

ON IMPLICATIONAL CLASSES OF STRUCTURES

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In the previous paper [1], we have studied that the least universal Horn class containing a given class  $K$  is constructed by taking all isomorphic copies of direct limits of substructures of direct products of structures in  $K$ . A universal Horn class may be also called a generalized implicational class. However, this generalized implicational class is restricted to being defined by a set of generalized implicational sentences of finite length.

In this paper, a (generalized)  $L(\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{n})$ -implicational class will be defined by a set of (generalized)  $L(\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{n})$ -implicational sentences each of which contains a conjunction of length  $< \omega_{\mathfrak{n}}$  and a universal quantification over a string of variables of length  $< \omega_{\mathfrak{m}}$  where  $\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{n}$  are infinite cardinals, and  $\omega_{\mathfrak{m}}, \omega_{\mathfrak{n}}$  are the initial ordinals of powers  $\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{n}$  respectively. We shall make the similar investigation for a (generalized)  $L(\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{n})$ -implicational class as in the above for a universal Horn class. The method of this study is analogous to that of the paper [1], but the results are not mere generalizations of the results in [1]. It can be seen from our results, especially from Theorem 1, that the lengths of conjunctions and quantifications are closely connected with direct limits and unions respectively. Theorem 2 is a direct generalization of the above result in [1]. The characterization (iii) of an  $L(\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{n})$ -implicational class in the final

remark appears to make the substance of the first main theorem of the paper [3] clear, with the help of Theorem 2 in [2].

### § 1. Preliminaries.

Let  $L$  be a first order language with equality which has a set  $\{v_\eta \mid \eta < \omega_{\mathfrak{m}}\}$  of individual variables, where  $\omega_{\mathfrak{m}}$  is the initial ordinal of an infinite power  $\mathfrak{m}$ . All operation and relation symbols are assumed to be finitary. We use  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_\xi, \dots$  as syntactical variables which vary through the variables  $v_\eta$ ,  $\eta < \omega_{\mathfrak{m}}$ , and denote by  $(x_\xi \mid \xi < \rho)$  a subsequence of the sequence  $(v_\eta \mid \eta < \omega_{\mathfrak{m}})$ . A formula  $\Phi$  of  $L$  which contains at most some of  $x_\xi$ ,  $\xi < \rho$ , as free variables is denoted by  $\Phi(x_\xi \mid \xi < \rho)$ , if the variables  $x_\xi$ ,  $\xi < \rho$ , need to be indicated. If  $\rho$  is finite,  $\Phi(x_\xi \mid \xi < \rho)$  may be simply denoted by  $\Phi(x_0, \dots, x_{\rho-1})$ . An atomic formula of  $L$  means a formula of the form  $t_1 = t_2$  or of the form  $rt_1 \dots t_n$ , where  $r$  is an  $n$ -ary relation symbol of  $L$  and  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  are terms of  $L$ . A structure  $\mathfrak{A}$  of the similarity type corresponding to the language  $L$  is simply called a structure for  $L$ . The domain of  $\mathfrak{A}$  is denoted by  $D[\mathfrak{A}]$ . Let  $\Phi(x_\xi \mid \xi < \rho)$  be a formula of  $L$ , and let  $(a_\xi \mid \xi < \rho)$  be a  $\rho$ -sequence of elements in  $D[\mathfrak{A}]$ . Then we write  $(\mathfrak{A}; (a_\xi \mid \xi < \rho)) \models \Phi(x_\xi \mid \xi < \rho)$ , if  $(a_\xi \mid \xi < \rho)$  satisfies  $\Phi(x_\xi \mid \xi < \rho)$  in  $\mathfrak{A}$  when the free variables  $x_\xi$ ,  $\xi < \rho$ , are assigned the values  $a_\xi$ ,  $\xi < \rho$ , respectively. If  $\rho$  is finite,  $(\mathfrak{A}; (a_\xi \mid \xi < \rho)) \models \Phi(x_\xi \mid \xi < \rho)$  may be denoted by  $(\mathfrak{A}; a_0, \dots, a_{\rho-1}) \models \Phi(x_0, \dots, x_{\rho-1})$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$  be structures for a language  $L$ . A mapping  $h$  of  $D[\mathfrak{A}]$  into (or onto)  $D[\mathfrak{B}]$  is called an  $L$ -homomorphism of  $\mathfrak{A}$  into (or onto)  $\mathfrak{B}$ , if for any atomic formula  $\theta(x_\xi \mid \xi < \rho)$  of

$L$  and for any  $\rho$ -sequence  $(a_\xi \mid \xi < \rho)$  of elements in  $D[\mathbb{A}]$ ,  $(\mathbb{A}; (a_\xi \mid \xi < \rho)) \models \theta(x_\xi \mid \xi < \rho)$  implies  $(\mathbb{B}; (h(a_\xi) \mid \xi < \rho)) \models \theta(x_\xi \mid \xi < \rho)$ . An  $L$ -homomorphism  $h$  of  $\mathbb{A}$  onto  $\mathbb{B}$  is called an  $L$ -isomorphism of  $\mathbb{A}$  onto  $\mathbb{B}$ , if the mapping  $h$  is one-to-one and the inverse mapping  $h^{-1}$  is also an  $L$ -homomorphism.

Let  $(\mathbb{A}_i \mid i \in I)$  be a family of structures for  $L$ . A structure  $\mathbb{A}$  for  $L$  is called the direct product of the  $\mathbb{A}_i$ ,  $i \in I$ , if the following two conditions hold:

- (1)  $D[\mathbb{A}]$  is the Cartesian product  $\prod(D[\mathbb{A}_i] \mid i \in I)$ ;
- (2) For any atomic formula  $\theta(x_\xi \mid \xi < \rho)$  and any  $\rho$ -sequence  $(a_\xi \mid \xi < \rho)$  of elements in  $D[\mathbb{A}]$ ,  $(\mathbb{A}; (a_\xi \mid \xi < \rho)) \models \theta(x_\xi \mid \xi < \rho)$  holds if and only if  $(\mathbb{A}_i; (a_\xi(i) \mid \xi < \rho)) \models \theta(x_\xi \mid \xi < \rho)$  holds for all  $i \in I$ , where  $a_\xi(i)$  denotes the  $i$ -th component of  $a_\xi$ .

The above definition of a direct product is equivalent to the usual definition of a direct product. Hence for any family of structures for  $L$ , the direct product of this family exists. From the above definition, the direct product of the empty family of structures for  $L$  is a one-element structure for  $L$  in which every atomic formula is valid. Such a structure is called an  $L$ -trivial structure.

$X$  is called an operator if for every class  $K$  of structures for  $L$ ,  $X(K)$  is also a class of structures for  $L$ . If  $X$  and  $Y$  are operators, the operator  $XY$  is defined by  $XY(K) = X(Y(K))$ . The operators  $I$ ,  $S$ ,  $P$ , and  $P^*$  are defined as follows:

- $I(K)$ : all  $L$ -isomorphic copies of structures in  $K$ ;
- $S(K)$ : all substructures of structures in  $K$ ;
- $P(K)$ : all direct products of non-empty families of structures

in  $K$ ;

$P^*(K)$ : all direct products of empty or non-empty families of structures in  $K$ .

