# $\in$ -representation and set-prolongations

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Abstract. By an  $\in$ -representation of a relation we mean its isomorphic embedding to  $\mathbb{E} = \{\langle x, y \rangle; x \in y\}$ . Some theorems on such a representation are presented. Especially, we prove a version of the well-known theorem on isomorphic representation of extensional and well-founded relations in  $\mathbb{E}$ , which holds in Zermelo-Fraenkel set theory. This our version is in Zermelo-Fraenkel set theory false. A general theorem on a set-prolongation is proved; it enables us to solve the task of the representation in question.

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We prove that, in the alternative set theory, each weakly extensional and wellfounded set-relation is strongly  $\in$ -representable. It means that there exists a setmapping which is an isomorphism of the relation in question and a subrelation of the relation  $\mathbb{E} = \{\langle x, y \rangle; x \in y\}$ . We present a general theorem on a set-prolongation. This theorem guarantees, to a given weakly extensional and well-founded relation, its set-superrelation with the same two properties. Thus the relation in question has an  $\in$ -representation. Consequently, each model with absolute equality of Zermelo-Fraenkel set theory is  $\in$ -representable. For countable models, this result was firstly proved by Vopěnka (unpublished).

**Convention.** We use the usual notation of the alternative set theory. We put, having a relation R,  $fld(R) = dom(R) \cup rng(R)$ . We denote the class of all finite subsets of a class X as  $P_f(X)$ .

#### $\in$ -representations of set-relations.

Let R be a binary relation. We shall write R(x) instead of  $R''\{x\}$  and R[y] instead of  $R^{-1}''\{y\}$ .

**Convention.** In this paper, let R be a binary nonempty relation and let  $0_R$  be an element from dom(R) - rng(R).

We have, consequently,  $R[0_R] = \emptyset$ .

A mapping H is said to be an  $\in$ -representation of  $\langle R, 0_R \rangle$  if we have

- 1)  $H: fld(R) \to V$  is a one-one mapping,
- $2) \ x,y \in fld(R) \Rightarrow (\langle x,y \rangle \in R \Leftrightarrow H(x) \in H(y) \ \& \ H(0_R) = \emptyset).$

An  $\in$ -representation H is strong if we have, moreover,

3)  $y \in rng(R) \Rightarrow H(y) = H''R[y],$ 

4)  $x \in dom(R) - rng(R) - \{0_R\} \Rightarrow H(x)$  is infinite.

We say that R is weakly extensional – formally wex(R) – if we have

$$x, y \in rng(R) \& x \neq y \Rightarrow R[x] \neq R[y].$$

R is said to be well-founded – formally wf(R) – if we have

$$(\forall u \subseteq fld(R))(u \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow (\exists y \in u)(R[y] \cap u = \emptyset)).$$

Note that having a nonempty well-founded set-relation r, we can see that  $(\exists x \in dom(r) - rng(r))(r[x] = \emptyset)$ . Especially,  $dom(r) - rng(r) \neq \emptyset$  holds.

**Theorem.** Let r be a set-relation,  $0_r \in dom(r) - rng(r)$ . Then r is weakly extensional and well-founded iff there exists a strong  $\in$ -representation of  $\langle r, 0_r \rangle$  which is a set.

PROOF: The implication from the right to the left is easy. Suppose that r is weakly extensional and well-founded. Put v = rng(r) and w = dom(r) - rng(r). We have  $0_R \in w$ . We denote by  $\tau(x)$  the type of a set x, i.e.  $\tau(x) = min\{\alpha; x \in P_\alpha\} - 1$ , where  $P_0 = \emptyset$  and  $P_{\alpha+1} = P(P_\alpha)$ . By an  $\in$ -chain of the length  $\delta$  we mean a set  $\{z_\alpha; 1 \leq \alpha \leq \delta\}$  such that we have  $z_\delta \in z_{\delta-1} \in \cdots \in z_1$ . We denote such a chain as  $z|\delta$ . We say that  $z|\delta$  is under x if we have  $z_1 \in x$ . We have for each  $\delta \geq 1$ :  $\tau(x) = \delta$  implies that there is an  $\in$ -chain of the length  $\delta$  which is under x. Assume  $\gamma \geq 1$ . Suppose, moreover, that each  $\in$ -chain under x has the length less than  $\gamma$ . Then  $\tau(x) < \gamma$ .

