

**ON AXIOMS AND SOME PROPERTIES  
OF MONADIC FOUR-VALUED MODAL ALGEBRAS<sup>1</sup>**

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**Abstract**

Four-valued modal algebras were introduced by A. Monteiro in 1978 as a generalization of the three-valued Lukasiewicz algebras [8] and they were studied by I. Loureiro [5,6] (also see [3,4]). In this paper we define monadic four-valued modal algebras and we give a set of independent axioms for them. We study the congruences and homomorphisms, showing that monadic four-valued modal algebras are semisimple and finally we characterize the simple algebras.

Our results generalize those obtained by L. Monteiro [10] for monadic three-valued Lukasiewicz algebras.

**1 Preliminary definitions and properties**

General references for concepts and results on distributive lattices and universal algebra used in this paper are the books [1] and [2].

Four-valued modal algebras have been defined by A. Monteiro in 1978, in the following way:

**Definition 1.1** *A four-valued modal algebra  $(A, \wedge, \vee, \sim, \nabla, 1)$  is an algebra of type  $(2, 2, 1, 1, 0)$  which satisfies the following axioms:*

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| A1) $x \wedge (x \vee y) = x,$  | A2) $x \wedge (y \vee z) = (z \wedge x) \vee (y \wedge x),$ |
| A3) $\sim \sim x = x,$          | A4) $\sim (x \wedge y) = \sim x \vee \sim y,$               |
| A5) $\sim x \vee \nabla x = 1,$ | A6) $\sim x \wedge \nabla x = x \wedge \sim x.$             |

From the definition, it follows that  $A$  is a distributive lattice [12] and a De Morgan algebra ([1,8]). For more details on four-valued modal algebras we lead the readers to [5,6] (see also [3,4]).

**Definition 1.2** *A monadic four-valued modal algebra (or MTM-algebra)  $(A, \wedge, \vee, \sim, \nabla, \exists, 1)$  is an algebra of type  $(2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 0)$  such that  $(A, \wedge, \vee, \sim, \nabla, 1)$  is a four-valued modal algebra and  $\exists$  is a unary operator on  $A$  (called **existential quantifier**) which satis-*

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fies the following equations:

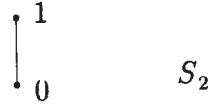
- E1)  $x \wedge \exists x = x$ ,
- E2)  $\exists(x \wedge \exists y) = \exists x \wedge \exists y$ ,
- E3)  $\nabla \exists x = \exists \nabla x$ ,
- E4)  $\Delta \exists x = \exists \Delta x$ , where  $\Delta x = \sim \nabla \sim x$ ,
- E5)  $\exists \sim \exists x = \sim \exists x$ .

If  $A$  satisfies the axiom  $\nabla(x \wedge y) = \nabla x \wedge \nabla y$ , then we get a monadic three-valued Lukasiewicz algebra [10].

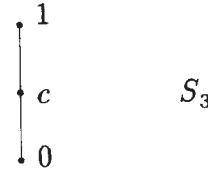
We proceed to consider some examples of **MTM**-algebras.

**Examples 1.1**

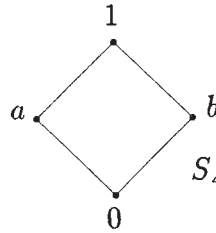
| $x$ | $\sim x$ | $\nabla x$ | $\exists x$ |
|-----|----------|------------|-------------|
| 0   | 1        | 0          | 0           |
| 1   | 0        | 1          | 1           |



| $x$ | $\sim x$ | $\nabla x$ | $\exists x$ |
|-----|----------|------------|-------------|
| 0   | 1        | 0          | 0           |
| $c$ | $c$      | 1          | 1           |
| 1   | 0        | 1          | 1           |



| $x$ | $\sim x$ | $\nabla x$ | $\exists x$ |
|-----|----------|------------|-------------|
| 0   | 1        | 0          | 0           |
| $a$ | $a$      | 1          | $a$         |
| $b$ | $b$      | 1          | $b$         |
| 1   | 0        | 1          | 1           |



We shall denote by **MTM** the variety of monadic four-valued modal algebras.

