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▶ FÉLIX BOU, Introducing an exotic MTL-chain.

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In this short explanation the algebraic signature  $\langle \cdot, \rightarrow, \wedge, \vee, 0, 1 \rangle$  is used for FL<sub>ew</sub>algebras, where  $\cdot$  stands for the fusion (sometimes also called the multiplicative conjunction or intensional conjunction),  $\rightarrow$  for the residuum (also called implication),  $\wedge$  for the meet,  $\vee$  for the join, 0 for the minimum and 1 for the maximum. The order associated to the lattice operations is denoted by  $\leq$ . We recall that two famous subvarieties of FL<sub>ew</sub> are the variety MTL of MTL-algebras [4] and the variety BL of BL-algebras [5]. The variety MTL is the subvariety of FL<sub>ew</sub> generated by its chains, and so lately its elements have also been called semilinear FL<sub>ew</sub>-algebras (e.g., [6]). On the other hand, BL is the subvariety of MTL characterized by the following divisibility equation (or identity)

(divisibility) 
$$x \wedge y = x \cdot (x \to y)$$
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and it is well known to be the subvariety of MTL generated by continuous t-norms [3]. It is worth saying that while BL-algebras are at present very well understood (see [1] and the recent survey [2]), this is not at all the case neither with MTL-algebras nor with MTL-chains (see [6]).

It is trivial that there are equations (e.g., the very divisibility one) which distinguish

MTL from BL, i.e., equations which hold in all BL-algebras but fail in some MTLalgebra. In this contribution we want to address this question under the restriction of only allowing equations in the positive fragment. The *positive fragment* is the one given by just considering the operations  $\cdot$ ,  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ , 0 and 1. Thus, the positive fragment does not allow the use of  $\rightarrow$  (and neither the usual negation  $\neg$  nor addition +). The terms in the positive fragment will be called *positive terms*; and analogously, *positive equations* refer to equations in the positive fragment. The main problem we are interested is the following:

**Problem.** Are MTL and BL equationally distinguishable in the positive fragment? That is, is there some positive equation which holds in BL but not in MTL?

The answer to this question is affirmative. Indeed, the following result holds. **Main Theorem.** The equation

 $(x_1 \cdot x_4 \cdot x_7) \wedge (x_2 \cdot x_5 \cdot x_8) \wedge (x_3 \cdot x_6 \cdot x_9) \leq (x_1 \cdot x_2 \cdot x_3) \vee (x_4 \cdot x_5 \cdot x_6) \vee (x_7 \cdot x_8 \cdot x_9)$ is valid in BL, but fails in MTL.

The failure of this equation in MTL has been proved by the author exhibiting a concrete counterexample: the 36-element involutive IMTL-chain whose fusion table is shown later in this abstract. It is worth noticing that the size of this chain is too big to be found using a brute-force attack; and indeed, the more interesting part of this research is the explanation of the methodology employed to find this *exotic* MTL-chain.

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