

Order in Implication Zroupoids

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Abstract

The variety \mathbf{I} of implication zroupoids (using a binary operation \rightarrow and a constant 0) was defined and investigated by Sankappanavar in [7], as a generalization of De Morgan algebras. Also, in [7], several new subvarieties of \mathbf{I} were introduced, including the subvariety $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$, defined by the identity: $x'' \approx x$, which plays a crucial role in this paper. Some more new subvarieties of \mathbf{I} are studied in [3] that includes the subvariety \mathbf{SL} of semilattices with a least element 0; and an explicit description of semisimple subvarieties of \mathbf{I} is given in [5].

It is a well known fact that there is a partial order (denote it by \sqsubseteq) induced by the operation \wedge , both in the variety \mathbf{SL} of semilattices with a least element and in the variety \mathbf{DM} of De Morgan algebras. As both \mathbf{SL} and \mathbf{DM} are subvarieties of \mathbf{I} and the definition of partial order can be expressed in terms of the implication and the constant, it is but natural to ask whether the relation \sqsubseteq on \mathbf{I} is actually a partial order in some (larger) subvariety of \mathbf{I} that includes both \mathbf{SL} and \mathbf{DM} .

The purpose of the present paper is two-fold: Firstly, a complete answer is given to the above mentioned problem. Indeed, our first main theorem shows that the variety $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ is a maximal subvariety of \mathbf{I} with respect to the property that the relation \sqsubseteq is a partial order on its members.. In view of this result, one is then naturally led to consider the problem of determining the number of non-isomorphic algebras in $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ that can be defined on an n -element chain (herein called $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ -chains), n being a natural number. Secondly, we answer this problem in our second main theorem which says that, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, there are exactly n nonisomorphic $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ -chains of size n .

1 Introduction

The widely known fact that Boolean algebras can be defined using only implication and a constant was extended to De Morgan algebras in [7]. The crucial role played by a certain identity, called (I), led Sankappanavar, in 2012, to define and investigate, the variety \mathbf{I} of implication zroupoids (I-zroupoids) generalizing De Morgan algebras. Also, in [7], he introduced several new subvarieties of \mathbf{I} and found some relationships among those subvarieties. One of the subvarieties of \mathbf{I} , called $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$, defined by the identity: $x'' \approx x$ and studied in [7], plays a crucial role in this paper. In [3], we introduce several more new subvarieties of \mathbf{I} , including the subvariety \mathbf{SL} which is term-equivalent to the (well known) variety of \vee -semilattices with a least element 0, and describe further relationships among the subvarities of \mathbf{I} . An explicit description of semisimple subvarieties of \mathbf{I} is given in [5].

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$$x \sqsubseteq y \text{ if and only if } (x \rightarrow y)' = x, \text{ for } x, y \in \mathbf{A} \text{ and } \mathbf{A} \in \mathbf{I},$$

is a partial order. In view of this result, one is then naturally led to consider the problem of determining the number of non-isomorphic algebras in $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ ($\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ -chains) that can be defined on an n -element set, n being a natural number. Secondly, we answer this problem in our second main result which says that, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, there are exactly n nonisomorphic $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ -chains of size n .

2 Preliminaries

In this section we recall some definitions and results from [3], [5] and [7] that will be needed for this paper. Basic references are [1] and [2].

Definition 2.1 [7] A groupoid with zero (*zroupoid*, for short) is an algebra $\mathbf{A} = \langle A, \rightarrow, 0 \rangle$, where \rightarrow is a binary operation and 0 is a constant. A zroupoid $\mathbf{A} = \langle A, \rightarrow, 0 \rangle$ is an *implication zroupoid* (**I-zroupoid**, for short) if the following identities hold in \mathbf{A} , where $x' := x \rightarrow 0$:

$$(I) (x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow z \approx [(z' \rightarrow x) \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z)']$$

$$(I_0) 0'' \approx 0.$$

The variety of I-zroupoids is denoted by \mathbf{I} .

In this paper we use the characterizations of De Morgan algebras, Kleene algebras and Boolean algebras (see [7]), and semilattices with least element 0 (see [3]), as definitions.

Definition 2.2 An *implication zroupoid* $\mathbf{A} = \langle A, \rightarrow, 0 \rangle$ is a *De Morgan algebra* (**DM-algebra**, for short) if \mathbf{A} satisfies the axiom:

$$(DM) (x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow x \approx x.$$

A **DM-algebra** $\mathbf{A} = \langle A, \rightarrow, 0 \rangle$ is a *Kleene algebra* (**KL-algebra**, for short) if \mathbf{A} satisfies the axiom:

$$(KL_1) (x \rightarrow x) \rightarrow (y \rightarrow y)' \approx x \rightarrow x$$

or, equivalently,

$$(KL_2) (y \rightarrow y) \rightarrow (x \rightarrow x) \approx x \rightarrow x.$$

A **DM-algebra** $\mathbf{A} = \langle A, \rightarrow, 0 \rangle$ is a *Boolean algebra* (**BA-algebra**, for short) if \mathbf{A} satisfies the axiom:

$$(BA) x \rightarrow x \approx 0'.$$

An *implication zroupoid* $\mathbf{A} = \langle A, \rightarrow, 0 \rangle$ is a *semilattice with 0* (**SL-algebra**, for short) if \mathbf{A} satisfies the axioms:

$$(SM1) x' \approx x$$

$$(SM2) x \rightarrow y \approx y \rightarrow x. \text{ (Commutativity).}$$

We denote by **DM**, **KL**, **BA** and **SL**, respectively, the variety of **DM**-algebras, **KL**-algebras, **BA**-algebras, and **SL**-algebras.

We recall from [7] the definition of another subvariety of **I**, namely $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$, which plays a fundamental role in this paper.

Definition 2.3 $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ denotes the subvariety of **I** defined by the identity:

$$x'' \approx x.$$

We note that **DM**, **KL**, **BA** and **SL** are all subvarieties of $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ (see [7] and [3]).

Lemma 2.4 [7, Theorem 8.15] *Let \mathbf{A} be an I -zroupoid. Then the following are equivalent:*

- (a) $0' \rightarrow x \approx x$
- (b) $x'' \approx x$
- (c) $(x \rightarrow x')' \approx x$
- (d) $x' \rightarrow x \approx x$.

Lemma 2.5 [7] *Let $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbf{I}_{2,0}$. Then*

- (a) $x' \rightarrow 0' \approx 0 \rightarrow x$
- (b) $0 \rightarrow x' \approx x \rightarrow 0'$.

Several identities true in $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ are given in [3], [5] and [7]. Some of those that are needed for this paper are listed in the next lemma, which also presents some new identities of $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ that will be useful later in this paper. The proof of the lemma is given in the Appendix.

Lemma 2.6 *Let $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbf{I}_{2,0}$. Then \mathbf{A} satisfies:*

- (1) $(x \rightarrow 0') \rightarrow y \approx (x \rightarrow y') \rightarrow y$
- (2) $(0 \rightarrow x') \rightarrow (y \rightarrow x) \approx y \rightarrow x$
- (3) $(y \rightarrow x)' \approx (0 \rightarrow x) \rightarrow (y \rightarrow x)'$
- (4) $[x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow x)']' \approx (x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow x$
- (5) $(y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow y \approx (0 \rightarrow x) \rightarrow y$
- (6) $0 \rightarrow x \approx 0 \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow x)$
- (7) $0 \rightarrow [(0 \rightarrow x) \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow y)'] \approx 0 \rightarrow (x \rightarrow y)$
- (8) $[x' \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow y)]' \approx (0 \rightarrow x) \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow y)'$
- (9) $0 \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow x)' \approx 0 \rightarrow x'$
- (10) $0 \rightarrow (x' \rightarrow y)' \approx x \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow y')$
- (11) $[(x \rightarrow 0') \rightarrow y]' \approx (0 \rightarrow x) \rightarrow y'$

- (12) $0 \rightarrow [(0 \rightarrow x) \rightarrow y'] \approx x \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow y')$
- (13) $0 \rightarrow (x \rightarrow y) \approx x \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow y)$
- (14) $(x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow y' \approx y \rightarrow (x \rightarrow y)'$
- (15) $(x' \rightarrow y) \rightarrow [(0 \rightarrow z) \rightarrow x'] \approx (0 \rightarrow y) \rightarrow [(0 \rightarrow z) \rightarrow x']$
- (16) $0 \rightarrow (x \rightarrow y')' \approx 0 \rightarrow (x' \rightarrow y)$
- (17) $x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow x') \approx y \rightarrow x'$
- (18) $[(0 \rightarrow x) \rightarrow y] \rightarrow x \approx y \rightarrow x$
- (19) $[0 \rightarrow (x \rightarrow y)] \rightarrow x \approx (0 \rightarrow y) \rightarrow x$
- (20) $(0 \rightarrow x) \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow y) \approx x \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow y)$
- (21) $x \rightarrow y \approx x \rightarrow (x \rightarrow y)$
- (22) $[\{x \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow y)\} \rightarrow z]' \approx z \rightarrow [(x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow z]'$
- (23) $[0 \rightarrow (x \rightarrow y)] \rightarrow y' \approx y \rightarrow (x \rightarrow y)'$
- (24) $x \rightarrow [(y \rightarrow z) \rightarrow x]' \approx (0 \rightarrow y) \rightarrow [x \rightarrow (z \rightarrow x)']$
- (25) $0 \rightarrow [(0 \rightarrow x) \rightarrow y] \approx x \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow y)$
- (26) $x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow x)' \approx (y \rightarrow 0') \rightarrow x'$
- (27) $[(x' \rightarrow y) \rightarrow (z \rightarrow x)'] \rightarrow [(y \rightarrow z) \rightarrow x] \approx (y \rightarrow z) \rightarrow x$
- (28) $[\{0 \rightarrow (x \rightarrow y)'\} \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow y')']' \approx 0 \rightarrow (x \rightarrow y)'$
- (29) $[[0 \rightarrow \{(x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow z\}] \rightarrow \{0 \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z)\}']' \approx 0 \rightarrow \{(x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow z\}$
- (30) $[x \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow y)']' \approx x' \rightarrow (y \rightarrow 0')'$
- (31) $[(0 \rightarrow x) \rightarrow y]' \approx y \rightarrow (x \rightarrow y)'$
- (32) $[x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow 0')']' \approx x' \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow y)'$
- (33) $(x \rightarrow y)' \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow x)' \approx y' \rightarrow x'$
- (34) $(0 \rightarrow x)' \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow y)' \approx 0 \rightarrow (x' \rightarrow y')$
- (35) $[(x \rightarrow y)' \rightarrow \{y \rightarrow (x \rightarrow y)'\}']' \approx (x \rightarrow y)'$
- (36) $[\{(0 \rightarrow x) \rightarrow y\} \rightarrow (x \rightarrow y)']' \approx (0 \rightarrow x) \rightarrow y$
- (37) $[\{x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow x)'\} \rightarrow x]' \approx x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow x)'.$

3 Partial order in Implication Zroupoids

Let $\mathbf{A} = \langle A; \rightarrow, 0 \rangle \in \mathbf{I}$. We define the operations \wedge and \vee on \mathbf{A} by:

- $x \wedge y := (x \rightarrow y)'$,
- $x \vee y := (x' \wedge y')'$.

Note that the above definition of \wedge is a simultaneous generalization of the \wedge operation of De Morgan algebras and that of **SL** (= semilattices with least element 0). It is, of course, well known that the meet operation induces a partial order on both **DM** and **SL**, which naturally leads us to the following definition of a binary relation \sqsubseteq on algebras in **I**.

Definition 3.1 *Let $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbf{I}$. We define the relation \sqsubseteq on A as follows:*

$$x \sqsubseteq y \text{ if and only if } x \wedge y = x \quad (\text{equivalently, } (x \rightarrow y)' = x).$$

For $a, b \in A$, we write

- $a \sqsubset b$ if $a \sqsubseteq b$ and $a \neq b$,
- $a \sqsupseteq b$ if $b \sqsubseteq a$, and
- $a \sqsupset b$ if $a \sqsupseteq b$ and $a \neq b$.

We already know from [3] that $\langle A; \wedge, \vee \rangle$ is a lattice if and only if \mathbf{A} is a De Morgan Algebra, implying that \sqsubseteq is a partial order on A . We know (see [3]) that \sqsubseteq is also a partial order on algebras in **SL**. This fact led us naturally to consider the possibility of the existence of a subvariety **V** of **I**, containing both **SL** and **DM**, such that, for every algebra \mathbf{A} in **V**, the relation \sqsubseteq on \mathbf{A} is actually a partial order.

In this section we will prove our first main result which says that the subvariety $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$, is a maximal subvariety of **I** with respect to the property that the relation \sqsubseteq is a partial order on every member of that variety. To achieve this end, we need to, first, prove that \sqsubseteq is indeed a partial order on every member of $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$, which will be done using the following lemmas.

