

Model Theory for Dummies: An Introduction

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1 Structures and Theories

1.1 Languages and Structures

Definition 1.1. A language \mathcal{L} is given by specifying the following data

1. A set of function symbols \mathcal{F} and positive integers n_f for each $f \in \mathcal{F}$
2. a set of relation symbols \mathcal{R} and positive integers n_R for each $R \in \mathcal{R}$
3. a set of constant symbols \mathcal{C}

Definition 1.2. An \mathcal{L} -structure \mathcal{M} is given by the following data

1. a nonempty set M called the **universe**, **domain** or **underlying set** of \mathcal{M}
2. a function $f^{\mathcal{M}}: M^{n_f} \rightarrow M$ for each $f \in \mathcal{F}$
3. a set $R^{\mathcal{M}} \subseteq M^{n_R}$ for each $R \in \mathcal{R}$
4. an element $c^{\mathcal{M}} \in M$ for each $c \in \mathcal{C}$

We refer to $f^{\mathcal{M}}, R^{\mathcal{M}}, c^{\mathcal{M}}$ as the **interpretations** of the symbols f, R and c .

We often write the structure as $\mathcal{M} = (M, f^{\mathcal{M}}, R^{\mathcal{M}}, c^{\mathcal{M}}; f \in \mathcal{F}, R \in \mathcal{R}, c \in \mathcal{C})$

Definition 1.3. Suppose that \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{N} are \mathcal{L} -structures with universes M and N respectively. An \mathcal{L} -**embedding** $\eta: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$ is a one-to-one map $\eta: M \rightarrow N$ that

1. $\eta(f^{\mathcal{M}}(a_1, \dots, a_{n_f})) = f^{\mathcal{N}}(\eta(a_1), \dots, \eta(a_{n_f}))$ for all $f \in \mathcal{F}$ and $a_1, \dots, a_{n_f} \in M$
2. $(a_1, \dots, a_{m_R}) \in R^{\mathcal{M}}$ if and only if $(\eta(a_1), \dots, \eta(a_{m_R})) \in R^{\mathcal{N}}$ for all $R \in \mathcal{R}$ and $a_1, \dots, a_{m_R} \in M$
3. $\eta(c^{\mathcal{M}}) = c^{\mathcal{N}}$ for $c \in \mathcal{C}$

A bijective \mathcal{L} -embedding is called an \mathcal{L} -**isomorphism**. If $M \subseteq N$ and the inclusion map is an \mathcal{L} -embedding, we say either \mathcal{M} is a **substructure** of \mathcal{N} or that \mathcal{N} is an **extension** of \mathcal{M}

The **cardinality** of \mathcal{M} is $|M|$, the cardinality of the universe of \mathcal{M}

Definition 1.4. The set of \mathcal{L} -**terms** is the smallest set \mathcal{T} s.t.

1. $c \in \mathcal{T}$ for each constant symbol $c \in \mathcal{C}$

2. each variable symbol $v_i \in \mathcal{T}$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots$
3. if $t_1, \dots, t_{n_f} \in \mathcal{T}$ and $f \in \mathcal{F}$ then $f(t_1, \dots, t_{n_f}) \in \mathcal{T}$

Suppose that \mathcal{M} is an \mathcal{L} -structure and that t is a term built using variables from $\bar{v} = (v_{i_1}, \dots, v_{i_m})$. We want to interpret t as a function $t^{\mathcal{M}: M^m \rightarrow M}$. For s a subterm of t and $\bar{a} = (a_{i_1}, \dots, a_{i_m}) \in M$, we inductively define $s^{\mathcal{M}(\bar{a})}$ as follows.

1. If s is a constant symbol c , then $s^{\mathcal{M}(\bar{a})=c^{\mathcal{M}}}$
2. If s is the variable v_{i_j} , then $s^{\mathcal{M}(\bar{a})=a_{i_j}}$
3. If s is the term $f(t_1, \dots, t_{n_f})$, where f is a function symbol of \mathcal{L} and t_1, \dots, t_{n_f} are terms, then $s^{\mathcal{M}(\bar{a})=f^{\mathcal{M}(t_1^{\mathcal{M}(\bar{a})}, \dots, t_{n_f}^{\mathcal{M}(\bar{a})})}}$

The function $t^{\mathcal{M}}$ is defined by $\bar{a} \mapsto t^{\mathcal{M}(\bar{a})}$

Definition 1.5. ϕ is an **atomic \mathcal{L} -formula** if ϕ is either

1. $t_1 = t_2$ where t_1 and t_2 are terms
2. $R(t_1, \dots, t_{n_R})$

The set of **\mathcal{L} -formulas** is the smallest set \mathcal{W} containing the atomic formulas s.t.

1. if $\phi \in \mathcal{W}$, then $\neg\phi \in \mathcal{W}$
2. if $\phi, \psi \in \mathcal{W}$, then $(\phi \wedge \psi), (\phi \vee \psi) \in \mathcal{W}$
3. if $\phi \in \mathcal{W}$, then $\exists v_i \phi, \forall v_i \phi \in \mathcal{W}$

We say a variable v **occurs freely** in a formula ϕ if it is not inside a $\exists v$ or $\forall v$ quantifier; otherwise we say that it's **bound**. We call a formula a **sentence** if it has no free variables. We often write $\phi(v_1, \dots, v_n)$ to make explicit the free variables in ϕ

Definition 1.6. Let ϕ be a formula with free variables from $\bar{v} = (v_{i_1}, \dots, v_{i_m})$ and let $\bar{a} = (a_{i_1}, \dots, a_{i_m}) \in M^m$. We inductively define $\mathcal{M} \models \phi\bar{a}$ as follows

1. If ϕ is $t_1 = t_2$, then $\mathcal{M} \models \phi(\bar{a})$ if $t_1^{\mathcal{M}(\bar{a})} = t_2^{\mathcal{M}(\bar{a})}$
2. If ϕ is $R(t_1, \dots, t_{m_R})$ then $\mathcal{M} \models \phi(\bar{a})$ if $(t_1^{\mathcal{M}(\bar{a})}, \dots, t_{m_R}^{\mathcal{M}(\bar{a})}) \in R^{\mathcal{M}}$

3. If ϕ is $\neg\psi$ then $\mathcal{M} \models \phi(\bar{a})$ if $\mathcal{M} \not\models \psi(\bar{a})$
4. If ϕ is $(\psi \wedge \theta)$ then $\mathcal{M} \models \phi(\bar{a})$ if $\mathcal{M} \models \psi(\bar{a})$ and $\mathcal{M} \models \theta(\bar{a})$
5. If ϕ is $(\psi \vee \theta)$ then $\mathcal{M} \models \phi(\bar{a})$ if $\mathcal{M} \models \psi(\bar{a})$ or $\mathcal{M} \models \theta(\bar{a})$
6. If ϕ is $\exists v_j \psi(\bar{v}, v_j)$ then $\mathcal{M} \models \phi(\bar{a})$ if there is $b \in M$ s.t. $\mathcal{M} \models \psi(\bar{a}, b)$
7. If ϕ is $\forall v_j \psi(\bar{v}, v_j)$ then $\mathcal{M} \models \phi(\bar{a})$ if $\mathcal{M} \models \psi(\bar{a}, b)$ for all $b \in M$

If $\mathcal{M} \models \phi(\bar{a})$ we say that \mathcal{M} **satisfies** $\phi(\bar{a})$ or $\phi(\bar{a})$ is **true** in \mathcal{M}

Proposition 1.7. Suppose that \mathcal{M} is a substructure of \mathcal{N} , $\bar{a} \in M$ and $\phi(\bar{v})$ is a quantifier-free formula. Then $\mathcal{M} \models \phi(\bar{a})$ if and only if $\mathcal{N} \models \phi(\bar{a})$

Proof. **Claim** If $t(\bar{v})$ is a term and $\bar{b} \in M$ then $t^{\mathcal{M}(\bar{b})} = t^{\mathcal{N}(\bar{b})}$. □

Definition 1.8. We say that two \mathcal{L} -structures \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{N} are **elementarily equivalent** and write $\mathcal{M} \equiv \mathcal{N}$ if

$$\mathcal{M} \models \phi \text{ if and only if } \mathcal{N} \models \phi$$

for all \mathcal{L} -sentences ϕ

We let $\text{Th}(\mathcal{M})$, the **full theory** of \mathcal{M} be the set of \mathcal{L} -sentences ϕ s.t. $\mathcal{M} \models \phi$

Theorem 1.9. Suppose that $j : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$ is an isomorphism. Then $\mathcal{M} \equiv \mathcal{N}$

Proof. Show by induction on formulas that $\mathcal{M} \models \phi(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ if and only if $\mathcal{N} \models \phi(j(a_1), \dots, j(a_n))$ for all formulas ϕ □

1.2 Theories

Let \mathcal{L} be a language. An \mathcal{L} -**theory** T is a set of \mathcal{L} -sentences. We say that \mathcal{M} is a **model** of T and write $\mathcal{M} \models T$ if $\mathcal{M} \models \phi$ for all sentences $\phi \in T$. A theory is **satisfiable** if it has a model.

A class of \mathcal{L} -structures \mathcal{K} is an **elementary class** if there is an \mathcal{L} -theory T s.t. $\mathcal{K} = \{\mathcal{M} : \mathcal{M} \models T\}$

Example 1.1 (Linear Orders). Let $\mathcal{L} = \{<\}$, where $<$ is a binary relation symbol. The class of linear order is axiomatized by the \mathcal{L} -sentences

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall x \neg(x < x) \\ &\forall x \forall y \forall z ((x < y \wedge y < z) \rightarrow x < z) \\ &\forall x \forall y (x < y \vee x = y \vee y < x) \end{aligned}$$

Example 1.2 (Groups). Let $\mathcal{L} = \{\cdot, e\}$ where \cdot is a binary function symbol and e is a constant symbol. The class of groups is axiomatized by

$$\begin{aligned}\forall x \ e \cdot x &= x \cdot e = x \\ \forall x \forall y \forall z \ x \cdot (y \cdot z) &= (x \cdot y) \cdot z \\ \forall x \exists y \ x \cdot y &= y \cdot x = e\end{aligned}$$

Example 1.3 (Ordered Abelian Groups). Let $\mathcal{L} = \{+, <, 0\}$, where $+$ is a binary function, $<$ is a binary relation symbol, and 0 is a constant symbol. The axioms for order groups are

1. the axioms for additive groups
2. the axioms for linear orders
3. $\forall x \forall y \forall z (x < y \rightarrow x + z < y + z)$

Example 1.4 (Left R -modules). Let R be a ring with multiplicative identity 1. Let $\mathcal{L} = \{+, 0\} \cup \{r : r \in R\}$ where $+$ is a binary function symbol, 0 is a constant, and r is a unary function symbol for $r \in R$. In an R -module, we will interpret r as scalar multiplication by R . The axioms for R -modules are

$$\begin{aligned}\forall x \ r(x + y) &= r(x) + r(y) \text{ for each } r \in R \\ \forall x \ (r + s)(x) &= r(x) + s(x) \text{ for each } r, s \in R \\ \forall x \ r(s(x)) &= rs(x) \text{ for } r, s \in R \\ \forall x \ 1(x) &= x\end{aligned}$$

Example 1.5 (Rings and Fields). Let \mathcal{L}_r be the language of rings $\{+, -, \cdot, 0, 1\}$, where $+$, $-$ and \cdot are binary function symbols and 0 and 1 are constants. The axioms for rings are given by

$$\begin{aligned}\forall x \forall y \forall z \ (x - y = z &\leftrightarrow x = y + z) \\ \forall x \ x \cdot 0 &= 0 \\ \forall x \forall y \forall z \ x \cdot (y \cdot z) &= (x \cdot y) \cdot z \\ \forall x \ x \cdot 1 &= 1 \cdot x = x \\ \forall x \forall y \forall z \ x \cdot (y + z) &= (x \cdot y) + (x \cdot z) \\ \forall x \forall y \forall z \ (x + y) \cdot z &= (x \cdot z) + (y \cdot z)\end{aligned}$$

We axiomatize the class of fields by adding

$$\begin{aligned}\forall x \forall y \ x \cdot y &= y \cdot x \\ \forall x \ (x \neq 0 &\rightarrow \exists y \ x \cdot y = 1)\end{aligned}$$

We axiomatize the class of algebraically closed fields by adding to the field axioms the sentences

$$\forall a_0 \dots \forall a_{n-1} \exists x \, x^n + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_i x^i = 0$$

for $n = 1, 2, \dots$. Let ACF be the axioms for algebraically closed fields.

Let ψ_p be the \mathcal{L}_r -sentence $\forall x \, \underbrace{x + \dots + x}_{p\text{-times}} = 0$, which asserts that a field

has characteristic p . For $p > 0$ a prime, let $\text{ACF}_p = \text{ACF} \cup \{\psi_p\}$ and $\text{ACF}_0 = \text{ACF} \cup \{\neg\psi_p : p > 0\}$ be the theories of algebraically closed fields of characteristic p and zero respectively

Definition 1.10. Let T be an \mathcal{L} -theory and ϕ an \mathcal{L} -sentence. We say that ϕ is a **logical consequence** of T and write $T \models \phi$ if $\mathcal{M} \models \phi$ whenever $\mathcal{M} \models T$

Proposition 1.11. 1. Let $\mathcal{L} = \{+, <, 0\}$ and let T be the theory of ordered abelian groups. Then $\forall x (x \neq 0 \rightarrow x + x \neq 0)$ is a logical consequence of T

2. Let T be the theory of groups where every element has order 2. Then

$$T \not\models \exists x_1 \exists x_2 \exists x_3 (x_1 \neq x_2 \wedge x_2 \neq x_3 \wedge x_1 \neq x_3)$$

Proof. 1. $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \models T \wedge \neg \exists x_1 \exists x_2 \exists x_3 (x_1 \neq x_2 \wedge x_2 \neq x_3 \wedge x_1 \neq x_3)$

□

1.3 Definable Sets and Interpretability

Definition 1.12. Let $\mathcal{M} = (M, \dots)$ be an \mathcal{L} -structure. We say that $X \subseteq M^n$ is **definable** if and only if there is an \mathcal{L} -formula $\phi(v_1, \dots, v_n, w_1, \dots, w_m)$ and $\bar{b} \in M^m$ s.t. $X = \{\bar{a} \in M^n : \mathcal{M} \models \phi(\bar{a}, \bar{b})\}$. We say that $\phi(\bar{v}, \bar{b})$ **defines** X . We say that X is **A-definable** or **definable over A** if there is a formula $\psi(\bar{v}, w_1, \dots, w_l)$ and $\bar{b} \in A^l$ s.t. $\psi(\bar{v}, \bar{b})$ defines X

A number of examples using \mathcal{L}_r , the language of rings

- Let $\mathcal{M} = (R, +, -, \cdot, 0, 1)$ be a ring. Let $p(X) \in R[X]$. Then $Y = \{x \in R : p(x) = 0\}$ is definable. Suppose that $p(X) = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i X^i$. Let $\phi(v, w_0, \dots, w_m)$ be the formula

$$w_m \cdot \underbrace{v \cdots v}_{m\text{-times}} + \dots + w_1 \cdot v + w_0 = 0$$

Then $\phi(v, a_0, \dots, a_m)$ defines Y . Indeed, Y is A-definable for any $A \supseteq \{a_0, \dots, a_m\}$

- Let $\mathcal{M} = (\mathbb{R}, +, -, \cdot, 0, 1)$ be the field of real numbers. Let $\phi(x, y)$ be the formula

$$\exists z(z \neq 0 \wedge y = x + z^2)$$

Because $a < b$ if and only if $\mathcal{M} \models \phi(a, b)$, the ordering is \emptyset -definable

- Consider the natural numbers \mathbb{N} as an $\mathcal{L} = \{+, \cdot, 0, 1\}$ structure. There is an \mathcal{L} -formula $T(e, x, s)$ s.t. $\mathbb{N} \models T(e, x, s)$ if and only if the Turing machine with program coded by e halts on input x in at most s steps. Thus the Turing machine with program e halts on input x if and only if

$\mathbb{N} \models \exists s T(e, x, s)$. So the halting computations is definable

Proposition 1.13. Let \mathcal{M} be an \mathcal{L} -structure. Suppose that D_n is a collection of subsets of M^n for all $n \geq 1$ and $\mathcal{D} = (D_n : n \geq 1)$ is the smallest collection s.t.

