

AUTOMORPHISMS OF MODELS OF ARITHMETIC

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Prehistory

- $(\mathbb{N}, <)$ is rigid. Indeed any well-founded extensional relational structure is rigid.
- **Question** (Hasenjäger): *Is there a model of PA with a nontrivial automorphism?*
- **Equivalent Question:** *Is there a model of $ZF \setminus \{\text{Infinity}\} \cup \{\neg\text{Inf}\}$ with a nontrivial automorphism?*

The Answer

- **Theorem** (Ehrenfeucht and Mostowski).
Given an infinite model \mathfrak{M} and a linear order \mathbb{L} , there is an elementary extension $\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbb{L}}^$ of \mathfrak{M} such that*

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

The Standard Proof of EM

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EM with one ABRKADABRA

- $\mathfrak{M} = (M, \dots)$ is a infinite structure, and \mathbb{L} is a linear order.
- Fix a nonprincipal ultrafilter \mathcal{U} over $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$.
- One can build the \mathbb{L} -iterated ultrapower of \mathfrak{M} modulo \mathcal{U} , denoted $\mathfrak{M}_{\mathcal{U}, \mathbb{L}}^*$, with ‘bare hands’.
- **Theorem.** *There is a group embedding $j \mapsto \hat{j}$ of $Aut(\mathbb{L})$ into $Aut(\mathfrak{M}_{\mathcal{U}, \mathbb{L}}^*)$ such that for every fixed point free j ,*

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

Skolem Ultrapowers (1)

- Suppose \mathfrak{M} has definable Skolem functions (e.g., \mathfrak{M} is a *RCF*, or a model of *PA*, or a model of *ZF + V=OD*).
- The *Skolem ultrapower* $\mathfrak{M}_{\mathcal{U}}^*$ can be constructed as follows:
 - (a) Let \mathcal{B} be the Boolean algebra of \mathfrak{M} -definable subsets of M , and \mathcal{U} be an ultrafilter over \mathcal{B} .
 - (b) Let \mathcal{F} be the family of functions from M into M that are parametrically definable in \mathfrak{M} .

Skolem Ultrapowers (2)

- (c) The universe of $\mathfrak{M}_{\mathcal{U}}^*$ is

$$\{[f] : f \in \mathcal{F}\},$$

where

$$f \sim g \iff \{m \in M : f(m) = g(m)\} \in \mathcal{U}$$

(d) Define functions, relations, and constants on $\mathfrak{M}_{\mathcal{U}}^*$ as in the usual theory of ultraproducts.

- The analogue of the Łoś theorem is true in this context as well, therefore

$$\mathfrak{M} \prec \mathfrak{M}_{\mathcal{U}}^*.$$

Skolem Ultrapowers (3)

- **Theorem** (MacDowell-Specker, 1961)

Every model of PA has an elementary end extension.

- **Idea of the Proof** : Construct \mathcal{U} with the property that every definable map with bounded range is constant on a member of \mathcal{U} . Then,

$$\mathfrak{M} \prec_e \mathfrak{M}_{\mathcal{U}}^*.$$

- The construction of \mathcal{U} above is a more refined version of the proof of the existence of 'p-points' in $\beta\omega$ using CH.

Skolem-Gaifman Ultrapowers (1)

- For each parametrically definable $X \subseteq M$, and $m \in M$, $(X)_m = \{x \in M : \langle m, x \rangle \in X\}$.
- \mathcal{U} is an *iterable* ultrafilter if for every $X \in \mathcal{B}$, $\{m \in M : (X)_m \in \mathcal{U}\} \in \mathcal{B}$.
- **Theorem** (Gaifman, 1976)
 - (1) *Every countable model of PA carries an iterable \mathcal{U} .*
 - (2) *If \mathcal{U} is iterable, then the \mathbb{L} -iterated ultrapower of \mathfrak{M} modulo \mathcal{U} can be meaningfully defined.*

Skolem-Gaifman Ultrapowers (2)

- Let $\mathfrak{M}_{\mathcal{U}, \mathbb{L}}^*$ be the \mathbb{L} -iterated ultrapower of \mathfrak{M} modulo \mathcal{U} .

