

# Supplement 1 to “Adding Up’ Reasons”: Proof of Theorem 2

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## 1 Introduction

Recall the basic set up of our discussion quoted from the main text:

We assume that propositions are elements of an algebra based on a partition  $U = \{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$  where the  $A_i$ 's are the cells of the partition and  $n \geq 3$ . So a proposition is a (possibly empty) set of cells of the partition. We adopt some shorthand for designating particular propositions:  $\top = U, \perp = \emptyset$ . If  $P, Q$  are propositions, we will use the following notation when it is convenient:  $\neg P = \top - P, P \vee Q = P \cup Q, P \wedge Q = P \cap Q$ . We will frequently omit the braces around propositions that are singletons so we will write  $\{A_i\}$  as  $A_i$ . Finally we say  $P$  entails  $Q$  exactly if  $P \subseteq Q$ .

Against this background, our aim is to prove:

**Theorem 2.** *For any regular probability function,  $Pr$ , there is a reasons weighing function,  $\mathbf{r}_b$ , such that (i) for any proposition  $P$ ,  $Pr(P) = f_{\mathbf{r}_b}(P)$  and (ii) for any propositions  $H, E$ , either*

$$\log_b \left( \frac{Pr(E | H)}{Pr(E | \neg H)} \right) = \mathbf{r}_b(H, E)$$

or  $\log_b \left( \frac{Pr(E|H)}{Pr(E|\neg H)} \right)$  and  $\mathbf{r}_b(H, E)$  are both undefined.

We will for the remainder of our discussion suppress our assumption that  $Pr$  is a regular probability function (in the sense that if  $P \neq \perp, Pr(P) \neq 0$ ). Recall that:

$$l_b(H, E) = \log_b \left( \frac{Pr(E | H)}{Pr(E | \neg H)} \right)$$

It is easiest to start by proving (ii) of Theorem 2. We will then consider (i) of Theorem 2.

## 2 $l_b = \mathbf{r}_b$

To prove this, it suffices to that  $l_b(H, E)$  satisfies the axioms in Definition 1:

**Definition 1.** A function from pairs of propositions from the algebra based on  $U$  to the interval  $(-\infty, \infty)$ ,  $\mathbf{r}_b$ , is a reasons weighing function exactly if it satisfies the following axioms:

BASE PROPRIETY:  $b > 1$

UNDEFINED REASONS: if  $(H, E)$  is extreme,  $\mathbf{r}_b(H, E)$  is undefined

NO REASON: if  $(H, E)$  is vacuous,

$$\mathbf{r}_b(H, E) = \log(1) = 0$$

COMPLIMENTARY REASONS: if  $(H, E)$  is not extreme,

$$\mathbf{r}_b(\neg H, E) = -\mathbf{r}_b(H, E)$$

ENTAILED REASON: if  $(H, E)$  is not trivial and  $H$  entails  $E$ ,

$$\mathbf{r}_b(H, E) > \log_b(1) = 0$$

NEGATIVELY CORRELATED REASONS: if  $(P, Q)$  is a non-trivial determiner,

$$\mathbf{r}_b(\neg P \wedge \neg Q, \neg P) = \log_b \left( \frac{b^{\mathbf{r}_b(\neg P \wedge \neg Q, \neg Q)}}{b^{\mathbf{r}_b(\neg P \wedge \neg Q, \neg Q)} - 1} \right)$$

POSITIVELY CORRELATED REASONS: if  $(P, Q)$ ,  $(Q, R)$ , and  $(P, R)$  are non-trivial determiners,

$$\mathbf{r}_b(\neg P \wedge \neg R, \neg R) = \log_b \left( \left( b^{\mathbf{r}_b(\neg Q \wedge \neg R, \neg R)} - 1 \right) \left( b^{\mathbf{r}_b(\neg P \wedge \neg Q, \neg Q)} - 1 \right) + 1 \right)$$

AGGREGATIVE REASONS: if  $(P, Q)$  is a non-trivial determiner,

$$\mathbf{r}_b(\neg P \wedge \neg Q, \neg Q) = \log_b \left( \left( \sum_{Q_i \in Q} b^{\mathbf{r}_b(\neg P \wedge \neg Q_i, \neg Q_i)} - 1 \right) + 1 \right)$$