We have proved that  $A1, \dots, A6, E1, E2, E5$  and  $\exists \sim \nabla \sim x = \sim \nabla \sim \exists x$  are mutually independent axioms for an **MTM**-algebra.

**Lemma 1.1** *If  $A \in \mathbf{MTM}$  then it holds:*

- E6)  $x \leq \exists x$ ,
- E7)  $\exists 1 = 1$ ,
- E8)  $\exists 0 = 0$ ,
- E9)  $\exists \exists x = \exists x$ ,
- E10)  $x \leq y$  implies  $\exists x \leq \exists y$ ,
- E11)  $\sim x \vee \nabla \exists x = 1$ ,
- E12)  $\exists x \vee \nabla \sim x = 1$ ,
- E13)  $\exists(x \vee y) = \exists x \vee \exists y$ ,
- E14) *The set  $K(A) = \{x \in A : \exists x = x\}$  of the invariant elements of  $A$  is a monadic four-valued modal subalgebra of  $A$ .*

In what follows, for any  $A \in \mathbf{MTM}$ , let  $B(A)$  be the set of boolean elements of  $A$ , and  $I(A) = \{x \in A: \nabla x = x\} = \{x \in A: \Delta x = x\} = \{x \in B(A): -x = \sim x\}$  ([6]), where  $-x$  denotes the boolean complement of  $x$ ,  $x \in B(A)$ .

In the following lemmas we collect some results that we shall use in the subsequent parts of this paper.

**Lemma 1.2** *If  $A \in \mathbf{MTM}$  and  $K(A) \simeq S_2$  then  $A$  is a Boolean algebra, where  $-x = \sim x$ , for all  $x \in A$ .*

**Proof.** Assume that there exists  $x \in A$  such that  $x \wedge \sim x \neq 0$ . By hypothesis, it follows that  $\exists (x \wedge \sim x) = 1$ . Therefore  $1 = \Delta \exists (x \wedge \sim x) = \exists (\Delta x \wedge \Delta \sim x) = \exists 0 = 0$ , contradiction.

Then  $x \wedge \sim x = 0$  for all  $x \in A$ , and so also  $\sim x \vee x = 1$  for all  $x \in A$ .  $\square$

From [6] it is easy to check that

**Lemma 1.3** *If  $A \in \mathbf{MTM}$  then  $I(A)$  is a subalgebra of  $A$ .*

**Lemma 1.4** *If  $A \in \mathbf{MTM}$  then  $(I(A), \exists)$  is a monadic Boolean algebra.*

**Proof.** For all  $x \in I(A)$ ,  $x = \nabla x$ , then  $\sim x = \sim \nabla x$ . Therefore  $\sim x$  is the boolean complement of  $x$ .  $\square$

**Definition 1.3** *Let  $A \in \mathbf{MTM}$ , then  $c \in A$  is a center of  $A$  if  $c = \sim c$ .*

Remark that  $c \in S_3$  and  $a, b \in S_4$  are centers.

**Lemma 1.5** ([6]) *Let  $A \in \mathbf{MTM}$ . The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $c$  is a center of  $A$ ,
- (ii)  $\nabla c = 1$  and  $\Delta c = 0$ .

**Lemma 1.6** *Let  $A \in \mathbf{MTM}$  and  $K(A) \simeq S_3$ . Then*

- (i)  $c$  is not a boolean element of  $A$ ,
- (ii)  $c$  is the unique center of  $A$ .

**Proof.** (i) If  $c$  is a boolean element of  $A$  there exists  $-c \in A$  such that  $c \wedge -c = 0$  and  $c \vee -c = 1$ . Since  $\exists c = c$ , then it results  $c \wedge \exists -c = 0$  and  $c \vee \exists -c = 1$ . Therefore  $\exists -c = -c$  and so  $-c \in K(A)$ , contradiction.

