

## PSEUDO-FINITE SETS, PSEUDO-O-MINIMALITY

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**Abstract.** We give an example of two ordered structures  $\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N}$  in the same language  $\mathcal{L}$  with the same universe, the same order and admitting the same one-variable definable subsets such that  $\mathcal{M}$  is a model of the common theory of o-minimal  $\mathcal{L}$ -structures and  $\mathcal{N}$  admits a definable, closed, bounded, and discrete subset and a definable injective self-mapping of that subset which is not surjective. This answers negatively two questions by Schoutens; the first being whether there is an axiomatization of the common theory of o-minimal structures in a given language by conditions on one-variable definable sets alone. The second being whether definable completeness and type completeness imply the pigeonhole principle. It also partially answers a question by Fornasiero asking whether definable completeness of an expansion of a real closed field implies the pigeonhole principle.

**§1. Introduction.** o-minimality is not preserved under ultraproducts, as shown in the following example:

**EXAMPLE 1.1.** Let  $\mathcal{L} = \{<, U\}$  where  $<$  is a binary relation symbol and  $U$  is a unary predicate. For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $\mathcal{M}_n$  be a structure interpreting  $<$  as a dense linear order without end points and  $U$  as a set of points of size  $n$ . Then each  $\mathcal{M}_n$  is o-minimal. But for any nonprincipal ultrafilter  $\mathcal{U}$  on  $\mathbb{N}$ , in the ultraproduct  $\prod_{\mathbb{N}} \mathcal{M}_n / \mathcal{U}$ , the definable set  $U$  is infinite and discrete, thus the ultraproduct of o-minimal structures need not be o-minimal.

Example 1.1 can be generalized to any first-order language  $\mathcal{L} \supseteq \{<\}$ . So by Łoś' Theorem, given a first-order language  $\mathcal{L} \supseteq \{<\}$ , there is no first-order theory  $T$ , such that  $\mathcal{M} \models T \iff \mathcal{M}$  is o-minimal for every  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure  $\mathcal{M}$ .

Here we focus our attention on some properties implied by o-minimality which are first-order, that is, those properties which both hold in all o-minimal structures, and, given a language  $\mathcal{L} = \{<, \dots\}$ , can be axiomatized by a set of  $\mathcal{L}$ -sentences. Rigorously, we follow the conventions from [12], defined below:

**DEFINITION 1.2.** Given a language  $\mathcal{L} = \{<, \dots\}$ , let  $T_{\mathcal{L}}^{omin}$  be the set of all  $\mathcal{L}$ -sentences satisfied in every o-minimal  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure.

An  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure  $\mathcal{M}$  for  $\mathcal{L} = \{<, \dots\}$  is *pseudo-o-minimal* if  $\mathcal{M} \models T_{\mathcal{L}}^{omin}$ .

**FACT 1.3** ([12, Corollary 10.2]). *An  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure  $\mathcal{M}$  for  $\mathcal{L} = \{<, \dots\}$  is pseudo-o-minimal if and only if  $\mathcal{M}$  is elementarily equivalent to an ultraproduct of o-minimal structures.*

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The following two definitions are examples of first-order weakenings of o-minimality.

**DEFINITION 1.4.** An expansion of a dense linear order without endpoints  $\mathcal{M} = \langle M; <, \dots \rangle$  is *definably complete* if every definable subset of  $M$  has a least upper bound.

**DEFINITION 1.5.** An expansion of a dense linear order without endpoints  $\mathcal{M} = \langle M; <, \dots \rangle$  is *locally o-minimal* if for any definable subset  $A \subseteq M$  and any  $a \in M$  there are  $b_1, b_2 \in M$  such that  $b_1 < a < b_2$  and if  $I = (b_1, a)$  or  $(a, b_2)$  then either  $I \subset A$  or  $I \cap A = \emptyset$ .

Notice that both definable completeness and local o-minimality, in a given language  $\mathcal{L}$ , are axiomatized by first-order schemes which hold in any o-minimal structure. Thus, any pseudo-o-minimal  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure is definably complete and locally o-minimal.

Fornasiero, Hieronymi, Miller, Schoutens, Servi and others proved many tameness properties for definably complete and for locally o-minimal structures. (See, e.g., [8, 2–7, 12].) Citing all tameness properties proved in this area will be longer than this paper, so we give two elementary examples by Miller:

**FACT 1.6** ([9, Corollary 1.5]). *Let  $\mathcal{M} = \langle M; <, \dots \rangle$  be an expansion of a dense linear order without endpoints. Then the following are equivalent:*

1.  $\mathcal{M}$  is definably complete.
2.  $\mathcal{M}$  has the intermediate value property, that is, the image of an interval under a definable continuous map is an interval.
3. Intervals in  $M$  are definably connected, that is, for every interval  $A \subseteq M$  and every disjoint open definable subsets  $U, V \subseteq M$ , if  $A = (A \cap U) \cup (A \cap V)$ , then either  $A \cap U = \emptyset$  or  $A \cap V = \emptyset$ .
4.  $M$  is definably connected.

**FACT 1.7** ([9, Proposition 1.10]). *Let  $\mathcal{M} = \langle M; <, \dots \rangle$  be definably complete. Let  $f : A \rightarrow M^n$  be definable and continuous with  $A$  closed and bounded. Then  $f(A)$  is closed and bounded. In particular, if  $f : A \rightarrow M$  is definable and continuous with  $A$  closed and bounded, then  $f$  achieves a maximum and a minimum on  $A$ .*

In [12], Schoutens presented a strengthening of local o-minimality by the name of *type completeness*, as defined below. In a sense this strengthening extends the locality to  $\pm\infty$ :

**DEFINITION 1.8.** An expansion of a dense linear order without endpoints  $\mathcal{M} = \langle M; <, \dots \rangle$  is *type complete* if it is locally o-minimal and, in addition, for any definable subset  $A \subseteq M$  there are  $c_1, c_2 \in M$  such that if  $I = (-\infty, c_1)$  or  $(c_2, +\infty)$ , then either  $I \subset A$  or  $I \cap A = \emptyset$ .

Type completeness is a first-order scheme, and therefore satisfied by any pseudo-o-minimal structure.

Several tameness results were proved for definably complete type complete structures in [12]. For example, a version of o-minimal cell decomposition called *quasi-cell decomposition* ([12, Theorem 8.10]) and the following monotonicity theorem:

FACT 1.9 ([12, Theorem 3.2]). *Let  $\mathcal{M} = \langle M; <, \dots \rangle$  be a definably complete type complete structure. The set of discontinuities of a one-variable definable map  $f : Y \rightarrow M$  is discrete, closed, and bounded, and consists entirely of jump discontinuities. Moreover, there is a definable discrete, closed, bounded subset  $D \subseteq Y$  so that in between any two consecutive points of  $D \cup \{\pm\infty\}$ , the map is monotone, that is to say, either strictly increasing, strictly decreasing, or constant.*

Of particular importance in the study of definably complete structures are the definable *pseudo-finite* sets, as defined below.

DEFINITION 1.10. Let  $\mathcal{M} = \langle M; <, \dots \rangle$  be a definably complete structure. A definable subset  $A \subseteq M^n$  is *pseudo-finite* if it is closed, bounded, and discrete.

These definable sets play a role in each of the papers cited above. We follow the convention in [2, 3], where there is an extensive study of pseudo-finite sets and their tameness properties. In [2], the wording was justified in the definably complete context by saying that pseudo-finite sets are first-order analogue of finite subsets of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , with evidence given by numerous tameness properties of such sets.

One must not confuse *pseudo-finite* sets defined above with *pseudo-o-finite* sets, as we define below, coined in [12]. Though, as we will see in Fact 1.12 the two definitions coincide if  $\mathcal{M}$  is assumed to be pseudo-o-minimal.

DEFINITION 1.11. Let  $\mathcal{M} = \langle M; <, \dots \rangle$  be a pseudo-o-minimal structure. A definable set  $X \subseteq M^n$  is *pseudo-o-finite* if  $(\mathcal{M}, X)$  satisfies the common theory of o-minimal structures expanded by a unary predicate for a distinguished finite subset.

The following fact can be immediately extracted from [12, Corollary 12.6] together with [12, Theorem 12.7].

FACT 1.12. *Let  $\mathcal{M} = \langle M; <, \dots \rangle$  be a pseudo-o-minimal structure. A definable set  $A \subseteq M^n$  is pseudo-finite if and only if it is pseudo-o-finite.*

A tameness property of pseudo-finite sets occurring naturally is “the discrete pigeonhole principle” [12]. (Or just “the pigeonhole principle” in [2, 3].)

DEFINITION 1.13. An expansion of a dense linear order without endpoints  $\mathcal{M} = \langle M; <, \dots \rangle$  has the *pigeonhole principle* if for any pseudo-finite  $X \subseteq K^n$  and definable  $f : X \rightarrow X$ , if  $f$  is injective, then it is surjective.

We remark that the pigeonhole principle can be formulated as “every pseudo-finite set is definably Dedekind finite”, and as this is a first-order scheme, every pseudo-o-minimal structure has the pigeonhole principle.

In [3] and [2], Fornasiero conjectured the following:

CONJECTURE 1.14. *If  $\mathcal{K} = \langle K, +, \cdot, <, \dots \rangle$  is a definably complete expansion of a real closed field, then  $\mathcal{K}$  has the pigeonhole principle.*

This conjecture remained open even for  $\mathcal{K}$  a definably complete expansion of a dense linear order. Clearly, the conjecture holds for  $\mathcal{K}$  pseudo-o-minimal. Consequently, it is connected to two other questions asked by Schoutens in [12]:

QUESTION 1.15. *Does every definably complete type complete structure have the pigeonhole principle?*

QUESTION 1.16. *Is there an axiomatization of pseudo-o-minimality by first-order conditions on one-variable formulae only?*

To clarify the meaning of a *first-order conditions on one-variable formulae only*, this does not mean a first-order sentence conditioned on a specific one-variable formula, as the following example demonstrates how any first-order theory is axiomatized by such sentences, in particular  $T^{omin}$ .

EXAMPLE 1.17. Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be any language and  $T$  be any  $\mathcal{L}$ -theory (not necessarily complete). For every sentence  $\sigma \in T$ , let  $\psi_\sigma(x) := x = x \wedge \sigma$  and let  $\phi_\sigma := \exists x \psi_\sigma(x)$ . Then  $\phi_\sigma$  is a first order condition on  $\psi_\sigma$ , however  $\vdash \psi_\sigma \iff \sigma$ , so  $\{\psi_\sigma \mid \sigma \in T\}$  is an axiomatization of  $T$ .

