

**AUTOMORPHISMS AND STRONG  
FOUNDATIONAL SYSTEMS**

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## WARM-UP

- Automorphisms of  $\mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}$ , and  $\mathbb{C}$ .
- **Theorem** (Ehrenfeucht and Mostowski).  
*Given any infinite model  $\mathfrak{M}$  and any linear order  $\mathbb{L}$ , there is an elementary extension  $\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbb{L}}$  of  $\mathfrak{M}$  such that*

$$\text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}) \hookrightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbb{L}}).$$

- (standard proof) Two incantations:

*abracadabra* (Ramsey's Theorem)

*ajji majji latarrajji* (Compactness Theorem).

## EM WITH ONE ABRACADABRA

- $\mathfrak{M} = (M, \dots)$  is a infinite structure, and  $\mathbb{L}$  is a linear order.
- Fix a nonprincipal ultrafilter  $\mathcal{U}$  over  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$ .
- We shall build the  $\mathbb{L}$ -iterated ultrapower of  $\mathfrak{M}$  modulo  $\mathcal{U}$  with ‘bare hands’

$$\mathfrak{M}^* := \prod_{\mathcal{U}, \mathbb{L}} \mathfrak{M}.$$

## A KEY DEFINITION

(REMINISCENT OF FUBINI)

- Define  $\mathcal{U}^2$  as

$$\{X \subseteq \mathbb{N}^2 : \{a \in \mathbb{N} : \overbrace{\{b \in \mathbb{N} : (a, b) \in X\}}^{(X)_a} \in \mathcal{U}\} \in \mathcal{U}.$$

- More generally, define  $\mathcal{U}^{n+1}$  as

$$\{X \subseteq \mathbb{N}^{n+1} : \{a \in \mathbb{N} : (X)_a \in \mathcal{U}^n\} \in \mathcal{U},$$

where

$$(X)_a := \{(b_1, \dots, b_n) : (a, b_1, \dots, b_n) \in X\}$$

## BUILDING THE ITERATED ULTRAPOWER (1)

- Let  $\Upsilon$  be the set of terms  $\tau$  of the form

$$f(l_1, \dots, l_n),$$

where  $f : \mathbb{N}^n \rightarrow M$  and

$$(l_1, \dots, l_n) \in [\mathbb{L}]^n.$$

- Given  $f(l_1, \dots, l_r)$  and  $g(l'_1, \dots, l'_s)$  from  $\Upsilon$ , let

$$P := \{l_1, \dots, l_r\} \cup \{l'_1, \dots, l'_s\}, \quad p := |P|,$$

and relabel the elements of  $P$  in increasing order as  $\bar{l}_1 < \dots < \bar{l}_p$ . This relabelling gives rise to increasing sequences  $(j_1, j_2, \dots, j_r)$  and  $(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_s)$  from  $\{1, \dots, p\}$  such that

$$l_1 = \bar{l}_{j_1}, \quad l_2 = \bar{l}_{j_2}, \quad \dots, \quad l_r = \bar{l}_{j_r}$$

and

$$l'_1 = \bar{l}_{k_1}, \quad l'_2 = \bar{l}_{k_2}, \quad \dots, \quad l'_s = \bar{l}_{k_s}.$$

## BUILDING THE ITERATED ULTRAPOWER (2)

- With the relabelling at hand, define:

$$f(l_1, \dots, l_r) \sim g(l'_1, \dots, l'_s)$$

iff

$$\{(i_1, \dots, i_p) \in \mathbb{N}^p : f(i_{j_1}, \dots, i_{j_r}) = g(i_{k_1}, \dots, i_{k_s})\} \in \mathcal{U}^p$$

- The universe  $M^*$  of  $\mathfrak{M}^*$  consists of equivalence classes  $\{[\tau] : \tau \in \Upsilon\}$ .

