The Reducts of the Homogeneous
Binary Branching C-relation

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Abstract

Let $(\mathbb{L}; C)$ be the (up to isomorphism unique) countable homogeneous structure carrying a binary branching $C$-relation. We study the reducts of $(\mathbb{L}; C)$, i.e., the structures with domain $\mathbb{L}$ that are first-order definable in $(\mathbb{L}; C)$. We show that up to existential interdefinability, there are finitely many such reducts. This implies that there are finitely many reducts up to first-order interdefinability, thus confirming a conjecture of Simon Thomas for the special case of $(\mathbb{L}; C)$. We also study the endomorphism monoids of such reducts and show that they fall into four categories.

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1 Introduction

A structure $\Gamma$ is called homogeneous (or sometimes ultra-homogeneous in order to distinguish it from other notions of homogeneity that are used in adjacent areas of mathematics) if every isomorphism between finite substructures of $\Gamma$ can be extended to an automorphism of $\Gamma$. A large variety of classical structures in mathematics is homogeneous such as $(\mathbb{Q}; <)$, the random graph, the homogeneous universal poset, and the universal homogeneous binary branching C-relation.

If $\Gamma$ has a finite relational signature (as in the examples mentioned above), then homogeneity implies that $\Gamma$ is $\omega$-categorical, that is, every countable model of the first-order theory of $\Gamma$ is isomorphic to $\Gamma$. It is well known that reducts of $\omega$-categorical structures are again $\omega$-categorical [26]. Two reducts $\Delta_1$ and $\Delta_2$ are said to be first-order interdefinable if $\Delta_1$ is first-order definable in $\Delta_2$, and vice versa. Existential and existential positive interdefinability are defined analogously.

It turns out that several fundamental homogeneous structures with finite relational signatures have only finitely many reducts up to first-order interdefinability. This was shown for $(\mathbb{Q}; <)$ by Cameron [19] (and, independently and in somewhat different language, by Frasnay [23]), by Thomas for the random graph [38], by Bennett for the countable universal homogeneous tournament [5], by Junker and Ziegler for the expansion of $(\mathbb{Q}; <)$ by a constant [27], and by Pach, Pinsker, Pluhár, Pongrácz, and Szabó for the homogeneous universal poset [35]. Thomas has conjectured that all homogeneous structures with a finite relational signature have finitely many reducts [38].

Studying reducts of $\omega$-categorical structures has an additional motivation coming from permutation group theory. We write $S_\omega$ for the group of all permutations on a countably infinite set. The group $S_\omega$ is naturally equipped with the topology of pointwise convergence. By the fundamental theorem of Engeler, Ryll-Nardzewski, and Svenonius, the reducts of an $\omega$-categorical structure $\Gamma$ are in one-to-one correspondence with the closed subgroups of $S_\omega$ that contain the automorphism group of $\Gamma$. The automorphism groups of $\omega$-categorical structures are important and well-studied groups in permutation group theory, and classifications of reducts up to first-order interdefinability shed light on their nature. Indeed, all the classification results mentioned above make extensive use of the group-theoretic perspective on reducts.

In this article, we study the reducts of the binary branching homogeneous C-relation $(\mathbb{L}; C)$. C-relations are central for the structure theory of Jordan permutation groups [1–3,29]. They also appear frequently in model theory. For instance, there is a substantial literature on C-minimal structures which are analogous to o-minimal structures but where a C-relation plays the role of the order in an o-minimal structure [24,31]. The special C-relation $(\mathbb{L}; C)$ can be considered to be

\footnote{A first-order formula is existential if it is of the form $\exists x_1, \ldots, x_m. \psi$ where $\psi$ is quantifier-free, and existential-positive if it is existential and does not contain the negation symbol $\neg$.}
the ‘generic’ C-relation; it is one of the fundamental homogeneous structures and it can be defined in several different ways—we present two distinct definitions in Section 3.

Let us also mention that reducts of \((L; C)\) are used for modeling various computational problems studied in phylogenetic reconstruction. When \(\Gamma\) is such a structure with a finite relational signature, then the constraint satisfaction problem (CSP) for the template \(\Gamma\) is the problem to decide for a finite structure \(\Delta\) with the same signature as \(\Gamma\) whether there exists a homomorphism from \(\Delta\) to \(\Gamma\) or not. For example, the CSP for \((L; C)\) itself has been called the rooted triple consistency problem and it is known to be solvable in polynomial time by a non-trivial algorithm. Other phylogeny problems that can be modeled as CSPs for reducts of \((L; C)\) are the NP-complete quartet consistency problem and the NP-complete forbidden triples problem.

2 Results

We show that there are only three reducts of \((L; C)\) up to existential interdefinability (Corollary 3). In particular, there are only three reducts of \((L; C)\) up to first-order interdefinability. The result concerning reducts up to first-order interdefinability can also be shown with a proof based on known results on Jordan permutation groups (Section 4). However, we do not know how to obtain our stronger statement concerning reducts up to existential interdefinability using Jordan group techniques.

Our proof of Corollary 3 uses Ramsey theory for studying endomorphism monoids of reducts of \((L; C)\). More specifically, we use a Ramsey-type result for C-relations which is a special case of Miliken’s theorem (see for a short proof). We use it to show that endomorphisms of reducts of \((L; C)\) must behave canonically (in the sense of Bodirsky & Pinsker) on large parts of the domain and this enables us to perform a combinatorial analysis of the endomorphism monoids. This approach provides additional insights which we describe next.

Assume that \(\Gamma\) is a homogeneous structure with a finite relational signature whose age has the Ramsey property (all examples mentioned above are reducts of such a structure). Then, there is a general approach to analyzing reducts up to first-order interdefinability via the transformation monoids that contain \(Aut(\Gamma)\) instead of the closed permutation groups that contain \(Aut(\Gamma)\). This Ramsey-theoretic approach has been described in [13]. We write \(\omega^\omega\) for the transformation monoid of all unary functions on a countably infinite set. The monoid \(\omega^\omega\) is naturally equipped with the topology of pointwise convergence and the closed submonoids of \(\omega^\omega\) that contain \(Aut(\Gamma)\) are in one-to-one correspondence to the reducts of \(\Gamma\) considered up to existential positive interdefinability. We note that giving a complete description of the reducts up to existential positive interdefinability is usually difficult. For instance, already the structure \((\mathbb{N}; =)\) admits infinitely many such reducts. However, it is often feasible to describe all reducts up to existential interdefinability; here, the Random Graph provides a good illustration [15].

Our main result is the following.

**Theorem 1.** Let \(\Gamma\) be a reduct of \((L; C)\). Then one of the following holds.

1. \(\Gamma\) has the same endomorphisms as \((L; C)\),
2. \(\Gamma\) has a constant endomorphism,
3. \(\Gamma\) is homomorphically equivalent to a reduct of \((L; =)\), or
4. \(\Gamma\) has the same endomorphisms as \((L; Q)\).

We use this result to identify in Corollary 3 below the reducts of \((L; C)\) up to existential interdefinability. The proof of Corollary 3 is based on a connection between existential and existential positive definability on the one hand, and the endomorphisms of \(\Delta\) on the other hand.

The age of a relational structure \(\Gamma\) is the set of finite structures that are isomorphic to some substructure of \(\Gamma\).
Proposition 2 (Proposition 3.4.7 in [7]). For every $\omega$-categorical structure $\Gamma$, it holds that

- a relation $R$ has an existential positive definition in $\Gamma$ if and only if $R$ is preserved by the endomorphisms of $\Gamma$ and
- a relation $R$ has an existential definition in $\Gamma$ if and only if $R$ is preserved by the embeddings of $\Gamma$ into $\Gamma$.

Corollary 3. Let $\Gamma$ be a reduct of $(\mathbb{L}; C)$. Then $\Gamma$ is existentially interdefinable with $(\mathbb{L}; C)$, with $(\mathbb{L}; Q)$, or with $(\mathbb{L}; =)$.

Our result has important consequences for the study of CSPs for reducts of $(\mathbb{L}; C)$. To see this, note that when two structures $\Gamma$ and $\Delta$ are homomorphically equivalent, then they have the same CSP. Since the complexity of CSP($\Gamma$) has been classified for all reducts $\Gamma$ of $(\mathbb{L}; C)$, we can focus on the case when $\Gamma$ has the same endomorphisms as $(\mathbb{L}; C)$ or $(\mathbb{L}; Q)$. This kind of simplifying assumptions have proven to be extremely important in complexity classifications of CSPs: examples include Bodirsky & Kára [10] and Bodirsky & Pinsker [14].

This article is organized as follows. The structure $(\mathbb{L}; C)$ is formally defined in Section 3. We then show (in Section 4) how to classify the reducts of $(\mathbb{L}; C)$ up to first-order interdefinability by using known results about Jordan permutation groups. For the stronger classification up to existential definability, we investigate transformation monoids. The transformation monoids perspective has the advantage that we can use strong combinatorial tools from Ramsey theory and we describe this approach in Section 5. The main result is proved in Section 6.

3 Preliminaries

We will now present some important definitions and results. We begin, in Section 3.1, by providing a few preliminaries from model theory. Next, we define the universal homogeneous binary branching C-relation $(\mathbb{L}; C)$. There are several equivalent ways to do this and we consider two of them in Sections 3.2 and 3.3 respectively. The first approach is via Fréchet-amalgamation and the second approach is an axiomatic approach based on Adeleke and Neumann [3]. In Section 3.4, we also give an axiomatic treatment of an interesting reduct of $(\mathbb{L}; C)$. In Section 3.5, we continue by introducing an ordered variant of the binary branching C-relation which will be important in the later sections.

3.1 Model theory

We follow standard terminology as, for instance, used by Hodges [26]. Let $\tau$ be a relational signature and $\Gamma$ a $\tau$-structure. When $R \in \tau$, we write $R^\Gamma$ for the relation denoted by $R$ in $\Gamma$; we simply write $R$ instead of $R^\Gamma$ when the reference to $\Gamma$ is clear. Let $\Gamma_1$ and $\Gamma_2$ be two $\tau$-structures with domains $D_1$ and $D_2$, respectively, and let $f : D_1 \to D_2$ be a function. If $t = (t_1, \ldots, t_k) \in (D_1)^k$, then we write $f(t)$ for $(f(t_1), \ldots, f(t_k))$, i.e. we extend single-argument functions pointwise to sequences of arguments. We say that $f$ preserves $R$ if $f(t) \in R^\Gamma_2$ whenever $t \in R^\Gamma_1$. If $X \subseteq D_1$ and $R \in \tau$ is a $k$-ary relation, then we say that $f$ preserves $R$ on $X$ if $f(t) \in R^\Gamma_2$ whenever $t \in R^\Gamma_1 \cap X^k$. If $f$ does not preserves $R$ on $X$, then we say that $f$ violates $R$ on $X$.

A function $f : D_1 \to D_2$ is an embedding of $\Gamma_1$ into $\Gamma_2$ if $f$ is injective and has the property that for all $R \in \tau$ (where $R$ has arity $k$) and all $t \in (D_1)^k$, we have $f(t) \in R^\Gamma_2$ if and only if $t \in R^\Gamma_1$.

A substructure of a structure $\Gamma$ is a structure $\Delta$ with domain $S = D_\Delta \subseteq D_\Gamma$ and $R^\Delta = R^\Gamma \cap S^n$ for each $n$-ary $R \in \tau$; we also write $\Gamma[S]$ for $\Delta$. The intersection $\Delta$ of two $\tau$-structures $\Gamma, \Gamma'$ is the structure with domain $D_\Gamma \cap D_{\Gamma'}$ and relations $R^\Delta = R^\Gamma \cap R^{\Gamma'}$ for all $R \in \tau$; we also write $\Gamma \cap \Gamma'$ for $\Delta$. 

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Let \( \Gamma_1, \Gamma_2 \) be \( \tau \)-structures such that \( \Delta = \Gamma_1 \cap \Gamma_2 \) is a substructure of both \( \Gamma_1 \) and \( \Gamma_2 \). A \( \tau \)-structure \( \Delta' \) is an amalgam of \( \Gamma_1 \) and \( \Gamma_2 \) over \( \Delta \) if for \( i \in \{1, 2\} \) there are embeddings \( f_i \) of \( \Gamma_i \) to \( \Delta' \) such that \( f_i(a) = f_i(a) \) for all \( a \in D_\Delta \). We assume that classes of structures are closed under isomorphism. A class \( A \) of \( \tau \)-structures has the amalgamation property if for all \( \Delta, \Gamma_1, \Gamma_2 \in A \) with \( \Delta = \Gamma_1 \cap \Gamma_2 \), there is a \( \Delta' \in A \) that is an amalgam of \( \Gamma_1 \) and \( \Gamma_2 \) over \( \Delta \). A class of finite \( \tau \)-structures that has the amalgamation property, is closed under isomorphism and closed under taking substructures is called an amalgamation class.

A relational structure \( \Gamma \) is called homogeneous if all isomorphisms between finite substructures can be extended to automorphisms of \( \Gamma \). The following basic result is known as Fraïssé’s theorem.

**Theorem 4** (see Theorem 6.1.2 in Hodges [26]). Let \( A \) be an amalgamation class with countably many non-isomorphic members. Then there is a countably infinite homogeneous \( \tau \)-structure \( \Gamma \) such that \( A \) is the class of structures that embeds into \( \Gamma \). The structure \( \Gamma \), which is unique up to isomorphism, is called the Fraïssé-limit of \( A \).

### 3.2 The structure \((L; C)\): Fraïssé-amalgamation

We will now define the structure \((L; C)\) as the Fraïssé-limit of an appropriate amalgamation class. We begin by giving some standard terminology concerning rooted trees. Throughout this article, a tree is a simple, undirected, acyclic, and connected graph. A rooted tree is a tree \( T \) together with a distinguished vertex \( r \) which is called the root of \( T \). The vertices of \( T \) are denoted by \( V(T) \). The leaves \( L(T) \) of a rooted tree \( T \) are the vertices of degree one that are distinct from the root \( r \).

For \( u, v \in V(T) \), we say that \( u \) lies below \( v \) if the path from \( u \) to \( v \) passes through \( v \). We say that \( u \) lies strictly below \( v \) if \( u \) lies below \( v \) and \( u \neq v \). All trees in this article will be rooted and binary, i.e., all vertices except for the root have either degree 3 or 1, and the root has either degree 2 or 0. A subtree of \( T \) is a tree \( T' \) with \( V(T') \subseteq V(T) \) and \( L(T') \subseteq L(T) \). If the root of \( T' \) is different from the root of \( T \), the subtree is called proper subtree. The youngest common ancestor (yca) of a non-empty finite set of vertices \( S \subseteq V(T) \) is the (unique) node \( w \) that lies above all vertices in \( S \) and has maximal distance from \( r \).

**Definition 5.** The leaf structure of a binary rooted tree \( T \) is the relational structure \((L(T); C)\) where \( C(a, bc) \) holds in \( C \) if and only if yca\((\{a, b, c\}) \) lies strictly below yca\((\{a, b, c\}) \) in \( T \). We call \( T \) the underlying tree of the leaf structure.

The slightly non-standard way of writing the arguments of the relation \( C \) has certain advantages that will be apparent in forthcoming sections.

**Definition 6.** For finite non-empty \( S_1, S_2 \subseteq L(T) \), we write \( S_1 \upharpoonright S_2 \) if neither of yca\((S_1) \) and yca\((S_2) \) lies below the other. For sequences of (not necessarily distinct) vertices \( x_1, \ldots, x_n \) and \( y_1, \ldots, y_m \), we write \( x_1, \ldots, x_n|y_1, \ldots, y_m \) if \( \{x_1, \ldots, x_n\} \cap \{y_1, \ldots, y_m\} \).

In particular, \( x_1|z \) (which is the notation that is typically used in the literature on phylogeny problems) is equivalent to \( C(z, x_1) \); it will be very convenient to have both notations available. Note that if \( x_1|z \) then this includes the possibility that \( x = y \); however, \( x_1|z \) implies that \( x \neq z \) and \( y \neq y \). Hence, for every triple \( x, y, z \) of leaves in a rooted binary tree, we either have \( x_1|z \), \( y_1|z, y_1|x, y_1|y \), or \( x = y = z \). Also note that \( x_1, \ldots, x_i|y_1, \ldots, y_m \) if and only if \( x_1, x_j|y_k \) and \( x_i|y_l \) for all \( i, j \leq n \) and \( k, l \leq m \). The following result is known but we have been unable to find an explicit proof in the literature. Hence, we give a proof for the convenience of the reader.

**Proposition 7.** The class \( \mathcal{C} \) of all finite leaf structures is an amalgamation class.

**Proof.** Arbitrarily choose \( B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{C} \) such that \( A = B_1 \cap B_2 \) is a substructure of both \( B_1 \) and \( B_2 \). We inductively assume that the statement has been shown for all triples \( (A, B_1', B_2') \) where \( D(B_1') \cup D(B_2') \) is a proper subset of \( D(B_1) \cup D(B_2) \).

Let \( T_1 \) be the rooted binary tree underlying \( B_1 \) and \( T_2 \) the rooted binary tree underlying \( B_2 \). Let \( B_1' \in \mathcal{C} \) be the substructure of \( B_1 \) induced by the vertices below the left child of \( T_1 \) and \( B_2' \in \mathcal{C} \) the substructure of \( B_2 \) induced by the vertices below the right child of \( T_2 \).
be the substructure of $B_1$ induced by the vertices below the right child of $T_1$. The structures $B_1^1$ and $B_2^1$ are defined analogously for $B_2$.

First consider the case when there is a vertex $u$ that lies in both $B_1^1$ and $B_2^1$ and a vertex $v$ that lies in both $B_1^2$ and $B_2^2$. We claim that in this case no vertex $w$ from $B_2^2$ can lie inside $B_1$. Assume the contrary and note that $w$ is either in $B_1^1$, in which case we have $uw\in T_1$, or in $B_1^2$, in which case we have $u\mid vw$ in $B_1$. But since $u, v, w$ are in $A$, this contradicts the fact that $uw\mid w$ holds in $B_2$. Let $C' \subseteq \mathcal{C}$ be the amalgam of $B_1$ and $B_2^1$ over $A$ (which exists by the inductive assumption) and let $T'$ be its underlying tree. Consider a tree $T$ with root $r$, $T'$ as its left subtree, and the underlying tree of $B_2^2$ as its right subtree. It is straightforward to verify that the leaf structure of $T$ is in $\mathcal{C}$ and that it is an amalgam of $B_1$ and $B_2$ over $A$.

The above argument can also be applied to the cases where the role of $B_1$ and $B_2$, or the role of $B_1^1$ with $B_1^2$, or the role of $B_2^1$ with $B_2^2$ are exchanged. Hence, the only remaining essentially different case we have to consider is when $D(B_1^1) \cup D(B_1^2)$ and $D(B_2^1) \cup D(B_2^2)$ are disjoint. In this case, it is straightforward to first amalgamate $B_1^1$ with $B_2^2$ and $B_1^2$ with $B_2^2$ to obtain the amalgam of $B_1$ and $B_2$; the details are left to the reader. \[\Box\]

We write $(L; C)$ for the Fraïssé-limit of $\mathcal{C}$. Obvious reducts of $(L; C)$ are $(L; C)$ itself and $(L; \vDash)$. To define a third reduct, consider the 4-ary relation $Q(xy, uv)$ with the following first-order definition over $(L; C)$:

$$(xy|u \land xy|v) \lor (x|uv \land y|uv)$$

This relation is often referred to as the quartet relation.

### 3.3 The structure $(L; C)$: an axiomatic approach

The structure $(L; C)$ that we defined in Section 3.2 is an important example of a so-called $C$-relation. This concept was introduced by Adeleke & Neumann [3] and we closely follow their definitions in the following. A ternary relation $C \subseteq X^3$ is said to be a $C$-relation on $X$ if the following hold:

- **C1.** $\forall a, b, c \ (C(a, bc) \Rightarrow C(a, cb))$
- **C2.** $\forall a, b, c \ (C(a, bc) \Rightarrow \neg C(b, ac))$
- **C3.** $\forall a, b, c, d \ (C(a, bc) \Rightarrow C(a, dc) \lor C(d, bc))$
- **C4.** $\forall a, b \ (a \neq b \Rightarrow C(a, b, b))$

A $C$-relation is called **proper** if it satisfies two further properties:

- **C5.** $\forall a, b \exists c \ (C(c, ab))$
- **C6.** $\forall a, b \ (a \neq b \Rightarrow \exists c (c \neq b \land C(a, bc)))$

These six axioms do not describe the Fraïssé-limit $(L; C)$ up to isomorphism. To completely axiomatize the theory of $(L; C)$, we need two more axioms.

- **C7.** $\forall a, b, c \ (C(c, ab) \Rightarrow \exists e \ (C(c, eb) \land C(e, ab)))$
- **C8.** $\forall a, b, c \ ((a \neq b \land a \neq c \land b \neq c) \Rightarrow (C(a, bc) \lor C(b, ac) \lor C(c, ab)))$

$C$-relations that satisfy C7 are called **dense** and $C$-relations that satisfy C8 are called **binary branching**. We will now prove (in Lemma 11) that if $\Gamma$ is a countable structure with signature $\{C\}$ satisfying C1-C8, then $\Gamma$ is isomorphic to $(L; C)$. To do so, we need a number of observations (Lemmas 8, 9, and 10).

