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SOME AUTOMORPHISMS OF NATURAL NUMBERS  
IN THE ALTERNATIVE SET THEORY  
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Abstract: A method of construction of automorphisms of natural numbers is presented. It is based on a saturation of the structure in question and on some properties of indiscernibles in this one. Majorizing and minorizing automorphisms are constructed.

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Introduction. It is known that there exist non-trivial automorphisms of natural numbers in the alternative set theory. There are several possibilities, how to construct these ones. In the paper presented, we introduce one method of such a construction, based on a saturation of natural numbers and on some properties of indiscernibles. A description of this method is contained in the section "Proofs".

By using this method, we can, for example, construct to a given class  $X$  of natural numbers and a collection  $\mathcal{F}$  of functions, an automorphism of natural numbers which majorize (minorize resp.) every function from  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $X$ . A precise formulation of this vague description is given in the section "Main results".

**Preliminaries.** By a language we mean a countable first-order language  $\mathcal{L}$  with equality. The set of formulas of this language is obtained by a usual construction on FN. Writing  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}$  we mean that  $\varphi$  is a formula of  $\mathcal{L}$ .

We use  $\mathbb{M}, \mathbb{N}, \dots$  as symbols that range over structures for  $\mathcal{L}$ . If  $\mathbb{M}$  is such a model then  $M$  is the universe of this one.

Having  $\mathbb{M}_i \models \mathcal{L}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , and a mapping  $H \in M_2 \times M_1$ , we say that  $H$  is a similarity between  $\mathbb{M}_1$  and  $\mathbb{M}_2$  iff the following holds:  $(\forall \varphi \in \mathcal{L})(\forall a_1, \dots \in \text{dom}(H))(\mathbb{M}_1 \models \varphi(a_1, \dots) \iff \mathbb{M}_2 \models \varphi(H(a_1), \dots))$ . Recall the following fact: if  $\mathbb{M}$  is a fully revealed model for  $\mathcal{L}$ , then every 1-type of  $\mathcal{L}(C)$ -formulas, where  $C \subseteq M$  is at most countable, is realized in  $M$ . Thus, every at most countable similarity between two infinite fully revealed models for  $\mathcal{L}$  can be extended to an isomorphism of these ones. Note that every revelation of a class  $X$  is a fully revealed class. (See [3].)

Let  $\mathcal{I}$  denote the language of Peano arithmetic and let  $\mathbb{N}$  be the structure  $\langle \mathbb{N}, +, \cdot, 0, 1, < \rangle$  for  $\mathcal{I}$ . We use  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \zeta$  (possibly indexed) as variables ranging over natural numbers. Assuming  $\alpha \leq \beta$ , we denote  $[\alpha, \beta]$  the interval  $\{\gamma; \alpha \leq \gamma \leq \beta\}$  and  $\check{\alpha}$  the class  $\{\gamma; \gamma > \alpha\}$ .

Suppose that  $H$  is an automorphism of the model  $\mathbb{M}$ ,  $\mathbb{M} \models \mathcal{I}$ . This property of  $H$  can be expressed in an extension  $\mathcal{I}'$  of  $\mathcal{I}$ ,  $\mathcal{I}' = \mathcal{I} \cup \{h\}$ , where  $h$  is a new unary function symbol. Indeed, let  $\langle \mathbb{M}, H \rangle$  be the expansion of  $\mathbb{M}$  to the structure for  $\mathcal{I}'$ . Then  $H$  is an automorphism of  $\mathbb{M}$  iff  $\langle \mathbb{M}, H \rangle \models \{\varphi(x_1, \dots) \iff \varphi(h(x_1), \dots); \varphi \in \mathcal{I}\} \cup \{(\forall x)(\exists y)(F(y) = x)\}$ .