Clearly, this is not the intended meaning in the question. Rather, following the terminology of [12], we interpret a *first-order condition on one-variable formulae* as a first-order scheme ranging over all one-variable formulae. Rigorously, a first-order condition on one-variable formulae is obtained as follows:

- Let  $\tau$  be a first-order sentence in the language  $\{<, U\}$  where  $U$  is a unary predicate.
- Let  $\Phi$  be the set of all partitioned  $\mathcal{L}$ -formulae  $\varphi(x; \bar{y})$  where  $x$  is a single variable and  $\bar{y}$  is a finite tuple of variables not appearing in  $\tau$ .
- For every  $\varphi(x; \bar{y}) \in \Phi$ , let  $\tau_\varphi(x; \bar{y})$  be the  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula obtained by replacing any instance of  $U(x)$  by  $\varphi(x; \bar{y})$ .
- $\Delta_\tau := \{\forall \bar{y} \tau_\varphi(x; \bar{y}) \mid \varphi(x; \bar{y}) \in \Phi\}$ .

For example, definable completeness is axiomatized by  $\Delta_\tau$  in the above fashion by setting  $\tau$  to be

$$\begin{aligned} &\exists v \forall w (U(w) \rightarrow w < v) \rightarrow \\ &\exists v (\forall w (U(w) \rightarrow w < v) \wedge \forall v' (\forall w (U(w) \rightarrow w < v)) \rightarrow v \leq v'). \end{aligned}$$

Namely,  $\tau$  is the  $\{<, U\}$ -sentence stating if  $U$  is bounded, then it has a least upper bound. Following the same terminology, an axiomatization of pseudo-o-minimality by first-order conditions on one-variable formulae only is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -theory  $T'$  such that  $T'$  and  $T^{omin}$  have the same models, and

$$T' \subseteq \cup \{ \Delta_\tau \mid \tau \text{ is an } \{<, U\} \text{-sentence} \}.$$

In [11], Rennet showed that there is no *recursive* first-order axiomatization of pseudo-o-minimality in the language of rings  $\{+, -, \cdot, 0, 1\}$ . In particular, as definable completeness and type completeness are both recursive first-order schemes, given a recursive language, they cannot axiomatize pseudo-o-minimality.

In this paper, we show a stronger result (with respect to one-variable definable sets) by constructing two ordered structures  $\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N}$  on the same universe, in the same language, with the same definable subsets in one variable, where  $\mathcal{M}$  is pseudo-o-minimal and  $\mathcal{N}$  does not have the pigeonhole principle. This gives a negative answer to both Questions 1.15 and 1.16, as well as a partial answer to Conjecture 1.14. Furthermore, this gives a stronger result than a negative answer to Question 1.16.

It shows that not only is there no first order axiomatization  $T'$  as above, but also there is no second order theory in the language  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{Def}} := \{<, \text{Def}\}$  where  $\text{Def}$  is a unary predicate on subsets interpreted as the definable subsets. This result is strictly stronger as any axiomatization  $T'$  as above is equivalent to a second order theory in  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{Def}}$ , but not vice-versa.

This also implies that there is no result analogous to Fact 1.12 in the theory of definably complete type complete structures, namely there is a definably complete type complete structure  $\mathcal{M}$  and a pseudo-finite subset  $X \subset M$  such that  $(\mathcal{M}, X)$  does not satisfy the common theory of definably complete type complete structures expanded by a unary predicate for a finite set.

It is still open whether we can extend this result to the case where  $\mathcal{M}_0$  is an expansion of a real closed field and fully answer Conjecture 1.14.

OUTLINE. The construction is done as follows: In Section 3, the theory  $T_0$  is constructed as an expansion of a dense linear without endpoints by a predicate for a discrete, closed, and bounded set  $Z$  and some extra structure in the language  $\mathcal{L}_0$  such that  $T_0 \supseteq T_{\mathcal{L}_0}^{\text{amin}}$ . We then introduce an expansion  $\mathcal{L}_1 \supset \mathcal{L}_0$  and  $T_1 \supset T_0$  an  $\mathcal{L}_1$ -theory containing a function symbol  $f$  which is bijective on  $Z$ . We show  $T_0$  and  $T_1$  are consistent. In Section 4 we prove quantifier elimination for  $T_0$ .

In Section 5, we give the construction of  $\mathcal{M}_2$  which will be an expansion of some model  $\mathcal{M}_0$  of  $T_0$  to  $\mathcal{L}_1$  with the same one-variable definable sets as  $\mathcal{M}_0$  such that  $\mathcal{M}_2$  does not have the pigeonhole principle. This is done by tweaking a given model  $\mathcal{M}_1$  of  $T_1$  expanding  $\mathcal{M}_0$  so that  $f$  is now injective but not surjective. It is done carefully enough, so that any definable set in  $\mathcal{M}_2$  differs from a set definable in  $\mathcal{M}_1$  by finitely many constant terms. In Section 6 we show quantifier elimination in  $\mathcal{M}_2$  and deduce that any definable subset of  $\mathcal{M}_2$  is definable in  $\mathcal{M}_0$ . We then define  $\mathcal{M}$  to be a trivial expansion of  $\mathcal{M}_0$  to  $\mathcal{L}_0$  and  $\mathcal{N}$  to be  $\mathcal{M}_2$  and show that  $\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N}$  possess the properties proclaimed in the introduction.

**§2. Preliminaries—cyclic orders.** In this section, we present the standard definition of a *cyclic order*, as defined below, and present some of its properties needed for the construction following.

DEFINITION 2.1. A *cyclic order* on a set  $A$  is a ternary relation  $C$  satisfying the following axioms:

1. Cyclicity: If  $C(a, b, c)$ , then  $C(b, c, a)$ .
2. Asymmetry: If  $C(a, b, c)$ , then not  $C(c, b, a)$ .
3. Transitivity: If  $C(a, b, c)$  and  $C(a, c, d)$ , then  $C(a, b, d)$ .
4. Totality: If  $a, b, c$  are distinct, then either  $C(a, b, c)$  or  $C(c, b, a)$ .

The following fact is folklore (e.g., [8] and [1, Part I, Section 4]) and can be easily verified:

FACT 2.2. If  $\langle A, < \rangle$  is a linearly ordered set, then the relation defined by

$$C_{<}(a, b, c) \iff (a < b < c) \vee (b < c < a) \vee (c < a < b)$$

is a cyclic order on  $A$ .

We call  $C_{<}$  the cyclic order induced by  $<$ .

DEFINITION 2.3. Let  $(X, <)$  be a linearly ordered set. A  $<$ -cut in  $X$  is a pair of subsets  $(A, B)$  of  $X$  such that  $X = A \cup B$  and  $a < b$  for every  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ .

FACT 2.4 ([10, Corollary 3.9]). Let  $X$  be a set with  $|X| > 2$ . Let  $<_1, <_2$  be distinct linear orders on  $X$ . Then  $C_{<_1} = C_{<_2}$  holds if and only if there exist nonempty disjoint subsets  $A, B$  of  $X$  such that  $(A, <_1) = (A, <_2)$ ,  $(B, <_1) = (B, <_2)$ ,  $(A, B)$  is a  $<_1$ -cut in  $X$  and  $(B, A)$  is a  $<_2$ -cut in  $X$ .

DEFINITION 2.5. Let  $C$  be a cyclic order on a set  $A$ . For any  $a, b \in A$ , denote

$$C(a, -, b) := \{x \in A \mid C(a, x, b)\}.$$

LEMMA 2.6. Let  $C$  be a cyclic order on a set  $A$  and let  $a, b, c \in A$ . If  $C(a, b, c)$  then

$$C(a, -, c) = C(a, -, b) \cup \{b\} \cup C(b, -, c).$$

PROOF. • To prove  $C(a, -, c) \supseteq C(a, -, b) \cup \{b\} \cup C(b, -, c)$ :

- By definition,  $b \in C(a, -, c)$ .
- If  $C(a, x, b)$ , then together with  $C(a, b, c)$ , and transitivity, we get  $C(a, x, c)$ .
- If  $C(b, x, c)$ , then by cyclicity,  $C(c, b, x)$ . By cyclicity again,  $C(c, a, b)$ . Now by transitivity,  $C(c, a, x)$ , which is equivalent by cyclicity to  $C(a, x, c)$ .

• To prove  $C(a, -, c) \subseteq C(a, -, b) \cup \{b\} \cup C(b, -, c)$ , if

$$x \notin (C(a, -, b) \cup \{b\} \cup C(b, -, c)),$$

then  $x \notin \{a, b, c\}$  and by totality,  $C(b, x, a)$  and  $C(c, x, b)$ . By cyclicity, we get that  $C(x, a, b)$  and  $C(x, b, c)$ , which in turn, by transitivity, implies  $C(x, a, c)$  which by cyclicity is equivalent to  $C(c, x, a)$  which by asymmetry, implies that  $x \notin C(a, -, c)$ . ⊥

DEFINITION 2.7. Let  $C$  be a cyclic order on a set  $A$  and let  $X \subseteq A$ . Two elements  $a, b \in A$  are  $X$ -close if either  $X \cap C(a, -, b)$  or  $X \cap C(b, -, a)$  is finite.

Denote  $a \sim_X b$  if  $a, b \in A$  are  $X$ -close.

LEMMA 2.8. Let  $C$  be a cyclic order on a set  $A$  and let  $X \subseteq A$ . Then  $\sim_X$  is an equivalence relation on  $A$ .

PROOF. •  $X \cap C(a, -, a) = \emptyset$  for all  $a \in A$ , so reflexivity holds.

- Symmetry is obvious by definition.
- To prove transitivity, let  $a, b, c \in A$  such that  $a \sim_X b$  and  $b \sim_X c$ . Assume towards a contradiction that  $X \cap C(a, -, c)$  and  $X \cap C(c, -, a)$  are both infinite. We may further assume, without loss of generality, that  $C(a, b, c)$ . So by cyclicity, also  $C(c, a, b)$  and  $C(b, c, a)$ . By Lemma 2.6,

$$X \cap C(a, -, c) = (X \cap C(a, -, b)) \cup (X \cap \{b\}) \cup (X \cap C(b, -, c)), \tag{1}$$

$$X \cap C(c, -, a) = (X \cap C(c, -, b)) \cup (X \cap \{a\}) \cup (X \cap C(b, -, a)), \tag{2}$$

$$X \cap C(b, -, a) = (X \cap C(b, -, c)) \cup (X \cap \{c\}) \cup (X \cap C(c, -, a)). \tag{3}$$

By Equation 2,  $X \cap C(c, -, b)$  is infinite and by Equation 3,  $X \cap C(b, -, a)$  is infinite. But by Equation 1, either  $X \cap C(a, -, b)$  or  $X \cap C(b, -, c)$  is infinite, so either  $a \not\sim_X b$  or  $b \not\sim_X c$ . ⊥

LEMMA 2.9. *Let  $C$  be a cyclic order on a set  $A$ . Let  $a, a', b, b', c, c' \in A$  and let  $X \subseteq A$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} a \sim_X a', b \sim_X b', c \sim_X c', \\ a \not\sim_X b, a \not\sim_X c, b \not\sim_X c. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $C(a, b, c) \iff C(a', b', c')$ .