The following consequences of C1-C8 are used in the proofs without further notice.
Lemma 8 (C-consequences). Let $C$ denote a $C$-relation. Then

1. $\forall x, y, z, t. (C(x, yz) \land C(x, yt)) \Rightarrow C(x, zt)$,
2. $\forall x, y, z, t. (C(x, zt) \land C(z, xy)) \Rightarrow (C(t, xy) \land C(y, zt))$, and
3. $\forall x, y, z, t. (C(x, zy) \land C(y, xt)) \Rightarrow (C(z, yt) \land C(z, xt))$.

Proof. We prove the first consequence. The others can be shown analogously. Assume to the contrary that $C(x, zt)$ does not hold. By applying C3 to $x, y, z, t$, we get that $C(t, yz)$ and C2 implies that $C(z, yt)$ does not hold. By applying C3 to $x, y, t, z$, it follows that $C(x, zt)$ holds and we have a contradiction. \qed

For two subsets $Y, Z$ of $X$, we write $C(Y, Z)$ if

1. $C(y, z_1, z_2)$ for arbitrary $y \in Y$ and $z_1, z_2 \in Z$, and
2. $C(z, y_1, y_2)$ for arbitrary $y_1, y_2 \in Y$ and $z \in Z$.

Lemma 9. Let $C$ be a ternary relation on a countably infinite set $X$ that satisfies C1-C8. Then for every finite subset $Y$ of $X$ of size at least 2 there are two non-empty subsets $A, B$ of $Y$ such that $A \cup B = Y$ and $C(A, B)$.

Proof. We prove the lemma by induction on $|Y|$. Clearly, the claim holds if $|Y| = 2$ so we assume that the lemma holds when $|Y| = k - 1$ for some $k > 2$. Henceforth, assume $|Y| = k$. Arbitrarily choose $y \in Y$ and let $Y' = Y \setminus \{y\}$. By the induction hypothesis, there are two non-empty subsets $A', B'$ of $Y'$ such that $A' \cup B' = Y'$ and $C(A', B')$. Pick $a' \in A'$ and $b' \in B'$. One of the following holds.

- $C(y, a'b')$. Arbitrarily choose $c, d \in Y'$. We show that $C(y, cd)$ holds. If $c, d \in A'$, then we have $C(y, a'b'), C(b', a'c'), and C(b', a'd')$. It follows immediately from Lemma 8 that $C(y, cd)$. Analogously, $C(y, cd)$ holds if $c, d \in B'$. It remains to consider the case $c \in A', d \in B'$. Here, we have $C(y, a'b'), C(b', a'c') and C(a', b'd')$. Once again, it follows from Lemma 8 that $C(y, cd)$ holds.

- $C(b', y'a')$. We first show that for arbitrary $a'' \in A'$ and $b'' \in B'$, we have $C(b', a''y')$. This follows from Lemma 8 and the fact that $C(b', a'y'), C(b', a'a''), and C(a', b''b'')$ hold. We can now show that for arbitrary $b', b'' \in B'$, we have that $C(y, b'b'')$ holds. This follows from Lemma 8 and the fact that $C(b', a'y'), C(a', b'b'')$, and $C(a', b'b'')$ hold. This implies that $C(A' \cup \{y\}, B')$ and we have proved the induction step by setting $A = A' \cup \{y\}$ and $B = B'$. \qed

- $C(a', yb')$. This case can be proved analogously to the previous case: we get that $A = A'$ and $B = B' \cup \{y\}$.

The case distinction is exhaustive because of C8. \qed

We would like to point out an important property of maps that preserve $C$.

Lemma 10. Let $e : X \to L$ for $X \subseteq \mathbb{L}$ be a function that preserves $C$. Then $e$ is injective and preserves the relation $\{ t \in \mathbb{L}^2 : t \not\in C \}$.

Proof. Clearly, $e$ preserves the binary relation $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{L}^2 : x \neq y\} = \{x, y : \exists z. C(x, y, z)\}$ and $e$ is injective. Arbitrarily choose $u_1, u_2, u_3 \in \mathbb{L}$ such that $u_1 | u_2 u_3$ does not hold. If $\{|u_1, u_2, u_3| = 1\text{ then } e(u_1) | e(u_2) e(u_3) \text{ does not hold and there is nothing to show. If } |u_1, u_2, u_3| = 2 \text{ then by C4 either } u_1 = u_2 \text{ or } u_1 = u_3, \text{ and } e(u_1) | e(u_2) e(u_3) \text{ does not hold.}\}$ We have either $u_2 | u_1 u_3$, or $u_3 | u_1 u_2$. It follows that $e(u_2) | e(u_1) e(u_3)$ or $e(u_3) | e(u_1) e(u_2)$. In both cases, $e(u_1) | e(u_2) e(u_3)$ does not hold by C2. \qed

We will typically use the contrapositive version of Lemmas 10 in the sequel. For functions $e$ that preserve $Q$ this allows us to draw the conclusion $ab : cd$ under the assumption $e(a) e(b) : e(c) e(d)$. 

Lemma 11. Let $\Gamma$ be a countable structure with signature $\{C\}$ that satisfies C1-C8. Then $\Gamma$ is isomorphic to $(L;C)$.

Proof. It is straightforward (albeit a bit tedious) to show that $(L;C)$ satisfies C1-C8. It then remains to show that if $\Gamma_1$ and $\Gamma_2$ are two countably infinite $\{C\}$-structures that satisfy C1-C8, then the two structures are isomorphic. This can be shown by a back-and-forth argument based on the following claim.

Claim: Let $A$ be a non-empty finite subset of $X_1$ and let $f$ denote a map from $A$ to $X_2$ that preserves $C$. Then for every $a \in X_1$, the map $f$ can be extended to a map $g$ from $A \cup \{a\}$ to $X_2$ that preserves $C$.

It follows from Lemma 10 that $f$ also preserves $\{(x,y,z) : ¬C(x,yz)\}$. We prove the claim by induction on $|A|$. Clearly, we are done if $a \in A$ or $|A| = 1$. Hence, assume that $a \notin A$ and $|A| \geq 2$.

Let $A_1, A_2$ be subsets of $A$ such that $A_1 \cup A_2 = A$ and $C(A_1, A_2)$, which exist due to Lemma 9. Note that $C(f(A_1), f(A_2))$ holds in $(X_2;C)$. Pick $a_1 \in A_1$ and $a_2 \in A_2$. We construct the map $g$ in each of the following three cases.

- **$C(a,a_1 a_2)$.** We claim that $C(\{a\}, A)$ holds. Arbitrarily choose $u,v \in A$. Then either $C(ua_1, a_2)$ or $C(a_1, a_2 u)$ by the choice of $a_1$ and $a_2$. Similarly, either $C(va_1, a_2)$ or $C(a_1, a_2 v)$. So there are four cases to consider; we only treat the case $C(ua_1, a_2)$ and $C(a_1, va_2)$ since the other cases are similar or easier. Now, $C(ua_1, a_2)$ and $C(a_1 a_2, a)$ imply that $C(a, ua_1)$ by item 3 of Lemma 8. Similarly, we have $C(a, va_2)$. Now $C(a_1 a_2, a)$ and two applications of item 1 of Lemma 8 give $C(u,a), a)$, which proves the claim.

It follows from C5 that there exists an $a' \in X_2$ such that $C(a', f(a_1) f(a_2))$. Once again, we obtain $C(\{a'\}, f(A))$ as a consequence of Lemma 9. This implies that the map $g: A \cup \{a\} \to X_2$, defined by $g|_A = f$ and $g(a) = a'$, preserves $C$.

- **$C(a_1, aa_1)$.** It follows from Lemma 9 that $C(\{a\} \cup A, A_1, A_2)$ holds. We consider the following cases.

  $|A_1| = 1$. There exists $a' \in X_2$ such that $C(f(a_2), a' f(a_1))$ by C6, and Lemma 8 implies that $C(\{f(a_1), a'\}, f(A_2))$ holds. Since we also have $C(\{a, a_1\}, A_2)$, the map $g: A \cup \{a\} \to X_2$ defined by $g|_A = f$ and $g(a) = a'$, preserves C.

  $|A_2| = 1$. This case can be treated analogously to the previous case.

  $|A_1| \geq 2$ and $|A_2| \geq 2$. Let $B_1, B_2$ be non-empty such that $C(B_1, B_2)$ and $A_1 = B_1 \cup B_2$. Arbitrarily choose $b_1 \in B_1$, $b_2 \in B_2$. The following cases are exhaustive by C8.

    - $C(b_2, b_1 a_2)$. It is a direct consequence of C7 that there exists an $a' \in X_2$ such that both $C(\{b_2\}, \{f(b_1), f(b_2), a'\})$ and $C(a', f(b_1) f(b_2))$ hold. Furthermore, Lemma 8 implies that $C(\{a, A\}, C(\{b_2\} \cup A_1, A_2), C(\{a'\}, f(A_1)), C(\{a'\} \cup f(A_1), f(A_2))$. Hence, the map $g: A \cup \{a\} \to X_2$, defined by $g|_A = f$ and $g(a) = a'$, preserves $C$.

    - $C(b_2, ab_1)$. By assumption we know that $|A_2| \geq 2$, and since $A_1 \cup A_2 = A$ it follows that $|A_1 \cup \{a\}| < |A|$. Hence, by the induction hypothesis there exists a map $h: A_1 \cup \{a\} \to X_2$ such that $h|_{A_1} = f|_{A_1}$ and $h$ preserves $C$ on $A_1 \cup \{a\}$. Since $h$ preserves $C$ on $A_1 \cup \{a\}$, we see that $C(h(b_2), h(a) h(b_1))$, and consequently that $C(f(b_2), h(a) f(b_1))$ holds. Since both $C(A_1, A_2)$ and $C(f(A_1), f(A_2))$ hold, it follows from Lemma 8 that $C(\{a\} \cup A_1, A_2)$ and $C(\{h(a)\} \cup f(A_1), f(A_2))$ hold. This implies that the map $g: A \cup \{a\} \to X_2$, defined by $g|_{A_1 \cup \{a\}} = h$, $g|_{A_2} = f|_{A_2}$, preserves $C$.

    - $C(b_1, ab_2)$. The proof is analogous to the case above.

- **$C(a_1, a a_2)$.** The proof is analogous to the case when $C(a_2, a a_1)$.

The case distinction is exhaustive because of C8.
3.4 The reduct \((\mathbb{L}; Q)\)

The reduct \((\mathbb{L}; Q)\) of \((\mathbb{L}; C)\) can be treated axiomatically, too. A 4-ary relation \(D\) is said to be a \(D\)-relation on \(X\) if the following conditions hold:

\begin{align*}
D1. \; & \forall a, b, c, d \,(D(ab, cd) \Rightarrow D(ba, cd) \land D(ab, dc) \land D(cd, ab)) \\
D2. \; & \forall a, b, c, d \,(D(ab, cd) \Rightarrow \neg D(ac, bd)) \\
D3. \; & \forall a, b, c, d, e \,(D(ab, cd) \Rightarrow D(eb, cd) \lor D(ab, ce)) \\
D4. \; & \forall a, b, c \,((a \neq c \land b \neq c) \Rightarrow D(ab, cc))
\end{align*}

A D-relation is called proper if it additionally satisfies the following condition:

\begin{align*}
D5. \; & \text{For pairwise distinct } a, b, c \text{ there is } d \in X \setminus \{a, b, c\} \text{ with } D(ab, cd).
\end{align*}

As with \((\mathbb{L}; C)\), it is possible to axiomatize the theory of \((\mathbb{L}; Q)\) by adding finitely many axioms.

\begin{align*}
D6. \; & \forall a, b, c \,(D(ab, cd) \Rightarrow \exists e \,(D(eb, cd) \land D(ab, cd) \land D(ab, ed) \land D(ab, ec))) \\
D7. \; & \forall a, b, c, d \, (|\{a, b, c, d\}| \geq 3 \Rightarrow (D(ab, cd) \lor D(ac, bd) \lor D(ad, bc)))
\end{align*}

D-relations satisfying \(D6\) are called dense, and D-relations satisfying \(D7\) are called binary branching.

We will continue by proving that if two countable structures with signature \(\{D\}\) satisfy \(D1-D7\), then they are isomorphic. For increased readability, we write \(D(xyz, uv)\) when \(D(xyz, uv) \land D(xy, vz) \land D(yz, uv)\), and we write \(D(xy, zuv)\) when \(D(xy, zuv) \land D(xy, vz) \land D(yz, uv)\). One may note, for instance, that \(D(xy, zuv)\) is equivalent to \(D(xy, uvz)\).

**Lemma 12** (D-consequences). If \(D\) is a D-relation, then

\begin{itemize}
\item \(\forall x, y, z, u, v ((D(xy, zu) \land D(xy, zv)) \Rightarrow D(xy, uv))\), and
\item \(\forall x, y, z, u, v (D(xy, zu) \Rightarrow (D(xyv, zu) \lor D(xy, zuv)))\).
\end{itemize}

**Proof.** We prove the first item. By applying \(D1\) and \(D3\) to \(D(xy, zu) \land D(xy, zv)\), we get that

\[(D(yv, uz) \lor D(xy, uv)) \land (D(yu, vz) \lor D(xy, uv)).\]

If \(D(xy, uv)\) does not hold, then \(D(yv, uz) \land D(yu, vz)\) must hold. However, this immediately leads to a contradiction via \(D2\): \(D(yu, vz) \Rightarrow \neg D(yv, uz)\).

To prove the second item, assume that \(D(xy, zu)\) holds and arbitrarily choose \(v\). By \(D3\), we have \(D(vy, zu) \lor D(xy, zv)\). Assume that \(D(vy, zu)\) holds; the other case can be proved in a similar way. By definition \(D(xyv, zu)\) if and only if \(D(xy, zu) \land D(xy, zv) \land D(yv, zu)\). We know that \(D(xy, zu)\) holds and that \(D(xy, zv)\) implies \(D(yv, zu)\) via \(D1\). It remains to show that \(D(xy, zv)\) holds, too. By once again applying \(D1\), we see that \(D(zu, yx) \land D(zu, yv)\). It follows that \(D(zu, xv)\) holds by the claim above and we conclude that \(D(xy, zv)\) holds by \(D1\). \(\square\)

**Lemma 13.** Let \(e: X \rightarrow \mathbb{L}\) for \(X \subseteq \mathbb{L}\) be a function that preserves \(Q\). Then \(e\) is injective and preserves the relation \(\{q \in \mathbb{L}^4 : q \notin Q\}\).

**Proof.** The proof is very similar to the proof of Lemma \([\text{10}]\) and is left to the reader. \(\square\)

**Lemma 14.** Let \(D\) be a 4-ary relation on a countably infinite set \(X\) that satisfies \(D1-D7\). Then \((X; D)\) is isomorphic to \((\mathbb{L}; Q)\), and homogeneous.

The proof of Lemma \([\text{14}]\) is based on Lemma \([\text{11}]\) and the basic idea comes from the construction of the function \text{rer} in Section \([\text{4}]\).
Proof. It is straightforward to verify that \((L; Q)\) satisfies D1-D7. Let \((X_1; D)\) and \((X_2; D)\) be two countably infinite sets that satisfy D1-D7, let \(Y_1\) be a finite subset of \(X_1\), and \(\alpha\) and embedding of the structure induced by \(Y_1\) in \((X_2; D)\) into \((X_2; D)\). We will show that \(\alpha\) can be extended to an isomorphism between \((X_1; D)\) and \((X_2, D)\). This can be applied to \((X_1; D) = (X_2; D) = (L; Q)\) and hence also shows homogeneity of \((L; Q)\).

Arbitrarily choose \(c \in Y_1\). We define a relation \(C\) on \(X_1 := X_1 \setminus \{c\}\) as follows: for every \((x, y, z) \in (X_1)^3\), let \((x, y, z) \in C\) if and only if \(D(cx, yz)\) holds. Similarly, we define a relation \(C\) on \(X_2 := X_2 \setminus \{\alpha(c)\}\) as follows: for every \((x, y, z) \in (X_1)^3\), let \((x, y, z) \in C\) if and only if \(D(\alpha(c)x, yz)\) holds.

One can verify that both \((X_1; C)\) and \((X_2; C)\) satisfy C1-C8. It follows from Lemma 11 that \((X_1; C)\) and \((X_2; C)\) are isomorphic to \((L; C)\), and it follows from homogeneity of \((L; C)\) that the restriction of \(\alpha\) to \(X_1 \setminus \{c\}\) can be extended to an isomorphism \(\alpha'\) between \((X_1; C)\) and \((X_2; C)\).

We conclude the proof by showing that the map \(\beta: X_1 \to X_2\), defined by \(\beta(c) := \alpha(c)\) and \(\beta[x_1] = \alpha'\), is an isomorphism between \((X_1; D)\) and \((X_2; D)\). Arbitrarily choose \(x, y, u, v \in X_1\) satisfying \(D(xy, uv)\). By Lemma 13 it is sufficient to show that \(D(\beta(x)y, \beta(u)v)\). Clearly, we are done if \(x, y, u, v\) are not pairwise distinct, or if \(c \in \{x, y, u, v\}\), so assume otherwise. By Lemma 12 we have \(D(xyc_1, uv)\) or \(D(xy, c_1uv)\). In the former case, it follows from the definition of \(C\) on \(X_1\) and \(X_2\) that \(D(\alpha(x)c_1, \alpha(u)v)\) and \(D(\alpha(y)c_1, \alpha(u)v)\). Lemma 12 implies that \(D(\alpha(x)c_1, \alpha(u)v)\), which is equivalent to \(D(\beta(x)y, \beta(u)v)\). The case that \(D(xy, c_1uv)\) can be shown analogously to the previous case.

\(\square\)

3.5 Convex orderings of \(C\)-relations

In the proof of our main result, it will be useful to work with an expansion \((L; C, \prec)\) of \((L; C)\) by a certain linear order \(\prec\) on \(L\). We will next describe how this linear order is defined as a Fraïssé-limit. A linear order \(\prec\) on the elements of a leaf structure \((L; C)\) is called convex if for all \(x, y, z \in L\) with \(x \prec y \prec z\) we have that either \(xy|z\) or that \(x|yz\) (but not \(xz|y\)).

Proposition 15. Let \((L(T); C)\) be the leaf structure of a finite binary rooted tree \(T\) and arbitrarily choose \(a \in L(T)\). Then there exists a convex linear order \(\prec\) of \(L(T)\) whose maximal element is \(a\). In particular, every leaf structure can be expanded to a convexly ordered leaf structure.

Proof. Perform a depth-first search of \(T\), starting at the root, such that vertices that lie above \(a\) in \(T\) are explored latest possible during the search. Let \(\prec\) be the order on \(L(T)\) in which the vertices have been visited during the search. Clearly, \(\prec\) is convex and \(a\) is its largest element.

\(\square\)

Proposition 16. The class \(\mathcal{C}'\) of all finite convexly ordered leaf structures is an amalgamation class and its Fraïssé-limit is isomorphic to an expansion \((L; C, \prec)\) of \((L; C)\) by a convex linear ordering \(\prec\). The structure \((L; C, \prec)\) is described uniquely up to isomorphism by the axioms C1-C8 and by the fact that \(\prec\) is a dense and unbounded linear order which is convex with respect to \((L; C)\).

Proof. The proof that \(\mathcal{C}'\) is an amalgamation class is similar to the proof of Proposition 7. The Fraïssé-limit of \(\mathcal{C}'\) clearly satisfies C1-C8, it is equipped with a convex linear order, and all countable structures with these properties are in fact isomorphic; this can be shown by a back-and-forth argument. By Lemma 11 the structure obtained by forgetting the order is isomorphic to \((L; C)\) and the statement follows.

By the classical result of Cantor [21], all countable dense unbounded linear orders are isomorphic to \((\mathbb{Q}; \prec)\), and hence Proposition 16 implies that \((L; \prec)\) is isomorphic to \((\mathbb{Q}; \prec)\).

4 Automorphism groups of reducts

We will now show that the structure \((L; C)\) has precisely three reducts up to first-order interdefinability. Our proof uses a result by Adeleke and Neumann [2] about primitive permutation groups with primitive Jordan sets. The link between reducts of \((L; C)\) and permutation groups is given
by the theorem of Engeler, Ryll-Nardzewski, and Svenonius, which we briefly recall in Section 4.1. We begin presenting our proof in Section 4.2 by showing that the automorphism group of \((L; Q)\) (which is a reduct of \((L; C)\)) is distinct from the automorphism group of \((L; C)\). We continue in Section 4.3 by presenting some important lemmata about functions that preserve \(Q\) but violate \(C\). With these results in place, we finally prove the main result of this section in Section 4.4.

