# 21603 Model Theory I

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# Chapter 1

# 1.1 random info

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- 1. Set Theory
- 2. Model Theory
- 3. Recursion Theory
- 4. Proof Theory

1973 book by Chang and Keisler - Model Theory - Highly recommended for elementary model theory.

What is model theory? Model Theory = logic + universal algebra

1984 - W. Hodges - Shorter Model Theory

model theory = algebraic geometry - field theory

Algebraic structures:

- 1. groups
- 2. rings
- 3. vector spaces
- 4. fields
- 5. graphs (V, E)
- 6. ordered structures

Around 1870, mathematicians started to layout the foundations for mathematics. One of the ideas was axiomatization. One example was Euclidean axioms for plane geometry.

# 1.2 Structures and Languages

# Definition 1.2.1: Language

L is a language if  $L = F \cup R \cup C$  are parameter disjoint.

# Definition 1.2.2: L-structure

Let L be a language (similarity type/signature). Then  $\mathcal{M}$  is an L-structure provided:

$$\mathcal{M} = (U, \{ f^{\mathcal{M}} \mid f \in F \}, \{ r^{\mathcal{M}} \mid r \in R \}, \{ c^{\mathcal{M}} \mid c \in C \})$$

where U is a nonempty set. U is also called the universe of  $\mathcal{M}$ .

For any  $f \in F$  there is U(f) natural number such that  $f^{\mathcal{M}}: U^{n(F)} \to U$ ,  $R^{\mathcal{M}} \subseteq U^{n(R)}$ ,  $C^{\mathcal{M}} \subseteq U$ ,  $\forall c \in C$ .

Notation:  $|\mathcal{M}| = U$ . The cardinal of  $\mathcal{M}$  is |U|.  $||\mathcal{M}||$  denotes the cardinality of  $\mathcal{M}$ .

# Definition 1.2.3: Theory

Let L be a language. A theory T is a set of sentences in L. A sentence is a finite set of symbols from L.

# Example 1.2.1 (Sentences)

 $L_{\rm gr} = \{e, \cdot\}.\ e \in C, \cdot \in F.\ T_{\rm gr} = \{\forall x \forall y \forall z (x \cdot (y \cdot z) = (x \cdot y) \cdot z), \forall x (x \cdot e = x, e \cdot x = x), \forall x \exists y (x \cdot y = e, y \cdot x = e)\}.$  These are the group axioms (associativity, identity, existence of inverse).

# Definition 1.2.4: Term

Let L be a language. A term is:

- 1. c is a term for any  $c \in C$ .
- 2. x when x is a variable.
- 3.  $\tau_1, \ldots, \tau_k$  terms,  $f \in F$ , n(f) = k, then  $f(\tau_1, \ldots, \tau_k)$  is a term.

# Definition 1.2.5: Term

Term(L) is a minimal set of finite strings of symbols from  $L \cup \{(,)\} \cup X$  that contains  $C \cup x$  and closed under the following rule:

 $\tau_1, \ldots, \tau_k \in \text{Term}(L), fk - \text{place function symbol}, \text{then } f(\tau_1, \ldots, \tau_k) \in \text{Term}(L)$ 

# Example 1.2.2 $(L_r)$

 $L_r = \{0,1,+,-\}. \ \operatorname{Term}(L_r) \supseteq \{\sum a_j x_1^{n_j} \mid a_j \in \mathbb{Z}, n_j \in \mathbb{N}\}.$ 

# Example 1.2.3 $(L_{\rm gr})$

 $\operatorname{Term}(L_{\operatorname{gr}}) \supseteq \{x_1 \cdot x_n \cdots x_n \mid x_i \in X, n \in \omega\}.$ 

# Definition 1.2.6: AFml

Let L be a language. The set of atomic formulas denotes by AFml(L) is the smallest set of formulas in L that contains  $L \cup \{(,),=\} \cup X$  such that:

- 1. If  $\tau_1, \tau_2 \in \text{Term}(L)$ , then  $\tau_1 = \tau_2 \in \text{AFml}(L)$ .
- 2. Given  $R(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$  relation symbol and  $\tau_1, \ldots, \tau_n \in \text{Term}(L)$ , then  $R(\tau_1, \ldots, \tau_n) \in \text{AFml}(L)$ .