**Main results.** Throughout this paper,  $\mathcal{F}_0, \mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2$  denote at most countable classes of functions such that

$F \in \mathcal{F}_0 \cup \mathcal{F}_1 \cup \mathcal{F}_2 \rightarrow F: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  and there exist  $\varphi(x, y, z) \in \mathcal{Y}$  and  $\gamma$  with  $F(\alpha) = \beta \leftrightarrow \varphi(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) \& (\forall \alpha)(\exists! \beta) \varphi(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ .  
 Let  $H: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  be a function,  $X \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ .  $H$  majorizes (minorizes resp.)  $\mathcal{F}_0$  on  $X$  if  $(\forall \alpha \in X)(\forall G \in \mathcal{F}_0)(G(\alpha) \leq H(\alpha))$  ( $(\forall \alpha \in X)(\forall G \in \mathcal{F}_0)(G(\alpha) \geq H(\alpha))$  resp.) holds.  
 $H$  is over constants if  $(\forall \alpha)(\exists \beta)(\forall \gamma > \beta)(H(\gamma) > \alpha)$ .  $\mathcal{F}_0$  is over constants if  $(\forall F \in \mathcal{F}_0)(F \text{ is over constants})$ .

**Theorem 1.**  $(\forall \gamma)(\exists \sigma)(\exists H)[(H \text{ is an automorphism of } \mathbb{N}) \& (H \text{ is identic on } \gamma) \& (H \text{ majorizes } \mathcal{F}_1 \text{ on } \sigma)]$ .

**Theorem 2.** Let  $\mathcal{F}_2$  be over constants. Then  $(\forall \gamma)(\exists \sigma)(\exists H)[(H \text{ is an automorphism of } \mathbb{N}) \& (H \text{ is identic on } \gamma) \& (H \text{ minorizes } \mathcal{F}_2 \text{ on } \sigma)]$  holds.

An interval  $[\alpha, \beta]$  is  $\mathcal{F}_0$ -large iff  $(\forall F \in \mathcal{F}_0)(F(\alpha) < \beta)$ .

**Theorem 3.** Assume that  $\mathcal{F}_2$  is over constants. Then  $(\forall \gamma)(\exists H) \{ (H \text{ is an automorphism of } \mathbb{N}) \& (H \text{ is identic on } \gamma) \& (\forall \alpha) [(\exists U \subseteq \mathbb{N})(U \text{ is an } \mathcal{F}_0\text{-large interval} \& H \text{ majorizes } \mathcal{F}_1 \text{ on } U) \& (\exists U \subseteq \mathbb{N})(U \text{ is an } \mathcal{F}_0\text{-large interval} \& H \text{ minorizes } \mathcal{F}_2 \text{ on } U) \& (\exists \beta > \alpha)(H(\beta) = \beta)] \}$ .

**Remark.** Each of Theorems 1, 2, 3 guarantees that for every  $\alpha$ , the mapping  $\text{Id} \wedge \alpha$  can be extended to a non-trivial automorphism of  $\mathbb{N}$ .

### Proofs

**Notation.** Let  $\{B_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  be an indexed sequence of classes. We shall write more briefly  $\{B_k\}_k$  only.

Suppose that  $\mathcal{F}_1 = \{F_{ik}\}_k$ ,  $i=0,1,2$ . Assume that for  $i=0,1,2$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\Psi_{ik}(x, y, z)$  and  $\gamma_{ik}$  are such that the statements

$$P_{1k}(\alpha) = \beta \leftrightarrow \psi_{1k}(\alpha, \beta, \gamma_{1k}) \& (\forall \gamma) (\exists ! \sigma) \psi_{1k}(\gamma, \sigma, \gamma_{1k})$$

hold.

To simplify some following notations, we put

$$\sigma_{1k} = \gamma_{1k}, \quad \sigma_{2k} = \gamma_{2k}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } \sigma_{3k} = \gamma_{1\ell} \leftrightarrow i=0,1,2 \& \\ \& k = 3 \cdot \ell + 1.$$

Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be the extension of  $\mathcal{J}$  of the form

$$\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{J} \cup \{h\} \cup \{c_0, c_1\} \cup \{d_k\}_k,$$

where  $h$  is a new unary function and  $c_1, d_k$  are new constants. Let

$\mathcal{T}_1$  be the following theory, formulated in  $\mathcal{K}$ :

$$\{\varphi(x_1, \dots) \leftrightarrow \varphi(h(x_1), \dots); \varphi \in \mathcal{J}\} \cup \{(\forall x)(\exists y)(h(y)=x)\} \cup \\ \cup \{x < s_0 \rightarrow h(x)=x\} \cup \{c_1 < x \rightarrow (\forall y) (\psi_{1k}(x, y, d_k) \rightarrow y < h(x)); k\}.$$

