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COMPLEXITY OF NONASSOCIATIVE LAMBEK CALCULUS WITH CLASSICAL AND INTUITIONISTIC LOGIC

Abstract

The Nonassociative Lambek Calculus (NL) represents a logic devoid of the structural rules of exchange, weakening, and contraction, and it does not presume the associativity of its connectives. Its finitary consequence relation is decidable in polynomial time. However, the addition of classical connectives conjunction and disjunction (FNL) makes the consequence relation undecidable. Interestingly, if these connectives are distributive, the consequence relation is decidable in exponential time. This paper provides the proof, that we can merge classical logic with NL (i.e. BFNL) and intuitionistic logic with NL (i.e. HFNL), and still consequence relations are decidable in exponential time.

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1. Introduction and preliminaries

Lambek Calculus L was introduced by Lambek [5] under the name *Syntactic Calculus*. L is a propositional logic with three connectives \otimes (product), \backslash and $/$ (residuations of product). Lambek [6] introduced the nonassociative version of this logic, nowadays called Nonassociative Lambek Calculus (NL). From a logical perspective, NL can be seen as the pure logic of residuation, and L as its stronger version for associative product. For both L and NL, Lambek provided a sequent system and proved cut elimination [5, 6].

The product for both L and NL derives from conjunction after dropping the structural rules of exchange, weakening, and contraction in terms of sequent systems. NL additionally does not require being an associative operator in terms of algebra. In effect, we obtain a pure operation joining two formulas. This operation may be seen as a binary modality.

DEFINITION 1.1. Let $\mathbf{G} = (G, \otimes, \backslash, /, \leq)$ be a structure such that (G, \otimes) is a groupoid, (G, \leq) is a poset, and the following holds:

$$(\text{RES}) \quad a \otimes b \leq c \text{ iff } b \leq a \backslash c \text{ iff } a \leq c / b$$

for all $a, b, c \in G$. Then \mathbf{G} is called a *residuated groupoid*.

By *groupoid* we mean a set closed under a binary operation without any specific properties required. The residuated groupoids are models of NL. The residuated groupoids where the product is associative are called *residuated semigroups* and are models of L.

The most popular extensions of L and NL are: adding the (multiplicative) constant 1 or adding conjunction and disjunction. The constant 1 in algebras is a unit for the product. The conjunction and disjunction replace the partial order with the lattice structure and lattice order. We can also add the boundaries, i.e., \top and \perp , as respectively, the greatest and lowest elements. In this paper we use the same symbol for both syntactic and semantic purposes and the exact meaning is clear from the context.

DEFINITION 1.2. Let $(G, \otimes, \backslash, /, \leq)$ be a residuated groupoid and let $1 \in G$ be an element such that:

$$1 \otimes a = a = a \otimes 1$$

for all $a \in G$. Then $(G, \otimes, \backslash, /, 1, \leq)$ is a unital residuated groupoid. 1 is said to be a unit.

The unital residuated groupoids are models for NL with constant 1 and unital residuated semigroups are models for L with constant 1.

Lambek Calculus with additive connectives (conjunction and disjunction) is called Full Lambek Calculus and denoted FL. Some authors also require the presence of 1 (multiplicative constant) and \top, \perp (additive constants). In this paper, we follow this convention, so FL admits all these constants. Analogously, FNL is an extension of NL with additive connectives and all constants.

DEFINITION 1.3. Let $(G, \otimes, \backslash, /, 1, \leq)$ be a unital residuated groupoid and $(G, \vee, \wedge, \top, \perp, \leq)$ be a bounded lattice. Then, $(G, \otimes, \backslash, /, \vee, \wedge, 1, \top, \perp, \leq)$ is a *residuated lattice*.

The residuated lattices are models for FNL. Residuated lattices where \otimes is associative are models for FL.

Pentus [7] proves that pure¹ L is NP-complete and Buszkowski [1] proves that its finitary consequence relation is undecidable. A similar situation applies if we add the constant 1. FL is a strongly conservative extension² of L, so its finitary consequence relation is also undecidable. The same applies to all strongly conservative extensions of L. In this paper, we focus on extensions of NL because of that.

Buszkowski [1] proves that the finitary consequence relation for NL is in *P*TIME. The same applies if we admit the constant 1. Unfortunately, FNL has an undecidable consequence relation [3].

The lattices in the algebras of FNL are not necessarily distributive. If we consider logic with such an axiom for additive connectives, we talk about Distributive Full Nonassociative Lambek Calculus and denote it DFNL. The models for this logic are residuated distributive lattices.

¹By *pure* we mean the logic without nonlogical axioms (assumptions).

²A logic \mathcal{L}_2 , extending \mathcal{L}_1 , is a (resp. strongly) conservative extension of \mathcal{L}_1 , if both logics have the same theorems (resp. the same consequence relation) in language of \mathcal{L}_1 .

The finitary consequence relation of DFNL is *EXPTIME*-complete if we do not admit the constant 1 and is in *EXPTIME* if we admit the constant, which was proved in [9].³ The lower bound of complexity of the consequence relation for DFNL with constant 1 remains an open problem.

The other interesting extensions of FNL are BFNL and HFNL, i.e., Boolean FNL and Heyting FNL. These logics may be seen as extensions of NL with Boolean and Heyting algebras or as extensions of classical logic and intuitionistic logic with NL. Such logics have been studied by Galatos and Jipsen [4], Buszkowski [2], and others.

DEFINITION 1.4. Let $(G, \otimes, \backslash, /, 1, \leq)$ be a unital residuated groupoid and $(G, \vee, \wedge, \neg, \perp, \top, \leq)$ be a Boolean algebra. Then, $(G, \otimes, \backslash, /, \vee, \wedge, \neg, 1, \top, \perp, \leq)$ is a *residuated Boolean algebra*.

DEFINITION 1.5. Let $(G, \otimes, \backslash, /, 1, \leq)$ be a unital residuated groupoid and $(G, \vee, \wedge, \rightarrow, \perp, \top, \leq)$ be a Heyting algebra. Then, $(G, \otimes, \backslash, /, \vee, \wedge, \rightarrow, 1, \top, \perp, \leq)$ is a *residuated Heyting algebra*.

In this paper, we provide the proof of the upper bound of the complexity of the consequence relations for BFNL and HFNL, extending the results of [9], using the same methods. We also use the results from [10], where distributive lattices, Heyting algebras, and Boolean algebras are considered. The differences between [9, 10] and this paper lay in the details. An experienced reader can easily deduce the results of this paper by reading cited papers, but some changes are subtle, e.g. in some places we do not use families of upsets, but the whole powerset, because we have negation here. Moreover, the results in [9, 10] are described in only algebraic terms and use first-order formulas. Here, we use syntactic notion more directly, still using algebraic methods in proofs.

We show the full proof only for the version with the constant 1 because the proofs for logics without that constant can be easily obtained by omitting some parts.

Since HFNL and BFNL without 1 are strongly conservative extensions

³Shkatov and Van Alten [9] show that the satisfiability problem of quantifier-free first-order formulas in the language of bounded distributive residuated lattices is *EXPTIME*-complete.

of DFNL,⁴ we know their finitary consequence relations are *EXPTIME*-hard and, in effect, are *EXPTIME*-complete. The lower bound for HFNL and BFNL with 1 is still an open problem.

In the second section, we provide the sequent systems for BFNL and HFNL. These systems come from [4], where the authors prove the cut-elimination theorem. In the third section, we study partial structures connected with models of BFNL. We prove important theorems that allow us to check whether a given partial structure is a partial residuated algebra. In the fourth section, we use these theorems to prove *EXPTIME* complexity of the consequence relation for BFNL.

This paper is an extension of the conference paper [8]. The novelty is the last section (fifth), where we add the detailed instructions how to modify definitions, theorems and proofs to obtain the result for HFNL, since it is analogous.

2. Sequent systems

The language of BFNL is defined as follows. We admit a countable set of variables, which we denote by small Latin letters. The formulas are constructed from this set of variables by five binary connectives (\otimes , \setminus , $/$, \vee , \wedge), one unary connective (\neg) and three constants (1 , \top , \perp).

Usual notion of sequents using sequences of formulas is not applicable in nonassociative framework. The comma in sequences is a concatenation operation which is associative. We need to change the structure to something more flexible. Moreover, we need to have two types of commas: one for \otimes and one for \wedge with different priorities.

We define bunches. The bunches are elements of free biunital bigroupoid, i.e. the algebra with two binary operations with a unit for both of them, generated from the set of all formulas. We denote first operator by comma and the second one by semicolon. The unit for comma is denoted ϵ and unit for semicolon is δ .

⁴See Remark 5 in [2].

One may think of bunches as of binary trees in which leaves are formulas or ϵ or δ and every node besides leaves is labeled by comma or semicolon.

The bunch ϵ is called an *empty bunch*. All the other bunches are nonempty. We reserve Latin capital letters for formulas and Greek capital letters for bunches. A *context* is a bunch with an anonymous variable. Contexts are denoted by $\Gamma[_]$, and when we perform the substitution of Δ in place of $_$, we represent it as $\Gamma[\Delta]$.

A *sequent* is a pair Γ, A , where Γ is a bunch and A is a formula. We write $\Gamma \Rightarrow A$ for the sequent.

