

ON THE NUMBER OF COUNTABLE MODELS OF A COUNTABLE NSOP₁ THEORY WITHOUT WEIGHT ω

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Abstract. In this article, we prove that if a countable non- \aleph_0 -categorical NSOP₁ theory with nonforking existence has finitely many countable models, then there is a finite tuple whose own preweight is ω . This result is an extension of a theorem of the author on any supersimple theory.

§1. Introduction. In this article, T always is a complete theory in a language \mathcal{L} , and recall that $I(\omega, T)$ denotes the number of nonisomorphic countable models of T . We extend the following theorem of the author for supersimple theories to the context of NSOP₁ theories.

FACT 1.1 ([6]). *If T is countable and supersimple, then $I(\omega, T)$ is either 1 or infinite.*

As it is well known, Fact 1.1 is an extension of Lachlan's result in [8] for superstable theories. Later, Pillay pointed out that the following described in [3] is implicit in the proof of Lachlan's result.

FACT 1.2. *Assume countable T is stable and $1 < I(\omega, T) < \omega$. Then there is a finite tuple whose own preweight is ω .*

The author indeed proved the same Fact 1.2 for simple theories, which directly implies Fact 1.1 since a supersimple theory cannot have a type of finite tuple whose weight is ω .

Our main theorem in this note is the extension of Fact 1.2 for NSOP₁ theories.

THEOREM 1.3. *Assume countable T is NSOP₁ holding nonforking existence. If $1 < I(\omega, T) < \omega$, then there is a finite tuple whose own preweight is ω .*

Now we recall basic facts and terminology for this note. As usual we work in a large saturated model. Unless said otherwise, a, b, c, \dots are finite tuples, A, B, C, \dots are small sets, and M, N, \dots are elementary submodels from the saturated model. That $a \equiv_A b$ means a, b have the same type over A ; and for tuples a_i ($i < \kappa$), $a_{<j}$ denotes $\{a_i \mid i < j\}$. The following (until Fact 1.6) can be found in the literature on simple theories, for example, in [7].

DEFINITION 1.4. (1) A formula $\varphi(x, a_0)$ divides over A if there is an A -indiscernible sequence $\langle a_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$ such that $\{\varphi(x, a_i) \mid i < \omega\}$ is

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inconsistent. A formula *forks* over A if the formula implies some finite disjunction of formulas, each of which divides over A . A type divides/forks over A if the type implies a formula which divides/forks over A . We write $A \perp_B C$ if for any finite $a \in A$, $\text{tp}(a/BC)$ does not fork over B .

- (2) We say T is *stable* if nonforking holds uniqueness over models: For any $M \subseteq A$ and $p(x) \in S(M)$, there is a unique extension $q(x) \in S(A)$ of p which does not fork over M .
- (3) We say T is *simple* if nonforking satisfies local character: For any a and A , there is $A_0 \subseteq A$ with $|A_0| \leq |T|$ such that $a \perp_{A_0} A$. Any stable theory is simple. We say T is *supersimple* if for any a and A , there is finite $A_0 \subseteq A$ such that $a \perp_{A_0} A$; and T is *superstable* if T is stable and supersimple.
- (4) An A -indiscernible sequence $\langle a_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$ is said to be *Morley* over A (or *A-Morley*) if $a_i \perp_A a_{<i}$ for each $i < \omega$.

FACT 1.5. *The following hold in any T .*

- (1) (*Extension*) If $a \perp_A B$ then for any C there is $a' \equiv_{AB} a$ such that $a' \perp_A BC$.
- (2) (*Base monotonicity*) If $A \perp_B CD$ then $A \perp_{BC} D$.
- (3) (*Left transitivity*) If $B \perp_C D$ and $A \perp_{BC} D$, then $AB \perp_C D$. Hence for a sequence $\langle c_i \mid i < \kappa \rangle$, if $c_i \perp_A c_{<i}$ holds for each $i < \kappa$, then $c_{\geq i} \perp_A c_{<i}$ for all $i < \kappa$.

