## On the no(M) for M of singular power

**Abstract:** We prove that for  $\lambda$  singular of cofinality  $\kappa > \aleph_0$ , if  $(V \mu < \lambda)\mu^{\kappa} < \lambda$  then for some model M,  $M = (M, R^M)$ , R a two place predicate,  $||M|| = \lambda$  and  $no(M) = \{N/\approx : N \equiv_{\infty,\lambda} M, ||N|| = \lambda\}$  is quite arbitrary e.g. any  $\mu < \lambda$  and  $\lambda^{\kappa}$  (hence  $2^{\lambda}$ ).

See [Sh 5] for the back ground: where the result were proved for M with relations with infinitely many places. By the present paper the only problem left, if we assume V = L, is whether  $no(M) = \lambda$ , may happen for M of cardinality  $\lambda$  for  $\lambda$  singular.

## §1 On $\gamma$ - systems of groups.

- 1.1 Definition : A  $\gamma$ -system will mean here a model of the form  $\mathcal{A} = \left\langle G_{\alpha}, h_{i,j} \right\rangle_{\substack{i \leq j < \gamma \\ \alpha < \gamma}}$  where
- (i)  $G_i$  is a group with the unit  $e_i=e^{G_i}=e_i{}^{\mathcal{A}}$  , the  $G_i$ 's are pairwise disjoint.
  - (ii)  $h_{i,j}$  is a homomorphism from  $G_j$  into  $G_i$  when  $i \leq j$ .
  - (iii)  $h_{i_1,i_2} \circ h_{i_2,i_3} = h_{i_1,i_3}$  when  $i_1 \le i_2 \le i_3 < \gamma$ .
  - (iv)  $h_{i,i}$  is the identity. (so we sometimes ignore them).

We denote  $\gamma$ -systems by  $\mathcal{A},\mathcal{B}$  and for a system  $\mathcal{A}$ , we write  $G_i = G_i \mathcal{A}, \gamma = \gamma \mathcal{A}$   $h_{i,j} = h_{i,j}$ . Let  $||\mathcal{A}|| = \sum_{i < \kappa} ||\mathcal{G}_i||$ . We omit the  $\mathcal{A}$  when there is no danger of confusion.

Let  $\gamma = \gamma^{\mathcal{A}}$ , for  $\beta \leq \gamma$  let  $\mathcal{A} \upharpoonright \beta = \left\langle G_{\alpha}^{\mathcal{A}}, h_{i,j}^{\mathcal{A}} \right\rangle_{i \leq j < \beta, \alpha < \beta}$ . The really interesting case is  $\gamma = \text{limit}$ .

1.2 **Definition**: For a  $\gamma$ -system  $\mathcal{A}$  let  $Gr(\mathcal{A}) = \{ \mathbf{a} = \left\langle a_{i,j} : i \leq j < \gamma \right\rangle : a_{i,j} \in G_i, \ a_{i,i} = e^{G_i} \text{ and if } \alpha \leq \beta \leq \varepsilon < \gamma \text{ then}$   $a_{\alpha,\varepsilon} = h_{\alpha,\beta}(a_{\beta,\varepsilon}) \ a_{\alpha,\beta}$ 

Let  $\mathbf{a} \upharpoonright \boldsymbol{\beta} = \langle a_{i,j} : i \leq j < \boldsymbol{\beta} \rangle$ .

- 1.3 **Definition** : For  $\mathbf{a} = \left\langle a_i : i < \gamma \right\rangle \in \prod_{i < \mathbf{x}} G_i$ , let fact  $(\mathbf{a}) = \left\langle a_{i,j} : i < j < \gamma \right\rangle$  where  $a_{i,j} = h_{i,j} (a_j)^{-1} \ a_i$ . Let Fact  $(\mathcal{A}) = \left\{ \left\{ fact(\mathbf{a}) : \mathbf{a} \in \Pi G_i \right\} \right\}$ .
- 1.4 Claim: The mapping  $\mathbf{a} \to fact(\mathbf{a})$  is from  $\prod_{i < \kappa} G_i$  into  $Gr(\mathcal{A})$ . So fact  $(\mathcal{A})$  is a subset of  $Gr(\mathcal{A})$ .

**Proof**: Trivially  $a_{i,j} \in G_i, a_{i,i} = e_i$ , and if  $\alpha \leq \beta \leq \varepsilon$ ;

$$h_{\alpha,\beta}(\alpha_{\beta,\varepsilon}) \circ \alpha_{\alpha,\beta} = (h_{\alpha,\beta}(h_{\beta,\varepsilon}(\alpha_{\varepsilon})^{-1})h_{\alpha,\beta}(\alpha_{\beta}))(h_{\alpha,\beta}(\alpha_{\beta})^{-1} \circ \alpha_{\alpha}) = (h_{\alpha,\beta}h_{\beta,\varepsilon})(\alpha_{\varepsilon})^{-1}\alpha_{\alpha} = h_{\alpha,\varepsilon}(\alpha_{\varepsilon})^{-1}\alpha_{\alpha} = a_{\alpha,\varepsilon}.$$

- 1.5 **Definition** : 1)  $Gs(\mathcal{A}) = \{ \overline{\mathbf{a}} \in Gr(\mathcal{A}) : \text{ for every } \beta < \gamma^{\mathcal{A}} \}$  $\langle a_{i,j} : i < j < \gamma \rangle \in Fact(\mathcal{A} \upharpoonright \gamma) \}$ .
- 2) We define a relation  $\approx_{\mathcal{A}}$  on  $Gr(\mathcal{A})$  (let  $\gamma = \gamma^{\mathcal{A}}$ ):  $\mathbf{a} \approx_{\mathcal{A}} \mathbf{b}$  if for some  $\langle g_i : i < \gamma \rangle \in \prod_{i < \gamma} G_i \mathcal{A}$ , for every  $i < j < \gamma \ b_{i,j} = h_{i,j}(g_j)^{-1} a_{i,j} \ g_i$ .

We shall say that  $\langle g_i : i < \gamma \rangle$  exemplify  $\mathbf{a} \approx {}_{\mathcal{A}} \mathbf{B}$ .

- 3)  $\mathcal{A}$  is called smooth if for every limit  $\beta < \gamma$ ,  $Gr(\mathcal{A} \upharpoonright \beta) = Fact(\mathcal{A} \upharpoonright \beta)$ .
- 1.6. Claim: For a  $\gamma$ -system  $\mathcal{A}$ :
  - 1)  $\approx_{\mathcal{A}}$  is an equivalence relation on  $Gr(\mathcal{A})$  (hence also on  $Gs(\mathcal{A})$ ).
  - 2) If  $a,b \in Gr(A)$ ,  $\beta < \gamma^A$  and  $a \approx_A b$  then  $b \upharpoonright \beta \approx_A \beta b \upharpoonright \beta$ .
- 3) For  $\mathbf{a} \in Gr(\mathcal{A})$ :  $\mathbf{a} \in Fact(\mathcal{A})$  iff  $\mathbf{a} \approx \int e_i \mathcal{A} i < j < \gamma \mathcal{A} \rangle$  (where  $e_i \mathcal{A}$  is the unit of  $G_i \mathcal{A}$ ).

