

COMPACT CARDINALS AND ABELIAN GROUPS

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Some properties about abelian groups are known to be related to large cardinals. Among them a certain property of the radical $R_{\mathbf{Z}}$, i.e., $R_{\mathbf{Z}}(A) = \bigcap \{\text{Ker}(h) : h \in \text{Hom}(A, \mathbf{Z})\}$ for an abelian group A , has been known to be related to the existence of a compact cardinal and a measurable cardinal. To state it more precisely, let $R_{\mathbf{Z}}^{[\kappa]}(A) = \sum \{R_{\mathbf{Z}}(B) : B \text{ is a subgroup of } A \text{ of cardinality less than } \kappa\}$ for a cardinal κ . The radical $R_{\mathbf{Z}}$ satisfies the cardinal condition, if there exists a cardinal κ such that $R_{\mathbf{Z}}(A) = R_{\mathbf{Z}}^{[\kappa]}(A)$ for every abelian group A . M. Dugas and R. Göbel [4] proved that if there exists no measurable cardinal, then the condition does not hold. On the other hand M. Dugas [5] showed that if there exists a strongly compact cardinal, then the condition holds. Using subgroups of $\mathbf{Z}^{\kappa}/\mathbf{Z}^{<\kappa} (\simeq \mathbf{Z}^{(B_{\kappa})})$, which itself was also used in [5], B. Wald [15] got some result relating to a weakly compact cardinal.

In the present paper we show that their results can be unified under the notion of λ - $L_{\omega_1\omega}$ -compactness and using it we improve their results, e.g. the radical $R_{\mathbf{Z}}$ satisfies the cardinal condition iff a strongly $L_{\omega_1\omega}$ -compact cardinal exists, where the last property has been studied by J. Bell [2].

First we state definitions. \mathbf{Z} is the additive group of integers and N is the set of natural numbers. In this paper κ always stands for an infinite cardinal and in most cases is regular. The word “of cardinality $\leq \lambda$ ” is an abbreviation of “of cardinality less than or equal to λ ”. $L_{\mu\nu}$ is the infinitary language which admits α -sequences of disjunctions and conjunctions and β -sequences of quantifiers for $\alpha < \mu$ and $\beta < \nu$. See [3] for a precise definition. A cardinal κ is λ - $L_{\mu\nu}$ -compact, if the following hold: For a set T of $L_{\mu\nu}$ -sentences of cardinality λ , if any subset of T of cardinality less than κ has a model, then T itself has a model. κ is strongly $L_{\mu\nu}$ -compact, if κ is λ - $L_{\mu\nu}$ -compact for any λ . $P_{\kappa}\lambda$ is the set of all subsets of λ whose cardinalities are less than κ . Let $U_x = \{y \in P_{\kappa}\lambda : x \subseteq y\}$ for $x \in P_{\kappa}\lambda$ and $F_{\kappa}\lambda = \{x \subseteq P_{\kappa}\lambda : U_x \subseteq X \text{ for some } x \in P_{\kappa}\lambda\}$. Then, $F_{\kappa}\lambda$ is a κ -complete filter on $P_{\kappa}\lambda$ for a regular cardinal κ . Let $B_{\kappa\lambda}$ be the quotient algebra $P(P_{\kappa}\lambda)/F_{\kappa\lambda}$. (We use filters instead of ideals when constructing quotient algebras, differing from [13].) Then, a filter on $P_{\kappa}\lambda$ which contains U_x for all $x \in P_{\kappa}\lambda$ corresponds to a filter of $B_{\kappa\lambda}$.