FACT 1.6. *Assume T is simple. Then the following hold.*

- (1) (*Existence*) For any a and A , we have that $a \perp_A A$. Equivalently, for any a_0 and A , there is an A -Morley sequence $\langle a_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$.
- (2) A formula divides over a set iff the formula forks over the set.
- (3) $\varphi(x, a_0)$ divides over A iff for some/any Morley sequence $\langle a_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$ over A , $\{\varphi(x, a_i) \mid i < \omega\}$ is inconsistent.
- (4) (*Symmetry*) For any A, B, C we have $A \perp_B C$ iff $C \perp_B A$.
- (5) (*Transitivity*) For any $B \subseteq C \subseteq D$, if $A \perp_B C$ and $A \perp_C D$, then we have $A \perp_B D$.
- (6) (*Type-amalgamation over a model*) Assume $A_0 \perp_M A_1$, $c_0 \equiv_M c_1$, and $c_i \perp_M A_i$ for $i = 0, 1$. Then there is $c \equiv_{MA_i} c_i$ such that $c \perp_M A_1 A_2$.

Recently, Kaplan and Ramsey proved in [4] and [5] that all the properties in Fact 1.6 (except base monotonicity in Fact 1.5) still hold *over models* in NSOP₁ theories with respect to *Kim-independence*. The 1-strong order property (SOP₁) is introduced by Shelah in [10], and a nice criterion for SOP₁ is given in [1] and [4].

DEFINITION 1.7 ([10]).

- (1) We say T has SOP₁ if there are formula $\varphi(x, y)$ and tuples c_α ($\alpha \in 2^{<\omega}$) such that, for each $\beta \in 2^\omega$, $\{\varphi(x, c_{\beta \upharpoonright m}) \mid m \in \omega\}$ is consistent; and $\{\varphi(x, c_{\alpha \upharpoonright \langle 1 \rangle}), \varphi(x, c_\gamma)\}$ is inconsistent whenever $\alpha \wedge \langle 0 \rangle \sqsubseteq \gamma \in 2^{<\omega}$, that is, $\alpha \wedge \langle 0 \rangle$ is an initial segment of γ .
- (2) We say T is NSOP₁ if T does not have SOP₁. Any simple theory is NSOP₁.

FACT 1.8 ([1,4]). *T has SOP₁ iff there are a sequence $\langle a_i c_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$ and a formula $\varphi(x, y)$ such that*

- (1) $a_i \equiv_{(ac)_{<i}} c_i$ for each $i < \omega$,
- (2) $\{\varphi(x, a_i) \mid i < \omega\}$ is consistent, while
- (3) $\{\varphi(x, c_i) \mid i < \omega\}$ is k -inconsistent for some $k \geq 2$.

DEFINITION 1.9 (Assume T satisfies nonforking existence over A , i.e., for any $c, c \perp_A A$). A formula $\varphi(x, a_0)$ *Kim-divides* over A if there is an A -Morley sequence $\langle a_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$ such that $\{\varphi(x, a_i) \mid i < \omega\}$ is inconsistent. A formula *Kim-forks* over A if the formula implies some finite disjunction of formulas, each of which Kim-divides over A . A type *Kim-divides/forks* over A if the type implies a formula which Kim-divides/forks over A . We write $B \perp_A^K C$ if for any finite $b \in B$, $\text{tp}(b/AC)$ does not Kim-fork over B . Obviously $B \perp_A C$ implies $B \perp_A^K C$. Due to Fact 1.6(3), T is simple then $\perp = \perp^K$.

An A -indiscernible sequence $\langle b_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$ is called \perp^K -Morley over A (in $p(x)$) if $b_i \perp_A^K b_{<i}$ holds for each $i < \omega$ (and $p(x) = \text{tp}(b_i/A)$).

