

Extra exercises are marked with a \*\*. I DO NOT EXPECT YOU TO ANSWER THEM. I hope they can bring you joy.

**ZOMBIE EXERCISE 1.** Let  $F$  be an infinite field. Show that there is an elementary extension  $F \preceq K$  containing a transcendental element  $t$  over  $F$ . Considering  $\text{acl}(t)$ , show that there is no  $\omega$ -categorical theory extending the theory of infinite fields.

**EXERCISE 2.** For  $n > 2$ , consider  $\mathcal{Q}_n := (\mathbb{Q}; <, P_0, \dots, P_{n-3}; (c_i)_{i < \omega})$ , where the  $P_i$  are unary predicates partitioning  $\mathbb{Q}$  into dense subsets and the  $c_i$  name an increasing sequence of elements of  $P_0$ . Show that the theory  $\mathcal{Q}_n$  has exactly  $n$  countable models up to isomorphism.

**EXERCISE 3.** Work in a countable relational language  $\mathcal{L}$ . Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a class of finite  $\mathcal{L}$ -structures closed under isomorphism and substructures. Show that the following are equivalent:

- $\mathcal{C}$  has the amalgamation property;
- $\mathcal{C}$  has the 1-point amalgamation property: Let  $A, B_0, B_1 \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $f_i : A \rightarrow B_i$  be embeddings with  $|B_i \setminus A| = 1$  for  $i \in \{0, 1\}$ . Then, there is some  $D \in \mathcal{C}$  and embeddings  $g_i : B_i \rightarrow D$  for  $i \in \{0, 1\}$  such that  $g_0 \circ f_0 = g_1 \circ f_1$ .

**EXERCISE 4.** Work in a countable relational language  $\mathcal{L}$  with no 0-ary relation (and no constant symbol). Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a class of finite  $\mathcal{L}$ -structures closed under isomorphisms, substructures and with the amalgamation property. Deduce that  $\mathcal{C}$  also has the joint embedding property.

**EXERCISE 5.** Let  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathbb{Q}^{\geq 0}}$  be a language with a binary relation  $d_q$  for each  $q \in \mathbb{Q}^{\geq 0}$ . Consider the class  $\mathcal{K}$  of finite metric spaces  $(M; (d_q)_{q \in \mathbb{Q}^{\geq 0}})$  for which the distance between any two points is always rational and for each  $q \in \mathbb{Q}^{\geq 0}$ ,  $d_q$  is interpreted as the binary relation holding of two points if and only if they are at distance  $q$ . Show that  $\mathcal{K}$  is a Fraïssé class. The associated Fraïssé limit  $\mathbf{U}_{\mathbb{Q}}$  is called the **rational Urysohn space**. Is this structure  $\omega$ -categorical?

**Definition 1.** The **exponent** of a group  $G$  is the least common multiple of the orders of its elements (or  $\infty$  if there is no such least common multiple).

**Fact 2.** An Abelian group of finite exponent is a direct sum of finite cyclic groups.

**EXERCISE 6.** Show that an  $\omega$ -categorical group has finite exponent. Deduce that an infinite Abelian group is  $\omega$ -categorical if and only if it has finite exponent. Describe an axiomatisation of the different complete  $\omega$ -categorical theories of (infinite) Abelian groups.

**Definition 3.** Let  $G$  be a group. We say that  $H \leq G$  is a **characteristic subgroup** of  $G$  if and only if for all  $\phi \in \text{Aut}(G)$ ,  $\phi(H) \leq H$ . We say that  $G$  is **characteristically simple** if it has no proper nontrivial characteristic subgroups.

**\*\* EXERCISE 7.** Note that if  $H$  is a characteristic subgroup of  $G$  every automorphism of  $G$  induces an automorphism of  $G/H$ . Let  $G$  be an  $\omega$ -categorical countable group.

1. Show that  $G$  has finitely many characteristic subgroups;
2. Show that if  $H$  is a characteristic subgroup of  $G$  such that  $H$  and  $G/H$  are both infinite, then both  $H$  and  $G/H$  are  $\omega$ -categorical;
3. Show that  $G$  has a finite characteristic series

$$G_0 = \{1\} < G_1 < \dots < G_m = G,$$

where for each  $i < m$ ,  $G_{i+1}/G_i$  is characteristically simple and either finite or  $\omega$ -categorical.