

A self contained account of a class of models of tangled type theory

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In this document, we give a self contained account of a structure which will turn out to be a model of tangled type theory, and therefore a witness to the consistency of Quine's New Foundations. We will not discuss these theories until later in the narrative. All of our business will be conducted in the usual set theory ZFC, and in fact in not very much of it, because New Foundations is not a very strong theory.

We are trying out the numbered paragraph format which Zermelo uses in his 1908 papers.

1. The construction has parameters which we introduce.

λ is a limit ordinal. Elements of λ and a special object -1 will be our type indices (it simply doesn't matter what -1 is: any set that isn't an ordinal will do). The order on type indices is suggested by the choice of symbol for the additional type index: -1 is the minimum in the order on type indices and the order on type indices extends the usual order on λ (the natural order on ordinals $< \lambda$).

κ is an uncountable regular cardinal greater than λ . Sets of cardinality $< \kappa$ will be termed small and sets which are not small are called large.
 μ is a strong limit cardinal $> \kappa$ of cofinality $\geq \kappa$.

These notations are fixed for the rest of the paper.

2. Motivational notes: we are letting parameters vary in size to support extensions of NF which are strong in various ways. If one were aiming to put a cap on the consistency strength of NF (doing this precisely is not among the aims of this paper) note that $\lambda = \omega; \kappa = \omega_1; \mu = \beth_{\omega_1}$ works here. We believe that NF is even weaker than these values of the parameters suggest, but we are not at pains here to show this.
3. We first build a system of *supertypes* indexed by the type indices, which will seen to be a model of nonextensional tangled type theory (we will explain what this means presently).

We write the supertype indexed by a type index ι as τ_ι^* .

Supertype -1 (τ_{-1}^*) is unspecified at this point, except that it is a set of cardinality μ . We will describe it with complete precision later, but its exact nature is unimportant at this stage. Any choice of μ and a set of cardinality μ to serve as τ_{-1}^* can be taken to determine a system of supertypes at this point.

For $\alpha \in \lambda$ (a type index other than -1), we define τ_α^* as

$$\mathcal{P}\left(\bigcup_{-1 \leq \iota < \alpha} \tau_\iota^* \cup \{\{\tau_\eta^* : -1 \leq \eta < \alpha\}\}\right) \setminus \mathcal{P}\left(\bigcup_{-1 \leq \iota < \alpha} \tau_\iota^*\right):$$

an element of τ_α^* is a union of subsets of the τ_ι^* 's for $-1 \leq \iota < \alpha$ with the additional element $\{\tau_\eta^* : -1 \leq \eta < \lambda\}$ added.

We denote $\{\tau_\eta^* : -1 \leq \eta < \alpha\}$ by τ_α^+ .

4. The axiom of foundation in the underlying set theory ZFC ensures that the supertypes are disjoint. Notice that τ_α^+ has higher rank than any τ_ι^* for $-1 \leq \iota < \alpha$ and so τ_α^+ cannot be an element of any element of τ_ι^* for $-1 \leq \iota < \alpha$, and so τ_α^* (all of whose elements contain τ_α^+) is disjoint from every such τ_ι^* (every type of smaller index).

None of the sets τ_α^+ are elements of any τ_ι^* : no τ_α^+ can be an element of τ_{-1}^* because $\tau_{-1}^* \in \tau_\alpha^+$ for every α . For τ_α^+ to belong to τ_β ($\beta \neq -1$)

we would need τ_β^+ to belong to each element of τ_α^+ , including τ_{-1}^* , to which we have just seen that no τ_α^+ can belong.

5. For each α, β with $-1 \leq \alpha < \beta < \lambda$, we define $x \in_{\alpha, \beta} y$ as holding iff $x \in \tau_\alpha^* \wedge y \in \tau_\beta^* \wedge x \in y$. It is a nice feature of this scheme of representation that membership between any two types is represented by a subset of the membership relation of the metatheory.

This structure is a model for nonextensional tangled type theory (TTT⁻) which we now describe briefly for motivation.

TTT⁻ is a theory with membership and equality as primitive relations and types indexed by the elements of λ (type indices other than -1).

A formula $x^\alpha = y^\beta$ is meaningful iff $\alpha = \beta$. A formula $x^\alpha \in y^\beta$ is meaningful iff $\alpha < \beta$.

The sole axiom scheme asserts that for any formula $\phi(x^\alpha)$ in the language and $\beta > \alpha$ there is $\{x^\alpha : \phi(x^\alpha)\}^\beta$ such that

$$(\forall z^\alpha : z^\alpha \in \{x^\alpha : \phi(x^\alpha)\}^\beta \leftrightarrow \phi(z^\alpha).$$

This theory is satisfied by the system of supertypes if we interpret $x^\alpha \in y^\beta$ as $x^\alpha \in_{\alpha, \beta} y^\beta$.

