

# MATH 225A: Metamathematics

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# Chapter 1

## Structures and Theories

### 1.1 August 25

#### 1.1.1 Review

**Definition 1.1.1.** A language  $\mathcal{L}$  consists of  $\{\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{F}\}$  where  $\mathcal{C}$  is the set of constant symbols,  $\mathcal{R}$  is the set of relation symbols,  $\mathcal{F}$  is the set of function symbols, and an arity function  $n : \mathcal{R} \cup \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ . For  $R \in \mathcal{R}$ ,  $n_R$  is the arity of  $R$ , for  $f \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $n_f$  is the number of inputs  $f$  takes.

**Definition 1.1.2.** An  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure consist of

- a set  $M$  called the domain
- an element  $c^{\mathcal{M}}$  for each  $c \in \mathcal{C}$
- a subset  $R^{\mathcal{M}} \subseteq M^{n_R}$  for each  $R \in \mathcal{R}$
- a function  $f^{\mathcal{M}} : M^{n_f} \rightarrow M$  for each  $f \in \mathcal{F}$

denoted  $\mathcal{M} = (M : \{c^{\mathcal{M}} : c \in \mathcal{C}\}, \{R^{\mathcal{M}} : R \in \mathcal{R}\}, \{f^{\mathcal{M}} : f \in \mathcal{F}\})$

**Definition 1.1.3.** An  $\mathcal{L}$ -embedding  $\eta : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$  is a one to one function  $M \rightarrow N$  that preserves interpretation

eg.  $\eta(c^{\mathcal{M}}) = c^{\mathcal{N}}$ ,  $\eta(f^{\mathcal{M}})(m_1, \dots, m_{n_f}) = f^{\mathcal{N}}(\eta(m_1), \dots, \eta(m_{n_f}))$ ,  
 $(m_1, \dots, m_{n_R}) \in R^{\mathcal{M}} \iff (\eta(m_1), \dots, \eta(m_{n_R})) \in R^{\mathcal{N}}$

**Definition 1.1.4.** An  $\mathcal{L}$ -isomorphism is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -embedding that is onto.

**Definition 1.1.5.**  $\mathcal{M}$  is a substructure of  $\mathcal{N}$ , written  $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathcal{N}$  if:  
 $c^{\mathcal{M}} = c^{\mathcal{N}}$ ,  $f^{\mathcal{M}} = f^{\mathcal{N}} \upharpoonright M^{n_f}$ ,  $R^{\mathcal{M}} = R^{\mathcal{N}} \cap M^{n_R}$

First Order language:

- Use symbols :

- $\mathcal{L}$
- Logical symbols: connectives ( $\wedge, \vee, \neg$ ), quantifiers ( $\forall, \exists$ ), equality ( $=$ ), variables ( $v_0, v_1, \dots$ )
- paranthesis and commas
- terms
  - $c$  : constants
  - $v_i$  : variables
  - $f(t_1, \dots, t_{n_f})$  for terms  $t_1, \dots, t_{n_f}$
- given an  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure  $\mathcal{M}$ , a term  $t(v_0, \dots, v_n)$ , and  $m_0, \dots, m_n \in M$  we inductively define  $t^{\mathcal{M}}(m_0, \dots, m_n)$
- atomic formulas:  $t_1 = t_2$  and  $R(t_1, \dots, t_{n_R})$
- $\mathcal{L}$ -formulas: If  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are  $\mathcal{L}$ -formulas, then so are:  $\neg\phi$ ,  $(\phi \wedge \psi)$ ,  $(\phi \vee \psi)$ ,  $\exists v\phi$ ,  $\forall v\phi$

**Definition 1.1.6.** We say a variable  $v$  occurs freely in  $\psi$  when it is not in a quantifier  $\forall v$  or  $\exists v$

- an  $\mathcal{L}$ -sentence is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula with no free variables

**Definition 1.1.7.** A theory is a set of  $\mathcal{L}$ -sentences

**Definition 1.1.8.** Given an  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula  $\psi(v_1, \dots, v_k)$ ,  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure  $\mathcal{M}$ ,  $m_1, \dots, m_k \in M$  we can define  $\mathcal{M} \models \psi(m_1, \dots, m_k)$  inductively. We say  $(m_1, \dots, m_k)$  satisfies  $\phi$  in  $\mathcal{M}$  or  $\phi$  is true in  $\mathcal{M}, m_1, \dots, m_k$ .

- A theory  $T$  is satisfiable if it has a model  $\mathcal{M}$ , eg.  $\mathcal{M}$  such that  $\mathcal{M} \models \phi$  for  $\phi \in T$

**Proposition 1.1.9.** If  $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathcal{N}$ ,  $\phi(\bar{v})$  is quantifier free,  $\bar{m} \in M$ , then  $\mathcal{M} \models \phi(\bar{m}) \leftrightarrow \mathcal{N} \models \phi(\bar{m})$ .

**Definition 1.1.10.**  $\mathcal{M}$  is elementarily equivalent to  $\mathcal{N}$  if for all  $\mathcal{L}$ -sentences  $\phi$ ,  $\mathcal{M} \models \phi \leftrightarrow \mathcal{N} \models \phi$ , denoted  $\mathcal{M} \equiv \mathcal{N}$

- $\text{Th}(\mathcal{M})$ , the full theory of  $\mathcal{M}$ , is  $\{\phi \text{ } \mathcal{L}\text{-sentence} \mid \mathcal{M} \models \phi\}$
- $\mathcal{M} \equiv \mathcal{N} \iff \text{Th}(\mathcal{M}) = \text{Th}(\mathcal{N})$
- A class of  $\mathcal{L}$ -structures  $\mathcal{K}$  is elementary if there is a theory  $T$  such that  $\mathcal{K}$  is the class of all  $\mathcal{M}$  such that  $\mathcal{M} \models T$ .

Logical implication:  $T \models \phi$  if for every  $\mathcal{M} \models T$ ,  $\mathcal{M} \models \phi$

Gödel's Completeness Theorem:  $T \models \phi \leftrightarrow$  there is a formal proof for  $T \vdash \phi$

### 1.1.2 Definable Sets

**Definition 1.1.11.**  $X \subseteq M^n$  is definable if there is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula  $\phi(v_1, \dots, v_n, w_1, \dots, w_m)$  and  $b_1, \dots, b_m \in M$  such that  $\forall \bar{a}, \bar{a} \in X \leftrightarrow \mathcal{M} \models \phi(\bar{a}, \bar{b})$  (definable over  $\bar{b}$ )

- Given  $A \subseteq M$ ,  $X$  is definable over  $A$ , or  $A$ -definable, if it is definable over  $\bar{b}$  for some  $\bar{b} \in A$ .

**Proposition 1.1.12.** Suppose  $\mathcal{D} = (D_n : n \in \omega)$  is the smallest collection of subsets  $D_n \subseteq \mathcal{P}(M^n)$  such that

- $M^n \in D_n$
- $D_n$  is closed under union, intersection, complement, permutation
- if  $X \in D_{n+1}$ , then  $\pi(X) \in D_n$  where  $\pi(m_1, \dots, m_{n+1}) = (m_1, \dots, m_n)$
- $\{\bar{b}\} \in D_n$  for  $\bar{b} \in M^n$
- $R^{\mathcal{M}} \in D_{n_R}$ ,  $\text{graph}(f) \in D_{n_f+1}$
- if  $X \in D_n$ ,  $M \times X \in D_{n+1}$
- $\{(m_1, \dots, m_n) : m_i - m_j\} \in D_n$

Then  $X \subseteq M^n$  is definable  $\leftrightarrow X \in D_n$