# SMV-algebras and Kripke models: comparing the semantics 

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#### Abstract

In this paper we compare the variety of SMV-algebras with the class of Kripke models introduced in $[8,6,5]$ as semantics for the logics $F P\left(\mathrm{~L}_{n}, \mathrm{~L}\right)$ and $F P(\mathrm{~L}, \mathrm{~L})$. The main result of this paper tells us that a formula $\varphi$ written in the language of SMValgebras is satisfiable in a Kripke model iff there exists a non-trivial SMV-algebra satisfying $\varphi$. This result is used also to provide results about the decidability and complexity for SMV-algebras.


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## 1 Introduction

States on MV-algebras were introduced by Mundici in [11] as averaging processes for formulas in Łukasiewicz logic. In [7] we introduce the class of $M V$-algebras with an internal state (SMV-algebras for short) to treat a state as an internal operator of an MValgebra. (We shall recall the definition of SMV-algebras in the next section).
In order to treat states in a logical framework, in the last years various probabilistic logics have been introduced. Hájek (cf [8]) presents a fuzzy logic (called $F P(\mathrm{~L})$ in [8]) with a modality $\operatorname{Pr}$ (interpreted as probably) which is suitable for the treatment of probability over classical events. The axioms of
this logic are suggested by the following semantic interpretation: the probability of an event $\varphi$ is interpreted as the truth value of the modal formula $\operatorname{Pr}(\varphi)$ (" $\varphi$ is probable"). Along these lines, Flaminio and Godo extend in [6] Hájek's original work introducing the logics $F P\left(\mathrm{~L}_{n}, \mathrm{~L}\right)$ and $F P(\mathrm{~L}, \mathrm{~L})$, so to treat the probability of many-valued events.

A complete discussion on $F P(\mathrm{~L}, \mathrm{~L})$ falls out of the scope of this paper (we suggest the reader to consult [5, 6] for a complete treatment). Here we want just to recall that the class of its well-founded formulas includes all the formulas of Lukasiewicz logic (that are the nonmodal formulas), and the class of modal formulas defined as follows: for each non-modal formula $\varphi, \operatorname{Pr}(\varphi)$ is a modal formula, the truth constant $\overline{0}$ is modal, finally these formulas are combined by means of the Lukasiewicz connectives.

A Kripke model for the logic $F P(\mathrm{~L}, \mathrm{E})$ is a pair $K=(W, \mu)$ where $W$ is a set of valuations of propositional variables of Łukasiewicz logic in $[0,1]$ and $\mu: W \rightarrow[0,1]$ has to satisfy the condition: $\sum_{w \in W} \mu(w)=1$. Elements of $W$ are also called nodes or possible worlds.

Given a Kripke model $K=(W, \mu)$ and a formula $\Phi$ of $F P(\mathrm{~L}, \mathrm{E})$, the truth value $\|\Phi\|_{K, w}$ of $\Phi$ in $K$ at the node $w$ is inductively defined as follows:

- If $\Phi$ does not contain any occurrence of the modality $\operatorname{Pr}$, then $\|\Phi\|_{K, w}=w(\Phi)$,
- If $\Phi$ is in the form $\operatorname{Pr}(\psi)$, then

$$
\|\Phi\|_{K, w}=\sum_{w \in W} w(\psi) \cdot \mu(w) .
$$

- Compound formulas are evaluated by truth-functionality by means of the standard interpretation of Lukasiewicz connectives (see Example 1.1 (1)).

A natural expectation is that $F P(\mathrm{~L}, \mathrm{E})$ may be complete with respect to the following notion of Kripke models ${ }^{1}$.

The logic $F P(\mathrm{£}, \mathrm{E})$ is not algebraizable in the sense of Blok-Pigozzi (cf [1]). Recall in fact that $\operatorname{Pr}(\varphi)$ is a well-founded formula only if $\varphi$ is a non-modal formula, and hence $\varphi$ does not contain any occurrence of Pr , therefore the algebraic counterpart of the operator $\operatorname{Pr}$ is a partial operation but not an operation.