The axioms and the rules for BFNL are as follows:

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{(id)} \quad A \Rightarrow A \quad \text{(cut)} \quad \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow A \quad \Delta[A] \Rightarrow C}{\Delta[\Gamma] \Rightarrow C} \\
 (\otimes \Rightarrow) \quad \frac{\Gamma[(A, B)] \Rightarrow C}{\Gamma[A \otimes B] \Rightarrow C} \quad (\Rightarrow \otimes) \quad \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow A \quad \Delta \Rightarrow B}{\Gamma, \Delta \Rightarrow A \otimes B} \\
 (\backslash \Rightarrow) \quad \frac{\Gamma[B] \Rightarrow C \quad \Theta \Rightarrow A}{\Gamma[(\Theta, A \backslash B)] \Rightarrow C} \quad (\Rightarrow \backslash) \quad \frac{A, \Gamma \Rightarrow B}{\Gamma \Rightarrow A \backslash B} \\
 (/ \Rightarrow) \quad \frac{\Gamma[A] \Rightarrow C \quad \Theta \Rightarrow B}{\Gamma[(A/B, \Theta)] \Rightarrow C} \quad (\Rightarrow /) \quad \frac{\Gamma, B \Rightarrow A}{\Gamma \Rightarrow A/B} \\
 (\wedge \Rightarrow) \quad \frac{\Gamma[(A; B)] \Rightarrow C}{\Gamma[A \wedge B] \Rightarrow C} \quad (\Rightarrow \wedge) \quad \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow A \quad \Gamma \Rightarrow B}{\Gamma \Rightarrow A \wedge B} \\
 (\vee \Rightarrow) \quad \frac{\Gamma[A] \Rightarrow C \quad \Gamma[B] \Rightarrow C}{\Gamma[A \vee B] \Rightarrow C} \quad (\Rightarrow \vee) \quad \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow A \quad \Gamma \Rightarrow B}{\Gamma \Rightarrow A \vee B} \\
 (\top \Rightarrow) \quad \frac{\Gamma[\Delta] \Rightarrow C}{\Gamma[(\top; \Delta)] \Rightarrow C} \quad \frac{\Gamma[\Delta] \Rightarrow C}{\Gamma[(\Delta; \top)] \Rightarrow C} \quad (\Rightarrow \top) \quad \Gamma \Rightarrow \top \\
 (\perp \Rightarrow) \quad \Gamma[\perp] \Rightarrow C \\
 (\wedge\text{-ass}) \quad \frac{\Gamma[\Delta_1; (\Delta_2; \Delta_3)] \Rightarrow C}{\Gamma[(\Delta_1; \Delta_2); \Delta_3] \Rightarrow C} \quad (\wedge\text{-ex}) \quad \frac{\Gamma[\Delta; \Theta] \Rightarrow C}{\Gamma[\Theta; \Delta] \Rightarrow C} \\
 (\wedge\text{-weak}) \quad \frac{\Gamma[\Delta] \Rightarrow C}{\Gamma[\Delta; \Theta] \Rightarrow C} \quad (\wedge\text{-cont}) \quad \frac{\Gamma[\Delta; \Delta] \Rightarrow C}{\Gamma[\Delta] \Rightarrow C}
 \end{array}$$

$$(1 \Rightarrow) \frac{\Gamma[\Delta] \Rightarrow C}{\Gamma[(1, \Delta)] \Rightarrow C} \quad \frac{\Gamma[\Delta] \Rightarrow C}{\Gamma[(\Delta, 1)] \Rightarrow C} \quad (\Rightarrow 1) \quad \epsilon \Rightarrow 1$$

$$(\neg \Rightarrow) \quad A \wedge \neg A \Rightarrow \perp \quad (\Rightarrow \neg) \quad \top \Rightarrow A \vee \neg A$$

We shortly describe the semantics of BNFL. The models for BNFL are residuated Boolean algebras. The valuation is a homomorphism μ from the free algebra of formulas to a residuated Boolean algebra \mathbf{B} extended to bunches inductively as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(\epsilon) &= 1 \\ \mu(\delta) &= \top \\ \mu((\Gamma, \Delta)) &= \mu(\Gamma) \otimes \mu(\Delta) \\ \mu((\Gamma; \Delta)) &= \mu(\Gamma) \wedge \mu(\Delta) \end{aligned}$$

The sequent $\Gamma \Rightarrow A$ is said to be true in \mathbf{B} under the valuation μ if $\mu(\Gamma) \leq \mu(A)$.

The language of HFNL is defined as follows. We admit a countable set of variables, which we denote by small Latin letters. The formulas are constructed from this set of variables by six binary connectives ($\otimes, \backslash, /, \vee, \wedge, \rightarrow$) and three constants ($1, \top, \perp$).

We define bunches and sequents analogously. The axioms and the rules of the sequent system for HFNL are similar. We replace the negation axioms ($\neg \Rightarrow$) and ($\Rightarrow \neg$) with the following rules:

$$(\rightarrow \Rightarrow) \quad \frac{\Gamma[B] \Rightarrow C \quad \Theta \Rightarrow A}{\Gamma[(\Theta; A \rightarrow B)] \Rightarrow C} \quad (\Rightarrow \rightarrow) \quad \frac{\Gamma; A \Rightarrow B}{\Gamma \Rightarrow A \rightarrow B}$$

The models for HFNL are residuated Hayting algebras. We define valuation analogously.

3. Partial residuated Boolean algebras

In this section we provide the notion of partial structures and we prove some properties. The most important result here is Theorem 3.19 which

helps in identifying partial residuated Boolean algebras in exponential time in the next section.

3.1. Partial structures

DEFINITION 3.1. A function $f : U \mapsto Y$, where $U \subseteq X$, is called a *partial function* from X to Y (we write $f : X \rightarrow Y$). If $U = X$, then the function is said to be *total*.

We write $f(x) = \infty$, if the function f on the argument x is undefined.

DEFINITION 3.2. Let I, J, K be finite indexing sets. We say

$$(U, \{f_i^{n_i}\}_{i \in I}, \{a_j\}_{j \in J}, \{R_k^{m_k}\}_{k \in K})$$

is a *partial structure*, if $\{a_j\}_{j \in J} \subseteq U$ and $f_i^{n_i} : U^{n_i} \rightarrow U$ is a partial function for all $i \in I$ and $R_k^{m_k} \subseteq U^{m_k}$ for all $k \in K$. If all operations are total, then we say the structure is *total*.

DEFINITION 3.3. Let I, J, K be finite indexing sets. Let

$$(U, \{f_i^{n_i}\}_{i \in I}, \{a_j\}_{j \in J}, \{R_k^{m_k}\}_{k \in K})$$

be a partial structure and

$$(U', \{f_i^{m_i}\}_{i \in I}, \{a'_j\}_{j \in J}, \{R'_k^{m_k}\}_{k \in K})$$

be a total structure. Let $\iota : U \rightarrow U'$ be an injection. We say ι is an *embedding*, if:

- (i) for all $j \in J$ we have $\iota(a_j) = a'_j$,
- (ii) for all $i \in I$ and all $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n_i} \in U$, if $f_i^{n_i}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n_i}) \neq \infty$, then $\iota(f_i^{n_i}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n_i})) = f_i^{m_i}(\iota(x_1), \iota(x_2), \dots, \iota(x_{n_i}))$,
- (iii) for all $k \in K$ we have $(\iota(x_1), \iota(x_2), \dots, \iota(x_{m_k})) \in (R'_k)^{m_k} \iff (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{m_k}) \in R_k^{m_k}$ for all $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{m_k} \in U$.

If \mathbf{A} is a partial structure, \mathbf{B} is a total structure and there exists an embedding from \mathbf{A} to \mathbf{B} , then we say \mathbf{A} is *embeddable* into \mathbf{B} . If \mathbf{A} is

embeddable into \mathbf{B} and $A \subseteq B$, then we say \mathbf{A} is a *partial substructure* of \mathbf{B} . Let \mathcal{K} be a class of structures. By \mathcal{K}^P we denote the class of all partial substructures of structures of \mathcal{K} .

DEFINITION 3.4. Let $\mathbf{L} = (L, \vee, \wedge, \top, \perp, \leq)$ be a partial structure. We say \mathbf{L} is a *partial lattice*, if there exists a total lattice \mathbf{L}' such that \mathbf{L} is embeddable into it. If \mathbf{L}' is distributive, then \mathbf{L} is a *partial distributive lattice*.

One shows that a partial structure $(L, \vee, \wedge, \top, \perp, \leq)$ is a partial bounded lattice, if (L, \leq) is a poset, \top and \perp are bounds of \leq and \vee, \wedge are compatible with \leq , i.e. if $a \vee b \neq \infty$, then $a \vee b$ is the supremum of $\{a, b\}$ with respect to \leq and if $a \wedge b \neq \infty$, then $a \wedge b$ is the infimum of $\{a, b\}$ with respect to \leq . See [9].

DEFINITION 3.5. Let $\mathbf{B} = (B, \otimes, \backslash, /, \vee, \wedge, \neg, 1, \top, \perp, \leq)$ be a partial structure. We say \mathbf{B} is a *partial residuated Boolean algebra*, if there exists a total residuated Boolean algebra such that \mathbf{B} is embeddable into it and for all $a \in B$ we have $\neg a \neq \infty$, $\neg a \in B$, $a \vee \neg a = \top$ and $a \wedge \neg a = \perp$. One notices that $(B, \otimes, \backslash, /, \vee, \wedge, \top, \perp, \leq)$ is a partial bounded distributive residuated lattice.

