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The Triangular Embedding Theorem for $L(\mathbb{R})$

In "Happy and Mad Families in $L(\mathbb{R})$,"

Neeman and Norwood formulate a triangular version of the embedding theorem for $L(\mathbb{R})$.

The aim of this note is to prove a version of this theorem, starting from a remarkable cardinal. According to my memory, the result reported here arose out of a discussion with William Chan at the 1st Irvine Conference on Descriptive Inner Model Theory and had nice in July, 2016.

The following is a version of Theorem 22 of the above-mentioned paper by Neeman / Norwood.

Theorem. Let κ be a remarkable cardinal in L .

Let g be $\text{Col}(\omega, < \kappa)$ -generic over L , and let

$\mathbb{P} \in L[g]$ be s.t. $L[g] \models$ " \mathbb{P} is a proper poset."

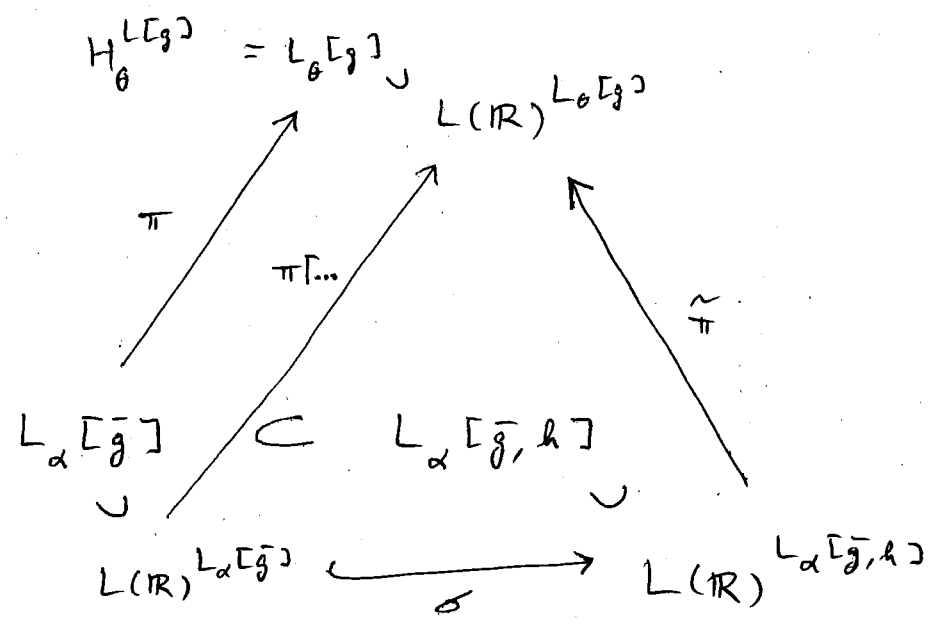
Let θ be an L -cardinal $> \kappa$ s.t. $\mathbb{P} \in H_{\theta}^{L[g]}$.

Inside $L[g]$ there is then a stationary set of countable $X \subset H_\theta^{L[g]}$ such that

if $\pi: L_\alpha[\bar{g}] \cong X$ and $h \in L[g]$ is $\pi^{-1}(\mathbb{R})$ -generic over $L_\alpha[\bar{g}]$, then there is an elementary

embedding $\tilde{\pi}: L(\mathbb{R})^{L_\alpha[\bar{g}, h]} \longrightarrow L(\mathbb{R})^{L_\theta[g]}$ with

$$\tilde{\pi} \upharpoonright [\alpha \cup (\mathbb{R} \cap L_\alpha[\bar{g}])] = \pi \upharpoonright [\alpha \cup (\mathbb{R} \cap L_\alpha[\bar{g}])].$$



We will make use of the results of my paper "Proper forcing and remarkable cardinals II."

By this paper, there is a (unique) elementary

embedding $\sigma: L(\mathbb{R})^{L_\alpha[\bar{g}]} \longrightarrow L(\mathbb{R})^{L_\alpha[\bar{g}, h]}$ with

$$\sigma \upharpoonright [\alpha \cup (\mathbb{R} \cap L_\alpha[\bar{g}])] = \text{id}.$$

Proof of the Theorem. Let $X \in [L_\theta[g]]^\omega \cap L[g]$ be such that $X \cap \kappa \in \kappa$ and $\text{otp}(X \cap \theta)$ is an L -cardinal ($< \kappa$). As κ is remarkable in L , $L[g]$ has stationarily many such X .

