

The Boolean Spectrum of an o -Minimal Theory

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Abstract We show that the number of isomorphism types of Boolean algebras of definable subsets of countable models of an o -minimal theory is either 1 or 2^{\aleph_0} . We also show that the number of such isomorphism types is 1 if and only if no countable model of the o -minimal theory contains an infinite discretely ordered interval.

A structure \mathfrak{M} linearly ordered by $<$ is said to be o -minimal if its definable subsets are exactly those that can be obtained by using only quantifier-free formulas involving $<$, i.e., unions of finitely many points and intervals. A complete theory \mathbf{T} of linearly ordered structures is said to be o -minimal if all models of \mathbf{T} are o -minimal. We note that in [2] and [5] it is shown that “all models” may be replaced by “some model” in the definition of an o -minimal theory. Model theoretically, o -minimal structures are the simplest linearly ordered structures, playing the same role with respect to $<$ as minimal structures do with respect to $=$. Carrying this analogy further, o -minimal theories correspond to strongly minimal theories.

o -minimal theories were studied extensively in [4]. Here we wish to consider a particular question about such theories. Let \mathbf{T} be a theory and \mathfrak{M} a model of \mathbf{T} . Denote by $B(\mathfrak{M})$ the Boolean algebra of the definable subsets of \mathfrak{M} , and define the Boolean spectrum of \mathbf{T} , $\text{Spec}\mathbf{T}$, to be the set of isomorphism types of the algebras $B(\mathfrak{M})$ as \mathfrak{M} ranges over the countable models of \mathbf{T} . It is well known that the Boolean spectrum of a strongly minimal theory \mathbf{T} contains only one element: the isomorphism type of the countable superatomic algebra of CB-type $(2,1)$. That is, a strongly minimal theory \mathbf{T} is p - \aleph_0 -categorical (see [7]). Thus we are interested in examining the corresponding problem in the o -minimal case.

The most obvious question to raise is whether all o -minimal theories are

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p - \aleph_0 -categorical. The answer, just as obviously, is no; one need only consider the theory of discrete linear order without endpoints. Nevertheless, there are many examples of p - \aleph_0 -categorical o -minimal theories:

- the theory of dense linear order without endpoints
- the theory of divisible ordered abelian groups
- the theory of real closed fields.

Observe that in each case the underling order is dense.

Our aim then is to classify the p - \aleph_0 -categorical o -minimal theories, or, more generally, to analyze the Boolean spectrum of any o -minimal theory. We will show that

- an o -minimal theory \mathbf{T} is p - \aleph_0 -categorical iff no (countable) model of \mathbf{T} contains an infinite discrete interval, and that
- if \mathbf{T} is o -minimal but not p - \aleph_0 -categorical, then $|\text{Spec}\mathbf{T}| = 2^{\aleph_0}$.

Here is the plan of the article. In Section 1 we recall some basic facts concerning o -minimal theories and Ketonen's classification of countable atomic Boolean algebras (see [1]). We also show that, for every theory \mathbf{T} of linearly ordered structures, $\text{Spec}\mathbf{T}$ contains the isomorphism type of the countable atomic Boolean algebra B_0 with the property that for every infinite $b \in B_0$, there exist infinite $b_1, b_2 \in B_0$ such that $b_1 \vee b_2 = b$ and $b_1 \wedge b_2 = 0$. Section 2 is devoted to some technical lemmas. Finally, in Section 3, we prove the main theorems.

We assume throughout that \mathbf{T} is a complete theory without finite models. We also adopt the usual convention that all models of \mathbf{T} are elementary submodels of some large saturated model \mathfrak{U} of \mathbf{T} . If $\mathfrak{M} \models \mathbf{T}$ and $X \in \mathcal{B}(\mathfrak{M})$, we will sometimes identify X with any formula defining it. Lastly, we say that X is 0-definable if X is definable without parameters.

1 Some preliminaries We first review some facts about countable atomic Boolean algebras. Ketonen classified the isomorphism types of countable atomic Boolean algebras in [1]. In what follows, however, we adopt the terminology of [7].

