

# INVARIANTS FOR $\omega$ -CATEGORICAL, $\omega$ -STABLE THEORIES

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## ABSTRACT

In this paper we give a complete solution to the classification problem for  $\omega$ -categorical,  $\omega$ -stable theories. More explicitly, suppose  $T$  is  $\omega$ -categorical,  $\omega$ -stable with fewer than the maximum number of models in some uncountable power. We associate with each model  $M$  of  $T$  a "simple" invariant  $\mathcal{I}(M)$ , not unlike a vector of dimensions, such that  $\mathcal{I}(M) = \mathcal{I}(N)$  if and only if  $M \cong N$ . The spectrum function,  $I(-, T)$ , for a first-order theory  $T$  is such that for all infinite cardinals  $\lambda$ ,  $I(\lambda, T)$  is the number of nonisomorphic models of  $T$  of cardinality  $\lambda$ . As an application of our "structure theorem" we determine the possible spectrum functions for  $\omega$ -categorical,  $\omega$ -stable theories.

## Introduction

It is generally accepted that Shelah has solved the classification problem (described above) for countable first-order theories. (See [14] and [2, I.1] for a complete description of the problem and a statement of the results.) However, Shelah's structure theorem (assignment of invariants) is imprecise in that there is not a 1-1 correspondence between models and invariants. This is generally overlooked since, at least for  $\omega$ -stable theories, it is still possible to determine the spectrum function of the theory (see [12]). The deficiency, however, remains. We will prove an exact structure theorem for  $\omega$ -categorical,  $\omega$ -stable theories by using a different assignment of invariants.

Suppose  $T$  is  $\omega$ -categorical,  $\omega$ -stable with  $I(\lambda, T) < 2^\lambda$  for some  $\lambda > \omega$ . Shelah associates with  $M \models T$  a tree of countable submodels, called a *representation* of  $M$ , over which  $M$  is prime. It has not been shown that all representations of  $M$  are isomorphic, but only "quasi-isomorphic". It is at this point that the imprecision in Shelah's structure theorem occurs. Here we associate with  $M$  a

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tree of *elements* of  $M^{eq}$ , called a *coordinate tree* of  $M$ . It is not difficult to show that the coordinate trees of  $M$  are all isomorphic. As with representations  $M$  is prime over its coordinate tree, but this is much harder to prove than in the representation case. It is at this point where the concept of a “filtration” arises, and where we make essential use of the Coordinatization Theorem ([4, 4.1]).

As a test of our structure theorem we prove

**THEOREM.** *Suppose  $T$  is  $\omega$ -categorical,  $\omega$ -stable. Then  $I(\_, T)$  is one of*

- (a)  $I(\lambda, T) = 2^\lambda$  for all  $\lambda > \aleph_0$ ;
- (b) for  $\alpha < \omega$ ,  $I(\aleph_\alpha, T)$  is a finite number explained in 3.3,  
for  $\alpha \geq \omega$ ,  $I(\aleph_\alpha, T) = |\alpha|$ ;
- (c)  $I(\lambda, T) = 1$  for all  $\lambda \geq \aleph_0$ ;
- (d)  $I(\aleph_\alpha, T) = \beth_{d-2}((|\alpha| + \aleph_0)^{\aleph_1})$  for  $\alpha > 0$  and some  $d \in \omega$ .

Case (b) occurs when  $T$  is non-multidimensional. The number  $d$  in (d) is what Shelah calls the depth of  $T$ .

### §1. Preliminaries and notation

We assume a basic knowledge of stability theory as found in [10], [11] and [13, III]. For the most part our notation follows [10]. The type of  $A$  over  $B$  is denoted  $t(A/B)$ , even when  $A$  is infinite. We write  $A \downarrow_c B$  or  $(A \downarrow B/C)$  for  $t(A/B \cup C)$  does not fork over  $C$ . If  $p$  is stationary and there is a type  $q \in S(B)$  parallel to  $p$  we write  $q = p \upharpoonright B$ . For  $t(a/A) = t(b/A)$  we write  $a \equiv b(A)$ ;  $a \equiv^s b(A)$  denotes  $\text{stp}(a/A) = \text{stp}(b/A)$ . For  $p \in S(A)$  we say  $q$  is a *strong type of  $p$*  if there is an  $a$  realizing  $p$  such that  $q = \text{stp}(a/A)$ . When convenient we write  $AB$  for  $A \cup B$ ;  $Aa$  for  $A \cup \{a\}$ . When a type  $p$  is orthogonal to the set  $A$  we write  $p \perp A$ .

We assume every set is a subset of a large saturated model  $\mathfrak{C}$  called the monster model. Every model is considered to be an elementary submodel of  $\mathfrak{C}$ . See [13, p. 7] for a complete discussion. In this paper we will often work in  $\mathfrak{C}^{eq}$ , as discussed in [10, §A] and [13, III, §6]. If  $M^*$  is the restriction of  $M^{eq}$  to finitely many new sorts we call  $M^*$  an *extension by definitions of  $M$* .

For  $p$  a type and  $A$  a set we let  $p(A) = \{b \in A : b \text{ realizes } p\}$ . We say  $H \subset M$  is *A-definable* if there is a formula  $\varphi$  over  $A$  such that  $H = \varphi(M)$ ; if  $A = \emptyset$  we say 0-definable.  $A$  and  $B$  are *conjugate over  $C$*  if  $A \equiv B(C)$ . For  $p$  a type over  $A$ ,  $q$  a type over  $B$  we say  $p$  and  $q$  are *conjugate over  $C$*  if there is an automorphism  $\alpha$  fixing  $C$  such that  $\alpha(p) = q$ . If  $A = \varphi(M)$  and  $\varphi$  is a complete formula  $A$  is called an *atom*. Morley rank is denoted  $\text{rk}(-)$ .

We abbreviate  $\omega$ -categorical,  $\omega$ -stable by  $\omega$ -c.s. What we say from here on only applies to  $\omega$ -c.s. theories.

We assume some familiarity with the results in [4], although in general, not the proofs. A rank 1 atom  $A$  over  $B$  is called *reduced* if  $a \in A$  implies  $\text{acl}(aB) \cap A = \{a\}$ . For any rank 1 atom  $A$  there is an  $E$  such that  $A/E$  is reduced. We say a reduced rank 1 atom  $A$  over  $B$  is *trivial* if whenever  $a \in A$ ,  $X \subset A$  and  $a \in \text{acl}(XB)$ ,  $a \in X$ .

We refer the reader to [4] for the definition of local modularity and modularity (as properties of strongly minimal sets). Independently, Cherlin and Zil'ber proved that every strongly minimal set in an  $\omega$ -c.s. theory is locally modular [4], [15]. This is the result which yields the theorems in [4]. Model-theoretically the most important property of locally modular sets is the following. Note that if  $\text{rk}(a/A) = 1$  then  $a \not\perp_A b \Leftrightarrow a \in \text{acl}(Ab)$ .

