## ON $\omega_1$ -STRONGLY COMPACT CARDINALS

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**Abstract.** An uncountable cardinal  $\kappa$  is called  $\omega_1$ -strongly compact if every  $\kappa$ -complete ultrafilter on any set I can be extended to an  $\omega_1$ -complete ultrafilter on I. We show that the first  $\omega_1$ -strongly compact cardinal,  $\kappa_0$ , cannot be a successor cardinal, and that its cofinality is at least the first measurable cardinal. We prove that the Singular Cardinal Hypothesis holds above  $\kappa_0$ . We show that the product of Lindelöf spaces is  $\kappa$ -Lindelöf if and only if  $\kappa \geq \kappa_0$ . Finally, we characterize  $\kappa_0$  in terms of second order reflection for relational structures and we give some applications. For instance, we show that every first-countable nonmetrizable space has a nonmetrizable subspace of size less than  $\kappa_0$ .

§1. Preliminaries. Recall that an uncountable cardinal  $\kappa$  is *strongly compact* if for every set I, every  $\kappa$ -complete filter on I can be extended to a  $\kappa$ -complete ultrafilter on I ([12]; see also [7]). In [1], we studied the notion of a  $\delta$ -strongly compact cardinal in the context of infinite abelian group theory. Let us recall the definition.

Definition 1.1. If  $\delta < \kappa$  are uncountable cardinals, which may be singular, we say that  $\kappa$  is  $\delta$ -strongly compact if for every set I, every  $\kappa$ -complete filter on I can be extended to a  $\delta$ -complete ultrafilter on I.

An uncountable limit cardinal  $\kappa$  is almost strongly compact if  $\kappa$  is  $\delta$ -strongly compact for every uncountable cardinal  $\delta < \kappa$ .

To avoid confusion, let us note that in recent literature " $\kappa$  is  $\delta$ -strongly compact" is sometimes defined as:  $\kappa$  is regular,  $\delta \geq \kappa$ , and there is a  $\kappa$ -complete fine ultrafilter on  $\mathcal{P}_{\kappa}(\delta)$  (see below).

Notice that if  $\kappa$  is  $\delta$ -strongly compact and  $\lambda$  is a cardinal greater than  $\kappa$ , then  $\lambda$  is also  $\delta$ -strongly compact. Note also that if  $\kappa$  is regular and  $\omega_1$ -strongly compact, then the filter  $\{X \subseteq \kappa : |\kappa - X| < \kappa\}$  is  $\kappa$ -complete, and therefore can be extended to an  $\omega_1$ -complete ultrafilter. Hence, there exists a measurable cardinal less than or equal to  $\kappa$ .

Suppose  $\kappa$  is  $\delta$ -strongly compact. Let I be any nonempty set, and for every  $a \in I$ , let  $X_a := \{x \in \mathcal{P}_{\kappa}(I) : a \in x\}$ , where  $\mathcal{P}_{\kappa}(I) := \{x \subseteq I : |x| < \kappa\}$ . If  $\kappa$  is regular, then the set  $\{X_a : a \in I\}$  generates a  $\kappa$ -complete filter on  $\mathcal{P}_{\kappa}(I)$ , which can be extended to a  $\delta$ -complete ultrafilter on  $\mathcal{P}_{\kappa}(I)$ . A  $\delta$ -complete ultrafilter  $\mathcal{U}$  on  $\mathcal{P}_{\kappa}(I)$  that contains the sets  $X_a$ , for  $a \in I$ , is called a  $\delta$ -complete fine measure on  $\mathcal{P}_{\kappa}(I)$ .

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The following characterizations of  $\delta$ -strong compactness from [1] will be useful.

Theorem 1.2. The following are equivalent for any uncountable cardinals  $\delta < \kappa$ :

- (1)  $\kappa$  is  $\delta$ -strongly compact.
- (2) For every  $\alpha$  greater than or equal to  $\kappa$ , there exists an elementary embedding  $j: V \to M$ , with M transitive, and critical point greater than or equal to  $\delta$ , such that j is definable in V, and there exists  $D \in M$  such that  $j''\alpha := \{j(\beta) : \beta < \alpha\} \subseteq D$  and  $M \models |D| < j(\kappa)$ .
- (3) For every set I, there exists a  $\delta$ -complete fine measure on  $\mathcal{P}_{\kappa}(I)$ .

Observe that an equivalent formulation of (2) above is the following:

(2)' For every set I of cardinality greater than or equal to  $\kappa$ , there exists an elementary embedding  $j:V\to M$ , with M transitive, and critical point greater than or equal to  $\delta$ , such that j is definable in V, and there exists  $D\in M$  such that  $j''I:=\{j(x):x\in I\}\subseteq D$  and  $M\models |D|< j(\kappa)$ .

The point is that, given I as in (2)', we can fix a bijection  $\pi: \alpha \to I$ , for some ordinal  $\alpha$ , so that given j and D for  $\alpha$ , as in (2), and assuming without loss of generality that  $D \subseteq j(\alpha)$ , we have that the set  $D' := j(\pi)''D \in M$  satisfies  $j''I \subseteq D'$  and  $M \models |D'| < j(\kappa)$ .

If  $\lambda$  is the least measurable cardinal and  $\kappa$  is  $\omega_1$ -strongly compact,  $\kappa$  not necessarily regular, then  $\kappa$  is  $\lambda$ -strongly compact. For, if  $\mathcal U$  is an  $\omega_1$ -complete ultrafilter on a set I that is not  $\lambda$ -complete, then there is a partition  $\{X_\alpha:\alpha<\beta\}$  of I, some  $\beta<\lambda$ , such that none of the  $X_\alpha$  belongs to  $\mathcal U$ . But then the set  $\{X\subseteq\beta:\bigcup\{X_\alpha:\alpha\in X\}\in\mathcal U\}$  is a nonprincipal  $\omega_1$ -complete ultrafilter on  $\beta$ , contradicting the minimality of  $\lambda$ .

**1.1. Group radicals.** For X an abelian group, let  $R_X: Ab \to Ab$  be the functor given by:

$$R_X(A) = \bigcap \{Ker(f) : f \in Hom(A, X)\}.$$

 $R_X$  is called *the radical singly generated by X* (see [5] and [1]). For  $\kappa$  a cardinal, let

$$R_X^{\kappa}(A) = \sum \{R_X(B) : B \subseteq A, \ |B| < \kappa\}.$$

 $R_X$  is called the  $\kappa$ -radical singly generated by X (see [2] and [1]).

Notice that, since  $B \subseteq A$  implies  $R_X(B) \subseteq R_X(A)$ , we have  $R_X^{\kappa}(A) \subseteq R_X(A)$ , for all A. And trivially,  $R_X^{\kappa}(A) = R_X(A)$  for all A of cardinality  $< \kappa$ . Note also that if  $\kappa < \lambda$  and  $R_X = R_X^{\kappa}$ , then  $R_X = R_X^{\lambda}$  as well.

We will make use of the following theorem of Eda and Abe (see also [1]).

THEOREM 1.3 ([3]).  $R_{\mathbb{Z}} = R_{\mathbb{Z}}^{\kappa}$  if and only if  $\kappa$  is  $\omega_1$ -strongly compact.