3.2. Filters

Let (P, \leq) be a poset and let $A \subseteq P$. We say A is an *upset*, if for all $a \in A$ and all $b \in P$ such that $a \leq b$ we have $b \in A$. Analogously, A is a *downset*, if for all $a \in A$ and $b \in P$ such that $b \leq a$ we have $b \in A$.

For every poset (P, \leq) and every element $a \in P$ we define:

$$[a] = \{b \in P : a \leq b\} \quad (a] = \{b \in P : b \leq a\}$$

One notices $[a]$ is an upset and $(a]$ is a downset.

DEFINITION 3.6. Let (L, \vee, \wedge) be a lattice and let $F \subseteq L$. We say F is a *filter*, if the following conditions hold:

- (F1) if $a \leq b$ and $a \in F$, then $b \in F$
- (F2) if $a \in F$ and $b \in F$, then $a \wedge b \in F$

We say F is *proper*, if $F \neq L$. The filter F is *prime*, if it is proper and:

(F3) if $a \vee b \in F$, then $a \in F$ or $b \in F$

Let (L, \vee, \wedge) be a lattice and F be a filter. We use the following notion:

$$F_a = \left\{ y \in L : \exists_{x \in F} x \wedge a \leq y \right\}$$

One proves F_a is a filter.

If we consider filters on residuated Boolean algebras, then (F3) is replaced with the following condition:

(FB) $\neg a \in F$ iff $a \notin F$

Considering filters on partial residuated Boolean algebras, we must change definition. We replace (F2) with the following condition:

(F2') if $a \in F$ and $b \in F$, then $a \wedge b \in F$ or $a \wedge b = \infty$

for all $a, b \in B$.

The following properties of filters are useful and may be easily proved.

LEMMA 3.7. *Let $(B, \vee, \wedge, \neg, \top, \perp)$ be a Boolean algebra and let $F \subseteq B$ be a proper filter. The filter F is prime if, and only if, $a \in F$ or $\neg a \in F$ for all $a \in B$.*

This lemma remains true for residuated Boolean algebras.

PROOF: Let F be a prime filter. Then $a \vee \neg a = \top \in F$ for all $a \in B$, so the condition of lemma holds. Now let $a \in F$ or $\neg a \in F$ for all $a \in B$. Let $a \vee b \in F$ and suppose $a \notin F$ and $b \notin F$. Then $\neg a \in F$ and $\neg b \in F$, by assumption. By (F2), $\neg a \wedge \neg b \in F$. So, $\neg(a \vee b) \in F$. Hence, $(a \vee b) \wedge \neg(a \vee b) = \perp \in F$, by (F2). This is impossible. \square

LEMMA 3.8. *Let (L, \vee, \wedge) be a distributive lattice and let $F \subseteq L$ be a filter and $b \in L$ be such that $b \notin F$. There exists a prime filter $P \subseteq L$ such that $F \subseteq P$ and $b \notin P$.*

PROOF: Let F be a filter, $b \in L$ and $b \notin F$. We construct a prime filter as an extension of F , but we need to avoid adding b .

Let \mathcal{E} be a family of filters of L containing F and not containing b . The family is nonempty, since $F \in \mathcal{E}$. Let $C \subseteq \mathcal{E}$ be any nonempty chain in \mathcal{E} . Then $F \subseteq \bigcup C$ and $b \notin \bigcup C$. We show $\bigcup C$ is a filter. Let $c, d \in \bigcup C$, then $c \in G$ and $d \in G'$ for some $G, G' \in C$. Since C is a chain, then $G \subseteq G'$ or $G' \subseteq G$, so both c and d are elements of G or G' . Then, by (F2), $c \wedge d \in G$ or $c \wedge d \in G'$, so $c \wedge d \in \bigcup C$. So $\bigcup C$ satisfies (F2). (F1) is obvious. Hence, $\bigcup C$ is a filter.

By Kuratowski–Zorn’s lemma, there exists $P \in \mathcal{E}$, which is a maximal element of \mathcal{E} . We need to show P is prime. Let $c, d \notin P$ and $c \vee d \in P$. Since $c \notin P$, then $P \subseteq P_c$, and, since P is a maximal element of \mathcal{E} , $P_c \notin \mathcal{E}$. Clearly, $F \subseteq P_c$, so $b \in P_c$. Analogously, since $d \notin P$, then $b \in P_d$.

By definition of P_c, P_d , for some $x, y \in P$ we have $x \wedge c \leq b$ and $y \wedge d \leq b$. Hence, $x \wedge y \wedge c \leq b$ and $x \wedge y \wedge d \leq b$ and so $(x \wedge y \wedge c) \vee (x \wedge y \wedge d) \leq b$. By distributivity, $x \wedge y \wedge (c \vee d) \leq b$. Since $x, y, c \vee d \in P$, then $b \in P$. Thus, if $c, d \notin P$, when $c \vee d \in P$, then $b \in P$, which is impossible by definition of P . \square

COROLLARY 3.9. Let (L, \vee, \wedge) be a distributive lattice and let $a, b \in L$ be such that $a \not\leq b$. There exists a prime filter $F \subseteq L$ such that $a \in F$ and $b \notin F$.

PROOF: The set $[a]$ is a filter such that $b \notin [a]$. Then, by Theorem 3.8, there exists a prime filter P such that $a \in P$ and $b \notin P$. \square

LEMMA 3.10. Let \mathbf{B} be a total residuated Boolean algebra and let F, G be proper filters of \mathbf{B} and H be a prime filter of \mathbf{B} such that $\{x \otimes y : x \in F \text{ and } y \in G\} \subseteq H$. Then, there exist prime filters F' and G' such that $F \subseteq F'$ and $G \subseteq G'$ and $\{x \otimes y : x \in F' \text{ and } y \in G'\} \subseteq H$ and $\{x \otimes y : x \in F \text{ and } y \in G'\} \subseteq H$.

PROOF: Let F, G be proper filters and H be a prime filter such that $\{x \otimes y : x \in F \text{ and } y \in G\} \subseteq H$. We show there exists a prime filter F' such that $F \subseteq F'$ and $\{x \otimes y : x \in F' \text{ and } y \in G\} \subseteq H$.

Let \mathcal{E} be the family of filters Q of \mathbf{B} such that $\{x \otimes y : x \in Q \text{ and } y \in G\} \subseteq H$. This family is nonempty, since $F \in \mathcal{E}$. Clearly, all filters in \mathcal{E} are proper; otherwise $\perp = \perp \otimes 1 \in H$, which is impossible. We show that $\bigcup C \in \mathcal{E}$ for every nonempty chain $C \subseteq \mathcal{E}$. Now, let $a \in \bigcup C$. Then, for

some $Q \in \mathcal{C}$ we have $a \in Q$ and $\{x \otimes y : x \in Q \text{ and } y \in G\} \subseteq H$. Hence, for some $y \in G$, we have $a \otimes y \in H$. So, $\bigcup C \in \mathcal{E}$.

By Kuratowski–Zorn’s lemma, there exists $P \in \mathcal{E}$, which is a maximal element of \mathcal{E} . We show P is a prime filter. Let $a \vee b \in P$ and suppose $a, b \notin P$. We consider P_a, P_b . Clearly, $P \subset P_a$ and $P \subset P_b$. So, since P is a maximal element, $P_a, P_b \notin \mathcal{E}$. So $\{x \otimes y : x \in P_a \text{ and } y \in G\} \not\subseteq H$ and $\{x \otimes y : x \in P_b \text{ and } y \in G\} \not\subseteq H$.

So, for some $x, y \in P$ and some $z_1, z_2 \in G$ we have $(x \wedge a) \otimes z_1 \notin H$ and $(y \wedge b) \otimes z_2 \notin H$. Since $x, y, a \vee b \in P$, then $x \wedge y \wedge (a \vee b) \in P$. So we have $(x \wedge y \wedge (a \vee b)) \otimes (z_1 \wedge z_2) \in H$. But:

$$\begin{aligned} (x \wedge y \wedge (a \vee b)) \otimes (z_1 \wedge z_2) &= ((x \wedge y \wedge a) \vee (x \wedge y \wedge b)) \otimes (z_1 \wedge z_2) = \\ &= (x \wedge y \wedge a) \otimes (z_1 \wedge z_2) \vee (x \wedge y \wedge b) \otimes (z_1 \wedge z_2) \end{aligned}$$

So, since H is a prime filter, $(x \wedge y \wedge a) \otimes (z_1 \wedge z_2) \in H$ or $(x \wedge y \wedge b) \otimes (z_1 \wedge z_2) \in H$. Because H is a filter, then $(x \wedge a) \otimes z_1 \in H$ or $(y \wedge b) \otimes z_2 \in H$. This contradicts the assumptions. Hence, $a \in P$ or $b \in P$.