We first recall the Cantor-Bendixon (hereafter CB) analysis of a countable atomic Boolean algebra. For an atomic Boolean algebra B , we denote by $I(B)$ the ideal generated by the atoms of B . Then, if B is a countable Boolean algebra, we define the sequence $\langle I_\nu(B) : \nu \in \text{On} \rangle$ of ideals of B as follows:

$$I_0(B) = (0), I_1(B) = I(B),$$

$$I_\lambda(B) = \bigcup_{\nu < \lambda} I_\nu(B) \text{ for limit } \lambda,$$

$$I_{\nu+1}(B) = \text{the preimage of } I(B/I_\nu(B)) \text{ under the canonical homomorphism of } B \text{ onto } I(B/I_\nu(B)).$$

Clearly, there is a (smallest) countable ordinal ν_0 for which $I_{\nu_0+1}(B) = I_{\nu_0}(B)$, which we designate the CB-rank (B) . For $b \in B - I_{\nu_0}(B)$, we define CB-rank $(b) = \infty$, and for all other $b \in B$, we let CB-rank $(b) = \min\{\nu : b \in I_{\nu+1}(B)\}$.

We recall that a countable atomic Boolean algebra is called *superatomic* if, with ν_0 as above, $B/I_{\nu_0}(B) \cong (0)$. It is known that the CB-analysis of a

countable superatomic Boolean algebra determines its isomorphism type. Let us turn now to the case where a countable atomic Boolean algebra is not superatomic. For a Boolean algebra B and $b \in B$, we denote by $B[b]$ the Boolean algebra whose domain is $\{x \in B: x \leq b\}$. The key to the classification of countable atomic Boolean algebras that are not superatomic is provided by the classification of such algebras B that are *uniform*, i.e., which satisfy $\text{CB-rank}(B[b]) \leq \text{CB-rank}(B[b^*])$ for all $b \in B$ with $\text{CB-rank}(b) < \infty$, where b^* denotes the complement of b in B (see [1] or [7]). We first observe that if $B \neq (0)$ is a uniform, countable atomic algebra and $\text{CB-rank}(B) = \nu_0$, then $B/I_{\nu_0}(B)$ is a countable atomless algebra. The isomorphism type of such an algebra then can be described by a function $f_B: B/I_{\nu_0}(B) \rightarrow \omega_1$, which we now define. Let $S(B)$ be the dual space of B , and for $p \in S(B)$, let $\text{CB-rank}(p) = \min\{\text{CB-rank}(b): b \in p\}$. Also, for $b \in B$, let

$$U(b) = \{p \in S(B): b \in p \wedge \text{CB-rank}(p) = \infty\}$$

and, for every $p \in S(B)$ with $\text{CB-rank}(p) = \infty$, let

$$r(p) = \min\{\text{CB-rank}(B[c]): c \in p\}.$$

Then we define

$$f_B(b/I_{\nu_0}(B)) = \sup\{r(p): p \in U(b)\}.$$

For details we refer the reader to [1] or [7]. We only wish to point out that f_B is strictly additive if we let $\nu + \xi = \max\{\nu, \xi\}$.

Finally, we denote by B_0 the uniform countable atomic algebra satisfying, for each infinite $b \in B_0$, that there exist infinite $b_1, b_2 \in B_0$ with $b = b_1 \vee b_2$ and $b_1 \wedge b_2 = 0$.

We assume that the reader is familiar with the principal results of [4], but nonetheless we wish to recall the characterization of \mathcal{o} -minimal linear orders from that paper. Let $\mathfrak{M} = (M, <, \dots)$ be \mathcal{o} -minimal. Then there is an $m < \omega$ such that $(M, <)$ can be written as the ordered sum

$$(M, <) = C_1 + \dots + C_m$$

where, for each $i \leq m$, $(C_i, <)$ is elementarily equivalent to one of

$$(\omega, <), (\omega^*, <), (\mathbf{Z}, <), (\omega + \omega^*, <), (\mathbf{Q}, <),$$

or a finite linear order,

and for all $i \leq m$, if C_i does not have a last element, then C_{i+1} has a first element. Moreover, if m is minimal, then C_i is 0-definable in $(M, <)$ for each $i \leq m$. That is, $C_i = \phi_i(M)$ for some formula $\phi_i(v)$ without parameters in the language $\{<\}$. So if $\mathfrak{N} \equiv \mathfrak{M}$ then $(N, <)$ can be written as the ordered sum

