

ON THE NUMBER OF NON-ALMOST ISOMORPHIC  
MODELS OF  $T$  IN A POWER

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Let  $T$  be a first order theory. Two models are almost isomorphic if they are elementarily equivalent in the language  $L_{\infty, \omega}$ . We investigate the number of non almost-isomorphic models of  $T$  of power  $\lambda$  as a function of  $\lambda, I(T, \lambda)$ . We prove  $\mu > \lambda \geq |T|, I(T, \lambda) \leq \lambda$  implies  $I(T, \mu) \leq I(T, \lambda)$ . In fact, we generalize the downward Skolem-Lowenheim theorem for infinitary languages. Th. (1, 4, 5).

Let  $L$  be a set of predicates with finite number of places and sufficient number of variables. (We assume there are no function symbols in  $L$  for simplicity only.)  $|L|$  will denote the number of predicates in  $L$  plus  $\aleph_0$ . Models will be denoted by  $M, N$ . The set of elements of  $M$  will be  $|M|$ , the cardinality of a set  $A$  by  $|A|$  and so the cardinality of  $M$  by  $||M||$ . Unless specified otherwise, every model is an  $L$ -model. Cardinals will be denoted by  $\lambda, \mu, \kappa, \chi$  ordinals  $i, j, \alpha, \beta$ .  $T$  will denote a theory, i.e., set of sentences. We define  $\mu^{(\lambda)} = \sum_{\kappa < \lambda} \mu^\kappa$ . For cardinals  $\lambda, \mu$  we define the language  $L(\lambda, \mu)$  i.e., a set of formulas. This set is defined as the well known first-order language where we adjoin to its operations conjunction and disjunction on a set of  $< \lambda$  formulas (i.e.,  $\bigwedge_{i \in I} \phi_i$ , where  $|I| < \lambda$ ) and existential or universal quantifications over a sequence of  $< \mu$  variables.  $L^*(\lambda, \mu)$  will be defined as  $L(\lambda, \mu)$  where in addition we permit quantification of the form

$$[\forall \bar{x}^1](\exists \bar{y}^1) \dots (\forall \bar{x}^n)(\exists \bar{y}^n) \dots]_{n < \omega}$$

if

$$|\{x_0^i, x_1^i, \dots, y_0^i, y_1^i, \dots, x_0^n \dots\}| < \mu.$$

$RL^*(\lambda, \mu)$  will denote the subset of  $L^*(\lambda, \mu)$  consisting of the formulas  $\Phi$  of  $L^*(\lambda, \mu)$  such that for every subformula  $\phi$  of  $\Phi$ , if  $\phi = [(\forall \bar{x}^1)(\exists \bar{y}^1) \dots] \psi$ , then  $\models \phi \leftrightarrow \neg [(\exists \bar{x}^1)(\forall \bar{y}^1) \dots] \neg \psi$ . Clearly  $RL^*(\lambda, \mu) \supset L(\lambda, \mu)$ .  $K$  will denote any of those languages. Satisfaction (i.e., if  $\phi = \phi(\bar{x})$ , and  $\bar{a}$  is a sequence from  $|M|$ , then  $M \models \phi[\bar{a}]$ ) is defined naturally. (See Hanf [2] and Henkin [3].) The only nontotally trivial case is

$$\psi(\bar{z}) = [(\forall \bar{x}^0)(\exists \bar{y}^0)(\forall \bar{x}^1)(\exists \bar{y}^1) \dots] \phi(\bar{z}, \bar{x}^0, \bar{x}^1, \dots, \bar{y}^0, \bar{y}^1 \dots).$$

$M \models \psi[\bar{a}]$  if and only if there are functions  $f_i^n(\bar{x}^0, \dots, \bar{x}^n)$  such that for every sequence  $\bar{a}^0, \bar{a}^1, \dots$  from  $M$ ,  $M \models \phi[\bar{a}, \bar{a}^0, \bar{a}^1, \dots, \bar{b}^0, \bar{b}^1, \dots]$  where  $\bar{b}^n = \langle \dots, f_i^n(\bar{a}^0, \bar{a}^1, \dots, \bar{a}^n), \dots \rangle$ . For a sentence  $\psi$ ,  $\models \psi$  if for

every  $M, M \models \psi$ . (Such languages were first defined in Henkin [3].)