We put $F' = P$. We show that there exists G' such that $G \subseteq G'$ and $\{x \otimes y : x \in F \text{ and } y \in G'\} \subseteq H$ analogously. \square

3.3. Residuated frames

DEFINITION 3.11. Let $\mathfrak{F} = (P, I, R)$. We say \mathfrak{F} is a *residuated frame*, when $I \subset P$ and R is a ternary relation on P and the following conditions hold:

$$(U1) \quad \forall_{x, x', y, z \in P} \left(\text{if } R(x, y, z) \text{ and } x' = x, \text{ then } R(x', y, z) \right)$$

$$(U2) \quad \forall_{x, y, y', z \in P} \left(\text{if } R(x, y, z) \text{ and } y' = y, \text{ then } R(x, y', z) \right)$$

$$(U3) \quad \forall_{x, y, z, z' \in P} \left(\text{if } R(x, y, z) \text{ and } z = z', \text{ then } R(x, y, z') \right)$$

$$(U4) \quad \forall_{x \in P} \exists_{y, z \in I} \left(R(x, y, x) \text{ and } R(z, x, x) \right)$$

$$(U5) \quad \forall_{x, z \in P} \forall_{y \in I} \left(\text{if } R(x, y, z) \text{ or } R(y, x, z), \text{ then } x = z \right)$$

Residuated frames are the relational structures similar to groupoids. Instead of a binary operation we use a ternary relation.

DEFINITION 3.12. Let $\mathbf{B} = (B, \otimes, \backslash, /, \vee, \wedge, \neg, 1, \top, \perp, \leq)$ be a partial residuated Boolean algebra. We define the *associated residuated frame* $\mathfrak{F}_{\mathbf{B}} = (\mathcal{F}(B), \mathcal{I}_{\mathbf{B}}, \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{B}})$, where $\mathcal{F}(B)$ is the set of prime filters of \mathbf{B} , $\mathcal{I}_{\mathbf{B}}$ is the set of all prime filters containing 1 and:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{B}}(F, G, H) \iff & \left(\forall_{a,b \in B} \text{ if } a \in F \text{ and } b \in G, \text{ then } a \otimes b \in H \vee a \otimes b = \infty \right) \\ & \text{and} \left(\forall_{a,b \in B} \text{ if } a \in F \text{ and } a \backslash b \in G \text{ and } a \backslash b \neq \infty, \text{ then } b \in H \right) \\ & \text{and} \left(\forall_{a,b \in B} \text{ if } b/a \in F \text{ and } a \in G \text{ and } a/b \neq \infty, \text{ then } b \in H \right). \end{aligned}$$

PROPOSITION 3.13. Let \mathbf{B} be a residuated Boolean algebra and let $F \in \mathcal{F}(B)$. Then, there exist prime filters $P, Q \in \mathcal{F}(B)$ such that $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{B}}(F, P, F)$ and $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{B}}(Q, F, F)$ and $1 \in P, 1 \in Q$.

PROOF: Let $F \in \mathcal{F}(L)$, we show there exists a prime filter P such that $1 \in P$ and $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{L}}(F, P, F)$. The proof for $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{L}}(Q, F, F)$ is similar.

Let \mathcal{E} be the family of filters of \mathbf{L} such that for every filter $G \in \mathcal{E}$ we have $1 \in G$ and $f \otimes g \in F$ for all $f \in F$ and $g \in G$. Clearly, all filters in \mathcal{E} are proper. This family is nonempty, since $[1] \in \mathcal{E}$. One shows that $\bigcup C$ is a filter for every nonempty chain $C \subseteq \mathcal{E}$ analogously like in the proof of Theorem 3.8. We show $\bigcup C \in \mathcal{E}$. Clearly, $1 \in \bigcup C$. Let $f \in F$ and $g \in \bigcup C$. Then, $g \in G$ for some $G \in C$. So, $f \otimes g \in F$.

By Kuratowski–Zorn’s lemma, there exists $P \in \mathcal{E}$, which is a maximal element of \mathcal{E} . We show that P is a prime filter. Assume $a \vee b \in P$. Suppose $a, b \notin P$.

We consider P_a and P_b . Clearly, $P \subset P_a$ and $P \subset P_b$. Since P is a maximal element of \mathcal{E} , then $P_a, P_b \notin \mathcal{E}$.

We have $1 \in P_a, P_b$. Then, for some $f_a \in F$ and some $x \in P$, we have $f_a \otimes (x \wedge a) \notin F$ and for some $f_b \in F$ and some $y \in P$ we have $f_b \otimes (y \wedge b) \notin F$. Since $f_a, f_b \in F$, then $f_a \wedge f_b \in F$, by (F2). Since

$a \vee b \in P$, then $(x \wedge y) \wedge (a \vee b) = (x \wedge y \wedge a) \vee (x \wedge y \wedge b) \in P$.

So, $(f_a \wedge f_b) \otimes [(x \wedge a) \vee (y \wedge b)] \in F$. As a consequence:

$$(f_a \wedge f_b) \otimes [(x \wedge a) \vee (y \wedge b)] = ((f_a \wedge f_b) \otimes (x \wedge a)) \vee ((f_a \wedge f_b) \otimes (y \wedge b))$$

Because F is a prime filter, then $(f_a \wedge f_b) \otimes (x \wedge a) \in F$ or $(f_a \wedge f_b) \otimes (y \wedge b) \in F$. Assume $(f_a \wedge f_b) \otimes (x \wedge a) \in F$. Then $f_a \otimes (x \wedge a) \in F$, by (F1) and monotonicity of \otimes . Assume $(f_a \wedge f_b) \otimes (y \wedge b) \in F$. Then $f_b \otimes (y \wedge b) \in F$. Both possibilities lead to the contradiction with assumptions. Hence, $a \in P$ or $b \in P$.

Therefore, $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{L}}(F, P, F)$. □

LEMMA 3.14. *Let \mathbf{B} be a total residuated Boolean algebra and $\mathfrak{F}_{\mathbf{B}} = (\mathcal{F}(B), \subseteq, \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{B}})$ its associated residuated frame. Then, for $F, G, H \in \mathcal{F}(B)$, the following are equivalent:*

- (i) if $a \in F$ and $b \in G$, then $a \otimes b \in H$ for all $a, b \in B$
- (ii) if $a \in F$ and $a \setminus b \in G$, then $b \in H$ for all $a, b \in B$
- (iii) if $b/a \in F$ and $a \in G$, then $b \in H$ for all $a, b \in B$

PROOF: We assume (i). Let $a \in F$ and $a \setminus b \in G$. Since $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{B}}(F, G, H)$, $a \otimes (a \setminus b) \in H$ and then $b \in H$, because $a \otimes (a \setminus b) \leq b$. Hence (ii) holds. Now we assume (ii). Let $a \in F$ and $b \in G$. Since $b \leq a \setminus (a \otimes b)$, then $a \setminus (a \otimes b) \in G$, so, by (ii), $a \otimes b \in H$ and (i) holds. The proof of equivalence of (i) and (iii) is similar. □

COROLLARY 3.15. *Let \mathbf{B} be a total residuated Boolean algebra and let F, G be proper filters of \mathbf{L} and \mathbf{H} be a prime filter of \mathbf{H} such that $\{x \otimes y : x \in F \text{ and } y \in G\} \subseteq H$. Then, there exist prime filters F' and G' such that $F \subseteq F'$ and $G \subseteq G'$ and $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{L}}(F', G', H)$.*

PROOF: First, we construct F' such that $\{x \otimes y : x \in F' \text{ and } y \in G\} \subseteq H$, by Theorem 3.10. Then, we construct G' such that $\{x \otimes y : x \in F' \text{ and } y \in G'\} \subseteq H$, by Theorem 3.10. Then, by Theorem 3.14, $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{L}}(F', G', H)$. □

We construct a residuated Boolean algebras from the arbitrary residuated frame $\mathfrak{F} = (P, I, R)$. Let $X, Y \subseteq P$, we define:

$$\begin{aligned}
 X \otimes Y &= \left\{ z \in P : \exists_{x,y \in P} x \in X \text{ and } y \in Y \text{ and } R(x, y, z) \right\} \\
 X \setminus Y &= \left\{ y \in P : \forall_{x,z \in P} \text{ if } R(x, y, z) \text{ and } x \in X, \text{ then } z \in Y \right\} \\
 Y / X &= \left\{ x \in P : \forall_{y,z \in P} \text{ if } R(x, y, z) \text{ and } y \in X, \text{ then } z \in Y \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Then, $\mathbf{B}_{\mathfrak{F}} = (\mathcal{P}(P), \otimes, \setminus, /, \cup, \cap, ^c, I, P, \emptyset, \subseteq)$ is a residuated Boolean algebra, where $X^c = \mathcal{P}(P) \setminus X$ for all $X \in \mathcal{P}(P)$. We call it the *complex Boolean algebra of the residuated frame* \mathfrak{F} .

