

# Mathematics and Sudoku VI

Dedicated to the memory of Professor Sibe Mardešić

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We discuss on the worldwide famous Sudoku by using mathematical approach. This paper is the 6th paper in our series, so we use the same notations and terminologies in [1] – [5] without any descriptions.

## 10. Classification of intersectable systems III.

This section is a continuous section of previous sections 8 and 9. We consider some basic relations among some types in the section 8.

**Proposition 50.** (Type 15) For each intersectable 9–system  $\omega = (S, T)$  of Type 15, we have that  $T_\omega = 1$  in  $STRF(f, f_0)$  for each  $f \in SOL(f_0)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\omega = (S, T)$  is Type 15 we can put  $S = \{s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4, s_5, s_6, s_7, s_8, s_9\}$  and  $T = \{t_1, t_2, t_3, t_4, t_5, t_6, t_7, t_8, t_9\}$  such that

- (1) all  $s_i, 1 \leq i \leq 9$ , are rows,
- (2) all  $t_j, 1 \leq j \leq 9$ , are columns,
- (3)  $s_i \cap s_j = \emptyset$  for  $i \neq j, 1 \leq i \leq 9, 1 \leq j \leq 9$ ,
- (4)  $t_i \cap t_j = \emptyset$  for  $i \neq j, 1 \leq i \leq 9, 1 \leq j \leq 9$ ,
- (5)  $s_i \cap t_j \neq \emptyset$  for  $i, j, 1 \leq i \leq 9, 1 \leq j \leq 9$ ,
- (6)  $s = \cup \{s_i : i = 1, 2, \dots, 9\}, t = \cup \{t_j : j = 1, 2, \dots, 9\}$ .

Take any sudoku matrix  $K = (K_\alpha)_{\alpha \in J_1 \times J_2} \in SMTX(f, f_0)$  and put  $K' = T_\omega(K) = T(S, T)(K)$ . We have

$$(7) K'_\alpha = \begin{cases} K_\alpha & \text{for } \alpha \in (J_1 \times J_2 - s \cup t) \cup (s \cap t) \\ K_\alpha \cap K_{s-t} & \text{for } \alpha \in t - s \\ K_\alpha \cap K_{t-s} & \text{for } \alpha \in s - t \end{cases}.$$

By (1)–(6) we can easily show that

$$(8) s = J_1 \times J_2 = t.$$

By (8) we have

$$(9) s \cup t = J_1 \times J_2 = s \cap t,$$

$$(10) (J_1 \times J_2 - s \cup t) \cup (s \cap t) = J_1 \times J_2,$$

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$$(11) \quad s - t = \phi, t - s = \phi.$$

By (7) and (9),(10),(11) we have

$$(12) \quad K'_\alpha = K_\alpha \text{ for } \alpha \in J_1 \times J_2.$$

(12) means that  $T_\omega = 1$ . Hence we have Proposition 50.

Let  $X$  be a subset of  $J_1$  and  $Y$  be a subset of  $J_2$  with  $|X| = |Y| = n$ . We put that  $X' = J_1 - X$  and  $Y' = J_2 - Y$ . We put that  $S = \{s_i : i \in X\}$ ,  $s_i = \{i\} \times J_2$  and  $T = \{t_j : j \in Y\}$ ,  $t_j = J_1 \times \{j\}$ . Also we put that  $S' = \{s'_i : i' \in X'\}$ ,  $s'_i = \{i'\} \times J_2$  and  $T' = \{t'_j : j' \in Y'\}$ ,  $t'_j = J_1 \times \{j'\}$ .

Thus  $\omega = (S, T)$  and  $\omega' = (S', T')$  are intersectable  $n$ -system and intersectable  $(9-n)$ -system, respectively. We say that  $\omega'$  is a dual intersectable system of  $\omega$ .

Proposition 51. If  $\omega' = (S', T')$  is a dual intersectable  $(9-n)$ -system of an intersectable  $n$ -system  $\omega = (S, T)$ , then  $T_\omega = T_{\omega'}$  in  $STRF(f, f_0)$  for each  $f \in SOL(f_0)$ .