SMV-algebras are the algebraic counterpart of a natural extension of the logic $F P(\mathrm{~L}, \mathrm{~L})$. The differences with that logic are:
(a) The language is extended by the rule: $\operatorname{Pr}(\varphi)$ is a formula whenever $\varphi$ is a formula, without the restriction that $\varphi$ does not contain occurrence of Pr.
(b) The axioms of $F P(\mathrm{~L}, \mathrm{屯})($ cf $[5,6])$ are extended to the formulas of the new language.
(c) The axiom schema $\operatorname{Pr}(\varphi) \leftrightarrow \varphi$ is added, whenever $\varphi$ ranges over all formulas all of whose variables only occur under the scope of $\operatorname{Pr}$ (this axiom reflects the fact that such formulas represent real numbers which coincide with their probability).

In this paper we compare SMV-algebras and Kripke models, and our main result shows that a formula $\varphi$ in the language of SMValgebras is satisfiable in a Kripke model $K$ iff $\varphi$ holds in an SMV-algebra whose internal state is the integral of $f_{\varphi}$, the latter being a function associated to $\varphi$. Finally we use this result to provide results about the decidability and the computational complexity for SMV-algebras. We end discussing some future work.

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### 1.1 Preliminaries

An $M V$-algebra $a^{2}$ is a system $\left(A, \oplus,{ }^{*}, 0\right)$, where $(A, \oplus, 0)$ is a commutative monoid with neutral element 0 , and for each $x, y \in A$ the following equations hold: (i) $\left(x^{*}\right)^{*}=x$, (ii) $x \oplus 1=1$, where $1=0^{*}$, and (iii) $x \oplus(x \oplus$ $\left.y^{*}\right)^{*}=y \oplus\left(y \oplus x^{*}\right)^{*}$. The class of MV-algebras forms a variety which henceforth will be denoted by MV.
In any MV-algebra one can define further operations as follows: $x \rightarrow y=\left(x^{*} \oplus y\right)$, $x \ominus y=(x \rightarrow y)^{*}, x \odot y=\left(x^{*} \oplus y^{*}\right)^{*}, x \leftrightarrow y=$ $(x \rightarrow y) \odot(y \rightarrow x), x \vee y=(x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow y$, and $x \wedge y=\left(x^{*} \vee y^{*}\right)^{*}$. Henceforth we shall use the following notation: for every $x \in A$ and every $n \in \mathbb{N}, n x=x \oplus . \stackrel{n}{.} \oplus x$, and $x^{n}=x \odot . \stackrel{n}{.} \odot x$.
Any MV-algebra $A$ can be equipped with an order relation. As a matter of fact defining, for all $x, y \in A, x \leq y$ iff $x \rightarrow y=1$. An MValgebra is said linearly ordered (or an MVchain) if the order $\leq$ is linear.

Example 1.1 (1) The standard $M V$-algebra is the system $[0,1]_{M V}=\left([0,1], \oplus,{ }^{*}, 0\right)$ where for each $x, y \in[0,1], x \oplus y=\min \{1, x+y\}$ and $x^{*}=1-x$.
(2) Fix a $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and let $F(k)$ be the set of all McNaughton functions on $[0,1]^{k}$, (cf [4]). Then the algebra $\mathcal{F}(k)=\left(F(k), \oplus,{ }^{*}, 0\right)$, where $\oplus$ and ${ }^{*}$ are the pointwise application of the operations defined as in the above example (1), and 0 is the function constantly equal to 0 , is the free $M V$-algebra over $k$ generators.

A state $s$ on an MV-algebra $A$ is a map $s: A \rightarrow[0,1]$ satisfying the following two conditions: $s(0)=0$, and for all $x, y \in A$, if $x \odot y=0$, then $s(x \oplus y)=s(x)+s(y)$ (where in the left-side of the equalities, + denotes the usual sum between real numbers). A state $s$ is said to be faithful if $s(x)=0$ implies $x=0$.
An MV-algebra with an internal state (SMValgebra for short) is a pair $(A, \sigma)$, where $A$ is an MV-algebra and $\sigma: A \rightarrow A$ satisfies the following properties for all $x, y, z \in A$ :

[^1]$(\sigma 1) \sigma(0)=0$,
$(\sigma 2) \sigma\left(x^{*}\right)=(\sigma(x))^{*}$,
$(\sigma 3) \sigma(x \oplus y)=\sigma(x) \oplus \sigma(y \ominus(x \odot y))$,
$(\sigma 4) \sigma(\sigma(x) \oplus \sigma(y))=\sigma(x) \oplus \sigma(y)$.
As in the case of states, we call an SMValgebra faithful if it satisfies the quasi equation: $\sigma(x)=0$ implies $x=0$.