LEMMA 3.16. *Let \mathbf{B} be a total residuated Boolean algebra and $\mathfrak{F}_{\mathbf{B}} = (\mathcal{F}(B), \subseteq, \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{B}})$ its associated residuated frame. Let $a, b \in B$.*

- (i) *If $H \in \mathcal{F}(B)$ and $a \otimes b \in H$, then there exist $F, G \in \mathcal{F}(B)$ such that $a \in F, b \in G$ and $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{B}}(F, G, H)$.*
- (ii) *If $G \in \mathcal{F}(B)$ and $a \setminus b \notin G$, then there exist $F, H \in \mathcal{F}(B)$ such that $a \in F, b \notin H$ and $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{B}}(F, G, H)$.*
- (iii) *If $F \in \mathcal{F}(B)$ and $b/a \notin F$, then there exist $G, H \in \mathcal{F}(B)$ such that $a \in G, b \notin H$ and $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{B}}(F, G, H)$.*

PROOF: We show (i). Since $a \otimes b \in H$, then $x \otimes y \in H$ for all $a \leq x$ and $b \leq y$. So, $\{x \otimes y : x \in [a] \text{ and } y \in [b]\} \subseteq H$ and, by Corollary 3.15, there exist prime filters F, G such that $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{B}}(F, G, H)$.

We show (ii). Let G be a prime filter such that $a \setminus b \notin G$. We consider $aG = \{a \otimes x : x \in G\}$. We extend aG to be filter. Let $Q = \{x \in L : \exists_{y \in aG} y \leq x\}$. Clearly, (F1) holds. Let $x, y \in Q$. Then, for some $x', y' \in G$ we have $a \otimes x' \leq x$ and $a \otimes y' \leq y$. Since $x', y' \in G$, then $x' \wedge y' \in G$ and $a \otimes (x' \wedge y') \in aG$. So:

$$a \otimes (x' \wedge y') \leq (a \otimes x') \wedge (a \otimes y') \leq x \wedge y$$

Hence, $x \wedge y \in Q$. We show $b \notin Q$. Suppose $b \in Q$, then, for some $x \in G, a \otimes x \leq b$. By (RES), $x \leq a \setminus b$. Hence, $a \setminus b \in G$ – contradiction. So, Q is a filter and $b \notin Q$. By Theorem 3.8, there exists a prime filter H such that

$Q \subseteq H$ and $b \notin H$. So, we have $\{x \otimes y : x \in [a] \text{ and } y \in G\} \subseteq H$. By Theorem 3.10, there exists a prime filter F such that $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{L}}(F, G, H)$.

One shows (iii) analogously. □

LEMMA 3.17. *Let \mathbf{B} be a partial residuated Boolean algebra and let $a, b \in L$ be such that $a \not\leq b$. There exists a prime filter $F \subseteq B$ such that $a \in F$ and $b \notin F$.*

PROOF: By definition of a partial residuated Boolean algebra, there exists a total residuated Boolean algebra \mathbf{B}' such that ι is an embedding of \mathbf{B} into \mathbf{B}' . Then, by Corollary 3.9, there exists a prime filter $F \subseteq B'$ such that $a \in F$ and $b \notin F$. Clearly, $\iota^{-1}(F)$ is a prime filter of \mathbf{B} and $a \in \iota^{-1}(F)$ and $b \notin \iota^{-1}(F)$. □

PROPOSITION 3.18. Let $\mathbf{B} = (B, \otimes, \backslash, /, \vee, \wedge, \neg, 1, \top, \perp, \leq)$ be a partial residuated Boolean algebra. Let $\mathbf{B}_{\mathfrak{F}\mathbf{B}}$ be the complex Boolean algebra of the associated residuated frame. We define $\iota(a) = \{F \in \mathcal{F}_B : a \in F\}$ for all $a \in B$. Then, ι is an embedding.

PROOF: Let $a \leq b$. Then, for all $H \in \iota(a)$, we have $b \in H$, so $H \in \iota(b)$. Hence, $\iota(a) \subseteq \iota(b)$. Let $a \not\leq b$. By Theorem 3.17, there exists a prime filter H such that $a \in H$ and $b \notin H$. Hence, $\iota(a) \not\subseteq \iota(b)$. Therefore, $a \leq b$ iff $\iota(a) \subseteq \iota(b)$. As a consequence, ι is injective.

Since prime filters are proper filters, $\iota(\perp) = \emptyset$. \top is an element of every filter, so $\iota(\top) = \mathcal{F}(B)$.

Let $a, b \in B$ and $a \otimes b \neq \infty$. By definition:

$$\iota(a) \otimes' \iota(b) = \left\{ H \in \mathcal{F}(B) : \exists_{F, G \in \mathcal{F}(B)} F \in \iota(a) \text{ and } G \in \iota(b) \text{ and } \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{B}}(F, G, H) \right\}.$$

We show $\iota(a \otimes b) \subseteq \iota(a) \otimes' \iota(b)$. Let $H \in \iota(a \otimes b)$. Then, $a \otimes b \in H$ and by Theorem 3.16(i), there exist $F, G \in \mathcal{F}(L)$ such that $a \in F$, i.e. $F \in \iota(a)$ and $b \in G$, i.e. $G \in \iota(b)$ and $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{B}}(F, G, H)$.

We show $\iota(a) \otimes' \iota(b) \subseteq \iota(a \otimes b)$. Let $H \in \iota(a) \otimes' \iota(b)$. Then, for some $F \in \iota(a)$ and $G \in \iota(b)$ we have $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{B}}(F, G, H)$. In particular, $a \in F$, $b \in G$, so $a \otimes b \in H$, by definition of $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{B}}$. Hence, $H \in \iota(a \otimes b)$.

For $a \backslash b$ and a / b we prove analogously, using (ii) and (iii) of Theo-

rem 3.16 and Theorem 3.14.

Let $a \vee b \neq \infty$. We show $\iota(a \vee b) \subseteq \iota(a) \cup \iota(b)$. Let $H \in \iota(a \vee b)$, then $a \vee b \in H$. Since H is a prime filter, $a \in H$ or $b \in H$. Hence, $H \in \iota(a)$ or $H \in \iota(b)$. Conversely, let $a \in H$ or $b \in H$. Then, $a \vee b \in H$, by (F1). So, $\iota(a) \cup \iota(b) \subseteq \iota(a \vee b)$.

Let $a \wedge b \neq \infty$. Let $H \in \iota(a \wedge b)$. Then, $a \in H$ and $b \in H$, by (F1). Hence, $H \in \iota(a)$ and $H \in \iota(b)$, i.e. $H \in \iota(a)$. Conversely, let $H \in \iota(a)$. Then, by (F2'), $a \wedge b \in H$, so $H \in \iota(a \wedge b)$. \square

The following theorem allows us to identify the partial residuated Boolean algebras. Its proof is a merge of the proofs from [9] and [10]. We skip identical parts and we focus on nontrivial differences.

THEOREM 3.19. *Let $\mathbf{B} = (B, \otimes, \backslash, /, \vee, \wedge, \neg, 1, \top, \perp, \leq)$ be a partial structure such that $\neg a \neq \infty$, $\neg a \in B$, $a \vee \neg a = \top$, $a \wedge \neg a = \perp$ and $1 \otimes a = a = a \otimes 1$ for all $a \in B$. Then, \mathbf{B} is a partial residuated Boolean algebra if, and only if, it is a partial bounded lattice and there exists a set \mathcal{F} of prime filters of \mathbf{B} and a set $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ such that $1 \in F$ for all $F \in \mathcal{I}$ such that the following conditions hold:*

- (S) $\forall_{a,b \in L} \left(\text{if } a \not\leq b, \text{ then } \exists_{F \in \mathcal{F}} a \in F \text{ and } b \notin F \right)$
- (M \otimes) $\forall_{H \in \mathcal{F}} \forall_{a,b \in L} \left(\text{if } a \otimes b \in H, \text{ then } \exists_{F,G \in \mathcal{F}} a \in F \text{ and } b \in G \text{ and } \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{L}}(F, G, H) \right)$
- (M \backslash) $\forall_{G \in \mathcal{F}} \forall_{a,b \in L} \left(\text{if } a \backslash b \neq \infty \text{ and } a \backslash b \notin G, \right.$
 $\left. \text{then } \exists_{F,H \in \mathcal{F}} a \in F \text{ and } b \notin H \text{ and } \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{L}}(F, G, H) \right)$
- (M/ $)$ $\forall_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \forall_{a,b \in L} \left(\text{if } a/b \neq \infty \text{ and } a/b \notin F, \right.$
 $\left. \text{then } \exists_{G,H \in \mathcal{F}} a \in G \text{ and } b \notin H \text{ and } \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{L}}(F, G, H) \right)$
- (M1) $\forall_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \exists_{G_1, G_2 \in \mathcal{I}} \left(\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{L}}(F, G_1, F) \text{ and } \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{L}}(G_2, F, F) \right)$

PROOF: Let $\mathbf{B} = (B, \otimes, \backslash, /, \vee, \wedge, \neg, 1, \top, \perp, \leq)$ be a partial unital residuated Boolean algebra and let $\mathbf{A} = (A, \otimes', \backslash', /', \vee', \wedge', \neg', 1', \top', \perp', \leq')$ be

a total unital residuated Boolean algebra and let ι be an embedding of \mathbf{B} into \mathbf{A} . We show that there exists a set \mathcal{F} of prime filters of \mathbf{B} that satisfies (S), $(M\otimes)$, $(M\setminus)$, $(M/)$ and (M1). We define:

$$\mathcal{F} = \{\iota^{-1}(F) : F \text{ is a prime filter of } \mathbf{A}\}$$

For better readability we use the following notion: let F be a prime filter of \mathbf{A} , then $F_\iota = \iota^{-1}(F)$. We prove (S), $(M\otimes)$, $(M\setminus)$ and $(M/)$ like in [9].

