

## Local stability in structures with a standard sort

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ABSTRACT.

### 1. Structures with a standard sort

Let  $S$  be some Hausdorff compact topological space. We associate to  $S$  a first order structure in a language  $\mathcal{L}_S$  that has a symbol for each compact subset  $C \subseteq S^n$  and a function symbol for each continuous functions  $f : S^n \rightarrow S$ . According to the context,  $C$  and  $f$  denote either the symbols of  $\mathcal{L}_S$  or their interpretation in the structure  $S$ .

We also fix an arbitrary first-order language which we denote by  $\mathcal{L}_H$  and call the language of the home sort.

**1 Definition** Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a two sorted language. The two sorts are denoted by  $H$  and  $S$ . The language  $\mathcal{L}$  expands  $\mathcal{L}_H$  and  $\mathcal{L}_S$  with symbols sort  $H^n \times S^m \rightarrow S$ . An  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure is a structure of signature  $\mathcal{L}$  that interprets these symbols in equicontinuous functions (i.e. uniformly continuous w.r.t. the variables in  $H$ ).  
A **standard structure** is a two-sorted  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure of the form  $\langle M, S \rangle$ , where  $M$  is any structure of signature  $\mathcal{L}_H$  and  $S$  is fixed. Standard structures are denoted by the domain of their home sort.

We denote by  $\mathcal{F}$  the set of  $\mathcal{L}$ -formulas constructed inductively from atomic formulas of the form (i) and (ii) below using Boolean connectives  $\wedge, \vee$ ; the quantifiers  $\forall^H, \exists^H$  of sort  $H$ ; and the quantifiers  $\forall^S, \exists^S$  of sort  $S$ .

We write  $x \in C$  for the predicate associated to a compact set  $C$ , and denote by  $|\cdot|$  the length of a tuple.

**2 Definition** We call atomic formulas those of the form

- i. atomic or negated atomic formulas of  $\mathcal{L}_H$ ;
- ii.  $\tau \in C$ , where  $\tau$  is a tuple of terms of sort  $H^n \times S^m \rightarrow S$ , and  $C \subseteq S^{|\tau|}$  is a compact set.

**3 Remark** A smaller fragment of  $\mathcal{F}$  may be of interest in some specific contexts. This is obtained by excluding equalities and inequalities from (i) and requiring that  $C$  in (ii) is a regular compact set. The discussion below applies to this smaller fragment as well.

Let  $M \subseteq N$  be standard structures. We say that  $M$  is an  $\mathcal{F}$ -elementary substructure of  $N$  if the latter models all  $\mathcal{F}(M)$ -sentences that are true in  $M$ .

Let  $x$  and  $\xi$  be variables of sort  $H$ , respectively  $S$ . A standard structure  $M$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -saturated if it realizes every type  $p(x; \xi) \subseteq \mathcal{F}(A)$ , for any  $A \subseteq M$  of cardinality smaller than  $|M|$ , that is finitely consistent in  $M$ . The following theorem is proved in [AAVV] for signatures that do not contain symbols sort  $H^n \times S^m \rightarrow S$  with  $n \cdot m > 0$ . A similar framework has been independently introduced in [PC] – only without quantifiers of sort  $H$  and with an approximate notion of satisfaction. By elimination of quantifiers of sort  $S$ , cf. [AAVV, Proposition 3.6], the two approaches are equivalent (up to approximations).

In [Z] it is observed that, under the assumption of equicontinuity, the proof in [AAVV] extends to the case  $n \cdot m \geq 0$ .

**4 Theorem (Compactness)** Every standard structure has a  $\mathcal{F}$ -saturated  $\mathcal{F}$ -elementary extension.

We introduce variables of some new sorts  $X_n$  with the sole scope of conveniently describing classes of  $\mathcal{F}$ -formulas that only differ by the sets/predicates  $C \subseteq S^n$  that occur. To avoid cluttering the notation we write  $X$  to mean a suitable tuple of sorts  $X_{n_1}, \dots, X_{n_k}$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}_X$  be defined as  $\mathcal{F}$  but replacing (ii) with

iii.  $\tau(x; \xi) \in X$ , where  $X$  is a variable of sort  $X$ .