§2. On the first  $\omega_1$ -strongly compact cardinal. Magidor [8] showed that it is consistent for the first  $\omega_1$ -strongly compact cardinal  $\kappa$  to be also the first measurable cardinal, in which case  $\kappa$  is strongly compact. However, in [1] it is shown that the first  $\omega_1$ -strongly compact cardinal may also be singular of cofinality the first measurable cardinal. In the model given in [1], the first measurable cardinal is thus smaller than the first  $\omega_1$ -strongly compact cardinal, which in turn is smaller than the first strongly compact cardinal. We will show (Theorem 2.3 below) that the first

measurable cardinal is indeed the least possible cofinality for the least  $\omega_1$ -strongly compact cardinal.

Theorem 2.1. The least  $\omega_1$ -strongly compact cardinal is not a successor cardinal.

PROOF. Suppose, aiming for a contradiction, that  $\kappa$  is the least  $\omega_1$ -strongly compact cardinal and  $\kappa = \lambda^+$  for some cardinal  $\lambda$ . Hence  $\lambda$  is not  $\omega_1$ -strongly compact. Thus, there exists an ordinal  $\alpha \geq \lambda$  such that for every definable elementary embedding  $j: V \to M$ , with M transitive, and every  $D \in M$ , if  $j''\alpha \subseteq D$ , then  $M \models |D| \geq j(\lambda)$ . Without loss of generality,  $\alpha$  is a regular cardinal.

Since  $\kappa$  is  $\omega_1$ -strongly compact, there exists a definable elementary embedding  $j_0: V \to M_0$ , with  $M_0$  transitive, and there exists  $D_0 \in M$  such that  $j''\alpha^+ \subseteq D_0$  and  $M_0 \models |D_0| < j_0(\kappa) = j_0(\lambda)^+$ .

Notice that, since  $M_0 \not\models |D_0| < j_0(\lambda)$ , we must have  $M_0 \models |D_0| = j_0(\lambda)$ . Now, let  $\beta := \sup(j_0''\alpha)$  and  $\beta^* := \sup(j_0''\alpha^+)$ .

CLAIM 2.2. 
$$M_0 \models cof(\beta) = cof(\beta^*) = j_0(\lambda)$$
.

PROOF OF CLAIM. Let us first show that  $M_0 \models cof(\beta) = j_0(\lambda)$ . Clearly,  $M_0 \models cof(\beta) \leq j_0(\lambda)$ , because  $M_0 \models |D_0| = j_0(\lambda)$ . So, towards a contradiction, suppose  $E \subseteq \beta$  is a club in  $M_0$  with  $ot(E) < j_0(\lambda)$ . Let A be the set  $\{\gamma : \gamma < \alpha \text{ and } j_0(\gamma) \in E\}$ . Then A is unbounded in  $\alpha$ : given  $\gamma_0 < \alpha$ , let  $\gamma_1 \in E$  be such that  $j_0(\gamma_0) < \gamma_1$ , then let  $\gamma_2 < \alpha$  be such that  $\gamma_1 < j_0(\gamma_2)$ , and so on. Then  $sup(\gamma_i)_i < \alpha$ , because  $\alpha$  is regular and uncountable, and  $sup(\gamma_i)_i = sup(j_0(\gamma_i))_i = j_0(sup(\gamma_i)_i) \in E$ . It follows that  $|A| = \alpha$ , because  $\alpha$  is regular. Moreover, we have that  $E \in M_0$ ,  $j_0''A \subseteq E$ , and  $M_0 \models |E| < j_0(\lambda)$ . Fixing a bijection  $\pi : A \to \alpha$ , we have that  $D := j_0(\pi)[E \cap j_0(A)] \in M_0$ ,  $j_0''\alpha \subseteq D$ , and  $M_0 \models |D| < j_0(\lambda)$ , which is impossible. The same argument, taking  $\beta^*$  instead of  $\beta$  and  $\alpha^+$  instead of  $\alpha$ , shows that  $cof(\beta^*) = j_0(\lambda)$ .

The claim yields a contradiction because, in V,  $\beta$  has cofinality  $\alpha$  and  $\beta^*$  has cofinality  $\alpha^+$ , and we can easily express that  $\beta$  and  $\beta^*$  have different cofinalities by a  $\Pi_1$  sentence. So, since  $\Pi_1$  sentences are downwards absolute for transitive models,  $\beta$  and  $\beta^*$  have different cofinalities in  $M_0$ .

Theorem 2.3. The least  $\omega_1$ -strongly compact cardinal has cofinality greater than or equal to the first measurable cardinal.

PROOF. Let  $\kappa$  be the first  $\omega_1$ -strongly compact cardinal, and let  $\lambda$  be the first measurable cardinal. Thus,  $\lambda \leq \kappa$ . Suppose, towards a contradiction, that  $\gamma := cof(\kappa) < \lambda$ . Since  $\kappa$  is a limit cardinal (Theorem 2.1), we can fix an increasing sequence  $\langle \kappa_{\delta} : \delta < \gamma \rangle$  of cardinals converging to  $\kappa$ . So, none of the  $\kappa_{\delta}$  is  $\omega_1$ -strongly compact. Hence, for each  $\delta < \gamma$  there exists an ordinal  $\alpha_{\delta} \geq \kappa_{\delta}$  such that for every definable elementary embedding  $j : V \to M$ , with M transitive, and for every  $D \in M$ , if  $j''\alpha_{\delta} \subseteq D$ , then  $M \models |D| \geq j(\kappa_{\delta})$ . Let  $\alpha = sup\{\alpha_{\delta} : \delta < \gamma\}$ .

Since  $\kappa$  is  $\omega_1$ -strongly compact, and hence  $\lambda$ -strongly compact, there exists a definable elementary embedding  $j_0: V \to M_0$ , with  $M_0$  transitive and with  $crit(j_0) \ge \lambda$ , and there exists  $D_0 \in M$  such that  $j_0''\alpha \subseteq D_0$  and  $M_0 \models |D_0| < j_0(\kappa)$ .

Since  $j_0(\kappa) = j_0(\sup\{\kappa_\delta : \delta < \gamma\}) = \sup\{j_0(\kappa_\delta) : \delta < \gamma\}$ , there is  $\delta_0 < \gamma$  such that  $M_0 \models |D_0| < j_0(\kappa_{\delta_0})$ , which is impossible, because  $j_0''\alpha_{\delta_0} \subseteq D_0$ .

§3. Reflection of stationary sets. It is a well-known fact (Solovay [11]) that if  $\kappa$  is a supercompact cardinal and  $\lambda \geq \kappa$ , then Jensen's square principle  $\square_{\lambda}$  fails. It is also well known that if  $\square_{\lambda}$  holds, then for every stationary  $S \subseteq \lambda^+$  there exists a stationary  $T \subseteq S$  that does not reflect, i.e.,  $T \cap \alpha$  is nonstationary, for all  $\alpha < \lambda^+$ .

The following theorem extends a similar result for strongly compact cardinals due to Solovay [11].

THEOREM 3.1. Suppose  $\kappa$  is  $\omega_1$ -strongly compact and  $\lambda \geq \kappa$  is regular. Then every stationary subset of  $\lambda$  consisting of ordinals of countable cofinality reflects. Hence,  $\square_{\lambda}$  fails for all  $\lambda > \kappa$ .

