

A Bounded Set Theory with Anti-Foundation Axiom and Inductive Definability*

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1 Introduction. Kripke-Platek Set Theory with Anti-Foundation Axiom

Let KP_0 be Kripke-Platek Set Theory [Bar75] with *omitted* Foundation Axiom. Denote by \mathcal{V} any universe satisfying theory KP_0 . Anti-Foundation Axiom, AFA, of P.Aczel [Acz88] says that there exists the unique set-theoretic *decoration* operation $D(G, x)$ over graphs $G \in \mathcal{V}$ (as any sets of pairs $\langle x, y \rangle = \{\{x\}, \{x, y\}\}$) satisfying the L.Gordeev's identity²

$$D(G, y) = \{D(G, x) : \langle x, y \rangle \in G\}, \quad \text{or} = \{D(G, x) : x \rightarrow_G y\} .$$

Following originally to P.Aczel [Acz88] and to T.Fernando [Fer] in some details we define in terms of KP_0 , a universe $\mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathcal{V}$, just a Δ_0 -class in KP_0 of all *pointed graphs* (*pg's*) $g = \langle G, a \rangle$ (with G a graph and a a *distinguished vertex* or *point*) together with two Σ -relations over this class: \in_0 and a *congruence* $=_0$ with respect to \in_0 (and to many other predicates and operations over *pg's*). We say that a class $R \subseteq \mathcal{V}$ is *bisimulation relation* between graphs G and G' , shortly $Bis(R, G, G')$, if R is a class of pairs and always bRb' implies $(\forall x \rightarrow_G b \exists y \rightarrow_{G'} b'. xRy)$ and $(\forall y \rightarrow_{G'} b' \exists x \rightarrow_G b. xRy)$. Let $\sim_{G, G'}$ be the *largest* such R . Then define

$$\begin{aligned} \langle G, a \rangle =_0 \langle G', a' \rangle &\equiv a \sim_{G, G'} a' \text{ (iff } \exists R \in \mathcal{V}. (Bis(R, G, G') \ \& \ aRa')) \quad \text{and} \\ \langle G, a \rangle \in_0 \langle G', a' \rangle &\equiv \exists b' \rightarrow_{G'} a'. \langle G, a \rangle =_0 \langle G', b' \rangle . \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 1 [Fer]. $KP_0 + \text{Power} \vdash “\langle \mathcal{G}, =_0, \in_0 \rangle \models KP_0 + \text{Power} + \text{AFA}”$.

It was essentially used in the proof of this theorem that Σ -relations $=_0$ and \in_0 become Δ in the presence of **Power**set which seems too strong axiom from

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² In a Bounded Set Theory [Saz85, Saz87, Saz93] (exactly corresponding to PTIME-computability) it was used, instead of the decoration operation, analogous notion of A.Mostowski's *collapsing* (cf. [Bar75], Ch.I.9.13), however, only for the case of *well-founded graphs* where both these notions are equivalent. Also, our direction of edges in graphs is taken as in [Bar75] and in our previous papers, just converse to that in [Acz88].

various points of view. For example, **Powerset** is non-tractable operation giving rise to *Kalmar elementary* rather than to *polynomial-time* computability.

Our aim is to show in Sect. 2 with the details in the Appendix that analogous effect for **BSTA**, a *Bounded Set Theory* [Saz85, Saz87, Saz93] with *Anti-Foundation Axiom* (which extends KP_0 and also a *Basic Set Theory* [Gan74]) may be reached by using, instead of **Power**, a **Recursive Δ -Separation** axiom (added to KP_0 in op.cit.).

Another aim is to compare in Sect. 3 proof-theoretic and expressive power of **BSTA** with a *Logic of Inductive Definitions*, **LID**, whose relation to Generalized Computability was investigated in [Mos74], whose extension by arithmetical axioms is known rather as the system(s) ID_i [Fef70, Acz77] investigated also in [Jäg86] in connection with admissible sets and whose interpretation in finite *linear-ordered* models was shown to exactly correspond to **PTIME** in [Imm82, Liv82, Var82]; cf. also related works [Saz80, Gur83, Gur84, GS86]. Section 3 is written much more sketchy, in contrast to Sect. 2.

In the case of a previously considered in [Saz85, Saz87, Saz93] version of Bounded Set Theory with Bounded Foundation Axiom (or with Bounded \in -Induction Axiom) interpreted in the ordinary universe HF of *hereditarily-finite sets* it was possible to define in the language of **BST** a natural *linear order* on HF . Therefore that version was *exactly* corresponding to **PTIME**-computability (with respect to *acyclic*, or *well-founded* finite pointed graph representation of HF -sets) unlike the present version of **BSTA** for which it remains an *open question*. Only **PTIME**-computability of provably-total Σ -definable operations of **BSTA** can be shown.

We postpone some additional related aims to a future research. Also we will not touch here possible applications to Concurrent Transition Systems, Situation Logic and “Nested” Data Bases. (For the connection of the latter subject with a **BST** cf. [Saz93].)

2 Interpretation of set theory **BSTA** in KPR_0

Let us consider a set theory KPR_0 based on the following Δ_R -language

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_R\text{-formulas} & ::= a \in b \mid a = b \mid \varphi \& \psi \mid \varphi \vee \psi \mid \neg \varphi \mid \forall x \in a. \varphi \mid \exists x \in a. \varphi \\ \Delta_R\text{-terms} & ::= \text{set-variables } p, q, x, y, \dots \mid \{a, b\} \mid \cup a \mid \\ & \quad \{t(x) : x \in a \& \varphi(x)\} \mid \text{the-least } p. (p = \{x \in a : \varphi(x, p)\}) \end{aligned}$$

where a, b, t are Δ_R -terms and φ, ψ are Δ_R -formulas, set-variables x, p are not free in a and all occurrences of set variable p in Δ_R -formula φ are only of the form ‘ $\in p$ ’, *positive* and *not inside* of any complex subterm of φ . The condition on p guarantees that φ is monotonic under the set inclusion on this set variable and therefore (at least in the framework of the classical set theory) the least such set p must exist. In fact, we will consider also the closure of Δ_R -formulas under $\&, \vee, \neg$ and unbounded \forall and \exists with the ordinary definition of the bounded quantifiers of Δ_R via unbounded ones.

Non-logical axioms of KPR_0 (which also explain a *meaning* of the above Δ_R -constructs) are the following ones:

Extensionality: $a \subseteq a' \ \& \ a' \subseteq a \Rightarrow a = a'$,

Pair: $t \in \{a, b\} \Leftrightarrow t = a \vee t = b$,

Union: $t \in \cup a \Leftrightarrow \exists x \in a. t \in x$,

Δ_R -Image: $s \in \{t(x) : x \in a \ \& \ \varphi(x)\} \Leftrightarrow \exists x \in a. (\varphi(x) \ \& \ s = t(x))$,

Recursive Δ_R -Separation: If $p_0 = \text{the-least } p. (p = \{x \in a : \varphi(x, p)\})$ then

$$p_0 = \{x \in a : \varphi(x, p_0)\} \ \& \ (\{x \in a : \varphi(x, p)\} \subseteq p \Rightarrow p_0 \subseteq p) \ ,$$

Δ_R -Collection: $\forall x \in a \exists y. \varphi(x, y) \Rightarrow \exists z \forall x \in a \exists y \in z. \varphi(x, y)$.

where a, b, t, s are any Δ_R -terms and φ is any Δ_R -formula and $a \subseteq b \equiv \forall x \in a. (x \in b)$. Note, that Δ_R -Collection is the only axiom of KPR_0 which itself is not a Δ_R -formula.