The theory is nonextensional: there isn't a unique witness to serve as $\{x^\alpha : \phi(x^\alpha)\}^\beta$, though we can choose a canonical one, namely, the one whose intersection with any τ_ι with $\iota \neq \alpha$ is empty (this canonical object which a given α -extension is easily described in terms of the metatheory, but there is no way to describe it in the language of tangled type theory).

6. We further describe the theory TTT, in order to motivate the exertions we will go through in the rest of this paper.

TTT extends TTT⁻ with the additional axiom scheme of extensionality, the collection of all well formed sentences of the form

$$(\forall x^\beta y^\beta : (\forall z^\alpha : z^\alpha \in x^\beta \leftrightarrow z^\alpha \in y^\beta) \rightarrow x^\beta = y^\beta).$$

It is known that the consistency of TTT implies (in fact is equivalent to) the consistency of New Foundations. We will discuss this (and the definition of the theory New Foundations) later.

7. In the system of supertypes, each element with positive type α has an extension over each type $\beta \in \alpha$, namely, its intersection with type β . These extensions can be mixed and matched freely: there are many type α objects with any given extension over type β (even in the case $\beta = 0, \alpha = 1$, as we can vary the intersection of the type α object with type -1).

In a model of TTT, each object of positive type is uniquely determined by each of its extensions individually. This means that one extension of any particular object determines the others. Our construction continues by exhibiting how this is done in our construction, starting with a presentation of more detail about type -1 .

8. We will refer to the elements of type -1 as *atoms*. They are not atoms in the sense of the metatheory (in fact, we will say something about their extensions as sets in a moment) but it is convenient to have a generic term for them (and in earlier constructions carried out in ZFA, analogous objects were atoms).
9. We now specify exactly what τ_{-1}^* is (in terms of the parameters κ and μ).

$$\tau_{-1}^* = \{(\nu, \beta, \gamma, \alpha) : \nu < \mu \wedge \beta \in \lambda \cup \{-1\} \wedge \gamma \in \lambda \setminus \{\beta\} \wedge \alpha < \kappa\}$$

10. For any suitable ν, β, γ we define $\Lambda_{\nu, \beta, \gamma}$ as $\{(\nu, \beta, \gamma, \alpha) \in \tau_{-1}^* : \alpha < \kappa\}$. We regard this notation as defined only if the resulting set is nonempty. Such sets are called *litters* and the set of litters is a partition of τ_{-1}^* into sets of cardinality κ . I am not sure that I ever use the explicit notation $\Lambda_{\nu, \beta, \gamma}$ for a litter in the sequel.

We define $X_{\beta, \gamma}$ as $\{\Lambda_{\nu, \beta, \gamma} : \nu < \mu\}$. The use of the partition of the litters $\{X_{\beta, \gamma} : \beta \in \lambda \cup \{-1\} \wedge \gamma \in \lambda \setminus \{\beta\}\}$ will be seen below. The notation $X_{\beta, \gamma}$ is used in the sequel: what is important to know about the collection of such sets is that it is a partition of the set of all litters into sets of size μ .

11. A subset of τ_{-1}^* with small symmetric difference from a litter we call a *near-litter*. For any near-litter N we define N° as the uniquely determined litter L such that $|N \Delta L| < \kappa$. If M and N are litters, we write $M \sim N$ [read “ M is near N ”] for $|M \Delta N| < \kappa$. This is an equivalence relation on near-litters.

12. Our intention is to construct τ_ι for each type index ι in such a way that $\tau_{-1} = \tau_{-1}^*$ (and we will henceforth abandon the latter notation, always writing τ_{-1}) and for each $\alpha \in \lambda$, $\tau_\alpha \subseteq \tau_\alpha^*$ and $|\tau_\alpha| = \mu$, and for each $-1 \leq \alpha < \beta < \lambda$ and $x \in \tau_\beta$, $x \cap \tau_\alpha^* \subseteq \tau_\alpha$. Further, for each $-1 < \gamma < \beta < \lambda$ we have for $x, y \in \tau_\beta$ that $x \cap \tau_\gamma = y \cap \tau_\gamma \rightarrow x = y$: we have extensionality (in the strong form required to interpret TTT) for the types indexed by ordinals. There are of course further conditions to be unfolded as we proceed.

The intention is that for each $\beta \in \lambda$, τ_β will interpret type β of TTT and that the intersection of the membership relation of the metatheory with $\tau_\gamma \times \tau_\beta$ will interpret the membership of type γ objects in type β objects when $\gamma < \beta$.