It is easy to see that the theorem 1 is equivalent to the following proposition:

$$(\forall \gamma_0)(\exists \gamma_1)(\exists H: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N})(\langle \mathbb{N}, H, \gamma_0, \gamma_1, \{\sigma_{1k}\}_k \rangle \models \mathcal{T}_1).$$

We can construct quite analogously the theories  $\mathcal{T}_2$  and  $\mathcal{T}_3$  in  $\mathcal{K}$  such that the theorem 2 is equivalent to the proposition

$$(\forall \gamma_0)(\exists \gamma_1)(\exists H: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N})(\langle \mathbb{N}, H, \gamma_0, \gamma_1, \{\sigma_{2k}\}_k \rangle \models \mathcal{T}_2$$

and the theorem 3 is equivalent to

$$(\forall \gamma_0)(\exists H: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N})(\langle \mathbb{N}, H, \gamma_0, 0, \{\sigma_{3k}\}_k \rangle \models \mathcal{T}_3).$$

Now, let  $i$  be fixed.

Assume that to given  $\gamma_0$ , there exist

$\gamma_1$ , a substructure  $M$  of  $\mathbb{N}$  and a mapping  $G: M \rightarrow M$

such that

- (A)  $\{\gamma_0, \gamma_1\} \cup \{\sigma_{ik}\}_k \in M$
- (B)  $M < \mathbb{N}$
- (C)  $\langle M, G, \gamma_0, \gamma_1, \{\sigma_{ik}\}_k \rangle \models \mathcal{T}_i.$

Then there exists a mapping  $H: N \rightarrow N$  such that

$$\langle N, H, \gamma_0, \gamma_1, \{ \sigma_{ik} \}_k \rangle \models \mathcal{I}_1$$

and, consequently, Theorem 1 is true.

Proof. Put  $\tilde{M} = \langle M, G, \gamma_0, \gamma_1, \{ \sigma_{ik} \}_k \rangle$ . Then a revelation  $\tilde{M}^*$  of  $\tilde{M}$  has the form  $\langle M^*, G^*, \gamma_0, \gamma_1, \{ \sigma_{ik} \}_{k \in FN^*} \rangle$ , where  $M^*$  is the revelation of  $M$ . We have  $\tilde{M} \prec_{\mathcal{K}} \tilde{M}^*$  and, especially,  $M \prec_{\mathcal{J}} M^*$  is true, too. We deduce from this, (A) and (B), that  $\text{Id} \wedge (\{ \gamma_0, \gamma_1 \} \cup \{ \sigma_{ik} \}_k)$  is a similarity between  $N$  and  $M^*$ . Let  $Z$  be an isomorphism of  $N$  and  $M^*$  which is identical on  $\{ \gamma_0, \gamma_1 \} \cup \{ \sigma_{ik} \}_k$ . Put  $H(\alpha) = \beta \leftrightarrow G^*(Z(\alpha)) = Z(\beta)$ . Then  $Z$  is an isomorphism between  $\langle N, H, \gamma_0, \gamma_1, \{ \sigma_{ik} \}_k \rangle$  and  $\tilde{M}^*$ . We deduce from this that the assertion in question holds.

To finish our proof of Theorem 1 it suffices to find, to a given  $\gamma_0$ , a number  $\gamma_1$ , a substructure  $M$  of  $N$  and  $G: M \rightarrow M$  such that (A), (B), and (C) hold. We shall construct  $\gamma_1$ ,  $M$  and  $G$  in question by using some properties of indiscernibles in AST. Recall that there exists an unbounded  $\pi$ -class  $J$  of strong indiscernibles in  $N$ . (See [2].) We start with two lemmas which will be used frequently in the sequel. Let us introduce the following notation. Let  $X \subseteq N$ . We denote by  $N_X$  the smallest substructure of  $N$  such that the universe of  $N_X$  contains  $X$  as a subclass.

**Lemma 1.** Let  $I$  be a class of strong indiscernibles in  $N$ . Assume that  $Z \subseteq N$  has the property  $(\forall e \in I)(Z \subseteq e)$ .

(1) Let  $G_0$  be an automorphism of  $\langle Z \cup I, < \rangle$  which is identic on  $Z$ . Then there exists an automorphism  $G$  of the structure  $N_{Z \cup I}$  and  $G \supseteq G_0$  hold.