Let us call by $\Delta_{\mathbf{D}}$ the extension of Δ_R -language by the *decoration* and *transitive closure* operations $\mathbf{D}(g, p)$ and $\mathbf{TC}(s)$ for any sets (or $\Delta_{\mathbf{D}}$ -terms) g, p, s . Then the corresponding theory BSTA , called *Bounded Set Theory with Anti-Foundation Axiom*, consists of all axioms of KPR_0 reformulated for the language $\Delta_{\mathbf{D}}$ (with Recursive $\Delta_{\mathbf{D}}$ -Separation and $\Delta_{\mathbf{D}}$ -Collection, etc.) plus axioms AFA and \mathbf{TC} formulated to be $\Delta_{\mathbf{D}}$ -formulae.

So, axioms for \mathbf{TC} are as follows (where $\text{Tran}(y) \equiv \forall u \in y (u \subseteq y)$)

$$x \subseteq \mathbf{TC}(x), \ \text{Tran}(\mathbf{TC}(x)) \ ,$$

$$(x \subseteq y \Rightarrow \mathbf{TC}(x) \subseteq \mathbf{TC}(y)) \ \text{and} \ \text{Tran}(y) \Rightarrow \mathbf{TC}(y) \subseteq y \ .$$

We split AFA into two axioms AFA_1 , *existence* or *correctness of the decoration*,

$$\forall z. (z \in \mathbf{D}(g, p) \Leftrightarrow \exists q \in \text{field}(g). (\langle q, p \rangle \in g \ \& \ z = \mathbf{D}(g, q)) \ ,$$

(where $\text{field}(R) \equiv \cup \cup R = \{x, y : \langle x, y \rangle \in R\}$ for any set of pairs R) and AFA_2 , *the uniqueness of decoration*, which is equivalent, as in [Acz88], to *strong extensionality property* for any set of pairs $R \in \mathcal{V}$

$$\text{Bis}_{\in}(R) \ \& \ xRy \Rightarrow x = y, \ \text{where}$$

$$\text{Bis}_{\in}(R) \equiv \forall x, y \in \text{field}(R). (xRy \Rightarrow$$

$$(\forall x' \in x \exists y' \in y. x'Ry') \ \& \ (\forall y' \in y \exists x' \in x. x'Ry')) \ .$$

In this paper let Δ -formulas and Δ -terms be those defined as Δ_R with the construct *the-least* omitted. (They define predicates and operations also known as *basic* [Gan74] or *rudimentary* [Jen72] ones.) Note, that provably-total Σ -definable operations in KP_0 coincide with those definable by Δ -terms [Saz85, Saz85a, Saz87]. Therefore, we may use the name KP_0 also for the sub-theory of KPR_0 , based on this Δ -language, which does not involve both the term construct *the-least* and the corresponding axiom. Analogously, $\Delta_R(\Delta_{\mathbf{D}})$ -terms and $\Delta_R(\Delta_{\mathbf{D}})$ -formulas give all provably total Σ -definable operations of KPR_0

(BSTA) and provably- Δ -predicates (i.e. predicates over \mathcal{V} represented simultaneously both by a Σ and a Π -formula which are provably equivalent). It follows that Δ -, Δ_R - and Δ_D -languages are *complete* in this sense for theories KP_0 , KPR_0 and BSTA, respectively.

Another result from op.cit. is conservativeness relative to Δ -formulas of our version of KP_0 over KP_0 minus Δ -Collection axiom, i.e. over $KP_0|_{\Delta}$, and, moreover [Saz87], over (Extensionality axiom) $|_{\Delta_0}$ in the A.Levy's language of Δ_0 -formulas (i.e. Δ -formulas with variables as terms). Also KPR_0 is conservative over $KPR_0|_{\Delta_R}$ and the same for BSTA and $BSTA|_{\Delta_D}$.

It is easy to represent in $\Delta_R(\Delta_D)$ -language a construct dual to the-least,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{the-largest } p.(p = \{x \in a : \varphi(x, p)\}) = \\ a \setminus \text{the-least } q.(q = \{x \in a : \neg\varphi(x, a \setminus q)\}) , \end{aligned}$$

where $a \setminus b = \{x \in a : x \notin b\}$ and $t \in a \setminus q$ must be replaced everywhere in φ by $t \in a \ \& \ \neg t \in q$. So, the formula $\neg\varphi(x, a \setminus q)$ will involve q satisfying the same (positivity) requirement as p in $\varphi(x, p)$. Then the *largest bisimulation relation* $\sim_{GG'} \in \mathcal{V}$ between any two graphs (sets of pairs) $G, G' \in \mathcal{V}$ is expressible as a Δ_R -term of two variables G, G' . Therefore $=_0$ and \in_0 defined with the help of $\sim_{GG'} \in \mathcal{V}$ are also in Δ_R . Evidently, $=_0$ is an equivalence relation which is *congruent* with respect to \in_0 . (We will need even more; cf. the Congruence Lemma 3 below). This allows to prove by a lengthy induction argument

Theorem 2. $KPR_0 \vdash \langle \mathcal{G}, =_0, \in_0 \rangle \models \text{BSTA}$.

Here we take formally " $\langle \mathcal{G}, =_0, \in_0 \rangle \models \varphi(\bar{x}) \Leftrightarrow \forall \bar{x} \in \mathcal{G}. \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket(\bar{x})$ " where $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket$ is defined below a (Δ_R -)translation of any (Δ_D -)formula φ which will give the intended meaning of φ in the universe $\langle \mathcal{G}, =_0, \in_0 \rangle$. *Simultaneously*, we must properly define (by a structural induction) for any Δ_D -term $t = t(\bar{x})$ corresponding Δ_R -term $\llbracket t \rrbracket$. In particular, we will have $KPR_0 \vdash \forall \bar{x} \in \mathcal{G}. (\llbracket t \rrbracket(\bar{x}) \in \mathcal{G})$. Some denotations used in the following inductive definition of $\llbracket - \rrbracket$ will be explained in Appendix 4.1. However, they have suitable mnemonics. Let us define here only the point-changing operation for any pg $\langle G, x \rangle$ by $\langle G, x \rangle * y = \langle G, y \rangle$ and also elements $\langle G, x \rangle = \{y \in \text{field}(G) : y \rightarrow_G x\}$. Then let

