Math 69: Logic Winter '23

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Problem 1.

Is it possible to have a finite set of sentences Sigma in a first-order language with the property that every model of Sigma is infinite?

Yes. If we define a two-place predicate symbol ≤ to mean "less than or equal to", The set

$$\Sigma = \{ \forall x \exists y ((x \le y) \land \neg (x = y)) \}$$

may not have a finite model although the set itself contains a finite number of sentences.