

Construction

Let $(\mathfrak{A}_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ be structures, let \mathcal{U} be an ultrafilter, then define the ultraproduct $\mathfrak{U} := \prod_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mathfrak{A}_i / \mathcal{U}$. For one fixed ultrafilter \mathcal{U}_1 write $\mathfrak{U}_{\mathcal{U}_1}$ instead.

Consider the definition of [Interpretation](#) of a model within a model, write “ \mathfrak{a} ” models that can be interpreted within \mathfrak{A} (or the respective capital letter) and call “ $I_{\mathfrak{a}^n}^{\mathfrak{A}}$ ” an interpretation function, for $\alpha \subseteq A^n$, $I_{\mathfrak{a}^n}^{\mathfrak{A}} : \alpha \rightarrow a$.

The symbol \equiv is a relation between structures and is denotes elementary equivalence. It is a symbol of the metalanguage, though consider the following definition:

Definition ($\equiv^{\mathfrak{B}}$). $\mathfrak{B} \models \mathfrak{b} \equiv \mathfrak{B} := \mathfrak{b} \equiv \mathfrak{B} + \exists_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \exists_{\beta \subseteq B^n} \exists_{I_{\mathfrak{b}^n}^{\mathfrak{B}}} I_{\mathfrak{b}^n}^{\mathfrak{B}}(\beta) = b$

Definition (\mathfrak{U}^j). $\mathfrak{U}^j := \prod_{i \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{j\}} \mathfrak{A}_i / \mathcal{U}$

Lemma (I.1). $\exists_{\mathcal{U}} \forall_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \mathfrak{U} \equiv \mathfrak{U}_{\mathcal{U}}^j$

Proof. By Los Theorem and for $\phi \in \mathcal{L}_{\epsilon}$, note $(\mathfrak{U} \models \phi \Leftrightarrow \mathfrak{U}_{\mathcal{U}}^j \models \phi) \Leftrightarrow (\{i \in \mathbb{N} : \mathfrak{A}_i \models \phi\} \in \mathcal{U} \Leftrightarrow \{i \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{j\} : \mathfrak{A}_i \models \phi\} \in \mathcal{U})$, now divide two cases (a): $\mathfrak{A}_j \models \phi$ and (b): $\mathfrak{A}_j \not\models \phi$. Consider the latter and note “ \Leftarrow ” follows from closure under supersets. Now for $A \in \mathcal{U}$ and $x \in A$, assume for contradiction $A \setminus \{x\} \notin \mathcal{U}$, then $\bar{A} \cup \{x\} \in \mathcal{U}$, then $(\bar{A} \cup \{x\}) \cap A$, then $\{x\} \in \mathcal{U}$ and since \mathcal{U} is non-principal on \mathbb{N} and $|\{x\}| < \aleph_0$ get contradiction; hence $A \in \mathcal{U} \wedge x \in A \Rightarrow A \setminus \{x\} \in \mathcal{U}$, then “ \Rightarrow ” follows.

Now consider (a), $\mathfrak{A}_j \models \phi$, and an ultrafilter containing $\mathbb{N} \setminus \{j\}$ and the claim follows trivially.

Theorem (I). $\exists_{\mathfrak{u}} \mathfrak{U} \models \mathfrak{u} \equiv \mathfrak{U}$

Proof. By definition of “ $\equiv^{\mathfrak{U}}$ ” and Los Theorem, $\forall_{j \in \mathbb{N}} (\exists_{\mathfrak{a}_j} (\mathfrak{a}_j \equiv \mathfrak{U} + \exists_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \exists_{\alpha_j \subseteq U^n} \exists_{I_{\mathfrak{a}_j^n}^{\mathfrak{U}}} I_{\mathfrak{a}_j^n}^{\mathfrak{U}}(\alpha_j) = a_j)) \Leftrightarrow \{j \in \mathbb{N} : \mathfrak{A}_j \models \exists_{\mathfrak{a}_j} \mathfrak{a}_j \equiv \mathfrak{U}\} = \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow \mathfrak{U} \models \exists_{\mathfrak{u}} \mathfrak{u} \equiv \mathfrak{U}$. Hence consider two claims: first $\forall_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \exists_{\mathfrak{a}_j} \mathfrak{a}_j \equiv \mathfrak{U}$, which holds for $\mathfrak{a}_j = \mathfrak{U}_j$ by (I.1); second $\forall_{j \in \mathbb{N}} (\exists_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \exists_{\beta \subseteq U^n} \exists_{I_{\mathfrak{u}^n}^{\mathfrak{U}}} I_{\mathfrak{u}^n}^{\mathfrak{U}}(\beta) = U_j)$.

For $j \in \mathbb{N}$, consider for some $m \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\gamma \in A_j^m$, $I_{\mathfrak{u}_j^m}^{\mathfrak{U}} : \gamma \rightarrow U_j$

I have to find a way to define \mathfrak{U}_j within \mathfrak{A}_j . An obvious way would be to use the fact that \mathfrak{U}_j is an ultraproduct made by all models apart from \mathfrak{A}_j , though this would make \mathfrak{A}_j have any arbitrary \mathfrak{A}_i within itself and then, since I am ranging over all $j \in \mathbb{N}$, \mathfrak{A}_i would have \mathfrak{A}_j within itself, hence I implicitly assumed in the construction that \mathfrak{A}_j contains itself, which was the claim I wanted to prove. I need instead to find a way to define \mathfrak{U}_j that does not assume \mathfrak{A}_j to contain itself.