An uncountably categorical theory whose only computably presentable model is saturated

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Abstract

We build an \aleph_1 -categorical but not \aleph_0 -categorical theory whose only computably presentable model is the saturated one. As a tool, we introduce a notion related to limitwise monotonic functions.

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1 Introduction

An important theme in computable model theory is the study of computable models of complete first-order theories. More precisely, given a complete first-order theory T, one would like to know which models of T have computable copies and which do not. A special case of interest is when T is an \aleph_1 -categorical theory. In this paper we are interested in computable models of \aleph_1 -categorical theories, and we always assume that these theories are not \aleph_0 -categorical. In addition, since we are interested in computable models, all the structures in this paper are countable.

We assume that all languages we consider are computable. A complete theory T in a language L is \aleph_1 -categorical if any two models of T of power \aleph_1 are isomorphic. We say that a model \mathcal{A} of T is computable if its domain and its atomic diagram are computable. A model \mathcal{A} is computably presentable if it is isomorphic to a computable model, which is called a computable presentation of \mathcal{A} . The reader is referred to [2] for the basics of computable model theory and to [12] for the basics of computability theory.

In [1], Baldwin and Lachlan developed the theory of \aleph_1 -categoricity in terms of strongly minimal sets. They showed that the countable models of an \aleph_1 -categorical theory T can be listed in an $\omega + 1$ chain

$$\mathcal{A}_0 \preccurlyeq \mathcal{A}_1 \preccurlyeq \cdots \preccurlyeq \mathcal{A}_{\omega},$$

where the embeddings are elementary, \mathcal{A}_0 is the prime model of T, and \mathcal{A}_{ω} is the saturated model of T. Based on the theory developed by Baldwin and Lachlan, Harrington [4] and N. G. Khisamiev [5] proved that if an \aleph_1 -categorical theory Tis decidable then all the countable models of T have computable presentations. Thus, for decidable \aleph_1 -categorical theories the question of which models of T have computable presentations is fully settled. However, the situation is far from clear when the theory T is not decidable. The following definition is given in [9]:

1.1 Definition. Let T be an \aleph_1 -categorical theory and let $\mathcal{A}_0 \preccurlyeq \mathcal{A}_1 \preccurlyeq \cdots \preccurlyeq \mathcal{A}_{\omega}$ be the countable models of T. The *spectrum of computable models* of T is the set $\{i : \mathcal{A}_i \text{ has a computable presentation}\}.$

If $X \subseteq \omega + 1$ is the spectrum of computable models of some \aleph_1 -categorical theory, then we say that X is *realized as a spectrum*.

There has been some previous work on the possible spectra of computable models of (undecidable) \aleph_1 -categorical theories. For example, Nies [11] gave an upper bound of $\Sigma_3^0(\emptyset^{\omega})$ for the complexity of the sets realized as spectra. Interestingly, the following are the only subsets of $\omega + 1$ known to be realizable as spectra: the empty set, $\omega + 1$ itself ([4], [5]), the initial segments $\{0, \ldots, n\}$, where $n \in \omega$ ([3], [10]), the sets $(\omega + 1) \setminus \{0\}$ and ω ([9]), and the intervals $\{1, \ldots, n\}$, where $n \in \omega$ ([11]). Our main result adds $\{\omega\}$ to this list by showing that there exists an \aleph_1 -categorical theory whose only computably presentable model is the saturated one.

This paper is organized as follows. The next section contains the proof of a computability-theoretic result that will be used in constructing the desired theory. In section 3 we introduce the basic building blocks of the models of this theory, which are called cubes. Finally, the last section contains the proof our main result.

2 A Computability-Theoretic Result

Limitwise monotonic functions were introduced by N. G. Khisamiev [6, 7, 8] and have found a number of applications in computable model theory. In particular, Khoussainov, Nies, and Shore [9] used them to show that $(\omega + 1) \setminus \{0\}$ is realized as a spectrum. We now introduce a related notion.