$$(N, <) = \phi_1(N) + \dots + \phi_m(N)$$

where $(\phi_i(N), <) \equiv (C_i, <)$ for each $i \leq m$. In particular, if such an \mathfrak{M} contains an infinite discrete interval I , then we may assume without loss of generality that there is an $i \leq m$ such that $I = \phi_i(M)$. Hence, we may suppose that I is 0-definable and, for any $\mathfrak{N} \equiv \mathfrak{M}$, that $\phi_i(N)$ is an infinite discrete interval in $(N, <)$.

We conclude this section with the following straightforward fact.

Proposition 1.1 *For any countable linearly ordered structure \mathfrak{M} , there is an $\mathfrak{N} > \mathfrak{M}$ such that \mathfrak{N} is countable and $B(\mathfrak{N}) \cong B_0$.*

Proof: An easy compactness argument shows that there exists a countable $\mathfrak{M}_1 > \mathfrak{M}$ such that for every formula $\phi(v)$ with parameters from \mathfrak{M} , if $\phi(M)$ is infinite, then $\phi(M_1)$ can be split into two infinite, disjoint \mathfrak{M}_1 -definable subsets. Taking \mathfrak{N} to be the union of an increasing ω elementary chain of models built in this way gives the result.

From Proposition 1.1 we immediately obtain

Proposition 1.2 *If a theory \mathbf{T} extending the theory of linear order has a countable saturated model \mathfrak{M} , then $B(\mathfrak{M}) \cong B_0$.*

2 Basic lemmas This section is devoted to proving some technical lemmas. Throughout, we assume that:

- (a) \mathbf{T} is an o -minimal theory
- (b) $\mathfrak{M} \models \mathbf{T}$
- (c) $I = \phi(\mathfrak{M})$ is an infinite, discrete, 0-definable interval in \mathfrak{M} such that $(\phi(\mathfrak{M}), <)$ is elementarily equivalent to $(\omega, <)$, $(\omega^*, <)$, $(\mathbf{Z}, <)$, or $(\omega + \omega^*, <)$, and S denotes the successor function on I .

Definition 2.1 Let $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \phi(\mathfrak{U})$. The sequence (a_1, \dots, a_n) is S -independent if for each $i = 1, \dots, n$ and $j \in \omega$, $S^j(a_i) < a_{i+1}$.

Let $m \in I$ and suppose that there exists some $m' \in I$ such that (m, m') is S -independent. Also, let $p \in S_1(\mathfrak{M})$ be the type over \mathfrak{M} corresponding to the cut

$$\{v > S^j(m) : j \in \omega\} \cup \{v < m' : m' \in \mathfrak{M} \text{ and } m' > S^j(m) \text{ for all } j \in \omega\}.$$

Lastly, if a realizes p , we denote by $\mathfrak{M}(a)$ the model of \mathbf{T} prime over $\mathfrak{M} \cup \{a\}$, as guaranteed by [4].

Lemma 2.2 *With notation as above, $p(\mathfrak{M}(a)) = \{S^j(a) : j \in \mathbf{Z}\}$.*

Proof: Suppose for a contradiction that there is some $a' \in \mathfrak{M}(a) - \mathfrak{M}$ that realizes p but is different from $S^j(a)$ for all $j \in \mathbf{Z}$. Then $\text{tp}(a', \mathfrak{M} \cup \{a\})$ is isolated by some formula $\theta(v, a)$ in the language $L(\mathfrak{M})$ having constants for each element in \mathfrak{M} . By replacing a' by an endpoint of $\theta(\mathfrak{M}(a), a)$, if necessary, we can assume that $a' = f(a)$, where f is an \mathfrak{M} -definable function. Without loss of generality, by using f^{-1} if required, we may also suppose that $a' > a$. Then, by the Monotonicity Theorem (see [4]), there is an interval $J = (a, b)$ in \mathfrak{M} such that the formula $a < v < b$ is in p , $f|_J$ is a strictly monotone bijection between J and another interval $J' = (a', b')$ in \mathfrak{M} , the formula $a' < v < b'$ is in p , and $f(c) > c$ for all $c \in J$.