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket a \in b \rrbracket &= \llbracket a \rrbracket \in_0 \llbracket b \rrbracket; & \llbracket a = b \rrbracket &= \llbracket a \rrbracket =_0 \llbracket b \rrbracket; \\ \llbracket \varphi \ \& \ \psi \rrbracket &= \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket \ \& \ \llbracket \psi \rrbracket; & \llbracket \varphi \vee \psi \rrbracket &= \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket \vee \llbracket \psi \rrbracket; & \llbracket \neg \varphi \rrbracket &= \neg \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket; \\ \llbracket \forall x \in a. \varphi(x) \rrbracket &= \llbracket \forall x. (x \in a \Rightarrow \varphi(x)) \rrbracket = \forall x \in \text{elements}[\llbracket a \rrbracket]. \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket(\llbracket a \rrbracket * x); \\ \llbracket \exists x \in a. \varphi(x) \rrbracket &= \llbracket \exists x. (x \in a \ \& \ \varphi(x)) \rrbracket = \exists x \in \text{elements}[\llbracket a \rrbracket]. \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket(\llbracket a \rrbracket * x); \\ \llbracket \forall x. \varphi(x) \rrbracket &= \forall x \in \mathcal{G}. \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket(x), & \text{if } \varphi(x) \text{ has not the form } x \in a \Rightarrow \psi(x); \\ \llbracket \exists x. \varphi(x) \rrbracket &= \exists x \in \mathcal{G}. \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket(x), & \text{if } \varphi(x) \text{ has not the form } x \in a \ \& \ \psi(x); \\ \llbracket \text{set-variable} \rrbracket &= \text{the same variable}; \\ \llbracket \{a, b\} \rrbracket &= \sum \{ \llbracket a \rrbracket, \llbracket b \rrbracket \} \quad (\text{cf. Appendix 4.1}); \\ \llbracket \cup a \rrbracket &= (\text{collect elements-of-elements}[\llbracket a \rrbracket] \text{ in graph}[\llbracket a \rrbracket]) \quad (\text{cf. Appendix 4.1}); \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \llbracket \{t(x) : x \in a \ \& \ \varphi(x)\} \rrbracket = \\
& \sum \{ \llbracket t \rrbracket(\llbracket a \rrbracket * x) : x \in \text{elements} \llbracket a \rrbracket \ \& \ \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket(\llbracket a \rrbracket * x) \}; \\
& \llbracket \text{the-least } p.(p = \{x \in a : \varphi(x, p)\}) \rrbracket = (\text{collect } q_0 \text{ in graph} \llbracket a \rrbracket) \quad \text{where} \\
& q_0 = \text{the-least } q.(q = \{x \in \text{elements} \llbracket a \rrbracket : \\
& \quad \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket(\llbracket a \rrbracket * x, (\text{collect } q \text{ in graph} \llbracket a \rrbracket)) \}).
\end{aligned}$$

To be correct, in the last use of the construct `the-least` we should analyze all occurrences in $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket(\llbracket a \rrbracket * x, (\text{collect } q \text{ in graph} \llbracket a \rrbracket))$ of the term $(\text{collect } q \text{ in graph} \llbracket a \rrbracket)$, or shortly $(\text{collect } q \text{ in } G)$. Each such occurrence has the form $t \in_0 (\text{collect } q \text{ in } G)$ or $v \in \text{elements}(\text{collect } q \text{ in } G)$ (the last case arise from $\llbracket - \rrbracket$ -translation of a bounded quantifier $Qv \in q \text{ in } \varphi(x, q)$, if any, with v a quantified variable) and is evidently positive. Moreover, these formulas immediately prove to be equivalent respectively to $\exists v \in q.t =_0 \langle G, v \rangle$ and $v \in q$ (by using the definition of `collect` construct in Appendix 4.1) so that variable q remains positive, as required.

Finally, the translations of the operations `TC`, and `D` in terms of the original Δ_R -language are as follows (cf. also Appendix 4.1).

$$\begin{aligned}
\llbracket \text{TC} \rrbracket(g) &= (\text{collect elements}^*(g) \text{ in graph}(g)) \ , \\
\llbracket \text{D} \rrbracket(g, p) &= \langle \text{hgraph}(\tilde{g}), \text{the-unique } x \in \text{hvertices}(\tilde{g}).\tilde{g} * x =_0 p \rangle \ .
\end{aligned}$$

Here g, p are considered as any pg's in \mathcal{G} and \tilde{g} denotes a pointed *factor-graph* of $g = \langle G, \pi \rangle$ under the largest bisimulation (equivalence) relation \sim_G on $G = \text{graph}(g)$ with any $\langle x, y \rangle \in G$ defining an edge between corresponding two equivalence classes $[x], [y]$, and with the point π of g defining the point $[\pi]$ of \tilde{g} . Then it is clear, that any such \tilde{g} is isomorphic to some pointed “transitive set” of the universe $\langle \mathcal{G}, =_0, \in_0 \rangle / =_0$.

We can prove in KPR_0 the *congruence property* of the equivalence relation $=_0$ with respect to the above definition of translation semantics $\llbracket - \rrbracket$ by using the structural induction on any Δ_D -formula $\varphi(g)$ and Δ_D -term $t(g)$.

Congruence Lemma 3.

$$g =_0 g' \Rightarrow (\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket(g) \Leftrightarrow \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket(g')) \ \& \ (\llbracket t \rrbracket(g) =_0 \llbracket t \rrbracket(g')) \ .$$

Note, that in the proof of this lemma given in the Appendix 4.2 it is simultaneously shown that also for bounded quantifiers the equivalence

$$\llbracket Qx \in a(g).\psi(x, g) \rrbracket \Leftrightarrow QX \in_0 \llbracket a \rrbracket(g).\llbracket \psi \rrbracket(X, g)$$

holds, the right-hand-side being in general not a Δ_R -formula even if ψ is. So, this is not just a definition. (Unfortunately, it is unclear how to prove this equivalence more directly; otherwise the validity in $\langle \mathcal{G}, =_0, \in_0 \rangle$ of equality axioms considered after this paragraph could be deduced simply from their partial cases for \in and $=$ in place of φ and for a variable v in place of a , without using the previous lemma.) This together with the definition of $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket$ means that for all logical connectives and quantifiers $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket$ behaves as required. Also all logical axioms remain true under

$\llbracket - \rrbracket$, i.e. they hold in $\langle \mathcal{G}, =_0, \in_0 \rangle$, provably in KPR_0 . For example, translations of the (logical) equality axioms (cf. [Men64]),

$$\llbracket t = t \rrbracket \quad \text{and} \quad \llbracket t = s \Rightarrow (\varphi(t) \Leftrightarrow \varphi(s)) \ \& \ (a(t) = a(s)) \rrbracket$$

for any formula $\varphi(v)$ and terms $a(v)$, t and s , are deciphered, respectively, as

$$\llbracket t \rrbracket =_0 \llbracket t \rrbracket \quad \text{and} \quad \llbracket t \rrbracket =_0 \llbracket s \rrbracket \Rightarrow (\llbracket \varphi(t) \rrbracket \Leftrightarrow \llbracket \varphi(s) \rrbracket) \ \& \ (\llbracket a(t) \rrbracket =_0 \llbracket a(s) \rrbracket)$$

and we also should use, besides the above congruence lemma, the following theorems of KPR_0 proved by induction on φ and a with any t :

$$\llbracket \varphi(t) \rrbracket \Leftrightarrow \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket(\llbracket t \rrbracket) \quad \text{and} \quad \llbracket a(t) \rrbracket = \llbracket a \rrbracket(\llbracket t \rrbracket) .$$

This also allows to prove translation of the quantifier axiom $\forall v.\varphi(v) \Rightarrow \varphi(t)$:

$$\forall v \in \mathcal{G}.\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket(v) \Rightarrow \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket(\llbracket t \rrbracket) .$$

Another one $\forall v.(\psi \Rightarrow \varphi(v)) \Rightarrow (\psi \Rightarrow \forall v.\varphi(v))$ (with v non-free in ψ) is translated to its own partial case

$$\forall v \in \mathcal{G}.\llbracket \psi \rrbracket \Rightarrow \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket(v) \Rightarrow (\llbracket \psi \rrbracket \Rightarrow \forall v \in \mathcal{G}.\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket(v))$$

as well as all propositional axioms. We finish the logical part by noting that the *logical inference rules* from [Men64], just *Modus ponens*, $\varphi, \varphi \Rightarrow \psi / \psi$, and *Generalization*, $\varphi(x) / \forall x\varphi(x)$, also preserve validity in $\langle \mathcal{G}, =_0, \in_0 \rangle$. All of these means that our semantics is *logically correct*.