If  $\Gamma$  is a set of formulas (for example one of the languages defined above),  $M$  is a  $\Gamma$  elementary submodel of  $N$ , if the set of elements of  $M, |M|$  is included in the set of elements of  $N, |N|$ , and for every formula  $\phi(\bar{x}), \phi(\bar{x}) \in \Gamma$ , and sequence  $\bar{a}$  from  $|M|, M \models \phi[\bar{a}]$  if and only if  $N \models \phi[\bar{a}]$ ,  $M, N$  are  $\Gamma$ -elementarily equivalent if for every sentence  $\phi \in \Gamma, M \models \phi$  if and only if  $N \models \phi$ .

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $\lambda > \mu, \lambda$  regular and  $T$  be a theory in  $RL^*(\lambda, \mu)$  [i.e.,  $T \subset RL^*(\lambda, \mu)$ ] and  $\Gamma$  be the set of subformulas of the formulas in  $T$ . Then for every model  $M$  we can add  $< \lambda + |T|^+$  functions of  $< \mu$  places such that: If  $A \subset M$ , and  $A$  is closed under those functions, then there exists a  $\Gamma$ -elementary submodel  $N$  of  $M, |N| = A$ . So if  $\kappa \geq \lambda + |T|$  (or  $\kappa \geq$  the number of those functions) and  $\kappa^{(\mu)} = \kappa$ , and  $T$  has a model of power  $\geq \kappa$ , then  $T$  has a model of power  $\kappa$ .*

*Proof.* This theorem is proved in [9], and is a straight-forward generalization of a theorem of Hanf in [2].

**DEFINITION 1.**

$$L(\infty, \mu) = \bigcup_{\lambda} L(\lambda, \mu), L^*(\infty, \mu) = \bigcup_{\lambda} L^*(\lambda, \mu), \\ RL^*(\infty, \mu) = \bigcup_{\lambda} RL^*(\lambda, \mu).$$

**DEFINITION 2.** (1)  $M$  and  $N$  are  $\mu$ -almost isomorphic,  $M \sim_{\mu} N$  if  $M, N$  are  $L(\infty, \mu)$ -elementarily equivalent. We say  $M$  and  $N$  are almost isomorphic if  $M \sim_{\aleph_0} N$ , and we write  $M \sim N$ .

(2)  $I(T, \lambda, \mu)$ , is the number of non- $\mu$ -almost-isomorphic models of  $T$  of power  $\lambda$ . We assume always  $\lambda$  is  $\geq$  then  $|T|$ .

See footnote 1.

**THEOREM 2.** *If  $T$  is a theory in  $RL^*(\lambda, \mu), \mu = \aleph_0$  or  $\mu = \mu_1^+$ ,  $\kappa \geq \chi = \chi^{(\mu)} + \lambda + |T|$  and  $I(T, \chi, \mu) \leq \chi$  then  $I(T, \kappa, \mu) \leq I(T, \chi, \mu)$ .*

The proof is broken into a series of lemmas.

**REMARKS.** (1) It is not hard to show that if  $T \subset L(\lambda, \aleph_0)$ ,  $I(T, \chi, \aleph_0) \leq \chi$ , then for every  $\kappa_1, \kappa_2 \geq \beth_{(2^{\lambda+\chi})^+}$ ,  $I(T, \kappa_1, \aleph_0) = I(T, \kappa_2, \aleph_0)$ . (See Makkai [7] and Eklof [15].)

<sup>1</sup> The results here appear in the notices [10] Th. 5 [11] Th. 3. The lemma has other uses: see [12] Th. 2.5 and Remark (4); in [11] their consequences are better formulated. In Th. 2 we can replace  $T \subset RT^*(\lambda, \mu)$  by  $T \subset RL^*(\lambda^+, \mu)$  and similarly in other cases.

(2) Let  $\lambda = \mu = \aleph_0$  and suppose  $|T| \leq \kappa_0$ . Then as the class of such theories is a set, there is a number  $\kappa = HAI_{\kappa_0}$  (Hanf number of almost isomorphism) such that: for all  $T$ ,  $|T| \leq \kappa_0$ ,  $I(T, \kappa, \aleph_0) \leq \kappa$  if and only if there is a  $\chi$ ,  $I(T, \chi, \aleph_0) \leq \chi$ , and  $\kappa$  is the first such cardinality. (The existence of such numbers for a wide class of cases was proved by Hanf in [2].)