Let  $E$  be a set of constant symbols (i.e. nullary operation symbols) not belonging to the language  $L$ . Then, a new first order language can be obtained from  $L$  by adjoining all the constant symbols  $e$  in  $E$ , which is denoted by  $L(E)$ . If  $L(E)$  contains at least one constant symbol, then  $E$  is said to be  $L$ -generative. Now let  $\mathbb{A}$  be a structure for  $L$ , and  $\psi$  a mapping of  $E$  into  $D[\mathbb{A}]$ . Then  $\mathbb{A}$  can be expanded to a structure for  $L(E)$  by considering  $\psi(e)$  as realizations of  $e$  to  $\mathbb{A}$ . Such an expanded structure is denoted by  $\mathbb{A}(\psi)$ . An ordered pair  $(E, \Omega)$  is called an  $L$ -defining pair, if  $E$  is an  $L$ -generative set of constant symbols not belonging to  $L$  and  $\Omega$  is a set of atomic sentences of  $L(E)$ . For any infinite cardinals  $\mathfrak{p}$  and  $\mathfrak{q}$ , an  $L$ -defining pair  $(E, \Omega)$  is called an  $L(\mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{q})$ -defining pair if  $\bar{E} < \mathfrak{p}$  and  $\bar{\Omega} < \mathfrak{q}$ , where  $\bar{E}$  and  $\bar{\Omega}$  denote the cardinals of  $E$  and  $\Omega$  respectively.

Let  $K$  be a class of structures for a language  $L$ , and let  $(E, \Omega)$  be an  $L$ -defining pair. Now let  $\mathbb{A}$  be a structure for  $L$ , and  $\psi$  a mapping of  $E$  into  $D[\mathbb{A}]$ . The pair  $(\mathbb{A}, \psi)$  is called a  $K$ -model of  $(E, \Omega)$ , if  $\mathbb{A}$  is in  $K$  and every atomic sentence in  $\Omega$  is valid in  $\mathbb{A}(\psi)$ . We denote by  $(E, \Omega; K)$  the class of all  $K$ -models of  $(E, \Omega)$ . A  $K$ -model of  $(E, \Omega)$ , say  $(\mathbb{F}, \phi)$ , is said to be free (in  $(E, \Omega; K)$ ), if  $\mathbb{F}$  is generated by  $\{\phi(e) \mid e \in E\}$  and for any  $(\mathbb{A}, \psi) \in (E, \Omega; K)$ , there exists an  $L(E)$ -homomorphism of  $\mathbb{F}(\phi)$  into  $\mathbb{A}(\psi)$ , i.e. there exists an  $L$ -homomorphism of  $\mathbb{F}$  into  $\mathbb{A}$  that maps  $\phi(e)$  to  $\psi(e)$  for

each  $e \in E$ . We denote by  $F(E, \Omega; K)$  the class of all free  $K$ -models of  $(E, \Omega)$ . Note that if  $(\mathbb{F}, \phi)$  and  $(\mathbb{F}', \phi')$  are in  $F(E, \Omega; K)$ , then  $\mathbb{F}(\phi)$  and  $\mathbb{F}'(\phi')$  are  $L(E)$ -isomorphic.

The following criterion for a class  $K$  to possess free  $K$ -models can be immediately obtained from Theorem 2 in [1]:

CRITERION. Let  $K$  be a class of structures for a language  $L$ . Then, in order that for any  $L$ -defining pair  $(E, \Omega), (E, \Omega; K) \neq \emptyset$  implies  $F(E, \Omega; K) \neq \emptyset$ , it is necessary and sufficient that  $S(K) \subseteq I(K)$  and  $P(K) \subseteq I(K)$ .

§ 2. The definition of a (generalized)  $L(\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n})$ -implicational class and its simple properties.

Let  $\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n}$  be any infinite cardinals, and let  $\omega_{\mathbb{m}}, \omega_{\mathbb{n}}$  be the initial ordinals of powers  $\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n}$  respectively. Let  $L$  be a first order language with equality which has a set  $\{v_{\xi} \mid \xi < \omega_{\mathbb{m}}\}$  of variables. A new expression ----- which contains a conjunction of length  $< \omega_{\mathbb{n}}$  and a quantification over a string of variables of length  $< \omega_{\mathbb{m}}$  ----- of the form

$$(*) \quad \forall (x_{\xi} \mid \xi < \alpha) [\wedge (\theta_{\eta} \mid \eta < \beta) \rightarrow \theta]$$

is called a (generalized)  $L(\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n})$ -implicational sentence, if  $\alpha < \omega_{\mathbb{m}}, \beta < \omega_{\mathbb{n}}$ , and all  $\theta_{\eta}$  and  $\theta$  are (identically false or) atomic formulas of  $L$  which contain at most some of the variables  $x_{\xi}, \xi < \alpha$ . Note that every  $L(\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n})$ -implicational sentence is a generalized  $L(\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n})$ -implicational sentence.

Let  $\mathbb{A}$  be a structure for  $L$ . The sentence  $(*)$  is said to be valid in  $\mathbb{A}$ , if for any  $\alpha$ -sequence  $(a_{\xi} \mid \xi < \alpha)$  of elements in  $D[\mathbb{A}]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (\#) \quad & (\mathbb{A}; (a_{\xi} \mid \xi < \alpha)) \models \theta_{\eta}(x_{\xi} \mid \xi < \alpha) \text{ for all } \eta < \beta \text{ implies} \\ & (\mathbb{A}; (a_{\xi} \mid \xi < \alpha)) \models \theta(x_{\xi} \mid \xi < \alpha). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, if  $\theta$  is an identically false formula, the condition (#) can be replaced by

(##)  $(\mathbb{A}; (a_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha)) \models \neg \theta_\eta (x_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha)$  for some  $\eta < \beta$ .

Therefore the sentence (\*) in this special case may be denoted by

$$\forall (x_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha) [\forall (\neg \theta_\eta \mid \eta < \beta)]$$

which contains a disjunction of length  $< \omega_{\mathbb{N}}$ . Let  $\phi$  be a usual or generalized  $L(\mathbb{M}, \mathbb{N})$ -implicational sentence of  $L$ . If  $\phi$  is valid in a structure  $\mathbb{A}$  for  $L$ , then we write  $\mathbb{A} \models \phi$ .

Let  $\Sigma$  be a set of generalized  $L(\mathbb{M}, \mathbb{N})$ -implicational sentences. A structure  $\mathbb{A}$  for  $L$  is called a model of  $\Sigma$ , if every sentence in  $\Sigma$  is valid in  $\mathbb{A}$ . The class of all models of  $\Sigma$  is denoted by  $\Sigma^*$ . A class  $K$  of structures for  $L$  is called a (generalized)  $L(\mathbb{M}, \mathbb{N})$ -implicational class, if  $K = \Sigma^*$  for some set  $\Sigma$  of (generalized)  $L(\mathbb{M}, \mathbb{N})$ -implicational sentences. Note that every  $L(\mathbb{M}, \mathbb{N})$ -implicational class is a generalized  $L(\mathbb{M}, \mathbb{N})$ -implicational class.

The following lemmas can be easily obtained from the above definitions:

LEMMA 1. Let  $K$  be a generalized  $L(\mathbb{M}, \mathbb{N})$ -implicational class. Then  $K$  is closed under the formation of substructures, i.e.  $S(K) \subseteq K$ .

LEMMA 2. Let  $K$  be a (generalized)  $L(\mathbb{M}, \mathbb{N})$ -implicational class. Then  $K$  is closed under the formation of direct products of (non-empty) families of structures. That is,  $P(K) \subseteq K$  for every generalized  $L(\mathbb{M}, \mathbb{N})$ -implicational class  $K$ , especially  $P^*(K) \subseteq K$  for every  $L(\mathbb{M}, \mathbb{N})$ -implicational class  $K$ .