Finally, and most important, we can prove in KPR_0 translations of all *non-logical axioms* of BSTA (cf. Appendix 4.3).

3 Interpretation of BSTA $|\Delta_D$ in LID

Let us consider a *Logic of Inductive Definitions*, LID. The corresponding Language of Inductive Definitions goes back to Y.Moschovakis; cf. [Mos74] and also [Imm82, Var82, Gur84, GS86]. It is called sometimes FO+LFP and defined here as *many-sorted* First-Order Logic with predicate variables and with the (positive) Least Fixed Point construct

$$[\text{the-least } P\forall\bar{x}.(P(\bar{x}) \Leftrightarrow \varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, P, \bar{Q}))]$$

abbreviated below as P_φ ($= P_\varphi(-) = P_\varphi(-, \bar{y}, \bar{Q})$). Here, \bar{x}, \bar{y} and P, \bar{Q} are, respectively, all free individual and predicate variables of φ and the predicate variable P is required to have only *positive* occurrences in φ . The last condition guarantees that φ is monotonic on the predicate variable P and therefore (at least in the framework of the classical set theory) *the least* required value of P must exist. This new predicate construct may participate in other LID-formulas with any nesting except that its predicate variable P *is not allowed to appear in the corresponding body* $\varphi(\bar{x}, P)$ *inside any other such construct which is a part of*

this body (essentially the same as in Δ_R -language³). In general, LID-formulas are constructed from atomic formulas of the kind $R(\bar{v})$, with R a predicate (a variable or a constant or a binary equality relation $=$ or, inductively, the above **the-least** construct) and \bar{v} individuals (variables or constants), by using the ordinary first order connectives $\&, \vee, \neg, \Rightarrow, \Leftrightarrow, \forall, \exists$ with the restrictions on the shape of the **the-least** construct mentioned. No second order quantification is allowed in LID-formulas, however, n -ary predicates are considered as comprising a *second order sort*.

LID as a *logic* extends the ordinary First-Order Logic with equality also by the following axiom schemes (for φ and P_φ as above):

$$\forall \bar{x}.(\varphi(\bar{x}, P_\varphi) \Rightarrow P_\varphi(\bar{x})) \quad \text{and} \quad \forall \bar{x}.(\varphi(\bar{x}, P) \Rightarrow P(\bar{x})) \Rightarrow \forall \bar{x}.(P_\varphi(\bar{x}) \Rightarrow P(\bar{x})).$$

In particular, when φ does not depend on P these axioms essentially give rise just to the ordinary comprehension axiom for first-order formulas.

A semantics of this language and calculus in the framework of any set theory universe \mathcal{V} is defined via fixing any second-order structure $\mathcal{M} = \langle M, \mathcal{P} \rangle$ consisting of a many-sorted first-order structure $M \in \mathcal{V}$ (e.g. with sorts being just (the sets of vertices of) some pg's $\bar{g} = g_1, \dots, g_n$ in \mathcal{G}^4 in which case M is essentially a tuple or a join $\langle g_1, \dots, g_n \rangle$ of one-sorted structures) together with some *class* $\mathcal{P} \subseteq \mathcal{V}$ of many-sorted predicates over M . It is required that always (the value of) $P_\varphi = P_\varphi(-, \bar{y}, \bar{Q})$ is in \mathcal{P} when parameters \bar{y}, \bar{Q} are in \mathcal{M} and also that both the above axioms hold in \mathcal{M} . In the case \mathcal{V} satisfies $\text{KPR}_0|_{\Delta_R}$ it suffices to take \mathcal{P} just *all* the subsets $\in \mathcal{V}$ of the corresponding direct products of first-order sorts and we also will write M *instead of* \mathcal{M} . Let us call such \mathcal{M} induced by $M \in \mathcal{V}$ an *inner model* in \mathcal{V} of LID. Bearing in mind this case, Recursive Δ_R -Separation axiom of KPR_0 allows to interpret the **the-least** construct of LID by the **the-least** construct of KPR_0 . Evidently, “ $M \models \varphi$ ” is represented by a Δ_R -formula of KPR_0 for any $\varphi \in \text{LID}$. Then let $\models_{\mathcal{V}} \varphi$ abbreviate (non- Δ_R -formula) $\forall M \in \mathcal{V} \check{\forall}.(M \models \varphi)$ where $\check{\forall}$ denotes universal quantification over all free individual and predicate variables of φ (ranging eventually over \mathcal{V}). Evidently, this gives a natural embedding of LID in KPR_0 (and, therefore, also in BSTA):

$$\text{LID} \vdash \varphi \quad \text{implies} \quad \text{KPR}_0 \vdash \text{“} \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varphi \text{”} \quad (\text{with } \mathcal{V} = \{x : x = x\})$$

which is, in fact, *conservative* according to the Corollary 8 below. It is well known that (for variations of the language of LID)

Theorem 4. ([Imm82, Liv82, Var82]; cf. also related results [Saz80, Gur83, Gur84]) *If LID has in its signature a binary predicate for a linear order then the expressive power of this language in finite linear ordered structures exactly corresponds to PTIME-computability.*

³ Otherwise we could not embed below LID into KPR_0 . This restriction on LID seems also essential for infinite models and sets which are not excluded by KPR_0 or BSTA.

⁴ Any pg g may be considered as a one-sorted structure with one binary relation and one individual constant, the point of the graph

The translation $\llbracket t \rrbracket$ of $\Delta_{\mathbf{D}}$ -terms defined in Sect. 2 gives for each such a term an operation over pointed graphs $(\lambda \bar{g} \in \mathcal{G}. \llbracket t \rrbracket(\bar{g})) : \mathcal{G}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$. This operation was defined by a Δ_R -term and its values do matter only up to an isomorphism of pg's. Analogously, translation $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket(\bar{g})$ of a $\Delta_{\mathbf{D}}$ -formula gives a predicate over \mathcal{G} which is also expressed by a Δ_R -formula.