<sup>\*\*</sup>Really \$G\$ (\$\mathcal{A}\$) = \$Gr(\mathcal{A}\$), as if \$\mathbf{a}\$ = \$\left\langle a\_i, j : i < j < \gamma \right\rangle \in Gr(\mathcal{A}\$) then \$\left\langle a\_{i,\beta} : i < \beta \right\rangle\$ witness \$\mathbf{a}\$ \cdot \beta \in G\$ (\$\mathcal{A}\$); but we shall not use this.

4) For  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in Gr(\mathcal{A})$ , if  $\mathbf{a} \approx_{\mathcal{A}} \mathbf{b}$  then  $\mathbf{a} \in Gs(\mathcal{A}) \iff \mathbf{b} \in Gs(\mathcal{A})$ .

**Proof**: 1) Let us check the properties.

reflexivity for  $a \in Gr(A)$ ,  $a \approx A a$ :  $\langle e_i A : j < \gamma \rangle$  exemplify this

**symmetry**: suppose  $\overline{\mathbf{a}} \approx_{\mathcal{A}} \mathbf{b}$  and  $\langle g_i : i < \gamma \rangle$  exemplify this, so for every  $i \leq j < \gamma$ ,  $b_{i,j} = h_{i,j}(g_j)^{-1} a_{i,j} g_i$ , hence  $h_{i,j}(g_j) h_{i,j} g_i^{-1} = a_{i,j}$  but  $h_{i,j}(g_j^{-1}) = (h_{i,j}(g_j))^{-1}$  (as  $h_{i,j}$  is a homomorphism from  $G_j$  into  $G_i$ ). So (for every  $i \leq j \leq \gamma$ )  $a_{i,j} = (h_{i,j}(g_i^{-1}))^{-1} b_{i,j}(g_i^{-1})$  so  $\langle g_i^{-1} : i < \gamma \rangle$  exemplify  $\mathbf{b} \approx_{\mathcal{A}} \mathbf{a}$ .

transitivity: suppose  $\mathbf{a} \approx_{\mathcal{A}} \mathbf{b}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} \approx_{\mathcal{A}} \mathbf{c}$  and  $\langle g_i^0 : i < \gamma \rangle$ ,  $\langle g_i^1 : i < \gamma \rangle$  exemplify them (resp.) So for  $i \leq j < \gamma$ ,  $b_{i,j} = h_{i,j} (g_j^0)^{-1} a_{i,j} g_i^0$  and  $c_{i,j} = h_{i,j} (g_j^1)^{-1} b_{i,j} g_i^1$ , substituting we get

$$\begin{split} c_{i,j} &= h_{i,j}(g_j^{\,1})^{-1}(h_{i,j}(g_j^{\,0})^{-1}a_{i,j}g_i^{\,0})g_i^{\,1} = \\ & (h_{i,j}(g_j^{\,0}) \; h_{i,j}(g_j^{\,1}))^{-1}a_{i,j}(g_i^{\,0}g_i^{\,1}) = \\ & h_{i,j}(g_j^{\,0}g_j^{\,1})^{-1} \; a_{i,j}(g_i^{\,0}g_i^{\,1}) \end{split}$$

So  $\langle g_i^0 g_i^1 : i < \gamma \rangle$  exemplify  $\mathbf{a} \approx_{\mathcal{A}} \mathbf{c}$ .

- 2) If  $\langle g_i:i<\gamma\rangle$  exemplify  $\mathbf{a}\approx_{\mathcal{J}}\mathbf{b}$  then  $\langle g_i:i<\beta\rangle$  exemplify  $\mathbf{a}\upharpoonright\beta\approx_{\mathcal{J}_{\mathbf{B}}}\mathbf{b}\upharpoonright\beta$ .
- 3) Because  $\langle g_i:i<\gamma\rangle$  exemplify  $\langle e_i \text{$^{\mathcal{A}}$} : i< j<\gamma\rangle \approx_{\mathcal{A}} \mathbf{a}$  iff  $a_{i,j}=h_{i,j}(g_j)^{-1}g_i$  (for every  $i< j<\gamma$ .) i.e. iff  $\langle g_i:i<\gamma\rangle$  exemplify  $\mathbf{a}\in \mathit{Fact}(\mathcal{A})$ .
- 4) By 3)  $\mathbf{c} \in Gs(\mathcal{A})$  iff for every  $\beta < \gamma^{\mathcal{A}}$ ,  $\mathbf{c} \upharpoonright \beta \approx_{\mathcal{A}} \left\langle e_i^{\mathcal{A}} : i \leq j < \beta \right\rangle$ , and by 2) for  $\beta < \gamma^{\mathcal{A}}$ ,  $\mathbf{a} \upharpoonright \beta \approx_{\mathcal{A}} \mathbf{b} \upharpoonright \beta$ , hence (as  $\approx_{\mathcal{A}\beta}$  is as an equivalence relation)

 $\mathbf{a} \upharpoonright \boldsymbol{\beta} \approx_{\mathcal{A}} \left\langle e_{i}^{\mathcal{A}} : i \leq j < \boldsymbol{\beta} \right\rangle$  iff  $\mathbf{b} \upharpoonright \boldsymbol{\beta} \approx_{\mathcal{A}} \left\langle e_{i}^{\mathcal{A}} : i \leq j < \boldsymbol{\beta} \right\rangle$  and the result follows.

- 1.7 Definition: For a  $\gamma$ -system  $\mathcal{A}$ , let  $no^*(\mathcal{A})$  be the cardinality of  $Gs(\mathcal{A})/\approx_{\mathcal{A}}$  (i.e. the number of non  $\approx_{\mathcal{A}}$  equivalent  $\mathbf{a}\in Gs(\mathcal{A})$ ).
  - 1.8 Lemma : Suppose  $\mathcal{A},\mathcal{B}$  are  $\gamma$ -systems,.
    - (i)  $H_i$  is a homomorphism from  $G_i^{\mathcal{A}}$  onto  $G_i^{\mathcal{B}}$ .

(ii) for 
$$i < j < \gamma$$
,  $H_i \circ h_{i,j} = h_{i,j}^{\beta} \circ H_j$ 

(iii) for every  $\beta < \gamma$ ,  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in Fact(\mathcal{A} \upharpoonright \beta)$ , satisfying  $H_i(a_{i,j}) = H_i(b_{i,j})$  for  $i < j < \beta$ , a member  $g_{\mathbf{a},\mathbf{b}}^i \in G_i^{\mathcal{A}}$  are defined for  $i < \beta$  such that:

a) if  $i < \alpha < \beta$  then  $g_{\mathbf{a}|\alpha,\mathbf{b}|\alpha}^{i} = g_{\mathbf{a},\mathbf{b}}^{i}$ .

b) 
$$b_{i,j} = h_{i,j}(g_{\mathbf{a},\mathbf{b}}^{j})^{-1}a_{i,j} g_{\mathbf{a},\mathbf{b}}^{i}$$
 for  $i < j < \beta$ .