*Question 1.* What is  $HAI_{\kappa_0}$ ? (Clearly if  $\lambda \rightarrow (\kappa_0^+)^{<\omega}_{\aleph_0}$  then  $HAI_{\kappa_0} < \lambda$ ).

(3) It is known that  $M \sim N$ ,  $\aleph_0 = ||M|| = ||N||$  implies that  $M$ ,  $N$  are isomorphic (see Scott [8]).

(4) Ehrenfeucht in [1] defined a model to be rigid if it has no nontrivial automorphisms and tried to investigate what can be the class of cardinals in which a certain theory has a rigid model. He gives some examples, but does not prove any theorem of the form: If  $T$  has a rigid model of one power, then it has a rigid model in another power.

**DEFINITION.**  $M$  is  $\mu$ -rigid if there do not exist two different sequences of length  $< \mu$ ,  $\bar{a}$ ,  $\bar{b}$ , such that  $(M, \bar{a}) \sim_{\mu} (M, \bar{b})$ . ( $(M, \bar{a})$  is the model  $M$  when we adjoin the  $a$ 's as individual constants.) See footnote 2. Clearly

**THEOREM.** If  $\mu < \lambda$ , and  $M$  is  $\mu$ -rigid, then it is  $\lambda$ -rigid and also rigid. By a proof similar to that of Theorem 2, we can prove:

**THEOREM.** If a first-order theory  $T$  has a  $\mu$ -rigid model of power  $\lambda$ ,  $|T| + \aleph_0 \leq \kappa = \kappa^{(\mu)} \leq \lambda$ ,  $\mu = \mu_1^+$  or  $\mu = \aleph_0$ , then  $T$  has a  $\mu$ -rigid model of power  $\kappa$ .

*Proof of Theorem 2.*

**DEFINITION 3.** (1) Let  $L_1$  be  $L$  where we adjoin to it one two-place predicate  $E$  and variables  $y, y_0, y_1, \dots$  we assume  $E, y, y_0 \dots \neq L$ . We shall write  $xEy$  instead  $E(x, y)$ .

(2) If  $R \in L$  then  $R^M$  will denote the relation of  $M$  corresponding to  $R$ .

(3) Let  $\{M_i: i \in I\}$  be a set of  $L$ -models and we define their sum  $N = \bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i$ , (or  $\bigoplus\{M_i: i \in I\}$ ). For simplicity we assume that the sets  $|M_i|$  are pairwise disjoint.  $N$  will be an  $L_1$ -model  $|N| = \bigcup_{i \in I} |M_i|$ ,  $R^N = \bigcup_{i \in I} R^{M_i}$  for every  $R \in L$ , and  $E^N = \{\langle a, b \rangle: (\exists i)[a, b \in |M_i|]\}$ .

(4) For every formula  $\phi$  of any language, we define by induction

<sup>2</sup> Barwise [14] suggests a similar definition and argues its naturality.

$\bar{\phi}$ : if  $\phi$  is atomic  $\bar{\phi} = \phi$ ;  $\overline{\neg\phi} = \neg\bar{\phi}$ ,  $\overline{\phi \mathbf{V} \psi} = \bar{\phi} \mathbf{V} \bar{\psi}$ , (likewise for the other connectives),  $\overline{\exists(\exists\bar{x})\phi} = (\exists\bar{x})[\bar{\phi} \wedge \bigwedge_i x_i E y]$ , (where  $\bar{x} = \langle \dots x_i \dots \rangle$ )  $\overline{(\forall\bar{x})\phi} = (\forall\bar{x})[\bigwedge_i x_i E y \rightarrow \bar{\phi}]$ , and

$$\overline{[(\forall\bar{x}^1)(\exists\bar{y}^1) \dots]\bar{\phi}} = [(\forall\bar{x}^1)(\exists\bar{y}^1) \dots](\bigwedge_{i,n} x_i^n E y \rightarrow \bar{\phi} \wedge \bigwedge_{i,n} y_i^n E y)$$

if the language contains such formulas. Clearly for any language  $K$ ,  $\phi \in K \Rightarrow \bar{\phi} \in K$ . Also, if  $\phi$  is a sentence  $(\forall y)\bar{\phi}$  is a sentence.

