Schauder Hats for the 2-variable Fragment of BL

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Abstract—The theory of Schauder hats is a beautiful and powerful tool for investigating, under several respects, the algebraic semantics of Łukasiewicz infinite-valued logic [CDM99], [MMM07], [Mun94], [P95]. As a notably application of the theory, the elements of the free *n*-generated MV-algebra, that constitutes the algebraic semantics of the *n*-variate fragment of Łukasiewicz logic, are obtained as (*t*-conorm) monoidal combination of finitely many hats, which are in turn obtained through finitely many applications of an operation called *starring*, starting from a finite family of *primitive* hats.

The aim of this paper is to extend this portion of the Schauder hats theory to the two-variable fragment of Hájek's Basic logic. This step represents a non-trivial generalization of the onevariable case studied in [AG05], [Mon00], and provides sufficient insight to capture the behaviour of the *n*-variable case for $n \ge 1$.

I. INTRODUCTION

For background notions and facts on Łukasiewicz and Basic logic (in short, BL), and their algebraic semantics, respectively the varieties of MV-algebras and BL-algebras, we refer the reader to [CDM99], [Háj98], [CEGT00], [AM03]. We only mention that the free BL-algebra over *n*-many generators, in symbols \mathbb{BL}_n , is the subalgebra of the BL-algebra of all functions from $((n+1)[0,1])^n$ to (n+1)[0,1] generated by the projections, where (n+1)[0,1] is the ordinal sum of n+1many copies of the generic MV-algebra [0,1]. The generic MV-algebra [0, 1] is (term equivalent to) the algebra given by the interval [0, 1], equipped with the constant $\perp = 0$, and the operations $x \odot y = \max\{0, x + y - 1\}$ and $x \to y =$ $\min\{1, 1 - x + y\}$. We define $\neg x = x \rightarrow \bot$, $\top = \neg \bot$, $x \oplus y = \neg x \to y, x \oplus y = x \odot \neg y, x \land y = x \odot (x \to y), \text{ and}$ $x \lor y = ((x \to y) \to y) \land ((y \to x) \to x)$. Moreover, for any integer m > 0, we denote $m\varphi$ and φ^m the \oplus -disjunction and the \odot -conjunction, respectively, of *m* occurrences of φ .

We shall develop a notion of *BL-Schauder hat* (for short, *BL-hat*) such that the following two facts hold: (*i*) each element of \mathbb{BL}_n is a *t*-norm monoidal combination of finitely many BL-hats. (*ii*) each BL-hat in the above combination is constructed, as a BL-formula, via a *refinement* procedure consisting in a BL-combination of a finite set of *primitive* BL-hats.

The key ingredients of the construction are presented in the general case $n \ge 1$ in [AB09], [Bov08], where the free *n*-generated BL-algebra is characterized as a BL-algebra of geometric-combinatorial objects called *encodings*. In this paper, in the interest of intuition and readability, we avoid the technicalities involved in the general case, and we study directly the two-variable case. Indeed, the two-variable case is complex enough to enlighten the construction in the general case, and allows for a neat geometrical intuition of the behaviour of BL-hats in the refinement procedure.

II. FREE MV-ALGEBRAS AND FREE WAJSBERG HOOPS

We collect from the literaure the following representations of the free *n*-generated MV-algebra, \mathbb{MV}_n , and the free *n*-generated Wajsberg hoop, \mathbb{WH}_n , in terms of *n*-ary McNaughton functions. Recall that a Wajsberg hoop is the $\{\odot, \rightarrow, \top\}$ -subreduct of an MV-algebra, and a continuous function $f : [0, 1]^n \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is a McNaughton function if and only if there are finitely many linear polynomials with integer coefficients, p_1, \ldots, p_k , such that, for every $\mathbf{x} \in [0, 1]^n$, there is $j \in \{1, \ldots, k\}$ such that $f(\mathbf{x}) = p_j(\mathbf{x})$.

Theorem 1 ([McN51], [AP02]). \mathbb{MV}_n is (isomorphic to) the algebra of n-ary McNaughton functions, where \perp is realized by the constant 0, and \odot and \rightarrow are realized by the operations pointwise defined by the corresponding operations of the generic MV-algebra [0, 1].

 \mathbb{WH}_n is (isomorphic to) the algebra of n-ary McNaughton functions f such that f(1, 1, ..., 1) = 1, where \odot , \rightarrow and \top are realized by the operations pointwise defined by the corresponding operations of the generic MV-algebra [0, 1].

III. THE FREE 2-GENERATED BL-ALGEBRA

In this section, we introduce the notion of (*binary*) encoding, and we describe the free 2-generated BL-algebra, \mathbb{BL}_2 , in terms of (binary) encodings, as in [AB09].

Given a subset $K = \{j_1, j_2, \ldots, j_k\}$ of $\{1, \ldots, n\}$ we denote π_K the *projection* over K, that is, $\pi_K(t_1, \ldots, t_n) = (t_{j_1}, \ldots, t_{j_k})$.

By a *(rational) prism* we mean a set $P \subseteq [0,1]^2$ either of the form $[0,1] \times Q$ or of the form $Q \times [0,1]$ for $Q \subseteq [0,1)$ being either (a singleton containing) a rational point or an open interval with rational endpoints. The set Q is called the *base* of P and is denoted B(P).

Definition 1. Let $K \subseteq \{1, 2\}$. A function f is essentially *K*-ary prismwise Wajsberg if the following holds.

Case $K = \emptyset$: In this case, $f = \emptyset$, the empty function (the only function with empty domain).

Case $K = \{1\}$ or $K = \{2\}$: In this case, the following holds. (i) dom(f) is the union of as set Δ of finitely many

prisms $P \subseteq [0,1]^2$, of the first form if K ={1}, or of the second if $K = \{2\}$. (ii) For each $P \in \Delta$ there is $g \in \mathbb{WH}_1$ such that $f(x_1, x_2) = g(\pi_K(x_1, x_2))$ for all $(x_1, x_2) \in P$.

Let Q = B(P). We denote the restriction of f to P by g|Q. If dom $(f) = \{P\}$, then we denote f simply by g|Q. If $\bigcup_{P \in \Delta} B(P) = [0, 1)$ then we say f is *total*.