Suppose that  $\theta \in N$  is such a number that we have

- i)  $\theta > ||v||$ , where ||v|| is the set-cardinality of the set v, i.e.  $||v|| \in N$  and there exists a one-one set-mapping between v and ||v||,
- ii) there exists a set  $\{e_x; x \in w \{0_r\}\}$  such that each  $e_x$  is infinite,  $\tau(z) = \theta$ holds for each  $z \in e_x$  and we have, for each  $x, y \in w - \{0_r\}, x \neq y \Rightarrow e_x \neq e_y$ .

We define sets  $u_{\alpha}$  as follows:  $u_0 = w$ ,  $u_{\alpha+1} = \{x \in v; r[x] \subseteq u_{\alpha}\} \cup w$ . We can see that  $u_{\alpha} \subseteq u_{\alpha+1}$  holds for each  $\alpha$ . We have, moreover, a number  $\gamma$  such that  $\alpha \geq \gamma \Rightarrow u_{\alpha} = u_{\gamma} = v \cup w$ .

We define, for each  $\alpha$ , the mapping  $h_{\alpha} : u_{\alpha} \to V$  by the relations:  $h_0(0_r) = \emptyset$ ,  $h_0(x) = e_x$  for each  $x \in w - \{0_r\}$ ,  $h_{\alpha+1}(y) = h_{\alpha}''r[y]$  for each  $y \in u_{\alpha+1} - w$  (=  $u_{\alpha+1} \cap v$ ),  $h_{\alpha+1}(y) = h_0(y)$  for each  $y \in w$ . We can easily prove that, for each  $\alpha$ ,  $h_{\alpha} \subseteq h_{\alpha+1}$  holds.

Let us formulate two lemmas. We denote by Univ(x) the universe of the set x.

**Lemma.** Assume that  $y \in rng(r) \cap u_{\alpha}$  and let  $Univ(h_{\alpha}(y)) \cap \{e_x; x \in w - \{0_r\}\} = \emptyset$ . Then  $\tau(h_{\alpha}(y)) \leq ||rng(r)||$  holds.

PROOF: Let  $z|\delta$  be an  $\in$ -chain under  $h_{\alpha}(y)$ . Let us prove that  $\delta \leq ||rng(r)||$ . We shall write h instead of  $h_{\alpha}$ . Thus we have  $z_{\delta} \in z_{\delta-1} \in \cdots \in z_1 \in h(y)$ , where  $\{z_{\alpha}; 1 \leq \alpha \leq \delta\} = z|\delta$ . We deduce from the fact h(y) = h''r[y] that there exists a set  $y_1$  such that  $y_1 \in r[y]$  and  $z_1 = h(y)$ . Suppose that  $r[y] \cap (w - \{0_r\}) \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $e_x \in h(y)$  holds for some  $x \in w - \{0_r\}$ . It follows from the formula  $x \in r[y] \cap (w - \{0_r\})$ .  $\{0_r\}$ )  $\Rightarrow h(x) = e_x = h(y)$ . We deduce from this that  $Univ(h(y)) \cap \{w - \{0_r\}\} \neq \emptyset$ , which is a contradiction. Thus we have  $r[y] \subseteq v \cup \{0_r\}$ . Assuming  $y_1 = 0_r$ , we obtain that  $z_1 = h(0_r) = \emptyset$ . Thus  $\delta = 1$ . Suppose  $\delta > 1$ . Then  $y_1 \in v$ .

Assume that  $1 \leq \beta \leq \delta$  and let  $\{y_{\alpha}; 1 \leq \alpha \leq \beta\} \subseteq v$  be a set such that  $y_{\beta}ry_{\beta-1}r \dots ry_1ry$  and let  $h(y_{\alpha}) = z_{\alpha}$  for each  $1 \leq \alpha \leq \beta$ . We have  $z_{\beta+1} \in h(y_{\beta}) = h''r[y_{\beta}]$ . Thus there exists a  $y_{\beta+1} \in r[y_{\beta}]$  such that  $z_{\beta+1} = h(y_{\beta+1})$ . Assume that  $y_{\beta+1} = 0_r$ . Then  $z_{\beta+1} = h(0_r) = \emptyset$  and, consequently,  $\beta + 1 = \delta$  holds. Assume  $\beta + 1 < \delta$ . Then  $y_{\beta+1} \in v$ . It follows from the fact that  $y_{\beta+1} \in w - \{0_r\}$  implies  $z_{\beta+1} \in \{e_x; x \in w - \{0_r\}\} \cap Univ(h(y))$  which is a contradiction.