Example 1.2 (1) Let $A$ be any $M V$-algebra and $\sigma$ be the identity on $A$. Then $(A, \sigma)$ is an $S M V$-algebra.
(2) Let $A$ be the algebra of all continuous and piecewise linear functions with real coefficients from $[0,1]^{k}$ into $[0,1]$. Then $A$, with the pointwise application of MV-algebraic $\oplus$ and *, forms an MV-algebra. Now let for $f \in A$, $\sigma(f)$ be the function from $[0,1]^{k}$ to $[0,1]$ which is constantly equal to

$$
\int_{[0,1]^{k}} f(x) d x
$$

Then $(A, \sigma)$ is an SMV-algebra. As we have shown in [7], $(A, \sigma)$ is simple, therefore it is subdirectly irreducible, but it is not totally ordered. Although rather general, this algebra is faithful: it satisfies the quasi equation $\sigma(x)=0$ implies $x=0$, which is not valid in general.

## 2 Tensor SMV-algebras

In [7] we compare the notions of SMV-algebra and of state on an MV-algebra. In particular we have shown how, starting from an SMValgebra $(A, \sigma)$, one can define a state $s$ on the MV-algebra $A$ and vice-versa. Clearly, in order to define an SMV-algebra starting from a state $s$ on an MV-algebra $A$, we need to internalize the state $s$ in a new MV-algebra $T$ containing both $A$ and $[0,1]_{M V}$ as sub MValgebras. The MV-algebra $T$ has been defined by means of the so called $M V$-algebraic tensor product construction (cf. [12]). Recall that the tensor product $A_{1} \otimes A_{2}$ of two MValgebras $A_{1}$ and $A_{2}$ is an MV-algebra (unique up to isomorphism) such that there is a universal bimorphism $\beta$ from the cartesian product $A_{1} \times A_{2}$ into $A_{1} \otimes A_{2}$ (see [12] Definition
2.1 for the concept of bimorphism). Universal means that for any (other) bimorphism $\beta^{\prime}$ : $A_{1} \times A_{2} \rightarrow B$ ( $B$ being an MV-algebra) there is a unique homomorphism $\lambda: A_{1} \otimes A_{2} \rightarrow B$ such that $\beta^{\prime}=\lambda \circ \beta$. Henceforth, for $a_{1} \in A_{1}$ and $a_{2} \in A_{2}$, we denote $\beta\left(a_{1}, a_{2}\right)$ by $a_{1} \otimes a_{2}$.
It is possible to show that, for each pair of MV-algebras $A_{1}$ and $A_{2}$, both $A_{1}$ and $A_{2}$ are sub MV-algebras of $A_{1} \otimes A_{2}$ (the reader may consult $[7,12]$ for further details).
Let us now turn back to our starting assumption: let $s: A \rightarrow[0,1]$ be a state (in the sense of Mundici) on the MV-algebra $A$. Then consider the MV-algebra $T=[0,1]_{M V} \otimes A$, together with the unary operator $\sigma: T \rightarrow T$ so defined: for each $\alpha \otimes a \in T$,

$$
\sigma(\alpha \otimes a)=s(a) \cdot \alpha \otimes 1
$$

Notice that $\sigma$ actually maps $T$ into $T$, and hence $\sigma$ is internal. Moreover the following holds:

Theorem 2.1 ([7]) Let $s$, $T$ and $\sigma$ be defined as above. Then $\sigma$ is well-defined, and $(T, \sigma)$ is an SMV-algebra.

Notation 2.2 SMV-algebras of the form $(T, \sigma)$, where $T$ and $\sigma$ are defined as above, will be used in the remaining of the present paper. Hence we shall henceforth call them tensor SMV-algebras.