FACTORED REASONS: if  $(H, E)$  is not trivial,  $H$  does not entail  $E$ , and  $\neg H$  does not entail  $E$ , then for any  $D, D'$  such that  $(H, D)$  and  $(\neg H, D')$  are non-trivial determiners,

$$\mathbf{r}_b(H, E) = \log_b \left( \frac{\left( b^{\mathbf{r}_b(\neg D \wedge \neg(H \wedge E), \neg(H \wedge E))} - 1 \right) \left( b^{\mathbf{r}_b(\neg H \wedge \neg D, \neg D)} - 1 \right)}{\left( b^{\mathbf{r}_b(\neg D' \wedge \neg(\neg H \wedge E), \neg(\neg H \wedge E))} - 1 \right) \left( b^{\mathbf{r}_b(H \wedge \neg D', \neg D')} - 1 \right)} \right)$$

Thought it is often left implicit in discussions of this matter, we stipulate that  $l_b$  is defined so that that  $b > 1$ . Thus, it is immediate that:

**Proposition 2.1** ( $l_b$  satisfies Base Propriety).  $b > 1$

The remaining axioms make use of some terminology for classifying pairs of propositions. The terminology is this:

- ( $H, E$ ) is *extreme* exactly if  $E$  entails  $H$  or  $E$  entails  $\neg H$ .
- ( $H, E$ ) is *vacuous* exactly if ( $H, E$ ) is not extreme and  $E = \top$ .
- ( $H, E$ ) is *trivial* exactly if ( $H, E$ ) is extreme or vacuous.
- ( $P, Q$ ) is a *non-trivial determiner* exactly if  $P \neq \perp, Q \neq \perp, P \vee Q \neq \top$ , and  $P \wedge Q = \perp$

Based on these definitions, in the main text there is a proof of the following fact:

**Notational Variants:** *If ( $H, E$ ) is not trivial and  $H$  entails  $E$ , then there is exactly one ( $P, Q$ ) such that ( $P, Q$ ) is a non-trivial determiner and  $H = \neg P \wedge \neg Q$  and  $E = \neg Q$ . And if ( $P, Q$ ) is a non-trivial determiner, then  $(\neg P \wedge \neg Q, \neg Q)$  is not trivial and  $\neg P \wedge \neg Q$  entails  $\neg Q$ .*

With this in mind, we now show  $l_b$  satisfies each of the axioms that are of interest to us.

## 2.1 Well-Known Features of $l_b$

Undefined Reasons-Entailed Reason are well known features of  $l_b$ . But for completeness, I shall provide proofs of them here.

**Proposition 2.2** ( $l_b$  satisfies Undefined Reasons). *if ( $H, E$ ) is extreme,  $l_b(H, E)$  is undefined*

*Proof of Proposition 2.2.* Consider ( $H, E$ ) that are extreme in the sense that  $E$  entails  $H$  or  $E$  entails  $\neg H$ . Suppose  $E$  entails  $H$ . . In this setting,

$$0 = Pr(E \wedge \neg H) = \frac{Pr(E \wedge \neg H)}{Pr(\neg H)} = Pr(E | \neg H)$$

so  $l_b(H, E)$  is undefined because the term inside the *log* involves division by 0. Suppose instead  $E$  entails  $\neg H$ . In this setting,

$$0 = Pr(E \wedge H) = \frac{Pr(E \wedge H)}{Pr(H)} = Pr(E | H) = \frac{Pr(E | H)}{Pr(E | \neg H)}$$

so  $l_b(H, E)$  is undefined because  $\log(0)$  is undefined. □

**Proposition 2.3** ( $l_b$  satisfies No Reason). *If ( $H, E$ ) is vacuous,*

$$l_b(H, E) = \log(1) = 0$$

*Proof of Proposition 2.3.* Consider  $(H, E)$  that are vacuous in the sense that  $E = \top$  and  $H \neq \top, \perp$ .<sup>1</sup> So  $Pr(H) \neq 0$ ,  $Pr(\neg H) \neq 0$ ,  $E \wedge H = H$ , and  $E \wedge \neg H = \neg H$ . Thus:

$$Pr(E | H) = \frac{Pr(E \wedge H)}{Pr(H)} = \frac{Pr(H)}{Pr(H)} = 1$$

and

$$Pr(E | \neg H) = \frac{Pr(E \wedge \neg H)}{Pr(\neg H)} = \frac{Pr(\neg H)}{Pr(\neg H)} = 1$$