Then  $no^*(A) \leq no^*(B)$ .

**Proof:** We define a function H with domain  $Cr(\mathcal{A}): H(\mathbf{a}) = H(\langle a_{i,j}: i < j < \gamma \rangle) = \langle H_i(a_{i,j}): i < j < \gamma \rangle$ . By (ii) we can check that H is into  $Cr(\mathcal{B})$ . We shall show later

(\*) for  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in Gr(\mathcal{A})$ ,  $\mathbf{a} \approx_{\mathcal{A}} \mathbf{b}$  iff  $H(\mathbf{a}) \approx_{\mathcal{B}} H(\mathbf{b})$ .

Applying this to  $\mathcal{A} \cap \beta$  (for  $\beta < \gamma$ ) and noting that  $H_i(e_i \mathcal{A}) = e_i \mathcal{B}$ .  $H(\langle e_i \mathcal{A} : \langle j < \beta \rangle) = \langle e_i \mathcal{B} : i < j < \beta \rangle$  we see that for  $\mathbf{a} \in Gr(\mathcal{A})$ ,  $\beta < \gamma$ .

 $[\mathbf{a} \upharpoonright \boldsymbol{\beta} \in Fact(\mathcal{A} \upharpoonright \boldsymbol{\beta}) \text{ iff } H(\mathbf{a}) \upharpoonright \in Gs(\mathcal{B})].$  So by (\*) H induces a one to one map from  $Gs(\mathcal{A})/\approx_{\mathcal{A}} \text{into } Gs(\mathcal{B})/\approx_{\mathcal{B}} \text{ so } no^*(\mathcal{A}) \leq n^*(\mathcal{B}).$ 

**Proof of (\*)**: First suppose  $\mathbf{a} \approx_{\mathcal{J}} \mathbf{b}$  and let  $\langle g_i : i < \gamma \rangle$  exemplify this. So for every  $i < j < \gamma$ 

$$b_{i,j} = h_{i,j}(g_i)^{-1} a_{i,j}g_i$$

applying  $H_i$  we get  $H_i(b_{i,j}) = H_i(h_{i,j}(g_i)^{-1})H_i(a_{i,j})H_i(g_i)$ 

Now by (ii)  $H_i(h_{i,j}(g_i)^{-1}) = (H_i \mathcal{A}(h_{i,j}(g_i))^{-1}) = (h_i \mathcal{B}_i(H_i(g_i)))^{-1}$ , so

$$H_i(b_{i,j}) = h_{i,j}^{\mathcal{B}}(H_j(g_j))^{-1}H_i(a_{i,j})H_i(g_i)$$

So  $\langle H_i(g_i): i < \gamma \rangle$  exemplify that  $H(\mathbf{a}) \approx_R H(\mathbf{b})$ .

Next suppose  $H(\mathbf{a}) \approx_{\mathcal{E}} H(\mathbf{b})$  and let  $\langle g_i^* : i < \gamma \rangle$  exemplify it. As  $H_i$  is a homomorphism from  $G_i^{\mathcal{A}}$  onto  $G_i^{\mathcal{E}}$ , there are  $g_i \in G_i^{\mathcal{A}}$ , such that  $H_i(g_i) = g_i^*$  (for  $i < \gamma$ ). Now  $H_i(b_{i,j}) = h_{i,j}^{\mathcal{E}}(g_j^*)^{-1}H_i(a_{i,j})$   $g_i^* = h_{i,j}^{\mathcal{E}}(H_j(g_j))^{-1}H_i(a_{i,j})H_i(g_i)$ 

$$=H_{i}(h_{i,j}(g_{i})^{-1})H_{i}(a_{i,j})H_{i}(g_{i})=H_{i}(h_{i,j}(g_{i})^{-1}a_{i,j}g_{i})$$

Let us define  $\mathbf{c} \in Cr(\mathcal{A})$  by  $\mathbf{c}_{i,j} = b_{i,j}(g_i)^{-1} a_{i,j}g_i$ . It is easy to check that  $\mathbf{c}$  really belongs to  $Cr(\mathcal{A})$  and  $\mathbf{c}_{i,j}(g_i)^{-1} a_{i,j}g_i$ . It is easy to check that  $\mathbf{c}_{i,j}(g_i) = \mathbf{c}_{i,j}(g_i) = \mathbf{c$ 

So we have proved (\*) hence 1.8.

- 1.9 Claim: If in 1.8 in addition:
- (iv)  $H_i^+$  is a homomorphism from  $G_i^{\mathcal{B}}$  into  $G_i^{\mathcal{A}}$ .
- (v)  $H_i \circ H_i^+$  is the identity (on  $G_i^{\not E}$ )

(vi) 
$$h_{i,j}^{\mathcal{B}} \circ H_j^+ = H_i^+ \circ h_{i,j}^{\mathcal{A}}$$
 for  $i < j < \gamma$ .

Then  $no^*(\mathcal{A}) = n^*(\mathcal{B})$ .

**Proof**: We define a function  $H^+$  with domain  $Gr(\mathcal{B}):H^+(\mathbf{a})=\left\langle H_i^+(a_{i,j}):i\leq j<\gamma\right\rangle$ . By (vi)  $H^+(\mathbf{a})$  is always in  $Gr(\mathcal{A})$ . Clearly  $H\circ H^+$  is the identity on  $Gr(\mathcal{B})$ , so let  $\{\mathbf{c}^\xi:\xi< no^*(\mathcal{B})\}$  be pairwise non  $\approx_{\mathcal{B}}$  equivalent members of  $Gs(\mathcal{B})$ , and let  $\mathbf{a}^\xi=H^+(\mathbf{c}^\xi)\in Gr(\mathcal{A})$ . So  $H(\mathbf{a}^\xi)=\mathbf{c}^\xi$ . From the proof of 1.8 we know that:  $\mathbf{a}^\xi\in Gs(\mathcal{A})$  because  $\mathbf{c}^\xi\in Gs(\mathcal{B})$ , and for  $\xi<\xi< no^*(\mathcal{B})-\mathbf{a}^\xi,\mathbf{a}^\xi$  are non  $\approx_{\mathcal{B}}$  equivalent (because  $\mathbf{c}^\xi,\mathbf{c}^\xi$  are non  $\approx_{\mathcal{B}}$  equivalent). So  $no^*(\mathcal{A})\geq no^*(\mathcal{B})$  hence we finish (by 1.8).

- **1.10 Claim:** For a  $\gamma$ -system of abelian groups.
- 1)  $Gr(\mathcal{A})$  here is the same as  $Gr(\mathcal{A})$  from [Sh 5], Definition 3.4 (except that here we do not put the group structure.
  - 2) Fact(A) here is the same (set) as Fact(A) from [Sh 5] Definition 3.5 .
  - 3) For  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in Gr(\mathcal{A})$ ,  $\mathbf{a} \approx_{\mathcal{A}} \mathbf{b}$ , iff (in [Sh 5] notation),  $\mathbf{a} \mathbf{b} \in Fact(\mathcal{A})$ .
  - 4) Gs(A) here is the same as Gs(A) from [Sh 5] Definition 3.7(1).
- 5)  $no^*(\mathcal{A})$  here is the same as the cardinality of  $E'(\mathcal{A})$  (from [Sh 5] Definition 3.7(2)).

