

## $\Sigma$ -BOUNDED ALGEBRAIC SYSTEMS AND UNIVERSAL FUNCTIONS. II

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**Abstract:** Ershov algebras, Boolean algebras, and abelian  $p$ -groups are  $\Sigma$ -bounded systems, and there exist universal  $\Sigma$ -functions in hereditarily finite admissible sets over them.

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This article continues [1] where we had introduced the concept of a  $\Sigma$ -bounded algebraic system and obtained a necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of universal  $\Sigma$ -functions in a hereditarily finite admissible set over a  $\Sigma$ -bounded system. In this article we prove that Ershov algebras, Boolean algebras, and abelian  $p$ -groups are  $\Sigma$ -bounded systems, and universal  $\Sigma$ -functions exist over them.

As regards the terminology and notation, we follow [2] for admissible sets, [3] for Ershov algebras, and [4–6] for groups. Recall the definition of a  $\Sigma$ -bounded algebraic system and some results of [1] needed below.

DEFINITION 1. Given a locally finite and locally constructivizable algebraic system  $\mathfrak{M}$  of signature  $\sigma_0$  and a finite subset  $M_0$ , suppose the following:

1. The concept of a base is defined for every finite subset  $X \subseteq M$ . The predicate

$$\mathfrak{B}_0^{M_0}(X, Y) \Leftrightarrow \text{“the finite sequence } Y \in M^{<\omega} \text{ is a base for } X\text{”}$$

is a  $\Delta$ -predicate of signature  $\sigma_1(M_0)$  in  $\langle \mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}(\mathfrak{M}), M_0 \rangle$ . Given two bases  $Y^0$  and  $Y^1$  for  $X$ ,  $X \subseteq \langle Y^\varepsilon \rangle$ ,  $\varepsilon = 0, 1$  and either  $\mathfrak{B}_0^{M_0}(\text{sp } Y^0, Y^1)$  or  $\mathfrak{B}_0^{M_0}(\text{sp } Y^1, Y^0)$  is true. A sequence  $Y$  is called a *base* whenever  $\mathfrak{B}_0^{M_0}(Y) \Leftrightarrow \mathfrak{B}_0^{M_0}(\text{sp } Y, Y)$  is true.

2. For every base  $Y$  a number  $\chi^{M_0}(Y)$  is defined which is called the *characteristic* of  $Y$ , such that  $\chi^{M_0}(Y)$  is a  $\Sigma$ -function of signature  $\sigma_1(M_0)$  in  $\langle \mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}(\mathfrak{M}), M_0 \rangle$ . The set of all characteristics  $\Xi^{M_0}$  is a computable subset of  $\omega$ . There exists a  $\Delta$ -predicate  $\text{Cor}^{M_0}(z, Y, n)$  of signature  $\sigma_1(M_0)$  such that

$$z \in \langle Y \rangle \Leftrightarrow \langle \mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}(\mathfrak{M}), M_0 \rangle \models \exists! n (n \neq 0 \ \& \ \text{Cor}^{M_0}(z, Y, n)).$$

The number  $n$  is called the *coordinate* of  $z$  with respect to  $Y$ . If two elements are distinct then so are their coordinates.

3. Given two bases  $Y^\varepsilon$  of the same characteristic  $\chi$  and finite subsystems  $\mathfrak{M}^\varepsilon \supseteq \langle Y^\varepsilon \rangle$ ,  $\varepsilon < 2$ , there exist a base  $Y^2$  and a subsystem  $\mathfrak{M}^2 \supseteq \langle Y^2 \rangle$  satisfying the following:

- (1)  $\chi = \chi(Y^2)$ ;

- (2) there exists an embedding  $\varphi_0^\varepsilon : \mathfrak{M}^\varepsilon \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}^2$  such that  $\varphi^\varepsilon \upharpoonright \langle M_0 \rangle = \text{id}$  and  $\varphi^\varepsilon Y^\varepsilon = Y^2$ , where the embedding  $\varphi^\varepsilon : \mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}(\mathfrak{M}^\varepsilon) \rightarrow \mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}(\mathfrak{M}^2)$  naturally extends  $\varphi_0^\varepsilon$ .

In particular, every two bases of the same characteristic are of the same length.

4. For every partial function  $f : \mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}(\mathfrak{M}) \rightarrow \mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}(\mathfrak{M})$  defined by a  $\Sigma$ -formula with parameters in  $M_0$ , if  $u \in \mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}(\mathfrak{M})$  and  $u \in \delta f$  then there exists a base  $Y$  for  $\text{sp } u$  such that  $\text{sp } f(u) \subseteq \langle Y \rangle$ .

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Then  $\mathfrak{M}$  is called a  $\Sigma$ -bounded algebraic system with respect to  $M_0$ . If for every finite subset  $M_0$  there exists a finite subset  $M'_0 \supseteq M_0$  such that  $\mathfrak{M}$  is  $\Sigma$ -bounded with respect to  $M'_0$  then  $\mathfrak{M}$  is called a  $\Sigma$ -bounded algebraic system.

Denote the set of all parameter-free  $\Sigma$ -formulas of signature  $\sigma_1(M_0)$  by  $\Sigma(\mathbb{HIF}(\mathfrak{M}), M_0)$ , the set of all functions in  $\langle \mathbb{HIF}(\mathfrak{M}), M_0 \rangle$  defined by the formulas in  $\Sigma(\mathbb{HIF}(\mathfrak{M}), M_0)$  by  $F\Sigma(\mathbb{HIF}(\mathfrak{M}), M_0)$ , and the set of all unary functions in  $F\Sigma(\mathbb{HIF}(\mathfrak{M}), M_0)$  by  $\mathfrak{F}^{M_0}$ .

**Theorem A** [1, Corollary 4]. *If an algebraic system  $\mathfrak{M}$  is  $\Sigma$ -bounded with respect to a finite subset  $M_0$  of  $M$  then there exists a universal  $\Sigma$ -function  $U^{M_0}(x, y) \in F\Sigma(\mathbb{HIF}(\mathfrak{M}), M_0)$  for the family  $\mathfrak{F}^{M_0}$  such that every  $f \in \mathfrak{F}^{M_0}$  satisfies  $\lambda y U^{M_0}(n, y) = f(y)$  for some  $n$ .*

**Theorem B** [1, Theorem 2]. *Given a  $\Sigma$ -bounded algebraic system  $\mathfrak{M}$ , in  $\mathbb{HIF}(\mathfrak{M})$  there exists a universal  $\Sigma$ -function with parameter  $A$  if and only if for every finite subset  $C$  with respect to which  $\mathfrak{M}$  is  $\Sigma$ -bounded there is a finite subset  $C^1$  such that for every finite subset  $X$  and every base  $Y_X^C$  there exists a base  $Y_{X^*}^A$  for which  $\langle Y_X^C \rangle \subseteq \langle Y_{X^*}^A \rangle$ , where  $X^* = C^1 \cup X$ .*

## 1. Ershov Algebras

Here we prove the  $\Sigma$ -boundedness of every Ershov algebra  $\mathfrak{A}$  and the existence of universal functions in  $\mathbb{HIF}(\mathfrak{A})$ .

We consider Ershov algebras in the signature  $\sigma_0 = \langle \cup, \cap, \setminus, 0 \rangle$  and Boolean algebras in the signature  $\sigma_1 = \langle \cup, \cap, \setminus, 0, 1 \rangle$ . Let us give some notation. Given a Ershov algebra  $\mathfrak{A}$ , take a finite subset  $A_0$  of  $\mathfrak{A}$ . A sequence  $\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle$  is called *disjunctive* in  $\mathfrak{A}$  whenever  $x_i \neq 0$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  are such that  $x_i$  and  $x_j$  are disjoint for all  $i < j \leq n$ . The expression  $z = x_1 \sqcup \dots \sqcup x_n$  means that  $z = x_1 \cup \dots \cup x_n$  and the sequence  $\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle$  is disjunctive. Put

$$\text{At}(\mathfrak{A}) = \{a \in \mathfrak{A} \mid a \text{ is an atom in } \mathfrak{A}\}.$$

Given  $a \in \mathfrak{A}$ , put  $\hat{a} = \{x \in \mathfrak{A} \mid x \leq a\}$  and  $a^\perp = \{x \in \mathfrak{A} \mid x \cap a = 0\}$ . Given  $S \subseteq \mathfrak{A}$  denote by  $\langle S \rangle \hat{=} \langle S \rangle_{A_0}$  the subalgebra in  $\mathfrak{A}$  generated by the set  $S \cup A_0$ . Refer to  $a \in \mathfrak{A}$  as a *finite* element whenever it is the union of finitely many atoms, and denote their number by  $|a|$ ; otherwise call  $a$  an *infinite* element.

**Theorem 1.** *Every Ershov algebra  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a  $\Sigma$ -bounded algebraic system with respect to every finite subset  $A_0 \subseteq A$ .*

PROOF. Since every Ershov algebra  $\mathfrak{A}$  is locally constructivizable (see [7]) and locally finite, in order to prove the theorem it suffices to verify that conditions 1–4 in Definition 1 are fulfilled.

Enumerate the atoms  $A'_0 = \{a_1, \dots, a_s\}$  of  $\langle A_0 \rangle$ . For definiteness assume that  $a_1, \dots, a_e$  are infinite, for  $1 \leq e \leq s$ , while  $a_{e+1}, \dots, a_s$  are finite, and put  $a = a_1 \cup \dots \cup a_s$  and  $b = a_{e+1} \cup \dots \cup a_s$ . If the subalgebra  $\langle A_0 \rangle^\perp$  is finite then denote by  $a_{s+1}$  its greatest element; otherwise assume that  $a_{s+1} = 0$ .

1. A disjunctive sequence  $Y = \langle y_1, \dots, y_q \rangle$  in  $\mathfrak{A}$  is called a *base* for a subset  $X$  whenever the subalgebra generated by  $X \cup \hat{b} \cup \hat{a}_{s+1}$  in  $\langle \mathfrak{A}, A_0 \rangle$  coincides with  $\langle Y \rangle$ , and there exist numbers  $\tilde{p}_0 = 0, p_1, \dots, p_{s+\delta}$  such that

$$a_i = y_{\tilde{p}_{i-1}+1} \cup \dots \cup y_{\tilde{p}_{i-1}+p_i},$$

where  $\tilde{p}_i = \tilde{p}_{i-1} + p_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq s + \delta$  with  $\delta = 0, 1$ . If  $\langle A_0 \rangle^\perp$  is finite then  $\delta = 1$  and  $q = \tilde{p}_{s+1}$ ; otherwise,  $\delta = 0$  and  $\tilde{p}_s \leq q$ .

