

A note about U – operators on $(n + 1)$ –bounded Wajsberg Algebras

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Abstract

The UW_{n+1} –algebras have been defined in [10] as algebras $\langle A, \rightarrow, \sim, \forall, 1 \rangle$, where $\langle A, \rightarrow, \sim, 1 \rangle$ is a $(n + 1)$ –bounded Wajsberg algebra (see [13]) and \forall is a U –operator on A , i.e., a unary operation defined on A which satisfies the identities: $\forall x \rightarrow x = 1$, $\forall(x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow (\forall x \rightarrow \forall y) = 1$, $\forall(\forall x \rightarrow \forall y) = \forall x \rightarrow \forall y$.

Moisil’s modal operators $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n$ that can be defined on a Wajsberg algebra have been studied in [14].

In this note conditions are given on the \forall, \rightarrow and \sim operations, so that in a UW_{n+1} –algebra $\forall \sigma_j = \sigma_j \forall$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ is verified.

It is also shown that if $n \geq 1$ is even or n is odd and ≤ 7 , then the Moisil’s modal operators can be defined on any $(n + 1)$ –valued Wajsberg algebra on the basis of the unary operations of power and product by a natural number.

The results on Wajsberg algebras and Łukasiewicz algebras can be found in [13, 8] and in [4, 5, 2], respectively. The definitions and properties needed to understand the rest of the text will be described throughout this note.

Let A_1 and A_2 be two algebras with the same universe A ; algebra A_1 is said to be a *reduct* of A_2 if every fundamental operation of A_1 is a term in the language of A_2 .

Let us remember that (see [13]) an algebra $\mathcal{A} = \langle A, \rightarrow, \sim, 1 \rangle$ of type $(2, 1, 0)$ is a Wajsberg algebra (or W –algebra) if the following identities are satisfied:

$$(W1) \quad 1 \rightarrow x = x,$$

$$(W2) \quad (x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow ((y \rightarrow z) \rightarrow (x \rightarrow z)) = 1,$$

$$(W3) \quad (x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow y = (y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow x,$$

$$(W4) \quad (\sim y \rightarrow \sim x) \rightarrow (x \rightarrow y) = 1.$$

We will denote with \mathbf{W} the variety of W -algebras.

We will indicate with C_{n+1} the W -algebra with universe $\{0, \frac{1}{n}, \frac{2}{n}, \dots, \frac{n-1}{n}, 1\}$ and the operations defined by:

$$x \rightarrow y := \min \{1, 1 - x + y\} \text{ and } \sim x := 1 - x.$$

On $A \in \mathbf{W}$ the following binary operations can be defined:

$$(D1) \quad x \vee y = (x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow y,$$

$$(D2) \quad x \wedge y = \sim (\sim x \vee \sim y),$$

$$(D3) \quad x * y = \sim (x \rightarrow \sim y),$$

$$(D4) \quad x + y = \sim y \rightarrow x.$$

For any $A \in \mathbf{W}$ the following properties are verified (see [8, 13]):

$$(W5) \quad x \rightarrow x = 1,$$

$$(W6) \quad (A, \vee, \wedge, \sim, 0, 1) \text{ is a Kleene algebra where } 0 = \sim 1 \text{ and } x \leq y \text{ if and only if } x \rightarrow y = 1,$$

$$(W7) \quad x \rightarrow 0 = \sim x,$$

$$(W8) \quad x \leq y, z \leq t \text{ implies } x + z \leq y + t,$$

$$(W9) \quad x \leq y, z \leq t \text{ implies } x * z \leq y * t.$$

For each $A \in \mathbf{W}$, $x \in A$ and n integer, $n \geq 0$, the power x^n and the product nx can be defined as follows:

$$(D5) \quad x^n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ x^{n-1} * x & \text{if } n \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$(D6) \quad n \cdot x = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ (n-1) \cdot x + x & \text{if } n \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Then in \mathbf{W} the following property is verified

$$(W10) \quad n \cdot (\sim x) = \sim (x^n).$$

The classes of $(n+1)$ -bounded and $(n+1)$ -valued Wajsberg algebras are the subvarieties of \mathbf{W} generated by chains of length less or equal to $n+1$ and by the chain of length $n+1$, respectively.