Proof. By definitions we have that

- (1)  $X \cup X' = J_1, X \cap X' = \phi,$
- (2)  $Y \cup Y' = J_2, Y \cap Y' = \phi,$
- (3)  $|X| = |Y| = n, 0 \leq n \leq 9,$
- (4)  $s = \cup \{s_i : i \in X\}$  and  $t = \cup \{t_j : j \in Y\},$
- (5)  $s' = \cup \{s'_i : i' \in X'\}$  and  $t' = \cup \{t'_j : j' \in Y'\}.$

Take any sudoku matrix  $K = (K_\alpha)_{\alpha \in J_1 \times J_2} \in SMTX(f, f_0)$ . We put  $K^* = T_\omega(K)$

$= T(S, T)(K)$  and  $K^{**} = T_{\omega'}(K) = T(S', T')(K)$ . We have

$$(6) \quad K^*_\alpha = \begin{cases} K_\alpha & \text{for } \alpha \in (J_1 \times J_2 - s \cup t) \cup (s \cap t) \\ K_\alpha \cap K_{s-t} & \text{for } \alpha \in t - s \\ K_\alpha \cap K_{t-s} & \text{for } \alpha \in s - t \end{cases},$$

$$(7) \quad K^{**}_\alpha = \begin{cases} K_\alpha & \text{for } \alpha \in (J_1 \times J_2 - s' \cup t') \cup (s' \cap t') \\ K_\alpha \cap K_{s'-t'} & \text{for } \alpha \in t' - s' \\ K_\alpha \cap K_{t'-s'} & \text{for } \alpha \in s' - t' \end{cases}.$$

By (4) we have

- (8)  $s = \cup \{s_i = \{i\} \times J_2 : i \in X\} = (\cup \{\{i\} : i \in X\}) \times J_2 = X \times J_2,$
- (9)  $t = \cup \{t_j = J_1 \times \{j\} : j \in Y\} = J_1 \times (\cup \{\{j\} : j \in Y\}) = J_1 \times Y,$
- (10)  $s \cup t = X \times J_2 \cup J_1 \times Y.$

By (1),(2),(10) we have

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 \times J_2 - s \cup t &= (X \cup X') \times (Y \cup Y') - X \times J_2 \cup J_1 \times Y \\ &= X \times Y \cup X \times Y' \cup X' \times Y \cup X' \times Y' - X \times (Y \cup Y') \cup (X \cup X') \times Y \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= X \times Y \cup X \times Y' \cup X' \times Y \cup X' \times Y' - X \times Y \cup X \times Y' \cup X' \times Y \\
 &= X' \times Y', \text{ i.e.,}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(11) J_1 \times J_2 - s \cup t = X' \times Y'.$$

By (8),(9) we have

$$(12) s \cap t = X \times Y.$$

By (11),(12) we have

$$(13) (J_1 \times J_2 - s \cup t) \cup (s \cap t) = X \times Y \cup X' \times Y'.$$

By (1),(2),(8),(9),(12) we have

$$(14) s - t = s - s \cap t = X \times J_2 - X \times Y = X \times (J_2 - Y) = X \times Y',$$

$$(15) t - s = t - s \cap t = J_1 \times Y - X \times Y = (J_1 - X) \times Y = X' \times Y.$$

By (5) we have

$$(16) s' = \cup \{s'_i, i' = \{i'\} \times J_2 : i' \in X'\} = (\cup \{\{i'\} : i' \in X'\}) \times J_2 = X' \times J_2,$$

$$(17) t' = \cup \{t'_j, j' = J_1 \times \{j'\} : j' \in Y'\} = J_1 \times (\cup \{\{j'\} : j' \in Y'\}) = J_1 \times Y',$$

$$(18) s' \cup t' = X' \times J_2 \cup J_1 \times Y'.$$

By (1),(2),(18) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_1 \times J_2 - s' \cup t' &= (X \cup X') \times (Y \cup Y') - X' \times J_2 \cup J_1 \times Y' \\
 &= X \times Y \cup X \times Y' \cup X' \times Y \cup X' \times Y' - X' \times (Y \cup Y') \cup (X \cup X') \times Y' \\
 &= X \times Y \cup X \times Y' \cup X' \times Y \cup X' \times Y' - X' \times Y \cup X' \times Y' \cup X \times Y' \\
 &= X \times Y, \text{ i.e.,}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(19) J_1 \times J_2 - s' \cup t' = X \times Y.$$

By (16),(17) we have

$$(20) s' \cap t' = X' \times Y'.$$

By (19),(20) we have

$$(21) (J_1 \times J_2 - s' \cup t') \cup (s' \cap t') = X \times Y \cup X' \times Y'.$$