It is easy to see that the relation “ $Y$  is a base for  $X$ ” is a binary  $\Delta$ -predicate.

2. Define the characteristic of a base  $Y = \langle y_1, \dots, y_q \rangle$ . Put

$$\chi(Y) \hat{=} \langle p_1, \dots, p_{s+\delta}, \alpha \rangle,$$

where  $\alpha = q - \tilde{p}_{s+\delta}$ .

It is easy to verify that the set of all characteristics

$$\begin{aligned} \Xi^{A_0} = \{ \langle p_1, \dots, p_e, p_{e+1}, \dots, p_{s+\delta}, \alpha \rangle \mid p_i \in \omega, p_j = |a_j|, [(\delta = 0 \ \& \ \alpha \in \omega) \\ \vee (\delta = 1 \ \& \ \alpha = 0 \ \& \ p_{s+1} = |a_{s+1}|)], p_i > 0, 1 \leq i \leq e, e < j \leq s, \delta = 0, 1 \} \end{aligned}$$

is computable.

Given  $z \in \langle Y \rangle$ ,  $z \neq 0$ , there exists a unique sequence  $\langle m_1, \dots, m_k \rangle$  of numbers such that  $m_j < m_l$  for  $1 \leq j < l \leq k$ , and

$$z = y_{m_1} \cup \dots \cup y_{m_k}.$$

Refer to the number  $n = [m_1, \dots, m_k]$  as the *coordinate* of  $z$  with respect to  $Y$ . Assume that the zero element has coordinate 0.

3. The fulfilment of this condition follows from the next lemma.

**Lemma 1.** *In a Ershov algebra  $\mathfrak{A}$  take two bases  $Y^\varepsilon$  of the same characteristic*

$$\chi = \langle p_1, \dots, p_e, p_e, \dots, p_{s+\delta}, \alpha \rangle,$$

and finite subalgebras  $\mathfrak{A}^\varepsilon \supseteq \langle Y^\varepsilon \rangle$  for  $\varepsilon < 2$ . Then there exist a base  $Y^2$  of the same characteristic  $\chi$ , a finite subalgebra  $\mathfrak{A}^2 \supseteq \langle Y^2 \rangle$ , and embeddings  $\varphi^\varepsilon : \mathfrak{A}^\varepsilon \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}^2$  such that  $\varphi \upharpoonright A_0 = \text{id}$  and  $\varphi^\varepsilon Y^\varepsilon = Y^2$ .

The proof is given for  $\delta = 0$ . The case  $\delta = 1$  is checked similarly. Suppose that the atoms of  $\mathfrak{A}^\varepsilon$  are

$$z_1^\varepsilon, \dots, z_{r^\varepsilon}^\varepsilon, y_{\tilde{p}_e+1}^\varepsilon, \dots, y_{\tilde{p}_s}^\varepsilon$$

and they satisfy

$$y_j^\varepsilon = z_{\tilde{t}_{j-1}^\varepsilon+1}^\varepsilon \cup \dots \cup z_{\tilde{t}_{j-1}^\varepsilon+t_j^\varepsilon}^\varepsilon, \quad (1)$$

where  $j = 1, \dots, \tilde{p}_e, \tilde{p}_e + 1, \dots, q$ , and  $\tilde{t}_j^\varepsilon = \tilde{t}_{j-1}^\varepsilon + t_j^\varepsilon$ ,  $\tilde{t}_0^\varepsilon = 0$ ,  $t_j^\varepsilon \in \omega^+$ ,  $\tilde{t}_{\tilde{p}_e} = \tilde{t}_{\tilde{p}_e}$ ,  $\tilde{t}_q^\varepsilon \leq r^\varepsilon$ .

For every  $j \in \{1, \dots, \tilde{p}_e\} \cup \{\tilde{p}_e+1, \dots, q\}$  put  $\beta_j = \max\{t_j^0, t_j^1\}$ , and then put  $\beta = \max\{r^0 - \tilde{t}_q^0, r^1 - \tilde{t}_q^1\}$ . It is easy to see that there exists a base  $Y^2 = \langle y_1^2, \dots, y_{\tilde{p}_e}^2, y_{\tilde{p}_e+1}^2, \dots, y_{\tilde{p}_s}^2, y_{\tilde{p}_s+1}^2, \dots, y_q^2 \rangle$  such that

(a) the element  $y_j^2$  is either infinite or contains at least  $\beta_j$  atoms;

(b)  $a_i = y_{\tilde{p}_{i-1}+1}^2 \cup \dots \cup y_{\tilde{p}_{i-1}+p_i}^2$  for  $1 \leq i \leq e$ ;

(c) there exists a disjunctive sequence  $\langle d_1, \dots, d_\beta \rangle$  such that  $d_i \cap y_j^2 = 0$  for all  $i$  and  $j$  with  $1 \leq i \leq \beta$  and  $1 \leq j \leq q$ .

Then for  $j \in \{1, \dots, \tilde{p}_e\} \cup \{\tilde{p}_e+1, \dots, q\}$  and  $\varepsilon < 2$  there is a disjunctive sequence  $c_{\tilde{t}_{j-1}^\varepsilon+1}^\varepsilon, \dots, c_{\tilde{t}_{j-1}^\varepsilon+t_j^\varepsilon}^\varepsilon$  of  $\hat{y}_j^2$  satisfying

$$y_j^2 = c_{\tilde{t}_{j-1}^\varepsilon+1}^\varepsilon \cup \dots \cup c_{\tilde{t}_{j-1}^\varepsilon+t_j^\varepsilon}^\varepsilon. \quad (2)$$

Also, for each  $\varepsilon < 2$  there exists a disjunctive sequence  $c_{\tilde{t}_q^\varepsilon+1}^\varepsilon, \dots, c_{r^\varepsilon}^\varepsilon$  such that  $c_i \cap y_j^2 = 0$  for all  $i$  and  $j$  with  $\tilde{t}_q^\varepsilon < i \leq r^\varepsilon$  and  $1 \leq j \leq q$ .

Denote by  $\mathfrak{A}^2$  the subalgebra of  $\mathfrak{A}$  generated by these sequences and the set  $\{y_{\tilde{p}_e+1}, \dots, y_{\tilde{p}_s}\}$ . It is easy to verify that there exist embeddings  $\varphi^\varepsilon : \mathfrak{A}^\varepsilon \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}^2$  such that

$$\varphi^\varepsilon z_{k^\varepsilon}^\varepsilon = c_{k^\varepsilon}^\varepsilon, \quad 1 \leq k^\varepsilon \leq r^\varepsilon, \quad \varphi^\varepsilon y_i^\varepsilon = y_i^2, \quad \tilde{p}_e < i \leq \tilde{p}_s.$$

By (b), (1), and (2) this implies that

$$\varphi \upharpoonright \langle A_0 \rangle = \text{id}, \quad \varphi^\varepsilon Y^\varepsilon = Y^2.$$

The proof of the lemma, as well as condition 3, is complete.  $\square$

In order to verify condition 4 we establish the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.** Take finite subalgebras  $B \subseteq C \subseteq D$ , with  $B \neq C$ , of a Ershov algebra  $\mathfrak{A}$ , and an infinite element  $b \in B$  of  $\mathfrak{A}$ . If  $b$  is an atom of  $B$ , but not an atom of  $C$ , then there exists an embedding  $\varphi : D \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$  such that  $\varphi \upharpoonright B = \text{id}$  and  $\varphi C \not\subseteq D$ .

PROOF. Take  $b = (c_1 \sqcup c_2) \sqcup c_3$ , where  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are atoms of  $C$ , and  $c_3$  is an element of  $C$ , which is possibly equal to zero. Write

$$c_\varepsilon = d_1^\varepsilon \sqcup \cdots \sqcup d_{n_\varepsilon}^\varepsilon, \quad \varepsilon = 1, 2, \quad n_\varepsilon \geq 1, \quad (3)$$

where  $d_i^\varepsilon$  are atoms of  $D$ . Assume for definiteness that  $d_1^1$  is an infinite element of  $\mathfrak{A}$ . Then there exist  $x_1, y_1$ , and  $x_i^1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n_1$  such that

$$d_1^1 = x_1 \sqcup y_1, \quad x_1 = x_1^1 \sqcup \cdots \sqcup x_{n_1}^1, \quad x_2 = (c_1 \setminus x_1) \sqcup c_2. \quad (4)$$

For some  $x_i^2$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n_2$ , we have

$$x_2 = x_1^2 \sqcup \cdots \sqcup x_{n_2}^2. \quad (5)$$

Then there exists an embedding  $\varphi : D \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$  such that

$$\varphi d_i^\varepsilon = x_i^\varepsilon, \quad \varepsilon = 1, 2, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n_\varepsilon, \quad \varphi x = x \text{ for all } x \in D, \quad x \cap (c_1 \sqcup c_2) = 0. \quad (6)$$

By (3)–(6), we have  $\varphi c_\varepsilon = x_\varepsilon$ ,  $\varphi(c_1 \sqcup c_2) = c_1 \sqcup c_2$ , and  $\varphi c_3 = c_3$ ; thus,  $\varphi b = b$ . Since  $x_1 \notin D$ , it follows that  $\varphi c_1 \notin D$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.** Take a finite subalgebra  $D \subseteq \mathfrak{A}$  and  $c_1, c_2 \in D$  such that  $c_1 \cap c_2 = 0$ , where  $c_2$  is an infinite element. Then there exists an embedding  $\varphi : D \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$  such that  $\varphi c_1$  is an infinite element,  $\varphi c_1 \notin D$ ,  $\varphi(c_1 \sqcup c_2) = c_1 \sqcup c_2$ , and  $\varphi x = x$  for every  $x \in D \cap (c_1 \sqcup c_2)^\perp$ .

