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#### INTRODUCTION

In [1], [2] and [4] two quite different axiomatisations of the notion of an automorphism of order  $n$ , for given  $n \in \omega - \{0, 1\}$ , have been presented. In [3] it has been shown that the notion of an automorphism of order  $n$ , for given  $n \in \omega - \{0, 1\}$  is not  $\Sigma_m$ -axiomatisable for any  $m \in \omega$ , for a very large class of first order languages. In the present paper we use the axiomatisation that we found in [1] and [2] and we characterise completely the existence of a model, for a given first order theory, admitting an automorphism of order  $n$  for every finite  $n$ . We also find a  $\Sigma_1$ -axiomatisation of this notion for a language with only unary predicate symbols, constant symbols and no function symbols at all.

In order to denote structures for a given first order language  $L$  we shall use the capital letters  $A, B, \dots$ . For their universes we shall use the notation  $|A|, |B|, \dots$  respectively. For the rest of our model theoretic terminology see [6].

Given a structure  $A$ , an automorphism of order  $n$  on  $A$  is an automorphism  $f$  on  $A$  such that  $f^n = I$  and  $f^m \neq I$  for all  $1 \leq m < n$  where  $I$  is the identity function on  $A$ .

Given a first order language we say that the notion of an automorphism of order  $n$ , for given  $n \in \omega - \{0, 1\}$  is  $\Sigma_m$ -axiomatisable if there exists a set  $X$  of  $\Sigma_m$  sentences of  $L$  such that  $A \equiv B$  for some  $B$  admitting an automorphism of order  $m$  iff  $A \models X$ , where  $A, B$  are structures for  $L$ .

**Definition 1:** Let  $L$  be a first-order language and  $\bar{L} = k$ . (By  $\bar{L}$  we denote the cardinality of  $L$  and by  $k$  the corresponding cardinal. The axiom of Choice is presupposed). In case the language  $L$  has less than  $k$  variable symbols we extend the language  $L$  to a new one adding

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$k$  new variable symbols. We identify this new language with  $L$ , because there is no fundamental difference between them.

Now given an ordinal  $\alpha < k$  we can define the notion of an  $\alpha$ -sequence of variable symbols of  $L$  as a function  $\vec{x}_\alpha: \alpha \rightarrow U$  where  $U$  is the set of variable symbols of  $L$ . Given  $\vec{x}_\alpha$  let  $\vec{x}_\alpha x$  be  $\vec{x}_\alpha \cup \{ \langle \alpha, x \rangle \}$  where  $x \in U$ .

For given  $n \geq 2$  we define:

$$J_{n,1}^{\vec{x}_\alpha^1, \dots, \vec{x}_\alpha^n} = \{ \exists x \varphi(\vec{x}_\alpha^1, \dots, \vec{x}_\alpha^n, x) \rightarrow \exists x_1 \exists x_2 \dots \exists x_n (\varphi(\vec{x}_\alpha^1, \vec{x}_\alpha^2, \dots, \vec{x}_\alpha^n, x_1) \wedge \varphi(\vec{x}_\alpha^2, \vec{x}_\alpha^3, \dots, \vec{x}_\alpha^n, \vec{x}_\alpha^1, x_2) \wedge \dots \wedge \varphi(\vec{x}_\alpha^n, \vec{x}_\alpha^1, \vec{x}_\alpha^2, \dots, \vec{x}_\alpha^{n-1}, x_n)) \mid \varphi(\vec{x}_\alpha^1, \dots, \vec{x}_\alpha^n, x) \text{ a formula of } L \text{ with free variables from } \vec{x}_\alpha^1, \vec{x}_\alpha^2, \dots, \vec{x}_\alpha^n, x \}.$$

$$J_{n,m+1}^{\vec{x}_\alpha^1, \dots, \vec{x}_\alpha^n} = \{ \exists x \varphi(\vec{x}_\alpha^1, \dots, \vec{x}_\alpha^n, x) \rightarrow \exists x_1 \exists x_2 \dots \exists x_n (\varphi(\vec{x}_\alpha^1, \vec{x}_\alpha^2, \dots, \vec{x}_\alpha^n, x_1) \wedge \varphi(\vec{x}_\alpha^2, \vec{x}_\alpha^3, \dots, \vec{x}_\alpha^n, \vec{x}_\alpha^1, x_2) \wedge \dots \wedge \varphi(\vec{x}_\alpha^n, \vec{x}_\alpha^1, \vec{x}_\alpha^2, \dots, \vec{x}_\alpha^{n-1}, x_n) \wedge \Delta) \mid \text{where } \Delta \text{ is a finite subset of } \bigcup_{1 \leq k \leq m} J_{n,k}^{\vec{x}_\alpha^1, \vec{x}_\alpha^2, \dots, \vec{x}_\alpha^n} \text{ and } \varphi(\vec{x}_\alpha^1, \dots, \vec{x}_\alpha^n, x) \text{ a formula of } L \text{ with free variables from } \vec{x}_\alpha^1, \vec{x}_\alpha^2, \dots, \vec{x}_\alpha^n, x \}.$$

