

## Homework assigned February 10, 2023

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For this assignment,  $\mathcal{L}$  is the language of first-order logic with equality, countably many constant symbols,  $c_0, c_1, \dots, c_n, \dots$ , and no other predicate, constant, or function symbols. We will find all the complete theories of  $\mathcal{L}$ . This is a single problem in five parts. You may use completeness, soundness, and compactness.

If  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a structure for  $\mathcal{L}$ , define an equivalence relation on the set  $C = \{c_0, c_1, \dots, c_n, \dots\}$  of constant symbols of  $\mathcal{L}$  by

$$c_m \equiv_{\mathfrak{A}} c_n \iff c_m^{\mathfrak{A}} = c_n^{\mathfrak{A}},$$

That is, two constant symbols are equivalent if and only if they name the same element of  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

Suppose that  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$  are structures such that  $\equiv_{\mathfrak{A}}$  is the same as  $\equiv_{\mathfrak{B}}$ . Then two constant symbols name the same element in  $\mathfrak{A}$  if and only if they name the same element in  $\mathfrak{B}$ .

Let  $\equiv$  be any equivalence relation on  $C$ . Then there is a structure  $\mathfrak{A}$  for  $\mathcal{L}$  such that  $\equiv_{\mathfrak{A}}$  is the same relation as  $\equiv$ . Namely, let the universe of the structure be the set of equivalence classes of constant symbols, and let each constant symbol name its own equivalence class:

$$|\mathfrak{A}| = C / \equiv, \quad \text{and} \quad c_n^{\mathfrak{A}} = [c_n].$$

The most complicated part of this is the notation. The relation  $\equiv$  on  $C$  specifies whether constants  $c_n$  and  $c_m$  are to refer to the same element of a structure or to different elements. Therefore, as long as  $\equiv$  actually is an equivalence relation, you can create a structure obeying those rules.

**Problem 1.**

Show that if  $\mathfrak{A}$  is any finite structure for  $\mathcal{L}$ , there is a countable structure  $\mathfrak{B}$  such that  $\mathfrak{B}$  is elementarily equivalent to  $\mathfrak{A}$ , and in  $\mathfrak{B}$ , infinitely many elements are not named by constant symbols. In other words, we have that

$$\left\{ b \in |\mathfrak{B}| \mid \forall n (b \neq c_n^{\mathfrak{B}}) \right\}$$

is infinite. (*Hint:* Use compactness.)

**Compactness Theorem:** If  $\Gamma \models \varphi$ , then for some finite  $\Gamma_0 \subseteq \Gamma$ ,  $\Gamma_0 \models \varphi$ . (In other words, a set  $\Gamma$  has a model iff every finite subset has a model)

**Elementary equivalence:** Two structures  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$  are *elementarily equivalent* if  $\models_{\mathfrak{A}} \alpha \iff \models_{\mathfrak{B}} \alpha$ ,

Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a *finite* structure for  $\mathcal{L}$  such that  $|\mathfrak{A}| \neq \infty$ .

Define  $\mathfrak{B}$  as such

(i) Include translations of the constant symbols from  $C$  in  $|\mathfrak{B}|$ . That is; for each  $c_n \in C$ ,  $c_n^{\mathfrak{B}} \in |\mathfrak{B}|$ .

Whenever  $c_m^{\mathfrak{A}} = c_n^{\mathfrak{A}}$ , let  $c_m^{\mathfrak{B}} = c_n^{\mathfrak{B}}$  so that  $c_m \equiv_{\mathfrak{B}} c_n$  if and only if  $c_m =_{\mathfrak{A}} c_n$ .

(ii) Define a new set of countably many elements  $B = \{b_0, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n, \dots\}$  such that:

- $\forall i \forall j \neg (b_i = c_j)$ .
- $\forall i \forall j (i = j \vee \neg (b_i = b_j))$ .

(iii) For each  $b_i \in B$ , let  $b_i^{\mathfrak{B}} \in |\mathfrak{B}|$ .

Then  $\mathfrak{B}$  is an infinite structure for  $\mathcal{L}$  that is elementarily equivalent to  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

**Problem 2.**

Show that if  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$  are countable structures for  $\mathcal{L}$  in which infinitely many elements are not named by constant symbols, and  $\equiv_{\mathfrak{A}}$  is the same relation as  $\equiv_{\mathfrak{B}}$ , then  $\mathfrak{A}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{B}$ .