(2) Assume, moreover, that  $I$  has no last element and  $I \subseteq J$ . Then  $I$  is cofinal in  $N_{Z \cup I}$ .

Proof. (1) We define the mapping  $G$  as follows:

Suppose that  $a \in N_{Z \cup I}$  is definable by the formula  $\varphi(x, e_1, \dots, z_1, \dots)$  where  $e_1, \dots$  is an increasing sequence from  $I$  (i.e.  $e_1 < e_2 < \dots$  and  $e_1 \in I, e_2 \in I, \dots$ ),  $z_1 \in Z, \dots$  and  $\varphi(x, y_1, \dots, x_1, \dots) \in \mathcal{J}$ . We put  $G(a) = b$  iff  $\varphi(b, G(e_1), \dots, z_1, \dots)$  holds.

If  $b \in N_{Z \cup I}$  is definable by  $\psi(x, e_1, \dots, z_1, \dots)$  in  $N$ , where  $e_1, \dots$  is an increasing sequence from  $I$  and  $z_1 \in Z, \dots$ , then there exists an element  $a \in N_{Z \cup I}$  such that  $\psi(a, G_0^{-1}(e_1), \dots, z_1, \dots)$  holds. Therefore, the mapping  $G$  is onto  $N_{Z \cup I}$ .

To finish the proof, it suffices to prove the following:

If  $a_1, \dots \in N_{Z \cup I}$ ,  $\varphi(x_1, \dots) \in \mathcal{J}$  then  $N_{Z \cup I} \models \varphi(a_1, \dots) \iff N_{Z \cup I} \models \varphi(G(a_1), \dots)$ . But  $N_{Z \cup I} < N$  and, consequently, we have to prove: If  $a_1, \dots \in N_{Z \cup I}$ ,  $\varphi(x_1, \dots) \in \mathcal{J}$  then  $N \models \varphi(a_1, \dots) \iff N \models \varphi(G(a_1), \dots)$ . Assume that  $\psi_1(x_1, e_1^1, \dots, z_1^1, \dots)$  defines  $a_1$  in  $N$ ,  $e_1^1, \dots$  is an increasing sequence from  $I$  and  $z_1^1, \dots \in Z$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(a_1, \dots) &\iff (\exists x_1 \dots) (\bigwedge_i \psi_1(x_1, e_1^1, \dots, z_1^1, \dots) \& \varphi(x_1, \dots)) \iff \\ &\iff (\exists x_1 \dots) (\bigwedge_i \psi_1(x_1, G_0(e_1^1), \dots, z_1^1, \dots) \& \\ &\quad \& \varphi(x_1, \dots)) \iff \\ &\iff \varphi(G(a_1), \dots). \end{aligned}$$

(2) Assume  $a$  is definable by  $\varphi(x, e_1, \dots, z_1, \dots)$  in  $N$ ,  $e_1, \dots$  is an increasing sequence from  $I$ ,  $z_1, \dots \in Z$ . Suppose that  $e \in I$  has the property:  $\{e_1, \dots\} \subseteq e$ . We can easily see that  $a < e$  holds.

**Lemma 2.** Let  $F: N \rightarrow N$  be a function, definable by the formula  $\varphi(x, y, \gamma) \in \mathcal{J}(\{ \gamma \})$  in  $N$ . Suppose that  $I$  is a class of strong indiscernibles in  $N$  which is unbounded in  $N$ . Let  $e_0 < e_1 < e_2 < e_3$  be an increasing sequence from  $I$ ,  $\gamma < e_0$ .

Then (1)  $F''[e_1, e_2] \subseteq e_3$  and

(2) if  $F$  is over constants, then  $F''[e_1, e_2] \subseteq \check{e}_0$ .

Proof. (1) Let  $\chi(e_2, e_2, e_3)$  be the formula

$$(\exists x \in [e_1, e_2])(F(x) \geq e_3).$$

Then  $\chi(e_1, e_2, e_3) \rightarrow ((e \in I \& e > e_3) \rightarrow \chi(e_1, e_2, e))$ , which is impossible.

(2) Let  $\chi(e_0, e_1, e_2)$  be the formula

$$(\exists x \in [e_1, e_2])(F(x) \leq e_0).$$

Then  $\chi(e_0, e_1, e_2) \rightarrow ((e, f \in I \& e_2 < e < f) \rightarrow \chi(e_0, e, f))$ , which contradicts the assuming property of  $F$ .