Let  $M$  be a partially ordered set, and let  $\mathbb{P}$  be any infinite cardinal.  $M$  is said to be  $\mathbb{P}$ -directed if for any subset  $N$

of  $M$  which satisfies  $\bar{N} < \mathbb{P}$ , there exists a element  $\mu \in M$  such that  $\nu \leq \mu$  for all  $\nu \in N$ . A family  $(\mathbb{A}_\mu \mid \mu \in M)$  of structures for  $L$  indexed by a set  $M$  is said to be  $\mathbb{P}$ -directed if  $M$  is an  $\mathbb{P}$ -directed partially ordered set and  $\mathbb{A}_\mu \subseteq \mathbb{A}_\nu$  whenever  $\mu \leq \nu$ . Let  $(\mathbb{A}_\mu \mid \mu \in M)$  be a  $\mathbb{P}$ -directed family of structures for  $L$ . A structure  $\mathbb{A}$  for  $L$  is called a union of  $(\mathbb{A}_\mu \mid \mu \in M)$  and denoted by  $\bigcup (\mathbb{A}_\mu \mid \mu \in M)$ , if  $D[\mathbb{A}] = \bigcup (D[\mathbb{A}_\mu] \mid \mu \in M)$  and each  $\mathbb{A}_\mu$  is a substructure of  $\mathbb{A}$ . Let  $K$  be a class of structures for  $L$ . We denote by  $U_{\mathbb{P}}(K)$  the class of all structures that are unions of  $\mathbb{P}$ -directed families of structures in  $K$ .

Now we shall prove the following:

LEMMA 3. Let  $K$  be a generalized  $L(\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n})$ -implicational class. Then  $K$  is closed under the formation of unions of  $\mathbb{m}$ -directed families of structures in  $K$ , i.e.  $U_{\mathbb{m}}(K) \subseteq K$ .

Proof. Let  $\Sigma$  be a set of generalized  $L(\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n})$ -implicational sentences such that  $\Sigma^* = K$ . Let  $F = (\mathbb{A}_\mu \mid \mu \in M)$  be any  $\mathbb{m}$ -directed family of structures in  $\Sigma^*$ , and let  $\mathbb{A}$  be the union of  $F$ . Now let

$$\Phi = \forall (x_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha) [\wedge (\theta_\eta \mid \eta < \beta) \rightarrow \theta]$$

be any generalized  $L(\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n})$ -implicational sentence in  $\Sigma$ , and let  $(a_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha)$  be any  $\alpha$ -sequence of elements in  $D[\mathbb{A}]$ .

Now assume that

$$(\mathbb{A}; (a_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha)) \models \theta_\eta (x_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha) \text{ for all } \eta < \beta.$$

We shall prove that

$$(\mathbb{A}; (a_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha)) \models \theta (x_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha).$$

By the definition of a union, there exists a subfamily

$(\mathbb{A}_{\mu_\xi} \mid \xi < \alpha)$  of  $F$  such that  $a_\xi \in D[\mathbb{A}_{\mu_\xi}]$  for each  $\xi < \alpha$ .

Hence there exists a structure  $\mathbb{A}_\mu \in F$  such that  $\mathbb{A}_{\mu_\xi} \subseteq \mathbb{A}_\mu$  for all  $\xi < \alpha$ , because  $\alpha < \omega_{\mathbb{M}}$  and  $F$  is an  $\mathbb{M}$ -directed family.

Hence

$$(\mathbb{A}_\mu; (a_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha)) \models \theta_\eta(x_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha) \text{ for all } \eta < \beta,$$

because  $\mathbb{A}_\mu \subseteq \mathbb{A}$  and  $a_\xi \in D[\mathbb{A}_\mu]$  for all  $\xi < \alpha$ . Since  $\mathbb{A}_\mu \in \Sigma^*$ , we have  $\mathbb{A}_\mu \models \Phi$ . Hence

$$(\mathbb{A}_\mu; (a_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha)) \models \theta(x_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha),$$

and hence

$$(\mathbb{A}; (a_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha)) \models \theta(x_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha).$$

Therefore every generalized  $L(\mathbb{M}, \mathbb{N})$ -implicational sentence in  $\Sigma$  is valid in  $\mathbb{A}$ , i.e.  $\mathbb{A} \in \Sigma^*$ . This completes the proof.

Let  $(\mathbb{A}_\mu \mid \mu \in M)$  be a family of structures for  $L$  indexed by a directed partially ordered set  $M$ , and let  $(f_\mu^\nu \mid \mu, \nu \in M \text{ and } \mu \leq \nu)$  be a family of  $L$ -homomorphisms  $f_\mu^\nu$  of  $\mathbb{A}_\mu$  into  $\mathbb{A}_\nu$  such that  $f_\mu^\mu$  is the identity mapping for each  $\mu \in M$  and  $f_\mu^\nu f_\lambda^\mu = f_\mu^\nu$  whenever  $\lambda \leq \mu \leq \nu$ . Then the system  $S = \langle (\mathbb{A}_\mu \mid \mu \in M), (f_\mu^\nu \mid \mu, \nu \in M \text{ and } \mu \leq \nu) \rangle$  is called a direct system. Let  $A = \bigcup (D[\mathbb{A}_\mu] \times \{\mu\} \mid \mu \in M)$ , and let  $\sim$  be the equivalence relation on  $A$  defined by

$$\langle a, \mu \rangle \sim \langle b, \nu \rangle \text{ if and only if for some } \lambda \in M, f_\mu^\lambda(a) = f_\nu^\lambda(b).$$

Now let  $\hat{A}$  be the set of all equivalence classes of  $A$  defined by the relation  $\sim$ . Then a structure  $\hat{\mathbb{A}}$  for  $L$  is called a direct limit of the direct system  $S$  if the following two conditions hold:

- (1)  $D[\hat{\mathbb{A}}] = \hat{A}$ ;
- (2) For any atomic formula  $\theta(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  of  $L$  and for any elements  $\hat{a}_1, \dots, \hat{a}_n$  in  $D[\hat{\mathbb{A}}]$ ,  $(\hat{\mathbb{A}}; \hat{a}_1, \dots, \hat{a}_n) \models \theta(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  if and only if there exist



some  $\mu \in M$  and some elements  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  in  $D[\hat{A}_\mu]$  such that  $(\hat{A}_\mu; a_1, \dots, a_n) \models \theta(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $\langle a_i, \mu \rangle \in \hat{a}_i$  for each  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

Note that the above definition of a direct limit is equivalent to the usual definition of a direct limit. Hence for any direct system  $S$ , there exists the direct limit of  $S$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be any infinite cardinal. A direct system  $\langle (\hat{A}_\mu \mid \mu \in M), (f_\mu^\nu \mid \mu, \nu \in M \text{ and } \mu \leq \nu) \rangle$  is called a  $\mathfrak{p}$ -direct system if the index set  $M$  is  $\mathfrak{p}$ -directed. Let  $K$  be a class of structures for  $L$ . We denote by  $L_{\mathfrak{p}}(K)$  the class of all structures that are direct limits of  $\mathfrak{p}$ -direct systems of structures in  $K$ .

LEMMA 4. Let  $K$  be a generalized  $L(\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{n})$ -implicational class. Then  $K$  is closed under the formation of direct limits of  $\mathfrak{n}$ -direct systems of structures in  $K$ , i.e.  $L_{\mathfrak{n}}(K) \subseteq K$ .

Proof. Let  $\Sigma$  be a set of generalized  $L(\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{n})$ -implicational sentences such that  $\Sigma^* = K$ . Let

$$S = \langle (\hat{A}_\mu \mid \mu \in M), (f_\mu^\nu \mid \mu, \nu \in M \text{ and } \mu \leq \nu) \rangle$$

be any  $\mathfrak{n}$ -direct system of structures in  $\Sigma^*$ , and let  $\hat{A}$  be the direct limit of  $S$ . Now let

$$\Phi = \forall (x_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha) [\wedge (\theta_\eta \mid \eta < \beta) \rightarrow \theta_\beta]$$

be any generalized  $L(\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{n})$ -implicational sentence in  $\Sigma$ , and let  $(\hat{a}_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha)$  be any  $\alpha$ -sequence of elements in  $D[\hat{A}]$ .