LEMMA 1.1. *Suppose  $H$  and  $G$  are  $A$ -definable, non-orthogonal strongly minimal atoms.*

- (i) *For all  $a \in H$ ,  $b \in G$  there are  $a' \in H$ ,  $b' \in G$  such that  $aa' \not\perp_A bb'$ .*
- (ii) *If both  $H$  and  $G$  are modular there are  $a \in H$ ,  $b \in G$  such that  $a \not\perp_A b$ .*

The major technical lemma in [4] is

LEMMA 1.2. (Coordinatization theorem) *Suppose  $P$  is a  $B$ -definable atom in  $M$ . Then in some extension by definitions  $M^*$  there is a  $B$ -definable atom  $A$  such that*

- (i)  *$A$  is reduced and has rank 1,*
- (ii) *for all  $a \in P$   $\text{acl}(aB) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ .*

LEMMA 1.3. *If  $p \in S_1(M)$  there is a singleton  $a \in M$  such that  $p$  does not fork over  $a$ . Furthermore, every infinite set of indiscernibles  $I$  is based on any  $e \in I$ .*

PROOF. This follows from the proof of the finiteness of the fundamental order in [4].

LEMMA 1.4. *Suppose  $A \subset \mathbb{C}^{\text{eq}}$  is finite. Then there is no infinite set of types  $\mathcal{P}$  such that (\*) each element of  $\mathcal{P}$  is non-orthogonal to  $A$  and the elements of  $\mathcal{P}$  are pairwise orthogonal.*

PROOF. Suppose there is such a  $\mathcal{P}$ . From simple facts about  $\mathbb{C}^{\text{eq}}$  we know that for each  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  there is a regular  $q_p \in S_1(\mathbb{C})$  such that  $p \not\perp q_p$  and  $q_p \not\perp A$  (the variable in  $q_p$  ranges over the original universe). Let  $\mathcal{P}' = \{q_p : p \in \mathcal{P}\}$ .  $\mathcal{P}'$  also satisfies (\*). By 1.3 there is for each  $q \in \mathcal{P}'$  an  $a_q$  such that  $q$  is definable over  $a_q$  and  $\ell h(a_q) = 2$ . By the  $\omega$ -categoricity and  $\omega$ -stability there are  $a_q \neq a_p$  such that

$a_q \equiv^s a_p (A)$  and  $p$  is conjugate to  $q$  over  $A$ . Since  $q \not\perp A$  [10, C.6] would imply  $p \not\perp q$  if we had  $a_q \downarrow_A a_p$ . However it's not hard to show this additional condition is not needed when  $p$  and  $q$  are regular (see, e.g., the proof of 3.4 in [3]). Thus,  $p \not\perp q$ , contradicting our assumptions on  $\mathcal{P}'$  to prove the lemma.

In [4] it is proved that the rank of  $T$  is finite. Since  $U$ -rank and Morley rank are the same on  $\omega$ -c.s. theories ([7] or [9]) we can restate 5.8 of [8]:

LEMMA 1.5.  $\text{rk}(ab/A) = \text{rk}(a/A \cup b) + \text{rk}(b/A)$ .

We can now state and prove the main technical lemma. In arbitrary  $\omega$ -stable theories such a result is only true when  $A$  is a model. It's this lemma which allows us to obtain a tree of elements over which  $M$  is prime, rather than just a tree of submodels. In the proof we use Shelah's notion of *canonical base* (see [13, III, 6.10]). For ease of reference we restate [13, III, 6.10(5)].

LEMMA 1.6. *For any stationary  $p$ , if  $p$  does not fork over  $B$  then  $\text{Cb}(p) \subset \text{acl}(B)$ .*

LEMMA 1.7. *Suppose  $\varphi(x, a)$  is a strongly minimal atom which is non-orthogonal to the finite set  $A$ . Then there is a rank 1 atom  $\psi$  over  $A$  such that  $\varphi \not\perp \psi$ .*

PROOF. By adding constants to the language we may assume  $A = \emptyset$ . If  $\varphi(x, a)$  does not fork over  $\emptyset$  we can take its restriction to  $\emptyset$  as  $\psi$ . Thus, we assume  $\varphi(x, a)$  forks over  $\emptyset$ . We know  $\varphi$  is locally modular. By replacing  $\varphi$  by its non-forking extension over some realization of it we may assume that it is modular.

Find an  $a'$  satisfying

$$(1) \quad a' \equiv^s a \quad \text{and} \quad a' \downarrow a.$$

Since  $\varphi(x, a) \not\perp \emptyset$ , [10, C.6] implies that  $\varphi(x, a) \not\perp \varphi(x, a')$ . Applying 1.1(ii) (with  $A = aa'$ ) we find  $e$  satisfying  $\varphi(x, a)$  and  $e'$  satisfying  $\varphi(x, a')$  such that

$$(2) \quad e \downarrow_a a', e' \downarrow_{a'} a \quad \text{and} \quad e \not\perp_{aa'} e'.$$

Notice that by (1), (2) and the transitivity of non-forking we have

$$(3) \quad ea \downarrow a' \quad \text{and} \quad e'a' \downarrow a.$$

Let  $I$  be an infinite Morley sequence in  $\text{stp}(e'a'/ea)$ ,  $p = \text{Av}(I/\mathcal{C})$ . Let  $c \in \text{Cb}(p) \setminus \text{acl}(\emptyset)$  (there is such a  $c$  since  $\varphi(x, a)$  forks over  $\emptyset$ ). By the definition of a Morley sequence we know  $p$  does not fork over  $ea$ . By 1.6 and the fact that  $c \notin \text{acl}(\emptyset)$  we have

$$(4) \quad c \in \text{acl}(ea) \quad \text{and} \quad c \not\perp ea.$$

By 1.3,  $p$  does not fork over  $e'a'$ , so  $c \in \text{acl}(e'a')$ . Thus (3) yields  $ce'a' \downarrow a$ , in particular,

$$(5) \quad c \downarrow a.$$

By (4) and the transitivity of non-forking  $e \not\downarrow_a c$ . Since  $\text{rk}(e/a) = 1$  we have  $e \in \text{acl}(ca) \setminus \text{acl}(a)$ . By (4) and (5)  $c \in \text{acl}(ea) \setminus \text{acl}(a)$ . We conclude that  $\text{rk}(c/a) = 1$ . By (5)  $\text{rk}(c) = 1$  and we may take  $\psi$  to be some complete formula in  $t(c)$ . This proves the lemma.

**COROLLARY 1.8.** *Let  $\varphi(x, a)$  be a rank 1 atom non-orthogonal to  $A$ . Then there is a rank 1 formula  $\psi$  over  $A$  such that every strong type of  $\varphi(x, a)$  is non-orthogonal to  $\psi$ .*

**PROOF.**  $\varphi$  is non-orthogonal to  $A$  when one of its strong types is. Since  $\varphi$  is an atom all of its strong types are conjugate over  $A$ , hence all are non-orthogonal to  $A$ . Now take as  $\psi$  the disjunction of the rank 1 sets obtained by applying 1.7 to each strong type of  $\varphi$ .

We will make use of the following results of Shelah. They follow easily from 2.2 and 2.3 of [5] and the definition of DOP. For brevity we say  $T$  has many models if in every  $\lambda > \omega$   $T$  has  $2^\lambda$  non-isomorphic models. If  $T$  doesn't have many models we say it has few models. Note that  $\text{rk}(p) = 1 \Rightarrow$  the weight of  $p$  is 1.