As for the case of a well-founded universe [Saz91], we can *imitate* these translations by a more elementary LID-language (than Δ_R dealing with “nested” sets and predicates) with binary predicate constants and individual constants, each pair for each sort, corresponding to each input pointed graph. We may just redefine translations $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket(\bar{g})$ and $\llbracket t \rrbracket(\bar{g})$, written now respectively as LID-formulas $\langle\langle \varphi \rangle\rangle(\bar{c})$ and $\langle\langle t \rangle\rangle(\bar{u}, \bar{v}, \bar{c})$, with no free individual variables in the first and with designated two lists of all free variables \bar{u}, \bar{v} in the second and one list \bar{c} of constants in both (just a list of the points of the given input pg's \bar{g} in any order and possibly with repetitions) all of the same nonzero length (may be different from \bar{g}). This may be done in a full correspondence with the old $\llbracket - \rrbracket$ -translation:

1. $\bar{g} \models \langle\langle \varphi \rangle\rangle(\bar{c})$ (i.e. $\langle\langle \varphi \rangle\rangle(\bar{c})$ is true in a given many-sorted input structure $\bar{g} \in \mathcal{G}$) iff $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket(\bar{g})$ is true in \mathcal{G} for the same input graphs \bar{g} , and
2. the graph defined by $\lambda \bar{u} \bar{v}. \langle\langle t \rangle\rangle(\bar{u}, \bar{v}, \bar{c})$ is *isomorphic* to that defined by $\llbracket t \rrbracket(\bar{g})$ with the tuple \bar{c} in the role of the corresponding point,

all of these being provable in KPR_0 (with the isomorphism definable by a Δ_R -term).

Then it proves that $\langle\langle - \rangle\rangle$ -translation of all $\Delta_{\mathbf{D}}$ -axioms of BSTA (i.e. all, except $\Delta_{\mathbf{D}}$ -Collection⁵) including appropriate logical axioms for $\Delta_{\mathbf{D}}$ -language are provable in LID. Also, logical inference rules for $\Delta_{\mathbf{D}}$ -language will preserve validity in corresponding many-sorted structures under this translation. All this gives rise to

Theorem 5. $\text{LID} \vdash \langle\langle \text{BSTA} \upharpoonright_{\Delta_{\mathbf{D}}}, \text{i.e. all } \Delta_{\mathbf{D}}\text{-theorems of BSTA} \rangle\rangle$.⁶

On the other hand, *any* model $\mathcal{M} = \langle M, \mathcal{P} \rangle$ of LID gives rise to a supply $\mathcal{G}^{\mathcal{M}}$ of pointed graphs, just graphs with tuples as vertices defined by \mathcal{P} -predicates $\lambda \bar{u} \bar{v}. P(\bar{u}, \bar{v})$, each one endowed with corresponding tuple of elements \bar{m} of M as a point. Naturally definable in LID relations $=_0^{\mathcal{M}}$ and $\in_0^{\mathcal{M}}$ also allow to consider the triple $\langle \mathcal{G}^{\mathcal{M}}, =_0^{\mathcal{M}}, \in_0^{\mathcal{M}} \rangle$ almost in the *same* way as $\langle \mathcal{G}, =_0, \in_0 \rangle$ in Theorem 2 (just by an imitation of the whole argument).

Theorem 6. $\langle \mathcal{G}^{\mathcal{M}}, =_0^{\mathcal{M}}, \in_0^{\mathcal{M}} \rangle \models \text{BSTA} \upharpoonright_{\Delta_{\mathbf{D}}}$.

⁵ Remember, that the full version of BSTA with $\Delta_{\mathbf{D}}$ -Collection is a conservative extension of $\text{BSTA} \upharpoonright_{\Delta_{\mathbf{D}}}$, cf. Sect.2 and [Saz85, Saz85a, Saz87].

⁶ Note, that $\Delta_{\mathbf{D}}$ -formulas and terms are formally defined so that each always involves a non-empty list of free variables \bar{x} corresponding as above to a many sorted structure \bar{g} consisting of pg's with $\text{length}(\bar{x}) = \text{length}(\bar{g})$. Otherwise we would consider here also 0-sorted structures, i.e. structures with *no* sorts at all.

Theorem 7 (on a strong completeness of LID). *If any theory Th based on the logic LID is formally consistent then it has such a model \mathcal{M} for which in the corresponding universe $\langle \mathcal{G}, =_0, \in_0 \rangle$ there exists an inner model which is isomorphic to \mathcal{M} .*

Therefore by taking here $Th = \neg\varphi$ and by using also Theorem 6, the conservativity of BSTA over $BSTA|_{\Delta_D}$ and the abovementioned embedding of LID in KPR_0 and BSTA we obtain

Corollary 8. *LID is conservatively embedded in BSTA, i.e. for all LID-formulas*

$$LID \vdash \varphi \quad \text{iff} \quad BSTA \vdash \text{“} \models_{\mathcal{V}} \varphi \text{”} .$$

Also we can characterize in terms of LID the operations and predicates in the universe $\langle \mathcal{G}, =_0, \in_0 \rangle$ (of Theorem 2) definable in Δ_D -language (up to $=_0$).

Theorem 9. (i) *Δ_D -definable (or, equivalently, provably-total Σ -definable in BSTA) operations and predicates over $\langle \mathcal{G}, =_0, \in_0 \rangle$ coincide (up to $=_0$) with those operations and predicates definable in the language LID, for which $=_0$ is a congruence relation.*

(ii) *For \mathcal{G} based on $\mathcal{V} = HF$ each such an operation over graphs is polynomial-time computable (cf. Theorem 4) with respect to the number of vertices of the graphs in \mathcal{G} .*

One direction of (i) is based just on $\langle\langle - \rangle\rangle$ -translation of Δ_D -language. Conversely, any LID-definable operation $g' = F(g)$ in $\langle \mathcal{G}, =_0, \in_0 \rangle$ over pg's (as sorts for LID) which preserves $=_0$ may be expressed in Δ_D as a composition of the corresponding Δ_D -term $\lambda g \in \mathcal{G}.t_F(g)$ (as the second factor of the composition) directly imitating the given LID-definition of F (up to an isomorphism of the output graph g') with $\lambda x \in \mathcal{V}. \langle \in |_{TC_{\{x\}}}, x \rangle$ (as the first factor) and with D (as the third factor).

The converse to (ii) (or, more precisely, if any PTIME-computable transformation over finite pg's preserving $=_0$ is Δ_D -definable) is an *open question*. Unfortunately, it is also unknown to the author how to Δ_D -define, if possible at all, any (natural or not) linear order on the whole (or even on each set of the) universe $\langle \mathcal{G}, =_0, \in_0 \rangle / =_0$ based on $\mathcal{V} = HF$. (Note, that in the universe HF itself a natural linear order is definable in the language $\Delta_R + TC$ [Saz85, Saz87, Saz93].) Otherwise it would be possible to prove the converse of the clause (ii) of this theorem for such universe $\langle \mathcal{G}, =_0, \in_0 \rangle / =_0$ and therefore identify PTIME-computability over such $\langle \mathcal{G}, =_0, \in_0 \rangle / =_0$ with Δ_D -expressibility (as it was done for the universe HF and $\Delta_C = \Delta_R + TC + C$ in op. cit. where C is the *collapsing operation* the same as D except to be nontrivially defined only on *well-founded* graphs).