Now assume that

$$(\hat{A}; (\hat{a}_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha)) \models \theta_\eta(x_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha) \text{ for all } \eta < \beta.$$

We shall prove that

$$(\hat{A}; (\hat{a}_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha)) \models \theta_\beta(x_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha).$$

For each  $\eta \leq \beta$ , we define  $X_\eta$  as the sequence of ordinals such

that  $\{x_\xi \mid \xi \in X_\eta\}$  is the set of all variables appearing in  $\theta_\eta$ . Since  $\hat{\mathbb{A}}$  is the direct limit of  $S$ , for each  $\eta < \beta$ , there exist an element  $\mu_\eta \in M$  and a sequence  $(a_\xi^{\mu_\eta} \mid \xi \in X_\eta)$  of elements in  $D[\hat{\mathbb{A}}_{\mu_\eta}]$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \hat{\mathbb{A}}_{\mu_\eta}; (a_\xi^{\mu_\eta} \mid \xi \in X_\eta) \models \theta_\eta(x_\xi \mid \xi \in X_\eta), \text{ and} \\ & \langle a_\xi^{\mu_\eta}, \mu_\eta \rangle \in \hat{a}_\xi \text{ for each } \xi \in X_\eta. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, there exist an element  $\mu_\beta \in M$  and a sequence  $(a_\xi^{\mu_\beta} \mid \xi \in X_\beta)$  of elements in  $D[\hat{\mathbb{A}}_{\mu_\beta}]$  such that

$$\langle a_\xi^{\mu_\beta}, \mu_\beta \rangle \in \hat{a}_\xi \text{ for each } \xi \in X_\beta.$$

For each  $\xi \in \bigcup(X_\eta \mid \eta \leq \beta)$ , we now define  $Y_\xi$  as the set of all  $\eta$  such that  $X_\eta \ni \xi$ . Then for all  $\eta \in Y_\xi$ ,  $\langle a_\xi^{\mu_\eta}, \mu_\eta \rangle$  are in  $\hat{a}_\xi$ . Hence for any pair  $\langle \eta, \eta' \rangle \in Y_\xi \times Y_\xi$ , there exists an element  $v_{\eta, \eta'} \in M$  such that

$$f_{\mu_\eta}^{v_{\eta, \eta'}}(a_\xi^{\mu_\eta}) = f_{\mu_{\eta'}}^{v_{\eta, \eta'}}(a_\xi^{\mu_{\eta'}}).$$

Since  $\overline{Y_\xi \times Y_\xi} < \hat{\mathbb{N}}$  and  $M$  is  $\hat{\mathbb{N}}$ -directed, there exists an element  $v_\xi \in M$  such that  $v_{\eta, \eta'} \leq v_\xi$  for all  $\langle \eta, \eta' \rangle \in Y_\xi \times Y_\xi$ . Hence all  $f_{\mu_\eta}^{v_\xi}(a_\xi^{\mu_\eta})$ ,  $\eta \in Y_\xi$ , are the same element in  $D[\hat{\mathbb{A}}_{v_\xi}]$ . Since each  $X_\eta$  is finite,  $\overline{\bigcup(X_\eta \mid \eta \leq \beta)} < \hat{\mathbb{N}}$ . Hence there exists an element  $v \in M$  such that  $v_\xi \leq v$  for all  $\xi \in \bigcup(X_\eta \mid \eta \leq \beta)$ .

And hence for each element  $\xi \in \bigcup(X_\eta \mid \eta \leq \beta)$ ,

$$\text{all } f_{\mu_\eta}^v(a_\xi^{\mu_\eta}), \eta \in Y_\xi, \text{ are the same element in } D[\hat{\mathbb{A}}_v].$$

Therefore for each  $\xi \in \bigcup(X_\eta \mid \eta \leq \beta)$ , we can define an element  $a_\xi$  in  $D[\hat{\mathbb{A}}_v]$  by

$$a_\xi = f_{\mu_\eta}^v(a_\xi^{\mu_\eta}) \text{ for some } \eta \in Y_\xi.$$

Then we can immediately obtain the following:

$$\hat{\mathbb{A}}_v; (a_\xi \mid \xi \in \bigcup(X_\eta \mid \eta \leq \beta)) \models \theta_\eta(x_\xi \mid \xi \in \bigcup(X_\eta \mid \eta \leq \beta))^{1)} \text{ for all } \eta < \beta, \text{ and } \langle a_\xi, v \rangle \in \hat{a}_\xi \text{ for each } \xi \in \bigcup(X_\eta \mid \eta \leq \beta).$$

Since  $\hat{\mathbb{A}}_v \models \Phi$ , we have

$$(\hat{\mathbb{A}}; (a_\xi \mid \xi \in \bigcup (X_\eta \mid \eta \leq \beta))) \models \theta_\beta (x_\xi \mid \xi \in \bigcup (X_\eta \mid \eta \leq \beta))^2).$$

Hence by the definition of a direct limit, we have

$$(\hat{\mathbb{A}}; (\hat{a}_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha)) \models \theta_\beta (x_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha),$$

as desired. Hence every generalized  $L(\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n})$ -implicational sentence in  $\Sigma$  is valid in  $\hat{\mathbb{A}}$ , i.e.  $\hat{\mathbb{A}} \in \Sigma^*$ . This completes the proof.

§ 3. Some lemmas concerning free structures and natural limit structures.

Let  $K$  be a class of structures for  $L$ , and let  $(E, \Omega)$  be any  $L$ -defining pair. We denote by  $M_{\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}}(E, \Omega)$  the set of all  $L(\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q})$ -defining pairs  $(X, \Gamma)$  which satisfy  $X \subseteq E$  and  $\Gamma \subseteq \Omega$ , where  $\mathbb{P}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}$  are infinite cardinals. For  $(X, \Gamma), (Y, \Delta) \in M_{\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}}(E, \Omega)$ , we define  $(X, \Gamma) \leq (Y, \Delta)$  as both  $X \subseteq Y$  and  $\Gamma \subseteq \Delta$ . Then  $M_{\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}}(E, \Omega)$  forms a directed partially ordered set. Now assume that for each  $(X, \Gamma) \in M_{\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}}(E, \Omega)$ ,  $F(X, \Gamma; K) \neq \emptyset$ , i.e. there exists  $(\mathbb{A}_{(X, \Gamma)}, \phi_{(X, \Gamma)})$  in  $F(X, \Gamma; K)$ . Then, for all  $(X, \Gamma), (Y, \Delta) \in M_{\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}}(E, \Omega)$  satisfying  $(X, \Gamma) \leq (Y, \Delta)$ , there exists an  $L(X)$ -homomorphism  $f_{(X, \Gamma)}^{(Y, \Delta)}$  of  $\mathbb{A}_{(X, \Gamma)}(\phi_{(X, \Gamma)})$  into  $\mathbb{A}_{(Y, \Delta)}(\phi_{(Y, \Delta)})$ , i.e.  $L$ -homomorphism  $f_{(X, \Gamma)}^{(Y, \Delta)}$  of  $\mathbb{A}_{(X, \Gamma)}$  into  $\mathbb{A}_{(Y, \Delta)}$  which maps  $\phi_{(X, \Gamma)}(e)$  to  $\phi_{(Y, \Delta)}(e)$  for each  $e \in X$ . These homomorphisms have the properties that  $f_{(X, \Gamma)}^{(X, \Gamma)}$  is the identity mapping and that  $f_{(Y, \Delta)}^{(Z, \Lambda)} \circ f_{(X, \Gamma)}^{(Y, \Delta)} = f_{(X, \Gamma)}^{(Z, \Lambda)}$  if  $(X, \Gamma) \leq (Y, \Delta) \leq (Z, \Lambda)$ . Hence the pair of families  $(\mathbb{A}_{(X, \Gamma)} \mid (X, \Gamma) \in M_{\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}}(E, \Omega))$  and  $(f_{(X, \Gamma)}^{(Y, \Delta)} \mid (X, \Gamma), (Y, \Delta) \in M_{\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}}(E, \Omega) \text{ and } (X, \Gamma) \leq (Y, \Delta))$  forms a direct system, which