Definition 1 [10] *Let $\langle A, \rightarrow, \sim, 1 \rangle$ be a W -algebra. A U -operator on A is an application $\forall : A \rightarrow A$ which satisfies the following identities:*

$$(U1) \quad \forall x \rightarrow x = 1,$$

$$(U2) \quad \forall(x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow (\forall x \rightarrow \forall y) = 1,$$

$$(U3) \quad \forall(\forall x \rightarrow \forall y) = \forall x \rightarrow \forall y.$$

An algebra $\langle A, \rightarrow, \sim, \forall, 1 \rangle$ is a UW -algebra if the reduct $\langle A, \rightarrow, \sim, 1 \rangle$ is a Wajsberg algebra and \forall is a U -operator on A .

An algebra $\langle A, \rightarrow, \sim, \forall, 1 \rangle$ is a $(n+1)$ -bounded UW -algebra (or UW_{n+1} -algebra) if the reduct $\langle A, \rightarrow, \sim, 1 \rangle$ is a $(n+1)$ -bounded Wajsberg algebra and \forall is a U -operator on A .

Lemma *Let A be a UW -algebra. For all $x, y \in A$ and every positive integer m , the following properties are verified:*

$$(U4) \quad \forall 0 = 0,$$

$$(U5) \quad \forall 1 = 1,$$

$$(U6) \quad x \leq y \text{ implies } \forall x \leq \forall y,$$

$$(U7) \quad \forall \sim \forall x = \sim \forall x,$$

$$(U8) \quad \forall(\forall x + \forall y) = \forall x + \forall y,$$

$$(U9) \quad \forall x + \forall y \leq \forall(x + y),$$

$$(U10) \quad m \cdot \forall x \leq \forall(m \cdot x),$$

$$(U11) \quad \forall(\forall x * \forall y) = \forall x * \forall y,$$

$$(U12) \quad \forall x * \forall y \leq \forall(x * y),$$

$$(U13) \quad (\forall x)^m \leq \forall(x^m).$$

Proof

(U4) Is an immediate result of (W6) and (U1).

$$(U5) \quad \forall 1 = \forall(\forall x \rightarrow \forall x) = \forall x \rightarrow \forall x = 1. \quad [W5, U3]$$

$$(U6) \quad 1 = \forall 1 = \forall(x \rightarrow y) \leq \forall x \rightarrow \forall y. \quad [U5, W6, U2]$$

$$(U7) \quad \forall \sim \forall x = \forall(\forall x \rightarrow 0) = \forall(\forall x \rightarrow \forall 0) = \forall x \rightarrow 0 = \sim \forall x. \quad [W7, U4, U3]$$

(U8) Results of (D4), (U7) and (U3).

(U9) Results of (W6), (U1), (W8), (U6) and (U8).

(U10) Results of (U9) and (D6) applying induction on m .

(U11) Results of (D3), (U7) and (U3).

(U12) Results of (W6), (U1), (W9), (U6) and (U11).

(U13) Results of (U12) and (D5) applying induction on m . ■

An algebra $\langle A, \vee, \wedge, \sim, \sigma_1^{n+1}, \dots, \sigma_n^{n+1}, 0, 1 \rangle$, $n \geq 1$, is a $(n+1)$ -valued Łukasiewicz algebra (or L_{n+1} -algebra) if the reduct $\langle A, \vee, \wedge, \sim, 0, 1 \rangle$ is a De Morgan algebra and $\sigma_1^{n+1}, \sigma_2^{n+1}, \dots, \sigma_n^{n+1}$ are unary operators, called Moisil's modal operators, which satisfy the identities (see [5]):

$$(L1) \quad \sigma_j^{n+1}(x \vee y) = \sigma_j^{n+1}x \vee \sigma_j^{n+1}y, \quad 1 \leq j \leq n,$$

$$(L2) \quad \sigma_j^{n+1}x \vee \sigma_{j+1}^{n+1}x = \sigma_{j+1}^{n+1}x, \quad 1 \leq j \leq n-1,$$