### 2.1 Application to coherence

In [7] we show how the coherence of a rational assessment over finitely many formulas of Łukasiewicz logic, can be equationally characterized in the theory of SMV-algebras. First of all recall that an assessment

$$
P\left(\varphi_{1}\right)=\frac{n_{1}}{m_{1}}, \ldots, P\left(\varphi_{t}\right)=\frac{n_{t}}{m_{t}}
$$

where $\varphi_{1}, \ldots, \varphi_{n}$ are fuzzy events represented by formulas of Łukasiewicz logic, and $\frac{n_{1}}{m_{1}}, \ldots, \frac{n_{t}}{m_{t}} \in[0,1] \cap \mathbb{Q}$, is said coherent if there exists a state $s$ on the Lindenbaum algebra $\mathcal{F}(k)$ of Lukasiewicz logic $\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{k}\right.$ being the of variables occurring in the formulas $\varphi_{i}$ 's) such that $s\left(\left[\varphi_{i}\right]\right)=P\left(\varphi_{i}\right)$ (where $\left[\varphi_{i}\right]$ denotes the equivalence class of $\varphi_{i}$ modulo provable equivalence).

Let $y_{1}, \ldots, y_{t}$ be fresh variables, and consider for each $i=1, \ldots, t$, the equations:

$$
\varepsilon_{i}:\left(m_{i}-1\right) y_{i}=y_{i}^{*} \text {, and } \delta_{i}: \sigma\left(\varphi_{i}\right)=n_{i} y_{i} .
$$

In [7] (see Theorem 6.1) we proved the following:

Theorem 2.3 Let $\chi: P\left(\varphi_{i}\right)=\frac{n_{i}}{m_{i}}$ be a rational assessment over the Eukasiewicz formulas $\varphi_{1}, \ldots, \varphi_{t}$. Then the following are equivalent:
(a) $\chi$ is coherent.
(b) The equations $\varepsilon_{i}$, and $\delta_{i}($ for $i=1, \ldots, t)$ are satisfied in some non-trivial SMValgebra.

## 3 SMV-algebras and Kripke-models

Kripke models allow to interpret SMV-terms as follows: let $\varphi$ be a term in the language of SMV-algebras, let $K=(W, \mu)$ be a Kripke model (recall Section 1), and let $w \in W$. Then the truth-value of $\varphi$ in $K$ at the node $w$ ( $\|\varphi\|_{K, w}$ ) is inductively defined as follows:
(i) $\|x\|_{K, w}=w(x)$ for each variable $x$, and $\|0\|_{K, w}=0$
(ii) $\|\sigma(\psi)\|_{K, w}=\sum_{w \in W} w(\psi) \cdot \mu(w)$,
(iii) $\left\|\psi_{1} \oplus \psi_{2}\right\|_{K, w}=\min \left\{1,\left\|\psi_{1}\right\|_{K, w}+\right.$ $\left.\left\|\psi_{2}\right\|_{K, w}\right\}$,
(iv) $\left\|\psi^{*}\right\|_{K, w}=1-\|\psi\|_{K, w}$.

Notice that the truth-value of a term falling in the scope of $\sigma$ is independent on the chosen world $w$, hence we shall henceforth simply write $\|\sigma(\psi)\|_{K}$ instead of $\|\sigma(\psi)\|_{K, w}$. Moreover compound formulas are evaluated by truth-functionality (Caution: in evaluating a compound formula, the subformulas of the form $\sigma(\varphi)$ where $\varphi$ is $\sigma$-free has to be evaluated as an atomic formula, and hence as in (ii), without a previous evaluation of $\varphi$ in a fixed world $w$ ). The following lemma, whose proof can be easily obtained from [13] (proof of Theorem 2.1), will be useful to prove the main results of this section.

Lemma 3.1 Let $\varphi_{1}, \ldots, \varphi_{n}$ be Eukasiewicz formulas in the variables $x_{1}, \ldots, x_{k}$, and let $\chi: \varphi_{i} \mapsto \beta_{i}(i=1, \ldots, n)$ an assessment. Then $\chi$ is coherent iff there is a finite set $W$ of valuations from $\mathcal{F}(k)$ into $[0,1]$, and a map $\mu$ from $W$ into $[0,1]$, such that $\sum_{w \in W} \mu(w)=1$, and $\sum_{w \in W} w\left(\varphi_{i}\right) \mu(w)=\beta_{i}$.

The next theorem is the main result of this section.