1. $M^n \in D_n$
2. for all n -ary function symbols f of \mathcal{L} , the graph of $f^{\mathcal{M}}$ is in D_{n+1}
3. for all n -ary relation symbols R of \mathcal{L} , $R^{\mathcal{M}} \in D_n$
4. for all $i, j \leq n$, $\{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in M^n : x_i = x_j\} \in D_n$
5. if $X \in D_n$, then $M \times X \in D_{n+1}$
6. each D_n is closed under complement, union and intersection
7. if $X \in D_{n+1}$ and $\pi : M^{n+1} \rightarrow M^n$ is the projection $(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) \mapsto (x_1, \dots, x_n)$, then $\pi(X) \in D_n$
8. if $X \in D_{n+m}$ and $b \in M^m$, then $\{a \in M^n : (a, b) \in X\} \in D_n$

Thus $X \subseteq M^n$ is definable if and only if $X \in D_n$

Proposition 1.14. Let \mathcal{M} be an \mathcal{L} -structure. If $X \subset M^n$ is A -definable, then every \mathcal{L} -automorphism of \mathcal{M} that fixes A pointwise fixes X setwise (that is, if σ is an automorphism of M and $\sigma(a) = a$ for all $a \in A$, then $\sigma(X) = X$)

Proof.

$$\mathcal{M} \models \psi(\bar{v}, \bar{a}) \leftrightarrow \mathcal{M} \models \psi(\sigma(\bar{v}), \sigma(\bar{a})) \leftrightarrow \mathcal{M} \models \psi(\sigma(\bar{v}), \bar{a})$$

In other words, $\bar{b} \in X$ if and only if $\sigma(\bar{b}) \in X$

□

Definition 1.15. A subset S of a field L is **algebraically independent** over a subfield K if the elements of S do not satisfy any non-trivial polynomial equation with coefficients in K

Corollary 1.16. *The set of real numbers is not definable in the field of complex numbers*

Proof. If \mathbb{R} were definable, then it would be definable over a finite $A \subset \mathbb{C}$. Let $r, s \in \mathbb{C}$ be algebraically independent over A with $r \in \mathbb{R}$ and $s \notin \mathbb{R}$. There is an automorphism σ of \mathbb{C} s.t. $\sigma|_A$ is the identity and $\sigma(r) = s$. Thus $\sigma(\mathbb{R}) \neq \mathbb{R}$ and \mathbb{R} is not definable over A \square

We say that an \mathcal{L}_0 -structure \mathcal{N} is **definably interpreted** in an \mathcal{L} -structure \mathcal{M} if and only if we can find a definable $X \subseteq M^n$ for some n and we can interpret the symbols of \mathcal{L}_0 as definable subsets and functions on X so that the resulting \mathcal{L}_0 -structure is isomorphic to \mathcal{M}

For example, let K be a field and G be $\text{GL}_2(K)$, the group of invertible 2×2 matrices over K . Let $X = \{(a, b, c, d) \in K^4 : ad - bc \neq 0\}$. Let $f : X^2 \rightarrow X$ by

$$f((a_1, b_1, c_1, d_1), (a_2, b_2, c_2, d_2)) = (a_1 a_2 + b_1 c_2, a_1 b_2 + b_1 d_2, c_1 a_2 + d_1 c_2, c_1 b_2 + d_1 d_2)$$

X and f are definable in $(K, +, \cdot)$, and the set X with operation f is isomorphic to $\text{GL}_2(K)$, where the identity element of X is $(1, 0, 0, 1)$

Clearly, $(\text{GL}_n(K), \cdot, e)$ is definably interpreted in $(K, +, \cdot, 0, 1)$. A **linear algebraic group** over K is a subgroup of $\text{GL}_n(K)$ defined by polynomial equations over K . Any linear algebraic group over K is definably interpreted in K

Let F be an infinite field and let G be the group of matrices of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

where $a, b \in F, a \neq 0$. This group is isomorphic to the group of affine transformations $x \mapsto ax + b$, where $a, b \in F$ and $a \neq 0$

We will show that F is definably interpreted in the group G . Let

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \beta = \begin{pmatrix} \tau & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

where $\tau \neq 0$. Let

$$A = \{g \in G : g\alpha = \alpha g\} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} : x \in F \right\}$$

$$B = \{g \in G : g\beta = \beta g\} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} : x \neq 0 \right\}$$

Clearly A, B are definable using parameters α and β

B acts on A by conjugation

$$\begin{pmatrix} x & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & y \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{y}{x} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

We can define the map $i : A \setminus \{1\} \rightarrow B$ by $i(a) = b$ if and only if $b^{-1}ab = \alpha$, that is

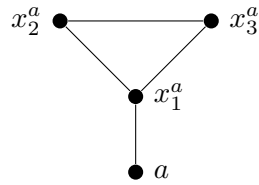
$$i \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Define an operation $*$ on A by

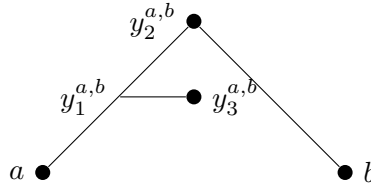
$$a * b = \begin{cases} i(b)a(i(b))^{-1} & \text{if } b \neq I \\ 1 & \text{if } b = I \end{cases}$$

where I is the identity matrix. Now $(F, +, \cdot, 0, 1) \cong (A, \cdot, *, 1, \alpha)$

Very complicated structures can often be interpreted in seemingly simpler ones. For example, any structure in a countable language can be interpreted in a graph. Let $(A, <)$ be a linear order. For each $a \in A$, G_A will have vertices a, x_1^a, x_2^a, x_3^a and contain the subgraph

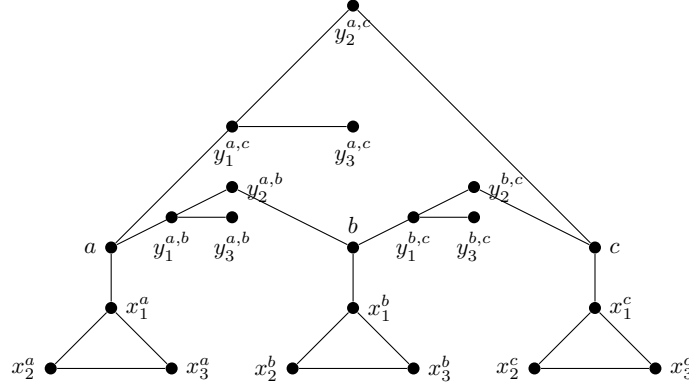


If $a < b$, then G_A will have vertices $y_1^{a,b}, y_2^{a,b}, y_3^{a,b}$ and contain the subgraph



Let $V_A = A \cup \{x_1^a, x_2^a, x_3^a : a \in A\} \cup \{y_1^{a,b}, y_2^{a,b}, y_3^{a,b} : a, b \in A \text{ and } a < b\}$, and let R_A be the smallest symmetric relation containing all edges drawn above.

For example, if A is the three-element linear order $a < b < c$, then G_A is the graph



Let $\mathcal{L} = \{R\}$ where R is a binary relation. Let $\phi(x, u, v, w)$ be the formula asserting that x, u, v, w are distinct, there are edges $(x, u), (u, v), (v, w), (u, w)$ and these are the only edges involving u, v, w . $G_A \models \phi(a, x_1^a, x_2^a, x_3^a)$ for all $a \in A$.

$\psi(x, y, u, v, w)$ asserts that x, y, u, v, w are distinct. $(x, u), (u, v), (u, w), (v, y)$ Define $\theta_i(z)$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_0(z) &:= \exists u \exists v \exists w \phi(z, u, v, w) \\ \theta_1(z) &:= \exists x \exists v \exists w \phi(x, z, v, w) \\ \theta_2(z) &:= \exists u \exists u \exists w \phi(x, u, z, w) \\ \theta_3(z) &:= \exists x \exists y \exists v \exists w \psi(x, y, z, v, w) \\ \theta_4(z) &:= \exists x \exists y \exists u \exists w \psi(x, y, u, z, w) \\ \theta_5(z) &:= \exists x \exists y \exists u \exists v \psi(x, y, u, v, z) \end{aligned}$$

If $a, b \in A$ and $a < b$, then

$$G_A \models \theta_0(a) \wedge \theta_1(x_1^a) \wedge \theta_2(x_2^a) \wedge \theta_3(x_3^a)$$

and

$$G_A \models \theta_3(y_1^{a,b}) \wedge \theta_4(y_2^{a,b}) \wedge \theta_5(y_3^{a,b})$$

Lemma 1.17. *If $(A, <)$ is a linear order, then for all vertices x in G , there is a unique $i \leq 5$ s.t. $G_A \models \theta_i(x)$*

Let T be the \mathcal{L} -theory with the following axioms

1. R is symmetric and irreflexive
2. for all x , exactly one θ_i holds
3. if $\theta_0(x)$ and $\theta_0(y)$ then $\neg R(x, y)$
4. if $\exists u \exists v \exists w \psi(x, y, u, v, w)$
then $\forall u_1 \forall v_1 \forall w_1 \neg \psi(y, x, u_1, v_1, w_1)$
5. if $\exists u \exists v \exists w \psi(x, y, u, v, w)$ and $\exists u \exists v \exists w \psi(y, z, u, v, w)$ then
 $\exists u \exists v \exists w \psi(x, z, u, v, w)$
6. if $\theta_0(x)$ and $\theta_0(y)$, then either $x = y$ or $\exists u \exists v \exists w \psi(x, y, u, v, w)$ or
 $\exists u \exists v \exists w \psi(y, x, u, v, w)$
7. if $\phi(x, u, v, w) \wedge \phi(x, u', v', w')$, then $u = u', v = v', w = w'$
8. if $\psi(x, y, u, v, w) \wedge \psi(x, y, u', v', w')$, then $u' = u, v = v', w = w'$

If $(A, <)$ is a linear order, then $G_A \models T$

Suppose $G \models T$. Let $X_G = \{x \in G : G \models \theta_0(x)\}$

Lemma 1.18. *If $(A, <)$ is a linear order, then $(X_{G_A}, <_{G_A}) \cong (A, <)$. Moreover, $G_{X_G} \cong G$ for all $G \models T$*

Definition 1.19. An \mathcal{L}_0 -structure \mathcal{N} is **interpretable** in an \mathcal{L} -structure M if there is a definable $X \subseteq M^n$, a definable equivalence relation E on X , and for each symbol of \mathcal{L}_0 we can find definable E -invariant sets on X s.t. X/E with the induced structure is isomorphic to \mathcal{N}

1.4 Answers to Exercises

Exercise 1.4.1. 1. transform ψ to CNF

2. prenex normal form

$$\begin{array}{cc} s & rs \\ \bullet & \bullet \\ e & r \\ \bullet & \bullet \end{array}$$

Exercise 1.4.2.

1. $\bullet \bullet$

2. enumerate \mathcal{M} 's functions, relations and constants

Exercise 1.4.3. ¹ Note that every \mathcal{L} -structure \mathcal{M} of size κ is isomorphic to an \mathcal{L} -structure with domain κ . For each relation symbols, we have 2^κ options. If the language has size λ , this is at most $(2^\kappa)^\lambda = 2^{\kappa \cdot \lambda} = 2^{\max(\lambda, \kappa)}$

Exercise 1.4.4.

$$\begin{aligned} T \models \phi &\Leftrightarrow \forall \mathcal{M} \mathcal{M} \models T \rightarrow \mathcal{M} \models \phi \\ &\Leftrightarrow \forall \mathcal{M} \mathcal{M} \models T' \rightarrow \mathcal{M} \models \phi \\ &\Leftrightarrow T' \models \phi \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 1.4.5. Follow the definition

Exercise 1.4.6. Since there is no model \mathcal{M} s.t. $\mathcal{M} \models T$. It's true that $T \models \phi$

Exercise 1.4.7. 1. Suppose $\mathcal{M} \models \phi$, then $E^\mathcal{M}$ is an equivalent relation and each equivalence class's cardinality is 2

2. follows from number theory

3. [DJMM12]

Exercise 1.4.8. TBD

Exercise 1.4.9. $G(f) = \{(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in M^{n+m} \mid \phi(\bar{x}, \bar{y})\}$ and $G(g) = \{(\bar{y}, \bar{z}) \in M^{m+l} \mid \psi(\bar{y}, \bar{z})\}$. Hence $G(g \circ f) = \{(\bar{x}, \bar{z}) \in M^{n+l} \mid \phi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \wedge \psi(\bar{y}, \bar{z})\}$

Exercise 1.4.10. $\phi(\bar{a}, b)$ really defines a function and since $\phi(\bar{a}, y) \rightarrow y = b$

2 Basic Techniques

2.1 The Compactness Theorem

Some points of proofs

- Proofs are finite
- (Soundness) If $T \vdash \phi$, then $T \models \phi$
- If T is a finite set of sentences, then there is an algorithm that, when given a sequence of \mathcal{L} -formulas σ and an \mathcal{L} -sentence ϕ , will decide whether σ is a proof of ϕ from T

A language \mathcal{L} is **recursive** if there is an algorithm that decides whether a sequence of symbols is an \mathcal{L} -formula. An \mathcal{L} -theory T is **recursive** if there is an algorithm that when given an \mathcal{L} -sentence ϕ as input, decides whether $\phi \in T$

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Proposition 2.1. *If \mathcal{L} is a recursive language and T is a recursive \mathcal{L} -theory, then $\{\phi : T \vdash \phi\}$ is recursively enumerable; that is, there is an algorithm that when given ϕ as input will halt accepting if $T \vdash \phi$ and not halt if $T \not\vdash \phi$*

Proof. There is $\sigma_0, \sigma_1, \dots$ a computable listing of all finite sequence of \mathcal{L} -formulas. At stage i , we check to see whether σ_i is a proof of ψ from T . If it is, then halt. \square

Theorem 2.2 (Gödel's Completeness Theorem). *Let T be an \mathcal{L} -theory and ϕ an \mathcal{L} -sentence, then $T \models \phi$ if and only if $T \vdash \phi$*

We say that an \mathcal{L} -theory T is **inconsistent** if $T \vdash (\phi \wedge \neg\phi)$ for some sentence ϕ .