(ii) Let (1)  $f \in A$  be a center of  $A$  then  $\exists f \in \{0, c, 1\}$ .

If  $\exists f = 0$  then  $f = 0$  and so  $\sim f \neq f$  which contradicts (1).

If  $\exists f = 1$  then  $1 = \Delta \exists f = \exists \Delta f$  and so, by (1) and lemma 1.5, it results  $1 = 0$ , contradiction.

Finally we have (2)  $\exists f = c$ , hence (3)  $f \leq c$ . Since  $c$  is a center of  $A$ , from (1) and (2) we have (4)  $c = \sim \exists \sim f \leq f$ . From (3) and (4) we obtain  $f = c$ .  $\square$

It follows at once that

**Corollary 1.1** *Let  $A \in \mathbf{MTM}$  and  $K(A) \simeq S_3$ . Then  $A$  is not a Boolean algebra.*

**Lemma 1.7** *Let  $A \in \mathbf{MTM}$ . If  $K(A) \simeq S_4$  then  $a$  and  $b$  are the unique centers of  $A$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose that (1)  $c$  is a center of  $A$ . Since  $\exists c \in K(A)$ , we must consider the following cases:

- (i) If  $\exists c = 0$  then  $c = 0$ , which contradicts (1).
- (ii) If  $\exists c = a$  then we have (2)  $c \leq a$  and by (1)  $\sim a \leq c$ . Since  $a$  is a center of  $A$  it follows (3)  $a \leq c$ . From (2) and (3) it results  $c = a$ .
- (iii) If  $\exists c = b$  similarly as (ii) we have  $c = b$ .
- (iv) If  $\exists c = 1$  then (4)  $\Delta \exists c = 1$ . On the other hand, from lemma 1.5 we have (5)  $\Delta \exists c = \exists \Delta c = 0$ . From (4) and (5) it results  $0 = 1$ , contradiction.

By (ii) and (iii) we get  $c = a$  or  $c = b$ .  $\square$

The unary operation  $\forall x = \sim \exists \sim x$  defined on an  $\mathbf{MTM}$ -algebra  $A$  is called universal quantifier, and it fulfil the dual properties of the existential quantifier.

**Definition 1.4** *Let  $h: A \rightarrow B$  be a homomorphism from  $A$  into  $B$ . The kernel of  $h$  is the set  $Ker(h) = \{x \in A: h(x) = 1\}$ .*

**Lemma 1.8** *The set  $Ker(h)$  has the following properties:*

- N1)  $Ker(h)$  is a filter of  $A$  (i.e. a filter in the underlying lattice  $A$ ),
- N2) if  $x \in Ker(h)$  then  $\Delta x \in Ker(h)$ ,
- N3) if  $x \in Ker(h)$  then  $\forall x \in Ker(h)$ .

If  $F$  is a filter of an  $\mathbf{MTM}$ -algebra  $A$  which verifies conditions N2 and N3 we say that  $F$  is a monadic filter ( $\mathbf{M}$ -filter). If  $F$  is a filter verifying N2 is said to be a strong filter ( $\mathbf{S}$ -filter) (see [6]).

If  $F$  is an  $\mathbf{M}$ -filter of an algebra  $A$ , then the relation:  $x \equiv y \pmod{F}$  is and only if there exists  $f \in F$  such that  $x \wedge f = y \wedge f$ , is a congruence. If  $x \in A$ ,  $|x|$  denotes the congruence class containing  $x$ , and  $A/F$  denotes the quotient algebra, where the operations are defined as usual:  $|x| \wedge |y| = |x \wedge y|$ ,  $|x| \vee |y| = |x \vee y|$ ,  $\sim |x| = |\sim x|$ ,  $\nabla |x| = |\nabla x|$ ,  $\exists |x| = |\exists x|$ . The function  $q: A \rightarrow A/F$  defined by  $q(x) = |x|$  is

an epimorphism such that  $Ker(q) = F$ .

