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Let L be a first order language and let M be an L-structure. Let S, a subset of the domain of M be a definable infinite set. Then S is minimal iff every definable $C \subseteq S$ we have either C is finite or $S \setminus C$ is finite. We say that M is minimal iff the domain of M is a strongly minimal set.

We say that M is strongly minimal iff for every $N \equiv M$, we have that N is minimal. Thus if T is a complete L theory then we say T is strongly minimal if it has some model (equivalently all models) which is strongly minimal.

Note that M is strongly minimal iff every definable subset of M is quantifier free definable in a language with just equality. Compare this to the notion of o-minimal structures.