

On theories categorical in power

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The aim of this paper is to give some applications of theorems on automorphisms of models [1] to the study of theories categorical in power¹⁾. The main result is contained in theorem 1 which states, roughly speaking, that no antisymmetric and connected relation is definable in a theory categorical in power 2^n where $n \geq \aleph_0$. As a corollary we find that no ordering relation can be defined in any such theory. The final theorems deal with the existence of mutually indiscernible elements in each model of a theory categorical in power 2^n as well as with the existence of universal models of such theories.

The terminology and notation used in this paper are the same as in [1]. For more detailed information concerning theories categorical in power and examples of such theories the reader is referred to papers [3] and [5].

Definitions. An n -ary relation $R(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n)$ is *antisymmetric* in the set A if, for arbitrary $x_1, \dots, x_n \in A$,

$$\neq(x_1, \dots, x_n) \quad \text{implies} \quad \sum_{\pi \in S_n} \sim R(x_{\pi(1)}, \dots, x_{\pi(n)})^2$$

where S_n is the set of all permutations of the set $\{1, \dots, n\}$.

The relation $R(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n)$ is *connected* in the set A if, for arbitrary $x_1, \dots, x_n \in A$,

$$\neq(x_1, \dots, x_n) \quad \text{implies} \quad \sum_{\pi \in S_n} R(x_{\pi(1)}, \dots, x_{\pi(n)}).$$

Let α be an order-type and P a subset of S_n . We shall say that an n -ary relation R defined in a set A *belongs* to the set $K(\alpha, P, A_1)$ where A_1 is a subset of A if there is an ordering relation \prec of the order-type α in the set A_1 , such that, for arbitrary x_1, \dots, x_n in A_1 ,

$$x_1 \prec \dots \prec x_n \quad \text{implies} \quad [R(x_{\pi(1)}, \dots, x_{\pi(n)}) \text{ if and only if } \pi \in P].$$

¹⁾ A theory T is *categorical in power* m if any two of its models of power m are isomorphic.

²⁾ $\neq(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is the conjunction of inequalities $x_i \neq x_j$, where $1 \leq i < j \leq n$. The letter \sum stands for "there is" and the symbol \sim stands for negation.

THEOREM 1. *Let n be an arbitrary infinite cardinal number and T a theory with the following property: there is an n -ary predicate q defined in T and a model M of T over a set $|M|^3$ such that M_q is antisymmetric and connected in an infinite set $A_1 \subset |M|$. Under these assumptions T is not categorical in the power $m = 2^n$.*

LEMMA 1. *If $m = 2^n$, then there is a set X and an ordering relation \prec in the set X such that*

- (1) *the ordering relation is homogeneous (i. e., each two intervals are similar),*
- (2) *$\bar{X} = m$,*
- (3) *there is a subset $X_1 \subset X$ dense in X such that $\bar{X}_1 = n$.*

An outline of the proof of this lemma is given in the appendix. Here we remark only that a set X satisfying (1)-(3) can be obtained by applying the well-known Dedekind procedure of completing the cuts to a set X_1 of power n ordered in the type η_ξ (see [2]).

LEMMA 2. *Under the assumptions of theorem 1, there is a set P_0 , $\emptyset \subsetneq P_0 \subsetneq S_n$ and a countable set $A_0 \subset A_1$ such that*

$$M_q \in K(\omega, P_0, A_0).$$

Proof. Let A' be an arbitrary countable subset of A_1 and \prec an ordering relation of order type ω in A' . Further let \mathfrak{R} be the class of the subsets of A' having exactly n elements. We define a division into $2^{n!}$ subclasses K_P , each subclass being defined by a subset $P \in \mathfrak{R}$. The definition of K_P is as follows:

$$Z \in K_P \text{ if and only if } [M_q(x_{\pi(1)}, \dots, x_{\pi(n)}) \text{ is equivalent to } \pi \in P],$$

where x_1, \dots, x_n are distinct elements of Z , and $x_1 \prec \dots \prec x_n$. It is obvious that subclasses K_P and $K_{P'}$ are either equal or disjoint.