## 2 Weak implication and deductive systems

We define a new binary operation  $\Rightarrow$  on an **MTM**-algebra  $A$ , called weak implication, as follows:

$$x \Rightarrow y = \nabla \sim \forall x \vee y.$$

It is not hard to prove that

**Lemma 2.1** *The weak implication has the following properties:*

- W1)  $x \Rightarrow x = 1$ ,
- W2)  $x \Rightarrow (y \Rightarrow x) = 1$ ,
- W3)  $(x \Rightarrow (y \Rightarrow z)) \Rightarrow ((x \Rightarrow y) \Rightarrow (x \Rightarrow z)) = 1$ ,
- W4)  $((x \Rightarrow y) \Rightarrow x) \Rightarrow x = 1$ ,
- W5)  $1 \Rightarrow x = x$ ,
- W6)  $1 \Rightarrow x = 1$  implies  $x = 1$ ,
- W7)  $x \Rightarrow \Delta x = 1$ ,
- W8)  $x \Rightarrow \forall x = 1$ ,
- W9)  $x \Rightarrow (x \wedge y) = x \Rightarrow y$ ,
- W10)  $x \leq y$  implies  $z \Rightarrow x \leq z \Rightarrow y$ ,
- W11)  $x \leq y$  implies  $x \Rightarrow y = 1$ .

**Definition 2.1** *A set  $D \subseteq A$  is a deductive system (d.s.) if it verifies:*

- D1)  $1 \in D$ ,
- D2) if  $x, x \Rightarrow y \in D$  then  $y \in D$ .

$D$  is a proper d.s. if  $D \neq A$ .

The next lemma gives the relationship between deductive systems and **M**-filters of an algebra  $A$ .

**Lemma 2.2** *Let  $A \in \mathbf{MTM}$  and  $D \subseteq A$ . The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $D$  is a d.s.,
- (ii)  $D$  is an **M**-filter.

**Proof.** (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii): From (i) and definition 2.1 we have: (1)  $1 \in D$ .

Suppose now that  $x, y \in D$  then from W2 and W9 we have  $1 = y \Rightarrow (x \Rightarrow y) = y \Rightarrow (x \Rightarrow (x \wedge y))$ . Therefore  $y \Rightarrow (x \Rightarrow (x \wedge y)) \in D$  and from (i) and definition 2.1 we get  $x \wedge y \in D$ . Hence we obtain: (2) if  $x, y \in D$  then  $x \wedge y \in D$ .

Assume that  $x \in D$ ,  $y \in A$  and  $x \leq y$ . Then from W11 and definition 2.1 we obtain that  $y \in D$ . So we have: (3) if  $x \in D$ ,  $y \in A$  and  $x \leq y$  then  $y \in D$ .

From (1), (2) and (3) it follows that  $D$  is a filter of  $A$ . By W7, W8, (i) and definition 2.1 we get  $\Delta x, \forall x \in D$  for all  $x \in D$ . Then  $D$  is an  $\mathbf{M}$ -filter of  $A$ .

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (i): We only check D2. Let  $x, y \in A$  such that  $x, x \Rightarrow y \in D$ . From N2 and N3 we have that  $\Delta x, \Delta(x \Rightarrow y), \Delta \forall x \in D$ . Then by N1 it follows that:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta x \wedge \Delta \forall x \wedge \Delta(x \Rightarrow y) &= \Delta x \wedge \Delta \forall x \wedge (\nabla \sim \forall x \vee \Delta y) \\ &= (\Delta x \wedge \Delta \forall x \wedge \sim \Delta \forall x) \vee (\Delta x \wedge \Delta \forall x \wedge \Delta y) \\ &= \Delta x \wedge \Delta \forall x \wedge \Delta y \in D. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\Delta x \wedge \Delta \forall x \wedge \Delta y \leq y$ , by N1 we have that  $y \in D$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.1** *Let  $A \in \mathbf{MTM}$  and  $D \subseteq A$ . The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $D$  is a proper d.s. of  $A$ ,
- (ii)  $D$  is the kernel of a homomorphism over  $A$ .

