

CONSERVATIONS OF FIRST-ORDER REFLECTIONS

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Abstract. The set theory $K\Pi_{N+1}$ for Π_{N+1} -reflecting universes is shown to be Π_{N+1} -conservative over iterations of Π_N -recursively Mahlo operations for each $N \geq 2$.

§1. Introduction. It is well known that the set of weakly Mahlo cardinals below a weakly compact cardinal is stationary. Furthermore any weakly compact cardinal κ is in the diagonal intersection $\kappa \in M^\Delta = \bigcap \{M(M^\alpha) : \alpha < \kappa\}$ for the α -th iterate M^α of the Mahlo operation M , where $\kappa \in M(X)$ iff $X \cap \kappa$ is stationary in κ .

The same holds for the recursive analogues of the indescribable cardinals, *reflecting ordinals* introduced by Richter and Aczel [12]. First, let us recall the ordinals briefly. For a full account of admissible set theory, see [8].

Δ_0 denotes the set of bounded formulae in the language $\{\in, =\}$ of set theories. Then the classes Σ_{i+1}, Π_{i+1} are defined recursively as usual. For set-theoretic formulae φ , let $P \models \varphi :\Leftrightarrow (P, \in) \models \varphi$.

The axioms of Kripke-Platek set theory, denoted KP are Extensionality, Foundation schema, Pair, Union, Δ_0 -Separation, and Δ_0 -Collection. BS denotes a weak subtheory of KP introduced in [4] and defined below, Definition 2.1, in which we can manipulate finite sequences, partially define truths, and show the existence of a universal Π_i -formula for each $i > 0$. BS is finitely axiomatized over Foundation schema by a Π_2 -sentence bs , and KP is equivalent to BS plus Δ_0 -Collection. $KP\omega$ denotes the extension of KP by the axiom of Infinity, and $KP\ell$ denotes the set theory for limits of admissible sets, which is obtained from KP minus Δ_0 -Collection, or equivalently BS by adding the Π_2 -axiom $lim :\Leftrightarrow \forall x \exists y [x \in y \wedge ad^y]$, where ad denotes a Π_3 -sentence such that $P \models ad$ iff P is a transitive model of $KP\omega$, and φ^c denotes the result of restricting any unbounded quantifiers $\exists x, \forall x$ in φ to $\exists x \in c, \forall x \in c$, resp. Again, $KP\ell$ is finitely axiomatized over Foundation schema by Π_2 -sentences bs and lim .

In what follows, V denotes a transitive and wellfounded model of $KP\ell$, which is the universe of discourse. P, Q, \dots denote nonempty transitive sets in $V \cup \{V\}$.

A Π_i -recursively Mahlo operation for $2 \leq i < \omega$, is defined through a universal Π_i -formula $\Pi_i(a)$:

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$$P \in RM_i(\mathcal{X}) :\Leftrightarrow \forall b \in P [P \models \Pi_i(b) \rightarrow \exists Q \in \mathcal{X} \cap P (b \in Q \models \Pi_i(b))]$$

(read: P is Π_i -reflecting on \mathcal{X} .)

For the universe V , $V \in RM_i(\mathcal{X})$ denotes $\forall b[\Pi_i(b) \rightarrow \exists Q \in \mathcal{X} (b \in Q \models \Pi_i(b))]$. Suppose that there exists a first-order sentence φ , such that $P \in \mathcal{X} \Leftrightarrow P \models \varphi$ for any transitive $P \in V \cup \{V\}$. Then $RM_i(\mathcal{X})$ is Π_{i+1} , i.e., there exists a Π_{i+1} -sentence $rm_i(\mathcal{X})$, such that $P \in RM_i(\mathcal{X})$ iff $P \models rm_i(\mathcal{X})$ for any transitive set P .

The iteration of RM_i along a definable wellfounded relation \prec is defined as follows.

$$P \in RM_i(a; \prec) :\Leftrightarrow a \in P \in \bigcap \{RM_i(RM_i(b; \prec)) : b \in P \models b \prec a\}.$$

Again $P \in RM_i(a; \prec)$ is a Π_{i+1} -relation.

Let Ord denote the class of ordinals in V . Let us write RM_i^α for $RM_i(\alpha; <)$ and ordinals $\alpha \in Ord$. A transitive set P is said to be Π_i -reflecting if $P \in RM_i = RM_i^1$.

$P \in RM_{i+1}$ is much stronger than $P \in RM_i$: assume $P \in RM_{i+1}$ and $P \models \Pi_i(b)$ for $b \in P$. Then $P \in RM_i$ and $P \models rm_i \wedge \Pi_i(b)$ for the Π_{i+1} -sentence rm_i , such that $P \in RM_i$ iff $P \models rm_i$. Hence there exists a $Q \in P$, such that $Q \models rm_i \wedge \Pi_i(b)$, i.e., $Q \in RM_i$ & $Q \models \Pi_i(b)$. This means $P \in RM_i^2 = RM_i(RM_i)$. Moreover P is in the diagonal intersection of RM_i , $P \in RM_i^\Delta$, i.e., $P \in \bigcap \{RM_i^\beta : \beta \in P \cap Ord\}$, and so on.

In particular, the set theory $K\Pi_{i+1}$ for universes in RM_{i+1} proves the consistency of a set theory for universes in RM_i^Δ .

In this paper we address the problem: How far can we iterate lower recursive Mahlo operations in higher reflecting universes? In [1], we gave a sketchy proof of the following Theorem 1.1, which is implicit in ordinal analyses in [2, 7].

THEOREM 1.1. *For each $N \geq 2$ there exists a Σ_1 -relation \triangleleft_N on ω such that the set theory KPl for limits of admissibles proves the transfinite induction schema for \triangleleft_N up to each $a \in \omega$, and $K\Pi_{N+1}$ is Π_1^1 (on ω)-conservative over the theory*

$$KPl + \{V \in RM_N(a; \triangleleft_N) : a \in \omega\}.$$

Theorem 1.1 suffices to approximate $K\Pi_{N+1}$ proof-theoretically in terms of iterations of Π_N -recursively Mahlo operations. However, $V \in RM_N(a; \prec)$ is a Π_{N+1} -formula for Σ_{N+1} -relation \prec , and the class Π_1^1 on ω is smaller than Π_{N+1} .