Let  $\gamma_0 \in N$ ,  $i \in [0, 2]$ . We are looking for  $\gamma_1$ , a substructure  $\mathbb{M}$  of  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $G: M \rightarrow M$  such that (A), (B), and (C) hold.

Let  $K$  denote the class of all finite integers.

Case 1 = 1. Choose  $\zeta \in N$  with  $\{\gamma_0\} \cup \{\delta_{1k}^i\}_k \subseteq \zeta$  and  $I \subseteq J$  of the form  $I = \{e_c\}_{c \in K}$  such that  $(\forall c \in K)(\zeta < e_c)$  holds. Put  $M = N_{\zeta \cup I}$ . Let  $G_0$  be an automorphism of  $\langle \zeta \cup I, < \rangle$ , satisfying:  $G_0$  is identical on  $\zeta$  and  $G_0(e_0) = e_{0+2}$  holds for every  $c \in K$ . Let  $G \supseteq G_0$  be an automorphism of  $\mathbb{M}$ . Assume that  $x \in [e_k, e_{k+1}] \cap M$ . We can see, by using Lemma 2, that  $G(x) \geq G(e_k) = e_{k+2} > F_{11}(x)$  holds for every  $i, k$ . The class  $I$  is cofinal in  $M$  and, consequently,  $\gamma_1 = e_0$ .  $\mathbb{M}$  and  $G$  have the required properties (A), (B), and (C).

Case 1 = 2. Choose again  $\zeta \in N$  with  $\{\gamma_0\} \cup \{\delta_{2k}^i\}_k \subseteq \zeta$  and  $I, M$  as above. Let  $G_0$  be identical on  $\zeta$  and let  $G_0(e_0) = e_{0-2}$  hold for every  $c \in K$ . Suppose that  $G \supseteq G_0$  is an automorphism of  $\mathbb{M}$ . We can see analogously as above (by using the presumption that  $\mathcal{F}_2$  is over constants) that  $x \in [e_k, e_{k+1}] \cap M \rightarrow F_{2k}(x) > G(x)$  holds for every  $i, k$ . We can conclude that

$\gamma_1 = e_0$ ,  $M$  and  $G$  have the required properties.

Case  $i = 3$ . Let again  $\xi \in N$  be such that  $\{\gamma_0\} \cup \{\delta_{3k}\}_k \subseteq \xi$ . Choose  $I \subseteq J$  of the form  $I = \{e_{kc}\}_k \in FN, c \in K$  with the property

$$(\forall k < 1)(\forall c, d \in K) [(\xi < e_{kc} < e_{1d}) \& (c < d \rightarrow e_{kc} < e_{kd})].$$

An existence of  $I$  is guaranteed by the fact that  $J$  is an unbounded  $\pi$ -class. Put  $M = M_{\xi \cup I}$ .

We define  $G_0: \xi \cup I \rightarrow \xi \cup I$  as follows:

- 0)  $k \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \rightarrow G_0(e_{kc}) = e_{kc}, c \in K,$
- 1)  $k \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \rightarrow G_0(e_{kc}) = e_{k, c+2}, c \in K,$
- 2)  $k \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \rightarrow G_0(e_{kc}) = e_{k, c-2}, c \in K,$
- 3)  $\alpha \in \xi \rightarrow G_0(\alpha) = \alpha.$

It is easy to see that  $G_0$  is an automorphism of  $\langle \xi \cup I, < \rangle$ .

Let  $G \supseteq G_0$  be an automorphism of  $M$ . We can see as above that the following propositions hold:

- (i)  $k \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \rightarrow x \in [e_{k0}, e_{k1}] \cap M \rightarrow F_{1j}(x) < G(x),$   
 $k, j \in FN,$
- (ii)  $k \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \rightarrow x \in [e_{k0}, e_{k1}] \cap M \rightarrow F_{2j}(x) > G(x),$   
 $k, j \in FN.$

We deduce, using Lemma 2, that the assertion

$$(o) F_{0j}(e_{k0}) < e_{k1}, k, j \in FN$$

holds, too. The class  $I$  is unbounded in  $M$ . We conclude from this and from 0), (o), (i), (ii), and 3) that  $\gamma_1 = 0$ ,  $M$  and  $G$  have the required properties.

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