Since  $\equiv$  is the same relation as  $\equiv$ ,  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$  agree on which of the constants in  $C$  name the same elements.

Let  $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, \dots\}$  be the set of countable elements of  $\mathfrak{A}$  that are not named by constant symbols, and let  $B = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n, \dots\}$  be the set of countable elements of  $\mathfrak{B}$  that are not named by constant symbols.

Define a bijection from  $|\mathfrak{A}|$  to  $|\mathfrak{B}|$  as follows:

$$\psi : |\mathfrak{A}| \rightarrow |\mathfrak{B}|$$

$$c_n^{\mathfrak{A}} \mapsto c_n^{\mathfrak{B}}$$

$$a_i \mapsto b_i$$

Then  $\psi$  is an isomorphism, since:

$$c_n^{\mathfrak{A}} \equiv_{\mathfrak{A}} c_m^{\mathfrak{A}} \iff c_n^{\mathfrak{B}} \equiv_{\mathfrak{B}} c_m^{\mathfrak{B}},$$

but  $c_n^{\mathfrak{B}} = \psi(c_n^{\mathfrak{A}})$  and  $c_m^{\mathfrak{B}} = \psi(c_m^{\mathfrak{A}})$ , so

$$c_n^{\mathfrak{A}} \equiv_{\mathfrak{A}} c_m^{\mathfrak{A}} \iff \psi(c_n^{\mathfrak{A}}) \equiv_{\mathfrak{B}} \psi(c_m^{\mathfrak{A}}).$$

Since every element in  $A$  and every element in  $B$  is not named by any constant symbol, and each element is distinct from all other elements in the set, each  $a \in A$  is in its own equivalence class and so is each  $b \in B$ .  $\psi$  matches element  $a_i$  in  $\mathfrak{A}$  to element  $b_i$  in  $\mathfrak{B}$ , so it guarantees that any element in  $[a_i]$  maps to an element in  $[b_i]$  (since  $[a_i]$  only contains the single element  $a_i$ , and  $\psi(a_i) = b_i$ ). Therefore,  $a_i \equiv_{\mathfrak{A}} a_j$  if and only if  $b_i \equiv_{\mathfrak{B}} b_j$ , since in both cases it must be that  $i = j$ .

Therefore  $\psi$  is an isomorphism, and  $\mathfrak{A}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{B}$ .

**Problem 3.**

Suppose  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$  are two structures for  $\mathcal{L}$ , each of which is countable (or possibly finite). Which of the following conditions imply which others? In each case, either explain or give a counter-example.

- (i)  $\mathfrak{A}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{B}$ .
- (ii)  $\mathfrak{A}$  is elementarily equivalent to  $\mathfrak{B}$ .
- (iii)  $\equiv_{\mathfrak{A}}$  is the same relation as  $\equiv_{\mathfrak{B}}$ .

- (i) implies (ii) and (iii).

If  $\mathfrak{A}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{B}$  under some isomorphism  $\psi$ , then  $\psi(c_i^{\mathfrak{A}}) \equiv_{\mathfrak{B}} \psi(c_j^{\mathfrak{A}})$  whenever  $c_i^{\mathfrak{A}} \equiv_{\mathfrak{A}} c_j^{\mathfrak{A}}$  for every constant symbol, and, similarly,  $\psi(a_i) \equiv_{\mathfrak{B}} \psi(a_j)$  whenever  $a_i \equiv_{\mathfrak{A}} a_j$  symbol  $a_i$  in  $|A|$  that is not in  $C$ . Therefore,  $\equiv_{\mathfrak{A}}$  and  $\equiv_{\mathfrak{B}}$  are the same relation since they agree on all elements in the universes of the structures. Furthermore, whenever  $\mathfrak{A}$  tautologically implies that  $\alpha \equiv_{\mathfrak{A}} \beta$  for some  $\alpha, \beta \in |\mathfrak{A}|$ ,  $\mathfrak{B}$  also tautologically implies that  $\psi(\alpha) \equiv_{\mathfrak{B}} \psi(\beta)$ , so  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$  are elementarily equivalent.