The family of all deductive systems of  $A$  ordered by set-theoretical inclusion, is upper inductive. Then, by Zorn's lemma, any proper d.s. is contained in a maximal d.s.

Taking into account W2, W3, W4, W5 and the results due to A. Monteiro [9] we have that any proper d.s. of an  $\mathbf{MTM}$ -algebra  $A$  is an intersection of maximal deductive systems of  $A$ .

Then, by well known results of universal algebra we get:

**Theorem 2.1** *Any non trivial algebra  $A$  is a subdirect product of the family  $\{A/M\}_{M \in \mathfrak{S}(A)}$ , where  $\mathfrak{S}(A)$  is the sets of all maximal deductive systems of  $A$ .*

Let  $A \in \mathbf{MTM}$ ,  $H \subseteq A$  and  $a \in A$ . We shall denote by  $[H]$  and  $[H, a]$  respectively the d.s. of  $A$  generated by  $H$  and  $H \cup \{a\}$ .

From W2, W3 and [9] we have that  $[H] = \{x \in A: \text{there exist } h_1, \dots, h_k \in H \text{ such that } h_1 \Rightarrow (h_2 \Rightarrow \dots (h_k \Rightarrow x) \dots) = 1\}$  and  $[H, a] = \{x \in A: a \Rightarrow x \in [H]\}$ .

Recall that if  $X$  is a non-empty subset of a distributive lattice  $R$  with 0 and 1, then the filter  $F(X)$  generated by  $X$  is the set of all elements  $y \in R$  such that there exist elements  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in X$  such that  $x_1 \wedge x_2 \wedge \dots \wedge x_n \leq y$ . It is well known that if  $X$  verifies the property:  $x, y \in X$  implies  $x \wedge y \in X$ , then  $F(X) = \{y \in R: \text{there exists } z \in X \text{ with } z \leq y\}$ .

If  $X = \emptyset$ , then  $F(\emptyset) = \{1\}$ . If  $X = \{a\}$  we write  $F(a)$  instead of  $F(\{a\})$ .  $F(a)$  is called a principal filter. If  $R$  is finite, every filter is principal.

**Lemma 2.3** *If  $A \in \mathbf{MTM}$ ,  $H \subseteq A$  then  $[H] = F(\forall \Delta H)$ .*

**Proof.** We shall prove that  $F(\forall \Delta H)$  is an  $\mathbf{M}$ -filter of  $A$ . Indeed, if  $x \in F(\forall \Delta H)$  then there exists  $\forall \Delta h_1, \dots, \forall \Delta h_k \in \forall \Delta H$  such that  $\forall \Delta h_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \forall \Delta h_k \leq x$ . So  $\forall \Delta h_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \forall \Delta h_k \leq \forall \Delta x$  and hence  $\forall x$  and  $\Delta x$  belong to  $F(\forall \Delta H)$ . Furthermore  $H \subseteq F(\forall \Delta H)$  because  $\forall \Delta h \leq h$  for all  $h \in H$ . Then  $[H] \subseteq F(\forall \Delta H)$ .

Conversely, it is easy to see that  $[H]$  is a filter of  $A$ . Furthermore  $\forall \Delta H \subseteq [H]$ . Indeed, if  $h \in H$  then from W7 and W8 we have  $\forall \Delta h \in [H]$ . Hence  $F(\forall \Delta H) \subseteq [H]$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.2** *If  $A \in \mathbf{MTM}$ ,  $a \in A$  and  $D$  is a d.s. of  $A$  then  $[D, a] = F(D, \forall \Delta a)$ .*

Now we are going to indicate a characterization of maximal d.s. of  $A$ .