In this paper the set theory $K\Pi_{N+1}$ for Π_{N+1} -reflecting universes is shown to be Π_{N+1} -conservative over iterations of Π_N -recursively Mahlo operations RM_N for each $N \geq 2$ (Theorem 2.4). This result will be extended in [3, 5] to the indescribable cardinals over $ZF + (V = L)$.

§2. Conservation.

2.1. A weak base theory BS. A weak base theory BS is introduced in [4]. Consider the following functions \mathcal{F}_i ($i < 9$), $\mathcal{F}_0(x, y) = \{x, y\}$, $\mathcal{F}_1(x, y) = \cup x$, $\mathcal{F}_2(x, y) = x \setminus y$, $\mathcal{F}_3(x, y) = \{u \cup \{v\} : u \in x, v \in y\}$, $\mathcal{F}_4(x, y) = dom(x) = \{u \in \cup \cup x : \exists v \in \cup \cup x (\langle u, v \rangle \in x)\}$, $\mathcal{F}_5(x, y) = rng(x) = \{v \in \cup \cup x : \exists u \in \cup \cup x (\langle u, v \rangle \in x)\}$, $\mathcal{F}_6(x, y) = \{\langle v, u \rangle \in y \times x : v \in u\}$, $\mathcal{F}_7(x, y) = \{\langle u, v, w \rangle : \langle u, v \rangle \in x, w \in y\}$, and $\mathcal{F}_8(x, y) = \{\langle u, w, v \rangle : \langle u, v \rangle \in x, w \in y\}$, where $\langle v, u \rangle = \{v, \{v, u\}\}$ and $\langle u, v, w \rangle = \langle u, \langle v, w \rangle \rangle$.

For each i , $\mathcal{F}_i(x, y, z)$ denotes a Δ_0 -formula stating $\mathcal{F}_i(x, y) = z$.

DEFINITION 2.1. BS is the set theory in the language $\{\in, =\}$. Its axioms are Extensionality, Foundation schema, and $\{\forall x, y \exists z \mathcal{F}_i(x, y, z) : i < 9\}$.

bs denotes a Π_2 -sentence, which is equivalent to the conjunction of Extensionality and $\{\forall x, y \exists z \mathcal{F}_i(x, y, z) : i < 9\}$.

A set-theoretic function $f : V^n \rightarrow V$ is Σ_1^{BS} -definable if there exists a Σ_1 -formula $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n, y)$ for which $\text{BS} \vdash \forall x_1, \dots, x_n \exists y! \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n, y)$, and $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = y$ iff $V \models \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n, y)$.

A relation $R \subset V^n$ is Δ_1^{BS} if there exist Σ_1 -formulae φ, ψ such that $\text{BS} \vdash \forall x_1, \dots, x_n [\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n) \leftrightarrow \neg \psi(x_1, \dots, x_n)]$, and $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in R$ iff $V \models \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$.

Under a suitable encoding of the syntax, we can assume that the set $[Fml]$ of codes $[\varphi]$ of formulae φ as well as the set $[Fml_{\Sigma_i}]$ of codes of Σ_i -formulae is Δ_1^{BS} . The set $\{n \in \omega : v_n \text{ occurs freely in the formula coded by } x\}$ is denoted by $var(x)$ for $x \in [Fml]$, and $ass(x, y)$ the set of function $a : var(x) \rightarrow y$. Both $x \mapsto var(x)$ and $(x, y) \mapsto ass(x, y)$ are Σ_1^{BS} -functions. Let $\models [\varphi][a]$ denote the satisfaction relation for formulae φ and $a \in ass([\varphi], y)$ for a y .

LEMMA 2.2. For each $i > 0$, the satisfaction relation $\{(x, a) : x \in [Fml_{\Sigma_i}], a \in ass(x), \models x[a]\}$ for Σ_i -formulae φ is Σ_i -definable in BS in such a way that BS proves that $\varphi(v_0, \dots, v_{m-1}) \leftrightarrow \models [\varphi(v_0, \dots, v_{m-1})][a]$ for $a(i) = v_i$, $\models [\exists v_m \varphi][a] \leftrightarrow \exists b [\models [\varphi][a \cup \{ \langle m, b \rangle \}]]$ for Σ_i -formula $\exists v_m \varphi$, and similarly for \forall, \wedge, \vee .

PROOF. It suffices to Δ_1^{BS} -define the satisfaction relation for Δ_0 -formulae. This is seen as in [13, p. 613]. Note that we don't need the existence of transitive closures to bound range y of the assignments $a : var(x) \rightarrow y$ since there are only finitely many subformulae of a formula: Let x be a code of a Δ_0 -formula, and n be the number of subformulae of the formula coded by x . Also let a be a function on $var(x)$ with its range $b = rng(a)$, and $var(\bar{x})$ the union of $var(y)$ for codes y of subformulae of the formula coded by x . Then in order to define $\models x[a]$ it suffices to consider assignments in $ass(var(\bar{x}), \cup^{(n)}b)$, where $\cup^{(0)}b = b$ and $\cup^{(n+1)}b = \cup(\cup^{(n)}b)$. Thus, the existence of the set $\cup^{(n)}b$ suffices for natural numbers n and sets b . Indeed, $(n, b) \mapsto \cup^{(n)}b$ is a Σ_1^{BS} -function as shown in [4]. ⊣

2.2. Codes of ordinals up to the next epsilon number. Next let us consider a well ordering $<^\epsilon$ of type $\epsilon_{\Omega+1}$, the next epsilon number to the order type Ω of the class Ord of all ordinals in the universe V . Here it is safe for us to work in a theory slightly stronger than BS, in which, additions and exponentiations on Ord are provably total. Let us work in Kripke-Platek set theory with the axiom of Infinity, denoted $KP\omega$.

