

## ALL GENERAL SOLUTIONS OF FINITE EQUATIONS

Dragić Banković

**Abstract.** Recently Prešić determined in [4] all reproductive solutions of the finite equation, where a finite equation is an equation the solution set of which is a subset of a given finite set. In this paper we determine all general solutions of such equations. Especially we also get all reproductive solutions.

Let  $E$  be a given non-empty set and  $q(x)$  be any  $x$ -equation ( $x$  is an unknown element of  $E$  and  $q$  is a given unary relation of  $E$ ) supposing that  $q(x)$  has at least one solution.

*Definition 1.* Let  $f : E \rightarrow E$  be a given function. The formula  $x = f(t)$  represents a general solution of  $x$ -equation  $q(x)$  if and only if  $(\forall t \in E)q(f(t)) \wedge (\forall x \in E)(q(x) \implies (\exists t \in E)x = f(t))$ .

*Definition 2.* Let  $g : E \rightarrow E$  be a given function. The formula  $x = g(t)$  represents a reproductive solution of  $x$ -equation  $q(x)$  if and only if  $(\forall t \in E)q(g(t)) \wedge (\forall t \in E)(q(t) \implies x = g(t))$ .

Let  $B = \{b_0, b_1, \dots, b_m\}$  be a given set of  $m + 1$  elements and  $S = \{0, 1\}$ . Define the operation  $x^y$  by

$$x^y = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x = y \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (x, y \in B \cup S).$$

The standard Boolean operations  $+$  and  $\cdot$  (“or” and “and”) are described by the following tables:

	+	0	1		·	0	1
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1

Extend these operations to the partial operations of the set  $B \cup S$  by

$$x+0 = x, \quad 0+x = x, \quad x \cdot 0 = 0, \quad x \cdot 1 = x, \quad 0 \cdot x = 0, \quad 1 \cdot x = x, \quad (x \in B \cup S).$$

---

AMS Subject Classification (1985): Primary 03G50

We consider the  $x$ -equation

$$s_0x^{b_0} + s_1x^{b_1} + \cdots + s_mx^{b_m} = 0 \quad (1)$$

where  $s_i \in \{0, 1\}$  are given elements and  $x \in B$  is unknown.

Obviously the equation (1) is consistent if and only if

$$s_0s_1 \cdots s_m = 0. \quad (2)$$

*Definition 3.* Let  $(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_m) \in S^{m+1}$ . Then the set  $Z(a_0, \dots, a_m)$  ("the zero-set of  $(a_0, \dots, a_m)$ ") is defined by

$$b_i \in Z(a_0, \dots, a_m) \iff a_i = 0 \quad (i = 0, 1, \dots, m). \quad (3)$$

For instance, if  $m = 3$  we have

$$Z(1, 1, 1, 1) = \emptyset, \quad Z(1, 0, 1, 0) = \{b_1, b_3\}, \quad Z(0, 0, 0, 0) = \{b_0, b_1, b_2, b_3\}.$$

Let  $M = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ .

*Definition 4.* Let  $s_0 \cdots s_m = 0$ . A function  $A : B \rightarrow B$  of the form

$$A(x) = A_0(s_0, \dots, s_m)x^{b_0} + \cdots + A_m(s_0, \dots, s_m)x^{b_m}$$

is a repro-function if and only if each coefficient  $A_k(s_0, \dots, s_m)$  is determined by some equality of the form

$$A_k(s_0, \dots, s_m) = b_k s_k^0 + \sum_{a_k \neq 0, a_0 \cdots a_m = 0} F_k(a_0, \dots, a_m) s_0^{a_0} \cdots s_m^{a_m},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} & (\forall k \in M)(\forall a_0, \dots, a_m \in S)(a_k \neq 0 \wedge a_0 \cdots a_m = 0 \\ & \implies F_k(a_0, \dots, a_m) \in Z(a_0, \dots, a_m)). \end{aligned}$$

