

Some characterizations of strongly σ -short Boolean Algebras

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Abstract. We give some characterizations of strongly σ -short Boolean algebras.

In this report, we give some characterizations of strongly σ -short Boolean algebras. In [2], we introduced σ -short Boolean algebras and strongly σ -short Boolean algebras. We say that a subset D of a Boolean algebra \mathbf{B} is *dense*, in symbol $D \subset_d \mathbf{B}$, if for every positive element $b \in \mathbf{B}$ there exists $d \in D$ such that $0 < d \leq b$, *σ -short* if every strictly descending sequence of length ω in D does not have a nonzero lower bound in \mathbf{B} , *\wedge -closed* if for every $d_1, d_2 \in D$ with $d_1 \wedge d_2 > \mathbf{0}$, $d_1 \wedge d_2 \in D$. \mathbf{B} is said to be *σ -short* if it has a σ -short dense subset and *strongly σ -short* if it has a σ -short \wedge -closed dense subset. We denote by $d(\mathbf{B})$ the density of \mathbf{B} . We assume that Boolean algebras are infinite and atomless in this report.

In [2], it was open whether measure algebras are strongly σ -short. Jörg Brendle showed the following theorem(see [1]).

Theorem A (Brendle). *Let \mathbf{B}_κ be the algebra for adding κ many random reals.*

1. \mathbf{B}_ω is not strongly σ -short.
2. Suppose that $d(\mathbf{B}_\kappa) = \kappa$. Then \mathbf{B}_κ is strongly σ -short.

We say that a Boolean algebra \mathbf{B} has (κ, ω) -caliber if for any uncountable subset $T \subseteq \mathbf{B}$ of size κ , there is countable $F \subseteq T$ such that F has a non-zero lower bound in \mathbf{B} . It is well-known that the random algebra has (ω_1, ω) -caliber.

Y. Yoshinobu and I extended the first result above more general as follows(see [1]).

Theorem B (Takahashi-Yoshinobu). *Suppose that \mathbf{B} satisfies (κ, ω) -caliber and $d(\mathbf{B}) \geq \kappa$. Then \mathbf{B} is not strongly σ -short.*

In this report, we extend these theorems and give some characterizations of strongly σ -short Boolean algebras.

For $X \subseteq \mathbf{B}$, let $\bigwedge X = \{x_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge x_n > \mathbf{0} \mid x_1, \dots, x_n \in X, n \in \omega\}$ and $[X]^\omega = \{Y \subseteq X \mid |Y| = \omega\}$, where $|Y|$ is the cardinality of Y .

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Theorem. *The following are equivalent.*

- (1) \mathbf{B} is strongly σ -short.
- (2) There exists $X \subset \mathbf{B}$ such that $\bigwedge X \subset_d B$ and $\bigwedge Y = \mathbf{0}$ for every $Y \in [X]^\omega$.
- (3) There exists $X \subset_d \mathbf{B}$ such that $\bigwedge Y = \mathbf{0}$ for every $Y \in [X]^\omega$.
- (4) There exist $X \subset \mathbf{B}, D \subset_d \mathbf{B}$ and $f : D \xrightarrow{1-1} X$ such that $\bigwedge Y = \mathbf{0}$ for every $Y \in [X]^\omega$ and $d \wedge f(d) > \mathbf{0}$ for every $d \in D$.
- (5) There exists $X \subset_d \mathbf{B}$ such that $\{y \in X \mid y \geq x\}$ is finite for every $x \in X$.
- (6) There exists a sequence $\{X_n\}_{n \in \omega}$ of subsets of \mathbf{B} which satisfies the following conditions:
 - (a) X_n is a pairwise incomparable subset of \mathbf{B} .
 - (b) If $x \in X_n, y \in X_m$ and $n < m$, then $y \not\leq x$.
 - (c) $\{y \in X_m \mid y \geq x\}$ is finite for every $m < n$ and $x \in X_n$.
 - (d) $X := \bigcup_{n \in \omega} X_n \subset_d \mathbf{B}$

Proof of theorem. (1) \Rightarrow (2): Suppose that \mathbf{B} is strongly σ -short. Let D be a σ -short, \wedge -closed and dense subset of \mathbf{B} . Without loss of generality, we assume that $|D| = d(\mathbf{B})$. Put $\kappa = d(\mathbf{B})$. Let $\{d_\alpha \mid \alpha < \kappa\}$ be an enumeration of elements of D . We shall find $D^\alpha \subset \mathbf{B}$ and $\Lambda^\alpha \subset \alpha$ for $\alpha < \kappa$ such that

