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THE NUMBER OF ISOMORPHISM TYPES OF SUBDIRECTLY INDECOMPOSABLE PSEUDO-BOOLEAN ALGEBRAS

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For every $n = 1, 2, \dots$ let $\mathcal{T}(n)$ be the number of isomorphism types of subdirectly indecomposable pseudo-Boolean algebras having n -element generating set. It is known that $\mathcal{T}(1) = \aleph_0$ (see [1]) and $\mathcal{T}(3) = 2^{\aleph_0}$ (see [4]). In this paper we answer the question in the only remaining case by proving that $\mathcal{T}(2) = 2^{\aleph_0}$. Clearly this implies that $\mathcal{T}(n) = 2^{\aleph_0}$ for every $n \geq 2$.

For the terminology and notation the reader is referred to [4]. We will make use of the sequence of algebras $\vartheta_0, \vartheta_1, \dots$ and the corresponding sequence of formulas of two variables $\delta_0, \delta_1, \dots$ that are described in [4] in detail. Interesting properties of algebras and formulas mentioned above were first observed by Gerčiu, Kuznecov [2]. In particular, from a result of [2] it follows that for every $i, j = 0, 1, \dots$; $\delta_i \in E(\vartheta_j)$ iff $i \neq j$. For every $I \in \{0, 1, \dots\}$ such that $|I| \geq 2$ we define intermediate logic $P(I) = \bigcap \{E(\vartheta_i) : i \in I\}$. Let \mathfrak{S}_2 be the free algebra of formulas of two variables, then we have the following:

LEMMA 1.

- (i) The unit element of the algebra $\mathfrak{S}_2 / \equiv_{P(I)}$ is join-reducible;
- (ii) $E(\mathfrak{S}_2 / \equiv_{P(I)}) \subseteq E(\mathfrak{S}_2 / \equiv_{P(J)})$ iff $I \supseteq J$.

LEMMA 2. Let \mathcal{A} be a pseudo-Boolean algebra generated by a set G . If the unit element of the algebra \mathcal{A} is join-reducible then the set G generates the algebra $\mathcal{A} \oplus$.

THEOREM. *The number of isomorphism types of subdirectly indecomposable pseudo-Boolean algebras having a two-element generating set is 2^{\aleph_0} .*

PROOF. Consider all the pseudo-Boolean algebras of the form $(\mathfrak{S}_2 / \equiv_{P(I)}) \oplus$, $I \subseteq \{0, 1, \dots\}$, $|I| \geq 2$. By Lemma 1 (ii) we get that $(\mathfrak{S}_2 / \equiv_{P(I)}) \oplus$ and $(\mathfrak{S}_2 / \equiv_{P(J)}) \oplus$ are non-isomorphic whenever $I \neq J$. By Lemma 1(i) and Lemma 2 it follows that every algebra $(\mathfrak{S}_2 / \equiv_{P(I)}) \oplus$ has a two-element generating set and it is subdirectly indecomposable because it has the smallest non-trivial filter. Q.E.D.

REMARK. Applying Lemma 3 of [3] one gets the result a little bit stronger than the theorem above, namely: there exist 2^{\aleph_0} equational classes of pseudo-Boolean algebras that are generated by single subdirectly indecomposable algebras with two-element generating sets.

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