Therefore as desired:

$$l_b(H, E) = \log_b \left( \frac{1}{1} \right) = \log_b(1) = 0$$

□

**Proposition 2.4** ( $l_b$  satisfies Complimentary Reasons). *If  $(H, E)$  is not extreme,*

$$l_b(\neg H, E) = -l_b(H, E)$$

*Proof of Proposition 2.4.* Consider  $(H, E)$  that are not extreme. It follows  $(\neg H, E)$  is also not extreme.<sup>2</sup> It is a fact about  $\log$ 's that  $\log(\frac{a}{b}) = -\log(\frac{b}{a})$  when these terms are defined. And the terms are undefined only if the denominator of the fraction inside the  $\log$  is 0 or the numerator of the fraction inside the  $\log$  is 0. So

$$l_b(\neg H, E) = -l_b(H, E)$$

if  $Pr(E | H)$  is non-zero and  $Pr(E | \neg H)$  is non-zero. Since  $(H, E)$  and  $(\neg H, E)$  are not extreme  $Pr(E \wedge H)$ ,  $Pr(H)$ ,  $Pr(E \wedge \neg H)$ , and  $Pr(\neg H)$  are all non-zero. So  $Pr(E | H)$  and  $Pr(E | \neg H)$  are non-zero. □

**Proposition 2.5** ( $l_b$  satisfies Entailed Reason). *if  $(H, E)$  is not trivial and  $H$  entails  $E$ ,*

$$l_b(H, E) > \log_b(1) = 0$$

*Proof of Proposition 2.5.* Consider  $(H, E)$  that are not trivial (so  $E$  does not entail  $H$ ,  $E$  does not entail  $\neg H$ , and  $E \neq \top$ ) and such that  $H$  entails  $E$ . In this case,  $Pr(E \wedge H) = Pr(H)$  so  $Pr(E | H) = 1$ . On the other hand,  $\neg H$  does not entail  $E$ <sup>3</sup> so  $Pr(\neg H \wedge E) < Pr(\neg H)$ . Thus,  $Pr(E | \neg H) < 1$ . So  $\frac{Pr(E|H)}{Pr(E|\neg H)} > 1$ .<sup>4</sup> Thus  $l_b(H, E) > 0$  □

We can now turn to some less well-known properties of  $l_b$ .

<sup>1</sup>If  $H = \top$ , then  $E$  entails  $H$  so  $(H, E)$  is extreme and hence not vacuous. If  $H = \perp$ ,  $E$  entails  $\neg H$  so  $(H, E)$  is extreme and hence not vacuous.

<sup>2</sup>Since  $(H, E)$  is not extreme,  $E$  does not entail  $H$  and  $\neg E$  does not entail  $H$ . Thus  $\neg E$  does not entail  $H$  and  $\neg\neg E$  does not entail  $H$ . So  $(\neg H, E)$  is not extreme.

<sup>3</sup>The only super set of both  $H$  and  $\neg H$  is  $\top$  but  $E \neq \top$ .

<sup>4</sup> $\frac{Pr(E|H)}{Pr(E|\neg H)}$  must also be defined because  $Pr(E | \neg H) \neq 0$ . This is because  $Pr(E \wedge \neg H)$  and  $Pr(\neg H)$  are non-zero (because  $E$  does not entail  $H$  so  $E \wedge \neg H \neq \perp$  and  $Pr(\neg H) \neq \perp$ ).

## 2.2 Less Well-Known Features of $l_b$

In proving that  $l_b$  satisfies these axioms. We will often rely on the following lemma whose proof can be found in the main text.

**Lemma 1.4.1:** *For any  $(P, Q)$  that is a non-trivial determiner,*

$$l_b(\neg P \wedge \neg Q, \neg Q) = \log_b \left( \frac{Pr(\neg Q \mid \neg P \wedge \neg Q)}{Pr(\neg Q \mid \neg(\neg P \wedge \neg Q))} \right) = \log_b \left( \frac{Pr(Q)}{Pr(P)} + 1 \right)$$

We now consider each axiom in order.