- (i) $\forall \alpha < \kappa [\Lambda^\alpha \neq \Lambda^{\alpha+1} \implies \Lambda^{\alpha+1} = \Lambda^\alpha \cup \{\alpha\}]$,
- (ii) $\forall \alpha < \kappa \exists x \in D^{\alpha+1} [x \leq d_\alpha]$,
- (iii) $D^\alpha = \bigwedge \{d_\beta \mid \beta \in \Lambda^\alpha\}$, and
- (iv) $\forall \alpha < \kappa [\alpha \in \Lambda^{\alpha+1} \iff \forall d \in D^\alpha [d \not\leq d_\alpha]]$.

Assuming such D^α and Λ^α may be found, let

$$\Lambda := \bigcup_{\alpha < \kappa} \Lambda^\alpha \quad \text{and} \quad D' := \bigcup_{\alpha < \kappa} D^\alpha.$$

By (ii), D' is a dense subset of \mathbf{B} . Put $X = \{d_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \Lambda\}$. By (iii), $D' = \bigwedge X$, so $\bigwedge X$ is a dense subset of \mathbf{B} . Let Y be a countable subset of X and $\{d_{\alpha_n}\}_{n \in \omega}$ be its enumeration such that $\alpha_0 < \alpha_1 < \alpha_2 < \dots$. We show that $\bigwedge Y = \mathbf{0}$. Without loss of generality, we may assume that for any finite subset Y_0 of Y , $\bigwedge Y_0 > \mathbf{0}$. Put $e_n := d_{\alpha_0} \wedge \dots \wedge d_{\alpha_n}$ for every $n \in \omega$. Since $\alpha_n \in \Lambda$, by (i), (iii) and (iv), we have $\alpha_n \in \Lambda^{\alpha_n+1}$, so that $d_{\alpha_n} \in D^{\alpha_n+1}$ and for every $d \in D^{\alpha_n}$, $d \not\leq d_{\alpha_n}$. Since

$e_{n-1} \in D^{\alpha_{n-1}+1} \subset D^{\alpha_n}$, $e_{n-1} \not\leq d_{\alpha_n}$. So we have $e_0 > e_1 > e_2 > \dots$. Hence $\{e_n\}_{n \in \omega}$ is a strict decreasing sequence in D . Therefore $\bigwedge Y = \bigwedge_{n \in \omega} e_n = \mathbf{0}$.

We define D^α and Λ^α by induction. Suppose that D^β, Λ^β ($\beta < \alpha$) are defined. If α is limit, then

$$D^\alpha := \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} D^\beta \quad \text{and} \quad \Lambda^\alpha := \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} \Lambda^\beta.$$

If α is successor (say $\alpha_0 + 1$), then we define D^α, Λ^α as follows.

If $\exists d \in D^{\alpha_0} [d \leq d_{\alpha_0}]$, then put

$$D^\alpha := D^{\alpha_0} \quad \text{and} \quad \Lambda^\alpha := \Lambda^{\alpha_0}.$$

If $\forall d \in D^{\alpha_0} [d \not\leq d_{\alpha_0}]$, then put

$$D^\alpha := \bigwedge (D^{\alpha_0} \cup \{d_{\alpha_0}\}) \quad \text{and} \quad \Lambda^\alpha := \Lambda^{\alpha_0} \cup \{\alpha_0\}.$$

It is easy to show that (i), (ii) and (iv) hold. We show (iii) by induction. Suppose that (iii) holds for every $\beta < \alpha$. If α is limit, then

$$D^\alpha = \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} D^\beta = \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} \bigwedge \{d_\gamma \mid \gamma \in \Lambda^\beta\} = \bigwedge \{d_\beta \mid \beta \in \Lambda^\alpha\}.$$

Suppose that $\alpha = \alpha_0 + 1$. If $\exists d \in D^{\alpha_0} [d \leq d_{\alpha_0}]$, then it is clear that (iii) holds for α . If $\forall d \in D^{\alpha_0} [d \not\leq d_{\alpha_0}]$, then

$$D^\alpha = \bigwedge (D^{\alpha_0} \cup \{d_{\alpha_0}\}) = \bigwedge (\bigwedge \{d_\beta \mid \beta \in \Lambda^{\alpha_0}\} \cup \{d_{\alpha_0}\}) = \bigwedge \{d_\beta \mid \beta \in \Lambda^\alpha\}.$$

(2) \Rightarrow (3): Easy.