- **Theorem** (Gaifman, 1976)

(1) *If \mathcal{U} is iterable, and \mathbb{L} is a linear order, then*

$$\mathfrak{M} \prec_e \mathfrak{M}_{\mathcal{U}, \mathbb{L}}^*.$$

(2) *Moreover, if \mathcal{U} is a ‘Ramsey ultrafilter’ over \mathfrak{M} , then there is an isomorphism*

$$j \longmapsto \hat{j}$$

between $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{L})$ and $\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbb{L}}^; M)$ such that*

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

for every fixed-point-free j .

Two Corollaries of Gaifman's Theorem

- **Corollary 1.** *There are rigid models of PA of arbitrarily large cardinality.*
- **Corollary 2.** *For every \mathbb{L} , there is some model \mathfrak{M} of PA such that $\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{M}) \cong \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L})$.*

Schmerl's Generalization

- **Theorem** (Schmerl, 2002) *The following are equivalent for a group G .*
 - (a) $G \leq \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L})$ for some linear order \mathbb{L} .
 - (b) G is left-orderable.
 - (c) $G \cong \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{A})$ for some linearly ordered structure $\mathfrak{A} = (A, <, \dots)$.
 - (d) $G \cong \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{M})$ for some $\mathfrak{M} \models PA$.
 - (e) $G \cong \text{Aut}(\mathbb{F})$ for some ordered field \mathbb{F} .
- Schmerl's methodology: using a partition theorem of Nešetřil-Rödl/Abramson-Harrington to refine Gaifman's technique.

Countable Recursively Saturated Models (1)

- **Theorem** (Schlipf, 1978). *Every countable recursively saturated model has continuum many automorphisms.*
- **Theorem** (Schmerl, 1985)
 - (1) *If a countable recursively saturated model \mathfrak{M} is equipped with a ‘ β -function’ β , then for any countable linear order \mathbb{L} without a last element, \mathfrak{M} is generated by a set of indiscernibles of order-type \mathbb{L} (via β).*
 - (2) *Consequently, there is a group embedding from $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Q})$ into $\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{M})$.*

Countable Recursively Saturated Models (2)

- **Theorem.** (Smoryński, 1982) *If \mathfrak{M} is a countable recursively saturated model of PA and I is a cut of \mathfrak{M} that is closed under exponentiation, then there are continuum many $j \in \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{M})$ such that I is the longest initial segment of \mathfrak{M} that is pointwise fixed by j*
- **Question.** Can Smoryński's theorem be combined with part (2) of Schmerl's theorem above?

Paris-Mills Ultrapowers

- The *index set* is of the form

$$\bar{c} = \{0, 1, \dots, c - 1\}$$

for some nonstandard c in \mathfrak{M} .

- The family of functions used, denoted \mathcal{F} , is $(\bar{c}M)^{\mathfrak{M}}$.
- The Boolean algebra at work will be denoted $\mathcal{P}^{\mathfrak{M}}(\bar{c})$.
- This type of ultrapower was first considered by Paris and Mills (1978) to show that one can arrange a model of PA in which there is an externally countable nonstandard integer H such that the external cardinality of $Superexp(2, H)$ is of any prescribed infinite cardinality.

More on Ultrafilters

- \mathcal{U} is *I-complete* if for every $f \in \mathcal{F}$, and every $i \in I$, if $f : \bar{c} \rightarrow \bar{i}$, then f is constant on a member of \mathcal{U} .
- \mathcal{U} is *I-tight* if for every $f \in \mathcal{F}$, and every $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$, if $f : [\bar{c}]^n \rightarrow M$, then there is some $H \in \mathcal{U}$ such either f is constant on H , or there is some $m_0 \in M \setminus I$ such that $f(\mathbf{x}) > m_0$ for all $\mathbf{x} \in [H]^n$.
- \mathcal{U} is *I-conservative* if for every $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$ and every \mathfrak{M} -coded sequence $\langle K_i : i < c \rangle$ of subsets of $[\bar{c}]^n$ there is some $X \in \mathcal{U}$ and some $d \in M$ with $I < d \leq c$ such that $\forall i < d$ X decides K_i , i.e., either $[X]^n \subseteq K_i$ or $[X]^n \subseteq [\bar{c}]^n \setminus K_i$.