**LEMMA 1.9.** (i) *Suppose  $t(a/A)$  has rank 1 and is non-trivial;  $p \in S(aA)$  has rank 1 and is orthogonal to  $A$ . Then  $T$  has many models.*

(ii) *Suppose  $\text{rk}(a/A) = \text{rk}(b/A) = 1$  and  $a \downarrow_A b$ ;  $p \in S(abA)$  has rank 1 and  $p \upharpoonright aA$  and  $p \upharpoonright bA$ . Then  $T$  has many models.*

Let  $p$  be a reduced rank 1 type (over  $\emptyset$ , for simplicity). A word is in order concerning what a basis for  $p$  looks like, and the relationship between  $p$  and its strong types. First suppose that the strongly minimal components (i.e., the strong types) of  $p$  are modular (if one is modular they all are). Let  $q_0, q_1$  be strong types of  $p$  (over  $\text{acl}(\emptyset)$  in  $M^{\text{eq}}$ ). If  $q_0 \not\perp q_1$  then, by 1.1,  $q_0 \not\perp^a q_1$ , so there are  $a_i$  realizing  $q_i$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ) with  $a_0 \in \text{acl}(a_1)$ . This contradicts that  $p$  is reduced. Thus, if  $p$  is modular, its strong types are pairwise orthogonal. A basis for  $p$  looks like  $B = B_0 \cup \dots \cup B_m$ , where the  $B_i$ 's are bases for the strong types of  $p$  in  $M$ . If  $p$  is trivial then  $B = p(M)$ . Now suppose the strong types of  $p$  are non-modular. In this case the strong types may not be pairwise orthogonal. There is a basis  $B = B_0 \cup \dots \cup B_m \cup A$ , where  $B_i$  is a basis for the strong type  $q_i$ , every strong type of  $p$  is non-orthogonal to some  $q_i$ , and  $A$  is a minimal finite set such that  $\text{acl}(B)$  contains a realization of each strong type of  $p$ . By 1.1 we can require that there is no more than one realization of each strong type in  $A$ .

**§2. The coordinate tree**

Throughout this section we suppose  $T$  has few models and that  $M$  is an arbitrary uncountable model of  $T$ .

First some terminology about trees. For a tree  $(\tau, <)$  and  $u \in \tau$  we write  $u^-$  for the predecessor of  $u$ , i.e., the  $v \in \tau$  such that  $w < u \Rightarrow w < v$  or  $w = v$ . We write  $u^+$  for  $\{v \in \tau : v = u\}$ ,  $u_> = \{v \in \tau : u < v\}$ . If  $u^+ = \emptyset$  we call  $u$  a leaf.  $s \subset \tau$  is called an ideal if  $v \in s$  and  $w < v \Rightarrow w \in s$ .  $u_< = \{v \in \tau : v < u\}$ ,  $u_{\leq} = u_< \cup \{u\}$ . All trees will have  $\emptyset$  as the least element.  $u$  is said to be on the  $i$ -th level if  $|u_<| = i$ . For all our trees  $\tau$  there is a  $k \in \omega$  such that  $|u_<| \leq k$  for all  $u \in \tau$ . The smallest such  $k$  is called the height of  $\tau$ .

DEFINITION 2.1. We define a coordinate tree of  $M$  one level at a time. Let  $L_0 = \{\emptyset\}$ . Suppose  $L_i$  has been defined and  $u \in L_i$ . Let  $A_0(u), \dots, A_n(u) \subset M^{eq}$  be a set of  $u_{\leq}$ -definable reduced rank 1 atoms satisfying

- (a) if  $i \neq j$   $A_i(u) \perp A_j(u)$ ;
- (b) for all  $i \leq n$   $A_i(u) \dashv u_<$ , except when  $u = \emptyset$ ;
- (c) if  $C \subset M^{eq}$  has rank 1,  $C \not\perp u_{\leq}$  and  $C \dashv u_<$ , then  $C \not\perp A_i(u)$  for some  $i \leq n$ .
- (d) We further suppose that whenever  $v \in L_i$  is such that  $v_{\leq} \equiv u_<$ ,  $A_i(u)$  is conjugate to  $A_i(v)$  for all  $i \leq n$ .

Let  $B_i(u)$  be a basis for  $A_i(u)$  in  $M^{eq}$ . Let  $L_{i+1} = \bigcup \{B_i(u) : i \leq n, u \in L_i\}$ . Extend the order  $<$  by:  $v \in B_0(u) \cup \dots \cup B_n(u)$  iff  $u < v$ , for all  $v \in L_{i+1}$ .

Let  $j$  be the least number such that  $L_{j+1} = \emptyset$ . Let  $\tau = L_0 \cup \dots \cup L_j$  and call  $(\tau, <)$  a coordinate tree of  $M$ . We say a type  $p$  appears in  $\tau$  if there is a  $u \in \tau$  such that  $p \in S(u_<)$  and  $p$  is realized in  $A_i(u)$  for some  $i \leq n$ . For  $i \leq n$  let  $\tau_i = (L_0 \cup \dots \cup L_i, <)$ .

REMARK 2.2. Since not all  $u_{\leq}$  above are conjugate the  $n$  does depend on  $u$ . To simplify notation we chose not to express this dependence.

LEMMA 2.3.  $M$  has a coordinate tree.

PROOF. We must show it's possible to carry out the above construction. Suppose we can define  $\tau_i$  and  $u \in L_i$ . By 1.4 and 1.7 there is a finite set  $A_0(u), \dots, A_n(u)$  satisfying (a)–(c). To satisfy (d) notice that if  $v_{\leq} \equiv u_<$  then the conjugates over  $u_{\leq}$  of  $A_0(v), \dots, A_n(v)$  satisfy (a)–(c) for  $u$ . That there is a  $j$  such that  $L_{j+1} = \emptyset$  follows from the finiteness of  $\text{rk}(M)$  and

CLAIM 2.4. If  $\emptyset < v < u$  then  $u \not\perp_{v_<} v$  and  $u$  is dominated by  $v$  over  $v_<$ .

Recall the domination relation on sets [10, C.10]. With  $u, v$  as above let

$s = \{w : v < w \leq u\}$ . Note that  $w \in s \Rightarrow t(w/w_{<}) \dashv v_{<}$ . Using this it is an easy exercise to show that  $s$  is dominated by  $v$  over  $v_{<}$ . In particular,  $u$  is dominated by  $v$  over  $v_{<}$ . The claim is now clear.

From here on  $\tau$  denotes this coordinate tree of  $M$ . Recall that  $\text{dcl}(A) = \{a : \text{there is a formula } \psi(x) \text{ over } A \text{ such that } \models \psi(a) \wedge \exists! x\psi(x)\}$ .

COROLLARY 2.5.  $u \in \tau \Rightarrow u_{<} \in \text{dcl}(u)$ .