13. Our strategy will be to fix an $\alpha \in \lambda$ and hypothesize that the sets τ_β have already been constructed for each $\beta < \alpha$ (satisfying these conditions [and others yet to be stated]), and then describe how τ_α is to be constructed [supposing at all points that earlier τ_β 's were constructed in the same way]. We suppose that we have already specified a well-ordering \leq_β with order type μ of each type τ_β with $-1 \leq \beta < \alpha$ (special conditions on the choice of these well-orderings will be given later).
14. For any near-litter N and $\gamma \neq -1$, we define N_γ as the unique element x of τ_γ with $x \cap \tau_{-1} = N$. We stipulate that there is one (for any N and for $\gamma < \alpha$). More generally, if $X \subseteq \tau_{-1}$, X_γ is the unique element x of τ_γ with $x \cap \tau_{-1} = X$, if there is one. We do provide that \emptyset_γ and $\{x\}_\gamma$ will exist for $x \in \tau_{-1}$, $\gamma < \alpha$.
15. We define for each element x of any τ_β the index $\iota_*(x)$ as the order type of the restriction of \leq_β to $\{y \in \tau_\beta : y <_\beta x\}$. Note that the domain of ι_* is the union of all the types!
16. We first indicate how extensionality is to be enforced.
17. We construct, for each pair of ordinals $\beta, \gamma < \alpha$ with $\beta \neq \gamma \neq -1$ (note that β can be -1), an injection $f_{\beta, \gamma}$ from τ_β into $X_{\beta, \gamma} = \{\Lambda_{\nu, \beta, \gamma} : \nu < \mu\}$ (whose definition does not actually depend on α : it will be the same at every stage).

$f_{\beta, \gamma}$ is an injection from τ_β into $X_{\beta, \gamma}$: note that the ranges of distinct $f_{\beta, \gamma}$'s are disjoint. When we define $f_{\beta, \gamma}(x)$, we presume that we have

already defined it for $y <_\beta x$. We define $f_{\beta,\gamma}(x)$ as $L \cap \tau_{-1}$, where L is \leq_γ -first such that $L \cap \tau_{-1} \in X_{\beta,\gamma}$ and for every $N \sim L \cap \tau_{-1}$, $\iota_*(N_\gamma) > \iota_*(x)$ [and if $\beta = -1$, $\iota_*(N_\gamma) > \iota_*(\{x\}_0)$ (NOTE: do I need this here?)], and for any $y <_\beta x$, $f_{\beta,\gamma}(y) \neq L \cap \tau_{-1}$. That this can be done relies on the fact that the order type of each \leq_β is μ . It is important to note that the definition of $f_{\beta,\gamma}$ does not depend on α ; speaking informally, as α increases, more such functions become definable, but they remain the same functions.

18. Let $-1 < \beta \leq \alpha$.

Let τ_β^1 be the set of elements of τ_β^* satisfying $x \cap \tau_\gamma^* \subseteq \tau_\gamma$ for each $\gamma < \beta$. Let τ_β^2 be the set of elements of τ_β^1 which are “weakly extensional” in a sense we now define.

An extension of an element x of τ_β^1 is a set $x \cap \tau_\gamma$ for $-1 \leq \gamma < \beta$ [we call this extension for a particular value of γ the γ -extension]. We say that an element x of τ_β^1 is *weakly extensional* iff it has an extension $x \cap \tau_\gamma$, called a distinguished extension, which has the property that if any extension of x is empty, all extensions (and so of course the distinguished extension), are empty, and if $x \cap \tau_{-1}$ is nonempty, $\gamma = -1$, and that for any $\delta \in \beta \setminus \{-1, \gamma\}$ we have

$$x \cap \tau_\delta = \{N_\delta : N^\circ \in f_{\gamma,\delta}“(x \cap \tau_\gamma)\}.$$

We pause to define a function implementing this. For any nonempty subset X of τ_γ , we define

$$A_\delta(X) = \{N_\delta : N^\circ \in f_{\gamma,\delta}“(X)\}.$$

Note that this function A_δ can be taken to have the quite large domain

$$\bigcup_{\gamma \in \beta \setminus \{\delta, -1\}} \mathcal{P}(\tau_\gamma) \setminus \{\emptyset\},$$

since we can determine given a set in the domain what the appropriate value of γ is. Strictly speaking, this should be written A_δ^β .

We can then state that a distinguished extension $x \cap \tau_\gamma$ of x is characterized by the condition that for each δ not equal to γ or -1 , $x \cap \tau_\delta = A_\delta(x \cap \tau_\gamma)$, and if $\gamma \neq -1$, $x \cap \tau_{-1}$ is empty.

Note that this allows us immediately to determine all extensions of objects N_γ for N a near-litter or $\{x\}_\gamma$ for x an atom, because their nonempty -1 -extension is seen to be their distinguished extension.

It is part of the hypotheses of the construction that $\tau_\beta \subseteq \tau_\beta^2$ for each ordinal β less than α : elements of types already constructed are weakly extensional.

19. We show that no x has more than one distinguished extension. If the distinguished extension of x is empty, all extensions of x are empty, so x in fact has only one extension. Note further that if the distinguished extension of x is nonempty, and c is the element of this extension with minimal image under ι_* , then every element of every other extension will have image under ι_* exceeding $\iota_*(c)$, because of the way the f maps are constructed, establishing that there is only one distinguished extension.