Let $Ord \subset V$ denote the class of ordinals, $Ord^\epsilon \subset V$ and $<^\epsilon$ be Δ -predicates such that for any transitive and wellfounded model V of $KP\omega$, $<^\epsilon$ is a well ordering of type $\epsilon_{\Omega+1}$ on Ord^ϵ for the order type Ω of the class Ord in V . Specifically, let us encode 'ordinals' $\alpha < \epsilon_{\Omega+1}$ by codes $[\alpha] \in Ord^\epsilon$ as follows. $[\alpha] = \langle 0, \alpha \rangle$ for $\alpha \in Ord$, $[\Omega] = \langle 1, 0 \rangle$, $[\omega^\alpha] = \langle 2, [\alpha] \rangle$ for $\alpha > \Omega$, and $[\alpha] = \langle 3, [\alpha_1], \dots, [\alpha_n] \rangle$ if $\alpha = \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n > \Omega$ with $\alpha_1 \geq \dots \geq \alpha_n$, $n > 1$ and $\exists \beta_i (\alpha_i = \omega^{\beta_i})$ for each α_i . Then $[\omega_n(\Omega + 1)] \in Ord^\epsilon$ denotes the code of the 'ordinal' $\omega_n(\Omega + 1)$.

$<^\varepsilon$ is assumed to be a canonical ordering such that KP_ω proves the fact that $<^\varepsilon$ is a linear ordering, and for any formula φ and each $n < \omega$,

$$KP_\omega \vdash \forall x(\forall y <^\varepsilon x \varphi(y) \rightarrow \varphi(x)) \rightarrow \forall x <^\varepsilon [\omega_n(\Omega + 1)]\varphi(x). \tag{1}$$

For a definition of Δ -predicates Ord^ε and $<^\varepsilon$, and a proof of (1), cf. [6].

PROPOSITION 2.3. *KP_ω proves that if $P \in RM_N(\beta; <^\varepsilon)$, then $\forall \alpha <^\varepsilon \beta(\alpha \in P \rightarrow P \in RM_N(\alpha; <^\varepsilon))$.*

PROOF. This is seen from the fact that $<^\varepsilon$ is transitive in KP_ω . ⊢

THEOREM 2.4. *For each $N \geq 2$, $KP\Pi_{N+1}$ is Π_{N+1} -conservative over the theory*

$$KP_\omega + \{V \in RM_N([\omega_n(\Omega + 1)]; <^\varepsilon) : n \in \omega\}.$$

From (1) we see that $KP\Pi_{N+1}$ proves $V \in RM_N([\omega_n(\Omega + 1)]; <^\varepsilon)$ for each $n \in \omega$. The converse is proved in Section 3.

PROPOSITION 2.5. *For any class Γ of Π_{N+1} -sentences, there exists a Σ_{N+1} -sentence A , such that $KP\Pi_{N+1} \vdash A$, and $KP_\omega + \Gamma \not\vdash A$ unless $KP_\omega + \Gamma$ is inconsistent.*

PROOF. This follows from the essential unboundedness theorem due to Kreisel and Lévy [10]. In this proof let $\vdash A :\Leftrightarrow KP_\omega \vdash A$ and Pr denote a standard provability predicate for KP_ω . Also $Tr_{\Pi_{N+1}}$ denotes a partial truth definition of Π_{N+1} -sentences.

Then, let A be a Σ_{N+1} -sentence saying that ‘I am not provable from any true Π_{N+1} -sentence’, $\vdash A \leftrightarrow \forall x \in \omega [Tr_{\Pi_{N+1}}(x) \rightarrow \neg Pr(x \dot{\rightarrow} [A])]$, where $\dot{\rightarrow}$ denotes a recursive function, such that $[A] \dot{\rightarrow} [B] = [A \rightarrow B]$ for codes $[A]$ of formulae A .

Suppose $KP_\omega + \Gamma \vdash A$. Pick a $C \in \Gamma$ so that $\vdash C \rightarrow A$. Then $KP_\omega + \Gamma \vdash Tr_{\Pi_{N+1}}([\![C]\!] \wedge Pr([\![C \rightarrow A]\!])$. Hence $KP_\omega + \Gamma \vdash \neg A$.

In what follows argue in $KP\Pi_{N+1}$. Suppose A is false, and let C be any true Π_{N+1} -sentence. Since the universe V is Π_{N+1} -reflecting, there exists a transitive model $P \in V$ of $KP_\omega + \{C, \neg A\}$, which shows that $KP_\omega + \{C, \neg A\}$ is consistent. In other words, $\neg Pr([\![C \rightarrow A]\!])$. Therefore, $KP\Pi_{N+1} \vdash \neg A \rightarrow A$. ⊢

Thus, Theorem 2.4 is optimal with respect to the class Π_{N+1} of formulae provided that $KP\Pi_{N+1}$ is consistent.

COROLLARY 2.6. *For each $N \geq 3$, $KP\Pi_{N+1} + (\text{Power}) + (\Sigma_{N-3}\text{-Separation}) + (\Pi_{N-3}\text{-Collection})$ is Π_{N+1} -conservative over the theory $KP_\omega + \{V \in RM_N([\omega_n(\Omega + 1)]; <^\varepsilon) : n \in \omega\} + (\text{Power}) + (\Sigma_{N-3}\text{-Separation}) + (\Pi_{N-3}\text{-Collection})$.*

PROOF. This follows from Theorem 2.4 and the facts that the axiom Power is a Π_3 -sentence $\forall a \exists b \forall x \subset a(x \in b)$, and Σ_i -Separation or Π_i -Collection are Π_{i+3} -formulae. ⊢

Let us announce an extension of Theorem 2.4 in [3, 5] to the indescribable cardinals over $ZF + (V = L)$.

Let $<^\varepsilon$ be an ε -ordering as above. Let M_N denote the Π_N^1 -Mahlo operation defined for sets S of ordinals and uncountable regular cardinals κ : $\kappa \in M_N(S)$ iff $S \cap \kappa$ is Π_N^1 -indescribable in κ . The Π_{N+1}^1 -indescribability is proof-theoretically reducible to iterations of an operation along initial segments of $<^\varepsilon$ over $ZF + (V = L)$. The operation is a mixture of the Π_N^1 -Mahlo operation M_N and Mostowski collapsings.

For $\alpha <^\varepsilon \varepsilon_{\mathcal{K}+1}$ and finite sets $\Theta \subset_{fin} (\mathcal{K} + 1)$, Π_{n+1} -classes $Mh_n^\alpha[\Theta]$ are defined so that the following holds.

In Theorem 2.7, \mathcal{K} is intended to denote the least Π_{N+1}^1 -inaccessible cardinal, and Ω the least weakly inaccessible cardinal above \mathcal{K} .