Lemma 3.2 *Let $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbf{I}_{2,0}$. Then the relation \sqsubseteq is antisymmetric on \mathbf{A} .*

Proof Let $a, b \in A$ such that $a \sqsubseteq b$ and $b \sqsubseteq a$. Let $c \in A$ be arbitrary. Then, using (I) and the hypothesis, one observes that $(c \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b' = [(b \rightarrow c) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b)']' = [(b \rightarrow c) \rightarrow a]'$. Consequently,

$$(3.1) \quad (c \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b' = [(b \rightarrow c) \rightarrow a]', \text{ where } c \in A.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} a' &= (a \wedge b)' && \text{by hypothesis} \\ &= (a \rightarrow b)'' && \text{by definition of } \wedge \\ &= a \rightarrow b' \\ &= (a' \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b' && \text{using Lemma 2.4(d)} \\ &= [(b \rightarrow a') \rightarrow a]' && \text{from (3.1) with } c = a' \\ &= [(b \rightarrow a')'' \rightarrow a]' \\ &= (b' \rightarrow a)' && \text{by hypothesis,} \end{aligned}$$

and, therefore,

$$(3.2) \quad a' = (b' \rightarrow a)'$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} b' &= [b \rightarrow a']'' && \text{by hypothesis} \\ &= b \rightarrow a' \\ &= (0 \rightarrow a'') \rightarrow (b \rightarrow a') && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (2) with } x = a', y = b \\ &= (0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow (b \rightarrow a'')'' \\ &= (0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b' && \text{by hypothesis.} \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$(3.3) \quad b' = (0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b'.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} a' &= [b' \rightarrow a]' && \text{from (3.2)} \\ &= [(b \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow a]' \\ &= (0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b' && \text{from (3.1) with } c = 0 \\ &= b' && \text{by (3.3).} \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, we have that $a = a'' = b'' = b$, thus proving that \sqsubseteq is antisymmetric on \mathbf{A} . \square

Now, we turn to proving the transitivity of the relation \sqsubseteq . For this, we need the following lemmas. The proof of the following (technical) lemma is given in the Appendix.

Lemma 3.3 *Let $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ with $a, b \in A$ such that $a \sqsubseteq b$. Let $d \in A$ be arbitrary. Then*

- (1) $(0 \rightarrow a') \rightarrow b = a' \rightarrow b$
- (2) $b \rightarrow a' = (0 \rightarrow b) \rightarrow a'$
- (3) $b \rightarrow a' = a'$
- (4) $0 \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow b) = 0 \rightarrow a$
- (5) $[(b \rightarrow d) \rightarrow a]' = (d \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b'$
- (6) $(0 \rightarrow d) \rightarrow a' = [\{d \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b')\} \rightarrow a]'$
- (7) $a \rightarrow [(a' \rightarrow d) \rightarrow \{(0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b'\}] = (0 \rightarrow d) \rightarrow a'$
- (8) $a \rightarrow [(d \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b'] = a \rightarrow (d \rightarrow a)'$
- (9) $[0 \rightarrow (b \rightarrow d)] \rightarrow a = (0 \rightarrow d) \rightarrow a$
- (10) $[b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d)] \rightarrow a = (0 \rightarrow d) \rightarrow a$
- (11) $b \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow a') = 0 \rightarrow a'$
- (12) $[(d \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b']' = (b \rightarrow d) \rightarrow a$
- (13) $a' \rightarrow b = b' \rightarrow a$
- (14) $(d \rightarrow a') \rightarrow b = (d \rightarrow 0') \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow b)$

$$(15) [(0 \rightarrow a') \rightarrow b]' = (0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b'$$

$$(16) (a' \rightarrow b)' = (0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b'$$

$$(17) b' \rightarrow [(b \rightarrow d) \rightarrow a] \sqsubseteq 0 \rightarrow b.$$

Lemma 3.4 *Let $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ and let $a, b, e \in A$ such that $(a \rightarrow b) = a$ and $(0 \rightarrow e) \rightarrow b = b$, and let $d \in A$ be arbitrary. Then*

$$(a) b \rightarrow d = (0 \rightarrow (d \rightarrow e)) \rightarrow (b \rightarrow d)$$

$$(b) (0 \rightarrow e) \rightarrow a' = a'$$

$$(c) (0 \rightarrow e') \rightarrow a = a.$$

$$(d) (0 \rightarrow e) \rightarrow [a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d)] = a \rightarrow d.$$

Proof

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} b \rightarrow d &= [(0 \rightarrow e') \rightarrow b] \rightarrow d && \text{by hypothesis} \\ &= [\{d' \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow e')\} \rightarrow (b \rightarrow d)'] \rightarrow [\{(0 \rightarrow e') \rightarrow b\} \rightarrow d] && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (27)} \\ &\quad \text{using } x = d, y = 0 \rightarrow e', z = b \\ &= [\{d' \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow e')\} \rightarrow (b \rightarrow d)'] \rightarrow (b \rightarrow d) && \text{by hypothesis} \\ &= [\{d' \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow e')\} \rightarrow 0'] \rightarrow (b \rightarrow d) && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (1)} \\ &= [0 \rightarrow \{d' \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow e')\}'] \rightarrow (b \rightarrow d) && \text{by Lemma 2.5 (a)} \\ &= [0 \rightarrow \{(0 \rightarrow d) \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow e')'\}] \rightarrow (b \rightarrow d) && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (8)} \\ &= [0 \rightarrow (d \rightarrow e)] \rightarrow (b \rightarrow d) && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (7)}. \end{aligned}$$

(b) Using Lemma 3.3 (3) (twice), and (a) with $d = a'$, we obtain $[0 \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow e)] \rightarrow a' = [0 \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow e)] \rightarrow (b \rightarrow a') = b \rightarrow a' = a'$. Hence,

$$(3.4) [0 \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow e)] \rightarrow a' = a'.$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} (0 \rightarrow e) \rightarrow a' &= [0 \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow e)] \rightarrow a' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (19) using } x = a', y = e \\ &= a' && \text{by (3.4)}. \end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned} (0 \rightarrow e') \rightarrow a &= [0 \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow e)'] \rightarrow a && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (9)} \\ &= [(0 \rightarrow e) \rightarrow 0'] \rightarrow a && \text{by Lemma 2.5 (a)} \\ &= [(0 \rightarrow e) \rightarrow a'] \rightarrow a && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (1)} \\ &= a' \rightarrow a && \text{by (b)} \\ &= a && \text{by Lemma 2.4 (d)}. \end{aligned}$$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned} a \rightarrow d &= [(0 \rightarrow e') \rightarrow a] \rightarrow d && \text{by item (c)} \\ &= [\{d' \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow e')\} \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d)'] \rightarrow [\{(0 \rightarrow e') \rightarrow a\} \rightarrow d] && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (27) with } x = d, y = 0 \rightarrow e', z = a \\ &= [\{d' \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow e')\} \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d)'] \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d) && \text{by item (c)} \\ &= [\{d' \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow e')\} \rightarrow 0'] \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d) && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (1)} \\ &= [0 \rightarrow \{d' \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow e')\}'] \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d) && \text{by Lemma 2.5 (a)} \\ &= [0 \rightarrow \{(0 \rightarrow d) \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow e')'\}] \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d) && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (8) with } x = d, y = e' \\ &= [0 \rightarrow (d \rightarrow e)] \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d) && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (7)} \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$(3.5) \quad a \rightarrow d = [0 \rightarrow (d \rightarrow e)] \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d).$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} (0 \rightarrow e) \rightarrow [a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d)] &= [0 \rightarrow [\{a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d)\} \rightarrow e]] \rightarrow [a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d)] \\ &\quad \text{by Lemma 2.6 (19) with } x = a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d), y = e \\ &= [0 \rightarrow [\{a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d)\} \rightarrow e]] \rightarrow [a \rightarrow \{a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d)\}] \\ &\quad \text{by Lemma 2.6 (21)} \\ &= a \rightarrow [a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d)] \\ &\quad \text{by (3.5) replacing } d \text{ with } a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d) \\ &= a \rightarrow d \\ &\quad \text{by Lemma 2.6 (21)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, (d) is proved and the proof of the lemma is complete. \square

Each of the next three lemmas prove a crucial step in the proof of transitivity of \sqsubseteq .

Lemma 3.5 *Let $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ and let $a, b, c \in A$ such that $a \sqsubseteq b$ and $b \sqsubseteq c$. Let $d, e, f \in A$ be arbitrary. Then*

- (1) $(0 \rightarrow c') \rightarrow b = b$
- (2) $(0 \rightarrow c) \rightarrow [a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d)] = a \rightarrow d$
- (3) $(0 \rightarrow c) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d) = a \rightarrow d$
- (4) $[0 \rightarrow ((0 \rightarrow b) \rightarrow c')] \rightarrow b = b$
- (5) $\{d' \rightarrow [0 \rightarrow ((0 \rightarrow b) \rightarrow c')]\} \rightarrow (b \rightarrow d)' = (b \rightarrow d)'$
- (6) $(b \rightarrow d) \rightarrow [e \rightarrow (b \rightarrow d)]' = [e \rightarrow 0'] \rightarrow (b \rightarrow d)'$
- (7) $[b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c')] \rightarrow a = a$
- (8) $(0 \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d) = a \rightarrow d$

- (9) $0 \rightarrow [b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d)] = 0 \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d)$
(10) $0 \rightarrow [\{b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d)\} \rightarrow e] = 0 \rightarrow [(a \rightarrow d) \rightarrow e]$
(11) $[0 \rightarrow (d' \rightarrow c)] \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b)' = (0 \rightarrow d) \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b)'$
(12) $0 \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow c) \sqsubseteq 0 \rightarrow b$
(13) $(0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b)' = (0 \rightarrow a)'$
(14) $0 \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow c) = 0 \rightarrow a$
(15) $(d \rightarrow e) \rightarrow [\{b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow f)\}' \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow a)'] = (d \rightarrow e) \rightarrow [(a' \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (f' \rightarrow a)']$.

Proof By hypothesis, we have $(a \rightarrow b) = a$ and $(b \rightarrow c) = b$.

$$\begin{aligned}
(1) \quad (0 \rightarrow c') \rightarrow b &= (c \rightarrow 0') \rightarrow b && \text{by Lemma 2.5 (a)} \\
&= [(b' \rightarrow c) \rightarrow (0' \rightarrow b)']' && \text{by (I)} \\
&= [(b' \rightarrow c) \rightarrow b']' && \text{by Lemma 2.4 (a)} \\
&= [(0 \rightarrow c) \rightarrow b']' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (5)} \\
&= [(c' \rightarrow 0') \rightarrow b']' && \text{by Lemma 2.5 (a)} \\
&= [(b'' \rightarrow c') \rightarrow (0' \rightarrow b)']'' && \text{from (I)} \\
&= (b'' \rightarrow c') \rightarrow (0' \rightarrow b) && \\
&= (b \rightarrow c') \rightarrow (0' \rightarrow b) && \\
&= (b \rightarrow c') \rightarrow b'' && \text{by Lemma 2.4 (a)} \\
&= (b \rightarrow c') \rightarrow b && \\
&= b' \rightarrow b && \text{by hypothesis} \\
&= b && \text{by Lemma 2.4 (d)}.
\end{aligned}$$

(2) This is immediate from (1) and Lemma 3.4 (d) with $e = c$.