Let $[\omega]^{<\omega}$ denote the collection of all finite sets of natural numbers, and let ∞ be a special symbol. We define the class of S-limitwise monotonic functions from ω to $[\omega]^{<\omega} \cup \{\infty\}$, where S is an infinite set. This class captures the idea of a family A_0, A_1, \ldots of uniformly c.e. sets, each of which is either finite or equal to S (represented by the symbol ∞), such that we can enumerate the set of *i* for which $A_i = S$.

2.1 Definition. Let S be an infinite set of natural numbers. An S-limitwise monotonic function is a function $f : \omega \to [\omega]^{<\omega} \cup \{\infty\}$ for which there is a computable function $g : \omega \times \omega \to [\omega]^{<\omega} \cup \{\infty\}$ such that

- 1. $f(n) = \lim_{s} g(n, s)$ for all n, and
- 2. for all $n, s \in \omega$, the following properties hold:
 - (a) if $g(n, s+1) \neq \infty$ then $g(n, s) \subseteq g(n, s+1)$,
 - (b) if $g(n,s) = \infty$ then $g(n,s+1) = \infty$, and

(c) if $g(n,s) \neq \infty$ and $g(n,s+1) = \infty$ then $g(n,s) \subset S$.

We refer to g as a *witness* to f being S-limitwise monotonic.

Note that if f is an S-limitwise monotonic function then its witness g can be chosen to be primitive recursive.

2.2 Definition. A collection of finite sets is *S*-monotonically approximable if it is equal to $\{f(n) : f(n) \neq \infty\}$ for some *S*-limitwise monotonic function *f*.

The main result of this section is the following computability-theoretic proposition, which shows that there is an infinite set S and a family of sets that is not S-monotonically approximable and has certain properties that will allow us to code it into a model of an \aleph_1 -categorical structure.

2.3 Proposition. There exists an infinite c.e. set S and uniformly c.e. sets A_0, A_1, \ldots with the following properties:

- 1. each A_i is either finite or equal to S,
- 2. if $x \in S$ then $x \in A_i$ for almost all i,
- 3. if $x \notin S$ then $x \in A_i$ for only finitely many i,
- 4. if A_i is finite then there is a $k \in A_i$ such that $k \notin A_j$ for all $j \neq i$, and
- 5. $\{A_i : |A_i| < \omega\}$ is not S-monotonically approximable.

Proof. Let g_0, g_1, \ldots be an effective enumeration of all primitive recursive functions from $\omega \times \omega$ to $\omega^{<\omega} \cup \{\infty\}$ such that for all $n, s \in \omega$, if $g_e(n, s + 1) \neq \infty$ then $g(n, s) \subseteq g(n, s + 1)$, and if $g(n, s) = \infty$ then $g(n, s + 1) = \infty$.

We want to build S and A_0, A_1, \ldots to satisfy 1–3 and the requirements \mathcal{R}_e stating that if g_e is a witness to some function f being S-limitwise monotonic, then $\{A_i : |A_i| < \omega\}$ is not S-monotonically approximable via f.

For each e, we define a procedure for enumerating A_e . We think of the procedures as alternating their steps, with the eth procedure taking place at stages of the form $\langle e, k \rangle$, which we call e-stages. All procedures may enumerate elements into S. The eth procedure is designed to satisfy \mathcal{R}_e by ensuring that if g_e is a witness to some function f being S-limitwise monotonic and every $f(n) \neq \infty$ is equal to some A_i , then A_e is finite and not equal to f(n) for any n. The *e*th procedure works as follows.

Let $A_e[s]$ and S[s] denote the set of all numbers enumerated into A_e and S, respectively, by the end of stage s.

