

## Théorie des modèles TD4

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**Exercise 0.1** Consider the ordered set  $\mathcal{R} = \langle \mathbb{R}, < \rangle$ , and the subset  $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . Describe  $\text{acl}_{\mathcal{R}}(\mathbb{Q})$ .

**Solution:** Both  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}$  are dense linear orderings without endpoints, and it is clear that  $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . We will use the fact that DLO eliminates quantifiers to show that  $\mathbb{Q} \preceq \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $\bar{q} \in \mathbb{Q}$  and let  $\phi(x, \bar{y})$  be an  $\{<\}$ -formula. Let  $\psi(\bar{y})$  be a quantifier-free formula such that  $\text{DLO} \models \forall \bar{y} (\exists x \phi(x, \bar{y}) \leftrightarrow \psi(\bar{y}))$ . Then we have that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{R} &\models \exists x \phi(x, \bar{q}) \\ \mathbb{R} &\models \psi(\bar{q}) \\ \mathbb{Q} &\models \psi(\bar{q}) \quad \text{since } \psi \text{ is qf-free} \\ \mathbb{Q} &\models \exists x \phi(x, \bar{q}) \quad \text{since } \mathbb{Q} \models \text{DLO}\end{aligned}$$

So by Tarski-Vaught,  $\mathbb{Q} \preceq \mathbb{R}$ . Then by a remark made in class,  $\text{acl}_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathbb{Q}) = \text{acl}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\mathbb{Q}) = \mathbb{Q}$ .

**Exercise 0.2 (Tarski's Chain Lemma)** Let  $(I, <)$  be a directed set. Consider a collection of  $\mathcal{L}$ -structures  $\{\mathcal{M}_i\}_{i \in I}$  such that for all  $i < j$ ,  $\mathcal{M}_i \subseteq \mathcal{M}_j$ . Let  $M = \bigcup_i M_i$ .

- (1) Turn  $M$  into an  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure  $\mathcal{M}$  such that for every  $i \in I$ ,  $\mathcal{M}_i \subseteq \mathcal{M}$ .
- (2) Let  $T$  be an  $\mathcal{L}$ -theory and suppose that for every  $i \in I$ ,  $\mathcal{M}_i \models T$ . Does  $\mathcal{M} \models T$ ?
- (3) Suppose now that for all  $i < j$ ,  $\mathcal{M}_i \preceq \mathcal{M}_j$ . Show that for all  $i$ ,  $\mathcal{M}_i \preceq \mathcal{M}$ .
- (4) Suppose that  $\{M_i\}_{i \in I}$  is an elementary chain and that  $\mathcal{N}$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure. If for all  $i$ ,  $\mathcal{M}_i \preceq \mathcal{N}$ , then  $\mathcal{M} \preceq \mathcal{N}$ .

**Solution:**

- (1) Let  $c$  be a constant symbol, since its interpretation is the same in every  $\mathcal{M}_i$ , then take  $c^{\mathcal{M}} = c^{\mathcal{M}_i}$ . Let  $f$  be a function symbol of any arity, and define  $f^{\mathcal{M}} = \bigcup_i f^{\mathcal{M}_i}$ , this is well defined since if  $\bar{a} \in M_i \cup M_j$ , take some  $k \geq i, j$ , and then since  $M_i \cup M_j \subseteq M_k$ ,

$f^{\mathcal{M}_i}(\bar{a}) = f^{\mathcal{M}_k}(\bar{a}) = f^{\mathcal{M}_j}(\bar{a})$ . Similarly, for a function symbol  $R$ , define  $R^{\mathcal{M}} = \bigcup_i R^{\mathcal{M}_i}$ . We have that  $R^{\mathcal{M}} \cap M_i = \bigcup_j R^{\mathcal{M}_j} \cap M_i = \bigcup_{j \leq i} R^{\mathcal{M}_j} = R^{\mathcal{M}_i}$ : this follows from the fact that if  $i \leq j$ ,  $R^{\mathcal{M}_j} \subseteq M_i$  and if  $i < j$ ,  $R^{\mathcal{M}_j} \cap M_i = R^{\mathcal{M}_i}$ , by hypothesis. The structure given satisfies what is needed by construction.