**Lemma 2.4** *Let  $A \in \mathbf{MTM}$  and  $M \subseteq A$  be a d.s.. The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $M$  is maximal,
- (ii) if  $a \notin M$  then there exists  $m \in M$  such that  $\forall \Delta a \wedge m = 0$ ,
- (iii) if  $\forall \Delta a \vee b \in M$  then  $a \in M$  or  $b \in M$ ,
- (iv) if  $a \notin M$  then  $\nabla \sim \forall a \in M$ ,
- (v) if  $a \notin M$  and  $b \in A$  then  $a \Rightarrow b \in M$ .

**Proof.** (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii): If  $\forall \Delta a \wedge m \neq 0$ , for all  $m \in M$  then  $[M, a]$  is a proper d.s. of  $A$  and  $M \subset [M, a]$ , contradiction.

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii): Assume that  $a \notin M$  then by (ii) there exists  $m \in M$  such that (1)  $\forall \Delta a \wedge m = 0$ . Since  $\forall \Delta a \vee b \in M$ , from (1) we have that  $(\forall \Delta a \vee b) \wedge m = b \wedge m \in M$ . Hence  $b \in M$ .

(iii) $\Rightarrow$ (iv): Since  $\forall \Delta a \vee \nabla \sim \forall a = 1 \in M$  and by hypothesis  $a \notin M$  we have that  $\nabla \sim \forall a \in M$ .

(iv) $\Rightarrow$ (v): Obvious.

(v) $\Rightarrow$ (i): Suppose that  $M$  is not maximal then there exists a maximal d.s.  $M'$  such that  $M \subset M' \subset A$ . Let  $a \in M' \setminus M$  and  $b \in A \setminus M'$ . Then by hypothesis  $a \Rightarrow b \in M \subset M'$  and so  $b \in M'$ , contradiction.  $\square$

### 3 Simple algebras

Since the homomorphic images of an  $\mathbf{MTM}$ -algebra  $A$  are the algebras  $A/D$ , where  $D$  is a d.s. of  $A$ , we have:

**Lemma 3.1** *If  $A$  is an  $\mathbf{MTM}$ -algebra then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $A$  is simple,
- (ii)  $\{1\}$  and  $A$  are the only deductive systems of  $A$ .

Let  $A \in \mathbf{MTM}$ . We shall denote by  $I(K) = \{x \in A: \nabla x = x = \exists x\} = \{x \in A: \Delta x = x = \forall x\}$ .

It is easy to see that  $I(K) = I(A) \cap K(A)$  is a subalgebra of  $A$ . Furthermore  $I(K)$  is a Boolean algebra.

The proofs of the following lemmas is routine:

**Lemma 3.2**  $F(a)$  is d.s. of an MTM-algebra  $A$  if and only if  $a \in I(K)$ .

**Lemma 3.3** If  $M$  is a d.s. of an MTM-algebra  $A$ , then  $A/M$  is simple if and only if  $M$  is maximal.

**Lemma 3.4**  $F(a)$  is a maximal d.s. of an MTM-algebra  $A$  if and only if  $a$  is an atom of  $I(K)$ .

**Corollary 3.1**  $a$  is an atom of  $I(K)$  if and only if  $A/F(a)$  is a simple algebra.

We now give the relationship between deductive systems in an algebra  $A$ , S-filters in  $K(A)$ , M-filters in  $I(A)$  and filters in  $I(K)$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{D}, \mathfrak{F}, \mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{T}$  respectively denote the set of all deductive systems in an algebra  $A$ , the set of all S-filters in  $K(A)$ , the set of all M-filters in  $I(A)$  and the set of all filters in  $I(K)$ .