It is easy to see that we may assume that $m \in J \cap J'$, where m is as in the definition of p . Since $f(c) > c$ for all $c \in J$, it follows that f must be order-preserving. If there were some $j \in \omega$ for which $f(m) = S^j(m)$, then it would have to be the case that $a' = f(a) = S^j(a)$, contrary to our hypothesis. Hence, $f(m)$ must be greater than any realization of p , and so, since f is order-preserving, $a' = f(a)$ could not realize p . Hence the lemma is proved.

Lemma 2.3 *Let $\bar{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ and $\bar{b} = (b_1, \dots, b_n)$ be S -independent sequences of realizations of p . Then $\text{tp}(\bar{a}, \mathfrak{M}) = \text{tp}(\bar{b}, \mathfrak{M})$.*

Proof: We proceed by induction on n . There is nothing to prove in the case where $n = 1$. So let $n > 1$, and suppose for a contradiction that $\bar{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ and $\bar{b} = (b_1, \dots, b_n)$ are sequences of S -independent realizations of p such that $\text{tp}(\bar{a}, \mathfrak{M}) \neq \text{tp}(\bar{b}, \mathfrak{M})$. By the induction hypothesis, we may assume that $\bar{b} = (b_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$.

Let $\theta(v)$ be an $L(\mathfrak{M} \cup \{a_2, \dots, a_n\})$ -formula such that

$$\models \theta(a_1) \wedge \neg\theta(b_1).$$

It then follows for all $k, l < \omega$ that the formulas

$$\begin{aligned} (\exists v)(\exists w) S^k(m) < v < S^{-l}(v_2) \wedge S^k(m) < w < S^{-l}(v_2) \wedge \theta(v, v_2, \dots, v_n) \\ \wedge \neg\theta(w, v_2, \dots, v_n) \end{aligned}$$

are in $\text{tp}(a_2, \dots, a_n; \mathfrak{M})$. However, applying Lemma 2.2 $n - 1$ times, it is easy to see that there is no $c \in \mathfrak{M}' = \mathfrak{M}(a_n) \cdots (a_2)$ satisfying $S^j(m) < c$ and $S^j(c) < a_2$ for all $j < \omega$, and hence by o -minimality, for some $k, l < \omega$, we have either

$$\models (\forall v) S^k(m) < v < S^{-l}(a_2) \rightarrow \theta(v)$$

or

$$\models (\forall v) S^k(m) < v < S^{-l}(a_2) \rightarrow \neg\theta(v).$$

Either alternative immediately yields a contradiction, so the lemma is proved.

Lemma 2.4 *Suppose that $\bar{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ is an S -independent sequence of realizations of p . Then $p(\mathfrak{M}(\bar{a})) = \bigcup_{1 \leq i \leq n} \{S^j(a_i) : j \in \mathbf{Z}\}$.*

Proof: For a contradiction, suppose that there is some $b \in p(\mathfrak{M}(\bar{a}))$ satisfying $b \neq S^j(a_i)$ for all $j \in \mathbf{Z}$ and $i = 1, \dots, n$. Suppose that $a_i < b < a_{i+1}$ for some $1 \leq i < n$ (the cases $b < a_0$ and $b > a_n$ are handled similarly). Let $\sigma(v, \bar{a})$ be an $L(\mathfrak{M})$ formula isolating $\text{tp}(b, \mathfrak{M} \cup \{\bar{a}\})$. By Lemma 2.3, it follows that $\models \sigma(c, \bar{a})$ holds for all $c \in p(\mathfrak{M}(\bar{a}))$ satisfying $S^j(a_i) < c$ and $S^j(c) < a_{i+1}$ for all $j < \omega$. Hence, by o -minimality, there must be some $k, l < \omega$ such that $\models (\forall v) S^k(a_i) < v < S^{-l}(a_{i+1}) \rightarrow \sigma(v, \bar{a})$. But this is clearly impossible.