### 4.1 Permutation group preliminaries

Our proof will utilize links between homogeneity, \(\omega\)-categoricity, and permutation groups so we begin by discussing these central concepts. A structure \(\Gamma\) is \(\omega\)-categorical if all countable structures that satisfy the same first-order sentences as \(\Gamma\) are isomorphic (see e.g. Cameron [20] or Hodges [26]). Homogeneous structures with finite relational signatures are \(\omega\)-categorical, so the structure \((L; C)\) is \(\omega\)-categorical. Moreover, all structures with a first-order definition in an \(\omega\)-categorical structure are \(\omega\)-categorical (see again Hodges [26]). This implies, for instance, that \((L; Q)\) is \(\omega\)-categorical.

The fundamental theorem by Engeler, Ryll-Nardzewski, and Svenonius is a characterization of \(\omega\)-categoricity in terms of permutation groups. When \(G\) is a permutation group on a set \(X\), then the orbit of a \(k\)-tuple \(t\) is the set \(\{\alpha(t) \mid \alpha \in G\}\). We see that homogeneity of \((L; C)\) implies that \(\text{Aut}(L; C)\) has precisely three orbits of \(k\)-tuples with pairwise distinct entries; an illustration of these orbits can be found in Figure 1. We now state the Engeler-Ryll-Nardzewski-Svenonius theorem and its proof can be found in, for instance, Hodges [26].

**Theorem 17.** A countable relational structure \(\Gamma\) is \(\omega\)-categorical if and only if the automorphism group of \(\Gamma\) is oligomorphic, that is, if for each \(k \geq 1\) there are finitely many orbits of \(k\)-tuples under \(\text{Aut}(\Gamma)\). A relation \(R\) has a first-order definition in an \(\omega\)-categorical structure \(\Gamma\) if and only if \(R\) is preserved by all automorphisms of \(\Gamma\).

This theorem implies that a structure \((L; R_1, R_2, \ldots)\) is first-order definable in \((L; C)\) if and only if its automorphism group contains the automorphisms of \((L; C)\).

Automorphism groups \(G\) of relational structures carry a natural topology, namely the topology of pointwise convergence. Whenever we refer to topological properties of groups it will be with respect to this topology. To define this topology, we begin by giving the domain \(X\) of the relational structure the discrete topology. We then view \(G\) as a subspace of the Baire space \(X^X\) which carries the product topology; see e.g. Cameron [20]. The closure of a set of permutations \(P\) is the smallest closed set of permutations that contains \(P\) and it will be denoted by \(\overline{P}\). Note that \(P\) equals the set of all permutations \(f\) such that for every finite subset \(A\) of the domain there is a \(g \in P\) such that \(f(a) = g(a)\) for all \(a \in A\).

We write \(\langle P \rangle\) for the smallest permutation group that contains a given set of permutations \(P\). Note that the smallest closed permutation group that contains a set of permutations \(P\) equals \(\overline{\langle P \rangle}\). It is known that a set of permutations \(G\) on a set \(X\) is a closed subgroup of the group of all permutations of \(X\) if and only if \(G\) is the automorphism group of a relational structure [20].

We need some terminology from permutation group theory and we mostly follow Bhattacharjee et al. [6]. A permutation group \(G\) on a set \(X\) is called

- **\(k\)-transitive** if for any two sequences \(a_1, \ldots, a_k\) and \(b_1, \ldots, b_k\) of \(k\) distinct points of \(X\) there exists an \(g\) in \(G\) such that \(g(a_i) = b_i\) for all \(1 \leq i \leq k\),

Figure 1: Illustration of the 3 orbits of triples \((a, b, c)\) with pairwise distinct entries of \(\text{Aut}(L; C)\).
• transitive if \( G \) is 1-transitive,
• highly transitive if it is \( k \)-transitive for all natural numbers \( k \),
• primitive if it is transitive and all equivalence relations that are preserved by all operations in \( G \) are either the equivalence relation with one equivalence class or the equivalence relation with equivalence classes of size one.

The following simple fact illustrates the link between model theoretic and permutation group theoretic concepts.

**Proposition 18** (Bodirsky et al. [8]). For an automorphism group \( G \) of a relational structure \( \Gamma \) with domain \( D \), the following are equivalent.

• \( G \) is highly transitive
• \( G \) equals the set of all permutations of \( D \)
• \( \Gamma \) is a reduct of \( (D;=) \).

The pointwise stabilizer at \( Y \subset X \) of a permutation group \( G \) on \( X \) is the permutation group on \( X \) consisting of all permutations \( \alpha \in G \) such that \( \alpha(y) = y \) for all \( y \in Y \). A subset \( X' \) of \( X \) is said to be a Jordan set (for \( G \) in \( X \)) if \( |X'| > 1 \) and the pointwise stabilizer \( H \) of \( G \) at \( X \setminus X' \) is transitive on \( X' \).

If the group \( G \) is \((k + 1)\)-transitive and \( X' \) is any co-finite subset with \( |X \setminus X'| = k \), then \( X' \) is automatically a Jordan set. Such Jordan sets will be said to be improper while all other will be called proper. We say that the Jordan set \( X' \) is \( k \)-transitive if the pointwise stabilizer \( H \) is \( k \)-transitive on \( X' \). The permutation group \( G \) on the set \( X \) is said to be a Jordan group if there exists a proper Jordan set for \( G \) in \( X \). The main result that we will use in Section 4.4 is the following.

**Theorem 19** (Note 7.1 in Adeleke and Neumann [2]). If \( G \) is primitive and has 2-transitive proper Jordan sets, then \( G \) is either highly transitive or it preserves a \( C \)- or \( D \)-relation on \( X \).

Note that \( \text{Aut}(L; C) \) is 2-transitive by homogeneity and that 2-transitivity implies primitivity. The following proposition shows that Theorem 19 applies in our setting.

**Proposition 20.** For two arbitrary distinct elements \( a, b \in L \), the set \( S := \{x \in L : ax|b\} \) is a proper primitive Jordan set of \( \text{Aut}(L; C) \).

**Proof.** The pointwise stabilizer of \( \text{Aut}(L; C) \) at \( L \setminus S \) acts 2-transitively on \( S \); this can be shown via a simple back-and-forth argument. \( \square \)

### 4.2 Separating \( \text{Aut}(L; Q) \) and \( \text{Aut}(L; C) \)

It is clear that \( \text{Aut}(L; C) \) and \( \text{Aut}(L; Q) \) are distinct from \( \text{Aut}(L; =) \) while it is not immediately obvious that \( \text{Aut}(L; C) \) and \( \text{Aut}(L; Q) \) differs. In the following we show that \( \text{Aut}(L; C) \) is distinct from \( \text{Aut}(L; Q) \) by constructing an automorphism of \((L; Q)\) that violates \( C \). We first prove some preparatory lemmata.

**Lemma 21.** Arbitrarily choose \( c \in L \), let \( L' := L \setminus \{c\} \), and let \( C' \) be the relation \( \{(x, y, z) \in (L')^3 : Q(xy, zc)\} \). Then, the structure \((L'; C')\) is isomorphic to \((L; C)\).

**Proof.** We can verify that \( C' \) satisfies C1-C8 as follows. The conditions C4 follows from D4 for \( i \in \{1, \ldots, 5\} \), C6 follows from D5, C7 follows from D6, and C8 follows from D7. To exemplify, we will show how C6 follows from D5 (the remaining cases can be shown analogously). Let \( x, y \) be two distinct elements in \( L' \). By applying D5 to \( Q \) and the three elements \( c, x, y \), it follows that there exists a \( z \in L' \setminus \{x, y\} \) such that \( Q(cx, yz) \). We conclude that \( C'(x, yz) \) holds. \( \square \)

The following notation will be convenient in the following.
Definition 22. We write \( x_1, \ldots, x_n : y_1, \ldots, y_m \) if \( Q(x_ix_j, y_iky_l) \) for all \( i, j \leq n \) and \( k, l \leq m \).

Lemma 23. Arbitrarily choose \( X \subseteq \mathbb{L} \) and \( c \in X \). If \( f: \mathbb{L} \to \mathbb{L} \) preserves \( Q \) on every 4-element subset of \( X \) that contains \( c \), then \( f \) preserves \( Q \) on all of \( X \).

Proof. Let \( a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4 \in X \) be such that \( a_1a_2 : a_3a_4 \). We show \( f(a_1)f(a_2) : f(a_3)f(a_4) \). It is easy to see that this holds if \( a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4 \) are not pairwise distinct and it holds by assumption when \( c \in \{a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4\} \). Suppose that this is not the case. Then \( a_1a_2c : a_3a_4 \) or \( a_1a_2c : a_3a_4 \). The latter case can be treated analogously to the former so we assume that \( a_1a_2c : a_3a_4 \). In particular, \( a_1c : a_3a_4 \) and \( a_2c : a_3a_4 \) so \( f(a_1)f(c) : f(a_3)f(a_4) \) and \( f(a_2)f(c) : f(a_3)f(a_4) \). Therefore, \( f(a_1)f(a_2) : f(a_3)f(a_4) \) as desired.

\( \Box \)

Proposition 24. There exists an operation \( \text{rer} \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L};Q) \) that violates \( C \).

Proof. Arbitrarily choose \( c \in \mathbb{L} \), let \( \mathbb{L}' := \mathbb{L} \setminus \{c\} \), and let \( C' \) denote the relation \( \{(x, y, z) \in (\mathbb{L}')^3 : Q(xy, zc)\} \). Let \( x, y \in \mathbb{L}' \) be such that \( x|yc \) holds in \( (\mathbb{L},C) \). Lemma 21 implies that \( (\mathbb{L}';C') \) is 2-transitive and, consequently, there exists \( \alpha \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L},Q) \) such that \( \alpha(x) = y \) and \( \alpha(y) = x \). Define \( \text{rer}: \mathbb{L} \to \mathbb{L} \) such that \( \text{rer}(c) = c \) and \( \text{rer}(x) = \alpha(x) \) for \( x \in \mathbb{L}' \). We claim that \( \text{rer} \) preserves \( Q \) on every 4-element subset of \( \mathbb{L} \) containing \( c \). Let \( \{u, v, w, c\} \) be such a set. By D7, either \( uv : wc, uw : vc, \) or \( vw : wc \) holds. Suppose without loss of generality that \( uv : wc \) (otherwise, rename the elements \( u, v, w \) accordingly). By definition of \( C' \), we have \( C'(u, w, v) \), and therefore \( C'(\text{rer}(w), \text{rer}(u), \text{rer}(v)) \). By the definition of \( C' \) we have \( \text{rer}(u) \text{rer}(v) = \text{rer}(w)c \), and this shows that \( \text{rer} \) preserves \( Q \) on \( \{u, v, w, c\} \). Hence, Lemma 23 implies that \( \text{rer} \) preserves \( Q \). Finally, \( \alpha \) violates \( C \), since \( x|yc \) holds but \( \text{rer}(x)\text{rer}(y) \) does not hold.

\( \Box \)

The name \( \text{rer} \) may seem puzzling at first sight: it is short-hand for rerooting. The choice of terminology will be clarified in the next section.

4.3 The rerooting lemma

We will now prove some fundamental lemmata concerning functions that preserve \( Q \). They will be needed to prove Theorem 30 which is the main result of Section 4. They will also be used in subsequent sections: we emphasize that these results are not restricted to permutations. The most important lemma is the rerooting lemma (Lemma 28) about functions that preserve \( Q \) and violate \( C \).

Lemma 25. Let \( A_1, A_2 \subseteq \mathbb{L} \) be such that \( A_1 \cap A_2 \) and and let \( f: A_1 \cup A_2 \to \mathbb{L} \) be a function that preserves \( Q \) and satisfies \( f(A_1) \cap f(A_2) \). Then \( f \) also preserves \( C \).

Proof. Let \( a_1, a_2, a_3 \in A_1 \cup A_2 \) be three distinct elements such that \( a_1a_2a_3 \). We have to verify that \( f(a_1)f(a_2)f(a_3) \) and we do this by considering four different cases.

- \( a_1, a_2 \in A_1 \) and \( a_3 \in A_2 \). In this case, since \( f(A_1)f(A_2) \), we have in particular that \( f(a_1)f(a_2)f(a_3) \).

- \( a_1, a_2 \in A_2 \) and \( a_3 \in A_1 \). Analogous to the previous case.

- \( a_1, a_2, a_3 \in A_1 \). Let \( b \in A_2 \). Clearly \( a_1a_2 : a_3b \) and \( f(a_1)f(a_2) : f(a_3)f(b) \) since \( f \) preserves \( Q \). Moreover, we have \( f(a_1)f(a_2)f(a_3)f(b) \) and thus \( f(a_1)f(a_2)f(a_3) \).

- \( a_1, a_2, a_3 \in A_2 \). Analogous to the previous case.

Since we have assumed that \( A \cap A_2 \), these cases are in fact exhaustive. One may, for instance, note that if \( a_1, a_3 \in A_1 \) and \( a_2 \in A_2 \), then \( a_1a_3a_2 \) which immediately contradicts that \( a_1a_2a_3 \).

\( \Box \)

Lemma 26. Let \( A \subseteq \mathbb{L} \) be finite of size at least two and let \( f: A \to \mathbb{L} \) be a function which preserves \( Q \). Then there exists a non-empty \( B \subseteq A \) such that the following conditions hold:

- \( f(B) \cap f(A \setminus B) \)
• $B \mid x$ for all $x \in A \setminus B$.

\textbf{Proof.} Let $B_1, B_2$ be non-empty such that $B_1 \cup B_2 = A$ and $f(B_1) \cup f(B_2)$. We see that $B_1, B_2$ is a partitioning of $A$ since $f(B_1) \cup f(B_2)$ implies $B_1 \cap B_2 = \emptyset$. If $B \mid x$ for all $x \in B_2$, then we can choose $B = B_1$ and we are done. Otherwise there are $u, v \in B_1$ and $w \in B_2$ such that $u \mid vw$. We claim that in this case $x \mid B_2$ for all $x \in B_1$. Since $f$ preserves $Q$ on $A$ and $f(u) f(v) : f(w) f(x)$ holds for every $x \in B_2$, we have $uv : wx$ by Lemma 13. Therefore $u \mid wx$ and $v \mid wx$ hold. This implies that $u \mid B_2$ holds. Let $u', w'$ be two arbitrary elements from $B_2$ and $u'$ an arbitrary element from $B_1$. We thus have $f(u') f(w') : f(u') f(u)$ and, once again by Lemma 13, we have $u'w' : w'w'$. This implies $u\mid w'w'$ and consequently $u\mid w'w''$. Hence, $u'\mid B_2$ for arbitrary $u' \in B_2$. \hfill \Box

We will now introduce the idea of $c$-\textit{universality}. This seemingly simple concept is highly important throughout the article and it will be encountered in several different contexts.

\textbf{Definition 27.} Arbitrarily choose $c \in L$. A set $A \subseteq L \setminus \{c\}$ is called $c$-universal if for every finite $U \subseteq L$ and for every $u \in U$, there exists an $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(L; C)$ such that $\alpha(u) = c$ and $\alpha(U) \subseteq A \cup \{c\}$.

We continue by presenting the rerooting lemma which identifies permutations $g$ of $L$ that preserve $Q$ and can be used for generating all automorphisms of $(L; Q)$ when combined with $\text{Aut}(L; C)$. The idea is based on the following observation: the finite substructures of $(L; C)$ provide information about the root of the underlying tree whereas the finite substructures of $(L; Q)$ only provide information about the underlying unrooted trees. Intuitively, we use the function $g$ to change the position of the root in order to generate all automorphisms of $(L; Q)$. We later (in Lemma 26) see a generalization of this lemma to maps $g$ that are not necessarily surjective.

\textbf{Lemma 28 (Rerooting Lemma).} Arbitrarily choose $c \in L$ and assume that $A \subseteq L \setminus \{c\}$ is $c$-universal. If $g$ is a permutation of $L$ that preserves $Q$ on $A \cup \{c\}$ and satisfies $g(A) \mid g(c)$, then $\text{Aut}(L; Q) \subseteq \langle \text{Aut}(L; C) \cup \{g\} \rangle$.

\textbf{Proof.} Arbitrarily choose $f \in \text{Aut}(L; Q)$ and let $X$ be an arbitrary finite subset of $L$. We have to show that $\langle \text{Aut}(L; C) \cup \{g\} \rangle$ contains an operation $e$ such that $e(x) = f(x)$ for all $x \in X$. This is trivial when $|X| = 1$ so we assume that $|X| \geq 2$. By Lemma 26 there exists a non-empty proper subset $Y$ of $X$ such that $f(Y) \mid f(X \setminus Y)$ and $Y \mid x$ for all $x \in X \setminus Y$. By the homogeneity of $(L; C)$, we can choose an element $c' \in L \setminus X$ such that $c' \mid Y$ and $(Y \cup \{c'\}) \mid x$ for all $x \in X \setminus Y$. By $c$-universality, there exists an $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(L; C)$ such that $(X \cup \{c'\}) \subseteq A \cup \{c\}$ and $\alpha(c') = c$. Let $h := g \circ \alpha$. Note that $h$ preserves $Q$ on $X$ and that $h$ is a permutation. We continue by proving a particular property of $h$.

\textbf{Claim.} $h(Y) \mid h(X \setminus Y)$.

To prove this, we first show that $h(y_1) h(y_2) \mid h(y_3)$ for every $y_1, y_2 \in Y$ and $y_3 \in X \setminus Y$. We have $y_1 y_2 : y_3 c'$ by the choice of $c'$ and this implies that $h(y_1) h(y_2) : h(y_3) h(c')$. Since $g(c) h(y_1) h(y_2) h(y_3)$, it follows that $h(y_1) h(y_2) \mid h(y_3)$. In the same vein, we show that $h(y_1) h(y_2) \mid h(y_3)$ for every $y_1 \in Y$ and $y_2, y_3 \in X \setminus Y$. In this case, we have $y_1 y_2 : y_3 c'$ by the choice of $c'$ and this implies $h(y_1) h(c') : h(y_2) h(y_3)$. Since $h(c') = g(c)$ and $g(c) h(y_1) h(y_2) h(y_3)$, we see that $h(y_1) h(y_2) h(y_3)$.

Let $\beta : h(X) \to f(X)$ be defined by $\beta(x) = f(h^{-1}(x))$. Note that $h^{-1}$ is well-defined since $h$ is an injective function. Since both $h$ and $f$ preserve $Q$, we have that $\beta$ preserves $Q$ by Lemma 13. Note that $\beta(h(Y)) \mid \beta(h(X \setminus Y))$ since $\beta(h(x)) = f(x)$ and we have assumed that $f(Y) \mid f(X \setminus Y)$. Hence, the conditions of Lemma 25 apply to $\beta$ for $A_1 := h(Y)$ and $A_2 := h(X \setminus Y)$ if we use the claim above. It follows that $\beta$ preserves $C$. By the homogeneity of $(L; C)$, there exists an $\gamma \in \text{Aut}(L; C)$ that extends $\beta$. Then $e := \gamma \circ h$ has the desired property. \hfill \Box

\textbf{Corollary 29.} Assume $f \in \text{Aut}(L; Q)$ violates $C$. Then

$\langle \text{Aut}(L; C) \cup \{f\} \rangle = \text{Aut}(L; Q)$.  


Proof. The relation $Q$ is first-order definable over $(L;C)$ so $\text{Aut}(L;C) \subseteq \text{Aut}(L;Q)$. Furthermore, $f$ preserves $Q$ and it follows that

$$\langle \text{Aut}(L;C) \cup \{f\} \rangle \subseteq \text{Aut}(L;Q).$$

For the converse, choose $f \in \text{Aut}(L;Q)$ such that there are $a_1, a_2, a_3 \in L$ with $a_1|a_2a_3$ and $f(a_1)f(a_2)|f(a_3)$. Let $A = \{x \mid xa_1 : a_2a_3\}$. We see that $f(A)|f(a_3)$ and it is also clear that $A$ is $c$-universal. The result follows from Lemma 28. □

4.4 Automorphism group classification

We are now ready to prove the main result concerning automorphism groups.

Theorem 30. Let $G$ be a closed permutation group on the set $L$ that contains $\text{Aut}(L;C)$. Then $G$ is either $\text{Aut}(L;C)$, $\text{Aut}(L;Q)$, or $\text{Aut}(L;=)$.

Proof. Because $G$ satisfies the conditions of Theorem 19 it is either highly transitive or it preserves a C- or D-relation. If $G$ is highly transitive, then $G$ equals $\text{Aut}(L;=)$ by Proposition 18. Assume instead that $G$ preserves a C-relation $C'$. We begin by making an observation.

Claim 0. All tuples $(o, p, q) \in C'$ with pairwise distinct entries satisfy $o|pq$.

If $pq$ is not in the same orbit as $(q, p, o)$ in $\text{Aut}(L;C)$ and therefore also in $G$. Since $C'$ is preserved by $G$, we have $C'(q, p, o)$ which contradicts $C2$. Similarly, it is impossible that $q|op$. Thus, the only remaining possibility is $o|pq$ since $C$ satisfies $C8$.