Formulas in  $\mathcal{F}_X$  are denoted by  $\varphi(x; \xi; X)$ , where  $X = X_1, \dots, X_k$  be a tuple of sort  $X$ . If  $C = C_1, \dots, C_k$  is a tuple of compact subsets of a suitable arity then  $\varphi(x; \xi; C)$ , is a formula in  $\mathcal{F}$ . This we call an **instance** of  $\varphi(x; \xi; X)$ . All formulas in  $\mathcal{F}$  are instances of formulas in  $\mathcal{F}_X$ .

**5 Definition** Let  $\varphi \in \mathcal{F}_X$  be formula – possibly with some (hidden) free variables. The **pseudonegation** of  $\varphi \in \mathcal{F}_X$  is the formula obtained by replacing in  $\varphi$  the atomic formulas in  $\mathcal{L}_H$  by their negation and every connective  $\wedge, \vee, \forall, \exists$  by their respective duals  $\vee, \wedge, \exists, \forall$ .

The pseudonegation of  $\varphi$  is denoted by  $\sim\varphi$ . Clearly, when  $X$  does not occur in  $\varphi$ , we have  $\sim\varphi \leftrightarrow \neg\varphi$ .

The following fact is immediate and will be used without further mention.

**6 Fact** The following hold for every  $C \subseteq C'$  and  $\tilde{C} \cap C = \emptyset$ , every standard structure  $M$ , and every formula  $\varphi(X) \in \mathcal{F}_X(M)$

$$\begin{aligned} M &\models \varphi(C) \rightarrow \varphi(C') \\ M &\models \sim\varphi(C) \rightarrow \neg\varphi(\tilde{C}). \end{aligned}$$

**7 Fact** For every  $C \subseteq C'$  there is a  $\tilde{C} \subseteq C'$  disjoint from  $C$  such that

$$M \models \varphi(C) \rightarrow \neg \sim \varphi(\tilde{C}) \rightarrow \varphi(C')$$

for every  $M$ , and every  $\varphi(X) \in \mathcal{F}_X(M)$ . Conversely, for every  $\tilde{C} \cap C = \emptyset$  there is a  $C' \supseteq C$  such that

$$M \models \varphi(C) \rightarrow \varphi(C') \rightarrow \neg \sim \varphi(\tilde{C}).$$

for every  $M$ , and every  $\varphi(X) \in \mathcal{F}_X(M)$ .

**Proof.** When  $\varphi(X)$  is the atomic formula  $\tau \in X$ , the first claim holds with  $\tilde{C} = C' \setminus O$  where  $O$  is any open set  $C \subseteq O \subseteq C'$ . The second claim holds with as  $C'$  any neighborhood of  $C$  disjoint from  $\tilde{C}$ . Induction on the syntax of  $\varphi(X)$  proves the general case.  $\square$

The above fact has the following useful consequence.

**8 Fact** Let  $\varphi(X) \in \mathcal{F}_X(M)$ , where  $M$  is a standard structure. Then the following are equivalent for every tuple  $C$

$$M \models \varphi(C) \leftarrow \bigwedge \left\{ \varphi(C') : C' \text{ neighborhood of } C \right\}$$

$$M \models \neg \varphi(C) \rightarrow \bigvee \left\{ \sim \varphi(\tilde{C}) : \tilde{C} \cap C = \emptyset \right\}.$$

(The converse implications are trivial – therefore not displayed.)

Note that the fact also holds if we restrict the above  $C'$  and  $\tilde{C}$  to range over the subsets of some  $C''$  that is a neighborhood of  $C$ .

**9 Fact** The equivalent conditions in Fact 8 hold in all  $\mathcal{F}$ -saturated structures.

**Proof.** By induction on the syntax of  $\varphi(X)$ .  $\square$

We say that  $M$  is  **$\mathcal{F}$ -maximal** if it models all  $\mathcal{F}(M)$ -sentences that hold in some of its  $\mathcal{F}$ -elementary extensions. By the following fact  $\mathcal{F}$ -saturated structures are  $\mathcal{F}$ -maximal.

