

A finestructural refinement of the J -hierarchy for extender models

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We interpolate successive levels J_α^E and $J_{\alpha+1}^E$ of JENSEN'S J -hierarchy for the extender model L^E by an ω -sequence of intermediate levels

$$J_\alpha^E = F_{\omega \cdot \alpha}^E \subseteq F_{\omega \cdot \alpha + 1}^E \subseteq F_{\omega \cdot \alpha + 2}^E \subseteq \dots \subseteq \bigcup_{n < \omega} F_{\omega \cdot \alpha + n}^E = J_{\alpha+1}^E.$$

Each F_γ^E is the underlying set of a structure $\mathcal{F}_\gamma^E = (F_\gamma^E, \in, E, \dots)$ containing a SKOLEM function and other basic constructible operations. The next level $F_{\gamma+1}^E$ consists of all subsets of F_γ^E which are definable *without quantifiers* over the structure \mathcal{F}_γ^E . The *fine hierarchy* $(\mathcal{F}_\gamma^E)_{\gamma \in \text{Ord}}$ satisfies a strong condensation theorem and other finestructural laws. One can define *finestructural extensions* (ultrapowers) of \mathcal{F}_γ^E by extenders in E . If all proper initial segments of \mathcal{F}_γ^E are finestructurally sound then this inherits to the finestructural extension. Higher core model theory can be based on the new fine structure theory.

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Extender models

$L^E = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \text{Ord}} L_\alpha^E$, where E is a sequence $E = (E_\delta)$ of extenders.

$E_\delta = \emptyset$ or $E_\delta: (L_\gamma^E, \in) \rightarrow (L_\delta^E, \in)$ is an *extender*, i.e.,

- $E_\delta \upharpoonright \kappa = \text{id}$ and $E_\delta(\kappa) > \kappa$ for some critical point $\kappa < \gamma$
- $L_\gamma^E = (H_{\leq \kappa})^{L_\delta^E} \models \text{ZFC}^-$
- $E_\delta: (L_\gamma^E, \in) \rightarrow (L_\delta^E, \in)$ is elementary and cofinal
- (L_δ^E, E_δ) is *amenable*, i.e., $\forall x \in L_\delta^E \ x \cap E_\delta \in L_\delta^E$
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JENSEN-style finestructural analysis

$L^E = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \text{Ord}} L_\alpha^E = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \text{Ord}} J_\alpha^E$. Consider E_δ being a *partial* extender, i.e.,

- $\mathcal{P}(\kappa) \cap J_\alpha^E \subseteq J_\gamma^E$ and $\mathcal{P}(\kappa) \cap J_{\alpha+1}^E \not\subseteq J_\gamma^E$
- $\mathcal{P}(\kappa) \cap \Sigma_n(J_\alpha^E) \subseteq J_\gamma^E$ and $\mathcal{P}(\kappa) \cap \Sigma_{n+1}(J_\alpha^E) \not\subseteq J_\gamma^E$
- $\mathcal{P}(\kappa) \cap (J_\alpha^E)^{n,p} \subseteq J_\gamma^E$ and $\mathcal{P}(\kappa) \cap \Sigma_1((J_\alpha^E)^{n,p}) \not\subseteq J_\gamma^E$, where $(J_\alpha^E)^{n,p} = (J_\rho^E, \Sigma_n\text{-truth predicate}, \dots)$ is an n -th *reduct* of J_α^E
- form ultrapower $\pi_{E_\delta}: (J_\alpha^E)^{n,p} \rightarrow_{\Sigma_1} \text{Ult}((J_\alpha^E)^{n,p}, E_\delta)$
- iterate the ultrapower operation, taking direct limits at limits

JENSEN interpolates $J_\alpha^E \subseteq J_{\alpha+1}^E$ by

$$J_\alpha^E = (J_\alpha^E)^{0,0} \supseteq (J_\alpha^E)^{1,p} \supseteq (J_\alpha^E)^{2,p'} \supseteq \dots, J_{\alpha+1}^E$$

A monotone and continuous interpolation

Interpolate $J_\alpha^E \subseteq J_{\alpha+1}^E$ by

$$J_\alpha^E = \mathcal{F}_{\omega \cdot \alpha}^E \subseteq \mathcal{F}_{\omega \cdot \alpha + 1}^E \subseteq \mathcal{F}_{\omega \cdot \alpha + 2}^E \subseteq \dots \subseteq \bigcup_{n < \omega} \mathcal{F}_{\omega \cdot \alpha + n}^E = \mathcal{F}_{\omega \cdot \alpha + \omega}^E = J_{\alpha+1}^E.$$