Proof: Straightforward.

- 1.11 Conclusion: For every regular  $\kappa > \aleph_0$  and  $\mu$ , for some  $\kappa$ -system,  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $||\mathcal{A}|| \leq \mu^{\kappa}$ , and  $no^*(\mathcal{A}) = \mu$ .
- 1.12 Claim: Suppose  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $\gamma$ -system,  $\gamma$  limit and for  $\ell = 1,2$   $\mathbf{a}^{\ell} = \left\langle a_{i,j}^{\ell} : i \leq j < \gamma \right\rangle$  belongs to  $Gs(\mathcal{A})$ .

Suppose further  $S \subseteq \gamma$  is unbounded in  $\gamma$  and  $a_{i,j}^1 = a_{i,j}^2$  when  $i,j \in S$ . Then  $\mathbf{a}^1 \approx \mathbf{a}^2$ .

Proof: For every  $\boldsymbol{\beta} < \gamma, \ell = 1, 2$ ,  $\mathbf{a}^{\ell} \upharpoonright (\boldsymbol{\beta}+1) \in Fact(\mathcal{A} \upharpoonright (\boldsymbol{\beta}+1))$  hence there is  $\mathbf{g}_{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{\ell} = \left\langle g_i^{\ell,\boldsymbol{\beta}} : i \leq \boldsymbol{\beta} \right\rangle \in \prod_{i \leq \boldsymbol{\beta}} G_i^{\mathcal{A}}$  such that  $a_{i,j}^{\ell} = (h_{i,j}^{\mathcal{A}}(g_j^{\ell,\boldsymbol{\beta}})^{-1}) g_i^{\ell,\boldsymbol{\beta}}$  when  $i \leq j \leq \boldsymbol{\beta}$ . For  $\alpha < \gamma$  let  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(\alpha) = Min\{\boldsymbol{\beta} : \alpha \leq \boldsymbol{\beta} \in S\}$ .

We want to find  $g_i \in G_i^{\mathcal{A}}$   $(i < \gamma)$  such that  $a_{i,j}^2 = h_{i,j}(g_j)^{-1}a_{i,j}^1 g_i$ .

Now for  $\ell = 1, 2$ , if  $i \le \varepsilon(i) \le j$ 

$$a_{i,j}^{\ell} = h_{i,\epsilon(i)}^{\mathcal{A}}(a_{\epsilon(i),j}^{\ell}) \quad a_{i,\epsilon(i)}^{\ell} = h_{i,\epsilon(i)}^{\mathcal{A}}(h_{\epsilon(i),j}^{\ell}(a_{j,\epsilon(j)}^{\ell})^{-1} \quad a_{\epsilon(i),\epsilon(j)}^{\ell})a_{i,\epsilon(i)}^{\ell} = h_{i,j}^{\mathcal{A}}(a_{j,\epsilon(j)}^{\ell})^{-1}h_{i,\epsilon(i)}^{\mathcal{A}}(a_{\epsilon(i),\epsilon(j)}^{\ell}) \quad a_{i,\epsilon(i)}^{\ell}$$

[apply twice Definition 1.2 first for  $i, \varepsilon(i)$ , j standing for  $\alpha, \beta, \varepsilon$ , and second for  $\varepsilon(i), \varepsilon(j)$  standing for  $\alpha, \beta, \varepsilon$ ].

Now if  $i \le j \le \varepsilon(i)$ , applying twice this equation (remembering  $a_{\xi(i),\xi(j)}^2 = a_{\xi(i),\xi(j)}^2$ ):

$$\begin{split} a_{i,j}^{\,2} &= h_{i,j} (a_{j,\varepsilon(j)}^{\,2})^{-1} h_{i,\varepsilon(i)}^{\,3} (a_{\varepsilon(i),\varepsilon(j)}^{\,2}) \ a_{i,\varepsilon(i)}^{\,2} = \\ & h_{i,j} (a_{j,\varepsilon(j)}^{\,2})^{-1} h_{i,\varepsilon(i)}^{\,3} (a_{\varepsilon(i),\varepsilon(j)}^{\,1}) \ a_{i,\varepsilon(i)}^{\,2} \\ &= h_{i,j} (a_{j,\varepsilon(j)}^{\,2})^{-1} \ (h_{i,j} (a_{j,\varepsilon(j)}^{\,1}) \ a_{i,j}^{\,1} \ (a_{i,\varepsilon(i)}^{\,1})^{-1}) \ a_{i,\varepsilon(i)}^{\,2} = \\ & h_{i,j} ((a_{j,\varepsilon(j)}^{\,2})^{-1} \ a_{j,\varepsilon(j)}^{\,1}) a_{i,j}^{\,1} ((a_{i,\varepsilon(i)}^{\,1})^{-1} \ a_{i,\varepsilon(i)}^{\,2}) = \\ &= h_{i,j} ((a_{j,\varepsilon(j)}^{\,1})^{-1} \ a_{j,\varepsilon(j)}^{\,2})^{-1} \ a_{i,j}^{\,2} ((a_{i,\varepsilon(i)}^{\,1})^{-1} \ a_{i,\varepsilon(i)}^{\,2}) \end{split}$$

This suggests to show that  $\left\langle (a_{i,\varepsilon(i)}^1)^{-1} \ a_{i,\varepsilon(i)}^2 : i < \kappa \right\rangle$  exemplify  $\mathbf{a}^1 \approx_{\mathcal{A}} \mathbf{a}^2$  as required. The missing case is  $i < j < \gamma \ j < \varepsilon(i)$ ; so  $\varepsilon(i) = \varepsilon(j)$  and so we should prove  $a_{i,j}^2 = h_{i,j}((a_{j,\varepsilon(j)}^1)^{-1}a_{j,\varepsilon(j)}^2)^{-1}a_{i,j}^1((a_{i,\varepsilon(i)}^1)^{-1}a_{i,\varepsilon(i)}^2)$ .

This is equivalent to  $h_{i,j}(a_{j,\epsilon(j)}^2) \ a_{i,j}^2 \ (a_{i,\epsilon(i)})^{-1} = h_{i,j}(a_{j,\epsilon(j)}^1) \ a_{i,j}^1 \ (a_{i,\epsilon(i)}^1)^{-1}$ . Applying twice the equation from Definition 1.2 this is equivalent to  $a_{i,\epsilon(j)}^2 (a_{i,\epsilon(i)}^2)^{-1} = a_{i,\epsilon(j)}^1 (a_{i,\epsilon(i)}^1)^{-1}$ . As  $\epsilon(i) = \epsilon(j)$  we finish.

# §2 On $\gamma$ - systems of automorphisms

For this section we make the assumption.