(5) Define

$$\bar{T} = \{(\forall y)\bar{\phi}: \phi \in T\} \cup \{(\forall x)x E x, (\forall x_0 x_1 x_2)(x_0 E x_1 \wedge x_0 E x_2 \rightarrow x_1 E x_2)\}.$$

LEMMA 3. Each  $M_i$  is an  $L$ -model of  $T$  if and only if  $\bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i$  is an  $L_1$ -model of  $\bar{T}$ .

*Proof.* Immediate

DEFINITION 4.

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_\alpha^n &= \psi_\alpha^n(\bar{x}^0, \bar{x}^1, \dots, \bar{x}^n, \bar{y}^0, \dots, \bar{y}^n) = \bigwedge \{R(x_{j_1}^{i_1}, \dots, x_{j_k}^{i_k} \dots) \\ &\leftrightarrow R(y_{j_1}^{i_1}, \dots, y_{j_k}^{i_k} \dots): i_1, \dots, i_k \dots \in \{0, \dots, n\}, \\ &R \in L, j_1, \dots, j_k \dots < \alpha\} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\bar{x}^n = \langle \dots x_i^n \dots \rangle_{i < \alpha}, \bar{y}^n = \langle \dots y_i^n \dots \rangle_{i < \alpha}.$$

Also let

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_\alpha^m &= [ \bigwedge_{\substack{i < \alpha \\ 2n < m}} x_i^{2n} E x \wedge \bigwedge_{\substack{i < \alpha \\ 2n+1 < m}} y_i^{2n+1} E y ] \rightarrow [ \bigwedge_{\substack{i < \alpha \\ 2n+1 < m}} x_i^{2n+1} E x \wedge \bigwedge_{\substack{i < \alpha \\ 2n < m}} y_i^{2n} E y \\ &\wedge \bigwedge_{n < m} \psi_\alpha^n(\bar{x}^0, \dots, \bar{x}^n, \bar{y}^0, \dots, \bar{y}^n) ] : \\ \phi_\alpha^\omega &= \bigwedge_{m < \omega} \Phi_\alpha^m = \phi_\alpha^\omega(x, y, \bar{x}^0, \bar{y}^0, \bar{x}^1, \bar{y}^1, \dots). \end{aligned}$$

For even  $n$

$$\phi_\alpha^n = \phi_\alpha^n(x, y, \bar{x}^0, \bar{y}^0, \dots, \bar{x}^{n-1}, \bar{y}^{n-1}) = [(\forall\bar{x}^n)(\exists\bar{y}^n)(\forall\bar{y}^{n+1})(\exists\bar{y}^{n+1}) \dots] \phi_\alpha^\omega.$$

For odd  $n$

$$\phi_\alpha^n(x, y, \bar{x}^0, \bar{y}^0, \dots, \bar{x}^{n-1}, \bar{y}^{n-1}) = [(\forall\bar{y}^n)(\exists\bar{x}^n)(\forall\bar{x}^{n+1})(\exists\bar{y}^{n+1})(\forall\bar{y}^{n+2}) \dots] \phi_\alpha^\omega.$$

LEMMA 4. If

$$a \in |M|, b \in |N|, M, N \in \{M_i: i \in I\}, M^* = \bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i,$$

and  $\mu = \kappa^+$  or  $\mu = \aleph_0$ , and  $\kappa$  is finite, then  $M \sim_\mu N$  if and only if  $M^* \models \phi_i^0[a, b]$ .

REMARK. Keisler in [5] used sentences similar to  $\phi_\alpha^n$ . These sentences can be seen as asserting something about an appropriate game (between a player choosing  $\bar{x}^0, y^1, x^2, \dots$  and a player choosing  $\bar{y}^0, \bar{x}^1, \dots$ ). In this presentation a similar theorem appears in Karp [4].

*Added in proof.* See also Benda [13].

*Proof.*

*Part A-* Suppose  $M \sim_\mu N$ .