Case $K = \{1, 2\}$: In this case, $f \in \mathbb{WH}_2$.

We let \mathbb{PW}_2 denote the set of all essentially K-ary prismwise Wajsberg functions, for all $K \in 2^{\{1,2\}}$.

For each function $f: [0,1]^2 \to [0,1]$, each $b \in \{0,1\}$ and each $i \in \{1,2\}$, we let $\mathbf{b}_i(f) = \pi_{\{1,2\}\setminus\{i\}}(f^{-1}(b) \cap \{(x_1,x_2) \mid \pi_{\{i\}}(x_1,x_2) = 1\}) \setminus \{1\}.$

Definition 2 ((Binary) Encoding). A (*binary*) *encoding* is a 6-tuple,

$$f = \langle f_{00}, f_{01}, f_{02}, f_{10}, f_{11}, f_{12} \rangle,$$

satisfying the following properties:

- 1) $f_{ij} \in \mathbb{PW}_2$ for all $(i, j) \in \{0, 1\} \times \{0, 1, 2\}$.
- 2) $f_{00} \in \mathbb{WH}_2$, and, either $f_{10} \in \mathbb{WH}_2$ or $f_{10} = \emptyset$.
- 3) Let $b \in \{0, 1\}$ such that b = 0 if and only if $f_{10} = \emptyset$, let $i \in \{0, 1\}$, and let $j \in \{1, 2\}$. Then,

$$dom(f_{ij}) = \{(x_1, x_2) \mid x_{3-j} \in \mathbf{b}_j(f_{i0})\}.$$

We let A_2 denote the set of all binary encodings.

It follows that $f_{10} = \emptyset$ implies $f_{11} = f_{12} = \emptyset$.

For any pair (f,g) where f is an encoding and g either an encoding or an encoding component, we set $\nu_f(g) = g$ if $f_{10} \neq \emptyset$, $\nu_f(g) = \neg g$ if $f_{10} = \emptyset$.

Theorem 2. The free 2-generated BL-algebra, \mathbb{BL}_2 , is (isomorphic to) the BL-algebra,

$$\mathbb{BL}_2 = \langle A_2, \odot, \rightarrow, \bot \rangle,$$

obtained by equipping the binary encodings with the following constant and operations. Let $f, g \in A_2$. Then,

- $\bot = \langle \top, \emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset \rangle.$
- $f \odot g = e$, where $e \in A_2$ is defined as follows. $\operatorname{dom}(e_{ij}) = \operatorname{dom}(f_{ij}) \cap \operatorname{dom}(g_{ij})$, for each $(i, j) \in \{0, 1\} \times \{0, 1, 2\}$; for all $(x_1, x_2) \in \operatorname{dom}(e_{ij})$, if $(i, j) \in (\{0, 1\} \times \{0, 1, 2\}) \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$ then $e_{ij}(x_1, x_2) = f_{ij}(x_1, x_2) \odot g_{ij}(x_1, x_2)$, while

$$e_{00} = \begin{cases} f_{00} \oplus g_{00} & \text{if } f_{10} = \emptyset \text{ and } g_{10} = \emptyset, \\ g_{00} \to f_{00} & \text{if } f_{10} = \emptyset \text{ and } g_{10} \neq \emptyset, \\ f_{00} \to g_{00} & \text{if } f_{10} \neq \emptyset \text{ and } g_{10} = \emptyset, \\ f_{00} \odot g_{00} & \text{if } f_{10} \neq \emptyset \text{ and } g_{10} \neq \emptyset. \end{cases}$$

• $f \rightarrow g = e$, where $e \in A_2$ is defined as follows.

$$e_{00} = \begin{cases} g_{00} \to f_{00} & \text{if } f_{10} = \emptyset \text{ and } g_{10} = \emptyset, \\ f_{00} \oplus g_{00} & \text{if } f_{10} = \emptyset \text{ and } g_{10} \neq \emptyset, \\ f_{00} \odot g_{00} & \text{if } f_{10} \neq \emptyset \text{ and } g_{10} = \emptyset, \\ f_{00} \to g_{00} & \text{if } f_{10} \neq \emptyset \text{ and } g_{10} \neq \emptyset. \end{cases}$$

If $f_{10} \neq \emptyset$ then $e_{10} = f_{10} \rightarrow g_{10}$ and for each $(i, j) \in \{0, 1\} \times \{1, 2\}, \text{ dom}(e_{ij}) = \text{ dom}(g_{ij}) \cup \{(x_1, x_2) \mid i \in \{0, 1\}\}$

 $\nu_f(f_{ij}(y_1, y_2)) \leq \nu_g(g_{ij}(y_1, y_2)), y_j = 1, y_{3-j} = x_{3-j} \}$ and $e_{ij}(x_1, x_2) = (f_{ij} \rightarrow g_{ij})(x_1, x_2)$ if $(x_1, x_2) \in$ dom $(f_{ij}) \cap$ dom $(g_{ij}), e_{ij}(x_1, x_2) = 1$ otherwise. If $f_{10} =$ \emptyset then e_{0j} is defined as above for each $j \in \{1, 2\}$, while e_{1j} is total and coinciding with \top for all $j \in \{0, 1, 2\}$.

The two generators are $x_1^{\mathbb{BL}_2} = \langle x_1, x_1, \emptyset, x_1, x_1, \emptyset \rangle$, and $x_2^{\mathbb{BL}_2} = \langle x_2, \emptyset, x_2, x_2, \emptyset, x_2 \rangle$.

The interpretation $\varphi^{\mathbb{B}\mathbb{L}_2}$ of a formula φ in the two-variable fragment of BL is the image $\iota(\varphi)$ of φ under the $\{\odot, \rightarrow, \bot\}$ -homomorphism ι from the algebra of all two-variable formulas of BL to $\mathbb{B}\mathbb{L}_2$, uniquely determined by $\iota(x_i) = x_i^{\mathbb{B}\mathbb{L}_2}$.

IV. CONVEX GEOMETRY BACKGROUND

To recall the notion of Schauder hat and define \mathbb{BL}_2 -hats we need to introduce some notions of convex geometry (see [Ewa96], for further background).