*Definition 5.* Let  $s_0 \cdots s_m = 0$ . A function  $A : B \rightarrow B$  of the form

$$A(x) = A_0(s_0, \dots, s_m)x^{b_0} + \cdots + A_m(s_0, \dots, s_m)x^{b_m}$$

is a gener-function if and only if there is a function  $\psi : M \xrightarrow{1-1} M$  such that each coefficient  $A_k(s_0, \dots, s_m)$  is determined by some equality of the form

$$A_k(s_0, \dots, s_m) = b_{\psi(k)} s_{\psi(k)}^0 + \sum_{a_{\psi(k)} \neq 0, a_0 \cdots a_m = 0} F_{\psi(k)}(a_0, \dots, a_m) s_0^{a_0} \cdots s_m^{a_m},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} & (\forall k \in M)(\forall a_0, \dots, a_m \in S)(a_{\psi(k)} \neq 0 \wedge a_0 \cdots a_m = 0 \\ & \implies F_k(a_0, \dots, a_m) \in Z(a_0, \dots, a_m)). \end{aligned}$$

Let (1) be denoted by  $g(x) = 0$ .

LEMMA 1. Let  $A(x) = A_0(s_0, \dots, s_m)x^{b_0} + \dots + A_m(s_0, \dots, s_m)x^{b_m}$  assuming that  $A_0(s_0, \dots, s_m), \dots, A_m(s_0, \dots, s_m) \in B$ . Then the formula

$$(\forall x \in B)(g(x) = 0 \implies (\exists t \in B)x = A(t))$$

holds if and only if there is a function  $\psi : M \xrightarrow{1-1} M$  such that each coefficient  $A_k(s_0, \dots, s_m)$  is determined by the equality

$$A_k(s_0, \dots, s_m) = b_{\psi(k)}s_{\psi(k)}^0 + \sum_{a_{\psi(k)} \neq 0, a_0, \dots, a_m=0} F_{\psi(k)}(a_0, \dots, a_m)s_0^{a_0} \cdots s_m^{a_m},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} & (\forall k \in M)(\forall a_0, \dots, a_m \in S)(a_{\psi(k)} \neq 0 \wedge a_0 \cdots a_m = 0 \\ & \implies F_{\psi(k)}(a_0, \dots, a_m) \in B). \end{aligned}$$

The proof follows from the following equivalences.

$$\begin{aligned} & (\forall x \in B)(g(x) = 0 \implies (\exists t \in B)x = A(t)) \\ & \iff (\forall x \in B)(x \in Z(s_0, \dots, s_m) \implies (\exists t \in B)x = A(t)) \\ & \iff (\forall x \in Z(s_0, \dots, s_m))(\exists t \in B)x = A(t) \\ & \iff (\exists \bar{f} : Z(s_0, \dots, s_m) \rightarrow B)(\forall x \in Z(s_0, \dots, s_m))x = A(\bar{f}(x)) \end{aligned}$$

(by the axiom of choice)

$$\iff (\exists \bar{f} : Z(s_0, \dots, s_m) \xrightarrow{1-1} B)(\forall x \in Z(s_0, \dots, s_m))x = A(\bar{f}(x)).$$

(Assuming  $b_p \in Z(s_0, \dots, s_m)$ ,  $b_r \in Z(s_0, \dots, s_m)$ ,  $b_p \neq b_r$  and  $\bar{f}(b_p) = \bar{f}(b_r) = b_u$ , we get from  $x = A_0(f(x))^{b_0} + \dots + A_m(f(x))^{b_m}$  the following implications:

$$x = b_p \implies b_p = A_u, \quad x = b_r \implies b_r = A_u \quad \text{i.e.} \quad b_p = b_r.$$

Thus  $\bar{f}$  is  $\xrightarrow{1-1}$ .

$$\iff (\exists f : B \xrightarrow{1-1} B)(\forall x \in Z(s_0, \dots, s_m))x = A(f(x))$$