PROOF. Let S be a stationary subset of  $\lambda$  consisting of ordinals of countable cofinality. Let  $j: V \to M$  be a definable elementary embedding, with M transitive, and let  $D \in M$  be such that  $j''\lambda \subseteq D$  and  $M \models |D| < j(\kappa)$ . Let  $\beta := sup(j''\lambda)$ .

Suppose  $C \subseteq \beta$  is a club in M. Then, using the fact that  $\lambda$  has uncountable cofinality and arguing as in the Proof of Claim in Theorem 2.1 above, the set  $A := \{\alpha < \lambda : j(\alpha) \in C\}$  is unbounded in  $\lambda$ , and in fact it is an  $\omega_1$ -club. Hence,  $A \cap S \neq \emptyset$ , and therefore  $M \models "j(S) \cap C \neq \emptyset$ ". Thus, we have shown that  $M \models "j(S) \cap \beta$  is stationary in  $\beta$ ". Moreover,

$$M \models \text{``cof}(\beta) \leq |D| < j(\kappa) \leq j(\lambda)$$
"

and also  $M \models "\beta \leq j(\lambda)$ ". Hence, since  $M \models "j(\lambda)$  is regular", we have that  $M \models "\beta < j(\lambda)$ ". Thus,

$$M \models \text{``}\exists \beta < j(\lambda)(j(S) \cap \beta \text{ is stationary in } \beta)\text{''}.$$

Hence, by elementarity,

$$V \models$$
 " $\exists \beta < \lambda(S \cap \beta \text{ is stationary in } \beta)$ "

as wanted.

§4. Good scales and the SCH. Recall that the Singular Cardinal Hypothesis (SCH) asserts that if  $\lambda$  is a singular cardinal and  $2^{cof(\lambda)} < \lambda$ , then  $\lambda^{cof(\lambda)} = \lambda^+$ . We will show that above the first  $\omega_1$ -strongly compact cardinal the SCH holds.

Suppose  $\lambda$  is a cardinal of cofinality  $\omega$ , and  $\langle \lambda_n : n < \omega \rangle$  is an increasing sequence of regular cardinals with limit  $\lambda$ .

Let us call a sequence  $\langle f_{\alpha}: \alpha < \lambda^{+} \rangle$  a  $\lambda^{+}$ -scale, relative to  $\langle \lambda_{n}: n < \omega \rangle$ , if  $f_{\alpha} \in \prod_{n < \omega} \lambda_{n}$ , and if  $\alpha < \beta$  then  $f_{\alpha} <^{*} f_{\beta}$ , i.e., there exists  $n < \omega$  such that  $f_{\alpha}(m) < f_{\beta}(m)$ , for all m > n. (Notice that we do not require, as in the usual standard definition of  $\lambda^{+}$ -scale, that  $\langle f_{\alpha}: \alpha < \lambda^{+} \rangle$  is cofinal, in the  $<^{*}$  order, in  $\prod_{n < \omega} \lambda_{n}$ .)

A  $\lambda^+$ -scale  $\langle f_\alpha : \alpha < \lambda^+ \rangle$  for  $\lambda$  is *good* if for every limit  $\alpha < \lambda^+$  of uncountable cofinality, there exists  $D \subseteq \alpha$  cofinal in  $\alpha$ , and there exists n such that  $f_\beta(m) < f_\gamma(m)$  for all  $\beta < \gamma$  in D and m > n.

Theorem 4.1. Suppose  $\kappa$  is an  $\omega_1$ -strongly compact cardinal. Then for every  $\lambda > \kappa$  with  $cof(\lambda) = \omega$  there is no good  $\lambda^+$ -scale for  $\lambda$ .

PROOF. Towards a contradiction, suppose  $\langle f_{\alpha} : \alpha < \lambda^{+} \rangle$  is a good  $\lambda^{+}$ -scale, relative to an increasing sequence of regular cardinals  $\langle \lambda_{n} : n < \omega \rangle$  with limit  $\lambda$ .

Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be an  $\omega_1$ -complete fine measure on  $\mathcal{P}_{\kappa}(\lambda^+)$ , and let

$$j:V \to Ult(V^{\lambda^+},\mathcal{U}) \cong M$$

be the corresponding ultrapower embedding, with M transitive. The well-foundedness of the ultrapower  $Ult(V^{\lambda^+}, \mathcal{U})$  follows from the  $\omega_1$ -completeness of  $\mathcal{U}$ .

Since  $\mathcal{U}$  is fine,  $j''\lambda^+ \subseteq [id]_{\mathcal{U}}$ , where id is the identity function on  $\mathcal{P}_{\kappa}(\lambda^+)$ . So, since  $[id]_{\mathcal{U}}$  represents in the ultrapower a subset of  $j(\lambda^+)$  of cardinality less than  $j(\kappa)$ , hence less than  $j(\lambda^+)$ , and since  $j(\lambda^+)$  is a regular cardinal in M, we have that  $\lambda^+ < j(\lambda^+)$ .

Let  $\beta := \sup(j''\lambda^+)$ . In M,  $\beta$  is the supremum of a subset of  $j(\lambda^+)$  of cardinality less than  $j(\kappa)$ , hence less than  $j(\lambda^+)$ , and therefore bounded in  $j(\lambda^+)$  since  $j(\lambda^+)$  is regular. Thus,  $\beta < j(\lambda^+)$ .

We have:

 $M \models "j(\langle f_{\alpha} : \alpha < \lambda^{+} \rangle)$  is a good  $j(\lambda^{+})$ -scale, relative to  $\langle j(\lambda_{n}) : n < \omega \rangle$ ".

Say 
$$j(\langle f_{\alpha} : \alpha < \lambda^{+} \rangle) := \langle f_{\alpha}^{*} : \alpha < j(\lambda^{+}) \rangle$$
.

Since  $\beta < j(\lambda^+)$ , and since  $\beta$  has uncountable cofinality in M, there exists  $D \subseteq \beta$  in M, cofinal in  $\beta$ , and there exists n such that for every  $\gamma < \gamma'$  in D and every m > n.

$$f_{\nu}^{*}(m) < f_{\nu'}^{*}(m).$$

We will define by induction on  $\delta < \lambda^+$  an increasing sequence of ordinals  $D^* = \{ \gamma_\delta : \delta < \lambda^+ \}$  contained in D.

Let  $\gamma_0$  be the first ordinal in D. Let  $\alpha_0$  be the least ordinal such that  $\gamma_0 < j(\alpha_0)$ . Then let  $\gamma_1 \in D$  be such that  $j(\alpha_0) < \gamma_1$ . Then, let  $\alpha_1$  be the least ordinal such that  $\gamma_1 < j(\alpha_1)$ . And so on. At limit stages, take the least  $\gamma \in D$  greater than all the ordinals  $\gamma_\delta$  picked so far. Notice that,  $\alpha_\delta < \lambda^+$ , for all  $\delta < \lambda^+$ . We have

$$f_{\gamma_0}^* <^* f_{i(\alpha_0)}^* <^* f_{\gamma_1}^* <^* f_{i(\alpha_1)}^* <^* \dots$$

For each  $\delta < \lambda^+$ , let  $n_{\delta} > n$  be such that for every  $m > n_{\delta}$ ,

$$f_{\gamma_{\delta}}^{*}(m) < f_{j(\alpha_{\delta})}^{*}(m) < f_{\gamma_{\delta+1}}^{*}(m).$$

Let  $E \subseteq D^*$  of cardinality  $\lambda^+$  be such that for all  $\delta \in E$ , the  $n_\delta$  is the same, say k. Then, for every limit  $\delta < \delta' \in E$  we have

$$f_{\gamma_{\delta}}^*(k) < f_{j(\alpha_{\delta})}^*(k) < f_{\gamma_{\delta+1}}^*(k) < f_{\gamma_{\delta'}}^*(k) < f_{j(\alpha_{\delta'})}^*(k) < f_{\gamma_{\delta'+1}}^*(k).$$

Note that for every  $\delta < \lambda^+$ ,

$$f_{j(\alpha_{\delta})}^*(k) = j(f_{\alpha_{\delta}}(k)) \in j''\lambda_k.$$

But this is impossible, since the sequence  $\langle f_{\gamma_{\delta}}^*(k) : \delta \in E \rangle$  has order-type  $\lambda^+$ , and  $j''\lambda_k$  has order type  $\lambda_k < \lambda^+$ .