- (2) Not necessarily, consider  $T$  the theory of linear orders with both endpoints. The family of models given by  $\mathcal{M}_i = \{-i, -i+1, \dots, 0, \dots, i-1, i\}$  with the evident ordering, has  $\mathbb{Z}$  as its union, which has no endpoints.
- (3) Let  $\phi(x, \bar{y})$  an  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula, let  $i \in I$ ,  $\bar{a} \in M_i$ , and  $m \in M$  such that  $\mathcal{M} \models \phi(m, \bar{a})$ . There is  $k \geq i$  such that  $m, \bar{a} \in M_k$ , so  $\mathcal{M}_k \models \phi(m, \bar{a})$  and therefore  $\mathcal{M}_i \models \exists x(x, \bar{a})$  by hypothesis. Conversely if  $\mathcal{M}_i \models \exists x(x, \bar{a})$  it immediately follows that  $\mathcal{M} \models \exists x(x, \bar{a})$ . Hence,  $\mathcal{M}_i \preceq \mathcal{M}$ .
- (4) Let  $\bar{a} \in M$  and  $\phi(\bar{x})$  any formula, then  $\mathcal{N} \models \phi(\bar{a}) \iff \mathcal{M}_i \models \phi(\bar{a}) \iff \mathcal{M} \models \phi(\bar{a})$ .

**Exercise 1.** Let  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}$   $\mathcal{L}$ -structures such that  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$ . We aim to show  $\mathcal{A} \preceq \mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{A} \preceq \mathcal{C}$  does not imply  $\mathcal{B} \preceq \mathcal{C}$ .

- (1) Start with  $\mathcal{A} = \langle \mathbb{Z}, < \rangle$ , construct a proper elementary extension  $\mathcal{C}$ .
- (2) Find  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$  such that  $|C \setminus B| = 1$ , together with an isomorphism  $\sigma : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  such that  $\sigma(a) = a \ \forall a \in A$ .
- (3) Find an existential formula  $\varphi$  with parameters from  $B$  such that  $\mathcal{C} \models \varphi$  and  $\mathcal{B} \models \neg \varphi$ .

**Solution:**

- (1) Consider the theory

$$T = \text{Diag}_{el}(\mathcal{A}) \cup \{c > a\}_{a \in \mathbb{Z}}$$

where  $c$  is a new constant symbol. Any finite part of  $T$  has the form

$$T_0 \subseteq \text{Diag}_{el}(\mathcal{A}) \cup \{c > a\}_{a < m}$$

for some  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ . So by interpreting  $c$  as  $m+1$  (the successor an predecessor of an element can be defined in our language), we have that  $\mathcal{A} \models T_0$ . Therefore, any model  $\mathcal{C} \models T$  is a proper elementary extension of  $\mathcal{A}$  (as  $\{<\}$ -structures).

- (2) Consider  $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{C} \setminus \{c\}$ , and we interpret  $<^{\mathcal{B}} = <^{\mathcal{C}} \cap B^2$ . Let  $\sigma : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  defined as

$$\sigma(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x < c \\ x+1 & \text{if not} \end{cases}$$

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this is clearly an order-embedding that fixes  $A$ .

- (3) Consider  $\phi$  as  $\exists x \ c - 1 < x < c + 1$ .

**Exercise 2:** Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be an  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure and  $A \subseteq M$ . Define  $\text{dcl}_{\mathcal{M}}(A) = \{b \in M, \{b\} \text{ is } A\text{-definable}\}$ .

- (1) Show that  $\text{dcl}_{\mathcal{M}}$  is a closure operator on  $\mathcal{P}(M)$ , which has finite character.
- (2) Show that every PEM  $f : \mathcal{M} \supseteq A \hookrightarrow \mathcal{N}$  has a unique extension to a PEM  $\hat{f} : \mathcal{M} \supseteq \text{dcl}_{\mathcal{M}}(A) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{N}$  and that  $\text{Im}(\hat{f}) = \text{dcl}_{\mathcal{N}}(\text{Im}(f))$ .
- (3) Let  $b \in \text{dcl}_{\mathcal{M}}(A)$  and  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}_A(\mathcal{M}) = \{\sigma \in \text{Aut}(\mathcal{M}) : \sigma(a) = a \ \forall a \in A\}$ . What can we say about the orbit of  $b$  under the action of  $\sigma$ ?
- (4) Let  $b, c \in M$  and  $A \subseteq M$ . Show that  $c \in \text{dcl}_{\mathcal{M}}(A \cup \{b\})$  if and only if there is  $f : M \rightarrow N$   $A$ -definable such that  $f(b) = c$ .
- (5) Let  $T$  be a theory with built-in Skolem functions and let  $\mathcal{M} \models T$ . Show that for every  $A \subseteq M$ ,  $\text{dcl}_{\mathcal{M}}(A) = \langle A \rangle_{\mathcal{M}}$ .
- (6) Let  $T$  be a theory with definable Skolem functions and let  $\mathcal{M} \models T$ . Show that  $\text{dcl}_{\mathcal{M}}(A) \preceq \mathcal{M}$ .
- (7) Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be an expansion of a total order. Show that  $\text{acl}_{\mathcal{M}} = \text{dcl}_{\mathcal{M}}$ .
- (8) Let  $\mathcal{M} \equiv \langle \mathbb{N}, 0, 1, +, \cdot, < \rangle$  and let  $\emptyset \neq A \subseteq M$ . Show that  $\text{dcl}_{\mathcal{M}}(A) \preceq \mathcal{M}$ .