- \mathcal{F}^E -hierarchy defined by *quantifierfree* definability
- \mathcal{F}_β^E contain SKOLEM functions for *quantifierfree* formulas
- quantifierfree definability \leftrightarrow boolean combinations of Σ_1 -definability
- $\mathcal{P}(\kappa) \cap F_{\omega \cdot \alpha + n}^E \subseteq F_\gamma^E$ and $\mathcal{P}(\kappa) \cap F_{\omega \cdot \alpha + n + 1}^E \not\subseteq F_\gamma^E$
- form a fine ultrapower $\pi_{E_\delta}: F_{\omega \cdot \alpha + n}^E \rightarrow \text{Ult}(F_{\omega \cdot \alpha + n}^E, E_\delta), \dots$

The fine hierarchy

Define $(\mathcal{F}_\alpha^E)_{\alpha \in \text{Ord}}$ recursively

$$\mathcal{F}_\alpha^E = (F_\alpha^E, \in, E, <^E, I^E, S^E, R^E, D^E, P^E).$$

- $F_0^E = \emptyset$

- Assume \mathcal{F}_α^E is defined. For *quantifier-free* $\varphi(v_0, \dots, v_{n-1}, v_n)$, $\vec{p} \in F_\alpha^E$ define the *interpretation*

$$I^E(F_\alpha^E, \varphi, \vec{p}) = \{v_n \in F_\alpha^E \mid \mathcal{F}_\alpha^E \models \varphi(\vec{p}, v_n)\} \quad (1)$$

Let

$$F_{\alpha+1}^E = \{I^E(F_\alpha^E, \varphi, \vec{p}) \mid \varphi(v_0, \dots, v_{n-1}, v_n) \text{ q.f., } \vec{p} \in F_\alpha^E\}.$$

Define $I^E \upharpoonright F_{\alpha+1}^E$ to extend $I^E \upharpoonright F_\alpha^E$ and the assignments made in (1); in all other cases set $I^E(\vec{x}) = \perp$.

The *rank function*: $R^E \upharpoonright F_{\alpha+1}^E \supseteq R^E \upharpoonright F_\alpha^E$, and for $y \in F_{\alpha+1}^E \setminus F_\alpha^E$ set

$$R^E(y) = F_\alpha^E.$$

The *definition function*: $D^E \upharpoonright F_{\alpha+1}^E \supseteq D^E \upharpoonright F_\alpha^E$, and for $y \in F_{\alpha+1}^E \setminus F_\alpha^E$, $D^E(y)$ is the $<_{\mathcal{L}}$ -least q.f. φ such that

$$y = I^E(F_\alpha^E, \varphi, \vec{p})$$

for some $\vec{p} \in F_\alpha^E$;

then let the *parameter function* $P^E(y)$ be the least such \vec{p} in the lexicographical wellordering induced by $<^E \upharpoonright F_\alpha^E$.

The *constructible wellorder*: $<^E \upharpoonright F_{\alpha+1}^E$ endextends $<^E \upharpoonright F_\alpha^E$ and for $y, y' \in F_{\alpha+1}^E \setminus F_\alpha^E$

$$y <^E y' \text{ iff } D^E(y) <_{\mathcal{L}} D^E(y'), \text{ or } D^E(y) = D^E(y') \text{ and } \\ P^E(y) \text{ is } <^E \text{-lexicographically smaller than } P^E(y').$$

The SKOLEM *function*: $S^E \upharpoonright F_{\alpha+1}^E \supseteq S^E \upharpoonright F_\alpha^E$ and for $\varphi(v_0, \dots, v_{n-1}) \in \mathcal{L}_0$ and $\vec{p} \in F_\alpha^E$

$$S^E(F_\alpha^E, \varphi, \vec{p}) = \begin{cases} \text{the } <^E \text{-lexicographically minimal } \vec{q} \in F_\alpha^E \text{ such that} \\ \mathcal{F}_\alpha^E \models \varphi(\vec{p}, \vec{q}), \text{ if this exists;} \\ \perp, \text{ else.} \end{cases}$$

For all other arguments $\vec{x} \in F_{\alpha+1}^E \setminus F_\alpha^E$ set $S^E(\vec{x}) = \perp$.

For limit $\lambda \leq \infty$ take a union of structures

$$\mathcal{F}_\lambda^E = \bigcup_{\alpha < \lambda} \mathcal{F}_\alpha^E$$

Hierarchy properties

a) $\alpha \leq \gamma \rightarrow F_\alpha^E \subseteq F_\gamma^E$

b) $\alpha < \gamma \rightarrow F_\alpha^E \in F_\gamma^E$

c) F_γ^E is transitive

d) $F_\gamma^E \cap \text{Ord} = \gamma$

e) $\bigcup_{\alpha \in \text{Ord}} F_\alpha^E = L^E$

f) $F_{\omega \cdot \alpha}^E = J_\alpha^E$

\forall_1 -axiomatization of fine levels

Theorem 1. *There is a theory $T^{\mathcal{F}}$ consisting of \forall_1 -sentences of the form $\forall \vec{x} \varphi$, φ quantifier-free, with the property: if $\mathcal{M} = (M, \in, E, <^M, I^M, S^M, R^M, D^M, P^M)$ is a transitive \mathcal{L} -structure then $\mathcal{M} \models T^{\mathcal{F}}$ iff $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{F}_\alpha^E$ for some $\alpha \leq \infty$.*