By (1),(2),(16),(17),(20) we have

$$(22) s' - t' = s' - s' \cap t' = X' \times J_2 - X' \times Y' = X' \times (J_2 - Y') = X' \times Y,$$

$$(23) t' - s' = t' - s' \cap t' = J_1 \times Y' - X' \times Y' = (J_1 - X') \times Y' = X \times Y'.$$

By (13),(21) we have

$$(24) (J_1 \times J_2 - s \cup t) \cup (s \cap t) = (J_1 \times J_2 - s' \cup t') \cup (s' \cap t').$$

By (14),(15),(22),(23) we have

$$(25) s - t = t' - s',$$

$$(26) t - s = s' - t'.$$

By (7),(24),(25),(26) we have

$$(27) K_{\alpha}^{**} = \begin{cases} K_{\alpha} & \text{for } \alpha \in (J_1 \times J_2 - s' \cup t') \cup (s' \cap t') = (J_1 \times J_2 - s \cup t) \cup (s \cap t) \\ K_{\alpha} \cap K_{s'-t'} = K_{\alpha} \cap K_{t-s} & \text{for } \alpha \in t' - s' = s - t \\ K_{\alpha} \cap K_{t'-s'} = K_{\alpha} \cap K_{s-t} & \text{for } \alpha \in s' - t' = t - s \end{cases} .$$

By (6) and (27) we have

(28)  $K_\alpha^* = K_\alpha^{**}$  for  $\alpha \in J_1 \times J_2$ .

(28) means that  $T_\omega = T_{\omega'}$ . Hence we complete the proof of Proposition 51.

Corollary 52. (Type 11, Type 12, Type 13, Type 14)

(a) Each intersectable 8–system  $\omega$  of Type 14 and the its dual intersectable 1–system  $\omega'$  of Type 1 induce the same sudoku transformation  $T_\omega = T_{\omega'}$ .

(b) Each intersectable 7–system  $\omega$  of Type 13 and the its dual intersectable 2–system  $\omega'$  of Type 5 induce the same sudoku transformation  $T_\omega = T_{\omega'}$ .

(c) Each intersectable 6–system  $\omega$  of Type 12 and the its dual intersectable 3–system  $\omega'$  of Type 9 induce the same sudoku transformation  $T_\omega = T_{\omega'}$ .

(d) Each intersectable 5–system  $\omega$  of Type 11 and the its dual intersectable 4–system  $\omega'$  of Type 10 induce the same sudoku transformation  $T_\omega = T_{\omega'}$ .

This Corollary 52 comes from Proposition 51.

Corollary 53. (Type 14) For each intersectable 8–system  $\omega = (S, T)$  of Type 14, there are a row  $s$  and a column  $t$  such that  $T_\omega \cong T_{\omega_2} \circ T_{\omega_1} \cap T_{\omega_4} \circ T_{\omega_3}$  and

$$\omega_1 = (s - s \cap t, s), \omega_2 = (s \cap t, t), \omega_3 = (t - s \cap t, t) \text{ and } \omega_4 = (s \cap t, s).$$

This Corollary 53 comes from Corollary 52 and Proposition 44.

In section 5 we define sudoku transformations  $T_\omega$ ,  $\omega \in BTOOL$ . We recall these definitions:  $BLK = rOW \cup cOL \cup bLK$  and  $rOW = \{row(i) : i \in J_1\}$ ,  $cOL = \{col(j) : j \in J_2\}$ ,  $bLK = \{blk(k) : k \in J\}$ . For each  $n$ ,  $1 \leq n \leq 9$ , we put  $SFS(n) = \{(s, b) : b \in BLK, s \subset b \text{ and } |s| = n\}$  and  $SFS = \bigcup_{n=1}^9 SFS(n)$ . Also we put  $IS(n) = \{(S, T) : (S, T) \text{ is a pair of intersectable } n\text{-system of } BLK\}$  and  $IS = \bigcup_{n=1}^9 IS(n)$ . We put  $BTOOL = SFS \cup IS$ .