The following theorem is due to Shelah [10] (see also [4], Section 4.7).

Theorem 4.2. If  $\lambda$  is a singular cardinal and the Singular Cardinal Hypothesis fails at  $\lambda$ , then there is a good  $\lambda^+$ -scale for  $\lambda$ .

Corollary 4.3. If  $\kappa$  is a  $\omega_1$ -strongly compact cardinal, then the SCH holds above  $\kappa$ .

PROOF. By Silver's Theorem (see [6], Theorem 8.13) it is enough to show that the SCH holds at singular cardinals  $\lambda > \kappa$  of countable cofinality. And by Shelah's theorem above it suffices to show that there is no good  $\lambda^+$ -scale for such  $\lambda$ . The conclusion now follows from Theorem 4.1.

§5. On the product of Lindelöf spaces. Recall that a topological space X is  $\kappa$ -Lindelöf (also known in the literature as  $\kappa$ -compact) if every open covering has a subcovering of cardinality less than  $\kappa$ . The space is called Lindelöf if it is  $\omega_1$ -Lindelöf.

The product of Lindelöf spaces need not be Lindelöf. The Sorgenfrey plane is a well-known counterexample.

Theorem 5.1.  $\kappa$  is an  $\omega_1$ -strongly compact cardinal if and only if every product of Lindelöf spaces is  $\kappa$ -Lindelöf.

PROOF. Suppose  $\kappa$  is an  $\omega_1$ -strongly compact cardinal. Let  $X = \prod_{i < \alpha} X_i$ , where  $X_i$  is Lindelöf, for all  $i < \alpha$ . Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a basic open cover of X and suppose, towards a contradiction, that it has no subcover of cardinality less than  $\kappa$ .

We shall find an  $\omega_1$ -complete ultrafilter over X that contains the set  $\{\mathcal{U}^c : \mathcal{U} \in \mathcal{C}\}$ . By Theorem 1.2 and the remarks that follow it, there exists a definable elementary embedding  $j: V \to M$  such that the set  $\{j(\mathcal{U}) : \mathcal{U} \in \mathcal{C}\}$  is contained in a set  $D \in M$  and such that  $M \models |D| < j(\kappa)$ . Without loss of generality,  $D \subseteq j(\mathcal{C})$ . By the elementarity of j,  $\bigcup D$  does not cover j(X). So let  $y \in j(X)$  be a point that is not in  $\bigcup D$ . Define now an ultrafilter  $\mathcal{F}$  over X by:

$$A \in \mathcal{F}$$
 if and only if  $y \in j(A)$ .

One can easily check that  $\mathcal{F}$  is an  $\omega_1$ -complete ultrafilter over X such that  $\mathcal{U} \notin \mathcal{F}$ , for every  $\mathcal{U} \in \mathcal{C}$ .

For each  $i < \alpha$ , consider the set

$$Y_i := \{ \mathcal{U} \subseteq X_i : \mathcal{U} \text{ is open and } \prod_{j < i} X_j \times \mathcal{U} \times \prod_{i < j < \alpha} X_j \notin \mathcal{F} \}.$$

We claim that  $\bigcup Y_i \neq X_i$ . Otherwise,  $\bigcup Y_i$  is an open cover of  $X_i$ . So, it contains a countable subcover, say  $\{\mathcal{V}_n : n < \omega\}$ . Since  $\mathcal{F}$  is an ultrafilter,

$$(\prod_{j< i} X_j \times \mathcal{V}_n \times \prod_{i< j<\alpha} X_j)^c = \prod_{j< i} X_j \times \mathcal{V}_n^c \times \prod_{i< j<\alpha} X_j \in \mathcal{F}$$

for all  $n < \omega$ . Hence, since  $\mathcal{F}$  is  $\omega_1$ -complete,

$$\bigcap_{n<\omega} \left(\prod_{j< i} X_j \times \mathcal{V}_n^c \times \prod_{i< j<\alpha} X_j\right) = \prod_{j< i} X_j \times \bigcap_{n<\omega} \mathcal{V}_n^c \times \prod_{i< j<\alpha} X_j \in \mathcal{F}$$

and therefore

$$(\prod_{j < i} X_j \times \bigcap_{n < \omega} \mathcal{V}_n^c \times \prod_{i < j < \alpha} X_j)^c = \prod_{j < i} X_j \times \bigcup_{n < \omega} \mathcal{V}_n \times \prod_{i < j < \alpha} X_j = X \notin \mathcal{F}$$

contradicting the fact that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a filter on X.

For each  $i < \alpha$ , let  $a_i \in X_i \setminus \bigcup Y_i$ , and let  $\bar{a} := \langle a_i : i < \alpha \rangle$ . So  $\bar{a}$  is covered by some  $\mathcal{U} \in \mathcal{C}$ .

Let  $i_0, \ldots, i_n$  be an increasing enumeration of the support of  $\mathcal{U}$ , so that  $\mathcal{U} =$  $\prod_{i < \alpha} \mathcal{U}_i$ , where  $\mathcal{U}_i = X_i$  for all  $i \neq i_0, \ldots, i_n$ . Then since  $a_{i_k} \notin \bigcup Y_{i_k}$ ,

$$\prod_{j < i_k} X_j \times \mathcal{U}_{i_k} \times \prod_{i_k < j < \alpha} X_j \in \mathcal{F}$$

for all  $0 \le k \le n$ . Hence, since  $\mathcal{F}$  is a filter

$$\bigcap_{0 \le k \le n} (\prod_{j < i_k} X_j \times \mathcal{U}_{i_k} \times \prod_{i_k < j < \alpha} X_j) = \mathcal{U} \in \mathcal{F}.$$

But this contradicts the fact that  $\mathcal{U}^c \in \mathcal{F}$ .

For the converse, suppose that every product of Lindelöf spaces is  $\kappa$ -Lindelöf. To show that  $\kappa$  is  $\omega_1$ -strongly compact we will use the characterization from Theorem 1.3, namely,  $\kappa$  is  $\omega_1$ -strongly compact if and only if  $R_{\mathbb{Z}} = R_{\mathbb{Z}}^{\kappa}$ .

