Exercise 1 Answer Sheet — Logic Theory (2), 80424

March 31, 2025



Let us assume that D is an ultrafilter on given set X.

Part a

Suppose that there is some $s \in D$ such that $|s| < \omega$, we will show that D is principal.

Proof. We will assume that s is minimal in relation to cardinality in D, otherwise let us choose the minimal such s by using the well ordering principal. There is a unique such $s \in D$, otherwise |s| = |s'| and $|s \cap s'| < |s|$, a contradiction to the minimality of the cardinality of s.

For every $x \in D$, there is some $y \in D$ such that $y \subseteq x \cap s$, but by s minimality, $y = x \cap s$, hence $s \subseteq x$. In the other direction, if $s \subseteq x$, then $x \in D$ by filter properties.

Therefore $D = \{x \in \mathcal{P}(X) \mid s \subseteq x\}$, D is a principal ultrafilter defined by s.

Part b

We will show that if $D \subseteq \mathcal{P}(I)$ is a principal ultrafilter, $\langle \mathcal{M}_i \mid i \in I \rangle$ is a sequence of L-structures, then $\mathcal{N} = \prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{M}_i / D \cong M_i$ for some $i \in I$.

Proof. Let $s \subseteq I$ be the defining set for D, and let us fix $i \in s$. Let $f: N \to M_i$ such that $f([g]_D) = g(i)$. f is well defined, as every for every $h, h' \in [h]$, it is follows that $h \upharpoonright s = h' \upharpoonright s$ by D's definition as principal.

We will show that f is an isomorphism between \mathcal{N} and \mathcal{M}_i . L-constants are being preserved directly from definition of ultra-products. Assume $F \in \operatorname{Func}_{L,n}$, and $t_0, \ldots, t_{n-1} \in \operatorname{term}_L$, then,

$$f(F^{\mathcal{N}}(t_0^{\mathcal{N}},\ldots,t_{n-1}^{\mathcal{N}})) = f([\{F^{\mathcal{M}_j}(t_0^{\mathcal{M}_j},\ldots,t_{n-1}^{\mathcal{M}_j}) \mid j \in I\}]) = F^{\mathcal{M}_i}(t_0^{\mathcal{M}_i},\ldots,t_{n-1}^{\mathcal{M}_i})$$

meaning f preserves terms. Let $R \in \operatorname{rel}_{L,n}$, and let $t_0, \ldots, t_{n-1} \in \operatorname{term}_L$, then,

$$\mathcal{N} \models R(t_0, \dots, t_{n-1}) \iff \{j \in I \mid \langle t_0^{\mathcal{M}_j}, \dots, t_{n-1}^{\mathcal{M}_j} \rangle \in R^{\mathcal{M}_j} \} \in D \implies \langle t_0^{\mathcal{M}_j}, \dots, t_{n-1}^{\mathcal{M}_j} \rangle \in R^{\mathcal{M}_i}$$

We conclude that f is indeed a structures isomorphism.

We will show that if F is a filter on a set X such that if $s \in F$ then s is infinite, then there is a non-principal ultrafilter extending F.

Proof. The statement that F has not finite elements is of first-order then can be using to separate on the family of all extensions of F, by Zorn's-lemma we get some ultrafilter D such that $F \subseteq D$ and $\forall s \in D \implies |s| \ge \omega$.

We will prove that is D is not principal by assuming it is in order to get contradiction. We denote $s_0 \subseteq F$ as the generating element of D, meaning $s \in D \iff s_0 \subseteq s$. We assume that $\emptyset \subseteq s_1 \subseteq s_0$, then $s_1 \not\supseteq s_0 \implies s_1 \notin D \iff X \setminus s_1 \in D \implies (X \setminus s_1) \cap s_0 \in D$. But $s_0 \setminus s_1 \subseteq s_0$, it follows that $s_0 \setminus s_1 \notin D$, then there is not such s_1 , meaning that s_0 is a singleton. Lastly, it derives that $|s_0| = 1 < \omega$, contradicting D's definition.

Part a

Let $\mathcal{N}=(\mathbb{N};R^{\mathcal{N}})$ be graph such that $(a,b)\in R^{\mathcal{N}}\iff |b-a|=1$. Let D be a non-principal ultrafilter on \mathbb{N} (An example of one is the construction from exercise 2). Let $\mathcal{M}=\mathcal{N}^{\mathbb{N}}/D$. We will prove that \mathcal{M} is not path-connected.

Proof. Let us define a=[0], b=[id], in the sense that the constant valued function f(n)=0, it derived that $f\in a$. We claim that there is no finite path between $a,b\in N$. We assume otherwise, and define $\langle [v_i]\mid i< n\rangle$ for some $n<\omega$, such that $([v_i],[v_{i+1}])\in R^{\mathcal{N}}$ for every i< n, and $[v_0]=a,[v_{n-1}]=b$. D is non-principal then there is some $i<\omega$ such that $v_i(i)$ testifies to the relation, and by the last exercise i is as large as we desire, then we assume i>n. But $v_0(i)=0,v_{n-1}(i)=i$, and by the relation definition $v_j(i)=j$ for every $0\leq j\leq n$, it is implies that $i=v_{n-1}(i)< n< i$, a contradiction. We conclude that \mathcal{M} is not path-connected.