PROOF. Write  $c_i = d_1^i \sqcup \cdots \sqcup d_{n_i}^i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , where  $d_j^i$  are atoms of  $D$  for  $1 \leq j \leq n_i$ . We may assume that  $d_1^1$  is an infinite element. Then there exist  $x_1, \dots, x_{n_1}, x_{n_1+1}$  in  $\mathfrak{A}$  such that  $d_1^1 = x_1 \sqcup \cdots \sqcup x_{n_1} \sqcup x_{n_1+1}$ . Assume for definiteness that  $x_1$  is an infinite element. Define the embedding  $\varphi : D \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$  by putting

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi d_j^1 &= x_j, & \varphi d_1^2 &= c_1, & \varphi(d_2^2) &= d_2^2 \sqcup x_{n_1+1}, \\ \varphi x &= x & \text{ for all } x & \text{ such that } x \cap (c_1 \cup d_1^2 \cup d_2^2) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\varphi c_1 = x_1 \sqcup \cdots \sqcup x_{n_1}, \quad \varphi(c_1 \sqcup c_2) = c_1 \sqcup c_2.$$

Consequently,  $\varphi c_1$  is infinite, and  $\varphi c_1 \notin D$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 4.** Take two subalgebras  $C \subseteq D$  and some elements  $c_\varepsilon < b$  for  $\varepsilon = 0, 1$ , and  $b = c_0 \sqcup c_1$  of  $D$ . If  $c_0$  is an atom of  $C$  and  $D^\perp$  is an infinite algebra then there exist embeddings  $\varphi_\varepsilon : D \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$  such that

$$\varphi_0(b) = \varphi_1(b), \quad \varphi_0(c_0) \notin \varphi_1(C), \quad \varphi x = x \text{ for every } x \in b^\perp \cap D.$$

PROOF. Write  $c_\varepsilon = d_1^\varepsilon \sqcup \cdots \sqcup d_{n_\varepsilon}^\varepsilon$ , where  $d_i^\varepsilon$  are atoms of  $D$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n_\varepsilon$ . Take a disjunctive sequence  $\{x_i^\varepsilon, z \mid 1 \leq n_\varepsilon, \varepsilon = 0, 1\}$  of elements of  $D^\perp$ , and put  $x^\varepsilon = x_1^\varepsilon \sqcup \cdots \sqcup x_{n_\varepsilon}^\varepsilon$ . Define the embeddings  $\varphi_\varepsilon : D \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$  by putting

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_\varepsilon x &= x & \text{ for all } x \in b^\perp \cap D, \\ \varphi_0(d_i^0) &= x_i^0, & \varphi_0(d_1^1) &= x_1^1 \sqcup z, & \varphi_0(d_k^1) &= x_k^1, \\ \varphi_1(d_1^0) &= x_1^0 \sqcup z, & \varphi_1(d_j^0) &= x_j^0, & \varphi_1(d_s^1) &= x_s^1, \end{aligned}$$

where  $1 \leq i \leq n_0$ ,  $2 \leq k \leq n_1$ ,  $2 \leq j \leq n_0$ , and  $1 \leq s \leq n_1$ . Then

$$\varphi_0(c_0) = x^0, \quad \varphi_0(c_1) = x^1 \sqcup z, \quad \varphi_1(c_0) = x^0 \sqcup z, \quad \varphi_1(c_1) = x^1.$$

Therefore,  $x^0$  is an atom of  $\varphi_0(C)$ , while  $x^0 \sqcup z$  is an atom of  $\varphi_1(C)$ . Consequently,  $\varphi_0(c_0) \notin \varphi_1(C)$ .  $\square$

The fulfilment of condition 4 follows from the next lemma.

**Lemma 5.** *Take an algebra  $\mathfrak{A}$  and the function  $f : \mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}(\mathfrak{A}) \rightarrow \mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}(\mathfrak{A})$  whose graph is determined by some  $\Sigma$ -formula  $\Phi(x, y, A_0)$ . Then for all elements  $u = \varkappa(X) \in \mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}(\mathfrak{A})$ ,  $\varkappa \in \mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}(\omega)$ , and bases  $Y$  of  $\text{sp } X$  we have*

$$\text{if } u \in \delta f \text{ then } \text{sp } f(u) \subseteq \langle Y \rangle.$$

PROOF. Assume on the contrary that

$$f(u) = \tau(Z) \not\subseteq v, \quad \text{sp } Z \not\subseteq \langle Y \rangle, \quad (7)$$

where  $\tau \in \mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}(\omega)$  and  $Z$  is a sequence of elements of  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

Take

$$B = \langle Y \rangle, \quad C = \langle \text{sp } Y \cup \text{sp } Z \rangle. \quad (8)$$

Denote by  $D$  a finite subalgebra such that

$$C \subseteq D, \quad \mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}(D) \models \Phi(u, v, A_0).$$

Take the atoms  $b_1, \dots, b_m$  of  $B$  and consider all possible cases.

1. For some  $i$  the element  $b_i$  is infinite and is not an atom of  $C$ .

Then by Lemma 2 there exists an embedding  $\varphi : D \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$  such that  $\varphi \upharpoonright B = \text{id}$  and  $\varphi C \not\subseteq D$ . Take the natural extension  $\varphi^\sharp : \mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}(D) \rightarrow \mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}(\mathfrak{A})$  of  $\varphi$ . Then Lemma 6 yields

$$f(u) = f(\varphi^\sharp(u)) = f(\varkappa(\varphi X)) = \tau(\varphi Z), \quad \text{sp } \varphi Z \not\subseteq C.$$

This contradicts (7) and (8).

2. For some  $i$  the element  $b_i$  is finite and is not an atom of  $C$ . Assume for definiteness that  $i = 1$ .

Here a few subcases are possible:

(a)  $b_1 \leq a$  for some  $a \in \langle A_0 \rangle$ .

We may assume that  $a$  is an atom of  $\langle A_0 \rangle$ . Since  $b_1$  is not an atom of  $\mathfrak{A}$ , by the definition of  $Y$  the element  $a$  is infinite. Thus,  $b_1 < a$ , and for some  $i$  the element  $b_i < a$  is infinite. By Lemma 3 there exists an embedding  $\varphi : D \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$  such that  $\varphi \upharpoonright \langle A_0 \rangle = \text{id}$  and  $\varphi b_1$  is infinite. Then (7) and (8) imply that

$$f(\varkappa(\varphi X)) = \tau(\varphi Z), \quad \text{sp } \varphi Z \not\subseteq \varphi B.$$

The subalgebras  $\varphi B \subseteq \varphi C \subseteq \varphi D$  and the element  $\varphi b_1$  satisfy the condition of case 1. Thus,  $\text{sp } \varphi Z \subseteq \varphi C$ , and we arrive at a contradiction.

(b)  $b_1 \not\leq a$  for every  $a \in \langle A_0 \rangle$ .

Then  $b_1 \in \langle A_0 \rangle^\perp$  and  $\langle A_0 \rangle^\perp$  is an infinite subalgebra. Suppose that there exists  $i$  such that  $b_i$  is infinite and  $b_i \in \langle A_0 \rangle^\perp$ . Then by Lemma 3 there exists an embedding  $\varphi : D \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$  such that  $\varphi \upharpoonright \langle A_0 \rangle = \text{id}$ ,  $\varphi b_1$  is infinite, and  $\varphi b_1$  is not an atom of  $\varphi C$ . Hence, as in case 2(a), we arrive at a contradiction.

Consequently, every atom of  $B$  lying in  $\langle A_0 \rangle^\perp$  is finite. Since  $b_1 \in \langle A_0 \rangle^\perp$ , this implies that  $B^\perp$  is an infinite subalgebra. We may assume that so is  $D^\perp$ . Indeed, suppose that  $D^\perp$  is finite and take the atoms  $d_1, \dots, d_n$  of  $D$ , where  $d_1, \dots, d_e$  are all atoms of  $B^\perp$ . Since  $D^\perp$  is finite, there exists  $1 \leq i \leq e$  such that  $d_i$  is infinite. Suppose that  $d_1$  is infinite. Then there exist  $x$  and  $y$  with  $d_1 = x \sqcup y$ . Suppose that  $x$  is infinite, and denote by  $D_0$  the subalgebra generated by  $B, y, d_2, \dots, d_e$ . Define an embedding  $\varphi : D \rightarrow D_0$  by putting

$$\varphi \upharpoonright B = \text{id}, \quad \varphi d_1 = y, \quad \varphi d_i = d_i, \quad 2 \leq i \leq e.$$

Since  $x \in D_0^\perp$ , it follows that  $D_0^\perp$  is an infinite algebra.

Suppose that  $b_1 = c_0 \sqcup c_1$ , where  $c_0$  is an atom of  $C$ . Lemma 4 implies that there exist embeddings  $\varphi_0, \varphi_1 : D \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$  such that  $\varphi_0 \upharpoonright B = \varphi \upharpoonright B$  and  $\varphi_0(c_0) \notin \varphi_1(C)$ . Lemma 6 implies that  $f(\varkappa(\varphi_0(X))) = f(\varkappa(\varphi_1(X)))$ , and so  $\text{sp } \varphi_0(Z) = \text{sp } \varphi_1(Z)$ . Hence,  $\varphi_0(C) \subseteq \varphi_1(C)$ , which is a contradiction.

3. Cases 1 and 2 fail to hold.

Then  $b_i$  is an atom of  $C$  for every  $1 \leq i \leq m$ . Consequently,  $C = B \oplus C_0$  for some subalgebra  $C_0$ . It follows from (7) that  $C_0 \neq 0$ . By the definition of  $Y$  the algebra  $\langle A_0 \rangle^\perp$  is infinite. Assume that the following holds.

(B) There exists an infinite element  $c \in C_0$ .

We may assume that  $c$  is an atom of  $C_0$ . Then there exists an embedding  $\varphi : D \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$  such that  $\varphi \upharpoonright B = \text{id}$  and  $\varphi c < c$ , and so  $\varphi c \notin C$ . Hence, as in case 1, we arrive at a contradiction.

Thus, all atoms of  $C_0$  are finite. Consider the following possible cases one by one.

(C) There exists an infinite element  $b_i \in \langle A_0 \rangle^\perp$ .

Take an atom  $c$  of  $C_0$ . By Lemma 3 there exists an embedding  $\varphi : D \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$  such that  $\varphi \upharpoonright \langle A_0 \rangle = \text{id}$ , and an infinite element  $\varphi c$  with  $\varphi c \notin \varphi B$ . Then for the subalgebra  $\varphi B \subseteq \varphi C$  and the element  $\varphi c$  case (B) holds, which is impossible.

(D) The subalgebra  $C^\perp$  is infinite.

Take an atom  $c$  of  $C_0$  and write  $c = d_1 \sqcup \dots \sqcup d_n$ , where  $d_i$  are atoms of  $D$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . In  $C^\perp$  choose  $x$  such that  $x = x_1 \sqcup \dots \sqcup x_n$  for some  $x_i$ . Then there exists an embedding  $\varphi : D \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$  such that  $\varphi \upharpoonright B = \text{id}$  and  $\varphi c \notin C$ , which is impossible.

Therefore, all possible cases lead to contradictions. The proof of the lemma is complete.  $\square$

Therefore, we have verified conditions 1–4 of Definition 1 for all algebras  $\mathfrak{A}$  and sets  $A_0$ . The proof of the theorem is complete.  $\square$

**Corollary 1.** *Each Boolean algebra  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a  $\Sigma$ -bounded algebraic system with respect to each finite subset  $B_0 \subseteq B$ .*

Indeed, every Boolean algebra can be regarded as an enrichment of a Ershov algebra by the symbol of the constant 1.