Note that nonforking existence holds over any model since any type over a model is finitely satisfiable over the model.

FACT 1.10 ([4]). *Let T be NSOP₁.*

- (1) (*Kim’s lemma for \perp^K over a model*) $\varphi(x, a_0)$ *Kim-divides* over M iff for any Morley sequence $\langle a_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$ over M , $\{\varphi(x, a_i) \mid i < \omega\}$ is inconsistent.
- (2) *A formula Kim-divides over a model iff the formula Kim-forks over the model.*
- (3) (*Extension for \perp^K over a model*) If $a \perp_M^K B$ then for any C there is $a' \equiv_{MB} a$ such that $a' \perp_M^K BC$.
- (4) (*Symmetry for \perp^K over a model*) For any A, C we have $A \perp_M^K C$ iff $C \perp_M^K A$.
- (5) (*Type-amalgamation for \perp^K over a model*) Assume $A_0 \perp_M^K A_1, c_0 \equiv_M c_1$, and $c_i \perp_M^K A_i$ for $i = 0, 1$. Then there is $c \equiv_{MA_i} c_i$ such that $c \perp_M^K A_1A_2$.

In a joint work [2], it is now proved that Fact 1.10 still holds over any set as far as nonforking existence holds. Due to Fact 1.6(1), the class of NSOP₁ theories with nonforking existence fully contains that of simple theories. Moreover all the typical nonsimple NSOP₁ examples described in [4] (namely, the random parameterized equivalence relations, ω -free PAC fields, and an infinite dimensional vector space over an algebraically closed field equipped with a symmetric alternating bilinear form) have nonforking existence. Even we conjecture that nonforking existence holds in any NSOP₁ T .

FACT 1.11 ([2]). *Assume T is NSOP₁ with nonforking existence (Fact 1.6(1)).*

- (1) (*Kim’s lemma for \perp^K*) $\varphi(x, a_0)$ *Kim-divides* over A iff for any Morley sequence $\langle a_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$ over A , $\{\varphi(x, a_i) \mid i < \omega\}$ is inconsistent.
- (2) *A formula Kim-divides over some set iff the formula Kim-forks over the set.*
- (3) (*Extension for \perp^K*) If $p(x)$ is a type over B which does not Kim-fork over A , then there is a completion $q(x) \in S(AB)$ which does not Kim-fork over A . In particular if $a \perp_A^K B$ then for any C there is $a' \equiv_{AB} a$ such that $a' \perp_A^K BC$.

- (4) (*Symmetry for \downarrow^K*) For any A, B, C we have $A \downarrow_B^K C$ iff $C \downarrow_A^K B$.
- (5) (*Chain condition for \downarrow^K*) Let $a \downarrow_A^K b_0$, and let $I = \langle b_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$ be \downarrow^K -Morley over A . Then there is $a' \equiv_{Ab_0} a$ such that $a' \downarrow_A^K I$ and I is a' - A -indiscernible.

From now on for simplicity, we assume that any NSOP₁ theory in this note has nonforking existence.

In addition to Fact 1.11, type-amalgamation over sets for Lascar types are proved in [2] for any NSOP₁ theory, but we omit to state it as we will not use the property. Instead we will use Fact 1.11(5).

REMARK 1.12. (1) Assume T is NSOP₁ and let $p(x) \in S(A)$. Then that $\langle x_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$ is a sequence of realizations of p such that $x_i \downarrow_A^K x_{<i}$ for each $i < \omega$ is A -type-definable by $\bigwedge_{i < \omega} p(x_i) \cup \Gamma(x_0, x_1, \dots)$ where $\Gamma(x_0, x_1, \dots) := \{ \neg \varphi(x_0, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}) \in \mathcal{L}(A) \mid \varphi(x_0, \dots, x_n, a) \text{ Kim-divides over } A \text{ for some/any } a \models p \}$.