20. That every element of a type in our system of types is weakly extensional will not enforce the extensionality condition we want. Let $-1 \leq \gamma < \beta \leq \alpha$, and let $x, y \in \tau_\beta^2$ with $x \cap \tau_\gamma = y \cap \tau_\gamma$.

If $x \cap \tau_\gamma = y \cap \tau_\gamma$ is the empty set, then $x = y$ is immediate, because all the extensions of both sets are empty. Note that if any extension of x or y is empty, all are, so we can suppose hereinafter that all extensions of x and y are nonempty.

If the distinguished extensions of x and y are both the δ -extension for some δ (which might or might not be γ), then again $x = y$ because we have a method of computation of all other extensions of x and y which will give $x \cap \tau_\epsilon = y \cap \tau_\epsilon$ for each appropriate ϵ .

If the distinguished extensions of x and y (supposed nonempty) are the δ -extension of x and the ϵ -extension of y , with $\delta \neq \epsilon$, then any z in the γ -extension of x must be of the form N_γ where N° is in the range of $f_{\delta,\gamma}$ and in the range of $f_{\epsilon,\gamma}$, and this is impossible, as the ranges of these maps are disjoint.

The possibility which cannot be excluded is that $x \cap \tau_\gamma = y \cap \tau_\gamma$ is the distinguished extension of one of x, y and not of the other.

21. Let $-1 < \beta \leq \alpha$. We are working on defining the collection τ_β^3 of *extensional* elements of τ_β^2 (so to begin with, an extensional element of

τ_β^1 is weakly extensional).

The maps A_δ defined above are injective. The ranges of distinct maps A_δ are disjoint.

Thus, we can define $A^{-1}(x)$ for $x \in \bigcup_{\gamma \in \beta \setminus \{-1\}} \mathcal{P}(\tau_\gamma) \setminus \{\emptyset\}$ as the unique y such that $A_\delta(y) = x$ for some δ (δ of course being determined by x), if such a y exists. The map A^{-1} is of course partial: but for any x , if there is any such y there is only one.

Strictly, we should define $A_{[\beta]}^{-1}(x)$ for $x \in \bigcup_{\gamma \in \beta \setminus \{-1\}} \mathcal{P}(\tau_\gamma) \setminus \{\emptyset\}$ as the unique y such that $A_\delta^\beta(y) = x$ for some δ (δ of course being determined by x), if such a y exists: the explicit dependence on β is not needed for the discussion here but might be relevant elsewhere. The brackets are to avoid parsing it as $(A_\beta)^{-1}$.

If c is the element of x with minimal image under ι_* , the element d with minimal image under ι_* in any $A_\delta(x)$ will have $\iota_*(d) > \iota_*(c)$ because of the way the f maps are defined. This implies that for any x , if c is the element of x with minimal image under ι_* , and $A^{-1}(x)$ exists, then if d is the element of $A^{-1}(x)$ with minimal image under ι_* , we have $\iota_*(d) < \iota_*(c)$. This in turn implies that no set has infinitely many iterated images under A^{-1} .

We then define τ_β^3 as the collection of all elements x of τ_β^2 with the property that either the distinguished extension of x is empty or the collection of iterated images of the distinguished extension of x under A^{-1} (not including x) is of even cardinality. Note that since every other extension of x is an image of the distinguished extension under an A_δ , they all have odd numbers of iterated images under A^{-1} .

Now observe that in the case where two distinct elements x, y of τ_β^2 have the same γ -extension for a suitable γ , described above, the common extension of x and y is the distinguished extension of one of them (wlog x) and not the distinguished extension of the other, and so the image under A_γ of the distinguished extension of y . This means that one of x and y is extensional, and the other is not, by considering the parities of the cardinalities of the sets of iterated images of the respective distinguished extensions under A^{-1} . Thus, if two distinct elements x, y of τ_β^3 have the same γ -extension for a suitable γ , it follows that $x = y$.

We further state that $\tau_\beta \subseteq \tau_\beta^3$ for $-1 < \beta < \alpha$ as a hypothesis of the construction: all sets in types already constructed are extensional.

22. We are going to attempt a different approach here. Rather than defining the extensions we will include in our model as those symmetric under a class of permutations, we will attempt to directly describe codes for the construction of these extensions (clearly a closely related approach, but we think it may have formal advantages). A symmetry requirement will appear!
23. A typed near-litter is an element N_γ of τ_γ where N is a near-litter. A typed atom is an element $\{x\}_\gamma$ of τ_γ where $x \in \tau_{-1}$.

A *support element* is a pair (x, A) where A is a finite subset of type indices with x either an atom (type -1) [in which case we call it an atomic support element and $\min(A) = -1$] or a typed near-litter (of some type > -1 and $x \in \tau_{\min(A)}$ [in which case we call it a near-litter support element]).