Theorem 3.2 Let $\varphi$ be a term in the language of SMV-algebras. Then the following are equivalent:
(i) There is a Kripke-model $(W, \mu)$ such that $(W, \mu) \models \varphi$.
(ii) There is a tensor SMV-algebra $(T, \sigma)$ such that $(T, \sigma) \models \varphi$.
(iii) There is an SMV-algebra $(A, \sigma)$ such that $(A, \sigma) \models \varphi$.

Proof. The direction (ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii) is obvious.
(i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii): Let $K=(W, \mu)$ be a Kripke-model satisfying $\varphi$, i.e. $\|\varphi\|_{K}=1$. Let $A$ be the MV-algebra of all functions from $W$ into $[0,1]$, that is $A=\left([0,1]^{W}, \oplus,{ }^{*}, 0\right)$ where $\oplus$ and * are defined pointwise and 0 denotes the function constantly equal to 0 . Let now $s: A \rightarrow[0,1]$ be so defined: for each $f \in A$,

$$
s(f)=\sum_{w \in W} f(w) \mu(w) .
$$

Clearly $s$ is a state on $A$. Let hence $(T, \sigma)$ be the tensor SMV-algebra obtained by putting $T=[0,1]_{M V} \otimes A$, and for each $\alpha \otimes f \in T$, $\sigma(\alpha \otimes f)=\alpha s(f)$. As we know by Theorem 2.1, $(T, \sigma)$ is an SMV-algebra. Hence there remains to be shown that $(T, \sigma) \models \varphi$. Now interpret every MV-term $\psi$ in the function $f_{\psi}: w \in W \mapsto w(\psi)$. Every SMV-term of the form $\sigma(\gamma)$ is then interpreted in $s\left(f_{\gamma}\right)$
Thus $(T, \sigma) \models \varphi$. In fact:

- If $\varphi=x$, then by hypothesis there is a $w \in W$ such that $\|x\|_{K, w}=1$. Hence $f_{x}(w)=1$.
- If $\varphi=\sigma(\psi)$, then $s\left(f_{\psi}\right)=\|\sigma(\psi)\|_{K}=1$.
- If either $\varphi=\psi_{1} \oplus \psi_{2}$, or $\varphi=\psi^{*}$, then the claim easily follows.
$($ iii $) \Rightarrow(\mathrm{i}):$ Let $(A, \sigma)$ be any SMV-algebra, and let $e$ be an SMV-evaluation into $(A, \sigma)$ such that $e(\varphi)=1$. Let moreover $h: A \rightarrow$ $[0,1]_{M V}$ be a homomorphism. Then $h \circ e$ is a $[0,1]$-evaluation satisfying $\varphi$. Moreover, if $\sigma\left(\psi_{1}\right), \ldots, \sigma\left(\psi_{n}\right)$ are all the $\varphi$ subformulas beginning by $\sigma$, then the assessment

$$
\chi: \psi_{i} \mapsto h\left(e\left(\sigma\left(\psi_{i}\right)\right)\right)(\text { for } i=1, \ldots, n)
$$

is coherent (actually it is easy to see that the composition $h \circ e \circ \sigma$ is a state on the Lindenbaum algebra $\mathcal{F}(k)$ generated by the variables $x_{1}, \ldots, x_{k}$ occurring in the $\left.\psi_{i}\right)$. Hence, by Lemma 3.1, there are a finite set $W=$ $\left\{w_{1}, \ldots, w_{m} \mid w_{i}: \mathcal{F}(k) \rightarrow[0,1]\right\}$, and a $\mu: W \rightarrow[0,1]$ such that:

$$
\begin{gathered}
\sum_{w \in W} \mu(w)=1, \text { and } \\
\sum_{w \in W} w\left(\psi_{i}\right) \mu(w)=h\left(e\left(\sigma\left(\psi_{i}\right)\right)\right) \text { for all } \\
i=1, \ldots, n
\end{gathered}
$$