Corollary 2.3. *T is consistent if and only if T is satisfiable*

Proof. Suppose that T is not satisfiable, then every model of T is a model of $\phi \wedge \neg\phi$. Thus by the Completeness theorem $T \vdash (\phi \wedge \neg\phi)$ \square

Theorem 2.4 (Compactness Theorem). *T is satisfiable if and only if every finite subset of T is satisfiable*

Proof. If T is not satisfiable, then T is inconsistent. Let σ be a proof of a contradiction from T . Because σ is finite, only finitely many assumptions from T are used in the proof. Thus there is a finite $T_0 \subseteq T$ s.t. σ is a proof of a contradiction from T_0 \square

2.1.1 Henkin Constructions

A theory T is **finitely satisfiable** if every finite subset of T is satisfiable. We will show that every finitely satisfiable theory T is satisfiable.

Definition 2.5. We say that an \mathcal{L} -theory T has the **witness property** if whenever $\phi(v)$ is an \mathcal{L} -formula with one free variable v , then there is a constant symbol $c \in \mathcal{L}$ s.t. $T \vdash (\exists v \phi(v)) \rightarrow \phi(c) \in T$

An \mathcal{L} -theory T is **maximal** if for all ϕ either $\phi \in T$ or $\neg\phi \in T$

Lemma 2.6. *Suppose T is a maximal and finitely satisfiable \mathcal{L} -theory. If $\Delta \subseteq T$ is finite and $\Delta \models \psi$, then $\psi \in T$*

Proof. If $\psi \notin T$, then $\neg\psi \in T$ but $\Delta \cup \{\psi\}$ is unsatisfiable \square

Lemma 2.7. *Suppose that T is a maximal and finitely satisfiable \mathcal{L} -theory with the witness property. Then T has a model. In fact, if κ is a cardinal and \mathcal{L} has at most κ constant symbols, then there is $\mathcal{M} \models T$ with $|\mathcal{M}| \leq \kappa$*

Proof. Let \mathcal{C} be the set of constant symbols of \mathcal{L} . For $c, d \in \mathcal{C}$, we say $c \sim d$ if $c = d \in T$

Claim 1 \sim is an equivalence relation.

The universe of our model will be $M = \mathcal{C} / \sim$. Clearly $|M| \leq \kappa$. We let c^* denote the equivalence class of c and interpret c as its equivalence class, that is, $c^{\mathcal{M}} = c^*$

Suppose that R is an n -ary relation symbol of \mathcal{L}

Claim 2 Suppose that $c_1, \dots, c_n, d_1, \dots, d_n \in \mathcal{C}$ and $c_i \sim d_i$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$, then $R(\bar{c})$ if and only if $R(\bar{d})$

By Lemma 2.6, if one of $R(\bar{c})$ and $R(\bar{d})$ is in T , then both are in T

$$R^{\mathcal{M}} = \{(c_1^*, \dots, c_n^*) : R(c_1, \dots, c_n) \in T\}$$

Suppose that f is an n -ary function symbol of \mathcal{L} and $c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathcal{C}$. Because $\emptyset \models \exists v f(c_1, \dots, c_n) = v$, and T has the witness property, then there is $c_{n+1} \in \mathcal{C}$ s.t. $f(c_1, \dots, c_n) = c_{n+1} \in T$. As above, if $d_i \sim c_i$ for $i = 1, \dots, n+1$, then $f(d_1, \dots, d_n) = d_{n+1} \in T$. Thus we get a well-defined function $f^{\mathcal{M}}: M^n \rightarrow M$ by

$$f^{\mathcal{M}}(c_1^*, \dots, c_n^*) = d^* \text{ if and only if } f(c_1, \dots, c_n) = d \in T$$

Claim 3 Suppose that t is a term using free variables from v_1, \dots, v_n . If $c_1, \dots, c_n, d \in \mathcal{C}$, then $t(c_1, \dots, c_n) = d \in T$ if and only if $t^{\mathcal{M}}(c_1^*, \dots, c_n^*) = d^*$

(\Rightarrow) If t is a constant symbol, then $c = d \in T$ and $c^{\mathcal{M}} = c^* = d^*$

If t is the variable v_i , then $c_i = d \in T$ and $t^{\mathcal{M}}(c_1^*, \dots, c_n^*) = c_i^* = d^*$

Suppose that the claim is true for t_1, \dots, t_m and t is $f(t_1, \dots, t_m)$. Using the witness property and Lemma 2.6, we can find $d, d_1, \dots, d_m \in \mathcal{C}$ s.t. $t_i(c_1, \dots, c_n) = d_i \in T$ for $i \leq m$ and $f(d_1, \dots, d_m) = d \in T$. By our induction hypothesis, $t_i^{\mathcal{M}}(c_1^*, \dots, c_n^*) = d_i^*$ and $f^{\mathcal{M}}(d_1^*, \dots, d_m^*) = d^*$. Thus $t^{\mathcal{M}}(c_1^*, \dots, c_n^*) = d^*$

(\Leftarrow) Suppose $t^{\mathcal{M}}(c_1^*, \dots, c_n^*) = d^*$. By the witness property, there is a $e \in \mathcal{C}$ s.t. $t(c_1, \dots, c_n) = e \in T$. Using the (\Rightarrow) direction of the proof, $t^{\mathcal{M}}(c_1^*, \dots, c_n^*) = e^*$. Thus $e^* = d^*$ and $e = d \in T$

Claim 4 For all \mathcal{L} -formulas $\phi(v_1, \dots, v_n)$ and $c_1, \dots, c_n \in \mathcal{C}$, $\mathcal{M} \models \phi(\bar{c}^*)$ if and only if $\phi(\bar{c}) \in T$

Suppose that ϕ is $t_1 = t_2$. By Lemma 2.6 and the witness property, we can find d_1 and d_2 s.t. $t_1(\bar{c}) = d_1, t_2(\bar{c}) = d_2 \in T$. By Claim 3, $t_i^{\mathcal{M}}(\bar{c}^*) = d_i^*$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M} \models \phi(\bar{c}^*) &\Leftrightarrow d_1^* = d_2^* \\ &\Leftrightarrow d_1 = d_2 \in T \\ &\Leftrightarrow t_1(\bar{c}) = t_2(\bar{c}) \in T \end{aligned}$$

Suppose that ϕ is $R(t_1, \dots, t_m)$. There are $d_1, \dots, d_m \in \mathcal{C}$ s.t. $t_i(\bar{c}) = d_i \in T$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{M} \models \phi(\bar{c}^*) &\Leftrightarrow \bar{d}^* \in R^{\mathcal{M}} \\ &\Leftrightarrow R(\bar{d}) \in T \\ &\Leftrightarrow \phi(\bar{c}) \in T\end{aligned}$$

Suppose that the claim is true for ϕ . If $\mathcal{M} \models \neg\phi(\bar{c}^*)$, then $\mathcal{M} \not\models \phi(\bar{c}^*)$. By the inductive hypothesis, $\phi(\bar{c}) \notin T$. Thus by maximality, $\neg\phi(\bar{c}) \in T$. On the other hand, if $\neg\phi(\bar{c}) \in T$, then because T is finitely satisfiable, $\phi(\bar{c}) \notin T$. Thus, by induction, $\mathcal{M} \models \phi(\bar{c}^*)$. \square

Lemma 2.8. *Let T be a finitely satisfiable \mathcal{L} -theory. There is a language $\mathcal{L}^* \supseteq \mathcal{L}$ and $T^* \supseteq T$ a finitely satisfiable \mathcal{L}^* -theory s.t. any \mathcal{L}^* -theory extending T^* has the witness property. We can choose \mathcal{L}^* s.t. $|\mathcal{L}^*| = |\mathcal{L}| + \aleph_0$*

Proof. We first show that there is a language $\mathcal{L}_1 \supseteq \mathcal{L}$ and a finitely satisfiable \mathcal{L}_1 -theory $\mathcal{L}_1 \supseteq T$ s.t. for any \mathcal{L} -formula $\phi(v)$ there is an \mathcal{L}_1 -constant symbol c s.t. $T_1 \models (\exists v\phi(v)) \rightarrow \phi(c)$. For each \mathcal{L} -formula $\phi(v)$, let c_ϕ be a new constant symbol and let $\mathcal{L}_1 = \mathcal{L} \cup \{c_\phi : \phi(v) \text{ an } \mathcal{L}\text{-formula}\}$. For each \mathcal{L} -formula $\phi(v)$, let Θ_ϕ be the \mathcal{L}_1 -sentence $(\exists v\phi(v)) \rightarrow \phi(c_\phi)$. Let $T_1 = T \cup \{\Theta_\phi : \phi(v) \text{ an } \mathcal{L}\text{-formula}\}$

Claim T_1 is finitely satisfiable

Suppose that Δ is a finite subset of T_1 . Then $\Delta = \Delta_0 \cup \{\Theta_{\phi_1}, \dots, \Theta_{\phi_n}\}$ where Δ_0 is a finite subset of T and there is $\mathcal{M} \models \Delta_0$. We will make \mathcal{M} into an $\mathcal{L} \cup \{c_{\phi_1}, \dots, c_{\phi_n}\}$ -structure \mathcal{M}' . If $\mathcal{M} \models \exists v\phi(v)$, choose a_i some element of M s.t. $\mathcal{M} \models \phi(a_i)$ and let $c_{\phi_i}^{\mathcal{M}'} = a_i$. Otherwise, let $c_{\phi_i}^{\mathcal{M}'}$ be any element of M . Clearly $\mathcal{M}' \models \Theta_{\phi_i}$ for $i \leq n$. Thus T_1 is finitely satisfiable.

We now iterate the construction above to build a sequence of languages $\mathcal{L} \subseteq \mathcal{L}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{L}_2 \subseteq \dots$ and a sequence of finitely satisfiable \mathcal{L}_i -theories $T \subseteq T_1 \subseteq T_2 \subseteq \dots$ s.t. if $\phi(v)$ is an \mathcal{L}_i -formula then there is a constant symbol $c \in \mathcal{L}_{i+1}$ s.t. $T_{i+1} \models (\exists v\phi(v)) \rightarrow \phi(c)$

Let $\mathcal{L}^* = \bigcup \mathcal{L}_i$ and $T^* = \bigcup T_i$. If $|\mathcal{L}_i|$ is the number of relation, function and constant symbols in \mathcal{L}_i , then there are at most $|\mathcal{L}_i| + \aleph_0$ formulas in \mathcal{L}_i . Thus by induction, $|\mathcal{L}^*| = |\mathcal{L}| + \aleph_0$ \square

Lemma 2.9. *Suppose that T is a finitely satisfiable \mathcal{L} -theory and ϕ is an \mathcal{L} -sentence, then either $T \cup \{\phi\}$ or $T \cup \{\neg\phi\}$ is finitely satisfiable*

Corollary 2.10. *If T is a finitely satisfiable \mathcal{L} -theory, then there is a maximal finitely satisfiable \mathcal{L} -theory $T' \supseteq T$*

Proof. Let I be the set of all finitely satisfiable \mathcal{L} -theory containing T . We partially order I by inclusion. If $C \subseteq I$ is a chain, let $T_C = \bigcup \{\Sigma : \Sigma \in C\}$. If Δ is a finite subset of T_C , then there is a $\Sigma \in C$ s.t. $\Delta \subseteq \Sigma$, so T_C is finitely satisfiable and $T_C \supseteq \Sigma$ for all $\Sigma \in C$. Thus every chain in I has an upper bound, and we can apply Zorn's lemma to find a $T' \in I$ maximal w.r.t. the partial order. \square

Theorem 2.11 (strengthening of Compactness Theorem). *If T is a finitely satisfiable \mathcal{L} -theory and κ is an infinite cardinal with $\kappa \geq |\mathcal{L}|$, then there is a model of T of cardinality at most κ*

Proof. By Lemma 2.8, we can find $\mathcal{L}^* \supseteq \mathcal{L}$ and $T^* \supseteq T$ a finitely satisfiable \mathcal{L}^* -theory s.t. any \mathcal{L}^* -theory extending T^* has the witness property and the cardinality of \mathcal{L}^* is at most κ . By Corollary 2.10, we can find a maximal finitely satisfiable \mathcal{L}^* -theory $T' \supseteq T^*$. Because T' has the witness property, Lemma 2.7 ensures that there is $\mathcal{M} \models T$ with $|M| \leq \kappa$ \square

Proposition 2.12. *Let $\mathcal{L} = \{\cdot, +, <, 0, 1\}$ and let $\text{Th}(\mathbb{N})$ be the full \mathcal{L} -theory of the natural numbers. There is $\mathcal{M} \models \text{Th}(\mathbb{N})$ and $a \in M$ s.t. a is larger than every natural number*

Proof. Let $\mathcal{L}^* = \mathcal{L} \cup \{c\}$ where c is a new constant symbol and let

$$T = \text{Th}(\mathbb{N}) \cup \{ \underbrace{1 + 1 + \dots + 1}_{n\text{-times}} < c : \text{for } n = 1, 2, \dots \}$$

If Δ is a finite subset of T we can make \mathbb{N} a model of Δ by interpreting c as a suitably large natural number. Thus T is finitely satisfiable and there is $\mathcal{M} \models T$. \square

Lemma 2.13. *If $T \models \phi$, then $\Delta \models T$ for some finite $\Delta \subseteq T$*

Proof. Suppose not. Let $\Delta \subseteq T$ be finite. Because $\Delta \not\models \phi$, $\Delta \cup \{\neg\phi\}$ is satisfiable. Thus $T \cup \{\neg\phi\}$ is finitely satisfiable and by the compactness theorem, $T \not\models \phi$ \square

2.2 Complete Theories

Definition 2.14. An \mathcal{L} -theory T is called **complete** if for any \mathcal{L} -sentence ϕ either $T \models \phi$ or $T \models \neg\phi$

For \mathcal{M} an \mathcal{L} -structure, then the full theory

$$\text{Th}(\mathcal{M}) = \{\phi : \phi \text{ is an } \mathcal{L}\text{-sentence and } \mathcal{M} \models \phi\}$$

is a complete theory.