Since M_q is antisymmetric and connected in the set A' , classes K_{S_n} and K_\emptyset are empty. By Ramsey's theorem [4] it follows, that there is a class K_P and infinite subset $A_0 \subset A'$ such that conditions $Z \subset A_0$ and $Z \in \mathfrak{R}$ imply $Z \in K_P$. Lemma 2 is thus proved.

To prove theorem 1 we now construct two non-isomorphic models M^1, M^2 of the theory T , both having the power m .

In order to define the first model we denote by T^* an open theory which is an inessential extension of T (cf. [1], p. 52) and by X a set (ordered by a relation \prec) whose existence is stated in lemma 1. Further, let β be the order type of the relation \prec in X . Applying theorem 6.1 of [1], we obtain a model $M^1 = M(X)$ of T^* (and hence of T) which satisfies the conditions:

³⁾ $|M|$ denotes the set of individuals of the model M .

- (4) $M_q^1 \in K(\beta, P_0, X)$,
- (5) each one-one mapping f of X onto itself which preserves the relation \prec can be extended to an automorphism of M^1 .

The essential property of the model M^1 is given in the following

LEMMA 3. *For no set $BC \subset |M^1|$*

$$(6) \quad M_q \in K(\omega(m), P_0, B)$$

where $\omega(m)$ is the least ordinal number of power m .

The proof of this lemma, which constitutes the central point of the whole paper, will be divided into several stages:

I. Suppose that the lemma is false, i. e., that there is a set $BC \subset |M^1|$ and an ordering relation \ll of the order-type $\omega(m)$ in the set B such that for arbitrary x_1, \dots, x_n in B the formula $x_1 \ll x_2 \ll \dots \ll x_n$ implies that

$$M_q(x_{\pi(1)}, \dots, x_{\pi(n)}) \text{ is equivalent to } \pi \in P_0.$$

II. From the construction of the model $M^1 = M(X)$ it easily follows that each element x in $|M^1|$ and hence each element x in B is representable in the form $\text{val}_{M^1} \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_k)$ where $x_1, \dots, x_k \in X$ and φ is a term of T^* .

Since the number of terms of T^* is \aleph_0 , there is a term φ_0 such that m elements of B are representable in the form

$$(7) \quad x = \text{val}_{M^1} \varphi_0(x_1, \dots, x_k), \quad x_1, \dots, x_k \in X.$$

We denote by B' the set of these elements.

III. We shall select from B' a narrower set B'' of power m with the following property: there is a term ψ of T^* with $p+q$ free variables ($p \geq 0, q \geq 0$), q elements y_1, y_2, \dots, y_q of X and a subset X'' of X such that each element $u \in B''$ is representable in the form

$$u = \text{val}_{M^1} \psi(x_1, \dots, x_p, y_1, \dots, y_q), \quad x_j \in X'', \quad x_i \neq x_j \text{ for } i \neq j;$$

moreover if

$$u' = \text{val}_{M^1} \psi(x'_1, \dots, x'_p, y_1, \dots, y_q), \quad u'' = \text{val}_{M^1} \psi(x''_1, \dots, x''_p, y_1, \dots, y_q)$$

($x'_j, x''_j \in X''$ for $j=1, 2, \dots, p$) and $u' \neq u''$, then $x'_i \neq x''_i$ for $i, j=1, 2, \dots, p$.

It will be sufficient to indicate the construction of B'' and X'' in the particular case $k=2$.

For each $u \in B'$ we select a pair $z_1 = z_1(u), z_2 = z_2(u)$ of element of X such that

$$u = \text{val}_{M^1} \varphi_0(z_1, z_2)$$

and regard $z_1(u), z_2(u)$ as projections of u on the coordinate axes x and y .

If the projection of B' on the x -axis has the power $< m$ there is a $y_1 \in X$ such that m elements of B' have the form $\text{val}_{M^1} \varphi_0(y_1, z_2)$. Reversing the order of variables in φ_0 we represent m elements of B' in the form $\text{val}_{M^1} \psi(x_1, y_1)$ where $\psi(x_1, y_1) = \varphi_0(y_1, x_1)$.

It is now sufficient to put

$$X'' = \bigcup_{z_2(u)} [u \in B' \text{ and } z_1(u) = y_1]$$

and to take as B'' the set of all elements $\text{val}_{M^1} \psi(x, y_1)$ where $x \in X''$.