( $f$  is an extension of  $\bar{f}$ )

$$\begin{aligned} & \iff (\exists f : B \xrightarrow{1-1} B)(\forall x \in B)(x \in Z(s_0, \dots, s_m) \implies x = A(f(x))) \\ & \iff (\exists f : B \xrightarrow{1-1} B)(\forall x \in B)(s_0 x^{b_0} + \dots + s_m x^{b_m} \\ & \quad \implies x = A_0(s_0, \dots, s_m)(f(x))^{b_0} + \dots \\ & \quad + A_m(s_0, \dots, s_m)(f(x))^{b_m} \wedge (\forall k \in M)A_k(s_0, \dots, s_m) \in B) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\iff (\exists f : B \xrightarrow{1-1} B) (\forall k \in M) (s_0 b_k^{b_0} + \cdots + s_m b_k^{b_m} = 0 \\
&\quad \implies b_k = A_0(s_0, \dots, s_m) (f(b_k))^{b_0} + \cdots \\
&\quad + A_m(s_0, \dots, s_m) (f(b_k))^{b_m} \wedge A_k(s_0, \dots, s_m) \in B) \\
&\iff (\exists \varphi : M \xrightarrow{1-1} M) (\forall k \in M) (s_k = 0 \\
&\quad \implies b_k = A(\varphi(k))(s_0, \dots, s_m) \wedge A_k(s_0, \dots, s_m) \in B) \\
&(\varphi \text{ is defined by } (\forall c, d \in M) (\varphi(c) = d \iff f(b_c) = b_d)) \\
&\iff (\exists \varphi : M \xrightarrow{1-1} M) (\forall k \in M) \left( A_{\varphi(k)}(s_0, \dots, s_m) \right. \\
&\quad = b_k s_k^0 + \sum_{a_k \neq 0} F_k(a_0, \dots, a_m) s_0^{a_0} \cdots s_m^{a_m} \\
&\quad \left. \wedge \forall a_0, \dots, a_m \in S (a_k \neq 0 \wedge a_0 \cdots a_m = 0 \implies F_k(a_0, \dots, a_m) \in B) \right) \\
&\iff (\exists \psi : M \xrightarrow{1-1} M) (\forall k \in M) \left( A_k(s_0, \dots, s_m) \right. \\
&\quad = b_{\psi(k)} s_{\psi(k)}^0 + \sum_C F_{\psi(k)}(a_0, \dots, a_m) s_0^{a_0} \cdots s_m^{a_m} \\
&\quad \left. \wedge (\forall a_0, \dots, a_m \in S) (C \implies F_{\psi(k)}(a_0, \dots, a_m) \in B) \right)
\end{aligned}$$

( $\psi$  is  $\varphi^{-1}$ ,  $C$  is the conjunction  $a_{\psi(k)} \neq 0 \wedge a_0 \cdots a_m = 0$  and  $\sum_C$  means the sum over all  $(a_0, \dots, a_m) \in S^{m+1}$  such that  $C$  is satisfied).

**THEOREM 1.** Let  $A(x) = A_0(s_0, \dots, s_m)x^{b_0} + \cdots + A_m(s_0, \dots, s_m)x^{b_m}$  and  $A_0(s_0, \dots, s_m), \dots, A_m(s_0, \dots, s_m) \in B$ . If

$$s_0 x^{b_0} + \cdots + s_m x^{b_m} = 0 \tag{1}$$

is a consistent equation then the formula  $x = A(t)$  ( $t$  is any element of  $B$ ) represents a general solution of (1) and only if the function  $A$  is a gener-function.