PROOF. By symmetry of  $\sim_X$  and cyclicity of  $C$ , it suffices to show that  $C(a, b, c) \implies C(a, b, c')$ . So assume towards a contradiction

$$C(a, b, c), \tag{4}$$

$$C(c', b, a). \tag{5}$$

By cyclicity on (5), we get

$$C(a, c', b). \tag{6}$$

By transitivity applied to (4) and (6) we get  $C(a, c', c)$ , which in turn by cyclicity is equivalent to (7) below. By cyclicity and transitivity applied to (4) and (5), we get (8) below.

$$C(c, a, c'), \tag{7}$$

$$C(c', b, c). \tag{8}$$

By the assumption of the lemma, either  $C(c', -, c)$  or  $C(c, -, c')$  is finite. By Lemma 2.6 and by (7) and (8), this implies that at least one of the following is finite:  $C(c', -, b), C(b, -, c), C(c, -, a), C(a, -, c')$ . By transitivity of  $\sim_X$  (Lemma 2.8),  $a \sim_X c$  or  $b \sim_X c$ . Contradiction.  $\dashv$

### §3. Definitions of $T_0$ and $T_1$ .

DEFINITION 3.1. Let  $\mathcal{L}_0 := \langle \langle \cdot, Z; S, P, \pi; c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4 \rangle$  where  $\langle \cdot$  is a binary relation symbol,  $Z$  is a unary predicate,  $S, P, \pi$  are function symbols and  $c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4$  are constant symbols. Let  $T_0$  be the  $\mathcal{L}_0$ -theory consisting of the following axioms:

1.  $\langle \cdot$  is a dense linear order without end points.
2.  $T_{\mathcal{L}_0}^{omin}$ .
3.  $Z$  is discretely ordered, that is, every nonmaximal (respectively, nonminimal) element in  $Z$  has an immediate successor (respectively, predecessor) in  $Z$ .
4.  $Z$  is closed, that is, for all  $x \notin Z$ , there is an interval disjoint from  $Z$  containing  $x$ .
5.  $\min(Z) = c_1, \max(Z) = c_4$ .
6.  $c_2, c_3 \in Z$  are such that  $c_1 < c_2 < c_3 < c_4$  and there are infinitely many elements in  $Z$  between any two of them.
7.  $\pi$  is the cyclic forward projection on  $Z$ :

$$(\forall x) (\pi(x) \in Z) \wedge (\forall y \in Z (\neg C_{\langle \cdot}(x, y, \pi(x)))).$$

8.  $S$  is defined as the cyclic successor function on  $Z$ , and as the identity outside of  $Z$ :

$$S(x) = y \leftrightarrow (x \notin Z \wedge x = y) \vee (x \in Z \wedge y \in Z \wedge \neg \exists z \in Z (C_{<}(x, z, y))).$$

$P$  is defined as  $S^{-1}$ .

The consistency of  $T_0$  will be proven together with the consistency of  $T_1$  defined in Definition 3.2 below.

DEFINITION 3.2. Let  $\mathcal{L}_1 := \mathcal{L}_0 \cup \{f, g\}$  where  $f, g$  are unary function symbols. Let  $T_1$  be  $T_0$  together with the following axioms:

- 9.  $f$  is bijective and  $g = f^{-1}$ .
- 10.  $f(Z \cap [c_1, c_2]) = Z \cap [c_3, c_4]$  and  $f \upharpoonright (Z \cap [c_1, c_2])$  is a partial order isomorphism.
- 11.  $f(Z \cap (c_2, c_4]) = Z \cap [c_1, c_3]$  and  $f \upharpoonright (Z \cap (c_2, c_4])$  is a partial order isomorphisms.
- 12. For all  $n > 1$  and for every  $z \in Z$

$$Z \cap C_{<}(z, -, f^n(z)) \text{ and } Z \cap C_{<}(f^n(z), -, z)$$

are infinite, that is,  $z \not\sim_Z f^n(z)$ . Notice that this is a first-order scheme.

- 13.  $f(x) = x$  for every  $x \notin Z$
- 14.  $C_{<}(f^m(z), f^n(z), z)$  for all  $m > n > 0$  and for every  $z \in Z$ .

PROPOSITION 3.3.  $T_1$  is consistent.

PROOF. To prove finite satisfiability of  $T_1$  take some sufficiently large natural number  $N$ . Take  $Z = \{0, \dots, N\} \times \{0, \dots, N\}$  with the lexicographic order and consider a structure  $\mathcal{M}$  which is a DLO containing  $Z$  as an ordered subset.

Let  $c_1 := (0, 0), c_2 := (0, N), c_3 := (N, 0), c_4 := (N, N)$ .

Let

$$f((a, b)) := \begin{cases} (a - 1 \text{ mod } (N + 1), b) & \text{if } x = (a, b) \in Z, \\ x & \text{if } x \notin Z \end{cases}$$

and let  $g := f^{-1}$ .

Let  $\pi$  the circular projection, as defined in Axiom 7.

Let  $S$  be the circular successor function, as defined in Axiom 8 and let  $P := S^{-1}$ .

Then  $\mathcal{M}$  satisfies Axioms 1 to 5, 7 to 11 and 13 by definition. As for Axioms 6, 12 and 14:

Any finite segment of Axiom 6 is contained in the following axiomatization, for a fixed  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ :

- 6<sub>k</sub>.  $c_2, c_3 \in Z$  are such that  $c_1 < c_2 < c_3 < c_4$  and there are at least  $k$  elements in  $Z$  between any two of them.
- 12<sub>k</sub>. For all  $k > n > 0$  and for every  $z \in Z$ .
  - (a) There are at least  $k$  elements in  $Z \cap C_{<}(z, -, f^n(z))$ .
  - (b) There are at least  $k$  elements in  $Z \cap C_{<}(f^n(z), -, z)$ .
- 14<sub>k</sub>.  $C_{<}(f^m(z), f^n(z), z)$  for all  $k > m > n > 0$ .

If  $N > k$  then  $\mathcal{M}$  satisfies Axioms 6<sub>k</sub> and 12<sub>k</sub>, by definition.



Under the assumption  $N > k$ , we prove that  $\mathcal{M}$  satisfies Axiom 14<sub>k</sub>, thus  $T_1$  is finitely satisfiable.

For all  $(x, y) \in Z$ :

$$f^m((x, y)) = (x - m \bmod (N + 1), y),$$

$$f^n((x, y)) = (x - n \bmod (N + 1), y).$$

So proving Axiom 14<sub>k</sub> reduces to proving that for any  $x \in \{0, \dots, N\}$  and  $0 < n < m < N$  one of the following holds:

- (a)  $x \ominus m < x \ominus n < x$ ,
- (b)  $x \ominus n < x < x \ominus m$ ,
- (c)  $x < x \ominus m < x \ominus n$ ,

where  $\ominus$  is subtraction modulo  $N + 1$ .

If  $m \leq x$  then (a) holds.

If  $n \leq x < m$  then (b) holds.

If  $x < n$  then (c) holds. ⊢

**§4. Quantifier elimination in  $T_0$ .** We now show that  $T_0$  eliminates quantifiers:

REMARK 4.1. Let  $\mathcal{M} \models T_0$  and  $\tau, a \in \mathcal{M}$ . Then the following hold:

1.  $S(\tau) \in Z \iff \tau \in Z$ ,
2.  $P(\tau) \in Z \iff \tau \in Z$ ,
3.  $S(\tau) = a \iff \tau = P(a)$ ,
4.  $S(\tau) < a \iff [\tau < P(a) \wedge \tau \neq c_4 \wedge a \neq c_1] \vee [\tau = c_4 \wedge S(c_4) < a] \vee [a = c_1 \wedge \tau < c_1]$ ,
5.  $P(\tau) > a \iff [\tau > S(a) \wedge \tau \neq c_1 \wedge a \neq c_4] \vee [\tau = c_1 \wedge P(c_1) > a] \vee [a = c_4 \wedge \tau > c_4]$ ,
6.  $\pi(\tau) \in Z \iff c_1 \in Z$ ,
7.  $\pi(\tau) = a \iff [\tau \leq c_4 \wedge a \in Z \wedge P(a) < \tau \leq a] \vee [\tau > c_4 \wedge c_1 = a]$ ,
8.  $\pi(\tau) < a \iff [\tau \leq c_4 \wedge \tau \leq P \circ \pi(a)] \vee [\tau > c_4 \wedge c_1 < a]$ ,
9.  $\pi(\tau) > a \iff [\tau \leq c_4 \wedge \tau \geq P \circ \pi \circ S(a)] \vee [\tau > c_4 \wedge c_1 > a]$ .

REMARK 4.2. If  $x \in Z$  then:

1.  $S^{m_1} \circ \pi^{n_1} \circ \dots \circ S^{m_k} \circ \pi^{n_k} \circ S^l(x) = S^{m_1 + \dots + m_k + l}(x)$ .
2.  $P^m(x) = S^{-m}(x)$  and  $P^{-m}(x) = S^m(x)$  for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ .
3.  $S^m(x) \square x \iff S^m(c_2) \square c_2$  for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\square \in \{<, >, =\}$ ,  $x \notin \{c_4, P(c_4), \dots, P^m(c_4)\}$ .  $P^m(x) \square x \iff S^m(c_2) \square c_2$  for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\square \in \{<, >, =\}$ ,  $x \notin \{c_1, S(c_1), \dots, S^m(c_1)\}$ .

If  $x \notin Z$ :

1.  $S^{m_1} \circ \pi^{n_1} \circ \dots \circ S^{m_k} \circ \pi^{n_k} \circ S^l(x) = S^{m_1 + \dots + m_k} \circ \pi(x)$ .
2.  $S^m(x) \square x \iff c_1 \square c_1$  for all  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\square \in \{<, >, =\}$ .
3.  $S^m \circ \pi(x) = x \iff c_1 \neq c_1$  for  $m \neq 0$ .
4.  $S^m \circ \pi(x) > x \iff S^{m+1} \circ \pi(x) > \pi(x)$ .
5.  $S^m \circ \pi(x) < x \iff S^m \circ \pi(x) < \pi(x)$ .

LEMMA 4.3. For any  $\mathcal{M} \models T_0$  and  $a, b \in \mathcal{M}$ ,

$$\mathcal{M} \models [\exists x \in Z(a < x < b)] \leftrightarrow [\pi \circ S(a) < b].$$

PROOF. If  $a \in Z$  then  $\mathcal{M} \models [\exists x \in Z(a < x < b)] \leftrightarrow [S(a) < b]$  and  $S(a) = \pi \circ S(a)$ .

If  $a \notin Z$  then  $\mathcal{M} \models [\exists x \in Z(a < x < b)] \leftrightarrow [\pi(a) < b]$  and  $\pi(a) = \pi \circ S(a)$ .  $\dashv$

PROPOSITION 4.4.  $T_0$  admits quantifier elimination.