Consider the following functions

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1: \mathfrak{D} &\rightarrow \mathfrak{F}, & \alpha_1(D) &= D \cap K(A), \\ \alpha_2: \mathfrak{D} &\rightarrow \mathcal{M}, & \alpha_2(D) &= D \cap I(A), \\ \alpha_3: \mathfrak{F} &\rightarrow \mathfrak{T}, & \alpha_3(F) &= F \cap I(K), \\ \alpha_4: \mathcal{M} &\rightarrow \mathfrak{T}, & \alpha_4(M) &= M \cap I(K). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathfrak{D} & \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} & \mathfrak{F} \\ \alpha_2 \downarrow & & \downarrow \alpha_3 \\ \mathcal{M} & \xrightarrow{\alpha_4} & \mathfrak{T} \end{array}$$

Then we can prove

**Lemma 3.5** If we order the sets  $\mathfrak{D}, \mathfrak{F}, \mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{T}$  by inclusion then  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$  and  $\alpha_4$  are order isomorphisms and the diagram indicated above commutes.



**Theorem 3.1** *Let  $A$  be a non trivial MTM – algebra. The following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $A$  is simple,
- (ii)  $\forall \Delta a = 0$  for all  $a \in A$ ,  $a \neq 1$ ,
- (iii)  $I(K) \simeq S_2$ ,
- (iv)  $K(A) \simeq S_2$ ,  $K(A) \simeq S_3$  or  $K(A) \simeq S_4$ .

**Proof.** (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii): It follows from the hypothesis and lemma 2.4.

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii): Let  $a \in I(K)$ ,  $a \neq 1$ . By (ii)  $0 = \forall \Delta a$ . Then  $a = 0$ , contradiction.

(iii) $\Rightarrow$ (iv):  $I(K)$  is a simple Boolean algebra. Then taking into account lemma 3.5 we conclude that  $K(A)$  is a simple four – valued modal algebra. Therefore by [6] we have the proof.

(iv) $\Rightarrow$ (i): It is an immediate consequence of lemma 3.5 and the hypothesis.  $\square$

The main result of this section is the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.2** *Let  $A$  be a simple MTM – algebra. Then*

- (i)  $K(A) \simeq S_2$  implies  $A \simeq S_2^\alpha$ ,
- (ii)  $K(A) \simeq S_3$  implies  $A \simeq S_3^\beta$ ,
- (iii)  $K(A) \simeq S_4$  implies  $A \simeq S_4$ ,

where  $\alpha, \beta$  are non negative cardinals.

**Proof.** Since  $A$  is a four – valued modal algebra it is known [6] that  $A$  is isomorphic to a subalgebra of  $S_2^\alpha \times S_3^\beta \times S_4^\gamma$  that is, there exists a monomorphism  $\psi: A \rightarrow S_2^\alpha \times S_3^\beta \times S_4^\gamma$ .

(i) From the hypothesis and lemma 1.2  $\psi(A)$  is a Boolean algebra such that  $\sim x = \sim x$ , for all  $x \in \psi(A)$ . Then  $S_3^\beta \cap \psi(A) = \emptyset$  and  $S_4^\gamma \cap \psi(A) = \emptyset$ . Hence  $\psi(A) = S_2^\delta$ ,  $\delta \leq \alpha$ .

(ii) By the hypothesis and lemma 1.6  $\psi(A)$  has a center, then  $\psi(A) \cap S_2^\alpha = \emptyset$ . If  $S_4^\gamma \cap \psi(A) \neq \emptyset$  then there exist  $c_1, c_2 \in \psi(A)$  such that  $c_1 \neq c_2$  and  $c_1, c_2$  centers of  $\psi(A)$ , which contradicts lemma 1.6. Therefore  $\psi(A) = S_3^\eta$ ,  $\eta \leq \beta$ .

(iii) If  $S_2^\alpha \cap \psi(A) \neq \emptyset$  then  $\psi(A)$  has no center, which contradicts lemma 1.7. If  $S_3^\beta \cap \psi(A) \neq \emptyset$ , there exist  $c_1, c_2 \in \psi(A) \setminus B(\psi(A))$  such that  $c_1 \neq c_2$  and  $c_1, c_2$  centers of  $A$  which contradicts lemma 1.7. Therefore  $\psi(A) = S_4^\rho$ ,  $\rho \leq \gamma$ . If  $\rho > 1$  similarly we get a contradiction. Hence  $\psi(A) = S_4$ .  $\square$

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