We show there exists $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ such that (M1) holds. We define:

$$\mathcal{I} = \{F \in \mathcal{F} : 1 \in F\}$$

Let $F_\iota \in \mathcal{F}$, then, by Proposition 3.13 there exists a prime filter G of \mathbf{A} such that $1 \in G$ and $\mathcal{R}_\mathbf{A}(F, G, F)$. Then, $G_\iota \in \mathcal{I}$ and $\mathcal{R}_\mathbf{B}(F_\iota, G_\iota, F_\iota)$. Similarly, there exists H such that $H_\iota \in \mathcal{I}$ and $\mathcal{R}_\mathbf{B}(H_\iota, F_\iota, F_\iota)$.

Now we assume \mathbf{B} is a partial structure satisfying the assumptions of the theorem. We construct the residuated Boolean algebra \mathbf{A} and the embedding of \mathbf{B} into \mathbf{A} . We see $\mathfrak{F} = (\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{I}, \mathcal{R}_\mathbf{B})$ satisfies (U1)–(U4). We show (U5). Let $F, H \in \mathcal{F}$ and $G \in \mathcal{I}$ be such that $\mathcal{R}_\mathbf{B}(F, G, H)$. Then, for all $a \in F$, since $1 \in G$, we have $a \otimes 1 \in H$, so $F \subseteq H$. Suppose there exists $a \in H$ such that $a \notin F$. Then, by (FB), $\neg a \in F$, which is impossible.

Let $\mathbf{A} = (\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{F}), \otimes, \setminus, /, \cup, \cap, \mathcal{I}, \mathcal{F}, \emptyset, \subseteq)$ be the complex algebra of \mathfrak{F} . We define the mapping ι for every $a \in L$ by $\iota(a) = \{F \in \mathcal{F} : a \in F\}$. We show ι is an embedding.

Let $a, b \in L$ and $a \leq b$. Then, $\iota(a) \subseteq \iota(b)$, by (F1). Let $a \not\leq b$, then by (S) there exists $F \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $a \in F$ and $b \notin F$, so $\iota(a) \not\subseteq \iota(b)$. Hence $a \leq b$ iff $\iota(a) \subseteq \iota(b)$ and ι is injective.

One shows ι preserves $\otimes, \setminus, /, \vee, \wedge, \top, \perp$, analogously like in [9].

We show $\iota(1) = \mathcal{I}$. The inclusion $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \iota(1)$ is trivial, since 1 belongs to every element of \mathcal{I} . Let $F \in \iota(1)$. By (M1), there exists $G \in \mathcal{I}$ such that $\mathcal{R}_\mathbf{B}(F, G, F)$. Since $1 \in F$, then $G \subseteq F$. Suppose $a \in F$ and $a \notin G$. Then, by (FB), $\neg a \in G$ and then $\neg a \in F$, which is impossible. So, $G = F$ and $F \in \mathcal{I}$.

Let $a \in B$, then $\iota(\neg a) = \{F \in \mathcal{F} : \neg a \in F\} = \{F \in \mathcal{F} : a \notin F\}$, by (FB). Thus, $\{F \in \mathcal{F} : a \notin F\} = \{F \in \mathcal{F} : a \in F\}^c$. □

4. The upper bound of complexity

In this section we show that the finitary consequence relation for BFNL is decidable in exponential time.

LEMMA 4.1. *Let $\mathbf{B} = (B, \otimes, \backslash, /, \vee, \wedge, \neg, 1, \top, \perp, \leq)$ be a partial structure. We can verify whether \mathbf{B} is a partial residuated Boolean algebra in exponential time (depending on $|B|$).*

By definition, \mathbf{B} is a partial residuated Boolean algebra if it is embeddable in a total residuated Boolean algebra. Such a total algebra may have the same set of elements, but may also have additional elements to satisfy all the properties. Hence, to check if \mathbf{B} is a partial residuated Boolean algebra by definition, we need to embed \mathbf{B} in every possible total structure until we find one where all the properties of residuated Boolean algebra hold. Even with the limit on the maximal size of such a structure, it would be 2EXPTIME problem.

Hence, we use Theorem 3.19 to identify partial residuated Boolean algebras.

PROOF: We provide an algorithm to verify whether \mathbf{B} is a partial residuated Boolean algebra. We follow the analogous lemma and its proof from [9].

- Step 1. We check whether \leq is a partial order, \top, \perp are bounds and the lattice operators are compatible with \leq . If it fails, the algorithm stops with negative answer. It can be done in the polynomial time.
- Step 2. We check whether $1 \otimes a = a$ and $a \otimes 1 = a$ for all $a \in L$. If it fails, the algorithm stops with negative answer. It can be done in the polynomial time.
- Step 3. We check whether $\neg a \neq \infty$, $\neg a \in B$, $a \vee \neg a = \top$ and $a \wedge \neg a = \perp$ for all $a \in B$. If it fails, the algorithm stops with negative answer. It can be done in the polynomial time.

Step 4. We construct a decreasing sequence of families of filters \mathcal{F}_n . We construct the set \mathcal{F}_0 of all prime filters of \mathbf{B} . For every subset $S \subseteq B$ we check the definition of prime filter. It can be done in $\mathcal{O}(2^{2|B|})$.

We set $i = 0$.

Step 4.1. We define $\mathcal{I}_i = \{F \in \mathcal{F}_i : 1 \in F\}$. For every prime filter $F \in \mathcal{F}_i$ we check (M \otimes), (M \setminus), (M/ \setminus) and (M1). If every of these condition holds for F , then we add F to set \mathcal{F}_{i+1} .

Step 4.2. If $\mathcal{F}_{i+1} = \emptyset$, then the algorithm stops with negative answer. If $\mathcal{F}_i = \mathcal{F}_{i+1}$, then the algorithm proceeds to the next step. Else, the algorithm goes back to Step 0.1 with $i + 1$.

Checking conditions for arbitrary F can be done in $\mathcal{O}(2^{3|B|})$. Number of filters in \mathcal{F}_i is $\mathcal{O}(2^{|B|})$. Maximal i does not exceed $2^{|B|}$. So this step can be done in $\mathcal{O}(2^{5|B|})$.

Step 5. We check (S). If (S) does not hold, then the algorithm stops with negative answer. If (S) does not hold for a family of filters, then it does not hold for any smaller family. It can be done in $\mathcal{O}(|B|^2 2^{|B|})$ time. □

We notice that every sequent $\Gamma \Rightarrow C$ can be represented as $G \Rightarrow C$, where G is a formula arising from Γ by replacing every comma by \otimes , every semicolon by \wedge , ϵ by 1 and δ by \top . So, we consider only sequents of this form.

Let $G \Rightarrow A$ be a sequent. We define the size of $G \Rightarrow A$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 s(p) &= 1 & s(1) &= 1 \\
 s(\top) &= 1 & s(\perp) &= 1 \\
 s(A \otimes B) &= s(A) + s(B) + 1 \\
 s(A \setminus B) &= s(A) + s(B) + 1 & s(A/B) &= s(A) + s(B) + 1 \\
 s(A \wedge B) &= s(A) + s(B) + 1 & s(A \vee B) &= s(A) + s(B) + 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$s(\neg A) = s(A) + 1 \quad s(A \rightarrow B) = s(A) + s(B) + 1$$

$$s(G \Rightarrow A) = s(G) + s(A)$$

DEFINITION 4.2. Let \mathbf{A} be a partial residuated Boolean algebra. Let μ be a partial function from the free algebra of \mathcal{L} -formulas into \mathbf{A} . We say μ is a *valuation*, if the following conditions hold:

- $\mu(\top) = \top, \mu(\perp) = \perp$;
- $\mu(1) = 1$;
- if $\mu(D \otimes E) \neq \infty$, then $\mu(D) \neq \infty, \mu(E) \neq \infty$ and $\mu(D \otimes E) = \mu(D) \otimes \mu(E)$;
- if $\mu(D \setminus E) \neq \infty$, then $\mu(D) \neq \infty, \mu(E) \neq \infty$ and $\mu(D \setminus E) = \mu(D) \setminus \mu(E)$;
- if $\mu(D / E) \neq \infty$, then $\mu(D) \neq \infty, \mu(E) \neq \infty$ and $\mu(D / E) = \mu(D) / \mu(E)$;
- if $\mu(D \wedge E) \neq \infty$, then $\mu(D) \neq \infty, \mu(E) \neq \infty$ and $\mu(D \wedge E) = \mu(D) \wedge \mu(E)$;
- if $\mu(D \vee E) \neq \infty$, then $\mu(D) \neq \infty, \mu(E) \neq \infty$ and $\mu(D \vee E) = \mu(D) \vee \mu(E)$;
- if $\mu(\neg D) \neq \infty$, then $\mu(D) \neq \infty$ and $\mu(\neg D) = \neg \mu(D)$;

Let $G \Rightarrow C$ be a sequent and μ be a valuation. We say $G \Rightarrow C$ is satisfied under the valuation μ , if $\mu(G) \neq \infty, \mu(C) \neq \infty$ and $\mu(G) \leq \mu(C)$.