- (L3) $\sigma_j^{n+1}x \vee \sim \sigma_j^{n+1}x = 1, \quad 1 \leq j \leq n,$
- (L4) $\sigma_i^{n+1} \sim x = \sim \sigma_{n-i+1}^{n+1}x, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n,$
- (L5) $\sigma_i^{n+1}\sigma_j^{n+1}x = \sigma_j^{n+1}x, \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq n,$
- (L6) $x \vee \sigma_n^{n+1}x = \sigma_n^{n+1}x,$
- (L7) $(x \wedge \sim \sigma_j^{n+1}x \wedge \sigma_{j+1}^{n+1}y) \vee y = y, \quad 1 \leq j \leq n-1.$

Example 1 Let $n = 2$. It is easy to see that $\langle C_3, \rightarrow, \sim, \forall, 1 \rangle$ is a UW_{2+1} -algebra, where $\forall 0 = \forall \frac{1}{2} = 0$ and $\forall 1 = 1$. If we consider the structure of three-valued Łukasiewicz algebra of C_3 , we have that $\sigma_2^3(\forall \frac{1}{2}) = 0$ whereas $\forall \sigma_2^3(\frac{1}{2}) = 1$. Therefore, if we have $\exists x = \sim \forall \sim x$, it results that the class of UW_{2+1} -algebras is not equivalent to the class of monadic three-valued Łukasiewicz algebras introduced by L. Monteiro in [12].

In [14, Theorem 15, pg.16] it is stated that every $(n+1)$ -bounded Wajsberg algebra has a L_{n+1} -algebra reduct. So we have analysed, in the first place, how to define such operators on a $(n+1)$ -bounded Wajsberg algebra with the purpose of determining the conditions on $\forall, \rightarrow, y \sim$ operations so that a U -operator commutes with Moisil's modal operators.

A family of unary terms $p(n, m)(x)$, $n, m \geq 0$ of language of the W -algebras is defined by induction in [14] as follows:

- (P1) for any $n \geq 0$, $p(n, 0)(x) = 1$,
- (P2) for any $m \geq 1$, $p(0, m)(x) = 0$,
- (P3) if $p(r, m)(x)$ is defined for $r \leq n$ and $m \geq 0$, then

$$p(n+1, m)(x) = \sim ((\sim p(n, m)(x) \rightarrow x) \rightarrow \sim p(n, m-1)(x)).$$

The following properties hold (see [14]):

- (P4) $p(n, 1)(x) = n \cdot x$, for every $n \geq 1$,

(P5) $p(n, n + m)(x) = 0$, for every $n \geq 0$ and $m \geq 1$,

(P6) $p(n, n)(x) = x^n$, for every $n \geq 0$.

Besides, in [14, pg. 13] it is stated that if $\langle A, \rightarrow, \sim, 1 \rangle$ is a $(n + 1)$ -bounded Wajsberg algebra, then $\langle A, \vee, \wedge, \sim, \sigma_1^{n+1}, \dots, \sigma_n^{n+1}, 0, 1 \rangle$ is a $(n + 1)$ -valued Łukasiewicz algebra, where for every $1 \leq i \leq n$, the unary operators σ_i^{n+1} are the interpretation of terms $p(n, n + 1 - i)$ on A , i.e., $(\sigma_i^{n+1})^A = (p(n, n + 1 - i))^A$.

As follows in Example 2 we shall show that the previous affirmation is false.

Example 2 Let $A = C_{2+1} \times C_{3+1}$; it is clear that A is a $(3 + 1)$ -bounded but not a $(3 + 1)$ -valued Wajsberg algebra. For $n = 3$, the following polynomials are obtained:

$$\sigma_1^{3+1}(x) = p(3, 3)(x) = x^3,$$

$$\sigma_2^{3+1}(x) = p(3, 2)(x) = (x + x^2) * (2 \cdot x),$$

$$\sigma_3^{3+1}(x) = p(3, 1)(x) = 3 \cdot x.$$

For $x = (\frac{1}{2}, 0) \in A$ we have that $\sigma_2^{3+1}((\frac{1}{2}, 0)) = (\frac{1}{2}, 0)$, then $\sigma_2^{3+1}((\frac{1}{2}, 0)) \vee \sim \sigma_2^{3+1}((\frac{1}{2}, 0)) = (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ and the property (L3) is not verified.