If the projection of B' on the x -axis has the power m we select from B' a subset such that no two elements of the subset have the same abscissa. We call this subset B^* .

If B^* has m elements in common with the diagonal set (consisting of elements with identical coordinates), then we omit all the other elements and call the remaining set B'' . The elements of B'' are representable in the form $\text{val}_{M^1} \psi(x)$ where $\psi(x) = \varphi_0(x, x)$. It is now sufficient to take as X'' the projection of B'' on the x -axis.

It remains to consider the case when B^* has less than m elements in common with the diagonal set. Then we omit these elements, call the remaining set again B^* and consider the projection of B^* on the y -axis. If its power is $< m$, then we proceed as in the first case, considered above. If its power is m , then we select a subset B'' having at most one element on each parallel to the x -axis and take as X'' the sum of the projection of B'' on the x -axis and the projection of B'' on the y -axis.

IV. The relation \ll orders the set B'' in the type $\omega(m)$; we can therefore enumerate the elements of B'' by means of ordinals $< \omega(m)$. Let

$$u_0 \ll u_1 \ll \dots \ll u_\xi \ll \dots, \quad \xi < \omega(m),$$

be all the elements of B'' . We divide this sequence into the n -tuples

$$(8) \quad (u_0, u_1, \dots, u_{n-1}), \dots, (u_\xi, u_{\xi+1}, \dots, u_{\xi+n-1}), \dots$$

For each of those n -tuples $(u_\xi, u_{\xi+1}, \dots, u_{\xi+n-1})$ we represent $u_{\xi+j}$ in the form (see III)

$$u_{\xi+j} = \text{val}_{M^1} \psi(x_{\xi+j,1}, \dots, x_{\xi+j,p}, y_1, \dots, y_q)$$

where the "coordinates" $x_{\xi+j,1}, \dots, x_{\xi+j,p}$ belong to the set X'' . We further establish a correspondence between the considered n -tuple and a system \mathfrak{U}_ξ of np disjoint intervals of the set X

$$\mathfrak{U}_\xi = (\langle a_{\xi 1}, b_{\xi 1} \rangle, \dots, \langle a_{\xi p}, b_{\xi p} \rangle, \dots, \langle a_{\xi+n-1,1}, b_{\xi+n-1,1} \rangle, \dots, \langle a_{\xi+n-1,p}, b_{\xi+n-1,p} \rangle)$$

such that for $i=1, 2, \dots, p, j=0, 1, \dots, n-1$ the following relations hold:

$$a_{\xi+j,i} \prec x_{\xi+j,i} \prec b_{\xi+j,i}, \quad a_{\xi+j,i}, b_{\xi+j,i} \in X_1.$$

The existence of such intervals follows from the density of X_1 in X .

Since $\bar{X}_1 = n$, the number of different systems is at most n , hence at least one system, say \mathfrak{U} , is correlated with n different n -tuples (8). Thus there are ordinals $\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_n$ such that

$$(9) \quad \mathfrak{U} = \mathfrak{U}_{\xi_1} = \mathfrak{U}_{\xi_2} = \dots = \mathfrak{U}_{\xi_n}, \quad \xi_1 < \xi_2 < \dots < \xi_n.$$

