ABOUT THE REVIEW IN MATHEMATICAL REVIEWS OF MY PAPER: THE TWO-CARDINAL PROBLEM FOR LANGUAGES OF ARBITRARY CARDINALITY

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In this note I make some comments on the review MR2723767 (2011m:03064) appeared in Mathematical Reviews. I cannot provide access here to the review or even to my paper, it is copyright material.

1. The review

(1) Paragraph five of the review: "The paper observes that, in $L$, there is a coarse...."
In the paper (page 788) I give the axioms of a $(\mu,1)$-coarse morass according to Jensen in terms of pairs of primitive recursive closed ordinals, and I mention that "A proof of the existence of a $(\mu,1)$-coarse morass in $L$ can be extracted from [Dev84] for pairs of adequate ordinals"...

An adequate ordinal is admissible or the limit of admissible ordinals (Devlin p. 339 at the Bottom). In particular, they are primitive recursive closed. The proof of the existence of a full $(\mu,1)$-morass starts on page 344 in Devlin’s book. Actually what Devlin really constructs is a $(\omega_1,1)$-morass, but the proof works perfectly good for any regular cardinal other than $\omega_1$. It is just a matter of following this proof, to corroborate that he constructs, in particular, a $(\omega_1,1)$-coarse morass. In item (b) I should write closed on $\sup(S_\alpha)$, not in $\mu^+$ as the reviewer claims.

(2) Again Paragraph five of the review: "For example, on page 793, lines 1-3, a function is defined and stated to be $\Sigma_1(\{\alpha_1\})$ but it is not....."

The constructions begins in page 792, not in page 793 as the reviewer wrote. I claim that $S_{\alpha_\nu} \cap \nu$ is $\Sigma_1(\{\alpha_\nu\})$ for every $\nu \in S^1$, which follows from any construction of a $(\mu,1)$-morass, because this is necessary to succeed on building such a morass.

For other proofs of the existence of a $(\mu,1)$-morass see: L. Stanley, A short course on gap-one morasses with a review of the fine structure of $L$, in: Surveys on set theory A. Mathias (Ed.), London Math. Soc. Lecture Notes Series # 87, 1983, pp. 197-244, or P. Welch, $\Sigma^*$-fine structure, in A. Kanamori, M. Foreman (Eds), Handbook of Set Theory, Springer-Verlag, pp. 657-736, or the reference [Don81] in the paper.

What is important to us: I am not claiming that the morass maps are $\Sigma_1$-preserving for a language which expands LST, I only need the above mentioned fact that $S_{\alpha_\nu} \cap \nu$ is $\Sigma_1(\{\alpha_\nu\})$ for every $\nu \in S^1$. I also use that $<_L$ is $\Sigma_1$-definable to build the functions $h_{\alpha_\nu}$. The sets $B_\nu$ appear in $P(L_{\alpha_\nu})$. Indeed what we want is to enumerate those sets in a $\Sigma_1(\{\alpha_\nu\})$-fashion. Once we have this enumeration, we can appeal to the morass maps and get the desired preservation.

(3) Paragraph 6. Indeed Lemma 5.4 as stated is wrong, we have to require that the $\vec{x}$ belong to $U$. But we can take this lemma off the paper, it is not necessary in what follows.

The proof of Lemma 5.6 is unnecessarily complicated, and we do not need Lema 5.4. Let me provide a clearer proof.
Proof of Lemma 5.6. We keep the given proof until the bottom of page 791. We have to show that $c$ is transcendent in $\mathcal{C}$ over $B \cup U^\mathcal{C}$. First we prove that $c$ is transcendental in $\mathcal{C}$ over $B$. Otherwise there exists a formula $\varphi(v, \vec{b})$, $\vec{b} \in B$ in the complete type of $c$ in $\mathcal{C}$ over $B$ such that

$$(\mathcal{C}, c, \vec{B}) \models \varphi(c, \vec{b})$$

and

$$(\mathcal{C}, \vec{B}) \models -\prod v \varphi(v, \vec{b}).$$

From the last assertion we get

$$(\mathcal{C}, \vec{B}) \models \exists u \forall v \varphi(v, \vec{b}),$$

hence $-\varphi(v, \vec{b})$ would appear in $\Sigma_c(v)$ by construction of this set (page 791), thus $\mathcal{C} \models -\varphi(c, \vec{b})$, a contradiction.

Now we show that $c$ is transcendental in $\mathcal{C}$ over $U^\mathcal{C}$. If this is not the case, as above, we find a formula $\varphi(v, \vec{x})$ with $\vec{x} \in U^\mathcal{C}$, such that

$$(\mathcal{C}, c, \vec{x}) \models \varphi(c, \vec{x})$$

and

$$(\mathcal{C}, \vec{x}) \not\models -\prod v \varphi(v, \vec{x})$$

Then

$$(\mathcal{C}, c, \vec{x}) \not\models \exists \vec{x} (U(\vec{x}) \land \varphi(c, \vec{x}) \land -\prod v \varphi(v, \vec{x}))$$

The formula at the right has only $c$ as parameter, so it belongs to the complete type of $c$ in $\mathcal{C}$ over the empty set (or over $B$). Therefore

$$\mathcal{C} \models \prod w \exists u \exists \vec{x} (U(\vec{x}) \land \varphi(w, \vec{x}) \land -\prod v \varphi(v, \vec{x}))$$

The elements $\vec{x}$ belong to $U$, which is linearly ordered without maximum, so we can find $u \in U$ with

$$\mathcal{C} \models \prod w \exists u \exists \vec{x} (U(\vec{x}) \land \varphi(w, \vec{x}) \land -\prod v \varphi(v, \vec{x}))$$

This is a contradiction: the formula at the right has no parameters at all, and if $\mathfrak{A} \equiv \mathcal{C}$, we get

$$\mathfrak{A} \models \prod w \exists u \exists \vec{x} (U(\vec{x}) \land \varphi(w, \vec{x}) \land -\prod v \varphi(v, \vec{x}))$$

because of $\mathfrak{A} \equiv \mathcal{C}$. Then

$$\mathfrak{A} \models \forall r \exists w \varphi(w, r) \land -\prod v \varphi(v, \vec{x})$$

For each $r \in A$ we find $u, \vec{x} \in U$. We have available $\kappa^+$ such $r$'s and only $\kappa$ $u, \vec{x}$'s, then there exist $u, \vec{x} \in U$ such that

$$\mathcal{C} \models \exists u \exists \vec{x} (U(\vec{x}) \land \varphi(w, \vec{x}) \land -\prod v \varphi(v, \vec{x}))$$

hence

$$\mathcal{C} \models \exists u \exists \vec{x} (U(\vec{x}) \land \prod w \varphi(w, \vec{x}) \land -\prod w \varphi(w, \vec{x}))$$

which is clearly contradictory. $\square$

(4) Last paragraph in the review: "Let me add that the argument..."; it is often necessary to cite results from other researchers or own results, and it is not always possible to anticipate any future developments.
2. Personal remarks

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