Part b

Let $\mathcal{R} = (\mathbb{R}; +, \cdot, 0, 1, <)$. Let D be a non-principal ultrafilter on \mathbb{N} , and let $\mathcal{R}^* = \mathcal{R}^{\mathbb{N}}/D$. We will show that in \mathcal{R}^* there is an infinitesimal element, namely $\epsilon \in \mathcal{R}^*$ such that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, 0 < \epsilon < \frac{1}{n}$.

Proof. Let $d \in D$ be an unbounded subset of \mathbb{N} , and let $r : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{R}$ such that $(r \upharpoonright d)(n) = \frac{1}{n+1}$, We define $\epsilon = [r]_{\mathcal{R}^*}$. We observe that $1^{\mathcal{R}^*} = [\{\langle n, 1 \rangle \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}]$ by definition, and it is follows that $(\frac{1}{n})^{\mathcal{R}^*} = [\{\langle n, \frac{1}{n} \rangle \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}]$. Let $m \in \mathbb{N}$ be some number, we will show that $\mathcal{R}^* \models \epsilon < \frac{1}{n}$,

$$\mathcal{R}^* \models \epsilon < \frac{1}{n} \iff \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid \mathbb{R} \models \epsilon < \frac{1}{m}\} \in D \iff \{n \in d \mid \epsilon(n) = \frac{1}{m+1} < \frac{1}{m}\} \in D$$

and by d's definition the statement indeed holds. Lastly we will note that $\mathcal{R}^* \models 0 < \epsilon$, it is derived by the same method. \square

We will define a filter F on X as σ -complete if and only if for every $\{s_{\alpha} \mid \alpha < \omega\} \subseteq F$, $\bigcap_{\alpha < \omega} s_{\alpha} \in F$.

Part a

We will show that if F if a σ -complete ultrafilter and $|X| = \omega$ then F is principal.

Proof. An answer using AC without necessity,

Let $\{s_{\alpha} \mid \alpha < \omega\} \subseteq F$ be some collection, and let us define $t_0 = s_0$ and for every $\alpha < \omega$, $t_{\alpha+1} = s_{\alpha} \cap t_{\alpha}$. We also define $t_{\omega} = \bigcap_{\alpha < \omega} t_{\alpha}$, this is indeed a set, and $\in F$ in particular, due to F being σ -complete. The item t_{ω} is a supremum in relation of \supseteq in the chain $\langle t_{\alpha} \mid \alpha < \omega \rangle$, and it follows that every chain has such supremum. By Zorn's lemma we conclude that there is $s_m \in F$ which is maximal according to the relation \supseteq , then $\forall s \in F, s_m \subseteq s$. If $s_m \subseteq s$ for any $s \subseteq X$, then by filters properties $s \in F$, concluding that $F = \{s \subseteq X \mid s_m \subseteq s\}$.

We can also use the well-founded order of \subseteq of X and take a minimal of it, omitting the part of Choice axiom.

We can also assume that it is non-principal, therefore for every $x \in X$, $X \setminus \{x\} \in F$ (as it is an ultrafilter), then $\bigcap_{\alpha < \omega} X \setminus \{x_{\alpha}\} = \emptyset \in F$, a contradiction.

Part b

We will provide an example of a σ -complete ultrafilter non-principal filter on an infinite set.

Solution. Let $\mu < \kappa$ be cofinal cardinals such that $\omega_1 < \mu$. We define $U = \{\delta < \kappa \mid \mu < \delta\}$. This is indeed an ultrafilter as concluded from the cofinality of μ , and it is non-principal as derived from extension of question 2. It is clear that U is σ -complete, as ω_1 intersections are preserving cofinality for μ .

Part c

We will show that if $\mathcal{M}_i = (X_i, <_i)$ are nonempty well-ordered sets for $i \in I$ and D is a σ -complete ultrafilter on I, then $\mathcal{N} = \prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{M}_i / D$ is well-ordered.

Proof. Using Löwenheim–Skolem we can assume without loss of generality that \mathcal{N} is a countable model. Let $\{[f_j] \in N \mid j < J\}$ be some collection, we will show that there if $[f] \in Y$ minimal in $<^{\mathcal{N}}$. Let $f(i) = \min_{<\mathcal{M}_i} \{f_j(i) \mid j < J\}$, this definition holds as $<^{\mathcal{M}_i}$ is a well-order. By σ-completeness we deduce that $\{i < I \mid f_j(i) = f(i), j < J\} = \bigcap_{j < J} \{i < I \mid f_j(i) = f(i)\}$, implying that indeed $[f] \in \mathcal{N}$, concluding our claim.

Part d

We will show that the statement of part c does not hold without the assumption that D is σ -complete.

Solution. Let $\mathcal{N}=(\mathbb{N};<)^{\mathbb{N}}/D$ for the ultrafilter defined in question 2. It is clear that \mathcal{N} fulfills the requirements, and that D is not σ -complete. We will construct a set and show there is no minimum in it. Let $s=\{[f]:\mathbb{N}\to\mathbb{N}\mid \forall n\in\mathbb{N} f(n)\leq f(n+1)\}\subseteq N$, and let $[f]\in s$, we choose the function $[g]\in s$ such that f(n)=g(n) for $n>M\in\mathbb{N}$, and g(n)=f(M) otherwise. Its follows that $[g]<^{\mathcal{N}}[f]$, therefore f is not minimal, we conclude that indeed s witnessing that $<^{\mathcal{N}}$ is not a well-order.