PROOF. Let  $\phi = \exists x \bigwedge_{i \in I} \theta_i(\bar{y}, x)$  such that  $\{\theta_i\}_{i \in I}$  are atomic and negated atomic formulae. We need to find a quantifier-free  $\mathcal{L}_0$ -formula  $\varphi$  such

$$T_0 \models \forall \bar{y} \left[ \left( \exists x \bigwedge_{i \in I} \theta_i(\bar{y}, x) \right) \leftrightarrow \varphi(\bar{y}) \right].$$

First, since  $\vdash \exists x (\chi(\bar{y}, x) \wedge \theta(\bar{y})) \leftrightarrow \exists x (\chi(\bar{y}, x)) \wedge \theta(\bar{y})$  we may assume that  $x$  occurs in  $\theta_i$  for all  $i \in I$ . Second,

$$\begin{aligned} \vdash \left[ \exists x \bigwedge_{i \in I} \theta_i(\bar{y}, x) \right] &\leftrightarrow \left[ \exists x \left( \bigwedge_{i \in I} \theta_i(\bar{y}, x) \wedge (x \in Z \vee x \notin Z) \right) \right] \leftrightarrow \\ &\left[ \left( \exists x \left( \bigwedge_{i \in I} \theta_i(\bar{y}, x) \wedge x \in Z \right) \right) \vee \left( \exists x \left( \bigwedge_{i \in I} \theta_i(\bar{y}, x) \wedge x \notin Z \right) \right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

So we may assume  $\phi$  is either of the form  $\exists x (\bigwedge_{i \in I} \theta_i(\bar{y}, x) \wedge x \in Z)$  or of the form  $\exists x (\bigwedge_{i \in I} \theta_i(\bar{y}, x) \wedge x \notin Z)$  where  $\theta_i$  are atomic and negated atomic formulae such that  $x$  occurs in each  $\theta_i$ . We may assume that  $\theta_i$  is neither ‘ $x \in Z$ ’ nor ‘ $x \notin Z$ ’ for any  $i \in I$ , as such occurrence would be either superfluous or inconsistent. So each  $\theta_i$  is of the form  $t_1 \square t_2$  where  $t_1, t_2$  are terms with variables in  $x, \bar{y}$ .

By Remark 4.1, we may assume either

$$\phi(\bar{y}) = \exists x \left( \bigwedge_{i=1}^k t_i \square_i x \wedge x \in Z \right)$$

or

$$\phi(\bar{y}) = \exists x \left( \bigwedge_{i=1}^k t_i \square_i x \wedge x \notin Z \right),$$

where  $t_i$  are with variables from  $\{x, \bar{y}\}$ ,  $\square \in \{<, >, =, \leq, \geq, \neq\}$ . By Remark 4.2, we may assume that  $x$  does not occur in any  $t_i$ . Next, notice that  $\geq, \leq, \neq$  are positive Boolean combinations of  $<, >, =$  and if  $\square_i$  is “=” for some  $i$  we can just replace  $x$  with  $t_i$ . So we may assume  $\square_i \in \{<, >\}$ , that is, either

$$\phi(\bar{y}) = \exists x \left( \bigwedge_{i=1}^m l_i < x \wedge \bigwedge_{j=1}^n u_j > x \wedge x \in Z \right) \tag{9}$$

or

$$\phi(\bar{y}) = \exists x \left( \bigwedge_{i=1}^m l_i < x \wedge \bigwedge_{j=1}^n u_j > x \wedge x \notin Z \right), \tag{10}$$

where  $l_i, u_i$  are terms not containing  $x$ .

If  $\phi$  is as in (9), then by Lemma 4.3,  $\phi(\bar{y})$  is equivalent to

$$\bigwedge_{i=1}^n \bigwedge_{j=1}^m (\pi \circ S(l_i) < u_j).$$

If  $\phi$  is as in (10), then since  $Z$  is co-dense,  $\phi(\bar{y})$  is equivalent to

$$\bigwedge_{i=1}^n \bigwedge_{j=1}^m (l_i < u_j). \tag{†}$$

**§5. Definition of  $T_2$  and the relation to  $T_1$ .**

DEFINITION 5.1. Let  $\mathcal{M}_1 \models T_1$  be arbitrary, with universe  $M$ .

Let  $\mathcal{M}_0$  be the restriction of  $\mathcal{M}$  to  $\mathcal{L}_0$ , that is,  $\mathcal{M}_0 = \mathcal{M}_1 \upharpoonright \mathcal{L}_0$ . Consequently,  $\mathcal{M}_0 \models T_0$ .

Let  $\mathcal{M}_2$  be the same  $\mathcal{L}_1$ -structure as  $\mathcal{M}$  with a slight modification on  $f$  and  $g$ , as follows.

$$f^{\mathcal{M}_2}(x) := \begin{cases} P \circ f^{\mathcal{M}_1}(x) & \text{if } S^n(x) = c_4 \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N}, \\ f^{\mathcal{M}_1}(x) & \text{if } S^n(x) \neq c_4 \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}. \end{cases}$$

$$g^{\mathcal{M}_2}(x) := \begin{cases} g^{\mathcal{M}_1} \circ S(x) & \text{if } S^n(x) = P(c_3) \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N}, \\ g^{\mathcal{M}_1} & \text{if } S^n(x) \neq P(c_3) \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}. \end{cases}$$

In words, there is some convex set  $X$  with maximum  $c_4$  such that the order type of  $X \cap Z$  is  $\omega^*$ .  $f^{\mathcal{M}_1}$  maps  $X \cap Z$  to a convex subset  $f^{\mathcal{M}_1}(X \cap Z)$  of  $Z$  of order type  $\omega^*$  with maximum  $P(c_3)$ , by Axiom 11 in Definition 3.2.

Then  $f^{\mathcal{M}_2}, g^{\mathcal{M}_2}$  are obtained from  $f^{\mathcal{M}_1}, g^{\mathcal{M}_1}$  by applying a shift by one element in  $X \cap Z, f(X \cap Z)$  respectively.

LEMMA 5.2.  $f^{\mathcal{M}_1}$  preserves the cyclic order on  $Z$ , that is,

$$T_1 \models (\forall z_1, z_2, z_3 \in Z) [C_{<}(z_1, z_2, z_3) \leftrightarrow C_{<}(f(z_1), f(z_2), f(z_3))].$$

PROOF. Define a new ordering  $<'$  on  $Z$  by

$$x <' y \iff (x, y \in [c_3, c_4] \wedge x < y) \vee (x, y \in [c_1, c_3] \wedge x < y) \vee (x \in [c_3, c_4], y \in [c_1, c_3]).$$

By Axioms 10 and 11 in Definition 3.2,  $([c_1, c_2], <) \cong ([c_3, c_4], <')$  and  $([c_2, c_4], <) \cong ([c_1, c_3], <')$  and

$$T_0 \models (\forall x, y \in Z) [x < y \leftrightarrow f(x) <' f(y)].$$

Additionally, by definition of  $\langle'$ , it follows that  $([c_3, c_4], [c_1, c_3])$  is a  $\langle'$ -cut in  $Z$  and  $([c_1, c_3], [c_3, c_4])$  is a  $\langle$ -cut in  $Z$ . So by Fact 2.4,  $C_{\langle'} = C_{\langle}$ . In conclusion

$$T_0 \models (\forall z_1, z_2, z_3 \in Z) \left[ C_{\langle}(z_1, z_2, z_3) \leftrightarrow C_{\langle'}(f(z_1), f(z_2), f(z_3)) \leftrightarrow C_{\langle}(f(z_1), f(z_2), f(z_3)) \right]. \quad \dashv$$

LEMMA 5.3. *Let  $f, g, S, P$  be as in Definition 3.2. Then  $\langle f, g, S, P \rangle_{cl}$ , the closure of  $\{f, g, S, P\}$  under composition is an Abelian group.*

PROOF. By definition,  $g \circ f = I = P \circ S$ , so  $f, S$  are invertible and  $\langle f, g, S, P \rangle_{cl} = \langle f, S \rangle_{grp}$  where  $\langle f, S \rangle_{grp}$  is the group generated by  $\{f, S\}$ .

Since  $S$  is definable by the cyclic order on  $Z$  (Axiom 8 in Definition 3.1) and  $f$  preserves the cyclic order on  $Z$  (Lemma 5.2), it follows that  $f \circ S(x) = S \circ f(x)$ . Now  $\langle f, S \rangle_{grp}$  is Abelian, as the group defined by  $\langle a, b \mid ab = ba \rangle$  is Abelian.  $\dashv$

COROLLARY 5.4. *Let  $n \geq 1$  and  $x \in Z$ .*

$$(g^{\mathcal{M}_1})^n(x) \not\sim_Z x.$$

PROOF. Since  $x \in Z$ , so is  $(g^{\mathcal{M}_1})^n(x)$ . Therefore, by Axiom 12,

$$(f^{\mathcal{M}_1})^n \circ (g^{\mathcal{M}_1})^n(x) \not\sim_Z (g^{\mathcal{M}_1})^n(x).$$

By Lemma 5.3,  $(f^{\mathcal{M}_1})^n \circ (g^{\mathcal{M}_1})^n(x) = x$ .  $\dashv$

LEMMA 5.5. *Let  $x \in M$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . There are  $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that*

$$(f^{\mathcal{M}_2})^n(x) = P^{k_1} \circ (f^{\mathcal{M}_1})^n(x) \text{ and } (g^{\mathcal{M}_2})^n(x) = S^{k_2} \circ (g^{\mathcal{M}_1})^n(x).$$

PROOF. By definition of  $f^{\mathcal{M}_2}, g^{\mathcal{M}_2}$  (Definition 5.1), there are  $\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n, \nu_1, \dots, \nu_k \in \{0, 1\}$  such that

$$(f^{\mathcal{M}_2})^n(x) = P^{\varepsilon_1} \circ f^{\mathcal{M}_1} \circ \dots \circ P^{\varepsilon_n} \circ f^{\mathcal{M}_1}(x), \tag{11}$$

$$(g^{\mathcal{M}_2})^n(x) = S^{\nu_1} \circ g^{\mathcal{M}_1} \circ \dots \circ S^{\nu_n} \circ g^{\mathcal{M}_1}(x). \tag{12}$$

By Lemma 5.3, the right hand side in Equation 11 is equal to

$$P^{\varepsilon_1 + \dots + \varepsilon_n} \circ (f^{\mathcal{M}_1})^n(x)$$

and the right hand side in Equation 12 is equal to

$$S^{\nu_1 + \dots + \nu_n} \circ (g^{\mathcal{M}_1})^n(x). \quad \dashv$$

COROLLARY 5.6. *For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and every  $x \in M$ :*

$$(f^{\mathcal{M}_1})^n(x) \sim_Z (f^{\mathcal{M}_2})^n(x) \text{ and } (g^{\mathcal{M}_1})^n(x) \sim_Z (g^{\mathcal{M}_2})^n(x),$$

**§6. Quantifier elimination in  $T_2$ .** In this section, unless otherwise specified, we work inside  $\mathcal{M}_2$ , so  $f$  is  $f^{\mathcal{M}_2}$  and  $g$  is  $g^{\mathcal{M}_2}$ .