**Proposition 2.6** ( $l_b$  satisfies Negatively Correlated Reasons). *if  $(P, Q)$  is a non-trivial determiner,*

$$l_b(\neg P \wedge \neg Q, \neg P) = \log_b \left( \frac{b^{l_b(\neg P \wedge \neg Q, \neg Q)}}{b^{l_b(\neg P \wedge \neg Q, \neg Q)} - 1} \right)$$

*Proof of Proposition 2.6.* Consider  $(P, Q)$  that are non-trivial determiners. Since  $b^{\log_b(x)} = x$ , Lemma 1.4.1 tell us:

$$b^{l_b(\neg P \wedge \neg Q, \neg Q)} = \frac{Pr(Q)}{Pr(P)} + 1$$

So

$$\frac{b^{l_b(\neg P \wedge \neg Q, \neg Q)}}{b^{l_b(\neg P \wedge \neg Q, \neg Q)} - 1} = \frac{\frac{Pr(Q)}{Pr(P)} + 1}{\frac{Pr(Q)}{Pr(P)}} = \frac{Pr(Q)Pr(P)}{Pr(P)Pr(Q)} + \frac{Pr(P)}{Pr(Q)} = 1 + \frac{Pr(P)}{Pr(Q)}$$

Thus:

$$l_b \left( \frac{b^{l_b(\neg P \wedge \neg Q, \neg Q)}}{b^{l_b(\neg P \wedge \neg Q, \neg Q)} - 1} \right) = l_b \left( 1 + \frac{Pr(P)}{Pr(Q)} \right)$$

Finally we know from Lemma 1.4.1 that:

$$l_b(\neg Q \wedge \neg P, \neg P) = l_b(\neg P \wedge \neg Q, \neg P) = \log_b \left( \frac{Pr(P)}{Pr(Q)} + 1 \right)$$

Therefore as desired:

$$l_b(\neg P \wedge \neg Q, \neg P) = l_b \left( \frac{b^{l_b(\neg P \wedge \neg Q, \neg Q)}}{b^{l_b(\neg P \wedge \neg Q, \neg Q)} - 1} \right)$$

□

**Proposition 2.7** ( $l_b$  satisfies Positively Correlated Reasons). *if  $(P, Q)$ ,  $(Q, R)$ , and  $(P, R)$  are non-trivial determiners,*

$$l_b(\neg P \wedge \neg R, \neg R) = \log_b \left( \left( b^{l_b(\neg Q \wedge \neg R, \neg R)} - 1 \right) \left( b^{l_b(\neg P \wedge \neg Q, \neg Q)} - 1 \right) + 1 \right)$$

*Proof of Proposition 2.7.* Consider  $(P, Q)$ ,  $(Q, R)$  and  $(P, R)$  that are non-trivial determiners. Lemma 1.4.1 tells us that:

$$l_b(\neg P \wedge \neg Q, \neg Q) = \log_b \left( \frac{Pr(Q)}{Pr(P)} + 1 \right)$$

$$l_b(\neg Q \wedge \neg R, \neg R) = \log_b \left( \frac{Pr(R)}{Pr(Q)} + 1 \right)$$

$$l_b(\neg P \wedge \neg R, \neg R) = \log_b \left( \frac{Pr(R)}{Pr(P)} + 1 \right)$$

We know that

$$b^{l_b(\neg Q \wedge \neg R, \neg R)} - 1 = \frac{Pr(R)}{Pr(Q)}$$

$$b^{l_b(\neg P \wedge \neg Q, \neg Q)} - 1 = \frac{Pr(Q)}{Pr(P)}$$

Thus:

$$\left( b^{l_b(\neg Q \wedge \neg R, \neg R)} - 1 \right) \left( b^{l_b(\neg P \wedge \neg Q, \neg Q)} - 1 \right) + 1 = \left( \frac{Pr(R)}{Pr(Q)} \right) \left( \frac{Pr(Q)}{Pr(P)} \right) + 1 = \frac{Pr(R)}{Pr(P)} + 1$$

Therefore as desired:

$$l_b(\neg P \wedge \neg R, \neg R) = \log_b \left( \frac{Pr(R)}{Pr(P)} + 1 \right) = \log_b \left( \left( b^{l_b(\neg Q \wedge \neg R, \neg R)} - 1 \right) \left( b^{l_b(\neg P \wedge \neg Q, \neg Q)} - 1 \right) + 1 \right)$$