Since  $R_{\mathbb{Z}}^{\kappa}(G) \subseteq R_{\mathbb{Z}}(G)$  for all G, we only need to show that  $R_{\mathbb{Z}}(G) \subseteq R_{\mathbb{Z}}^{\kappa}(G)$ , for every abelian group G. So fix G and  $x \in R_{\mathbb{Z}}(G)$ , and suppose, towards a contradiction, that  $x \notin R^{\kappa}_{\mathbb{Z}}(G)$ . So for every subgroup  $H \subseteq G$  of cardinality less than  $\kappa$  such that  $x \in H$  there exists a homomorphism  $h_H: H \to \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $h_H(x) \neq 0$ . Now consider the space  $\mathbb{Z}^G$ , i.e., the space of all functions  $f: G \to \mathbb{Z}$ with the pointwise discrete topology on  $\mathbb{Z}$ . For each  $a, b \in G$ , let

$$\mathcal{U}_{a,b} := \{ f \in \mathbb{Z}^G : \text{ either } f(a+b) \neq f(a) + f(b) \text{ or } f(x) = 0 \}.$$

Since  $x \in R_{\mathbb{Z}}(G)$ , we have that  $\bigcup \{\mathcal{U}_{a,b} : a, b \in G\} = \mathbb{Z}^G$ . Notice that,  $\mathcal{U}_{a,b}$  is an open subset of  $\mathbb{Z}^G$ . For given  $k, l, m \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $k \neq l + m$ , let  $\mathcal{U}_{k,l,m}$  be the open subset of  $\mathbb{Z}^G$  consisting of all functions f such that f(a+b)=k, f(a) = l, and f(b) = m. Let  $\mathcal{U}_x$  be the open set of all functions  $f: \mathbb{Z} \to G$  such that f(x) = 0. Then

$$\mathcal{U}_{a,b} = \bigcup \{\mathcal{U}_{k,l,m} : k,l,m \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } k \neq l+m\} \cup \mathcal{U}_x.$$

So  $\mathcal{C} := \{\mathcal{U}_{a,b} : a,b \in G\}$  is an open cover of  $\mathbb{Z}^G$ . Let  $\bar{\mathcal{C}}$  be a subcover of  $\mathcal{C}$  of cardinality  $\lambda$ , for some  $\lambda < \kappa$ .

Let H be the subgroup of G generated by x and all a, b's such that  $\mathcal{U}_{a,b} \in \bar{\mathcal{C}}$ . So,  $|H| < \kappa$ . By assumption, pick a homomorphism  $h: H \to \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $h(x) \neq 0$ . Extend h to a function  $h^*: G \to \mathbb{Z}$  ( $h^*$  need not be a homomorphism). Since  $\bar{\mathcal{C}}$ covers  $\mathbb{Z}^G$  there exist a, b such that  $\mathcal{U}_{a,b} \in \overline{\mathcal{C}}$  and  $h^* \in \mathcal{U}_{a,b}$ . Since  $a, b \in H$  and  $h^*$ extends h we get:  $h^*(a+b) = h^*(a) + h^*(b)$  and  $h^*(x) \neq 0$ , so  $h^* \notin \mathcal{U}_{a,b}$ . This is a contradiction.

§6. Reflection. The existence of a supercompact cardinal is equivalent to a reflection property for second-order formulas: There is a supercompact cardinal iff there is a cardinal  $\kappa$  that reflects every second-order formula  $\varphi$ , i.e., given a second order formula  $\varphi(\vec{Y}, \vec{y})$ , where  $\vec{Y} = \langle Y_i^{k_i} \rangle_i$  is a finite sequence of second order relational variables, each of arity  $k_i$ , for every structure A (with universe A), every sequence  $\vec{R} = \langle R_i^{k_i} \rangle_i$ , with  $R_i^{k_i} \subseteq A^{k_i}$ , and every sequence  $\vec{a}$  of the same length as  $\vec{y}$  of elements of A, if  $A \models \varphi(\vec{R}, \vec{a})$ , then there exists a substructure  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  of cardinality less than  $\kappa$  such that  $\mathcal{B} \models \varphi(\langle R_i^{k_i} \cap B^{k_i} \rangle_i, \vec{a})$ , where B is the universe of  $\mathcal{B}$ . See [9]. When one analyzes the proof in that paper it can be shown that the existence of a supercompact cardinal is equivalent to having a cardinal that reflects every second order formula of the form  $\forall \vec{X} \exists \vec{x} \forall \vec{y} \psi$ , where  $\vec{X}$  is a finite sequence of second-order relational variables,  $\vec{x}$ ,  $\vec{y}$  are finite sequences of first-order variables, and  $\psi$  is quantifier free. In this section, we show (Theorem 6.1) that a cardinal is  $\omega_1$ -strongly compact if and only if it reflects every formula in a somewhat similar class of second-order formulas where we only have the existential first-order quantifiers but we allow countable conjunctions and disjunctions. Namely, we work in the domain of the  $\mathcal{L}_{\omega_1,\omega_1}$  version of second order logic. Note that we are talking about a language with no function symbols.

So, let  $\Phi$  be the class of formulas of the form  $\forall \vec{X} \exists \vec{x} \psi$ , where  $\vec{X}$  is a countable sequence  $\langle X_i^{k_i} \rangle_i$  of second-order relational variables, each of them of arity  $k_i$ , for some  $k_i \in \omega$ ,  $\vec{x}$  is a countable sequence of first-order variables, and  $\psi$  is a formula of  $\mathcal{L}_{\omega_1,\omega}$  in a countable language with only relation and constant symbols, without quantifiers, and which may have countably many free first-order variables and second order relational variables of any arity.

Given a formula  $\varphi(\vec{Y}, \vec{y})$  in  $\Phi$ , where  $\vec{Y} = \langle Y_i^{k_i} \rangle_i$ , we say that a cardinal  $\kappa$  reflects  $\varphi(\vec{Y}, \vec{y})$  if for every structure  $\mathcal{A}$  (with universe A), every sequence  $\vec{R} = \langle R_i^{k_i} \rangle_i$ , with  $R_i^{k_i} \subseteq A^{k_i}$ , and every sequence  $\vec{a} = \langle a_j \rangle_j$  of the same length as  $\vec{y}$  of elements of A, if  $A \models \varphi(\vec{R}, \vec{a})$ , then there exists a substructure  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$  of cardinality less than  $\kappa$  and with  $\{a_i\}_i \subseteq B$  such that  $\mathcal{B} \models \varphi(\langle R_i^{k_i} \cap B^{k_i} \rangle_i, \vec{a})$ , where B is the universe of B.

Theorem 6.1. A cardinal  $\kappa$  reflects every formula in  $\Phi$  if and only if  $\kappa$  is  $\omega_1$ -strongly compact.