PROOF. Since for any  $A$   $\text{dcl}(\text{dcl}(A)) = \text{dcl}(A)$  it suffices to show that for all  $v < u$

$$(1) \quad v \in \text{dcl}(uv_{<}).$$

By 2.4 ( $v \not\ll u/v_{<}$ ) and  $u$  is dominated by  $v$  over  $v_{<}$ . Let  $\varphi = t(v/v_{<})$ . Thus,  $v \in \text{acl}(uv_{<}) \cap \varphi(M)$  and  $w \in \text{acl}(uv_{<}) \cap \varphi(M) \Rightarrow (w \not\ll v/v_{<})$ . Thus,  $\text{acl}(uv_{<}) \cap \varphi(M) = \text{acl}(v_{\leq}) \cap \varphi(M) = \{v\}$ , proving (1).

It is clear that sets definable over  $\text{dcl}(A)$  are also definable over  $A$ . Thus, for  $u \in \tau$ ,  $t(u/u_{<})$  is the unique extension of  $t(u/u^-)$ . So, from here on we will replace  $u_{\leq}$  by  $u$  in most contexts.

LEMMA 2.6. *There are finitely many conjugacy classes of types appearing in  $\tau$ .*

PROOF. We prove by induction that there are finitely many conjugacy classes of types appearing in  $\tau_i$ . Suppose it's true for  $\tau_i$ . If  $u, v \in I_i$  and  $u \equiv v$  then 2.1(d) implies that the types over  $u$  realized in  $u^+$  are conjugate to the types over  $v$  realized in  $v^+$ . It now follows from the inductive hypothesis that  $\tau_{i+1}$  has the desired property.

From here on  $M^*$  denotes an extension by definitions which contains  $\tau$ . Its existence is guaranteed by 2.6.

LEMMA 2.7.  $\tau$  is independent with respect to  $<$ .

PROOF. We prove by induction that for all  $i$ ,  $\tau_i$  is independent with respect to  $<$ . For  $\tau_0$  this is trivial and for  $\tau_1$  it follows from 2.1(a). Now suppose  $\tau_i$  is independent and  $u \in L_i$ , for  $i > 1$ . As in the  $\tau_1$  case we have

$$(2) \quad u^+ \text{ is } u\text{-independent.}$$

Every  $p \in S(u)$  realized in  $u^+$  is orthogonal to  $u^-$ , so by (2)  $t(u^+/u) \dashv u^-$ . Let  $s = \tau_i \setminus \{u\}$ . By the independence of  $\tau_i$  ( $u \downarrow s/u^-$ ). Hence, by [10, C.8]  $t(u^+/u) \dashv s$ , yielding

$$(3) \quad u^+ \cup \{u\} \downarrow_{u^-} s \cup \bigcup \{v^+ : v \in L_i \cap s\}.$$

From (3) it's clear that the set of leaves of  $\tau_{i+1}$  are  $\tau_i$ -independent. The independence of  $\tau_{i+1}$  follows easily from this.

DEFINITION 2.8. For any tree  $\sigma$  let  $\sigma' = \sigma \setminus \{v : v \text{ is a leaf}\}$ .

LEMMA 2.9.  $u \in \tau' \Rightarrow t(u/u^-)$  is trivial.

PROOF. Suppose  $v \in u^+$ . By 2.1(b)  $t(v/u) + u^-$ . Now the lemma follows immediately from 1.8(i) and our assumption that  $T$  has few models.

LEMMA 2.10. If  $p$  appears in  $\tau'$  then  $p(M^*) \subset \tau'$ .

PROOF. Suppose  $p \in S(u)$  and  $B = \tau' \cap p(M^*)$ . We chose  $B$  to be a basis for  $p$  in  $M^{\text{eq}}$ , thus  $c \in p(M^*) \Rightarrow c \not\ll_u B$ . The fact that  $p$  is trivial and reduced implies immediately that  $c \in B$ , proving the lemma.

Some of our freedom in the choice of a coordinate tree is due to our choice of representatives from non-orthogonality classes (see 2.1(c)). We will see this is almost the only point of freedom. Fix  $M^*$  and  $\tau$  a coordinate tree of  $M$ . Let  $\sigma \subset \mathcal{C}^{\text{eq}}$  be an independent tree. We call  $\sigma$  good if every type appearing in  $\sigma$  is conjugate to a type appearing in  $\tau$ , and conversely.

LEMMA 2.11. Every model  $N$  has a good coordinate tree.

PROOF. This is proved by induction, as usual. Suppose we have found  $\sigma_i$ , the first  $i$  levels in a coordinate tree for  $N$ , such that every type appearing in  $\sigma_i$  is conjugate to a type appearing in  $\tau_i$ , and conversely. Then it is easy to show  $u \in \sigma_i$  implies  $u_{\equiv} \equiv v_{\equiv}$  for some  $v \in \tau_i$ . So, if  $A_0(v), \dots, A_n(v)$  are the  $v_{\equiv}$ -definable types used to define  $v^+$ , their conjugates may be used to define  $u^+$  (since the conditions (a)–(c) also hold for these conjugates). The lemma now follows easily.

LEMMA 2.12. If  $\sigma$  is another coordinate tree for  $M$  which is good, then  $\sigma' = \tau'$ .

PROOF. Let  $\sigma'_i = \sigma_i \cap \sigma'$ , similarly define  $\tau'_i$ . Suppose  $\sigma'_i = \tau'_i$  and let  $u \in L_i$  not be a leaf of  $\tau'$ . Let  $A_0, \dots, A_n$  be the  $u$ -definable sets appearing in  $\tau$ . Let  $B_0, \dots, B_m$  be the  $u$ -definable sets appearing in  $\sigma$ . Since  $\sigma$  is good there is a  $w \in \tau$  and  $w$ -definable sets  $C_0, \dots, C_m$  which appear in  $\tau$  and are conjugate to  $B_0, \dots, B_m$ . These sets satisfy 2.1(a)–(c) for  $w$ , so by 2.1(d) we know each  $C_i$  is conjugate to some  $A_j$ . Thus, renumbering if necessary, we have  $m = n$  and  $B_i = A_i$  for  $i \leq n$ .

We are not finished with the proof since some of the  $A_i$ 's may not appear in  $\tau'$ . Note that  $A_i$  appears in  $\tau'$  iff (\*) there is a  $v \in A_i$  and a  $v$ -definable rank 1 set  $D$  such that  $D \dashv v^-$ . Notice (\*) also guarantees  $A_i$  appears in  $\sigma'$ . Thus, we can



number the  $A_i$ 's so that  $A_0, \dots, A_j$  are the sets appearing in both  $\tau'$  and  $\sigma'$ . By 2.10  $u^+ \cap \tau' = A_0 \cup \dots \cup A_j = \sigma' \cap \{v \in \sigma : v^- = u\}$ . This proves  $\sigma'_{i+1} = \tau'_{i+1}$  yielding the lemma.

REMARK 2.13. Not only do we have  $\sigma' = \tau'$ , but as we proved in the first paragraph above, the same types appear in  $\sigma \setminus \sigma'$  and  $\tau \setminus \tau'$ . Thus,  $\sigma$  differs from  $\tau$  only in a choice of basis for these sets realized by leaves.