THEOREM 2.7. (*The case $N = 0$ in [3], and the general case in [5].*)

1. For each $n < \omega$,

$$ZF + (V = L) + (\mathcal{K} \text{ is } \Pi_{N+1}^1\text{-inaccessible}) \vdash \mathcal{K} \in Mh_n^{\omega_n(\Omega+1)}[\emptyset].$$

2. For any Π_{N+1}^1 -sentences φ , if

$$ZF + (V = L) + (\mathcal{K} \text{ is } \Pi_{N+1}^1\text{-inaccessible}) \vdash \varphi^{L_{\mathcal{K}}},$$

then, we can find an $n < \omega$ such that

$$ZF + (V = L) + (\mathcal{K} \in Mh_n^{\omega_n(\Omega+1)}[\emptyset]) \vdash \varphi^{L_{\mathcal{K}}}.$$

The classes $Mh_n^\alpha[\Theta]$ are defined from iterated Skolem hulls $\mathcal{H}_{\alpha,n}(X)$, through which we described the limit of $ZF + (V = L)$ -provable countable ordinals in [6] as follows.

THEOREM 2.8. ([6])

$$\begin{aligned} |ZF + (V = L)|_{\omega_1} &:= \inf\{\alpha \leq \omega_1 : \forall \varphi [ZF + (V = L) \vdash \exists x \in L_{\omega_1} \varphi \Rightarrow \exists x \in L_\alpha \varphi]\} \\ &= \Psi_{\omega_1} \varepsilon_{\Omega+1} := \sup\{\Psi_{\omega_1,n} \omega_n(\Omega + 1) : n < \omega\}. \end{aligned}$$

In Theorem 2.8, Ω is intended to denote the least weakly inaccessible cardinal.

§3. Proof of Theorem 2.4. In this section, we prove Theorem 2.4. Our proof is extracted from M. Rathjen’s ordinal analyses of Π_3 -reflection in [11].

Let $N \geq 2$ denote a fixed integer. The axioms of the set theory $K\Pi_{N+1}$ for Π_{N+1} -reflecting universes are those of BS, and the axiom for Π_{N+1} -reflection: for Π_{N+1} -formulae φ , $\varphi(a) \rightarrow \exists c[ad^c \wedge a \in c \wedge \varphi^c(a)]$. Note that $K\Pi_{N+1}$ comprises $KP\omega$, i.e., it proves Infinity and Δ_0 -Collection for $N \geq 1$.

Throughout this section we work in an intuitionistic fixed point theory $\text{Fix}^i(KP\ell)$ over $KP\ell$. The intuitionistic theory $\text{Fix}^i(KP\ell)$ is introduced in [4], and shown to be a conservative extension of $KP\ell$. Let us reproduce definitions and results on $\text{Fix}^i(KP\ell)$ here.

Fix an X -strictly positive formula $Q(X, x)$ in the language $\{\in, =, X\}$ with an extra unary predicate symbol X . In $Q(X, x)$ the predicate symbol X occurs only strictly positive. This means that the predicate symbol X does not occur in the antecedent φ of implications $\varphi \rightarrow \psi$ nor in the scope of negations \neg in $Q(X, x)$. The language of $\text{Fix}^i(KP\ell)$ is $\{\in, =, Q\}$ with a fresh unary predicate symbol Q . The axioms in $\text{Fix}^i(KP\ell)$ consist of the following:

1. All provable sentences in $KP\ell$ (in the language $\{\in, =\}$).
2. Induction schema for any formula φ in $\{\in, =, Q\}$:

$$\forall x(\forall y \in x \varphi(y) \rightarrow \varphi(x)) \rightarrow \forall x \varphi(x). \tag{2}$$

3. Fixed point axiom:

$$\forall x [Q(x) \leftrightarrow Q(Q, x)].$$

The underlying logic in $\text{FiX}^i(\text{KPL})$ is defined to be the intuitionistic (first-order predicate) logic (with equality). Roughly, the exclude middle $\varphi \vee \neg \varphi$ is available in $\text{FiX}^i(\text{KPL})$ only for set-theoretic formulae φ in the language $\{\in, =\}$, but not for formulae having the fixed point predicate Q .

(2) yields the following Lemma 3.1.

LEMMA 3.1. *Let $<^\varepsilon$ denote a Δ_1 -predicate mentioned in the beginning of subsection 2.2. For each $n < \omega$ and each formula φ in $\{\in, =, Q\}$,*

$$\text{FiX}^i(\text{KPL}) \vdash \forall x (\forall y <^\varepsilon x \varphi(y) \rightarrow \varphi(x)) \rightarrow \forall x <^\varepsilon [\omega_n(\Omega + 1)] \varphi(x).$$

In what follows, let us write $\alpha < \beta$ for $\alpha <^\varepsilon \beta$ for codes α, β of ordinals $< \varepsilon_{\Omega+1}$ when no confusion likely occurs.

The following Theorem 3.2 is shown in [4].

THEOREM 3.2. *$\text{FiX}^i(\text{KPL})$ is a conservative extension of KPL .*

In what follows, we work in $\text{FiX}^i(\text{KPL})$.

Let V denote a transitive and wellfounded model of KPL . Consider the language $\mathcal{L}_V = \{\in\} \cup \{c_a : a \in V\}$, where c_a denotes the name of the set $a \in V$. We identify the set a with its name c_a .

Our proof proceeds as follows. Assume that $\text{KPII}_{N+1} \vdash A$ for a Π_{N+1} -sentence A . KPII_{N+1} is embedded to an infinitary system formulated in one-sided sequent calculus, and cut inferences are eliminated, which results in an infinitary derivation of height $\alpha < \varepsilon_{\Omega+1}$ with an inference rule (Ref_{N+1}) for Π_{N+1} -reflection. Then A is seen to be true in $P \in \text{RM}_N(\alpha; <^\varepsilon)$.

In one-sided sequent calculi, formulae are generated from atomic formulae and their negations $a \in b, a \notin b$ by propositional connectives \vee, \wedge and quantifiers \exists, \forall . It is convenient here to have bounded quantifications $\exists x \in a, \forall x \in a$ besides unbounded ones $\exists x, \forall x$. The negation $\neg A$ of formulae A is defined recursively by de Morgan's law and elimination of double negations. Also $(A \rightarrow B) \equiv (\neg A \vee B)$.