4 Appendix

4.1 Some technical definitions needed for $\llbracket - \rrbracket$

Let us define for every pg $\langle G, a \rangle$

$$\text{point}\langle G, a \rangle = a, \quad \text{graph}\langle G, a \rangle = G, \quad \text{vertices}\langle G, a \rangle = \text{field}(G) \cup \{a\} ,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{elements-of-elements}(G, a) \equiv \\
& \{x \in \text{vertices}(G, a) : \exists y \in \text{vertices}(G, a).(x \rightarrow_G y \rightarrow_G a)\} , \\
& \text{elements}^*(G, a) \equiv \{x \in \text{vertices}(G, a) : (x \rightarrow_G \cdots \rightarrow_G a)\} , \\
& \text{new}(v) \equiv \{x \in v : x \notin x\}, \quad \text{new-vertex}(G, A) \equiv \text{new}(\text{vertices}(G, a)) .
\end{aligned}$$

Here, in the definition of elements^* the *least* construct must be actually involved. Evidently, by using the idea of B.Russell's paradox, $\text{new}(v) \notin v$ for any set v . For any pg $x = \langle G, a \rangle$ we will need to consider its *isomorphic copy* $\text{copy}(x) = \text{copy}(G, a)$ so that for different x and y the sets of vertices of $\text{copy}(x)$ and $\text{copy}(y)$ do not intersect. This can be done by labelling each vertex of the pg x just by x itself. Given any graph G with a set of its distinguished vertices A , define corresponding pg with A as the set of its *elements*

$$(\text{collect } A \text{ in } G) \equiv \langle G \cup \{x, \text{new-vertex}(G, A) : x \in A\}, \text{new-vertex}(G, A) \rangle .$$

Also, given any set of pg's X we can define its *sum*

$$\sum X \equiv (\text{collect } A \text{ in } G_X) ,$$

where $G_X \equiv \cup_{x \in X} \text{graph}(\text{copy}(x))$ and $A \equiv \{\text{point}(\text{copy}(x)) : x \in X\}$. We will need also the abbreviation

$$\text{the-unique } x \in t.\varphi(x) \equiv \cup \{x \in t : \varphi(x)\} .$$

Then for $x_0 = \text{the-unique } x \in t.\varphi(x)$

$$\exists! x \in t.\varphi(x) \Rightarrow x_0 \in t \ \& \ \varphi(x_0) \quad \text{and} \quad \neg \exists x \in t.\varphi(x) \Rightarrow x_0 = \emptyset .$$

For example, for the-unique $q \in \text{hvertices}(\tilde{g}).(\tilde{g} * q =_0 p)$ in the definition of $\llbracket D \rrbracket(g, p)$ one of these two alternatives holds. In the case that required q does not exist, $\emptyset = \text{the-unique} \dots$ will be an (improper) isolated point of pg $\llbracket D \rrbracket(g, p)$.

The so called "horizontal" notions hpair , etc. are defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{hpair}(\langle G, \pi \rangle, \langle x, y \rangle) \equiv \exists u, v \in \text{field}(G). \\
& (x \rightarrow_G u \rightarrow_G \pi \ \& \ x \rightarrow_G v \rightarrow_G \pi \ \& \ y \rightarrow_G v \ \& \\
& \forall z \in \text{field}(G).(z \rightarrow_G u \Rightarrow z = x) \ \& \\
& (z \rightarrow_G v \Rightarrow z = x \vee z = y) \ \& \\
& (z \rightarrow_G \pi \Rightarrow z = u \vee z = v)) , \\
& \text{hgraph}(g) \equiv \{\langle x, y \rangle \in (\text{vertices}(g))^2 : \exists \pi \in \text{elements}(g).(\text{hpair}(g * \pi), \langle x, y \rangle)\} , \\
& \text{hvertices}(g) \equiv \{x \in \text{vertices}(g) : \exists y \in \text{vertices}(g) \exists \pi \in \text{elements}(g). \\
& (\text{hpair}(g * \pi, \langle x, y \rangle) \vee \text{hpair}(g * \pi, \langle y, x \rangle))\} .
\end{aligned}$$

All the above constructs are easily definable by Δ_R -terms. However, only the cases of $=_0, \in_0, \text{elements}^*$ and \tilde{g} require **Recursive Δ_R -Separation**.

4.2 Proof of the Congruence Lemma

Consider the following cases of the induction step (according to the form of φ or t).

- Let $\varphi(g)$ be $\forall x \in a(g). \psi(x, g)$. Then

$$\llbracket \varphi(g) \rrbracket = \forall x \in \text{elements} \llbracket a \rrbracket(g). \llbracket \psi \rrbracket(\llbracket a \rrbracket(g) * x, g) \Leftrightarrow \forall X \in_0 \llbracket a \rrbracket(g). \llbracket \psi \rrbracket(X, g)$$

by induction hypothesis for $\llbracket \psi \rrbracket(X, g)$ and because $\llbracket a \rrbracket(g) * x \in_0 \llbracket a \rrbracket(g)$ for all $x \in \text{elements} \llbracket a \rrbracket(g)$. By using induction hypothesis $\llbracket a \rrbracket(g) =_0 \llbracket a \rrbracket(g')$ for all $g =_0 g'$ and easily provable the congruence property of $=_0$ with respect to \in_0 we also obtain, as required, that

$$\llbracket \varphi(g) \rrbracket \Leftrightarrow \forall X \in_0 \llbracket a \rrbracket(g). \llbracket \psi \rrbracket(X, g) \Leftrightarrow \forall X \in_0 \llbracket a \rrbracket(g'). \llbracket \psi \rrbracket(X, g') \Leftrightarrow \llbracket \varphi(g') \rrbracket .$$

- Let $t(g)$ be $\{a(g), b(g)\}$. Then $\llbracket t(g) \rrbracket$ is $\sum \{\llbracket a \rrbracket(g), \llbracket b \rrbracket(g)\}$. By induction hypothesis for a and b we have, as required,

$$\sum \{\llbracket a \rrbracket(g), \llbracket b \rrbracket(g)\} =_0 \sum \{\llbracket a \rrbracket(g'), \llbracket b \rrbracket(g')\} \quad \text{for all } g =_0 g'$$

by constructing a bisimulation from those between $\llbracket a \rrbracket(g)$ and $\llbracket a \rrbracket(g')$ and, respectively, between $\llbracket b \rrbracket(g)$ and $\llbracket b \rrbracket(g')$.

- Let $t(g)$ be $\cup a(g)$. Then $\llbracket t(g) \rrbracket$ is

$$\begin{aligned} & (\text{collect elements-of-elements} \llbracket a \rrbracket(g) \text{ in } \text{graph} \llbracket a \rrbracket(g)) =_0 \\ & (\text{collect elements-of-elements} \llbracket a \rrbracket(g') \text{ in } \text{graph} \llbracket a \rrbracket(g')) \quad \text{for all } g =_0 g' \end{aligned}$$

by constructing a bisimulation from that one between $\llbracket a \rrbracket(g)$ and $\llbracket a \rrbracket(g')$.