An easy induction argument using 2.5, 2.10 and the fact that there are finitely many conjugacy classes of types appearing in  $\tau'$  shows that  $\tau'$  is definable. If we were willing to sacrifice the independence of the set of leaves we could alter 2.1 by adding all of  $A_i(u)$  instead of just a basis. The result is a definable tree which serves our purpose equally as well. We chose the present definition only to make the above proofs easier. By these remarks we have

PROPOSITION 2.14. *If  $\sigma$  and  $\pi$  are good coordinate trees for  $N$ , then  $\sigma \cong \pi$  (as trees).*

Our long-range goal is to show  $M$  is prime over  $\tau$ . In Shelah's treatment, where the tree is a collection of submodels, this is not so difficult. The fact that the base of the tree is a model allows the application of strong results about domination and non-orthogonality to a set (see [5, 4.1, 4.3]). In our context there is more work involved.

PROPOSITION 2.15. *Suppose  $p$  in  $S(M^{eq})$  has rank 1 and is non-orthogonal to  $\tau$ . Then there is a  $q$  appearing in  $\tau$  such that  $p \not\perp q$ .*

PROOF. Let  $s \subset \tau$  be a minimal ideal such that  $p \not\perp s$ .

CLAIM. *There is a  $u \in \tau$  such that  $s = u_{\leq}$ .*

Assume, towards a contradiction, that  $s$  contains at least two  $<$ -maximal elements  $v, v'$ . Let  $s' = s \setminus \{v, v'\}$ . By the minimality assumption

$$(4) \quad p \perp s'v \quad \text{and} \quad p \perp s'v'.$$

Since  $s$  is an ideal both  $v$  and  $v'$  have rank 1 over  $s'$ . If  $v \not\perp_{s'} v'$  then  $v' \in \text{acl}(s'v)$ , implying  $p \not\perp s'v$  to contradict (4). Thus,  $v \downarrow_{s'} v'$ , which combined with (4) contradicts 1.9, proving the claim.

By the minimality assumption on  $s = u_{\leq}$ ,  $p \perp u^-$ . By 2.1(c) there is a  $q \in S(u)$  appearing in  $\tau$  such that  $q \not\perp p$ . This proves the proposition.

LEMMA 2.16. *Suppose  $B$  is finite,  $A \subset M^{eq}$  is  $B$ -definable, strongly minimal and  $A \not\perp \tau$ . Then*

- (a) for all but finitely many  $b \in A$ ,  $A \subset \text{acl}(\tau Bb)$ ,
- (b) for all sets  $C \subset M^*$ ,  $A$  is dominated by  $\tau \cup B \cup C$  over  $\emptyset$ ,
- (c) if  $A$  is modular,  $A \subset \text{acl}(\tau B)$ .

PROOF. By 2.15 there is a rank 1 set  $D$  appearing in  $\tau$  such that  $D \not\perp A$ . Suppose  $D$  is definable over  $w$ . Let  $b \in A \setminus \text{acl}(Bw)$ . By Lemma 1.1(i),  $A \subset \text{acl}(bBwD)$ . A fortiori,  $A \subset \text{acl}(bB\tau)$ , to prove (a). For (c) note that by 1.1(ii),  $A \subset \text{acl}(BwD)$ .

Turning to (b) suppose  $d \in \mathbb{C}^{\text{eq}}$  is such that  $d \downarrow \tau BC$ . Clearly, it suffices to prove that  $d \downarrow \tau BCA$  under the assumption that  $C$  is finite. Let  $w$  be as in the proof of (a),  $b \in A \setminus \text{acl}(BCwd)$ . As above  $A \subset \text{acl}(B\tau b)$ . Since  $b \downarrow_{CBw} d$  and  $d \downarrow CBw$ ,  $d \downarrow \tau BCA$ , as desired.

Recall that for a sequence  $\{e_i: i < \alpha\}$  we abbreviate  $\{e_i: i < \beta\}$  by  $E_\beta$ .

DEFINITION 2.17. Let  $A$  be any set,  $a \in \mathbb{C}^{\text{eq}}$ . We call  $\{(c_i, A_i): i \leq n\}$  a *filtration of  $a$  over  $A$*  if

- (a) each  $A_i$  is a reduced rank 1 atom which is definable over  $A \cup C_i$ ,
- (b)  $c_i = \text{acl}(AC_i a) \cap A_i \neq \emptyset$ ,
- (c)  $a \in \text{acl}(AC_{n+1})$ .

REMARK 2.18. The purpose of a filtration is to “construct”  $a$  in terms of elements of rank 1. A filtration accomplishes this in the following sense. For simplicity let  $A = \emptyset$ . Each element of  $c_i$  is in  $A_i$ , hence has rank 1 over  $C_i$  by (a). Let  $E = c_0 \cup \dots \cup c_n = \{e_i: i \leq n\}$ , ordered so that each element of  $c_j$  comes before each element of  $c_{j+1}$  ( $j < n$ ). (Remember that the  $c_j$ ’s are not elements, they are finite subsets of the  $A_j$ ’s.) Thus,  $E$  gives us a sequence such that  $\text{rk}(e_j/E_j) \leq 1$  and  $a \in \text{acl}(E)$ .

LEMMA 2.19. For all finite  $A$  and  $a$  there is an extension by definitions  $\mathbb{C}^*$  in which there is a filtration of  $a$  over  $A$ .

PROOF. This is proved with the Coordinatization Theorem. By 1.2 there is a reduced rank 1  $A$ -definable atom  $A_0$  such that  $c_0 = \text{acl}(Aa) \cap A_0 \neq \emptyset$ . Now suppose  $A_{i-1}$  and  $c_{i-1}$  have been defined so that  $t(a/AC_i)$  is non-algebraic. Let  $A_i$  be a reduced rank 1 atom definable over  $A \cup C_i$  such that  $c_i = \text{acl}(AC_i a) \cap A_i \neq \emptyset$ . By  $\omega$ -stability and the fact that  $(a \not\perp c_i/AC_i)$  there is an  $n < \omega$  such that  $t(a/AC_{n+1})$  is algebraic.  $\{(c_i, A_i): i \leq n\}$  is a filtration of  $a$  over  $A$ .

DEFINITION 2.20.  $T$  is said to be of *modular type* if for all  $a$  and finite  $A$  in  $\mathbb{C}^{\text{eq}}$

there is a filtration  $\{(c_i, A_i): i \leq n\}$  of  $a$  over  $A$  such that every strong type of  $A_i$  is modular, for  $i \leq n$ .

PROPOSITION 2.21. *Let  $C \subset M^*$  and  $a \in M^*$ . Then  $t(a/\tau C)$  is atomic. Furthermore,  $a$  is dominated by  $\tau \cup C$  over  $\emptyset$ .*

PROOF. The basic idea behind the proof is to take a filtration of  $a$  over  $\tau$  and “replace” the  $A_i$ ’s by sets appearing in  $\tau$  using 2.16. The hard part is showing each  $A_i$  is non-orthogonal to  $\tau$ .

Let  $\{(c_i, A_i): i \leq n\}$  be a filtration of  $a$  over  $D$ , where  $D \subset \tau$  is a finite set such that  $a \downarrow_D \tau$ . (If  $t(a/\tau)$  is algebraic there is nothing to prove.)