An *n*-simplex $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ (for $m \ge n$) is the convex hull of n + 1 many affinely independent points of \mathbb{R}^m , called the *vertices* of S. That is, a 0-simplex is a (set containing exactly one) point, a 1-simplex is a line segment, a 2-simplex is a triangle, etc. By *rational n*-simplex in \mathbb{R}^m we mean an *n*-simplex S whose vertices $\mathbf{v}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{v}_{n+1}$ are rational points in $[0, 1]^m$, that is each component of each \mathbf{v}_i is a rational number $\delta, 0 \le \delta \le 1$. In the following we shall consider only rational *n*-simplices, which we will call simply "*n*-simplices", or even "simplices" when the dimension does not need to be specified. A *k*-dimensional *face* of a *n*-simplex S, for $-1 \le k \le n$ is the convex hull of k+1 vertices of S. An *open* simplex is the relative interior of a simplex (note that vertices, that is, 0-faces of simplices, are both 0-simplices and open 0-simplices; the empty set is the only (-1)-dimensional face of any simplex).

The denominator den(**v**) of a rational point $\mathbf{v} \in ([0,1] \cap \mathbb{Q})^m$ is the least common denominator den(**v**) of the coordinates of **v**. The homogeneous expression of **v** is den(**v**)(**v**,1) $\in \mathbb{Z}^{m+1}$. The Farey mediant of a finite set of rational points $\{\mathbf{v}_j\}_{j\in J} \subset ([0,1] \cap \mathbb{Q})^m$ is the point $(\sum_{j\in J} \operatorname{den}(\mathbf{v}_j)\mathbf{v}_j)/(\sum_{j\in J} \operatorname{den}(\mathbf{v}_j))$. A rational m-simplex $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ is unimodular if 1 is the absolute value of the determinant of the matrix whose rows are the homogeneous expressions of the vertices of S. A rational n-simplex $F \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$, with $n \leq m$ is unimodular if it is a face of a unimodular m-simplex. Note that a rational 0-simplex (a vertex) is always unimodular.

A unimodular triangulation of $[0,1]^m$ is a finite collection U of *n*-simplices, for all $-1 \leq n \leq m$, such that $\bigcup \{S \in U\} = [0,1]^m$, the intersection of any two members S_1, S_2 of U is a common face of both S_1 and S_2 , and U is closed under taking faces. We say that an open simplex S belongs to U (in symbols, $S \in U$) if there is $T \in U$ such that S is the relative interior of T.

V. SCHAUDER HATS

In this section we collect basic notions and results about Schauder hats that we shall be using in the paper (see [CDM99], [Mun94], [P95]). **Definition 3.** Let U be a unimodular triangulation of $[0,1]^n$ and let S be a k-simplex of U. Then the *starring* of U at S, in symbols U * S, is the set of simplices obtained as follows.

- 1) Put in U * S all simplices of U not containing S.
- 2) Display $\mathbf{v}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{v}_k$ the vertices of S. Then, for each $d \in \{1, \ldots, k-1\}$ and each d-dimensional face T of S, displaying $\{\mathbf{w}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{w}_{d+1}\}$ the vertices of T, replace each simplex $T \subseteq R \in U$ with the collection $\{R_1, \ldots, R_{d+1}\}$, where R_i is the simplex whose vertices are those of R with \mathbf{w}_i replaced by the Farey mediant \mathbf{v}_S of $\mathbf{v}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{v}_k$.

Note that U*S is again a unimodular triangulation of $[0, 1]^n$. If S is a 1-simplex, the starring U*S is called an *edge* starring.

Definition 4. Given a unimodular triangulation U of $[0,1]^n$ and a vertex (0-simplex) \mathbf{v} of U, the Schauder hat with apex \mathbf{v} in U is the continuous function $h_{\mathbf{v},U}: [0,1]^n \to [0,1]$ determined by the following conditions:

- 1) $h_{\mathbf{v},U}(\mathbf{v}) = 1/\text{den}(\mathbf{v}).$
- 2) $h_{\mathbf{v},U}(\mathbf{u}) = 0$ for all vertices $\mathbf{u} \neq \mathbf{v}$ of U.
- 3) $h_{\mathbf{v},U}$ is linear over each simplex of U.

The *star* of **v** in U is the set of all simplices of U having **v** among their vertices. The *Schauder set* H_U associated with a unimodular triangulation U is the set of all hats of the form $h_{\mathbf{v},U}$ for **v** a vertex of U.

Let $\mathbf{v}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{v}_k$ be the vertices of a simplex $S \in U$. Then the star refinement $H_U * S$ of H_U at S is obtained as follows: Let h_i be the hat in H_U with apex \mathbf{v}_i , and let $h_S = \bigwedge_{i=1}^q h_i$. Then put in $H_U * S$ the function h_S together with all hats of H_U distinct from any h_i and replace h_j by $h_j \ominus h_S$, for each $j \in \{1, \ldots, k\}$.

Lemma 1. $H_U * S$ is a Schauder set. In particular $H_U * S = H_{U*S}$ and the apex of h_S is the Farey mediant of the vertices of S.

Definition 5. Let T be the n-simplex whose set of vertices is $\{\mathbf{v}_j\}_{j=0}^n$, for $\pi_{\{i\}}(\mathbf{v}_j) = 0$ if $i + j \leq n$, $\pi_{\{i\}}(\mathbf{v}_j) = 1$, otherwise. Let Sym_n be the group of all permutations of the set $\{1, 2, \ldots, n\}$. For each $\sigma \in \operatorname{Sym}_n$ let T_{σ} be the simplex whose *i*th vertex is such that its *j*th component is $\pi_{\{\sigma(j)\}}(\mathbf{v}_i)$. Let F_{σ} be the set of all faces of T_{σ} . Then

$$U_0^n = \bigcup_{\sigma \in \operatorname{Sym}_n} F_{\sigma}$$

is a unimodular triangulation of $[0, 1]^n$, called the *fundamental* partition of $[0, 1]^n$.

Example 1. $U_0^1 = \{\{0\}, [0, 1], \{1\}\}$, and $H_{U_0^1} = \{x_1, \neg x_1\}$. The 2-simplices of U_0^2 are $\{(t_1, t_2) \mid 0 \le t_1 \le t_2 \le 1\}$ and $\{(t_1, t_2) \mid 0 \le t_2 \le t_1 \le 1\}$. Moreover, $H_{U_0^2} = \{x_1 \land x_2, x_1 \ominus x_2, x_2 \ominus x_1, \neg x_1 \land \neg x_2\}$.