The main idea is to find an appropriate number n_e such that if $\lim_s g_e(n, s) = A_e$ for some n then $n = n_e$, and let $A_e[s]$ always contain an element not in $g_e(n_e, s)$, thus ensuring that either A_e is finite but $\lim_s g_e(n_e, s) \neq A_e$ or $g_e(n_e, s)$ is eternally playing catch-up, and hence does not come to a limit.

At the first e-stage s, put $\langle e, 0 \rangle$, $\langle e, 1 \rangle$, and all elements of S[s] into A_e . Let $m_{e,s} = 1$ and let n_e be undefined. (For each e-stage t, we will let $m_{e,t}$ be the largest m such that $\langle e, m \rangle \in A_e[t]$.)

At any other e-stage s, proceed as follows. Let t be the previous e-stage. If n_e is undefined and there is an $n \leq s$ such that $g_e(n,s) = A_e[t]$, then let $n_e = n$. If n_e is now defined and $g_e(n_e, s) = A_e[t]$ then put $\langle e, m_{e,t} - 1 \rangle$ into S, put $\langle e, m_{e,t} + 1 \rangle$ and all elements of S[s] into A_e , and let $m_{e,s} = m_{e,t} + 1$. Otherwise, let $m_{e,s} = m_{e,t}$ and do nothing else.

This finishes the description of the *e*th procedure. Running all procedures concurrently, as described above, we build a uniformly c.e. collection of sets A_0, A_1, \ldots and a c.e. set S. Now our goal is to show that these sets satisfy the properties in the statement of the proposition.

Since at every stage s at which we put numbers into A_e , we put S[s] into A_e and the second largest element of $A_e[s-1]$ into S, every infinite A_e is equal to S. This shows that the first property in the proposition holds.

Since for each e we put S[s] into A_e , where s is the first e-stage, every element of S is in cofinitely many A_e . This shows that the second property in the proposition holds.

Since the only way a number of the form $\langle e, k \rangle$ can enter A_i for $i \neq e$ is if it first enters S, every number that is in infinitely many A_i must be in S. This shows that the third property in the proposition holds.

If A_e is finite, then $m = \lim_s m_{e,s}$ exists, and $\langle e, m \rangle$ is in A_e but not in A_j for $j \neq e$. This shows that the fourth property in the proposition holds.

We now show that the last property in the proposition holds. Assume for a contradiction that $\{A_i : |A_i| < \omega\} = \{f(n) : f(n) \neq \infty\}$ for some S-limitwise monotonic function f witnessed by g_e . Then n_e must eventually be defined, since

otherwise A_e is finite but not in the range of f.

First suppose that $f(n_e) \neq \infty$. At the e-stage s_0 at which n_e is defined, $g_e(n_e, s_0)$ contains $\langle e, 0 \rangle$ and $\langle e, 1 \rangle$. If there is no e-stage $s_1 > s_0$ at which $g_e(n_e, s_1) = A_e[s_0]$, then $f(n_e)$ cannot equal any of the A_i , since A_e is then the only one of our sets that contains $\langle e, 1 \rangle$, and $\langle e, 1 \rangle \in g_e(n_e, s_0)$. So there must be such an e-stage s_1 . Note that $g_e(n_e, s_1)$ contains $\langle e, 2 \rangle$. By the same argument, there must be an e-stage $s_2 > s_1$ such that $g_e(n_e, s_2) = A_e[s_1]$, and this set contains $\langle e, 3 \rangle$. Proceeding in this way, we see that $g_e(n_e, s)$ never reaches a limit.

Now suppose that $f(n_e) = \infty$. Let s_0 be the least s such that $g_e(n_e, s) = \infty$, and let t be the largest e-stage less than s_0 . It is easy to check that $\langle e, m_{e,t} - 1 \rangle \in$ $g(n_e, t)$ but $\langle e, m_{e,t} - 1 \rangle \notin S[t]$. We never put $\langle e, m_{e,t} - 1 \rangle$ into S after stage t, so in fact $\langle e, m_{e,t} - 1 \rangle \notin S$. Since $g_e(n_e, t) \subseteq g_e(n_e, s_0 - 1)$, we have $g_e(n_e, s_0 - 1) \notin S$, contradicting the choice of g_e .