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Moreover, a countably complete ultrafilter on $P_\kappa \lambda$ which contains Ux for all $x \in P_\kappa \lambda$ corresponds to a countably complete ultrafilter of $B_{\kappa, \lambda}$. In case that κ is regular, by B_κ , we denote the κ -complete quotient Boolean algebra $P(\kappa)/F_\kappa$, where $F_\kappa = \{X \subseteq \kappa : |\kappa - X| < \kappa\}$. A κ -complete Boolean algebra B is κ -representable, if B is isomorphic to the quotient algebra of a κ -complete field of sets modulo a κ -complete filter [13, § 29]. (Note that “ κ -complete”, “ κ -representable” and so on in [13] mean our “ κ^+ -complete”, “ κ^+ -representable” and so on.) The symbols \vee , \wedge , \neg denote least upper bound, product, complement respectively. For a countably complete Boolean algebra B , $\mathbf{Z}^{(B)}$ is the Boolean power of the group of integers \mathbf{Z} , i.e. $\mathbf{Z}^{(B)} = \{f: \mathbf{Z} \rightarrow B \ \& \ \bigvee_{m \in \mathbf{Z}} f(m) = 1 \ \& \ f(m) \wedge f(n) = 0 \text{ for } m \neq n\}$ and $(f+g)(m) = \bigwedge_{m=n+k} f(n) \wedge g(k)$. An abelian group A is torsionless, if A is a subgroup of \mathbf{Z}^I for some I . It is equivalent to the property that for any nonzero $a \in A$ there exists a homomorphism $h: A \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$ such that $h(a) \neq 0$.

Now we state the main theorem.

THEOREM 1. *Let κ be an uncountable regular cardinal and $\lambda < \kappa = \lambda$. Then, the following propositions are equivalent :*

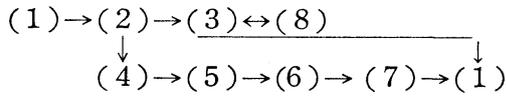
- (1) κ is λ - $L_{\omega_1 \omega_1}$ -compact ;
- (2) κ is λ - $L_{\omega_1 \omega}$ -compact ;
- (3) Any κ -complete κ -representable Boolean algebra of cardinality λ has a countably complete ultrafilter ;
- (4) If A is an abelian group of cardinality $\leq \lambda$, then $R_{\mathbf{Z}}(A) = R_{\mathbf{Z}}^{[\kappa]}(A)$ holds ;
- (5) If A is an abelian group of cardinality $\leq \lambda$ and any subgroup of A of cardinality less than κ is torsionless, then A itself is torsionless ;
- (6) Any subgroup of $\mathbf{Z}^{(B_{\kappa, \lambda})}$ of cardinality $\leq \lambda$ is torsionless ;
- (7) For any subgroup S of $\mathbf{Z}^{(B_{\kappa, \lambda})}$ of cardinality $\leq \lambda$, $\text{Hom}(S, \mathbf{Z}) \neq 0$;
- (8) For any κ -complete κ -representable Boolean algebra B of cardinality $\leq \lambda$, $\text{Hom}(\mathbf{Z}^{(B)}, \mathbf{Z}) \neq 0$.

To prove the theorem, we state some lemmas.

LEMMA 2. ([7, Theorem 1]) *Let B be a countably complete Boolean algebra. Then, $\text{Hom}(\mathbf{Z}^{(B)}, \mathbf{Z}) = \bigoplus_{\mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{F}} \mathbf{Z}$, where \mathcal{F} is the set of all countably complete ultrafilters of B . Consequently, $\text{Hom}(\mathbf{Z}^{(B)}, \mathbf{Z}) \neq 0$ iff a countably complete ultrafilter of B exists.*

LEMMA 3. ([13, 29.3]) *Let B be a κ -complete κ -representable Boolean algebra. If $b \neq 0$ and $\bigvee_{m \in \mathbf{N}} b_{\alpha m} = 1$ for $\alpha < \mu$ where $\mu < \kappa$, then exists an $f \in {}^\mu \mathbf{N}$ such that $\{b, b_{\alpha f(\alpha)} : \alpha < \mu\}$ satisfies the finite intersection property.*

PROOF OF THEOREM 1. Our proofs go on according to the following diagram :



(1) → (2) : trivial.

(2) → (3) : Let \mathcal{F} be a κ -complete field and F a κ -complete filter of \mathcal{F} and $B = \mathcal{F}/F$. By the assumption of cardinality of λ , we can take a κ -complete subfield \mathcal{F}' of \mathcal{F} cardinality λ such that $B = \mathcal{F}'/\mathcal{F}' \cap F$. Let $\mathcal{F}' = \{P_\xi : \xi < \lambda\}$ and T be the set of the following $L_{\omega_1\omega}$ -sentences :

- (a) $\underline{P}_\xi(c)$ if $P_\xi \in F$;
- (b) $\forall x (\bigwedge_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \underline{P}_{\xi n}(x) \leftrightarrow \underline{P}_\xi(x))$ if $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} P_{\xi n} = P_\xi$;
- (c) $\forall x (\underline{P}_\xi(x) \leftrightarrow \neg \underline{P}_\eta(x))$ if $P_\xi = P_\eta^c$.