For each  $n$ ,  $1 \leq n \leq 9$ , we put  $SFS(n, rOW) = \{(s, b) : b \in rOW, s \subset b \text{ and } |s| = n\}$ ,  $SFS(n, cOL) = \{(s, b) : b \in cOL, s \subset b \text{ and } |s| = n\}$  and  $SFS(n, bLK) = \{(s, b) : b \in bLK, s \subset b \text{ and } |s| = n\}$ . Thus we have that  $SFS(n) = SFS(n, rOW) \cup SFS(n, cOL) \cup SFS(n, bLK)$ .

For each  $n$ ,  $1 \leq n \leq 9$ , we put  $IG(n) = \{ \ll R, C \gg : R \subset rOW, C \subset cOL, |R| = |C| = n \}$ ,  $IG = \bigcup_{n=1}^9 IG(n)$ .

For each type  $K$  we put

$$IS(K) = \{ \omega = (S, T) : \omega \text{ is an intersectable system of type } K \}$$

We have the following relations among them:  $IS = \bigcup_{n=1}^{15} IS(\text{Type } n)$ ,

$IS(1) = IS(\text{Type } 1) \cup IS(\text{Type } 2)$ ,  $IS(2) = IS(\text{Type } 3) \cup IS(\text{Type } 4) \cup IS(\text{Type } 5)$ ,  
 $IS(3) = IS(\text{Type } 6) \cup IS(\text{Type } 7) \cup IS(\text{Type } 8A) \cup IS(\text{Type } 8B) \cup IS(\text{Type } 9)$ ,  
 $IS(4) = IS(\text{Type } 10)$ ,  $IS(5) = IS(\text{Type } 11)$ ,  $IS(6) = IS(\text{Type } 12)$ ,  $IS(7) = IS(\text{Type } 13)$ ,  
 $IS(8) = IS(\text{Type } 14)$  and  $IS(9) = IS(\text{Type } 15)$ .

$IG(1) = IS(\text{Type } 1)$ ,  $IG(2) = IS(\text{Type } 5)$ ,  $IG(3) = IS(\text{Type } 9)$ ,  $IG(4) = IS(\text{Type } 10)$ ,  $IG(5) = IS(\text{Type } 11)$ ,  
 $IG(6) = IS(\text{Type } 12)$ ,  $IG(7) = IS(\text{Type } 13)$ ,  $IG(8) = IS(\text{Type } 14)$ ,  $IG(9) = IS(\text{Type } 15)$ .

We use the following names for sudoku transformations, which are popular in Japan. For each  $\omega \in SFS(n)$ , we say that  $T_\omega$  is an  $n$ -koku-domei sudoku transformation. For each  $\omega \in IG(n)$ , we say that  $T_\omega$  is an  $n$ -igeta sudoku transformation. For each  $\omega \in IS(\text{Type } 2)$ , we say that  $T_\omega$  is a 1-igeta(Type 2) sudoku transformation.

Proposition 54. We put  $ETOO L = SFS \cup IS(\text{Type } 2) \cup IG(2) \cup IG(3) \cup IG(4)$ . Then  $\{T_\omega : \omega \in BTOOL\} \equiv_s \{T_\omega : \omega \in ETOOL\}$  in  $STRF(f, f_0)$  for each  $f \in SOL(f_0)$ .

Proof. For each  $U \subset BTOOL$ , we put  $T[U] = \{T_\omega : \omega \in U\}$ . By Proposition 45 we have that

$$(1) \quad T[IS(\text{Type } 3)] \subset T[IS(\text{Type } 2)].$$

By Proposition 47, Proposition 48, Proposition 49 and Proposition 50 we have that

$$(2) \quad T[IS(\text{Type } 6)] = \{1\},$$

$$(3) \quad T[IS(\text{Type } 7)] \subset T[IS(\text{Type } 2)]$$

$$(4) \quad T[IS(\text{Type } 8A)] = \{1\},$$

$$(5) \quad T[IS(\text{Type } 15)] = \{1\}.$$

By Proposition 51 we have that

$$(6) \quad T[IS(\text{Type } 14)] = T[IS(\text{Type } 1)],$$

$$(7) \quad T[IS(\text{Type } 13)] = T[IS(\text{Type } 5)],$$

$$(8) \quad T[IS(\text{Type } 12)] = T[IS(\text{Type } 9)],$$

$$(9) \quad T[IS(\text{Type } 11)] = T[IS(\text{Type } 10)].$$

By Proposition 43 we have that

$$(10) \quad IS = \cup_{n=1}^{15} IS(\text{Type } n).$$

By (1)–(10) we have that

$$(11) \quad T[IS] = T[\cup_{n=1}^{15} IS(\text{Type } n)] = \cup_{n=1}^{15} T[IS(\text{Type } n)] \\ = T[IS(\text{Type } 1)] \cup T[IS(\text{Type } 2)] \cup T[IS(\text{Type } 4)] \cup T[IS(\text{Type } 5)] \cup \{1\} \cup \\ \cup T[IS(\text{Type } 8B)] \cup T[IS(\text{Type } 9)] \cup T[IS(\text{Type } 10)].$$