Desirable Ultrafilters

- **Theorem.** $\mathcal{P}^{\mathfrak{M}}(\bar{c})$ carries a nonprincipal ultrafilter \mathcal{U} satisfying the following four properties :

(a) \mathcal{U} is I -complete;

(b) \mathcal{U} is I -tight;

(c) $\{\text{Card}^{\mathfrak{M}}(X) : X \in \mathcal{U}\}$ is downward cofinal in $M \setminus I$;

(d) \mathcal{U} is I -conservative.

Fundamental Theorem

- **Theorem.** *Suppose I is a cut closed exponentiation in a countable model of PA, \mathbb{L} is a linearly ordered set, and \mathcal{U} satisfies the four properties of the previous theorem. One can use \mathcal{U} to build an elementary $\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbb{L}}^*$ of \mathfrak{M} that satisfies the following:*

(a) $I \subseteq_e \mathfrak{M}_{\mathbb{L}}^*$ and $SSy(\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbb{L}}^*, I) = SSy(\mathfrak{M}, I)$.

(b) \mathbb{L} is a set of indiscernibles in $\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbb{L}}^*$;

(c) Every $j \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L})$ induces an automorphism $\hat{j} \in \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbb{L}}^*)$ such that $j \mapsto \hat{j}$ is a group embedding of $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{L})$ into $\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbb{L}}^*)$;

(d) If $j \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L})$ is nontrivial, then $I_{fix}(\hat{j}) = I$.

Combining Smoryński and Schmerl

- **Theorem.** *Suppose \mathfrak{M} is a countable recursively saturated model of PA and I is a cut of \mathfrak{M} that is closed under exponentiation. There is a group embedding $j \mapsto \hat{j}$ from $Aut(\mathbb{Q})$ into $Aut(\mathfrak{M})$ such that for every nontrivial $j \in Aut(\mathbb{Q})$ the longest initial segment of \mathfrak{M} that is pointwise fixed by \hat{j} is I .*
- **Proof:** Use part (c) of the previous theorem, plus the following isomorphism theorem.
- **Theorem.** *Suppose I is a cut closed under exponentiation in a countable recursively saturated model \mathfrak{M} of PA , and \mathfrak{M}^* is a cofinal countable elementary extension of \mathfrak{M} such that $I \subseteq_e \mathfrak{M}^*$ with $SSy(\mathfrak{M}, I) = SSy(\mathfrak{M}^*, I)$. Then \mathfrak{M} and \mathfrak{M}^* are isomorphic over I .*

Key Results of Kaye, Kossak, Kotlarski, and Schmerl

- **Theorem** (K³, 1991). *Suppose \mathfrak{M} is a countable recursively saturated model of PA.*

(1) *If \mathbb{N} is a strong cut of \mathfrak{M} , then there is some $j \in \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{M})$ such that every undefinable element of \mathfrak{M} is moved by j .*

(2) *If $I \prec_{e, \text{strong}} \mathfrak{M}$, then I is the fixed point set of some $j \in \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{M})$.*

- **Theorem** (Kossak-Schmerl 1995, Kossak-1997). *In the above, j can be arranged to be expansive on the complement of the convex hull of its fixed point set.*

Strong Cuts and Arithmetic Saturation

- I is a *strong cut* of \mathfrak{M} if, for each function f whose graph is coded in \mathfrak{M} and whose domain includes I , there is some s in M such that for all $m \in M$, $f(m) \notin I$ iff $s < f(m)$.

- **Theorem** (Kirby-Paris, 1977) *The following are equivalent for a cut I of $\mathfrak{M} \models PA$:*

(a) I is strong in \mathfrak{M} .

(b) $(\mathbf{I}, SSy(\mathfrak{M}, I)) \models ACA_0$.

- **Proposition.** *A countable recursively saturated model of PA is arithmetically saturated iff \mathbb{N} is a strong cut of \mathfrak{M} .*

Schmerl's Conjecture

- **Conjecture** (Schmerl). *If \mathbb{N} is a strong cut of countable recursively saturated model \mathfrak{M} of PA, then the isomorphism types of fixed point sets of automorphisms of \mathfrak{M} coincide with the isomorphism types of elementary substructures of \mathfrak{M} .*

Kossak's Evidence

- **Theorem** (Kossak, 1997).