Arbitrarily choose $a, b, c \in L$ such that $a|bc$ and some $\alpha \in G$. If $\{a, b, c\} = 2$, then (by 2-transitivity of $\text{Aut}(L;C)$) we have that $(\alpha(a), \alpha(b), \alpha(c))$ is in the same orbit as $(a, b, c)$ of $\text{Aut}(L;C)$. Consequently, $(\alpha(a), \alpha(b), \alpha(c)) \in C$. Suppose instead that $\{a, b, c\} = 3$. Observe that $C'$ contains a tuple with pairwise distinct entries. Arbitrarily choose two distinct elements $u, v \in L$. Axiom $C6$ implies that there exists a $w \in L$ such that $C'(u, vw)$ and $w \neq v$. In fact, we also have $w \neq u$ since otherwise $C'(u, vu)$ which is impossible due to $C2$ and $C4$. In particular, it follows that $u|vw$ and therefore $(u, v, w)$ is in the same orbit as $(a, b, c)$ in $\text{Aut}(L;C)$. It follows that $(a, b, c) \in C'$. Since $G$ preserves $C'$ we have $C'\alpha(a), \alpha(b)\alpha(c))$. By Claim 0, $\alpha(a)|\alpha(b)\alpha(c)$. We conclude that $\alpha$ preserves $C$ and that $G = \text{Aut}(L;C)$.

Finally, we consider the case when $G$ preserves a D-relation $D$. We begin by making three intermediate observations.

Claim 1. Every tuple $(a, b, c, d) \in D$ with pairwise distinct entries satisfies $ab : cd$.

Suppose for contradiction that $ac : bd$. Then either $ac|b \cap ac|d$ or $a|bd \cap c|bd$ by the definition of relation $Q$. In the first case, $(a, b, c, d)$ is in the same orbit as $(c, b, a, d)$ in $\text{Aut}(L;C)$ so $(c, b, a, d) \in D$. Axiom $D1$ implies that $(a, d, b, c) \in D$ and this contradicts $D2$. If $a|bd \cap c|bd$, then we can obtain a contradiction in a similar way. Finally, the case when $ad : bc$ can be treated analogously. It follows that $ab : cd$ since $Q$ satisfies $D7$.

Claim 2. $D$ contains a tuple $(o, p, q, r)$ with pairwise distinct entries such that $op|qr$ holds.

Let $u, v, w \in L$ be three distinct elements such that $uv|w$. There is an $x \in L \setminus \{u, v, w\}$ such that $D(uv, wx)$ by $D5$. Claim 1 immediately implies that $uv : wx$. We consider the following cases.

- $uv|wx$. There is nothing to prove in this case.
- $uwv|x$. Choose $y \in L$ be such that $y \neq w$ and $uw|yw$. It follows from $D3$ that $D(uw, yw)$ or $D(yw, wx)$. The second case is impossible since $yw : wx$ does not hold. We see that $(u, v, w, y) \in D$ and we are done.
- $uw|x$ and $uwx|w$. One may argue similarly as in the previous case by choosing $y \in L \setminus \{u, v, w, x\}$ such that $uw|yx$ and observe that $(u, v, x, w) \in D$ by $D1$.  

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Claim 3. $D$ contains a tuple $(a, b, c, d)$ with pairwise distinct entries such that $abc \land abc \lor d$.

It follows from Claim 2 that there exists a tuple $(a, p, q, r)$ with pairwise distinct entries such that $opqr$ holds. Choose $s \in L$ such that $opqr|s$ holds. Axiom D3 implies that $D(sp, qr)$ or $D(op, qs)$. We are done if the second case holds. If the first case holds, then we have $D(qr, ps)$ by D1 and we are once again done.

Now, we show that every $f \in G$ preserves $Q$. Arbitrarily choose $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4 \in L$ such that $a_1a_2 : a_3a_4$. We show that $(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4) \in D$ (and, consequently, that $(f(a_1), f(a_2), f(a_3), f(a_4)) \in D$) by an exhaustive case analysis. Claim 2 implies that $D$ contains a tuple $(o, p, q, r)$ with pairwise distinct entries and $opqr$. Consequently, $D$ contains all tuples in the same orbit as $(o, p, q, r)$ in Aut($L; C$).

If $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4$ are pairwise distinct and satisfy $a_1a_2|a_3a_4$, then $(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4) \in D$ by Claim 1. Similarly, if $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4$ are pairwise distinct and satisfy $a_1a_2|a_3$ and $a_1a_2a_3|a_4$, then Claim 3 implies that $(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4) \in D$. If $a_1a_2|a_3a_4$ and $a_1a_2a_3|a_4$, then $(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4) \in D$ by D1. If $a_1a_2|a_3a_4$ and $a_1a_2a_3|a_4$, then $(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4) \in D$ by D1. If $a_3 = a_4$, $a_1 \neq a_3$, $a_2 \neq a_3$, then $(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4) \in D$ by D4. The only remaining possibility to satisfy $a_1a_2 : a_3a_4$ is that $a_1 = a_2$, $a_3 \neq a_1$, $a_4 \neq a_1$. In this case, $(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4) \in D$ by D4 and D1. Hence, in all cases we have $(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4) \in D$ and, consequently, $(f(a_1), f(a_2), f(a_3), f(a_4)) \in D$.

We can now conclude this part of the proof. If $f(a_1), f(a_2), f(a_3), f(a_4)$ are pairwise distinct, then $f(a_1)f(a_2) : f(a_3)f(a_4)$ by Claim 1. Otherwise, one of the following cases hold:

- $f(a_1) = f(a_2)$, $f(a_3) \neq f(a_1)$, and $f(a_4) \neq f(a_1)$,
- $f(a_3) = f(a_4)$, $f(a_1) \neq f(a_3)$, and $f(a_1) \neq f(a_4)$, or
- $f(a_1) = f(a_2)$ and $f(a_3) = f(a_4)$.

In all three cases, we have that $f(a_1)f(a_2) : f(a_3)f(a_4)$ and $G \subseteq \text{Aut}(L; Q)$. If $G = \text{Aut}(L; C)$, then we are done. Otherwise, pick one $f \in G \setminus \text{Aut}(L; C)$. Corollary 29 asserts that $(\text{Aut}(L; C) \cup \{f\}) = \text{Aut}(L; Q) \subseteq G$ and it follows that $G = \text{Aut}(L; Q)$. □

The following is an immediate consequence of Theorem 30 in combination with Theorem 17.

Corollary 31. If $\Gamma$ is a reduct of $(L; C)$, then $\Gamma$ is first-order interdefinable with $(L; C)$, $(L; Q)$, or $(L; =)$.

Proof. Let $\Gamma$ be a reduct of $(L; C)$. Then $\text{Aut}(\Gamma)$ is a closed group that contains $\text{Aut}(L; C)$ and therefore equals $\text{Aut}(L; C)$, $\text{Aut}(L; Q)$, or $\text{Aut}(L; =)$ by Theorem 30. Theorem 17 implies that $\Gamma$ is first-order interdefinable with $(L; C)$, with $(L; Q)$, or with $(L; =)$. □

Corollary 31 will be refined to a classification up to existential interdefinability in the forthcoming sections.

5 Ramsey theory for the C-relation

To analyze endomorphism monoids of reducts of $(L; C)$, we apply Ramsey theory; a survey on this technique can be found in Bodirsky & Pinsker 13. The basics of the Ramsey approach are presented in Section 5.1 and we introduce the important concepts of canonicity and the ordering property in Sections 5.2 and 5.3 respectively.

We will frequently use topological methods when studying transformation monoids. The definition of the topology of pointwise convergence for transformations monoids is analogous to the definition for groups: the closure $\overline{F}$ of $F \subseteq L^L$ is the set of all functions $f \in L^L$ with the property that for every finite subset $A$ of $L$, there is a $g \in F$ such that $f(a) = g(a)$ for all $a \in A$. A set of functions is closed if $F = \overline{F}$. We write $F(F)$ for the smallest transformation monoid that contains $F$. The smallest closed transformation monoid that contains a set of functions $F$ equals $\overline{F}$. The closed transformation monoids are precisely those that are endomorphism monoids of relational
structures. We say that a function \( f \) is \textit{generated} by a set of operations \( F \) if \( f \) is in the smallest closed monoid that contains \( F \). A more detailed introduction to these concepts can be found in Bodirsky [7].

5.1 Ramsey classes

Let \( \Gamma, \Delta \) be finite \( \tau \)-structures. We write \( (\Delta) \) for the set of all substructures of \( \Delta \) that are isomorphic to \( \Gamma \). When \( \Gamma, \Delta, \Theta \) are \( \tau \)-structures, then we write \( \Theta \rightarrow (\Delta)^k \) if for all functions \( \chi: (\Theta)^r \rightarrow \{1, \ldots, r\} \) there exists \( \Delta' \in (\Theta)^k \) such that \( \chi \) is constant on \( (\Delta')^k \).

Definition 32. A class of finite relational structures \( \mathcal{C} \) that is closed under isomorphisms and substructures is called Ramsey if for all \( \Gamma, \Delta \in \mathcal{C} \) and arbitrary \( k \geq 1 \), there exists a \( \Theta \in \mathcal{C} \) such that \( \Delta \) embeds into \( \Theta \) and \( \Theta \rightarrow (\Delta)^k \).

A homogeneous structure \( \Gamma \) is called \textit{Ramsey} if the class of all finite structures that embed into \( \Gamma \) is Ramsey. We refer the reader to Kechris et al. [28] or Nešetřil [33] for more information about the links between Ramsey theory and homogeneous structures. An example of a Ramsey structure is \( (\mathbb{D}; =) \)—the fact that the class of all finite structures that embeds into \( (\mathbb{D}; =) \) is Ramsey can be seen as a reformulation of Ramsey’s classical result [36].

The Ramsey result that is relevant in our context (Theorem 33) is a consequence of a more powerful theorem due to Miliken [32]. The theorem in the form presented below and a direct proof of it can be found in Bodirsky & Piguet [12]. We mention that a weaker version of this theorem (which was shown by the academic grand-father of the first author of this article [22]) has been known for a long time.

Theorem 33 (see Bodirsky & Piguet [12] or Miliken [32]). The structure \( (\mathbb{L}; C, \prec) \) is Ramsey.

We also need the following result.

Theorem 34 (see Bodirsky, Pinsker & Tsankov [16]). If \( \Gamma \) is homogeneous and Ramsey, then every expansion of \( \Gamma \) by finitely many constants is Ramsey, too.

5.2 Canonical functions

The typical usage of Ramsey theory in this article is for showing that the endomorphisms of \( \Gamma \) behave \textit{canonically} on large parts of the domain; this will be formalized below. A wider introduction to canonical operations can be found in Bodirsky [7] and Bodirsky & Pinsker [13]. The definition of canonical functions given below is slightly different from the one given in [7] and [13]. It is easy to see that they are equivalent, though.

Definition 35. Let \( \Gamma, \Delta \) be structures and let \( S \) be a subset of the domain \( D \) of \( \Gamma \). A function \( f: \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta \) is canonical on \( S \) as a function from \( \Gamma \) to \( \Delta \) if for all \( s_1, \ldots, s_n \in S \) and all \( \alpha \in \text{Aut}(\Gamma) \), there exists a \( \beta \in \text{Aut}(\Delta) \) such that \( f(\alpha(s_i)) = \beta(f(s_i)) \) for all \( i \in \{1, \ldots, n\} \).

In Definition 35 we might omit the set \( S \) if \( S = D \) is clear from the context. Note that a function \( f \) from \( \Gamma \) to \( \Delta \) is canonical if and only if for every \( k \geq 1 \) and every \( t \in D^k \), the orbit of \( f(t) \) in \( \text{Aut}(\Delta) \) only depends on the orbit of \( t \) in \( \text{Aut}(\Gamma) \).

Example 1. Write \( x \succ y \) if \( y \prec x \). The structure \( (\mathbb{L}; C, \succ) \) is isomorphic to \( (\mathbb{L}; C, \prec) \); let \( - \) be such an isomorphism. Note that \( - \) is canonical as a function from \( (\mathbb{L}; C, \succ) \) to \( (\mathbb{L}; C, \prec) \).

When \( \Gamma \) is Ramsey, then the following theorem allows us to work with canonical endomorphisms of \( \Gamma \). It can be shown with the same proof as presented in Bodirsky, Pinsker, & Tsankov [16].

Theorem 36. Let \( \Gamma, \Delta \) denote finite relational structures such that \( \Gamma \) is homogeneous and Ramsey while \( \Delta \) is \( \omega \)-categorical. Arbitrarily choose a function \( f: \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta \). Then, there exists a function \( \alpha \in \text{Aut}(\Gamma) \) such that \( \alpha \) is canonical as a function from \( \Gamma \) to \( \Delta \).
Note that expansions of homogeneous structures with constant symbols are again homogeneous. We obtain the following by combining the previous theorem and Theorem 34.

**Corollary 37.** Let $\Gamma, \Delta$ denote finite relational structures such that $\Gamma$ is homogeneous and Ramsey while $\Delta$ is $\omega$-categorical. Arbitrarily choose a function $f: \Gamma \to \Delta$ and elements $c_1, \ldots, c_n$ of $\Gamma$. Then, there exists a function 
\[ g \in \{ \alpha_1 f \alpha_2 : \alpha_1 \in \text{Aut}(\Delta), \alpha_2 \in \text{Aut}(\Gamma, c_1, \ldots, c_n) \} \]
that is canonical as a function from $(\Gamma, c_1, \ldots, c_n)$ to $\Delta$.

### 5.3 The ordering property

Another important concept from Ramsey theory that we will exploit in the forthcoming proofs is the ordering property. We will next prove that the class of ordered leaf structure has this property.

**Definition 38** (See Kechris, Pestov & Todorcevic 28 or Nešetřil 33). Let $\mathcal{C}'$ be a class of finite structures over the signature $\tau \cup \{ \prec \}$ (where $\prec$ denotes a linear order) and let $\mathcal{C}$ be the class of all $\tau$-reducts of structures from $\mathcal{C}'$. Then $\mathcal{C}'$ has the ordering property if for every $\Delta_1 \in \mathcal{C}$ there exists a $\Delta_2 \in \mathcal{C}'$ such that for all expansions $\Delta'_1 \in \mathcal{C}'$ of $\Delta_1$ and $\Delta'_2 \in \mathcal{C}'$ of $\Delta_2$ there exists an embedding of $\Delta'_1$ into $\Delta'_2$.

**Proposition 39.** Let $\Gamma$ be a homogeneous relational $\tau$-structure with domain $D$ and suppose that $\Gamma$ has an $\omega$-categorical homogeneous expansion $\Gamma'$ with signature $\tau \cup \{ \prec \}$ where $\prec$ denotes a linear order. Then, the following are equivalent.

- the class $\mathcal{C}'$ of finite structures that embed into $\Gamma'$ has the ordering property and
- for every finite $X \subseteq D$ there exists a finite $Y \subseteq D$ such that for every $\beta \in \text{Aut}(\Gamma)$ there exists an $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(\Gamma')$ such that $\alpha(X) \subseteq \beta(Y)$.

**Proof.** First suppose that $\mathcal{C}'$ has the ordering property and let $X \subseteq D$ be finite. Let $\Delta_1$ be the structure induced by $X$ in $\Gamma$. Then, there exists $\Delta_2 \in \mathcal{C}'$ such that for all expansions $\Delta'_1 \in \mathcal{C}'$ of $\Delta_1$ and for all expansions $\Delta'_2 \in \mathcal{C}'$ of $\Delta_2$, there exists an embedding of $\Delta'_1$ into $\Delta'_2$. Since every structure in $\mathcal{C}'$ can be embedded into $\Gamma'$, we may assume that $\Delta'_2$ is a substructure of $\Gamma'$ with domain $Y$. Arbitrarily choose $\beta \in \text{Aut}(\Gamma)$, then, there exists an embedding from the structure induced by $X$ in $\Gamma'$ to the structure induced by $\beta(Y)$ in $\Gamma'$. By homogeneity of $\Gamma'$, this embedding can be extended to an automorphism $\alpha$ of $\Gamma'$ which has the desired property.

For the converse direction, let $\Delta_1$ be the $\tau$-reduct of an arbitrary structure from $\mathcal{C}'$ and let $n$ denote the cardinality of $\Delta_1$. Since $\Gamma'$ is $\omega$-categorical, there is a finite number $m$ of orbits of $n$-tuples. Hence, there exists a set $Z$ of cardinality $n \cdot m$ such that for every embedding $e$ of $\Delta_1$ into $\Gamma$, there exists an automorphism $\alpha$ of $\Gamma'$ such that the image of $\alpha \circ e$ is a subset of $Z$. By assumption, there exists a set $Y \subseteq D$ such that for every $\beta \in \text{Aut}(\Gamma')$, there exists an $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(\Gamma')$ and $\alpha(Z) \subseteq \beta(Y)$. Let $\Delta_2$ be the structure induced by $Y$ in $\Gamma$. Now, let $\Delta'_1 = (\Delta_1, \prec)$ and arbitrarily choose $\Delta'_2 = (\Delta_2, \prec) \in \mathcal{C}'$. By the choice of $Z$, there is an embedding $f$ of $\Delta'_1$ into the substructure induced by $Z$ in $\Gamma'$. Since $\Gamma'$ embeds all structures from $\mathcal{C}'$, we can assume that $\Delta'_2$ is a substructure of $\Gamma'$. By homogeneity of $\Gamma'$, there is a $\beta \in \text{Aut}(\Gamma')$ that maps $\Delta_2$ to $\Delta'_2$. By the choice of $Y$, there exists an $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(\Gamma')$ such that $\alpha(Z) \subseteq \beta(Y)$. Now, $\alpha \circ f$ is an embedding of $\Delta'_1$ into $\Delta'_2$ which concludes the proof.

**Theorem 40.** The class of all ordered leaf structures has the ordering property.

**Proof.** By Proposition 39 it is sufficient to show that for every finite $X \subseteq \mathbb{L}$, there exists a finite $Y \subseteq \mathbb{L}$ such that for every $\beta \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C)$ there exists an $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C; \prec)$ satisfying $\alpha(X) \subseteq \beta(Y)$. Let $X$ be an arbitrary finite subset of $\mathbb{L}$, let $Z = X \cup -X$ (where $-$ is defined as in Example 1), and let $\Delta$ be the structure induced by $Z$ in $(\mathbb{L}; C, \prec)$. Let $\Gamma$ be the structure induced by a two-element subset of $\mathbb{L}$ in $(\mathbb{L}; C, \prec)$. The exact choice is not important since all such structures are...
isomorphic. Since \((\mathbb{L}; C, \prec)\) is Ramsey by Theorem 33 there exists a leaf structure \(\Theta\) such that \(\Theta \to (\Delta)^+\). Let \(Y\) be the domain of \(\Theta\).

Now, choose some \(\beta \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C)\) arbitrarily. Define the following 2-coloring of \((\Theta)_1\): suppose that \(x, y \in Y\) satisfy \(x \prec y\). Color the copy of \(\Gamma\) induced by \(\{x, y\}\) red iff \(\beta(x) \prec \beta(y)\) and blue otherwise. Then, there exists a copy \(\Delta'\) of \(\Delta\) in \(\Theta\) such that all copies of \(\Gamma\) in \(\Delta'\) have the same color. If the color is red, clearly there is an automorphism \(\alpha \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C, \prec)\) such that \(\alpha(X) \subseteq \beta(\Delta') \subseteq Y\). If the color is blue, then there is also an automorphism \(\alpha \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C, \prec)\) such that \(\alpha(X) \subseteq \beta(\Delta') \subseteq Y\) since \(Z\) also contains \(-X\).

\[\Box\]

\section{Endomorphism monoids of reducts}

In this section we prove the remaining results that were stated in Section 2. We start with a description of the basic idea how to use the Ramsey theoretic tools introduced in the previous section. In our proof, we can exclusively focus on analyzing injective endomorphisms, because of a fundamental lemma which we describe next. Since \((\mathbb{L}; C)\) has a 2-transitive automorphism group, all reducts \(\Gamma\) of \((\mathbb{L}; C)\) also have a 2-transitive automorphism group. We can thus apply the following result.

\textbf{Lemma 41} (see, e.g., Bodirsky [\textsuperscript{7}]). Let \(\Gamma\) be a relational structure with a 2-transitive automorphism group. If \(\Gamma\) has a non-injective endomorphism, then it also has a constant endomorphism.

Let \(\Gamma\) be a reduct of \((\mathbb{L}; C)\). Suppose that \(\Gamma\) has an endomorphism \(e\) that does not preserve \(C\), i.e., there is \((x, y, z) \in C\) such that \((e(x), e(y), e(z)) \notin C\). If \(e\) is not injective, then \(\Gamma\) also has a constant endomorphism by Lemma 41. In this case, the third item in Theorem 4 applies and we are done. So suppose in the following that \(e\) is injective. By Theorem 33 the structure \((\mathbb{L}; C, \prec)\) is Ramsey. Hence, Corollary 37 implies that \(\{e\} \cup \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C)\) generates an injective function \(f\) that equals \(e\) on \(o, p, q\) and therefore still violates \(C\), but is canonical as a function from \((\mathbb{L}; C, \prec, o, p, q)\) to \((\mathbb{L}; C, \prec)\).