Proposition 2.15. *Let T be an \mathcal{L} -theory with infinite models. If κ is an infinite cardinal and $\kappa \geq |\mathcal{L}|$, then there is a model of T of cardinality κ*

Proof. Let $\mathcal{L}^* = \mathcal{L} \cup \{c_\alpha : \alpha < \kappa\}$, where each c_α is new constant symbol, and let T^* be the \mathcal{L}^* -theory $T \cup \{c_\alpha \neq c_\beta : \alpha, \beta < \kappa, \alpha \neq \beta\}$. Clearly if $\mathcal{M} \models T^*$, then \mathcal{M} is a model of T of cardinality at least κ . Thus by Theorem 2.11, it suffices to show that T^* is finitely satisfiable. But if $\Delta \subseteq T^*$ is finite, then $\Delta \subseteq T \cup \{c_\alpha \neq c_\beta : \alpha \neq \beta, \alpha, \beta \in I\}$, where I is a finite subset of κ . Let \mathcal{M} be an infinite model of T . We can interpret the symbols $\{c_\alpha : \alpha \in I\}$ as $|I|$ distinct elements of \mathcal{M} . Because $\mathcal{M} \models \Delta$, T^* is finitely satisfiable. \square

Definition 2.16. Let κ be an infinite cardinal and let T be a theory with models of size κ . We say that T is κ -**categorical** if any two models of T of cardinality κ are isomorphic.

Let $\mathcal{L} = \{+, 0\}$ be the language of additive groups and let T be the \mathcal{L} -theory of torsion-free divisible Abelian groups. The axioms of T are the axioms for Abelian groups together with the axioms

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x (x \neq 0 \rightarrow \underbrace{x + \dots + x}_{n\text{-times}} \neq 0) \\ \forall y \exists x \underbrace{x + \dots + x}_{n\text{-times}} = y \end{aligned}$$

for $n = 1, 2, \dots$

Proposition 2.17. *The theory of torsion-free divisible Abelian groups is κ -categorical for all $\kappa > \aleph_0$*

Proof. We first argue that models of T are essentially vector spaces over the field of rational numbers \mathbb{Q} . If V is any vector space over \mathbb{Q} , then the underlying additive group V is a model of T . Check StackExchange. On the other hand, if $G \models T$, $g \in G$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $g > 0$, we can find $h \in G$ s.t. $nh = g$. If $nk = g$, then $n(h - k) = 0$. Because G is torsion-free there is a unique $h \in G$ s.t. $nh = g$. We call this element g/n . We can view G as a \mathbb{Q} -vector space under the action $\frac{m}{n}g = m(g/n)$

Two \mathbb{Q} -vector spaces are isomorphic if and only if they have the same dimension. Thus the model of T are determined up to isomorphism by their

dimension. If G has dimension λ , then $|G| = \lambda + \aleph_0$. If κ is uncountable and G has cardinality κ , then G has dimension κ . Thus for $\kappa > \aleph_0$ any two models of T of cardinality κ are isomorphic \square

Lemma 2.18. *Field of uncountable cardinality κ has transcendence degree κ ²*

Proof. We prove the theorem for fields with characteristic $p = 0$.

Since each characteristic 0 field contains a copy of \mathbb{Q} as its prime field, we can view F as a field extension over \mathbb{Q} . We will show that F has a subset of cardinality κ which is algebraically independent over \mathbb{Q} .

We build the claimed subset of F by transfinite induction and implicit use of the axiom of choice.

Let $S_0 = \emptyset$

Let S_1 be a singleton containing some element of F which is not algebraic over \mathbb{Q} . This is possible since algebraic numbers are countable

Define $S_{\alpha+1}$ to be S_α together with an element of F which is not a root of any non-trivial polynomial with coefficients in $\mathbb{Q} \cup S_\alpha$ since there are only $|\mathbb{Q} \cup S_\alpha| = \aleph_0 + |\alpha| < \kappa$ polynomials

Define $S_\beta = \bigcup_{\alpha < \beta} S_\alpha$

Let $P(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ be a non-trivial polynomial with coefficients in \mathbb{Q} and elements a_1, \dots, a_n in F . W.L.O.G., it is assumed that a_n was added at an ordinal $\alpha + 1$ later than the other elements. Then $P(a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}, x_n)$ is a polynomial with coefficients in $\mathbb{Q} \cup S_\alpha$. Hence $P(a_1, \dots, a_n) \neq 0$. \square

Proposition 2.19. *ACF_p is κ -categorical for all uncountable cardinals κ*

Proof. Two algebraically closed fields are isomorphic if and only if they have the same characteristic and transcendence degree. See AdvancedModernAlgebra.org. By Lemma 2.18, an algebraically closed field of transcendence degree λ has cardinality $\lambda + \aleph_0$. \square

Theorem 2.20 (Vaught's Test). *Let T be a satisfiable theory with no finite models that is κ -categorical for some infinite cardinal $\kappa \geq |\mathcal{L}|$. Then T is complete*

Proof. Suppose T is not complete. Then there is a sentence ϕ s.t. $T \not\models \phi$ and $T \not\models \neg\phi$. Because $T \models \psi$ if and only if $T \cup \{\neg\psi\}$ is satisfiable, the theories $T_0 = T \cup \{\phi\}$ and $T_1 = T \cup \{\neg\phi\}$ are satisfiable. Because T has no finite models, both T_0 and T_1 have infinite models. By Proposition 2.15 we can find \mathcal{M}_0 and \mathcal{M}_1 of cardinality κ with $\mathcal{M}_i \models T_i$. Because \mathcal{M}_0 and \mathcal{M}_1 disagree

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about ϕ , they are not elementarily equivalent, and hence by Theorem 1.9, nonisomorphic. \square

Definition 2.21. We say that an \mathcal{L} -theory T is **decidable** if there is an algorithm that when given an \mathcal{L} -sentence ϕ as input decides whether $T \models \phi$

Lemma 2.22. *Let T be a recursive complete satisfiable theory in a recursive language \mathcal{L} . Then T is decidable*

Proof. Because T is satisfiable $A = \{\phi : T \models \phi\}$ and $B = \{\phi : T \models \neg\phi\}$ are disjoint. Because T is consistent $A \cup B$ is the set of all \mathcal{L} -sentences. By the Completeness Theorem, $A = \{\phi : T \vdash \phi\}$ and $B = \{\phi : T \vdash \neg\phi\}$. By Proposition 2.1 A and B are recursively enumerable. But any recursively enumerable set with a recursively enumerable complement is recursive. \square

Corollary 2.23. *For $p = 0$ or p prime, ACF_p is decidable. In particular, $\text{Th}(\mathbb{C})$, the first-order theory of the field of complex numbers, is decidable*

Corollary 2.24. *Let ϕ be a sentence in the language of rings. The following are equivalent*

1. ϕ is true in the complex number
2. ϕ is true in every algebraically closed field of characteristic zero
3. ϕ is true in some algebraically closed field of characteristic zero
4. There are arbitrarily large primes p s.t. ϕ is true in some algebraically closed field of characteristic p
5. There is an m s.t. for all $p > m$, ϕ is true in all algebraically closed fields of characteristic p

Proof. By Proposition 2.19 and Vaught's Test, ACF_p is complete.

(2) \rightarrow (5). Suppose that $ACF_0 \models \phi$. By Lemma 2.13, there is a finite $\Delta \subseteq ACF_0$ s.t. $\Delta \models \phi$. Thus if we choose p large enough, then $ACF_p \models \Delta$.

(4) \rightarrow (2). Suppose $ACF_0 \not\models \phi$. Because ACF_0 is complete, $ACF_0 \models \neg\phi$. \square

2.3 Up and Down

Definition 2.25. If \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{N} are \mathcal{L} -structures, then an \mathcal{L} -embedding $j : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$ is called an **elementary embedding** if

$$\mathcal{M} \models \phi(a_1, \dots, a_n) \leftrightarrow \mathcal{N} \models \phi(j(a_1), \dots, j(a_n))$$

for all \mathcal{L} -formulas $\phi(v_1, \dots, v_n)$ and all $a_1, \dots, a_n \in M$

If \mathcal{M} is a substructure of \mathcal{N} , we say that it is an **elementary substructure** and write $\mathcal{M} \prec \mathcal{N}$ if the inclusion map is elementary. \mathcal{N} is an **elementary extension** of \mathcal{M}

Definition 2.26. \mathcal{M} is an \mathcal{L} -structure. Let \mathcal{L}_M be the language where we add to \mathcal{L} constant symbols m for each element of M . The **atomic diagram** of \mathcal{M} is $\{\phi(m_1, \dots, m_n) : \phi \text{ is either an atomic } \mathcal{L}\text{-formula or the negation of an atomic } \mathcal{L}\text{-formula and } \mathcal{M} \models \phi(m_1, \dots, m_n)\}$. The **elementary diagram** of \mathcal{M} is

$$\{\phi(m_1, \dots, m_n) : \mathcal{M} \models \phi(m_1, \dots, m_n), \phi \text{ an } \mathcal{L}\text{-formula}\}$$

We let $\text{Diag}(\mathcal{M})$ and $\text{Diag}_{\text{el}}(\mathcal{M})$ denote the atomic and elementary diagrams of \mathcal{M}

Lemma 2.27. 1. Suppose that \mathcal{N} is an \mathcal{L}_M -structure and $\mathcal{N} \models \text{Diag}(\mathcal{M})$, then viewing \mathcal{N} as an \mathcal{L} -structure, there is an \mathcal{L} -embedding of \mathcal{M} into \mathcal{N}

2. If $\mathcal{N} \models \text{Diag}_{\text{el}}(\mathcal{M})$, then there is an elementary embedding of \mathcal{M} into \mathcal{N}

Proof. 1. Let $j : M \rightarrow N$ by $j(m) = m^{\mathcal{N}}$. If $m_1 \neq m_2 \in \text{Diag}(\mathcal{M})$; thus $j(m_1) \neq j(m_2)$ so j is an embedding. If f is a function symbol of \mathcal{L} and $f^{M(m_1, \dots, m_n)} = m_{n+1}$, then $f(m_1, \dots, m_n) = m_{n+1}$ is a formula in $\text{Diag}(\mathcal{M})$ and $f^{\mathcal{N}(j(m_1), \dots, j(m_n))} = j(m_{n+1})$. If R is a relation symbol and $\bar{m} \in R^M$, then $R(m_1, \dots, m_n) \in \text{Diag}(\mathcal{M})$ and $(j(m_1), \dots, j(m_n)) \in R^{\mathcal{N}}$. Hence j is an \mathcal{L} -embedding

2. j is elementary. □

Theorem 2.28 (Upward Löwenheim–Skolem Theorem). Let \mathcal{M} be an infinite \mathcal{L} -structure and κ be an infinite cardinal $\kappa \geq |\mathcal{M}| + |\mathcal{L}|$. Then, there is \mathcal{N} an \mathcal{L} -structure of cardinality κ and $j : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$ is elementary

Proof. Because $\mathcal{M} \models \text{Diag}_{\text{el}}(\mathcal{M})$, $\text{Diag}_{\text{el}}(\mathcal{M})$ is satisfiable. By Theorem 2.11, there is $\mathcal{N} \models \text{Diag}_{\text{el}}(\mathcal{M})$ of cardinality κ . By Lemma 2.27, there is an elementary $j : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$ □

Proposition 2.29 (Tarski-Vaught Test). Suppose that \mathcal{M} is a substructure of \mathcal{N} . Then \mathcal{M} is an elementary substructure if and only if, for any formula $\phi(v, \bar{w})$ and $\bar{a} \in M$, if there is $b \in N$ s.t. $\mathcal{N} \models \phi(b, \bar{a})$, then there is $c \in M$ s.t. $\mathcal{N} \models \phi(c, \bar{a})$

Proof. We need to show that for all $\bar{a} \in M$ and all \mathcal{L} -formulas $\psi(\bar{v})$

$$\mathcal{M} \models \psi(\bar{a}) \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{N} \models \psi(\bar{a})$$

In Proposition 1.7, we showed that if $\phi(\bar{v})$ is quantifier free then $\mathcal{M} \models \phi(\bar{a})$ if and only if $\phi(\bar{a})$ \square

We say that an \mathcal{L} -theory T has **built-in Skolem functions** if for all \mathcal{L} -formulas $\phi(v, w_1, \dots, w_n)$ there is a function symbol f s.t. $T \models \forall \bar{w}((\exists v \phi(v, \bar{w})) \rightarrow \phi(f(\bar{w}), \bar{w}))$. In other words, there are enough function symbols in the language to witness all existential statements.

Lemma 2.30. *Let T be an \mathcal{L} -theory. There are $\mathcal{L}^* \supseteq \mathcal{L}$ and $T^* \supseteq T$ an \mathcal{L}^* -theory s.t. T^* has built-in Skolem functions, and if $\mathcal{M} \models T$, then we can expand \mathcal{M} to $\mathcal{M}^* \models T^*$. We can choose \mathcal{L}^* s.t. $|\mathcal{L}^*| = |\mathcal{L}| + \aleph_0$.*

We call T^ a **skolemization** of T*

Proof. We build a sequence of languages $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{L}_1 \subseteq \dots$ and \mathcal{L}_i -theories T_i s.t. $T = T_0 \subseteq T_1 \subseteq \dots$

Given \mathcal{L}_i , let $\mathcal{L}_{i+1} = \mathcal{L} \cup \{f_\phi : \phi(v, w_1, \dots, w_n) \text{ an } \mathcal{L}_i\text{-formula}, n = 1, 2, \dots\}$, where f_ϕ is an n -ary function symbol. For $\phi(v, \bar{w})$ an \mathcal{L}_i -formula, let Ψ_ϕ be the sentence

$$\forall \bar{w}((\exists v \phi(v, \bar{w})) \rightarrow \phi(f_\phi(\bar{w}), \bar{w}))$$

and let $T_{i+1} = T_i \cup \{\Psi_\phi : \phi \text{ an } \mathcal{L}_i\text{-formula}\}$

Claim If $\mathcal{M} \models T_i$, then we can interpret the function symbols of $\mathcal{L}_{i+1} \setminus \mathcal{L}_i$ so that $\mathcal{M} \models T_{i+1}$

Let c be some fixed element of M . If $\phi(v, w_1, \dots, w_n)$ is an \mathcal{L}_i -formula, we find a function $g : M^n \rightarrow M$ s.t. $\bar{a} \in M^n$ and $X_{\bar{a}} = \{b \in M : \mathcal{M} \models \phi(b, \bar{a})\}$ is nonempty, then $g(\bar{a}) \in X_{\bar{a}}$, and if $X_{\bar{a}} = \emptyset$, then $g(\bar{a}) = c$. Thus if $\mathcal{M} \models \exists v \phi(v, \bar{a})$, then $\mathcal{M} \models \phi(g(\bar{a}), \bar{a})$. If we interpret f_ϕ as g , then $\mathcal{M} \models \Psi_\phi$