$$J_n^{\vec{x}_\alpha^1, \dots, \vec{x}_\alpha^n} = \bigcup_{k \in \omega - \{0\}} J_{n,k}^{\vec{x}_\alpha^1, \dots, \vec{x}_\alpha^n}.$$

Let  $J_n = \{ \exists x_1 \dots \exists x_n (\sum (x_1, \dots, x_n) \wedge \wedge (x_i \neq x_j)) \mid \sum (x_1, \dots, x_n) \text{ the conjunction of any finite subset of } J_n^{\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_n} \}.$

**Theorem 2:** Let  $T$  be a theory in a first-order language  $L$ .  $T$  has a model  $A$  admitting an automorphism  $f: A \rightarrow A$  of order  $n$  iff  $T \cup J_n$  is consistent.

**Proof:** In can be found in [1] and [2].

Note 3: Given a theory  $T$  in  $L$  and models  $A \models T$ ,  $B \models T$  such that  $A$  admits an automorphism  $f_1$ , of order  $m$  and  $B$  admits an automorphism  $f_2$  of order  $n$  such that  $m < n$  and  $m$  does not divide  $n$ , it is not certain that there is a model  $C \models T$  admitting an automorphism  $g$  of order  $n$  and an automorphism  $f$  of order  $m$ , as the following example shows:

Let  $T$  be a theory in a first-order language with only non-logical symbols a binary relation symbol  $<$  and a ternary one  $B_3$ , and let  $T$  describe models of exactly one of two sorts.

(a)  $A \models T$ , contains an infinite linear ordering and exactly two elements which are not included in the range of the order relation, all the other elements being linearly ordered under  $<$ . Also  $B_3^A = \emptyset$ .

(b)  $B \models T$ , contains an infinite linear ordering as well, and exactly 3 elements  $a, b, c$  which are not included in the range of the order relation, all the other elements being linearly ordered under  $<$ . Also  $B_3^B = \{ \langle a, b, c \rangle, \langle b, c, a \rangle, \langle c, a, b \rangle \}$ .

Now it is obvious that  $T$  has models admitting an automorphism of order 2 (case a) and models admitting an automorphism of order 3 (case b), but not models admitting both. Hence  $TUJ_2$  is consistent,  $TUJ_3$ , is consistent but  $TUJ_2UJ_3$  is inconsistent.

The problem now is: given a set  $X \subseteq \omega$  can we have a set of sentences  $S$  such that given a theory  $T$  we can say:

« $T$  has a model  $A$  which for each  $n \in X$  admits an automorphism of order  $n$  iff  $TUS$  is consistent»?

In the sequel we answer the above question positively.

Lemma 4: Let  $L$  be a first-order language and  $A$  a structure for it. Then:

(a)  $A$  is  $k$ -saturated for every  $k$  iff  $A$  is finite.

(b) Suppose  $\bar{L} \leq k$  and  $\omega \leq |\bar{A}| \leq 2^k$ . Then there is an  $k^+$ -saturated elementary extension of  $A$  having cardinality  $2^k$ .

Proof: See [5].



**L e m m a 5 :** Suppose  $T$  is a complete theory in a first-order language  $L$ , with a model  $B \models T$  admitting an automorphism  $f$  of order 2. If  $A \models T$  is saturated then it admits an automorphism  $g$  of order 2 as well.

**P r o o f :** In case  $\overline{L} < \omega$  the result is immediate because the notion of an automorphism of order 2 can be expressed as a  $\sum_1^1$  sentence and it is well-known that if  $A$  is saturated then  $A$  satisfies every  $\sum_1^1$ -sentence which is consistent with  $\text{Th}(A)$  (see [3]). Here by  $\overline{L} < \omega$  we mean the cardinality of the set of non-logical symbols of the language.

We will try to prove the theorem without putting any restrictions on the cardinality of  $L$ .

Let,  $A \models T$  be saturated and  $A \equiv B$  where  $A$  has an automorphism of order 2,  $f$  say.