Lemma 2.5 *Suppose that X is a set of realizations of p (in \mathfrak{U}) that is closed under S and S^{-1} (so, in particular, $(X, <)$ is a discrete linear order without endpoints). Then $p(\mathfrak{M}(X)) = X$.*

Proof: Since any $b \in p(\mathfrak{M}(X))$ must be isolated over \mathfrak{M} by a finite, S -independent sequence \bar{a} of elements in X , the result follows immediately from Lemma 2.4.

3 The principal theorems We now prove the main results of the paper.

Theorem 3.1 *An o -minimal theory is p - \aleph_0 -categorical iff no (countable) model of \mathbf{T} contains an infinite discrete interval.*

Proof: Let \mathbf{T} be a p - \aleph_0 -categorical o -minimal theory. For a contradiction, suppose that there is a countable $\mathfrak{M} \models \mathbf{T}$ that contains an infinite discrete interval I . By the remarks made about o -minimal linear orders in Section 1, we may assume that I is 0-definable and elementarily equivalent to either $(\omega, <)$, $(\omega^*, <)$, $(\mathbf{Z}, <)$, or $(\omega + \omega^*, <)$. Moreover, by Proposition 1.1 we may also assume that $B(\mathfrak{M}) \cong B_0$, and hence that for every $n < \omega$, I contains an S -independent sequence of length n . Let $m, m' \in I$ so that (m, m') is S -independent, and let p be the type over \mathfrak{M} determined by the cut

$$\{v > S^j(m) : j < \omega\} \cup \{v < b : b \in \mathfrak{M} \wedge (\forall j < \omega) b > S^j(m)\}.$$

Now, let a realize p . It follows by Lemma 2.2 that $p(\mathfrak{M}(a)) = \{S^j(a) : j \in \mathbf{Z}\}$. But then the interval $[m, a] \subseteq \mathfrak{M}(a)$ is infinite and cannot be split into two disjoint infinite definable subsets. This implies that $B(\mathfrak{M}(a)) \not\cong B_0$, a contradiction, since \mathbf{T} was assumed to be p - \aleph_0 -categorical.

Conversely, suppose that \mathbf{T} is an o -minimal theory and that no countable model of \mathbf{T} contains an infinite discrete interval. Then by the remarks on o -minimal linear orders made in Section 1, if \mathfrak{M} is a countable model of \mathbf{T} , we can write $(M, <)$ as the ordered direct sum

$$(M, <) = C_1 + \cdots + C_m$$

where, for each $i \leq m$, $(C_i, <)$ is a 0-definable interval in \mathfrak{M} and is either finite or a dense linear order without endpoints. Then it is easy to see that $B(\mathfrak{M}) \cong B_0$, and hence that \mathbf{T} is p - \aleph_0 -categorical.

Let us also observe that an o -minimal theory \mathbf{T} is p - \aleph_0 -categorical iff there exists a (countable) $\mathfrak{M} \models \mathbf{T}$ that does not contain an infinite discrete interval. This follows from the proof of Theorem 3.1 and the remarks in Section 1 about the ordered sum decomposition of an o -minimal linear order.

Theorem 3.2 *If \mathbf{T} is an o -minimal theory that is not p - \aleph_0 -categorical, then $|\text{Spec}\mathbf{T}| = 2^{\aleph_0}$.*

(In particular, if \mathbf{T} has fewer than 2^{\aleph_0} non-isomorphic countable models, then \mathbf{T} is p - \aleph_0 -categorical.¹ The theory of real closed fields demonstrates that the converse obviously is false.)

Proof: For $n \geq 3$, let $(D(n), <)$ be the discrete linear order without endpoints where

$$\begin{aligned} D(3) &= \omega \times \mathbf{Z} \\ D(n+1) &= \omega \times D(n) \quad \text{for all } n \geq 3 \end{aligned}$$

and $<$ is given by the lexicographic order. It is an easy matter to verify by induction on n that $B((D(n), <))$ is a superatomic Boolean algebra of CB-rank n .

Next, let $(\mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{Z}, <)$ be the discrete linear order in which $<$ is given by lexicographic order. We now fix a sequence $\langle a_n : 0 < n < \omega \rangle$ of elements from this structure satisfying $S^j(a_n) < a_{n+1}$ for all $j < \omega$ and all $0 < n < \omega$, and let $I_0 = (-\infty, a_1)$ and $I_n = (a_n, a_{n+1})$ for each $n > 0$.