Remark We cannot always define the operators σ_i^{n+1} , $1 \leq i \leq n$ on a $(n + 1)$ -bounded W -algebra, so that it can be endowed with a structure of $(n + 1)$ -valued Łukasiewicz algebra. Indeed, every $(3 + 1)$ -valued Łukasiewicz finite algebra is direct product of chains with 2 and/or 4 elements (see [3, pg. 120]) then its cardinal must be a power of 2. Therefore the $(3 + 1)$ -bounded Wajsberg algebra $C_{2+1} \times C_{3+1}$ is not a $(3 + 1)$ -valued Łukasiewicz algebra.

In [14, Theorem 15, pg. 16] it is stated that if A is a W -algebra then the following conditions are equivalent (part (ii) has been omitted):

(i) A admits a $(n + 1)$ -valued Łukasiewicz algebra reduct, for some $n > 1$,

(iii) A is $n + 1$ bounded for some $n < \omega$.

where n is the same in (i) and (iii).

But the remark above contradicts the previous affirmation.

On the other hand, the following result is verified:

Theorem 1 *If A is a $(n+1)$ -bounded W -algebra, then A admits a $(m+1)$ -valued Łukasiewicz algebra reduct, where m is the least common multiple of the integers r , $1 \leq r \leq n$. That is to say, if $\langle A, \rightarrow, \sim, 1 \rangle$ is a $(n+1)$ -bounded Wajsberg algebra, then $\langle A, \vee, \wedge, \sim, \sigma_1^{m+1}, \dots, \sigma_m^{m+1}, 0, 1 \rangle$ is a $(m+1)$ -valued Łukasiewicz algebra where $0 = \sim 1$, m is the least common multiple of the integers r , $1 \leq r \leq n$ and for every $a, b \in A$:*

$$x \vee y = (x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow y,$$

$$x \wedge y = \sim (\sim x \vee \sim y),$$

$$\sigma_i^{m+1}(x) = p(m, m+1-i)(x), \quad 1 \leq i \leq m.$$

Proof It is simple to check that the interpretation of the unary terms $p(m, m+1-i)(x)$, $1 \leq i \leq m$, on C_{r+1} for any $1 \leq r \leq n$ satisfies the equations (L1) to (L7). ■

From this analysis we can conclude that in order to study the relation between modal operators and the U -operator, it is necessary to restrict ourselves to $(n+1)$ -valued Wajsberg algebras.

Theorem 2 *Let $\langle A, \rightarrow, \sim, 1 \rangle$ be a $(n+1)$ -valued Wajsberg algebra and $\forall : A \rightarrow A$ a U -operator. If for every $x, y \in A$ the two following properties are satisfied:*

$$(U14) \quad \forall(x + y) \leq \forall x + \forall y,$$

$$(U15) \quad \forall(x * y) \leq \forall x * \forall y,$$

then, it is verified that:

$$(U16) \quad \forall \sigma_i^{n+1}(x) = \sigma_i^{n+1}(\forall x), \text{ for all } i, 1 \leq i \leq n, \text{ whereas for every } x \in A$$

$$(1) \quad \sigma_i^{n+1}(x) = p(n, n+1-i)(x).$$

Proof From (1), it is enough to prove

$$(2) \quad p(n, n+1-i)(\forall x) = \forall p(n, n+1-i)(x), \text{ for all } x \in A \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

We will prove (2) by induction on n . For $n = 1$, it is a direct consequence of (P4). Suppose now that (2) is true for every $r < n$, i.e., it is verified that:

$$(3) \quad p(r, r+1-i)(\forall x) = \forall p(r, r+1-i)(x), \text{ for every } x \in A, r < n \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq r,$$

and we shall prove that it holds for n .

From (P3), (D3) and (D4) it follows

$$(4) \quad p(n, n+1-i)(\forall x) = (\forall x + p(n-1, n+1-i)(\forall x)) * p(n-1, n-i)(\forall x).$$

For $r = n-1$, (5) results from (3):

$$\begin{aligned} (5) \quad p(n-1, n-i)(\forall x) &= p(r, r+1-i)(\forall x) \\ &= \forall p(r, r+1-i)(x) \\ &= \forall p(n-1, n-i)(x). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, considering $r = n-1$ and $j = i-1$ it is possible to write

$$(6) \quad p(n-1, n+1-i)(\forall x) = p(r, r+2-i)(\forall x) = \forall p(r, r+1-j)(\forall x).$$