1) 2) In this expression,  $\bigcup (X_\eta \mid \eta \leq \beta)$  denotes the subsequence of  $(\xi \mid \xi < \alpha)$  which consists of all ordinals belonging to the set-union  $\bigcup (X_\eta \mid \eta \leq \beta)$ .

is called a direct system  $(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{Q})$ -naturally defined by  $(E, \Omega; K)$ .

The direct limit of a direct system  $(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{Q})$ -naturally defined by  $(E, \Omega; K)$  is called a  $(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{Q})$ -natural limit structure with respect to  $(E, \Omega; K)$  and denoted by  $\mathbb{L}_{(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{Q})}(E, \Omega; K)$ . Note that

$\mathbb{L}_{(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{Q})}(E, \Omega; K)$  is unique up to L-isomorphism if it exists. Now

we define a mapping  $\phi$  of  $E$  into  $D[\mathbb{L}_{(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{Q})}(E, \Omega; K)]$  as

$\phi(e) = \langle \overline{\phi_{(X, \Gamma)}(e)}, (X, \Gamma) \rangle$  for some  $(X, \Gamma) \in M_{(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{Q})}(E, \Omega)$  satisfying  $X \ni e$ , where  $\langle \overline{\phi_{(X, \Gamma)}(e)}, (X, \Gamma) \rangle$  denotes the member of

$D[\mathbb{L}_{(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{Q})}(E, \Omega; K)]$  that contains  $\langle \phi_{(X, \Gamma)}(e), (X, \Gamma) \rangle$ . Of course, this is well defined, because if  $(X, \Gamma) \leq (Y, \Delta)$  then

$$\langle \overline{\phi_{(X, \Gamma)}(e)}, (X, \Gamma) \rangle = \langle \overline{f_{(X, \Gamma)}^{(Y, \Delta)} \phi_{(X, \Gamma)}(e)}, (Y, \Delta) \rangle = \langle \overline{\phi_{(Y, \Delta)}(e)}, (Y, \Delta) \rangle.$$

The mapping  $\phi$  defined as above is called a natural interpretation of  $E$  to  $\mathbb{L}_{(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{Q})}(E, \Omega; K)$ .

Under the above definitions and notation, we shall prove the

**LEMMA 5.** Suppose  $\mathbb{L}_{(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{Q})}(E, \Omega; K)$  is in  $K$ . Then

$\mathbb{L}_{(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{Q})}(E, \Omega; K), \phi$  is in  $F(E, \Omega; K)$ .

**Proof.** It is easily seen that  $(\mathbb{L}_{(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{Q})}(E, \Omega; K), \phi)$  is in  $(E, \Omega; K)$  and  $\mathbb{L}_{(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{Q})}(E, \Omega; K)$  is generated by  $\{\phi(e) \mid e \in E\}$ .

Now let  $(\mathbb{B}, \psi)$  be any member of  $(E, \Omega; K)$ . We shall prove that there exists an L(E)-homomorphism of  $\mathbb{L}_{(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{Q})}(E, \Omega; K)(\phi)$  into  $\mathbb{B}(\psi)$ .

Let  $\theta$  be any atomic sentence of  $L(E)$  which is valid in  $\mathbb{L}_{(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{Q})}(E, \Omega; K)(\phi)$ . Then there exists some  $(X, \Gamma)$  in  $M_{(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{Q})}(E, \Omega)$  such that  $\mathbb{A}_{(X, \Gamma)}(\phi_{(X, \Gamma)}) \models \theta$ . Since  $(\mathbb{B}, \psi)$  is in  $(E, \Omega; K)$ ,  $(\mathbb{B}, \psi|X)^3$  is in  $(X, \Gamma; K)$ . Hence there exists an L(X)-homomorphism of  $\mathbb{A}_{(X, \Gamma)}(\phi_{(X, \Gamma)})$  into  $\mathbb{B}(\psi|X)$ , because  $(\mathbb{A}_{(X, \Gamma)}, \phi_{(X, \Gamma)})$  is in  $F(X, \Gamma; K)$ . Hence we have  $\mathbb{B}(\psi|X) \models \theta$ ,

3)  $\psi|X$  denotes the mapping which is the restriction of  $\psi$  to  $X$ .

and hence  $\mathbb{B}(\psi) \models \theta$ . Therefore there exists an  $L(E)$ -homomorphism of  $\mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}}(E, \Omega; K)(\phi)$  into  $\mathbb{B}(\psi)$ . Hence  $(\mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{P}, \mathbb{Q}}(E, \Omega; K), \phi)$  is in  $F(E, \Omega; K)$ . This completes the proof.

LEMMA 6. Let  $K$  be a class of structures for  $L$  such that for any  $L(\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n})$ -defining pair  $(X, \Gamma), (X, \Gamma; K) \neq \emptyset$  implies  $F(X, \Gamma; K) \neq \emptyset$ . And let  $\Sigma$  be the set of all generalized  $L(\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n})$ -implicational sentences that are valid in all structures in  $K$ . Then the following assertions hold for any  $L(\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n})$ -defining pair  $(E, \Omega)$ :

- (1)  $F(E, \Omega; \Sigma^*) \neq \emptyset$  if and only if  $F(E, \Omega; K) \neq \emptyset$ .
- (2) If  $(\mathbb{F}, \phi) \in F(E, \Omega; K)$  and  $(\mathbb{G}, \psi) \in F(E, \Omega; \Sigma^*)$ , then  $\mathbb{F}(\phi)$  and  $\mathbb{G}(\psi)$  are  $L(E)$ -isomorphic.

Proof. Let  $E = \{e_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha\}$  and let  $\Omega = \{\theta_\eta(e_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha) \mid \eta < \beta\}$ <sup>4)</sup>, where  $\alpha < \omega_{\mathbb{m}}$  and  $\beta < \omega_{\mathbb{n}}$ .

First we shall prove the assertion (1). Assume that  $F(E, \Omega; \Sigma^*) = \emptyset$ . Then by Lemmas 1, 2 and the Criterion,  $(E, \Omega; \Sigma^*) = \emptyset$ . Hence  $(E, \Omega; K) = \emptyset$ , because  $(E, \Omega; K) \subseteq (E, \Omega; \Sigma^*)$ . Hence we have  $F(E, \Omega; K) = \emptyset$ . Conversely assume that  $F(E, \Omega; K) = \emptyset$ . Then by the assumption of this lemma,  $(E, \Omega; K) = \emptyset$ . Hence for any  $(\mathbb{A}, \theta) \in (E, \emptyset; K)$ ,

$$\mathbb{A}(\theta) \models \bigvee (\neg \theta_\eta(e_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha) \mid \eta < \beta).$$

And hence for every structure  $\mathbb{A}$  in  $K$ ,

$$\mathbb{A} \models \bigvee (x_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha) [\bigvee (\neg \theta_\eta(x_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha) \mid \eta < \beta)].$$

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4) We denote by  $\theta_\eta(e_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha)$  the atomic sentence of  $L(E)$  which is obtained from an atomic formula  $\theta_\eta(x_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha)$  of  $L$  by replacing the variables  $x_\xi$  by the constant symbols  $e_\xi$  respectively. Note that any atomic sentence of  $L(E)$  can be written in such a form.