LEMMA 6.1.  $\mathcal{M}_2$  satisfies the following:

1.  $f(Z \cap [c_1, c_2]) = Z \cap [c_3, c_4]$  and  $f \upharpoonright (Z \cap [c_1, c_2])$  is a partial order isomorphism, and its inverse is  $g \upharpoonright Z \cap [c_3, c_4]$ .
2.  $f(Z \cap (c_2, c_4]) = Z \cap [c_1, P(c_3))$  and  $f \upharpoonright (Z \cap (c_2, c_4])$  is a partial order isomorphism, and its inverse is  $g \upharpoonright Z \cap [c_1, P(c_3))$ .
3.  $g(x) = f(x) = x$  for every  $x \notin Z$ .
4.  $f$  is injective and not surjective on  $Z$ . Moreover,  $f(Z) = Z \setminus \{P(c_3)\}$ .
5.  $g \circ f(x) = x$  for all  $x \in M$ .
6.  $f \circ g(x) = x$  for all  $x \in M \setminus \{P(c_3)\}$ .
7. For all  $n \geq 1$  and for every  $z \in Z$

$$Z \cap C_{<}(z, -, f^n(z)) \text{ and } Z \cap C_{<}(f^n(z), -, z)$$

are infinite, that is,  $z \not\sim_Z f^n(z)$ .

8. For all  $n \geq 1$  and for every  $z \in Z$

$$Z \cap C_{<}(z, -, g^n(z)) \text{ and } Z \cap C_{<}(g^n(z), -, z)$$

are infinite, that is,  $z \not\sim_Z g^n(z)$ .

PROOF. • Items 1 to 3 follow by definition of  $f^{\mathcal{M}_2}$  and by Axioms 10, 11 and 13 in Definition 3.2.

- Item 4 follows from Items 1 and 2, as

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= (Z \cap [c_1, c_2]) \cup (Z \cap (c_2, c_4]), \\ Z \setminus P(c_3) &= (Z \cap [c_1, P(c_3))) \cup (Z \cap [c_3, c_4]). \end{aligned}$$

- To prove Item 5, we separate into two cases:

–if  $S^n(x) = c_4$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $S^n \circ f^{\mathcal{M}_1}(x) = P(c_3)$ , so

$$S^{n+1} \circ f^{\mathcal{M}_2}(x) = S^n \circ S \circ P \circ f^{\mathcal{M}_1}(x) = S^n \circ f^{\mathcal{M}_1}(x) = P(c_3).$$

So by definition of  $g^{\mathcal{M}_2}$ ,

$$g^{\mathcal{M}_2} \circ f^{\mathcal{M}_2}(x) = g^{\mathcal{M}_1} \circ S \circ P \circ f^{\mathcal{M}_1}(x) = x.$$

–if  $S^n(x) \neq c_4$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $S^n \circ f^{\mathcal{M}_1}(x) \neq P(c_3)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . So

$$g^{\mathcal{M}_2} \circ f^{\mathcal{M}_2}(x) = g^{\mathcal{M}_1} \circ f^{\mathcal{M}_1}(x) = x.$$

- To prove Item 6, by Items 3 and 4, for all  $x \in M \setminus \{P(c_3)\}$ ,  $x = f(y)$  for some  $y \in M$ , therefore by Item 5

$$f \circ g(x) = f \circ g \circ f(y) = f(y) = x.$$

- Item 7 follows from Axiom 12 in Definition 3.2 and Corollary 5.6.
- Item 8 follows from 5.4 and Corollary 5.6. –

**COROLLARY 6.2.** *Let  $a, b \in Z, \square \in \{<, >, =\}$*

1. *If  $a \in [c_1, c_2]$  and  $b \in [c_3, c_4]$ , then  $\mathcal{M}_2 \models f(a) \square b \iff a \square g(b)$ .*
2. *If  $a \in [c_1, c_2]$  and  $b \notin [c_3, c_4]$ , then  $\mathcal{M}_2 \models f(a) \square b \iff c_3 \square b$ .*
3. *If  $a \in (c_2, c_4]$  and  $b \in [c_1, P(c_3))$ , then  $\mathcal{M}_2 \models f(a) \square b \iff a \square g(b)$ .*
4. *If  $a \in (c_2, c_4]$  and  $b \notin [c_1, P(c_3))$ , then  $\mathcal{M}_2 \models f(a) \square b \iff c_1 \square b$ .*
5. *If  $a \in [c_1, P(c_3))$  and  $b \notin (c_2, c_4]$ , then  $\mathcal{M}_2 \models g(a) \square b \iff c_4 \square b$ .*
6. *If  $a \in [c_3, c_4]$  and  $b \notin [c_1, c_2]$ , then  $\mathcal{M}_2 \models g(a) \square b \iff c_1 \square b$ .*

**PROOF.** (1) and (2) follow from Lemma 6.1, Items 1 and 6.

(3) and (4) follow from Lemma 6.1, Items 2 and 6.

(5) follows from Lemma 6.1, Items 2 and 5.

(6) follows from Lemma 6.1, Items 1 and 5. +

**COROLLARY 6.3.** *Let  $x \in M, y \in Z, \square \in \{<, >, =\}$ .*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{M}_2 \models f(x) \square y &\leftrightarrow \left( \begin{array}{l} \left( (x \notin Z) \wedge x \square y \right) \vee \\ \left( (x \in Z \cap [c_1, c_2] \wedge y \in [c_3, c_4]) \wedge x \square g(y) \right) \vee \\ \left( (x \in Z \cap [c_1, c_2] \wedge y \notin [c_3, c_4]) \wedge c_3 \square y \right) \vee \\ \left( (x \in Z \cap (c_2, c_4] \wedge y \in [c_1, P(c_3))) \wedge x \square g(y) \right) \vee \\ \left( (x \in Z \cap (c_2, c_4] \wedge y \notin [c_1, P(c_3))) \wedge c_1 \square y \right) \vee \end{array} \right) \\
 \mathcal{M}_2 \models g(x) \square y &\leftrightarrow \left( \begin{array}{l} \left( (x \notin Z) \wedge x \square y \right) \vee \\ \left( (x \in Z \cap [c_3, c_4] \wedge y \in [c_1, c_2]) \wedge x \square f(y) \right) \vee \\ \left( (x \in Z \cap [c_3, c_4] \wedge y \notin [c_1, c_2]) \wedge c_1 \square y \right) \vee \\ \left( (x \in Z \cap [c_1, P(c_3)) \wedge y \in (c_2, c_4]) \wedge x \square f(y) \right) \vee \\ \left( (x \in Z \cap [c_1, P(c_3)) \wedge y \notin (c_2, c_4]) \wedge c_4 \square y \right) \vee \\ \left( (x = P(c_3)) \wedge P(c_3) \square y \right) \vee \end{array} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

**REMARK 6.4.** If  $x \notin Z$  then  $\mathcal{M}_2 \models f(x) = g(x) = x$ . In particular,

- $\mathcal{M}_2 \models f(x) \in Z \leftrightarrow x \in Z$  for all  $x \in M$ .
- $\mathcal{M}_2 \models g(x) \in Z \leftrightarrow x \in Z$  for all  $x \in M$ .
- $\mathcal{M}_2 \models f(x) \square y \leftrightarrow g(x) \square y \leftrightarrow x \square y$  for any  $x \in M \setminus Z, y \in M, \square \in \{<, >, =\}$ .

**REMARK 6.5.** If  $x \in Z, y \notin Z$  then:

- $\mathcal{M}_2 \models x > y \leftrightarrow x \geq \pi(y)$ .
- $\mathcal{M}_2 \models x < y \leftrightarrow x \leq P \circ \pi(y)$ .

**COROLLARY 6.6.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_2 \models [x \in Z \wedge y \notin Z \wedge x > y] &\leftrightarrow [x \in Z \wedge y \notin Z \wedge x \geq \pi(y) \wedge \pi(y) \in Z], \\
 T_2 \models [x \in Z \wedge y \notin Z \wedge x < y] &\leftrightarrow [x \in Z \wedge y \notin Z \wedge x \leq P \circ \pi(y) \wedge P \circ \pi(y) \in Z], \\
 T_2 \models [x \in Z \wedge y \notin Z \wedge x = y] &\leftrightarrow [x \in Z \wedge y \notin Z \wedge c_1 \neq c_1].
 \end{aligned}$$

DEFINITION 6.7. Following standard terminology, a *constant term* is a term with no free variables.

DEFINITION 6.8. Given two  $\mathcal{L}_1$ -definable maps  $F, G : M \rightarrow M$ , denote  $F \approx G$  if there are finitely many constant terms  $\tau_1, \dots, \tau_k$ , such that

$$T_2 \models (\forall x) \left[ F(x) = G(x) \vee \bigvee_{i=1}^k x = \tau_i \right].$$

$\approx$  is an equivalence relation. For any  $\mathcal{L}_1$ -definable map  $F : M \rightarrow M$ , let  $[F]$  be its equivalence class.

LEMMA 6.9.  $f \circ S \approx S \circ f$ .

PROOF. • If  $x \notin Z$  then both  $S$  and  $f$  are the identity on  $x$ , so the equality  $f \circ S(x) = S \circ f(x)$  is trivial.

• If  $x \in Z$  and  $c_1 < x < c_2$  or  $c_2 < x < c_4$  then the equality  $f \circ S(x) = S \circ f(x)$  follows by Items 1 and 2 in Lemma 6.1.

In conclusion, the equality  $f \circ S(x) = S \circ f(x)$  holds for all  $x \neq c_1, c_2, c_4$ .  $\dashv$

For any finite-to-one map  $F, F', G, G' : M \rightarrow M$ , if  $F \approx F'$  and  $G \approx G'$  then  $F \circ G \approx F' \circ G'$ . Since  $f, S, P$  are injective and  $g$  is injective outside  $\{P(c_3)\}$ , the composition  $[F] \circ [G] := [F \circ G]$  is well defined, for any composition of  $f, g, S, P$ .

PROPOSITION 6.10.  $\langle [f], [g], [S], [P] \rangle_{cl}$ , the closure of  $\{[f], [g], [S], [P]\}$  under composition is an Abelian group.

PROOF.

$$\begin{aligned} T_2 \supset T_0 \models P \circ S(x) &= S \circ P = x \\ T_2 \models \forall (x \neq P(c_3)) g \circ f(x) &= f \circ g(x) = x. \end{aligned}$$

So  $[g][f] = [f][g] = [P][S] = [S][P] = 1$ . In particular  $[f], [S]$  are invertible and  $\langle [f], [g], [S], [P] \rangle = \langle [f], [S] \rangle_{grp}$  where  $\langle [f], [S] \rangle_{grp}$  is the group generated by  $\{[f], [g]\}$ . By Lemma 6.9,  $[f][S] = [S][f]$ . The claim now follows from the fact the group defined by  $\langle a, b \mid ab = ba \rangle$  is Abelian.  $\dashv$

REMARK 6.11. Let  $x \in M$  and  $F \in \{S, P, \pi\}$ . If there are infinitely many elements in  $Z$  between  $x$  and  $F(x)$ , then  $F(x) \in \{c_1, c_4\}$ .