As we have noted above, a canonical function \(f\) from \(\Gamma\) to \(\Delta\) induces a function from the orbits of \(k\)-tuples in \(\text{Aut}(\Gamma)\) to the orbits of \(k\)-tuples in \(\text{Aut}(\Delta)\); we will refer to those functions as the behavior of \(f\). There are finitely many behaviors of canonical injections from \((\mathbb{L}; C, \prec, o, p, q)\) to \((\mathbb{L}; C, \prec)\): since the pre-image is homogeneous in a ternary language with three constants, their number is bounded by the number of functions from \(O_6 \to O_3\), where \(O_k\) denotes the set of functions of \(k\)-tuples of distinct elements in \((\mathbb{L}; C, \prec)\). The function \(s_n\): \(k \mapsto |O_k|\) is well-known in combinatorics (see Sloane’s Integer Sequence A001813), and we have \(s_n = (2n)!/n!\). In particular, \(s_3 = 12\) and \(s_6 = 30240\). So the number of canonical behaviors of functions from \((\mathbb{L}; C, \prec, o, p, q)\) to \((\mathbb{L}; C, \prec)\) is bounded by \(12^{30240}\). For every function with one of those behaviors, we prove that \(\Gamma\) must be as described in item 3 and 4 of Theorem 4. Since \(12^{30240}\) is a somewhat large number of cases, the way we treat these cases in the following is important. We then repeat the same strategy for the structure \((\mathbb{L}; Q)\) but here we have to expand with four constants, that is, we analyze canonical functions from \((\mathbb{L}; C, \prec, c_1, \ldots, c_4)\) to \((\mathbb{L}; C, \prec)\).

In the following, several arguments hold for the expansion of \((\mathbb{L}; C, \prec)\) by any finite number of constants \(\bar{c} = (c_1, \ldots, c_n)\). The following equivalence relation plays an important role.

\textbf{Definition 42.} Let \(\bar{c} = (c_1, \ldots, c_n) \in \mathbb{L}^n\). Then \(E_{\bar{c}}\) denotes the equivalence relation defined on \(\mathbb{L} \setminus \{c_1, \ldots, c_n\}\) by

\[E_{\bar{c}}(x, y) \iff \bigwedge_{i=1}^n xy|c_i\]

The equivalence classes of \(E_{\bar{c}}\) are called cones (of \((\mathbb{L}; C, \bar{c})\)). We write \(S_{\alpha}^\bar{c}\) for the cone that contains \(a \in \mathbb{L} \setminus \{c_1, \ldots, c_n\}\).

Note that each cone induces in \((\mathbb{L}; C, \prec)\) a structure that is isomorphic to \((\mathbb{L}; C, \prec)\).
In Section 6.1, Section 6.2, and Section 6.3 we study the behavior of canonical functions with zero, one, and two constants, respectively. Finally, in Section 6.4 we put the pieces together and prove Theorem 1 and Corollary 2.

6.1 Canonical behavior without constants

In this section we analyze the behavior of canonical functions from \((\mathbb{L}; C, \prec)\) to \((\mathbb{L}; C, \prec)\). In particular, we discuss possible behaviors on cones (Corollary 47) and close with a useful lemma (Lemma 52) that shows that when a reduct \(\Gamma\) of \((\mathbb{L}; C)\) is preserved by functions with certain behaviors, then \(\Gamma\) is homomorphically equivalent to a reduct of \((\mathbb{L}; =)\).

Definition 43. Let \(A \subseteq \mathbb{L}\) and \(e: \mathbb{L} \to \mathbb{L}\) a function. Then we say that \(e\) has on \(A\) the behavior

- \(id\) if for all \(x, y, z \in A\) with \(xy \prec z\) we have that \(e(x)e(y)e(z)\).
- \(lin\) if for all \(x, y, z \in A\) with \(x \prec y \prec z\) we have that \(x|yz\).
- \(nil\) if for all \(x, y, z \in A\) with \(x \prec y \prec z\) we have that \(xy|z\).

In this case, we will also say that \(f\) behaves as \(id\), \(lin\), or \(nil\) on \(A\), respectively. When \(f\) behaves as \(lin\) on \(A = \mathbb{L}\), then we do not mention \(A\) and simply say that \(f\) behaves as \(lin\); we make the analogous convention for all other behaviors that we define. We first prove that functions with behavior \(lin\) and \(nil\) really exist.

Lemma 44. There are functions from \(\mathbb{L} \to \mathbb{L}\) with behavior \(lin\) and \(nil\).

Proof. A function \(f\) with behavior \(lin\) can be constructed as follows. Let \(v_1, v_2, \ldots\) be an enumeration of \(\mathbb{L}\). Inductively suppose that there exists a function \(f: \{v_1, \ldots, v_n\} \to \mathbb{L}\) such that for all \(x, y, z \in \{v_1, \ldots, v_n\}\) with \(x \prec y \prec z\) it holds that \(f(x)f(y)f(z)\) and \(f(x) \prec f(y) \prec f(z)\). This is clearly true for \(n = 1\). We prove that \(f\) has an extension \(f'\) to \(v_{n+1}\) with the same property. Let \(u_1, \ldots, u_{n+1}\) be such that \(\{u_1, \ldots, u_{n+1}\} = \{v_1, \ldots, v_{n+1}\}\) and \(u_1 \prec \cdots \prec u_{n+1}\). We consider the following cases.

- \(v_{n+1} = u_1\). There exists a \(c \in \mathbb{L}\) such that \(c\langle f(u_1)f(u_2)\) (see axiom C4). Pick \(c\) such that \(c \prec f(u_1)\), and define \(f'(v_{n+1}) = c\).
- \(v_{n+1} = u_i\) for \(i \in \{2, \ldots, n-1\}\). There exists a \(c \in \mathbb{L}\) such that \(f(u_{i-1})c\langle f(u_{i+1})\) (see Axiom C7). Pick \(c\) such that \(f(u_{i-1}) \prec c \prec f(u_{i+1})\), and define \(f'(v_{n+1}) = c\).
- \(v_{n+1} = u_n\). There exists a \(c \in \mathbb{L}\) such that \(c \not\prec f(u_{n+1})\) and \(f(u_{n-1})c\langle f(u_{n+1})\) (see Axiom C6). Pick \(c\) such that \(f(u_{n-1}) \prec c \prec f(u_{n+1})\), and define \(f'(v_{n+1}) = c\).
- \(v_{n+1} = u_{n+1}\). There exists a \(c \in \mathbb{L}\) such that \(c \not\prec f(u_{n+1})\) and \(f(u_{n-1})c\langle f(u_{n+1})\) (see Axiom C6). Pick \(c\) such that \(f(u_{i}) \prec c\), and define \(f'(v_{n+1}) = c\).

The function defined on all of \(\mathbb{L}\) in this way has the behavior \(lin\). The existence of a function with behavior \(nil\) can be shown analogously.

In the following, we will use \(lin\) and \(nil\) also to denote the functions with behavior \(lin\) and \(nil\) that have been constructed in Lemma 44 whether we mean the behavior or the function \(lin\) and \(nil\) will always be clear from the context. As we see in the following proposition, the two functions are closely related.

Proposition 45. \(\text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C) \cup \{\text{nil}\}\) generates \(lin\), and \(\text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C) \cup \{\text{lin}\}\) generates \(nil\).

Proof. Let \(n \geq 1\) and arbitrarily choose \(t \in \mathbb{L}^n\). Then \(-\text{nil}(-t)\) and \(t\) induce isomorphic substructures in \((\mathbb{L}; C, \prec)\), and by the homogeneity of \((\mathbb{L}; C, \prec)\) there is an \(\alpha \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C, \prec)\) such that \(\alpha(-\text{nil}(-t)) = t\). It follows that \(\text{lin} \in [\text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C) \cup \{\text{nil}\}]\). The fact that \(\text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C) \cup \{\text{lin}\}\) generates \(nil\) can be shown in the same way. 

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The following lemma classifies the behavior of canonical injective functions from \((\mathbb{L}; C, \prec)\) to \((\mathbb{L}; C, \prec)\) on sufficiently large subsets of \(\mathbb{L}\).

**Lemma 46.** Let \(S \subseteq \mathbb{L}\) be a set that contains four elements \(x, y, u, v\) such that \(xyuv\), and let \(f: D \to D\) be injective and canonical on \(S\) as a function from \((\mathbb{L}; C, \prec)\) to \((\mathbb{L}; C, \prec)\). Then \(f\) behaves as id, lin, or nil on \(S\).

**Proof.** Since \(f\) is canonical on \(S\) as a function from \((\mathbb{L}; C, \prec)\) to \((\mathbb{L}; C, \prec)\), it either preserves or reverses the order \(\prec\) on \(S\). We focus on the case that \(f\) preserves \(\prec\) on \(S\), since the order-reversing case is analogous. Consider the following cases.

- \(f(x)f(y)f(u)f(v)\). By canonicity, \(f\) behaves as nil on \(S\).
- \(f(x)f(y)f(u)f(v)\). By canonicity, \(f\) behaves as id on \(S\).
- \(f(x)f(y)f(u)f(v)\). By canonicity, \(f\) behaves as lin on \(S\).
- \(f(x)f(y)f(u)f(v)\). By canonicity, \(f\) behaves as id on \(S\). It is easy to see that those conditions are impossible to satisfy over \((\mathbb{L}; C)\).

Since \(f\) preserves \(\prec\) on \(S\), we must have \(f(x) \prec f(y) \prec f(u) \prec f(v)\) and so the convexity of \(\prec\) implies that these cases are exhaustive.

**Corollary 47.** Let \(\bar{c} \in \mathbb{L}^n\) for \(n \geq 0\), let \(S\) be a cone of \((\mathbb{L}; C, \bar{c})\), and let \(f: \mathbb{L} \to \mathbb{L}\) be an injection that is canonical on \(S\) as a function from \((\mathbb{L}; C, \prec, \bar{c})\) to \((\mathbb{L}; C, \prec)\). Then \(f\) behaves as id, lin, or nil on \(S\).

**Proof.** Note that \(f\) is on \(S\) canonical as a function from \((\mathbb{L}; C, \prec)\) to \((\mathbb{L}; C, \prec)\); also note that every cone contains elements \(x, y, u, v\) such that \(xyuv\). Hence, the statement follows from Lemma 46.

We finally show that if \(\Gamma\) is preserved by lin, then \(\Gamma\) is homomorphically equivalent to a reduct of \((\mathbb{L}; =)\); this will be a consequence of the stronger Lemma 52 below.

**Definition 48.** For \(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_k \in \mathbb{L}\), \(k \geq 2\), we write \(\text{Nil}(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_k)\) if \(a_1 \prec a_2 \prec \cdots \prec a_k\) and \(a_1a_2a_3\ldots a_{i-1}a_i\) for all \(i \in \{2, \ldots, k\}\).

Observe that for all \(a_1, \ldots, a_k \in \mathbb{L}\) such that \(a_1 \prec \cdots \prec a_k\) we have \(\text{Nil}(a_1, \ldots, a_k)\) (recall from Section 3.1 that we apply functions to tuples componentwise). Also observe that all \(k\)-tuples in \(\text{Nil}\) lie in the same orbit of \(k\)-tuples.

**Lemma 49.** Let \(a_1, \ldots, a_k \in \mathbb{L}\) be such that \(\text{Nil}(a_1, \ldots, a_k)\). Then for every \(p \in \{1, \ldots, k\}\) there is an \(e \in \langle \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C) \cup \{\text{nil}\} \rangle\) such that \(\text{Nil}(e(a_p, a_1, \ldots, a_{p-1}, a_{p+1}, a_{p+2}, \ldots, a_k))\).

**Proof.** By Proposition 15 and the homogeneity of \((\mathbb{L}; C)\) there exists an \(\alpha \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C)\) such that \(\alpha(a_p) \prec \alpha(a_1) \prec \alpha(a_2) \prec \cdots \prec \alpha(a_{p-1}) \prec \alpha(a_{p+1}) \prec \cdots \prec \alpha(a_k)\); see Figure 2. Define \(e := \text{nil} \circ \alpha\). By the observation above we have \(\text{Nil}(e(a_p, a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_{p-1}, a_{p+1}, a_{p+2}, \ldots, a_k))\), as desired.

**Lemma 50.** Let \(a_1, \ldots, a_k \in \mathbb{L}\) be such that \(\text{Nil}(a_1, \ldots, a_k)\). Then for any \(p \in \{1, \ldots, k-1\}\), there is an \(e \in \langle \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C) \cup \{\text{nil}\} \rangle\) such that \(e(a_p) = a_{p+1}, e(a_{p+1}) = a_p\), and \(e(a_i) = a_i\) for every \(i \in \{1, \ldots, k\} \setminus \{p, p + 1\}\).

**Proof.** By the homogeneity of \((\mathbb{L}; C)\) there is an \(\alpha \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C)\) such that \(\alpha(a_{p+1}) \prec \alpha(a_p) \prec \alpha(a_{p-1}) \prec \cdots \prec \alpha(a_2) \prec \alpha(a_1) \prec \alpha(a_{p+2}) \prec \cdots \prec \alpha(a_k)\); see Figure 3. Let \(z_i := \text{nil}(\alpha(a_i))\) for \(i \in \{1, 2, \ldots, k\}\). Clearly, we have \(\text{Nil}(z_{p+1}, z_p, z_{p-1}, \ldots, z_2, z_1, z_{p+2}, z_{p+3}, \ldots, z_k)\). Starting with the tuple \((z_{p+1}, z_p, z_{p-1}, \ldots, z_2, z_1, z_{p+2}, z_{p+3}, \ldots, z_k)\) we repeatedly apply Lemma 49 to the resulting tuple at the positions \(p := 3, 4, \ldots, p - 1\) in this order. In this way, we obtain in the first step an \(e_1 \in M := \langle \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C) \cup \{\text{nil}\} \rangle\) such that

\[\text{Nil}(e_1(z_{p-1}, z_{p+1}, z_p, z_{p-2}, \ldots, z_2, z_1, z_{p+2}, z_{p+3}, \ldots, z_k))\].
In the second step, we obtain an $e_2 \in M$ such that
\[
\text{Nil}(e_2(z_{p-2}, z_{p-1}, z_{p+1}, \ldots, z_2, z_1, z_{p+2}, \ldots, z_k))
\]
In the $i$-th step, we obtain an $e_i \in M$ such that
\[
\text{Nil}(e_i(z_{p-i}, z_{p-i+1}, \ldots, z_{p-2}, z_{p-1}, z_{p+1}, \ldots, z_2, z_1, z_{p+2}, \ldots, z_k))
\]
For $i = p-1$, we therefore obtain an $e' \in M$ such that
\[
\text{Nil}(e'(z_1, z_2, \ldots, z_{p-2}, z_{p-1}, z_{p+1}, z_p, z_{p+2}, \ldots, z_k)).
\]
Define $f := e' \circ \text{nil} \circ \alpha$ and observe that $\text{Nil}(f(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_{p-1}, a_{p+1}, a_p, a_{p+2}, \ldots, a_k))$ and $(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_k)$ are in the same orbit in $(\mathbb{L}, C)$, and there is $\gamma \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}, C)$ such that $\gamma(f(a_p, a_{p+1})) = (a_{p+1}, a_p)$ and $\gamma(f(a_i)) = a_i$ for all $i \in \{1, \ldots, k\} \setminus \{p, p+1\}$. Then $e := \gamma \circ f \in M$ has the desired property. \hfill \Box

We write $S_k$ for the set of all permutations of $\{1, \ldots, k\}$.

**Lemma 51.** Let $(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_k), (y_1, \ldots, y_k) \in \text{Nil}$, and arbitrarily choose $\delta \in S_k$. Then there exists an $e \in M := \langle \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}, C) \cup \{\text{nil}\} \rangle$ such that $e(x_i) = y_{\delta(i)}$.

**Proof.** By Lemma 50, for each $p \in \{1, 2, \ldots, k-1\}$ there is an $e_p \in M$ such that $e_p(x_p) = x_{p+1}$, $e_p(x_{p+1}) = x_p$, and $e_p(x_i) = x_i$ for all $i \in \{1, \ldots, k\} \setminus \{p, p+1\}$. Since $S_k$ is generated by the
transpositions \((1,2), (2,3), \ldots, (k-1,k)\), it follows that there exists \(e' \in \{e_p : 1 \leq p \leq k\}\) \(\subseteq M\) such that \(e'(x_i) = x_{\delta(i)}\) for all \(i \in \{1, \ldots, k\}\). By the homogeneity of \((L;C)\), there exists an \(\alpha \in \text{Aut}(L;C)\) such that \(\alpha(x_i) = y_i\) for all \(i \in \{1, \ldots, k\}\). Then \(e := \alpha \circ e'\) satisfies \(e(x_i) = y_{\delta(i)}\). \(\square\)

We can finally prove the announced result.

**Lemma 52.** Let \(\Gamma\) be a reduct of \((L;C)\). Let \(\tilde{c} \in \mathbb{L}^n\) and suppose that \(\Gamma\) is a reduct of \((L;\prec)\). Then \(\Gamma\) is isomorphic to a reduct of \((L;\succeq)\). 

**Proof.** Recall that each cone \(S\) of \((L;C,\tilde{c})\) induces in \((L;C,\prec)\) a structure that is isomorphic to \((\mathbb{L};\prec)\). Let \(e\) be an endomorphism of \(\Gamma\) that behaves as lin on \(S\) and arbitrarily choose a finite set \(A \subseteq \mathbb{L}\). By the homogeneity of \((L;C,\prec)\) there are automorphisms \(\alpha, \beta\) of \((L;C,\prec)\) such that \(\text{lin}(x) = \alpha(\text{lin}(\beta(x)))\) for all \(x \in A\). Since \(\text{End}(\Gamma)\) is closed we have that \(\text{lin} \in \text{End}(\Gamma)\) and \(\text{nil} \in \text{End}(\Gamma)\) by Proposition 45.

Our proof has two steps: we first prove that the structure \(\Delta\) induced by \(D := \text{nil}(L)\) is isomorphic to \((Q;\prec)\) and then we prove in the next step that \(\Delta\) is in fact isomorphic to a reduct of \((L;\succeq)\). Clearly, this implies the statement since \(\Gamma\) and \(\Delta\) are homomorphically equivalent. Let \(\tau\) be the signature of \(\Gamma\). We first show that for every \(R \in \tau\), the relation \(R^\Delta\) has a first-order definition in \((D;\prec)\). The relation \(R^\Delta\) has a first-order definition \(\phi\) in \((L;C)\). An atomic sub-formula \(C(x;yz)\) of \(\phi\) holds in \(\Delta\) if and only if \(x < y < z\) or \(x < x < z\). Hence, if we replace \(\phi\) with \(\phi\) in \(C(x;yz)\) by \(x < y < z \lor y < x < z\) we obtain a formula that defines \(R^\Delta\) over \((D;\prec)\). Since \((L;\succeq)\) is isomorphic to \((Q;\prec)\) and \(\text{nil}\) preserves \(\prec\), it follows that \((D;\prec)\) is isomorphic to \((Q;\prec)\), too. Hence, \(\Delta\) is isomorphic to a reduct of \((Q;\prec)\).

To show that \(\Delta\) is isomorphic to a reduct of \((L;\succeq)\), let \(X\) be a finite subset of \(D\) and \(\alpha\) be a permutation of \(D\). By Proposition 18 and the fact that \(\text{End}(\Gamma)\) is a closed subset of \(D^D\), it suffices to find an \(e \in \text{End}(\Delta)\) such that \(e(x) = \alpha(x)\) for all \(x \in X\). Since \(X \subseteq \text{nil}(L)\), the elements of \(X\) can be enumerated by \(x_1, \ldots, x_n\) such that \(\text{Nil}(x_1, \ldots, x_n)\). Since \(\alpha(X) \subseteq D = \text{nil}(L)\), there is a \(\gamma \in S_n\) such that \(\text{Nil}(\alpha(x_{\gamma(1)}), \ldots, \alpha(x_{\gamma(n)})\). We apply Lemma 51 to \((x_1, \ldots, x_n), (y_1, \ldots, y_n) := (\alpha(x_{\gamma(1)}), \ldots, \alpha(x_{\gamma(n)})\), and \(\delta = \gamma^{-1}\), and obtain an \(f \in \text{End}(\Gamma)\) such that \(f(x_i) = y_{\delta(i)} = \alpha(x_{\gamma^{-1}(i)}) = \alpha(x_i)\) for all \(i \in \{1, \ldots, k\}\). The restriction of \(\text{nil} \circ f\) to \(D\) is an endomorphism \(f'\) of \(\Delta\). Since \(\text{nil}\) preserves \(\prec\) and \(\Delta\) is a reduct of \((D;\prec)\), which is isomorphic to \((Q;\prec)\), we have that \((\alpha(x_1), \ldots, \alpha(x_n)) = (f(x_1), \ldots, f(x_n))\) and \((f'(x_1), \ldots, f'(x_n))\) lie in the same orbit in \(\Delta\). Hence, there exists an \(\beta \in \text{Aut}(\Delta)\) such that \(\beta(f'(x_i)) = \alpha(x_i)\) for all \(i \in \{1, \ldots, n\}\), and \(\beta \circ f'\) is an endomorphism of \(\Delta\) as required. \(\square\)

### 6.2 Canonical behavior with one constant

In this section we study the behavior of canonical functions from \((L;C,\prec, c_1)\) to \((L;C,\prec)\). Some important behaviors are introduced in Definition 53. We then show in Sections 6.2.1 and 6.2.2 that when a function \(f\) has some of those behaviors on a \(c\)-universal set, then \(\{f\} \cup \text{Aut}(L;C)\) generates \(\text{lin}\) or \(\text{End}(L;Q)\). Finally, Section 6.2.4 classifies behaviors of canonical functions from \((L;C,\prec, c_1)\) to \((L;C,\succeq)\).

