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**SEZIONE I**

**(Matematica, meccanica, astronomia, geodesia e geofisica)**

**Logica matematica.** — *Robinson consistency theorem in soft model theory.* Nota di DANIELE MUNDICI, presentata (\*) dal Socio G. ZAPPA.

**RIASSUNTO.** — Si enunciano alcuni risultati provati dall'autore negli articoli citati nella bibliografia, alcuni dei quali in corso di stampa su *Zeit für Math. Logik, Archiv für Math. Logik, Trans. AMS* e sul *Journal of Symbolic Logic*. Tali risultati collegano le nozioni di interpolazione e compattezza nell'ambito della teoria astratta dei modelli, al teorema di consistenza di Robinson, oppure a nozioni puramente algebriche. In particolare, in ogni logica il teorema di consistenza di Robinson è equivalente al teorema di interpolazione di Craig insieme alla compattezza; quest'ultima, a sua volta, equivale alla proprietà « JEP » di immersione congiunta. Altri risultati riguardano il terzo e quarto problema di H. Friedman e le estensioni della logica col quantificatore « ci sono incontabilmente molti ».

**INTRODUCTION**

Robinson consistency theorem is important in abstract model theory, and has been studied extensively in [5], [6] and, by the author, in [8]–[14]. In [10] and [11] and, independently, in [6], such identities have been established as:

Robinson consistency = compactness + Craig interpolation and:

Compactness = JEP (i.e. the Joint Embedding Property of L-elementary embeddings), in any logic.

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The techniques developed for the study of the Robinson consistency theorem have also proved useful in the investigation, in [9] and [12], of H. Friedman's third and fourth problem in [4], and for the study of extensions of  $L(Q_1)$ , where  $Q_1$  is the quantifier "there exist uncountably many" (see [8]). For the notions and notations used in abstract model theory, see [2], [3], [1], [7] and [5].

The definition of Robinson consistency theorem is naturally generalized from the familiar notion of first order logic, to the case of an arbitrary logic.

#### STATEMENT OF THE RESULTS

Our first two theorems, proved in [14], relate countable compactness to Robinson consistency theorem:

**THEOREM 1.** *Let in logic  $L$  Robinson consistency theorem hold; assume further that  $L$  is not countably compact; then for any single-sorted structure  $\mathfrak{M}$  with  $|\mathfrak{M}| < \omega_\omega$  we have*

$$\text{mod}_L \text{th}_L \mathfrak{M} = I\mathfrak{M} \quad (\text{i.e. the isomorphism class of } \mathfrak{M}).$$

**THEOREM 2.** *Assume that  $2^\omega < 2^{\omega^n}$  for some  $n \in \omega$ ; let in logic  $L = L_{\omega\omega}(Q^i)_{i \in \omega}$  Robinson consistency theorem hold; then in  $L$  Craig interpolation theorem holds as well, and  $L$  is countably compact.*

*Remark.* Theorem 2 above improves [6, Th. 6, 11], where the same result is obtained by making use of an additional "Feferman-Vaught" property which  $L$  is assumed to have.

The following theorem, proved in [8], deals with logics extending  $L(Q_1)$ ; notice that it does not use any special set-theoretical assumption:

**THEOREM 3.** *If  $L \geq L(Q_1)$  satisfies Robinson consistency theorem, then:*

- (i)  *$L$  is not axiomatizable, nor countably compact, and*
- (ii) *for any single sorted structure  $\mathfrak{M}$  with  $|\mathfrak{M}| < \omega_\omega$ , we have*

$$\text{mod}_L \text{th}_L \mathfrak{M} = I\mathfrak{M}.$$

Notice that (ii) follows immediately from (i) in the light of Theorem 1.

From Theorems 3 and 1 one gets the following.

**THEOREM 4.** *Assume that  $2^\omega < 2^{\omega^n}$  for some  $n \in \omega$ ; then no countably generated extension  $L$  of  $L(Q_1)$  satisfies Robinson consistency theorem.*

**THEOREM 5.** *Assume the Continuum hypothesis, or even that  $\omega_n = 2^\omega$  for some  $n \in \omega$ ; then if  $L \geq L(Q_1)$  satisfies Robinson consistency theorem, the system of real numbers is characterizable by its complete theory in  $L$ .*

The following theorems were proved in [13] and [11] and, independently, in [6] (by assuming that there is no uncountable measurable cardinal

and that logic  $L$  has an "occurrence number"). Let  $\neg L^{\mu}$  mean that there is no inner model with a measurable cardinal  $> \omega$ . Then we have:

**THEOREM 6.** (*Assuming  $\neg O^{\#}$  or even  $\neg L^{\mu}$ .*) *Let in logic  $L$  the class of sentences of type  $\tau$  be a set if so is  $\tau$ ; then  $L$  satisfies Robinson consistency theorem iff  $L$  is compact and satisfies Craig interpolation theorem.*

**THEOREM 7.** *Under the same hypotheses of Theorem 6,  $L$  is compact iff the  $L$ -elementary embeddings have the Joint Embedding Property (JEP).*

Our final results are about H. Friedman's problems in [4]. His third problem, of finding logics strictly between  $L_{\omega\omega}$  and  $L_{\omega\omega\omega\omega}$  satisfying Craig interpolation theorem is still unsolved; but in [12] we proved the following.

**THEOREM 8.** (*Assuming  $\neg O^{\#}$ , or  $\neg L^{\mu}$ .*) *Let  $k \geq \omega$ ; then no logic between  $L_{\omega\omega}$  and  $L_{\omega k}$  satisfies Craig interpolation theorem, nor Robinson consistency theorem.*

Also H. Friedman's fourth problem of finding proper extensions of first order logic with compactness and interpolation is still unsolved; a related result is the following theorem, which immediately descends from Theorem 1 and Lindstrom theorem:

**THEOREM 9.** *Let  $L$  be a countably generated logic satisfying Robinson consistency theorem; assume that each consistent theory  $T$  with  $|T| \leq \omega$  has a model of cardinality  $\leq \omega$ . Then  $L \sim L_{\omega\omega}$ .*

By making use of an algebraic result due to the author in [9], we also have:

**THEOREM 10.** (*Assuming  $\neg O^{\#}$ , or  $\neg L^{\mu}$ .*) *Let  $L = L_{\omega\omega}(Q^i)_{i \in I}$ , with  $I$  a set, satisfy Robinson consistency theorem; assume that  $L$  also satisfies Robinson consistency theorem upon restriction to the class of countable structures of finite type. Then*

$$\mathfrak{M} \equiv_L \mathfrak{N} \quad \text{iff} \quad \mathfrak{M} \equiv \mathfrak{N}$$

(for any two countable structures  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}$ ).

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