Theorems 1 and A, as well as Corollary 1, imply

**Corollary 2.** *Given a Ershov or Boolean algebra  $\mathfrak{A}$ , for every finite subset  $A_0$  there exists a universal  $\Sigma$ -function  $U^{A_0}(x, y) \in F\Sigma(\mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}(\mathfrak{A}), A_0)$  for the family  $\mathfrak{F}^{A_0}$  of functions such that every  $f \in \mathfrak{F}^{A_0}$  satisfies  $\lambda y U^{A_0}(n, y) = f(y)$  for some  $n$ .*

**Corollary 3.** *Given a Ershov algebra  $\mathfrak{A}$ , in  $\mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}(\mathfrak{A})$  there exists a universal  $\Sigma$ -function for the family of all unary  $\Sigma$ -functions.*

PROOF. Put  $A = \emptyset$  and define  $A'_0 = \{a_1, \dots, a_e, a_{e+1}, \dots, a_s\}$  using  $A_0$  as in the beginning of the proof of Theorem 1. Put

$$A_0^1 = \{a_1, \dots, a_e, a_{e+1}^1, \dots, a_{e+\alpha_{e+1}}^1, \dots, a_{(s+1)+1}^1, \dots, a_{(s+1)+\alpha_{s+1}}^1\},$$

where  $a_{k+1}^1, \dots, a_{k+\alpha_k}^1$  are all atoms under  $a_k$ . It is easy to see that every finite subset  $X$  and bases  $Y_X^{A_0}$  and  $Y_{X^*}^\emptyset$ , where  $X^* = A_0^1 \cup X$ , satisfy  $\langle Y_X^{A_0} \rangle \subseteq \langle Y_{X^*}^\emptyset \rangle$ . Then Theorem B, where we must replace  $C$  and  $C^1$  by  $A_0$  and  $A_0^1$ , yields the claim.  $\square$

Similarly we can prove

**Corollary 4.** *Given a Boolean algebra  $\mathfrak{B}$ , in  $\mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}(\mathfrak{B})$  there exists a universal  $\Sigma$ -function for the family of all unary  $\Sigma$ -functions.*

## 2. Abelian $p$ -Groups

In this section we prove the  $\Sigma$ -boundedness of every abelian  $p$ -group  $G$  and the existence of universal  $\Sigma$ -functions in  $\mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}(G)$ .

Recall the necessary terminology and results of the theory of abelian  $p$ -groups. Take an abelian  $p$ -group  $G$  and a subgroup  $G_0 \subseteq G$ . The *order* of  $G_0$  is the cardinality of  $G_0$  denoted by  $|G_0|$ . The *period*  $\text{per}(G)$  is the smallest number  $p^m$  such that  $p^m G = 0$ ; if this number fails to exist then  $\text{per}(G) = \omega$ , and we say that  $G$  is an *unbounded* group. The period of the subgroup  $\langle x \rangle$  is called the *order* of  $x$  and

denoted by  $|x|$ . The *height* of  $x \in G$ , denoted by  $h_G(x)$ , is  $\max\{p^n \mid x \in p^n G\}$ ; if this  $n$  fails to exist then  $h_G(x) = \infty$ .

Take a finite set  $A_0 \subseteq G$ . Given  $X \subseteq G$  denote by  $\langle X \rangle$  the subgroup generated by  $X$  in the group  $\langle G, A_0 \rangle$ , and by  $(X)$ , in  $G$ . Put  $G[p^n] = \{x \mid p^n x = 0\}$  and denote the cyclic group of order  $p^n$  by  $C_{p^n}$ , and the quasicyclic group by  $C_{p^\infty}$ . Denote by  $G^\alpha$  the direct sum of  $\alpha$  copies of the group  $G$ . The *dimension* of  $G$  is the dimension of the vector space  $G[p]$ . A group  $G$  is called *divisible* whenever given  $x \in G$  there exists  $y$  such that  $x = py$ . If  $G$  contains no divisible subgroups distinct from zero then it is called *reduced*.

**Theorem C.** *Each abelian group  $G$  is a direct sum,  $G = R \oplus D$ , of a reduced subgroup  $R$  and a divisible subgroup  $D$ .*

**Theorem D** (the first Prüfer theorem). *Each abelian  $p$ -group of finite period decomposes into a direct sum of cyclic subgroups.*

**Theorem E** (Prüfer–Kulikov). *If a servant subgroup  $A$  of an abelian group  $G$  has finite period then it appears in  $G$  as a direct summand.*

**Theorem F.** *All decompositions of an abelian  $p$ -group as direct sums of cyclic groups are isomorphic.*

The proof of Proposition 27.1 in [5, p. 139] implies

**Proposition A.** *Suppose that the period of an abelian  $p$ -group  $C$  is equal to  $p^n$ . Take  $c \in C$  with  $|c| = p^n$  and a subgroup  $B \subseteq C$  such that  $B \cap \langle c \rangle = 0$ . Then there exists a subgroup  $E \supseteq B$  such that  $C = E \oplus \langle c \rangle$ .*

**Proposition B** [6, p. 83]. *If a countable reduced abelian  $p$ -group  $G$  is unbounded then  $G$  has a direct summand that is an unbounded direct sum of cyclic groups.*

**Theorem 2.** *Suppose that an abelian  $p$ -group  $G$  satisfies at least one of the following:*

- (1) *the reduced part  $R$  of  $G$  is unbounded;*
- (2) *the divisible part  $D$  includes a subgroup  $C_{p^\infty}^\omega$ ;*
- (3) *there exists a subgroup  $G_0 \subseteq G$  isomorphic to  $C_{p^\alpha}^\omega$ , where  $p^\alpha$  is the period of  $G$ , and  $\alpha \in \omega$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ .*

*Then  $G$  is a  $\Sigma$ -bounded algebraic system with respect to every finite subset  $A_0$ .*

In order to prove the theorem we will need the following lemma and proposition.

**Lemma 6.** *Take the same group  $G$  as in Theorem 2, and a finite subgroup  $B \subseteq G$ . Then for every number  $p^n \leq \text{per}(G)$  there exists  $c \in G$  of order  $p^n$  such that  $B \cap \langle c \rangle = 0$ .*

PROOF. It is easy to verify that there exists a countable subgroup  $H$ , with  $B \subseteq H \subseteq G$ , satisfying the hypotheses of Theorem 2. If  $H$  satisfies condition 1 then Proposition B implies that  $H$  has a direct summand  $H_0$  which is a direct sum of cyclic groups of unbounded orders. Suppose that  $H$  satisfies condition 2. Then Theorem C yields  $H = H_0 \oplus H_1$ , where  $H_0 \cong C_{p^\infty}^\omega$ . However, if condition 3 is fulfilled then Theorem F yields  $H = H_0 \oplus H_1$ , where  $H_0 \cong C_{p^\alpha}^\omega$ . In all these cases we can choose the required element  $c$  in  $H_0$ .  $\square$

The next proposition generalizes Proposition 6 of [7].

**Proposition 1.** *Take the same group  $G$  as in Theorem 2, finite abelian  $p$ -groups  $B$  and  $C$  with  $B \subseteq C$  and  $\text{per}(C) \leq \text{per}(G)$ , and an embedding  $\varphi : B \rightarrow G$ . Then  $\varphi$  extends to an embedding  $\psi : C \rightarrow G$  if and only if every  $b \in B$  satisfies*

$$h_C(b) \leq h_G(b'), \quad \text{where } \varphi b = b'. \tag{9}$$

PROOF. *Necessity* is obvious.

*Sufficiency* can be proved by induction on the number of elements in  $C$ . Suppose that the period of  $C$  is equal to  $p^n$  and take  $c \in C$  with  $|c| = p^n$ . Suppose that  $\langle c \rangle \cap B = 0$ . Then by Proposition A there

exists a subgroup  $E \subseteq C$  such that  $C = (c) \oplus E$  and  $E \supseteq B$ . By induction there exists an embedding  $\psi_0 : E \rightarrow G$  with  $\psi_0 \upharpoonright B = \varphi$ . By Lemma 6 there exists an element  $c'$  such that  $(c') \cap E' = 0$  and  $|c'| = p^n$ , where  $E' = \psi_0 E$ . It is obvious that we can extend  $\psi_0$  to  $\psi : C \rightarrow G$  by putting  $\psi c = c'$ . Thus, we may assume that  $(c) \cap B \neq 0$ .

For every element  $c$  of order  $p^n$  denote by  $k_c$  the smallest number satisfying  $p^{k_c} c \in B$ . Take  $c_0 \in C[p^n]$  with the smallest value of  $k_{c_0}$ . Put  $c = c_0$  and  $k = k_{c_0}$ .

Suppose that

$$p^k c = b_0 \tag{10}$$

and show that there exists  $c'$  such that  $p^k c' = b'_0$ , where  $\varphi b_0 = b'_0$ , and for every  $s < k$  we have  $p^s c' \notin B'$ .

Since the subgroup  $(c)$  is servant in  $C$ , it follows that  $h_C(b_0) = k$ . Thus,  $G$  contains  $g_0$  with  $p^k g_0 = b'_0$ . Take the minimal number  $s$  satisfying  $p^s g_0 \in B'$ . If  $s = k$  then  $c' = g_0$  is the required element. Suppose that  $s < k$ . By Lemma 6 there exists  $g_1 \in G$  such that  $|g_1| = p^k$  and  $(g_1) \cap G_0 = 0$ , where  $G_0 = \text{gr}(B', g_0)$ . Put  $c' = g_0 + g_1$ . Then  $p^k c' = b'_0$ . Verify that  $p^s c' \notin B'$  for every  $s < k$ . Indeed, assume on the contrary that  $p^s c' \in B'$  for some  $s < k$ . Then  $p^s g_0 + p^s g_1 = b' \in B'$ . Hence,  $0 \neq p^s g_1 \in G_0$ ; this is a contradiction.

Put  $H = \text{gr}(B, c)$  and  $H' = \text{gr}(B', c')$ . The defining relations of  $H$  are  $p^k c = b$  and relations between the elements of  $B$ . The defining relations of  $H'$  are the same. Therefore, there exists an isomorphism  $f : H \rightarrow H'$  with  $f \upharpoonright B = \varphi$ .