We add a unary function symbol to the language of  $T$  which we intend to interpret as  $f$  in  $B$ , denoting it by  $f$  as well.

We now use Lemma 4 and we get a model  $(B^*, f^*) \equiv (B, f)$  which is  $|\overline{A}|$ -saturated, and  $|\overline{B^*}| > |\overline{A}|$ .

We now well-order  $|A|$  and  $|B^*|$  in such a way that the first element  $b_0$  in the well-ordering of  $|B^*|$  is sent to an element  $f^*(b_0)$  by  $f^*$  such that  $f^*(b_0) \neq b_0$  which is possible because as we have said  $(B^*, f^*) \equiv (B, f)$ .

We now use a back and forth argument as follows :

Let  $\Gamma_{b_0}(x)$  be the type of  $b_0$  (in the language  $L$ ) and consider an element  $a_{b_0}$  in  $|A|$  such that  $A \models \Gamma_{b_0}(a_{b_0})$  (possible as  $A$  is saturated). So  $(A, a_{b_0}) \equiv (B^*, b_0)$ .

We now consider the element  $f^*(b_0) \in |B^*|$  and its type in  $(B^*, b_0)$ ,  $\Gamma_{f^*(b_0)}$  say. Then there is an element  $a_{f^*(b_0)} \in |A|$  such that  $(A, a_{b_0}) \models \Gamma_{f^*(b_0)}(a_{f^*(b_0)})$ . (It is clear that  $a_{b_0} \neq a_{f^*(b_0)}$ ). Then we get  $(A, a_{b_0}, a_{f^*(b_0)}) \equiv (B^*, b_0, f^*(b_0))$ .

We now get the element of  $|A| - \{a_{b_0}, a_{f^*(b_0)}\}$  with the smallest index in the well-ordering of  $A$ ,  $a_0$  say, and its type  $\Gamma_{a_0}(x)$  in  $(A, a_{b_0}, a_{f^*(b_0)})$ . We find, by a similar argument as above, elements  $b_{a_0}, f^*(b_{a_0}) \in |B^*|$ ,  $a_{f^*(b_{a_0})} \in |A|$  such that

$$(A, a_{b_0}, a_0, a_{f^*(b_0)}, a_{f^*(b_{a_0})}) \equiv (B^*, b_0, b_{a_0}, f^*(b_0), f^*(b_{a_0})).$$

We again pick up the element of  $|A| - \{a_{b_0}, a_0, a_{f^*(b_0)}, a_{f^*(b_{a_0})}\}$  with the smallest index in the well-ordering of  $|A|$ ,  $a_1$  say, and we continue this way until we exhaust all elements of  $|A|$  (possible as  $|A| < |\overline{B^*}|$ ).

We now define  $g : |A| \rightarrow |A|$  by  $g(a_{b_0}) = a_{f^*(b_0)}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} g(a_{f^*(b_0)}) &= a_{b_0} \text{ and for } c \in |A| - \{a_{b_0}, a_{f^*(b_0)}\} \\ g(c) &= a_{f^*(b_c)} \text{ if } c \neq a_{f^*(b_a)} \text{ for any } a \in |A| - \{a_{b_0}, a_{f^*(b_0)}\} \\ g(c) &= a \text{ if } c = a_{f^*(b_a)} \text{ some } a \in |A| - \{a_{b_0}, a_{f^*(b_0)}\}. \end{aligned}$$

It can be clearly and easily shown now that  $g$  is an automorphism of  $A$  of order 2. (of order 2 because  $a_{b_0} \neq a_{f^*(b_0)}$ ).

The above proof obviously works for any  $\Sigma_1^1$  sentence as well.

**Lemma 6:** Suppose  $T$  is a complete theory in a first-order language  $L$ , with a model  $B \models T$  admitting an automorphism  $f$  of order  $n \geq 2$ . Let  $A \models T$  be saturated. Then  $A$  has an automorphism of order  $n$ .

**Proof:** Similar to that of lemma 5.

**Theorem 7:** Given a set  $A \subseteq \omega$  and a theory  $T$  in a first-order language  $L$ , the following two statements are equivalent.

$$(1) \quad T + \bigcup_{n \in A} J_n \text{ is consistent.}$$

(2)  $T$  has a model  $A$  which for each  $n \in A$  admits an automorphism  $g$  of order  $n$ .

**Proof:** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2). There is a model  $B \models T + \bigcup_{n \in A} J_n$ .

We then take  $\text{Th}(B)$  and let  $A \models \text{Th}(B)$  be saturated. Then as  $\text{Th}(B)$  is complete by Lemma 6 we get that  $A$  is the required model.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1). The proof comes immediately from Theorem 2.