A β -*support* is a small set of support elements (x, A) each of which has $\max(A) = \beta$, with the technical property that if it contains distinct (x, A) and (y, A) [with the same second component; not all elements of a support need have the same second component], and x and y are both typed near-litters, they have disjoint -1 -extensions.

For any β -support S and $\gamma < \beta$, we define S_γ as

$$\{(x, A) : \max(A) = \gamma \wedge (x, A \cup \{\beta\}) \in S\}.$$

24. We now set out to define the symmetry condition which allows us to determine which elements of τ_α^3 belong to τ_α .
25. We define a -1 -substitution as a permutation σ of τ_{-1} such that for any near-litter N , σ^*N is a near-litter.

We define a β -presubstitution ($\beta \in \lambda$) as a permutation σ of the atomic support elements (x, A) with $\max(A) = \beta$, with the following properties:

- (a) $\pi_1(\sigma((x, A))) = A$ for all (x, A) in the domain of σ . This shows that σ independently permutes, for each A with minimum -1 , the set $\{(x, A) : x \in \tau_{-1}\}$.

- (b) For each A , the permutation σ_A defined by $\sigma((x, A)) = (\sigma_A(x), A)$ is a -1 -substitution.

For each β -presubstitution σ and ordinal $\gamma < \beta$ we define σ_γ as the γ -presubstitution such that $\sigma_\gamma((x, A)) = (y, A)$ (for (x, A) in the known domain of a γ -presubstitution) iff $\sigma((x, A \cup \{\beta\})) = (y, A \cup \{\beta\})$. We define $\sigma_{-1}(x) = \pi_1(\sigma((x, \{\beta, -1\})))$.

We extend the notation of the previous paragraph. We define $\sigma_B((x, C)) = ((y, C))$ iff all elements of B dominate all elements of C and

$$\sigma((x, B \cup C)) = \sigma((y, B \cup C)).$$

σ_B is a $\min(B)$ -presubstitution, with $\sigma_{\{\beta\}} = \sigma$ and σ_B for B with more than one element equal to $(\sigma_{B \setminus \{\min(B)\}})_{\min(B)}$

26. We define the action of a presubstitution on elements of our structure and on supports. For any x in τ_β and β -presubstitution σ ($\beta > -1$), $\sigma[x]$ is the element of τ_β^* whose γ -extension is $\{\sigma_\gamma[y] : y \in x \cap \tau_\gamma\}$ for each type index $\gamma < \beta$. In the case $\gamma = -1$, $\sigma_{-1}[y] = \sigma_{-1}(y)$.

We define the action of a β -presubstitution σ on support elements. If (x, A) is a β -atomic support element, $\sigma[(x, A)] = \sigma((x, A))$. If (N, A) is a β -near-litter support element, $\sigma[(N, A)] = ((\sigma_{A \cup \{-1\}} "N)_{\min(A)}, A)$.

We define $\sigma(S)$, where σ is a β -presubstitution and S is a β -support, as $\{\sigma[s] : s \in S\}$.

27. We now motivate and define the notion of β -substitution.

We would like to restrict to β -presubstitutions under which τ_β is closed. Consider the action of a β -presubstitution on an element X of τ_β whose γ -extension ($\gamma \neq -1$) is a singleton $\{x\}$. We certainly want there to be such an element of τ_β for each $x \in \tau_\gamma$, since this would be true if our structure satisfied TTT, though we have not assumed this to be true [and we are not formally assuming this here, merely discussing this case for motivation]. The δ -extension of X for $\delta \in \beta \setminus \{\gamma, -1\}$ would be $\{N_\delta : N^\circ = f_{\gamma, \delta}(x)\}$. The γ -extension of $\sigma[X]$ is $\{\sigma_\gamma[x]\}$ and the δ -extension of $\sigma[X]$ is $\{\sigma_\delta[N_\delta] : N^\circ = f_{\gamma, \delta}(x)\}$.

For $\sigma[X]$ to be extensional, we need the δ -extension of $\sigma[X]$ to be $\{N_\delta : N^\circ = f_{\gamma, \delta}(\sigma_\gamma[x])\}$.

This motivates our definition of a β -substitution ($\beta > -1$) as a β -presubstitution such that

$$\{\sigma_\delta[N_\delta] : N^\circ = f_{\gamma,\delta}(x)\} = \{N_\delta : N^\circ = f_{\gamma,\delta}(\sigma_\gamma[x])\},$$

for each appropriate γ , which can readily be seen to be equivalent to the assertion that $\sigma_\delta[f_{\gamma,\delta}(x)_\delta] \cap \tau_{-1} \sim f_{\gamma,\delta}[\sigma_\gamma[x]]$, for any $x \in \tau_\gamma$.