Therefore the generalized  $L(\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n})$ -implicational sentence

$$\forall(x_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha)[\forall(\neg\theta_\eta(x_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha) \mid \eta < \beta)]$$

belongs to  $\Sigma$ . Hence  $(E, \Omega; \Sigma^*) = \emptyset$ , and hence  $F(E, \Omega; \Sigma^*) = \emptyset$ .

Next we shall prove the assertion (2). Assume that  $(\mathbb{F}, \phi) \in F(E, \Omega; K)$  and  $(\mathbb{G}, \psi) \in F(E, \Omega; \Sigma^*)$ . Since  $(\mathbb{F}, \phi) \in (E, \Omega; K) \subseteq (E, \Omega; \Sigma^*)$ , there exists an  $L(E)$ -homomorphism  $h$  of  $\mathbb{G}(\psi)$  onto  $\mathbb{F}(\phi)$ . Now let  $\theta(e_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha)$  be any atomic sentence of  $L(E)$  such that  $\mathbb{F}(\phi) \models \theta(e_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha)$ . Then, for any  $(\mathbb{A}, \theta) \in (E, \Omega; K)$ , we have

$$\mathbb{A}(\theta) \models \theta(e_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha),$$

because there exists an  $L(E)$ -homomorphism of  $\mathbb{F}(\phi)$  into  $\mathbb{A}(\theta)$ .

Hence for any  $(\mathbb{B}, \tau) \in (E, \emptyset; K)$ ,

$$\mathbb{B}(\tau) \models \bigwedge(\theta_\eta(e_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha) \mid \eta < \beta) \rightarrow \theta(e_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha).$$

And hence for every  $\mathbb{B} \in K$ ,

$$\mathbb{B} \models \forall(x_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha)[\bigwedge(\theta_\eta(x_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha) \mid \eta < \beta) \rightarrow \theta(x_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha)].$$

Therefore the  $L(\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n})$ -implicational sentence

$$\forall(x_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha)[\bigwedge(\theta_\eta(x_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha) \mid \eta < \beta) \rightarrow \theta(x_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha)]$$

belongs to  $\Sigma$ . Since  $\mathbb{G} \in \Sigma^*$  and  $\mathbb{G}(\psi) \models \theta_\eta(e_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha)$  for all  $\eta < \beta$ , we have

$$\mathbb{G}(\psi) \models \theta(e_\xi \mid \xi < \alpha).$$

Hence the  $L(E)$ -homomorphism  $h$  of  $\mathbb{G}(\psi)$  onto  $\mathbb{F}(\phi)$  is an  $L(E)$ -isomorphism. This completes the proof.

The following lemma can be easily obtained from the above lemma and the definition of an  $(\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n})$ -natural limit structure.

**LEMMA 7.** Let  $K$  and  $\Sigma$  be the same as in Lemma 6. Then the following assertions hold for any  $L$ -defining pair  $(E, \Omega)$ :

- (1)  $\mathbb{L}_{(\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n})}(E, \Omega; K)$  exists if and only if  $\mathbb{L}_{(\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n})}(E, \Omega; \Sigma^*)$  exists.

(2)  $\mathbb{L}_{(\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{n})}(E, \Omega; K)$  and  $\mathbb{L}_{(\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{n})}(E, \Omega; \Sigma^*)$  are L-isomorphic if both exist.

§ 4. Main theorems.

Throughout this section, we assume that  $L$  is a first order language with equality and with an infinite set  $\{v_\xi \mid \xi < \omega_{(\mathfrak{m})}\}$  of  $(\mathfrak{m})$  variables as in the preceding sections.

THEOREM 1. Assume that  $(\mathfrak{m})$  and  $(\mathfrak{n})$  are regular infinite cardinals, and let  $K$  be any class of structures for  $L$ . Then  $\mathbb{U}_{(\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{n})} \text{IL}_{(\mathfrak{n})} \text{SP}(K)$  is the least generalized  $L_{(\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{n})}$ -implicational class containing  $K$ . That is, if  $\Sigma$  is the set of all generalized  $L_{(\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{n})}$ -implicational sentences that are valid in all structures in  $K$ , then

$$\Sigma^* = \mathbb{U}_{(\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{n})} \text{IL}_{(\mathfrak{n})} \text{SP}(K).$$

Proof. By Lemmas 1, 2, 3, and 4, it is clear that

$$\Sigma^* \supseteq \mathbb{U}_{(\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{n})} \text{IL}_{(\mathfrak{n})} \text{SP}(K).$$

We shall prove that

$$\Sigma^* \subseteq \mathbb{U}_{(\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{n})} \text{IL}_{(\mathfrak{n})} \text{SP}(K).$$

Assume that  $(A)$  is any structure in  $\Sigma^*$ . Now let  $M$  be the set of all non-empty subsets of  $D[(A)]$  whose cardinals are less than  $(\mathfrak{m})$ . Since  $(\mathfrak{m})$  is regular,  $M$  forms an  $(\mathfrak{m})$ -directed partially ordered set under the inclusion relation. For each  $\mu \in M$ , let  $(A)_\mu$  be the substructure of  $(A)$  generated by  $\mu$ . Then  $((A)_\mu \mid \mu \in M)$  forms an  $(\mathfrak{m})$ -directed family of structures, and clearly

$$(A) = \bigcup (A)_\mu \mid \mu \in M.$$

Hence, in order to prove  $\Sigma^* \subseteq \mathbb{U}_{(\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{n})} \text{IL}_{(\mathfrak{n})} \text{SP}(K)$ , it suffices to prove that each  $(A)_\mu$  is in  $\text{IL}_{(\mathfrak{n})} \text{SP}(K)$ .

By Lemma 1, each  $(A)_\mu$  is in  $\Sigma^*$ . Therefore we have

$$((A)_\mu, \psi_\mu) \in F(E_\mu, \Omega_\mu; \Sigma^*),$$

where  $\overline{E}_\mu = \overline{\mu}$ ,  $\psi_\mu$  is a one-to-one mapping of  $E_\mu$  onto  $\mu$ , and  $\Omega_\mu$  is the set of all atomic sentences of  $L(E_\mu)$  which are valid in  $\mathbb{A}_\mu(\psi_\mu)$ . Hence for any  $L(\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n})$ -defining pair  $(X, \Gamma) \in M_{\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n}}(E_\mu, \Omega_\mu)$ ,  $(\mathbb{A}_\mu, \psi_\mu | X)$  is in  $(X, \Gamma; \Sigma^*)$ , and hence  $F(X, \Gamma; \Sigma^*) \neq \emptyset$  follows from Lemmas 1, 2 and the Criterion.