**10 Fact** Let  $\varphi(X) \in \mathcal{F}_X(M)$ . Then the following are equivalent

1.  $M$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -maximal
2. the equivalent conditions in Fact 8 hold for every  $\varphi(C)$ .

**Proof.**  $1 \Rightarrow 2$ . If (2) in Fact 8 fails,  $\neg \varphi(C) \wedge \neg \sim \varphi(\tilde{C})$  holds in  $M$  for every  $\tilde{C} \cap C = \emptyset$ . Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be an  $\mathcal{F}$ -saturated  $\mathcal{F}$ -elementary extension of  $M$ . As  $M$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -maximal,  $\neg \varphi(C) \wedge \neg \sim \varphi(\tilde{C})$  holds also in  $\mathcal{U}$ . Then (2) in Fact 8 fails in  $\mathcal{U}$ , contradicting Fact 9.

$2 \Rightarrow 1$ . Let  $N$  be any  $\mathcal{F}$ -elementary extension of  $M$ . Suppose  $N \models \varphi(C)$ . By (2), it suffices to prove that  $M \models \varphi(C')$  for every  $C'$  neighborhood of  $C$ . Suppose not. Then, by (2) in Fact 8,  $M \models \sim \varphi(\tilde{C})$  for some  $\tilde{C} \cap C' = \emptyset$ . Then  $N \models \sim \varphi(\tilde{C})$  by  $\mathcal{F}$ -elementarity. As  $\tilde{C} \cap C = \emptyset$ , this contradicts Fact 9.  $\square$

In what follows we fix a large saturated standard structure which we denote by  $\mathcal{U}$ . Unless otherwise specified, we work inside  $\mathcal{U}$ . Let  $\varphi(X) \in \mathcal{F}_X(\mathcal{U})$  be given. Define

$$C_\varphi = \{\alpha : \varphi(C) \text{ holds for every } C \text{ neighborhood of } \alpha\}$$

Then  $C_\varphi$  is a closed set. Note that either  $C_\varphi$  or  $C_{\sim\varphi}$  is empty by Fact 6.

## 2. Stable formulas

Let  $\varphi(x; z; X)$  be an infinite conjunction of formulas in  $\mathcal{F}_X$ . The variables of sort  $H$  are partitioned in two tuples  $x; z$  which may be infinite. We say that  $\varphi(x; z; X)$  is **unstable** if there are some  $C \cap \tilde{C} = \emptyset$  and a sequence  $\langle a_i; b_i : i < \omega \rangle$  such that for every  $i < j < \omega$

$$\varphi(a_i; b_j; C) \wedge \sim \varphi(a_j; b_i; \tilde{C})$$

We say that  $\varphi(x; z; X)$  is **stable** if it is not unstable.

The following fact is a characterization of stability in a context of particular interest. Let  $\tau : \mathcal{U}^{x;z} \rightarrow S$  be a function definable by an infinite conjunction of formulas in  $\mathcal{F}$ . We say that  $\tau(x; z)$  is **stable** if so is  $\tau(x; z) \in X$ .

**11 Fact** Let  $\tau(x; z)$  be as above. Then the following are equivalent

1. the formula  $\tau(x; z) \in X$  is unstable
2. for some sequence  $\langle a_i; b_i : i < \omega \rangle$

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \tau(a_i; b_j) \neq \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \tau(a_i; b_j)$$

**Proof.**  $1 \Rightarrow 2$ . Let  $C \cap \tilde{C} = \emptyset$  and  $\langle a_i; b_i : i < \omega \rangle$  be as given by (1). That is,  $\tau(a_i; b_j) \in C$  and  $\tau(a_j; b_i) \in \tilde{C}$  hold for every  $i < j < \omega$ . We can restrict to a subsequence such that the two limits exist;  $C$  contains the limit on the left; and  $\tilde{C}$  contains the limit on the right – which therefore are distinct.