3 Cubes

In this section we introduce a special family of structures, which we call cubes. These will be used in the next section to build an \aleph_1 -categorical theory. They generalize the *n*-cubes and ω -cubes used in [9].

We work in the language $\mathcal{L} = \{P_i : i \in \omega\}$, where each P_i is a binary predicate symbol. We will define structures for sublanguages \mathcal{L}' of \mathcal{L} . Any such structure can be thought of as an \mathcal{L} -structure by interpreting the P_i not contained in \mathcal{L}' by the empty set. We denote the domain of a structure denoted by a calligraphic letter such as \mathcal{A} by the corresponding roman letter A.

We begin with the following inductive definition of the finite cubes.

3.1 Definition. Base case. For $n \in \omega$, an (n)-cube is a structure $\mathcal{A} = (\{a, b\}; P_n^{\mathcal{A}})$, where $P_n^{\mathcal{A}}(x, y)$ holds if and only if $x \neq y$.

Inductive Step. Now suppose we have defined σ -cubes for a non-repeating sequence $\sigma = (n_1, \ldots, n_k)$, and let $n_{k+1} \notin \sigma$. An $(n_1, \ldots, n_k, n_{k+1})$ -cube is a structure \mathcal{C} defined in the following way. Take two σ -cubes \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} such that $A \cap B = \emptyset$ and let $f : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$ be an isomorphism. Let \mathcal{C} be the structure

$$(A \cup B; P_{n_1}^{\mathcal{A}} \cup P_{n_1}^{\mathcal{B}}, \dots, P_{n_k}^{\mathcal{A}} \cup P_{n_k}^{\mathcal{B}}, P_{n_{k+1}}^{\mathcal{C}})$$

where $P_{n_{k+1}}^{\mathcal{C}}(x, y)$ holds if and only if f(x) = y or $f^{-1}(x) = y$.

3.2 Example. Let σ be a finite non-repeating sequence. Consider $A = \mathbb{Z}_2^{|\sigma|}$ as a vector space over \mathbb{Z}_2 , with basis $b_1, \ldots, b_{|\sigma|}$. If we define the structure \mathcal{A} with domain A by letting $P_{\sigma(i)}^{\mathcal{A}}(x, y)$ iff $x + b_i = y$, then \mathcal{A} is a σ -cube.

The following property of finite cubes, which is easily checked by induction, shows that we could have taken Example 3.2 as the definition of a σ -cube.

3.3 Lemma. Let σ be a finite non-repeating sequence. Any two σ -cubes are isomorphic.

Furthermore, we have the following stronger property.

3.4 Lemma. If σ is a finite non-repeating sequence and τ is a permutation of σ , then every τ -cube is isomorphic to every σ -cube.

Proof. Let \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} be a σ -cube and a τ -cube respectively. By Lemma 3.3, we can assume that \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} are constructed as in Example 3.2. Since τ is a permutation of σ , there is a bijection f such that $\sigma(i) = \tau(f(i))$. Let φ be the vector space isomorphism induced by taking b_i to $b_{f(i)}$. We then have

$$P_{\sigma(i)}^{\mathcal{A}}(x,y) \text{ iff } x + b_i = y \text{ iff } \varphi(x) + \varphi(b_i) = \varphi(y)$$

iff $\varphi(x) + b_{f(i)} = \varphi(y) \text{ iff } P_{\tau(f(i))}^{\mathcal{B}}(\varphi(x),\varphi(y)) \text{ iff } P_{\sigma(i)}^{\mathcal{B}}(\varphi(x),\varphi(y)).$

Thus φ is an isomorphism from \mathcal{A} to \mathcal{B} .