- **2.1 Assumption:** M is an L-model,  $P_i \in L$  monadic predicate,  $P_i^M(i < \gamma)$  are pairwise disjoint and  $|M| = \bigcup_{i < \gamma} P_i^M$ . For such M let  $M^{[\alpha]} = M \cap \bigcup_{i \le \alpha} P_i^M$  for  $\alpha < \gamma$ .
- **2.2 Definition**: 1) Let  $K^M$  be the class of L-models N such that  $N = \bigcup_{i < \gamma} P_i^N$  and  $N^{[\beta]} = N \upharpoonright \bigcup_{i \le \beta} P_i^N$  is isomorphic to  $M^{[\beta]}$  for every  $\beta < \gamma$ .
  - 2) Let  $G_{\alpha}^{M}$  be the group of automorphisms of  $M^{[\alpha]}$ .
- 3) Let  $h_{i,j}^M$  (for  $i \le j < \gamma$ ) be the following function with domain  $G_j^M: h_{i,j}^M(g) = g \upharpoonright M^{[i]}$ .
- 4) Let  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}^{M} = \langle G_{\alpha}^{M}, h_{i,j}^{M} : \alpha < \gamma, i < j < \gamma \rangle$ . (i.e. as long as M is constant we can omit M).
  - **2.3 Fact**: 1)  $h_{i,j}^{M}$  is a homomorphism from  $G_{j}^{M}$  into  $G_{i}^{M}$ .
  - 2)  $\mathcal{A}^{M}$  is a  $\gamma$ -system.

**Proof**: Immediate.

- 2.4 Definition: 1) We call  $\mathbf{g} = \left\langle g_{i,j} : i \leq j < \gamma \right\rangle$  a representation of  $N \in K^M$  if there are isomorphism  $f_i$  from  $M \upharpoonright \bigcup_{\epsilon \leq i} P^M_{\epsilon}$  onto  $N \upharpoonright \bigcup_{\epsilon \leq i} P^N_i$  (for  $i < \gamma$ ) such that  $g_{i,j} = (f_j^{-1} \upharpoonright N^{(\mathbf{a})}) \circ f_i$ .
- 2) For  $\mathbf{g}$ ,  $f_i(i < \gamma)$  as above we say that  $\langle f_i : i < \gamma \rangle$  exemplify  $\mathbf{g}$  being a representation of N.
  - **2.5 Fact**: Every  $N \in K^{M}$  has a representation.

**Proof**: By the definition of  $K^M$  (definition. 2.2(1)) there are  $\boldsymbol{f_i}$  as required.

**2.6 Fact**: If **g** is a representation of N  $(N \in K^{M})$  then  $\mathbf{g} \in Gr(\mathcal{A})$ .

Proof: Let  $\langle f_i:i<\gamma\rangle$  exemplify  $\mathbf{g}\in Gr(\mathcal{A})$  is a representation of M. For each  $i\leq j$ , as  $f_j$  is an isomorphism from  $M^{[j]}$  onto  $N^{[j]}$  clearly  $f_j^{-1}$  is an isomorphism from  $N^{[j]}$  onto  $M^{[j]}$ , hence  $f_j^{-1} \upharpoonright N^{[i]}$  is an isomorphism from  $M^{[i]}$  onto  $M^{[i]}$  clearly  $(f_j^{-1} \upharpoonright N^{[i]}) \circ f_i$  is an isomorphism from  $M^{[i]}$  onto  $M^{[i]}$  so it belongs to  $G_i^M$ . So  $g_{i,j} \in G_i^M$ .

Easily  $g_{i,i}$  is the unit of  $G_i^M$ .

We can now check that for  $i \leq j \leq \beta < \alpha$ ,  $g_{i,\beta} = h_{i,j}^M(g_{j,\beta}) \circ g_{i,j}$ ; remembering the definition of  $h_{i,j}^M$  this means that

$$(f_{\pmb{\beta}}^{-1} \upharpoonright N^{[i]}) \mathrel{\circ} f_i \negthinspace = \negthinspace ((f_{\pmb{\beta}}^{-1} \upharpoonright N^{[j]}) \mathrel{\circ} f_j) \mathrel{\upharpoonright} M^{[i]}) \mathrel{\circ} (f_j^{-1} \upharpoonright N^{[i]}) \mathrel{\circ} f_i$$

or equivalent by, for every  $x \in M^{[i]}$ ,

$$f_{\beta}^{-1} \circ f_{i}(x)) = f_{\beta}^{-1} f_{j} f_{j}^{-1} f_{i}(x)$$

which is obvious.

**2.7 Fact:** Let  $\mathbf{g}^0$  be a representation of  $N(\in K^M)$ . Then  $\mathbf{g} \in Gr(\mathcal{A})$  is also a representation of N iff  $\mathbf{g} \approx_{\mathcal{A}} \mathbf{g}^0$ .

**Proof**: First suppose that  $\mathbf{g}^0 \approx_{\mathcal{J}} \mathbf{g}$ , and let  $\langle k_i : i < \gamma \rangle \in \prod_{i < \gamma} G_i^M$  exemplify this (see Definition. 1.2). So  $g_{i,j} = h_{i,j}^M(k_j)^{-1}g_{i,j}^0k_i$  (for  $i \leq j \leq \gamma$ ). Let  $\langle f_i : i < \gamma \rangle$  exemplify  $\mathbf{g}^0$  being a representation of N (see Definition. 2.4(2)).

So 
$$g_{i,j}^{\,0} = (f_j^{\,-1} {\upharpoonright} N^{[i]}) \circ f_i$$
 , and we get

$$\begin{array}{l} g_{i,j} = h_{i,j}^{M}(k_{j})^{-1} \circ (f_{j}^{-1} \upharpoonright N^{[i]}) \circ f_{i} \circ k_{i} = \\ (f_{j} \upharpoonright M^{[i]} \circ h_{i,j}^{M}(k_{j}))^{-1} \circ (f_{i} \circ k_{i}) \end{array}$$

[Note that  $(f_j \cap M^{[i]})^{-1} = f_j^{-1} \cap N^{[i]}$ ]; we would like to show that  $\langle f_i \circ k_i : i < \gamma \rangle$  exemplify  $\mathbf{g}_{i,j}$  is a representation of N. Clearly  $f_i \circ k_i$  is an isomorphism from  $M^{[i]}$  onto  $N^{[i]}$ . The above equality will be the only missing information provided that we shall show that

$$f_j \upharpoonright M^{[i]_0} h_{i,j}(k_j) = (f_j \circ k_j) \upharpoonright M^{[i]}$$

which is easy.

Second suppose  $\mathbf{g} \in Gr(\mathcal{A})$  is a representation of N and we shall prove that  $\mathbf{g} \approx_{\mathcal{A}} \mathbf{g}^0$ .