Since F is κ -complete, any subset of T of cardinality less than κ has a model. Hence T has model \mathcal{A} . Let $P_\xi \in \bar{F}$ iff $\mathcal{A} \models \underline{P}_\xi(c)$. Then, \bar{F} extends $\mathcal{F}' \cap F$ and is a countably complete ultrafilter of \mathcal{F}' . Consequently, B has a countably complete ultrafilter.

(3) ↔ (8) : Clear by Lemma 2.

(2) → (4) : To prove it by absurd, suppose the negation of (4). Then, there exists an $a^* \in R_{\mathbb{Z}}(A)$ such that $a^* \notin R_{\mathbb{Z}}^{[\kappa]}(A)$. Let T be the following set of $L_{\omega_1\omega}$ -sentences :

- (a) $\underline{a} \neq \underline{a}'$ for $a \neq a', a, a' \in A, \underline{a} + \underline{b} = \underline{c}$ for $a + b = c, a, b, c \in A$;
- (b) The axiom of abelian groups;
- (c) $\forall x \bigvee_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} (H_m(x) \ \& \ \bigwedge_{n \neq m, n \in \mathbb{Z}} \neg H_n(x))$;
 $\forall x, y \bigvee_{m, n, k \in \mathbb{Z}, m+n=k} (H_m(x) \ \& \ H_n(x) \ \& \ H_k(x+y))$;
 $\bigvee_{m \neq 0} H_m(\underline{a}^*)$.

Let T' be a subset of T of cardinality less than κ . Then, there exists a subgroup B of cardinality less than κ such that B contains a^* and if \underline{a} appears in T' then a belongs to B . Since $a^* \notin R_{\mathbb{Z}}^{[\kappa]}(A)$, there exists an $h \in \text{Hom}(B, \mathbb{Z})$ such that $h(a^*) \neq 0$. Now, the group B with the homomorphism h is a model of T' . By (2) there exists a model \mathcal{A} of T' . Then, A is a subgroup of the domain of \mathcal{A} and $H_m(m \in \mathbb{Z})$ defines a homomorphism to \mathbb{Z} which maps a^* to a nonzero element, which is a contradiction.

(4) → (5) : It is clear, since A is torsionless iff $R_{\mathbb{Z}}(A) = 0$.

(5) → (6) : It is enough to show that S is torsionless for any subgroup of $\mathbb{Z}^{(B, \lambda)}$ of cardinality less than κ . Let s^* be a nonzero element of S , then $s^*(m) \neq 0$ for some $m \neq 0$. By Lemma 3, there exists a map $h : S \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ such that $\{s(h(s)) : s \in S\}$ satisfies the finite intersection property and $h(s^*) = m \neq 0$. If $s + t = u$ for $s, t, u \in S$, then $u(h(s) + h(t)) \geq s(h(s)) \wedge t(h(t)) \neq 0$. Hence $u(h(s) + h(t)) \wedge u(h(u)) \neq 0$ and

so $h(s) + h(t) = h(u)$. Now, We've gotten a desired homomorphism.

(6) \rightarrow (7): Trivial.

(3) \rightarrow (1) and (7) \rightarrow (1): The property (1) is reduced to the existence of a countably complete ultrafilter of κ -complete subfield \mathcal{F} of $P(P_\kappa \lambda)$ which extends $F_{\kappa, \lambda}$ [1, pp. 76–77; or 14, pp. 64–65]. By Lemma 2, both of (7) and (3) imply the existence of such an ultrafilter.

COROLLARY 4. *The radical R_κ satisfies the cardinal condition iff there exists a strongly $L_{\omega_1 \omega}$ -compact cardinal.*

The proof is clear by the equivalence of (2) and (4) of the theorem. Another characterization of the strongly $L_{\omega_1 \omega}$ -compact cardinal has been given in [2, Theorem 2]. As noted in [2, Theorem 4], the existence of a strongly $L_{\omega_1 \omega}$ -compact cardinal is strictly stronger than that of a measurable cardinal. However, we do not know whether it is strictly weaker than the existence of a strongly compact cardinal. (See the last remark.)