So instead of " σ -cube", where $\sigma = (n_1, \ldots, n_k)$, we will write "A-cube", where $A = \{n_1, \ldots, n_k\}$. (This notation matches that of [9], if we make the usual settheoretic identification of n with $\{0, \ldots, n-1\}$.)

We now define infinite cubes.

3.5 Definition. Let $\alpha = (n_0, n_1, ...)$ be an infinite non-repeating sequence of natural numbers. An α -cube is a structure of the form $\bigcup_{i \in \omega} \mathcal{A}_i$, where each \mathcal{A}_i is an $\{n_0, \ldots, n_i\}$ -cube, and $\mathcal{A}_i \subset \mathcal{A}_{i+1}$.

As with finite sequences, the order of an infinite sequence α does not affect the isomorphism type of α -cubes, so we can talk about S-cubes, where S is an infinite set. To show that this is the case, we will use the following fact, which is easy to check. Suppose that $A \subset B \subset C$ are finite, \mathcal{Z} is a C-cube, and $\mathcal{X} \subset \mathcal{Z}$ is an A-cube. Then there exists a B-cube \mathcal{Y} such that $\mathcal{X} \subset \mathcal{Y} \subset \mathcal{Z}$.

3.6 Lemma. If σ is an infinite non-repeating sequence and τ is a permutation of σ , then every τ -cube is isomorphic to every σ -cube.

Proof. Let $\sigma = (m_0, m_1, \ldots)$ be an infinite non-repeating sequence, and let $\tau = (n_0, n_1, \ldots)$ be a permutation of σ . Let $s_i = \{m_0, \ldots, m_i\}$ and $t_i = \{n_0, \ldots, n_i\}$.

Let \mathcal{A} be a σ -cube and let \mathcal{B} be a τ -cube. Then $\mathcal{A} = \bigcup_{i \in \omega} \mathcal{A}_i$, where each \mathcal{A}_i is an s_i -cube, and $\mathcal{A}_i \subset \mathcal{A}_{i+1}$. Similarly, $\mathcal{B} = \bigcup_{i \in \omega} \mathcal{B}_i$, where each \mathcal{B}_i is a t_i -cube, and $\mathcal{B}_i \subset \mathcal{B}_{i+1}$.

We build a sequence of finite partial isomorphisms $\varphi_0 \subseteq \varphi_1 \subseteq \cdots$ such that $A_i \subseteq \operatorname{dom} \varphi_{2i+1}$ and $B_i \subseteq \operatorname{rng} \varphi_{2i+2}$. We begin with $\varphi_0 = \emptyset$.

Given φ_{2i} , let $k \ge i$ be such that $A_k \supseteq \operatorname{dom} \varphi_{2i}$, and let l be such that $B_l \supseteq \operatorname{rng} \varphi_{2i}$ and $s_k \subseteq t_l$. Then there is an s_k -cube $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{B}_l$ such that $\operatorname{rng} \varphi_{2i} \subseteq C$. Extend φ_{2i} to an isomorphism $\varphi_{2i+1} : \mathcal{A}_k \to \mathcal{C}$.

Given φ_{2i+1} , proceed in an analogous fashion to define a finite partial isomorphism φ_{2i+2} including B_i in its range.

Now $\varphi = \bigcup_{i \in \omega} \varphi_i$ is an isomorphism from \mathcal{A} to \mathcal{B} .

4 The Main Theorem

In this section we prove the main result of this paper.

4.1 Theorem. There exists an \aleph_1 -categorical but not \aleph_0 -categorical theory whose only computably presentable model is the saturated one.

Proof. Let $\{A_i\}_{i\in\omega}$ and S be as in Proposition 2.3. Fix an enumeration of $\{A_i\}_{i\in\omega}$ such that at each stage exactly one element is enumerated into some A_i . (For instance, we can take the enumeration given in the proof of Proposition 2.3.) Construct a computable model $\mathcal{M}_{\omega} = \bigcup_{n\in\omega} \mathcal{M}_{\omega}^n$ as follows. Begin with $\mathcal{M}_{\omega}^n[0] = \emptyset$ for all n. At stage s+1, if $A_n[s+1] \neq A_n[s]$ then extend $\mathcal{M}_{\omega}^n[s]$ to an $A_n[s+1]$ -cube using fresh large numbers.