$2 \Rightarrow 1$ . Let  $C$  and  $\tilde{C}$  be disjoint neighborhoods of the two limits in (2). Then (1) is witnessed by a tail of the sequence  $\langle a_i; b_i : i < \omega \rangle$ .  $\square$

Assume  $S$  is a metric space. Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . We say that  $f : \mathcal{U}^{x;z} \rightarrow S$  is  **$\varepsilon$ -approximable** by  $\tau(x; z)$  if for every finite  $B \subseteq \mathcal{U}^z$  and there is an  $a \in \mathcal{U}^x$  such that

$$d(f(b), \tau(a; b)) \leq \varepsilon \quad \text{for every } b \in B.$$

In general (when  $S$  is not a metric space) then  $\varepsilon$  is a closed neighborhood of the diagonal of  $S^2$  and the condition above becomes  $\langle f(b), \tau(a; b) \rangle \in \varepsilon$ .

## 3. A case study

In this section we assume  $S = [0, 1]$ . It is easy to see that when  $\tau(x; z)$  has values in  $[0, 1]$  stability holds if there is no sequence  $\langle a_i; b_i : i < \omega \rangle$  such that for every  $i < j < \omega$

$$|\tau(a_i; b_j) - \tau(a_j; b_i)| \geq \varepsilon.$$

The following theorem and its proof are well-known – though not literally in this form, cf. [BU, Proposition 7.6].

**12 Theorem** Let  $S = [0, 1]$ . Let  $\tau(x; z)$  be a stable definable function. Let  $f : \mathcal{U}^{x; z} \rightarrow S$  be  $\varepsilon$ -approximable by  $\tau(x; z)$ . Then there are some  $\langle a_{i,j} : i < n, j < \omega \rangle$  such that

$$|f(b) - \max_{i=0, \dots, n-1} \inf_{j < \omega} \tau(a_{i,j}; b)| \leq 3\varepsilon \quad \text{for every } b \in \mathcal{U}^z.$$

**Proof.** The theorem is an immediate consequence of the following three lemmas.  $\square$

We say that  $f : \mathcal{U}^{x; z} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is  $\varepsilon$ -approximable **from below** if the parameter  $a \in \mathcal{U}^x$  that witnesses approximability satisfies  $\tau(a; b) \leq f(b) + \varepsilon$  for every  $b \in \mathcal{U}^z$ .

**13 Lemma** Assume that the  $f$  in the theorem is  $\varepsilon$ -approximable from below. Then there are some  $\langle a_i : i < n \rangle$  such that

$$|f(b) - \max_{i=0, \dots, n-1} \tau(a_i; b)| \leq \varepsilon \quad \text{for every } b \in \mathcal{U}^z.$$

**Proof.** Negate the lemma. We construct inductively a sequence  $\langle a_i; b_i : i < \omega \rangle$  that contradicts the stability of  $\tau(x; z)$ . Then, let  $b_n$  be such that (if  $n = 0$  pick  $b_n$  arbitrarily)

$$1. \quad |f(b_n) - \max_{i=0, \dots, n-1} \tau(a_i; b_n)| > \varepsilon$$

By approximability from below, for some  $a_n$  we have

$$2. \quad \tau(a_n; b_i) - f(b_i) \leq \varepsilon \quad \text{for every } i \leq n$$

$$3. \quad \tau(a_n; b) \leq f(b) + \varepsilon \quad \text{for every } b \in \mathcal{U}^z.$$

We prove instability by showing that for every  $i < n$

$$4. \quad \tau(a_n; b_i) - \tau(a_i; b_n) > \varepsilon$$

Note that by virtue of (3)

$$\max_{i=0, \dots, n-1} \tau(a_i; b_n) - f(b_n) \leq \varepsilon$$

Then (1) ensures that

$$1'. \quad f(b_n) - \max_{i=0, \dots, n-1} \tau(a_i; b_n) > \varepsilon$$

Using (1') we obtain

$$\tau(a_n; b_i) - \tau(a_i; b_n) > \tau(a_n; b_i) - f(b_n) + \varepsilon$$

then by (2) we have

$$> f(b_i) - f(b_n) + 2\varepsilon$$

By refining the sequence we can assume that  $|f(b_i) - f(b_n)| < \varepsilon$  for every  $i, n \in \omega$ . This yields (4).  $\square$

**14 Lemma** Under the assumptions of the theorem. Let  $\bar{x} = \langle x_i : i < \omega \rangle$  where the  $x_i$  are copies of  $x$ . Then the function

$$\sigma(\bar{x}; z) = \inf_{i < \omega} \tau(x_i; z)$$

$3\varepsilon$ -approximates  $f$  from below.