*Proof.* It we denote (1) by  $g(x) = 0$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&(\forall x \in B) g(A(x)) = 0 \wedge (\forall x \in B) (g(x) = 0 \implies (\exists t \in B) x = A(t)) \\
&\iff (\forall x \in B) s_0 (A_0(s_0, \dots, s_m)x^{b_0} + \cdots + A_m(s_0, \dots, s_m)x^{b_m})^{b_0} + \cdots \\
&\quad + s_m (A_0(s_0, \dots, s_m)x^{b_0} + \cdots + A_m(s_0, \dots, s_m)x^{b_m})^{b_m} = 0 \\
&\quad \wedge (\exists \psi : M \xrightarrow{1-1} M) (\forall k \in M) \left( A_k(s_0, \dots, s_m) \right. \\
&\quad = b_{\psi(k)} s_{\psi(k)}^0 + \sum_C F_{\psi(k)}(a_0, \dots, a_m) s_0^{a_0} \cdots s_m^{a_m}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\wedge (\forall a_0, \dots, a_m \in S) (C \implies F_{\psi(k)}(a_0, \dots, a_m) \in B) \Big)$$

(by Lemma 1)

$$\begin{aligned} &\iff (\forall i, k \in M) s_i A_k^{b_i}(s_0, \dots, s_m) = 0 \\ &\quad \wedge (\exists \psi : M \xrightarrow{1-1} M) (\forall k \in M) \Big( A_k(s_0, \dots, s_m) \\ &\quad = b_{\psi(k)} s_{\psi(k)}^0 + \sum_C F_{\psi(k)}(a_0, \dots, a_m) s_0^{a_0} \cdots s_m^{a_m} \\ &\quad \wedge (\forall a_0, \dots, a_m \in S) (C \implies F_{\psi(k)}(a_0, \dots, a_m) \in B) \Big) \end{aligned}$$

(This part of the proof is based on the following general facts:

If  $a_0, \dots, a_n, b$ , are any elements of  $B$  then

$$1^\circ (a_0 x^{b_0} + \cdots + a_m x^{b_m})^b = a_0^b x^{b_0} + \cdots + a_m x^{b_m} \text{ (for all } x \in B)$$

$$2^\circ (\forall x \in B) a_0 x^{b_0} + \cdots + a_m x^{b_m} = 0 \implies (\forall i \in M) a_i = 0.)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\iff (\exists \psi : M \xrightarrow{1-1} M) (\forall i, k \in M) \Big( s_i A_k^{b_i}(s_0, \dots, s_m) = 0 \\ &\quad \wedge (\forall a_0, \dots, a_m \in S) (C \implies F_{\psi(k)}(a_0, \dots, a_m)) \\ &\quad \wedge A_k(s_0, \dots, s_m) = b_{\psi(k)} s_{\psi(k)}^0 + \sum_C F_{\psi(k)}(a_0, \dots, a_m) s_0^{a_0} \cdots s_m^{a_m} \Big) \\ &\iff (\exists \psi : M \xrightarrow{1-1} M) (\forall i, k \in M) \Big( s_i \left( b_{\psi(k)} s_{\psi(k)}^0 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_C F_{\psi(k)}(a_0, \dots, a_m) s_0^{a_0} \cdots s_m^{a_m} \right)^{b_i} = 0 \\ &\quad \wedge (\forall a_0, \dots, a_m \in S) (C \implies F_{\psi(k)}(a_0, \dots, a_m) \in B) \\ &\quad \wedge A_k(s_0, \dots, s_m) = b_{\psi(k)} s_{\psi(k)}^0 + \sum_C F_{\psi(k)}(s_0, \dots, s_m) s_0^{a_0} \cdots s_m^{a_m} \Big) \\ &\iff (\exists \psi : M \xrightarrow{1-1} M) (\forall i, k \in M) \Big( s_i \left( \sum_C F_{\psi(k)}^{b_i}(a_0, \dots, a_m) s_0^{a_0} \cdots s_m^{a_m} \right) = 0 \\ &\quad \wedge (\forall a_0, \dots, a_m \in S) (C \implies F_{\psi(k)}(a_0, \dots, a_m) \in B) \\ &\quad \wedge A_k(s_0, \dots, s_m) = b_{\psi(k)} s_{\psi(k)}^0 + \sum_C F_{\psi(k)}(a_0, \dots, a_m) s_0^{a_0} \cdots s_m^{a_m} \Big) \end{aligned}$$