Let now $W^{\prime}=W \cup\{h \circ e\}$, and put $\mu(h \circ e)=0$. Then $\left(W^{\prime}, \mu\right)$ is a Kripke-model satisfying $\varphi$. In fact:
(1) If $\varphi$ has no occurrences of $\sigma$, then $\|\varphi\|_{K, h o e}=(h \circ e)(\varphi)=1$.
(2) If $\varphi=\sigma(\psi)$, then $\|\varphi\|_{K}=$ $\sum_{w \in W^{\prime}} w(\psi) \mu(w)=h(e(\sigma(\psi)))=1$.
(3) If $\varphi$ contains subformulas $\gamma_{1}, \ldots, \gamma_{l}$ not falling in the scope of $\sigma$, and it also contains subformulas $\sigma\left(\psi_{1}\right), \ldots, \sigma\left(\psi_{n}\right)$, then evaluate the $\gamma_{i}$ as in (1), and the $\sigma\left(\psi_{j}\right)$ as is (2). Finally $\|\varphi\|_{K, h o e}=h(e(\varphi))=1$.

This ends the proof of the theorem.

### 3.1 Complexity issues

Now we are going to apply Lemma 3.1 and Theorem 3.2 to provide some results about the complexity of the satisfiability problem in the variety $\operatorname{SMV}$ of SMV-algebras.

First of all we need to fix some notation: let $\Phi$ be a formula in the language of SMV-algebras, and let $\psi_{1}, \ldots, \psi_{l}$ all the subformulas of $\Phi(\Phi$ included). Now we can translate the satisfiability of $\Phi$ in a Kripke-model, by means of the satisfiability of a first order formula of field theory, in the field of reals ${ }^{3}$. We need the following famous result from linear programming:

Lemma 3.3 ([3]) If a system of $k$ linear equalities and/or inequalities has a (nonnegative) solution, then it has a non-negative solution with at most $k$ positive entries.

The translation works as follows: for each $\Phi$ subformula $\psi_{i}$, let us enlarge the language of fields by a fresh variable $x_{\psi_{i}}$. For each $\psi_{i}, \psi_{j}$ consider the formulas:

$$
\begin{gathered}
\left(A_{i j}\right)\left[\left(x_{\psi_{i}}+x_{\psi_{j}} \geq 1\right) \rightarrow\left(x_{\psi_{i} \oplus \psi_{j}}=1\right)\right] \wedge\left[\left(x_{\psi_{i}}+\right.\right. \\
\left.\left.x_{\psi_{j}}<1\right) \rightarrow\left(x_{\psi_{i} \oplus \psi_{j}}=x_{\psi_{i}}+x_{\psi_{j}}\right)\right]
\end{gathered}
$$

and
$\left(B_{i}\right) x_{\neg \psi_{i}}=1-x_{\psi_{i}}$.
Moreover, if $\sigma\left(\gamma_{1}\right), \ldots, \sigma\left(\gamma_{k}\right)$ are all the $\Phi$ subformulas beginning by $\sigma$, we have to guarantee that the evaluation of the variables $x_{\sigma\left(\gamma_{1}\right)}, \ldots, x_{\sigma\left(\gamma_{k}\right)}$ is coherent. Due to Lemma 3.1, and Lemma 3.3, this can be expressed by the following formula in the language of fields:
(C) $\exists z_{1}, \ldots, z_{k}, y_{11}, y_{12}, \ldots, y_{k k}\left[\left(\sum_{t=1}^{k} z_{t}=1\right) \wedge\right.$

$$
\left.\wedge\left(\bigwedge_{s=1}^{k} \sum_{r=1}^{k} y_{s r} z_{r}=x_{\sigma\left(\psi_{j s}\right)}\right)\right]
$$

Recalling Lemma 3.1, the variable $z_{i}$ (for each $i=1, \ldots, k)$ stands for the value $\mu\left(w_{i}\right)$, while the variables $y_{l t}$ express the evaluations $w_{l}\left(\gamma_{t}\right)$ (for each $0 \leq l, t \leq k$ ). Notice that, due to Lemma 3.3, we have assumed the variables $y_{l t}$ to be $2 k$ in all, because we are considering just those evaluations of the $k$ variables, which are not constantly zero.

[^2]Theorem 3.4 The problem of deciding whether an SMV-formula $\Phi$ is satisfiable in some $S M V$-algebra $(A, \sigma)$ is in PSPACE.