**Proof.** Negate the claim and let  $B$  witness that  $\sigma(\bar{x}; z)$  does not  $\varepsilon$ -approximate  $f$  from below. We construct inductively a sequence  $\langle a_i; b_i : i < \omega \rangle$  that contradicts the stability of  $\tau(x; z)$ . Then, let  $a_n$  be such that

$$1. \quad |\tau(a_n; b) - f(b)| \leq \varepsilon \quad \text{for every } b \in B \cup \{b_0, \dots, b_n\}$$

then let  $b_n$  be such that

$$2. \quad \min_{i=0, \dots, n} \tau(a_i; b_n) > f(b_n) + 3\varepsilon.$$

We show that the sequence we constructed contradicts stability. In fact, by (2)

$$\tau(a_i; b_n) - \tau(a_n; b_i) > f(b_n) + 3\varepsilon - \tau(a_n; b_i).$$

Then, by (1)

$$\tau(a_i; b_n) - \tau(a_n; b_i) > f(b_n) + 3\varepsilon - f(b_i) - \varepsilon$$

As in the previous lemma, after refining the sequence we we obtain a contradiction.  $\square$

**15 Lemma** If  $\tau(\bar{x}; z)$  is stable, then  $\sigma(\bar{x}; z)$  in the previous lemma is stable.

**Proof.** It suffices to show that

$$\sigma(x_1, x_2; z) = \min_{i=1,2} \tau(x_i; z)$$

is stable. Suppose not. Pick  $\langle a_{1,i}, a_{2,i}; b_i : i < \omega \rangle$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that for every  $i < j < \omega$

$$|\sigma(a_{1,i}, a_{2,i}; b_j) - \sigma(a_{1,j}, a_{2,j}; b_i)| \geq \varepsilon$$

By Ramsey's theorem, we can refine the sequence so that one of the following holds for every  $i < j$

$$\sigma(a_{1,i}, a_{2,i}; b_j) - \sigma(a_{1,j}, a_{2,j}; b_i) \geq \varepsilon$$

$$-\sigma(a_{1,i}, a_{2,i}; b_j) + \sigma(a_{1,j}, a_{2,j}; b_i) \geq \varepsilon$$

Assume the first – the second case is symmetric. Again by Ramsey's theorem, we can refine the sequence so that for every  $i < j$  either  $\tau(a_{1,i}; b_j) \leq \tau(a_{2,i}; b_j)$  or conversely  $\tau(a_{1,i}; b_j) \geq \tau(a_{2,i}; b_j)$ . In the first case we obtain

$$\tau(a_{1,i}; b_j) - \tau(a_{2,j}; b_i) \geq \varepsilon$$

in the second case we obtain

$$\tau(a_{2,i}; b_j) - \tau(a_{1,j}; b_i) \geq \varepsilon.$$

In both cases we contradict the stability of  $\tau(x; z)$ .  $\square$

#### 4. Tentative

We write  $K$  for a set of compact subsets of  $S^n$ . Let  $\mathcal{D} \subseteq K$ . We define

$$\sim\mathcal{D} = \{\tilde{C} \in K : \tilde{C} \cap C \neq \emptyset \text{ for every } C \in \mathcal{D}\}.$$

**16 Fact** If  $\mathcal{D} = \{C : \varphi(C)\}$  then  $\sim\mathcal{D} = \{\tilde{C} : \sim\varphi(\tilde{C})\}$

**Proof.** We need to prove that

$$\sim\varphi(\tilde{C}) \Leftrightarrow \text{for every } C, [C \cap \tilde{C} = \emptyset \rightarrow \neg\varphi(C)]$$

Implication  $\Rightarrow$  follows immediately from Fact 6. To prove  $\Leftarrow$  assume the r.h.s. Then  $\neg\varphi(S \setminus O)$  holds for every open set  $O \supseteq \tilde{C}$ . From the second implication in Fact 8 we obtain  $\sim\varphi(\tilde{C}')$  for some  $\tilde{C} \subseteq \tilde{C}' \subseteq O$ . As  $O$  is arbitrary, we obtain  $\varphi(\tilde{C})$  from the second implication in Fact 8.  $\square$

Note that we always have  $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \sim\sim\mathcal{D}$ . When  $\mathcal{D} = \sim\sim\mathcal{D}$  we say that  $\mathcal{D}$  is **regular**.