Let  $\langle f_i^0:i<\gamma\rangle$  exemplify  $\mathbf{g}^0$  being a representation of N and  $\langle f_i:i<\gamma\rangle$  exemplify  $\mathbf{g}$  being a representation of N (see Definition. 2.4(2)). So

$$\begin{split} g_{i,j}^{\,0} &= (f_j^{\,0} \upharpoonright N^{[i]})^{-1} \circ f_i^{\,0}, \\ g_{i,j} &= (f_j \upharpoonright N^{[i]})^{-1} \circ f_i \end{split}$$

(for  $i \leq j < \gamma$ ). Let  $k_i \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} f_i^{-1} f_i^0$  (for  $i < \gamma$ ). As  $f_i, f_i^0$  are isomorphism from  $M^{[i]}$  onto  $N^{[i]}$  clearly  $k_i$  is an automorphism of  $M^{[i]}$ , i.e. it belongs to  $G_i^M$ . Now  $f_i^0 = f_i k_i$  hence

$$\begin{split} g_{i,j}^{\,0} = & (f_j^{\,0} {\upharpoonright} M^{[i]})^{-1} \circ f_i^{\,0} = ((f_j \circ k_j) {\upharpoonright} M^{[i]})^{-1} \circ (f_i \circ h_i) = \\ & = (k_i {\upharpoonright} M^{[i]})^{-1} \circ (f_j {\upharpoonright} M^{[i]})^{-1} \circ f_i \circ k_i = \\ & \qquad \qquad (k_j {\upharpoonright} M^{[i]})^{-1} \circ g_{i,j} \circ k_i \end{split}$$

But easily  $k_j \upharpoonright M^{[i]} = h_{i,j}^M(k_i)$ , so  $\langle k_i : i < \gamma \rangle$  exemplify  $g \approx_{\mathcal{A}} g^0$ .

Fact 2.8: Suppose the models  $N_1, N_2 \in K^M$  has representations  $\mathbf{g}^1, \mathbf{g}^2$  respectively, then  $N_1 \cong N_2$  iff  $\mathbf{g}^1 \approx {}_{\mathcal{A}} \mathbf{g}^2$ .

**Proof**: Let  $\langle f_i^{\ell}:i<\gamma\rangle$  exemplify " $g^{\ell}$  is a representation of  $N_{\ell}$ " for  $\ell=1,2$ . So  $g_{i,j}^{\ell}=(f_j^{\ell} \cap M^{[i]})^{-1} \circ f_i^{\ell}$  for  $\ell=1,2, i \leq j < \gamma$ .

First assume  $N^1, N^2$  are isomorphic, and let H be an isomorphism from  $N^1$  onto  $N^2$ . For each  $i < \gamma$ ,  $H \upharpoonright N_1^{\{i\}}$  is an isomorphism from  $N_1^{\{i\}}$  onto  $N_2^{\{i\}}$ , hence  $k_i \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (f_i^{\ 2})^{-1} (H \upharpoonright N_1^{\{i\}}) f_i^{\ 1}$  is an isomorphism from  $M^{\{i\}}$  onto  $M^{\{i\}}$ , i.e.  $k_i \in G_i^M$ . So for every  $i, f_i^{\ 2} = (H \upharpoonright N_1^{\{i\}}) \circ f_i^{\ 1} \circ k_i^{-1}$ , and let  $H_i \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} H \upharpoonright N_1^{\{i\}}$  (so for  $i < j, H_i = H_i \upharpoonright N_1^{\{i\}}$ ). Now for  $i \le j < \gamma$ .

$$\begin{split} g_{i,j}^{\,2} &= (f_j^{\,2} \upharpoonright M^{[i]})^{-1} \circ f_i^{\,2} = \\ &= (H_j \circ f_j^{\,1} \circ k_j^{\,-1} \upharpoonright M^{[i]})^{-1} \circ (H_i \circ f_i^{\,1} \circ k_i^{\,-1}) = \\ &= (H_i \circ (f_i^{\,1} \upharpoonright M^{[i]}) \circ (k_i \upharpoonright M^{[i]})^{-1})^{-1} \circ (H_i \circ f_i^{\,1} \circ k_i^{\,-1}) = \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} &= (k_{j} {\restriction} M^{[i]}) \circ (f_{j}{}^{1} {\restriction} M^{[i]})^{-1} \circ H_{i}{}^{-1} \circ H_{i} \circ f_{i}{}^{1} \circ k_{i}{}^{-1} = \\ &= (k_{j} {\restriction} M^{[i]}) \circ (f_{j}{}^{1} {\restriction} M^{[i]})^{-1} \circ f_{i}{}^{1} \circ k_{i}{}^{-1} = (k_{j} {\restriction} M^{[i]}) \circ g_{i,j}{}^{1} \circ k_{i}{}^{-2} \\ &\text{So} \left\langle k_{i}{}^{-1} : i < \gamma \right\rangle \text{ exemplify } \mathbf{g}^{1} \approx_{\mathcal{A}} \mathbf{g}^{2}. \end{split}$$

Second, assume  $\mathbf{g}^1 \approx_{\mathcal{A}} \mathbf{g}^2$  and let this be exemplified by  $\left\langle k_i^{-1}: i < \gamma \right\rangle$ . Define

$$H_i = f_i^2 \circ k_i \circ (f_i^1)^{-1}$$

It is easy to check that  $H_i$  is an isomorphism from  $N_1^{[i]}$  for  $i < \gamma$  and  $H_i = H_j \upharpoonright M^{[i]}$ , for  $i < j < \gamma$ . So  $\bigcup_{i < \gamma} H_i$  is an isomorphism from  $N_1$  onto  $N_2$ .

**2.9 Lemma**: If **g** is a representation of  $N \in K^M$  then  $\mathbf{g} \in Gs(\mathcal{A})$ .

**Proof**: Suppose not so for some  $\beta < \gamma$ ,  $g \upharpoonright \gamma \not\in Fact(A \upharpoonright \gamma)$  so  $g \upharpoonright \gamma, \left\langle e_i \land i \leq j < \beta \right\rangle$  are not  $\approx_{(A \upharpoonright \beta)}$ -equivalent. Apply 2.8 to  $M^{[\beta]}$  instead M (and  $g \upharpoonright \beta, \left\langle e_i \land i < j < \beta \right\rangle$ ,  $N^{[\beta]}, M^{[\beta]}$ ), and get that  $N^{[\beta]}, M^{[\beta]}$  are not isomorphic contradicting  $N \in K^M$ .

**2.10 Lemma**: Every  $g \in Gs(A)$  represents some  $N \in K^M$ .

**Proof**: We define by induction j

- (a) an L-model  $N_i$ , such that  $N_i \cong M^{[i]}$  and  $N_i \subseteq N_i$  for  $i \leq j$ .
- (b) an isomorphism  $f_j$  from  $M^{[j]}$  onto  $N_j$ , such that for  $i \leq j$ ,  $g_{i,j} = (f_j {\restriction} M^{[i]}) \circ f_i$ .

For j=0, j successor there is no problem. For j limit  $\bigcup_{i < j} N_i$  is isomorphic to  $\bigcup_{i < j} M^{[i]} = M \cap \bigcup_{i < j} P_i^M$  by 2.8, and multiplied by some  $k \in Aut$   $(M \cap \bigcup_{i < j} P_i)$  it will be as required.

**2.11 Conclusion**: The numbers of non-isomorphic  $N \in K^M$  is equal to  $|Gs(A)| \approx A|$ .

Proof: By 2.5-2.10.