If $i > 1$, $1 \leq j < i \leq r$ then, considering (3) the following identities are verified:

$$(7) \quad \forall p(r, r+1-j)(\forall x) = \forall p(r, r+1-j)(x) = \forall p(n-1, n+1-i)(x).$$

For $i = 1$, (8) results from (P5):

$$(8) \quad p(n-1, n)(\forall x) = 0 = \forall p(n-1, n)(x),$$

therefore, from (6), (7) and (8) we obtain

$$(9) \quad p(n-1, n+1-i)(\forall x) = \forall p(n-1, n+1-i)(x).$$

Equality (2) is a consequence of (4), (5), (9), (U9), (U14), (U12), (U15), (P3), (D3) and (D4). Indeed:

$$\begin{aligned}
p(n, n+1-i)(\forall x) &= (\forall x + \forall p(n-1, n+1-i)(x)) * \forall p(n-1, n-i)(x) \\
&= \forall(x + p(n-1, n+1-i)(x)) * \forall p(n-1, n-i)(x) \\
&= \forall((x + p(n-1, n+1-i)(x)) * p(n-1, n-i)(x)) \\
&= \forall p(n, n+1-i)(x). \quad \blacksquare
\end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2 takes us to the following definition:

Definition 2 Let \forall be a U -operator on a Wajsberg algebra A . We shall say that \forall is a universal quantifier if the two following properties are satisfied:

- (i) $\forall(\sim x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow (\sim \forall x \rightarrow \forall y) = 1$,
- (ii) $\forall \sim (x \rightarrow \sim y) \rightarrow (\sim (\forall x \rightarrow \sim \forall y)) = 1$.

It is easy to verify that if \forall is a universal quantifier on a Wajsberg algebra A , then for every $x, y \in A$ and every positive integer m , the following properties are satisfied:

$$(U17) \quad \forall(m \cdot x) \leq m \cdot \forall x,$$

$$(U18) \quad \forall(x^m) \leq (\forall x)^m.$$

The monadic MV_{n+1} -algebras are defined as pairs $\langle A, \exists \rangle$, where A is a MV_{n+1} -algebra (i.e., A is polynomially equivalent to a $(n+1)$ -valued Wajsberg algebra) and $\exists : A \rightarrow A$ is an application that verifies the following axioms (see [15, 16, 9]):

$$(M0) \quad \exists 0 = 0,$$

$$(M1) \quad x \leq \exists x,$$

$$(M2) \quad \exists(x * \exists y) = \exists x * \exists y,$$

$$(M3) \quad \exists(x + \exists y) = \exists x + \exists y,$$

$$(M4) \quad \exists(x * x) = \exists x * \exists x,$$

(M5) $\exists(x + x) = \exists x + \exists x$.

It is proved in [9] that the monadic MV_{n+1} -algebras are polynomially equivalent to the $(n + 1)$ -valued Łukasiewicz algebras for $n = 2$ and $n = 3$. Particulary, it is shown that every monadic MV_{3+1} -algebra has a structure of monadic L_{3+1} -algebra (see [1]) with respect to

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_1^{3+1}(x) &= x^3, \\ \sigma_2^{3+1}(x) &= (2 \cdot x)^3 = 3 \cdot x^2, \\ \sigma_3^{3+1}(x) &= 3 \cdot x.\end{aligned}$$

When Mosil's modal operators on a $(n + 1)$ -valued Wajsberg algebra are defined as in Theorem 2, i.e., $\sigma_k^{n+1}(x) = p(n, n + 1 - k)(x)$, for each $1 \leq k \leq n$, it results

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_1^{3+1}(x) &= x^3, \\ \sigma_2^{3+1}(x) &= (x + x^2) * (2 \cdot x), \\ \sigma_3^{3+1}(x) &= 3 \cdot x.\end{aligned}$$

If A is a $(3 + 1)$ -valued Wajsberg algebra, then $(x + x^2) * (2 \cdot x) = 3 \cdot x^2$, for every $x \in A$.

It is well known that the chain C_{n+1} with the lattice operations defined on the basis of their natural order, the negation defined by $\sim x := 1 - x$ and the operators

$$\sigma_k^{n+1} \left(\frac{j}{n} \right) := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } k + j \leq n \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, \text{ for every } k, j, 1 \leq k \leq n \text{ and } 0 \leq j \leq n,$$

is a L_{n+1} -algebra.