By definition we have that

$$(12) \quad IG(2) = IS(\text{Type } 5), \quad IG(3) = IS(\text{Type } 9), \quad IG(4) = IS(\text{Type } 10).$$

By (11), (12) we have

$$(13) \quad \mathcal{T}[IS] = \mathcal{T}[IS(\text{Type 1})] \cup \mathcal{T}[IS(\text{Type 2})] \cup \mathcal{T}[IS(\text{Type 4})] \cup \mathcal{T}[IS(\text{Type 8B})] \cup \{1\} \cup \\ \cup \mathcal{T}[IG(2)] \cup \mathcal{T}[IG(3)] \cup \mathcal{T}[IG(4)].$$

Since  $BTOOL = SFS \cup IS \supset ETOOL = SFS \cup IS(\text{Type 2}) \cup IG(2) \cup IG(3) \cup IG(4)$ , by (13) we have that

$$(14) \quad \mathcal{T}[BTOOL] = \mathcal{T}[ETOOL] \cup \mathcal{T}[IS(\text{Type 1})] \cup \mathcal{T}[IS(\text{Type 4})] \cup \mathcal{T}[IS(\text{Type 8B})] \cup \{1\}.$$

We put  $\mathcal{T}[ETOOL]^* = \mathcal{T}[ETOOL] \cup \{T_2 \circ T_1 : T_1, T_2 \in \mathcal{T}[ETOOL]\}$ . Also we put  $\mathcal{T}[ETOOL]_{2\cap}^* = \{T_1 \cap T_2 : T_1, T_2 \in \mathcal{T}[ETOOL]^*\}$ . By definitions we have

$$(15) \quad \mathcal{T}[ETOOL]_{2\cap}^* \supset \mathcal{T}[ETOOL]^* \supset \mathcal{T}[ETOOL].$$

By Proposition 39 we have that

$$(16) \quad \mathcal{T}[ETOOL]_{2\cap}^* \equiv_s \mathcal{T}[ETOOL]^* \text{ in } STRF(f, f_0) \text{ for each } f \in SOL(f_0).$$

Since  $\{T_2 \circ T_1 : T_1, T_2 \in \mathcal{T}[ETOOL]\}^\circ \leq \mathcal{T}[ETOOL]$ , by Proposition 40 we have that

$$(17) \quad \mathcal{T}[ETOOL]^* \equiv_s \mathcal{T}[ETOOL] \text{ in } STRF(f, f_0) \text{ for each } f \in SOL(f_0).$$

By (16), (17) we have that

$$(18) \quad \mathcal{T}[ETOOL]_{2\cap}^* \equiv_s \mathcal{T}[ETOOL] \text{ in } STRF(f, f_0) \text{ for each } f \in SOL(f_0).$$

Claim 1.  $\mathcal{T}[BTOOL] \ll_{DC} \mathcal{T}[ETOOL]_{2\cap}^*$ .

Proof of Claim 1. We define a decreasing map  $\rho : \mathcal{T}[BTOOL] \rightarrow \mathcal{T}[ETOOL]_{2\cap}^*$  such that

$$(19) \quad \rho(T) \leq T \text{ for each } T \in \mathcal{T}[BTOOL].$$

Take any  $T \in \mathcal{T}[BTOOL]$ . By (14) we have the following 5 cases.

Case 1.  $T \in \mathcal{T}[ETOOL]$ .

In this case, we put  $\rho(T) = T$ . By (15) it is well defined and  $\rho(T) \leq T$ .

Case 2.  $T \in \mathcal{T}[IS(\text{Type 1})]$ .