PROOF. Consider the following second-order formula, with an abelian group G and  $\mathbb{Z}$  as second-order parameters, 0 as a first-order parameter, and z the only free first-order variable:

$$\forall F(F:G\to\mathbb{Z} \text{ is a homomorphism}\to F(z)=0).$$

Thus, the formula expresses that  $z \in R_{\mathbb{Z}}(G)$ . Let us see how this can be expressed by a  $\Phi$  formula in the language

$$\{G, \mathbb{Z}, +_G, 0_G, +_{\mathbb{Z}}, \langle n \rangle_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}\}$$

where G and  $\mathbb{Z}$  are unary relation symbols,  $+_G$  and  $+_{\mathbb{Z}}$  are ternary relation symbols, and  $0_G$  and n, for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , are constant symbols. We will first express in this language the following facts, where F is taken as a binary relation variable:

- (1) F is a function on G with range contained in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .
- (2) For every  $a, b \in G$ ,  $F(a +_G b) = F(a) +_{\mathbb{Z}} F(b)$ .
- (3)  $F(0_G) = 0_{\mathbb{Z}}$ .
- (4)  $F(z) = 0_{\mathbb{Z}}$ .
- (1) can be written in the form  $\forall a(G(a) \to \psi(F, a))$ , where the formula  $\psi(F, a)$  is the following  $\mathcal{L}_{\omega_1,\omega}$  formula, expressing that F(a) belongs to  $\mathbb{Z}$  and is unique:

$$\bigvee_{n\in\mathbb{Z}}F(a,n)\wedge\bigwedge_{m,n\in\mathbb{Z};\ m\neq n}\neg(F(a,m)\wedge F(a,n)).$$

(2) can be written as:

$$\forall a,b,c,m,n,k(G(a) \land G(b) \land G(c) \land \mathbb{Z}(m) \land \mathbb{Z}(n) \land \mathbb{Z}(k) \land \\ \land +_G(a,b,c) \land F(a,m) \land F(b,n) \land +_{\mathbb{Z}}(m,n,k) \rightarrow F(c,k)).$$
 Call this formula  $\theta(F)$ .

Finally, (3) and (4) can be written as  $F(0_G, 0_\mathbb{Z})$  and  $F(z, 0_\mathbb{Z})$ , respectively. Let now  $\varphi(z)$  be the following formula, where F is a binary relation variable:

$$\forall F(\forall a(G(a) \to \psi(F, a)) \land \theta(F) \land F(0_G, 0_{\mathbb{Z}}) \to F(z, 0_{\mathbb{Z}}))$$

which is clearly equivalent to a  $\Phi$  formula.

Suppose  $\langle G, +_G, 0_G \rangle$  is an abelian group. Let  $A := G \cup \mathbb{Z}$ , and consider the structure  $\mathcal{A} := \langle A, G, \mathbb{Z}, +_G, 0_G, +_{\mathbb{Z}}, \langle n \rangle_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \rangle$ , with  $+_G$  and  $+_{\mathbb{Z}}$  taken as ternary relations. Then  $\mathcal{A}$  satisfies  $\varphi(z)$ , with z interpreted as some  $b \in G$ , if and only if  $b \in R_{\mathbb{Z}}(G)$ .

So suppose  $A \models \varphi(b)$ , for some  $b \in G$ . Let

$$\mathcal{B} := \langle B, G \cap B, \mathbb{Z}, +_G \cap B^3, 0_G, +_{\mathbb{Z}}, \langle n \rangle_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \rangle \subseteq \mathcal{A}$$

with B of cardinality less than  $\kappa$  be such that  $\mathcal{B} \models \varphi(b)$ . Let  $H := \langle G \cap B \rangle$  be the subgroup of G generated by  $G \cap B$ . Note that, H has cardinality less than  $\kappa$ . If  $f : H \to \mathbb{Z}$  is a homomorphism, then letting  $F := f \upharpoonright G \cap B$ , we have that

$$\mathcal{B} \models \forall a(G(a) \rightarrow \psi(F, a)) \land \theta(F) \land F(0_G, 0_{\mathbb{Z}})$$

where F is a second order parameter. Since  $\mathcal{B} \models \varphi(b)$ , it follows that  $\mathcal{B} \models F(b, 0_{\mathbb{Z}})$ . Hence,  $f(b) = 0_{\mathbb{Z}}$ . And this shows that  $b \in R_{\mathbb{Z}}^{\kappa}(G)$ .

Thus, we have shown that  $R_{\mathbb{Z}} = R_{\mathbb{Z}}^{\kappa}$ . Hence, by Theorem 1.3,  $\kappa$  is  $\omega_1$ -strongly compact.

For the converse, assume  $\kappa$  is  $\omega_1$ -strongly compact, and suppose that some structure  $\mathcal{A}$ , in a countable language with only relational and constant symbols  $\{R_n^{k_n}\}_n \cup \{r_m\}_m$ , satisfies a formula  $\varphi(\vec{Y}, \vec{y}) = \forall \vec{X} \exists \vec{x} \psi(\vec{X}, \vec{x}, \vec{Y}, \vec{y}) \in \Phi$ , with  $\vec{Y}$  interpreted as  $\vec{C} = \langle C_i^{k_i} \rangle_i$  and  $\vec{y}$  interpreted as  $\vec{c} = \langle c_\ell \rangle_\ell$ . Let A be the universe of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Let  $j:V\to M$  be a definable elementary embedding such that  $j''A\subseteq D$ , for some  $D\in M$  such that  $M\models |D|< j(\kappa)$ . Notice that, by elementarity,  $j''(A^k)\subseteq D^k$ , for every  $k<\omega$ . We may assume that  $D\subseteq j(A)$  (and hence  $D^k\subseteq j(A^k)$ , for all  $k<\omega$ ), for otherwise we may work with  $D\cap j(A)$  instead of D. Thus, we may turn D into a substructure D of j(A) by restricting all the relations  $(R_n^{k_n})^{j(A)}$  to D. Notice that,  $j(\vec{C})=\langle j(C_i^{k_i})\rangle_i$  and  $j(\vec{c})=\langle j(c_\ell)\rangle_\ell$ .

Claim 6.2. In 
$$M$$
,  $\mathcal{D} \models \varphi(\langle j(C_i^{k_i}) \cap D^{k_i} \rangle_i, \langle j(c_\ell) \rangle_\ell)$ .

Proof of the Claim. Otherwise, for some  $\vec{X}=\langle X_m^{k_m}\rangle_m$  with  $X_m^{k_m}\subseteq D^{k_m}$ , and  $X_m^{k_m}\in M$ , all m, we have that

$$\mathcal{D} \models \forall \vec{x} \neg \psi(\vec{X}, \vec{x}, \langle j(C_i^{k_i}) \cap D^{k_i} \rangle_i, \langle j(c_\ell) \rangle_\ell).$$

Then, since  $j''A \subseteq D$ , again we may turn j''A into a substructure  $\mathcal{E}$  of  $\mathcal{D}$ , with universe j''A. Since  $\psi$  has no quantifiers,

$$\mathcal{E} \models \forall \vec{x} \neg \psi(\langle X_m^{k_m} \cap j'' A^{k_m} \rangle_m, \vec{x}, \langle j(C_i^{k_i}) \cap j'' A^{k_i} \rangle_i, \langle j(c_\ell) \rangle_\ell).$$

Hence, by elementarity,

$$\mathcal{A} \models \forall \vec{x} \neg \psi(\langle j^{-1}[(X_m^{k_m} \cap j''A^{k_m})] \rangle_m, \vec{x}, \vec{C}, \vec{c}).$$

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But this contradicts the fact that  $A \models \varphi(\vec{C}, \vec{c})$ .

Thus.

$$M \models \exists \mathcal{D} \subseteq j(\mathcal{A})(|\mathcal{D}| < j(\kappa) \land \mathcal{D} \models \varphi(\langle j(C_i^{k_i}) \cap D^{k_i} \rangle_i, \langle j(c_\ell) \rangle_\ell))$$

where D is the universe of  $\mathcal{D}$ . So, by elementarity,

$$V \models \exists \mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathcal{A}(|\mathcal{D}| < \kappa \land \mathcal{D} \models \varphi(\langle C_i^{k_i} \cap D^{k_i} \rangle_i, \langle c_\ell \rangle_\ell))$$

as wanted.  $\dashv$ 

Let us see next a few applications of Theorem 6.1.