Now we are ready to prove the *EXPTIME* complexity of the consequence relations. The following theorem was formulated in [9] in algebraic terms of satisfiability of quantifier-free first-order formulas of the language of residuated distributive lattices.

THEOREM 4.3. *The finitary consequence relation of BFNL is EXPTIME.*

PROOF:

- (i) Let \mathcal{K} be the class of residuated Boolean algebras, $\Phi = \{G_1 \Rightarrow C_1, G_2 \Rightarrow C_2, \dots, G_k \Rightarrow C_k\}$ be a set of sequents and $G \Rightarrow C$ a sequent. Let:

$$n := 2(s(G_1 \Rightarrow C_1) + s(G_2 \Rightarrow C_2) + \dots + s(G_k \Rightarrow C_k) + s(G \Rightarrow C)) + 4.$$

We show that Φ entails $G \Rightarrow C$, if, and only if, for all $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{K}^P$ such that $|A| \leq n$ and all valuations μ , if all sequents from Φ are satisfied in \mathbf{A} under the valuation μ and both $\mu(G)$ and $\mu(C)$ are defined, then $G \Rightarrow C$ is satisfied in \mathbf{A} under the valuation μ .

- (1.1) Let $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{K}^P$, $|A| \leq n$ and μ be a valuation. Assume all sequents from Φ are satisfied in \mathbf{A} under the valuation μ and both $\mu(G)$ and $\mu(C)$ are defined, but $G \Rightarrow C$ is not satisfied, i.e. $\mu(G) \not\leq \mu(C)$. Then, for some $\mathbf{A}' \in \mathcal{K}$, we have an embedding ι of \mathbf{A} into \mathbf{A}' . Then, $\iota(\mu(G_i)) \leq' \iota(\mu(C_i))$ for all $i = 1, \dots, k$ and $\iota(\mu(G)) \not\leq' \iota(\mu(C))$ in \mathbf{A}' . Hence, for the valuation $\mu' = \iota \circ \mu$ all sequents from Φ are satisfied, but $G \Rightarrow C$ is not satisfied in \mathbf{A}' . Thus, Φ does not entail $G \Rightarrow C$.

- (1.2) Now let $G \Rightarrow C$ not be satisfied in $\mathbf{A}' \in \mathcal{K}$ under the valuation μ' , but all sequents from Φ be satisfied under μ' . We construct $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{K}^P$.

First, we define T as the set consisting of $1, \top, \perp$ and all subformulas of $G_1, C_1, \dots, G_k, C_k, G, C$. We put $A = \{\mu'(D) : D \in T\} \cup \{\neg' \mu'(D) : D \in T\}$. In effect, negation is a total operation, but doing this does not change final complexity. We define partial operations as follows:

- if $D \in T$ and $D = E \otimes F$, then $\mu'(E) \otimes \mu'(F) := \mu'(E \otimes F)$;
- if $D \in T$ and $D = E \setminus F$, then $\mu'(E) \setminus \mu'(F) := \mu'(E \setminus F)$;
- if $D \in T$ and $D = E / F$, then $\mu'(E) / \mu'(F) := \mu'(E / F)$;
- if $D \in T$ and $D = E \vee F$, then $\mu'(E) \vee \mu'(F) := \mu'(E \vee F)$;
- if $D \in T$ and $D = E \wedge F$, then $\mu'(E) \wedge \mu'(F) := \mu'(E \wedge F)$;

We define $1 \otimes a := a$ and $a \otimes 1 := a$ and $\neg a := \neg' a$ and $a \vee \neg a := \top$ and $a \wedge \neg a := \perp$ for all $a \in A$.

We also define $\leq = \leq' \cap A^2$. By the construction, $|A| \leq n$ and $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{K}^P$. We define $\mu = \mu'_T$. Clearly, μ satisfies the conditions of Definition 4.2 and $\mu(G_i) \leq \mu(C_i)$ for $i = 1, \dots, k$ and $\mu(G) \not\leq \mu(C)$ and both $\mu(G)$ and $\mu(C)$ are defined.

- (ii) Thus, to verify whether $\Phi \vdash G \Rightarrow C$ we check whether $G \Rightarrow C$ is satisfied in all $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{K}^P$ under every valuation μ such that $|A| \leq n$ and all sequents from Φ are satisfied in \mathbf{A} under μ and both $\mu(G)$ and $\mu(C)$ are defined.

We construct all partial residuated Boolean algebras with cardinality not exceeding n . Each such a structure can be encoded by matrices. Every binary operation and order is encoded by a matrix of size $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$ and negation is encoded by matrix of size $\mathcal{O}(n)$. Each entry in the matrix can take $\mathcal{O}(n)$ values (including ∞). Hence, we have $\mathcal{O}(2^{Ln^3})$ possibilities, where L is a positive integer. We check whether such a structure is a partial residuated Boolean algebra, using Theorem 4.1. This step can be done in $\mathcal{O}(2^{Ln^3} 2^{5n})$.

For a given residuated Boolean algebra \mathbf{A} the number of all possible valuations is $\mathcal{O}(|A|^n)$. Checking if all sequents from Φ and $G \Rightarrow C$ are satisfied under the arbitrary valuation is $\mathcal{O}(n)$. Hence, checking whether Φ entails $G \Rightarrow C$ in \mathbf{A} is $\mathcal{O}(2^{n^3})$.

The time of the whole algorithm is $\mathcal{O}(2^{Ln^3} 2^{5n} 2^{n^3}) = \mathcal{O}(2^{(L+1)n^3+5n})$. □

The analogous result for BFL (associative version of BFNL) does not hold. BFL is a strongly conservative extension of L and the consequence relation of L is undecidable [1].

If we exclude the constant 1 from BFNL, the result remains true. Moreover, for 1-free BFNL the lower bound of complexity of the consequence relation is also EXPTIME, since 1-free BFNL is a strongly conservative extension of 1-free DFNL which is EXPTIME-complete [9]. The lower bound of complexity for BFNL or DFNL with 1 remains an open problem.

5. Complexity of HFNL

In this section, we provide detailed instructions on how to prove the same result for HFNL, modifying the definitions, theorems and proofs from previous sections.

We start with the following definition.

DEFINITION 5.1. Let $\mathbf{H} = (H, \otimes, \backslash, /, \vee, \wedge, \rightarrow, 1, \top, \perp, \leq)$ be a partial structure. We say \mathbf{H} is a *partial residuated Heyting algebra*, if there exists a total residuated Heyting algebra such that \mathbf{H} is embeddable into it. One notices that $(H, \otimes, \backslash, /, \vee, \wedge, 1, \top, \perp, \leq)$ is a partial bounded distributive residuated lattice.

One sees that the definition is analogous to the definition of partial residuated Boolean algebra. The most important is that it is still a partial distributive lattice. Therefore, we can define filters in the analogous way.

Let $\mathbf{H} = (H, \otimes, \backslash, /, \vee, \wedge, \rightarrow, 1, \top, \perp, \leq)$ be a partial residuated Heyting algebra and $F \subseteq H$. We say F is a filter, if (F1), (F2') and the following condition are satisfied.

(FH) if $a \rightarrow b \neq \infty$ and $a \in F$ and $a \rightarrow b \in F$, then $b \in F$

We notice that (FB) follows from (F1) and (F2') in total residuated Heyting algebras. A filter is prime if it is proper and satisfies (F3).

We define associated residuated frames to partial residuated Heyting algebras the same way we defined them for partial residuated Boolean algebras, since the definition again does not depend on negation.

Theorems 3.8, 3.10 and 3.14, corollaries 3.9 and 3.15, and proposition 3.13 do not depend on negation, so they remain true for (partial) residuated Heyting algebras.

The first nontrivial difference is the construction of total residuated Heyting algebra from residuated frames. Let $\mathfrak{F} = (P, I, R)$ be an arbitrary residuated frame and $X, Y \subseteq P$, we define:

$$\begin{aligned}
 X \otimes' Y &= \left\{ z \in P : \exists_{x,y \in P} x \in X \text{ and } y \in Y \text{ and } R(x, y, z) \right\} \\
 X \setminus' Y &= \left\{ y \in P : \forall_{x,z \in P} \text{ if } R(x, y, z) \text{ and } x \in X, \text{ then } z \in Y \right\} \\
 Y /' X &= \left\{ x \in P : \forall_{y,z \in P} \text{ if } R(x, y, z) \text{ and } y \in X, \text{ then } z \in Y \right\} \\
 X \rightarrow' Y &= \bigcup \{ Z \in \mathcal{P}(P) : X \cap Z \subseteq Y \}
 \end{aligned}$$

Then $\mathbf{H}_{\mathfrak{F}} = (\mathcal{P}(P), \otimes', \setminus', /', \cup, \cap, \rightarrow', I, P, \emptyset, \subseteq)$ is a residuated Heyting algebra.

The analogues of theorems 3.16 and 3.17 are true, since the proofs do not use negations.

The most important difference lies in the formulation of the following theorem.