## BUILDING THE ITERATED ULTRAPOWER (2)

- The operations and relations of  $\mathfrak{M}^*$  are similarly defined, e.g.,

$$[f(l_1, \dots, l_r)] \triangleleft^{\mathfrak{M}^*} [g(l'_1, \dots, l'_s)]$$

iff

$$\{(i_1, \dots, i_p) \in \mathbb{N}^p : f(i_{j_1}, \dots, i_{j_r}) \triangleleft^{\mathfrak{M}} g(i_{k_1}, \dots, i_{k_s})\} \in \mathcal{U}^p.$$

## PROPERTIES OF THE ITERATED ULTRAPOWER (1)

- For  $m \in M$ , let  $c_m$  be the constant function  $c_m : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{m\}$ . We shall identify the element  $[c_m(l)]$  with  $m$ .
- We shall also identify  $[id(l)]$  with  $l$ , where  $id : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is the identity function (WLOG  $\mathbb{N} \subseteq M$ ).
- Therefore  $M \cup \mathbb{L}$  can be viewed as a *subset* of  $M^*$ .
- **Theorem.** For every formula  $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , and every  $(l_1, \dots, l_n) \in [\mathbb{L}]^n$ , the following are equivalent:
  - (a)  $\mathfrak{M}^* \models \varphi(l_1, l_2, \dots, l_n)$ ;
  - (b)  $\{(i_1, \dots, i_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n : \mathfrak{M} \models \varphi(i_1, \dots, i_n)\} \in \mathcal{U}^n$ .



## PROPERTIES OF THE ITERATED ULTRAPOWER (2)

- **Corollary 1.**  $\mathfrak{M} \prec \mathfrak{M}^*$ , and  $\mathbb{L}$  is a set of order indiscernibles in  $\mathfrak{M}^*$ .
- **Corollary 2.** There is a group embedding  $j \mapsto \hat{j}$  of  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{L})$  into  $\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{M}^*)$  via

$$\hat{j}([f(l_1, \dots, l_n)]) = [f(j(l_1), \dots, j(l_n))].$$

Moreover, if  $j$  is fixed point free, then

$$\text{fix}(\hat{j}) = M$$

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## SKOLEM-GAIFMAN ULTRAPOWERS

- $\mathfrak{M} \models PA$ , and  $\mathcal{U}$  is a nonprincipal ultrafilter on (parametrically) definable subsets of  $\mathfrak{M}$ .
- To allow iterations,  $\mathcal{U}$  needs to be “partially codable in  $\mathfrak{M}$ ”, in the following sense:
- $\mathcal{U}$  is *iterable* if for every  $\mathfrak{M}$ -definable family  $\langle X_m : m \in M \rangle$  of subsets of  $M$ , then the following set is definable in  $\mathfrak{M}$ :

$$\{m \in M : X_m \in \mathcal{U}\}.$$

- **Theorem** (Gaifman). *Let  $\mathfrak{M}^*$  be the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -iterated ultrapower of  $\mathfrak{M}$  modulo an iterable nonprincipal ultrafilter  $\mathcal{U}$ . Then for some  $j \in \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{M}^*)$*

$$\text{fix}(j) = M.$$

## REVERSING THE GAIFMAN RESULT

- $I$  is a *strong cut* of  $\mathfrak{M} \models I\Delta_0$ , if for each function  $f$  whose graph is coded in  $M$ , and whose domain includes  $M$ , there is some  $s$  in  $M$ , such that for all  $i \in I$ ,

$$f(i) \notin I \iff s < f(i).$$

- **Theorem** (Kirby-Paris). *Strong cuts are models of PA.*
- **Theorem.** *If  $\mathfrak{M} \models I\Delta_0$  and  $j \in \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{M})$  with  $\text{fix}(j) \subsetneq_e M$ , then  $\text{fix}(j)$  is a strong cut of  $\mathfrak{M}$ .*

## CHARACTERIZING $ACA_0$

- For a cut  $I$  of  $\mathfrak{M} \models I\Delta_0$ ,  $SSy(\mathfrak{N}, I)$  is the collection of subsets of  $I$  of the form  $I \cap X$ , where  $X$  is a coded subset of  $M$ .
- **Theorem.** *The following two conditions are equivalent for a countable  $(\mathfrak{M}, \mathcal{A})$ :*
  - (1)  $(\mathfrak{M}, \mathcal{A}) \models ACA_0$ .
  - (2) *There is an e.e.e.  $\mathfrak{M}^*$  of  $\mathfrak{M}$  that possesses an automorphism  $j$  whose fixed point set is precisely  $M$ , and  $SSy(\mathfrak{M}^*, M) = \mathcal{A}$ .*
- (Visser Arithmetic)  $VA := I\Delta_0 +$  “ $j$  is a nontrivial automorphism whose fixed point set is downward closed”.
- **Theorem.**  $ACA_0$  is interpretable in  $VA$ .