We provide as a hypothesis of the construction that τ_β is closed under β -substitutions for each $\beta < \alpha$: we claim that the additional condition which we have shown to be necessary for our purposes will also turn out to be sufficient when all details of the construction are seen.

28. We define the notion of a code for an element of our structure. We use the notation χ for the function sending a code to what it codes.

A -1 -code is simply an atom, and an atom is a code for itself and only for itself: for $x \in \tau_{-1}$, $\chi(x) = x$.

A β -code for β an ordinal is a pair (S, Σ) where S is a β -support and, for some $\gamma < \sigma$, Σ is a set of γ -codes such that $\chi^{\text{“}}\Sigma$ has an even number of iterated images (other than itself) under $A_{[\beta]}^{-1}$, and any β -substitution σ such that $(\forall s \in S : \pi[s] = s)$ also satisfies $\{\sigma_\gamma[y] : y \in \chi^{\text{“}}\Sigma\} = \chi^{\text{“}}\Sigma$, and for each code c in Σ , $\pi_1(c)$ is a superset of S_γ . In this case $\chi((S, \Sigma))$ is defined as the unique $x \in \tau_\beta$, if there is one, such that $x \cap \tau_\gamma = \chi^{\text{“}}\Sigma$.

It is a hypothesis of the construction that for $\beta < \alpha$, the function χ is defined at every β -code, and that the range of χ is all of τ_β : i.e., the elements of τ_β are exactly the codable elements of τ_β^3 .

We define τ_α as the collection of elements x of τ_α^3 for which there is an α -code (S, Σ) and $\gamma < \alpha$ such that $x \cap \tau_\gamma = \chi^{\text{“}}\Sigma$.

For any β -code (S, Σ) and β -substitution σ , we define $\sigma[(S, \Sigma)]$ as $(\sigma[S], \{\sigma_\gamma[c] : c \in \Sigma\})$. It is straightforward to show that $\sigma[(S, \Sigma)]$ is a code for $\sigma[\chi((S, \Sigma))]$, so the action of a β -substitution on τ_β is a permutation.

We define $\sigma^+(x)$ as $\sigma[x]$ for each β -substitution σ and $x \in \tau_\beta$. Note that σ^+ determines and is determined by σ . The collection of permutations σ^+ is the collection of *β -allowable permutations* discussed in other treatments; we may have some use for this below.

29. We describe the selection of designated supports for each element of our structure (a support S of an element x of the structure is an S for which there is a Σ such that (S, Σ) codes x). This supports a recursive construction of designated codes. The designated code for an atom is itself. Otherwise the designated code for x is the pair (S, Σ) where S is the designated support of S and Σ is the set of designated codes for elements of the distinguished extension of x .

We choose a preliminary designated support for each element of the structure (this is necessary because objects other than atoms which have codes clearly have more than one): we are actually choosing designated codes for elements of τ_α and continuing to use codes already chosen for the earlier constructed types.

We impose the technical condition that for each $\beta \leq \alpha$ and $x \in \tau_\beta$, if x has the same -1 extension as an element x' of τ_0 , and the designated support of x' is S , the designated support of x has as its members exactly the $(u, \{\beta, -1\})$ such that $(u, \{0, -1\}) \in S$ and the $(v_\beta, \{\beta\})$ such that $(v_0, \{0\}) \in S$. It is straightforward to see that elements of τ_0 are exactly the X_0 such that $X \subseteq \tau_{-1}$ has small symmetric difference from a small or co-small union of litters, that any element of τ_0 has support elements of exactly the kinds described, and that an $x \in \tau_\beta$ with the same -1 -extension as an element of τ_0 does have the described set as a support.

A support S is said to be *strong* iff

- (a) for every $(N_\delta, A) \in S$, N is a litter, and
- (b) for every atomic support element (x, A) in S there is

$$(N, A \setminus \{-1\}) \in S$$

with $x \in N$, and

- (c) for every support element of the form $(f_{\delta, \epsilon}(x)_\epsilon, A) \in S$ for which δ is dominated by every element of A except ϵ we also have for each (y, C) in the preliminary designated support of x that

$$(y, (B \setminus \{\epsilon\}) \cup C) \in S.$$

It should be evident that any support can be modified to one satisfying the first condition by replacing each element (N_δ, A) with (N_δ°, A) and

the $(x, A \cup \{-1\})$ such that $x \in N \Delta N^\circ$: modifying the first component of a code in this way will preserve acceptability of the code, because any substitution whose action preserves the modified code also preserves the original code.

A code thus modified can be extended to a strong support satisfying the other two conditions simply by enforcing these closure conditions through ω steps. The designated support of each object is obtained as the smallest strong support including the version of the designated support whose typed near-litter elements are typed litters as a subset.