**Solution:**

- (1) It is reflexive since for any  $a \in A$ , we consider the formula  $x = a$  which defines  $\{a\}$ . It is monotonic because if  $\{a\}$  is  $A$ -definable, and  $A \subseteq B$ , then automatically  $\{a\}$  is  $B$ -definable. These two properties imply that  $\text{dcl}_{\mathcal{M}}(A) \subseteq \text{dcl}_{\mathcal{M}}(\text{dcl}_{\mathcal{M}}(A))$ . To check the other inclusion, let  $b \in \text{dcl}_{\mathcal{M}}(\text{dcl}_{\mathcal{M}}(A))$ , and let  $\varphi(x, \bar{c})$  an  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula with  $\bar{c} \in \text{dcl}_{\mathcal{M}}(A)$  such that  $\varphi(\mathcal{M}, \bar{c}) = \{b\}$ . For each  $c_i$ , let  $\phi_i(x, \bar{a}_i)$  be a formula with  $\bar{a}_i \in A$  such that  $\phi_i(\mathcal{M}, \bar{a}_i) = \{c_i\}$ . Then, consider the  $\mathcal{L}_A$  formula

$$\psi(x, \bar{y}) = \exists!z \varphi(z, \bar{y}) \wedge \varphi(x, \bar{y}) \wedge \bigwedge_i \phi_i(y_i, \bar{a}_i).$$

Since there is only one tuple  $\bar{c}$  such that  $\bigwedge_i \phi_i(y_i, \bar{a}_i)$ , and only one  $b$  such that  $\varphi(b, \bar{c})$ , we conclude that this formula defines a single tuple  $(b, \bar{c})$ . Hence, its projection is definable and  $\{b\} = \{x, \exists \bar{y} \psi(x, \bar{y})\}$ .

- (2) Let  $\Omega$  be the set of PEM functions with domain  $A \subseteq A' \subseteq \text{dcl}_{\mathcal{M}}(A)$  and image  $B \subseteq B' \subseteq \text{dcl}_{\mathcal{N}}(B)$  ordered by function extension. It is a direct verification that  $\Omega$  is closed under

taking chains, so by Zorn's Lemma we can get a maximal  $g \in \omega$ , with domain  $A_0$  and image  $B_0$ . We claim that  $A_0 = \text{dcl}_{\mathcal{M}}(A)$  and  $B_0 = \text{dcl}_{\mathcal{N}}(B)$ . Suppose by contradiction that there is  $c \in \text{dcl}_{\mathcal{M}}(A) \setminus A_0$ , since  $A \subseteq A_0$ ,  $c \in \text{dcl}_{\mathcal{M}}(A_0)$ . Choose  $\varphi(x, \bar{a})$ , with  $\bar{a} \in A_0$  such that  $\varphi(\mathcal{M}, \bar{a}) = \{c\}$ . In other words,  $\mathcal{M} \models \exists!x\varphi(x, \bar{a})$ , and since  $g_0$  is a PEM,  $\mathcal{N} \models \exists!x\varphi(x, f(\bar{a}))$ . Since  $c \notin A_0$ , we get that  $\varphi(\mathcal{M}, \bar{a}) \cap A_0 = \emptyset$  and hence  $\varphi(\mathcal{N}, g_0(\bar{a})) \cap B_0 = \emptyset$ . Let  $d$  the only element in  $\varphi(\mathcal{N}, g_0(\bar{a})) \setminus B_0$  (in particular  $d \in \text{dcl}_{\mathcal{N}}(B_0)$ ). Define  $g_1 : A_0 \cup \{c\} \rightarrow B_0 \cup \{d\}$  extending  $g_0$  and sending  $c$  to  $d$ . If we prove  $g_1$  is a PEM, we contradict maximality of  $g_0$ . Let  $\theta(c, \bar{a}')$  an  $\mathcal{L}_{A_0 \cup \{c\}}$ -sentence satisfied by  $\mathcal{M}$ , then  $\mathcal{M} \models \theta(c, \bar{a}') \wedge \varphi(c, \bar{a})$ , and since  $|\theta(\mathcal{M}, \bar{a}') \cap \varphi(\mathcal{M}, \bar{a})| = 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{M} &\models \forall x(\varphi(x, \bar{a}) \rightarrow \theta(x, \bar{a}')) \\ \mathcal{N} &\models \forall x(\varphi(x, g_0(a)) \rightarrow \theta(x, g_0(\bar{a}')))\end{aligned}$$