- (ii) implies (iii), but does not necessarily imply (i).

If  $\mathfrak{A}$  is elementarily equivalent to  $\mathfrak{B}$ , then  $c_i \equiv_{\mathfrak{A}} c_j$  if and only if  $c_i \equiv_{\mathfrak{B}} c_j$ , so  $\equiv_{\mathfrak{A}}$  and  $\equiv_{\mathfrak{B}}$  are the same relation.

However,  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$  may not be isomorphic.

If both  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$  have a countably infinite set of non-constant symbols, or they both have the same finite number of non-constant symbols, then they are isomorphic (since there exists a bijection between  $|\mathfrak{A}|$  and  $|\mathfrak{B}|$  that preserves the relation).

If both  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$  have a finite number of non-constant symbols but the number of non-constant symbols in  $\mathfrak{A}$  does not equal the number of non-constant symbols in  $\mathfrak{B}$ , or if one of  $\mathfrak{A}$  has an infinite number of non-constant symbols while the other has a finite number then there is no possible bijection between the sets of non-constant symbols so  $\mathfrak{A}$  cannot be isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{B}$ .

- (iii) implies (ii) but does not necessarily imply (i)

If  $\equiv_{\mathfrak{A}}$  is the same relation as  $\equiv_{\mathfrak{B}}$ , then  $c_i \equiv_{\mathfrak{A}} c_j$  if and only if  $c_i \equiv_{\mathfrak{B}} c_j$ , so  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$  always agree on any two constant symbols being in the same equivalence class or being in different equivalence classes. Therefore,  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$  are elementarily equivalent.

However, as in the previous part, it is impossible for  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$  to be isomorphic unless they either have the same number of non-constant symbols or they both have a countably infinite set of non-constant symbols.

**Problem 4.**

Suppose  $\equiv$  is an equivalence relation on  $C$ . Define

$$\Sigma_{\equiv} = \{c_n = c_m \mid c_m \equiv c_n\} \cup \{c_n \neq c_m \mid c_n \not\equiv c_m\}.$$

Show that if  $\equiv$  has infinitely many equivalence classes, then  $Cn\Sigma_{\equiv}$  is a complete theory.

*Suggestion:* Explain why  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a model of  $Cn\Sigma_{\equiv}$  if and only if  $\equiv_{\mathfrak{A}}$  is the same relation as  $\equiv$ . Then use (2) and (3) to show that if  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$  are any two models for  $Cn\Sigma_{\equiv}$ , then there are structures  $\mathfrak{A}^*$  and  $\mathfrak{B}^*$  elementarily equivalent to  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$  such that  $\mathfrak{A}^*$  and  $\mathfrak{B}^*$  are isomorphic.

Suppose  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a model for  $\Sigma_{\equiv}$ . If  $\mathfrak{A}$  satisfies  $\Sigma_{\equiv}$  under some variable assignment  $s$ , then for any two constant symbols  $c_m$  and  $c_n$ ,

- (i) If  $\models_{\mathfrak{A}} c_m \equiv c_n[s]$ , then  $\Sigma_{\equiv}$  contains a sentence that says  $c_m = c_n$ . So, by definition of  $\equiv_{\mathfrak{A}}$ , we also have that  $c_m \equiv_{\mathfrak{A}} c_n$ .
- (ii) If  $\models_{\mathfrak{A}} c_m \neq c_n[s]$ , then  $\Sigma_{\equiv}$  contains a sentence that says  $c_m \neq c_n$ , so  $c_m \not\equiv_{\mathfrak{A}} c_n$ .

Therefore, if  $[c_i]_{\equiv}$  is the equivalence class of  $c_i$  under  $\equiv$ , and  $[c_i]_{\equiv_{\mathfrak{A}}}$  is the equivalence class of  $c_i$  under  $\equiv_{\mathfrak{A}}$ , then  $[c_i]_{\equiv} = [c_i]_{\equiv_{\mathfrak{A}}}$  since the two equivalence relations agree on any two constants being in the same equivalence class or not being in the same class. Therefore,  $\equiv$  and  $\equiv_{\mathfrak{A}}$  are the same relation.