(we have used the identity  $s_p s_r^0 b_r^{b_p} = 0$ )

$$\iff (\exists \psi : M \xrightarrow{1-1} M) (\forall i, k \in M) \Big( \sum_{(a_0, \dots, a_m) \in S^{m+1}} a_i \cdot s_0^{a_0} \cdots s_m^{a_m}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \cdot \sum_C F_{\psi(k)}(a_0, \dots, a_m) s_0^{a_0} \cdots s_m^{a_m} = 0 \\
& \wedge (\forall a_0, \dots, a_m \in S) (C \implies F_{\psi(k)}(a_0, \dots, a_m) \in B) \\
& \wedge A_k(s_0, \dots, s_m) = b_{\psi(k)} s_{\psi(k)}^0 + \sum_C F_{\psi(k)}(a_0, \dots, a_m) s_0^{a_0} \cdots s_m^{a_m} \Big) \\
& (\text{because of the identity } s_i = \sum_{(a_0, \dots, a_m) \in S^{m+1}} a_i s_0^{a_0} \cdots s_m^{a_m}) \\
& \iff (\exists \psi : M \xrightarrow{1-1} M) (\forall i, k \in M) \left( \sum_C a_i F_{\psi(k)}^{b_i}(a_0, \dots, a_m) s_0^{a_0} \cdots s_m^{a_m} = 0 \right. \\
& \quad \wedge (\forall a_0, \dots, a_m \in S) (C \implies F_{\psi(k)}(a_0, \dots, a_m) \in B) \\
& \quad \wedge A_k(s_0, \dots, s_m) = b_{\psi(k)} s_{\psi(k)}^0 + \sum_C F_{\psi(k)}(a_0, \dots, a_m) s_0^{a_0} \cdots s_m^{a_m} \Big) \\
& \iff (\exists \psi : M \xrightarrow{1-1} M) (\forall i, k \in M) \left( (\forall a_0, \dots, a_m \in S) \right. \\
& \quad (C \implies a_i F_{\psi(k)}(a_0, \dots, a_m) = 0) \\
& \quad \wedge (\forall a_0, \dots, a_m \in S) (C \implies F_{\psi(k)}(a_0, \dots, a_m) \in B) \\
& \quad \wedge A_k(s_0, \dots, s_m) = b_{\psi(k)} s_{\psi(k)}^0 + \sum_C F_{\psi(k)}(a_0, \dots, a_m) s_0^{a_0} \cdots s_m^{a_m} \Big) \\
& \iff (\exists \psi : M \xrightarrow{1-1} M) (\forall i, k \in M) \left( (\forall a_0, \dots, a_m \in S) (C \implies a_i b_{\psi(k)}^{b_i} = 0) \right. \\
& \quad \wedge (\forall a_0, \dots, a_m \in S) (C \implies F_{\psi(k)}(a_0, \dots, a_m) \in B) \\
& \quad \wedge A_k(s_0, \dots, s_m) = b_{\psi(k)} c_{\psi(k)}^0 + \sum_C F_{\psi(k)}(a_0, \dots, a_m) s_0^{a_0} \cdots s_m^{a_m} \Big)
\end{aligned}$$

(we have used the following facts:

- (I)  $(\forall k \in M) F_{\psi(k)} \in B \iff (\forall k \in M) (\exists j \in M) F_{\psi(k)} = b_j$ ;
- (II)  $(\forall k \in M) (\exists j \in M) F_{\psi(k)} = b_j \iff (\exists h : M \rightarrow M) (\forall k \in M) F_{\psi(k)} = b_{h(k)}$ ,  
by the axiom of choice)