For each infinite $X \subseteq \omega - \{0, 1, 2\}$, we now define a discrete linear order without endpoints, $(D(X), <)$, as follows. Enumerate X as $\{x_0, x_1, \dots\}$ with

$x_0 < x_1 < \dots$. Then we obtain $(D(X), <)$ by inserting into each cut in $(\mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{Z}, <)$ of the form

$$\{S^j(a) < v: j < \omega\} \cup \{v < b: b \in \mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{Z} \wedge (\forall j < \omega) b > S^j(a)\},$$

where $a \in I_n$ and $S^j(a) < a_{n+1}$ for all $j < \omega$, a copy of $(D(x_n), <)$. Pictorially,

$$\mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{Z} \dots \underbrace{+ \dots +}_{D(x_0)} \dots \underbrace{+ \dots +}_{D(x_1)} \dots \underbrace{+ \dots +}_{D(x_n)} \dots$$

We now assert that the CB-rank of $B((D(X), <)) = \omega$, and that $B((D(X), <))$ is not superatomic but is uniform. For the first of these assertions, it suffices to consider an interval $I = (a, b)$ in $D(X)$, with $a, b \in D(X) \cup \{\pm\infty\}$ and $S^j(a) < b$ for all $j < \omega$. Because the CB-rank of $B((\mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{Z}, <))$ is ∞ , it is easy to see that CB-rank $(I) = \infty$ if any one of the following hold: (i) b lies in a copy of \mathbf{Z} in $\mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{Z}$ or is ∞ , or (ii) a is $-\infty$, or (iii) a lies in a copy of \mathbf{Z} in $\mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{Z}$ and b lies in a copy of $D(x_n)$ that is not in the cut determined to the left by $\{S^j(a) < v: j < \omega\}$, or (iv) a lies in a copy of $D(x_n)$ and b lies in a copy of $D(x_m)$ where $D(x_n)$ and $D(x_m)$ are distinct. In the remaining cases, namely if a lies in a copy of \mathbf{Z} in $\mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{Z}$ and b lies in the copy of $D(x_n)$ that is in the cut determined to the left by $\{S^j(a) < v: j < \omega\}$, or a and b lie in the same copy of $D(x_n)$, we easily see that $\text{CB-rank}(I) \leq x_n - 2$. Hence, the CB-rank of $B((D(X), <)) = \omega$, as asserted. It is obvious from the analysis just presented that $B((D(X), <))$ is not superatomic and also that it is uniform. We leave the details to the reader.

Now suppose that \mathbf{T} is an o -minimal theory. We complete the proof of the theorem by defining countable models \mathfrak{M}_X for each infinite $X \subseteq \omega - \{0, 1, 2\}$ such that

(*) if $X \neq Y$, then $B(\mathfrak{M}_X) \not\cong B(\mathfrak{M}_Y)$.

Let \mathfrak{M} be a countable model of \mathbf{T} satisfying $B(\mathfrak{M}) \cong B_0$. It then follows that \mathfrak{M} contains an infinite discrete 0-definable interval I , which, ignoring a possible initial copy of $(\omega, <)$ and final copy of $(\omega^*, <)$, is isomorphic to $(\mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{Z}, <)$. Let $m \in I$. For any X as above, let \mathfrak{M}_X be the model of \mathbf{T} that is prime over $\mathfrak{M} \cup D(X)$, where each element of $D(X)$ realizes the type $p \in S(\mathfrak{M})$ determined by the cut in \mathfrak{M} given by

$$\{v > S^j(m): j < \omega\} \cup \{v < b: b \in \mathfrak{M} \wedge (\forall j < \omega) b > S^j(m)\}.$$

By Lemma 2.5, we see that $p(\mathfrak{M}_X) = D(X)$.

Before proving (*), we show that if q is a nonalgebraic type over \mathfrak{M} that is realized in \mathfrak{M}_X , then $q(\mathfrak{M}_X)$ as an order is isomorphic to $D(X)$ with either its usual or reversed order. Given such a q , we will prove this assertion by finding \mathfrak{M} -definable intervals $I_p = (a_1, a_2)$ and $I_q = (b_1, b_2)$ such that $a_1 < v < a_2$ is in p and $b_1 < v < b_2$ is in q , and an \mathfrak{M} -definable order-preserving or reversing bijection f between I_p and I_q .