On the other hand, if we consider the W -algebra C_{n+1} , from (P4) and (P6) we have that $\sigma_1^{n+1}(x) = p(n, n)(x) = x^n$ and $\sigma_n^{n+1}(x) = p(n, 1)(x) = n \cdot x$, for every $x \in C_{n+1}$ and $n \geq 1$.

In the Theorem 3, which is developed below, we shall prove that every Moisil's modal operator on the chain of length $n + 1$, and therefore on any $(n + 1)$ -valued Wajsberg algebra, can be defined in terms of the power and product unary operations by a natural number (see (D5) and (D6)).

Theorem 3 Let n be an integer, $n \geq 3$, $C_{n+1} \in \mathbf{W}$ and, for every k, j , $1 < k < n$ and $0 \leq j \leq n$, $\sigma_k^{n+1} \left(\frac{j}{n} \right) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } k + j \leq n \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$. Then, for any $x \in C_{n+1}$ it is verified that:

(a) If n is even:

(i) $k \leq \frac{n}{2}$ implies $\sigma_k^{n+1}(x) = n \cdot x^{\frac{n}{2}-k+2}$,

(ii) $k > \frac{n}{2}$ implies $\sigma_k^{n+1}(x) = \left((k+1 - \frac{n}{2}) \cdot x \right)^n$.

(b) If n is odd and $n \leq 7$:

(i) $k < \frac{n+1}{2}$ implies $\sigma_k^{n+1}(x) = n \cdot x^{\frac{n+1}{2}-k+2}$,

(ii) $k \geq \frac{n+1}{2}$ implies $\sigma_k^{n+1}(x) = \left((k+1 - \frac{n-1}{2}) \cdot x \right)^n$.

Proof

(a) Let n be even.

(i) Let $2 \leq k \leq \frac{n}{2}$. If $\sigma_k^{n+1} \left(\frac{j}{n} \right) = 0$, then $k + j \leq n$, hence resulting:

(1) $\left(\frac{n}{2} - k + 2 \right) (n - j) \geq \left(\frac{n}{2} - k + 2 \right) k$.

On the other hand, conditions (2), (3) and (4) below are equivalent:

(2) $\left(\frac{n}{2} - k + 2 \right) k \geq n$,

(3) $-k^2 + \left(\frac{n}{2} + 2 \right) k - n \geq 0$,

(4) $2 \leq k \leq \frac{n}{2}$.

Since (4) is a hypothesis, from (1) and (2) it follows that $\left(\frac{n}{2} - k + 2 \right) (n - j) \geq n$, and due to (W10) this condition is equivalent to $\left(\frac{j}{n} \right)^{\frac{n}{2}-k+2} = 0$, therefore $n \cdot \left(\frac{j}{n} \right)^{\frac{n}{2}-k+2} = 0$.

Reciprocally, suppose now $n \cdot \left(\frac{j}{n} \right)^{\frac{n}{2}-k+2} = 0$; from this and (W10) it follows $\left(\frac{n}{2} - k + 2 \right) (n - j) \geq n$, which is equivalent to

(5) $j + k \leq \frac{kn - 2n - n^2 + 2k^2 - 4k}{2k - 4 - n}$.

On the other hand, $\frac{kn - 2n - n^2 + 2k^2 - 4k}{2k - 4 - n} \leq n$ if and only if $2 \leq k \leq \frac{n}{2}$, which is true by hypothesis. Therefore, from (5) it follows $j + k \leq n$.

(ii) If $k > \frac{n}{2}$ then $n + 1 - k \leq \frac{n}{2}$; therefore from (L4), (i) and (W10) we have that

$$\sigma_k^{n+1}(x) = \sim \sigma_{n+1-k}^{n+1}(\sim x) = ((k + 1 - \frac{n}{2}) \cdot x)^n.$$

(b) For $n = 3$, $n = 5$ and $n = 7$ it is easy to do the verification. ■

As consequence of this result, we have that for n even or n odd and $n \leq 7$, Theorem 2 is true if hypotheses (U14) and (U15) are replaced by (U17) and (U18).

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