Before stating the normal form theorem for \mathbb{MV}_n we collect for later use a fundamental technical result on unimodular triangulations. **Lemma 2.** Let S be either a rational 0-simplex or a 1simplex lying on an edge of the hypercube $[0,1]^n$. Then there is a unimodular triangulation U of $[0,1]^n$ such that $S \in U$. Moreover, U is obtained via finitely many edge starrings from U_0^n .

Lemma 3. For each McNaughton function $f: [0,1]^n \to [0,1]$ there is a unimodular triangulation U_f of $[0,1]^n$ such that fis linear over each simplex $S \in U_f$. Moreover, U_f is obtained via finitely many edge starrings from U_0^n .

Proof: This is one of the main arguments in Panti's geometric proof of the completeness of Łukasiewicz infinite-valued logic, see [P95, Lemma 2.2].

Theorem 3. For each element $f \in \mathbb{MV}_n$ there is a Schauder set $H_f = \{h_i\}_{i \in I}$ and nonnegative integers $\{m_i\}_{i \in I}$ such that

$$f = \bigoplus_{i \in I} m_i h_i \, .$$

Proof: One takes $H_f = H_{U_f}$, and $m_i = f(\mathbf{v}_i) \operatorname{den}(\mathbf{v}_i)$, for \mathbf{v}_i the apex of h_i , for each $i \in I$.

I.
$$\mathbb{BL}_2$$
-Hats

As is well known, each MV-algebra $A = \langle A, \oplus, \neg, 0 \rangle$ is isomorphic to its order-dual $A^{\partial} = \langle A, \odot, \neg, 1 \rangle$ via the map $\cdot^{\partial} : a \mapsto \neg a$. Note that $(a \ominus b)^{\partial} = b^{\partial} \rightarrow a^{\partial}$, and clearly, $(a \lor b)^{\partial} = a^{\partial} \land b^{\partial}$ and $(a \land b)^{\partial} = a^{\partial} \lor b^{\partial}$. We call *Schauder co-hat* any function of the form h^{∂} for h a Schauder hat. Let U be a unimodular triangulation of $[0, 1]^n$, for some n. The apex and the star of a co-hat k^{∂} in U are the apex and the star of the hat k in U, respectively. The co-Schauder set associated with U is the set of all co-hats of the Schauder set of U. The star refinement of the co-Schauder set H_U at a simplex $S \in U$ is defined as for Schauder sets, replacing by duality $\bigwedge h_i$ with $\bigvee h_i^{\partial}$ and $h_j \ominus h_S$ with $h_S^{2} \rightarrow h_i^{\partial}$.

Definition 6. A Schauder co-hat $k: [0,1]^n \rightarrow [0,1]$ is *virtual* iff its apex is $(1,1,\ldots,1)$; k is *actual* iff it is not virtual.

Note that a Schauder co-hat $h: [0,1]^n \to [0,1]$ is an element of \mathbb{WH}_n iff it is actual.

Theorem 4. For each element $f \in W\mathbb{H}_n$ there is a co-Schauder set $H_f = \{h_i\}_{i \in I}$ and nonnegative integers $\{m_i\}_{i \in I}$ such that

$$f = \bigotimes_{i \in I} h_i^{m_i} \,,$$

where $m_i = 0$ if h_i is virtual.

Proof: Immediate from Theorem 1 and Theorem 3. A *primitive* Schauder co-hat is a function h^{∂} for $h \in H_{U_n^n}$.

Example 2. The set of primitive Schauder co-hats for \mathbb{MV}_1 is $H_0^1 = \{x_1, \neg x_1\}$. The set of primitive Schauder co-hats for \mathbb{MV}_2 is $H_0^2 = \{x_1 \lor x_2, x_2 \to x_1, x_1 \to x_2, \neg x_1 \lor \neg x_2\}$.

Definition 7. A \mathbb{BL}_2 -hat is a 6-tuple of functions $h = \langle h_{00}, h_{01}, h_{02}, h_{10}, h_{11}, h_{12} \rangle$ belonging to one of the following kinds:

- k1: Either $h = \langle k, \top | \mathbf{1}_1(k), \top | \mathbf{1}_2(k), \top, \top, \top \rangle$ or $h = p_1 \langle \top, \top, \top, k, \top | \mathbf{1}_1(k), \top | \mathbf{1}_2(k) \rangle$, and k is a Schauder co- \hat{p}_1 hat.
- k2: There is a pair $(i, j) \in \{0, 1\} \times \{1, 2\}$, a unimodular \hat{p}_{02} triangulation U of [0, 1] and an open unimodular simplex p_{11} $Q \in U$ such that $h_{i'j'} = \top$ for all $(i', j') \in (\{0, 1\} \times \hat{p}_{11}$ $\{0, 1, 2\}) \setminus \{(i, j)\}$, and $h_{ij} = \top |Q'$ for every open p_{12} simplex $Q' \neq Q$ in U, while $h_{ij} = k |Q$ for k a Schauder \hat{p}_{12} co-hat in one variable.

We say k is the Schauder co-hat associated with h. The star and the apex of a \mathbb{BL}_2 -hat h are the star and the apex of the associated Schauder co-hat. A \mathbb{BL}_2 -hat h is actual (resp. virtual) if so is its associated Schauder co-hat. A \mathbb{BL}_2 -hat h is total if it belongs to kind k1 or $Q \in \{\{0\}, (0, 1)\}$.

Lemma 4. Let h be a \mathbb{BL}_2 -hat. Then $h \in \mathbb{BL}_2$ iff h is actual.

VII. REFINEMENT PROCESS

Let U be a unimodular triangulation of $[0,1]^2$. Then a relevant face of U is an open k-simplex F of U, for $k \in \{0,1\}$, such that $F \subseteq \{1\} \times [0,1)$ or $F \subseteq [0,1) \times \{1\}$. We denote F_U^1 the set of relevant faces of U of the first form, and F_U^2 the set of relevant faces of U of the second form.