Hence clearly that $\langle x_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$ is a \downarrow^K -Morley sequence over A in p is A -type-definable as well.

- (2) Notice that contrary to simple theory context, that $\langle c_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$ is \downarrow^K -Morley over A in NSOP₁ T need not imply

$$c_i \downarrow_A^K \{c_j \mid j \neq i\}$$

for all $i \in \omega$, since base monotonicity for \downarrow^K does not hold.

Now we are ready to talk about the notion of weight.

DEFINITION 1.13. Assume T is NSOP₁. We say a finite tuple c (or its type) has own preweight ω if there are $b_i \equiv c$ ($i < \omega$) such that $c \not\downarrow_A^K b_i$, and $b_i \downarrow_A^K b_{<i}$ for all $i < \omega$.

For more development of the weight notion in simple theories, see [7]. As pointed out in Remark 1.12(2), in Definition 1.13, $\{b_i \mid i < \omega\}$ need not be fully \downarrow^K -independent.

Recall that T is supersimple iff there do not exist c and sets A_i ($i < \omega$) such that $A_i \subseteq A_{i+1}$ and $c \not\downarrow_{A_i} A_{i+1}$ for any i . Since $\downarrow = \downarrow^K$ in simple T , if T is supersimple then due to transitivity there is no $p(x) \in S(\emptyset)$ whose own preweight is ω .

EXAMPLE 1.14. (1) Consider the typical stable but nonsuperstable theory. Namely, T is the theory in $\mathcal{L} = \{E_i(x, y) \mid i < \omega\}$ saying that each binary E_i is an equivalence relation only having infinitely many infinite classes such that for each $j > i$, E_j is finer than E_i and each E_i -class contains infinitely many E_j -classes. Notice that T is a small (i.e., $S(\emptyset)$ is countable) non- \aleph_0 -categorical theory. But there is no finite tuple whose own preweight is ω .

- (2) Due to our Theorem 1.3, a necessary condition for an NSOP₁ theory to have $1 < I(\omega, T) < \omega$ is that T should be small and having a finite tuple with own preweight ω . Herwig constructed such an example of a stable theory [3].

§2. Kim-forking and isolation. In order to prove Theorem 1.3, we will take the similar pattern of the proof for Fact 1.1 in [6].

We first recall Pillay’s notion of semi-isolation ([3, 9]), and figure out its relationship with Kim-forking in NSOP₁ theories. We say $\text{tp}(b/a)$ is *semi-isolated* if there is a formula $\varphi(x, a)$ in $\text{tp}(b/a)$ such that $\models \varphi(x, a) \rightarrow \text{tp}(b)$.

- FACT 2.1. (1) If $\text{tp}(b/a)$ is isolated, then $\text{tp}(b/a)$ is semi-isolated.
- (2) If $\text{tp}(c/b)$ and $\text{tp}(b/a)$ are semi-isolated, then $\text{tp}(c/a)$ is semi-isolated.

We give a proof of the the following folklore for self-containedness.

FACT 2.2. Suppose that $\text{tp}(b/a)$ is isolated, whereas $\text{tp}(a/b)$ is nonisolated. Then $\text{tp}(a/b)$ is nonsemi-isolated.

PROOF. Let $\text{tp}(b/a)$ be isolated by $\varphi(x, a)$ (*). To lead a contradiction assume that $\psi(b, y)$ semi-isolates $\text{tp}(a/b)$. Now since $\text{tp}(a/b)$ is nonisolated, there is an \mathcal{L} -formula $\phi(x, y)$ such that $\varphi(b, y) \wedge \psi(b, y) \wedge \phi(b, y)$ and $\varphi(b, y) \wedge \psi(b, y) \wedge \neg\phi(b, y)$ are both consistent, while both imply $\text{tp}(a)$. Hence $\varphi(x, a) \wedge \phi(x, a)$ and $\varphi(x, a) \wedge \neg\phi(x, a)$ are both consistent, contradicting (*). \dashv

The following is the key proposition describing a relationship between isolation and Kim-dividing in NSOP₁ theories.