We refer to support elements of the form $(f_{\delta, \epsilon}(x)_\epsilon, A)$ for which δ is dominated by every element of A except ϵ as *inflexible* support elements [because the coherence conditions restrict how substitutions can act on them], and refer to all other near-litter support elements as *flexible* support elements.

30. Specific elements of τ_α 's whose existence was postulated above need to be shown to be codable. \emptyset_γ is coded by (\emptyset, \emptyset) . If x is an atom, $\{x\}_\gamma$ is coded by $(\{(x, \{\gamma, -1\})\}, \{x\})$. If N is a near-litter, N_γ is coded by $(\{(N_\gamma, \{\gamma\})\}, N)$.
31. We describe the construction of the well-orderings \leq_ι in detail.

We define a conversion function c on support elements: $c((x, A)) = \{x\}_{\min(A \setminus \{-1\})}$ or $x_{\min(A)}$, whichever is defined.

We first construct an order \leq_0 on τ_0 . We choose an arbitrary order on elements of τ_0 and proceed in alternating stages indexed by μ : at an even stage, we place the first so far unplaced litter, then place all atoms in it in an arbitrarily chosen order, then place all near-litters with small symmetric difference from a litter placed earlier and with all elements of the symmetric difference already placed. At an odd stage, we place the first element of τ_0 which is not a typed atom or near-litter and whose designated support contains no support item whose image under the conversion function has not already been placed, if there is one. It should be evident that all elements of τ_0 are eventually placed.

The order \leq_{-1} is induced by the order on typed atoms in τ_0 which is a suborder of \leq_0 .

We describe how to construct all \leq_β for $0 < \beta \leq \alpha$. We collect the extensional type β sets which are codable and designate a code for each

one (axiom of choice) and convert the included support to a strong support as described above. We place the typed atoms and near-litters in \leq_β in the same positions at which the typed atoms and near-litters with the same -1 -extensions are placed in \leq_0 (we described this above). We provide ourselves with an arbitrary well-ordering of the other sets in type β of order type μ . At each step, we go to the first unfilled position η and place in it the first item in the arbitrary order on τ_β which has no support element s such that $\iota_*(c(s)) \geq \eta$ and which also has the property that if it has the same -1 -extension as an element u of τ_0 we have $\iota_*(u) \leq \eta$. This last condition ensures that every position can actually be filled, because the item at the same position in $<_0$ will always be a candidate [this is also supported by the special condition on designated supports of items with -1 -extensions agreeing with the -1 -extension of an element of τ_0]. Every item will eventually be placed because the cofinality of μ is at least κ and supports are small.

32. All that is needed to ensure that this works is the assurance that there are no more than μ codes, which ensures that there are exactly μ elements of each type.
33. There are exactly μ near-litters (this depends on the fact that μ is of cardinality at least κ) and there are exactly μ supports.

Note that it is evident that there are at least μ elements in any τ_β (consider typed atoms).

We will need to prove a theorem about the freedom of action of substitutions first.

34. Our criterion for acceptability of codes enforces a high degree of symmetry, assuming that substitutions act fairly freely on our structure. We state a theorem about this.

A β -*partial substitution* is an injective map σ from β -support items to β -support items with domain and range the same, satisfying $\pi_2(\sigma(x, A)) = A$, satisfying for each litter L and each A with minimum -1 that the set $\{(x, A) : x \in L \wedge (x, A) \in \text{dom}(\sigma)\}$ is small, and satisfying that each (N_δ, A) in the domain of σ has N a litter and is flexible. Recall that this means that $N = N^\circ$ is not in the range of $f_{\gamma, \delta}$ for any γ dominated by all elements of $A \setminus \{\delta\}$.

We say that an atomic support element (x, A) is an *exception* of a substitution σ iff it satisfies the following condition: let L be the litter containing x ; either

$$\pi_1(\sigma(x, A)) \notin \pi_1(\sigma[(L, A \setminus \{-1\})])^\circ$$

or

$$\pi_1(\sigma^{-1}(x, A)) \notin \pi_1(\sigma^{-1}[(L, A \setminus \{-1\})])^\circ.$$

The Freedom of Action theorem asserts that for each partial substitution σ_0 there is a substitution σ which extends it in the qualified sense that $\sigma((x, A)) = \sigma_0((x, A))$ where the latter is defined and x is an atom, and $\pi_1(\sigma[(N_\gamma, A)])^\circ = \pi_1(\sigma_0((N_\gamma, A)))$ where N is a near-litter and the latter is defined, and further σ has no exceptions other than elements of its domain.

35. Let σ_0 be a β -partial substitution. We describe a method of computing a β -substitution σ whose action extends σ_0 .

We first extend σ_0 so that its domain includes all (L, A) which are flexible with L a litter. This can be done by extending σ_0 to act as the identity on all such items originally not in its domain, but all that is really necessary is that the map be one-to-one and onto on such items. We use σ_0 hereinafter to refer to this extended partial substitution.