Thus, there exists a set  $\{y_{\alpha}; 1 \leq \alpha < \delta\} \subseteq v$  such that  $y_{\delta-1}ry_{\delta-2}r \dots y_1ry$  holds. The relation r is well-founded. We deduce from this that  $\delta \leq ||v||$ . Thus each  $\in$  chain under h(y) has the length less or equal to ||v||. Consequently,  $\tau(h(y)) \leq ||v||$  holds.

#### **Lemma.** Each mapping $h_{\alpha}$ is a one-one mapping.

**PROOF:** We shall prove it by induction on  $\alpha$ . If  $\alpha = 0$  then the assertion holds. Assume that  $h_{\alpha}$  is a one-one mapping; we shall prove that  $h_{\alpha+1}$  has the same properties. Suppose that  $x, y \in u_{\alpha+1}$  are such that  $h_{\alpha+1}(x) = h_{\alpha+1}(y)$ .

a)  $x, y \in w$ . Then x = y follows directly from the definition of  $h_{\alpha+1}$ .

b)  $x, y \in v$ . Then  $h_{\alpha}''r[x] = h_{\alpha+1}(x) = h_{\alpha+1}(y) = h_{\alpha}''r[y]$ . We deduce from the induction hypothesis that r[x] = r[y]. The equality x = y follows from this by using the weak extensionality of r.

c)  $x \in v, y \in w$ . Assume, at first, that  $y = 0_r$ . We have  $h_{\alpha+1}(y) = \emptyset, h_{\alpha+1}(x) = \emptyset$ . But  $h_{\alpha+1}(x) = h_{\alpha}''r[x] \neq \emptyset$ , which is a contradiction. Assume, secondly, that  $y \neq 0_r$ . We have  $h_{\alpha+1}(x) = h_{\alpha+1}(y) = e_y$ . Suppose that  $Univ(h_{\alpha+1}(x)) \cap \{e_z; z \in w - \{0_r\}\} \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $\tau(h_{\alpha+1}(x)) > \tau(e_y)$ , which is a contradiction. Suppose that  $Univ(h_{\alpha+1}(x)) \cap \{e_z; z \in w - \{0_r\}\} \neq \emptyset$ . We deduce from this assumption and by using the previous lemma that  $\tau(h_{\alpha+1}(x)) \leq ||v|| < \tau(e_y)$ , which is impossible.  $\Box$ 

Let us finish the proof of our theorem. Choose  $\delta$  such that  $u_{\delta} = v \cup w (= dom(r) \cup rng(r))$  and put  $u = u_{\delta}$  and  $h = h_{\delta}$ . Now, we have the following: h is a one-one mapping such that  $x \in rng(r) \Rightarrow h(x) = h''r[x], x \in dom(r) - rng(r) - \{0_r\} \Rightarrow h(x)$  is infinite,  $h(0_r) = \emptyset$  and  $\langle x, y \rangle \in r \Rightarrow h(x) \in h(y)$ . Thus, only the following must be proved:

$$x, y \in dom(r) \cup rng(r) \Rightarrow (h(x) \in h(y) \Rightarrow \langle x, y \rangle \in r).$$

Suppose that  $x, y \in dom(r) \cup rng(r)$  and let  $h(x) \in h(y)$ . We have  $y \neq 0_r$ .

 $\alpha$ )  $x, y \in w$ . Then  $h(y) = e_y$  and, consequently,  $h(x) \in h(y)$  is false. (Indeed, we have  $h(x) = e_x$  or  $h(x) = 0_r$ . But neither  $e_x \in e_y$  for some  $x, y \in w - \{0_r\}$  nor  $\emptyset \in e_y$  holds.)

 $\beta$ )  $y \in v$ . We have  $h(x) \in h''r[y] (= h(y))$ . Thus h(x) = h(z) holds for some  $z \in r[y]$ . The mapping h is a one-one. Consequently z = x is satisfied and we have  $\langle x, y \rangle \in r$ .