V. Now let α, β be two arbitrary permutations belonging to S_n . We consider the finite sequence

$$u_{\xi_{\alpha(1)+\beta(1)-1}}, \dots, u_{\xi_{\alpha(n)+\beta(n)-1}}.$$

The i th coordinate $x_{\xi_{\alpha(j)+\beta(j)-1}, i}$ of the j th term of this sequence lies in the interval $(a_{\xi_{\alpha(j)+\beta(j)-1}, i}, b_{\xi_{\alpha(j)+\beta(j)-1}, i})$ which in view of (9) is identical with $\Delta_{ji} = (a_{\xi_1+\beta(j)-1, i}, b_{\xi_1+\beta(j), i})$ and thus is independent of α . In view of the homogeneity of X (lemma 1) there exists a similarity transformation of X onto itself which maps $x_{\xi_{\alpha(j)+\beta(j)-1}, i}$ onto $x_{\xi_1+\beta(j)-1, i}$. Since the different intervals, as members of one and the same system \mathfrak{U} , are disjoint from each other these similarity transformations can be extended to a transformation of X onto itself which preserves the ordering relation \prec . By (5) we can extend this transformation to an automorphism of M^1 . We have thus obtained an automorphism of M^1 which maps $x_{\xi_{\alpha(j)+\beta(j)-1}, i}$ onto $x_{\xi_1+\beta(j)-1, i}$ for $i=1, \dots, p, j=1, \dots, n$, and hence (see III) maps $u_{\xi_{\alpha(j)+\beta(j)-1}}$ onto $u_{\xi_1+\beta(j)-1}, j=1, \dots, n$.

It follows that

$$(10) \quad M^1_\xi(u_{\xi_{\alpha(1)+\beta(1)-1}}, \dots, u_{\xi_{\alpha(n)+\beta(n)-1}}) \quad \text{if and only if} \quad M^1_\xi(u_{\xi_1+\beta(1)-1}, \dots, u_{\xi_1+\beta(n)-1}).$$

VI. We now conclude the proof of lemma 3. Since

$$u_{\xi_1+l_1} \ll u_{\xi_2+l_2} \ll \dots \ll u_{\xi_n+l_n}$$

for arbitrary non negative $l_1, \dots, l_n < n$ and since

$$u_{\xi_1} \ll u_{\xi_1+1} \ll \dots \ll u_{\xi_1+n-1},$$

we obtain from I the equivalences

$$M_\xi(u_{\xi_{\alpha(1)+\beta(1)-1}}, \dots, u_{\xi_{\alpha(n)+\beta(n)-1}}) \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \alpha \in P_0,$$

$$M_\xi(u_{\xi_1+\beta(1)-1}, \dots, u_{\xi_1+\beta(n)-1}) \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \beta \in P_0.$$

Using (10) we infer that $\alpha \in P_0$ if and only if $\beta \in P_0$ whence $P_0 = \emptyset$ or $P_0 = S_n$, which contradicts lemma 2.

Lemma 3 is thus proved.

We now define a second model, M^2 . To this end we add to the theory T a set $Y = \{y_{\xi}\}_{\xi < \omega(m)}$ of new constants and a set of m axioms of the following forms:

$$\begin{aligned} \varrho(y_{\xi_{a(1)}}, \dots, y_{\xi_{a(n)}}) & \text{ if } a \in P_0, \\ \sim \varrho(y_{\xi_{a(1)}}, \dots, y_{\xi_{a(n)}}) & \text{ if } a \notin P_0, \end{aligned}$$

where $\xi_1 < \dots < \xi_n$ are arbitrary ordinals.

The extended theory obviously has the following property:

for each model M^2 of it such that $|\overline{M^2}| = 2^n$

$$(11) \quad M^2 \in K(\omega(m), P_0, \prod_{M^2} [y \in Y]).$$

Let M^2 be an arbitrary model of T satisfying (11). In view of lemma 3 formula (11) proves that models M^1 and M^2 are non-isomorphic, which completes the proof of theorem 1.

From theorem 1 we immediately obtain the following

COROLLARY. *No ordering relation can be defined in a theory which is categorical in power 2^n with $n \geq \aleph_0$.*

THEOREM 2. *If a theory T is categorical in power 2^n and $|\overline{M}| = 2^n$, then there is a set $A_0 \subset |M|$ such that $\overline{A_0} = 2^n$ and every one-one transformation of A_0 onto itself can be extended to an automorphism of the model M .*

Proof. From theorem 1 it follows that for any predicate ϱ of T and for any infinite set $B \subset |M|$ there is an infinite subset $B' \subset B$ whose elements are indiscernible with respect to M_ϱ , i. e. are such that either $M_\varrho(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ for an arbitrary n -tuple x_1, \dots, x_n of distinct elements of B' or $\sim M_\varrho(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ for such an n -tuple. It easily follows (see [1], p. 54) that the theory T^* remains consistent upon adjunction of a set X of power 2^n of new constants and of a set of axioms of the form

$$(12) \quad \varrho(y_1, \dots, y_n) \supset \varrho(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

where (y_1, \dots, y_n) and (x_1, \dots, x_n) are arbitrary n -tuples of distinct constants of X and ϱ is an arbitrary predicate of T^* . Indeed, any finite set of the axioms of the form (12) in which predicates $\varrho_1, \dots, \varrho_s$ occur can be satisfied in M by interpreting the constants occurring in the new axioms as elements of M which are indiscernible with respect to relations $M_{\varrho_1}, \dots, M_{\varrho_s}$.