(3) Using Lemma 2.6 (21) and (2) we have that $(0 \rightarrow c) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d) = (0 \rightarrow c) \rightarrow [a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d)] = a \rightarrow d$, implying (3).

$$\begin{aligned}
(4) \quad [0 \rightarrow ((0 \rightarrow b) \rightarrow c')] \rightarrow b &= \{(b' \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow [((0 \rightarrow b) \rightarrow c') \rightarrow b]'\}' && \text{by (I)} \\
&= \{b \rightarrow [((0 \rightarrow b) \rightarrow c') \rightarrow b]'\}' && \\
&= \{b \rightarrow (c' \rightarrow b)'\}' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (18)} \\
&= \{(b' \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (c' \rightarrow b)'\}' && \text{by Lemma 2.4 (d)} \\
&= (b \rightarrow c') \rightarrow b && \text{by (I)} \\
&= (b \rightarrow c)'' \rightarrow b && \\
&= b' \rightarrow b && \text{by hypothesis} \\
&= b && \text{by Lemma 2.4 (d)}.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(5) \quad \{d' \rightarrow [0 \rightarrow ((0 \rightarrow b) \rightarrow c')]\} \rightarrow (b \rightarrow d)' &= \{[[0 \rightarrow ((0 \rightarrow b) \rightarrow c')] \rightarrow b] \rightarrow d\}' && \text{by (I)} \\
&= (b \rightarrow d)' && \text{by (4)}.
\end{aligned}$$

(6)

$$\begin{aligned}
(b \rightarrow d) \rightarrow [e \rightarrow (b \rightarrow d)]' &= [e \rightarrow (b \rightarrow d)] \rightarrow (b \rightarrow d)' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (14) with} \\
& && x = e, y = b \rightarrow d \\
&= [e \rightarrow 0'] \rightarrow (b \rightarrow d)' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (1)}.
\end{aligned}$$

(7)

$$\begin{aligned}
[b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c')] \rightarrow a &= [(a' \rightarrow b) \rightarrow \{(a \rightarrow c') \rightarrow a\}'']' && \text{by (I)} \\
&= [(a' \rightarrow b) \rightarrow \{(0 \rightarrow c') \rightarrow a\}'']' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (5)} \\
&= [(a' \rightarrow b) \rightarrow a']' && \text{by (1) and Lemma 3.4 (c)} \\
&= [(0 \rightarrow b) \rightarrow a']' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (5)} \\
&= (a \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow (b \rightarrow a')' && \text{by (I)} \\
&= a' \rightarrow (b \rightarrow a')' \\
&= a' \rightarrow a'' && \text{by Lemma 3.3 (3)} \\
&= a' \rightarrow a \\
&= a && \text{by Lemma 2.4 (d)}.
\end{aligned}$$

(8)

$$\begin{aligned}
(0 \rightarrow b') \rightarrow b &= (0 \rightarrow 0') \rightarrow b && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (1)} \\
&= (0'' \rightarrow 0') \rightarrow b \\
&= 0' \rightarrow b && \text{by Lemma 2.4 (d)} \\
&= b && \text{by Lemma 2.4 (a)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, by the hypothesis, together with Lemma 3.4 (d), we obtain that $(0 \rightarrow b) \rightarrow \{a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d)\} = a \rightarrow d$. Hence, by Lemma 2.6 (21), we have $(0 \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d) = a \rightarrow d$.

(9)

$$\begin{aligned}
0 \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d) &= 0 \rightarrow [(0 \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d)] && \text{by (8)} \\
&= b \rightarrow [0 \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d)] && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (25) with } x = b, y = a \rightarrow d \\
&= 0 \rightarrow [b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d)]. && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (13)}.
\end{aligned}$$

(10)

$$\begin{aligned}
0 \rightarrow [\{b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d)\} \rightarrow e] &= [b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d)] \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow e) && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (13)} \\
&= 0 \rightarrow [[0 \rightarrow \{b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d)\}] \rightarrow e] && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (25)} \\
&= 0 \rightarrow [\{0 \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d)\} \rightarrow e] && \text{by (9)} \\
&= (a \rightarrow d) \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow e) && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (25)} \\
&= 0 \rightarrow [(a \rightarrow d) \rightarrow e] && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (13)}.
\end{aligned}$$

(11)

$$\begin{aligned}
[0 \rightarrow (d' \rightarrow c)] \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b)' &= [0 \rightarrow (d' \rightarrow c)] \rightarrow (b' \rightarrow 0')' && \text{by Lemma 2.5 (a)} \\
&= [\{(d' \rightarrow c) \rightarrow b'\} \rightarrow 0']' && \text{by (I)} \\
&= [\{(b \rightarrow d') \rightarrow (c \rightarrow b')'\}' \rightarrow 0']' && \text{by (I)} \\
&= [\{(b \rightarrow d') \rightarrow b''\}' \rightarrow 0']' && \text{by Lemma 3.3 (3)} \\
&= [\{(b \rightarrow d') \rightarrow b\}' \rightarrow 0']' \\
&= [\{(0 \rightarrow d') \rightarrow b\}' \rightarrow 0']' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (5)} \\
&= [0 \rightarrow \{(0 \rightarrow d') \rightarrow b\}]' && \text{by Lemma 2.5 (a)} \\
&= [(0 \rightarrow d') \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b)]' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (13)} \\
&= [(d \rightarrow 0') \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b)]' \\
&= (0 \rightarrow d) \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b)' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (11)}.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(12) \quad 0 \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow c) &= 0 \rightarrow [(a \rightarrow b)'' \rightarrow c] && \text{by hypothesis} \\
&= 0 \rightarrow [(a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow c] \\
&\sqsubseteq 0 \rightarrow (b' \rightarrow c) && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (29)} \\
&= 0 \rightarrow b && \text{by hypothesis and Lemma 3.3 (4)}.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(13) \quad (0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b)' &= [a' \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b)]' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (8)} \\
&= [0 \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow b)]' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (13)} \\
&= (0 \rightarrow a)'. && \text{by hypothesis and Lemma 3.3 (4)}.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(14) \quad 0 \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow c) &= [\{0 \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow c)\} \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b)']' && \text{by (12)} \\
&= [(0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b)']' && \text{by (11) with } d = a \\
&= (0 \rightarrow a)'' && \text{by (13)} \\
&= 0 \rightarrow a.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(15) \quad (d \rightarrow e) \rightarrow [(a' \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (f' \rightarrow a')] & \\
&= (d \rightarrow e) \rightarrow [\{(0 \rightarrow a') \rightarrow b\} \rightarrow (f' \rightarrow a')] \\
&\quad \text{by Lemma 3.3 (1)} \\
&= (d \rightarrow e) \rightarrow [\{(0 \rightarrow a') \rightarrow b\} \rightarrow \{(f \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow a'\}] \\
&= (d \rightarrow e) \rightarrow [\{(0 \rightarrow a') \rightarrow b\} \rightarrow \{(a \rightarrow f) \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow a')'\}]' \\
&\quad \text{by (I)} \\
&= (d \rightarrow e) \rightarrow [\{b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow f)\} \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow a')]' \\
&\quad \text{by (I)} \\
&= (d \rightarrow e) \rightarrow [\{b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow f)\}' \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow 0)'] \\
&\quad \text{by (30) with } x = b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow f) \text{ and } y = a' \\
&= (d \rightarrow e) \rightarrow [\{b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow f)\}' \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow a)'] \\
&\quad \text{by Lemma 2.5 (a)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have $(d \rightarrow e) \rightarrow [\{b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow f)\}' \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow a)'] = (d \rightarrow e) \rightarrow [(a' \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (f' \rightarrow a')]$.

□

Lemma 3.6 *Let $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ and let $a, b, c \in A$ such that $a \sqsubseteq b$ and $b \sqsubseteq c$. Let $d \in A$ be arbitrary. Then*

- (a) $[c \rightarrow (b \rightarrow a')] \rightarrow b = (0 \rightarrow a') \rightarrow b$
- (b) $(c \rightarrow a') \rightarrow b = a' \rightarrow b$
- (c) $(a' \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (c \rightarrow a') = c \rightarrow a'$
- (d) $c \rightarrow a' = a \rightarrow [b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c)']$
- (e) $0 \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d) = 0 \rightarrow [c \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d)]$

- (f) $(d \rightarrow a) \rightarrow d \sqsubseteq (a' \rightarrow b) \rightarrow d$
- (g) $(a' \rightarrow b) \rightarrow c' = (0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b'$
- (h) $0 \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c') \sqsubseteq 0 \rightarrow a'$
- (i) $0 \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c') = 0 \rightarrow a'$.
- (j) $c \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c') \sqsubseteq 0 \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c')$
- (k) $c \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c') \sqsubseteq 0 \rightarrow a'$
- (l) $(c \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c'))' \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow a)' = c \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c')$
- (m) $a \rightarrow [b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c')] = a \rightarrow c'$
- (n) $c \rightarrow a' = a \rightarrow c'$.

Proof

(a) Since $(b \rightarrow c')' = b$, by Lemma 3.3 (10) with $d = a'$, we have $(c \rightarrow (b \rightarrow a')) \rightarrow b = (0 \rightarrow a') \rightarrow b$.

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} (c \rightarrow a') \rightarrow b &= [c \rightarrow (b \rightarrow a')] \rightarrow b && \text{by Lemma 3.3 (3)} \\ &= (0 \rightarrow a') \rightarrow b && \text{by (a),} \end{aligned}$$

from which we get $(c \rightarrow a') \rightarrow b = (0 \rightarrow a') \rightarrow b$, which, together with Lemma 3.3 (1), implies $(c \rightarrow a') \rightarrow b = a' \rightarrow b$.

(c)

$$\begin{aligned} c \rightarrow a' &= (0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow (c \rightarrow a') && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (2) with } x = a', y = c \\ &= [0 \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow b)] \rightarrow (c \rightarrow a') && \text{by Lemma 3.3 (4)} \\ &= [0 \rightarrow \{(c \rightarrow a') \rightarrow b\}] \rightarrow (c \rightarrow a') && \text{by (b)} \\ &= [(c \rightarrow a') \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b)] \rightarrow (c \rightarrow a') && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (13)} \\ &= [0 \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b)] \rightarrow (c \rightarrow a') && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (5)} \\ &= (0 \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (c \rightarrow a') && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (6)} \\ &= [(c \rightarrow a') \rightarrow b] \rightarrow (c \rightarrow a') && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (5)} \\ &= (a' \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (c \rightarrow a') && \text{by (b).} \end{aligned}$$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned}
c \rightarrow a' &= (0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow (c \rightarrow a') && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (2)} \\
&= (0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow [(a' \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (c \rightarrow a')] && \text{by (c)} \\
&= (0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow [(a' \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (c'' \rightarrow a')] \\
&= (0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow [\{b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c')\}' \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow a)'] && \text{by Lemma 3.5 (15) with } \\
&&& d = 0, e = a, f = c' \\
&= (0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow [\{b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c')\}' \rightarrow \{0 \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow c)\}'] && \text{by Lemma 3.5 (14)} \\
&= (0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow [\{b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c')\}' \rightarrow \{0 \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c')\}'] && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (16)} \\
&= (0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow [\{b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c')\}' \rightarrow [0 \rightarrow \{b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c')\}']'] && \text{by Lemma 3.5(10) with } \\
&&& d = c', e = 0 \\
&= [b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c')] \rightarrow [(a \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow \{b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c')\}'] && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (24) with } \\
&&& x = [b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c')]', \\
&&& y = a, z = 0 \\
&= [\{0 \rightarrow (a \rightarrow 0)\} \rightarrow \{b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c')\}'] && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (4) and (5)} \\
&&& \text{with } x = a \rightarrow 0, \\
&&& y = [b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c')]' \\
&= [\{a \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow 0)\} \rightarrow \{b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c')\}'] && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (13)} \\
&= [(a \rightarrow 0') \rightarrow \{b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c')\}'] \\
&= [\{b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c')\} \rightarrow [a \rightarrow \{b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c')\}']'] && \text{by Lemma 3.5(6) with } \\
&&& e = a, d = a \rightarrow c' \\
&= [\{b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c')\} \rightarrow a] \rightarrow [b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c')] && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (4)} \\
&= a \rightarrow [b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c')] && \text{by Lemma 3.5(7)}.
\end{aligned}$$

(e)

$$\begin{aligned}
0 \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d) &= 0 \rightarrow [(0 \rightarrow c) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d)] && \text{by Lemma 3.5(3)} \\
&= c \rightarrow [0 \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d)] && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (25)} \\
&= 0 \rightarrow [c \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d)] && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (13)}.
\end{aligned}$$

(f)

$$\begin{aligned}
(d \rightarrow a) \rightarrow d &= (0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow d && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (5)} \\
&= [0 \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow b)] \rightarrow d && \text{by Lemma 3.3 (4)} \\
&\sqsubseteq (a' \rightarrow b) \rightarrow d && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (36)}.
\end{aligned}$$

(g)

$$\begin{aligned}
(a' \rightarrow b) \rightarrow c' &= [(c \rightarrow a') \rightarrow (b \rightarrow c')] && \text{by (I)} \\
&= [(c \rightarrow a') \rightarrow b] && \text{by hypothesis} \\
&= [\{c \rightarrow (b \rightarrow a')\} \rightarrow b] && \text{by Lemma 3.3 (3)} \\
&= [(0 \rightarrow a') \rightarrow b] && \text{by Lemma 3.3 (10) with } \\
&&& d = a' \text{ since } b \sqsubseteq c \\
&= [(b \rightarrow a') \rightarrow b] && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (5)} \\
&= [(b \rightarrow a') \rightarrow b'] && \\
&= [(b \rightarrow a') \rightarrow (0' \rightarrow b')] && \text{by Lemma 2.4 (a)} \\
&= (a' \rightarrow 0') \rightarrow b' && \text{by (I)} \\
&= (0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b'. && \text{by Lemma 2.5 (a)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, one has $(a' \rightarrow b) \rightarrow c' = (0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b'$.