 $\gamma$ )  $x \in v, y \in w$ . Suppose that

(\*) 
$$Univ(h(x)) \cap \{e_z; z \in w - \{0_r\}\} \neq \emptyset$$

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We deduce from this that  $\tau(h(x)) > \tau(h(y))$ . But it is a contradiction with our assumption that  $h(x) \in h(y) = e_y$ . Suppose that (\*) is not true. We have  $\tau(h(x)) \leq ||v||$ . But the relation  $\tau(h(x)) = \theta$  follows from the assumption that  $h(x) \in e_y$ . We have  $\theta > ||v||$ , which is a contradiction.

### Set-prolongation.

Our aim is to present a method of a prolongation of a given class, say X, to a set, say d, such that  $X \subseteq d$  and the set d has some properties as X. We see that this purpose is essentially limited by the fact that d is a formally finite set. Thus, only some properties of X can be transferred on d.

We formulate a theorem on set-prolongation below. Before we give it, let us introduce one definition.

Let X be a class and let  $\Gamma$  be a class of set formulas of the language  $FL_V$  with exactly one free-variable x. We say that  $\Gamma$  is an f-type over X if we have for each finite set  $\{\varphi_1, \ldots, \varphi_k\} \subseteq \Gamma$  the following

$$(\forall u \in P_f(X))(\exists v \in P_f(X))(u \subseteq v \& \varphi_1(v) \& \dots \varphi_k(v)),$$

where  $\varphi_i(v)$  denotes the formula which is obtained from  $\varphi$  by replacing all of the occurrence of the variable x by v.

**Theorem (on set-prolongation).** Let  $\Gamma$  be an f-type over a class X. Then there exists an endomorphism  $\mathcal{F}$  and a set d such that we have:

- 1)  $\mathcal{F}''X = \mathcal{F}''V \cap d.$
- 2) If  $\varphi(x, p_1, p_2, \ldots, p_l) \in \Gamma$  and  $\varphi(x, x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n)$  is a formula of the language *FL*, then  $\varphi(d, \mathcal{F}(p_1), \mathcal{F}(p_2), \ldots, \mathcal{F}(p_l))$ ,
- 3) Let  $\varphi(x, p_1, p_2, \ldots, p_l)$  be a set-formula of the language  $FL_V$  with exactly one set-variable x and suppose that  $(\exists u \in P_f(X))(\forall v \in P_f(X))(u \subseteq v \Rightarrow \varphi(v, p_1, p_2, \ldots, p_l))$ . Then  $\varphi(d, \mathcal{F}(p_1), \mathcal{F}(p_2), \ldots, \mathcal{F}(p_l))$  holds.

PROOF: We sketch a proof by using the notion of the coherency [V] which states the following. Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be an ultrafilter on the ring  $Sd_V$  of all set-theoretically definable classes. Then  $\mathcal{F}, \mathfrak{M}, d$  are coherent if  $\{x; \varphi(x, p_1, p_2, \ldots, p_l)\} \in \mathfrak{M} \Leftrightarrow \varphi(d, \mathcal{F}(p_1), \mathcal{F}(p_2), \ldots, \mathcal{F}(p_l))$  holds for each set-formula  $\varphi(x_0, p_1, p_2, \ldots, p_l)$  of  $FL_V$ with exactly one free-variable  $x_0$  and such that  $p_1, p_2, \ldots, p_l \in dom(\mathcal{F})$ .

Let

$$\mathfrak{M}_{0} = \{\{x; \varphi(x, p_{1}, p_{2}, \dots, p_{l})\}; \varphi(x_{0}, p_{1}, p_{2}, \dots, p_{l}) \in \Gamma \text{ or } \varphi(x_{0}, p_{1}, p_{2}, \dots, p_{l}) \\ \text{ is a set-formula of } FL_{V} \text{ with exactly one free-variable } x_{0} \text{ such that } (\exists u \in P_{f}(X))(\forall v \in P_{f}(X))(u \subseteq v \Rightarrow \varphi(v, p_{1}, p_{2}, \dots, p_{l}))\}.$$

Then  $\mathfrak{M}_0$  is a centered system of set-theoretically definable classes. Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be an ultrafilter on  $Sd_V$  such that  $\mathfrak{M}_0 \subseteq \mathfrak{M}$ . There exists an endomorphism  $\mathcal{F}$  and a set d such that  $\mathcal{F}, \mathfrak{M}, d$  are coherent. It follows from the first theorem of Section 2, Chapter V in [V]. We can see that 2), 3) hold. Let us prove 1). We have