Let $\mathcal{L}^* = \bigcup \mathcal{L}_i$ and $T^* = \bigcup T_i$. If $\phi(v, \bar{w})$ is an \mathcal{L}^* -formula, then $\phi \in \mathcal{L}_i$ for some i and $\Psi_\phi \in T_{i+1} \subseteq T^*$, so T^* has built in Skolem functions. By iterating the claim, we see that for any $\mathcal{M} \models T$ we can interpret the symbols of $\mathcal{L}^* \setminus \mathcal{L}$ to make $\mathcal{M} \models T^*$

$$|\mathcal{L}_{i+1}| = |\mathcal{L}_i| + \aleph_0$$

\square

Theorem 2.31 (Löwenheim–Skolem Theorem). *Suppose that \mathcal{M} is an \mathcal{L} -structure and $X \subseteq M$, there is an elementary submodel \mathcal{N} of \mathcal{M} s.t. $X \subseteq N$ and $|\mathcal{N}| \leq |X| + |\mathcal{L}| + \aleph_0$*

Proof. By Lemma 2.30, we may assume that $\text{Th}(\mathcal{M})$ has built in Skolem functions (otherwise we may extend \mathcal{L} to some \mathcal{L}^*). Let $X_0 = X$. Given X_i , let $X_{i+1} = X_i \cup \{f^{\mathcal{M}(\bar{a})} : f \text{ an } n\text{-ary function symbol, } \bar{a} \in X_i^n, n=1,2,\dots\}$. Let $N = \bigcup X_i$, then $|N| \leq |X| + |\mathcal{L}| + \aleph_0$. If f is an n -ary function symbol of \mathcal{L} and $\bar{a} \in N^n$, then $\bar{a} \in X_i^n$ for some i and $f^{\mathcal{M}(\bar{a})} \in X_{i+1} \subseteq N$. Thus $f^{\mathcal{M}}|_{N:N^n \rightarrow N}$. Thus we can interpret f as $f^{\mathcal{N}} = f^{\mathcal{M}}|_{N:N^n \rightarrow N}$. If R is an n -ary relation symbol, let $R^{\mathcal{N}} = R^{\mathcal{M} \cap N^n}$. If c is a constant symbol of \mathcal{L} , there is a Skolem function $f \in \mathcal{L}$ s.t. $f(x) = c^{\mathcal{M}}$ for all $x \in M$ (for example, f is the Skolem function for the formula $v = c$). Thus $c^{\mathcal{N}} \in N$.

If $\phi(v, \bar{w})$ is any \mathcal{L} -formula, $\bar{a}, \bar{b} \in M$ and $\mathcal{M} \models \phi(\bar{b}, \bar{a})$, then $\mathcal{M} \models \phi(f(\bar{a}), \bar{a})$ for some function symbol f of \mathcal{L} . By construction, $f^{\mathcal{M}(\bar{a})} \in N$. Thus by Proposition 2.29 $\mathcal{N} \prec \mathcal{M}$ \square

Definition 2.32. A **universal sentence** is one of the form $\forall \bar{v} \phi(\bar{v})$, where ϕ is quantifier-free. We say that an \mathcal{L} -theory T has a **universal axiomatization** if there is a set of universal \mathcal{L} -sentences Γ s.t. $\mathcal{M} \models \Gamma$ if and only if $\mathcal{M} \models T$ for all \mathcal{L} -structures \mathcal{M} .

Theorem 2.33. An \mathcal{L} -theory T has a universal axiomatization if and only if whenever $\mathcal{M} \models T$ and \mathcal{N} is a substructure of \mathcal{M} , then $\mathcal{N} \models T$. In other words, a theory is preserved under substructure if and only if it has a universal axiomatization.

Proof. Suppose that $\mathcal{N} \subseteq \mathcal{M}$. By Proposition 1.7, if $\phi(\bar{v})$ is a quantifier-free formula and $\bar{a} \in N$, then $\mathcal{N} \models \phi(\bar{a})$ if and only if $\mathcal{M} \models \phi(\bar{a})$. Thus if $\mathcal{M} \models \forall \bar{v} \phi(\bar{v})$, then so does \mathcal{N} .

Suppose that T is preserved under substructures. Let $\Gamma = \{\phi : \phi \text{ is universal and } T \models \phi\}$. Clearly, if $\mathcal{N} \models T$, then $\mathcal{N} \models \Gamma$. For the other direction, suppose that $\mathcal{N} \models \Gamma$. We claim that $\mathcal{N} \models T$.

Claim $T \cup \text{Diag}(\mathcal{N})$ is satisfiable

Suppose not. Then, by the Compactness Theorem, there is a finite $\Delta \subseteq \text{Diag}(\mathcal{N})$ s.t. $T \cup \Delta$ is not satisfiable. Let $\Delta = \{\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n\}$. Let \bar{c} be the new constant symbols from N used in ψ_1, \dots, ψ_n and say $\psi_i = \phi_i(\bar{c})$, where ϕ_i is a quantifier-free \mathcal{L} -formula. Because the constants in \bar{c} do not occur in T , if there is a model of $T \cup \{\exists \bar{v} \bigwedge \phi_i(\bar{v})\}$, then by interpreting \bar{c} as witness to the existential formula, $T \cup \Delta$ would be satisfiable. Thus $T \models \forall \bar{v} \bigvee \neg \phi_i(\bar{v})$. As the latter formula is universal, $\forall \bar{v} \bigvee \neg \phi_i(\bar{v}) \in \Gamma$, contradicting $\mathcal{N} \models \Gamma$.

By Lemma 2.27, there is $\mathcal{M} \models T$ with $\mathcal{M} \supseteq \mathcal{N}$. Because T is preserved under substructure, $\mathcal{N} \models T$ and Γ is a universal axiomatization \square

Definition 2.34. Suppose that $(I, <)$ is a linear order. Suppose that \mathcal{M}_i is an \mathcal{L} -structure for $i \in I$. We say that $(\mathcal{M}_i : i \in I)$ is a chain of \mathcal{L} -structures

if $\mathcal{M}_i \subseteq \mathcal{M}_j$ for $i < j$. If $\mathcal{M}_i \prec \mathcal{M}_j$ for $i < j$, we call $(\mathcal{M}_i : i \in I)$ an **elementary chain**

If $(\mathcal{M}_i : i \in I)$ is a nonempty chain of structures, then we can define $\mathcal{M} = \bigcup_{i \in I} \mathcal{M}_i$, the union of the chain, as follows. $M = \bigcup_{i \in I} M_i$. if c is a constant in the language, then $c^{\mathcal{M}_i} = c^{\mathcal{M}_j}$ for all $i, j \in I$. Let $c^{\mathcal{M} = c^{\mathcal{M}_i}}$.

Suppose that $\bar{a} \in M$. Because I is linearly ordered, we can find $i \in I$ s.t. $\bar{a} \in M_i$. If f is a function symbol of \mathcal{L} and $i < j$, then $f^{\mathcal{M}_i}(\bar{a}) = f^{\mathcal{M}_j}(\bar{a})$. Thus $f^{\mathcal{M} = \bigcup_{i \in I} f^{\mathcal{M}_i}}$ is a well-defined function. Similarly, $R^{\mathcal{M} = \bigcup_{i \in I} R^{\mathcal{M}_i}}$

Proposition 2.35. *Suppose that $(I, <)$ is a linear order and $(\mathcal{M}_i : i \in I)$ is an elementary chain. Then $\mathcal{M} = \bigcup_{i \in I} \mathcal{M}_i$ is an elementary extension of each \mathcal{M}_i*

Proof. We prove by induction on formulas that

$$\mathcal{M} \models \phi(\bar{a}) \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{M}_i \models \phi(\bar{a})$$

for all $i \in I$, all formulas $\phi(\bar{v})$, and all $\bar{a} \in M_i^n$

Because \mathcal{M}_i is a substructure of \mathcal{M} , by Proposition 1.7 this is true for all atomic ϕ . $\neg\phi$ and $\phi \vee \psi$ is easy.

Suppose that ϕ is $\exists v \psi(v, \bar{w})$ and the chain holds for ψ . If $\mathcal{M}_i \models \psi(b, \bar{a})$, then so does \mathcal{M} . Thus if $\mathcal{M}_i \models \phi(\bar{a})$, then so does \mathcal{M} . On the other hand, if $\mathcal{M} \models \psi(b, \bar{a})$, there is $j \geq i$ s.t. $b \in M_j$. By induction, $\mathcal{M}_j \models \psi(b, \bar{a})$, so $\mathcal{M}_j \models \phi(\bar{a})$. Because $\mathcal{M}_i \prec \mathcal{M}_j$, $\mathcal{M}_i \models \phi(\bar{a})$. \square

2.4 Back and Forth

2.4.1 Dense Linear Orders

Let $\mathcal{L} = \{<\}$ and let DLO be the theory of dense linear orders without endpoints. DLO is axiomatized by the axioms for linear orders plus the axioms

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x \forall y (x < y \rightarrow \exists z x < z < y) \\ \forall x \exists y \exists z y < x < z \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2.36. *The theory DLO is \aleph_0 -categorical and complete*

Proof. Let $(A, <)$ and $(B, <)$ be two countable models of DLO. Let a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots and b_0, b_1, b_2, \dots be one-to-one enumerations of A and B . We will build a sequence of partial bijections $f_i : A_i \rightarrow B_i$ where $A_i \subset A$ and $B_i \subset B$ are finite s.t. $f_0 \subseteq f_1 \subseteq \dots$ and if $x, y \in A_i$ and $x < y$, then $f_i(x) < f_i(y)$. We call

f_i a **partial embedding**. We will build these sequences s.t. $A = \bigcup A_i$ and $B = \bigcup B_i$. In this case, $f = \bigcup f_i$ is the desired isomorphism from $(A, <)$ to $(B, <)$

At odd stages of the construction we will ensure that $\bigcup A_i = A$, and at even stages we will ensure that $\bigcup B_i = B$

stage 0: Let $A_0 = B_0 = f_0 = \emptyset$

stage $n + 1 = 2m + 1$: We will ensure that $a_m \in A_{n+1}$.

If $a_m \in A_n$, then let $A_{n+1} = A_n$, $B_{n+1} = B_n$ and $f_{n+1} = f_n$. Suppose that $a_m \notin A_n$. To add a_m to the domain of our partial embedding, we must find $b \in B \setminus B_n$ s.t.

$$\alpha < a_m \Leftrightarrow f_n(\alpha) < b$$

for all $\alpha \in A_n$. In other words, we must find $b \in B$, which is the image under f_n of the cut of a_m in A_n . Exactly one of the following holds:

1. a_m is greater than every element of A_n , or
2. a_m is less than every element of A_n , or
3. there are α and $\beta \in A_n$ s.t. $\alpha < \beta$, $\gamma \leq \alpha$ or $\gamma \geq \beta$ for all $\gamma \in A_n$ and $\alpha < a_m < \beta$

In case 1 because B_n is finite and $B \models \text{DLO}$, we can find $b \in B$ greater than every element of B_n . Similar for case 2. In case 3, because f_n is a partial embedding, $f_n(\alpha) < f_n(\beta)$ and we can choose $b \in B_n$ s.t. $f_n(\alpha) < b < f_n(\beta)$. Note that

$$\alpha < a_m \Leftrightarrow f_n(\alpha) < b$$

for all $\alpha \in A_n$

stage $n + 1 = 2m + 2$: We will ensure $b_m \in B_{n+1}$

Again, if b_m is already in B_n , then we make no changes. Otherwise, we must find $a \in A$ s.t. the image of the cut of a in A_n is the cut of b_m in B_n . This is done in odd case.

Clearly, at odd stages we have ensured that $\bigcup A_n = A$ and at even stages we have ensured that $\bigcup B_n = B$. Because each f_n is a partial embedding, $f = \bigcup f_n$ is an isomorphism from A onto B

But there are no finite dense linear orders, Vaught's test implies that DLO is complete \square

2.4.2 The Random Graph

Let $\mathcal{L} = \{R\}$, where R is a binary relation symbol. We will consider an \mathcal{L} -theory containing the graph axioms $\forall x \neg R(x, x)$ and $\forall x \forall y R(x, y) \rightarrow$

$R(y, x)$. Let ψ_n be the “extension axiom”

$$\forall x_1 \dots \forall x_n \forall y_1 \dots \forall y_n \left(\bigwedge_{i=1}^n \bigwedge_{j=1}^n x_i \neq y_j \rightarrow \exists z \bigwedge_{i=1}^n (R(x_i, z) \wedge \neg R(y_i, z)) \right)$$

We let T be the theory of graphs where we add $\{\exists x \exists y x \neq y\} \cup \{\psi_n : n = 1, 2, \dots\}$ to the graph axioms. A model of T is a graph where for any finite disjoint sets X and Y we can find a vertex with edges going to every vertex in X and no vertex in Y

Theorem 2.37. *T is satisfiable and \aleph_0 -categorical. In particular, T is complete and decidable*

Proof. We first build a countable model of T . Let G_0 be any countable graph

Claim There is a graph $G_1 \supseteq G_0$ s.t. G_1 is countable and if X and Y are disjoint finite subsets of G_0 then there is $z \in G_1$ s.t. $R(x, z)$ for $x \in X$ and $\neg R(y, z)$ for $y \in Y$

Let the vertices of G_1 be the vertices of G_0 plus new vertices z_X for each $X \subseteq G_0$. The edges of G_1 are the edges of G together with new edges between x and z_X whenever $X \subseteq G_0$ is finite and $x \in X$.