Proof. The abbreviation $F(z)$ for $z = I(z, v_0 = v_0, \emptyset)$ expresses that z is a level of the fine hierarchy. Let $T^{\mathcal{F}}$ consist of (the universal closures of)

1. Transitivity: $x \dot{\in} y \wedge y \dot{\in} z \wedge F(z) \rightarrow x \dot{\in} z$
2. Linearity: $F(x) \wedge F(y) \rightarrow x \dot{\in} y \vee x = y \vee y \dot{\in} x$
3. $F(R(x)) \wedge \neg x \dot{\in} R(x)$
4. $R(x) \dot{\in} z \wedge F(z) \rightarrow x \dot{\in} z$
5. Interpretation: $F(x) \wedge \vec{y} \dot{\in} x \rightarrow (z \dot{\in} I(x, \varphi, \vec{y}) \leftrightarrow z \dot{\in} x \wedge \varphi(\vec{y}, z))$
6. $P(x) \dot{\in} R(x)$

7. Naming: $x = I(R(x), D(x), P(x))$
8. $F(x) \wedge F(y) \wedge x \dot{\in} y \wedge \vec{p} \dot{\in} x \rightarrow I(x, \varphi, \vec{p}) \dot{\in} y$
9. $\neg F(x) \vee \neg \vec{p} \dot{\in} x \rightarrow I(x, \varphi, \vec{p}) = \perp$
10. $\varphi <_{\mathcal{L}} D(x) \rightarrow \neg I(R(x), \varphi, \vec{p}) = x$
11. $\vec{p} \dot{<}_{\text{lex}} P(x) \rightarrow \neg I(R(x), D(x), \vec{p}) = x$, where the lexicographical $\vec{p} \dot{<}_{\text{lex}} P(x)$ can be expressed purely in terms of $\dot{<}$.
12. $u \dot{<} v \leftrightarrow R(u) \dot{\in} R(v) \vee (R(u) = R(v) \wedge D(u) <_{\mathcal{L}} D(v)) \vee (R(u) = R(v) \wedge D(u) = D(v) \wedge P(u) \dot{<}_{\text{lex}} P(v))$
13. $S(x, \varphi, \vec{p}) \neq \perp \rightarrow S(x, \varphi, \vec{p}) \dot{\in} x \wedge \varphi(S(x, \varphi, \vec{p}), \vec{p})$
14. $F(x) \wedge \vec{p} \dot{\in} x \wedge u \dot{\in} x \wedge \varphi(u, \vec{p}) \rightarrow S(x, \varphi, \vec{p}) \neq \perp \wedge S(x, \varphi, \vec{p}) \dot{\leq} u$
15. $\neg F(x) \vee \neg \vec{p} \dot{\in} x \rightarrow S(x, \varphi, \vec{p}) = \perp$ □

Constructible hulls and condensation

Definition 2. $Z \subseteq L^E$ is E -closed if Z is closed with respect to the operations I^E , S^E , R^E , D^E and P^E . For $X \subseteq L^E$ let $\mathcal{F}^E(X)$ be the hull of X in L^E , i.e., the \subseteq -smallest superset of X which is E -closed.

Theorem 3. Let $Z \subseteq L^E$ be E -closed. Then there are unique $\alpha \in \text{Ord}$, and $D \subseteq V$, and a unique fine isomorphism

$$\sigma: \mathcal{F}_\alpha^D \cong (Z, \in, E, <^E, I^E, S^E, R^E, D^E, P^E)$$

with $D \subseteq F_\alpha^D$.

Proof. Let $\sigma: (M, \in) \cong (Z, \in)$ be the MOSTOWSKI transitivization. Since \forall_1 -theories transfer downwards, (M, \in, \dots) is a model of $T^{\mathcal{F}}$ and hence of the form \mathcal{F}_α^D . \square

Fine ultrapowers

Let $E_\delta: (F_\gamma^E, \in) \rightarrow (F_\delta^E, \in)$ with critical point κ be an *extender on* \mathcal{F}_α^E , i.e.,

$$\forall p \subseteq F_\alpha^E, p \text{ finite: } \text{Tr}(\mathcal{F}^E(\kappa \cup p)) \in F_\gamma^E$$

where $\text{Tr}(X)$ is the transitivization of X . Let $p \subseteq q$ range over finite subsets of F_α^E .