CLAIM 2.22. *For each  $i \leq n$  there is a  $b_i$  such that*

- (a)  $b_i \subset A_i$ ,
- (b)  $A_i \subset \text{acl}(\tau B_{i+1})$ ,
- (c)  $t(b_i/\tau C B_i)$  is atomic,
- (d) if each strong type of  $A_i$  is modular,  $b_i \in \text{acl}(\tau B_i)$ .

We choose the  $b_j$ ’s by recursion. Let  $D_0, \dots, D_k$  be the strongly minimal components of  $A_0$ . By 2.16, for all but finitely many  $e_i \in D_i$ ,  $D_i \subset \text{acl}(\tau e_i)$ . Thus, we can choose these  $e_i$ ’s so that the type of  $b_0 = e_0 \cdots e_k$  over  $\tau C$  is atomic, giving (a)–(d) for  $i = 0$ . Suppose  $b_0, \dots, b_{j-1}$  have been chosen so that (a)–(d) hold. To find  $b_j$ , we must first prove

SUBCLAIM 2.23.  $A_j \not\perp \tau$ .

Suppose not. By (b) and 2.17(a) we have

$$(5) \quad \text{for } l \leq j, A_l \text{ is definable over } \text{acl}(\tau B_l).$$

So  $A_j \not\perp \tau B_j$ . Let  $k \leq j$  be such that  $A_j \not\perp \tau B_k$  and  $A_j \perp \tau B_{k-1}$ . Let  $e \subset b_{k-1}$  be minimal so that

$$(6) \quad A_j \not\perp \tau B_{k-1} e \quad \text{and} \quad A_j \perp \tau B_{k-1}.$$

First suppose  $e$  is a singleton. Then by (5),  $\text{rk}(e/\tau B_{k-1}) = 1$ . By 2.22(d) we know  $t(e/\tau B_{k-1})$  is non-modular (otherwise  $A_j \not\perp \tau B_{k-1}$ ). Combining these facts we contradict 1.8(i). If  $e$  is not a singleton it is a  $\tau B_{k-1}$ -independent set of elements of rank 1. We easily get a contradiction to 1.9(ii), to prove 2.23.

Since  $A_j$  is an atom each of its strong types is non-orthogonal to  $\tau$ . Apply 2.16 to each strong type of  $A_j$  to obtain a sequence  $b_j \subset A_j$  to satisfy (a)–(c). Part (d) of the claim follows from 2.16(c).

Combining the definition of a filtration with 2.22(b) we see that  $a \in \text{acl}(\tau B_{n+1})$ .

By 2.22(c),  $B_{n+1}$  is atomic over  $\tau C$ . By the transitivity of isolation we have  $t(a/\tau C)$  isolated. Notice that if  $T$  is of modular type  $a \in \text{acl}(\tau)$ . To finish the proof of 2.21 it suffices to prove

CLAIM 2.24.  $a$  is dominated by  $\tau \cup C$  over  $\emptyset$ .

By 2.23, 2.16(b) and the fact that  $A_{i+1}$  is definable over  $\tau \cup A_0 \cup \dots \cup A_i$ , we have  $A_{i+1}$  dominated by  $\tau \cup C \cup A_0 \cup \dots \cup A_i$  over  $\emptyset$ . By the transitivity of domination  $A_0 \cup \dots \cup A_i$  is dominated by  $\tau C$  over  $\emptyset$ . Since  $a \in \text{acl}(\tau A_0 \dots A_n)$  2.24 is proved, as well as 2.21.

THEOREM 1. *Suppose  $T$  has few models,  $M \models T$  and  $\tau$  is a coordinate tree of  $M$ . Then  $M$  is prime over  $\tau$  and dominated by  $\tau$  over  $\emptyset$ . If  $T$  is of modular type then  $M \subset \text{acl}(\tau)$ .*

PROOF. The last sentence follows immediately from 2.22. Let  $N \subset M$  be a maximal atomic model over  $\tau$  and fix a construction  $\langle c_\alpha : \alpha < |N| \rangle$  of  $N$ . By 2.21,  $N = M$ . To prove the domination notice that by 2.21 at stage  $\alpha$  of the construction we have  $C_\alpha$  dominated by  $\tau$  over  $\emptyset$ , and  $c_\alpha$  dominated by  $\tau C_\alpha$  over  $\emptyset$ . By the transitivity of domination  $C_{\alpha+1}$  is dominated by  $\tau$  over  $\emptyset$ . The theorem follows easily.

The last sentence of Theorem 1 generalizes the following theorem of Gisela Ahlbrandt [1]: *if  $T$  is totally categorical of modular type, then  $T$  is almost strongly minimal.*

LEMMA 2.25. *Suppose  $A \subset M^{\text{eq}}$  and  $p \in S_1(A)$  is strongly minimal. Then  $p \not\perp \tau$ , hence  $p$  is non-orthogonal to some type appearing in  $\tau$ .*

PROOF. Wlog,  $A = a$  is finite. 2.22 yields a sequence  $E = \{e_i : i \leq k\}$  such that  $a \in \text{acl}(\tau E)$  and for all  $i \leq k$ ,  $t(e_i/\tau E_i)$  has rank 1 and is non-orthogonal to  $\tau$ .  $p$  is a type over  $\text{acl}(\tau E)$ . The proof that  $p$  is non-orthogonal to  $\tau$  is exactly like the proof of 2.23.

We now connect our results with the concept of *depth* found in [5]. Assuming  $T$  has few models we know it is shallow. It's not hard to see the depth of  $T$  must be finite.

PROPOSITION 2.26. *The depth of  $T$  is the height of any good coordinate tree.*

PROOF. We use some concepts and results from [5, §6]. The definitions imply  $d(T) = \max\{d(p) + 1 : p \text{ a stationary type}\}$ . By [5, 6.2(ii)] we can restrict these  $p$  to regular types. It's an easy exercise (using 1.2) to show every regular type is

non-orthogonal to a strongly minimal type in  $\mathcal{C}^{\text{eq}}$ . Let  $\sigma$  be a coordinate tree for  $\mathcal{C}$ . By 2.25 every strongly minimal type in  $\mathcal{C}^{\text{eq}}$  is non-orthogonal to a type appearing in  $\sigma$ . Thus,  $d(T) = \max\{d(p) + 1 : p \text{ a strong type of a type appearing in } \sigma\}$ . Let  $n$  be the height of  $\sigma$ .

*CLAIM.* *If  $p$  is a strong type of a type appearing in  $\sigma$  and realized in the  $i$ -th level,  $d(p) \leq n - i$ .*

The claim is proved by induction on  $n - i$ . Suppose  $n - i = 0$  and  $p = \text{stp}(u/u_{<})$ . Let  $N \models T^{\text{eq}}$  be a countable model containing  $u_{<}$  such that  $u \downarrow_{u_{<}} N$  and let  $M = N[u]$ . Let  $q \in S(M)$  be strongly minimal. To show that  $d(p) = 0$  it suffices to prove that  $q \not\perp N$ . By Lemma 2.25 there is a  $v \in \sigma$  such that  $q \not\perp \text{stp}(v/v_{<})$ . Let  $A = M \cap v_{<}$ .

*SUBCLAIM.*  $A = v_{<}$ .