But since  $\mathcal{N} \models \varphi(d, g_0(\bar{a}))$ , then  $\mathcal{N} \models \theta(d, g_0(\bar{a}'))$ , and therefore  $\mathcal{N} \models \theta(g_1(c), g_1(\bar{a}'))$ . Repeating this argument with  $\neg\theta$  gives us the other direction to conclude  $\mathcal{M}_{A_0 \cup \{c\}} \equiv \mathcal{N}_{g_1(A_0 \cup \{c\})}$ . To prove  $B_0 = \text{dcl}_{\mathcal{N}}(B)$  we use the same argument but for the PEM  $g_0^{-1}$ , if we extend this map, the inverse of this extension will extend  $g_0$  again contradicting maximality. Finally, to check uniqueness, let  $c \in \text{dcl}_{\mathcal{M}}(A)$ , then there is a  $\mathcal{L}_A$ -formula  $\varphi(x, \bar{a})$  such that  $\mathcal{M} \models \exists!x\varphi(x, \bar{a})$ , then  $\mathcal{N} \models \exists!x\varphi(x, f(\bar{a}))$ , so that any two extensions of  $f$  into  $\text{dcl}_{\mathcal{M}}(A)$  must agree everywhere.

- (3) We have that  $\{\sigma^m(b), m \in \mathbb{N}\} = \{b\}$ : if  $\varphi(x, \bar{a})$  is a formula defining  $\{b\}$  with  $\bar{a} \in A$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{M} &\models \varphi(b, \bar{a}) \\ \iff \mathcal{M} &\models \varphi(\sigma(b), \sigma(\bar{a})) \\ \iff \mathcal{M} &\models \varphi(\sigma(b), \bar{a}) \\ \iff \sigma(b) &\in \{b\}\end{aligned}$$

(4) Suppose  $c \in \text{dcl}_{\mathcal{M}}(A)$ , then there is some formula  $\varphi(x, \bar{a}, b)$  such that  $\varphi(\mathcal{M}, \bar{a}, b) = \{c\}$ .

The set  $D = \{x, \exists!y \varphi(y, \bar{a}, x)\}$  is  $A$ -definable. Fix  $a \in A$ , and define

$$f(m) = \begin{cases} n & \text{such that } \varphi(n, \bar{a}, m), \text{ if } m \in D \\ a & \text{if not} \end{cases}$$

by definition,  $f(b) = c$ . Conversely, suppose there is an  $A$ -definable function  $f : M \rightarrow N$  that sends  $b$  to  $c$ . Let  $\theta(x, y, \bar{a})$  be a formula defining the graph of  $f$ . Then  $\theta(b, \mathcal{M}, \bar{a}) = \{c\}$ .

(5) “ $\subseteq$ ”: Let  $b \in \text{dcl}_{\mathcal{M}}(A)$ , and choose  $\varphi(x, \bar{a})$  such that  $\mathcal{M} \models \exists!y \varphi(y, \bar{a}) \wedge \varphi(b, \bar{a})$ , then by hypothesis there is  $f \in \mathcal{L}$  a function such that  $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi(f(\bar{a}), \bar{a}) \wedge \varphi(b, \bar{a})$ , hence  $b = f(\bar{a})$  which implies  $b \in \langle A \rangle_{\mathcal{M}}$ .

“ $\supseteq$ ”: Let now  $b \in \langle A \rangle_{\mathcal{M}}$ , so  $b = t(\bar{a})$  for some term  $t$ , we show that  $b \in \text{dcl}_{\mathcal{M}}(A)$  by induction on terms: the case where  $t$  is a variable or a constant is immediate, so assume  $b = f(t_1(\bar{a}), \dots, t_m(\bar{a}))$  with  $t_i(\bar{a}) \in \text{dcl}_{\mathcal{M}}(A)$  and  $f$  and  $f \in \mathcal{L}$ . Consider the formula  $\theta(\bar{x}, y)$  that defines the graph of  $f$ , so we have

$$\mathcal{M} \models \exists!y \theta(t_1(\bar{a}), \dots, t_m(\bar{a}), y) \wedge \theta(t_1(\bar{a}), \dots, t_m(\bar{a}), b)$$

so that  $b \in \text{dcl}_{\mathcal{M}}(\text{dcl}_{\mathcal{M}}(A)) = \text{dcl}_{\mathcal{M}}(A)$ .