We say that  $\mathcal{D}$  is **approximable** by  $\varphi(x; z; X)$  if for every finite  $B \subseteq \mathcal{U}^z$  and every finitely many  $C_i \in K(S)$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , there is an  $a \in \mathcal{U}^x$  such that

$$\langle b, C_i \rangle \in \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \varphi(a; b; C_i) \quad \text{and}$$

$$\langle b, C_i \rangle \in \sim\mathcal{D} \rightarrow \sim\varphi(a; b; C_i) \quad \text{for all } b \in B \text{ and } i = 1, \dots, n.$$

A **global  $\varphi(x; z; X)$ -type** is a maximally (finitely) consistent set of formulas that are instances of  $\varphi(x; b; X)$  and/or  $\sim\varphi(x; b; X)$  for some  $b \in \mathcal{U}^{|z|}$ .

The following is immediate.

**17 Fact** For every  $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathcal{U}^z \times K(S)$  the following are equivalent

1.  $\mathcal{D}$  is approximable by  $\varphi(x; z; X)$
2. the following defines a (consistent) global  $\varphi(x; z; X)$ -type

$$p(x) = \{\varphi(x; b; C) : \langle b, C \rangle \in \mathcal{D}\} \cup \{\sim\varphi(x; b; C) : \langle b, C \rangle \in \sim\mathcal{D}\}.$$

**Proof.**  $2 \Rightarrow 1$ . The finite consistency of  $p(x)$  immediately implies that  $\mathcal{D}$  is approximable by  $\varphi(x; z; X)$ .

$1 \Rightarrow 2$ . Finite consistency of  $p(x)$  follows (again, immediately) from approximability. We prove  $p(x)$  is maximal. We need to consider two cases. First, assume for a contradiction that  $\varphi(x; b; C)$  is consistent with  $p(x)$  but  $\langle b, C \rangle \notin \mathcal{D}$ . Then consistency implies that  $\langle b, \tilde{C} \rangle \notin \sim\mathcal{D}$  for every  $\tilde{C} \cap C = \emptyset$ . But this contradicts the definition of  $\sim\mathcal{D}$ . The second case, for  $\sim\varphi(x; b; C)$  is similar as  $\sim\sim\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}$ .  $\square$

#### 5. Externally definable sets

**global  $\varphi(x; z; X)$ -type** is a maximally consistent set of formulas that are instances of  $\varphi(x; b; X)$  and/or  $\sim\varphi(x; b; X)$  for some  $b \in \mathcal{U}^{|z|}$ .

Let  $p(x)$  be a global  $\varphi(x; z; X)$ -type. We define

$$\mathcal{D}_{p, \varphi, C} = \{b \in \mathcal{U}^z : \varphi(x; b; C) \in p\}$$

**18 Fact**  $\neg \mathcal{D}_{p, \varphi, C} = \bigcup \{ \mathcal{D}_{p, \sim \varphi, \tilde{C}} : \tilde{C} \cap C = \emptyset \}$

**Proof.** ( $\subseteq$ ). Let  $b \notin \mathcal{D}_{p, \varphi, C}$ . Let  $A \subseteq \mathcal{U}$  be such that every instance of  $\varphi(x; b; X)$  and  $\sim \varphi(x; b; X)$  that is consistent with  $p(x) \upharpoonright A$  is finitely consistent with  $p(x)$ . Finally pick  $a \models p(x) \upharpoonright A$ . As  $\neg \varphi(a, b, C)$ , from Fact 10 we obtain that  $\sim \varphi(a; b; \tilde{C})$  holds for some  $\tilde{C} \cap C = \emptyset$ . Then  $\sim \varphi(x; b; \tilde{C})$  is consistent with  $p(x) \upharpoonright A$ . By maximality of  $p(x)$ , we have  $\sim \varphi(x; b; \tilde{C}) \in p$ . Then  $b \in \mathcal{D}_{p, \sim \varphi, \tilde{C}}$ .