Under the assumption that κ is inaccessible, many conditions are known to be equivalent to the κ - $L_{\kappa \omega}$ -compactness of κ . An observation of the proof of [14, Theorem 1] gives us

PROPOSITION 5. *Let κ be an infinite cardinal, then the following propositions are equivalent:*

- (1) $\kappa \rightarrow (\kappa)_2^2$ (See [14] or [12] for the definition.);
- (2) κ is $2^{<\kappa}$ - $L_{\kappa \omega}$ -compact;
- (3) κ is regular and any κ -complete κ -representable Boolean algebra of cardinality $\leq 2^{<\kappa}$ has a κ -complete ultrafilter;
- (4) κ is regular and any κ -complete subalgebra of B_κ of cardinality $\leq 2^{<\kappa}$ has a κ -complete ultrafilter.

PROOF. Since $\kappa \rightarrow (\kappa)_2^2$ implies that κ is inaccessible, $2^{<\kappa} = \kappa$ and hence (1) \rightarrow (2) is clear by [14, Theorem 1.13]. It is known that the κ - $L_{\kappa \omega}$ -compactness of κ implies that κ is regular [3]. Hence, (2) implies that $2^{<\kappa} = \kappa^{<\kappa}$. The proof of implication (2) \rightarrow (3) is similar to that of (2) \rightarrow (3) of Theorem 1. The difference is to take (b)' instead of (b), where (b)' is: $\forall x (\bigwedge_{\alpha < \mu} P_{\xi \alpha}(x) \leftrightarrow \underline{P}_\xi(x))$ if $\bigcap_{\alpha < \mu} P_{\xi \alpha} = P_\xi$ for $\mu < \kappa$. After this change the cardinality of the set of sentences does not exceed $2^{<\kappa}$. Therefore, we can prove similarly as before.

The implication (3) \rightarrow (4) is clear. Though Silver's proof [14, p. 64] is essentially a proof of (4) \rightarrow (1), we present the proof for reader's convenience. Suppose the negation of (1), then there exists $f: [\kappa]^2 \rightarrow 2$ such that there exists

no homogeneous set of cardinality κ . Let \mathcal{F} be the minimal κ -complete subfield of $P(\kappa)$ generated by all singletons and $U_\alpha^i (= \{\beta : f(\{\alpha\beta\}) = i\})$ for $\alpha < \kappa, i < 2$. Then, the cardinality of \mathcal{F} is $2^{<\kappa}$. Let $\pi : P(\kappa) \rightarrow B_\kappa (= P(\kappa)/F_\kappa)$ be the canonical map. Then, $\pi(\mathcal{F})$ is a κ -complete subalgebra of B_κ of cardinality $2^{<\kappa}$. Let F be a κ -complete ultrafilter of $\pi(\mathcal{F})$, then $\pi(U_\alpha^0) \in F$ or $\pi(U_\alpha^1) \in F$. Construct a sequence $\alpha_\xi (\xi < \kappa)$ and $\phi : \kappa \rightarrow 2$ such that $\alpha_\xi \in \bigcap_{\eta < \xi} U_{\alpha_\eta}^{\phi(\eta)}$ and $\pi(U_{\alpha_\xi}^{\phi(\xi)}) \in F$, then we can get homogeneous sets $\{\alpha_\xi : \phi(\xi) = 0\}$ and $\{\alpha_\xi : \phi(\xi) = 1\}$. One of them must be of cardinality κ , which is a contradiction.

As noted in [1, Corollary], if κ is less than the least measurable cardinal and $2^{<\kappa}$ - L_{ω_1} -compact, then κ is $2^{<\kappa}$ - L_{ω} -compact. Any κ -complete subalgebra of a κ -complete κ -representable Boolean algebra B is also κ -representable and any restriction $[0, b] (= \{x \in B : 0 \leq x \leq b\})$ for nonzero $b \in B$ is also a κ -complete κ -representable Boolean algebra. Hence, Theorem 1, Lemma 2 and Proposition 5 imply

COROLLARY 6. (B. Wald [15]) *Let κ be an uncountable regular cardinal which is less than the least measurable cardinal. Then, the following are equivalent :*

- (1) $\kappa \rightarrow (\kappa)_2^2$ holds ;
- (2) If A is an abelian group of cardinality $2^{<\kappa}$, then $R_{\mathbf{Z}}(A) = R_{\mathbf{Z}}^{[\kappa]}(A)$;
- (3) If a subgroup S of $\mathbf{Z}^{(B_\kappa)}$ is of cardinality $\leq 2^{<\kappa}$, then $\text{Hom}(S, \mathbf{Z}) \neq 0$.