(h) From Lemma 3.5 (1), we have $(0 \rightarrow c') \rightarrow b = b$. Hence, we can use Lemma 3.3. Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
0 \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c') &= 0 \rightarrow [\{(0 \rightarrow c') \rightarrow a\} \rightarrow c'] && \text{by Lemma 3.4 (c) and Lemma 3.5(1)} \\
&= [(0 \rightarrow c') \rightarrow a] \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow c') && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (13)} \\
&\sqsubseteq (a' \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow c') && \text{by (f) with } d = 0 \rightarrow c' \\
&= 0 \rightarrow [(a' \rightarrow b) \rightarrow c'] && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (13)} \\
&= 0 \rightarrow [(0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b'] && \text{by (g)} \\
&= 0 \rightarrow [(b \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b)'] && \text{by (I)} \\
&= 0 \rightarrow [b' \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b)'] && \\
&= 0 \rightarrow (b' \rightarrow a) && \text{by hypothesis} \\
&= 0 \rightarrow (b \rightarrow a') && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (16)} \\
&= 0 \rightarrow a' && \text{by Lemma 3.3 (3)}.
\end{aligned}$$

(i)

$$\begin{aligned}
0 \rightarrow a' &= 0 \rightarrow (a \rightarrow 0) \\
&= 0 \rightarrow [c \rightarrow (a \rightarrow 0)] && \text{by (e)} \\
&= 0 \rightarrow (c \rightarrow a') \\
&= 0 \rightarrow [(a \rightarrow c)'] && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (33)} \\
&= [0 \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c)'] \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow a) && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (34) and Lemma 2.6 (6)} \\
&= [0 \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c)'] \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow 0) && \text{by Lemma 2.5 (a)} \\
&= [\{0 \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c)\} \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow a)'] && \text{by Lemma 2.5 (30) with } x = 0 \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c), y = a' \\
&= 0 \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c') && \text{by (h)}.
\end{aligned}$$

(j)

$$\begin{aligned}
[\{c \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c')\} \rightarrow \{0 \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c')\}'] &= [\{0 \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c')\} \rightarrow c] \rightarrow [(a \rightarrow c') \rightarrow \{0 \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c')\}'] && \\
& && \text{by (I)} \\
&= [\{0 \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c')\} \rightarrow c] \rightarrow [\{(a \rightarrow c') \rightarrow 0\} \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c')] && \\
& && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (4)} \\
&= [\{0 \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c')\} \rightarrow c] \rightarrow [(a \rightarrow c)'] && \\
&= [\{0 \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c')\} \rightarrow c] \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c') && \\
& && \text{by Lemma 2.4 (d)} \\
&= c \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c') && \\
& && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (18) with } \\
& && x = a \rightarrow c', y = c.
\end{aligned}$$

(k) From (j) we have that $c \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c') \sqsubseteq 0 \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c')$. Then using (i) we get $c \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c') \sqsubseteq 0 \rightarrow a'$.

(l)

$$\begin{aligned}
[c \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c)'] \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow a) &= [c \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c)'] \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow 0) && \text{by Lemma 2.5 (a)} \\
&= [\{c \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c)\} \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow a)'] && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (30)} \\
&= c \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c') && \text{by (k)}.
\end{aligned}$$

(m)

$$\begin{aligned}
a \rightarrow [b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c)] &= c \rightarrow a' && \text{by (d)} \\
&= c'' \rightarrow a' \\
&= (a \rightarrow c)'] \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow a) && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (33)} \\
&= [c \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c)'] \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow a) && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (17)} \\
&= c \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c') && \text{by (l)} \\
&= a \rightarrow c' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (17)}.
\end{aligned}$$

(n) From (d) and (m), we get $c \rightarrow a' = a \rightarrow c'$.

□

Lemma 3.7 *Let $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ and let $a, b, c \in A$ such that $a \sqsubseteq b$ and $b \sqsubseteq c$. Then*

- (a) $c' \rightarrow [(c \rightarrow d) \rightarrow b] \sqsubseteq c$
- (b) $0 \rightarrow a' = c \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow a')$
- (c) $c' \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow b) \sqsubseteq c$
- (d) $(0 \rightarrow a') \rightarrow b = (c \rightarrow a') \rightarrow b$
- (e) $c' \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow b) \sqsubseteq 0 \rightarrow c$
- (f) $[(0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b'] \rightarrow c = c' \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow b)$
- (g) $a' \rightarrow c = c' \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow b)$
- (h) $a' \rightarrow c \sqsubseteq c$
- (i) $a' \rightarrow c = (0 \rightarrow a') \rightarrow c$.

Proof

- (a)

$$\begin{aligned}
 c' \rightarrow [(c \rightarrow d) \rightarrow b] &= c' \rightarrow [(c \rightarrow d) \rightarrow (b \rightarrow c)'] && \text{by hypothesis} \\
 &= c' \rightarrow [(d \rightarrow b) \rightarrow c'] && \text{by (I)} \\
 &\sqsubseteq c'' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (37)} \\
 &= c.
 \end{aligned}$$
- (b)

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 \rightarrow a' &= b \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow a') && \text{by Lemma 3.3 (11)} \\
 &= [0 \rightarrow \{(0 \rightarrow a') \rightarrow c\}] \rightarrow [b \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow a')] && \text{by Lemma 3.5 (1)} \\
 & && \text{and Lemma 3.4 (a)} \\
 & && \text{with } d = 0 \rightarrow a', e = c \\
 &= [0 \rightarrow \{(0 \rightarrow a') \rightarrow c\}] \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow a') && \text{by Lemma 3.3 (11)} \\
 &= [(0 \rightarrow a') \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow c)] \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow a') && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (13)} \\
 &= [0 \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow c)] \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow a') && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (5)} \\
 &= (0 \rightarrow c) \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow a') && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (21)} \\
 &= c \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow a') && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (20)}.
 \end{aligned}$$
- (c)

$$\begin{aligned}
 c' \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow b) &= c' \rightarrow [(0 \rightarrow a') \rightarrow b] && \text{by Lemma 3.3 (1)} \\
 &= c' \rightarrow [\{c \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow a')\} \rightarrow b] && \text{by (b)} \\
 &\sqsubseteq c && \text{by (a) with } d = 0 \rightarrow a'.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(d)} \quad (0 \rightarrow a') \rightarrow b &= [c \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow a')] \rightarrow b && \text{by (b)} \\
&= [(b' \rightarrow c) \rightarrow \{(0 \rightarrow a') \rightarrow b\}]' && \text{by (I)} \\
&= [(b' \rightarrow c) \rightarrow \{(b' \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow b)\}]' && \text{by (I) and } x'' \approx x \\
&= [(b' \rightarrow c) \rightarrow \{b \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow b)\}]' \\
&= [(b' \rightarrow c) \rightarrow \{(a' \rightarrow 0') \rightarrow b'\}]' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (26)} \\
&= [(b' \rightarrow c) \rightarrow \{(0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b'\}]' && \text{by Lemma 2.5 (a)} \\
&= [(b' \rightarrow c) \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow b)]' && \text{by Lemma 3.3 (16)} \\
&= (c \rightarrow a') \rightarrow b && \text{by (I).}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(e)} \quad c' \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow b) &= c' \rightarrow [(0 \rightarrow a') \rightarrow b] && \text{by Lemma 3.3 (15) and Lemma 3.3 (16)} \\
&= c' \rightarrow [(c \rightarrow a') \rightarrow b] && \text{by (d)} \\
&\sqsubseteq 0 \rightarrow c. && \text{by Lemma 3.3 (17) with } d = a'.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(f)} \quad c' \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow b) &= [\{c' \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow b)\} \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow c)]' && \text{by (e)} \\
&= [(a' \rightarrow b) \rightarrow 0] \rightarrow c && \text{by (I)} \\
&= (a' \rightarrow b)' \rightarrow c \\
&= [(0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b'] \rightarrow c && \text{by Lemma 3.3 (16).}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(g)} \quad c' \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow b) &= ((0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b') \rightarrow c && \text{by (f)} \\
&= [(0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow 0'] \rightarrow (b' \rightarrow c) && \text{by Lemma 3.3 (14) with } d = 0 \rightarrow a \\
&= [(a' \rightarrow 0') \rightarrow 0'] \rightarrow (b' \rightarrow c) && \text{by Lemma 2.5 (a)} \\
&= [(a' \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow 0'] \rightarrow (b' \rightarrow c) && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (1)} \\
&= [a'' \rightarrow 0'] \rightarrow (b' \rightarrow c) \\
&= (a \rightarrow 0') \rightarrow (b' \rightarrow c) \\
&= (a \rightarrow b') \rightarrow c && \text{by Lemma 3.3 (14) with } d = a \\
&= a' \rightarrow c && \text{by hypothesis.}
\end{aligned}$$

(h) This is immediate from (g) and (c).

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(i)} \quad (0 \rightarrow a') \rightarrow c &= (c \rightarrow a') \rightarrow c && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (5)} \\
&= [c \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow c)]' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (4)} \\
&= [(a' \rightarrow c) \rightarrow c']' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (14)} \\
&= a' \rightarrow c && \text{by (h).}
\end{aligned}$$

□

We are now ready to complete the proof of transitivity of \sqsubseteq .

Theorem 3.8 \sqsubseteq is transitive.

Proof Let $a, b, c \in A$ such that $a \sqsubseteq b$ and $b \sqsubseteq c$. Observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
a' &= a \rightarrow 0 \\
&= (0 \rightarrow c) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow 0) && \text{by Lemma 3.5 (3) with } d = 0 \\
&= (0 \rightarrow c) \rightarrow a' \\
&= (a' \rightarrow c) \rightarrow a' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (5)} \\
&= ((0 \rightarrow a') \rightarrow c) \rightarrow a' && \text{by Lemma 3.7 (i)} \\
&= c \rightarrow a' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (18)} \\
&= a \rightarrow c' && \text{by Lemma 3.6 (n)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$a = a'' = (a \rightarrow c')',$$

implying $a \sqsubseteq c$. Hence, \sqsubseteq is transitive on \mathbf{A} . □

We are now prepared to present our first main theorem.

Theorem 3.9 *The variety $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ is a maximal subvariety of \mathbf{I} with respect to the property that the relation \sqsubseteq introduced in Definition 3.1 is a partial order.*

Proof Let $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbf{I}_{2,0}$. The relation \sqsubseteq is a partial order on A in view of Lemma 2.4 (c), Lemma 3.2, and Theorem 3.8.

Next, let \mathbf{V} be a subvariety of \mathbf{I} such that \sqsubseteq is a partial order on every algebra in \mathbf{V} . Now let $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbf{V}$. Reflexivity of \sqsubseteq implies that $\mathbf{A} \models (x \rightarrow x')' \approx x$. Therefore, by Lemma 2.4, we conclude that $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbf{I}_{2,0}$, and hence, $\mathbf{V} \subseteq \mathbf{I}_{2,0}$, completing the proof. □

4 A method to construct finite $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ -chains

Now that we know the relation \sqsubseteq is a partial order on algebras in $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$, it is natural to consider those algebras in $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$, in which \sqsubseteq is a total order.

Definition 4.1 *Let $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbf{I}$. We say that \mathbf{A} is an $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ -chain (chain, for short) if $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ and the relation \sqsubseteq (see Definition 3.1) is totally ordered on A .*

In this section we describe a method of constructing finite $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ -chains. But, first, we will present some examples of $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ -chains that will foreshadow the method to construct finite $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ -chains. We note that, in these examples, the number 0 is the constant element.

It is easy to see that the only 2-element $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ -chains, up to isomorphism, are

$$\begin{array}{c}
\begin{array}{c|cc} \rightarrow: & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} & \text{with } 0 \sqsubseteq 1. &
\begin{array}{c|ccc} \rightarrow: & -1 & 0 & \\ \hline -1 & -1 & -1 & \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & \end{array} & \text{with } -1 \sqsubseteq 0
\end{array}$$

and the only 3-element $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ -chains, up to isomorphism, are

$$\begin{array}{c}
\begin{array}{c|ccc} \rightarrow: & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ \hline 0 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 2 \end{array} & \text{with } 0 \sqsubseteq 1 \sqsubseteq 2, &
\begin{array}{c|ccc} \rightarrow: & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} & \text{with } -1 \sqsubseteq 0 \sqsubseteq 1,
\end{array}$$

\Rightarrow :	-2	-1	0	with $-2 \sqsubset -1 \sqsubset 0$.
-2	-2	-2	-2	
-1	-2	-1	-1	
0	-2	-1	0	

Note that, henceforth, we will use the symbol \leq to denote the natural order in \mathbb{Z} . Recall that \sqsubset is being used for the order (see Definition 3.1).