Let $\pi: L_\alpha[g \upharpoonright \beta] \cong X < L_\theta[g]$, where $\beta = X \cap \kappa$ and $\alpha = \text{otp}(X \cap \theta)$.

α is an L -cardinal, β is inaccessible (in fact, remarkable) in L_α , so that β is also inaccessible in L , and $g \upharpoonright \beta$ is $\text{Con}(w, < \beta)$ -generic over L .

Let us assume that $\bar{P} \in \text{ran}(\pi)$, and write $\bar{P} = \pi^{-1}(P)$. Let $h \in L[g]$ be \bar{P} -generic over $L_\alpha[g \upharpoonright \beta]$. h is then in fact also \bar{P} -generic over $L[g \upharpoonright \beta]$.

It remains to be shown that there is an embedding

$$\tilde{\pi}: L(\mathbb{R})^{L_\alpha[g \upharpoonright \beta, h]} \longrightarrow L(\mathbb{R})^{L_\theta[g]}, \text{ elementary,}$$

$$\text{s.t. } \tilde{\pi} \upharpoonright [\alpha \cup (\mathbb{R} \cap L_\alpha[g \upharpoonright \beta])] = \pi \upharpoonright [\alpha \cup (\mathbb{R} \cap L_\alpha[g \upharpoonright \beta])].$$

In what follows, we also write $\bar{g} = g \upharpoonright \beta$.

By one of the key arguments of "Proper forcing and remarkable cardinals II," if $x \in \mathbb{R} \cap L_\alpha[\bar{g}, h]$,

then there is some $Q \in L_\beta$ s.t. x is Q -generic over L_α . As $L_\alpha[\bar{g}, h] \in L[g]$ is countable in

$L[g]$, we may then work in $L[g]$ to build

some $g^* \in L[g]$, g^* $\text{Co}(\omega, < \beta)$ -generic over L_α ,

such that $\mathbb{R} \cap L_\alpha[g^*] = \mathbb{R} \cap L_\alpha[\bar{g}, h]$ (cf. the proof

of Lemma 2.2 of "Proper forcing and remarkable cardinals II"). As $\alpha > \beta$ is an L -cardinal, g^* is also $\text{Co}(\omega, < \beta)$ -generic over L .

By Solovay, then, there is some $g^{**} \in L[g]$,

g^{**} $\text{Co}(\omega, [\beta, \kappa))$ -generic over $L[g^*]$ such that

$$L[g^*, g^{**}] = L[g],$$

and of course $L[g^*, g^{**}] = L[\bar{g}, h, g^{**}]$.

Now look at $\pi \upharpoonright L_\alpha : L_\alpha \rightarrow L_\theta$.

We may extend $\pi \upharpoonright L_\alpha$ to

$$\tilde{\pi} : L_\alpha[g^*] \longrightarrow L_\theta[g^*, g^{**}]$$

by $\tilde{\pi}(\tau g^*) = \pi(\tau) g^{*\wedge} g^{**}$ for $\tau \in (L_\alpha)^{\text{Con}(w, <\beta)}$.

Write $\tilde{\pi} = \tilde{\pi} \upharpoonright L(\mathbb{R})^{L_\alpha[g^*]}$

As $L(\mathbb{R})^{L_\alpha[g^*]} = L(\mathbb{R})^{L_\alpha[\bar{g}, h]}$ and $L(\mathbb{R})^{L[g^*, g^{**}]}$

$= L(\mathbb{R})^{L[\bar{g}]}$, $\tilde{\pi}$ is an elementary embedding

from $L(\mathbb{R})^{L_\alpha[\bar{g}, h]} = L(\mathbb{R})^{L_\alpha[\bar{g} \upharpoonright \beta, h]}$ into $L(\mathbb{R})^{L[\bar{g}]}$.

Trivially, $\tilde{\pi} \upharpoonright \mathbb{R} \cap L_\alpha[\bar{g}] = \text{id} = \pi \upharpoonright \mathbb{R} \cap L_\alpha[\bar{g}]$,

but also $\tilde{\pi}(\xi) = \tilde{\pi}(\xi) = \tilde{\pi}(\xi^{\vee} g^*) = (\pi(\xi)^{\vee}) g^{*\wedge} g^{**} =$

$\pi(\xi)$ for $\xi < \alpha$, so that $\tilde{\pi} \upharpoonright \alpha = \pi \upharpoonright \alpha$.

→ (Theorem)

The methods from my "Proper forcing and remarkable cardinals II" show that the conclusion of the Theorem implies that w_1 be remarkable in L .