**Theorem 8:** Let  $L$  be a first order language with only unary predicate symbols, constant symbols and no function symbols et all. Then the notion of an automorphism of order  $n$ , for given  $n \in \omega - \{0, 1\}$ , is  $\Sigma_1$ -axiomatisable.

**Proof:** Let  $\{P_i \mid i \in I\}$  and  $\{c_j \mid j \in J\}$  be the sets of unary pre-

icate symbols and constant symbols respectively, of the language  $L$ . We consider the following set of sentences:

$$X = \left\{ \exists x_1 \dots \exists x_n \left( \bigwedge_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} x_i \neq x_j \quad \wedge \quad \bigwedge_{1 \leq j \leq n} \left( \bigwedge_{k \in K} x_j \neq c_k \right) \right. \right. \\ \left. \wedge \quad \bigwedge_{1 \leq j \leq n-1} \left( \bigwedge_{r \in R} \left( P_r(x_j) \leftrightarrow P_r(x_{j+1}) \right) \right) \right) \mid K \subseteq J \text{ and } R \subseteq I \text{ and } K, R \\ \text{finite} \right\}.$$

We claim that the set  $X$ ,  $\Sigma_1$ -axiomatises the notion of an automorphism of order  $n$ . That the set  $X$  is a set of  $\Sigma_1$  sentences is obvious.

We now suppose that  $A$  and  $B$  are structures for  $L$  such that  $A \equiv B$  and  $B$  admits an automorphism of order  $n$ . Let  $f: B \rightarrow B$  be such an automorphism of order  $n$  and  $b \in |B|$  such that  $f^m(b) \neq b$  for  $1 \leq m < n$ . Then for any sentence  $\varphi$  of  $X$  we have  $B \models \varphi$  because:

$$B \models \bigwedge_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} (f^i(b) \neq f^j(b)) \wedge \bigwedge_{1 \leq j \leq n} \left( \bigwedge_{k \in K} f^j(b) \neq c_k \right) \\ \wedge \bigwedge_{1 \leq j \leq n-1} \left( \bigwedge_{r \in R} (P_r(f^j(b)) \leftrightarrow P_r(f^{j+1}(b))) \right).$$

Hence  $B \models X$  and so  $A \models X$  because  $A \equiv B$ .

We will prove now the opposite direction.

Let  $A$  be a structure for the language  $L$  such  $A \models X$ . We extend the language  $L$  to a language  $L'$  adding the new constant symbols  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n$ . Given a sentence  $\varphi \in X$  of the form

$$\exists x_1 \dots \exists x_n \left( \bigwedge_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} x_i \neq x_j \quad \wedge \quad \bigwedge_{1 \leq j \leq n} \left( \bigwedge_{k \in K} x_j \neq c_k \right) \right. \\ \left. \wedge \quad \bigwedge_{1 \leq j \leq n-1} \left( \bigwedge_{r \in R} (P_r(x_j) \leftrightarrow P_r(x_{j+1})) \right) \right)$$

we shall use the notation  $\Psi_{\langle K, R \rangle}$  for the formula

$$\bigwedge_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} d_i \neq d_j \quad \wedge \quad \bigwedge_{1 \leq j \leq n} \left( \bigwedge_{k \in K} d_j \neq c_k \right) \wedge \bigwedge_{1 \leq j \leq n-1} \left( \bigwedge_{r \in R} (P_r(d_j) \leftrightarrow P_r(d_{j+1})) \right).$$

It is now obvious that for each  $\Psi_{\langle K, R \rangle}$  there exists a structure  $A_{\langle K, R \rangle}$  for  $L'$  such that  $A_{\langle K, R \rangle} \models \text{Th}(A)$  and  $A_{\langle K, R \rangle} \models \Psi_{\langle K, R \rangle}$ . So to each  $\Psi_{\langle K, R \rangle}$  we assign exactly one structure  $A_{\langle K, R \rangle}$  and we consider the family of all such structures

$$\{A_{\langle K, R \rangle} \mid \langle K, R \rangle \in P_\omega(J) \times P_\omega(I)\}$$

where  $P_\omega(J)$  and  $P_\omega(I)$  denote the sets of all finite subsets of  $J$  and  $I$  respectively.