(6) Let  $\bar{a} \in \text{dcl}_{\mathcal{M}}(A)$  and any formula  $\varphi$  such that  $\mathcal{M} \models \exists x \varphi(x, \bar{a})$ . Then by hypothesis  $\mathcal{M} \models \exists z \varphi(z, \bar{a}) \wedge \theta_{\varphi}(z, \bar{a})$ , where  $\theta_{\varphi}$  defines the graph of the Skolem function for  $\varphi$ . In particular  $|\theta_{\varphi}(\mathcal{M}, \bar{a})| = 1$ , so if  $b \in \mathcal{M}$  is such that  $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi(\bar{a}, b)$ , then there is  $b' \in \mathcal{M}$  such that  $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi(b', \bar{a}) \wedge \theta_{\varphi}(b', \bar{a})$ , in particular  $\mathcal{M} \models \theta_{\varphi}(b', \bar{a})$ , so  $b' \in \text{dcl}_{\mathcal{M}}(\text{dcl}_{\mathcal{M}}(A)) = \text{dcl}_{\mathcal{M}}(A)$ .

(7) Clearly  $\text{dcl}_{\mathcal{M}}(A) \subseteq \text{acl}_{\mathcal{M}}(A)$  since an  $A$ -definable set of size 1 has finite size. Let  $b \in \text{acl}_{\mathcal{M}}(A)$ , then there is  $\varphi$  such that  $|\varphi(\mathcal{M}, b)| = n$  and  $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi(b, \bar{a})$ . Suppose that  $\varphi(\mathcal{M}, b) = \{b_1, \dots, b_n\}$  and without loss of generality  $b_1 < \dots < b_n$ . Then for some  $k$ ,  $b = b_k$  and we define  $\{b_k\}$  with the formula

$$\varphi(x, \bar{a}) \wedge \exists^k y (\varphi(y, \bar{a}) \wedge y < x) \wedge \exists^{n-k} y (\varphi(y, \bar{a}) \wedge y > x)$$

(8) It is enough to show that  $T = \text{Th}(\mathcal{M})$  has definable Skolem functions. Let  $\varphi(\bar{x}, y)$  be a formula such that for  $\bar{a} \in \mathcal{M}$ ,  $T \models \exists y \varphi(\bar{a}, y)$ , so that  $D = \{\bar{b}, \mathcal{M} \models \exists y \varphi(\bar{b}, y)\}$  is a

definable, non-empty set. Consider the function

$$f_\varphi(\bar{b}) = \begin{cases} \min\{c, \mathcal{M} \models \varphi(\bar{b}, c)\} & \text{if } \bar{b} \in D \\ 0 & \text{if not} \end{cases}.$$

The graph of  $f_\varphi$  is defined by the formula  $\theta(\bar{x}, y)$  given by

$$(\bar{x} \in D \wedge \varphi(\bar{x}, y) \wedge \forall z (\varphi(\bar{x}, z) \rightarrow z \geq y)) \vee (\bar{x} \notin D \wedge y = 0).$$

So we can conclude that  $\mathcal{M}$  has definable Skolem functions, and by (6), we have the result.

**Exercise 3:** Let  $T$  be an  $\mathcal{L}$ -theory. The following are equivalent:

- (1) For every  $\mathcal{M} \models T$  and for every  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \preceq \mathcal{M}$  we have  $\mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{B} \preceq \mathcal{M}$ .
- (2) For every  $\mathcal{M} \models T$  and for every  $C \subseteq M$ , we have  $\text{acl}_{\mathcal{M}}(C) \preceq \mathcal{M}$ .

**Solution:** To prove (2) implies (1), let  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \preceq \mathcal{M}$ , so in particular  $\mathcal{A} \equiv \mathcal{B} \equiv \mathcal{M}$ , then we can apply the joint embedding property (twice), to find  $\mathcal{S}$  such that  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{M} \preceq \mathcal{S}$ . We can also ask that  $\text{acl}_{\mathcal{S}}(\emptyset) = \mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{B}$ . Since  $\emptyset \subseteq \mathcal{M} \preceq \mathcal{S}$ ,  $\text{acl}_{\mathcal{S}}(\emptyset) = \text{acl}_{\mathcal{M}}(\emptyset)$  and hence by hypothesis  $\mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{B} = \text{acl}_{\mathcal{M}}(\emptyset) \preceq \mathcal{M}$ .