Definition 8. A \mathbb{BL}_2 -triangulation is a 6-tuple $\langle U_{00}, U_{01}, U_{02}, U_{10}, U_{11}, U_{12} \rangle$ such that U_{j0} is a unimodular triangulation of $[0, 1]^2$ for each $j \in \{0, 1\}$, and U_{ji} is a map that associates with each relevant face in $F_{U_{j0}}^i$ a unimodular triangulation of [0, 1], for each $j \in \{0, 1\}$ and each $i \in \{1, 2\}$.

We say that a k-simplex S is a simplex of U if either $S \in U_{i0}$ for some $i \in \{0,1\}$ or there is $(i,j) \in \{0,1\} \times \{1,2\}$, and a simplex $R \in \text{dom}(U_{ij})$ such that $S \in U_{ij}(R)$.

The \mathbb{BL}_2 -fundamental partition is

$$B = \left\langle U_0^2, V, V, U_0^2, V, V \right\rangle,$$

where V is the following map: $\{0\} \mapsto U_0^1$, $(0,1) \mapsto U_0^1$ (recall from Definition 5 that U_0^n is the fundamental partition of $[0,1]^n$).

The \mathbb{BL}_2 -set H_U associated with a \mathbb{BL}_2 -triangulation U is a 6-tuple $\langle H_{00}, H_{01}, H_{02}, H_{10}, H_{11}, H_{12} \rangle$ such that, for each $i \in \{0, 1\}$, H_{i0} is the set of k1 \mathbb{BL}_2 -hats such that their associated co-hats form the co-Schauder set for U_{i0} ; for each $j \in \{1, 2\}$, H_{ij} is the map with the same domain as U_{ij} defined as follows. For each $S \in \text{dom}(H_{ij})$, $H_{ij}(S)$ is the set of total k2 \mathbb{BL}_2 -hats such that their associated co-hats form the co-Schauder set for $U_{ij}(S)$.

Note that each hat of H_U is linear over each simplex of U.

Definition 9. Let

 $\begin{array}{lll} p_{00}^0 = & \langle x_1 \lor x_2, \top, \top, \top, \top, \top, \top \rangle, \\ p_{10}^1 = & \langle x_1 \to x_2, \emptyset, \top, \top, \top, \top, \top \rangle, \\ p_{00}^2 = & \langle x_2 \to x_1, \top, \emptyset, \top, \top, \top, \top \rangle, \\ \hat{p}_{00} = & \langle \neg x_1 \lor \neg x_2, \top | \{0\}, \top | \{0\}, \top, \top, \top \rangle, \\ p_{10}^1 = & \langle \top, \top, \top, x_1 \lor x_2, \top, \top \rangle, \\ p_{10}^1 = & \langle \top, \top, \top, x_1 \to x_2, \emptyset, \top \rangle, \\ p_{10}^2 = & \langle \top, \top, \top, x_2 \to x_1, \top, \emptyset \rangle, \\ \hat{p}_{10} = & \langle \top, \top, \top, \neg x_1 \lor \neg x_2, \top | \{0\}, \top | \{0\} \rangle, \end{array}$

Let further, for $j \neq 0$, $p_{ij}^0 = (p_{i0}^j \to (p_{i0}^j \odot p_{i0}^j)) \to p_{ij}$, $p_{ij}^1 = p_{ij}^0 \to p_{ij}$, and $\hat{p}_{ij}^0 = (p_{i0}^j \to (p_{i0}^j \odot p_{i0}^j)) \to \hat{p}_{ij}$, $\hat{p}_{ij}^1 = \hat{p}_{ij}^0 \to \hat{p}_{ij}$. Then the set P of *primitive* \mathbb{BL}_2 -hats is the 6-tuple $P = \langle P_{00}, P_{01}, P_{02}, P_{10}, P_{11}, P_{12} \rangle$, where $P_{i0} = \{p_{i0}^0, p_{i0}^1, p_{i0}^2, \hat{p}_{i0}\}$ for $i \in \{0, 1\}$, P_{ij} is the map $\{0\} \mapsto \{p_{ij}^0, \hat{p}_{ij}^0\}$, $(0, 1) \mapsto \{p_{ij}^1, \hat{p}_{ij}^1\}$, for $(i, j) \in \{0, 1\} \times \{1, 2\}$. Note that the hats of the form \hat{p}_{ij} , \hat{p}_{ij}^b are virtual, and all other hats are actual.

Proposition 1. *P* is the \mathbb{BL}_2 -set associated with the \mathbb{BL}_2 -fundamental partition *B*.

We now adapt the definition of starring of triangulations (Def. 3) and star refinements of Schauder sets (Def. 4) to our current \mathbb{BL}_2 setting.

Let U be a \mathbb{BL}_2 -triangulation, and let S be a 1-simplex of U. Let \mathbf{v}_S be the Farey mediant of the vertices \mathbf{v}_1 and \mathbf{v}_2 of S, and let S_1, S_2 be the 1-simplices obtained by replacing \mathbf{v}_1 and \mathbf{v}_2 by \mathbf{v}_S , respectively. Let $S_3 = {\mathbf{v}_S}$. Then the *starring* of U at S, in symbols U * S is the 6-tuple $\langle U'_{00}, U'_{01}, U'_{02}, U'_{10}, U'_{11}, U'_{12} \rangle$ defined as follows:

- If $S \in U_{i0}$ for some $i \in \{0, 1\}$ then:
 - $U'_{i'j'} = U_{i'j'}$ for i' = 1 i and $j' \in \{0, 1, 2\}$; - $U'_{i0} = U_{i0} * S$;
 - If $S \subseteq F_{U_{i0}}^{j}$, for one $j \in \{1, 2\}$, then the map U'_{ij} has domain $(\operatorname{dom}(U_{ij}) \setminus \{S\}) \cup \{S_1, S_2, S_3\}$, and $U'_{ij}(S_k) = U_{ij}(S)$ for each $k \in \{1, 2, 3\}$; otherwise $U'_{ij} = U_{ij}$.
- If there is (i, j) and R such that $S \in U_{ij}(R)$, then:
 - $U_{i'j'} = U_{ij}$ for all $i \in \{0, 1\}$ and $j \neq j' \in \{0, 1, 2\}$; - $\operatorname{dom}(U'_{ij}) = \operatorname{dom}(U_{ij})$ and $U'_{ij}(R') = U_{ij}(R')$ for all $R \neq R' \in \operatorname{dom}(U_{ij})$, while $U'_{ij}(R) = (U_{ij}(R) \setminus \{S\}) \cup \{S_1, S_2, S_3\}$.