**6.1. On noncountably chromatic graphs.** We say that a graph  $G = \langle G, R \rangle$  is *countably chromatic* if its chromatic number is  $\leq \aleph_0$ . This means that there exists a function  $f: G \to \omega$  such that for every  $x \neq y$ , if R(x, y) then  $f(x) \neq f(y)$ .

Theorem 6.3. If  $\kappa$  is  $\omega_1$ -strongly compact, then for every graph G that is not countably chromatic there is a subgraph H of G of cardinality less than  $\kappa$  that is not countably-chromatic.

PROOF. Suppose  $G = \langle G, R \rangle$  is a graph. Let  $\psi(F)$  be the formula of  $\mathcal{L}_{\omega_1,\omega}$ , with Fas a free second order binary relation variable, consisting of the conjunction of the following three formulas in the language  $\{G, \omega\}$ , where G and  $\omega$  are unary relation symbols:

- (1)  $\forall x, n(F(x, n) \rightarrow G(x) \land \omega(n));$
- (2)  $\forall x (G(x) \rightarrow \bigvee_{n < \omega} F(x, n));$ (3)  $\forall x, m, n (F(x, m) \land F(x, n) \rightarrow m = n).$

Thus,  $\psi(F)$  expresses that F is a function, with G contained in its domain, and into  $\omega$ . Let now  $\varphi$  be the following formula:

$$\forall F(\psi(F) \to \exists x, y (x \neq y \land G(x) \land G(y) \land R(x, y) \land \bigwedge_{m,n} (F(x, m) \land F(y, n) \to m = n))).$$

Clearly,  $\varphi$  is equivalent to a formula in  $\Phi$  and expresses that G is not countably chromatic.

So, if G is not countably chromatic, then

$$\mathcal{G} := \langle G \cup \omega, G, \omega, \langle n \rangle_{n \in \omega}, R \rangle \models \varphi.$$

Since  $\kappa$  is  $\omega_1$ -strongly compact, by Theorem 6.1 there is a substructure  $\mathcal{H} =$  $\langle H \cup \omega, H, \omega, \langle n \rangle_{n \in \omega}, R \cap H^2 \rangle$  of  $\mathcal{G}$  of size  $\langle \kappa \rangle$  such that  $\mathcal{H} \models \varphi$ . And this implies that the graph  $H = \langle H, R \cap H^2 \rangle$  is not countably chromatic.

## 6.2. On first-countable nonmetrizable spaces.

Theorem 6.4. If  $\kappa$  is  $\omega_1$ -strongly compact, then for every first-countable nonmetrizable topological space X there is a subspace  $Y \subseteq X$  of cardinality less than  $\kappa$  that is nonmetrizable.

PROOF. Suppose  $\kappa$  is  $\omega_1$ -strongly compact and X is a first-countable topological space. For each  $x \in X$ , fix a countable neighborhood base  $\langle U_n^x \rangle_n$  of x. Now, for each  $n \in \omega$ , let  $R_n$  be the binary relation on X given by:

$$R_n(x, y)$$
 if and only if  $y \in U_n^x$ .

Let  $\theta(D)$  be the formula of  $\mathcal{L}_{\omega_1,\omega}$ , with D a ternary second-order variable, that is the conjunction of the following seven formulas in the language  $\{X,\mathbb{Q},+_{\mathbb{Q}},\leq_{\mathbb{Q}},\langle r\rangle_{r\in\mathbb{Q}}\}$ , where X and  $\mathbb{Q}$  are unary relation symbols,  $\leq_{\mathbb{Q}}$  is a binary relation symbol,  $+_{\mathbb{Q}}$  is a ternary relation symbol, and r, for  $r\in\mathbb{Q}$ , are constant symbols. We intend D(x,y,r) to mean "the distance between x and y is  $\leq r$ ". So the set  $\{r\in\mathbb{Q}|D(x,y,r)\}$  is the lower part of the Dedekind cut representing the distance between x and y.

- (1)  $\forall x, y, r(D(x, y, r) \rightarrow X(x) \land X(y) \land \mathbb{Q}(r));$
- $(2) \ \forall x, y, r, s (\leq_{\mathbb{Q}} (s, r) \land D(x, y, r) \rightarrow D(x, y, s));$
- (3)  $\forall x, y(X(x) \land X(y) \rightarrow D(x, y, 0));$
- (4)  $\forall x, y(X(x) \land X(y) \rightarrow \exists r(\mathbb{Q}(r) \land \neg D(x, y, r)));$
- $(5) \ \forall x, y(X(x) \land X(y) \rightarrow (\forall r(D(x, y, r) \rightarrow \leq_{\mathbb{Q}} (r, 0)) \leftrightarrow x = y));$
- (6)  $\forall x, y(\bigwedge_{r \in \mathbb{O}} (D(x, y, r) \leftrightarrow D(y, x, r)));$
- (7) (The triangle inequality)  $\forall x, y, z, r(X(x) \land X(y) \land X(z) \land D(x, z, r) \rightarrow \exists s, t(D(x, y, s) \land D(y, z, t) \land +_{\mathbb{Q}}(s, t, r))).$

Thus, the intended meaning of  $\theta(D)$  is that the function d on  $X^2$  given by: d(x, y) = s if and only if  $s = \sup\{r \in \mathbb{Q} | D(x, y, r)\}$ , is a distance function.

Now let  $\varphi$  be the following second-order sentence in the relational language

$$\{X, \mathbb{Q}, \langle R_n \rangle_{n < \omega}, +_{\mathbb{Q}}, \leq_{\mathbb{Q}}, \langle r \rangle_{r \in \mathbb{Q}}\}$$

with D a second-order ternary relation variable:

$$\forall D(\theta(D) \to \exists x (X(x) \land ($$

$$\exists \langle y_n \rangle_n (\bigwedge_{n \in \omega} (\bigwedge_{r \in \mathbb{Q}} (D(x, y_n, r) \to \leq_{\mathbb{Q}} (r, \frac{1}{2^n}))) \land \bigvee_{m \in \omega} \bigwedge_{n \in \omega} \neg R_m(x, y_n)) \lor$$

$$\exists \langle y_m \rangle_m (\bigwedge_{m \in \omega} R_m(x, y_m) \land \bigvee_{n \in \omega} \bigwedge_{m \in \omega} \bigwedge_{r \in \mathbb{Q}} (\leq_{\mathbb{Q}} (r, \frac{1}{2^n}) \to \neg D(x, y_m, r))))).$$

Thus,  $\varphi$  is saying that for every distance function d on X there is a point  $x \in X$  such that either some basic neighborhood  $U_m^x$  of x does not contain any open d-ball centered at x, or some open d-ball centered at x does not contain any of the basic neighborhoods  $U_m^x$ ,  $m \in \omega$ .

Consider now the relational structure

$$\mathcal{X} := \langle X \cup \mathbb{Q}, X, \mathbb{Q}, \langle R_n \rangle_{n < \omega}, +_{\mathbb{Q}}, \langle \mathbb{Q}, \langle r \rangle_{r \in \mathbb{Q}} \rangle.$$

CLAIM 6.5. X is nonmetrizable if and only if  $X \models \varphi$ .