Γ, Δ, \dots denote finite sets of sentences, called *sequents* in the language \mathcal{L}_V . Γ, Δ denotes the union $\Gamma \cup \Delta$, and Γ, A the union $\Gamma \cup \{A\}$. A finite set Γ of sentences is intended to denote the disjunction $\bigvee \Gamma := \bigvee \{A : A \in \Gamma\}$. Γ is *true* in $P \in V \cup \{V\}$ iff $\bigvee \Gamma$ is true in P iff $\bigvee \Gamma^P$ is true.

Classes $\Delta_0, \Sigma_{i+1}, \Pi_{i+1}$ of sentences in \mathcal{L}_V are defined as usual.

We assign disjunctions or conjunctions to sentences as follows. When a disjunction $\bigvee (A_i)_{i \in J}$ [a conjunction $\bigwedge (A_i)_{i \in J}$] is assigned to A , we denote $A \simeq \bigvee (A_i)_{i \in J}$ [$A \simeq \bigwedge (A_i)_{i \in J}$], resp.

DEFINITION 3.3. 1. For a Δ_0 -sentence M

$$M \simeq \begin{cases} \bigvee (A_i)_{i \in J} & \text{if } M \text{ is false in } V \\ \bigwedge (A_i)_{i \in J} & \text{if } M \text{ is true in } V \end{cases} \text{ with } J := \emptyset.$$

In what follows, we consider the unbounded sentences.

2. $(A_0 \vee A_1) \simeq \bigvee (A_i)_{i \in J}$ and $(A_0 \wedge A_1) \simeq \bigwedge (A_i)_{i \in J}$ with $J := 2$.
3. $\exists x \in a A(x) \simeq \bigvee (A(b))_{b \in J}$ and $\forall x \in a A(x) \simeq \bigwedge (A(b))_{b \in J}$ with $J := a$.
4. $\exists x A(x) \simeq \bigvee (A(b))_{b \in J}$ and $\forall x A(x) \simeq \bigwedge (A(b))_{b \in J}$ with $J := V$.

DEFINITION 3.4. The *depth* $\text{dp}(A) < \omega$ of \mathcal{L}_V -sentences A is defined recursively as follows.

1. $\text{dp}(A) = 0$ if $A \in \Delta_0$.
 In what follows we consider unbounded sentences A .
2. $\text{dp}(A) = \max\{\text{dp}(A_i) : i < 2\} + 1$ if $A \equiv (A_0 \circ A_1)$ for $\circ \in \{\vee, \wedge\}$.
3. $\text{dp}(A) = \text{dp}(B(\emptyset)) + 1$ if $A \in \{(Qx B(x)), (Qx \in a B(x)) : a \in V\}$ for $Q \in \{\exists, \forall\}$.

- DEFINITION 3.5.
1. For \mathcal{L}_V -sentences A , $k(A) := \{a \in V : c_a \text{ occurs in } A\}$.
 2. For sets Γ of sentences, $k(\Gamma) := \bigcup\{k(A) : A \in \Gamma\}$.
 3. For $i \in V$ and a transitive model $P \in V$ of $\text{KP}\omega$, $P(i) \in V \cup \{V\}$ denotes the smallest transitive model of $\text{KP}\omega$ such that $P \cup \{i\} \subset P(i)$. Note that V is assumed to be a model of KPL .

For finite lists $\vec{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$, $P(\vec{a}) := (\dots P(a_1) \dots)(a_n)$.

Inspired by operator controlled derivations due to W. Buchholz [9], let us define a relation $P \vdash_m^\alpha \Gamma$ for transitive models $P \in V \cup \{V\}$ of $\text{KP}\omega$. The relation $P \vdash_m^\alpha \Gamma$ is defined as a fixed point of a strictly positive formula H

$$H(P, \alpha, m, \Gamma) \Leftrightarrow P \vdash_m^\alpha \Gamma$$

in $\text{Fix}^i(\text{KPL})$.

Note that P contains the code $\langle 1, 0 \rangle = [\Omega]$, and is closed under ordinal addition $(\alpha, \beta) \mapsto \alpha + \beta$, exponentiation $\alpha \mapsto \omega^\alpha$ for $\alpha, \beta \in \text{Ord}^\varepsilon$ and $a \mapsto \text{rank}(a)$ for $\text{rank}(a) = \sup\{\text{rank}(b) + 1 : b \in a\}$.

DEFINITION 3.6. Let $P \in V \cup \{V\}$ be a transitive model of $\text{KP}\omega$, codes $\alpha < \varepsilon_{\Omega+1}$ and $m < \omega$.

$P \vdash_m^\alpha \Gamma$ holds if

$$k(\Gamma) \cup \{\alpha\} \subset P \tag{3}$$

and one of the following cases holds:

(\vee): there is an $A \in \Gamma$, such that $A \simeq \bigvee (A_i)_{i \in J}$, and for an $i \in J$ and an $\alpha(i) < \alpha$, $P \vdash_m^{\alpha(i)} \Gamma, A_i$.

$$\frac{P \vdash_m^{\alpha(i)} \Gamma, A_i}{P \vdash_m^\alpha \Gamma} (\vee)$$

(\wedge): there is an $A \in \Gamma$, such that $A \simeq \bigwedge (A_i)_{i \in J}$, and for any $i \in J$, there is an $\alpha(i)$, such that $\alpha(i) < \alpha$ and $P(i) \vdash_m^{\alpha(i)} \Gamma, A_i$.

$$\frac{\{P(i) \vdash_m^{\alpha(i)} \Gamma, A_i : i \in J\}}{P \vdash_m^\alpha \Gamma} (\wedge)$$

(*cut*): there are C and α_0, α_1 , such that $\text{dp}(C) < m$, $\alpha_0, \alpha_1 < \alpha$, and $P \vdash_m^{\alpha_0} \Gamma, \neg C$ and $P \vdash_m^{\alpha_1} C, \Gamma$.

$$\frac{P \vdash_m^{\alpha_0} \Gamma, \neg C \quad P \vdash_m^{\alpha_1} C, \Gamma}{P \vdash_m^\alpha \Gamma} (\text{cut})$$

(Ref_{N+1}): there are $A(c) \in \Pi_{N+1}$ and $\alpha_0, \alpha_1 < \alpha$, such that $P \vdash_m^{\alpha_0} \Gamma, A(c)$ and $P \vdash_m^{\alpha_1} \forall z [ad^z \rightarrow c \in z \rightarrow \neg A^z(c)], \Gamma$.