# Definition 1.2.7: Fml

 $\operatorname{Fml}(L)$  is the set of (first order) formulas in L. Which is the minimal set of finite strings of symbols from  $L \cup \{(,),=,\neg,\vee,\wedge,\implies,\iff,\forall,\exists\} \cup X$  such that:

- 1.  $Fml(L) \supseteq AFml(L)$ .
- 2. If  $\varphi$  is a formula, then  $\neg \varphi$  is a formula.
- 3. If  $x \in \{\land, \lor, \implies, \iff\}$  and  $\varphi, \psi \in \operatorname{Fml}(L)$ , then  $(\varphi x \psi) \in \operatorname{Fml}(L)$ .
- 4. If  $\varphi \in \text{Fml}(L)$ ,  $Q \in \{\forall, \exists\}$ , and  $x \in X$ , then  $Qx\varphi \in \text{Fml}(L)$ .
- 5. If  $\varphi \in \text{Fml}(L)$ ,  $\text{FV}(\varphi)$  is the set of free variables in  $\varphi$  defined by induction on the structure of  $\varphi$ . Case 1:  $\varphi \in \text{AFml}(L)$ .
  - (a)  $\varphi$  is  $\tau_1 = \tau_2$ .  $FV(\varphi) = FV(\tau_1) \cup FV(\tau_2)$ .
  - (b)  $\varphi$  is  $R(\tau_1, \ldots, \tau_n)$ .  $FV(\varphi) = FV(\tau_1) \cup \ldots \cup FV(\tau_n)$ .

Case 2:

- (a) if  $\varphi$  is  $\neg \psi$ , then  $FV(\varphi) = FV(\psi)$ .
- (b) if  $\varphi = \psi_1 * \psi_2$  for  $* \in \{ \land, \lor, \Longrightarrow, \longleftrightarrow \}$ , then  $FV(\varphi) = FV(\psi_1) \cup FV(\psi_2)$ .

Case 3:  $\varphi$  is  $Qx\psi$ ,  $Q \in \{\forall, \exists\}$ . Then  $FV(\varphi) = FV(\psi) \setminus \{x\}$ .

6. Sent(L) are the sentences in L. Sent(L) =  $\{\varphi \in \text{Fml}(L) \mid \text{FV}(\varphi) = \emptyset\}$ .

# Example 1.2.4

If  $L_f = \{+, \cdot, 0, 1\}$ , then  $T_f = \{$ 

- $\forall x \forall y \forall z (x \cdot (y \cdot z) = (x \cdot y) \cdot z),$
- $\forall x \forall y \forall z (x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z)$ ,
- $\forall x \forall y (x + y = y + x)$ ,
- $\bullet \ \forall x \forall y (x \cdot y = y \cdot x),$
- $\forall x(x \cdot 1 = x, 1 \cdot x = x),$
- $\forall x(x + 0 = x, 0 + x = x),$
- $\forall x \exists y (x \cdot y = 1, y \cdot x = 1),$
- $\forall x \exists y (x + y = 0, y + x = 0),$
- $\forall x \forall y \forall z (x \cdot (y + z) = (x \cdot y) + (x \cdot z))$

}.

# Definition 1.2.8: L-theory

T is an L-theory if  $T \subseteq Sent(L)$ .

The example above is "field theory".

#### Definition 1.2.9

Let M be an L-structure.  $\tau(\bar{x})$  is a term,  $\bar{a} \in |M|^{\ell(n)}$ . T

Case 1:  $\tau(\bar{x}) = c$  for some constant symbol. Then  $\tau^M(\bar{a}) = c^M$ .

Case 2:  $\tau(\bar{x}) = x_i$ . Then  $\tau^M(\bar{a}) = a_i$ .

Case 3:  $\tau(\bar{x}) = f(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_k)$ . Then  $\tau^M(\bar{a}) = f^M(\tau_1^M(\bar{a}), \dots, \tau_k^M(\bar{a}))$ .

# Definition 1.2.10: $\models$

Let L be a language,  $\varphi \in \operatorname{Fml}(L)$ , M and L-structure,  $n = \ell(\bar{x})$ ,  $\bar{a} \in |M|^n$ . Define  $M \models \varphi(\bar{a})$  at  $\bar{a}$  by induction on the structure of  $\varphi$ :

- If  $\varphi$  is atomic,
  - when  $\varphi(x)$  is  $\tau_1 = \tau_2$ , then  $M \models \varphi(\bar{a})$  iff  $\tau_1(\bar{a}) = \tau_2(\bar{a})$ .
  - when  $\varphi(x)$  is  $R(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_k)$ , then  $M \models \varphi(\bar{a})$  iff  $(\tau_1(\bar{a}), \dots, \tau_k(\bar{a})) \in R^M$ .
- If  $\varphi$  is not atomic, then:
  - if  $\varphi$  is  $\neg \psi$ , then  $M \models \varphi(\bar{a})$  iff  $M \models \psi(\bar{a})$  is false.
  - $\text{ if } \varphi \text{ is } \psi_1 * \psi_2 \text{ for } * \in \{ \land, \lor, \Longrightarrow, \iff \}, \text{ then } M \models \varphi(\bar{a}) \text{ iff } M \models \psi_1(\bar{a}) \text{ and } M \models \psi_2(\bar{a}).$
  - if  $\varphi$  is  $\exists y \psi(y, \bar{x})$ , then  $M \models \varphi(\bar{a})$  iff there is  $b \in |M|$  such that  $M \models \psi(b, \bar{a})$ .
  - if  $\varphi$  is  $\forall y \psi(y, \bar{x})$ , then  $M \models \varphi(\bar{a})$  iff for all  $b \in |M|$ ,  $M \models \psi(b, \bar{a})$ .