Now, suppose  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$  are models for  $Cn\Sigma_{\equiv}$ , then  $\equiv_{\mathfrak{A}}$  is the same relation as  $\equiv$ , and  $\equiv_{\mathfrak{B}}$  is also the same relation as  $\equiv$ , meaning  $\equiv_{\mathfrak{A}}$  is the same relation as  $\equiv_{\mathfrak{B}}$ . Extend  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$  to  $\mathfrak{A}^*$  and  $\mathfrak{B}^*$  respectively by adding new, distinct symbols as in the proof of problem (2). That is, for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , we define  $a_i$  to be a new symbol that does not yet exist in  $|\mathfrak{A}|$ , and  $b_i$  to be a new symbol that does not yet exist in  $|\mathfrak{B}|$ . We then define  $|\mathfrak{A}^*| = |\mathfrak{A}| \cup \{a_i \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  and  $|\mathfrak{B}^*| = |\mathfrak{B}| \cup \{b_i \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Then  $\mathfrak{A}^*$  and  $\mathfrak{B}^*$  are models for  $Cn\Sigma_{\equiv}$ ,  $\mathfrak{A}^*$  is elementarily equivalent to  $\mathfrak{A}$ ,  $\mathfrak{B}^*$  is elementarily equivalent to  $\mathfrak{B}$ , and  $\mathfrak{A}^*$  is isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{B}^*$  since they have the same cardinality and  $\equiv_{\mathfrak{A}}$  is the same relation as  $\equiv_{\mathfrak{B}}$ .

**Problem 5.**

Suppose  $\equiv$  is an equivalence relation on  $C$  with finitely many equivalence classes. Describe all the complete (consistent) theories of  $T$  with the property that  $Cn\Sigma_{\equiv} \subset T$ , by saying what sentences you need to add to  $\Sigma_{\equiv}$  to produce the set of axioms for  $T$ .

*Hint:* Consider the possible ways to get finite or infinite countable models of  $Cn\Sigma_{\equiv}$  that are not isomorphic. Then consider whether these non-isomorphic structures have different theories.

Since every complete theory of  $\mathcal{L}$  contains some  $Cn\Sigma_{\equiv}$  (because every structure for  $\mathcal{L}$  satisfies some  $\Sigma_{\equiv}$ ), problems (4) and (5) together describe all the complete theories of  $\mathcal{L}$ .

First,  $T$  must satisfy all the consequences of  $\Sigma_{\equiv}$ , i.e.  $Cn\Sigma_{\equiv} \subset T$ , so the set of axioms of  $T$  must contain all the axioms in  $\Sigma_{\equiv}$ .

One way to generate axioms for  $T$  is by adding axioms to  $\Sigma_{\equiv}$  that specify additional elements but do not alter the conditions that  $\Sigma_{\equiv}$  places on the constant symbols.

For example:

- (i)  $\Sigma_1 = \Sigma_{\equiv} \cup \{\exists x_1 \forall c_i^{\mathfrak{A}} \neg(x_1 = c_i^{\mathfrak{A}})\}$  specifies that  $|\mathfrak{A}|$  contains translations of all the constant symbols and  $|\mathfrak{A}|$  also contains at least one non-constant symbol.
- (ii)  $\Sigma_2 = \Sigma_1 \cup \{\exists x_1 \exists x_2 (\neg(x_1 = x_2) \wedge \forall c_i (\neg(x_1 = c_i) \wedge \neg(x_2 = c_i)))\}$  specifies that  $\mathfrak{A}$  contains translation of the constant symbols and it also contains at least two non-constant symbols.
- (iii) Inductively, we define  $\Sigma_n$  as follows:

$$\Sigma_n = \Sigma_{n-1} \cup \{\exists x_1 \dots \exists x_n (\neg(x_1 = x_2) \wedge \dots \wedge \neg(x_{n-1} = x_n) \wedge \forall c_i (\neg(x_1 = c_i) \wedge \dots \wedge \neg(x_n = c_i)))\}$$

Define  $x_n$  to be the new non-constant symbol added at step  $n$ , then  $\Sigma_n$  is countable. It is also finite for all finite  $n$ .

$\Sigma_1$  and  $\Sigma_2$  are not isomorphic since they have different cardinalities. Likewise, all such finite models of  $\mathfrak{A}$  that have different cardinalities are not isomorphic and they have different theories.