For every two sequences  $\bar{a}, \bar{b}$  of elements of  $M$ , either there is a formula  $\phi_{\bar{a}, \bar{b}}(\bar{x})$  of  $L(\infty, \mu)$  such that  $M \models \phi_{\bar{a}, \bar{b}}[\bar{a}]$ ,  $M \models \neg \phi_{\bar{a}, \bar{b}}[\bar{b}]$ , or there is no such  $\phi$  and in this case, we let  $\phi_{\bar{a}, \bar{b}}(\bar{x}) = (x_0 = x_0)$ .

Let  $\phi_{\bar{a}}(\bar{x}) = \bigwedge_{\bar{b}} \phi_{\bar{a}, \bar{b}}(\bar{x}) \in L(\infty, \mu)$ . Let  $\phi_{\bar{a}}(\bar{x}) = \phi_{\bar{a}}'(y, \bar{x})$ . Let  $\alpha < \mu$ . We define the functions

$$f_i^{2n}(\bar{x}^0, \bar{y}^0, \bar{y}^1, \bar{x}^1, \bar{x}^2, \dots, \bar{y}^{2n-1}, \bar{x}^{2n-1}, \bar{x}^{2n}),$$

$$f_i^{2n+1}(\bar{x}^0, \bar{y}^0, \bar{y}^1, \bar{x}^1, \bar{x}^2, \dots, \bar{x}^{2n}, \bar{y}^{2n}, \bar{y}^{2n+1})$$

for  $i < \alpha$  such that: If  $\bar{a}^0, \bar{b}^0, \bar{a}^1, \bar{b}^1 \dots$  are sequences of length  $\alpha$ ,  $\bar{a}^{2n}$  a sequence of elements of  $M$ , and  $\bar{b}^{2n+1}$  a sequence of elements of  $N$ , and for every  $n$

$$\bar{b}^{2n} = \langle \dots f_i^{2n}(\bar{a}^0, \bar{b}^0, \dots, \bar{a}^{2n}) \dots \rangle_{i < \alpha}$$

$$\bar{a}^{2n+1} = \langle \dots f_i^{2n+1}(\bar{a}^0, \dots, \bar{b}^{2n+1}) \dots \rangle_{i < \alpha}$$

then  $M^* \models \phi_{\bar{a}}^n[a, b, \bar{a}^0, \bar{b}^0, \dots]$ .

Suppose we have defined  $f_i^n$  for  $n < 2m$ , and let us define  $f_i^{2m}$  for  $i < \alpha$ . ( $f_i^{2m+1}$  are defined similarly.)

If for some  $n < 2m$ ,  $i < \alpha$   $b_i^n \notin |N|$ , or for some  $i < \alpha$ ,  $n \leq 2m$   $a_i^n \notin |M|$ , then  $f_i^{2m}(\bar{a}^0, \dots, \bar{a}^{2m})$  is defined as an arbitrary element of  $M^*$ . Also if there exists a formula  $\psi(\bar{z}^1, \dots, \bar{z}^n) \in L(\infty, \mu)$  such that

$$M \models \psi[\bar{a}^0, \bar{a}^1, \dots, \bar{a}^{2m-1}]N \models \neg \psi[\bar{b}^0, \dots, \bar{b}^{2m-1}],$$

we define  $f_i^{2m}(\bar{a}^0 f^0 \dots \bar{a}^{2m})$  arbitrarily.

So assume none of the previous cases occur. Define  $\bar{a}[n] = \bar{a}^0 \frown \bar{a}^1 \frown \dots \frown \bar{a}^n$  (the concatenation of  $\bar{a}_1, \dots, \bar{a}^n$ ) and  $\bar{b}[n] = \bar{b}^0 \frown \dots \frown \bar{b}^n$ . Clearly

$$M \models (\forall \bar{x})(\phi_{\bar{a}[2m-1]}(\bar{x}) \rightarrow (\exists \bar{z})\phi_{\bar{a}[2m]}(\bar{x}, \bar{z})).$$

As  $M \sim_\mu N$ ,  $N$  also satisfies the above sentence; so there exists  $\bar{b}^{2m}$  such that for every  $\phi \in L(\infty, \mu)$ ,  $M \models \phi[\bar{a}^0, \dots, \bar{a}^{2m}]$  if and only if  $N \models \phi[\bar{b}^0, \dots, \bar{b}^{2m}]$ . Let  $f_i^{2m}(\bar{a}^0, \bar{b}^0, \dots, \bar{a}^{2m}) = \bar{b}_i^{2m}$ .