The next definition describes a general method to construct a class of finite $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ -chains, generalizing the above examples. In the next section, we will show that, this method, in fact, yields, up to isomorphism, all finite $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ -chains.

Definition 4.2 Let $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Let $m, n \in \omega$ be such that the interval $[-n, m] \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ with $|[-n, m]| = k$ and $0 \leq n, m \leq k - 1$. The (auxiliary) functions p (predecessor) and $*$ are defined on $[-n, m]$ as follows:

$$p(x) = \begin{cases} x - 1 & \text{if } x > -n \\ -n & \text{if } x = -n, \end{cases}$$

and

$$x^* = \begin{cases} m & \text{if } x = 0 \\ x & \text{if } x < 0 \\ p((p(x))^*) & \text{if } x > 0. \end{cases}$$

For convenience, we write $p(p(x)^*)$ for $p((p(x))^*)$. (Notice that the function $*$ is defined recursively for $x \geq 0$.)

Define the algebra $[-\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{m}]$ as follows:

$$[-\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{m}] := \langle [-n, m]; \Rightarrow, 0 \rangle, \text{ where } 0 \in [-n, m] \text{ is the constant and } \Rightarrow \text{ is defined by}$$

$$x \Rightarrow y = \begin{cases} \max(x^*, y) & \text{if } x, y \geq 0 \\ \min(x, y) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We set $x' := x \Rightarrow 0$.

We shall now illustrate the method described in the above definition by applying it to construct a 6-element $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ -chain.

Let $k = 6$, and consider the interval $A = [-2, 3] = \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3\}$. Since $0 \Rightarrow 0 = \max(0^*, 0) = \max(3, 0) = 3$ and $a \Rightarrow b = \min(a, b)$ if $a < 0$ or $b < 0$, we arrive at the following partial table for \Rightarrow :

\Rightarrow	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2
-1	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
0	-2	-1	3	?	?	?
1	-2	-1	?	?	?	?
2	-2	-1	?	?	?	?
3	-2	-1	?	?	?	?

Next, we determine the operations p and $*$:

x	x^*
0	3
1	$p(p(1)^*) = p(0^*) = p(3) = 2$
2	$p(p(2)^*) = p(1^*) = p(2) = 1$
3	$p(p(3)^*) = p(2^*) = p(1) = 0$

x	$x \Rightarrow 0$
1	$\max(1^*, 0) = \max(2, 0) = 2$
2	$\max(2^*, 0) = \max(1, 0) = 1$
3	$\max(3^*, 0) = \max(0, 0) = 0$

Hence the table for \Rightarrow becomes:

\Rightarrow	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2
-1	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
0	-2	-1	3	?	?	?
1	-2	-1	2	?	?	?
2	-2	-1	1	?	?	?
3	-2	-1	0	?	?	?

Observe that $0 \Rightarrow 1 = \max(0^*, 1) = \max(3, 1) = 3$, $1 \Rightarrow 1 = \max(1^*, 1) = \max(2, 1) = 2$, $2 \Rightarrow 1 = \max(2^*, 1) = \max(1, 1) = 1$ and $3 \Rightarrow 1 = \max(3^*, 1) = \max(0, 1) = 1$. Then we get

\Rightarrow	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2
-1	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
0	-2	-1	3	3	?	?
1	-2	-1	2	2	?	?
2	-2	-1	1	1	?	?
3	-2	-1	0	1	?	?

Iterating this process we obtain the following complete table for \Rightarrow :

\Rightarrow	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2
-1	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1
0	-2	-1	3	3	3	3
1	-2	-1	2	2	2	3
2	-2	-1	1	1	2	3
3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3

Thus we have constructed the algebra $[-\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{m}]$. Observe that $-2 \sqsubset -1 \sqsubset 0 \sqsubset 1 \sqsubset 2 \sqsubset 3$ and $x'' = x^{**} = x$. Also, it is routine to verify $[-\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{m}] \in \mathbf{I}_{2,0}$. Hence it is an $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ -chain.

Returning to the general method, we now aim to prove that $[-\mathbf{n}; \mathbf{m}]$ is an $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ -chain. To prove this, we will need the following lemmas.

Lemma 4.3 *If $x \in [-\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{m}]$ and $0 \leq x \leq m$ then $x^* = m - x$ and, consequently, $x^* \in [0, m]$.*

Proof We prove this lemma by induction on the element x . Assume that $x = 0$. Then $0^* = m = m - 0$.

Next, suppose $x > 0$. Since $-n \leq 0 < x$, we have $p(x) = x - 1$. Hence, by inductive hypothesis, we have

$$(4.1) \quad p(x)^* = m - p(x) = m - (x - 1) = m - x + 1.$$

From $x > 0$, we can conclude that $m - x + 1 \leq m$. Also, since $x \leq m$, we obtain $0 \leq m - x$, thus $-n - 1 < 0 \leq m - x$, implying $m - x + 1 > -n$. Then we get $p(m - x + 1) = m - x + 1 - 1$. By (4.1), $x^* = p((p(x))^*) = p(m - x + 1) = m - x$, completing the induction. It is clear that $x^* \in [0, m]$. \square

Corollary 4.4 *If $x \in [-n, m]$ then $x' = x^*$.*

Proof If $x < 0$ we have that $x' = x \Rightarrow 0 = \min(x, 0) = x = x^*$. If $x > 0$, then by Lemma 4.3, $x^* \geq 0$, and hence $x' = x \Rightarrow 0 = \max(x^*, 0) = x^*$. \square

Lemma 4.5 *If $x \in [-n, m]$ then $x'' = x$.*

Proof We consider the following cases:

- If $x < 0$, then $x^* = x$, and hence $x^{**} = x$.
- If $x \geq 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} x^{**} &= (m - x)^* && \text{by Lemma 4.3 since } 0 < x \leq m \\ &= m - (m - x) && \text{by Lemma 4.3 since } 0 \leq m - x \leq m \\ &= x. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, by Corollary 4.4, $x'' = x$. \square

Lemma 4.6 *If $x, y \in [-n, m]$ and $0 \leq x \leq y$ then $x^* \geq y^*$.*

Proof We prove this lemma by induction on the element x . If $x = 0$, $x^* = 0^* = m \geq y^*$ by Lemma 4.3.

Now assume that $x > 0$. Since $0 < x \leq y$, we have that $x^* = p(p(x)^*)$ and $y^* = p(p(y)^*)$. Note that $0 \leq p(x) \leq p(y)$. Then, by induction hypothesis, we get $p(y)^* \leq p(x)^*$. Hence $x^* = p(p(x)^*) \geq p(p(y)^*) = y^*$. \square

Lemma 4.7 *Let $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Let $m, n \in \omega$ be such that the interval $[-n, m] \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ with $||[-n, m]|| = k$ and $0 \leq n, m \leq k - 1$. Then, $[-n, m] \in \mathbf{I}_{2,0}$.*

Proof The proof that $\langle [-n; m]; \Rightarrow, 0 \rangle$ satisfies the identity (I) is long and computational, but routine. Hence we leave the verification to the reader with the recommendation that the following cases be considered, where $i, j, k \in [-n; m]$:

- | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| (1) $i, j, k \geq 0, i^* \geq j, i \geq k$ | (7) $i \geq 0, j < 0$ and $k \geq 0$ |
| (2) $i, j, k \geq 0, i^* \geq j, i < k$ | (8) $i \geq 0, j < 0$ and $k < 0$ |
| (3) $i, j, k \geq 0, i^* < j, k \geq i$ | (9) $i < 0, j \geq 0$ and $k \geq 0$ |
| (4) $i, j, k \geq 0, i^* < j, k < i, j^* \leq k$ | (10) $i < 0, j \geq 0$ and $k < 0$ |
| (5) $i, j, k \geq 0, i^* < j, k < i, j^* > k$ | (11) $i < 0, j < 0$ and $k \geq 0$ |
| (6) $i, j \geq 0$ and $k < 0$ | (12) $i, j, k < 0$. |

Observe that, if $x \in [-n, m]$, then, from Corollary 4.4, we have $x' = x^*$, and from Lemma 4.5 we have that $x'' = x$; and in particular $0'' = 0$. Thus, we conclude that $\langle [-n, m]; \Rightarrow, 0 \rangle \in \mathbf{I}_{2,0}$. \square

In view of the above lemma and Theorem 3.8, the relation defined by

$$x \sqsubseteq y \text{ if and only if } (x \Rightarrow y')' = x$$

is a partial order on $[-\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{m}]$. We now wish to show that \sqsubseteq is indeed a total order.

Lemma 4.8 *Let $[-\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{m}]$ be the algebra, as defined in Definition 4.2. Then*

$$\langle [-n, m]; \sqsubseteq \rangle \cong \langle [-n, m]; \leq \rangle.$$

Proof Let $x, y \in [-n, m]$. It is enough to prove that $x \leq y$ if and only if $x \sqsubseteq y$.

Assume that $x \leq y$. We will consider the following cases:

- **Case 1:** $x < 0$. Then

$$(4.2) \quad (x \Rightarrow y')' = (x \Rightarrow y^*)^* = [\min(x, y^*)]^*.$$

We consider further the following subcases:

- **Case 1.1:** $y < 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} (x \Rightarrow y')' &= [\min(x, y^*)]^* && \text{by (4.2)} \\ &= [\min(x, y)]^* && \text{since } y < 0 \\ &= x^* && \text{since } x \leq y \\ &= x. && \text{since } x < 0 \end{aligned}$$

- **Case 1.2:** $y \geq 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} (x \Rightarrow y')' &= [\min(x, y^*)]^* && \text{by (4.2)} \\ &= x^* && \text{since } y^* \geq 0 \text{ by Lemma 4.3, and } x < 0 \\ &= x. \end{aligned}$$

- **Case 2:** $x \geq 0$. Therefore $y \geq 0$. In this case

$$\begin{aligned} (x \Rightarrow y')' &= (x \Rightarrow y^*)^* \\ &= [\max(x^*, y^*)]^* \\ &= x^{**} && \text{by Lemma 4.6} \\ &= x \end{aligned}$$

Thus, in all these cases, $x \sqsubseteq y$.

For the converse, suppose $x \sqsubseteq y$.

- **Case 1:** $x < 0$. If $y \geq 0$ then $x < y$. So, we can assume $y < 0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} x &= x' && \text{since } x < 0 \\ &= (x \Rightarrow y')'' && \text{by hypothesis} \\ &= x \Rightarrow y' && \text{by Lemma 4.5} \\ &= x \Rightarrow y \\ &= \min(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

Hence $x \leq y$.

- **Case 2:** $x \geq 0$. Suppose $y < 0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
x &= (x \Rightarrow y')' && \text{by hypothesis} \\
&= (x \Rightarrow y)' \\
&= \min(x, y)' \\
&= y' \\
&= y,
\end{aligned}$$

a contradiction. Hence $y \geq 0$. Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned}
x' &= (x \Rightarrow y')'' \\
&= x \Rightarrow y' && \text{by Lemma 4.5} \\
&= \max(x', y'),
\end{aligned}$$

so, $x' \geq y'$. Then, by Lemma 4.5 and Lemma 4.6, $x = x'' \leq y'' = y$.

□

In view of Lemma 4.7 and Lemma 4.8, we have proved the following

Theorem 4.9 $[-n, m]$ is an $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ -chain, where

$$-n \sqsubseteq -n + 1 \sqsubseteq \dots \sqsubseteq -1 \sqsubseteq 0 \sqsubseteq 1 \sqsubseteq 2 \sqsubseteq \dots \sqsubseteq m.$$

5 Characterization of finite $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ -chains

In this section we are going to prove our second main result. The following lemmas will be useful later in this section.

Lemma 5.1 Let $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbf{I}_{2,0}$. Then $0'$ is the greatest element in A , relative to \sqsubseteq .

Proof Let $a \in A$. Since $(a \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow 0)')' = (a \rightarrow 0'')' = (a \rightarrow 0)' = a'' = a$, we have $a \sqsubseteq 0'$. □

Lemma 5.2 Let $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ and let $a, b \in A$ with $0 \sqsubseteq a \sqsubseteq b$. Then $b' \sqsubseteq a'$.

Proof

$$\begin{aligned}
(b' \rightarrow a'')' &= (b' \rightarrow a)' \\
&= (b' \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b)')' && \text{by hypothesis} \\
&= ((a \rightarrow 0') \rightarrow b'')' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (26)} \\
&= ((a \rightarrow 0') \rightarrow b)' \\
&= ((0 \rightarrow a') \rightarrow b)' && \text{by Lemma 2.5 (a)} \\
&= ((0 \rightarrow a')'' \rightarrow b)' \\
&= (0' \rightarrow b)' && \text{by hypothesis} \\
&= b' && \text{by Lemma 2.4 (a)}.
\end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 5.3 Let $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ and let $a \in A$. If $0 \sqsubseteq a$ then $0 \rightarrow a = 0'$.