For any co-small subsets of litters L, M we define $\sigma_{L,M}$ as the unique bijection from L to M which is strictly increasing in the order determined by fourth projections of the elements. The details of definition of $\sigma_{L,M}$ play no role in the proof: all that matters is that it is a bijection from L to M .

We define D_A as $\{x : x \in \tau_{-1} \wedge (x, A) \in \text{dom}(\sigma_0)\}$.

We extend the definition of ι_* to support elements. For (x, A) atomic we define $\iota_*((x, A))$ as $\iota_*(\{x\}_{\min(A \setminus \{-1\})})$. For (N, A) near-litter, we define $\iota_*((N, A))$ as $\iota_*(N_{\min(A)})$.

We show how to compute the action of σ at each support item, assuming that we have computed its action for all support items with smaller image under ι_* as just extended.

For any (x, A) atomic with $\gamma = \min(A \setminus \{-1\})$, we know that where L is the litter containing x , $\iota_*(L_\gamma) < \iota_*(\{x\}_\gamma)$, so

$$\iota_*((x, A)) < \iota_*((L_\gamma, A \setminus \{-1\})),$$

so $\sigma[(L_\gamma, A \setminus \{-1\})]$ has already been computed. We compute $\sigma((x, A))$ as either $\sigma_0((x, A))$ or $(\sigma_{L \setminus D_A, \pi_1(\sigma((L, A \setminus \{-1\})))^\circ \setminus D_A}(x), A)$.

For any (N_γ, A) where N is a near-litter which is not a litter, we have $\iota_*(N_\gamma^\circ, A) = \iota_*(N_\gamma^\circ) < \iota_*(N_\gamma)$ and $\iota_*((x, A \cup \{-1\})) = \iota_*({x}_\gamma) < \iota_*(N_\gamma)$ for each $x \in N \Delta N^\circ$, which obviously gives us enough information to compute the action of σ on (N_γ, A) , since we know the actions on (N_γ°, A) and each $(x, A \cup \{-1\})$ with $x \in N \Delta N^\circ$.

It remains to indicate how to compute the action of σ on (L_γ, A) where L is a litter.

We indicate how to compute $\pi_1(\sigma((x, A \cup \{-1\})))$ for each $x \in L$ if we know how to compute $\pi_1(\sigma[(L_\gamma, A)])^\circ$. If $x \in D_{A \cup \{-1\}} \cap L$, we compute

$$\pi_1(\sigma((x, A \cup \{-1\}))) = \pi_1(\sigma_0((x, A \cup \{-1\}))).$$

We define $S_{A,L}$ as

$$\{x \in D_{A \cup \{-1\}} : x \notin L \wedge \pi_1(\sigma_0((x, A \cup \{-1\}))) \in \pi_1(\sigma[(L_\gamma, A)])^\circ\}.$$

For each $x \in L \setminus D_{A \cup \{-1\}}$, we compute $\sigma((x, A \cup \{-1\}))$ as

$$(\sigma_{L \setminus D_{A \cup \{-1\}}, \pi_1(\sigma[(L, A)])^\circ \setminus S_{A,L}}(x), A \cup \{-1\}).$$

We have thus indicated how to compute

$$\sigma[(L_\gamma, A)] = (\{\{\pi_1(\sigma((x, A \cup \{-1\}))) : x \in L\}_\gamma, A).$$

This handles the case where (L_γ, A) is flexible immediately, because we can compute $\pi_1(\sigma[(L_\gamma, A)])^\circ$ as $\pi_1(\sigma_0(L_\gamma, A))$.

The remaining case is to compute $\sigma[(L_\gamma, A)]$ in the case where $L = f_{\delta, \gamma}(x)$ for some δ dominated by all members of $A \setminus \{\gamma\}$.

We do some calculations.

$\sigma[(f_{\delta, \gamma}(x), A)] = (\sigma_{A \setminus \gamma}[f_{\delta, \gamma}(x)], A)$ follows from the definition of set-subscripted substitutions. [We really do mean $A \setminus \gamma$ here.]

That $\sigma_{A \setminus \gamma}[f_{\delta, \gamma}(x)] \sim f_{\delta, \gamma}(\sigma_{(A \setminus \gamma) \setminus \{\gamma\} \cup \{\delta\}}[x])$ follows from the coherence condition on substitutions.

From this it follows that we can compute the value of $\pi_1(\sigma[L_\gamma, A])^\circ = \pi_1(\sigma((f_{\delta, \gamma}(x), A))) = \sigma_{A \setminus \gamma}[f_{\delta, \gamma}(x)]^\circ$ if we can compute $f_{\delta, \gamma}(\sigma_{(A \setminus \gamma) \setminus \{\gamma\} \cup \{\delta\}}[x])$, for which it is sufficient to compute $\sigma_{(A \setminus \gamma) \setminus \{\gamma\} \cup \{\delta\}}[x]$.