$$\frac{P \vdash_m^{\alpha_0} \Gamma, A(c) \quad P \vdash_m^{\alpha_1} \forall z [ad^z \rightarrow c \in z \rightarrow \neg A^z(c)], \Gamma}{P \vdash_m^{\alpha} \Gamma} (Ref_{N+1})$$

In what follows, let us fix an integer n_0 and restrict (codes of) ordinals to $\alpha <^\varepsilon [\omega_{n_0}(\Omega + 1)]$. n_0 is chosen from the given finite proof of a Π_{N+1} -sentence A in $K\Pi_{N+1}$, cf. Corollary 3.9 (Embedding). Since n_0 is a constant, we see from Lemma 3.1 that $\text{FiX}^i(KP\ell)$ proves transfinite induction schema up to $[\omega_{n_0}(\Omega + 1)]$ for any formula in which the derivability relation $P \vdash_m^{\alpha} \Gamma$ may occur.

PROPOSITION 3.7. *Let $P' \supset P$ be transitive models of $KP\omega$, $\alpha \leq \alpha'$, $m \leq m' < \omega$ and $k(\Delta) \cup \{\alpha'\} \subset P'$. If $P \vdash_m^{\alpha} \Gamma$, then $P' \vdash_{m'}^{\alpha'} \Gamma, \Delta$.*

In embedding $K\Pi_{N+1}$ in the infinitary calculus, it is convenient to formulate $K\Pi_{N+1}$ in (finitary) one-sided sequent calculus of the language $\{\in, 0\}$ with the individual constant 0 for the empty set. Axioms are logical ones $\Gamma, \neg A, A$ for any formulae A , and axioms in the theory $K\Pi_{N+1}$. Inference rules are (\vee) , (\wedge) for propositional connectives, $(b\exists)$, $(b\forall)$ for bounded quantifications, (\exists) , (\forall) for unbounded quantifications, and *(cut)*. For details, see the proof of the following Lemma 3.8.

Though the following Lemmata 3.8, 3.10, and 3.11 are seen as in [9], we give proofs of them for readers' convenience.

Let $(m, \vec{a}) := \Omega \cdot m + 3\text{rank}(a_1)\#\dots\#\text{rank}(a_n)$ for $\vec{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ and the natural (commutative) sum $\alpha\#\beta$ of ordinals α, β .

LEMMA 3.8. *Suppose $K\Pi_{N+1} \vdash \Gamma(\vec{x})$, where the free variables occurring in the sequent are among the list \vec{x} . Then there is an $m < \omega$ such that for any $\vec{a} \subset V$ and any transitive model $P \in V \cup \{V\}$ of $KP\omega$, $P(\vec{a}) \vdash_m^{(m, \vec{a})} \Gamma(\vec{a})$.*

PROOF. First consider the logical axiom $\Gamma(\vec{x}), \neg A(\vec{x}), A(\vec{x})$. We see that for any \vec{a}

$$P(\vec{a}) \vdash_0^{2d} \Gamma(\vec{a}), \neg A(\vec{a}), A(\vec{a}) \tag{4}$$

by induction on $d = \text{dp}(A)$.

Then by Proposition 3.7, we have, $P(\vec{a}) \vdash_{2d}^{(2d, \vec{a})} \Gamma(\vec{a}), \neg A(\vec{a}), A(\vec{a})$.

If $d = 0$, then $A \in \Delta_0$ and one of $\neg A(\vec{a})$ and $A(\vec{a})$ is true. Hence by (\wedge) we have, $P(\vec{a}) \vdash_0^0 \Gamma(\vec{a}), \neg A(\vec{a}), A(\vec{a})$.

Next consider the case when $A \equiv (\exists y B(\vec{x}, y)) \notin \Delta_0$ with $\text{dp}(B(\vec{x}, y)) = d - 1$. By IH(=Induction Hypothesis) we have for any $\vec{a} \subset V$ and any $b \in V$, $P(\vec{a} * (b)) \vdash_0^{2d-2} \Gamma(\vec{a}), \neg B(\vec{a}, b), B(\vec{a}, b)$, where $(a_1, \dots, a_n) * (b) = (a_1, \dots, a_n, b)$. (\vee) yields $P(\vec{a} * (b)) \vdash_0^{2d-1} \Gamma(\vec{a}), \neg B(\vec{a}, b), \exists y B(\vec{a}, y)$. Hence (\wedge) with $P(\vec{a} * (b)) = P(\vec{a})(b)$ yields $P(\vec{a}) \vdash_0^{2d} \Gamma(\vec{a}), \neg \exists y B(\vec{a}, y), \exists y B(\vec{a}, y)$.

The cases $A \equiv (\exists y \in a B(\vec{x}, y)) \notin \Delta_0$ and $A \equiv (B_0 \vee B_1) \notin \Delta_0$ are similar. Thus (4) is shown.

Second consider the inference rule (\exists) with $\exists y A(\vec{x}, y) \in \Gamma(\vec{x})$

$$\frac{\Gamma(\vec{x}), A(\vec{x}, t)}{\Gamma(\vec{x})} (\exists)$$

When t is a variable y , we can assume that y is an x_i in the list \vec{x} , for otherwise substitute 0 for y . By IH there is an m such that $P(\vec{a}) \vdash_m^{(m, \vec{a})} \Gamma(\vec{a}), A(\vec{a}, t')$, where $t' \equiv a_i$ if $t \equiv x_i$, and $t' \equiv 0$, otherwise. Thus $P(\vec{a}) \vdash_{m+1}^{(m+1, \vec{a})} \Gamma(\vec{a})$.

Third consider the inference rule (\forall) with $\forall y A(\vec{x}, y) \in \Gamma(\vec{x})$

$$\frac{\Gamma(\vec{x}), A(\vec{x}, y)}{\Gamma(\vec{x})} (\forall),$$

where the variable y does not occur in $\Gamma(\vec{x})$. IH yields for an m , $P(\vec{a} * (b)) \vdash_m^{(m, \vec{a} * (b))} \Gamma(\vec{a}), A(\vec{a}, b)$. (\wedge) with $(m + 1, \vec{a}) > (m, \vec{a} * (b))$ yields $P(\vec{a}) \vdash_{m+1}^{(m+1, \vec{a})} \Gamma(\vec{a})$.