## [ALMOST] CHARACTERIZING $Z_2$ (1)

- Suppose  $\mathfrak{M}^* \models I\Delta_0$ , and  $M$  is a cut of  $\mathfrak{M}^*$ . An automorphism  $j$  of  $\mathfrak{M}^*$  is *M-amenable* if the fixed point set of  $j$  is precisely  $M$ , and for every formula  $\varphi(x, j)$  in the language  $\mathcal{L}_A \cup \{j\}$ , possibly with suppressed parameters from  $N$ ,

$$\{a \in M : (\mathfrak{M}^*, j) \models \varphi(a, j)\} \in SSy(\mathfrak{M}^*, M).$$

- $DC$  is the scheme in the language of second order arithmetic consisting of formulas of the form

$$\forall n \forall X \exists Y \varphi(n, X, Y) \rightarrow \exists Z \forall n \varphi(n, (Z)_n, (Z)_{n+1}).$$

## [ALMOST] CHARACTERIZING $Z_2$ (2)

- **Theorem.** *Suppose  $(\mathfrak{M}, \mathcal{A})$  is a countable model of  $Z_2 + DC$ . There exists an e.e.e.  $\mathfrak{M}^*$  of  $\mathfrak{M}$  such that  $SSy(\mathfrak{M}^*, M) = \mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{M}^*$  has an  $M$ -amenable automorphism.*
- **Theorem.** *If  $\mathfrak{M}^* \models I\Delta_0$  and  $M$  is a cut of  $\mathfrak{M}^*$  such that  $\mathfrak{M}^*$  has an  $M$ -amenable automorphism, then  $(\mathfrak{M}, SSy(\mathfrak{M}, M)) \models Z_2$ .*

## A Characterization of $I\Delta_0 + Exp + B\Sigma_1$

- $B\Sigma_1$  is the  $\Sigma_1$ -collection scheme consisting of the universal closure of formulae of the form, where  $\varphi$  is a  $\Delta_0$ -formula:

$$[\forall x < a \exists y \varphi(x, y)] \rightarrow [\exists z \forall x < a \exists y < z \varphi(x, y)].$$

- $I_{fix}(j)$  is the largest initial segment of the domain of  $j$  that is pointwise fixed by  $j$
- **Theorem** *The following two conditions are equivalent for a countable model  $\mathfrak{M}$  of the language of arithmetic:*

(1)  $\mathfrak{M} \models I\Delta_0 + B\Sigma_1 + Exp.$

(2)  $\mathfrak{M} = I_{fix}(j)$  for some nontrivial automorphism  $j$  of an end extension  $\mathfrak{M}^*$  of  $\mathfrak{M}$  that satisfies  $I\Delta_0$ .

Tools for  $(a) \Rightarrow (b)$  :

- (1) **Theorem (Wilkie-Paris)**. *Every countable model of  $I\Delta_0 + Exp + B\Sigma_1$  has an end extension to a model of  $I\Delta_0$ .*
- (2) A variant of a construction of Paris-Mills: given a cut  $I$  of a countable model  $\mathfrak{M} \models PA$  that is closed under exponentiation, one can fix the elements of  $I$  and ‘blow-up’ all elements above  $I$  to any desired cardinality in some elementary extension of  $\mathfrak{M}$ .

Bonus:

- A new proof, and a strengthening, of a theorem of Smoryński that characterizes cuts under exponentiation in countable recursively saturated models of  $PA$ .



## ZFC+‘Reflective’ Mahlo Cardinals (1)

- $EST(\mathcal{L})$  [Elementary Set Theory] is obtained from the usual axiomatization of  $ZFC(\mathcal{L})$  by deleting Power Set and Replacement, and adding  $\Delta_0(\mathcal{L})$ -Separation.
- $GW_0$  [Global Well-ordering] is the axiom expressing “ $\triangleleft$  well-orders the universe”.
- $GW$  is the strengthening of  $GW_0$  obtained by adding the following two axioms to  $GW_0$ :
  - (a)  $\forall x \forall y (x \in y \rightarrow x \triangleleft y)$ ;
  - (b)  $\forall x \exists y \forall z (z \in y \iff z \triangleleft x)$ .