Therefore there exists a direct system  $(\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n})$ -naturally defined by  $(E_\mu, \Omega_\mu; \Sigma^*)$ , which is an  $\mathbb{n}$ -direct system consisting of structures in  $\Sigma^*$ , because  $\overline{E}_\mu < \mathbb{m}$  and  $\mathbb{n}$  is regular. Hence the  $(\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n})$ -natural limit structure  $\mathbb{L}_{(\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n})}(E_\mu, \Omega_\mu; \Sigma^*)$  exists, and by Lemma 4, it is in  $\Sigma^*$ . Therefore by Lemma 5, we have

$$(\mathbb{L}_{(\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n})}(E_\mu, \Omega_\mu; \Sigma^*), \phi_\mu) \in F(E_\mu, \Omega_\mu; \Sigma^*),$$

where  $\phi_\mu$  is the natural interpretation of  $E_\mu$  to

$\mathbb{L}_{(\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n})}(E_\mu, \Omega_\mu; \Sigma^*)$ . Hence we have that  $\mathbb{A}_\mu$  and  $\mathbb{L}_{(\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n})}(E_\mu, \Omega_\mu; \Sigma^*)$  are L-isomorphic, that is,

$$\mathbb{A}_\mu \cong_L \mathbb{L}_{(\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n})}(E_\mu, \Omega_\mu; \Sigma^*).$$

Since  $SSP(K) \subseteq ISP(K)$  and  $PSP(K) \subseteq ISP(K)$ , it follows from the Criterion that for any  $L(\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n})$ -defining pair  $(Y, \Delta)$ ,  $(Y, \Delta; SP(K)) \neq \emptyset$  implies  $F(Y, \Delta; SP(K)) \neq \emptyset$ . Moreover  $\Sigma$  can be considered as the set of all generalized  $L(\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n})$ -implicational sentences that are valid in all structures in  $SP(K)$ , because  $K \subseteq SP(K) \subseteq \Sigma^*$  follows from Lemmas 1 and 2. Hence by Lemma 7,  $\mathbb{L}_{(\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n})}(E_\mu, \Omega_\mu; SP(K))$  exists, and it is L-isomorphic to  $\mathbb{L}_{(\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n})}(E_\mu, \Omega_\mu; \Sigma^*)$ . Therefore we have

$$\mathbb{A}_\mu \cong_L \mathbb{L}_{(\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n})}(E_\mu, \Omega_\mu; SP(K)).$$

Since  $M_{(\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n})}(E_\mu, \Omega_\mu)$  is  $\mathbb{n}$ -directed, we have that each  $\mathbb{A}_\mu$  is L-isomorphic to a direct limit of an  $\mathbb{n}$ -direct system consisting of structures in  $SP(K)$ , i.e.  $\mathbb{A}_\mu \in IL_{\mathbb{n}} SP(K)$ , as desired. This completes the proof.



THEOREM 2. Assume that  $\aleph$  is a regular infinite cardinal not greater than the cardinal  $\aleph$ , and let  $K$  be any class of structures for  $L$ . Then  $IL_{\aleph}SP(K)$  is the least generalized  $L(\aleph, \aleph)$ -implicational class containing  $K$ . That is, if  $\Sigma$  is the set of all generalized  $L(\aleph, \aleph)$ -implicational sentences that are valid in all structures in  $K$ , then

$$\Sigma^* = IL_{\aleph}SP(K).$$

Note that if  $\aleph \geq \aleph$ , then every generalized  $L(\aleph, \aleph)$ -implicational sentence is equivalent to a generalized  $L(\aleph, \aleph)$ -implicational sentence.

Proof. By Lemmas 1, 2, and 4, it is clear that

$$\Sigma^* \supseteq IL_{\aleph}SP(K).$$

We shall prove that

$$\Sigma^* \subseteq IL_{\aleph}SP(K).$$

Assume that  $\mathbb{A}$  is any structure in  $\Sigma^*$ . Then we have

$$(\mathbb{A}, \psi) \in F(E, \Omega; \Sigma^*),$$

where  $\bar{E} = \overline{D[\mathbb{A}]}$ ,  $\psi$  is a one-to-one mapping of  $E$  onto  $D[\mathbb{A}]$ , and  $\Omega$  is the set of all atomic sentences of  $L(E)$  that are valid in  $\mathbb{A}(\psi)$ . Hence for any  $L(\aleph, \aleph)$ -defining pair  $(X, \Gamma) \in M_{\aleph, \aleph}(E, \Omega)$ ,  $(\mathbb{A}, \psi|X)$  is in  $(X, \Gamma; \Sigma^*)$ , and hence  $F(X, \Gamma; \Sigma^*) \neq \emptyset$  follows from Lemmas 1, 2, and the Criterion. Therefore there exists a direct system  $(\aleph, \aleph)$ -naturally defined by  $(E, \Omega; \Sigma^*)$ , which is an  $\aleph$ -direct system consisting of structures in  $\Sigma^*$ , because  $\aleph$  is regular. Hence the  $(\aleph, \aleph)$ -natural limit structure  $L_{\aleph, \aleph}(E, \Omega; \Sigma^*)$  exists, and by Lemma 4 it is in  $\Sigma^*$ . Therefore by Lemma 5, we have

$$(L_{\aleph, \aleph}(E, \Omega; \Sigma^*), \phi) \in F(E, \Omega; \Sigma^*),$$

where  $\phi$  is the natural interpretation of  $E$  to  $L_{\aleph, \aleph}(E, \Omega; \Sigma^*)$ .

Hence we have

$$\mathbb{A} \cong_L \mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{n}, \mathbb{n}}(E, \Omega; \Sigma^*).$$

On the other hand, for any  $L(\mathbb{n}, \mathbb{n})$ -defining pair  $(Y, \Delta)$ ,  $(Y, \Delta; SP(K)) \neq \emptyset$  implies  $F(Y, \Delta; SP(K)) \neq \emptyset$ . Moreover  $\Sigma^*$  can be considered as the class defined by the set of all generalized  $L(\mathbb{n}, \mathbb{n})$ -implicational sentences that hold in  $SP(K)$ .

Hence by Lemma 7,  $\mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{n}, \mathbb{n}}(E, \Omega; SP(K))$  exists and it is  $L$ -isomorphic to  $\mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{n}, \mathbb{n}}(E, \Omega; \Sigma^*)$ . Therefore we have

$$\mathbb{A} \cong_L \mathbb{L}_{\mathbb{n}, \mathbb{n}}(E, \Omega; SP(K)).$$

This implies that  $\mathbb{A} \in IL_{\mathbb{n}} SP(K)$ , because  $M_{\mathbb{n}, \mathbb{n}}(E, \Omega)$  is  $\mathbb{n}$ -directed. Therefore we have  $\Sigma^* \subseteq IL_{\mathbb{n}} SP(K)$ . This completes the proof.

We denote by  $A(L)$  the set of all atomic formulas of the language  $L$ .

THEOREM 3. Assume that the infinite cardinal  $\mathbb{m}$  is regular and  $\mathbb{n}$  is any cardinal  $> \overline{A(L)}$ , and let  $K$  be any class of structures for  $L$ . Then  $U_{\mathbb{m}} ISP(K)$  is the least generalized  $L(\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n})$ -implicational class containing  $K$ . That is, if  $\Sigma$  is the set of all generalized  $L(\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n})$ -implicational sentences that are valid in all structures in  $K$ , then

$$\Sigma^* = U_{\mathbb{m}} ISP(K).$$

Proof. By Lemmas 1, 2, and 3, it is clear that

$$\Sigma^* \supseteq U_{\mathbb{m}} ISP(K).$$

We shall prove that

$$\Sigma^* \subseteq U_{\mathbb{m}} ISP(K).$$

Assume that  $\mathbb{A}$  is any structure in  $\Sigma^*$ . Now let  $M$  be the set of all non-empty subsets of  $D[\mathbb{A}]$  whose cardinals are less than  $\mathbb{m}$ . Then  $M$  forms an  $\mathbb{m}$ -directed partially ordered set under the