**2.12 Lemma** : If the following conditions hold, then every  $N \in K^M$  is  $L_{\infty, \Lambda}$ -equivalent to M.

- a) Every function F of M are 1-place, amd for  $x \in M^{[i]}$ ,  $F_i^M(x) \in M^{[i]}$ .
- b) for any relation R of M for some  $n < \omega$  and  $i < \gamma$ :

$$M \models (\forall x_1, \ldots, x_n)[R(x_1, \ldots, x_n) \rightarrow \bigwedge_{\ell=1}^n P_i(x_\ell)]$$

- c) if  $i < j < \gamma$ ,  $g \in G_i^M$ ,  $g^*$  a partial automorphism of  $M^{[j]}$ ,  $\text{Dom }(g^*)$  closed under the function of M, and  $g \cup g^*$  is a partial automorphism of M and  $\text{Dom }(g^*)$  is in  $\mathcal{J}_i$ , (see below) then  $g \cup g^*$  and be extended to an automorphism of  $M^{[j]}$ .
- d)  $\mathcal{J}_i$  is a family of subsets of  $M, [i < j \implies \mathcal{J}_i \subseteq \mathcal{J}_j]$   $\mathcal{J}_i$  closed under finite unions, and  $[A \subseteq M, |A| < \lambda \implies A \in \bigcup_{i < \gamma} \mathcal{J}_i]$ .

Proof: Easy.

### §3 Constructing the model.

- 3.1 Main Theorem: Suppose
- (i)  $\kappa = cf(\lambda) < \lambda$  and  $(\forall \mu < \lambda)(\mu^{<\kappa} < \lambda)$ .
- (ii)  $\mathcal{B}$  is a  $\kappa$ -system, and  $|G_i^{\mathcal{B}}| < \lambda$  for  $i < \kappa$ .

Then there is a model M (with relations and functions of finitely many places only) of cardinality  $\lambda$  such that  $no(M) = no^*(B)$ .

**3.1A Remarks**: W.l.o.g.  $M = (|M|, R^M)$  for some two-place relation R. (see [Sh 5], 1.4)

**Notation**: For  $A \subseteq M$ , let  $cl_M(A)$  be the closure of A under the functions of M.

**Proof**: By 1.12 w.l.o.g. for  $j < \kappa$  limit,  $h_{j,j+1}^{\mathcal{B}}$  is onto  $G_j^{\mathcal{B}}$ , and if  $x \in G_j^{\mathcal{B}}$ ,  $x \neq e_j^{\mathcal{B}}$  then for some i < j,  $h_{i,j}^{\mathcal{B}}(x) \neq e_i^{\mathcal{B}}$ . By 1.12 w.l.o.g.  $G_0^{\mathcal{B}}$  is trivial (={e\_0^{\mathcal{B}}}). Let  $L = \{P_i, F_{i,j}, : i < j < \kappa\} \cup \{R_i : i < \kappa\}$ ,  $P_i(i < \kappa)$  monadic predicates,  $F_{i,j}$  one place function symbols,  $R_i$  three place predicate. Let  $\lambda = \sum_{i < \kappa} \lambda_i$ ,  $\lambda_i^{<\kappa} = \lambda_i < \lambda$ ,  $\lambda_i > ((\sum_{j < i} \lambda_j^+ + |G_i^{\mathcal{B}}|)^{\kappa})^{+5}$ . We shall now define by induction on

- $j < \kappa$ ,  $M_j$ ,  $G_j$ ,  $H_j$ ,  $H_j^+$ ,  $P_i$  (i < j) such that:
  - (A) (1)  $M_j$  is an L-model,
- (A) (2)  $M_j$  is the disjoint union of  $P_i^{M_j}(i < j)$  and  $P_i^{M_j} = (\lambda_i, \lambda_i^{+2})$  when i < j,  $P_i^{M_j} = \phi$  when  $\kappa > i \ge j$
- (A) (3)  $F_{\alpha,\beta}^{M_j}$  is a 1-place function from  $P_{\beta}^{M_j}$  into  $P_{\alpha}^{M_j}$  (and not defined otherwise) for  $\alpha < \beta < \kappa$ .
  - (A) (4) for any  $R_i = R_i^{M_j}$  is a (three place) relation on  $P_i^{M_j}$
  - (A) (5) for i < j,  $M_i = M_j \upharpoonright (\bigcup_{\varepsilon \le i} P_{\varepsilon}^{M_j})$ .
- (B) (1)  $G_j$  is the group of automorphism of  $M_j$  if j is a successor ordinal, otherwise  $G_j = \{k \in Aut(M_j): \text{ for some } a \in G_j^{\mathcal{B}} \text{ for every } i < j, H_j(k \upharpoonright M_i) = h_{i,j}(a)\}$ , (see below on  $H_j$ )
  - (B) (2)  $H_j$  is a homomorphism from  $G_j$  onto  $G_j^{\mathcal{B}}$ .
  - (B) (3) for i < j,  $k \in G_j$ ,  $h_{i,j}^{\mathcal{B}}(H_j(k)) = H_i(k \upharpoonright M_i)$ .
  - (B) (4)  $G_j$  has cardinality  $\leq \lambda_j^{+2}$ .
- (B) (5)  $H_j^+$  is a homomorphism from  $G_j^{\mathcal{B}}$  into  $G_j$ ,  $H_j \circ H_j^+$  is the identity (on  $G_j^{\mathcal{B}}$ ) and for  $i < j, \alpha \in G_j$ ,  $H_j^+(\alpha) \upharpoonright M_i = H_i^+(h_i^{\mathcal{B}}_j(\alpha))$ .
  - (C) (1)  $\mathcal{P}_{i}^{j}$  is a family of subsets of  $(\lambda_{j}, \lambda_{j}^{+2})$  (when i < j).
  - (C) (2) if  $A \in \mathcal{P}_i^j$ ,  $i < \alpha < j$ , then  $cl_M(A) \cap (\lambda_\alpha, \lambda_\alpha^{+2}) \in \mathcal{P}_i^\alpha$ .
  - (C) (3) for  $i < \alpha < j$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_i^j \subseteq \mathcal{P}_{\alpha}^j$ .
  - (C) (5) every  $g \in G_{j+1}$  maps any  $A \in \mathcal{P}_i^j$  to a member of  $\mathcal{P}_i^j$ .
- (C) (6)  $\mathcal{P}_i^j$  is closed under union of  $\leq \kappa$ , (i.e if  $A_{\xi} \in \mathcal{P}_i^j$  for  $\xi < \zeta \leq \kappa$  then  $\bigcup_{\xi < \xi} A_{\xi} \in \mathcal{P}_i^j$ ).
  - (C) (7) every subset of  $(\lambda_j, \lambda_j^{+2})$  of power  $\leq ||M_i||$  is included in some

member of  $\mathcal{P}_{i}^{j}$ .