Then we have an intersectable system  $\omega = (S, T)$  of Type 1 such that  $T = T_\omega$ . Since  $\omega$  is of Type 1, we have a row  $s$  and a column  $t$  such that  $S = \{s\}$ ,  $T = \{t\}$ . By Proposition 44, we have that  $\omega_1 = (s - s \cap t, s)$ ,  $\omega_2 = (s \cap t, t)$ ,  $\omega_3 = (t - s \cap t, t)$ ,  $\omega_4 = (s \cap t, s)$  and

$$(20) \quad T_{\omega_2} \circ T_{\omega_1} \cap T_{\omega_4} \circ T_{\omega_3} \leq T_\omega = T.$$

Since  $\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3, \omega_4 \in SFS$ , then we put  $\rho(T) = T_{\omega_2} \circ T_{\omega_1} \cap T_{\omega_4} \circ T_{\omega_3} \in \mathcal{T}[ETOOL]_{2\cap}^*$ .

Then it is well defined and by (20),  $\rho(T) \leq T$ .

Case 3.  $T \in \mathcal{T}[IS(\text{Type 4})]$ .

Then we have an intersectable system  $\omega = (S, T)$  of Type 4 such that  $T = T_\omega$ . By

Proposition 46 we have intersectable systems  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  of Type 2 such that

$$(21) \quad T_{\omega_2} \circ T_{\omega_1} \cap T_{\omega_1} \circ T_{\omega_2} \leq T_{\omega} = T.$$

Since  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  are of Type 2, then we put  $\rho(T) = T_{\omega_2} \circ T_{\omega_1} \cap T_{\omega_1} \circ T_{\omega_2} \in \mathcal{T}[ETOOL]_{2n}^*$ . Then it is well defined and by (21),  $\rho(T) \leq T$ .

Case 4.  $T \in \mathcal{T}[IS(\text{Type } 8B)]$ .

Then we have an intersectable system  $\omega = (S, T)$  of Type 8B such that  $T = T_{\omega}$ . By Proposition 49 we have intersectable systems  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  of Type 2 such that

$$(22) \quad T_{\omega_1} \cap T_{\omega_2} \leq T_{\omega} = T.$$

Since  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  are of Type 2, then we put  $\rho(T) = T_{\omega_1} \cap T_{\omega_2} \in \mathcal{T}[ETOOL]_{2n}^*$ . Then it is well defined and by (22),  $\rho(T) \leq T$ .

Case 5.  $T \in \{1\}$ .

In this case  $T = 1$ . Take any  $\omega \in ETOOL$  and put  $\rho(T) = T_{\omega} \in \mathcal{T}[ETOOL]_{2n}^*$ . Then it is well defined. Since  $T_{\omega}$  is a sudoku transformation, we have that  $\rho(T) = T_{\omega} \leq 1 = T$ .

By using the above cases, we can define a map  $\rho: \mathcal{T}[BTOOL] \rightarrow \mathcal{T}[ETOOL]_{2n}^*$  with (19). Hence we have Claim 1.

By Claim 1 and Proposition 37 we have that

$$(23) \quad STBL^{\mathcal{T}[ETOOL]_{2n}^*} \leq STBL^{\mathcal{T}[BTOOL]} \text{ in } STRF(f, f_0) \text{ for each } f \in SOL(f_0).$$

By (18) we have

$$(24) \quad STBL^{\mathcal{T}[ETOOL]_{2n}^*} = STBL^{\mathcal{T}[ETOOL]} \text{ in } STRF(f, f_0) \text{ for each } f \in SOL(f_0).$$

By (23) and (24) we have that

$$(25) \quad STBL^{\mathcal{T}[ETOOL]} \leq STBL^{\mathcal{T}[BTOOL]} \text{ in } STRF(f, f_0) \text{ for each } f \in SOL(f_0).$$

Since  $BTOOL \supset ETOOL$ , then  $\mathcal{T}[BTOOL] \supset \mathcal{T}[ETOOL]$ . By Corollary 38 we have

$$(26) \quad STBL^{\mathcal{T}[ETOOL]} \geq STBL^{\mathcal{T}[BTOOL]} \text{ in } STRF(f, f_0) \text{ for each } f \in SOL(f_0).$$

By (25) and (26) we have that

$$(27) \quad STBL^{\mathcal{T}[ETOOL]} = STBL^{\mathcal{T}[BTOOL]} \text{ in } STRF(f, f_0) \text{ for each } f \in SOL(f_0).$$

By (27) we have that

$$(28) \quad \mathcal{T}[BTOOL] \equiv_s \mathcal{T}[ETOOL] \text{ in } STRF(f, f_0) \text{ for each } f \in SOL(f_0).$$

(28) means Proposition 54. Hence we complete the proof of Proposition 54.