By *infinitely many elements in  $Z$  between  $x$  and  $F(x)$* , we mean with respect to the order  $<$  and not the cyclic order  $C_{<}$ , that is, either  $x < F(x)$  and  $Z \cap [x, F(x)] \geq \aleph_0$ , or  $F(x) < x$  and  $Z \cap [F(x), x] \geq \aleph_0$ .

This is weaker than  $x \not\sim_Z F(x)$ ; for example,  $c_1 \sim_Z c_4$  but there are infinitely many elements in  $Z$  between  $c_1$  and  $c_4$ .

LEMMA 6.12. Let  $F, G \in \langle S, P, \pi \rangle_{cl}$ . Then there are finitely many constant terms  $\tau_1, \dots, \tau_k$ , such that if  $F(x) \notin \{\tau_1, \dots, \tau_k\}$ , then there are only finitely many elements in  $Z$  between  $x$  and  $F(x)$ .

PROOF. Let  $F = G_k \circ \dots \circ G_1$  where  $G_1, \dots, G_k \in \{S, P, \pi\}$ . Let  $F_0 := \text{Id}$ ,  $F_i := G_i \circ \dots \circ G_1$  for any  $1 \leq i \leq k$ , so  $F = F_k$ . If there are infinitely many elements in  $Z$  between  $x$  and  $F(x)$ , then there is some  $1 \leq i \leq k$  with infinitely many elements in  $Z$  between  $F_i(x)$  and  $F_{i-1}(x)$ , so by Remark 6.11,  $F_i(x) \in \{c_1, c_4\}$  and thus  $F(x) = F_k(x) = F_{k-i} \circ F_i(x) \in \{F_{k-i}(c_1), F_{k-i}(c_4)\}$ . So if

$$F(x) \notin \{F_i(c) \mid 0 \leq i \leq k-1, c \in \{c_1, c_4\}\}$$

then there are finitely many elements in  $Z$  between  $x$  and  $F(x)$ . ⊣

LEMMA 6.13.  $C_{<}(f^m(z), f^n(z), z)$  for all  $m > n > 0$  and for every  $z \in Z$ .

PROOF. Let  $m > n > 0$  and  $z \in Z$ . By Axiom 14 in Definition 3.2,

$$C_{<}((f^{\mathcal{M}_1})^m(z), (f^{\mathcal{M}_1})^n(z), z).$$

By Corollary 5.6,

$$(f^{\mathcal{M}_2})^n(z) \sim_Z (f^{\mathcal{M}_1})^n(z) \text{ and } (f^{\mathcal{M}_2})^m(z) \sim_Z (f^{\mathcal{M}_1})^m(z).$$

and the lemma follows from Lemma 2.9. ⊣

LEMMA 6.14. for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $z \in Z$ :

$$\mathcal{M}_2 \models f^{n+1}(z) < z \leftrightarrow \bigwedge_{i=0}^n (f^i(z) > c_2).$$

PROOF. We prove the lemma by induction on  $n$ . For  $n = 0$  the claim holds by definition of  $f$ . For  $n \geq 1$ , By Lemma 6.13,  $C_{<}(f^{n+1}(z), f^n(z), z)$ . So

$$\mathcal{M}_2 \models f^{n+1}(z) < z \leftrightarrow f^{n+1}(z) < f^n(z) < z.$$

By the induction hypothesis,  $f^n(z) < z$  is equivalent to  $\bigwedge_{i=0}^{n-1} (f^i(z) > c_2)$  and  $f^{n+1}(z) < f^n(z)$  is equivalent to  $f^n(z) > c_2$ . ⊣

- DEFINITION 6.15. 1.  $\Phi := \{\phi^n \mid \phi \in \{f, g\}, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .  
 2.  $\Sigma := \{\sigma^m \mid \sigma \in \{S, P\}, m \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .  
 3.  $\Pi := \{\pi^\varepsilon \mid \varepsilon \in \{0, 1\}\}$ .  
 4. For any functions  $h_1, \dots, h_n$  and  $A, B \subseteq \langle h_1, \dots, h_n \rangle_{cl}$ , let  $AB := \{a \circ b \mid a \in A, b \in B\}$ .

LEMMA 6.16. Let  $n \geq 1$ ,  $\psi_1, \psi_2 \in \Sigma\Pi$ , and  $\square \in \{<, >, =\}$ . Then

1. There are constant terms  $\tau_1, \dots, \tau_k$  such that

$$T_2 \models f^n \circ \psi_1(x) \square \psi_2(x) \leftrightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{l} (\psi_1(x) \notin Z \wedge \psi_1(x) \square \psi_2(x)) \\ (\psi_1(x) \in Z, \psi_1(x), \psi_2(x) \notin \{\tau_1, \dots, \tau_k\} \wedge f^n \circ \psi_1(x) \square \psi_1(x)) \\ (\bigvee_{i=1}^k (\psi_1(x) = \tau_i \wedge f^n(\tau_i) \square \psi_2(x))) \\ (\bigvee_{i=1}^k (\psi_2(x) = \tau_i \wedge f^n \circ \psi_1(x) \square \tau_i)) \end{array} \right].$$

2. There are constant terms  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_l$  such that

$$T_2 \models g^n \circ \psi_1(x) \square \psi_2(x)$$



$$\leftrightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{l} (\psi_1(x) \notin Z \wedge \psi_1(x) \square \psi_2(x)) \quad \vee \\ (\psi_1(x), \psi_2(x) \in Z \setminus \{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_l\} \wedge g^n \circ \psi_1(x) \square \psi_1(x)) \quad \vee \\ (\bigvee_{i=1}^l (\psi_1(x) = \sigma_i \wedge g^n(\sigma_i) \square \psi_2(x))) \quad \vee \\ (\bigvee_{i=1}^l (\psi_2(x) = \sigma_i \wedge g^n \circ \psi_1(x) \square \sigma_i)) \end{array} \right].$$

PROOF. 1. By Lemma 6.12 applied twice, there are constant terms  $\tau_1, \dots, \tau_k$  such that whenever  $\psi(x)_1, \psi_2(x) \notin \{\tau_1, \dots, \tau_k\}$ , there are finitely many elements in  $Z$  between  $\psi(x)_1$  and  $\psi_2(x)$ .

- If  $\psi_1(x) \notin Z$ , then by Item 3 of Lemma 6.1,  $f^n \circ \psi_1(x) = \psi_1(x)$ . In particular,

$$\mathcal{M}_2 \models f^n \circ \psi_1(x) \square \psi_2(x) \leftrightarrow \psi_1(x) \square \psi_2(x).$$

- If  $\psi_1(x) \in Z$ ,  $\psi_1(x), \psi_2(x) \notin \{\tau_1, \dots, \tau_k\}$ , then by Lemma 6.1, Item 7 there are infinitely many elements in  $Z$  between  $\psi_1(x)$  and  $f^n \circ \psi_1(x)$ . As there are only finitely many elements in  $Z$  between  $\psi_1(x)$  and  $\psi_2(x)$ , it follows that

$$\mathcal{M}_2 \models f^n \circ \psi_1(x) \square \psi_2(x) \leftrightarrow f^n \circ \psi_1(x) \square \psi_1(x).$$

2. The proof is similar. ⊖

DEFINITION 6.17. 1. We define  $\text{deg}(F)$  for  $F \in \langle f, g, S, P, \pi \rangle_{cl}$  inductively, as follows:

- $\text{deg}(\text{Id}) = \text{deg}(S) = \text{deg}(P) = \text{deg}(\pi) = 0$ .
- $\text{deg}(f) = \text{deg}(g) = 1$ .
- $\text{deg}(F \circ G) = \text{deg}(F) + \text{deg}(G)$  for all  $F, G \in \langle f, g, S, P, \pi \rangle_{cl}$ .

*Notice that this is a syntactic definition, for example,  $\text{deg}(F \circ G) = 2$ .*

2. For any quantifier free  $\mathcal{L}_1$ -formula  $\theta(x, \bar{y})$  and variable  $x$  we define  $\text{rank}(\theta, x) \in (\{-\infty\} \cup \mathbb{N})^2$  by induction on the complexity of  $\theta$ :

- If  $x$  does not occur in  $\theta$ , then  $\text{rank}(\theta, x) = (-\infty, -\infty)$ .
- If  $\theta$  is atomic of the form  $F(x) \in Z$  then  $\text{rank}(\theta, x) = (-\infty, \text{deg}(F))$ .
- If  $\theta$  is atomic of the form  $F(x) \square \tau$  where  $F \in \langle f, g, S, P \rangle_{cl}$ ,  $\square \in \{<, >, =\}$ , and  $\tau$  is an  $\mathcal{L}_1$ -term such that  $x$  does not occur in  $\tau$ , then  $\text{rank}(\theta, x) = (-\infty, \text{deg}(F))$ .
- If  $\theta$  is atomic of the form  $F(x) \square G(x)$  where  $F, G \in \langle f, g, S, P \rangle_{cl}$ ,  $\square \in \{<, >, =\}$ , and  $\text{deg}(F) \leq \text{deg}(G)$ , then  $\text{rank}(\theta, x) = (\text{deg}(F), \text{deg}(G))$ .
- If  $\theta$  is a Boolean combination of atomic formulae  $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k$ , then  $\text{rank}(\theta, x)$  is the lexicographic maximum of  $\{\text{rank}(\theta_i, x)\}_{i=1}^k$ .
- ranks are endowed with the lexicographic order on pairs, that is,  $(n, m) \leq (n', m')$  if either  $n \leq n'$  or both  $n = n'$  and  $m \leq m'$ . Notice that if  $\text{rank}(\theta, x) = (n, m)$  then  $n \leq m$ .

DEFINITION 6.18. A quantifier free  $\mathcal{L}_1$ -formula  $\theta(x, \bar{y})$  is  $x$ -corrected if any term  $F(x)$  appearing in  $\theta$  belongs to  $\Phi\Sigma\Pi$ .

LEMMA 6.19. For any quantifier free  $\mathcal{L}_1$ -formula  $\varphi$  and variable  $x$ , there is some  $x$ -corrected formula  $\psi$  such that  $\text{rank}(\psi, x) \leq \text{rank}(\varphi, x)$  and  $T_2 \models \varphi \leftrightarrow \psi$ .

PROOF. A Boolean combination of  $x$ -corrected formulae is  $x$ -corrected, so we may assume  $\varphi$  is atomic.