Proof First notice that, since $0 \sqsubseteq a$, $0' = (0 \rightarrow a')'' = 0 \rightarrow a'$. Consequently,

$$(5.1) \quad 0' = 0 \rightarrow a'.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} 0' &= 0' \rightarrow 0' && \text{by Lemma 2.4 (a)} \\ &= (0 \rightarrow a') \rightarrow 0' && \text{by (5.1)} \\ &= (0' \rightarrow a') \rightarrow 0' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (5)} \\ &= a' \rightarrow 0' && \text{by Lemma 2.4 (a)} \\ &= 0 \rightarrow a. && \text{by Lemma 2.5 (a)} \end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 5.4 *Let $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ and let $a, b \in A$. If $0 \sqsubseteq a$ and $0 \sqsubseteq b$ then $0 \sqsubseteq a \rightarrow b$.*

Proof

$$\begin{aligned} [0 \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b)]' &= [(a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow 0']' && \text{by Lemma 2.5 (a)} \\ &= (0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow (b \rightarrow 0')' && \text{by (I)} \\ &= (0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b')' && \text{by Lemma 2.5 (a)} \\ &= (0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow 0 && \text{since } 0 \sqsubseteq b \\ &= 0' \rightarrow 0 && \text{by Lemma 5.3 since } 0 \sqsubseteq a \\ &= 0. && \text{by Lemma 2.4 (a)} \end{aligned}$$

□

Corollary 5.5 *Let $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ and $a \in A$. If $a \sqsupseteq 0$ then $a' \sqsupseteq 0$.*

Lemma 5.6 *Let \mathbf{A} be an $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ -chain and let $a, b \in A$. Then $a' \rightarrow b' = b \rightarrow a$.*

Proof Since \mathbf{A} is a chain, we can assume that $b' \sqsubseteq a$ or $a \sqsubseteq b'$.

If $b' \sqsubseteq a$, $(b' \rightarrow a')' = b'$, then $b' \rightarrow a' = b$. Hence $b \rightarrow a = (b' \rightarrow a') \rightarrow a = [(a' \rightarrow b') \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow a)']'$, using (I). By Lemma 2.4 (d), $[(a' \rightarrow b') \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow a)']' = [(a' \rightarrow b') \rightarrow a']' = [[(a \rightarrow a') \rightarrow (b' \rightarrow a')']]' = (a \rightarrow a') \rightarrow (b' \rightarrow a')' = (a'' \rightarrow a') \rightarrow (b' \rightarrow a')' = a' \rightarrow b'$.

If $a \sqsubseteq b'$ then we have $a' = (a \rightarrow b'')'' = a \rightarrow b$, and the rest of the argument is similar to the previous case. □

Lemma 5.7 *Let \mathbf{A} be a $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ -chain with $|A| \geq 2$ and let $a \in A$ such that $a \sqsubset 0$. Then*

- (a) $0 \rightarrow a' = a'$
- (b) $0 \rightarrow a = a$
- (c) $(a \rightarrow a) \rightarrow a = a \rightarrow a$
- (d) $a \rightarrow a = a'$
- (e) $a \rightarrow a = a$
- (f) $a = a'$.

Proof

- (a) Since $a \sqsubseteq 0$, we have that $a = (a \rightarrow 0')'$. Therefore, $a' = (a \rightarrow 0')'' = a \rightarrow 0' = 0 \rightarrow a'$ by Lemma 2.5 (b).

(b) Since $a \sqsubseteq 0$, we have

$$(5.2) \quad a = (a \rightarrow 0)'$$

Then we get

$$\begin{aligned} (0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow 0' &= [(0 \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow 0)']' && \text{by (I)} \\ &= [(0 \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow a]' && \text{by (5.2)} \\ &= [0' \rightarrow a]' \\ &= a' && \text{by lemma 2.4 (a)} \end{aligned}$$

Using Lemma 2.5 (b), we obtain

$$(5.3) \quad a' = 0 \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow a)'$$

Since \mathbf{A} is a chain, $0 \sqsubseteq 0 \rightarrow a$ or $0 \rightarrow a \sqsubseteq 0$. Suppose that $0 \sqsubseteq 0 \rightarrow a$. Then $(0 \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow a)')' = 0$. Therefore, by (5.3), $a = a'' = (0 \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow a)')' = 0$, a contradiction, since $a \neq 0$. Consequently, $0 \rightarrow a \sqsubseteq 0$. Hence, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow a &= ((0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow 0) && \text{since } 0 \rightarrow a \sqsubseteq 0 \\ &= (0 \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow a)')' && \text{by lemma 2.5 (b)} \\ &= a'' && \text{by (5.3)} \\ &= a. \end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned} a \rightarrow a &= (0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow a && \text{by item (b)} \\ &= (a' \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow a && \text{by lemma 2.5 (a)} \\ &= [(a' \rightarrow a') \rightarrow (0' \rightarrow a)']' && \text{by (I)} \\ &= [(a \rightarrow a) \rightarrow (0' \rightarrow a)']' && \text{by Lemma 5.6} \\ &= [(a \rightarrow a) \rightarrow a']' && \text{by lemma 2.5 (a)} \\ &= [[(a'' \rightarrow a) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow a')']']' && \text{by (I)} \\ &= (a \rightarrow a) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow a')' \\ &= (a \rightarrow a) \rightarrow (a'' \rightarrow a')' \\ &= (a \rightarrow a) \rightarrow a'' && \text{by lemma 2.5 (d)} \\ &= (a \rightarrow a) \rightarrow a. \end{aligned}$$

(d) Since \mathbf{A} is a chain, $0 \rightarrow a' \sqsubseteq a$ or $a \sqsubseteq 0 \rightarrow a'$.

First, we assume that $0 \rightarrow a' \sqsubseteq a$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} a \rightarrow a &= (a \rightarrow a) \rightarrow a && \text{by (c)} \\ &= (a' \rightarrow a') \rightarrow a && \text{by Lemma 5.6} \\ &= a' \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow a')' && \text{by Lemma 5.6} \\ &= (a \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow a')' \\ &= [(a \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow a')']'' \\ &= [(0 \rightarrow a') \rightarrow a']' && \text{using (I)} \\ &= 0 \rightarrow a' && \text{since } 0 \rightarrow a' \sqsubseteq a \\ &= a' && \text{using (a)}. \end{aligned}$$

Next, we assume $a \sqsubseteq 0 \rightarrow a'$, i.e., $(a \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow a')')' = a$. Then, from (a), we have $a \rightarrow a = (a \rightarrow a'')'' = [(a \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow a')')']' = a'$.

(e) Using the items (c), (d) and Lemma 2.5 (d), we have $a \rightarrow a = (a \rightarrow a) \rightarrow a = a' \rightarrow a = a$.

(f) This follows immediately from the two preceding items. □

Lemma 5.8 *Let \mathbf{A} be an $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ -chain with $|A| \geq 2$, and let $a, b \in A$. If $0 \sqsubseteq a$ and $b \sqsubset 0$ then $b \rightarrow a = b$ and $a \rightarrow b = b$.*

Proof Since $0 \sqsubseteq a$ and $b \sqsubset 0$, we have that $(0 \rightarrow a')' = 0$ and $(b \rightarrow 0')' = b$. Therefore, using Lemma 5.6, $b = b'' = b' \rightarrow 0 = (b \rightarrow 0')'' \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow a')' = (b \rightarrow 0') \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow a')' = (0 \rightarrow b') \rightarrow (a \rightarrow 0')' = [(b' \rightarrow a) \rightarrow 0']'$. Hence,

$$(5.4) \quad b = [(b' \rightarrow a) \rightarrow 0']'.$$

From the hypothesis and Lemma 5.7 (f), we have

$$(5.5) \quad b' = b.$$

Suppose that $0 \sqsubseteq b' \rightarrow a$. Then $0 = [0 \rightarrow (b' \rightarrow a)]' = [(b' \rightarrow a) \rightarrow 0']'$ by Lemma 5.6, implying $0 = b$, which is a contradiction in view of (5.4). Consequently, $b' \rightarrow a \sqsubseteq 0$, since \mathbf{A} is a chain. Hence,

$$(5.6) \quad b' \rightarrow a = [(b' \rightarrow a) \rightarrow 0']'.$$

From (5.4), (5.5) and (5.6) we conclude $b = b \rightarrow a$, proving the first half of the conclusion of the lemma. From

$$\begin{aligned} b &= (b \rightarrow a')' && \text{since } b \sqsubseteq a, \text{ as } 0 \sqsubseteq a \text{ and } b \sqsubset 0 \\ &= (a'' \rightarrow b')' && \text{by Lemma 5.6} \\ &= (a \rightarrow b')' \\ &= (a \rightarrow b)' && \text{by (5.5)} \end{aligned}$$

we conclude that $a \rightarrow b = b' = b$ in view of (5.5), completing the second half. □

Definition 5.9 *Let $\mathbf{A} = \langle A; \rightarrow, 0 \rangle$ be a finite $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ -chain. We let $A^+ := \{a \in A : a \sqsupset 0\}$ and $A^- := \{a \in A : a \sqsubset 0\}$. Observe that $A = A^+ \cup \{0\} \cup A^-$. Henceforth, without loss of generality, we will represent $A = [-n, m]$ with $0 \leq n, m \leq |A| - 1$, such that*

$$-n \sqsubset -n + 1 \sqsubset \dots \sqsubset -1 \sqsubset 0 \sqsubset 1 \sqsubset 2 \sqsubset \dots \sqsubset m.$$

Remark 5.10 *In view of the above definition, we can use the functions $*$ and p of Definition 4.2 as functions on the domain $[-n, m]$ of \mathbf{A} as well.*

Now, we wish to prove that $\langle A; \rightarrow, 0 \rangle = \langle [-n; m]; \Rightarrow, 0 \rangle$. To achieve this, we need the following lemmas.

Lemma 5.11 *Let $\mathbf{A} = \langle A; \rightarrow, 0 \rangle$ be a finite $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ -chain with $|A| \geq 2$. If $a \sqsupset 0$ then $a' = p(p(a)')$.*

Proof By hypothesis we have that $a \sqsupset 0$. Then $p(a) \sqsupseteq 0$. Hence $0 \sqsubseteq p(a) \sqsubset a$. Then, by Lemma 5.2,

$$(5.7) \quad a' \sqsubseteq p(a)'.$$

Since $a \sqsupset 0$, by Corollary 5.5, $a' \sqsupseteq 0$. Therefore, by (5.7),

$$(5.8) \quad 0 \sqsubseteq p(a)'$$

If $a' = p(a)'$ then $a = p(a)$ and, consequently, $a = -n$, a contradiction, so $a' \sqsubset p(a)'$, and hence, $0 \sqsubseteq a' \sqsubseteq p(p(a)') \sqsubset p(a)'$. By lemma 5.2, $a \sqsupseteq [p(p(a)')] \sqsupseteq p(a)$. Thus

$$(5.9) \quad [p(p(a)')] \in \{a, p(a)\}.$$

If $[p(p(a)')] = p(a)$, we have that $p(p(a)') = [p(p(a)')]'' = p(a)'$, a contradiction, since $p(a)' \sqsupseteq 0$ by (5.8). Therefore $[p(p(a)')] = a$ and therefore, $p(p(a)') = a'$. \square

Lemma 5.12 *Let $\mathbf{A} = \langle A; \rightarrow, 0 \rangle$ be a finite $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ -chain. If $a \in A$ then $a^* = a'$.*

Proof The statement $0' = m = 0^*$ follows from Lemma 5.1. If $a \sqsubset 0$ then $a' = a$ by Lemma 5.7 (f), and $a = a^*$ by definition, implying $a = a^*$.

Now assume that $a \sqsupset 0$. We will verify that $a' = a^*$ by induction on a . If $a = 1$, then, as $0' = 0^*$, we have, by Lemma 5.11, that $1' = p(p(1)') = p(0') = p(0^*) = p(p(1)^*) = 1^*$. The inductive hypothesis is that $p(a)' = p(a)^*$. Hence, we have, by Lemma 5.11, $a' = p(p(a)') = p(p(a)^*) = a^*$. \square

The following theorem shows that the general method described in Definition 4.2 essentially gives all finite $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ -chains.

Theorem 5.13 *Let \mathbf{A} be a finite $\mathbf{I}_{2,0}$ -chain. Then $\mathbf{A} \cong \langle [-n, m]; \Rightarrow, 0 \rangle$ for some $0 \leq n, m \leq |A| - 1$.*

Proof We will use the notation of Definition 5.9. Let $i, j \in A$. From Lemma 5.12, $i' = i^*$ and $j' = j^*$. It suffices to verify that

$$i \rightarrow j = \begin{cases} \max(i', j) & \text{if } i, j \sqsupseteq 0 \\ \min(i, j) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

with $0' = m$. We consider the following cases:

- **Case 1:** $j > 0$.