Suppose  $v_{<} \setminus A$  is non-empty and enumerate it as  $w_0, \dots, w_k$  with  $w_{i+1}^- = w_i$  ( $i < k$ ). (This is possible by 2.5 and the fact that  $\text{dcl}(M) = M$ .) Since  $\text{rk}(w_0/A) = 1$ ,  $M \not\perp_A w_0$  implies  $w_0 \in \text{acl}(M) = M$ . Thus  $M \downarrow_A w_0$ . By Claim 2.4,  $w_k$  is dominated by  $w_0$  over  $A$ , so  $w_k \downarrow_A M$ . Since  $(w_k)_{<} \subset \text{dcl}(w_k)$  we have  $v_{<} \downarrow_A M$ . Our assumption that  $v_{<} \neq A$  implies that  $t(v/v_{<}) \perp A$  (by 2.1(b)). By [10, C.8]  $t(v/v_{<}) \perp M$ . This contradicts that  $q \in S(M)$  and  $q \not\perp t(v/v_{<})$ , proving the subclaim.

By the subclaim we have  $v_{<} \in M$ . Since  $a \in M \setminus N \Rightarrow a \not\perp_N u$  it is easy to show that any  $w \in \sigma \cap (M \setminus N)$  is also a leaf. Thus,  $v_{<} \in N$ . Hence  $t(v/v_{<})$  and  $q$  are both non-orthogonal to  $N$ .

The general inductive step is organized as follows. Suppose  $p = \text{stp}(u/u_{<})$ ,  $u$  is on the  $i$ -th level, and  $M$  and  $N$  are chosen as above. Let  $q \in S(M)$  be strongly minimal,  $v \in \sigma$  such that  $t(v/v_{<}) \not\perp q$ . As in the proof of the subclaim we have  $v_{<} \in M$ . Since  $a \in M \setminus N \Rightarrow a \not\perp_N u$ , we see that  $v_{<} \in L_0 \cup \dots \cup L_i$ . Thus,  $v$  is on at most the  $i + 1$ -st level. It follows from the inductive hypothesis that  $d(q) \leq n - (i + 1)$ . By the definition of depth  $d(p) \leq n - i$ . This proves the claim.

Now suppose  $u \in L_1$  is such that for all  $i$ ,  $2 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $u_{>} \cap L_i \neq \emptyset$ ,  $p = \text{stp}(u)$ . Clearly,  $d(p) \geq n - 1$ . By the claim  $d(p) = n - 1$  and this is the maximum depth among such types. This proves the proposition.

### §3. The spectrum function and invariants for $M$

We continue the conventions adopted in Section 2:  $M$  is an arbitrary uncountable model,  $\tau$  is a coordinate tree for  $M$  and all coordinate trees are

good. We showed in Section 2 that there is a one-one correspondence between models and isomorphism types of coordinate trees. In this section we first give a necessary and sufficient condition for a tree to be the coordinate tree of some model. The spectrum function is then determined by counting the number of these trees. Lastly, we give a method of labelling coordinate trees which generates an invariant for  $M$ .

**DEFINITION 3.1.** We say a good tree  $\sigma$  is *permissible* if the following hold whenever  $u \in \sigma$  and  $p \in S(u)$  is conjugate to a type appearing in some coordinate tree.

(a) Suppose the strong types of  $p$  are modular. Then for all strong types  $q$  of  $p$ ,  $q(\sigma)$  is infinite.

(b) Suppose the strong types of  $p$  are non-modular. Then there are strong types  $q_0, \dots, q_m$  of  $p$  which represent the non-orthogonality classes among the strong types of  $p$  such that  $q_i(\sigma)$  is infinite for  $i \leq m$ .  $\sigma$  also contains a minimal set of realizations of other strong types of  $p$  such that each strong type of  $p$  is realized in  $\text{acl}(p(\sigma) \cup u)$ .

**PROPOSITION 3.2.** *If  $\sigma$  is permissible there is an  $N$  such that  $\sigma$  is a coordinate tree for  $N$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $N$  be prime over  $\sigma$ . Our definition of permissible guarantees that for  $u \in \sigma$  there are  $A_0(u), \dots, A_n(u)$  appearing in  $\sigma$  which satisfy 2.1(a)–(c). Notice also that 2.1(d) is satisfied. So, to show  $\sigma$  is a coordinate tree it suffices to show that for  $p \in S(u)$  appearing in  $\sigma$ ,  $B = p(\sigma)$  is a basis for  $p$  in  $N$ . (See our remarks on bases of reduced rank 1 atoms in Section 1.) Let  $c \in p(N)$ . Using the independence of  $\sigma$  and the fact that  $q \in S(v)$  appearing in  $\sigma$  implies  $q \dashv v^-$ , it is routine (but tedious) to show  $(c \downarrow \sigma / Bu)$ . Thus,  $t(c/Bu)$  is atomic. Let  $D \subset Bu$  be finite and such that

$$(1) \quad t(c/D) \dashv t(c/Bu) \quad \text{and} \quad u \in D.$$

We may assume  $D$  contains a realization of all strong types  $q$  of  $p$  which are realized in  $B$ . Since  $B$  is infinite there is a  $b \in B \setminus D$ . If  $t(c/D)$  is non-algebraic 3.1 implies  $t(b/D) \not\perp t(c/D)$ . This contradicts (1). Thus,  $t(c/D)$  is algebraic to prove the proposition.

We now show how to count the number of non-isomorphic permissible trees of cardinality  $\aleph_\alpha$ . Let  $d$  be the height of any coordinate tree ( $d$  is the depth of  $T$  by 2.26). One case is a particular nuisance so we consider it separately.

*Subsection 3.3.* (The spectrum function when  $d = 1$ ) Wlog,  $T$  is not  $\aleph_1$ -categorical. Let  $q_0, \dots, q_{n-1}$  be the strong types over  $\emptyset$  which are realized by infinitely many elements of  $\tau$ . Let  $e_i \in \text{acl}(\emptyset)$  be such that there is a stationary  $r_i \in S(e_i)$  parallel to  $q_i$ . Let  $\bar{r} = \bigcup_{i < n} r_i(x_i)$ , which is easily seen to be in  $S_n(E_n)$  since the  $q_i$ 's are pairwise orthogonal.

This case is complicated by the fact that there may be a structure placed on the  $e_i$ 's which keeps permutations of the  $r_i$ 's from being conjugate to  $\bar{r}$ .

Let  $\Lambda_\alpha = \{\kappa : \aleph_0 \cong \kappa \cong \aleph_\alpha\}$ ,  $\Lambda_\alpha^n$  the set of functions from  $n$  into  $\Lambda_\alpha$ . We define an equivalence relation  $\sim$  on  $\Lambda_\alpha^n$  (uniformly for all  $\alpha$ ) as follows:

$f \sim g$  if there is a permutation  $\pi$  of  $n$  such that  $f = g \circ \pi$  and  $\bigcup_{i < n} r_{\pi(i)}(x_{\pi(i)})$  is conjugate to  $\bar{r}$ .