**Definition 53.** Let \(c \in \mathbb{L}\) and \(A \subseteq \mathbb{L} \setminus \{c\}\). Let \(e : \mathbb{L} \rightarrow \mathbb{L}\) be a function such that

- for any \(a \in A\) we have that \(e(c) \in (A \cap S_n^c)\),
- \(e\) preserves \(C\) on \(A \cap S_n^c\), and
- for any \(a, b \in A\) we have either \(S_n^c = S_n^c\) or \(e(A \cap S_n^c) = e(A \cap S_n^c)\).

Then we say that \(e\) has on \(A\) the behavior

- \(\text{id}_e\) iff for all \(x, y, z \in A\) with \(x|yzc\) and \(y|zc\) we have that \(e(x)|e(y)\) and \(e(y)\) and \(e(z)\).
- \(\text{cut}_e\) iff for all \(x, y, z \in A\) with \(x|yzc\) and \(y|zc\) we have that \(e(x) = e(y)\) and \(e(z)\).
- \(\text{rer}_e\) iff for all \(x, y, z \in A\) with \(x|yzc\) and \(y|zc\) we have that \(e(x) = e(y)\) and \(e(z)\).
- \(\text{rel}_e\) iff for all \(x, y \in A\) with \(x|yc\) we have that \(e(y)\) and \(e(x)\).
6.2.1 The behavior $\text{cut}_c$

In this section we prove that for all $c \in \mathbb{L}$, functions with behavior $\text{cut}_c$ on a $c$-universal set together with $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C)$ generate $\text{lin}$. This follows from the following more general fact.

**Lemma 54** (Cut Lemma). Let $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C) \subseteq M \subseteq \mathbb{L}_1^{L}$ be such that for any finite $U \subseteq \mathbb{L}$ and $u \in U$, there exists $g \in M$ that behaves as $\text{cut}_u$ on $U \setminus \{u\}$. Then $M$ generates $\text{nil}$ and $\text{lin}$.

**Proof.** By Proposition 45 it suffices to show that $M$ generates $\text{nil}$. We show that for all $k$ and all $x_1, \ldots, x_k \in \mathbb{L}$ there is an $f \in \langle M \rangle$ such that $f(x_i) = \text{nil}(x_i)$ for all $i < k$. We prove this by induction on $k$. Clearly, the claim holds for $k = 1$ so assume that $k > 1$. Suppose without loss of generality that $x_1 < x_2 < \cdots < x_k$. We inductively assume that there is an $f' \in \langle M \rangle$ such that $f'(x_i) = \text{nil}(x_i)$ for all $i < k$. Let $U' := f'(\{x_1, \ldots, x_k\})$ and $u := f'(x_k)$. By assumption, there exists a $g \in M$ that behaves as $\text{cut}_u$ on $U \setminus \{u\}$.

Set $f'' = g \circ f'$. We claim that $f''(x_1) \cdots f''(x_{i-1})|f''(x_{i+1}) = f''(x_i)$ for all $1 \leq i < k$. For $i < k - 1$, this follows from the inductive assumption that $f'(x_1) \cdots f'(x_{i-1})|f'(x_{i+1})$, and the assumption that $g$ behaves as $\text{cut}_u$ on $U \setminus \{u\}$ and in particular preserves $C$ on $U \setminus \{u\}$. For $i = k - 1$, note that $g(u)g(U \setminus \{u\})$ since $g$ behaves as $\text{cut}_u$ on $U \setminus \{u\}$, and $f''(x_1) \cdots f''(x_k) \subseteq g(U \setminus \{u\})$. Therefore, $f''(x_1) \cdots f''(x_{k-1})|f''(x_k)$ which concludes the proof of the claim.

Since $\text{nil}(x_1) \cdots \text{nil}(x_i)|\text{nil}(x_{i+1})$ for all $1 \leq i < k$, the homogeneity of $(\mathbb{L}; C)$ implies that there exists an $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C) \subseteq M$ such that $\alpha(f''(x_i)) = \text{nil}(x_i)$ for all $i \leq k$. Then $f := \alpha \circ f'' \in \langle M \rangle$ has the desired property which concludes the proof.

**Corollary 55.** Let $c \in \mathbb{L}$, let $A \subseteq \mathbb{L} \setminus \{c\}$ be $c$-universal, and let $g$ be a function that behaves as $\text{cut}_c$ on $A$. Then $\{g\} \cup \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C)$ generates $\text{lin}$.

**Proof.** The $c$-universality of $A$ implies that for every finite $U \subseteq \mathbb{L}$ and $u \in U$ there exists an $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C)$ such that $\alpha(U \setminus \{u\}) \subseteq A$ and $\alpha(u) = c$. Then $g \circ \alpha$ behaves as $\text{cut}_u$ on $U$ and the statement follows from Lemma 54.

6.2.2 The behavior $\text{rer}_c$

We will next prove that for all $c \in \mathbb{L}$, functions with behavior $\text{rer}_c$ on a $c$-universal set together with $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C)$ generate $\text{End}(\mathbb{L}; Q)$; we start with a flexible generation lemma.

**Lemma 56** (Rerooting Lemma, general form). Let $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C) \subseteq M \subseteq \mathbb{L}_1^{L}$ be such that for any finite $U \subseteq \mathbb{L}$ and $u \in U$ there exists $g \in M$ that behaves as $\text{rer}_u$ on $U \setminus \{u\}$. Then $M$ generates $\text{End}(\mathbb{L}; Q)$.

**Proof.** We follow almost literally the proof of Lemma 28. Arbitrarily choose $f \in \text{End}(\mathbb{L}; Q)$ and let $A$ be an arbitrary finite subset of $\mathbb{L}$. We have to show that $\langle M \rangle$ contains an operation $e$ such that $e(x) = f(x)$ for all $x \in A$. This is trivial when $|A| = 1$ so we assume that $|A| \geq 2$. By Lemma 26 there exists a non-empty proper subset $B$ of $A$ such that $f(B)|f(A \setminus B)$ and $B|a$ for all $a \in A \setminus B$. By the homogeneity of $(\mathbb{L}; C)$ we can choose an element $c \in \mathbb{L} \setminus A$ such that $c|B$ and $(A \cup \{c\})|a$ for all $u \in A \setminus B$. By assumption, there exists a $g \in M$ such that $g$ behaves as $\text{rer}_c$ on $A$. Clearly, $g$ preserves $Q$ on $A$.

We claim that $g(B)g(A \setminus B)$. First, we show that $g(b_1)g(b_2)|g(a)$ for every $b_1, b_2 \in B$ and $a \in A \setminus B$. By the choice of $c$ we have $b_1 b_2 : ac$, therefore $g(b_1)g(b_2) : g(a)c$. Since $g(c)|g(b_1)g(b_2)g(a)$, we have $g(b_1)g(b_2)|g(a)g(a)$. Next, we show that $g(b)|g(a_1)g(a_2)$ for every $b \in B$ and $a_1, a_2 \in A \setminus B$. By the choice of $c$ we have $bc : a_1 a_2$, therefore $g(b)c : g(a_1)g(a_2)$. Since $g(c)|g(b)g(a_1)g(a_2)$, we have $g(b)|g(a_1)g(a_2)$.

Let $\beta : g(A) \rightarrow f(A)$ be defined by $\beta(x) = f(g^{-1}(x))$ for all $x \in g(A)$. Since both $g$ and $f$ preserve $Q$, we have that $\beta$ preserves $Q$ by Lemma 13. Since $\beta(g(B))|g(A \setminus B)$, the conditions of Lemma 25 apply to $\beta$ for $A_1 := g(B)$ and $A_2 := g(A \setminus B)$, and hence $\beta$ preserves $C$. By the homogeneity of $(\mathbb{L}; C)$, there exists an $\gamma \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C) \subseteq M$ that extends $\beta$. Then $\epsilon := \gamma \circ g \in \langle M \rangle$ has the desired property. □
Corollary 57. Let \( c \in \mathbb{L} \), let \( A \subseteq \mathbb{L} \setminus \{c\} \) be \( c \)-universal, and let \( g \) be a function that behaves as \( \text{rer}_c \) on \( A \). Then \( \{g\} \cup \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C) \) generates \( \text{End}(\mathbb{L}; \mathbb{Q}) \).

Proof. We claim that the conditions of Lemma \( 56 \) apply to \( M := \langle \{g\} \cup \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C) \rangle \). Let \( U \subseteq \mathbb{L} \) be finite and arbitrarily choose \( u \in U \). By \( c \)-universality of \( A \) there exists an \( \alpha \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C) \) such that \( \alpha(U) \subseteq A \) and \( \alpha(u) = c \). Since \( g \) behaves as \( \text{rer}_c \) on \( \alpha(U) \), the function \( g \circ \alpha \) behaves as \( \text{rer}_a \) on \( U \). By Lemma \( 56 \), \( \{g\} \cup \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C) \rangle \) generates \( \text{End}(\mathbb{L}; \mathbb{Q}) \), and so does \( \{g\} \cup \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C) \).

Obviously, a function with behavior \( \text{rer}_c \) on \( A \) preserves \( \mathbb{Q} \) on \( A \). We now characterize the situation where a function preserving \( \mathbb{Q} \) behaves as \( \text{rer}_c \).

Lemma 58. Let \( X \) be a subset of \( \mathbb{L} \), arbitrarily choose \( a \in X \), and let \( f : \mathbb{L} \to \mathbb{L} \) be a function that preserves \( \mathbb{Q} \) on \( X \) and has the property that \( f(a) \mid f(X \setminus \{a\}) \). Then \( f \) preserves \( \mathbb{C} \) on \( X \times S^a \) for every \( x \in X \setminus \{a\} \), and for any \( x, y \in X \setminus \{a\} \) either \( S^a_x = S^a_y \) or \( f(X \cap S^a_x \setminus S^a_y) \).

Proof. Arbitrarily choose \( x \in X \setminus \{a\} \) and pick pairwise distinct elements \( u, v, w \in X \setminus S^a_x \). By C8 we can assume that \( uwv \). Clearly, \( auwv \) and it follows that \( f(a) \mid f(u) | f(v) \). Since \( f(a) \mid f(u) | f(v) \) by the assumptions on \( f \), we have \( f(u) | f(v) \). This concludes the proof of the first assertion of the lemma.

To show the remaining assertion, let \( x, y \in X \setminus \{a\} \) and assume that \( S^a_x \neq S^a_y \). We claim that \( f(X \cap S^a_x \setminus S^a_y ) \mid f(y) \). It suffices to show that \( f(x) | f(y) \) for any \( x \in X \cap S^a_x \). Clearly, we have \( axx' \) and, consequently, \( f(x) | f(y) \). Since \( f(a) | f(x) \), it follows that \( f(x) | f(y) \). This concludes the proof of the claim. Similarly, it can be shown that \( f(x) | f(y) \).

Corollary 59. Let \( X \) be a subset of \( \mathbb{L} \), arbitrarily choose \( a \in X \), and let \( f : \mathbb{L} \to \mathbb{L} \) be a function such that \( f(a) \mid f(X \setminus \{a\}) \). Then \( f \) behaves as \( \text{rer}_a \) on \( X \) if and only if \( f \) preserves \( \mathbb{Q} \) on \( X \).

Proof. It follows easily from the definition of \( \text{rer}_a \) and Lemma 23 that if \( f \) behaves as \( \text{rer}_a \) on \( X \) then \( f \) preserves \( \mathbb{Q} \) on \( X \). Conversely, suppose that \( f \) preserves \( \mathbb{Q} \) on \( X \). By Lemma 58 it remains to show that for \( x, y, z \in X \setminus \{a\} \) such that \( x \mid y \) \& \( y \mid z \) we have \( f(a) \mid f(x) \mid f(y) \mid f(z) \). Clearly, we have \( xy \mid z \) and \( f(x) \mid f(y) \mid f(z) \). Since \( f(a) \mid f(x) \mid f(y) \mid f(z) \), it follows that \( f(x) \mid f(y) \mid f(z) \).

### 6.2.3 The behavior \( \text{rer}_c \)

We finally study functions with behavior \( \text{rer}_c \) on a \( c \)-universal set.

Lemma 60. Let \( c \in \mathbb{L} \), let \( A \subseteq \mathbb{L} \setminus \{c\} \) be \( c \)-universal, and let \( g : \mathbb{L} \to \mathbb{L} \) be a function that behaves as \( \text{rer}_c \) on \( A \). Then \( \{g\} \cup \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C) \) generates \( \text{End}(\mathbb{L}; \mathbb{Q}) \), and then prove that \( \{g\} \cup \text{End}(\mathbb{L}; Q) \) generates \( \text{lin} \).

Proof. The proof has two steps. We first show that \( \{g\} \cup \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C) \) generates \( \text{End}(\mathbb{L}; \mathbb{Q}) \), and then prove that \( \{g\} \cup \text{End}(\mathbb{L}; Q) \) generates \( \text{lin} \).

For the first step it suffices to show that \( \langle \{g\} \cup \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C) \rangle \) satisfies the conditions of Lemma 56. Let \( U \) be a non-empty finite subset of \( \mathbb{L} \) and arbitrarily choose an element \( u \in U \). Let \( c' \in \mathbb{L} \) be such that \( c' \neq u \) and for every \( v \in U \setminus \{u\} \) we have \( uc' \mid v \). Since \( A \) is \( c \)-universal, there is an \( \alpha \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C) \) such that \( \alpha(U) \subseteq A \) and \( \alpha(A) = c \). Arbitrarily choose two members \( v_1, v_2 \) of \( U \setminus \{u\} \). By the choice of \( c' \) we have that either \( uc'v_1 \mid v_2 \), \( uc'v_2 \mid v_1 \), or \( v_1v_2 \mid uc' \). Since \( \alpha \) preserves \( C \) and \( g \) behaves as \( \text{rer}_c \), \( A \) so \( g \circ \alpha \) behaves as \( \text{rer}_c \) on \( U \). By Corollary 59 the function \( g \circ \alpha \) behaves as \( \text{rer}_c \) on \( U \).

To show that \( \{g\} \cup \text{End}(\mathbb{L}; Q) \) generates \( \text{lin} \), we use Lemma 54. Let \( U \subseteq \mathbb{L} \) be finite and arbitrarily choose \( u \in U \). Let \( v \in \mathbb{L} \) be such that \( U \mid v \). By the \( c \)-universality of \( A \) there is an
\(\alpha \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C)\) such that \(\alpha(U \cup \{v\}) \subseteq A \cup \{c\}\) and \(\alpha(u) = c\). Since for every \(x \in U \setminus \{u\}\) we have \(\alpha(x) \subseteq A \cup \{c\}\), it follows that \(g(c)g(\alpha(v))|g(\alpha(x))\) for every \(x \in U\). This property together with the homogeneity of \((\mathbb{L}; Q)\) allows us to choose \(\beta \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; Q)\) such that \(\beta(g(c))|\beta(g(\alpha(v)))|\beta(g(\alpha(U \setminus \{u\})))).\) Let \(h = \beta \circ g \circ \alpha\). Since \(g\) behaves as \(r_e\) on \(A\), \(g\) preserves \(Q\) on \(\alpha(\{v\} \cup U \setminus \{u\})\). This implies that \(h\) preserves \(Q\) on \(\{v\} \cup U \setminus \{u\}\). Since \(v(U \setminus \{u\}, h(v)|h(u) \setminus \{u\})\), and \(h\) preserves \(Q\) on \(\{v\} \cup U \setminus \{u\}\), it follows from Lemma 25 that \(h\) preserves \(C\) on \(U \setminus \{u\}\). Since \(h(u) = \beta(g(c))\), we have that \(h(u)|h(U \setminus \{u\})\). It follows that \(h\) behaves as \(c_{u,v}\) on \(U\).

6.2.4 Classification of behaviors with one constant

The main result of this section is Lemma 63 below, which can be seen as a classification of canonical functions from \((\mathbb{L}; C, \prec, c)\) to \((\mathbb{L}; C, \prec)\). We first need two lemmata about \(c\)-universal sets.

**Lemma 61.** Choose \(c\in\mathbb{L}\) and let \(A \subseteq L \setminus \{c\}\) be a \(c\)-universal set. Then for every finite subset \(X\) of \(L\) there is an \(\alpha \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C, \prec)\) such that \(\alpha(X) \subseteq A\) and \(\alpha(X)|c\).

**Proof.** Recall that the class of all ordered leaf structures has the ordering property (Theorem 40). By the formulation of the ordering property from Proposition 39 there exists a finite subset \(Y\) of \(L\) such that for every \(\alpha \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C)\) there exists a \(\beta \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C, \prec)\) such that \(\beta(X) \subseteq \alpha(Y)\). Let \(y \in \mathbb{L}\) be such that \(y|Y\) holds. Since \(A\) is \(c\)-universal, there exists a \(\gamma \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C)\) such that \(\gamma(y) = c\) and \(\gamma(Y) \subseteq A\). By the choice of \(Y\) there exists an \(\alpha \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C, \prec)\) such that \(\alpha(X) \subseteq \gamma(Y) \subseteq A\). Since \(\gamma(Y)|c\), we have \(\alpha(X)|c\) which concludes the proof.

**Lemma 62.** Choose \(c\in\mathbb{L}\) and assume that \(A \subseteq \{x \in L : x < c\}\) or \(A \subseteq \{x \in L : c < x\}\) is a \(c\)-universal set. Let \(e : L \rightarrow L\) be an injective function that is canonical as a function from \((\mathbb{L}; C, \prec, c)\) to \((\mathbb{L}; C)\) that preserves \(C\) on \(A \cap S^n_c\) for every \(a \in A\). Then

- for every \(a \in A\) we have \(e(c)|e(A \cap S^n_c)\), and
- for every \(a, b \in A\) we have either \(S^n_c = S^n_b\) or \(e(A \cap S^n_a)|e(A \cap S^n_b)\).

**Proof.** To prove the first assertion of the lemma, it suffices to prove that for arbitrary \(x, y \in A\) satisfying \(x|c\) we have \(e(x)|e(y)|e(c)\). Assume for contradiction that there are \(x_1, x_2 \in A\) such that \(x_1|x_2c\) and \(e(x_1)|e(x_2)e(c)\). Let \(x_3 \in \mathbb{L}\) be such that \(x_1|x_3\) holds. By Lemma 61 there is an \(\alpha \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C, \prec)\) such that \(\alpha(x_3, x_2) \subseteq A\) and \(\alpha(x_1, x_2, x_3)\). For \(i \in \{1, 2, 3\}\) let \(x'_i := \alpha(x_i)\). The pairs \((x_1, x_2)\), \((x'_1, x'_2)\), and \((x'_3, x'_2)\) are in the same orbit of \(\text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C, \prec, c)\): we have \(x_1 < x_2\) if and only if \(x'_1 < x'_2\) since \(\alpha\) preserves \(\prec\). Further, \(x'_1 < x'_2\) if and only if \(x'_3 < x'_2\) by convexity of \(\prec\) since \(x_1|x_3\) holds and \(\alpha\) preserves \(C\). Moreover, it holds that \(x_1|x_3\) by assumption, and \(x'_1|x'_2\) by the properties of \(\alpha\). In case that \(A \subseteq \{x \in L : x < c\}\) we have \(x_1, x_2, x_3, x'_1, x'_2, x'_3 < c\), otherwise we have \(c < x_1, x_2, x_3, x'_1, x'_2, x'_3\). By the homogeneity of \((\mathbb{L}; C, \prec, c)\) we conclude that \((x_1, x_2)\), \((x'_1, x'_2)\), and \((x'_3, x'_2)\) are in the same orbit of \(\text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C, \prec, c)\), and hence, by the canonicality of \(e\), we have that \(e(x'_1)|e(x'_2)e(c)\) and \(e(x'_3)|e(x'_2)e(c)\). Since \(e\) preserves \(C\) on \(S^n_x \cap A\), we have \(e(x'_1)|e(x'_2)|e(x'_2)e(c)\) which implies that \(e(x'_1)|e(x'_2)|e(x'_2)e(c)\). By the canonicality of \(e\), this contradicts the fact that either \((x'_1, x'_2)\) or \((x'_3, x'_2)\) are in the same orbit as \((x'_1, x'_2)\) in \(\text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C, \prec, c)\).

