QUANTIFIER ELIMINATION IN SHELAH-SPENCER GRAPHS

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ABSTRACT. We simplify [?] proof of quantifier elimination in Shelah-Spencer graphs.

1. Introduction

Laskowski's paper [?] provides a combinatorial proof of quantifier elimination in Shelah-Spencer graphs. Here we provide a simplification of the proof using only maximal chains and avoiding technical lemmas of sections 3 and 4.

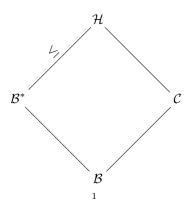
2. Preliminaries

We will use notation of [?], in particular things like K_{α} , $\delta(\mathcal{A}/\mathcal{B})$, $X_m(\mathcal{A})$ etc.

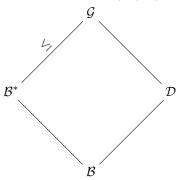
3. Proof

Definition 3.1. Fix $\mathcal{B} \in \mathbf{K}_{\alpha}$, Φ, Γ finite subsets of \mathbf{K}_{α} , and $m \in \omega$ such that for each $\mathcal{C} \in \Phi$ or $\mathcal{C} \in \Gamma$ we have $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$ and $|C \setminus B| < m$. Define $Z(\mathcal{B}, \Phi, \Gamma, m)$ to be all $\mathcal{B}^* \in X_m(\mathcal{B})$ such that

(1) For every $C \in \Phi$ there are no \mathcal{H} with $|H \setminus B^*| < m$ satisfying



(2) For every $\mathcal{D} \in \Gamma$ there is some \mathcal{G} with $|G \setminus B^*| < m$ satisfying



Definition 3.2. Let $\mathcal{M} \models \S$, $\mathcal{B} \in \mathbf{K}_{\alpha}$, embedding $f : \mathcal{B} \to \mathcal{M}$, Φ finite subset of \mathbf{K}_{α}

- (1) Say that f omits Φ if there are no $\mathcal{C} \in \Phi$ and $g \colon \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{M}$ extending f.
- (2) Say that f admits Φ if for every $\mathcal{C} \in \Phi$ there is $g \colon \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{M}$ extending f.

Lemma 3.3.

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