Let  $f_M \in \Lambda_\alpha^n$  be such that  $f_M(i) = \dim(r_i(M))$  for  $i < n$ . We leave it as an exercise to show  $f_M / \sim$  is an invariant for  $M$ , i.e.

$$(2) \quad M \cong N \quad \text{iff} \quad f_M / \sim = f_N / \sim.$$

Let  $I_*(\lambda, T)$  be the number of non-isomorphic models of cardinality at most  $\lambda$ . We have

$$(3) \quad I_*(\aleph_\alpha, T) = |\Lambda_\alpha^n / \sim| \quad \text{and} \quad I(\aleph_\alpha, T) = \left| (\Lambda_\alpha^n / \sim) \setminus \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} (\Lambda_\beta^n / \sim) \right|.$$

First suppose  $\alpha$  is infinite. Since each  $\sim$ -class is finite and  $\Lambda_\alpha^n$  is infinite

$$(4) \quad I_*(\aleph_\alpha, T) = |\Lambda_\alpha^n| = |\alpha + 1| \quad \text{and} \quad I(\aleph_\alpha, T) = \left| \Lambda_\alpha^n \setminus \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} (\Lambda_\beta^n) \right|, \quad \text{when } \alpha \cong \omega.$$

It is easy to see  $|\Lambda_\alpha^n \setminus \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} (\Lambda_\beta^n)| = |\Lambda_\alpha^n|$ , so

$$(5) \quad I(\aleph_\alpha, T) = |\alpha|, \quad \text{when } \alpha \cong \omega.$$

For  $\alpha$  finite we have

$$(6) \quad I(\aleph_{\alpha+1}, T) = |(\Lambda_{\alpha+1}^n / \sim) \setminus (\Lambda_\alpha^n / \sim)| = |\Lambda_{\alpha+1}^n / \sim| - |\Lambda_\alpha^n / \sim|.$$

To get an idea of what this number is notice that  $n \cdot |\alpha + 1| \cong |\Lambda_\alpha^n / \sim| \cong |\alpha + 1|^n$ . Note that for a given theory  $\sim$  is uniquely determined, so  $I(\lambda, T)$  can be computed precisely.

**REMARK 3.4.** It follows from the next proposition and the theorem quoted in the title of [6] that 3.3 gives the only possible spectra for theories with a finite number of models in some uncountable power.

PROPOSITION 3.5. *If  $d \geq 2$  then for  $\alpha > 0$*

$$(7) \quad I(\aleph_\alpha, T) = \beth_{d-2}((|\alpha| + \aleph_0)^{|\alpha|}).$$

PROOF. Starting with elements on the highest level and working down we count the possible isomorphism types over  $u$  for  $u_{>}$ . Suppose  $u \in L_{d-1}$  and  $u^+ \neq \emptyset$ . As in the  $d = 1$  case we find that the number of isomorphism types for  $u_{>}$  is

$$(8) \quad \text{finite if } \alpha < \omega \quad \text{and} \quad |\alpha| \text{ if } \alpha \geq \omega.$$

Now suppose  $u \in L_{d-2}$  and  $u_{>} \cap L_d \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $q$  be a strong type over  $u$  realized by infinitely many  $v \in u^+$  such that  $v^+ \neq \emptyset$ . (Since  $q$  is trivial this property is independent of the choice of permissible tree.) For a fixed coordinate tree  $\sigma$  containing  $u$  the isomorphism type over  $u$  of  $(q, \sigma)_{>} = q(\sigma) \cup \{w : w^- \in q(\sigma)\}$  is determined by the number of elements  $v$  of  $q(\sigma)$  such that  $v^+$  has a fixed isomorphism type. Note that there are permissible trees where this number is finite. Combining this remark with (8) we find that the number of isomorphism types in  $\{(q, \sigma)_{>} : u \in \sigma, \sigma \text{ a coordinate tree}\}$  is  $(|\alpha| + \aleph_0)^{|\alpha|}$ . Letting  $q$  range over the strong types realized in  $u^+$  we see that this is also the number of isomorphism types for  $u_{>}$ . For  $u \in L_{d-3}$  with  $u_{>} \cap L_d \neq \emptyset$  we similarly find that the number of isomorphism types for  $u_{>}$  is  $\beth_1((|\alpha| + \aleph_0)^{|\alpha|})$ . Continuing down through the levels we eventually compute  $\emptyset_{>}$ , the number of non-isomorphic coordinate trees, as  $\beth_{d-2}((|\alpha| + \aleph_0)^{|\alpha|})$ , to prove the theorem.

We now show how to label a coordinate tree of  $M$  to find a set-theoretically simple invariant which determines  $M$  up to isomorphism. We first need to discuss a problem like that which arose in the  $d = 1$  case. Let  $\sigma$  be a coordinate tree of  $N$ ,  $u \in \sigma'$ . Let  $r_0, \dots, r_{n-1}$  be strong types over  $u$  realized by infinitely many elements of  $u^+$ . As before we may assume there is an  $e_i \in \text{acl}(u)$  such that  $r_i \in S(e_i, u)$ . Let  $\bar{r}_u = \bigcup_{i < n} r_i(x_i)$  (an element of  $S_n(E_n u)$ ). Recall that  $\tau$  denotes the coordinate tree of  $M$  obtained in Section 2. We may require that whenever  $u, v \in \tau'$  are conjugate,  $\bar{r}_u$  and  $\bar{r}_v$  are conjugate. We call a good coordinate tree  $\sigma$  *excellent* if whenever  $v \in \sigma$  is conjugate to  $u \in \tau$ ,  $\bar{r}_v$  is conjugate to  $\bar{r}_u$ . As in 2.11 every model has an excellent coordinate tree.

Now we're ready to label  $\tau$ . Let  $|M| = \lambda$  and  $\Lambda = \{\kappa : \kappa \leq \lambda\}$  (including finite cardinals). We will associate with  $u \in \tau$  a set  $\text{tag}(u)$  which determines  $u_{>}$  up to isomorphism. The labelling is done from the top down. If  $u$  is a leaf let  $\text{tag}(u) = \{\emptyset\}$ . Suppose  $\text{tag}(v)$  has been defined for all elements on levels above  $i$  and  $u \in L_i$ . Let  $F_{i+1} = \{\text{tag}(v) : v \in L_{i+1}\}$ . Let  $r_0, \dots, r_{n-1}$  and  $\bar{r}_u$  be as above. For



$j < n$  let  $f_j : F_{i+1} \rightarrow \Lambda$  be given by

$$(9) \quad \text{for } \xi \in F_{i+1}, \quad f_j(\xi) = |\{v \in u^+ : v \text{ realizes } r_j \text{ and } \text{tag}(v) = \xi\}|.$$

Finally let  $\text{tag}(u) = \{f_{\pi(0)}, \dots, f_{\pi(n-1)}\}$ :  $\pi$  is a permutation of  $n$  such that  $\bigcup_{i < n} r_{\pi(i)}(x_{\pi(i)})$  is conjugate to  $\bar{r}_u$ .

We define the *invariant* of  $M$ ,  $\mathcal{I}(M)$ , to be  $\text{tag}(\emptyset)$ . Assuming that, for all  $N$ ,  $\mathcal{I}(N)$  is computed with an excellent coordinate tree we easily prove

**THEOREM 3.6.**  $M \cong N$  iff  $\mathcal{I}(M) = \mathcal{I}(N)$ .

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