We need the following subcases:

- **Case 1.1:** $i > 0$.

We make the following further subcases:

- * **Case 1.1.1:** $i' \geq j$.

Since $i' \sqsupseteq j$, we observe that

$$(5.10) \quad (j \rightarrow i'')' = j.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} i \rightarrow j &= i \rightarrow (j \rightarrow i'')' && \text{by (5.10)} \\ &= i \rightarrow (j \rightarrow i)' \\ &= [(i \rightarrow j) \rightarrow i]' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (4)} \\ &= [(0 \rightarrow j) \rightarrow i]' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (5)} \\ &= [0' \rightarrow i]' && \text{by Lemma 5.3 since } j \sqsupseteq 0 \\ &= i' && \text{by Lemma 2.4 (a)} \\ &= \max(i', j) && \text{since } i' \sqsupseteq j \end{aligned}$$

* **Case 1.1.2:** $i' < j$.

Since $i' \sqsubseteq j$, we have

$$(5.11) \quad (i' \rightarrow j')' = i'.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} i \rightarrow j &= i'' \rightarrow j \\ &= (i' \rightarrow j')'' \rightarrow j && \text{by (5.11)} \\ &= (i' \rightarrow j') \rightarrow j \\ &= (i' \rightarrow 0') \rightarrow j && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (1)} \\ &= (0 \rightarrow i) \rightarrow j && \text{by Lemma 2.5 (a)} \\ &= 0' \rightarrow j && \text{by Lemma 5.3 since } i \sqsupseteq 0 \\ &= j && \text{by Lemma 2.4 (a)} \\ &= \max(i', j) && \text{since } i' \sqsubseteq j \end{aligned}$$

– **Case 1.2:** $i = 0$.

Using Lemma 5.3 and Lemma 5.1, $0 \rightarrow j = 0' = \max(0', j)$.

– **Case 1.3:** $i < 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} i \rightarrow j &= (0 \rightarrow i) \rightarrow j && \text{by Lemma 5.7 (b)} \\ &= (i' \rightarrow 0') \rightarrow j \\ &= (i \rightarrow 0') \rightarrow j && \text{by Lemma 5.7 (f)} \\ &= [(j' \rightarrow i) \rightarrow (0' \rightarrow j)]' && \text{by (I)} \\ &= [(j' \rightarrow i) \rightarrow j']' \\ &= [(0 \rightarrow i) \rightarrow j']' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (5)} \\ &= (i \rightarrow j')' && \text{by Lemma 5.7 (b)} \\ &= i && \text{since } i \sqsubset j \\ &= \min(i, j) \end{aligned}$$

• **Case 2:** $j < 0$.

It is useful to consider the following subcases:

– **Case 2.1:** $i > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} i \rightarrow j &= i \rightarrow j' && \text{by Lemma 5.7 (f)} \\ &= i \rightarrow (j \rightarrow i')'' && \text{since } j \sqsubset i \\ &= i \rightarrow (j \rightarrow i') \\ &= j \rightarrow i' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (17)} \\ &= (j \rightarrow i')'' \\ &= j' && \text{since } j \sqsubset i \\ &= j && \text{by Lemma 5.7 (f)} \\ &= \min(i, j) \end{aligned}$$

– **Case 2.2:** $i = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} i \rightarrow j &= 0 \rightarrow j \\ &= j && \text{by Lemma 5.7 (b)} \\ &= \min(i, j) \end{aligned}$$

– **Case 2.3:** $i < 0$.

* **Case 2.3.1:** $i \leq j$.

As $i \sqsubseteq j$, we have

$$(5.12) \quad (i \rightarrow j')' = i.$$

Observe

$$\begin{aligned} i \rightarrow j &= i \rightarrow j' && \text{by Lemma 5.7 (f)} \\ &= (i \rightarrow j')'' && \\ &= i' && \text{by (5.12)} \\ &= i && \text{by Lemma 5.7 (f)} \\ &= \min(i, j). \end{aligned}$$

* **Case 2.3.2:** $i > j$. We have

$$(5.13) \quad (j \rightarrow i')' = j.$$

as $j \sqsubseteq i$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} i \rightarrow j &= j' \rightarrow i' && \text{by Lemma 5.6} \\ &= j \rightarrow i' && \text{by Lemma 5.7 (f)} \\ &= (j \rightarrow i')'' && \\ &= j' && \text{by (5.13)} \\ &= j && \text{by Lemma 5.7 (f)} \\ &= \min(j, i) \end{aligned}$$

• **Case 3:** $j = 0$.

– **Case 3.1:** $i \geq 0$.

By Corollary 5.5, as $i \sqsupseteq 0$, we have that $i' = i \rightarrow 0 \sqsupseteq 0$. Hence $i \rightarrow 0 = i' = \max(i', 0)$.

– **Case 3.2:** $i < 0$. We have that

$$\begin{aligned} i \rightarrow j &= i \rightarrow 0 \\ &= i' \\ &= i && \text{by Lemma 5.7 (f)} \\ &= \min(i, j) \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\mathbf{A} \cong \langle [-n; m]; \Rightarrow, 0 \rangle$. □

The following theorem, our second main result, is now immediate from the preceding results.

Theorem 5.14 *There are n non-isomorphic $I_{2,0}$ -chains of size n , for $n \in \mathbb{N}$.*

A Appendix: Proofs

We would like to mention here that the identity: $x'' \approx x$ is used in these proofs frequently without explicit mention.

Proof of Lemma 2.6: Items (1) to (17) are proved in [3]. The proofs of (18) to (26) are given in [5]. Let $a, b, c, d \in A$.

$$\begin{aligned}
(27) \quad (b \rightarrow c) \rightarrow a &= [(b \rightarrow c) \rightarrow a]' \rightarrow [(b \rightarrow c) \rightarrow a] && \text{by Lemma 2.4 (d)} \\
&= [(a' \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (c \rightarrow a)']'' \rightarrow [(b \rightarrow c) \rightarrow a] && \text{from (I)} \\
&= [(a' \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (c \rightarrow a)'] \rightarrow [(b \rightarrow c) \rightarrow a]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(28) \quad [[0 \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b)'] \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b')']' &= [\{0 \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b)\}' \rightarrow (b \rightarrow 0')']' && \text{by Lemma 2.5 (a)} \\
&= [(a \rightarrow b)' \rightarrow b] \rightarrow 0' && \text{by (I)} \\
&= 0 \rightarrow [(a \rightarrow b)' \rightarrow b] && \text{by Lemma 2.5 (a)} \\
&= (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b') && \text{by (10)} \\
&= 0 \rightarrow [(a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow b'] && \text{by (13)} \\
&= 0 \rightarrow [(a \rightarrow 0') \rightarrow b'] && \text{by (1)} \\
&= (a \rightarrow 0') \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b') && \text{by (13)} \\
&= (0 \rightarrow a') \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b') && \text{by Lemma 2.5 (a)} \\
&= a' \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b') && \text{by (20)} \\
&= [(0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b')']' && \text{by (8)} \\
&= [(0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow (b \rightarrow 0')']' && \text{by Lemma 2.5 (a)} \\
&= (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow 0' && \text{by (I)} \\
&= 0 \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b)' && \text{by Lemma 2.5 (a)}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(29) \quad 0 \rightarrow [(a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow c] &= 0 \rightarrow [(c' \rightarrow a) \rightarrow (b \rightarrow c)']' && \text{by (I)} \\
&\sqsubseteq 0 \rightarrow (b \rightarrow c)'' && \text{by (28)} \\
&= 0 \rightarrow (b \rightarrow c)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(30) \quad a' \rightarrow (b \rightarrow 0')' &= (a \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow (b \rightarrow 0')' \\
&= [\{(b \rightarrow 0') \rightarrow a\} \rightarrow \{0 \rightarrow (b \rightarrow 0')'\}]' && \text{by (I)} \\
&= [\{(b \rightarrow 0') \rightarrow a\} \rightarrow \{0 \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b')'\}]' && \text{by Lemma 2.5 (a)} \\
&= [\{(b \rightarrow 0') \rightarrow a\} \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b)']' && \text{by (9)} \\
&= [\{(0 \rightarrow b') \rightarrow a\} \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b)']' && \text{by Lemma 2.5 (a)} \\
&= [[\{0 \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b')\} \rightarrow a] \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b)']' && \text{by (9)} \\
&= [a \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b)']' && \text{by (18)}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(31) \quad [(0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b]' &= [(b \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b]' && \text{by (5)} \\
&= [b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b)']'' && \text{by (4)} \\
&= b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b)'
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(32) \quad [a \rightarrow (b \rightarrow 0')']' &= [a \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b')']' && \text{by Lemma 2.5 (a)} \\
&= a' \rightarrow (b' \rightarrow 0')' && \text{by (30)} \\
&= a' \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b)' && \text{by Lemma 2.5 (a)}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(33) \quad b' \rightarrow a' &= (b \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow a' \\
&= [(a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow a')']' && \text{by (I)} \\
&= [(a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow 0')']' && \text{by Lemma 2.5 (a)} \\
&= (a \rightarrow b)' \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow a)' && \text{by (32) with } x = a \rightarrow b, y = a
\end{aligned}$$

(34)

$$\begin{aligned}
(0 \rightarrow a)' \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b)' &= [(0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow 0] \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b)' \\
&= [\{(0 \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow a)\} \rightarrow \{0 \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b)'\}]' \\
&\quad \text{by (I)} \\
&= [\{0 \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b)'\} \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b)] \rightarrow [(0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow \{0 \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b)'\}]' \\
&\quad \text{by (I)} \\
&= [\{(0 \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b)'\} \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b)] \rightarrow [(0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow \{0 \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b)'\}]' \\
&\quad \text{by (5)} \\
&= [(0 \rightarrow b)' \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b)] \rightarrow [(0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow \{0 \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b)'\}]' \\
&\quad \text{by Lemma 2.4 (d)} \\
&= (0 \rightarrow b) \rightarrow [(0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow \{0 \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b)'\}]' \\
&\quad \text{by Lemma 2.4 (d)} \\
&= (0 \rightarrow b) \rightarrow [(0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b)']' \\
&\quad \text{by (9)} \\
&= (0 \rightarrow b) \rightarrow [(0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow (b \rightarrow 0)']' \\
&\quad \text{by Lemma 2.5 (a)} \\
&= (0 \rightarrow b) \rightarrow [(a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow 0'] \\
&\quad \text{by (I)} \\
&= (0 \rightarrow b) \rightarrow [0 \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b)'] \\
&\quad \text{by Lemma 2.5 (a)} \\
&= 0 \rightarrow [(0 \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b)'] \\
&\quad \text{by (13)} \\
&= 0 \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b)' \\
&\quad \text{by (3)} \\
&= (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow 0' \\
&\quad \text{by Lemma 2.5 (a)} \\
&= [(0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow (b \rightarrow 0)']' \\
&\quad \text{by (I)} \\
&= [(0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b)']' \\
&\quad \text{by Lemma 2.5 (a)} \\
&= [a' \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b)']'' \\
&\quad \text{by (8)} \\
&= a' \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b)' \\
&= 0 \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow b)' \quad \text{by (13)}.
\end{aligned}$$

(35)

$$\begin{aligned}
[(a \rightarrow b)' \rightarrow \{b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b)'\}]' &= [(a \rightarrow b)' \rightarrow b] \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b)' \quad \text{by (4)} \\
&= (0 \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b)' \quad \text{by (5)} \\
&= (a \rightarrow b)' \quad \text{by (3)}
\end{aligned}$$

(36)

$$\begin{aligned}
(0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b &= (b \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b \quad \text{by (5)} \\
&= [b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b)]' \quad \text{by (4)} \\
&\sqsubseteq (a \rightarrow b)' \rightarrow [b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b)]' \quad \text{by (35) with } x = b, y = (a \rightarrow b)' \\
&= [\{(a \rightarrow b)' \rightarrow b\} \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b)']' \quad \text{by (4)} \\
&= [(0 \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b)']' \quad \text{by (5)} \\
&= (a \rightarrow b)'' \quad \text{by (3)} \\
&= a \rightarrow b \quad \text{since } x'' \approx x
\end{aligned}$$

(37)

$$\begin{aligned}
[\{a \rightarrow (b \rightarrow a)'\} \rightarrow a'']' &= [\{a \rightarrow (b \rightarrow a)'\} \rightarrow a]' \\
&= [\{0 \rightarrow (b \rightarrow a)'\} \rightarrow a]' && \text{by (5)} \\
&= [\{(b \rightarrow a) \rightarrow 0'\} \rightarrow a]' && \text{by Lemma 2.5 (a)} \\
&= [\{(b \rightarrow a) \rightarrow a'\} \rightarrow a]' && \text{by (1)} \\
&= [\{(b \rightarrow 0') \rightarrow a'\} \rightarrow a]' && \text{by (1)} \\
&= [\{(b \rightarrow 0') \rightarrow 0'\} \rightarrow a]' && \text{by (1)} \\
&= [\{(b \rightarrow 0'') \rightarrow 0'\} \rightarrow a]' && \text{by (1)} \\
&= [\{(b \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow 0'\} \rightarrow a]' \\
&= [(b' \rightarrow 0') \rightarrow a]' \\
&= [(0 \rightarrow b) \rightarrow a]' && \text{by Lemma 2.5 (a)} \\
&= [(a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow a]' && \text{by (5)} \\
&= a \rightarrow (b \rightarrow a)' && \text{by (4)}
\end{aligned}$$

□

Proof of Lemma 3.3

(1) Observe that by Lemma 2.5 (a), Lemma 2.6 (1) and the hypothesis we have that $(0 \rightarrow a') \rightarrow b = (a \rightarrow 0') \rightarrow b = (a \rightarrow b') \rightarrow b = (a \rightarrow b'') \rightarrow b = a' \rightarrow b$.

