a countertautology. As  $h^e(\alpha) \in Sb(\alpha)$ , we have  $C(Sb(\alpha)) = FOR$ .

Ad b). From the definition of  $|\alpha|$  we have  $\alpha \in E(V(|\alpha|))$ . As  $C$  and  $Sb$  are monotonic, taking in account Lemma 4, we have that  $C(Sb(\alpha)) \subset E(V(|\alpha|))$ . Let  $\beta \in E(V(|\alpha|))$  and  $\beta \notin C(Sb(\alpha))$ . There exists  $v$  such

that  $v$  satisfies  $Sb(\alpha)$  and  $v(\beta) \neq n - 1$ . But for  $v$  satisfying  $Sb(\alpha)$  we have  $v \in V(|\alpha|)$ , and this easily leads to the contradiction with our assumption, following which we must have  $v(\beta) = n - 1$ .

**COROLLARY 2.** *The degree of completeness for  $L_n$  equals  $d(n - 1) + 1$ .*

It is an obvious consequence of Corollary 1 and Lemma 5.

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