REMARK : It is known that some results are restricted under the least measurable cardinal and they do not hold beyond it [11, p. 161 ; and 5, Theorem 2.7]. However, we did not know whether the class of Fuchs-44-groups were closed under arbitrary direct products [8]. Here, we show that it is not. To treat such things it is convenient to use elementary embeddings of the universe [5, Remark 2 ; and 10]. Therefore, we use notions about elementary embeddings [12]. Let κ be the least measurable cardinal, F a normal ultrafilter on κ and M_F the related transitive universe. For an $f \in {}^\kappa V$, $[f]_F$ is the element of M_F corresponding to f . Let $A_\alpha (\alpha < \kappa)$ be the abelian groups such that $A_\alpha = (\bigoplus_{\omega} \mathbf{Z})^{(B_\alpha)}$ if α is a regular uncountable cardinal and $A_\alpha = 0$ otherwise. Since B_α has no countably complete ultrafilter, A_α is a Fuchs-44-group for each α [8, Corollary 3 ; and 9]. Since F is normal, $[\langle A_\alpha : \alpha < \kappa \rangle]_F = (\bigoplus_{\omega} \mathbf{Z})^{(B_\kappa)}$ holds in M_F . Since $B_\kappa = (B_\kappa)^{M_F}$, $\prod_{\alpha < \kappa} A_\alpha / F \simeq (\bigoplus_{\omega} \mathbf{Z})^{(B_\kappa)}$. On the other hand, B_κ has a countably complete ultrafilter and hence there exists a surjective homomorphism from $\prod_{\alpha < \kappa} A_\alpha / F$ to $\bigoplus_{\omega} \mathbf{Z}$. This implies that $\prod_{\alpha < \kappa} A_\alpha$ contains a direct summand isomorphic to $\bigoplus_{\omega} \mathbf{Z}$. Hence, $\prod_{\alpha < \kappa} A_\alpha$ is not a Fuchs-44-group.

As we have referred it before, Dugas and Göbel proved that the radical $R_{\mathbf{Z}}$

does not commute with a measurable direct product [5, Theorem 2.7]. Here we show,

PROPOSITION 7. *Let κ be a cardinal less than the least measurable cardinal. If the cardinality of A_i is less than κ for every $i \in I$, then $R_{\mathbf{Z}}(\prod_{i \in I} A_i) = \prod_{i \in I} R_{\mathbf{Z}}(A_i)$ holds.*

PROOF. Since $R_{\mathbf{Z}}(\prod_{i \in I} A_i) \subseteq \prod_{i \in I} R_{\mathbf{Z}}(A_i)$ clearly, we show the other inclusion. $\text{Hom}(\prod_{i \in I} A_i, \mathbf{Z}) = \bigoplus_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \text{Hom}(\prod_{i \in I} A_i / F, \mathbf{Z})$ where \mathcal{F} is the set of all countably complete ultrafilters on I [6, Corollary 2] and hence what we must show is that $h \cdot \pi_F(f) = 0$ holds for $f \in \prod_{i \in I} R_{\mathbf{Z}}(A_i)$, $h \in \text{Hom}(\prod_{i \in I} A_i / F, \mathbf{Z})$ and $F \in \mathcal{F}$, where $\pi_F: \prod_{i \in I} A_i \rightarrow \prod_{i \in I} A_i / F$ is the canonical homomorphism. By the fundamental theorem of ultraproducts [12], $V^I / F \models \forall h \in \text{Hom}(\prod_{i \in I} A_i / F, \prod_I \mathbf{Z} / F) (h(\pi_F(f)) = 0)$. Since the cardinality of $\prod_{i \in I} A_i / F$ is less than the least measurable cardinal and $\prod_I \mathbf{Z} / F \simeq \mathbf{Z}$, $h \cdot \pi_F(f) = 0$ for each $h \in \text{Hom}(\prod_{i \in I} A_i / F, \mathbf{Z})$.