To prove the second assertion of the lemma, we first prove the claim that for any \(x_1, x_2, x_3 \in A\) satisfying \(x_1|x_2x_3c\) and \(x_2|x_3c\) we have \(e(x_1)|e(x_2)e(x_3)\). For a contradiction we assume that \(e(x_1)|e(x_2)e(x_3)\). Let \(y_1, \ldots, y_5 \in A\) be pairwise distinct such that \(y_1|y_2y_3y_4y_5c\), \(y_2y_3y_4y_5c\), and \(y_2y_3y_4y_5\). It follows from the convexity of \(\prec\) that \(y_1 < y_i\) for \(i \in \{2, \ldots, 5\}\). Since \(y_2y_3y_4y_5\), we have either \(y_1 < y_i\) for \(i \in \{2, 3\}\) and \(j \in \{4, 5\}\), or \(y_1 < y_j\) for \(i \in \{4, 5\}\) and \(j \in \{2, 3\}\). Without loss of generality we assume that \(y_2 < y_3 < y_4 < y_5\). If \(x_2 < x_3\), then the tuples \((x_1, x_2, x_3)\), \((y_1, y_2, y_3)\), and \((y_1, y_4, y_5)\) are in the same orbit of \(\text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C, \prec, c)\). Thus \(e(y_1)|e(y_2)|e(y_3)\) and \(e(y_1)|e(y_3)\) preserve \(C\). Since \(e\) preserves \(C\) in \(A \cap S^n_c\) and since \(\{y_2, y_3, y_4, y_5\} \subseteq A \cap S^n_c\), we have \(e(y_2)|e(y_4)\). These conditions are impossible to satisfy over \((\mathbb{L}; C)\). If \(x_3 < x_2\) then we consider the three tuples \((x_1, x_3, x_2)\), \((y_1, y_2, y_3)\), and \((y_1, y_3, y_4)\) that lie in the same orbit of \(\text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C, \prec, c)\) and proceed analogously.
We next claim that for any \( x_1, x_2, x_3 \in A \) satisfying \( x_1 x_2 | x_3 \), we have \( e(x_1) e(x_2) | e(x_3) \). This can be shown similarly as for the claim above by choosing five distinct elements \( y_1, \ldots, y_5 \) such that \( y_1 y_2 y_3 y_4 | y_5 \) and \( y_1 y_2 y_3 y_4 | y_5 \). These two claims imply the second assertion.

\section*{Proof}

**Lemma 63.** Choose \( c \in L \) and assume that \( A \subseteq \{ x \in L : x \prec c \} \) or \( A \subseteq \{ x \in L : c \prec x \} \) is \( c \)-universal. Let \( e : L \to L \) be an injective function that is canonical on \( A \) as a function from \((L;C,\prec,c)\) to \((L;C,\prec)\). Then \{\( e \}\) \( \cup \) \( \text{Aut}(L;C) \) generates \( \text{lin} \) or \( e \) behaves on \( A \) as \( \text{id} \) or \( \text{rer}_c \).

**Proof.** The canonicity of \( e \) implies that either

1. \( e(x) \prec e(y) \) for all \( x, y \in A \) such that \( xy \prec c \) and \( x \prec y \), or
2. \( e(y) \prec e(x) \) for all \( x, y \in A \) such that \( xy \prec c \) and \( x \prec y \).

If the second case applies, we continue the proof with \( - \circ e \) instead of \( e \). Thus we assume in the following that the first case applies. The case that \( A \subseteq \{ x \in L : c \prec x \} \) can be proved similarly to the case that \( A \subseteq \{ x \in L : x \prec c \} \). We therefore assume in the following that \( x \prec c \) for all \( x \in A \).

Since \( A \) is \( c \)-universal, there is an \( a \in A \) such that \( S^c_a \cap A \) contains four distinct elements \( x, y, u, v \) such that \( xyuv \). The function \( e \) is canonical on \( S^c_a \cap A \) as a function from \((L;C,\prec,c)\) to \((L;C,\prec)\). Lemma 45 shows that \( e \) behaves as \( \text{id} \), \( \text{lin} \), or nil on \( S^c_a \cap A \). The canonicity of \( e \) implies that \( e \) has the same behavior on all sets of the form \( S^c_a \cap A \) for \( x \in A \).

If \( e \) behaves as \( \text{lin} \) on all those sets, then we show that \( \text{Aut}(L;C) \cup \{ e \} \) generates \( \text{lin} \). Let \( X \) be a finite subset of \( L \). By Lemma 61 there is an \( \alpha \in \text{Aut}(L;C,\prec) \) such that \( \alpha(X) \subseteq L \) and \( \alpha(X) \prec c \). Since \( e \) behaves as \( \text{lin} \) on \( \alpha(X) \) and \( \alpha \) preserves \( \prec \), the function \( e \circ \alpha \) behaves as \( \text{lin} \) on \( X \). This implies that \( \{ e \} \cup \text{Aut}(L;C) \) generates \( \text{lin} \).

If \( e \) behaves as \( \text{nil} \) on all those sets of the form \( S^c_a \cap A \) for \( x \in A \), then by the same argument it can be shown that \( \{ e \} \cup \text{Aut}(L;C) \) generates \( \text{nil} \), and therefore \( \text{lin} \) by Proposition 45. We therefore assume in the following that \( e \) preserves \( C \) on each set of the form \( S^c_a \cap A \), \( x \in A \). Lemma 62 implies that the preconditions of the behaviors are satisfied (Definition 53). Let \( u, v \in A \) be such that \( u \prec v \). By C8, the following cases are exhaustive.

1. \( e(u)e(v) | e(c) \). Let \( x, y, z \in A \) be such that \( x | yz \) and \( y | z \). Clearly, we have \( x \prec y \prec z \prec c \). Since \( (x, y) \) and \( (y, z) \) are in the same orbit of \( \text{Aut}(L;C,\prec,c) \) as \( (u, v) \), we have \( e(x)e(y)e(c) \) and \( e(y)e(z)e(c) \). This implies that \( e \) behaves as \( \text{id}_e \) on \( A \).

2. \( e(v)e(u) | e(c) \). Let \( x, y, z \in A \) be such that \( x | yz \) and \( y | z \). Since \( (x, y) \) and \( (y, z) \) are in the same orbit as \( (u, v) \) in \( \text{Aut}(L;C,\prec) \), we have \( e(y)e(x)e(c) \) and \( e(z)e(y)e(c) \). Thus, \( e \) behaves as \( \text{rer}_c \) on \( A \), and \( \{ e \} \cup \text{Aut}(L;C) \) generates \( \text{lin} \) by Lemma 60.

3. \( e(u)e(v) | e(c) \). Canonicity of \( e \) on \( A \) implies that for any \( x, y \in A \) we have \( e(x)e(y) | e(c) \) and \( e(A) | e(c) \). By the convexity of \( \prec \) we have \( a_1 \prec a_2 \prec a_3 \) so \( (a_1, a_2) \) and \( (a_2, a_3) \) are in the same orbit of \( \text{Aut}(L;C,\prec) \) as \( (u, v) \). The canonicity of \( e \) implies that either \( e(a_1) \prec e(a_2) \prec e(a_3) \) or \( e(a_3) \prec e(a_2) \prec e(a_1) \). It follows from the convexity of \( \prec \) that either \( e(a_1) | e(a_2) | e(a_3) \) holds. If the first case holds then \( e \) behaves as \( \text{cut}_c \), and if the second case holds then \( e \) behaves as \( \text{rer}_c \) on \( A \).

We conclude that unless \( \{ e \} \cup \text{Aut}(L;C) \) generates \( \text{lin} \), it behaves as \( \text{id}_e \) or \( \text{rer}_c \) on \( A \).

\section*{6.3 Canonical behavior with two constants}

In this section we analyze canonical functions from \((L;C,\prec,c_1,c_2)\) to \((L;C,\prec)\). For our purposes, it suffices to treat some special behaviors (Lemma 65): the motivation for those behaviors will become clear in the proof of Proposition 68. Then, we prove that certain behaviors of \( f \) imply that \( \{ f \} \cup \text{Aut}(L;C) \) generates \( \text{lin} \) (Lemma 66 and Lemma 67).
Definition 64. Let \( c_1, c_2 \in L \) be distinct. Then \( A \subseteq L \setminus \{c_1, c_2\} \) is called \((c_1, c_2)\)-universal if for every finite \( U \subseteq L \) and \( u_1, u_2 \in U \) there is an \( \alpha \in \text{Aut}(L; C) \) such that \( \alpha(U) \subseteq A \cup \{u_1, u_2\} \), \( \alpha u_1 = c_1 \), and \( \alpha u_2 = c_2 \).

Note that when \( A \) is \((c_1, c_2)\)-universal then this implies in particular that \( \{x \in A : x | c_1 \} \) and \( \{x \in A : x | c_2 \} \) are \( c_1 \)-universal.

Lemma 65. Let \( c_1, c_2 \in L \) be distinct, and let \( A \) be \((c_1, c_2)\)-universal such that all elements in \( A_1 := \{x \in A : x | c_1 \} \) are in the same orbit in \((L; C; \prec, c_1, c_2)\), and all elements in \( A_2 := \{x \in A : x | c_2 \} \) are in the same orbit in \((L; C; \prec, c_1, c_2)\). Let \( f : L \to L \) be canonical on \( A \) as a function from \((L; C; \prec, c_1, c_2)\) to \((L; C; \prec).\) Then \( \{f\} \cup \text{Aut}(L; C) \) generates \( \text{lin} \) or \( \text{End}(L; Q) \), or \( f \) preserves \( C \) on \( \{c_1\} \cup A_1 \cup A_2 \).

Proof. It follows from the assumption on \( A_1 \) and \( A_2 \) that \( f \) is canonical on \( A_1 \) and \( A_2 \) as a function from \((L; C; \prec, c_1)\) to \((L; C; \prec).\) By Lemma 45, if \( f \) does not preserve \( C \) on \( A_1 \cup \{c_1\} \) then \( \{f\} \cup \text{Aut}(L; C) \) generates \( \text{lin} \) and we are done, or it behaves as \( \text{rec}_{c_1} \) on \( A_1 \cup \{c_1\} \) in which case \( \{f\} \cup \text{Aut}(L; C) \) generates \( \text{End}(L; Q) \) by Corollary \( 57 \) and we are again done. The same argument applies if \( f \) does not preserve \( C \) on \( A_2 \cup \{c_2\} \).

Thus, it remains to consider the case when \( f \) preserves \( C \) on both \( A_1 \cup \{c_1\} \) and \( A_2 \cup \{c_1\}. \) Let \( a_1 \in A_1 \) and \( a_2 \in A_2. \) We distinguish the following cases:

- \( f(c_1) | f(a_1) f(a_2). \) It follows from the canonicality of \( f \) that \( f(c_1) | f(a_1) f(x) \) for all \( x \in A_2 \) so \( f(c_1) | f(A_2). \) This is impossible since \( f \) preserves \( C \) on \( \{c_1\} \cup A_2. \)

- \( f(a_2) f(c_1) | f(a_1). \) It follows from the canonicality of \( f \) that \( f(x) f(c_1) | f(a_1) \) for all \( x \in A_2, \) therefore \( f(a_2) f(c_1) | f(A_2). \) This implies that \( f \) behaves as \( \text{cut}_{a_1} \) on \( A_2. \) Since \( c_1 a_1 | x \) for all \( x \in A_2 \) and \( A_2 \) is \( c_1 \)-universal, we have that \( A_2 \) is also \( a_1 \)-universal, and, by Corollary \( 55 \) \( \{f\} \cup \text{Aut}(L; C) \) generates \( \text{lin}. \)

- \( f(c_1) f(a_1) | f(a_2). \) It follows from the canonicality of \( f \) that \( f \) preserves \( C \) on \( \{c_1\} \cup A_1 \cup A_2, \) and we are done.

Since these three cases are exhaustive, the statement follows.

Lemma 66. Let \( c_1, c_2 \in L \) and \( A \subseteq L \setminus \{c_1, c_2\} \) be \((c_1, c_2)\)-universal. Let \( A_1 := \{x \in A : x | c_1 \} \), \( A_2 := \{x \in A : x | c_2 \} \), and \( A_3 := \{x \in A : c_1 c_2 | x \} \). Let \( g : L \to L \) be an injection such that

\begin{itemize}
  \item \( g(A_1 \cup \{c_1\}) | g(c_2) \),
  \item \( g \) preserves \( C \) on \( \{c_1\} \cup A_1 \) and on \( \{c_2\} \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \), and
  \item \( g(c_1) g(c_2) | g(x) \) for every \( x \in A_2 \cup A_3 \).
\end{itemize}

Then \( g \cup \text{Aut}(L; C) \) generates \( \text{nil}. \)

Proof. We need to show that for all \( k \) and all \( x_1, \ldots, x_k \in L \) there is an \( f \in M := \langle \text{Aut}(L; C) \cup \{g\} \rangle \) such that \( f(x_j) = \text{nil}(x_j) \) for all \( j \leq k \). This is clearly true for \( k \leq 2 \). To prove it for \( k \geq 3 \), suppose without loss of generality that \( x_1 \prec \cdots \prec x_k \). We first prove by induction on \( i \in \{1, \ldots, k-1\} \) that there exists an \( h \in M \) with the following properties.

1. \( h(x_1) \cdots h(x_i) | h(x_j) \) for every \( j \in \{i+1, \ldots, k\} \)
2. \( h \) preserves \( C \) on \( \{x_1, \ldots, x_k\} \)
3. for \( i \geq 2 \) we additionally require that \( h(x_1) \cdots h(x_j) | h(x_{j+1}) \) for every \( j \in \{1, \ldots, i-1\} \)

For \( i = 1 \) the identity function has the properties that we require for \( h \in M \). For \( i \geq 2 \), we inductively assume the existence of a function \( h' \in M \) such that

\begin{itemize}
  \item \( h'(x_1) \cdots h'(x_{i-1}) | h'(x_i) \) for every \( j \in \{i, \ldots, k\}, \)
\end{itemize}
• $h'$ preserves $C$ on $\{x_{i-1}, \ldots, x_k\}$, and
• if $i \geq 3$ we additionally have $h(x_1) \cdots h(x_j)h(x_{j+1})$ for every $j \in \{1, \ldots, i-2\}$.

By $(c_1, c_2)$-universality of $A$, there exists an $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C)$ that maps $h'(x_1)$ to $c_1$, $h'(x_i)$ to $c_2$, and such that $\alpha h'(\{x_1, \ldots, x_k\}) \subseteq A \cup \{c_1, c_2\}$.

**Observation.** $\alpha h'(\{x_1, \ldots, x_{i-1}\}) \subseteq \{c_1\} \cup A_1$ and $\alpha h'(\{x_1, \ldots, x_k\}) \subseteq \{c_2\} \cup A_2 \cup A_3$.

**Proof of the observation.** The first property of $h'$ implies that $h'(x_1)h'(x_{i-1})h'(x_i)$. Therefore, $\alpha h'(x_1)\alpha h'(x_{i-1})\alpha h'(x_i)$ and $c_1x|c_2$ for every $x \in \alpha h'(\{x_1, \ldots, x_{i-1}\})$ which concludes the proof of the first part of the observation.

To show the second part, arbitrarily choose $j \in \{i, \ldots, k\}$. If $j = i$ then $\alpha h'(x_j) = \alpha h'(x_i) = c_2$ and there is nothing to show. Since $x_{i-1} < x_i < x_j$, we distinguish the cases that $x_{i-1}|x_i|x_j$ and $x_{i-1}x_i|x_j$. By the inductive assumption, $h'$ preserves $C$ on $\{x_{i-1}, \ldots, x_k\}$ so we have $h'(x_{i-1})h'(x_i)h'(x_j)$ or $h'(x_{i-1})h'(x_i)|h'(x_j)$. First consider the case $h'(x_{i-1})h'(x_i)h'(x_j)$. By the first property of $h'$, we also have $h'(x_1)h'(x_{i-1})h'(x_j)$ and $h'(x_1)h'(x_{i-1})h'(x_j)|h'(x_j)$. Consequently, $\alpha h'(x_1)\alpha h'(x_i)\alpha h'(x_j)$, and thus $c_1|c_2\alpha h'(x_j)$. Hence $\alpha h'(x_j) \in A_2$. Now consider the case $h'(x_{i-1})h'(x_i)|h'(x_j)$. Since $h'(x_1)h'(x_{i-1})h'(x_j)$, we have $h'(x_1)h'(x_i)|h'(x_j)$. Thus $c_1c_2|\alpha h'(x_j)$, and $\alpha h'(x_j) \in A_3$.

We claim that $h := g \circ \alpha \circ h'$ satisfies the inductive claim so we have to verify the three properties from the inductive statement.

Ad 1. By the observation above with the facts that $\alpha h'(x_i) = c_2$ and $\alpha h'$ is injective, it follows that $\alpha h'(\{x_{i+1}, \ldots, x_k\}) \subseteq A_2 \cup A_3$. Since $g(c_1)g(c_2)|g(x)$ for every $x \in A_2 \cup A_3$ and $g(A) \cup \{c_1\}|g(c_2)$, we have $g(c_1, c_2) \cup A_1)|g(x)$ for every $x \in A_2 \cup A_3$. Therefore, $(g \circ \alpha \circ h')(\{x_{i+1}, \ldots, x_k\})|(g \circ \alpha \circ h')(x_j)$ for every $j \in \{i + 1, \ldots, k\}$, or, equivalently, $h(x_i) \cdots h(x_j)|h(x_i)|h(x_j)$, which is what we had to show.

Ad 2. By the second property of $h'$, the restriction of $h'$ to $\{x_{i-1}, \ldots, x_k\}$ preserves $C$. Since $\alpha h'(\{x_{i-1}, \ldots, x_k\}) \subseteq \{c_2\} \cup A_2 \cup A_3$ and $g$ preserves $C$ over $\{c_2\} \cup A_2 \cup A_3$, the restriction of $h = g \circ \alpha \circ h'$ to $\{x_{i-1}, \ldots, x_k\}$ preserves $C$ as well.

Ad 3. We assume that $i \geq 3$ since otherwise there is nothing to show. Since $g$ preserves $C$ over $A_1 \cup \{c_1\}$ and $\alpha h'(\{x_{i-1}, \ldots, x_{i-1}\}) \subseteq A_1 \cup \{c_1\}$, the third property of $h'$ implies that $g \circ \alpha \circ h'(\{x_{i-1}, \ldots, x_j\})|(g \circ \alpha \circ h'(x_{i+1}))$ for all $j \in \{1, \ldots, i-2\}$. Equivalently, $h(x_1) \cdots h(x_j)h(x_{j+1})$ for all $j \in \{1, \ldots, i-2\}$. It remains to show that $h(x_{i-2})h(x_{i-1})h(x_i)$. This follows directly from the fact that $g(A_1 \cup \{c_1\})|g(c_2)$ and $\alpha h'(x_i) = c_2$.

This concludes the induction. For $i = k$ the third property of $h$ implies that $h(x_1) \cdots h(x_j)h(x_{j+1})$ for all $j \in \{1, \ldots, k-1\}$. This property and the homogeneity of $(\mathbb{L}; C)$ imply the existence of $\beta \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C)$ such that $\beta h(x) = \text{nil}(x)$ for all $x \in X$, and hence $f := \beta \circ h \in M$ is a function with the desired properties.

**Lemma 67.** Let $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{L}$ and $A \subseteq \mathbb{L} \setminus \{c_1, c_2\}$ be $(c_1, c_2)$-universal. Let $A_1 = \{x \in A : xc_1|c_2\}$, $A_2 = \{x \in A : c_1|xc_2\}$, and $A_3 = \{x \in A : c_1c_2|xc\}$. Let $g : L \rightarrow \mathbb{L}$ be an injection such that

- for all $a_1 \in A_1$, $a_2 \in A_2$ we either have $g(c_1)g(a_1)|g(a_2)$ or $g(c_1)g(a_2)|g(a_1)$;
- $g$ preserves $C$ on $\{c_1\} \cup A_1 \cup A_3$ and on $\{c_2\} \cup A_2 \cup A_3$, and
- $g(c_1)g(c_2)|g(x)$ for every $x \in A$.

Then $\{g\} \cup \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C)$ generates lin.  

**Proof.** We first show that $\{g\} \cup \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C)$ generates a function $f$ with the property that there are no $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{L}$ such that $f(a)\beta f(b)|f(c)f(d)$. For this, it suffices by a standard application of König’s tree lemma (see e.g. Section 3.1 in [3]) to show that for all finite $S = \{x_1, \ldots, x_k\} \subseteq L$ there is an $h \in M := (\text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C) \cup \{g\})$ such that there are no $a, b, c, d \in S$ with $h(a)h(b)|h(c)h(d)$.

This is clearly true for $k \leq 1$. To prove it for $k \geq 2$, we prove by induction on $i \in \{1, \ldots, k-1\}$ that there exists an $h \in M$ with the following property.
Proposition 68.  Let \( \Gamma \) be a reduct of \((\mathbb{L}; C)\). Then one of the following applies.

1. \(\text{End}(\Gamma) = \text{End}(\mathbb{L}; C)\);
2. \(\text{End}(\Gamma)\) contains a constant operation;
3. \(\text{End}(\Gamma)\) contains \(\text{lin}\);
4. \(\text{End}(\Gamma)\) contains \(\text{End}(\mathbb{L}; Q)\).