- If  $\varphi$  is of the form  $F(x) \in Z$  for some  $F \in \langle f, g, S, P, \pi \rangle_{cl} \setminus \langle f, g, S, P \rangle_{cl}$  then  $T_2 \models F(x) \in Z \leftrightarrow \pi(x) \in Z$ .
- If  $\varphi$  is of the form  $F(x) \in Z$  for some  $F \in \langle f, g, S, P \rangle_{cl}$  then  $T_2 \models F(x) \in Z \leftrightarrow x \in Z$ .
- If  $\varphi$  of the form  $F(x) \square \tau$  for some term  $\tau$  and  $\square \in \{<, >, =\}$ :
  - If  $F \in \langle f, g, S, P \rangle_{cl}$ , then by Proposition 6.10, there is some  $F' \in \Phi\Sigma$  with  $\text{deg}(F') = \text{deg}(F)$ , and constant terms  $\tau_1, \dots, \tau_k$  such that  $F(x) = F'(x)$  for all  $x \notin \{\tau_1, \dots, \tau_k\}$ . So

$$T_2 \models [F(x) \square \tau] \leftrightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{l} (\bigwedge_{i=1}^k x \neq \tau_i \wedge F'(x) \square \tau) \vee \\ \bigvee_{i=1}^k (x = \tau_i \wedge F(\tau_i) \square \tau) \end{array} \right].$$

- If  $F \in \langle f, g, S, P, \pi \rangle_{cl} \setminus \langle f, g, S, P \rangle_{cl}$ , then there are  $F_1, F_2 \in \langle f, g, S, P \rangle_{cl}$  such that  $\mathcal{M}_2 \models F(x) = F_1 \circ \pi \circ F_2(x)$  for all  $x \in M$  and  $\text{deg}(F_1) \leq \text{deg}(F_1 \circ F_2) = \text{deg}(F)$ . So  $\mathcal{M}_2 \models F(x) = F_1 \circ F_2(x)$  for all  $x \in Z$  and  $\mathcal{M}_2 \models F(x) = F_1 \circ \pi(x)$  for all  $x \notin Z$ . So

$$T_2 \models [F(x) \square \tau] \leftrightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{l} (x \in Z \wedge F_1 \circ F_2(x) \square \tau) \vee \\ (x \notin Z \wedge F_1 \circ \pi(x) \square \tau) \end{array} \right]$$

and  $F_1, F_1 \circ F_2 \in \langle f, g, S, P \rangle_{cl}$ , so we can apply the previous case to get a formula where every term  $F(x)$  to the left of  $\square$  belongs to  $\Phi\Sigma\Pi$ .

Finally, if  $x$  does not appear in  $\tau$  we are done. Otherwise, if  $\tau = G(x)$  for some term  $G$ , a symmetric argument applied to  $G$  will yield an  $x$ -corrected formula  $\psi$  equivalent to  $\varphi$  as needed.  $\dashv$

LEMMA 6.20. *Let  $\varphi$  be an  $x$ -corrected atomic formula of rank  $(-\infty, n + 1)$  or of rank  $(n + 1, k)$  for some  $n, k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then there is some quantifier free formula  $\psi$  such that  $\text{rank}(\psi, x) < \text{rank}(\varphi, x)$  and  $T_2 \models \varphi \leftrightarrow \psi$ .*

PROOF. (1) Assume  $\text{rank}(\varphi, x) = (-\infty, n + 1)$ .

If  $\varphi$  is of the form  $F \circ H(x) \in Z$  where  $F \in \Phi, H \in \Sigma\Pi$ , by Remark 6.4,  $\mathcal{M}_2 \models F \circ H(x) \in Z \iff H(x) \in Z$  and  $\text{rank}(H(x) \in Z, x) = (-\infty, 0)$ .

If  $\varphi$  is of the form  $F \circ H(x) \square \tau$  where  $F \in \Phi, H \in \Phi\Sigma\Pi, \text{deg}(F) = 1, \text{deg}(H) = n$ , and  $\tau$  is some  $\mathcal{L}_1$ -term not containing  $x$ . In which case,  $F \in \{f, g\}$  and

$$\mathcal{M}_2 \models [F \circ H(x) \square \tau] \leftrightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{l} (F \circ H(x) \square \tau \wedge \tau \in Z) \vee \\ (F \circ H(x) \square \tau \wedge \tau \notin Z \wedge H(x) \notin Z) \vee \\ (F \circ H(x) \square \tau \wedge \tau \notin Z \wedge H(x) \in Z) \end{array} \right].$$

So it suffices to show that each of the disjuncts above is equivalent to an  $x$ -corrected formula of rank  $< (-\infty, n + 1)$ .

- (a) Applying Corollary 6.3 to  $H(x)$  and  $\tau$ , there is some  $x$ -corrected formula  $\psi'(x, \tau)$  of rank  $(-\infty, n)$  such that  $\mathcal{M}_2 \models \psi'(x, \tau) \leftrightarrow F \circ H(x) \square \tau$  for all

$\tau \in Z$ . So

$$\mathcal{M}_2 \models \psi'(x, \tau) \wedge \tau \in Z \leftrightarrow F \circ H(x) \square \tau \wedge \tau \in Z.$$

(b) By Remark 6.4,  $(F \circ H(x) \square \tau \wedge \tau \notin Z \wedge H(x) \notin Z)$  is equivalent to

$$(H(x) \square \tau \wedge \tau \notin Z \wedge H(x) \notin Z)$$

and the latter is an  $x$ -corrected formula of rank  $(-\infty, n)$ .

(c) Applying Corollary 6.6 to  $F \circ H(x)$  and  $\tau$ , we obtain that

$$(F \circ H(x) \square \tau \wedge \tau \notin Z \wedge H(x) \in Z) \tag{13}$$

is equivalent to one of the following:

$$F \circ H(x) \in Z \wedge \tau \notin Z \wedge F \circ H(x) \geq \pi(\tau) \wedge \pi(\tau) \in Z, \tag{14}$$

$$F \circ H(x) \in Z \wedge \tau \notin Z \wedge F \circ H(x) \leq P \circ \pi(\tau) \wedge P \circ \pi(\tau) \in Z, \tag{15}$$

$$F \circ H(x) \in Z \wedge \tau \notin Z \wedge c_1 = \tau. \tag{16}$$

As in 1a, there are  $\psi'_1(x, \pi(\tau))$  and  $\psi'_2(x, P \circ \pi(\tau))$  of rank  $(-\infty, n)$  equivalent to  $F \circ H(x) \geq \pi(\tau) \wedge \pi(\tau) \in Z$  and  $F \circ H(x) \leq P \circ \pi(\tau) \wedge P \circ \pi(\tau) \in Z$ , respectively. So (13) is equivalent to one of the following:

$$H(x) \in Z \wedge \tau \notin Z \wedge \psi'_1(x, \pi(\tau)) \wedge \pi(\tau) \in Z, \tag{17}$$

$$H(x) \in Z \wedge \tau \notin Z \wedge \psi'_2(x, P \circ \pi(\tau)) \wedge P \circ \pi(\tau) \in Z, \tag{18}$$

$$H(x) \in Z \wedge \tau \notin Z \wedge c_1 = \tau \tag{19}$$

an each is  $x$ -corrected of rank  $(-\infty, n)$ .

(2) Assume  $\text{rank}(\varphi, x) = (n + 1, k)$ . Then  $\varphi$  is of the form  $F \circ H(x) \square G(x)$  where  $F \in \Phi, H, G \in \Phi \Sigma \Pi, \text{deg}(F) = 1, \text{deg}(H) = n, \text{deg}(G) = k$  and  $n < k$ . We repeat an argument similar to that in Item (1) of this lemma, with  $\tau$  replaced by  $G(x)$ :

$$\mathcal{M}_2 \models [F \circ H(x) \square G(x)] \leftrightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{l} (F \circ H(x) \square G(x) \wedge G(x) \in Z) \vee \\ (F \circ H(x) \square G(x) \wedge G(x) \notin Z \wedge H(x) \notin Z) \vee \\ (F \circ H(x) \square G(x) \wedge G(x) \notin Z \wedge H(x) \in Z) \end{array} \right].$$

So it suffices to show that each of the disjuncts above is equivalent to an  $x$ -corrected formula of rank  $< (n + 1, k)$ .

(a) Applying Corollary 6.3 to  $H(x)$  and  $G(x)$ , there is some quantifier-free formula  $\psi'(x)$  of rank  $\leq (n, k + 1)$  such that  $\mathcal{M}_2 \models \psi'(x) \leftrightarrow F \circ H(x) \square G(x)$  whenever  $G(x) \in Z$ . So

$$\mathcal{M}_2 \models \psi'(x) \wedge G(x) \in Z \leftrightarrow F \circ H(x) \square G(x) \wedge G(x) \in Z.$$

(b) By Remark 6.4,  $(F \circ H(x) \square G(x) \wedge G(x) \notin Z \wedge H(x) \notin Z)$  is equivalent to

$$(H(x) \square G(x) \wedge G(x) \notin Z \wedge H(x) \notin Z)$$

and the latter is an  $x$ -corrected formula of rank  $(n, k)$ .

(c) Applying Corollary 6.6 to  $F \circ H(x)$  and  $G(x)$ , we obtain that

$$(F \circ H(x) \square G(x) \wedge G(x) \notin Z \wedge H(x) \in Z) \tag{20}$$

is equivalent to one of the following:

$$F \circ H(x) \in Z \wedge G(x) \notin Z \wedge F \circ H(x) \geq \pi \circ G(x) \wedge \pi \circ G(x) \in Z, \tag{21}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F \circ H(x) \in Z \wedge G(x) \notin Z \wedge F \circ H(x) \\ \leq P \circ \pi \circ G(x) \wedge P \circ \pi \circ G(x) \in Z, \end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

$$F \circ H(x) \in Z \wedge G(x) \notin Z \wedge c_1 = G(x). \tag{23}$$

As in 2a, applying Corollary 6.3 to  $H(x), \pi \circ G(x)$  and to  $H(x), P \circ \pi \circ G(x)$ , there are  $\psi'_1(x)$  and  $\psi'_2(x)$  of rank  $\leq (n, k + 1)$  equivalent to  $F \circ H(x) \geq \pi \circ G(x) \wedge \pi \circ G(x) \in Z$  and  $F \circ H(x) \leq P \circ \pi \circ G(x) \wedge P \circ \pi \circ G(x) \in Z$ , respectively. So (20) is equivalent to one of the following:

$$H(x) \in Z \wedge G(x) \notin Z \wedge \psi'_1(x) \wedge \pi \circ G(x) \in Z, \tag{24}$$

$$H(x) \in Z \wedge G(x) \notin Z \wedge \psi'_2(x) \wedge P \circ \pi \circ G(x) \in Z, \tag{25}$$

$$H(x) \in Z \wedge G(x) \notin Z \wedge c_1 = G(x) \tag{26}$$

an each is quantifier-free of rank  $\leq (n, k + 1)$ . To finally obtain an  $x$ -corrected formula of rank  $\leq (n, k + 1)$ , apply Lemma 6.19.  $\dashv$

LEMMA 6.21. *Let  $\varphi$  be an  $x$ -corrected atomic formula of rank  $(0, k + 1)$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then there is some quantifier free formula  $\psi$  such that  $\text{rank}(\psi, x) < \text{rank}(\varphi, x)$  and  $T_2 \models \varphi \leftrightarrow \psi$ .*

PROOF. By Lemma 6.16, we may assume  $\varphi$  is either of the form  $f^{k+1} \circ \sigma(x) \square \sigma(x)$  or of the form  $g^{k+1} \circ \sigma(x) \square \sigma(x)$  for some  $\sigma \in \Sigma\Pi, \square \in \{<, >, =\}$ .