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \mathcal{F}^E(\kappa \cup p) & \subseteq & \mathcal{F}^E(\kappa \cup q) & \subseteq & \bigcup_{p \subseteq_{\text{fin}} F_\alpha^E} \mathcal{F}^E(\kappa \cup p) = \mathcal{F}_\alpha^E & & \\
 \uparrow \sigma_p & & \uparrow \sigma_q & & \parallel & & \\
 F_\gamma^E \ni \text{Tr}(\mathcal{F}^E(\kappa \cup p)) & \xrightarrow{\sigma_{pq}} & \text{Tr}(\mathcal{F}^E(\kappa \cup q)) & \xrightarrow{\sigma_q} & \text{dir lim}_p \text{Tr}(\mathcal{F}^E(\kappa \cup p)) = \mathcal{F}_\alpha^E & & \\
 E_\delta \downarrow & & E_\delta \downarrow & & \pi_{E_\delta} \downarrow & & \\
 E_\delta(\text{Tr}(\mathcal{F}^E(\kappa \cup p))) & \xrightarrow{E_\delta(\sigma_{pq})} & E_\delta(\text{Tr}(\mathcal{F}^E(\kappa \cup q))) & \xrightarrow{\sigma_q^*} & \text{dir lim}_p E_\delta(\text{Tr}(\mathcal{F}^E(\kappa \cup p))) & & \\
 & & & & \parallel & & \\
 & & & & \text{Ult}(\mathcal{F}_\alpha^E, E_\delta) & & \\
 & & & & \parallel? & & \\
 & & & & \mathcal{F}_{\alpha^*}^{E^*} & &
 \end{array}$$

Fine ultrapowers

- $\pi_{E_\delta}: \mathcal{F}_\alpha^E \rightarrow \text{Ult}(\mathcal{F}_\alpha^E, E_\delta)$ is \forall_1 -elementary
- if \mathcal{F}_α^E is *extendable* by E_δ , i.e., $\text{Ult}(\mathcal{F}_\alpha^E, E_\delta)$ is wellfounded, then $\text{Ult}(\mathcal{F}_\alpha^E, E_\delta) = \mathcal{F}_{\alpha^*}^{E^*}$ for some E^*, α^* and $\pi_{E_\delta}: \mathcal{F}_\alpha^E \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_{\alpha^*}^{E^*}$
- $\pi_{E_\delta} \supseteq E_\delta$, $E^* \upharpoonright \delta + 1 = E \upharpoonright \delta$

Fine iterations

A commutative system $(\mathcal{F}_{\alpha^{(i)}}^{E^{(i)}}, \pi_{ij})_{i \leq j < \theta}$ is a *fine iteration* of \mathcal{F}_{α}^E if

- $\mathcal{F}_{\alpha^{(0)}}^{E^{(0)}} = \mathcal{F}_{\alpha}^E$
- $\pi_{i, i+1}: \mathcal{F}_{\tau^{(i)}}^{E^{(i)}} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_{\alpha^{(i+1)}}^{E^{(i+1)}}$ is a fine ultrapower by some $E_{\delta}^{(i)}$, where $\tau^{(i)} \leq \alpha^{(i)}$ is maximal such that $E_{\delta}^{(i)}$ is an extender on $\mathcal{F}_{\tau^{(i)}}^{E^{(i)}}$; if $\tau^{(i)} < \alpha^{(i)}$ we say that $\mathcal{F}_{\tau^{(i)}}^{E^{(i)}}$ is a *truncation* at i
- if $\lambda < \theta$ is a limit ordinal then $\mathcal{F}_{\alpha^{(\lambda)}}^{E^{(\lambda)}}, (\pi_{ij})_{i \leq j < \lambda}$ is the transitive directed limit of $(\mathcal{F}_{\alpha^{(i)}}^{E^{(i)}}, \pi_{ij})_{i \leq j < \lambda}$
- \mathcal{F}_{α}^E is *iterable* if such iterations can be freely continued
- *Coiterations*: parallel fine iterations to make one iterate an initial segment of the other

Soundness of initial segments

Truncations should be *sound*, i.e.

$$\mathcal{F}_{\tau}^{E^{(i)}} = \mathcal{F}^{E^{(i)}}(\rho(\mathcal{F}_{\tau}^{E^{(i)}}) \cup p(\mathcal{F}_{\tau}^{E^{(i)}}))$$

for some canonical *projectum* ρ and *standard parameter* p .

Adding further basic functions to the \mathcal{F} , this can be expressed by a \forall_1 -theory. Thus it is preserved by finestructural ultrapowers: e.g.

- $F(x) \wedge \xi < \rho(x) \wedge \vec{p} \in x \rightarrow I(x, \varphi, \vec{p}) \cap \xi \in x$
- $F(x) \rightarrow I(x, \varphi(x), \overrightarrow{p(x)}) \cap \rho(x) \notin x$
-