It is clear that this procedure can be carried out effectively, so that \mathcal{M}_{ω} is computable. Furthermore, \mathcal{M}_{ω} is the disjoint union of one A_n -cube for each $n \in \omega$. In particular, every infinite cube in \mathcal{M}_{ω} is an S-cube.

Now let $T = \text{Th}(\mathcal{M}_{\omega})$ be the first-order theory of \mathcal{M}_{ω} . We show that T is \aleph_1 -categorical but not \aleph_0 -categorical, \mathcal{M}_{ω} is saturated, and the only computably presentable model of T (up to isomorphism) is \mathcal{M}_{ω} .

We begin by showing that T is \aleph_1 -categorical. Since T includes sentences saying that for each n and x there is at most one y such that $P_n(x, y)$, we are free to use functional notation and write $P_n(x) = y$ instead of $P_n(x, y)$. For $n \in S$, let k(n) be the number of elements $x \in M_\omega$ for which $P_n^{\mathcal{M}_\omega}(x)$ is not defined. For $n \notin S$, let k(n) be the number of elements $x \in M_\omega$ for which $P_n^{\mathcal{M}_\omega}(x)$ is defined. Note that k(n) is finite for all n.

It is easy to see that \mathcal{M}_{ω} satisfies the following list of statements, which can be written as an infinite set $\Sigma \subset T$ of first-order sentences:

- 1. For each n, the relation P_n is a partial one-to-one function and $P_n(x) = y \rightarrow P_n(y) = x$.
- 2. For all $n \neq m$ and all x, we have $P_n(x) \neq P_m(x)$ and $P_n(x) \neq x$.
- 3. For all $n \neq m$ and all x, if $P_n(x)$ and $P_m P_n(x)$ are defined, then $P_m(x)$ and $P_n P_m(x)$ are defined, and $P_n P_m(x) = P_m P_n(x)$.
- 4. For all k, all $n > n_1 \ge n_2 \ge \cdots \ge n_k$, and all x, we have $P_{n_1} \dots P_{n_k}(x) \ne P_n(x)$.
- 5. For each $n \in S$ there are exactly k(n) many elements x for which $P_n(x)$ is not defined.
- 6. For each $n \notin S$ there are exactly k(n) many elements x for which $P_n(x)$ is defined.
- 7. Let A_i be finite, and let $m \in A_i$ be such that $m \notin A_j$ for all $j \neq i$. Then there exists a finite A_i -cube C_i such that $\forall x \ (P_m(x) \text{ is defined} \to x \in C_i)$. (Note that $m \notin S$ and C_i has k(m) many elements, so together with Statements 3 and 6, this statement implies that C_i is not contained in a larger cube.)

4.2 Remark. Note that Statements 1 and 3 imply the following statement: for all $n \neq m$ and all u, if $P_n(u)$ and $P_m(u)$ are defined then $P_m P_n(u)$ and $P_n P_m(u)$ are defined and equal. To prove this let $v = P_n(u)$, which, by Statement 1, implies that $P_n(v) = u$. Since $P_m P_n(v) = P_m(u)$ is defined, applying Statement 3 with x = v, we have that $P_m(v)$ and $P_n P_m(v)$ are defined, and $P_n P_m(v) = P_m P_n(v)$. If we let $w = P_m(v)$ then $P_m P_n(u) = w$. Since $P_n(w) = P_n P_m(v) = P_m P_n(v)$. If we let $w = P_m(v)$ then $P_m P_n(u) = w$. Since $P_n(w) = P_n P_m(v) = P_m P_n(v)$. Statement 1 implies that $P_n P_m(u) = P_n P_n(w) = w$. Thus $P_m P_n(u) = P_n P_m(u)$.