1. In case  $\varphi$  is  $f^{k+1} \circ \sigma(x) \square \sigma(x)$ :

- If  $\phi(x) \notin Z$ , then, by Lemma 6.1, Item 3,  $f^{k+1} \circ \phi(x) = \phi(x)$ .
- If  $\phi(x) \in Z$ , then, by Lemma 6.1, Item 7,  $f^{k+1} \circ \phi(x) \neq \phi(x)$ . So  $f^{k+1} \circ \phi(x) > \phi(x)$  is equivalent to  $f^{k+1} \circ \phi(x) \not< \phi(x)$ . By Lemma 6.14,

$$T_2 \models \phi(x) \in Z \wedge f^{k+1} \circ \sigma(x) < \sigma(x) \leftrightarrow \tag{27}$$

$$\left( \phi(x) \in Z \wedge \bigvee_{i=0}^k (c_1 \leq f^i \circ \sigma(x) \leq c_2) \right) \tag{28}$$

and the formula in (28) is of rank  $(0, 0)$ . In conclusion, for this case  $\varphi$  is a Boolean combination of formulae of the form  $\varphi(x) \in Z, \varphi(x) \square \varphi(x)$ , and formula (28) above, all of which are of rank  $(0, 0)$ .

2. In case  $\varphi$  is  $g^{k+1} \circ \sigma(x) \square \sigma(x)$ , by Proposition 6.10, there are finitely many constant terms  $\tau_1, \dots, \tau_m$  such that  $f^{k+1} \circ g^{k+1}(x) = x$  for all  $x \notin \{\tau_1, \dots, \tau_m\}$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} T_2 \models g^{k+1} \circ \sigma(x) \square \sigma(x) \leftrightarrow \\ \left[ (\sigma(x) \notin \{\tau_1, \dots, \tau_m\} \wedge g^{k+1} \circ \sigma(x) \square f^{k+1} \circ g^{k+1} \circ \sigma(x)) \vee \right. \\ \left. (\bigvee_{i=1}^m (\sigma(x) = \tau_i \wedge g^{k+1}(\tau_i) = \tau_i)) \right] \end{aligned}$$

and  $\text{rank}(\bigvee_{i=0}^k (c_1 \leq f^i \circ \sigma(x) \leq c_2), x) = (-\infty, k - 1)$

Now, replacing  $\sigma(x)$  with  $g^{k+1} \circ \sigma(x)$  in (27), we get

$$T_2 \models f^{k+1} \circ g^{k+1} \circ \sigma(x) \square g^{k+1} \circ \sigma(x) \leftrightarrow \tag{29}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} (g^k \circ \sigma(x) \in Z \wedge \bigvee_{i=0}^k (c_1 \leq f^i \circ g^{k+1} \circ \sigma(x) \leq c_2)) \vee \\ (g^k \circ \sigma(x) \notin Z \wedge g^{k+1} \circ \sigma(x) = g^{k+1} \circ \sigma(x)) \end{array} \right]. \tag{30}$$

By noticing that  $\vdash g^{k+1} \circ \sigma(x) = g^{k+1} \circ \sigma(x) \leftrightarrow x = x$ , the formula in (30) is of rank  $(0, 0)$ . ⊣

LEMMA 6.22. *Let  $\varphi$  be an  $x$ -corrected atomic formula of rank  $(0, 0)$ . Then there is some quantifier free formula  $\psi$  such that  $\text{rank}(\psi, x) < \text{rank}(\varphi, x)$  and  $T_2 \models \varphi \leftrightarrow \psi$ .*

PROOF. By Remarks 4.1 and 4.2 we may assume  $\varphi$  is of the form  $\sigma(x) \square x$  where  $\sigma \in \Sigma\Pi$  and  $\square \in \{<, >, =\}$ . Now

$$\vdash [\sigma(x) \square x] \leftrightarrow [(\sigma(x) \square x \wedge x \in Z) \vee (\sigma(x) \square x \wedge x \notin Z)].$$

By Remark 4.2, the right hand side is equivalent to a quantifier free formula of rank  $(-\infty, -\infty)$ . ⊣

LEMMA 6.23. *Let  $\varphi$  be a quantifier free formula with free variable  $x$ . Then there is some  $x$ -corrected formula  $\phi$  such that  $\text{rank}(\phi, x) \leq (-\infty, 0)$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $T_2 \models \varphi \leftrightarrow \phi$ .*

PROOF. By Lemma 6.19 we may assume  $\varphi$  is  $x$ -corrected. Since the lexicographic order on well-ordered sets is well-ordered, by induction it suffices to show that if  $\text{rank}(\varphi, x) > (-\infty, 0)$ , then there is some  $x$ -corrected  $\phi$  such that  $\text{rank}(\phi, x) < \text{rank}(\varphi, x)$  and  $T_2 \models \varphi \leftrightarrow \phi$ . As a Boolean combination of formulae of rank at most  $(-\infty, 0)$  is of rank at most  $(-\infty, 0)$  as well, we may further assume that  $\varphi$  is atomic.

- If  $\text{rank}(\varphi, x) = (n + 1, k)$  for some  $n, k \in \mathbb{N}$ , then by Lemma 6.20 there is some quantifier free formula  $\phi'$  such that  $\text{rank}(\phi', x) < \text{rank}(\varphi, x)$ .
- If  $\text{rank}(\varphi, x) = (0, k + 1)$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , then by Lemma 6.21 there is some quantifier free formula  $\phi'$  such that  $\text{rank}(\phi', x) < \text{rank}(\varphi, x)$ .
- If  $\text{rank}(\varphi, x) = (0, 0)$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , then by Lemma 6.22 there is some quantifier free formula  $\phi'$  such that  $\text{rank}(\phi', x) < \text{rank}(\varphi, x)$ .
- If  $\text{rank}(\varphi, x) = (-\infty, n + 1)$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , then by Lemma 6.20 there is some quantifier free formula  $\phi'$  such that  $\text{rank}(\phi', x) < \text{rank}(\varphi, x)$ .

So in conclusion, whenever  $\varphi$  is  $x$ -corrected and  $\text{rank}(\varphi, x) > (-\infty, 0)$ , there is some quantifier free formula  $\phi'$  such that  $T_2 \models \varphi \leftrightarrow \phi'$  and  $\text{rank}(\phi', x) < \text{rank}(\varphi, x)$ . By Lemma 6.19, there is some  $x$ -corrected formula  $\phi$  such that  $T_2 \models \varphi \leftrightarrow \phi' \leftrightarrow \phi$  and  $\text{rank}(\phi, x) = \text{rank}(\phi', x) < \text{rank}(\varphi, x)$ . ⊣

THEOREM 6.24.  *$T_2$  admits quantifier elimination.*

PROOF. Let  $\varphi(x, y_1, \dots, y_k)$  be a quantifier free  $\mathcal{L}_1$ -formula. It suffices to find a quantifier free formula  $\phi(y_1, \dots, y_k)$  such that  $T_2 \models \exists x \varphi(x, y_1, \dots, y_k) \leftrightarrow \phi(y_1, \dots, y_k)$ . By Lemma 6.23, we may assume  $\varphi$  is  $x$ -corrected and  $\text{rank}(\varphi, x) = (-\infty, 0)$ . Since  $\text{rank}(\varphi, x) = (-\infty, 0)$ , there is some quantifier-free  $\mathcal{L}_0$ -formula  $\varphi'(x, z_1, \dots, z_l)$  and

$\mathcal{L}_1$ -terms  $t_1, \dots, t_l$  with variables in  $\{y_1, \dots, y_k\}$  such that

$$\varphi(x, y_1, \dots, y_k) = \varphi'(x, t_1, \dots, t_k).$$

Now by Proposition 4.4, there is some quantifier-free formula  $\phi(z_1, \dots, z_k)$  such that

$$T_0 \models \exists x \varphi'(x, z_1, \dots, z_l) \leftrightarrow \phi(x, z_1, \dots, z_l).$$

As  $T_2 \supset T_0$ , in conclusion,

$$T_0 \models \exists x \varphi(x, y_1, \dots, y_k) \leftrightarrow \exists x \varphi'(x, t_1, \dots, t_l) \leftrightarrow \phi(t_1, \dots, t_l)$$

and  $\phi(t_1, \dots, t_l)$  is a quantifier-free  $\mathcal{L}_1$ -formula with variables from  $\{y_1, \dots, y_k\}$ .  $\dashv$

**COROLLARY 6.25.** *Every one-variable set definable in  $\mathcal{M}_2$  is definable in  $\mathcal{M}_0$ .*

**PROOF.** By Theorem 6.24, every definable set in  $\mathcal{M}_2$  is quantifier-free definable. By Lemma 6.23, every quantifier-free one-variable set definable in  $\mathcal{M}_2$  is equivalent to an  $x$ -corrected formula of rank  $\leq (-\infty, 0)$ , which in turn is definable (with parameters) in  $\mathcal{M}_0$ .  $\dashv$

We conclude by articulating the answers to Questions 1.15 and 1.16.

**THEOREM 6.26.** *There is a definably complete type complete structure without the pigeonhole property.*

**PROOF.** The failure of the pigeonhole principle in  $\mathcal{M}_2$  is witnessed by  $Z$  and  $f \upharpoonright Z$ . But by Corollary 6.25,  $\mathcal{M}_0$  and  $\mathcal{M}_2$  have the same definable sets in one free variable. In particular,  $\mathcal{M}_2$  is definably complete and type complete.  $\dashv$

**THEOREM 6.27.** *There are two ordered structures in the same language  $\mathcal{M}$ ,  $\mathcal{N}$  on the same universe, admitting the same order and the same definable subsets with  $\mathcal{M}$  being pseudo-o-minimal and  $\mathcal{N}$  not.*

*In particular, the answer to Question 1.16 is negative and there is no axiomatization of pseudo-o-minimality by first-order conditions on one-variable formulae only. Furthermore, there is no axiomatization of pseudo-o-minimality by any second order theory in the language  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{Def}} := \{<, \text{Def}\}$  where  $\text{Def}$  is interpreted as the definable one-variable subsets.*

**PROOF.**  $\mathcal{M}_0$  is pseudo-o-minimal and  $\mathcal{M}_2$  is not pseudo-o-minimal as the failure of the pigeonhole principle is witnessed by  $Z$  and  $f \upharpoonright Z$ . But  $\mathcal{M}_0 \upharpoonright \{<\} = \mathcal{M}_2 \upharpoonright \{<\}$  and by Corollary 6.25,  $\mathcal{M}_0$  and  $\mathcal{M}_2$  have the same definable sets in one free variable. We may now define  $\mathcal{N}$  to be  $\mathcal{M}_2$  and  $\mathcal{M}$  to be a trivial expansion of  $\mathcal{M}_0$  to  $\mathcal{L}_1$  (letting every function symbol be interpreted as the identity map and any relation symbol be interpreted as the  $\emptyset$ ).  $\dashv$

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