

Completeness of Boolean powers of Boolean algebras

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Introduction.

In [4], Dwinger considered the completeness of Boolean powers of complete Boolean algebras. Dwinger obtained a necessary and sufficient condition in algebraic form:

THEOREM (Dwinger [4]). *Let A and B be complete Boolean algebras. The Boolean power $A[B]$ is complete if and only if*

$$\bigvee_{x \in A} \left(\bigwedge_{y \leq x} \sim f(y) \wedge \bigwedge_{x \leq z} \bigvee_{u \leq z} f(u) \right) = \mathbf{1} \quad \text{for each } f: A \longrightarrow B.$$

Our main purpose is to consider some relationship which exists among the completeness of $A[B]$, the distributive-like properties of B and the saturation number of A .

In the notation of Boolean valued models of set theory, the Boolean power $A[B]$ is isomorphic to

$$\hat{A} = \{f \in V^{(B)} \mid \llbracket f \in \check{A} \rrbracket^{(B)} = \mathbf{1}\}$$

where \check{A} is an element of $V^{(B)}$ such that $\check{A} = \{\check{a} \mid a \in A\} \times \{\mathbf{1}\}$. We can have a better perspective, if we deal with \check{A} in $V^{(B)}$ instead of $A[B]$. By virtue of 5.5 of Solovay and Tennenbaum [13], $A[B]$ is complete if and only if $\llbracket \check{A} \text{ is complete} \rrbracket^{(B)} = \mathbf{1}$. Since

$$\begin{aligned} & \llbracket \check{A} \text{ is complete} \rrbracket^{(B)} \\ &= \llbracket \forall X \subset \check{A} \exists x \in \check{A} [\forall y \in X [y \leq x] \wedge \forall z \in \check{A} [\forall u \in X [u \leq z] \Rightarrow x \leq z]] \rrbracket^{(B)} \\ &= \bigwedge_{f: A \rightarrow B} \left(\bigvee_{x \in A} \left(\bigwedge_{y \leq x} \sim f(y) \wedge \bigwedge_{x \leq z} \bigvee_{u \leq z} f(u) \right) \right), \end{aligned}$$

we can obtain a proof of Dwinger's theorem which uses Boolean valued models of set theory. This suggests why we are going to work in $V^{(B)}$. We assume that the reader is familiar with the technique of Boolean valued models of set theory, as presented, e.g. [6, 7, 13]. We assume that $V^{(B)}$ is separated, i.e.,