We iterate this construction to build a sequence of countable graphs $G_0 \subset G_1 \subset \dots$ s.t. if X and Y are disjoint finite subsets of G_i , then there is $z \in G_{i+1}$ s.t. $R(x, z)$ for $x \in X$ and $\neg R(y, z)$ for $y \in Y$. Thus $G = \bigcup G_n$ is a countable model of T

Next we show that T is \aleph_0 -categorical. Let G_1 and G_2 be countable models of T . Let a_0, a_1, \dots list G_1 , and let b_0, b_1, \dots list G_2 . We will build a sequence of finite partial one-to-one maps $f_0 \subseteq f_1 \subseteq f_2 \subseteq \dots$ s.t. for all x, y in the domain of f_s ,

$$G_1 \models R(x, y) \Leftrightarrow G_2 \models R(f_s(x), f_s(y))$$

Let $f_0 = \emptyset$ stage $s + 1 = 2i + 1$: We make sure that a_i is in the domain

If a_i is in the domain of f_s , let $f_{s+1} = f_s$. If not, let $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m$ list the domain of f_s and let $X = \{j \leq m : R(\alpha_j, a_i)\}$ and let $Y = \{j \leq m : \neg R(\alpha_j, a_i)\}$. Because $G_2 \models T$, we can find $b \in G_2$ s.t. $G_2 \models R(f_s(\alpha_j), b)$ for $j \in X$ and $G_2 \models \neg R(f_s(\alpha_j), b)$ for $j \in Y$. Let $f_{s+1} = f_s \cup \{(a_i, b)\}$.

stage $s + 1 = 2i + 2$: Similar

□

Let \mathcal{G}_N be the set of all graphs with vertices $\{1, 2, \dots, N\}$. We consider a probability measure on \mathcal{G}_N where we make all graphs equally likely. This is the same as constructing a random graph where we independently decide

whether there is an edge between i and j with probability $\frac{1}{2}$. For any \mathcal{L} -sentence ϕ ,

$$p_N(\phi) = \frac{|\{G \in \mathcal{G}_N : G \models \phi\}|}{|\mathcal{G}_N|}$$

is the probability that a random element of \mathcal{G}_N satisfies ϕ

Lemma 2.38. $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} p_N(\psi_n) = 1$

Proof. Fix n . Let G be a random graph in \mathcal{G}_N where $N > 2n$. Fix $x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_n, z \in G$ distinct. Let q be the probability that

$$\neg \left(\bigwedge_{i=1}^n (R(x_i, z)) \wedge \neg R(y_i, z) \right)$$

Then $q = 1 - 2^{-2n}$. Because these probabilities are independent, the probability that

$$G \models \neg \exists z \neg \left(\bigwedge_{i=1}^n (R(x_i, z)) \wedge \neg R(y_i, z) \right)$$

is q^{N-2n} . Let M be the number of pairs of disjoint subsets of G of size n . Thus

$$p_N(\neg \psi_n) \leq M q^{N-2n} < N^{2n} q^{N-2n}$$

Because $q < 1$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} p_N(\neg \psi_n) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} N^{2n} q^N = 0$$

□

Theorem 2.39 (Zero-One Law for Graphs). *For any \mathcal{L} -sentence ϕ either $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} p_N(\phi) = 0$ or $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} p_N(\phi) = 1$. Moreover, T axiomatizes $\{\phi : \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} p_N(\phi) = 1\}$, the **almost sure theory graphs**. The almost sure theory of graphs is decidable and complete*

Proof. If $T \models \phi$, then there is n s.t. if G is a graph and $G \models \psi_n$, then $G \models \phi$. Thus, $p_N(\phi) \geq p_N(\psi_n)$ and by Lemma 2.38, $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} p_N(\phi) = 1$. □

2.4.3 Ehrenfeucht-Fraïssé Games

Let \mathcal{L} be a language and $\mathcal{M} = (M, \dots)$ and $\mathcal{N} = (N, \dots)$ be two \mathcal{L} -structures with $M \cap N = \emptyset$. If $A \subseteq M, B \subseteq N$ and $f : A \rightarrow B$, we say that f is a **partial embedding** if $f \cup \{(c^{\mathcal{M}}, c^{\mathcal{N}}) : c \text{ a constant of } \mathcal{L}\}$ is a bijection preserving all relations and functions of \mathcal{L}

We will define an infinite two-player game $G_\omega(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N})$. We will call the two players player I and player II; together they will build a partial embedding f from M to N . A play of the game will consist of ω stages. At the i th-stage, player I moves first and either plays $m_i \in M$, challenging player II to put m_i into the domain of f , or $n_i \in N$, challenging player II to put n_i into the range. If player I plays $m_i \in M$, then player II must play $n_i \in N$, whereas if player I plays $n_i \in M$, then player II must play $m_i \in M$. Player II wins the play of the game if $f = \{(m_i, n_i) : i = 1, 2, \dots\}$ is the graph of a partial embedding.

A **strategy** for player II in $G_\omega(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N})$ is a function τ s.t. if player I's first n moves are c_1, \dots, c_n , then player II's n th move will be $\tau(c_1, \dots, c_n)$. We say that player II uses the strategy τ in the play of the game if the play looks like

Player I	Player II
c_1	$\tau(c_1)$
c_2	$\tau(c_1, c_2)$
c_3	$\tau(c_1, c_2, c_3)$
\vdots	\vdots

We say that τ is a **winning strategy** for player II, if for any sequence of plays c_1, \dots player I makes, player II will win by following τ . We define strategies for player I analogously

For example, suppose that $\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N} \models \text{DLO}$. Then player II has a winning strategy. Suppose that up to stage n they have built a partial embedding $g : A \rightarrow B$. If player I plays $a \in M$, then player II plays $b \in N$ s.t. the cut b makes in B is the image of the cut of a in A under g . Similar for player I's $b \in N$

Proposition 2.40. *If \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{N} is countable, then the second player has a winning strategy in G_ω if and only if $\mathcal{M} \cong \mathcal{N}$*

Proof. If $\mathcal{M} \cong \mathcal{N}$, player II can win by playing according to the isomorphism

Suppose that player II has a winning strategy. Let m_0, m_1, \dots list M and n_0, n_1, \dots list N . Consider a play of the game where the second player uses the winning strategy and the first player plays $m_0, n_0, m_1, n_1, m_2, n_2, \dots$. If f is the partial embedding build during this play of the game then the domain of f is M and the range of f is N . Thus f is an isomorphism \square

Fix \mathcal{L} a finite language with no function symbols, and let \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{N} be \mathcal{L} -structures. We define a game $G_n(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N})$ for $n = 1, 2, \dots$. The game will have n rounds similar to ω rounds. Player II wins if $\{(a_i, b_i) : i = 1, \dots, n\}$ is the graph of a partial embedding from \mathcal{M} into \mathcal{N} . We call $G_n(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N})$ an **Ehrenfeucht-Fraïssé Games**

Theorem 2.41. *Let \mathcal{L} be a finite language without function symbols and let \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{N} be \mathcal{L} -structures. Then $\mathcal{M} \equiv \mathcal{N}$ if and only if the second player has a winning strategy in $G_n(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N})$ for all n*

We need several lemmas.

Lemma 2.42. *One of the players has a winning strategy in $G_n(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N})$*

Proof. Suppose that player II does not have a winning strategy. Then there is some move player I can make in round one so that player II has no move available to force a win. Player I makes that move. Now, whatever player II does, there is still a move that if made by player I means that player II cannot force a win. \square

We inductively define $\text{depth}(\phi)$, the **quantifier depth** of an \mathcal{L} -formula ϕ , as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \text{depth}(\phi) &= 0 \text{ if and only if } \phi \text{ is quantifier-free} \\ \text{depth}(\neg\phi) &= \text{depth}(\phi) \\ \text{depth}(\phi \wedge \psi) &= \text{depth}(\phi \vee \psi) = \max\{\text{depth}(\phi), \text{depth}(\psi)\} \\ \text{depth}(\exists v\phi) &= \text{depth}(\phi) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

We say that $\mathcal{M} \equiv_n \mathcal{N}$ if $\mathcal{M} \models \phi \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{N} \models \phi$ for all sentences of depth at most n . We will show player II has a winning strategy in $G_n(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N})$ if and only if $\mathcal{M} \equiv_n \mathcal{N}$

Lemma 2.43. *For each n and l , there is a finite list of formulas ϕ_1, \dots, ϕ_k of depth at most n in free variables x_1, \dots, x_l s.t. every formula of depth at most n in free variables x_1, \dots, x_l is equivalent to some ϕ_i*

Proof. We first prove this for quantifier-free formulas. Because \mathcal{L} is finite and has no function symbols, there are only finitely many atomic \mathcal{L} -formulas in free variables x_1, \dots, x_l . Let $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_s$ list all such formulas.

If ϕ is a Boolean combination of formulas τ_1, \dots, τ_s , then there is S a collection of subsets of $\{1, \dots, s\}$ s.t.

$$\models \phi \Leftrightarrow \bigvee_{X \in S} \left(\bigwedge_{i \in X} \tau_i \wedge \bigwedge_{i \notin X} \neg \tau_i \right)$$

This gives a list of 2^{2^s} formulas s.t. every Boolean combination of τ_1, \dots, τ_s is equivalent to a formula in this list. In particular, because quantifier free formulas are Boolean combinations of atomic formulas, there is a finite list of depth-zero formulas s.t. every depth-zero formula is equivalent to one in the list.

Because formulas of depth $n + 1$ are Boolean combinations of $\exists v\phi$ and $\forall v\phi$ where ϕ has depth at most n \square

Lemma 2.44. *Let \mathcal{L} be a finite language without function symbols and \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{N} be \mathcal{L} -structures. The second player has a winning strategy in $G_n(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N})$ if and only if $\mathcal{M} \equiv_n \mathcal{N}$*

Proof. Induction on n

Suppose that $\mathcal{M} \equiv_n \mathcal{N}$. Consider a play of the game where in round one player I plays $a \in M$. We claim that there is $b \in N$ s.t. $\mathcal{M} \models \phi(a) \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{N} \models \phi(b)$ whenever $\text{depth}(\phi) < n$. Let $\phi_0(v), \dots, \phi_m(v)$ list, up to equivalence, all formulas of depth less than n . Let $X = \{i \leq m : \mathcal{M} \models \phi_i(a)\}$, and let $\Phi(v)$ be the formula

$$\bigwedge_{i \in X} \phi_i(v) \wedge \bigwedge_{i \notin X} \neg \phi_i(v)$$

Then, $\text{depth}(\exists v\Phi(v)) \leq n$ and $\mathcal{M} \models \Phi(a)$; thus there is $b \in N$ s.t. $\mathcal{N} \models \Phi(b)$. Player II plays b in round one

If $n = 1$, the game has now concluded and $a \mapsto b$ is a partial embedding so player II wins. Suppose that $n > 1$

Let $\mathcal{L}^* = \mathcal{L} \cup \{c\}$, where c is a new constant symbol. View \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{N} as \mathcal{L}^* -structures (\mathcal{M}, a) and (\mathcal{N}, b) where we interpret the new constant as a and b respectively. Because

$$\mathcal{M} \models \phi(a) \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{N} \models \phi(b)$$

for $\phi(v)$ an \mathcal{L} -formula with $\text{depth}(\phi) < n$, $(\mathcal{M}, a) \equiv_{n-1} (\mathcal{N}, b)$. By induction, player II has a winning strategy in $G_{n-1}((\mathcal{M}, a), (\mathcal{N}, b))$. If player's second play is d , player II responds as if d was player I's first play in $G_{n-1}((\mathcal{M}, a), (\mathcal{N}, b))'$ and continues playing using this strategy, that is, in round i player I has plays a, d_2, \dots, d_i , then player II plays $\tau(d_2, \dots, d_i)$, where τ is his winning strategy in $G((\mathcal{M}, a), (\mathcal{N}, b))$. \square

2.5 Exercises

Exercise 2.5.1. We say that an ordered group $(G, +, <)$ is **Archimedean** if for all $x, y \in G$ with $x, y > 0$ there is an integer m s.t. $|x| < m|y|$. Show

that there are non-Archimedean fields elementarily equivalent to the field of real numbers

Exercise 2.5.2. Let T be an \mathcal{L} -theory and T_\forall be all of the universal sentences ϕ s.t. $T \models \phi$. Show that $\mathcal{A} \models T_\forall$ if and only if there is $\mathcal{M} \models T$ with $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{M}$

Proof. Comes from Quantifier Elimination Tests and Examples

Consider the theory $T' = T \cup \text{Diag}(\mathcal{A})$ in the language \mathcal{L}_A . We will show by contradiction that T' is satisfiable.

Suppose that T' is not satisfiable. Then by the Compactness Theorem, already some finite subset $\Delta \subseteq T'$ is not satisfiable. By forming conjunctions we may assume that the part of Δ coming from $\text{Diag}(\mathcal{A})$ consists only of one formula $\phi(\bar{a})$ for some $\bar{a} \in A$, where $\phi(\bar{a})$ is a conjunction of atomic formulas and the negation of atomic formulas. Thus we will assume that $T \cup \{\phi(\bar{a})\}$ is not satisfiable.

On the other hand, viewing T as an $\mathcal{L}_{\bar{a}}$ -theory, and because $T \cup \{\phi(\bar{a})\}$ is not satisfiable, we obtain $T \models \neg\phi(\bar{a})$. We will show that this implies $T \models \forall \bar{v} \neg\phi(\bar{v})$: Let \mathcal{C} be an \mathcal{L} -structure with $\mathcal{C} \models T$. Let n be the number of components in \bar{a} and $c_1, \dots, c_n \in C$. Let \mathcal{C}' be the $\mathcal{L}_{\bar{a}}$ -structure which expands \mathcal{C} by the constant symbols that we interpret as c_1, \dots, c_n respectively. Then $\mathcal{C}' \models T$ and hence $\mathcal{C}' \models \neg\phi(\bar{c})$. As this follows for any tuple in C , we get $\mathcal{C} \models \forall \bar{v} \neg\phi(\bar{v})$

Since T_\forall consists exactly of the universal formulas which hold in all models of T , we obtain $T_\forall \models \forall x \neg\phi(x)$. Hence also $\mathcal{A} \models \forall x \neg\phi(x)$, a contradiction

Therefore T' is indeed satisfiable □

3 Algebraic Examples

3.1 Quantifier Elimination

Definition 3.1. We say that a theory T has **quantifier elimination** if for every formula ϕ there is a quantifier-free formula ψ s.t.

$$T \models \phi \leftrightarrow \psi$$

Lemma 3.2. Let $(A, <)$ and $(B, <)$ be countable dense linear orders, $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$, $b_1, \dots, b_n \in B$, s.t. $a_1 < \dots < a_n$ and b_1, \dots, b_n . Then there is an isomorphism $f : A \rightarrow B$ s.t. $f(a_i) = b_i$ for all $i = 1, \dots, n$

Proof. Modify the proof of Theorem 2.36 starting with $A_0 = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$, $B_0 = \{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$, and the partial isomorphism $f_0 : A_0 \rightarrow B_0$, where $f_0(a_i) = b_i$. □

Theorem 3.3. *DLO has quantifier elimination*

Proof. First, suppose that ϕ is a sentence. If $\mathbb{Q} \models \phi$, then because DLO is complete, $\text{DLO} \models \phi$, and

$$\text{DLO} \models \phi \leftrightarrow x_1 = x_1$$

whereas if $\mathbb{Q} \models \neg\phi$

$$\text{DLO} \models \phi \leftrightarrow x_1 \neq x_1$$

Now suppose that ϕ is a formula with free variables x_1, \dots, x_n where $n \geq 1$. We will show that there is a quantifier-free formula ψ with free variables from among x_1, \dots, x_n s.t.

$$\mathbb{Q} \models \forall \bar{x} (\phi(\bar{x}) \leftrightarrow \psi(\bar{x}))$$

Because DLO is complete,

$$\text{DLO} \models \forall \bar{x} (\phi(\bar{x}) \leftrightarrow \psi(\bar{x}))$$

so this will suffice.