Proposition 55.  $T_{\omega} \circ T_{\omega} = T_{\omega}$  for each  $\omega \in BTOOL$ .

Proof. Take any  $\omega \in \mathbf{BTOOL}$ . Take any sudoku matrix  $K = (K_\alpha)_{\alpha \in J_1 \times J_2} \in \mathbf{SMTX}(f, f_0)$ . We put  $K' = T_\omega(K)$ ,  $K'' = T_\omega(K')$  and  $K' = (K'_\alpha)_{\alpha \in J_1 \times J_2}$ ,  $K'' = (K''_\alpha)_{\alpha \in J_1 \times J_2}$ . Since  $\mathbf{BTOOL} = \mathbf{SFS} \cup \mathbf{IS}$ , we have the following cases.

Claim 1.  $T_\omega \circ T_\omega = T_\omega$  for each  $\omega \in \mathbf{SFS}$

Since  $\mathbf{SFS} = \bigcup_{n=1}^9 \mathbf{SFS}(n)$ , then  $\omega \in \mathbf{SFS}(n)$  for some  $n$ . Thus we put  $\omega = (s, b)$ ,  $s \subset b, b \in \mathbf{BLK}, |s| = n$ .

$$(1) K' = T_\omega(K) = \begin{cases} n\mathbf{NSF}(s, b)(K) & \text{if } |K_s| = |s| = n \\ K & \text{if } |K_s| \neq |s| = n \end{cases},$$

$$(2) K'' = T_\omega(K') = \begin{cases} n\mathbf{NSF}(s, b)(K') & \text{if } |K'_s| = |s| = n \\ K' & \text{if } |K'_s| \neq |s| = n \end{cases}.$$

Case 1.  $|K_s| = |s| = n$ .

We consider case 1. By (1)

$$(3) K' = n\mathbf{NSF}(s, b)(K).$$

By (3) we have

$$(4) K'_\alpha = \begin{cases} K_\alpha & \text{for } \alpha \in s \\ K_\alpha - K_s & \text{for } \alpha \in b - s \\ K_\alpha & \text{for } \alpha \in J_1 \times J_2 - b \end{cases}.$$

By (4) we have

$$(5) K'_\alpha = K_\alpha \text{ for each } \alpha \in s.$$

By (5) we have that  $K'_s = \bigcup \{K'_\alpha : \alpha \in s\} = \bigcup \{K_\alpha : \alpha \in s\} = K_s$ , i.e.,

$$(6) K'_s = K_s.$$

By the condition of case 1 and (6) we have that

$$(7) |K'_s| = |K_s| = |s| = n.$$

By (2) and (7) we have that

$$(8) K'' = n\mathbf{NSF}(s, b)(K').$$

By (8) we have that

$$(9) K''_\alpha = \begin{cases} K'_\alpha & \text{for } \alpha \in s \\ K'_\alpha - K'_s & \text{for } \alpha \in b - s \\ K'_\alpha & \text{for } \alpha \in J_1 \times J_2 - b \end{cases}.$$

By (4), (6) and (9) we have that

$$(10) K'_\alpha = \begin{cases} K'_\alpha = K_\alpha & \text{for } \alpha \in s \\ K'_\alpha - K'_s = (K_\alpha - K_s) - K'_s = K_\alpha - K_s \cup K'_s = K_\alpha - K_s & \text{for } \alpha \in b - s. \\ K'_\alpha & \text{for } \alpha \in J_1 \times J_2 - b \end{cases}$$

By (4) and (10) we have that

$$(11) K''_\alpha = K'_\alpha \text{ for } \alpha \in J_1 \times J_2, \text{ i.e.,}$$

$$(13) K'' = K'.$$

(13) means that Claim 1 holds for case 1.

Case 2.  $|K_s| \neq |s| = n$ .

In this case by (1) we have that

$$(13) K' = K.$$

By (13) we have

$$(14) K'_s = K_s.$$

By the condition of case 2 and (14) we have that  $|K'_s| = |K_s| \neq |s| = n$ , i.e.,

$$(15) |K'_s| \neq |s| = n.$$

By (2) and (15) we have that

$$(16) K'' = K'.$$

(16) means that Claim 1 holds for case 2.