( $\supseteq$ ). Similar. □

**19 Fact** Let  $\varphi(x; z; X)$  and  $C$  be given. Then for every  $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathcal{U}^z$  the following are equivalent

1.  $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}_{p, \varphi, C}$  for some global  $\varphi(x; z; X)$ -type  $p(x)$
2. for every finite set  $B \subseteq \mathcal{U}^z$  there is an  $a \in \mathcal{U}^x$  such that

$$B \cap \mathcal{D} = B \cap \varphi(a; \mathcal{U}^x; C).$$

**Proof.** Let  $B_0 = B \setminus \mathcal{D}$  and  $B_1 = B \cap \mathcal{D}$ .

1 $\Rightarrow$ 2. By the above fact, there is a  $\tilde{C} \cap C = \emptyset$  such that  $b \in \mathcal{D}_{p, \sim \varphi, \tilde{C}}$  for every  $b \in B_0$ . Let  $a$  realize the type containing  $\varphi(x; b; C)$  for every  $b \in B_1$  and  $\sim \varphi(x; b; \tilde{C})$  for every  $b \in B_0$ .

2 $\Rightarrow$ 1. There is a set  $\tilde{C} \cap C = \emptyset$  such that  $\sim \varphi(x; b; \tilde{C})$  for every  $b \in B_0$ . Let  $p(x)$  be any global  $\varphi(x; z; X)$ -type containing  $\varphi(x; b; C)$  for every  $b \in B_1$  and  $\sim \varphi(x; b; \tilde{C})$  for every  $b \in B_0$ . Such type exists as (2) guarantees consistency. □

Let  $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathcal{U}^z \times S^{[X]}$ . For  $\alpha \in S^{[X]}$ , we write  $\mathcal{D}_\alpha$  for the set of all  $b \in \mathcal{U}^z$  such that  $\langle b, \alpha \rangle \in \mathcal{D}$ . We say that  $\mathcal{D}$  is **externally definable** by  $\varphi(x; z; X)$  if there is a global  $\varphi(x; z; X)$ -type  $p(x)$  such that for every  $\alpha$

$$\mathcal{D}_\alpha = \bigcap \{ \mathcal{D}_{p, \varphi, C} : \alpha \in C^\circ \}$$

We say that  $\mathcal{D}$  is **approximable** by  $\varphi(x; z; X)$  if for every  $\alpha \in S^{[X]}$  and every finite  $B \subseteq \mathcal{U}^z$  there is an  $a \in \mathcal{U}^{[X]}$  such that

$$B \cap \mathcal{D}_\alpha = B \cap \bigcap \{ \varphi(a; \mathcal{U}^z; C) : \alpha \in C^\circ \}$$

**20 Fact** Let  $\varphi(x; z; X)$  be given. Then, for every  $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathcal{U}^z \times S^{[X]}$  the following are equivalent

1.  $\mathcal{D}$  is externally definable by  $\varphi(x; z; X)$
2.  $\mathcal{D}$  is approximated by  $\varphi(x; z; X)$ .

We say that  $\mathcal{D}$  is **approximable from below** if for every  $B \subseteq \mathcal{D}$  there is an  $a \in \mathcal{U}^{[X]}$  such that



$$B \subseteq \varphi(a; \mathcal{U}^z; C) \subseteq \mathcal{D}.$$

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We define  $\mathcal{D}_p \subseteq \mathcal{U}^{|z|} \times S^{|X|}$  as follows

$$\mathcal{D}_p = \left\{ \langle b, \alpha \rangle : \varphi(x; b; C) \in p \text{ for every } C \text{ neighborhood of } \alpha \right\}.$$

**21 Fact**

$$\neg \mathcal{D}_p = \left\{ \langle b, \alpha \rangle : \sim \varphi(x; b; \tilde{C}) \in p \text{ for every } \tilde{C} \nexists \alpha \right\}.$$