PROOF OF CLAIM. If X is metrizable, say via a metric d, then letting

$$D := \{ \langle x, y, r \rangle : x, y \in X \land r \in \mathbb{Q} \land r \le d(x, y) \}$$

we have that  $\theta(D)$  holds in  $\mathcal{X}$ . But if  $\varphi$  holds in  $\mathcal{X}$ , then there is  $x \in X$  such that either some  $U_m^x$  does not contain any open d-ball centered at x, or some open d-ball centered at x does not contain any of the  $U_m^x$ ,  $m \in \omega$ , which is impossible.

For the converse, suppose  $\mathcal{X}$  is nonmetrizable. Given any  $D \subseteq X \times X \times \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $\mathcal{X} \models \theta(D)$ , let d be the distance function on X given by:  $d(x,y) = \sup\{r \in \mathbb{Q} | D(x,y,r)\}$ . Then there must exist some  $x \in X$  such that either some  $U_m^x$  does not contain any open d-ball centered at x, or some open d-ball centered

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at x does not contain any of the  $U_m^x$ ,  $m \in \omega$  (for otherwise d would witness the metrizability of X). Thus,  $\varphi$  holds in  $\mathcal{X}$ .

Observe that  $\varphi$  is equivalent to a formula in  $\Phi$ . So, since  $\kappa$  is  $\omega_1$ -strongly compact, by Theorem 6.1 there is substructure  $\mathcal{Y}$  of  $\mathcal{X}$  of size  $< \kappa$  that reflects  $\varphi$ . That is,

$$\mathcal{Y} = \langle Y \cup \mathbb{Q}, Y, \mathbb{Q}, \langle R_n \cap Y^2 \rangle_{n < \omega}, +_{\mathbb{Q}}, \leq_{\mathbb{Q}}, \langle r \rangle_{r \in \mathbb{Q}} \rangle \models \varphi.$$

Hence, as in the claim above,  $\mathcal{Y}$  is not metrizable.

**6.3.** On noncompletely regular spaces. Recall that a topological space X is *completely regular* if for every closed subset C of X and every point p not in C, there exists a continuous function  $f: X \to \mathbb{R}$  such that f is 0 on p and 1 on C.

Theorem 6.6. If  $\kappa$  is  $\omega_1$ -strongly compact, then every first-countable topological space that is not completely regular contains a subspace of cardinality less than  $\kappa$  that is not completely regular.

PROOF. Suppose X is a first-countable topological space. For each  $x \in X$ , fix a countable neighborhood base  $\langle U_n^x \rangle_n$  for x, and for each  $n \in \omega$ , let  $R_n$  be the binary relation on X given by:  $R_n(x, y)$  if and only if  $y \in U_n^x$ .

Let  $\theta(F)$  be the formula of  $\mathcal{L}_{\omega_1,\omega}$ , with F a binary relation variable, that is the conjunction of the following formulas in the language

$$\{X, \mathbb{Q}, \leq_{\mathbb{Q}}, +_{\mathbb{Q}}, \langle r \rangle_{r \in \mathbb{Q}}, \langle R_n \rangle_{n \in \omega}\}$$

where X and  $\mathbb{Q}$  are unary relation symbols,  $\leq_{\mathbb{Q}}$  and  $R_n$ ,  $n \in \omega$ , are binary relation symbols,  $+_{\mathbb{Q}}$  is a ternary relation symbol, and  $\langle r \rangle_{r \in \mathbb{Q}}$  are constant symbols. We intend F(x,r) to mean that r is in the Dedekind cut of f(x), where  $f: X \to \mathbb{R}$  is the function given by  $f(x) = \sup\{r \in \mathbb{Q} : F(x,r)\}$ .

- (1)  $\forall x, r(F(x,r) \to X(x) \land \mathbb{Q}(r))$
- $(2) \ \forall x (X(x) \to \bigvee_{r \in \mathbb{O}} F(x,r))$
- (3)  $\forall x (X(x) \to \bigvee_{r \in \mathbb{Q}} \neg F(x, r))$
- $(4) \ \forall x, r, s (\leq_{\mathbb{Q}} (s, r) \land F(x, r) \to F(x, s))$
- (5) (Continuity)

$$\forall x, v, w \ \forall \langle y_n \rangle_{n < \omega} (\bigwedge_{n < \omega} R_n(x, y_n) \to \bigwedge_{m > 0} \bigvee_{r, s \in \mathbb{Q}} \bigvee_{n < \omega} (F(x, r) \land F(y_n, s) \land \bigwedge_{t, u \in \mathbb{Q}} \bigwedge_{k < \omega} (\leq_{\mathbb{Q}} (r, t) \land \leq_{\mathbb{Q}} (s, u) \land \leq_{\mathbb{Q}} (n, k) \land F(x, t) \land F(y_k, u) \to (+_{\mathbb{Q}}(r, \frac{1}{m}, v) \land +_{\mathbb{Q}}(s, \frac{1}{m}, w) \to \leq_{\mathbb{Q}} (t, v) \land \leq_{\mathbb{Q}} (u, w)))))$$

Thus, the intended meaning of  $\theta(F)$  is that the function  $f: X \to \mathbb{R}$  given by  $f(x) = \sup\{r \in \mathbb{Q} : F(x,r)\}$  is continuous.

If X is not completely regular, then there exists  $p \in X$  and a closed  $C \subseteq X$  such that for no continuous function  $f: X \to \mathbb{R}$  we have f(p) = 0 and  $f[C] = \{1\}$ . Then letting,

$$\mathcal{X} := \langle X \cup \mathbb{Q}, X, \mathbb{Q}, C, \langle R_n \rangle_{n < \omega}, +_{\mathbb{Q}}, \leq_{\mathbb{Q}}, \langle r \rangle_{r \in \mathbb{Q}}, p \rangle$$

we have that  $\mathcal{X}$  satisfies the following formula  $\varphi$  in the relational language

$$\{X, \mathbb{Q}, \leq_{\mathbb{Q}}, +_{\mathbb{Q}}, \langle r \rangle_{r \in \mathbb{Q}}, \langle R_n \rangle_{n \in \omega}, C, p\}$$

where C is a unary relation symbol and p is a constant symbol:

$$\forall F(\theta(F) \rightarrow (\bigvee_{r > 0} F(p, r) \lor \bigvee_{r < 0} \neg F(p, r)) \lor \exists x (C(x) \land (\bigvee_{r > 1} F(x, r) \lor \bigvee_{r < 1} \neg F(p, r)))).$$

Note that  $\varphi$  is equivalent to a formula in  $\Phi$ . So, since  $\kappa$  is  $\omega_1$ -strongly compact, by Theorem 6.1, there exists a substructure

$$\mathcal{Y} = \langle Y \cup \mathbb{Q}, Y, \mathbb{Q}, C \cap Y, \langle R_n \cap Y^2 \rangle_{n < \omega}, +_{\mathbb{Q}}, \leq_{\mathbb{Q}}, \langle r \rangle_{r \in \mathbb{Q}}, p \rangle$$

of  $\mathcal{X}$  of size less than  $\kappa$  such that  $\mathcal{Y} \models \varphi$ . And this implies that Y is not completely regular.

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