Let U be a \mathbb{BL}_2 -triangulation, and let $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_S$ be the vertices of a 1-simplex S of U and their Farey mediant, respectively. Then the *star refinement* $H_U * S$ of H_U at S is the 6-tuple K obtained by one of the following processes:

k1 -refinement: $S \in U_{i0}$ for some $i \in \{0,1\}$. Then let h_i be the \mathbb{BL}_2 -hat with apex \mathbf{v}_i and let $h_S = h_1 \lor h_2$. Set $K_{i0} = ((H_U)_{i0} \setminus \{h_1, h_2\}) \cup \{h_S, h_S \to h_1, h_S \to h_2\}$; moreover, if $S \in F_{U_{i0}}^j$ for one $j \in \{1,2\}$, then dom $(K_{ij}) = (\text{dom}((H_U)_{ij}) \setminus \{S\}) \cup \{S_1, S_2, S_3\}$, for S_1, S_2 being the 1-simplices obtained by starring S at $\mathbf{v}_S, S_3 = \{\mathbf{v}_S\}$, and $K_{ij}(S_k) = (H_U)_{ij}(S)$ for all $k \in \{1, 2, 3\}$, while for all other $R \in \text{dom}(K_{ij}), K_{ij}(R) = (H_U)_{ij}(R)$. If $S \notin F_{U_{i1}}^j \cup F_{U_{i2}}^j$, set $K_{ij} = (H_U)_{ij}$ for all $j \in \{1, 2\}$. k2 -refinement: There is (i, j) and R such that $S \in U_{ij}(R)$. Then let h_i be the \mathbb{BL}_2 -hat with apex \mathbf{v}_i and let $h_S = h_1 \lor h_2$. Set $K_{ij}(R) = ((H_U)_{ij}(R) \setminus \{h_1, h_2\}) \cup$ $\{h_S, h_S \to h_1, h_S \to h_2\}$. Set $K_{ij}(R') = (H_U)_{ij}(R')$ for all $R \neq R' \in \operatorname{dom}((H_U)_{ij})$. Set $K_{i',j'} = (H_U)_{i'j'}$ for all $(i', j') \in (\{0, 1\} \times \{0, 1, 2\}) \setminus \{(i, j)\}$.

Proposition 2. $H_U * S$ is the \mathbb{BL}_2 -set associated with U * S.

We now single out some families of functions in \mathbb{BL}_2 . Each function in \mathbb{BL}_2 will turn out to be a combination of suitably chosen functions in these special families. In turn, we shall represent any function belonging to one of these families as a combination of \mathbb{BL}_2 -hats in the same family.

Lemma 5. Let $f \in \mathbb{BL}_2$ be either of the form $\langle g, \top | \mathbf{1}_1(g), \top | \mathbf{1}_2(g), \top, \top, \top, \rangle$, or of the form $\langle \top, \top, \top, g, \top | \mathbf{1}_1(g), \top | \mathbf{1}_2(g) \rangle$. Then f is a finite \odot -combination of actual \mathbb{BL}_2 -hats obtained by finitely many k1-refinements from the set of primitive hats P_{00} , or the set P_{10} , respectively.

Proof: Consider first $f = \langle g, \top | \mathbf{1}_1(g), \top | \mathbf{1}_2(g), \top, \top, \top \rangle$. Since $g \in WH_2$, by Lemma 3, $g = \bigoplus_{i \in I} k_i^{m_i}$ for suitable integers $\{m_i\}_{i \in I}$ and a finite set of actual Schauder co-hats $\{k_i\}_{i \in I}$ obtained from U_0^2 by finitely many edge star refinements. That is $\{k_i\}_{i\in I} = H_{U_u}$ for a unimodular triangulation U_u of $[0,1]^2$, and there exist 1-simplices $S_1, S_2, \ldots, S_u \subseteq [0, 1]^2$ such that $U_u = U_0^2 * S_1 * S_2 * \cdots * S_u$. As each S_i is either a simplex of the fundamental partition of $[0,1]^2$ or it is obtained by a finite sequence of edge starrings from the fundamental partition, then we can form the \mathbb{BL}_2 triangulation $B_u = B * S_1 * \cdots * S_u$. By Proposition 1 and Proposition 2, $P_u = P * S_1 * \cdots * S_u$ is the \mathbb{BL}_2 -set of B_u . In particular $(P_u)_{00} = \{h_i\}_{i \in I}$, where each h_i is a \mathbb{BL}_2 -hat of kind k1 whose associated Schauder co-hat is k_i . Since $\top \lor \top = \top \rightarrow \top = \top \odot \top = \top$, then for each $(j,l) \in (\{0,1\} \times \{0,1,2\}) \setminus \{0,0\}$, it holds that $(\bigcirc_{i \in I} h_i^{m_i})_{jl}$ is constantly \top over its domain. Then

$$\bigodot_{i\in I} h_i^{m_i} = \langle g, \top | \mathbf{1}_1(g), \top | \mathbf{1}_2(g), \top, \top, \top \rangle \,.$$

The case $f = \langle \top, \top, \top, g, \top | \mathbf{1}_1(g), \top | \mathbf{1}_2(g) \rangle$ is dealt with analogously.

Lemma 6. Let $f \in \mathbb{BL}_2$ be of the form $\langle g, \top | \mathbf{0}_1(g), \top | \mathbf{0}_2(g), \emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset \rangle$, Then f is the negation of a finite \odot -combination of actual \mathbb{BL}_2 -hats obtained by finitely many k1-refinements from the set of primitive hats P_{00} .

Proof: By Theorem 2, f is such that $f = \neg \neg f$. Now, $\neg f = \langle g, \top | \mathbf{1}_1(g), \top | \mathbf{1}_2(g), \top, \top, \top, \top \rangle$, and by Lemma 5, there is a finite set $\{h_i\}_{i \in I}$ of actual \mathbb{BL}_2 -hats obtained by finitely many k1-refinements from the set of primitive hats P_{00} and suitable positive integers $\{m_i\}_{i \in I}$ such that $\neg f = \bigoplus_{i \in I} h_i^{m_i}$. Hence $f = \neg \neg f = \neg \bigoplus_{i \in I} h_i^{m_i}$.