(1) *The number of isomorphism types of fixed point sets of \mathfrak{M} is either 2^{\aleph_0} or 1, depending on whether \mathbb{N} is a strong cut of \mathfrak{M} , or not.*

(2) *Every countable model of PA is isomorphic to a fixed point set of some automorphism of some countable arithmetically saturated model of PA .*

A New Ultrapower (1)

- Suppose $\mathfrak{M} \preceq \mathfrak{N}$, where $\mathfrak{M} \models PA^*$, I is a cut of both \mathfrak{M} and \mathfrak{N} , and I is strong in \mathfrak{N} (N.B., I need not be strong in \mathfrak{M}).
- $\mathcal{F} := (IM)^{\mathfrak{N}}$.
- Both Skolem-Gaifman, and Kirby-Paris ultrapowers can be viewed as special cases of the above.
- **Proposition.** *There is an \mathcal{F} -Ramsey ultrafilter \mathcal{U} on $B(\mathcal{F})$ if M is countable.*
- **Theorem.** *One can use \mathcal{F} , and an \mathcal{F} -Ramsey ultrafilter \mathcal{U} to build $\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbb{L}}^*$, and a group embedding $j \mapsto \hat{j}$ of $Aut(\mathbb{L})$ into $Aut(\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbb{L}}^*)$.*

A New Ultrapower (2)

• Theorem.

(a) $\mathfrak{M} \prec \mathfrak{M}_{\mathbb{L}}^*$.

(b) I is an initial segment of \mathfrak{M}^* , and $B(\mathcal{F}) = \text{SSy}(\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbb{L}}^*, I)$.

(c) For every \mathcal{L} -formula $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$, and every $(l_1, \dots, l_n) \in [\mathbb{L}]^n$, the following two conditions are equivalent:

(i) $\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbb{L}}^* \models \varphi(l_1, l_2, \dots, l_n)$;

(ii) $\exists H \in \mathcal{U}$ such that for all $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in [H]^n$, $\mathfrak{M} \models \varphi(a_1, \dots, a_n)$.

(d) If $j \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L})$ is fixed point free, then $\text{fix}(\hat{j}) = M$.

(e) If $j \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L})$ is expansive on \mathbb{L} , then \hat{j} is expansive on $M^* \setminus \overline{M}$.

Proof of Schmerl's Conjecture (1)

- **Theorem.** *Suppose \mathfrak{M}_0 is an elementary submodel of a countable arithmetically saturated model \mathfrak{M} of PA. There is $\mathfrak{M}_1 \prec \mathfrak{M}$ with $\mathfrak{M}_0 \cong \mathfrak{M}_1$ and an embedding $j \mapsto \hat{j}$ of $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Q})$ into $\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{M})$, such that $\text{fix}(\hat{j}) = \mathfrak{M}_1$ for every fixed point free $j \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{Q})$.*

Proof:

(1) Let $\mathcal{F} := (\mathbb{N}M_0)^{\mathfrak{M}}$.

(2) Build an ultrafilter \mathcal{U} on $B(\mathcal{F})$ that is \mathcal{F} -Ramsey.

(3) $\mathfrak{M}^* := \prod_{\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{U}, \mathbb{Q}} \mathfrak{M}_0$.

Proof of Schmerl's Conjecture (2)

(4) \mathfrak{M}^* is recursively saturated (key idea: \mathfrak{M}^* has a satisfaction class).

(5) Therefore $\mathfrak{M}^* \cong \mathfrak{M}$.

(6) Let θ be an isomorphism between \mathfrak{M}^* and \mathfrak{M} and let \mathfrak{M}_1 be the image of \mathfrak{M}_0 under θ .

(7) The embedding $j \mapsto \hat{j}$ of $Aut(\mathbb{Q})$ into $Aut(\mathfrak{M}^*)$ has the property that $fix(\hat{j}) = M_0$ for every fixed point free $j \in Aut(\mathbb{Q})$.

Proof of Schmerl's Conjecture (3)

(8) The desired embedding $j \xrightarrow{\alpha} \tilde{j}$ by:

$$\alpha = \theta^{-1} \circ \lambda \circ \theta.$$

This is illustrated by the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathfrak{M} & \tilde{j} \xrightarrow{=} \alpha(j) & \mathfrak{M} \\ \downarrow \theta & & \uparrow \theta^{-1} \\ \mathfrak{M}^* & \hat{j} \xrightarrow{=} \lambda(j) & \mathfrak{M}^* \end{array}$$

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