PROPOSITION 2.3. Assume that T is NSOP₁. Let $a \equiv b$. Assume $\text{tp}(b/a)$ is semi-isolated, but $\text{tp}(a/b)$ is nonsemi-isolated. Then $a \not\downarrow^K b$.

PROOF. Suppose not, so that $a \downarrow^K b$.

CLAIM 2.4. There is $c \models q = \text{tp}(a)$ such that $b \downarrow^K ac$ and $ba \equiv cb$: Choose $c_0 \models q$ such that $ba \equiv c_0b$. Hence $a \downarrow^K b$ and $b \downarrow^K c_0$. Now $\text{tp}(a/b)$ does not Kim-divide over \emptyset . Thus by the definition of Kim-dividing and compactness, for any infinite κ , there is some Morley sequence $I = \langle b_i \mid i < \kappa \rangle$ with $b = b_0$ such that I is a -indiscernible. Moreover by symmetry for \downarrow^K (Fact 1.11(4)), we have $c_0 \downarrow^K b$. Hence $\text{tp}(c_0/b)$ does not Kim-divide over \emptyset , and again by the definition of Kim-dividing, $\bigcup_{i < \kappa} p(x, b_i)$ is consistent where $p(x, b_0) = p(x, b) = \text{tp}(c_0/b)$. Choose c'_0 realizing $\bigcup_{i < \kappa} p(x, b_i)$ so that $c_0b \equiv c'_0b$ and $c'_0b' \equiv c'_0b$ for any $b' \in I$ (*). Now take $\kappa = (2^{|T|})^+$. Then by the pigeonhole principle, there is a subsequence $I' = \langle b'_i \mid i < \kappa \rangle$ of I such that $\text{tp}(b'_i/ac'_0)$ is fixed for any i . Then since I' is Morley as well, we have $ac'_0 \downarrow^K b'_0$, by Fact 1.11(1),(2). Note now that $Ia \equiv I'a$. Hence there is c such that $c'_0b'_0I'a \equiv cb_0Ia = cbIa$. Therefore by symmetry, we have $b \downarrow^K ac$, and due to (*), $ba \equiv c_0b \equiv c'_0b \equiv c'_0b'_0 \equiv cb$, as wanted. We have proved Claim 1.

Now put $c_0b_0a_0 = cba$. We can find $c_i b_i a_i \equiv cba$ ($i < \omega$) such that $a_i c_{i-1} \equiv ba$ (**), and $(cba)_i \downarrow^K (cba)_{<i}$, as follows. Assume we have found such $c_i b_i a_i$ for $i < k$. We want to find $c_k b_k a_k$ holding the conditions. Since $c_{k-1} \equiv a_0$, there is a_k such that $a_k c_{k-1} \equiv ba$. Now since $b \downarrow^K a$, we have $a_k \downarrow^K c_{k-1}$. Hence by extension for \downarrow^K (Fact 1.11(3)), we can assume that $a_k \downarrow^K (cba)_{<k}$. By symmetry we have $(cba)_{<k} \downarrow^K a_k$. Then again by extension, there is $c_k b_k$ such that $c_k b_k a_k \equiv c_0 b_0 a_0$ and $(cba)_{<k} \downarrow^K c_k b_k a_k$. By symmetry, $c_k b_k a_k \downarrow^K (cba)_{<k}$ as wanted.

We now let $\varphi(x, a)$ be a formula semi-isolating $\text{tp}(b/a)$.