**Proof.** Let  $a \models p(x) \upharpoonright b$ . Let  $C$  be the intersection of all neighborhoods of  $\alpha$  such that  $\varphi(a; b; C)$ . Assume  $\langle b, \alpha \rangle \notin \mathcal{D}_p$ , in other words  $\varphi(a; b; C)$ , then  $C$  is a neighborhood of  $\alpha$ . By Fact 10 we have  $\varphi(a; b; C)$ . Let  $\tilde{C} \subseteq C \setminus \{\alpha\}$  be such that  $C$  is a neighborhood of  $\tilde{C}$ . Then  $\neg \varphi(a; b; \tilde{C})$ . Therefore by the definition of  $\mathcal{D}_p$ .

Then we can find  $\tilde{C}$  such that  $\alpha \notin \tilde{C}$  and  $C$  is a neighborhood of  $\tilde{C}$ . contains two disjoint compacts Then  $\sim \varphi(x; b; \tilde{C}') \in p$  by the definition of  $\mathcal{D}_p$ .

Then  $\sim \varphi(x; b; \tilde{C}') \in p$  for every neighborhood  $\tilde{C}'$  of  $\alpha$  disjoint from  $C'$ . Then for every neighborhood  $C$  of  $\alpha$ , we have  $\varphi(x; b; C) \in p$ .  $\square$

We say that  $\mathcal{D}$  is **externally defined** by  $p(x)$  and  $\varphi(x; z; X)$  if  $\mathcal{D}_p \subseteq \mathcal{D}$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{D}}_p \subseteq \neg \mathcal{D}$ .

We say that  $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathcal{U}^{|z|} \times S^{|X|}$  is **approximated** by  $\varphi(x; z; X)$  if for every finite  $B \subseteq \mathcal{U}^{|z|} \times S^{|X|}$  there is an  $a \in \mathcal{U}^{|x|}$  such that

$$\langle b, \alpha \rangle \in B \cap \mathcal{D} \Rightarrow \varphi(a; b; C) \text{ for every neighborhood } C \text{ of } \alpha$$

$$\langle b, \alpha \rangle \in B \setminus \mathcal{D} \Rightarrow \sim \varphi(a; b; C) \text{ for every } C \text{ such that } \alpha \notin C$$

**22 Fact** For every  $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathcal{U}^{|z|} \times S^{|X|}$ , the following are equivalent

1.  $\mathcal{D}$  is externally definable by some global  $\varphi$ -type
2.  $\mathcal{D}$  is approximated by  $\varphi(x; z; X)$ .

**Proof.** (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2). Let  $B \subseteq \mathcal{U}^{|z|} \times S^{|X|}$  be finite. For  $\langle b, \alpha \rangle \in B \cap \mathcal{D}$  let  $C_{\langle b, \alpha \rangle}$  be some neighborhood of  $\alpha$ . Let  $C$  be the union of all these neighborhoods. For  $\langle b, \alpha \rangle \in B \setminus \mathcal{D}$  let  $\tilde{C}_{\langle b, \alpha \rangle}$  be some neighborhood of  $\alpha$ . Let  $\tilde{C}$  be the union of all these neighborhoods. By the finiteness of  $B$ , we can require that  $C$  and  $\tilde{C}$  are disjoint. Then (2) follows from the consistency of  $p(x)$ .

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (1). Note that the condition of approximability asserts the finite consistency of the type  $p(x)$  that is union of the following two sets of formulas

$$\left\{ \varphi(x; b; C) : \langle b, \alpha \rangle \in \mathcal{D} \text{ and } C \text{ neighborhood of } \alpha \right\}$$

$$\left\{ \sim \varphi(x; b; C) : \langle b, \alpha \rangle \notin \mathcal{D} \text{ and } \alpha \notin C \right\}$$

The inclusion  $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathcal{D}_p$  is immediate. For the converse inclusion, let  $\langle b, \alpha \rangle \notin \mathcal{D}$  and let  $\tilde{C}$  be a neighborhood of  $\alpha$  such that  $\sim\varphi(x; b; \tilde{C})$ .  $\square$

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