THEOREM 5.2. *Let $\mathbf{H} = (H, \otimes, \setminus, /, \vee, \wedge, \rightarrow, 1, \top, \perp, \leq)$ be a partial structure such that $1 \otimes a = a = a \otimes 1$ for all $a \in H$. Then, \mathbf{H} is a partial unital residuated Heyting algebra if, and only if, it is a partial bounded lattice and there exists a set \mathcal{F} of prime H -filters of \mathbf{H} such that (S), (M \otimes), (M \setminus), (M/ \setminus) are satisfied and there exists a set $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ such that $1 \in F$ for all $F \in \mathcal{I}$ and (M1) is satisfied, and the following conditions hold:*

- (H1) $\forall_{a,b \in H}$ if $a \rightarrow b \neq \infty$, then $b \leq a \rightarrow b$
- (H2) $\forall_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \forall_{a,b \in H}$ (if $a \rightarrow b \neq \infty$ and $a \notin F$ and $a \rightarrow b \notin F$,
then $\exists_{F' \in \mathcal{F}} (F \subseteq F' \text{ and } a \in F' \text{ and } a \rightarrow b \notin F')$)

The proof is similar. We show only the important parts.

PROOF: Let $\mathbf{H} = (H, \otimes, \setminus, /, \vee, \wedge, \rightarrow, \top, \perp, \leq)$ be a partial residuated Heyting algebra and let $\mathbf{A} = (A, \otimes', \setminus', /', \vee', \wedge', \rightarrow', \top', \perp', \leq')$ be a residuated Heyting algebra and let ι be an embedding of \mathbf{H} into \mathbf{A} . Clearly, (H1) holds. We show that there exists a set \mathcal{F} of prime filters of \mathbf{H} satisfying (S), (H2), (M \otimes), (M \setminus) and (M/ \setminus). We define:

$$\mathcal{F} = \{\iota^{-1}(F) : F \text{ is a prime filter of } \mathbf{A}\}$$

We prove (H2). Let $a, b \in H$ be such that $a \rightarrow b \neq \infty$. Assume $a, a \rightarrow b \notin F_\iota$ for some prime filter F of \mathbf{A} . Then, $\iota(a), \iota(a \rightarrow b) \notin F$. We have $\iota(a \rightarrow b) = \iota(a) \rightarrow' \iota(b)$. We take $F_{\iota(a)}$, so $\iota(a) \in F_{\iota(a)}$. Suppose, $\iota(a) \rightarrow' \iota(b) \in F_{\iota(a)}$. Then, for some $x \in F$, $\iota(a) \wedge x \leq' \iota(a) \rightarrow' \iota(b)$. By residuation law, $\iota(a) \wedge \iota(a) \wedge x \leq' \iota(b)$. Clearly, $\iota(a) \wedge \iota(a) \wedge x = \iota(a) \wedge x$, so $\iota(a) \wedge x \leq' \iota(b)$ and $x \leq' \iota(a) \rightarrow' \iota(b)$. Hence, $\iota(a) \rightarrow' \iota(b) \in F$, which contradicts the assumption. Thus, $\iota(a) \rightarrow' \iota(b) \notin F_{\iota(a)}$. By Theorem 3.8, there exists a prime filter F' of \mathbf{A} such that $F_{\iota(a)} \subseteq F'$ and $\iota(a) \rightarrow' \iota(b) \notin F'$.

The rest of this part proceeds like in Theorem 3.19.

Now we assume \mathbf{H} is a partial structure satisfying the assumptions of the theorem. We construct the residuated Heyting algebra \mathbf{A} and the embedding ι of \mathbf{H} into \mathbf{A} . We see $\mathfrak{F} = (\mathcal{F}, \subseteq, \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{H}})$ is a residuated frame. Let $\mathbf{A} = (\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{F}), \otimes, \backslash, /, \cup, \cap, \rightarrow', \mathcal{F}, \emptyset, \subseteq)$ be the complex algebra of \mathfrak{F} . We define the mapping ι for every $a \in H$ by $\iota(a) = \{F \in \mathcal{F} : a \in F\}$. We show ι is an embedding.

Since \mathcal{F} satisfies (S), (M \otimes), (M \backslash) and (M $/$), we need to prove only that $\iota(a \rightarrow b) = \iota(a) \rightarrow' \iota(b)$. The rest can be shown in a similar way like in Theorem 3.19. Let $a, b \in H$ and $a \rightarrow b \neq \infty$. We recall that:

$$\iota(a) \rightarrow' \iota(b) = \bigcup \{X \in \mathcal{F} : \iota(a) \cap X \subseteq \iota(b)\}$$

We show $\iota(a \rightarrow b) = \iota(a) \rightarrow' \iota(b)$. One notices $F \in \iota(a) \cap \iota(a \rightarrow b)$ iff $a \in F$ and $a \rightarrow b \in F$. By (FH), $b \in F$, so $F \in \iota(b)$. Hence, $\iota(a \rightarrow b) \subseteq \iota(a) \rightarrow' \iota(b)$.

Let $\{X_i\}_{i \in I}$ be an arbitrary family such that $X_i = \bigcap \{\iota(c_{i,j}) : j \in J_i\}$ and $\iota(a) \cap X_i \subseteq \iota(b)$ for some family $\{c_{i,j}\}_{j \in J_i}$ for all $i \in I$. Then, for all $F \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $a \in F$ and $\{c_{i,j}\}_{j \in J_i} \subseteq F$ we have $b \in F$, since $F \in \iota(a)$ and $F \in X$.

Let $F \in X_i$. Assume $a \in F$, then $b \in F$ and $F \in \iota(b)$. By (H1), $b \leq a \rightarrow b$, so $a \rightarrow b \in F$ and $F \in \iota(a \rightarrow b)$. Assume $a \notin F$ and suppose $a \rightarrow b \in F$. By (H2), there exists $F' \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $F \subseteq F'$ and $a \in F'$ and $a \rightarrow b \notin F'$. Then, $b \notin F'$. But $\{c_{i,j}\}_{j \in J_i} \subseteq F \subseteq F'$, which contradicts

$b \notin F'$. Hence, $a \rightarrow b \in F$.

Let $X = \bigcup\{X_i : i \in I\}$. Clearly, $\iota(a) \cap X = \bigcup\{\iota(a) \cap X_i : i \in I\} \subseteq \iota(b)$. For every $i \in I$ we have $X_i \subseteq \iota(a \rightarrow b)$, hence $X \subseteq \iota(a \rightarrow b)$. Thus, $\iota(a) \rightarrow \iota(b) \subseteq \iota(a \rightarrow b)$. \square

Now we are ready to provide the complexity results.

LEMMA 5.3. *Let $\mathbf{H} = (H, \otimes, \backslash, /, \vee, \wedge, \rightarrow, 1, \top, \perp, \leq)$ be a partial structure. We can verify whether \mathbf{H} is a partial unital residuated Heyting algebra in exponential time (depending on $|H|$).*

PROOF: We modify the algorithm provided in the proof of Theorem 4.1.

Step 1. We check whether \leq is a partial order, \top, \perp are bounds and the lattice operators are compatible with \leq . If it fails, the algorithm stops with negative answer. It can be done in the polynomial time.

Step 2. We check whether $1 \otimes a = a$ and $a \otimes 1 = a$ for all $a \in L$. If it fails, the algorithm stops with negative answer. It can be done in the polynomial time.

Step 3. We check (H1) in polynomial time.

Step 4. We construct a decreasing sequence of families of filters \mathcal{F}_n . We construct the set \mathcal{F}_0 of all prime filters of \mathbf{B} . For every subset $S \subseteq B$ we check the definition of prime filter. It can be done in $\mathcal{O}(2^{2|H|})$.

We set $i = 0$.

Step 4.1. We define $\mathcal{I}_i = \{F \in \mathcal{F}_i : 1 \in F\}$. For every prime filter $F \in \mathcal{F}_i$ we check (M \otimes), (M \backslash), (M $/$), (M1) and (H2). If every of these condition holds for F , then we add F to set \mathcal{F}_{i+1} .

Step 4.2. If $\mathcal{F}_{i+1} = \emptyset$, then the algorithm stops with negative answer. If $\mathcal{F}_i = \mathcal{F}_{i+1}$, then the algorithm proceeds to the next step. Else, the algorithm goes back to Step 0.1 with $i + 1$.

Checking conditions for arbitrary F can be done in $\mathcal{O}(2^{3|H|})$. Number of filters in \mathcal{F}_i is $\mathcal{O}(2^{|H|})$. Maximal i does not exceed $2^{|H|}$. So this step can be done in $\mathcal{O}(2^{5|H|})$.

Step 5. We check (S). If (S) does not hold, then the algorithm stops with negative answer. If (S) does not hold for a family of filters, then it does not hold for any smaller family. It can be done in $\mathcal{O}(|H|^2 2^{|H|})$ time.

Hence, time of the whole algorithm remains $\mathcal{O}(2^{5|H|})$. □

THEOREM 5.4. *The finitary consequence relation of HFNL is EXPTIME.*

The proof is analogous. We just skip the parts regarding negations and add a new connective \rightarrow similarly as the rest of binary connectives.

The analogous result for HFL (associative version of HFNL) does not hold. HFL is a strongly conservative extension of L and the consequence relation of L is undecidable [1].

If we exclude the constant 1 from HFNL, the result remains true. Moreover, for 1-free HFNL the lower bound of complexity of the consequence relation is also EXPTIME, since 1-free HFNL is a strongly conservative extension of 1-free DFNL which is EXPTIME-complete [9]. The lower bound of complexity for HFNL remains an open problem.

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