ADDED IN PROOF

1. There is another radical $R_{\mathbf{Z}}^{\infty}$, i.e. $R_{\mathbf{Z}}^{\infty} A = \Sigma \{X \leq A : \text{Hom}(X, \mathbf{Z}) = 0\}$. The purpose of this addendum is to answer a question in [17]. Therefore, we use their notion.

We show,

PROPOSITION 8.

- (1) *The radical $R_{\mathbf{Z}}^{\infty}$ satisfies the cardinal condition (iff $R_{\mathbf{Z}}^{\infty}$ is a singly generated socle) iff there exists a strongly $L_{\omega_1 \omega}$ -compact cardinal.*
- (2) *$R_{\mathbf{Z}}^{\infty}$ is not a singly generated radical.*

PROOF. First observe the following fact: For a cardinal κ of uncountable cofinality, $A = \Sigma \{X \leq A : \text{Hom}(X, \mathbf{Z}) = 0 \ \& \ |X| < \kappa\}$ iff $A = \Sigma \{R_{\mathbf{Z}} X : X \leq A \ \& \ |X| < \kappa\}$. This can be shown by a closure argument. If there exists a strongly $L_{\omega_1 \omega}$ -compact cardinal, let κ be a regular strongly $L_{\omega_1 \omega}$ -compact cardinal. Suppose that $R_{\mathbf{Z}}^{\infty} A \neq \Sigma \{R_{\mathbf{Z}} X : X \leq A \ \& \ |X| < \kappa\}$. Since $R_{\mathbf{Z}}^{\infty} Y$ is the largest subgroup X of Y such that $\text{Hom}(X, \mathbf{Z}) = 0$, $R_{\mathbf{Z}}^{\infty} A \neq \Sigma \{R_{\mathbf{Z}} X : X \leq R_{\mathbf{Z}}^{\infty} A \ \& \ |X| < \kappa\}$ by the above fact. Hence, there exists an $a^* \in R_{\mathbf{Z}}^{\infty} A$ such that $a^* \notin R_{\mathbf{Z}} X$ for any subgroup X of $R_{\mathbf{Z}}^{\infty} A$ of cardinality less than κ . As the proof of (2) \rightarrow (4) of Theorem 1, we get a nonzero homomorphism $R_{\mathbf{Z}}^{\infty} A$ to \mathbf{Z} , which is a contradiction.

Suppose that a regular cardinal κ is not strongly $L_{\omega_1 \omega}$ -compact. Then, there exists a λ such that $\lambda = \lambda^{< \kappa}$ and κ is not λ - $L_{\omega_1 \omega}$ -compact. By Theorem 1 (7) and a fact in the proof of (5) \rightarrow (6) of Theorem 1, there exists a group S such that $R_{\mathbf{Z}}^{\infty} S = S$ and $\Sigma \{X \leq S : \text{Hom}(X, \mathbf{A}) = 0 \ \& \ |X| < \kappa\} = 0$. Hence, the cardinal condi-

tion does not hold. Another equivalence is easy to show.

(2) (The same reasoning as [17, Proposition 2.8]) Suppose that R_z^∞ is a singly generated radical, i.e. $R_z^\infty A = R_Y A = \bigcap \{\text{Ker}(h) : h \in \text{Hom}(A, Y)\}$. Then, $R_z^\infty = R_Y Y = 0$. Let α be an ordinal such that $R_z^\alpha Y = 0$. By [16, Corollary 3.10] (due to Mines), there exists a group A such that $R_z^\infty A = 0$ and $R_z^\alpha A \neq 0$. Since A is isomorphic to a subgroup of the direct product Y^I for some I , $R_z^\alpha A \leq R_z^\alpha Y^I \leq (R_z^\alpha Y)^I = 0$, which is a contradiction.

2. Recently, G. Bergman and R. M. Solovay [18] announced a similar result to Theorem 1, i.e. The class of all torsionless groups is characterized by a set of generalized Horn sentences, iff there exists a strongly $L_{\omega_1\omega}$ -compact cardinal. They also commented that M. Magidor had shown that the existence of a strongly $L_{\omega_1\omega}$ -compact cardinal is strictly weaker than that of a strongly compact cardinal, which answers our question after Corollary 4.

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