## ZFC + 'Reflective' Mahlo Cardinals (2)

- $\Phi$  is

$$\{(\kappa \text{ is } n\text{-Mahlo and } V_\kappa \prec_{\Sigma_n} \mathbf{V}) : n \in \omega\}.$$

- **Theorem.** *The following are equivalent for a model  $\mathfrak{M}$  of the language  $\mathcal{L} = \{\in, \triangleleft\}$ .*

(a)  $\mathfrak{M} = \text{fix}(j)$  for some  $j \in \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{M}^*)$ , where  $\mathfrak{M}^* \models \text{EST}(\mathcal{L}) + \text{GW}$  and  $\mathfrak{M}^*$  end extends  $\mathfrak{M}^*$ .

(b)  $\mathfrak{M} \models \text{ZFC} + \Phi$ .

$$\boxed{\frac{I-\Delta_0}{PA} \sim \frac{\text{EST}(\mathcal{L})+\text{GW}}{\text{ZFC}+\Phi}}$$

## A KEY EQUIVALENCE

- **Theorem.** *If  $(\mathfrak{M}, \mathcal{A}) \models \text{GBC} + \text{“Ord is weakly compact”}$ , then  $\mathfrak{M} \models \text{ZFC} + \Phi$ .*
- **Theorem.** *Every countable recursively saturated model of  $\text{ZFC} + \Phi$  can be expanded to a model of  $\text{GBC} + \text{“Ord is weakly compact”}$ .*
- **Corollary.**  *$\text{GBC} + \text{“Ord is weakly compact”}$  is a conservative extension of  $\text{ZFC} + \Phi$ .*

## OTHER THEORIES THAT CAN BE CHARACTERIZED

- Gödel-Bernays theory of classes, augmented with a dependent choice scheme, and the sentence “**Ord** is weakly compact” .
- $KP^{Power}$  := The theory of “power admissible sets” .
- The subsystem  $WKL_0^*$  of  $WKL_0$  whose first order part is  $I\Delta_0 + Exp + B\Sigma_1$ .

## CONNECTION WITH QUINE-JENSEN SET THEORY (1)

- The *language* of  $NF$  is  $\{=, \in\}$ .

- The *axioms* of  $NF$  are:

(1) Extensionality

(2) Stratified Comprehension: For each stratifiable  $\varphi(x)$ , “ $\{x : \varphi(x)\}$  exists” .

- $\varphi$  is *stratifiable* if there is an integer valued function  $f$  whose domain is the set of **all** variables occurring in  $\varphi$ , which satisfies:

(1)  $f(v) + 1 = f(w)$ , whenever  $(v \in w)$  is a subformula of  $\varphi$ ;

(2)  $f(v) = f(w)$ , whenever  $(v = w)$  is a subformula of  $\varphi$ .

## CONNECTION WITH QUINE-JENSEN SET THEORY (2)

- Quine-Jensen set theory  $NFU$ : relax extensionality to allow urelements.
- MacLane set theory  $Mac$ : Zermelo set theory with Comprehension restricted to  $\Delta_0$ -formulas.
- $NFU^+ := NFU + \text{Infinity} + \text{Choice}$ .
- $NFU^- := NFU + \text{"V is finite"} + \text{Choice}$ .
- **Theorem** (Jensen).

(1)  $\text{Con}(Mac) \Rightarrow \text{Con}(NFU^+)$ .

(2)  $\text{Con}(PA) \Rightarrow \text{Con}(NFU^-)$ .

## CONNECTION WITH QUINE-JENSEN SET THEORY (3)

- $USC(X) := \{\{x\} : x \in X\}$ .
- $X$  is *Cantorian* if  $card(X) = card(USC(X))$ .
- $X$  is *strongly Cantorian* if  $\{\langle x, \{x\} \rangle : x \in X\}$  exists.
- $NFUA^\pm := NFU^\pm$  augmented with “every Cantorian set is strongly Cantorian”.
- **Theorem.**  $NFUA^+$  and  $GBC + \text{“Ord is weakly compact”}$  are mutually interpretable.
- **Theorem.**  $NFUA^-$  and  $ACA_0$  are mutually interpretable.