- (D) (1) For i < j let  $Q_i^j = \{A \subseteq M_j : \text{ for } \alpha < i, (\lambda_{\alpha}, \lambda_{\alpha}^{+2}) \subseteq A \text{ and for } \alpha \in [i, j), A \cap (\lambda_{\alpha}, \lambda_{\alpha}^{+2}) \in \mathcal{P}_i^{\alpha} \text{ and } A = cl_{M_i}(A)\}.$
- (D) (2) If i < j,  $k_0, k_1 \in G_j$ ,  $A \in Q_i^j$ ,  $k_0, k_1$  are equal on  $(\bigcup_{\alpha < i} P_{\alpha}^{M_j}) \cap A$  then  $(k_0 \upharpoonright A) \cup (k_1 \upharpoonright \bigcup_{\alpha < i} P_{\alpha}^{M_j})$  can be extended to an automorphism k of  $M_j$ .

Moreover, if  $a \in G_j^{\mathcal{B}}$ ,  $b_{i,j}^{\mathcal{B}}(a) = H_i(k_1 \cap M_i)$  then we can demand  $H_j(k) = a$ .

Clearly it suffices to carry the construction by induction, as then  $M \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \bigcup_{j < \kappa} M_j$  is as required by the previous Lemmas (i.e. by 2.12 every  $N \in K_M$  is  $L_{\infty,\lambda}$ -equivalent to it (and clearly  $[N \equiv_{\infty,\lambda} M \Longrightarrow N \in K_M]$ ) so  $no(\mathbf{A}) = \{N/\cong : N \in K_M\}$ . But 2.11 this number is equal to  $no^*(M) = |Gs(\mathbf{A})/\approx_{\mathbf{A}}|$  where  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^M$  (see Definition 2.2(4)). By 1.9 this number is  $no^*(\mathcal{B})$ . But  $\mathcal{B}$  was chosen so that it is  $\mu$ .)

Case I: j = 0.

Nothing to do.

Case II: j is limit.

In this case let  $M_j = \bigcup_{i < j} M_i$ , and there is no problem to check all the conditions. Note that in (D)(2) we can easily prove the second sentence.

Case III: j + 1 (assuming we have defined for j).

We shall define by induction on  $\xi < \lambda_j^{+2}$ , a group  $G_{j,\xi}$ , an ordinal  $\alpha(\xi)$ , an action of the group  $G_{j,\xi}$  on  $M_j \cup (\lambda_j,\alpha(\xi))$  and  $H_{j,\xi},P_{i,\xi}^j,F_{\alpha,j}^{\xi},R^{\xi}$  such that

- (i) for  $\zeta < \xi$ ,  $G_{j,\xi}$  is a subgroup of  $G_{j,\xi}$  and the action of  $g \in G_{j,\xi}$  on  $M_j \cup (\lambda_j, \alpha(\zeta))$  is extended too, and for  $k \in G_{j,\xi}$ ,  $k \upharpoonright M_j \in G_j$ .
  - (ii)  $\alpha(\xi) \in (\lambda_j^{+1}, \lambda_j^{+2})$  and  $\alpha(\xi)$  is increasing and continuous.

- (iii) for  $\xi$  limit  $G_{j,\xi} = \bigcup_{\xi < \xi} G_{j,\xi}$ .
- (iv)  $H_{j,\xi}$  is a homomorphism from  $G_{j,\xi}$  onto  $G_j^{\mathcal{E}}$ .
- (v)  $F_{\alpha,j}^{\xi}$  is a one-place function from  $(\lambda_j,\alpha(\xi))$  into  $P_{\alpha}^{M_j}$  increasing and continuous in  $\xi$ .
- (vi)  $\mathcal{P}_{i,\xi}^{j}$  is a family of subsets of  $(\lambda_{j},\alpha(\xi))$  such that  $A^{[i]} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{F_{\alpha,j}^{\xi}(x): \alpha < j, x \in A\} \in Q_{i}^{j} \text{ for each } A \in \mathcal{P}_{i,\xi}^{j}, i < j.$ 
  - (vii) if  $A \in \mathcal{P}_{i,\xi}^{j}$ ,  $g \in G_{j,\xi}$  then  $g(A) \in \mathcal{P}_{i,\xi}^{j}$ .
- (viii)  $\mathcal{P}_{i,\xi}^{j}$  is closed under union of  $\leq \kappa$  members and it is increasing with  $\xi$  and if  $cf \xi > \kappa$  then  $\mathcal{P}_{i,\xi}^{j} = \bigcup_{\xi < \xi} \mathcal{P}_{i,\xi}^{j}$ .
- (ix) we can choose for every  $\alpha(\xi)$  an increasing sequence  $B_{\varepsilon}^{\xi}(\varepsilon < \lambda_{j}^{+})$  such that  $(\lambda_{j}, \alpha(\xi)) = \bigcup_{\varepsilon < \lambda_{j}^{+}} B_{\varepsilon}^{\xi}$ , and  $B_{\varepsilon}^{\xi}$  has cardinality  $\leq \lambda_{j}$ . We shall guarantee that for any  $\xi < \lambda_{j}^{++}$ ,  $\varepsilon < \lambda_{j}^{+}, i < j$  and  $A \in Q_{\varepsilon}^{j}$  for some  $\xi_{1}$ ,  $\xi < \xi_{1} < \lambda_{j}^{+2}$ , and  $B \in \mathcal{P}_{i,\xi_{1}}^{j}$ ,  $B_{\varepsilon}^{\xi} \subseteq B$ .
- (x) if  $k_0, k_1 \in G_{j,\xi}$ ,  $A \in Q_i^j$   $k_0, k_1$  are equal on A,  $a \in G_{j+1}^R$ ,  $h_{j+1}^R(a) = H_j(k_1 \upharpoonright M_i)$  then  $(k_0 \upharpoonright A) \cup (k_1 \upharpoonright M_j)$  can be extended in some  $G_{j,\xi}(\xi \leq \zeta < \lambda_j^{+2})$  to k,  $H_{j,\xi}(k) = a$ .
- (xi)  $R^{\xi}$  is a three place relation on  $(\lambda_j, \alpha(\xi))$ , increasing with  $\xi$ , but for  $\xi < \xi$ ,  $R^{\xi} = R^{\xi} \upharpoonright (\lambda_j, \alpha(\xi))$ .
  - (xii) each  $g \in G_{j,\xi}$  preserves  $R^i$  and  $F_{\alpha,j}^{\xi}$ .
- (xiii) if  $cf \ \xi = \lambda_j^+$ , then  $R(\alpha(\xi)-,-)$  define on  $(\lambda_j,\alpha(\xi))$  a well-ordering [so  $if \ g \in G_{j,\xi}, \xi > \xi$ , g maps  $(\lambda_j,\alpha(\xi))$  on itself then,  $g \upharpoonright (\lambda_j,\alpha(\xi))$  is determined by  $g(\alpha(\xi))$ ].
- (xiv) no  $\alpha \neq \beta \in (\lambda_j, \alpha(\xi))$  realize the same quantifiers free,  $R_{\xi}$ -type over  $(\lambda_j, \lambda_j^+)$ . (So together with (xiii) we have a strict control over the automorphism of  $M_{j+1}$ ).

There is no problem to carry the induction on  $\xi$  hence on j, hence to finish the proof of 3.1.

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