$$\begin{aligned}
& \iff (\exists \psi : M \xrightarrow{1-1} M) (\forall k \in M) \left( (\forall i \in M) (\forall a_0, \dots, a_m \in S) (C \implies a_i b_{\psi(k)}^{b_i} = 0) \right. \\
& \quad \wedge (\forall a_0, \dots, a_m \in S) (C \implies F_{\psi(k)}(a_0, \dots, a_m) \in B) \\
& \quad \wedge A_k(s_0, \dots, s_m) = b_{\psi(k)} s_{\psi(k)}^0 + \sum_C F_{\psi(k)}(a_0, \dots, a_m) s_0^{a_0} \cdots s_m^{a_m} \Big) \\
& \iff (\exists \psi : M \xrightarrow{1-1} M) (\forall k \in M) \left( (\forall a_0, \dots, a_m \in S) (C \implies a_{h(k)} = 0) \right. \\
& \quad \wedge (\forall a_0, \dots, a_m \in S) (C \implies F_{\psi(k)}(a_0, \dots, a_m) \in B)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \wedge A_k(s_0, \dots, s_m) = b_{\psi(k)} s_{\psi(k)}^0 + \sum_C F_{\psi(k)}(a_0, \dots, a_m) s_0^{a_0} \cdots s_m^{a_m} \\
\iff & (\exists \psi : M \xrightarrow{1-1} M) (\forall k \in M) \left( (\forall a_0, \dots, a_m \in S) \right. \\
& \quad (C \implies b_{h(k)} \in Z(a_0, \dots, a_m)) \\
& \quad \wedge (\forall a_0, \dots, a_m \in S) (C \implies F_{\psi(k)}(a_0, \dots, a_m) \in B) \\
& \left. \wedge A_k(s_0, \dots, s_m) = b_{\psi(k)} s_{\psi(k)}^0 + \sum_C F_{\psi(k)}(a_0, \dots, a_m) s_0^{a_0} \cdots s_m^{a_m} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

(Definition 3)

$$\begin{aligned}
& \iff (\exists \psi : M \xrightarrow{1-1} M) (\forall k \in M) \left( (\forall a_0, \dots, a_m \in S) \right. \\
& \quad (C \implies F_k(a_0, \dots, a_m) \in Z(a_0, \dots, a_m)) \\
& \quad \wedge (\forall a_0, \dots, a_m \in S) (C \implies F_{\psi(k)}(a_0, \dots, a_m) \in B) \\
& \left. \wedge A_k(s_0, \dots, s_m) = b_{\psi(k)} s_{\psi(k)}^0 + \sum_C F_{\psi(k)}(a_0, \dots, a_m) s_0^{a_0} \cdots s_m^{a_m} \right) \\
\iff & (\exists \psi : M \xrightarrow{1-1} M) (\forall k \in M) \left( (\forall a_0, \dots, a_m \in S) ( \implies \right. \\
& \quad F_k(a_0, \dots, a_m) \in Z(a_0, \dots, a_m) \wedge F_{\psi(k)}(a_0, \dots, a_m) \in B) \\
& \left. \wedge A_k(s_0, \dots, s_m) = b_{\psi(k)} s_{\psi(k)}^0 + \sum_C F_{\psi(k)}(a_0, \dots, a_m) s_0^{a_0} \cdots s_m^{a_m} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

(because  $(p_1 \implies p_2) \wedge (p_1 \implies p_3) \iff (p_1 \implies p_2 \wedge p_3)$  is a tautology)

$$\begin{aligned}
& \iff (\exists \psi : M \xrightarrow{1-1} M) (\forall k \in M) \left( (\forall a_0, \dots, a_m \in S) \right. \\
& \quad (C \implies F_k(a_0, \dots, a_m) \in Z(a_0, \dots, a_m)) \\
& \quad \wedge A_k(s_0, \dots, s_m) = b_{\psi(k)} s_{\psi(k)}^0 + \sum_C F_{\psi(k)}(a_0, \dots, a_m) s_0^{a_0} \cdots s_m^{a_m} \\
\iff & A \text{ is a gener-function.}
\end{aligned}$$

The following Theorem 2 can be obtained from Theorem 1 if we assume that  $\psi : B \rightarrow B$  is the identical mapping.