Clearly [this shows that  $M^* \models \phi_\alpha^0[a, b]$  for every  $\alpha < \mu$ , and in particular for  $\kappa$ .

*Part B.* We now assume that  $M^* \models \phi_1^0[a, b]$ , and  $\mu = \aleph_0$ . The proof in the case  $\mu = \kappa^+$  or  $1 < \kappa < \aleph_0$  is similar. For simplicity, we shall not distinguish between  $\bar{a} = \langle a_0 \rangle$  and  $a_0$ .

Two sequences,  $\bar{a}$  from  $M$  and  $\bar{b}$  from  $N$ , of length  $n$ ,  $n < \omega$ , will be called equivalent if  $M^* \models \phi_1^n[a, b, \bar{a}, \bar{b}]$ . If  $n = 2m$ , clearly for every  $b^{n+1} \in |N|$  there exists  $a^{n+1} \in |M|$  such that  $\bar{a} \frown \langle a^{n+1} \rangle$  and  $\bar{b} \frown \langle b^{n+1} \rangle$  are equivalent, and similarly for  $n = 2m + 1$ .

Let  $\phi(\bar{x}) \in L(\infty, \mu)$ ,  $\bar{x}$  a finite sequence of variables. We shall prove that if  $\bar{a}, \bar{b}$  are equivalent then  $M \models \phi[\bar{a}]$  if and only if  $N \models \phi[\bar{b}]$ . As subformulas of formulas with  $< \aleph_0$  free variables have  $< \aleph_0$  free variables we can prove it by induction. For atomic formulas it follows from the definition of  $\phi_1^n$ . For  $\neg\phi, \phi \vee \psi$ , it is immediate, and so also for the other connectives. For quantification it follows by the fact mentioned above after the definition of equivalent sequences.

So we have proved that if  $\bar{a}, \bar{b}$  are equivalent sequences,  $\phi(\bar{x}) \in L(\infty, \mu)$ , then  $M \models \phi[\bar{a}]$  if and only if  $N \models \phi[\bar{b}]$ . Since the sequences of length zero from  $M$  and  $N$  are equivalent (by our hypotheses  $M^* \models \phi_1^0(a, b)$ ), we get our conclusion that  $M \sim N$ . This proves Lemma 4.

LEMMA 5.  $\phi_\alpha^0(x, y) \in RL^*(\infty, \mu)$ . See footnote 3.

*Proof.* It is easily seen that the only thing we have to prove is:

$$\models [(\forall \bar{x}^0)(\exists \bar{y}^0)(\forall y^1)(\exists x^1) \dots] \bigwedge_{n < \omega} \phi_\alpha^n \leftrightarrow \neg [(\exists \bar{x}^0)(\forall \bar{y}^0)(\exists \bar{y}^1)(\forall x^1) \dots] \bigvee_{n < \omega} \neg \phi_\alpha^n .$$

For simplicity, let  $\alpha = 1$ .

It is not hard to see that if  $M \models [(\forall x^0)(\exists y^0) \dots] \bigwedge_{n < \omega} \phi_1^n$ , then  $M \models \neg [(\exists x^0)(\forall y^0) \dots] \bigvee_{n < \omega} \neg \phi_1^n$ . (See, for example, Keisler [6].)

So suppose  $M \models \neg [(\exists \bar{x}^0)(\forall y^0) \dots] \bigvee_{n < \omega} \neg \phi_1^n$ . It is not hard to see that for every  $n < \omega$ , and formula  $\phi$

$$\begin{aligned} \models \neg [(\forall z_1)(\exists z_2)(\forall z_3) \dots] \phi &\leftrightarrow (\exists z_1) \neg [(\exists z_2)(\forall z_3) \dots] \phi \\ \models (\exists z_1) \neg [(\exists z_2)(\forall z_3) \dots] \phi &\leftrightarrow (\exists z_1)(\forall z_2) \neg [(\forall z_3) \dots] \phi , \end{aligned} \quad \text{etc.}$$

Now let us define functions  $g_n(x^0, y^0, y^1, \dots, x^i \dots y^j \dots)_{i, j < n}$ . Let

$$\theta_n(x, y, x^0, y^0, x^1, y^1, \dots, x^n, y^n) = \neg [\forall x^n (\exists y^n) (\forall y^{n+1}) (\exists x^{n+1}) \dots] \bigvee_{n < \omega} \neg \phi_1^n .$$

<sup>3</sup> This lemma is, in fact, a translation of a well known theorem from game theory.