(3) \Rightarrow (4): Put $D := X$ and $f := Id_D$.

(4) \Rightarrow (1): Put $D_0 := \{d \wedge f(d) \mid d \in D\}$ and $D_1 := \bigwedge D_0$. Since D_0 is dense in \mathbf{B} , D_1 is also dense in \mathbf{B} and \wedge -close. To see that D_1 is σ -short, it is enough to show that $\bigwedge Y = \mathbf{0}$ for every $Y \in [D_1]^\omega$. Let $Y := \{d_n \wedge f(d_n) \mid n \in \omega\}$. Then we have $\bigwedge Y = \bigwedge_{n \in \omega} d_n \wedge \bigwedge_{n \in \omega} f(d_n)$. Since f is one-to-one, $f(d_n) \neq f(d_m)$ for $n \neq m$. Hence

$\{f(d_n) \mid n \in \omega\} \in [X]^\omega$. Therefore $\bigwedge Y \leq \bigwedge_{n \in \omega} f(d_n) = \mathbf{0}$.

(5) \Leftrightarrow (3): Easy.

(5) \Rightarrow (6): Let X be a dense subset of \mathbf{B} such that $\{y \in X \mid y \geq x\}$ is finite for every $x \in X$. Put $X_n := \{d \in X \mid |\{x \in X \mid x \geq d\}| = n\}$ for every $n \in \omega$. Then it is easy to show that $\{X_n\}_{n \in \omega}$ satisfies conditions (a)–(d).

(6) \Rightarrow (5): Put $X := \bigcup_{n \in \omega} X_n$. Then X is dense in \mathbf{B} by (d). For every $x \in X$, there

exists $n \in \omega$ such that $x \in X_n$. Then $\{y \in X \mid y \geq x\} = \bigcup_{m < n} \{y \in X_m \mid y \geq x\}$ by (a),(b)

and (c). Hence $\{y \in X \mid y \geq x\}$ is finite. \square

Theorem B (Takahashi-Yoshinobu). *Suppose that \mathbf{B} satisfies (κ, ω) -caliber and $d(B) \geq \kappa$. Then \mathbf{B} is not strongly σ -short.*

Proof of Theorem B: Suppose that \mathbf{B} is strongly σ -short. Then by virtue of main theorem, there exists $X \subset_d B$ such that $\bigwedge Y = \mathbf{0}$ for every $Y \in [X]^\omega$. Since $|T| \geq d(\mathbf{B}) \geq \kappa$, there is countable $F \subseteq T$ such that F has a non-zero lower bound in \mathbf{B} . This contradicts that \mathbf{B} satisfies (κ, ω) -caliber. \square

Theorem A (Brendle). *Let \mathbf{B}_κ be the algebra for adding κ many random reals.*

1. \mathbf{B}_ω is not strongly σ -short.
2. Suppose that $d(\mathbf{B}_\kappa) = \kappa$. Then \mathbf{B}_κ is strongly σ -short.

Proof: (1): Since \mathbf{B}_ω satisfies (ω_1, ω) -caliber, \mathbf{B}_ω is not strongly σ -short by virtue of Theorem B.

(2): Let $D \subseteq B_\kappa$ be dense, $|D| = \kappa$. Say $D = \{b_\alpha; \alpha < \kappa\}$. For each α choose $\gamma_\alpha \notin \text{supp}(b_\alpha)$ in such a way that the γ_α are distinct for distinct α . Let $f(b_\alpha) := [\{\langle \langle \gamma_\alpha, 0 \rangle, 0 \rangle\}]$. Here $\{\langle \langle \gamma_\alpha, 0 \rangle, 0 \rangle\}$ denotes the partial function $p : \kappa \times \omega \rightarrow 2$ with domain the singleton $\{\langle \gamma_\alpha, 0 \rangle\}$ and $p(\langle \gamma_\alpha, 0 \rangle) = 0$. $[p]$ is the open set defined by p . Then f satisfies the assumption of (4) of the main theorem. Hence \mathbf{B}_κ is strongly σ -short. \square

Open Problems

1. Are perfect tree forcings, Hechler forcing σ -short?
2. For every σ -short \mathbf{B} , does there exist a sequence $\{X_n\}_{n \in \omega}$ of subsets of \mathbf{B} which satisfies the following conditions:
 - (a) X_n is a pairwise incomparable subset of \mathbf{B} .
 - (b) If $x \in X_n, y \in X_m$ and $n < m$, then $y \not\leq x$.
 - (c) $\bigcup_{n \in \omega} X_n \subset_d B$

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