For $\sigma : \{(i, j) : 1 \leq i < j \leq n\} \rightarrow 3$, let $\chi_\sigma(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ be the formula

$$\bigwedge_{\sigma(i,j)=0} x_i = x_j \wedge \bigwedge_{\sigma(i,j)=1} x_i < x_j \wedge \bigwedge_{\sigma(i,j)=2} x_i > x_j$$

We call χ_σ a **sign condition**.

Let \mathcal{L} be the language of linear orders and ϕ be an \mathcal{L} -formula with $n \geq 1$ free variables. Let Λ_ϕ be the set of sign conditions s.t. there is $\bar{a} \in \mathbb{Q}$ s.t. $\mathbb{Q} \models \chi_\sigma(\bar{a}) \wedge \phi(\bar{a})$

case 1: $\Lambda_\phi = \emptyset$

Then $\mathbb{Q} \models \forall \bar{x} \neg \phi(\bar{x})$ and $\mathbb{Q} \models \phi(\bar{x}) \leftrightarrow x_1 \neq x_1$

case 2: $\Lambda_\phi \neq \emptyset$

Let

$$\psi_\phi(\bar{x}) = \bigwedge_{\sigma \in \Lambda_\phi} \chi_\sigma(\bar{x})$$

By choice of Λ_ϕ ,

$$\mathbb{Q} \models \phi(\bar{x}) \rightarrow \psi_\phi(\bar{x})$$

On the other hand, suppose that $\bar{b} \in \mathbb{Q}$ and $\mathbb{Q} \models \psi_\phi(\bar{b})$. Let $\sigma \in \Lambda_\phi$ s.t. $\mathbb{Q} \models \chi_\sigma(\bar{b})$. There is $\bar{a} \in \mathbb{Q}$ s.t. $\mathbb{Q} \models \phi(\bar{a}) \wedge \chi_\sigma(\bar{a})$. By Theorem 2.36, there is f , an automorphism of $(\mathbb{Q}, <)$ s.t. $f(\bar{a}) = \bar{b}$. By Theorem 1.9, $\mathbb{Q} \models \phi(\bar{b})$. Thus $\phi(\bar{b}) \leftrightarrow \psi_\phi(\bar{b})$ \square

Theorem 3.4. Suppose that \mathcal{L} contains a constant symbol c , T is an \mathcal{L} -theory, and $\phi(\bar{v})$ is an \mathcal{L} -formula. The following are equivalent:

1. There is a quantifier-free \mathcal{L} -formula $\psi(\bar{v})$ s.t. $T \models \forall \bar{v}(\phi(\bar{v}) \leftrightarrow \psi(\bar{v}))$
2. If \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{N} are models of T , \mathcal{A} is an \mathcal{L} -structure, $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{M}$, and $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{N}$, then $\mathcal{M} \models \phi(\bar{a})$ if and only if $\mathcal{N} \models \phi(\bar{a})$ for all $\bar{a} \in \mathcal{A}$

Proof. (1) \rightarrow (2). Suppose that $T \models \forall \bar{v}(\phi(\bar{v}) \leftrightarrow \psi(\bar{v}))$, where ψ is quantifier-free. Let $\bar{a} \in \mathcal{A}$, where \mathcal{A} is a common substructure of \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{N} and the latter structures are models of T . In Proposition 1.7, we saw that quantifier-free formulas are preserved under substructure and extension. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M} \models \phi(\bar{a}) &\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{M} \models \psi(\bar{a}) \\ &\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{A} \models \psi(\bar{a}) \\ &\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{N} \models \psi(\bar{a}) \\ &\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{N} \models \phi(\bar{a}) \end{aligned}$$

(2) \rightarrow (1). First, if $T \models \forall \bar{v}\phi(\bar{v})$, then $T \models \forall \bar{v}(\phi(\bar{v}) \leftrightarrow c = c)$. Second, if $T \models \forall \bar{v}\neg\phi(\bar{v})$, then $T \models \forall \bar{v}(\phi(\bar{v}) \leftrightarrow c \neq c)$.

Thus, we may assume that both $T \cup \{\phi(\bar{v})\}$ and $T \cup \{\neg\phi(\bar{v})\}$ are satisfiable

Let $\Gamma(\bar{v}) = \{\psi(\bar{v}) : \psi \text{ is quantifier free and } T \models \forall \bar{v}(\phi(\bar{v}) \rightarrow \psi(\bar{v}))\}$. Let d_1, \dots, d_m be new constant symbols. We will show that $T \cup \Gamma(\bar{d}) \models \phi(\bar{d})$. Then, by compactness, there are $\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n \in \Gamma$ s.t.

$$T \models \forall \bar{v} \left(\bigwedge_{i=1}^n \psi_i(\bar{v}) \rightarrow \phi(\bar{v}) \right)$$

Thus

$$T \models \forall \bar{v} \left(\bigwedge_{i=1}^n \psi_i(\bar{v}) \leftrightarrow \phi(\bar{v}) \right)$$

and $\bigwedge_{i=1}^n \psi_i(\bar{v})$ is quantifier-free

Claim $T \cup \Gamma(\bar{d}) \models \phi(\bar{d})$

Suppose not. Let $\mathcal{M} \models T \cup \Gamma(\bar{d}) \cup \{\neg\phi(\bar{d})\}$. Let \mathcal{A} be the substructure of \mathcal{M} generated by \bar{d}

Let $\Sigma = T \cup \text{Diag}(\mathcal{A}) \cup \phi(\bar{d})$. If Σ is unsatisfiable, then there are quantifier-free formulas $\psi_1(\bar{d}), \dots, \psi_n(\bar{d}) \in \text{Diag}(\mathcal{A})$ s.t.

$$T \models \forall \bar{v} \left(\bigwedge_{i=1}^n \psi_i(\bar{v}) \rightarrow \neg\phi(\bar{v}) \right)$$

But then

$$T \models \forall \bar{v} \left(\phi(\bar{v}) \rightarrow \bigvee_{i=1}^n \neg \psi_i(\bar{v}) \right)$$

so $\bigvee_{i=1}^n \neg \psi_i(\bar{v}) \in \Gamma$ and $\mathcal{A} \models \bigvee_{i=1}^n \neg \psi_i(\bar{d})$, a contradiction. Thus, Σ is satisfiable

Let $\mathcal{N} \models \Sigma$. Then $\mathcal{N} \models \phi(\bar{d})$. Because $\Sigma \supseteq \text{Diag}(\mathcal{A})$, $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{N}$, by Lemma 2.27. But $\mathcal{M} \models \neg \phi(\bar{d})$; thus $\mathcal{N} \models \neg \phi(\bar{d})$, a contradiction \square

Lemma 3.5. *Let T be an \mathcal{L} -theory. Suppose that for every quantifier-free \mathcal{L} -formula $\theta(\bar{v}, w)$ there is a quantifier-free formula $\psi(\bar{v})$ s.t. $T \models \exists w \theta(\bar{v}, w) \leftrightarrow \psi(\bar{v})$. Then T has quantifier elimination*

Proof. Let $\phi(\bar{v})$ be an \mathcal{L} -formula. We wish to show to show that $T \models \forall \bar{v} (\phi(\bar{v}) \leftrightarrow \psi(\bar{v}))$ for some quantifier-free formula $\psi(\bar{v})$

If ϕ is quantifier-free, there is nothing to prove. Suppose that for $i = 0, 1$, $T \models \forall \bar{v} (\theta_i(\bar{v}) \leftrightarrow \psi_i(\bar{v}))$, where ψ_i is quantifier-free.

If $\phi(\bar{v}) = \neg \theta_0(\bar{v})$, then $T \models \forall \bar{v} (\phi(\bar{v}) \leftrightarrow \neg \psi_0(\bar{v}))$

Suppose that $T \models \forall \bar{v} (\theta(\bar{v}, w) \leftrightarrow \psi_0(\bar{v}, w))$, where ψ_0 is quantifier-free and $\phi(\bar{v}) = \exists w \theta(\bar{v}, w)$. Then $T \models \forall \bar{v} (\phi(\bar{v}) \leftrightarrow \exists w \psi_0(\bar{v}, w))$. By our assumptions, there is a quantifier-free $\psi(\bar{v})$ s.t. $T \models \forall \bar{v} (\exists w \psi_0(\bar{v}, w) \leftrightarrow \psi(\bar{v}))$. But then $T \models \forall \bar{v} (\phi(\bar{v}) \leftrightarrow \psi(\bar{v}))$ \square

Combining Theorem 3.4 and Lemma 3.5 gives us the following test for quantifier elimination (Restrict the form of ϕ)

Corollary 3.6 (NEED TO RECONSIDER). *Let T be an \mathcal{L} -theory. Suppose that for all quantifier-free formulas $\phi(\bar{v}, w)$, if $\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N} \models T$, \mathcal{A} is a common substructure of \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{N} , $\bar{a} \in \mathcal{A}$, and there is $b \in \mathcal{M}$ s.t. $\mathcal{M} \models \phi(\bar{a}, b)$, then there is $c \in \mathcal{N}$ s.t. $\mathcal{N} \models \phi(\bar{a}, c)$. Then T has a quantifier elimination*

Proof. Check this notes Quantifier Elimination Tests and Examples

We need to show that $T \models \forall \bar{v} (\exists w \phi(\bar{v}, w) \leftrightarrow \psi(\bar{v}))$. Suppose that $\mathcal{M} \models \exists w \phi(\bar{v}, w)$, then $\mathcal{N} \models \exists w \phi(\bar{v}, w)$. Note that \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{N} are interchangeable. \square

3.1.1 Divisible Abelian Groups

Work with the language $\mathcal{L} = \{+, -, 0\}$ because its convenient

Let DAG be the \mathcal{L} -theory of nontrivial torsion-free divisible Abelian groups

Lemma 3.7. Suppose G and H are nontrivial torsion free divisible Abelian groups, $G \subseteq H$, $\psi(\bar{v}, w)$ is quantifier-free, $\bar{a} \in G$, $b \in H$, and $H \models \phi(\bar{a}, b)$. Then there is $c \in G$ s.t. $G \models \phi(\bar{a}, c)$

Proof. We first note that ψ can be put in disjunctive normal form.

Because $H \models \psi(\bar{a}, b)$, $H \models \bigwedge_{j=1}^m \theta_{i,j}(\bar{a}, b)$ for some i . Thus, without loss of generality, we may assume that ψ is a conjunction of atomic and negated atomic formulas. If $\theta(v_1, \dots, v_m, w)$ is an atomic formula, then for some integers n_1, \dots, n_m, m , $\theta(\bar{v}, w)$ is $\sum n_i v_i + mw = 0$

Thus we may assume that

$$\psi(\bar{a}, w) = \bigwedge_{i=1}^s \sum_{j=1}^m n_{i,j} a_j + m_i w = 0 \wedge \bigwedge_{i=1}^s \sum_{j=1}^m n'_{i,j} a_j + m'_i w \neq 0$$

Let $g_i = \sum n_{i,j} a_j$ and $h_i = \sum n'_{i,j} a'_j$. Then $g_i, h_i \in G$ and

$$\psi(\bar{a}, w) \leftrightarrow \bigwedge g_i + m_i w = 0 \wedge \bigwedge h_i + m'_i w \neq 0$$

If any $m_i \neq 0$, then $b = -g_i/m_i \in G$ and $G \models \theta(\bar{a}, b)$, so suppose that $\psi(\bar{a}, w) = \bigwedge h_i + m'_i w \neq 0$. Thus $\psi(\bar{a}, w)$ is satisfied by any element of H that is not equal to any one of $\frac{-h_1}{m'_1}, \dots, \frac{-h_s}{m'_s}$. Because G is infinite, there is an element of G satisfying $\psi(\bar{a}, w)$ \square

Lemma 3.8. Suppose that G is a torsion-free Abelian group. Then there is a torsion-free divisible Abelian group H , called the **divisible hull** of G , and an embedding $i : G \rightarrow H$ s.t. if $j : G \rightarrow H'$ is an embedding of G into a torsion-free divisible Abelian group, then there is $h : H \rightarrow H'$ s.t. $j = h \circ i$

Proof. If G is the trivial group, then we take $H = \mathbb{Q}$ since every torsion free divisible Abelian group can be viewed as a vector space over \mathbb{Q} . So suppose that G is non-trivial

Let $X = \{(g, n) : g \in G, n \in \mathbb{N}, n > 0\}$. We think of (g, n) as g/n

We define an equivalence relation \sim on X by $(g, n) \sim (h, m)$ if and only if $mg = nh$. Let $H = X / \sim$. For $(g, n) \in X$, let $[(g, n)]$ denote the \sim -class of (g, n) . We define $+$ on H by $[(g, n)] + [(h, m)] = [(mg + nh, mn)]$. We must show that $+$ is well defined

Suppose that $(g_0, n_0) \sim (g, n)$. We claim that $(mg_0 + n_0 h, mn_0) \sim (mg + nh, mn)$.

Similarly we can define $-$ by $[(g, n)] - [(h, m)] = [(mg - nh, mn)]$. It is easy to show that $(H, +)$ is an Abelian group

If $[(g, m)] \in H$ and $n > 0$, then $n[(g, m)] = [(ng, m)]$. If $(ng, m) \sim (0, k)$, then $kng = 0$. Because $k, n > 0$ and G is torsion free, $g = 0$. Then $[(g, m)] = [(0, 1)]$. Thus H is torsion free.

Suppose that $[(g, m)] \in H$ and $n > 0$, then $n[(g, mn)] = [(g, m)]$. Thus H is divisible.

We can embed G into H by the map $i(g) = [(g, 1)]$

Suppose that H' is a divisible torsion-free Abelian group and $j : G \rightarrow H'$ is an embedding. Let $h : H \rightarrow H'$ by $h([(g, n)]) = j(g)/n$ \square

Theorem 3.9. *DAG has quantifier elimination*

Proof. Suppose that G_0 and G_1 are torsion-free divisible Abelian groups, G is a common subgroup of G_0 and G_1 , $\bar{g} \in G$, $h \in G_0$ and $G_0 \models \phi(\bar{g}, h)$, where ϕ is quantifier-free. Let H be the divisible hull of G . Because we can embed H into G_0 , by Lemma 3.7, $H \models \exists w \phi(\bar{g}, w)$. Because we can embed H into G_1 , there is $h' \in G_1$ s.t. $G_1 \models \phi(\bar{g}, h')$. By Corollary 3.6, DAG has quantifier elimination \square

Quantifier elimination gives us a good picture of the definable sets in a model of DAG. Suppose that $\phi(v_1, \dots, v_n, w_1, \dots, w_m)$ is an atomic formula. Then there are integers k_1, \dots, k_n and l_1, \dots, l_m s.t. $\phi(\bar{v}, \bar{w}) \leftrightarrow \sum k_i x_i + \sum l_j y_j = 0$. If $G \models \text{DAG}$ and $a_1, \dots, a_m \in G$, $\phi(\bar{v}, \bar{a})$ defines $\{\bar{g} \in G^n : \sum k_i g_i + \sum l_j a_j = 0\}$, a hyperplane in G^n . Because any \mathcal{L} -formula $\phi(\bar{v}, \bar{w})$ is equivalent in DAG to a Boolean combination of atomic \mathcal{L} -formulas, every definable subset of G^n is a Boolean combination of hyperplanes

In particular, suppose that $\bar{a} \in G^m$ and $\phi(v, \bar{a})$ defines a subset of G . The “hyperplanes” in G are just single points. Thus, $\{g \in G : G \models \phi(g, \bar{a})\}$ is either finite or cofinite. Thus every definable subset of G was definable already in the language of equality

Definition 3.10. We say that an \mathcal{L} -theory T is **strongly minimal** if for any $\mathcal{M} \models T$ every definable subset of M is either finite or cofinite

Corollary 3.11. *DAG is strongly minimal*

If T is a theory then T_\forall is the set of all universal consequences of T . In Exercise 2.5.2 we saw that $\mathcal{A} \models T_\forall$ if and only if there is $\mathcal{M} \models T$ with $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{M}$. One consequence of Lemma 3.8 is that every torsion-free Abelian group is a substructure of a nontrivial divisible Abelian group. Because the axioms for torsion-free Abelian groups are universal, DAG_\forall is exactly the theory of torsion-free Abelian groups.