□

**Proposition 2.8** ( $l_b$  satisfies Aggregative Reasons). *if  $(P, Q)$  is a non-trivial determiner,*

$$l_b(\neg P \wedge \neg Q, \neg Q) = \log_b \left( \left( \sum_{Q_i \in Q} b^{l_b(\neg P \wedge \neg Q_i, \neg Q_i)} - 1 \right) + 1 \right)$$

*Proof of Proposition 2.8.* Consider  $(P, Q)$  that is a non-trivial determiner. For any  $Q_i \in Q$ ,  $(P, Q_i)$  is also a non-trivial determiner.<sup>5</sup> Thus we know from Lemma 1.4.1:

$$l_b(\neg P \wedge \neg Q, \neg Q) = \log_b \left( \frac{Pr(Q)}{Pr(P)} + 1 \right)$$

$$l_b(\neg P \wedge \neg Q_i, \neg Q_i) = \log_b \left( \frac{Pr(Q_i)}{Pr(P)} + 1 \right)$$

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<sup>5</sup>It is obvious that  $Q_i \neq \perp$ . It must be  $P \vee Q_i \neq \top$  because  $P \vee Q \neq \top$ . And it must be that  $P \wedge Q_i = \perp$  because  $P \wedge Q = \perp$ .

Since  $Q = \{Q_1, Q_2, \dots, Q_n\}$ ,  $Pr(Q) = \sum_{Q_i \in Q} Pr(Q_i)$ .<sup>6</sup> Thus:

$$\sum_{Q_i \in Q} b^{l_b(\neg P \wedge \neg Q_i, \neg Q_i)} - 1 = \frac{Pr(Q_1)}{Pr(P)} + \frac{Pr(Q_2)}{Pr(P)} + \dots + \frac{Pr(Q_n)}{Pr(P)} = \frac{Pr(Q)}{Pr(P)}$$

Thus as desired:

$$\log_b \left( \left( \sum_{Q_i \in Q} b^{l_b(\neg P \wedge \neg Q_i, \neg Q_i)} - 1 \right) + 1 \right) = \log_b \left( \frac{Pr(Q)}{Pr(P)} + 1 \right) = l_b(\neg P \wedge \neg Q, \neg Q)$$

□

**Proposition 2.9** ( $l_b$  satisfies Factored Reasons). *if  $(H, E)$  is not trivial,  $H$  does not entail  $E$ , and  $\neg H$  does not entail  $E$ , then for any  $D, D'$  such that  $(H, D)$  and  $(\neg H, D')$  are non-trivial determiners,*

$$l_b(H, E) = \log_b \left( \frac{(b^{l_b(\neg D \wedge \neg(H \wedge E), \neg(H \wedge E))} - 1)(b^{l_b(\neg H \wedge \neg D, \neg D)} - 1)}{(b^{l_b(\neg D' \wedge \neg(\neg H \wedge E), \neg(\neg H \wedge E))} - 1)(b^{l_b(H \wedge \neg D', \neg D')} - 1)} \right)$$

*Proof.* Consider  $(H, E)$  that is not trivial and such that  $H$  does not entail  $E$  and  $\neg H$  does not entail  $E$ . And consider some  $D, D'$  such that  $(H, D)$  and  $(\neg H, D')$  are non-trivial determiners. Since  $(H, D)$  is a non-trivial determiner, it follows that  $(D, H \wedge E)$  is a non-trivial determiner too.<sup>7</sup> Similarly, since  $(\neg H, D')$  is a non-trivial determiner, it follows that  $(D', \neg H \wedge E)$  is a non-trivial determiner too. So Lemma 1.4.1 tell us:

$$\begin{aligned} l_b(\neg H \wedge \neg D, \neg D) &= \log_b \left( \frac{Pr(D)}{Pr(H)} + 1 \right) \\ l_b(\neg D \wedge \neg(H \wedge E), \neg(H \wedge E)) &= \log_b \left( \frac{Pr(H \wedge E)}{Pr(D)} + 1 \right) \\ l_b(\neg D' \wedge \neg(\neg H \wedge E), \neg(\neg H \wedge E)) &= \log_b \left( \frac{Pr(\neg H \wedge E)}{Pr(D')} + 1 \right) \\ l_b(H \wedge \neg D', \neg D') &= \log_b \left( \frac{Pr(D')}{Pr(\neg H)} + 1 \right) \end{aligned}$$