 $\{x; y \in x\} \in \mathfrak{M} \Leftrightarrow y \in X \text{ and } \{x; y \in x\} \in \mathfrak{M} \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{F}(y) \in d. \text{ Thus } \mathcal{F}(y) \in d \Leftrightarrow y \in X \text{ holds.}$ 

#### $\in$ -representations.

We say that a binary relation R is without cycles if there is no sequence  $\{x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n\} \subseteq fld(R)$  such that  $x_1 R x_n R x_{n-1} \ldots R x_1$  holds.

**Theorem.** Let R be a weakly extensional relation without cycles and let  $0_R \in dom(R) - rng(R)$ . Then we have:

- 1) There exist a relation S and  $0_S$  such that  $\langle R, 0_R \rangle$  is isomorphic to  $\langle S, 0_S \rangle$ and there exists a weakly extensional and well-founded set-relation r such that  $S \subseteq r$  and  $0_S \in dom(r) - rng(r)$ .
- 2) There exists a class K such that  $\emptyset \in K$  and  $\langle fld(R), R, 0_R \rangle$  is isomorphic to  $\langle K, \mathbb{E} \cap K^2, \emptyset \rangle$ .

PROOF: Let us prove, at first, that  $\{wex(x), wf(x)\}$  is an *f*-type over *R*. Assume that  $s \subseteq R$  is finite. It is easy to see that *s* is well-founded. We must find a finite weakly-extensional relation *r* such that  $s \subseteq r \subseteq R$ . Put v = rng(s) and, for each  $\{x, y\} \in [v]^2$ , let  $d_{xy} \in \triangle(R[x], R[y])$ , where  $\triangle$  is the symmetric difference. Put  $r = s \cup \{\langle d_{xy}, x \rangle \in R; \{x, y\} \in [v]^2\}$ . We have rng(r) = v and  $\{x, y\} \in [v]^2$  implies  $d_{xy} \in \triangle(r[x], r[y])$ . Thus *r* is weakly extensional.

We can easily see that  $\{x; (\exists y, z)(x = \{1\} \times y \cup \{2\} \times z \& wex(y) \& wf(y) \& z \in dom(y) - rng(y))\}$  is an *f*-type over  $\{1\} \times R \cup \{2\} \times \{0_R\}$ .

Now, we deduce from the previous theorem that there exist an endomorphism F, a set-relation r and a set e such that  $F''(\{1\} \times R \cup \{2\} \times \{0_R\}) = F''V \cap (\{1\} \times r \cup \{2\} \times \{e\})$ . Put S = F''R. We have  $\langle x, y \rangle \in R \Leftrightarrow \langle F(x), F(y) \rangle \in S$ , i.e. F is an isomorphism of R and S. Put  $0_S = F(0_R)$ . We have  $0_S \in dom(F''R) - rng(F''R)$ . Thus  $\langle S, 0_S \rangle$  has the required properties.

2) We know that there exists a strong  $\in$ -representation h of  $\langle r, 0_S \rangle$ . Let us define a mapping  $H : fld(R) \to V$  by H(x) = h(F(x)) and put K = H''fld(R). Then His an isomorphism of R and  $\mathbb{E} \cap K^2$ . We have, moreover,  $H(0_R) = h(0_S) = \emptyset$ .  $\Box$ 

**Corollary.** Let  $\langle A, R \rangle$  be a model of ZF with absolute equality and let  $0_R \in A$  be such that  $\langle A, R \rangle \models "0_R$  is the empty set". Then there exists a class M such that the structures  $\langle A, R, 0_R \rangle$  and  $\langle M, \mathbb{E} \cap M^2, \emptyset \rangle$  are isomorphic.

PROOF: It is clear that R is an extensional relation and, consequently, weakly extensional one. R is without cycles, too. We have  $dom(R) - rng(R) = \{0_R\}$ . We deduce from the previous theorem that there exists a class M with the required properties.

*Note:* The just presented assertion can be strengthened. We can find the class M in question such that, in addition, some gödelian operations are absolute for the model  $\langle M, \mathbb{E} \cap M^2, \emptyset \rangle$ . Naturally, the transitivity of M cannot be guaranteed.

A publication of these results is in preparation.

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