CLAIM 2.5. *The collection of formulas $\{\varphi(c_i, x) \wedge \varphi(x, a_i) \mid i < \omega\}$ is 2-inconsistent: If it were not 2-inconsistent, then there is d such that $\varphi(d, a_j)$ and $\varphi(c_i, d)$ for some $j > i$. Therefore clearly $\text{tp}(d/a_j)$ and $\text{tp}(c_i/d)$ are both semi-isolated, and hence again by Fact 2.1(2), so does $\text{tp}(c_i/a_j)$. Now since $\text{tp}(a_j/a_{i+1})$ is semi-isolated by (**), once more Fact 2.1(2) implies $\text{tp}(c_i/a_{i+1})$ is semi-isolated. But since $\text{tp}(c_i a_{i+1}) = \text{tp}(ab)$, it leads a contradiction. Hence the claim is proved.*

Now by compactness applying to the type-definability described in Remark 1.12(1), there is some \downarrow^K -Morley sequence $\langle c'_0 b'_0 a'_0 \mid i < \omega \rangle$ over A such that $c'_0 b'_0 a'_0 = cba$ and $\{\varphi(c'_i, x) \wedge \varphi(x, a'_i) \mid i < \omega\}$ is 2-inconsistent. Note now that $b \models \varphi(c, x) \wedge \varphi(x, a)$. Then due to the chain condition for \downarrow^K in Fact 1.11, we must have $b \not\downarrow^K ac$, contradicting Claim 1. Therefore we must have $a \not\downarrow^K b$. \dashv

COROLLARY 2.6. *Assume that T is NSOP₁, and we let $a \equiv b$. If $\text{tp}(b/a)$ is isolated, and $\text{tp}(a/b)$ is nonisolated, then $a \not\downarrow^K b$.*

§3. Proof of Theorem 1.3. In this section, T is countable and non- \aleph_0 -categorical. A proof of the following fact can be found for example in [3] or [6].

FACT 3.1 (Folklore). *Suppose that $I(\omega, T)$ is finite. Then there is a tuple a and a prime model M over a such that $p(x) := \text{tp}(a)$ is nonisolated and all the types of finite tuples are realized in M . Moreover there is a tuple b in M such that $b \equiv a$ and $\text{tp}(a/b)$ is nonisolated.*

We are ready to prove Theorem 1.3. We keep the notation in Fact 3.1. Assume further that T is NSOP₁.

CLAIM 3.2. *There are two realizations a_1, a_0 of p in M such that $a_1 \downarrow a_0$, and both $\text{tp}(a_0/a_1), \text{tp}(a_1/a_0)$ are nonisolated.*

PROOF. Due to nonforking existence and extension, there is $c \models p$ such that $c \downarrow ab$, and hence $c \downarrow^K ab$. Now, by Fact 2.2, $\text{tp}(a/b)$ is nonsemi-isolated. Hence, by Fact 2.1, either $\text{tp}(a/c)$ or $\text{tp}(c/b)$ must be nonisolated. Since $c \downarrow^K ab$, if $\text{tp}(a/c)$ is nonisolated then so is $\text{tp}(c/a)$, by Corollary 2.6. The same holds when $\text{tp}(c/b)$ is nonisolated. Now choose $a_1 a_0$ in M such that $a_1 a_0 \equiv ca$ or cb . \dashv

We continue the proof with the selected tuples. Note now that $\text{tp}(a/a_0), \text{tp}(a/a_1)$ are both nonisolated (\dagger), since if say $\text{tp}(a/a_0)$ were isolated, then M is prime over a_0 and so $\text{tp}(a_1/a_0)$ would be isolated, a contradiction. Therefore again by Corollary 2.6, we have $a \not\downarrow^K a_0$ and $a \not\downarrow^K a_1$. We are ready to claim the following which says that p has its own preweight ω , so finishes our proof of Theorem 1.3.