Let $M'(X)$ be a model of the extended theory built in the way indicated in [1], p. 35-57. Each one-one transformation of X onto itself can obviously be extended to an automorphism of $M'(X)$ (see [1], p. 63). Since T^* is categorical in power 2^n , it follows that the models M and

$M'(X)$ are isomorphic; the desired subset A_0 of $|M|$ is thus the image of X under this isomorphism.

THEOREM 3. *If a theory T is categorical in power 2^n , then for any $p < 2^n$ it has a model universal for the power p (i. e., a model M^0 of power p such that each model M of power p is isomorphic with a submodel of M^0).*

Proof. Let $M'(X)$ be a model of T of power 2^n such that elements of X are indiscernible with respect to each M_ϱ and further that every element of $M'(X)$ is a value of a term of the theory T^* for arguments in X . The existence of such a model easily follows from theorem 2. Any model M of power $p < 2^n$ is obviously isomorphic with a submodel of a model of power 2^n . Hence by the categoricity of T , M is isomorphic with a submodel of $M'(X)$ whence it easily follows that there is a subset X_0 of X of power p such that M is isomorphic with a submodel of the least submodel $M'(X_0)$ of $M'(X)$ which contains X_0 .

But, by theorem 2, for any two sets $X_0, X_1 \subset X$ such that $\overline{X_0} = \overline{X_1}$, there is an automorphism of $M'(X)$ which maps X_0 onto X_1 . Hence $M'(X_0)$ and $M'(X_1)$ are isomorphic and thus $M'(X_0)$ is the required universal model.

Appendix. Proof of lemma 1

A set X_1 of order type η_ξ of power n is by definition the set of sequences $a = \{a_\alpha\}_{\alpha < \omega(n)}$ with $a_\alpha = 0$ or $a_\alpha = 1$ for each $\alpha < \omega(n)$ which satisfy the following condition: there is an ordinal $a < \omega(n)$ such that $a_\beta = 0$ for $\beta > a$. The ordering of X_1 is lexicographical. Let X be the set obtained from X_1 by the completion of all cuts of X_1 . The elements of X can be represented uniquely by sequences $\{a_\alpha\}_{\alpha < \omega(n)}$; with $a_\alpha = 0$ or $a_\alpha = 1$ such that for every $\alpha < \omega(n)$ there is a $\beta > \alpha$ with $a_\beta = 0$. Clearly the conditions (2) and (3) are satisfied.

In order to prove (1) it is sufficient to show that each interval (a, b) of X is similar to X .

Let $x \in (a, b)$, $x = \{x_\alpha\}$, $a = \{a_\alpha\}$, $b = \{b_\alpha\}$.

We establish a correspondence between x and an element $y \in X$ by the transfinite induction:

1° $y_0 = x_{(\mu\gamma)[a_\gamma \neq b_\gamma]^4}$.

2° If y_α are defined for $\alpha < \alpha_1$ and depend only on X_β with $\beta < \beta_1$, then

$$y_{\alpha_1} = x_{(\mu\gamma)[\sum_{\beta} (x'_\beta = x_\beta \text{ for } \beta < \beta_1, \text{ and } x'_\beta \neq x_\beta)]}$$

⁴) $(\mu\gamma)[\dots]$ denotes the least ordinal γ satisfying [...].

Thus y_{α_1} is defined and depend only on x_α with

$$\alpha \leq (\mu\gamma) \left[\sum_{x'} (x'_\beta = x_\beta) \text{ for } \beta < \beta_1 \text{ and } x'_\gamma \neq x_\gamma \right].$$

One can easily verify that the correspondence $x \leftrightarrow y$ defined above is a similarity mapping of (a, b) onto X .

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