Lemma 7. Each total \mathbb{BL}_2 -hat h belonging to kind k2 is obtained by finitely many k2-refinements from the set of primitive hats $P_{ij}(\{0\})$ or $P_{ij}((0,1))$, for some $(i,j) \in \{0,1\} \times \{1,2\}$. *Proof:* Each Schauder co-hat k in one variable is obtained by finitely many star refinements from the set of primitive cohats $\{x_1, \neg x_1\}$. Since $\top \lor \top = \top \to \top = \top$, we immediately conclude that h is obtained by finitely many k2-refinements from the set $P_{ij}(\{0\})$ or $P_{ij}((0,1))$.

There remains to deal with \mathbb{BL}_2 -hats that are not total.

Definition 10. Let U be a \mathbb{BL}_2 -triangulation. Fix $(i, j) \in \{0, 1\} \times \{1, 2\}$, and let \hat{h} be the only virtual \mathbb{BL}_2 -hat in $(H_U)_{i0}$. Pick $k \in (H_U)_{ij}(S)$ (then k is a total k2-hat). Let further h', h'' be actual k1-hats in $(H_U)_{i0}$. Denote $H^\circ = (H_U)_{i0} \setminus \{h', h'', \hat{h}\}, H(h') = H^\circ \cup \{h''\}$ and $H(h'') = H^\circ \cup \{h'\}$. Then the function

$$\Uparrow (h',k) = (\bigcup_{h \in H(h')} h) \to k$$

is the *vertical refinement* of the pair (h', k). The function

$$\Uparrow (h', h'', k) = (\Uparrow (h', k) \odot \Uparrow (h'', k)) \to ((\bigcup_{h \in H^{\circ}} h) \to k)$$

is the vertical refinement of the triple (h', h'', k).

Lemma 8. Each non-total \mathbb{BL}_2 -hat h belonging to kind k2 is obtained by vertical refinement from a set of hats obtained by finitely many steps of k1-k2-refinement from P.

Proof: Consider a non-total k2 \mathbb{BL}_2 -hat h, and let $h_{ij} =$ k|Q as in Definition 7, for some $(i, j) \in \{0, 1\} \times \{1, 2\}$. Let g be the total hat of kind k2 such that $g_{ij} = k | (0,1)$. By Lemma 7, g is obtained by k2-refinement from P. Consider first the case (i, j) = (0, 1) and suppose $Q = \{v\}$ for some $v \in (0,1) \cap \mathbb{Q}$. Then let U be any \mathbb{BL}_2 -triangulation, obtained via finitely many starrings from B, such that $\mathbf{w} \in U$ for the point defined by $\pi_1(\mathbf{w}) = v$ and $\pi_2(\mathbf{w}) = 1$. Such U exists by Lemma 2. Let $K = H_U$. Then K_{00} contains an actual \mathbb{BL}_2 -hat f with apex w. Let $K' = K_{00} \setminus \{f, \hat{e}\}$, for \hat{e} the unique virtual hat of K_{00} . Then $\bigcirc_{e \in K'} e$ is an element of \mathbb{BL}_2 of the form $\langle f', \top | \{v\}, \top, \top, \top, \top \rangle$ for some $f' \in \mathbb{WH}_2$. Direct computation using the operations defined in Theorem 2 shows the vertical refinement $\uparrow (f, g)$ is h. Now suppose $Q = (v_1, v_2) \subset (0, 1)$ is an open unimodular segment with rational endpoints. Let U be any \mathbb{BL}_2 -triangulation, obtained via finitely many starrings from B, such that $[\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2] \in U$ for points \mathbf{w}_l defined by $\pi_1(\mathbf{w}_l) = v_l$ and $\pi_2(\mathbf{w}_l) = 1$, for $l \in$ $\{1, 2\}$. The existence of such U is granted by Lemma 2, again. Let f_1, f_2 be \mathbb{BL}_2 -hats with apices $\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2$ in K_{00} . Direct computation now shows $\bigcirc_{e \in K_{00} \setminus \{f_1, f_2, \hat{e}\}} e$ is the function $\langle f', \top | [v_1, v_2], \top, \top, \top, \top \rangle$ for some $f' \in W\mathbb{H}_2$, and hence $\uparrow (f_1, f_2, g) = h$. The cases $(i, j) \in (\{0, 1\} \times \{1, 2\}) \setminus \{(0, 1)\}$ are dealt with analogously.

Theorem 5 (Normal Form). *Each* $f \in \mathbb{BL}_2$ *can be expressed as*

$$f = \nu_f(\bigcup_{j \in J_0} h_{0,j}^{m_{0,j}}) \odot \bigcup_{j \in J_1} h_{1,j}^{m_{1,j}},$$

where J_0 and J_1 are finite index sets, and for each $i \in \{0, 1\}$, and $j \in J_i$, the exponent $m_{i,j}$ is a nonnegative integer and

$h_{i,j}$ is an actual \mathbb{BL}_2 -hat obtained by a finite process of k1, k2, vertical refinements from the set of primitive hats P.