inclusion relation, because  $\mathbb{m}$  is regular. For each  $\mu \in M$ , let  $\mathbb{A}_\mu$  be the substructure of  $\mathbb{A}$  generated by  $\mu$ . Then  $(\mathbb{A}_\mu \mid \mu \in M)$  forms an  $\mathbb{m}$ -directed family of structures, and clearly

$$\mathbb{A} = \bigcup (\mathbb{A}_\mu \mid \mu \in M).$$

By Lemma 1, each  $\mathbb{A}_\mu$  is in  $\Sigma^*$ . Hence we have

$$(\mathbb{A}_\mu, \psi_\mu) \in F(E_\mu, \Omega_\mu; \Sigma^*),$$

where  $\bar{E}_\mu = \bar{\mu}$ ,  $\psi_\mu$  is a one-to-one mapping of  $E_\mu$  onto  $\mu$ , and  $\Omega_\mu$  is the set of all atomic sentences of  $L(E_\mu)$  that are valid in  $\mathbb{A}_\mu(\psi_\mu)$ . On the other hand, for any  $L(\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n})$ -defining pair  $(Y, \Delta)$ ,  $(Y, \Delta; SP(K)) \neq \emptyset$  implies  $F(Y, \Delta; SP(K)) \neq \emptyset$ . Moreover  $\Sigma$  can be considered as the set of all generalized  $L(\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n})$ -implicational sentences that hold in  $SP(K)$ . Hence by (1) of Lemma 6, we have  $F(E_\mu, \Omega_\mu; SP(K)) \neq \emptyset$ , because  $F(E_\mu, \Omega_\mu; \Sigma^*) \neq \emptyset$  and  $(E_\mu, \Omega_\mu)$  is an  $L(\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n})$ -defining pair. Now take

$$(\mathbb{B}_\mu, \phi_\mu) \in F(E_\mu, \Omega_\mu; SP(K)).$$

Then by (2) of Lemma 6,  $\mathbb{A}_\mu(\psi_\mu)$  and  $\mathbb{B}_\mu(\phi_\mu)$  are  $L(E_\mu)$ -isomorphic. Hence  $\mathbb{A}_\mu \in ISP(K)$ , and hence  $\mathbb{A} \in U_{\mathbb{m}} ISP(K)$ . Therefore we have  $\Sigma^* \subseteq U_{\mathbb{m}} ISP(K)$ . This completes the proof.

As immediate consequences of Theorems 1, 2, and 3, we have the following characterizations of generalized  $L(\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n})$ -implicational classes respectively:

COROLLARY 1. Assume that  $\mathbb{m}$  and  $\mathbb{n}$  are regular infinite cardinals. Then, a class  $K$  of structures for  $L$  is a generalized  $L(\mathbb{m}, \mathbb{n})$ -implicational class if and only if  $I(K) \subseteq K$ ,  $S(K) \subseteq K$ ,  $P(K) \subseteq K$ ,  $U_{\mathbb{m}}(K) \subseteq K$ , and  $L_{\mathbb{n}}(K) \subseteq K$ .

COROLLARY 2. Assume that  $\mathbb{n}$  is a regular infinite cardinal

not greater than the cardinal  $\mathfrak{m}$ . Then, a class  $K$  of structures for  $L$  is a generalized  $L(\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{n})$ -implicational class if and only if  $I(K) \subseteq K$ ,  $S(K) \subseteq K$ ,  $P(K) \subseteq K$ , and  $L_{\mathfrak{n}}(K) \subseteq K$ .

COROLLARY 3. Assume that the infinite cardinal  $\mathfrak{m}$  is regular and  $\mathfrak{n}$  is any cardinal  $> \overline{A(L)}$ . Then, a class  $K$  of structures for  $L$  is a generalized  $L(\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{n})$ -implicational class if and only if  $I(K) \subseteq K$ ,  $S(K) \subseteq K$ ,  $P(K) \subseteq K$ , and  $U_{\mathfrak{m}}(K) \subseteq K$ .

Remarks on  $L(\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{n})$ -implicational classes. From Theorem 1, we can easily obtain the following analogous theorem for  $L(\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{n})$ -implicational classes:

(I) Assume that  $\mathfrak{m}$  and  $\mathfrak{n}$  are regular infinite cardinals, and let  $K$  be any class of structures for  $L$ . Then  $U_{\mathfrak{m}\mathfrak{n}}^{IL, SP^*}(K)$  is the least  $L(\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{n})$ -implicational class containing  $K$ .

We simply explain this fact. Let  $\Sigma$  be the set of all  $L(\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{n})$ -implicational sentences valid in all structures in  $K$ , and let  $\Gamma$  be the set of all generalized  $L(\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{n})$ -implicational sentences valid in all structures in  $K \cup \{\mathbb{E}\}$ , where  $\mathbb{E}$  is a  $L$ -trivial structure. Then it is clear that  $\Sigma^* = \Gamma^*$  and  $IP^*(K) = IP(K \cup \{\mathbb{E}\})$ . Hence by Theorem 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} U_{\mathfrak{m}\mathfrak{n}}^{IL, SP^*}(K) &= U_{\mathfrak{m}\mathfrak{n}}^{IL, SIP^*}(K) \\ &= U_{\mathfrak{m}\mathfrak{n}}^{IL, SIP}(K \cup \{\mathbb{E}\}) = U_{\mathfrak{m}\mathfrak{n}}^{IL, SP}(K \cup \{\mathbb{E}\}) = \Gamma^* = \Sigma^*. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $U_{\mathfrak{m}\mathfrak{n}}^{IL, SP^*}(K)$  is the least  $L(\mathfrak{m}, \mathfrak{n})$ -implicational class containing  $K$ .

By the similar method as in the above, we can obtain the following theorems (II) and (III) analogous to Theorems 2 and 3 respectively.

(II) Assume that  $\mathfrak{n}$  is a regular infinite cardinal not greater than the cardinal  $\mathfrak{m}$ , and let  $K$  be any class of

structures for  $L$ . Then  $IL_{(n)}SP^*(K)$  is the least  $L_{(m), (n)}$ -implicational class containing  $K$ .

(III) Assume that the infinite cardinal  $(m)$  is regular and  $(n)$  is any cardinal  $> \overline{A(L)}$ , and let  $K$  be any class of structures for  $L$ . Then  $U_{(m)}ISP^*(K)$  is the least  $L_{(m), (n)}$ -implicational class containing  $K$ .

The following characterizations of  $L_{(m), (n)}$ -implicational classes are immediately obtained from the theorems (I), (II), and (III) respectively.

(i) Assume that  $(m)$  and  $(n)$  are regular infinite cardinals. Then, a class  $K$  of structures for  $L$  is an  $L_{(m), (n)}$ -implicational class if and only if  $I(K) \subseteq K$ ,  $S(K) \subseteq K$ ,  $P^*(K) \subseteq K$ ,  $U_{(m)}(K) \subseteq K$  and  $L_{(n)}(K) \subseteq K$ .

(ii) Assume that  $(n)$  is a regular infinite cardinal not greater than the cardinal  $(m)$ . Then, a class  $K$  of structures for  $L$  is an  $L_{(m), (n)}$ -implicational class if and only if  $I(K) \subseteq K$ ,  $S(K) \subseteq K$ ,  $P^*(K) \subseteq K$ , and  $L_{(n)}(K) \subseteq K$ .

(iii) Assume that the infinite cardinal  $(m)$  is regular and  $(n)$  is any cardinal  $> \overline{A(L)}$ . Then, a class  $K$  of structures for  $L$  is an  $L_{(m), (n)}$ -implicational class if and only if  $I(K) \subseteq K$ ,  $S(K) \subseteq K$ ,  $P^*(K) \subseteq K$ , and  $U_{(m)}(K) \subseteq K$ .

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