The following cases are similarly seen.

$$\frac{\Gamma, t \in s \quad \Gamma, B(\vec{x}, t)}{\Gamma, \exists y \in s B(\vec{x}, y)} (b\exists) \quad \frac{\Gamma, y \notin s, B(\vec{x}, y)}{\Gamma, \forall y \in s B(\vec{x}, y)} (b\forall)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, A_0, A_1}{\Gamma, A_0 \vee A_1} (\vee) \quad \frac{\Gamma, A_0 \quad \Gamma, A_1}{\Gamma, A_0 \wedge A_1} (\wedge)$$

In a cut inference

$$\frac{\Gamma(\vec{x}), \neg A(\vec{x}) \quad A(\vec{x}), \Gamma(\vec{x})}{\Gamma(\vec{x})} (cut)$$

if the cut formula $A(\vec{x})$ has free variables \vec{y} other than \vec{x} , then substitute 0 for \vec{y} .

In what follows, let us suppress parameters.

Fourth, consider the axioms other than Foundation. First consider a Π_2 -axiom $\forall x, y \exists z \mathcal{F}_i(x, y, z)$ in BS stating that $\mathcal{F}_i(x, y)$ exists for $i < 9$. Let $a, b \in V$. Since $P(a, b)$ is a transitive model of $KP\omega$ and $a, b \in P(a, b)$, pick a $c \in P(a, b)$ such that the Δ_0 -formula $\mathcal{F}_i(a, b, c)$ holds in $P(a, b)$, and in V . Since this is a true Δ_0 -sentence, we have $P(a, b) \vdash_0^0 \mathcal{F}_i(a, b, c)$, and $P \vdash_0^3 \forall x, y \exists z \mathcal{F}_i(x, y, z)$.

Next consider the axiom $A(c) \rightarrow \exists z[ad^z \wedge c \in z \wedge A^z(c)]$ for $A \in \Pi_{N+1}$. We have by (4) for $d = dp(A)$

$$\frac{P(c) \vdash_0^{2d} \neg A(c), A(c) \quad P(c) \vdash_0^2 \forall z[ad^z \rightarrow c \in z \rightarrow \neg A^z(c)]; \exists z[ad^z \wedge c \in z \wedge A^z(c)]}{P(c) \vdash_0^{2d+1} \neg A(c), \exists z[ad^z \wedge c \in z \wedge A^z(c)]} (Ref_{N+1})$$

In this way, we see that there are cut-free infinitary derivations of finite heights deducing axioms in $K\Pi_{N+1}$ other than Foundation.

Finally consider Foundation. Let $d = dp(A)$ and $B \equiv (\neg \forall x (\forall y \in x A(y) \rightarrow A(x)))$. We show by induction on $rank(a)$ that

$$P(a) \vdash_0^{2d+3rank(a)} B, \forall x \in a A(x) \tag{5}$$

By IH we have for any $b \in a$, $P(b) \vdash_0^{2d+3rank(b)} B, \forall x \in b A(x)$. Thus we have by (4)

$$\frac{\frac{P(b) \vdash_0^{2d+3rank(b)} B, \forall x \in b A(x) \quad P(b) \vdash_0^{2d} \neg A(b), A(b)}{P(b) \vdash_0^{2d+3rank(b)+1} B, \forall x \in b A(x) \wedge \neg A(b), A(b)} (\wedge)}{P(b) \vdash_0^{2d+3rank(b)+2} B, A(b)} (\vee)$$

Therefore (5) is shown.

$$\frac{\{P(a, b) \vdash_0^{2d+3rank(b)+2} B, A(b) : b \in a\}}{P(a) \vdash_0^{2d+3rank(a)} B, \forall x \in a A(x)} (\wedge)$$

⊥

COROLLARY 3.9 (Embedding). *If $K\Pi_{N+1} \vdash A$ for a sentence A , then there is an $m < \omega$ such that for any transitive model $P \in V \cup \{V\}$ of $KP\omega$, $P \vdash_m^{\Omega-m} A$.*

LEMMA 3.10 (Reduction). *Let $C \simeq \bigvee (C_i)_{i \in J}$. Then*

$$(P \vdash_m^\alpha \Delta, \neg C) \ \& \ (P \vdash_m^\beta C, \Gamma) \ \& \ (\text{dp}(C) \leq m) \Rightarrow P \vdash_m^{\alpha+\beta} \Delta, \Gamma.$$

PROOF. This is seen by induction on β .

Consider first the case when C is a Δ_0 -sentence. Then C is false and $J = \emptyset$. From $P \vdash_m^\beta C, \Gamma$ we see that $P \vdash_m^\beta \Gamma$. $\beta \leq \alpha + \beta$ yields $P \vdash_m^{\alpha+\beta} \Delta, \Gamma$.

Next assume that the last inference rule in $P \vdash_m^\beta C, \Gamma$ is a (\bigvee) with the main formula $C \notin \Delta_0$:

$$\frac{P \vdash_m^{\beta(i)} C, C_i, \Gamma}{P \vdash_m^\beta C, \Gamma} (\bigvee),$$

where $i \in J$ and $\beta(i) < \beta$. We can assume that i occurs in C_i . Otherwise, set $i = 0$. Thus, $i \in P$ by (3). On the other hand, we have $P(i) \vdash_m^\alpha \Delta, \neg C_i$ by inversion, and hence $P \vdash_m^\alpha \Delta, \neg C_i$ by $i \in P$.

IH yields $P \vdash_m^{\alpha+\beta(i)} C_i, \Delta, \Gamma$. A cut inference with $P \vdash_m^\alpha \Delta, \neg C_i$ and $\text{dp}(C_i) < \text{dp}(C) \leq m$ yields $P \vdash_m^{\alpha+\beta} \Delta, \Gamma$.

Other cases are easily seen from IH. ⊢

LEMMA 3.11 (Predicative Cut-elimination). $P \vdash_{m+1}^\alpha \Gamma \Rightarrow P \vdash_m^{\omega^\alpha} \Gamma$.

PROOF. This is seen by induction on α using Lemma 3.10 and the fact: $\beta < \alpha \Rightarrow \omega^\beta + \omega^\beta \leq \omega^\alpha$. ⊢

For $\alpha <^\varepsilon [\omega_n(\Omega + 1)]$, set $RM_N^\alpha := RM_N(\alpha; <^\varepsilon)$.