CLAIM 3.3. *There is a set $\{a_u \mid u \in X, a_u \models p\}$ where*

$$X = \{u \in 2^{<\omega} \mid u = 0^{m+1} = \overbrace{0 \dots 0}^{m+1} \text{ or } 0^m 1 \text{ for some } m < \omega\}$$

such that for each $m < \omega$,

- (1) $a_1 a_0 a \equiv a_{0^m 1} a_{0^{m+1}} a_{0^m}$,
- (2) $a_{0^m 1} \downarrow \{a_u \mid u \in X \text{ and } 0^{m+1} \trianglelefteq u\}$,
- (3) $a_{0^m 1} \downarrow^K a_1 a_{01} \dots a_{0^{m-1} 1}$, and
- (4) $a \not\downarrow^K a_u$ for all $u \in X$.

We prove the claim using induction. Given $k < \omega$, assume that we have selected $A = \{a_u \mid u \in X, |u| \leq k + 1\}$ satisfying above (1)–(4) for each $m \leq k$. Note that $a_1 a_0 a$ satisfies the initial condition for $k = 0$. We will find appropriate $a_{0^{k+1}}, a_{0^{k+2}} \models p$ holding (1)–(4) for $k + 1$.

First choose $d_1 = a_{0^{k+1}}, d_0 = a_{0^{k+2}} \models p$ such that $d_1 d_0 a_{0^{k+1}} \equiv a_1 a_0 a$. Now since A satisfies (1) with $m = k$, we have that $a_1 a_0 \equiv a_{0^k} a_{0^{k+1}}$ and so $a_{0^k} \perp a_{0^{k+1}}$. Hence due to nonforking extension (Fact 1.5(1)), by possibly moving $d_1 d_0$ while fixing $a_{0^k} a_{0^{k+1}}$ we can additionally assume the chosen d_1, d_0 satisfy that $a_{0^k} \perp d_1 d_0 a_{0^{k+1}}$. Now we iterate this process. Namely, since A satisfies (2) for $m = 0, \dots, k - 1$ as well, again by nonforking extension we can further assume (by iteratively moving $d_1 d_0$ while fixing A pointwise) that $a_{0^{k-1}} \perp d_1 d_0 a_{0^{k+1}} a_{0^k} a_{0^k}, a_{0^{k-2}} \perp d_1 d_0 a_{0^{k+1}} a_{0^k} a_{0^k} a_{0^{k-1}} a_{0^{k-1}}, \dots, a_1 \perp d_1 d_0 (A \setminus \{a_1\})$. Therefore with this choice of $a_{0^{k+1}} a_{0^{k+2}} = d_1 d_0$, (2) also holds on $A a_{0^{k+1}} a_{0^{k+2}}$ for each $m \leq k + 1$. The rest can be shown with the tuples $a_{0^{k+1}} a_{0^{k+2}}$.

Namely, by (2), for each $m \leq k + 1$, we have

$$a_{0^m} \perp \{a_{0^n} \mid m < n \leq k + 1\}.$$

Thus by Fact 1.5, we have that for each $n \leq k + 1$,

$$\{a_{0^m} \mid m < n\} \perp a_{0^n},$$

and hence

$$\{a_{0^m} \mid m < n\} \perp^K a_{0^n}$$

holds since $\perp \Rightarrow \perp^K$. Then by symmetry for \perp^K (Fact 1.11(4)), it follows that

$$a_{0^n} \perp^K \{a_{0^m} \mid m < n\}.$$

We have shown that (3) holds on $A a_{0^{k+1}} a_{0^{k+2}}$. Now for a_1 , we already know $a \not\perp^K a_1$. For other $a_u (u \in X)$, due to (1) and Fact 2.1, we have that $\text{tp}(a_u/a)$ is semi-isolated. However $\text{tp}(a/a_u)$ is nonsemi-isolated since if it were so then again by Fact 2.1, $\text{tp}(a/a_0)$ is semi-isolated contradicting above (†) and Fact 2.2. Therefore by Fact 2.3, $a \not\perp^K a_u$. We have proved (4) and so complete the proof of Theorem 1.3.

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