By Theorem E there exists a subgroup  $E \subseteq C$  such that

$$C = (c) \oplus E. \tag{11}$$

Take the projection  $E_0 = \text{pr}_E(B)$  of  $B$  onto the second coordinate of the decomposition in (11). Given  $e \in E_0$ , there are  $b \in B$  and  $s \in \omega$  such that

$$b = p^s \alpha c + e, \quad (\alpha, p) = 1. \tag{12}$$

Verify that

$$h_C(e) \leq h_G(e'), \tag{13}$$

where  $e' = fe$ . Suppose that  $h_C(e) = r$  and check that either  $e \in B$  or

$$r < s. \tag{14}$$

If  $s \geq k$  then (10) and (12) imply that  $e \in B$ . Suppose that  $s < k$  and check the validity of (14). Assume on the contrary that  $r \geq s$ . There exists  $e_1 \in E$  with  $e = p^r e_1$ . By (12) this yields  $b = p^s(\alpha c + p^{r-s} e_1)$ . Since  $(\alpha, p) = 1$  it follows that  $c_1 = \alpha c + p^{r-s} e_1$  is of order  $p^n$ , and  $k_{c_1} < k$ . This contradicts the choice of  $c$ . Thus, (14) holds.

Since  $f : H \rightarrow H'$  is an isomorphism, we have

$$b' = p^s \alpha c' + e'. \tag{15}$$

Verify that

$$h_G(e') \geq r. \tag{16}$$

If  $e \in B$  then (16) follows from the hypotheses of the proposition and the definition of  $f$ . Suppose that  $e \notin B$ . Then (14) holds. Taking (12) into account, we have  $h_C(e) = h_G(b) = r$ . Consequently,  $h_G(b') \geq r$ . By (15) this yields  $h_G(e') \geq \min\{h_G(b'), s\} \geq r$ ; i.e., we have established (13).

The embedding  $\varphi_0 = f \upharpoonright E_0$  of  $E_0$  into  $G$  and the subgroups  $E_0 \subseteq E$  satisfy condition (9) in the proposition. By induction there exists an embedding  $\psi_0 : E \rightarrow G$  such that  $\psi_0 \upharpoonright E_0 = \varphi_0$ . Verify that

$$\psi_0 E \cap (c') = 0. \tag{17}$$

Assume on the contrary that there exists  $e \in E$ ,  $e \neq 0$ , such that

$$\psi_0 e = p^s c'. \tag{18}$$



We may assume that  $|e| = p$  and  $s \geq k$ . Indeed, if  $s < k$  then (18) implies that  $\psi_0 p^{n-s-1} e = p^{n-1} c'$ . Since  $k \leq n-1$ , this implies that we can take  $p^{n-s-1} e$  as  $e$ . Therefore,  $|e| = p$  and  $s \geq k$ . Show that we can assume that  $e \in E_0$ . Indeed, suppose that  $e \notin E_0$ ,  $h_C(e) = h_E(e) = m$ , and  $p^m e_1 = e$  for some  $e_1 \in E$ . The subgroup  $\langle e_1 \rangle$  is servant in  $E$ ; thus, by Theorem E there exists a subgroup  $E_1 \subseteq E$  such that  $E = \langle e_1 \rangle \oplus E_1$ .

Since  $e \notin E_0$ , it follows that  $\text{pr}_{\langle e_1 \rangle} B = 0$ . By (11) we have  $C = (c) \oplus \langle e_1 \rangle \oplus E_1$  and  $B \subseteq (c) \oplus E_1$ . By Lemma 6, in order to prove the proposition it suffices to embed the subgroup  $(c) \oplus E_1$  into  $G$ . This is possible by induction. Thus, assume that  $e \in E_0$ . From (18) it follows that

$$\psi_0 e = \varphi_0 e = f e = p^s c' = p^{s-k} b'_0. \quad (19)$$

The definition of the isomorphism  $f : H \rightarrow H'$  yields

$$f p^{s-k} b_0 = \varphi p^{s-k} b_0 = p^{s-k} b'_0. \quad (20)$$

From (19) and (20) we deduce that

$$e = p^{s-k} b_0.$$

Hence,  $e \in (c) \cap E$ , which is impossible. Thus, (17) holds. Therefore, the embeddings  $f : (c) \rightarrow (c')$  and  $\psi_0 : E \rightarrow G$  extend to an embedding  $\psi : C \rightarrow G$ , as required.

The proof of the proposition is complete.  $\square$

**PROOF OF THEOREM 2.** It is proved in [7] that every abelian  $p$ -group  $G$  is locally constructivizable. Since  $G$  is locally finite, in order to prove the theorem it suffices to verify conditions 1–4 of Definition 1.

1. Take a finite subset  $X \subseteq G$ . By Theorem D the subgroup  $\langle X \rangle$  decomposes into a direct sum of cyclic groups  $\langle X \rangle = \langle y_1 \rangle \oplus \cdots \oplus \langle y_q \rangle$ . Call the sequence  $Y = \langle y_1, \dots, y_q \rangle$  a *base* for  $X$ . By Theorem F all bases for  $X$  are of the same length. It is easy to verify that  $\mathfrak{B}_0(X, Y)$  is a  $\Delta$ -predicate in  $\langle \text{HIF}(G), A_0 \rangle$ .

2. For every base  $Y$  and every  $z \in \langle Y \rangle$  there exists a unique sequence  $\langle n_1, \dots, n_q \rangle$  of numbers with  $n_j < |y_j|$  such that  $z = n_1 y_1 + \cdots + n_q y_q$ . Then  $n = [n_1, \dots, n_q] + 1$  is called the *coordinate* of  $z$  with respect to  $Y$ . It is easy to verify that  $\text{Cor}(z, Y, n)$  is a  $\Delta$ -predicate in  $\langle \text{HIF}(G), A_0 \rangle$ .

Suppose that  $Y = \langle y_1, \dots, y_q \rangle$  satisfies  $|y_j| = p^{m_j}$  and  $\text{Cor}(a_i, Y, n_i)$ , where

$$A \cong \langle A_0 \rangle = \langle a_1 \rangle \oplus \cdots \oplus \langle a_e \rangle$$

is some fixed decomposition. Then the sequence  $\chi(Y) = \langle p^{m_1}, \dots, p^{m_q}, n_1, \dots, n_e \rangle$  is called the *characteristic* of  $Y$ . It is easy to verify that  $\chi = \chi(Y)$  is a binary  $\Sigma$ -predicate in  $\langle \text{HIF}(G), A_0 \rangle$ .

The computability of the set of all characteristics follows from the next lemma. Suppose that  $|a_i| = p^{l_i}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq e$ .

**Lemma 7.** *The sequence of numbers*

$$\xi = \langle p_1^{m_1}, \dots, p_q^{m_q}, n_1, \dots, n_e \rangle,$$

where  $q \geq e$ ,  $n_i = [s_{i1}, \dots, s_{iq}] + 1$ ,  $s_{ij} = p^{r_{ij}} t_{ij}$ , and  $(t_{ij}, p) = 1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq e$  and  $1 \leq j \leq q$ , is a characteristic if and only if for all  $0 \leq \alpha_i \leq p^{l_i}$  the following hold:

- (a)  $\max\{m_j \mid 1 \leq j \leq q\} \leq \text{per}(G)$ ;
- (b)  $0 \leq r_{ij} \leq m_j$  and  $\max\{m_j - r_{ij} \mid 1 \leq j \leq q\} = l_i$ ;
- (c)  $\bigwedge_{j=1}^q \left[ \sum_{i=1}^e \alpha_i s_{ij} \equiv 0 \pmod{p^{m_j}} \right] \Leftrightarrow \bigwedge_{i=1}^e \left[ \bigwedge_{j=1}^q (\alpha_i s_{ij} \equiv 0 \pmod{p^{m_j}}) \right]$ ;
- (d)  $\min \left\{ \exp \left( p, \sum_{i=1}^e \alpha_i s_{ij} \mid 1 \leq j \leq q \right) \leq h_G \left( \sum_{i=1}^e \alpha_i a_i \right) \right\}$ .

**PROOF.** *Necessity.* Suppose that a sequence  $\xi$  is the characteristic of  $Y$ . Then by definition

$$\langle Y \rangle = \langle y_1 \rangle \oplus \cdots \oplus \langle y_q \rangle, \quad |y_j| = p^{m_j}, \quad a_i = s_{i1} y_1 + \cdots + s_{iq} y_q.$$

Verify (d) for instance. Given  $x = \sum \alpha_i a_i$ , we have  $x = \sum_{j=1}^q \left( \sum_{i=1}^e \alpha_i s_{ij} \right) y_j$ . Hence,

$$h_{\langle Y \rangle}(x) = \min \left\{ \exp \left( p, \sum_{i=1}^e \alpha_i s_{ij} \mid 1 \leq j \leq q \right) \right\}.$$

It is obvious that  $h_{\langle Y \rangle}(x) \leq h_G(x)$ , whence we obtain (d).

*Sufficiency.* Suppose that a sequence  $\xi$  satisfies (a)–(d). Define the group

$$B^\xi = (b_1^\xi) \oplus \cdots \oplus (b_q^\xi), \quad |b_j^\xi| = p^{m_j}.$$

Denote by  $A^\xi$  the subgroup generated by

$$a_i^\xi = s_{i1}b_1^\xi + \cdots + s_{iq}b_q^\xi, \quad 1 \leq i \leq e.$$

It is easy to verify that (b) and (c) imply that

$$A^\xi = (a_1^\xi) \oplus \cdots \oplus (a_e^\xi), \quad |a_i^\xi| = p^{l_i}.$$

Then there exists an isomorphism  $\varphi^\xi : A^\xi \rightarrow A$  such that  $\varphi^\xi a_i^\xi = a_i$ . From (a) and (d) it follows that  $\text{per}(B) \leq \text{per}(G)$ , and  $h_{B^\xi}(x) \leq h_G(\varphi^\xi x)$  for every  $x \in A^\xi$ .

Then by Proposition 1 there exists an isomorphic embedding  $\psi^\xi : B^\xi \rightarrow G$  which extends  $\varphi^\xi$ . Hence, the sequence  $Y = \langle \psi^\xi b_1^\xi, \dots, \psi^\xi b_q^\xi \rangle$  is of characteristic  $\xi$ . The proof of the lemma is complete.  $\square$

The fulfilment of condition 3 follows from the next proposition which is also of interest in its own right.