(2)

$$\begin{aligned}
b \rightarrow a' &= [(0 \rightarrow a') \rightarrow b] \rightarrow a' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (18)} \\
&= (a' \rightarrow b) \rightarrow a' && \text{from (1)} \\
&= (0 \rightarrow b) \rightarrow a' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (5)}.
\end{aligned}$$

(3)

$$\begin{aligned}
b \rightarrow a' &= (0 \rightarrow b) \rightarrow a' && \text{from (2)} \\
&= (0 \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b'') && \text{by hypothesis} \\
&= (0 \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b') \\
&= (0 \rightarrow b'') \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b') \\
&= a \rightarrow b' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (2)} \\
&= (a \rightarrow b'') && \\
&= a' && \text{by hypothesis}
\end{aligned}$$

(4)

$$\begin{aligned}
0 \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow b) &= a' \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b) && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (13)} \\
&= 0 \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b')' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (10)} \\
&= 0 \rightarrow a && \text{by hypothesis}
\end{aligned}$$

(5) By hypothesis and (I) we have that $(d \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b' = [(b \rightarrow d) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b')]' = [(b \rightarrow d) \rightarrow a]'$.

(6)

$$\begin{aligned}
[\{d \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b')\} \rightarrow a]' &= (a' \rightarrow d) \rightarrow [(0 \rightarrow b') \rightarrow a]' && \text{by (I)} \\
&= (a' \rightarrow d) \rightarrow [(a \rightarrow b') \rightarrow a]' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (5)} \\
&= (a' \rightarrow d) \rightarrow [(a \rightarrow b'') \rightarrow a]' \\
&= (a' \rightarrow d) \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow a)' && \text{by hypothesis} \\
&= (a' \rightarrow d) \rightarrow a' && \text{by Lemma 2.4 (d)} \\
&= (a' \rightarrow d) \rightarrow (0' \rightarrow a)' && \text{by Lemma 2.4 (a)} \\
&= [(d \rightarrow 0') \rightarrow a]' && \text{by (I)} \\
&= (0 \rightarrow d) \rightarrow a' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (11)}
\end{aligned}$$

(7)

$$\begin{aligned}
a \rightarrow [(a' \rightarrow d) \rightarrow \{(0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b'\}] &= a \rightarrow [(a' \rightarrow d) \rightarrow \{(b \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b')'\}] \\
&\text{by (I)} \\
&= a \rightarrow [(a' \rightarrow d) \rightarrow \{(b \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow a'\}] \\
&\text{by hypothesis} \\
&= a \rightarrow [\{d \rightarrow (b \rightarrow 0)\} \rightarrow a'] \\
&\text{by (I)} \\
&= [[d \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow (b \rightarrow 0))]] \rightarrow a' \\
&\text{by Lemma 2.6 (22) with } x = d, y = b \rightarrow 0, z = a \\
&= [[d \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b')]] \rightarrow a' \\
&= (0 \rightarrow d) \rightarrow a' \\
&\text{by (6)}
\end{aligned}$$

(8)

$$\begin{aligned}
a \rightarrow ((d \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b') &= a \rightarrow [(b \rightarrow d) \rightarrow a]' && \text{by (5)} \\
&= a'' \rightarrow [(b \rightarrow d) \rightarrow a]' \\
&= (a' \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow [(b \rightarrow d) \rightarrow a]' \\
&= [\{0 \rightarrow (b \rightarrow d)\} \rightarrow a]' && \text{by (I)} \\
&= [\{(b \rightarrow d)' \rightarrow 0'\} \rightarrow a]' \\
&= [\{((b \rightarrow d) \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow 0'\} \rightarrow a]' \\
&= [\{((b \rightarrow d) \rightarrow 0') \rightarrow 0'\} \rightarrow a]' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (1)} \\
&= [\{((b \rightarrow d) \rightarrow 0') \rightarrow a'\} \rightarrow a]' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (1)} \\
&= [\{((b \rightarrow d) \rightarrow a) \rightarrow a'\} \rightarrow a]' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (1)} \\
&= [\{((b \rightarrow d) \rightarrow a) \rightarrow 0'\} \rightarrow a]' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (1)} \\
&= [\{0 \rightarrow ((b \rightarrow d) \rightarrow a)'\} \rightarrow a]' \\
&= [\{0 \rightarrow ((d \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b')\} \rightarrow a]' && \text{by (5)} \\
&= [\{a \rightarrow ((d \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b')\} \rightarrow a]' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (5)} \\
&= (a' \rightarrow a) \rightarrow [\{(d \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b'\} \rightarrow a]' && \text{by (I)} \\
&= a \rightarrow [\{(d \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b'\} \rightarrow a]' && \text{by Lemma 2.4 (d)} \\
&= a \rightarrow [\{a' \rightarrow (d \rightarrow a)\} \rightarrow (b' \rightarrow a)'] && \text{by (I)} \\
&= a \rightarrow [\{a' \rightarrow (d \rightarrow a)\} \rightarrow \{(b \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow a\}'] \\
&= a \rightarrow [\{a' \rightarrow (d \rightarrow a)\} \rightarrow \{(b \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b')'\}] && \text{by hypothesis} \\
&= a \rightarrow [\{a' \rightarrow (d \rightarrow a)\} \rightarrow \{(0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b'\}] && \text{by (I)} \\
&= [0 \rightarrow (d \rightarrow a)] \rightarrow a' && \text{by (7) with } d := d \rightarrow a \\
&= a \rightarrow (d \rightarrow a)' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (23)}
\end{aligned}$$

(9)

$$\begin{aligned}
[0 \rightarrow (b \rightarrow d)] \rightarrow a &= [(a' \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow ((b \rightarrow d) \rightarrow a)'] && \text{by (I)} \\
&= [a \rightarrow ((b \rightarrow d) \rightarrow a)'] \\
&= [a \rightarrow ((d \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b')] && \text{by (5)} \\
&= [a \rightarrow (d \rightarrow a)'] && \text{by (8)} \\
&= (a \rightarrow d) \rightarrow a && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (4)} \\
&= (0 \rightarrow d) \rightarrow a && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (5)}
\end{aligned}$$

(10)

$$\begin{aligned}
(b \rightarrow (a \rightarrow d)) \rightarrow a &= [(a' \rightarrow b) \rightarrow \{(a \rightarrow d) \rightarrow a\}']' && \text{by (I)} \\
&= [(a' \rightarrow b) \rightarrow \{(0 \rightarrow d) \rightarrow a\}']' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (5)} \\
&= [b \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow d)] \rightarrow a && \text{by (I)} \\
&= [0 \rightarrow (b \rightarrow d)] \rightarrow a && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (13)} \\
&= (0 \rightarrow d) \rightarrow a && \text{by (9)}
\end{aligned}$$

(11)

$$\begin{aligned}
b \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow a') &= (0 \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow a') && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (20)} \\
&= 0 \rightarrow [(0 \rightarrow b) \rightarrow a'] && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (13)} \\
&= 0 \rightarrow [(a \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow (b \rightarrow a')]' && \text{by (I)} \\
&= 0 \rightarrow [a' \rightarrow (b \rightarrow a')]' && \\
&= 0 \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow a'')' && \text{by (3)} \\
&= 0 \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow a)' && \\
&= 0 \rightarrow a' && \text{by Lemma 2.4 (d)}
\end{aligned}$$

(12) From (I) and by hypothesis we have that $[(d \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b']' = (b \rightarrow d) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b)' = (b \rightarrow d) \rightarrow a$.

(13)

$$\begin{aligned}
a' \rightarrow b &= (a \rightarrow b') \rightarrow b && \text{by hypothesis} \\
&= [(b' \rightarrow a) \rightarrow (b' \rightarrow b)]' && \text{using (I)} \\
&= [(b' \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b']' && \text{by Lemma 2.4 (d)} \\
&= b' \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b)' && \text{by Lemma 2.6 (4)} \\
&= b' \rightarrow a && \text{by hypothesis}
\end{aligned}$$

(14)

$$\begin{aligned}
(d \rightarrow 0') \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow b) &= (a' \rightarrow b)' \rightarrow [(d \rightarrow 0') \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow b)] \\
&\quad \text{by Lemma 2.6 (17)} \\
&= (a' \rightarrow b)' \rightarrow [(d \rightarrow 0') \rightarrow (b' \rightarrow a)] \\
&\quad \text{by (13)} \\
&= (a' \rightarrow b)' \rightarrow [(d \rightarrow 0') \rightarrow \{(0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b'\}'] \\
&\quad \text{by (12) with } d = 0 \\
&= (a' \rightarrow b)' \rightarrow [\{(0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b'\} \rightarrow \{d \rightarrow ((0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b')\}'] \\
&\quad \text{by Lemma 2.6 (26) with} \\
&\quad \quad x = (0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b', y = d \\
&= (a' \rightarrow b)' \rightarrow [(b' \rightarrow a)' \rightarrow \{d \rightarrow ((0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b')\}'] \\
&\quad \text{by (12) with } d = 0 \\
&= (a' \rightarrow b)' \rightarrow [(a' \rightarrow b)' \rightarrow \{d \rightarrow ((0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b')\}'] \\
&\quad \text{by (13)} \\
&= (a' \rightarrow b)' \rightarrow [d \rightarrow \{(0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b'\}]' \\
&\quad \text{by Lemma 2.6 (21)} \\
&= (b' \rightarrow a)' \rightarrow [d \rightarrow \{(0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b'\}]' \\
&\quad \text{by (13)} \\
&= [(0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b'] \rightarrow [d \rightarrow \{(0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b'\}]' \\
&\quad \text{by (12) with } d = 0 \\
&= [(0 \rightarrow d) \rightarrow \{(0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b'\}]' \\
&\quad \text{by Lemma 2.6 (31) with} \\
&\quad \quad x = d, y = (0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b' \\
&= [(b' \rightarrow d) \rightarrow \{(0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b'\}]' \\
&\quad \text{by Lemma 2.6 (15) with} \\
&\quad \quad x = b, y = d, z = a \\
&= [(b' \rightarrow d) \rightarrow (b' \rightarrow a)]' \\
&\quad \text{by (12) with } d = 0 \\
&= [(b' \rightarrow d) \rightarrow (a' \rightarrow b)]' \\
&\quad \text{by (13)} \\
&= (d \rightarrow a') \rightarrow b \quad \text{by (I).}
\end{aligned}$$

(15)

$$\begin{aligned}
[(0 \rightarrow a') \rightarrow b]' &= [(a \rightarrow 0') \rightarrow b]' \quad \text{by Lemma 2.5 (a)} \\
&= (0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b' \quad \text{by Lemma 2.6 (11)}
\end{aligned}$$

(16)

$$\begin{aligned}
(a' \rightarrow b)' &= [(0 \rightarrow a') \rightarrow b]' \quad \text{by (1)} \\
&= (0 \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b' \quad \text{by (15)}
\end{aligned}$$

(17)

$$\begin{aligned} [\{b' \rightarrow ((b \rightarrow d) \rightarrow a)\} \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b)']' &= [\{b' \rightarrow ((d \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b')'\} \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow b)']' \\ &\quad \text{by (12)} \\ &= [\{(d \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b'\}' \rightarrow 0] \rightarrow b \\ &\quad \text{by (I)} \\ &= [(d \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b'] \rightarrow b \\ &= b' \rightarrow [(d \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b']' \\ &\quad \text{by Lemma 2.6 (14) with } x = d \rightarrow a, y = b' \\ &= b' \rightarrow [(b \rightarrow d) \rightarrow a] \quad \text{by (12)}. \end{aligned}$$

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