Let $b \in \mathfrak{M}_X$ realize q , and let $\phi(v, y_1, \dots, y_n)$ be an $L(\mathfrak{M})$ -formula so that there are $a_1, \dots, a_n \in p(\mathfrak{M}_X)$ such that $\phi(v, a_1, \dots, a_n)$ isolates $\text{tp}(b, \mathfrak{M} \cup D(X))$. Assuming now that we have taken n above to be minimal, we observe

that we will be done if we show that $n = 1$. Toward a contradiction, suppose that $n > 1$. Notice that the minimality of n allows us to assume that $\bar{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ is an S -independent sequence of realizations of p . Let \mathfrak{M}' be a model of \mathbf{T} that is prime over $\mathfrak{M} \cup \{a_2, \dots, a_n\}$. We assume that \mathfrak{M}' is elementarily embedded into $\mathfrak{M}(\bar{a})$ over $\mathfrak{M} \cup \{a_2, \dots, a_n\}$. By Lemma 2.4, we see that $p(\mathfrak{M}') = \bigcup_{2 \leq i \leq n} \{S^j(a_i) : j \in \mathbf{Z}\}$, and since n is minimal, we have that $q(\mathfrak{M}') = \emptyset$. Let p' be the type over \mathfrak{M}' determined by the cut

$$\{v > S^j(m) : j < \omega\} \cup \{v < S^{-j}(a_2) : j < \omega\}.$$

Clearly, a_1 realizes p' . Let \mathfrak{M}'' be the model of \mathbf{T} prime over $\mathfrak{M}' \cup \{a_1\}$. We notice that \mathfrak{M}'' contains a realization b_0 of q , and also, by Lemma 2.2, that $p'(\mathfrak{M}'') = \{S^j(a_1) : j \in \mathbf{Z}\}$. Without loss of generality, $b_0 = f(\bar{a})$, where f is an \mathfrak{M} -definable function. Now let $g(v)$ be the $\mathfrak{M} \cup \{a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ -definable function given by $g(v) = f(v, a_2, \dots, a_n)$. Then there exists an interval $J = [c_1, c_2]$ in \mathfrak{M}' , with $c_1 = S^k(m)$ and $c_2 = S^{-l}(a_1)$ for some $k, l \in \omega$, on which g is a strictly monotone bijection of intervals in \mathfrak{M}' . Since \mathfrak{M}' contains no realizations of q , it follows that $g(J) \subseteq \mathfrak{M}$. But $g(J)$ evidently is an interval in \mathfrak{M} that cannot be split into two infinite definable subsets, contradicting the assumption that $B(\mathfrak{M}) = B_0$. Hence, $n = 1$, as claimed.

Using what we have just proved concerning realizations of types in \mathfrak{M}_X , and that $B(\mathfrak{M}) = B_0$, an analysis similar to one we gave in order to calculate the CB-rank ($B(D(X))$) shows that $\text{CB-rank}(B(\mathfrak{M}_X)) = \omega$ for any infinite $X \subseteq \omega - \{0, 1, 2\}$. Similarly, we also observe that $B(\mathfrak{M}_X)$ is not superatomic, but is uniform. Details are left to the reader. In particular, we now have that $B(\mathfrak{M}_X)/I_\omega(B(\mathfrak{M}_X))$ is a countable free Boolean algebra.

Finally, we can move to the proof of (*). Suppose that $X \neq Y$. Let $x \in X \triangle Y$, say $x \in X - Y$, and let $x = x_n$. We define the interval $I \subseteq \mathfrak{M}_X$ by

$$I = \begin{cases} [m, x_1), & \text{if } n = 0 \\ [x_n, x_{n+1}), & \text{if } n > 0. \end{cases}$$

(Here, we identify the set of realizations of p in \mathfrak{M}_X with $D(X)$ itself.) A now routine analysis establishes that $\text{CB-rank}(I) = \infty$.