**Proposition 2.** *Take the same group  $G$  as in Theorem 2, finite subgroups  $A \subseteq B^\varepsilon \subseteq C^\varepsilon \subseteq G$ ,  $\varepsilon < 2$ , and an isomorphism  $\varphi$  of  $B^0$  with  $B^1$  satisfying  $\varphi \upharpoonright A = \text{id}$ . Then there exist isomorphic embeddings  $\psi^\varepsilon : C^\varepsilon \rightarrow G$  such that  $\psi^\varepsilon \upharpoonright A = \text{id}$  and  $\psi^0 x^0 = \psi^1(\varphi x^0)$  for all  $x^0 \in B^0$ , while  $\psi^0 B^0 \not\subseteq C^0 \cup C^1$ .*

PROOF. Firstly establish

**Lemma 8.** *On assuming the hypotheses of Proposition 2 there exist isomorphic embeddings  $\psi^\varepsilon : B^\varepsilon \rightarrow G$  such that  $\psi^\varepsilon \upharpoonright A = \text{id}$ ,  $\psi^0 x^0 = \psi^1 x^1 \Leftrightarrow x^2$ , and  $h_{C^\varepsilon}(x^\varepsilon) \leq h_G(x^2)$  for every element  $x^0 \in B^0$ , where  $x^1 \Leftrightarrow \varphi x^0$  and  $\psi^0 B^0 \not\subseteq C^0 \cup C^1$ .*

PROOF. Making  $t$  steps, we will construct finite subgroups  $B_t^\alpha$  for  $\alpha < 3$  and isomorphisms  $\psi_t^\varepsilon : B_t^\varepsilon \rightarrow B_t^2$ , where  $B_t^\varepsilon \subseteq B^\varepsilon$ , such that for every  $x^0 \in B_t^0$  we have

- (1<sup>0</sup>)  $\psi_t^\varepsilon \upharpoonright A = \text{id}$ ;
- (2<sup>0</sup>)  $x^0 \in B_t^0 \Leftrightarrow x^1 \in B_t^1$ ;
- (3<sup>0</sup>)  $\psi_t^0 x^0 = \psi_t^1 x^1 \Leftrightarrow x^2$ ;
- (4<sup>0</sup>)  $\max\{h_{C^\varepsilon}(x^\varepsilon) \mid \varepsilon < 2\} \leq h_G(x^2)$ .

STEP 0.  $B_0^\alpha = 0$ ,  $\psi_0^\varepsilon = \text{id}$ .

Assume that  $t$  steps were made.

STEP  $t + 1$ . Put  $D_{t+1}^\varepsilon = \{x \in B^\varepsilon \mid x \notin B_t^\varepsilon, px \in B_t^\varepsilon\}$ ,  $n_{t+1}^\varepsilon = \max\{h_{C^\varepsilon}(x) \mid x \in D_{t+1}^\varepsilon\}$ ,  $H_{t+1}^\varepsilon = \{x \in D_{t+1}^\varepsilon \mid h_{C^\varepsilon}(x) = n_{t+1}^\varepsilon\}$ ,  $E_{t+1}^\varepsilon = A \cap H_{t+1}^\varepsilon$ .

In order to determine  $\gamma < 2$  and  $b_{t+1}^\gamma$  consider the following possibilities:

1.  $n_{t+1}^0 \neq n_{t+1}^1$ .

Then take as  $\gamma$  some number satisfying  $n_{t+1}^\gamma > n_{t+1}^{1-\gamma}$ . If  $E_{t+1}^\gamma \neq 0$  then take as  $b_{t+1}^\gamma$  an arbitrary nonzero  $a \in E_{t+1}^\gamma$ . Otherwise, put  $b_{t+1}^\gamma = x$  for some  $x \in H_{t+1}^\gamma$ ,  $x \neq 0$ .

2.  $n_{t+1}^0 = n_{t+1}^1$ .

If there exists  $\varepsilon < 2$  such that  $E_{t+1}^\varepsilon \neq 0$  then put  $\gamma = \varepsilon$ . Otherwise, put  $\gamma = 0$ . Choose  $b_{t+1}^\gamma$  as in case 1. Call  $b_{t+1}^\gamma$  a  $(t + 1)$ -high element. Put  $n \Leftrightarrow n_{t+1}^\gamma$  and  $b_{t+1}^{1-\gamma} = \varphi^{-\gamma} b_{t+1}^\gamma$ , where  $\varphi^{-0} = \varphi$ .

Now determine  $b_{t+1}^2$ . If  $b_{t+1}^\gamma = a \in A$  then put  $b_{t+1}^2 = a$ . Suppose that  $b_{t+1}^\gamma \notin A$  and  $pb_{t+1}^\gamma \Leftrightarrow b_\gamma \in B_t^\gamma$ . Consequently,  $h_G(b_\gamma^2) \geq p^{n+1}$ , where  $b_\gamma^2 = \psi_t^\gamma b_\gamma$ . Thus,  $G$  contains  $c$  and  $z$  satisfying

$$b_\gamma^2 = p^{n+1}c, \quad |z| = p, \quad h_G(z) \geq p^n, \quad (21)$$

$$(z) \cap (C^0 \cup C^1 \cup \{c\} \cup B_t^2) = 0. \quad (22)$$

Put  $b_{t+1}^2 = p^n c + z$ . By (21) and (22),

$$pb_{t+1}^2 = b_\gamma^2, \quad h_G(b_{t+1}^2) \geq p^n, \quad b_{t+1}^2 \notin C^0 \cup C^1 \cup B_t^2.$$

Put  $B_{t+1}^\alpha = B_t^\alpha + (b_{t+1}^\alpha)$  for  $\alpha < 3$ . It is easy to verify that there exists an isomorphism  $\psi_{t+1}^\varepsilon : B_{t+1}^\varepsilon \rightarrow b_{t+1}^2$  such that  $\psi_{t+1}^\varepsilon \upharpoonright B_t^\varepsilon = \psi_t^\varepsilon$  and  $\psi_{t+1}^\varepsilon b_{t+1}^\varepsilon = b_{t+1}^2$ .

Step  $t + 1$  is complete, and we proceed to the next step.

In order to verify properties  $1^0-4^0$  at step  $t + 1$ , we need

**Lemma 9.** *For all  $\varepsilon, \delta < 2$ , each step  $t$ , and all  $c_t^\varepsilon \in B_t^\varepsilon$  and  $d_t^\delta \in B^\delta \setminus B_t^\delta$  we have*

$$h_G(c_t^2) \geq h_{C^\delta}(d_t^\delta), \quad (23)$$

where  $c_t^2 \equiv \psi_t^\varepsilon(c_t^\varepsilon)$ .

The proof goes by induction on  $t$ . Take  $c_{t+1}^\varepsilon \in B_{t+1}^\varepsilon$ ,  $d_{t+1}^\delta \in B^\delta \setminus B_{t+1}^\delta$ , and a  $(t+1)$ -high element  $b_{t+1}^\gamma$ . We may assume that  $c_{t+1}^\varepsilon \notin B_t^\varepsilon$ . Then the definition of  $B_{t+1}^\varepsilon$  implies that  $c_{t+1}^\varepsilon = c_t^\varepsilon + mb_{t+1}^\varepsilon$  for some  $c_t^\varepsilon \in B_t^\varepsilon$  and  $0 < m < p$ . Hence,

$$c_{t+1}^2 = c_t^2 + mb_{t+1}^2. \quad (24)$$

By the inductive assumption,

$$h_G(c_t^2) \geq h_{C^\delta}(d_{t+1}^\delta). \quad (25)$$

The definitions of  $b_{t+1}^\gamma$  and  $\psi_{t+1}^\varepsilon$  imply that

$$h_{C^\gamma}(b_{t+1}^\gamma) \geq h_{C^\delta}(d_{t+1}^\delta), \quad (26)$$

$$h_G(b_{t+1}^2) \geq h_{C^\gamma}(b_{t+1}^\gamma). \quad (27)$$

From (26) and (27) we deduce that

$$h_G(b_{t+1}^2) \geq h_{C^\delta}(d_{t+1}^\delta).$$

By (24) and (27) this yields the validity of (23) for  $t + 1$ . The proof of Lemma 9 is complete.  $\square$

Let us verify properties  $1^0-4^0$  at step  $t + 1$  on assuming that they hold at step  $t$ . The validity of  $2^0$  and  $3^0$  follows directly from the construction. Let us establish  $1^0$ . Take  $a \in B_{t+1}^\varepsilon \setminus B_t^\varepsilon$ . If  $a = b_{t+1}^\gamma$  then  $\psi_{t+1}^\varepsilon a = a$  by the construction of  $\psi_{t+1}^\varepsilon$ . Suppose that  $a \neq b_{t+1}^\gamma$  and show that  $a \in B_{t+1}^\gamma$ . Indeed, suppose that  $\varepsilon \neq \gamma$ . Then  $a = \varphi^{-\gamma} x^\gamma$  for some  $x^\gamma \in B_{t+1}^\gamma$ , where  $\varphi^0 = \varphi$ . The hypothesis  $\varphi \upharpoonright A = \text{id}$  of the lemma yields  $x^\gamma = a$ , and so  $a \in B_{t+1}^\gamma$ . Then  $a = c_t^\gamma + mb_{t+1}^\gamma$  for some  $c_t^\gamma \in B_t^\gamma$  and  $0 < m < p$ . By construction  $h_{C^\gamma}(c_t^\gamma) \geq h_{C^\gamma}(mb_{t+1}^\gamma)$ . Hence,  $h_{C^\gamma}(a) \geq h_{C^\gamma}(b_{t+1}^\gamma)$ , which contradicts  $b_{t+1}^\gamma \neq a$ . Therefore, property  $1^0$  follows.

In order to obtain property  $4^0$ , take  $x^\varepsilon \in B_{t+1}^\varepsilon \setminus B_t^\varepsilon$ . Then  $x^\varepsilon = c_t^\varepsilon + mb_{t+1}^\varepsilon$  for  $c_t^\varepsilon \in B_t^\varepsilon$  and  $0 < m < p$ . Therefore,

$$x^2 = c_t^2 + mb_{t+1}^2. \quad (28)$$

The definitions of a  $(t + 1)$ -high element and of  $\psi_t^\varepsilon$  imply that

$$h_{C^\varepsilon}(x^\varepsilon) \leq h_{C^\gamma}(mb_{t+1}^\gamma), \quad (29)$$

$$h_{C^\gamma}(mb_{t+1}^\gamma) \leq h_G(mb_{t+1}^2), \quad (30)$$

while Lemma 9 implies that  $h_G(c_t^2) \geq h_{C^\gamma}(mb_{t+1}^\gamma)$ . Taking (28) and (30) into account, we obtain

$$h_G(x^2) \geq h_{C^\gamma}(mb_{t+1}^\gamma).$$

By (29) this implies that  $h_{C^\varepsilon}(x^\varepsilon) \leq h_G(x^2)$ ; therefore,  $4^0$  holds. The proof of Lemma 8 is complete.  $\square$

Resume the proof of Proposition 2. Suppose that the hypotheses of the proposition hold. Then by Lemma 8 there exist isomorphic embeddings  $\psi^\varepsilon : B^\varepsilon \rightarrow G$  such that  $\psi^\varepsilon \upharpoonright A = \text{id}$ ,  $\psi^0 x^0 = \psi^1 x^1 \equiv x^2$ , and  $h_{C^\varepsilon}(x^\varepsilon) \leq h_G(x^2)$  for every  $x^0 \in B^0$ , where  $x^1 \equiv \varphi x^0$ . By Proposition 1 there exist isomorphic embeddings  $f^\varepsilon : C^\varepsilon \rightarrow G$  extending  $\psi^\varepsilon$ , as required.