Now suppose that \mathcal{M} is a model of Σ . Let $A \subseteq \omega$ and $x \in \mathcal{M}$. Using the statements above, it is easy to check that $\forall n \in A \ (P_n^{\mathcal{M}}(x) \text{ is defined})$ if and only if x belongs to an A-cube. It is also clear that if \mathcal{C}_1 and \mathcal{C}_2 are A-cubes in \mathcal{M} and $\mathcal{C}_1 \cap \mathcal{C}_2 \neq \emptyset$, then $\mathcal{C}_1 = \mathcal{C}_2$.

It now follows that \mathcal{M} is the disjoint union of components \mathcal{M}_0 and \mathcal{M}_1 , where \mathcal{M}_0 is the disjoint union of exactly one A_i -cube for each finite A_i . Let $x \in M_1$. If $n \in S$ then there are k(n) elements in M_0 on which $P_n^{\mathcal{M}}$ is not defined. Statement 5 says that there are exactly k(n) such elements in M. Hence $P_n^{\mathcal{M}}(x)$ is defined. Similarly, Statement 6 implies that if $n \notin S$ then $P_n^{\mathcal{M}}(x)$ is not defined. Therefore, x belongs to an S-cube. Thus, \mathcal{M}_1 is a disjoint union of S-cubes.

Let \mathfrak{C} be the class of all structures that are the disjoint union of exactly one A_i -cube for each finite A_i and some finite or infinite number of S-cubes. Clearly, any structure in \mathfrak{C} is a model of Σ , and we have shown that any model of Σ is in \mathfrak{C} . Let \mathfrak{M} be a model of Σ . Each of the S-cubes in \mathcal{M} is countable, so if $|\mathcal{M}| = \aleph_1$, then there must be \aleph_1 many such S-cubes. Therefore, any two models of Σ of size \aleph_1 are isomorphic, and hence Σ is uncountably categorical. It now follows by the Loś-Vaught Test that any model of Σ is a model of Σ is a model of Σ . Thus T is uncountably categorical and, since \mathfrak{C} contains infinitely many nonisomorphic countable structures, T is not countably categorical.

4.3 Lemma. Let \mathcal{M} be a computable model of T. Then \mathcal{M} contains infinitely many S-cubes.

Proof. Assume for a contradiction that \mathcal{M} contains a finite number r of S-cubes (which may be 0). We can assume without loss of generality that the domain of \mathcal{M} is ω . Let \mathcal{M}_s be the structure obtained by restricting the domain of \mathcal{M} to $\{0, \ldots, s\}$ and the language to P_0, \ldots, P_s . Choose one element from each S-cube, say c_1, \ldots, c_r . Define a computable function $g: \omega \times \omega \to [\omega]^{<\omega} \cup \{\infty\}$ as follows.

If x > s then $g(x, s) = \emptyset$. If x is connected to some c_i in \mathcal{M}_s then $g(x, s) = \infty$. Otherwise, g(x, s) is the set of all $k \leq s$ for which there is a $y \leq s$ such that $P_k^{\mathcal{M}}(x, y)$.

Clearly, g(x, s) is computable. Also, if x belongs to some A_i -cube in \mathcal{M} then $g(x, s) \subseteq A_i$, and if $g(x, s) = \infty$ then x must belong to an S-cube. It is now easy to check that $f(x) = \lim_s g(x, s)$ is S-limitwise monotonic and $\{f(x) : f(x) \neq \infty\} = \{A_i : |A_i| < \omega\}$. But this contradicts the fact that $\{A_i : |A_i| < \omega\}$ is not S-monotonically approximable.

Since \mathcal{M}_{ω} is computable, it contains infinitely many *S*-cubes, and therefore is saturated. Other countable models of *T* have only finitely many *S*-cubes, and hence do not have computable presentations.

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