Let $f_X = f_{B(\mathfrak{M}_X)} : B(\mathfrak{M}_X)/I_\omega(B(\mathfrak{M}_X)) \rightarrow \omega_1$ be as defined in Section 1. We claim that

$$f_X(I/I_\omega(B(\mathfrak{M}_X))) = x - 1.$$

For this, we first observe that a case-by-case analysis shows that the only types q over \mathfrak{M}_X containing the formula $v \in I$ which are members of $U(I)$ are, if $n > 0$, those whose cut in \mathfrak{M}_X is the “limit” from either the right or left, or both sides, of copies of $D(x)$. If $n = 0$, then $U(I)$ contains, in addition, the type q determined by the cut $\{v > S^j(m) : j < \omega\} \cup \{v < b : b \in D(X)\}$. Since $\text{CB-rank}(D(x)) = x$, and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{CB-rank}(B(\mathfrak{M}_X)[S]) &= \sup\{\text{CB-rank}(J) + 1 : \\ &\quad J \in B(\mathfrak{M}_X) \wedge J \subseteq S \text{ an interval} \\ &\quad \wedge \text{CB-rank}(J) < \infty\} \end{aligned}$$

for any definable set $S \subseteq \mathfrak{M}_X$, it follows (identifying the definable set S and the formula $v \in S$) that $r(q) = \min\{\text{CB-rank}(B(\mathfrak{M}_X)[S]) : S \in q\} = x - 1$ for $q \in U(I)$. Hence, $f_X(I/I_\omega(B(\mathfrak{M}_X))) = x - 1$, as claimed.

By the Ketonen analysis of uniform Boolean algebras (see [1]), we complete the proof of the theorem if we show that there is no $S \in B(\mathfrak{M}_Y)$ for which $\text{CB-rank}(S) = \infty$ and $f_Y(S/I_\omega(B(\mathfrak{M}_Y))) = x - 1$. Since f_Y is strongly additive, the o -minimality of \mathbf{T} allows us to assume that $S = (a, b)$ for some $a, b, \in \mathfrak{M}_Y \cup \{\pm\infty\}$ with $a < b$. The analysis now proceeds through four cases. Using the strict additivity of f_Y and what we proved about realizations of types over \mathfrak{M} in \mathfrak{M}_Y , we leave it to the reader to verify that all other cases can be analyzed using the four below.

- (i) $a, b \in \mathfrak{M}$ and $(a, b) \cap (\mathfrak{M}_Y - \mathfrak{M}) = \emptyset$. Here, since $B(\mathfrak{M}) = B_0$, it is a simple matter to verify that $f_Y(S/I_\omega(B(\mathfrak{M}_Y))) = 1$.
- (ii) $a, b \in \mathfrak{M}$ and $(a, b) \cap (\mathfrak{M}_Y - \mathfrak{M}) \neq \emptyset$. Arguing as we did above to show that $f_X(I) = x - 1$, we can show for every $n < \omega$ that there is an interval $J_n \subseteq S$ satisfying $f_Y(J_n/I_\omega(B(\mathfrak{M}_Y))) = y_n - 1$. Hence, the strict additivity of f_Y implies that $f_Y(S/I_\omega(B(\mathfrak{M}_Y))) \geq \omega$.
- (iii) $a = m$ and b realizes p . Using the strict additivity of f_Y once again, it is routine to show that $f_Y(S/I_\omega(B(\mathfrak{M}_Y))) = y - 1$ for some $y \in Y$.
- (iv) a realizes p and b realizes p . In this case also, one easily sees that $f_Y(S/I_\omega(B(\mathfrak{M}_Y))) = y - 1$ for some $y \in Y$.

Since we have shown that $f_Y(S/I_\omega(B(\mathfrak{M}_Y))) \neq x - 1$, it follows that (*), and so Theorem 3.2, is proved.

NOTE

1. The referee has pointed out that this remark can be deduced from Theorem 3.1 using the fact that an o -minimal theory whose models all contain an infinite discrete order has 2^{\aleph_0} nonisomorphic countable models. This fact has an easy proof due to Marker—see [3]. It also follows from a general result of [6], asserting that a theory which extends the theory of linear order and has Skolem functions has 2^{\aleph_0} nonisomorphic countable models.

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