THEOREM 2. [4] If

$$s_0 x^{b_0} + \cdots s_m x^{b_m} = 0 \tag{1}$$

is a consistent equation, then the formula

$$x = A(p) \quad (p \text{ is any element of } B)$$

represents a reproductive solution of the equation (1) if and only if the function  $A$  is a repro-function.

*Example 1.* Let  $s_0x^{b_0} + s_1x^{b_1} + s_2x^{b_2} = 0$  be a consistent equation i.e.  $s_0s_1s_2 = 0$ . If  $\psi = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  then the formula  $x = A_0P^{b_0} + A_1P^{b_1} + A_2P^{b_2}$  represents a general solution of  $s_0x^{b_0} + s_1x^{b_1} + s_2x^{b_2} = 0$  provided

$$\begin{aligned} A_0 &= b_2s_2^0 + F_2(0, 0, 1)s_0^0s_1^0s_2^1 + F_2(0, 1, 1)s_0^0s_1^1s_2^1 + F_2(1, 0, 1)s_0^1s_1^0s_2^1 \\ A_1 &= b_0s_0^0 + F_0(1, 0, 0)s_0^1s_1^0s_2^0 + F_0(1, 0, 1)s_0^1s_1^0s_2^1 + F_0(1, 1, 0)s_0^1s_1^1s_2^0 \\ A_2 &= b_1s_1^0 + F_1(0, 1, 0)s_0^0s_1^1s_2^0 + F_1(0, 1, 1)s_0^0s_1^1s_2^1 + F_1(1, 1, 0)s_0^1s_1^1s_2^0 \end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} A_0 &= b_2s_2^0 + (b_0 \text{ or } b_1)s_0^0s_1^0s_2^1 + b_0s_0^0s_1^1s_2^1 + b_1s_0^1s_1^0s_2^1 \\ A_1 &= b_0s_0^0 + (b_1 \text{ or } b_2)s_0^1s_1^0s_2^0 + b_1s_0^1s_1^0s_2^1 + b_2s_0^1s_1^1s_2^0 \\ A_2 &= b_1s_1^0 + (b_0 \text{ or } b_2)s_0^0s_1^1s_2^0 + b_0s_0^0s_1^1s_2^1 + b_2s_0^1s_1^1s_2^1. \end{aligned}$$

*Remark 1.* Let  $p = 2^n - 1$  ( $n$  is a natural number),  $\{0, 1\}^n = \{D_0, \dots, D_p\}$ ,  $f : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  be a Boolean function and

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0 \quad (4)$$

be a consistent Boolean equation, i.e.  $\prod_{i=0}^p f(D_i) = 0$ .

In accordance with Theorem 1 one can effectively find all general solutions of (4) in the form

$$X = A_0(f(D_0), \dots, f(D_p))T^{D_0} \cup \dots \cup A_p(f(D_0), \dots, f(D_p))T^{D_p},$$

where  $X = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $T = (t_1, \dots, t_n)$ .

#### REFERENCES

- [1] D. Banković, *Formulas of the general solutions of Boolean equations*, Publ. Inst. Math. Beograd **44** (58) (1988), 3–7.
- [2] S. Prešić, *Une méthode de resolution des équations dont toutes les solutions appartiennent à un ensemble fini donné*, C. R. Acad. Sci. Paris Ser. A **272** (1971), 654–657.
- [3] S. Prešić, *Ein Satz über reproduktive Lösungen*, Publ. Inst. Math. Beograd **14** (28) (1973), 133–136.
- [4] S. Prešić, *All reproductive solutions of finite equations*, Publ. Inst. Math. Beograd (in print).
- [5] S. Rudeanu, *Boolean Functions and Equations*, North-Holland Amsterdam/London and Elsevier, New York, 1974.

Prirodno-matematički fakultet  
34000 Kragujevac, pp. 60,  
Yugoslavia

(Received 27 01 1989)

#### ERRATUM

The reference [4] from above should have appeared as reference [7] in my paper *All general reproductive solutions of Boolean equations*, Publ. Inst. Math. (Beograd) **46** (60) (1989), 13–19, and the reference [7] should have been reference [8].