Proposition 2 is established, and so is condition 3.  $\square$

**Corollary 5.** *Take the same group  $G$  as in Theorem 2 and its finite subgroups  $A \subseteq B \subseteq C$  with  $B \neq A$ . Then there exists an embedding  $\psi : C \rightarrow G$  such that  $\psi \upharpoonright A = \text{id}$  and  $\psi B \not\subseteq C$ .*

Indeed, put  $B^\varepsilon = B$  and  $C^\varepsilon = C$ , and take  $\varphi : B \rightarrow B$ ,  $\varphi = \text{id}$ . Then all hypotheses of Proposition 2 hold. Thus, there exists an embedding  $\psi : C \rightarrow G$ , as required.  $\square$

4. Let us establish the last condition. Suppose that the graph of a function  $f : \mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}(G) \rightarrow HF(G)$  is determined by a  $\Sigma$ -formula  $\Phi(x, y, A_0)$ , where  $A_0 \subseteq G$  and  $u = \varkappa(X)$  with  $f(u) = \tau(Z)$ ,  $X, Z \in G^{<\omega}$ . Put  $A = (A_0 \cup \text{sp } X)$  and  $B = (A \cup \text{sp } Z)$ . Take a finite subgroup  $C$  of  $G$  such that

$$\mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}(C) \models \Phi(u, \tau(Z), A_0), \quad C \supseteq B.$$

Suppose that  $B \neq A$ . Then by Corollary 5 there exists an embedding  $\psi : C \rightarrow G$  such that  $\psi \upharpoonright A = \text{id}$  and  $\psi B \not\subseteq C$ ; i.e.,  $\text{sp } \psi Z \not\subseteq \text{sp } Z$ . Take the natural extension  $\psi^\# : \mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}(C) \rightarrow \mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}(C)$  of  $\psi$  defined as  $\psi^\#(\varkappa(X)) = \varkappa(\psi X)$ , where  $\varkappa \in \mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}(\omega)$ . Lemma 6 of [1] yields

$$f(\psi^\#(\varkappa(X))) = f(\varkappa(\psi X)) = \tau(\psi Z).$$

Since  $\psi X = X$ , it follows that  $f(\varkappa(\psi X)) = \tau(Z)$ . Hence,  $\tau(Z) = \tau(\psi Z)$ ; i.e.,  $\text{sp } Z = \text{sp } \psi Z$ , which is impossible. Consequently,  $B = A$  and  $\text{sp } Z \subseteq A$ .

Therefore, condition 4 is established, and the proof of the theorem is complete.  $\square$

Theorems 2 and A imply

**Corollary 6.** *Take the same abelian  $p$ -group  $G$  as in Theorem 2. Given a finite subset  $A_0$  there exists a universal  $\Sigma$ -function  $U^{A_0}(x, y) \in F\Sigma(\mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}(G), A_0)$  for the family of unary functions  $\mathfrak{F}^{A_0}$  such that every function  $f \in \mathfrak{F}^{A_0}$  satisfies  $\lambda y U^{A_0}(n, y) = f(y)$  for some  $n$ .*

**Theorem 3.** *Take an abelian  $p$ -group that is the direct sum of a finite period and a finite-dimensional divisible group. Then it is  $\Sigma$ -bounded.*

PROOF. By the first Prüfer theorem there exist  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \omega$ , a cardinal  $\lambda$ , and subgroups  $G_0, G_1$ , and  $G_2$  such that

$$G = G_0 \oplus G_1 \oplus G_2 \oplus D,$$

where  $\text{per}(G_0) < p^\alpha$ ,  $G_1 \cong C_{p^\alpha}^\lambda$ ,  $G_2 = (g_1) \oplus \cdots \oplus (g_\beta)$  with  $|g_i| > p^\alpha$  for  $1 \leq i \leq \beta$ , and  $D \cong C_{p^\infty}^\gamma$  for  $\lambda \geq \omega$ .

Consider the case  $\alpha > 0$ . The proof for case  $\alpha = 0$  is similar but simpler. Take a finite subset  $A_0 \subseteq G$  containing  $g_1, \dots, g_\beta$ . In order to prove the theorem it suffices to establish that  $G$  is  $\Sigma$ -bounded with respect to  $A_0$ . To this end, we must verify conditions 1–4 of Definition 1.

1. Suppose that  $Y = \langle y_1, \dots, y_q \rangle$ , with  $y_i = g_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq \beta$ , is a base for a finite subset  $X \subseteq G$  (with respect to  $A_0$ ) if there exists a number  $m$  satisfying  $p^m \geq \text{per}(\langle X \rangle)$  and

$$H \rightleftharpoons (\langle X \rangle, D_m) = (y_1) \oplus \cdots \oplus (y_q), \tag{31}$$

with  $D_m \subseteq D$ ,  $D_m \cong C_{p^m}^\gamma$ , and  $|y_i| \leq p^\alpha$  for  $\beta + 1 \leq i \leq e \rightleftharpoons q - \gamma$ , while  $|y_j| = p^m$  for  $e + 1 \leq j \leq q$ . This implies that  $D_m = (y_{e+1}) \oplus \cdots \oplus (y_q)$ .

Observe that the decomposition (31) always exists since by Theorem E the subgroups  $G_2$  and  $D_m$  are direct summands of  $H$ . It is easy to verify that  $\mathfrak{B}_0(X, Y)$  is a  $\Delta$ -predicate in  $\langle \mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}(G), A_0 \rangle$ .

Take two bases  $Y^\varepsilon$ ,  $\varepsilon = 0, 1$ , for  $X$ . Then there exist two numbers  $m^\varepsilon$  satisfying

$$H^\varepsilon = (\langle X \rangle, D_{m^\varepsilon}) = (g_1) \oplus \cdots \oplus (g_\beta) \oplus (y_{\beta+1}^\varepsilon) \oplus \cdots \oplus (y_q^\varepsilon), \tag{32}$$

where  $m^\varepsilon \geq \text{per}(\langle X \rangle)$  and  $D_{m^\varepsilon} = (y_{e+1}^\varepsilon) \oplus \cdots \oplus (y_q^\varepsilon) \subseteq D$  with  $q = e + \gamma$ . Suppose that  $m^0 < m^1$ . Then  $D_{m^0} \subseteq D_{m^1}$ ; thus,  $H^0 \subseteq H^1$ . Therefore,

$$H^1 = (\langle X \rangle, D_{m^1}) \text{ and } p^{m^1} \geq p^{m^0} = \text{per}(\langle Y^0 \rangle).$$

By (32) this implies that  $Y^1$  is a base for  $Y^0$ . Therefore, condition 1 holds.

2. Take a base  $Y = \langle y_1, \dots, y_q \rangle$ , where  $y_i = g_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq \beta$ ,  $|y_j| = p^{m_j}$  with  $m_j \leq \alpha$  for  $\beta + 1 \leq j \leq e = q - \gamma$ , and  $|y_k| = p^m$  for  $e + 1 \leq k \leq q$ . Then

$$\langle Y \rangle = (y_1) \oplus \dots \oplus (y_q), \quad D_m = (y_{e+1}) \oplus \dots \oplus (y_q).$$

Take  $z \in \langle Y \rangle$ . Then there exists a unique sequence  $\bar{k} = \langle k_1, \dots, k_q \rangle$  of numbers such that

$$z = k_1 y_1 + \dots + k_q y_q,$$

where  $k_s \leq |y_s|$  for  $1 \leq s \leq q$ . The index  $[\bar{k}]$  is called the *coordinate* of  $z$  with respect to  $Y$ . It is easy to verify that  $\text{Cor}(Z, Y, n)$  is a  $\Delta$ -predicate in  $\langle \text{HIF}(G), A_0 \rangle$ .

Fix some decomposition  $A = \langle A_0 \rangle = (a_1) \oplus \dots \oplus (a_r)$ , with  $a_i = g_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq \beta \leq r$ , and take some numbers  $n_i$  such that  $\text{Cor}(a_i, Y, n_i)$ . Then the sequence

$$\chi(Y) = \langle |y_1|, \dots, |y_q|, n_1, \dots, n_r \rangle$$

is called a *characteristic* of  $Y$ . It is easy to verify that  $\chi = \chi(Y)$  is a binary  $\Delta$ -predicate in  $\langle \text{HIF}(G), A_0 \rangle$ .

The computability of the set of all characteristics follows from the next lemma. Suppose that  $p^{l_i} = |g_i|$  and  $|a_j| = p^{l_j}$ , where  $1 \leq i \leq \beta$  and  $1 \leq j \leq r$ .

**Lemma 10.** *A sequence*

$$\xi = \langle p^{m_1}, \dots, p^{m_q}, n_1, \dots, n_r \rangle$$

of numbers, where  $q \geq r$ ,  $n_i = [s_{i1}, \dots, s_{iq}] + 1$ ,  $s_{ij} = p^{r_{ij}} t_{ij}$ , and  $(t_{ij}, p) = 1$  for  $1 \leq j \leq q$  and  $1 \leq i \leq r$ , is a characteristic if and only if for all  $0 \leq \alpha_i \leq p^{l_i}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq r$ , we have

(a)  $\max\{m_{\beta+1}, \dots, m_e\} \leq \alpha$ ,  $m_{e+1} = \dots = m_q = m$ ,  $m \geq \max\{m_1, \dots, m_e\}$ , and  $p^{m_i} = |g_i|$  for  $1 \leq i \leq \beta$ ;

(b)  $0 \leq r_{ij} \leq m_j$  and  $\max\{m_j - r_{ij} \mid 1 \leq j \leq q\} = l_i$ ;

(c)  $\bigwedge_{j=1}^q [\sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i s_{ij} \equiv 0 \pmod{p^{m_j}}] \Leftrightarrow \bigwedge_{i=1}^r [\bigwedge_{j=1}^q (\alpha_i s_{ij} \equiv 0 \pmod{p^{m_j}})]$ ,

(d)  $\min \{ \exp(p, \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i s_{ij}) \mid \beta + 1 \leq j \leq e \} \leq h_{G_0 \oplus G_1}(\sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i a'_i)$ ,

where  $a'_i = \text{pr}_H(a_i)$  is the projection of  $a_i$  onto the subgroup  $G' = G_0 \oplus G_1$ .