Thus, by case 1 and case 2, we have Claim 1.

Claim 2.  $T_\omega \circ T_\omega = T_\omega$  for each  $\omega \in IS$

Since  $\omega \in IS = \cup_{n=1}^9 IS(n)$ , then  $\omega \in IS(n)$  for some  $n$ . Thus  $\omega = (S, T)$  is an intersectable  $n$ -system such that  $S = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n\}$ ,  $T = \{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n\}$  and  $s = \cup_{i=1}^n s_i$ ,  $t = \cup_{j=1}^n t_j$ ,

$$(17) T_\omega = T(S, T).$$

By (17) we have

$$(18) K'_\alpha = \begin{cases} K_\alpha & \text{for } \alpha \in (J_1 \times J_2 - s \cup t) \cup (s \cap t) \\ K_\alpha \cap K_{t-s} & \text{for } \alpha \in s - t \\ K_\alpha \cap K_{s-t} & \text{for } \alpha \in t - s \end{cases},$$

$$(19) K''_\alpha = \begin{cases} K'_\alpha & \text{for } \alpha \in (J_1 \times J_2 - s \cup t) \cup (s \cap t) \\ K'_\alpha \cap K'_{t-s} & \text{for } \alpha \in s - t \\ K'_\alpha \cap K'_{s-t} & \text{for } \alpha \in t - s \end{cases}.$$

Case 3.  $\alpha \in (J_1 \times J_2 - s \cup t) \cup (s \cap t)$ .

In this case, by (19) we have

$$(20) K''_\alpha = K'_\alpha.$$

Case 4,  $\alpha \in s - t$ .

In this case, by (18) we have

$$(21) \quad K'_\alpha = K_\alpha \cap K_{t-s}.$$

By (19) we have

$$(22) \quad K''_\alpha = K'_\alpha \cap K'_{t-s}.$$

By (21) and (22) we have

$$\begin{aligned} K''_\alpha &= K'_\alpha \cap K'_{t-s} = K'_\alpha \cap (\cup \{K'_\beta : \beta \in t - s\}) = K'_\alpha \cap (\cup \{K_\beta \cap K_{s-t} : \beta \in t - s\}) \\ &= K'_\alpha \cap ((\cup \{K_\beta : \beta \in t - s\}) \cap K_{s-t}) = K'_\alpha \cap (K_{t-s} \cap K_{s-t}) = (K_\alpha \cap K_{t-s}) \cap (K_{t-s} \cap K_{s-t}) \\ &= K_\alpha \cap K_{t-s} \cap K_{s-t} = (K_\alpha \cap K_{s-t}) \cap K_{t-s} = K_\alpha \cap K_{t-s} = K'_\alpha \text{ i.e.,} \\ (23) \quad K''_\alpha &= K'_\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

Case 5,  $\alpha \in t - s$ .

In this case, by (18) we have

$$(24) \quad K'_\alpha = K_\alpha \cap K_{s-t}.$$

By (19) we have

$$(25) \quad K''_\alpha = K'_\alpha \cap K'_{s-t}.$$

By (24) and (25) we have

$$\begin{aligned} K''_\alpha &= K'_\alpha \cap K'_{s-t} = K'_\alpha \cap (\cup \{K'_\beta : \beta \in s - t\}) = K'_\alpha \cap (\cup \{K_\beta \cap K_{t-s} : \beta \in s - t\}) \\ &= K'_\alpha \cap ((\cup \{K_\beta : \beta \in s - t\}) \cap K_{t-s}) = K'_\alpha \cap (K_{s-t} \cap K_{t-s}) = (K_\alpha \cap K_{s-t}) \cap (K_{s-t} \cap K_{t-s}) \\ &= K_\alpha \cap K_{s-t} \cap K_{t-s} = (K_\alpha \cap K_{t-s}) \cap K_{s-t} = K_\alpha \cap K_{s-t} = K'_\alpha \text{ i.e.,} \\ (25) \quad K''_\alpha &= K'_\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

By (20),(23),(25) we have

$$(26) \quad K''_\alpha = K'_\alpha \text{ for each } \alpha \in J_1 \times J_2.$$

(26) means that  $K'' = K'$ . Hence we have Proposition 55.

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