- Let $t(g)$ be $\{s(x, g) : x \in a(g) \ \& \ \varphi(x, g)\}$. Then $\llbracket t(g) \rrbracket$ is

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum \{\llbracket s \rrbracket(\llbracket a \rrbracket(g) * x, g) : x \in \text{elements} \llbracket a \rrbracket(g) \ \& \ \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket(\llbracket a \rrbracket(g) * x, g)\} =_0 \\ & \sum \{\llbracket s \rrbracket(\llbracket a \rrbracket(g') * x', g') : x' \in \text{elements} \llbracket a \rrbracket(g') \ \& \ \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket(\llbracket a \rrbracket(g') * x', g')\} , \end{aligned}$$

as required, for all $g =_0 g'$ by constructing an appropriate bisimulation relation from the given bisimulations respectively between $\llbracket a \rrbracket(g)$ and $\llbracket a \rrbracket(g')$, between $\llbracket s \rrbracket(\llbracket a \rrbracket(g) * x, g)$ and $\llbracket s \rrbracket(\llbracket a \rrbracket(g') * x', g')$, and the equivalence between statements $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket(\llbracket a \rrbracket(g) * x, g)$ and $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket(\llbracket a \rrbracket(g') * x', g')$ with corresponding x and x' , via the given bisimulation between $\llbracket a \rrbracket(g)$ and $\llbracket a \rrbracket(g')$.

- Let $t(g)$ be the-least $p.(p = \{x \in a(g) : \varphi(x, p, g)\})$. Then $\llbracket t(g) \rrbracket =_0 \llbracket t(g') \rrbracket$ is just (collect $q_0(g)$ in $\text{graph} \llbracket a \rrbracket(g)$) $=_0$ (collect $q_0(g')$ in $\text{graph} \llbracket a \rrbracket(g')$) where

$$\begin{aligned} q_0(g) &= \text{the-least } q.(q = \{x \in \text{elements} \llbracket a \rrbracket(g) : \\ & \quad \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket(\llbracket a \rrbracket(g) * x, (\text{collect } q \text{ in } \text{graph} \llbracket a \rrbracket(g)), g)\}) \quad \text{and} \\ q_0(g') &= \text{the-least } q'.(q' = \{x' \in \text{elements} \llbracket a \rrbracket(g') : \\ & \quad \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket(\llbracket a \rrbracket(g') * x', (\text{collect } q' \text{ in } \text{graph} \llbracket a \rrbracket(g')), g')\}). \end{aligned}$$

Suppose $g =_0 g'$. Then by induction hypothesis for a and φ we have a bisimulation relation R witnessing $\llbracket a \rrbracket(g) =_0 \llbracket a \rrbracket(g')$, and an equivalence between statements

$$\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket(\llbracket a \rrbracket(g) * x, (\text{collect } q \text{ in graph } \llbracket a \rrbracket(g)), g)) \quad \text{and}$$

$$\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket(\llbracket a \rrbracket(g') * x', (\text{collect } q' \text{ in graph } \llbracket a \rrbracket(g')), g'))$$

with corresponding x and x' and q and q' via the given bisimulation R . Here we say that sets of vertices q and q' *correspond* by R if for each $v \in q$ there exists a $v' \in q'$ such that vRv' and vice versa. We need also use the fact that for each set $q \subseteq \text{elements} \llbracket a \rrbracket(g)$ satisfying the inequality

$$\{x \in \text{elements} \llbracket a \rrbracket(g) : \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket(\llbracket a \rrbracket(g) * x, (\text{collect } q \text{ in graph } \llbracket a \rrbracket(g)), g))\} \subseteq q$$

the set $R(q) = \{v' \in \text{elements} \llbracket a \rrbracket(g') : \exists v \in q. vRv'\}$ corresponds to q via R and satisfies the corresponding inequality for q'

$$\{x' \in \text{elements} \llbracket a \rrbracket(g') : \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket(\llbracket a \rrbracket(g') * x', (\text{collect } q' \text{ in graph } \llbracket a \rrbracket(g')), g'))\} \subseteq q' .$$

Also if q_0 is the least solution of the first (in)equality then $R(q_0)$ is the least solution of the second. Indeed, if q' is any solution of the second inequality then (as above) $R^{-1}(q')$ is corresponding solution for q of the first and therefore $q_0 \subseteq R^{-1}(q')$. Any $x' \in R(q_0)$ is related by bisimulation R with some $x \in q_0$. It follows that x is an element of the right hand side of the first inequality (which proves to be just equality) with q_0 in place of q and therefore, by monotonicity, with $R^{-1}(q')$ in place of q . Then appropriate bisimulation gives rise to the analogous membership x' to the right-hand-side of the second inequation for q' . Since this right-hand-side is included in q' we have $x' \in q'$ and therefore $R(q_0) \subseteq q'$ what means that $R(q_0)$ is the least solution $q_0(g')$, as required. It follows also that $q_0 = q_0(g)$ is related by the required bisimulation relation with $R(q_0) = q_0(g')$. This finally gives $(\text{collect } q_0(g) \text{ in graph } \llbracket a \rrbracket(g)) =_0 (\text{collect } q_0(g') \text{ in graph } \llbracket a \rrbracket(g'))$.

- We leave to the reader the non-considered cases of $\&$, \vee , \neg , \exists , TC and D.

4.3 Provability in KPR_0 of [non-logical axioms of BSTA]

- The case of axioms Pair, Union and Image is straightforward.
- Extensionality follows from the following easy consideration. For any two pg's $\langle G, a \rangle$ and $\langle G', a' \rangle$ if for any $x \rightarrow_G a$ there exists $x' \rightarrow_{G'} a'$ and a bisimulation relation R such that xRx' , and vice versa, then the same holds for the unique, the largest bisimulation relation $\sim_{G, G'}$ between G and G' (extending all these R) which must also connect a and a' . It follows that $\langle G, a \rangle =_0 \langle G', a' \rangle$. Analogously, if $\llbracket \langle G, a \rangle \subseteq \langle G', a' \rangle \rrbracket$ then for some set $A \subseteq \text{elements} \langle G', a' \rangle$ we have $\langle G, a \rangle =_0 (\text{collect } A \text{ in } G')$.

- Recursive Δ_D - (and Δ_R -) Separation axiom may be equivalently rewritten for $p_0 \equiv \text{the-least } p.(p = \{x \in a : \varphi(x, p)\})$ as

$$\forall x \in a. (\varphi(x, p_0) \Rightarrow x \in p_0) \ \& \ (\forall x \in a. (\varphi(x, p) \Rightarrow x \in p) \ \& \ p \subseteq a \Rightarrow p_0 \subseteq p) \ .$$

Its $\llbracket - \rrbracket$ -translation looks as follows. If q_0 is Δ_R -defined as

$$q_0 \equiv \text{the-least } q.(q = \{x \in \text{elements}\llbracket a \rrbracket : \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket(\llbracket a \rrbracket * x, (\text{collect } q \text{ in graph}\llbracket a \rrbracket))\})$$

with $\llbracket p_0 \rrbracket = \llbracket \text{the-least } p.(p = \{x \in a : \varphi(x, p)\}) \rrbracket \equiv (\text{collect } q_0 \text{ in graph}\llbracket a \rrbracket)$ (cf. the definition of $\llbracket - \rrbracket$) then

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall x \in \text{elements}\llbracket a \rrbracket. (\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket(\llbracket a \rrbracket * x, \llbracket p_0 \rrbracket) \Rightarrow \llbracket a \rrbracket * x \in_0 \llbracket p_0 \rrbracket) \ \& \\ & (\forall x \in \text{elements}\llbracket a \rrbracket. (\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket(\llbracket a \rrbracket * x, p) \Rightarrow \llbracket a \rrbracket * x \in_0 p) \ \& \\ & \ \& \ \llbracket p \subseteq a \rrbracket \Rightarrow \llbracket \llbracket p_0 \rrbracket \subseteq p \rrbracket) \end{aligned}$$

where all free variables such as p are supposed to run over \mathcal{G} . To show this let us present the above form of Recursive Δ_R -Separation axiom for q_0 :