PROOF. Since  $G'$  satisfies the hypotheses of Theorem 2, Lemma 7 implies this lemma.  $\square$

Therefore, condition 2 holds.

3. Take two bases  $Y^\varepsilon$ ,  $\varepsilon = 0, 1$ , of the same characteristic

$$\chi = \langle p^{m_1}, \dots, p^{m_e}, p^m, \dots, p^m, n_1, \dots, n_r \rangle$$

and finite subgroups

$$B^\varepsilon \supseteq (Y^\varepsilon). \tag{33}$$

By the definition of the base  $Y^\varepsilon$  of characteristic  $\chi$ ,

$$(Y^\varepsilon) = (y_1^\varepsilon) \oplus \dots \oplus (y_q^\varepsilon) = G_2 \oplus A^\varepsilon \oplus D_m, \tag{34}$$

where  $A^\varepsilon = (y_{\beta+1}^\varepsilon) \oplus \dots \oplus (y_e^\varepsilon)$  and  $D_m = (y_{e+1}^\varepsilon) \oplus \dots \oplus (y_q^\varepsilon) \subseteq D$ . By (33) this implies that there exist subgroups  $D^\varepsilon \subseteq D$  and  $B_0^\varepsilon \subseteq B^\varepsilon$  such that  $B_0^\varepsilon$  is isomorphic to some subgroup of  $G'$  and

$$B^\varepsilon = G_2 \oplus B_0^\varepsilon \oplus D^\varepsilon, \tag{35}$$

so that, taking (33) into account, we have  $D^\varepsilon \supseteq D_m$ . Then according to (34) and (35) we may assume that, up to isomorphism,

$$A^\varepsilon \subseteq B_0^\varepsilon \subseteq G'. \tag{36}$$

Denote by  $n_i^\varepsilon$  the coordinate of  $\text{pr}_{A^\varepsilon}(a_i) \doteq a'_i$ . Since  $\text{Cor}(Y^\varepsilon, a_i, n_i)$ , it follows that  $n_i^0 = n_i^1 \doteq n'_i$ . The subgroup  $G'$  satisfies condition 3 of Theorem 2. It is easy to verify that  $Y_0^\varepsilon = \langle y_{\beta+1}^\varepsilon, \dots, y_e^\varepsilon \rangle$  is a base for the group  $\langle G', a'_1, \dots, a'_r \rangle$  of characteristic

$$\chi' = \langle p^{m_{\beta+1}}, \dots, p^{m_e}, n'_1, \dots, n'_r \rangle.$$

Then by Theorem 2 there exist a base  $Y_0^2 = \langle y_{\beta+1}^2, \dots, y_e^2 \rangle$  of characteristic  $\chi'$  and a subgroup  $B_0^2 \subseteq G'_0$  such that there exist embeddings

$$\varphi_0^\varepsilon : B_0^\varepsilon \rightarrow B_0^2, \quad \varphi_0^\varepsilon Y_0^\varepsilon = Y_0^2.$$

Without restricting generality we may assume that  $D^0 = D^1 \cong C_{p^n}^\gamma$  for some  $n \geq m$ . Put

$$Y^2 = \langle g_1, \dots, g_\beta, y_{\beta+1}^2, \dots, y_e^2, y_{e+1}^2, \dots, y_q^2 \rangle, \quad B^2 = G_2 \oplus B_0^2 \oplus D^0,$$

where  $|y_i^2| = p^n$  and  $e+1 \leq i \leq q$ . It is easy to verify that there exist embeddings  $\varphi^\varepsilon : B^\varepsilon \rightarrow B^2$  such that  $\varphi^\varepsilon \upharpoonright G_2 \oplus D^0 = \text{id}$ ,  $\varphi^\varepsilon Y^\varepsilon = Y^2$ , and  $\varphi^\varepsilon \upharpoonright B_0^\varepsilon = \varphi_0^\varepsilon$ , so that  $\varphi^\varepsilon$  are embeddings, as required.

Therefore, condition 3 holds.

In order to verify condition 4 we need

**Lemma 11.** *Every partial function  $f : \mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}(G) \rightarrow \mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}(G)$  defined by a  $\Sigma$ -formula with parameters  $A_0$  satisfies the following condition: given  $u \in \delta f$  there is a base  $Y$  for  $\text{sp } u$  such that  $\text{sp } f(u) \subseteq \langle Y \rangle$ .*

PROOF. Suppose that the graph of  $f$  is defined by a  $\Sigma$ -formula  $\Phi(x, y, A_0)$ , and take

$$u = \varkappa(X), \quad f(u) = \tau(Z), \quad X, Z \in G^{<\omega}, \quad m = \text{per}(A_0, \text{sp } X, \text{sp } Z). \quad (37)$$

Take a base  $Y = \langle y_1, \dots, y_q \rangle$  for  $\text{sp } X$  with  $|y_{\beta+1}| = \dots = |y_q| = p^m$ , put

$$A = \langle Y \rangle, \quad B = \langle Y \cup \text{sp } Z \rangle, \quad (38)$$

and denote by  $C$  a finite subgroup of  $G$  such that

$$B \subseteq C, \quad \mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}(C) \models \Phi(u, \tau(Z), A_0). \quad (39)$$

Then some subgroups  $A'_0, B_0$ , and  $C_0$  isomorphic to  $G' = G_0 \oplus G_1$  and  $D_0^1, D^2 \subseteq D$  satisfy

$$A = A'_0 \oplus G_2 \oplus D^1, \quad (40)$$

$$B = B_0 \oplus G_2 \oplus D^1, \quad (41)$$

$$C = C_0 \oplus G_2 \oplus D^2, \quad (42)$$

where  $D^1 \cong C_{p^m}^\gamma$  and  $D^2 \cong C_{p^n}^\gamma$  for some  $n \geq m$ . Verify that

$$A'_0 \subseteq B_0 \subseteq C_0. \quad (43)$$

Take

$$x \in B_0. \quad (44)$$

By (39) this yields  $x \in C$ . By (42) for some elements  $c_0 \in C_0, g \in G_2$ , and  $d \in D^2$  we have

$$x = c_0 + g + d. \quad (45)$$

Since  $\text{per}(B) = p^m$ , it follows that  $|x| \leq p^m$ . Consequently,  $|d| \leq p^m$ ; i.e.,  $d \in D^1$ . From (41), (42), and (44) we deduce that  $c_0 \in B_0$ . Then (41) and (45) yield  $g = d = 0$ ; i.e.,  $x = c_0 \in C$ , and hence  $B_0 \subseteq C_0$ . Similarly,  $A'_0 \subseteq B_0$ ; i.e., (43) is established.

Up to isomorphism, we may assume that the subgroups  $A'_0 \subseteq B_0 \subseteq C_0$  are contained in  $G'_0$ , which satisfies condition 3 of Theorem 2. Suppose that  $A'_0 \neq B_0$ . Then by Corollary 5 there exists an embedding  $\psi_0 : C_0 \rightarrow G'_0$  such that  $\psi_0 \upharpoonright A'_0 = \text{id}$  and  $\psi_0 B_0 \not\subseteq C_0$ . The embedding  $\psi_0$  extends to an embedding  $\psi : C \rightarrow G$  satisfying  $\psi \upharpoonright G_2 \oplus D^2 = \text{id}$ . Then  $\psi \upharpoonright A = \text{id}$  and  $\psi B \not\subseteq C$ . By Lemma 6 of [1] from (37) and (38) we deduce that

$$f(u) = f(\varkappa(\psi X)) = \tau(\psi Z) \neq \tau(Z).$$

We arrive at a contradiction; i.e.,  $A'_0 = B_0$ . Consequently,  $A = B$  and  $\text{sp } Z \in A = \langle Y \rangle$ .

The proofs of the lemma and the theorem are complete.  $\square$

Theorems 3 and A imply

**Corollary 7.** *Take the same abelian  $p$ -group  $G$  as in Theorem 3. Then for every finite subset  $A_0 \supseteq \{g_1, \dots, g_\beta\}$  there exists a universal  $\Sigma$ -function  $U^{A_0}(x, y) \in F\Sigma(\mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}(G), A_0)$  for the family of unary functions  $\mathfrak{F}^{A_0}$  such that every function  $f \in \mathfrak{F}^{A_0}$  satisfies  $\lambda y U^{A_0}(n, y) = f(y)$  for some  $n$ .*

Every abelian  $p$ -group  $G$  is the direct sum of its reduced and divisible parts. Thus,  $G$  satisfies the hypotheses of either Theorem 2 or Theorem 3. By Theorems 2 and 3 this implies

**Corollary 8.** *Every abelian  $p$ -group is a  $\Sigma$ -bounded algebraic system.*

**Corollary 9.** *Take an abelian  $p$ -group  $G$ . Then in  $\mathbb{H}\mathbb{F}(G)$  there exists a universal  $\Sigma$ -function for the family of all unary  $\Sigma$ -functions.*

PROOF. Take a finite subset  $A_0 \subseteq G$  with respect to which  $G$  is  $\Sigma$ -bounded, fix a decomposition  $\langle A_0 \rangle = (a_1) \oplus \dots \oplus (a_e)$ , some finite set  $X$ , and a base  $Y_X^{A_0}$  for  $X$  with respect to  $A_0$ . Put  $A_0^1 = \{a_1, \dots, a_e\}$  and  $X^* = A_0^1 \cup X$ .

If  $G$  satisfies the hypotheses of Theorem 2 then the subgroups  $\langle Y_X^{A_0} \rangle$  and  $\langle Y_{X^*}^\emptyset \rangle$  are generated by the same set  $X^*$ . Therefore,  $\langle Y_X^{A_0} \rangle = \langle Y_{X^*}^\emptyset \rangle$ .

If  $G$  satisfies the hypotheses of Theorem 3 then there exists  $m$  such that the subgroup  $H$  generated by the set  $X \cup A_0^1 \cup D^m$  satisfies  $H = (y_1) \oplus \dots \oplus (y_q)$ , and  $Y_X^{A_0} = \langle y_1, \dots, y_q \rangle$ , where  $D^m = D[p^m]$  and  $D$  is the divisible part of  $G$ . Then  $Y_{X^*}^\emptyset = Y_X^{A_0}$  is a base for  $X \cup A_0^1$  with respect to the empty set.

Therefore, in both cases the hypotheses of Theorem B hold. Then that theorem, where we must replace  $C$  and  $C^1$  with  $A_0$  and  $A_0^1$ , yields the claim.  $\square$

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