(This is for even  $n$ , the definition for odd  $n$  is clear.) The functions will be such that if  $a^0, \dots, a^n \in |M|$ ,  $b^0, \dots, b^n \in |N|$ , and for every  $2m \leq nb^{2m} = g_{2m}(a^0, b^0, \dots)$ , and for every  $2m + 1 \leq na^{2m+1} = g_{2m+1}(a^0, b^0, \dots)$ ; then  $M^* \models \theta_n[a, b, a^0, b^0, \dots]$ . The definition is self-evident. Let  $a^0 \dots a^n \dots \in |M|$ ,  $b^0 \dots b^n \dots \in |N|$  be such that for every  $2mb^{2m} = g_{2m}(a^0, b^0, \dots)$  and for every  $2m + 1 a^{2m+1} = g_{2m+1}(a^0, b^0, \dots)$  and let  $n < \omega$ . As  $M^* \models \theta_{n+1}[a, b, a^0, b^0, \dots, a^n, b^n]$ , clearly  $M^* \models \phi_1^n(a, b, a^0, b^0, \dots, a^n, b^n)$ .

So  $M^* \models \bigwedge_{n < \omega} \phi_1^n(a, b, a^0, b^0, \dots, a^n b^n)$ , and hence  $M^* \models \phi_1^\omega[a, b, a^0, b^0, \dots]$ . So  $M^* \models \phi_1^0[a, b]$  (as this is true for every  $a^0, b^1, a^2, b^3, \dots$ ) and this is the desired conclusion.

LEMMA 6. Let  $\mu = \kappa^+$  or  $\mu = \aleph_0$ ,  $\kappa = 1$ ,  $T$  a theory in  $RL^*(\lambda, \mu)$ ,  $\chi = \chi^{(\mu)} + \lambda + |T|$ , and  $I(T, \chi, \mu) \leq \chi$ . Then for every model  $N$  of  $T$  of power  $> \chi$ , there exists a model  $M$  of  $T$  of power  $\chi$  such that  $M \sim_\mu N$ .

REMARK. This clearly proves Theorem 2.

*Proof.* Let  $\{M_i: i \in I\}$  be a maximal set of non- $\mu$ -almost-isomorphic models of  $T$  of power  $\chi$ , and let  $N$  be a model of  $T$  of power  $> \chi$  such that for no  $i \in I$ ,  $N \sim_\mu M_i$ .

Let  $M^* = \bigoplus (\{N\} \cup \{M_i: i \in I\})$ . Clearly  $M^*$  is a model of  $T_1 = \bar{T} \cup \{(\forall x, y)[\neg xEy \rightarrow \neg \phi_x^0(x, y)]\}$ . Let  $a \in |N|$ , and  $A = \{a\} \cup \bigcup \{M_i: i \in I\}$ . Clearly,  $|A| = \chi$ .

Let  $\Gamma$  be the set of subformulas of formulas  $\in T_1$ . By Theorem 1, it follows that  $M^*$  has a  $\Gamma$ -elementary submodel  $N^*$ ,  $|N^*| \supset A$ ,  $\chi = ||N^*|| =$  (the power of  $N^*$ ), such that every equivalence class (of  $E$ ) in  $N^*$  has exactly  $\chi$  elements. Clearly,  $N^* = \bigoplus (\{N_i\} \cup \{M_i: i \in I\})$ , and for every  $i$ ,  $N_i, M_i$  are models of  $T$ , and they are non- $\mu$ -almost-isomorphic. So  $N_1$  contradicts the definition of  $\{M_i: i \in I\}$ , thus proving Lemma 6.

This ends the proof of Theorem 2.

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