So:

$$\left( b^{l_b(\neg D \wedge \neg(H \wedge E), \neg(H \wedge E))} - 1 \right) \left( b^{l_b(\neg H \wedge \neg D, \neg D)} - 1 \right) = \frac{Pr(D)Pr(H \wedge E)}{Pr(H)Pr(D)} = \frac{Pr(H \wedge E)}{Pr(H)} = Pr(E | H)$$

And by analogous reasoning:

$$\left( b^{l_b(\neg D' \wedge \neg(\neg H \wedge E), \neg(\neg H \wedge E))} - 1 \right) \left( b^{l_b(H \wedge \neg D', \neg D')} - 1 \right) = Pr(E | \neg H)$$

<sup>6</sup>The summation claim in the text follows from the finite additivity property of  $Pr$ .

<sup>7</sup>It follows from  $H \vee D \neq \top$  that  $D \vee (H \wedge E) \neq \top$ . It follows from  $H \wedge D = \perp$  that  $D \wedge (H \wedge E) = \perp$ . And it follows  $(H, E)$  being not trivial that  $H \wedge E \neq \perp$ . So  $(D, H \wedge E)$  is a non-trivial determiner.

Thus as desired:

$$\log_b \left( \frac{(b^{l_b(\neg D \wedge \neg(H \wedge E), \neg(H \wedge E))} - 1) (b^{l_b(\neg H \wedge \neg D, \neg D)} - 1)}{(b^{l_b(\neg D' \wedge \neg(\neg H \wedge E), \neg(\neg H \wedge E))} - 1) (b^{l_b(H \wedge \neg D', \neg D')} - 1)} \right) = \log_b \left( \frac{Pr(E | H)}{Pr(E | \neg H)} \right) = l_b(H, E)$$

□

### 3 $Pr = f_{l_b}$

Since we have seen  $l_b$  and  $\mathbf{r}_b$  are equivalent, in order to show (i) of Theorem 2 it suffices to show that the function the probability function  $Pr$  that defines  $l_b$  is equivalent to  $f_{l_b}$  as defined by Definition 2:

**Definition 2.** A function from propositions from the algebra based  $U$  to the interval  $(-\infty, \infty)$ ,  $f_{\mathbf{r}_b}$ , is the prior based on  $\mathbf{r}_b$  function exactly if it satisfies the following axioms:

RATIOS OF CELLS: If  $U = \{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$  then,

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= f_{\mathbf{r}_b}(A_1) + f_{\mathbf{r}_b}(A_2) + \dots + f_{\mathbf{r}_b}(A_n) \\ f_{\mathbf{r}_b}(A_2) &= (b^{\mathbf{r}_b(\neg A_1 \wedge \neg A_2, \neg A_2)} - 1) f_{\mathbf{r}_b}(A_1) \\ f_{\mathbf{r}_b}(A_3) &= (b^{\mathbf{r}_b(\neg A_1 \wedge \neg A_3, \neg A_3)} - 1) f_{\mathbf{r}_b}(A_1) \\ &\vdots \\ f_{\mathbf{r}_b}(A_n) &= (b^{\mathbf{r}_b(\neg A_1 \wedge \neg A_n, \neg A_n)} - 1) f_{\mathbf{r}_b}(A_1) \end{aligned}$$

SUM OF CELLS: For any proposition  $P$ ,

- if  $P = \perp$ ,  $f_{\mathbf{r}_b}(P) = 0$
- if  $P \neq \perp$ ,  $f_{\mathbf{r}_b}(P) = \sum_{A_i \in P} f_{\mathbf{r}_b}(A_i)$

**Proposition 2.10.** If  $l_b(H, E) = \log_b \left( \frac{Pr(E|H)}{Pr(E|\neg H)} \right)$ , then for any proposition  $P$ ,  $Pr(P) = f_{l_b}(P)$

*Proof.* For each  $A_i$  such that  $i > 1$ , Ratios of Cells tell us:

$$f_{l_b}(A_i) = (b^{l_b(\neg A_1 \wedge \neg A_i, \neg A_i)} - 1) f_{l_b}(A_1)$$