We say that a theory T has **algebraically prime models** if for any $\mathcal{A} \models T_{\forall}$ there is $\mathcal{M} \models T$ and an embedding $i : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ s.t. for all $\mathcal{N} \models T$ and embeddings $j : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$ there is $h : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$ s.t. $j = h \circ i$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{A} \models T_{\forall} & \xrightarrow{i} & \mathcal{M} \models T \\ & \searrow j & \downarrow h \\ & & \mathcal{N} \models T \end{array}$$

If $\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N} \models T$ and $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathcal{N}$, we say that \mathcal{M} is **simply closed** in \mathcal{N} and write $\mathcal{M} \prec_s \mathcal{N}$ if for any quantifier free formula $\phi(\bar{v}, w)$ and any $\bar{a} \in M$, if $\mathcal{N} \models \exists \phi(\bar{a}, w)$ then so does \mathcal{M} . Lemma 3.7 says that if G and H are models of DAG and $G \subseteq H$, then $G \prec_s H$.

Corollary 3.12. *Suppose that T is an \mathcal{L} -theory s.t.*

1. *T has algebraically prime models and*
2. *$\mathcal{M} \prec_s \mathcal{N}$ whenever $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathcal{N}$ are models of T*

Then T has quantifier elimination

Proof. Suppose $\mathcal{A} \models T_{\forall}$, then \square

Definition 3.13. An \mathcal{L} -theory T is **model-complete** $\mathcal{M} \prec \mathcal{N}$ whenever $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathcal{N}$ and $\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N} \models T$

Proposition 3.14. *If T has quantifier elimination, then T is model-complete*

Proof. Suppose that $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathcal{N}$ are models of T . Let $\phi(\bar{v})$ be an \mathcal{L} -formula, and let $\bar{a} \in M$. There is a quantifier-free formula $\psi(\bar{v})$ s.t. $\mathcal{M} \models \forall \bar{v}(\phi(\bar{v}) \leftrightarrow \psi(\bar{v}))$. Because quantifier-free formulas are preserved under substructures and extensions, $\mathcal{M} \models \psi(\bar{a})$ if and only if $\mathcal{N} \models \psi(\bar{a})$. Thus $\mathcal{M} \prec \mathcal{N}$ \square

Proposition 3.15. *Let T be a model-complete theory. Suppose that there is $\mathcal{M}_0 \models T$ s.t. \mathcal{M}_0 embeds into every model of T . Then T is complete*

Proof. If $\mathcal{M} \models T$, then $\mathcal{M}_0 \prec \mathcal{M}$. In particular $\mathcal{M}_0 \equiv \mathcal{M}$. \square

Because $(\mathbb{Q}, +, 0)$ embeds in every model of DAG, this gives another proof of the completeness of DAG

3.1.2 Ordered Divisible Abelian Groups

Let $\mathcal{L} = \{+, 0, <, 0\}$ and let ODAG be the theory of nontrivial divisible ordered Abelian groups. The axioms for ordered Abelian groups are universal and hence contained in ODAG_\forall .

Lemma 3.16. *Let G be an ordered Abelian group and H be the divisible hull of G . We can order H s.t. $i : G \rightarrow H$ is order-preserving, $(H, +, <) \models \text{ODAG}$ and if $H' \models \text{ODAG}$ and $j : G \rightarrow H'$ is an embedding, then there is an embedding $h : H \rightarrow H'$ s.t. $j = h \circ i$*

Proof. We let $\frac{g}{n}$ denote $[(g, n)]$. We can order H by $\frac{g}{n} < \frac{h}{m}$ if and only if $mg < nh$. If $g < h$, then $\frac{g}{1} < \frac{h}{1}$ so this extends the ordering of G . If $\frac{g_1}{n_1} < \frac{g_2}{n_2}$ and $\frac{h_1}{m_1} \leq \frac{h_2}{m_2}$, then $n_2 g_1 < n_1 g_2$ and $m_2 h_1 \leq m_1 h_2$. Then,

$$m_1 m_2 n_2 g_1 + n_1 n_2 m_2 h_1 < m_1 m_2 n_1 g_2 + n_1 n_2 m_1 h_2$$

and

$$\frac{m_1 g_1 + n_1 h_1}{m_1 n_1} < \frac{m_2 g_2 + n_2 h_2}{m_2 n_2}$$

Thus, $<$ makes H an ordered group

If H' is another ordered divisible Abelian group and $j : G \rightarrow H'$ is an embedding, let h be as in Lemma 3.8 \square

To prove quantifier elimination, we must show that if G and H are ordered divisible Abelian groups and $G \subseteq H$, then $G \prec_s H$

Suppose that $\phi(v, \bar{a})$ is a quantifier-free formula, $\bar{a} \in G$, and for some $b \in H$, $H \models \phi(b, \bar{a})$. As above, it suffices to consider the case where ϕ is a conjunction of atomic and negated atomic formulas. If $\theta(v, \bar{w})$ is atomic, then θ is equivalent to either $\sum n_i w_i + mv = 0$ or $\sum n_i w_i + mv > 0$ for some $n_i, m \in \mathbb{Z}$. In particular, there is an element $g \in G$ s.t. $\theta(v, \bar{a})$ is of the form $mv = g$ or $mv > g$. Also note that for any formula $mv \neq g$ is equivalent to $mv > g$ or $-mv > g$. Thus we may assume that

$$\phi(v, \bar{a}) \leftrightarrow \bigwedge m_i v = g_i \bigwedge n_i v > h_i$$

where $g_i, h_i \in G$ and $m_i, n_i \in \mathbb{Z}$

If there is actually a conjunct $m_i v = g_i$, then we must have $b = \frac{g_i}{m_i} \in G$; otherwise $\phi(v, \bar{a}) = \bigwedge m_i v > h_i$. Let $k_0 = \min\{\frac{h_i}{m_i} : m_i < 0\}$ and $k_i = \max\{\frac{h_i}{m_i} : m_i > 0\}$. Then $c \in H$ satisfies $\phi(v, \bar{a})$ if and only if $k_0 < v < k_1$. Because b satisfies ϕ , we must have $k_0 < k_1$. But any ordered divisible Abelian group is densely ordered because if $g < h$ then $g < \frac{g+h}{2} < h$, so there is $d \in G$ s.t. $k_0 < d < k_1$. Thus $G \prec_s H$

Corollary 3.17. *ODAG is a complete decidable theory with quantifier elimination. In particular, every ordered divisible Abelian group is elementarily equivalent to $\mathbb{Q}, +, <$*

Proof. By Lemma 3.16, ODAG_\forall is the theory of ordered Abelian groups and ODAG has algebraically prime models. From Corollary 3.12 we see that ODAG has quantifier elimination. The ordered group of rational embeds into every ordered divisible Abelian group; thus by Proposition 3.15, ODAG is complete. Because ODAG has a recursive axiomatization, it is decidable by Lemma 2.22 \square

ODAG is not strongly minimal. For example, $\{a \in \mathbb{Q} : a < 0\}$ is infinite and coinfinite. On the other hand, *definable subsets are quite well-behaved*. Suppose that G is an ordered divisible Abelian group and $X \subseteq G$ definable. By quantifier elimination, X is a Boolean combination of sets defined by atomic formulas. If $\phi(v, w_1, \dots, w_n)$ is atomic, then there are integers k_0, \dots, k_n s.t. ϕ is equivalent to either

$$k_0 v + \sum k_i w_i = 0$$

or

$$k_0 v + \sum k_i w_i > 0$$

If $\bar{a} \in G^n$, in the first case $\phi(v, \bar{a})$ defines a finite set whereas in the second case it defines an interval. It follows that X is a finite union of points and intervals with endpoints in $G \cup \{\pm\infty\}$

Definition 3.18. We say the an ordered structure $(M, <, \dots)$ is **o-minimal** if for any definable $X \subseteq M$ there are finitely many intervals I_1, \dots, I_m with endpoints in $M \cup \{\pm\infty\}$ and a finite set X_0 s.t. $X = X_0 \cup I_1 \cup \dots \cup I_m$

3.1.3 Presburger Arithmetic

Let $\mathcal{L} = \{+, -, <, 0, 1\}$ and consider the \mathcal{L} -theory of the ordered group of integers. In fact this theory will not have quantifier elimination in the language \mathcal{L} . Let $\psi_n(v)$ be the formula

$$\exists y \ v = \underbrace{y + \dots + y}_{n\text{-times}}$$

It turns out that this is the only obstruction to quantifier elimination. Let $\mathcal{L}^* = \mathcal{L} \cup \{P_n : n = 2, 3, \dots\}$ where P_n is a unary predicate which we will interpret as the elements divisible by n

For any language \mathcal{L} and \mathcal{L} -theory T , there is a language $\mathcal{L}' \supseteq \mathcal{L}$ and an \mathcal{L}' -theory $T' \supseteq T$ s.t. for any $\mathcal{M} \models T$ we can interpret the new symbols of \mathcal{L}' to make $\mathcal{M}' \models T'$ s.t. for any subset of M^k definable using \mathcal{L}' is already definable using \mathcal{L} , and any \mathcal{L}' -formula is equivalent to an atomic \mathcal{L}' -formula

Let $\mathcal{L}' = \mathcal{L} \cup \{R_\phi : \phi \text{ an } \mathcal{L}\text{-formula}\}$, where if ϕ is a formula in n free variables, R_ϕ is an n -ary predicate symbol. Let T' be the theory obtained by adding to T the sentences

$$\forall \bar{v} (\phi(\bar{v}) \leftrightarrow R_\phi(\bar{v}))$$

Consider the \mathcal{L}^* -theory, which we call Pr for **Presburger arithmetic**, with axioms:

1. axioms for ordered Abelian groups
2. $0 < 1$
3. $\forall x (x \leq 0 \vee x \geq 1)$
4. $\forall x (P_n(x) \leftrightarrow \exists y \, x = \underbrace{y + \dots + y}_{n\text{-times}})$, for $n = 2, 3, \dots$
5. $\forall x \bigvee_{i=0}^{n-1} [P_n(x + \underbrace{1 + \dots + 1}_{i \text{ times}}) \wedge \bigwedge_{j \neq i} \neg P_n(x + \underbrace{1 + \dots + 1}_{j \text{ times}})]$ for $n = 2, 3, \dots$

Suppose that $(G, +, -, <, 0, 1)$ is a model of Pr. For each n , axiom (4) asserts that $P_n^G = nG$. Axiom (5) asserts that $\frac{G}{nG} \cong \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{n\mathbb{Z}}$

3.2 Algebraically Closed Fields

Lemma 3.19. *ACF_∅ is the theory of integral domains*

Proof. The axioms for integral domains are universal consequences of ACF. If D is an integral domain, then the algebraic closure of the fraction field of D is a model of ACF. Because every integral domain is a subring of an algebraically closed field, ACF_∅ is the theory of integral domains by Exercise 2.5.2 \square

Theorem 3.20. *ACF has quantifier elimination*

Proof. We will apply Corollary 3.12. If D is an integral domain, then the algebraic closure of the fraction field of D embeds into any algebraically closed field containing D . Thus ACF has algebraically prime models

To prove quantifier elimination, we need only show that if K and F are algebraically closed fields, $F \subseteq K$, $\phi(x, \bar{y})$ is quantifier-free, $\bar{a} \in F$, and $K \models \phi(b, \bar{a})$ for some $b \in K$, then $F \models \exists v \phi(v, \bar{a})$

As in Lemma 3.7, we may assume that $\phi(x, \bar{y})$ is a conjunction of atomic and negated atomic formulas. In the language of rings, atomic formulas $\phi(v_1, \dots, v_n)$ are of the form $p(\bar{v}) = 0$, where $p \in \mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$. If $p(X, \bar{Y}) \in \mathbb{Z}[X, \bar{Y}]$, we can view $p(X, \bar{a})$ as a polynomial in $F[X]$. Thus there are polynomials $p_1, \dots, p_n, q_1, \dots, q_m \in F[X]$ s.t. $\phi(v, \bar{a})$ is equivalent to

$$\bigwedge_{i=1}^n p_i(v) = 0 \wedge \bigwedge_{i=1}^m q_i(v) \neq 0$$

If any of the polynomials p_i are nonzero, then b is algebraic over F . In this case, $b \in F$ because F is algebraically closed. Thus we may assume that $\phi(v, \bar{a})$ is equivalent to

$$\bigwedge_{i=1}^m q_i(v) \neq 0$$

But $q_i(X) = 0$ has only finitely many solutions for each $i \leq m$. Thus there are only finitely many elements of F that do not satisfy F . Because algebraically closed fields are infinite, there is a $c \in F$ s.t.

$$F \models \phi(c, \bar{a})$$

□

Corollary 3.21. *ACF is model-complete and ACF_p is complete where $p = 0$ or p is prime*

4 Set Theory

4.1 Cardinal Arithmetic

Corollary 4.1. 1. If $|I| = \kappa$ and $|A_i| \leq \kappa$ for all $i \in I$, then $|\bigcup A_i| \leq \kappa$

2. If κ is regular, $|I| < \kappa$ and $|A_i| < \kappa$ for all $i \in I$, then $|\bigcup A_i| < \kappa$

3. Let κ be an infinite cardinal. Let X be a set and \mathcal{F} a set of functions $f : X^{\kappa} \rightarrow X$. Suppose that $|\mathcal{F}| \leq \kappa$ and $A \subseteq X$ with $|A| \leq \kappa$. Let $\mathbf{CL}(A)$ be the smallest subset of X containing A closed under the functions in \mathcal{F} . Then $|\mathbf{CL}(A)| \leq \kappa$

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