Proof. If \(\Gamma\) has a non-injective endomorphism, then \(\Gamma\) also has a constant endomorphism by Lemma 41 and the second item of the statement of the proposition applies. Therefore we suppose in the following that all endomorphisms are injective. If all endomorphisms preserve \(C\), then the first item applies and we are done. Hence, suppose that there is an injective endomorphism \(e\) that violates the rooted triple relation, that is, there are \(c_1, c_2, c_3\) such that \(c_1|c_2|c_3\) and not \(e(c_1)|e(c_2)|e(c_3)\). Under this assumption, we claim that there are \(d_1, d_2, d_3 \in \mathbb{L}\) such that \(d_1|d_2|d_3\) and \(e(d_1)|e(d_2)|e(d_3)\). By injectivity of \(e\), we either have \(e(c_1)|e(c_3)|e(c_2)\) or \(e(c_2)|e(c_1)|e(c_3)\). In the first case, choose \((d_1, d_2, d_3) := (c_1, c_2, c_3)\) and in the second case choose \((d_1, d_2, d_3) := (c_1, c_2, c_3)\).

By convexity of \(\prec\) we have either \(d_1 \prec d_2 \prec d_3\), \(d_1 \prec d_3 \prec d_2\), \(d_2 \prec d_3 \prec d_1\), or \(d_3 \prec d_1 \prec d_2\). In each case, by the homogeneity of \((\mathbb{L}; C)\), there exists an \(a \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C)\) such that \(a_d \prec a_d \prec a_d\). After replacing \((d_1, d_2, d_3)\) by \((d_1, a_d, a_d, d_3)\) and \(e \) by \(e \circ a_1^{-1}\), we still have \(d_1|d_2|d_3\) and \(e(d_1)|e(d_2)|e(d_3)\). So we assume in the following that \(d_1 \prec d_2 \prec d_3\). There also exists \(b \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{L}; C)\) such that \(b(e(d_1)) \prec b(e(d_2)) \prec b(e(d_3))\). By replacing \(e\) with the function \(x \mapsto b(e(x))\), we may henceforth assume that \(e(d_1) \prec e(d_2) \prec e(d_3)\).
Recall our strategy described at the beginning of this section: we explained that one can additionally assume (by Corollary [57]) that \( e \) is canonical as a function from \((L; C, \prec, d_1, d_2, d_3)\) to \((\mathbb{L}; C, \prec)\). Define

\[
A_1 := \{ a : a \prec d_1, ad_1|d_2d_3 \}
\]
\[
A_2 := \{ a : d_1 \prec a \prec d_2, d_1|ad_2d_3 \land a|d_2d_3 \}
\]
\[
A_3 := \{ a : a \prec d_1, a|d_1d_2d_3 \}
\]

Note that \( A := A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \) is \((d_1, d_2)\)-universal: for every finite \( X \subseteq \mathbb{L} \) and arbitrary \( x_1, x_2 \in X \) there exists an \( \alpha \in \text{Aut}(L; C) \) such that

- \( \alpha x_1 = d_1 \) and \( \alpha x_2 = d_2 \),
- \( \{ \alpha x : x \in X \setminus \{ x_1, x_2 \}, xx_1|x_2 \} \subseteq A_1 \),
- \( \{ \alpha x : x \in X \setminus \{ x_1, x_2 \}, x_1|x_2x \} \subseteq A_2 \), and
- \( \{ \alpha x : x \in X \setminus \{ x_1, x_2 \}, x|x_1x_2 \} \subseteq A_3 \).

We observe that if \( A_i \) is \( d_i \)-universal, for \( 1 \leq i \leq 3 \) and \( 1 \leq j \leq 2 \), and \( e \) is canonical on \( A_i \) as a function from \((L; C, \prec, d_1, d_2, d_3)\) to \((\mathbb{L}; C, \prec)\), then Lemma [63] implies that \( e \) behaves as \( \text{id}_{d_j} \) or \( \text{rer}_{d_j} \) on \( A_i \) unless \( \{ e \} \cup \text{Aut}(L; C) \) generates lin. If \( \{ e \} \cup \text{Aut}(L; C) \) generates lin then the third item of the statement of the proposition holds and we are done. If \( e \) behaves as \( \text{rer}_{d_j} \) on \( A_i \) then Corollary [57] implies that \( \{ e \} \cup \text{Aut}(L; C) \) generates \( \text{End}(L; Q) \); in this case the fourth item of the statement holds. Therefore we assume in the following that \( e \) behaves as \( \text{id}_{d_j} \) on \( A_i \). Note that this assumption implies that \( e \) preserves \( C \) on \( \{ d_j \} \cup A_i \).

Now, pick \( r \in A_2 \) arbitrarily. By the injectivity of \( e \), the following cases are exhaustive.

- \( e(d_1)e(d_2)|e(r)e(d_3) \). This is in contradiction with the assumption that \( e \) behaves as \( \text{id}_{d_2} \) on \( A_2 \). To see this, choose an element \( a \in A_2 \) and note that \( e(d_2)|e(a)e(d_3) \) by the canonicity of \( e \) on \( A_2 \). This implies that \( e(d_2)|e(a) \).
- \( e(d_1)e(d_2)|e(r)e(d_3) \). This is in contradiction with the assumption that \( e \) behaves as \( \text{id}_{d_3} \) on \( A_2 \). To see this, choose an element \( a \in A_2 \) and note that \( e(d_2)|e(a)e(d_3) \) by the canonicity of \( e \) on \( A_2 \). This implies that \( e(d_2)|e(a) \).
- \( e(d_1)e(d_2)|e(d_3)e(r) \). This is the remaining case that we will consider in the rest of the proof.

Lemma [63] applied to \( f := e, c_1 := d_1, c_2 := d_2, \) and \( A \) shows that \( e \) preserves \( C \) on \( \{ d_1 \} \cup A_1 \cup A_3 \), unless \( \{ e \} \cup \text{Aut}(L; C) \) generates lin or \( \text{End}(L; Q) \). The same argument can be applied when we exchange \( d_2 \) with \( d_1 \) and \( A_2 \) with \( A_1 \) so we assume that \( e \) preserves \( C \) on \( \{ d_1 \} \cup A_1 \cup A_3 \) and on \( \{ d_2 \} \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \).

If there were a \( u \in A_3 \) such that \( e(d_1)e(u)|e(d_3) \) or \( e(d_1)|e(u)e(d_3) \) then \( e \) would not behave as \( \text{id}_{d_j} \) or \( \text{id}_{d_i} \) on \( A_3 \) since \( e(d_3)|e(A_3) \) or \( e(d_1)|e(A_3) \) by the canonicity of \( e \), respectively. Hence, we have \( e(d_1)|e(d_3)e(A_3) \). If there were a \( u \in A_1 \) such that \( e(d_1)|e(u)e(d_2) \) then by the canonicity of \( e \) we would have \( e(d_1)|e(A_1) \), and \( e \) would not behave as \( \text{id}_{d_1} \) on \( A_1 \). Thus \( e(u)|e(d_1)e(d_2) \) or \( e(u)|e(d_1)e(d_2) \). This implies that either \( e(u)|e(d_1)e(d_2) \) for all \( u \in A_1 \) or \( e(u)|e(d_1)e(d_2) \) for all \( u \in A_1 \).

In the former case, we have \( e(A_1 \cup \{ d_1 \})|e(d_2) \) and Lemma [66] applied to \( c_1 := d_1 \) and \( c_2 := d_2 \) shows that \( \{ e \} \cup \text{Aut}(L; C) \) generates nil, and therefore lin by Proposition [45].

In the latter case we show that the conditions in Lemma [57] are satisfied for \( A, g := e, c_1 := d_1, \) and \( c_2 := d_2 \). Clearly, the second and the third conditions are satisfied. It remains to show that the first condition is satisfied. Arbitrarily choose \( a_1 \in A_1 \) and \( a_2 \in A_2 \). If \( e(d_1)|e(a_1)e(a_2) \) then for all \( u \in A_1 \) we have \( e(d_1)|e(u)e(a_2) \) by the canonicity of \( e \). This implies that \( e(d_1)|e(A_1) \) which leads to a contradiction since \( e \) behaves as \( \text{id}_{d_1} \) on \( A_1 \). Thus either \( e(d_1)|e(a_1)e(a_2) \) or \( e(d_1)|e(a_2) \) holds. Hence, Lemma [57] shows that \( \{ e \} \cup \text{Aut}(L; C) \) generates lin. \( \square \)
Proposition 66 leaves us with the task of further analyzing the reducts of $(L; Q)$. We first need the following lemma.

**Lemma 69.** Let $U \subset L$ be finite and arbitrarily choose $c \in L \setminus U$. Then there are $U_1, \ldots, U_k \subset U$ such that $U_1 \cup \cdots \cup U_k = U$ and $(\{c\} \cup \bigcup_{j=1}^{k-1} U_j)|U_i$ for all $i \leq k$.

**Proof.** By induction on the size of $U$. If $|\{c\}U|$, then $k := 1$ and $U_1 := U$ satisfies the statement. Otherwise, $|U| \geq 2$, and by Lemma 9 there are two non-empty subsets $V, W$ of $U$ such that $V \cup W = U$ and $V|W$. We either have $(\{c\} \cup V)|W$ or $V|(W \cup \{c\})$. In the first case, we inductively have $U_1, \ldots, U_{k-1}$ such that $U_1 \cup \cdots \cup U_{k-1} = V$ and $(\{c\} \cup \bigcup_{j=1}^{k-1} U_j)|U_i$ for all $i \leq k-1$. Set $U_k := W$. Then $U_1, \ldots, U_{k-1}, U_k$ satisfy the requirements from the statement. The case when $V|(W \cup \{c\})$ can be shown analogously.

**Proposition 70.** Let $\Gamma$ be a reduct of $(L; Q)$. Then one of the following cases applies.

1. All endomorphisms of $\Gamma$ preserve $Q$;
2. $\Gamma$ has a constant endomorphism;
3. $\Gamma$ is preserved by $\text{id}$.

**Proof.** If all endomorphisms of $\Gamma$ preserve $Q$, then we are in case one of the statement of the proposition; in the following we therefore assume that $\Gamma$ has an endomorphism $f$ that violates $Q$. We can then choose four elements $d_1, d_2, d_3, d_4 \in L$ such that $d_1d_2 : d_3d_4$ and $f(d_1)f(d_3) : f(d_2)f(d_4)$. By the homogeneity of $(L; Q)$ there are $\gamma, \delta \in \text{Aut}(L; Q)$ such that

- $\gamma(d_1) \prec \gamma(d_2) \prec \gamma(d_3) \prec \gamma(d_4)$,
- $\gamma(d_1)\gamma(d_2)|\gamma(d_3)\gamma(d_4)$,
- $\delta(f(d_1)) \prec \delta(f(d_3)) \prec \delta(f(d_2)) \prec \delta(f(d_4))$, and
- $\delta(f(d_1))\delta(f(d_4))\delta(f(d_2))\delta(f(d_3))$.

(Here, the order $\prec$ is still the order as defined in Section 3.5.) By replacing $f$ by $\delta \circ f \circ \gamma^{-1}$, we can assume that $d_1 \prec d_2 \prec d_3 \prec d_4$, $d_1d_2|d_3d_4$, $f(d_1) \prec f(d_3) \prec f(d_2) \prec f(d_4)$, and $f(d_1)f(d_3)|f(d_2)f(d_4)$. Corollary 37 asserts the existence of a function

$$g \in \{\alpha\circ f\alpha_1 : \alpha_1 \in \text{Aut}(L; C, \prec, d_1, \ldots, d_4), \alpha_2 \in \text{Aut}(L; C, \prec)\}$$

which is canonical as a function from $(L; C, \prec, d_1, \ldots, d_4)$ to $(L; C, \prec)$. Note that there exists an $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(L; C, \prec)$ such that $g(d_i) = \alpha(f(d_i))$ for all $i \in \{1, \ldots, 4\}$, and, in particular, $g(d_1)g(d_3)|g(d_2)g(d_4)$.

Let $S = \{x \in L : d_1d_2|x \land d_1d_2x|d_3d_4 \land d_2 \prec x\}$. Note that $S$ is $d_1$-universal and $d_2$-universal. By Lemma 53 either $g$ behaves on $S$ as $\text{id}_{d_1}$, or $\text{rer}_{d_1}$, or $\{g\} \cup \text{Aut}(L; C)$ generates lin. Similarly, either $g$ behaves on $S$ as $\text{id}_{d_2}$ or $\text{rer}_{d_2}$, or $\{g\} \cup \text{Aut}(L; C)$ generates lin. In the latter cases we are done, so assume that $g$ behaves on $S$ as $\text{id}_{d_1}$ or $\text{rer}_{d_1}$, and as $\text{id}_{d_2}$ or $\text{rer}_{d_2}$.

We then show that the conditions of Lemma 54 apply to $M := (\text{Aut}(L; Q) \cup \{g\})$. Let $U \subset L$ be finite and arbitrarily choose $u \in U$. By Lemma 69 there exists a partition $U_1 \cup \cdots \cup U_k$ of $U \setminus \{u\}$ such that $(\{u\} \cup \bigcup_{j=1}^{k-1} U_j)|U_i$ for all $i \in \{1, \ldots, k\}$. By $d_1$-universality of $S$, there are subsets $X_1, \ldots, X_k$ of $S$ such that $X_i|\bigcup_{j=1}^{k} X_j \cup \{d_i\}$ for all $i \in \{1, \ldots, k\}$, and $(X_i; C)$ is isomorphic to $(U_i; C)$. By the homogeneity of $(L; Q)$ there is an $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(L; Q)$ such that $\alpha(u) = d_3$, $\alpha(U_i) = X_i$, and $\alpha$ preserves $C$ on each $U_i$.

First consider the case that $g$ behaves on $S$ as $\text{rer}_{d_1}$. We claim that $g(d_3)|g(S)$ or $g(d_4)|g(S)$. Since $g(d_1)g(d_3)|g(d_2)g(d_4)$ and by the canonicity of $g$ as a function from $(L; C, \prec, d_1, \ldots, d_4)$ to $(L; C, \prec)$, either $g(d_1)g(d_3)|g(S)$ or $g(d_1)g(d_3)|g(S)$ holds. In the first case $g(d_3)|g(S)$ holds while in the second and third case $g(d_3)|g(S)$ holds. We first consider the case $g(d_3)|g(S)$. Then $h := g \circ \alpha \in M$ behaves as $\text{cut}_u$ on $U$. Hence Lemma 54 applies.
and $\Gamma$ is preserved by $\text{lin}$. The case $g(d_4)|g(S)$ can be treated similarly (by choosing $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(L; Q)$ such that $\alpha(u) = d_4$ instead of $\alpha(u) = d_3$).

Finally, we consider the case when $g$ behaves on $S$ as $\text{id}_{d_4}$. By the canonicity of $g$ as a function from $(L; C, \prec, d_1, \ldots, d_4)$ to $(L; C, \prec)$ and since all the elements of $S$ lie in the same orbit of $(L; C, \prec, d_1, \ldots, d_4)$, either $g(d_1)|g(d_2)|g(S)$, $g(S)|g(d_3)|g(d_2)$, or $g(d_1)|g(d_2)|g(x)$ for all $x \in S$. The first case is impossible because $g$ behaves as $\text{id}_{d_4}$ on $S$. The second case is impossible, too: to see this, pick $a, b, c \in S$ such that $d_3a\mid b$ and $d_3ab\mid c$. Since $g$ behaves on $S$ as $\text{id}_{d_4}$, we have $g(d_1)|g(a)|g(b)|g(c)$ and $g(d_3)|g(a)|g(b)$, and $g(d_3)|g(a)|g(b)|g(c)|g(d_2)$ by assumption. In case that $g$ behaves as $\text{id}_{d_4}$, we would have $g(d_2)|g(a)|g(b)$ which is inconsistent with the above. In case that $g$ behaves as $\text{rer}_{d_3}$ we would have $d_2a : bc$ which is inconsistent with the above, too.

In the third and last case, $g$ does not behave as $\text{rer}_{d_3}$ and hence behaves as $\text{id}_{d_4}$ on $S$. Therefore, $(\{g(d_1), g(d_2)\} \cup \bigcup_{j=1}^{k} g(X_j))|g(X_i)$ for all $i \in \{1, \ldots, k\}$. Since $g(d_1)|g(d_2)|g(d_3)|g(d_4)$, we therefore must have that $(\{g(d_3)\} \cup \bigcup_{j=1}^{k} g(X_j))|g(X_i)$ for all $i \in \{1, \ldots, k\}$. Since $(L; C)$ embeds all finite leaf structures, there are subsets $Z_1, \ldots, Z_k$ of $L$ and $z \in L$ such that $z|\bigcup_{j=1}^{k} Z_j$, $(\bigcup_{j=1}^{k} Z_j)|Z_i$, and $(Z_i; C)$ is isomorphic to $(g(X_i); C)$ for all $i \in \{1, \ldots, k\}$. The situation is illustrated in Figure 4. By the homogeneity of $(L; Q)$ there is a $\beta \in \text{Aut}(L; Q)$ such that $\beta(g(d_1)) = z$, $\beta$ preserves $C$ on each $g(X_i)$, and $\beta(g(X_i)) = Z_i$ for all $i \in \{1, \ldots, k\}$. Then $\beta \circ g \circ \alpha$ is in $M$ and behaves as $\text{cut}_u$ on $U$. Again, Lemma 54 implies that $\Gamma$ is preserved by $\text{lin}$.

We can now prove Theorem 1 and Corollary 3 that have already been stated in Section 2.

Proof of Theorem 7 Let $\Gamma$ be a reduct of $(L; C)$. We apply Proposition 68 and consider the following cases.

- All endomorphisms of $\Gamma$ preserve $C$. Then $\text{End}(\Gamma) \subseteq \text{End}(L; C)$; we claim that the opposite inclusion holds as well. Since $\text{End}(\Gamma)$ is closed, it suffices to show that for every $e \in \text{End}(L; C)$ and every finite $S \subseteq L$ there exists an $f \in \text{End}(\Gamma)$ such that $f(s) = e(s)$ for all $s \in S$. Since $e$ preserves $C$, $e|_S$ is a partial isomorphism from $(S; C)$ to $(e(S); C)$ by Lemma 10. By homogeneity, $e|_S$ can be extended to an automorphism $f \in \text{Aut}(L; C)$. Since $\text{Aut}(L; C) \subseteq \text{End}(L; C)$, we have $f \in \text{End}(\Gamma)$.

- $\Gamma$ has a constant endomorphism. Then there is nothing to show since the second item of the statement applies.

- $\Gamma$ is preserved by $\text{lin}$. Then Lemma 52 shows that $\Gamma$ is homomorphically equivalent to a reduct of $(L; =)$ and the third item of the statement applies.

- $\Gamma$ is preserved by $\text{End}(L; Q)$. Since $\text{rer} \in \text{Aut}(L; Q)$ violates $C$ by Proposition 24, Lemma 56 implies that $\text{End}(L; Q) \subseteq \text{End}(\Gamma)$. In particular, $\Gamma$ is a reduct of $(L; Q)$. Since $\Gamma$ is a reduct of $(L; Q)$, Proposition 70 applies. As we have already treated the case when $\Gamma$ is preserved by $\text{lin}$ or by a constant operation, Proposition 70 implies that all endomorphisms of $\Gamma$ preserve $Q$, equivalently, $\text{End}(\Gamma) \subseteq \text{End}(L; Q)$. The converse inclusion has been shown above and item 4 of the theorem applies.
By Proposition 68, these four cases are exhaustive.

One may observe at this point that the proof of Theorem 1 does not rely on any results concerning Jordan permutation groups. We finally show that every reduct of $\Gamma$ is existentially interdefinable with $(L; C)$, with $(L; Q)$, or with $(L; =)$.

Proof of Corollary 3. Let $\Gamma$ be a reduct of $(L; C)$. Let $\Gamma'$ be the expansion of $\Gamma$ by the relations defined by negations of atomic formulas over $\Gamma$, including the equality relation (for example, when $R$ is a ternary relation of $\Gamma$, the structure $\Gamma'$ contains the binary relation defined by $\neg R(x,x,y)$). We apply Theorem 1 to $\Gamma'$. Since for every atomic formula $\phi$ over $\Gamma'$ the signature of $\Gamma'$ also contains a relation symbol for $\neg\phi$, all endomorphisms of $\Gamma'$ must be embeddings, and therefore item 2 of Theorem 1 is impossible. If $\Gamma'$ has the same endomorphisms as $(L; C)$ or $(L; Q)$, then by Proposition 2 the structure $\Gamma'$ is existentially positively interdefinable with $(L; C)$ or with $(L; Q)$; hence, $\Gamma$ is existentially interdefinable with one of those structures and we are done. Otherwise, $\Gamma'$ is homomorphically equivalent with a reduct $\Delta$ of $(L; =)$. Again, the homomorphism from $\Gamma'$ to $\Delta$ must in fact be an embedding. Hence, $\Gamma'$ is isomorphic to a substructure of $\Delta$. Since $\Delta$ is preserved by all permutations, so is this substructure, and so is $\Gamma'$. It follows that $\Gamma$ is preserved by all permutations $\Gamma$ is a reduct of $(L; =)$ by Proposition 18. In fact, $\Gamma$ is even preserved by all injective maps from $L$ to $L$ and therefore by all self-embeddings of $(L; =)$. Hence, Proposition 2 shows that $\Gamma$ has an existential definition over $(L; =)$. Conversely, $(L; =)$ has an existential definition in every structure with domain $L$, so $\Gamma$ is existentially interdefinable with $(L; =)$.

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