Therefore, substituting this in the first equation, we have:

$$1 = f_{l_b}(A_1) + (b^{l_b(\neg A_1 \wedge \neg A_2, \neg A_2)} - 1) f_{l_b}(A_1) + \dots + (b^{l_b(\neg A_1 \wedge \neg A_n, \neg A_n)} - 1) f_{l_b}(A_1)$$

So:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - f_{l_b}(A_1) &= (b^{l_b(\neg A_1 \wedge \neg A_2, \neg A_2)} - 1) f_{l_b}(A_1) + \dots + (b^{l_b(\neg A_1 \wedge \neg A_n, \neg A_n)} - 1) f_{l_b}(A_1) \\ &= f_{l_b}(A_1) \left( (b^{l_b(\neg A_1 \wedge \neg A_2, \neg A_2)} - 1) + \dots + (b^{l_b(\neg A_1 \wedge \neg A_n, \neg A_n)} - 1) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{1 - f_{l_b}(A_1)}{f_{l_b}(A_1)} = (b^{l_b(\neg A_1 \wedge \neg A_2, \neg A_2)} - 1) + \dots + (b^{l_b(\neg A_1 \wedge \neg A_n, \neg A_n)} - 1)$$



Since  $(A_1, A_i)$  is a non-trivial determiner, Lemma 1.4.1 together with some reasoning tells us:

$$b^{l_b(\neg A_1 \wedge \neg A_i, \neg A_i)} - 1 = \frac{Pr(A_i)}{Pr(A_1)}$$

So:

$$\frac{1 - f_{l_b}(A_1)}{f_{l_b}(A_1)} = \frac{Pr(A_2)}{Pr(A_1)} + \dots + \frac{Pr(A_n)}{Pr(A_1)}$$

We can now engage in some ordinary reasoning about probabilities:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{Pr(A_2)}{Pr(A_1)} + \dots + \frac{Pr(A_n)}{Pr(A_1)} &= \frac{Pr(A_2) + \dots + Pr(A_n)}{Pr(A_1)} \\ &= \frac{Pr(\neg A_1)}{Pr(A_1)} \\ &= \frac{1 - Pr(A_1)}{Pr(A_1)} \end{aligned}$$

Thus:

$$\frac{1 - f_{l_b}(A_1)}{f_{l_b}(A_1)} = \frac{1 - Pr(A_1)}{Pr(A_1)}$$

So  $f_{l_b}(A_1) = Pr(A_1)$ .<sup>8</sup>

For each  $A_i$  such that  $i > 1$ , we already know:

$$f_{l_b}(A_i) = (b^{l_b(\neg A_1 \wedge \neg A_i, \neg A_i)} - 1)f_{l_b}(A_1)$$

Two substitutions gets us:

$$f_{l_b}(A_i) = \left( \frac{Pr(A_i)}{Pr(A_1)} \right) Pr(A_1) = Pr(A_i)$$

Thus, we have shown for each  $A_i \in U$   $f_{l_b}(A_i) = Pr(A_i)$ .

Sum of Cells tell us  $f_{l_b}(\perp) = 0$ . Therefore  $f_{l_b}(\perp) = 0 = Pr(\perp)$ .

Sum of Cells tells us that if  $P \neq \perp$ ,  $f_{l_b}(P) = \sum_{A_i \in P} f_{l_b}(A_i)$ . Given our previous results and the finite additivity of  $Pr$ , we know  $f_{l_b}(P) = \sum_{A_i \in P} f_{l_b}(A_i) = \sum_{A_i \in P} Pr(A_i) = Pr(P)$ .  $\square$

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<sup>8</sup>We can fill in the details of this reasoning as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1 - f_{l_b}(A_1)}{f_{l_b}(A_1)} &= \frac{1 - Pr(A_1)}{Pr(A_1)} \\ (1 - f_{l_b}(A_1))Pr(A_1) &= (1 - Pr(A_1))f_{l_b}(A_1) \\ Pr(A_1) - f_{l_b}(A_1)Pr(A_1) &= f_{l_b}(A_1) - Pr(A_1)f_{l_b}(A_1) \\ Pr(A_1) &= f_{l_b}(A_1) \end{aligned}$$