We now consider the set  $\Lambda \subseteq P(P_\omega(J) \times P_\omega(I))$  defined as follows, (where  $P(D)$  denotes the power set of  $D$ ):  $\lambda \in \Lambda \iff$  there exists an ordered pair  $\langle k, r \rangle$  such that

$$\lambda = \{ \langle K, R \rangle \mid A_{\langle K, R \rangle} \models \bigwedge_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} d_i \neq d_j \wedge \bigwedge_{1 \leq j \leq n} d_j \neq c_k \wedge \bigwedge_{1 \leq j \leq n-1} (P_r(d_j) \leftrightarrow P_r(d_{j+1})) \}.$$

We can now see that  $\Lambda$  has the finite intersection property.

Indeed if by  $\langle k_i, r_i \rangle$  we denote an ordered pair that generates  $\lambda_i \in \Lambda$  according to the above definition, then considering a finite set  $\{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_m\} \subseteq \Lambda$  we can see that

$$A_{\langle K, R \rangle} \in \lambda_1 \cap \lambda_2 \cap \dots \cap \lambda_m \text{ where } \langle K, R \rangle = \langle \bigcup_{1 \leq i \leq m} \{k_i\}, \bigcup_{1 \leq i \leq m} \{r_i\} \rangle$$

Hence we can extend  $J$  to a non-principal ultrafilter  $F$  and denote the corresponding ultraproduct by  $B'$ . We can now use Łós Theorem (see (5) and (6)) and get that

$$B' \models \text{Th}(A) \text{ and}$$

$$B' \models \{ \Psi_{\langle K, R \rangle} \mid \langle K, R \rangle \in P_\omega(J) \times P_\omega(I) \}.$$

We now define a function  $f: B' \rightarrow B'$  by

$$f(d_i^{B'}) = d_{i+1}^{B'} \text{ for all } 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f(d_n^{B'}) = d_1^{B'} \text{ and}$$

$$f(b) = b \text{ for all } b \in |B'| - \{d_1^{B'}, \dots, d_n^{B'}\}$$

where  $d_1^{B'}, \dots, d_n^{B'}$  denote the interpretations of  $d_1, \dots, d_n$  in the structure  $B'$ .

Now it is obvious that the function  $f$  is an automorphism of order  $n$ . If we consider the structure  $B'$  restricted to the language  $L$ , we get a new structure  $B$  such that  $B \equiv A$  and  $B$  admits an automorphism  $f$  of order  $n$ .



## Π Ε Ρ Ι Λ Η Ψ Ι Σ

Εἰς τὰ [1], [2] καὶ [4] ἔχουν παρουσιασθῇ δύο τελείως διαφορετικαὶ ἀξιοματικοποιήσεις τῆς ἐννοίας ἐνὸς αὐτομορφισμοῦ πεπερασμένης τάξεως. Εἰς τὴν ἐργασίαν [3] ἐπίσης ἔχει ἀποδειχθῇ ὅτι ἡ ἐννοία ἐνὸς αὐτομορφισμοῦ τάξεως  $n$ , ὅπου  $n$  φυσικὸς ἀριθμὸς διάφορος τοῦ 1 καὶ τοῦ 0, δὲν εἶναι  $\Sigma_m$ -ἀξιοματικοποιήσιμη, εἰς τὰς πλείστας τῶν περιπτώσεων, ὅπου  $m$  εἶναι τυχὼν φυσικὸς ἀριθμὸς.

Εἰς τὴν παροῦσαν ἐργασίαν χρησιμοποιοῦμεν τὸ σύνολον τῶν προτάσεων μὲ τὸ ὁποῖον ἀξιοματικοποιήσαμε τὴν ἐννοίαν τοῦ αὐτομορφισμοῦ τάξεως  $n$ , ὅπου  $n$  φυσικὸς ἀριθμὸς διάφορος τοῦ 1 καὶ 0, καὶ ἐπιτυγχάνομεν νὰ χαρακτηρίσωμεν πλήρως, δεδομένης μιᾶς πρωτοβαθμίου θεωρίας  $T$ , τὴν ὑπαρξιν ἐνὸς μοντέλου τῆς τὸ ὁποῖον νὰ δέχεται ἓνα αὐτομορφισμόν τάξεως  $n$  διὰ κάθε  $n > 0, 1$ .

Ἐπίσης ἀποδεικνύομεν τὴν ὑπαρξιν μιᾶς  $\Sigma_1$ -ἀξιοματικοποίησεως τῆς ἀνωτέρω ἀναφερθείσης ἐννοίας διὰ πρωτοβαθμίους γλώσσας περιεχούσας μόνον μονομελῆ κατηγορηματικὰ σύμβολα ὥς καὶ σταθερὰ σύμβολα.

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