Proof. Let as above $\psi_{1}, \ldots, \psi_{l}$ be all the subformulas of $\Phi$, and, among all the $\psi_{j}$, let $\sigma\left(\gamma_{1}\right), \ldots, \sigma\left(\gamma_{k}\right)$ be all those beginning by $\sigma$. Let now $\Phi^{F}$ be the formula:

$$
\left(\bigwedge_{i, j=1}^{l}\left(A_{i j}\right)\right) \wedge\left(\bigwedge_{i=1}^{l}\left(B_{i}\right)\right) \wedge(C) \wedge\left(x_{\Phi}=1\right)
$$

$\left(A_{i j}\right),\left(B_{i}\right)$ and $(C)$ being as above.
Claim 3.5 $\Phi^{F}$ is satisfiable in the field of real numbers iff $\Phi$ is satisfiable in some Kripke model $K=(W, \mu)$.

Proof. (of Claim 3.5). $(\Rightarrow)$ If $\eta$ is an evaluation on the field of reals such that $\eta\left(\Phi^{F}\right)=1$, then by $\left(A_{i j}\right)$ and $\left(B_{i}\right)$ we have a $[0,1]_{M V^{-}}$ evaluation $e$ of $\Phi$ subformulas. Moreover $(C)$ and Lemma 3.1 tells us that the evaluation of formulas $\sigma\left(\gamma_{1}\right), \ldots, \sigma\left(\gamma_{k}\right)$ is coherent. Thus define a Kripke model $K$ as follows:

$$
W=\left\{w_{1}, \ldots, w_{k} \mid w_{i}\left(\gamma_{t}\right)=\eta\left(y_{i t}\right)\right\} \cup\{e\}
$$

and $\mu\left(w_{i}\right)=\eta\left(z_{i}\right)$ and $\mu(e)=0$.
One can prove by induction on the complexity of a formula $\Psi$, that there is a $w \in W$ such that $\eta\left(\Psi^{F}\right)=\|\Psi\|_{K, w}$, hence $(W, \mu) \models \varphi$.
$(\Leftarrow)$ Let $K=(W, \mu)$ be a Kripke model such that $(W, \mu) \models \Phi$, then there is an evaluation $\eta \in W$ such that $\eta\left(\Phi^{F}\right)=\left\|\psi_{i}\right\|_{K, \eta}$. Actually $\eta$ can be regarded as an evaluation on the real field such that $\eta\left(\Phi^{F}\right)=1$. Thus the claim follows.

Claim 3.5 together with Theorem 3.2 says us that $\Phi^{F}$ is satisfiable in the field of reals iff $\Phi$ is satisfiable in some SMV-algebra $(A, \sigma)$.
Now $\Phi^{F}$ is an existential formula in the language of reals, and the main theorem of [2] is to the effect that satisfiability of existential formulas of field theory in the field of reals is in PSPACE. This settles our claim.

We now immediately obtain:

Corollary 3.6 Let $\chi: P\left(\varphi_{i}\right)=\frac{n_{i}}{m_{i}}$ be a rational assessment over Eukasiewicz formulas $\varphi_{1}, \ldots, \varphi_{n}$. Then the problem of testing the coherence of $\chi$ is in PSPACE.

Proof. The proof can be easily obtained by combining Theorem 2.3, Theorem 3.4 and observing that the total length of equations which in Theorem 2.3 characterize the coherence of $\chi$ is polynomial in $n$.

## 4 Conclusion and future work

The main result of the present paper states that, regarding satisfiability, SMV-algebras are complete with respect to Kripke models. Using this result we have shown that the satisfiability problem for SMV-algebras is in PSPACE.

In our future work we plan to investigate the following problems:
(a) Is the variety $\mathbb{S M V}$ of SMV-algebras generated by tensor SMV-algebras? Does Theorem 3.2 still hold with tautologies in place of satisfiable formulas?
(b) Is the satisfiability problem for SMValgebras NP-complete?

A positive answer to the first question would settle the problem posed in [6], of proving that $F P(\mathrm{£}, \mathrm{£})$ is complete with respect to Kripke models of the form $(W, \mu)$.

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[^1]:    ${ }^{2}$ We suggest the reader to consult [4] for a complete treatment of MV-algebras.

[^2]:    ${ }^{3}$ Notice that the idea of such a translation is not new, see for instance $[9,10]$ for details