Proof: If $f_{10} = \emptyset$ then we use Lemma 6 to obtain a finite family of \mathbb{BL}_2 -hats $\{h_{0,j}\}_{j \in J_0}$ and integers $\{m_{0,j}\}_{j \in J_0}$ such that, setting $g^{00} = \neg \bigodot_{j \in J_0} h_{0,j}^{m_{0,j}}$, we have $g^{00} = \langle f_{00}, \top \mid \mathbf{0}_1(f_{00}), \top \mid \mathbf{0}_2(f_{00}), \emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset \rangle$. Let U be a \mathbb{BL}_2 -triangulation such that f is linear over each simplex of U. Such U exists by Definition 8 and Lemma 3. Note that for each open simplex $S \in F_U^j$, $j \in \{1, 2\}$, either f_{0j} is not defined over $[0, 1] \times \pi_{3-j}(S)$ (if j = 1) or $\pi_{3-j}(S) \times [0, 1]$ (if j = 2), or, in the notation of Definition 2, $f_{0j} = g|\pi_{3-j}(S)$ for some $g \in \mathbb{WH}_1$. In the latter case, use Theorem 4 to express g as $\bigcirc_{i \in J_S} h_i^{m_i}$ for some finite set J_S , and then use Lemma 8 to build $\bigcirc_{i \in J_S} h(k_i)^{m_i}$, where $h(k_i)$ is the k2 non-total hat such that $(h(k_i))_{0j} = k_i|\pi_{3-j}(S)$. Then $\bigcirc_{i \in J_S} h(k_i)^{m_i}$ is \top everywhere but on $[0, 1] \times \pi_{3-j}(S)$ (if j = 1) or $\pi_{3-j}(S) \times [0, 1]$ (if j = 2) where it coincides with f_{0j} . Let J_1 be the disjoint union of all sets J_S such that $S \in F_U^1 \cup F_U^2$ and $f_{01} = g|\pi_{3-j}(S)$ for some $g \in \mathbb{WH}_1$. Then $g^{00} \odot \bigcirc_{i \in J_1} h(k_i)^{m_i}$ is the desired normal form for f.

In case $f_{10} \neq \emptyset$ we reason analogously, using Lemma 5 instead of Lemma 6, to obtain functions g^{00} and g^{10} such that $g_{00}^{00} = f_{00}$ and $g_{10}^{10} = f_{10}$. We then use Lemma 8 as before to obtain all non-total k2 \mathbb{BL}_2 -hats needed.

We remark that Theorem 5 cannot be strengthened by omitting virtual hats from P: the minimal set of *actual* \mathbb{BL}_2 -hats allowing to express all elements of \mathbb{BL}_2 with a finite normal form is not finite.

The refinement procedure provides an explicit construction of the BL-terms whose interpretation in \mathbb{BL}_2 correspond to \mathbb{BL}_2 -hats. First, we provide BL-terms whose interpretation in \mathbb{BL}_2 correspond to the actual primitive \mathbb{BL}_2 -hats. We define,

$$\begin{split} & x \triangleleft y = (x \rightarrow y) \odot ((y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow x), \\ & x \diamond y = ((x \triangleleft y) \rightarrow y) \land ((y \triangleleft x) \rightarrow x), \end{split}$$

and we prepare (i = 1, 2),

$$\begin{split} x_{i00} &= \left((\bot \diamond x_i) \land (\bot \diamond x_{3-i}) \land (x_i \diamond x_{3-i}) \right) \to x_i, \\ x_{i01} &= \left((\bot \diamond x_{3-i}) \land (x_{3-i} \diamond x_i) \right) \to x_i, \\ x_{i10} &= \left((\bot \diamond x_i) \land (\bot \diamond x_{3-i}) \land (x_i \diamond x_{3-i}) \right) \to x_i, \\ x_{i11} &= \left((\bot \diamond x_i) \land (\bot \diamond x_{3-i}) \land (x_{3-i} \diamond x_i) \right) \to x_i. \end{split}$$

Proposition 3. The following hold:

 $\begin{aligned} &(x_{100} \lor x_{200})^{\mathbb{B}\mathbb{L}_2} = p_{00}^0; \quad (x_{100} \to x_{200})^{\mathbb{B}\mathbb{L}_2} = p_{10}^0; \\ &(x_{200} \to x_{100})^{\mathbb{B}\mathbb{L}_2} = p_{20}^0; \quad (x_{110} \lor x_{210})^{\mathbb{B}\mathbb{L}_2} = p_{10}^0; \\ &(x_{110} \to x_{210})^{\mathbb{B}\mathbb{L}_2} = p_{10}^1; \quad (x_{210} \to x_{110})^{\mathbb{B}\mathbb{L}_2} = p_{21}^2; \\ &(x_{101})^{\mathbb{B}\mathbb{L}_2} = p_{01}; \quad (x_{202})^{\mathbb{B}\mathbb{L}_2} = p_{02}; \\ &(x_{111})^{\mathbb{B}\mathbb{L}_2} = p_{11}; \quad (x_{212})^{\mathbb{B}\mathbb{L}_2} = p_{12}. \end{aligned}$

Proof: Direct computation.

Given the BL-terms for primitive hats, it is possible to iterate through the refinement process to construct BL-terms for all the actual \mathbb{BL}_2 -hats. We provide an example of such construction (compare Lemma 7, see also [AG05] for the virtual-hat elimination algorithm for the one-variable case).

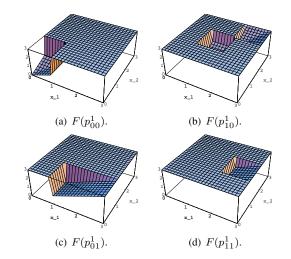


Fig. 1. Sampling the functional representation of some primitive \mathbb{BL}_2 -hats. In [AB09] we define an isomorphism of BL-algebras F from the BL-algebra of encodings \mathbb{BL}_n to the BL-algebra of real functions from $[0, n + 1]^n$ to [0, n+1] generated by the projections $x_i(t_1, \ldots, t_n) = t_i$ (see [AM03]). As an example of this functional representation in the 2-variable case, we depict here the graph of the functions corresponding to some primitive \mathbb{BL}_2 -hats.

Example 3. We construct the BL-term whose interpretation in \mathbb{BL}_2 corresponds to $f = \langle \top, x_1 \lor \neg x_1, \top, \top, \top, \top, \top \rangle$. The encoding f is obtained in a single step of k2-refinement from the set $\{p_{01}, \hat{p}_{01}\}$. The BL-term corresponding to f is obtained as follows: eliminate the negations from the Schauder cohat $x_1 \lor \neg x_1$ (maintaining equivalence, compare [Bov08] for details), obtaining the term $x_1 \rightarrow x_1^2$. Then substitute x_1 by x_{101} . We have $(x_{101} \rightarrow x_{101}^2)^{\mathbb{BL}_2} = f$. The total \mathbb{BL}_2 -hat hsuch that $h_{01} = (x_1 \lor \neg x_1) \{0\}$ and $h_{01} = \top |(0, 1)$ is obtained from f by substituting x_{101} with $(p_{00}^1 \rightarrow (p_{00}^1 \odot p_{00}^1)) \rightarrow x_{101}$.

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