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall x \in \text{elements}\llbracket a \rrbracket. (\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket(\llbracket a \rrbracket * x, (\text{collect } q_0 \text{ in graph}\llbracket a \rrbracket)) \Rightarrow x \in q_0) \ \& \\ & (\forall x \in \text{elements}\llbracket a \rrbracket. (\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket(\llbracket a \rrbracket * x, (\text{collect } q \text{ in graph}\llbracket a \rrbracket)) \Rightarrow x \in q) \ \& \\ & \ \& \ q \subseteq \text{elements}\llbracket a \rrbracket \Rightarrow q_0 \subseteq q) \end{aligned}$$

where all free variables such as q run over arbitrary sets (of the original universe \mathcal{V} of KPR_0). Then to prove the above $\llbracket - \rrbracket$ -translation of Recursive Δ_D -Separation it is sufficient to note, that

1. $x \in q_0 \Rightarrow \llbracket a \rrbracket * x \in_0 (\text{collect } q_0 \text{ in graph}\llbracket a \rrbracket) = \llbracket p_0 \rrbracket$,
2. $\llbracket p \subseteq a \rrbracket$ is equivalent to existence of $q \subseteq \text{elements}\llbracket a \rrbracket$ such that $p =_0 (\text{collect } q \text{ in graph}\llbracket a \rrbracket)$ and, moreover, $x \in q \Leftrightarrow \llbracket a \rrbracket * x \in_0 (\text{collect } q \text{ in graph}\llbracket a \rrbracket) = \llbracket p_0 \rrbracket$ for all x and for this q , and
3. $q_0 \subseteq q \Rightarrow \llbracket (\text{collect } q_0 \text{ in graph}\llbracket a \rrbracket) \subseteq (\text{collect } q \text{ in graph}\llbracket a \rrbracket) \rrbracket \Leftrightarrow \llbracket \llbracket p_0 \rrbracket \subseteq p \rrbracket$.

- Δ_D -Collection axiom is translated to

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall x \in \text{elements}\llbracket a \rrbracket \exists y \in \mathcal{G}. \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket(\llbracket a \rrbracket * x, y) \Rightarrow \\ & \ \exists z \in \mathcal{G} \forall x \in \text{elements}\llbracket a \rrbracket \exists v \in \text{elements}(z). \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket(\llbracket a \rrbracket * x, z * v) \ . \end{aligned}$$

According to the original Δ_R -Collection the antecedent of this formula implies

$$\exists Z \forall x \in \text{elements}\llbracket a \rrbracket \exists y \in Z. \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket(\llbracket a \rrbracket * x, y) \ .$$

It remains to take $z \equiv \sum Z$.

- Consider $\llbracket - \rrbracket$ -translations of AFA axioms. First note, that AFA_1 may be rewritten also as conjunction of the following two formulas:

$$\forall z \in D(g, p) \exists \langle q, p \rangle \in g. (z = D(g, q)) \quad \text{and} \quad \forall \langle q, p \rangle \in g. (D(g, q) \in D(g, p))$$

or, more detailed, for the first formula

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall z \in D(g, p) \exists w \in g \exists u, v \in w \exists q \in u. \\ & (p, q \in v \ \& \ \forall x \in u. (x = q) \ \& \\ & \forall x \in v. (x = q \vee x = p) \ \& \ \forall x \in w. (x = u \vee x = v) \ \& \ z = D(g, q)) \ , \end{aligned}$$

and analogously for the second formula. Their translations

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall z \in \text{elements}(\llbracket D \rrbracket(g, p)) \\ & \exists w \in \text{elements}(g) \exists u, v \in \text{elements}(g * w) \exists q \in \text{elements}(g * u). \\ & (p, g * q \in_0 g * v \ \& \\ & \forall x \in \text{elements}(g * u). (g * x =_0 g * q) \ \& \\ & \forall x \in \text{elements}(g * v). (g * x =_0 g * q \vee g * x =_0 p) \ \& \\ & \forall x \in \text{elements}(g * w). (g * x =_0 g * u \vee g * x =_0 g * v) \ \& \\ & \llbracket D \rrbracket(g, p) * z =_0 \llbracket D \rrbracket(g, g * q)) \ , \end{aligned}$$

and analogously for the second formula, are provable in KPR_0 straightforwardly (just take for the first formula w, u, v, q , s.t. $q \in z$, i.e. $z = [q]$).

$\llbracket \text{AFA}_2 \rrbracket$ is $\llbracket \text{Bis}_\varepsilon(R) \rrbracket \ \& \ \llbracket xRy \rrbracket \Rightarrow x =_0 y$ where $\llbracket \text{Bis}_\varepsilon(R) \rrbracket$ is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall x, y \in \mathcal{G}. (\llbracket xRy \rrbracket) \Rightarrow \\ & (\forall x' \in \text{elements}(x) \exists y' \in \text{elements}(y). \llbracket x * x'Ry * y' \rrbracket) \ \& \\ & (\forall y' \in \text{elements}(y) \exists x' \in \text{elements}(x). \llbracket x * x'Ry * y' \rrbracket)) \end{aligned}$$

and implies that for any $x, y \in \mathcal{G}$ the relation $\lambda x'y'. \llbracket x * x'Ry * y' \rrbracket$ is a bisimulation relation between $\text{graph}(x)$ and $\text{graph}(y)$. It follows that also $\text{KPR}_0 \vdash \llbracket \text{AFA}_2 \rrbracket$.

- Finally, the transitive closure axioms are translated as

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall v \in \text{elements}(x). (x * v \in_0 \llbracket \text{TC}(x) \rrbracket) \ , \\ & \forall u \in \text{elements} \llbracket \text{TC}(x) \rrbracket \forall v \in \text{elements}(\llbracket \text{TC}(x) \rrbracket * u). (\llbracket \text{TC}(x) \rrbracket * v \in_0 \llbracket \text{TC}(x) \rrbracket) \ , \\ & (\forall v \in \text{elements}(x). (x * v \in_0 y) \Rightarrow \\ & (\forall u \in \text{elements}(\llbracket \text{TC}(x) \rrbracket). (\llbracket \text{TC}(x) \rrbracket * u \in_0 \llbracket \text{TC}(y) \rrbracket)) \ \text{and} \\ & \forall u \in \text{elements}(x) \forall v \in \text{elements}(x * u). (x * v \in_0 x) \Rightarrow \llbracket \text{TC}(x) \subseteq x \rrbracket) \ . \end{aligned}$$

The first two formulas are evident. For the third formula note, that the set $\{u \in \text{elements}^*(x) : \exists w \in \text{elements}^*(y). (x * u =_0 y * w)\}$ contains $\text{elements}^*(x)$ because it satisfies corresponding equation for $\text{elements}^*(x)$. Analogously, antecedent of the last formula implies that the set $\{w \in \text{vertices}(x) : \exists w' \in \text{elements}(x). (x * w =_0 x * w')\}$ includes $\text{elements}^*(x)$ what is essentially we need.

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