PROPOSITION 3.12. *Let $\Gamma \subset \Pi_{N+1}$ ($N \geq 2$) and $P \in RM_N^\alpha$ be a transitive model of KPl . Assume*

$$\exists \xi, x \in P (\xi <^\varepsilon \alpha \wedge \forall Q \in RM_N^\xi \cap P (x \in Q \models KPl \rightarrow \Gamma \text{ is true in } Q)).$$

Then Γ is true in P .

PROOF. By $P \in RM_N^\alpha$ we have $P \in RM_N(RM_N^\xi)$ for any $\xi \in P$, such that $\xi <^\varepsilon \alpha$.

Suppose contrarily that the Σ_{N+1} -sentence $\varphi := \bigwedge \neg \Gamma := \bigwedge \{\neg \theta : \theta \in \Gamma\}$ is true in P . Since $P \models KPl$, the conjunction of Π_2 -axioms of bs and lim (except the Foundation) holds in P . Then for any $\xi \in P$ with $\xi <^\varepsilon \alpha$ and $x \in P$ there exists a transitive model $Q \in RM_N^\xi \cap P$ of KPl such that $x \in Q$ and φ is true in Q . ⊢

LEMMA 3.13 (Elimination of (Ref_{N+1})). *Let $\Gamma \subset \Pi_{N+1}$. Suppose $P_0 \vdash_0^\alpha \Gamma$, $P_0 \in P$ and $P \in RM_N^\alpha$ for a transitive model P of KPl . Then, Γ is true in P .*

PROOF. This is seen by induction on α . Let $P_0 \vdash_0^\alpha \Gamma$, $P_0 \in P$, and $P \in RM_N^\alpha$ be a transitive model P of KPl . Note that any sentence occurring in the witnessed derivation of $P_0 \vdash_0^\alpha \Gamma$ is Π_{N+1} .

CASE 1. When the last inference is a (Ref_{N+1}) : By (3) we have $\{\alpha_\ell, \alpha_r\} \subset P_0 \subset P$, $\max\{\alpha_\ell, \alpha_r\} <^\varepsilon \alpha$, $A \in \Pi_{N+1}$.

$$\frac{P_0 \vdash_0^{\alpha_\ell} \Gamma, A(c) \quad P_0 \vdash_0^{\alpha_r} \forall z [ad^z \rightarrow c \in z \rightarrow \neg A^z(c)], \Gamma}{P_0 \vdash_0^\alpha \Gamma} (Ref_{N+1})$$

We can assume that c occurs in $A(c)$, and hence $c \in P_0$.

By Proposition 2.3, we have $P \in RM_N^{\alpha_r}$. From IH we see that

$$\text{either } \forall z \in P [ad^z \rightarrow c \in z \rightarrow \neg A^z(c)] \text{ or } \bigvee \Gamma^P \text{ is true.} \tag{6}$$

On the other hand, by IH, we have for any $Q \in RM_N^{\alpha} \cap P$ with $c \in P_0 \in Q \models KP\ell$ that either $\bigvee \Gamma^Q$ is true or $A(c)^Q$ is true. By (6) for any $Q \in RM_N^{\alpha} \cap P$ with $P_0 \in Q \models KP\ell$, $\bigvee \Gamma^Q \vee \bigvee \Gamma^P$ is true. From Proposition 3.12, we see that $\bigvee \Gamma^P$ is true.

CASE 2. When the last inference is a (\wedge) : we have $A \simeq \bigwedge (A_i)_{i \in J}$, $A \in \Gamma$, and $\alpha(i) < \alpha$ for any $i \in J$

$$\frac{\{P_0(i) \vdash_0^{\alpha(i)} \Gamma, A_i : i \in J\}}{P_0 \vdash_0^{\alpha} \Gamma} (\wedge)$$

For any $i \in P$ we have $P_0(i) \in P$ since P is assumed to be a limit of transitive models of $KP\omega$.

IH yields for any $i \in P$ that either $\bigvee \Gamma^P$ is true or A_i^P is true. If $J = V$, then we are done. If $J = a \in V$, then $a \in P_0 \subset P$ by (3), and hence $a \subset P$.

CASE 3. When the last inference is a (\vee) : we have $A \simeq \bigvee (A_i)_{i \in J}$, $A \in \Gamma$, and $\alpha(i) < \alpha$ for an $i \in J$

$$\frac{P_0 \vdash_0^{\alpha(i)} \Gamma, A_i}{P_0 \vdash_0^{\alpha} \Gamma} (\vee)$$

IH yields that either $\bigvee \Gamma^P$ is true or A_i^P is true. Consider the case when $J = V$. We can assume that i occurs in A_i . Then $i \in P_0 \subset P$. Hence $\bigvee \Gamma^P$ is true. \dashv

Let us prove Theorem 2.4. Let $N \geq 2$, and A be a Π_{N+1} -sentence provable in $K\Pi_{N+1}$. Then $k(A) = \emptyset$, and by Corollary 3.9 and Lemma 3.11, we have for an $n < \omega$ such that $P \vdash_0^{\omega_n(\Omega+1)} A$, for each transitive model $P \in V \cup \{V\}$ of $KP\omega$. If $V \in RM_N^{\omega_n(\Omega+1)}$, then $L_{\omega_1^{CK}} \in V \models KP\ell$, and A is true (in V) by Elimination of (Ref_{N+1}) 3.13.

By formalizing the above proof in $FiX^i(KP\ell)$ with Lemma 3.1 yields

$$FiX^i(KP\ell) \vdash V \in RM_N([\omega_n(\Omega + 1)]; <^\varepsilon) \rightarrow A.$$

In the formalization note that, we have in $FiX^i(KP\ell)$, a partial truth definition of Π_{N+1} -sentences, cf. Lemma 2.2. Then by Theorem 3.2

$$KP\ell \vdash V \in RM_N([\omega_n(\Omega + 1)]; <^\varepsilon) \rightarrow A.$$

Finally noting that over $KP\omega$, $V \in RM_N([\omega_n(\Omega + 1)]; <^\varepsilon)$ implies lim , the unboundedness of admissible sets, we conclude

$$KP\omega \vdash V \in RM_N([\omega_n(\Omega + 1)]; <^\varepsilon) \rightarrow A.$$

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