# Definition 1.2.11

Let M be an L-structure and T an L-theory.  $M \models T$  iff for every  $\varphi \in T$ ,  $M \models \varphi$ . We say T "satisfies" M.

#### Example 1.2.5 (Models)

 $M \models T_f \iff (|M|, +^M, \cdot^M, 0^M, 1^M)$  is a field.

#### Definition 1.2.12: Mod

 $Mod(T) = \{M \text{ $L$-structure } \mid M \models T\}.$ 

# Example 1.2.6

 $Mod(T_f)$  is the class of all fields and  $Mod(T_{gr})$  is the class of all groups.

#### Definition 1.2.13: Structure Isomorphism

Let M,N both be L-structures. f is an isomorphism from M onto N if  $f:|M| \to |N|$  is a bijection such that:

- $f(c^M) = c^N$  for all  $c \in C$ .
- $G(x_1,\ldots,x_k)$  function symbol.  $a_1,\ldots,a_k\in |M|$ , then  $f(G^M(a_1,\ldots,a_k))=G^N(f(a_1),\ldots,f(a_k))$ .
- $R(x_1, \ldots, x_k)$  predicate symbol.  $a_1, \ldots, a_k \in |M|$ , then  $(a_1, \ldots, a_k) \in R^M$  iff  $(f(a_1), \ldots, f(a_k)) \in R^N$ .

We write  $f: M \cong N$ . Also  $M \cong N \iff \exists f: M \cong N$ .

# Definition 1.2.14

Let  $\lambda \geq \aleph_0$ , T an L-theory. T is  $\lambda$ -categorical if for all  $M, N \models T$  of cardinality  $\lambda, M \cong N$ .

# Theorem 1.2.1 Los Conjecture (1954)

Let L be a language, T a first order L-theory, in an at most countable language. If  $\exists \lambda > \aleph_0$  such that T is  $\lambda$ -categorical, then for all  $\mu > \aleph_0$ , T is  $\mu$ -categorical.

Somewhere around 1961-1965, Morley proved this conjecture.

# Chapter 2

# Basic Concepts

#### Lenma 2.0.1

- 1.  $M \cong N \implies N \cong M$ .
- 2.  $M\cong M, f=\mathrm{id}_{|M|}$ . 3. Let  $M_1,M_2,M_3$  be all L-structures. Then  $f_1:M_1\cong M_2$  and  $f_2:M_2\cong M_3\implies f_2\circ f_1:M_1\cong M_3$ .

In other words,  $\cong$  is an equivalence relation on Struct(L).

 $M/\cong = \{N \text{ is an } L(M)\text{-structure } | N \cong M\}.$ 

# Definition 2.0.1: Spectrum function of T

Let T be a first order theory  $(T \subseteq Sent(L))$  of cardinality  $\lambda$ . Then  $I(\lambda, T)$  is the number of pairwise nonisomorphic models of T of cardinality  $\lambda$ . We have

$$I(\lambda, T) = |M/\cong|$$

where  $M \models T$  and  $||M|| = \lambda$ .

Consider  $\lambda \mapsto I(\lambda, T)$ ,  $\lambda \in \text{Card}$  (the class of cardinal numbers). But what is the shape of  $\lambda \mapsto I(\lambda, T)$ . Is it weakly monotone? That is,  $\mu > \lambda \implies I(\mu, T) \ge I(\lambda, T)$ ?

# **Theorem 2.0.1** Morley's Conjecture ( $\sim$ 1965)

Suppose T is first order and  $|L(T)| \leq \aleph_0$ . Then  $\mu > \lambda > \aleph_0 \implies I(\mu, T) \geq I(\lambda, T)$ .

The basic problem is that given M and N both of cardinality  $\lambda$ ,  $M \not\cong N$ , find M', N' both of cardinality  $\mu$ such that  $M' \cong N'$ . In 1990, Shelah solved Morley's Conjecture. However, this is an open question for uncountable Τ.

#### Theorem 2.0.2 Morley's Category Theorem

Let T be a first order theory for  $|L(T)| \leq \aleph_0$ . Then  $\exists \lambda > \aleph_0, I(\lambda, T) = 1$  then  $\forall \mu > \aleph_0, I(\mu, T) = 1$ .

Shelah listed all possible functions  $\lambda \mapsto I(\lambda, T)$  and, by hand, verified that they were weakly monotone.

# Example 2.0.1

- 1.  $I(\lambda, T) = 1$  for all  $\lambda > \aleph_0$ .
- 2.  $I(\lambda, T) = 2^{\lambda}$  for all  $\lambda > \aleph_0$ .

Hart, Hrushovski, and Laskowski found all the 13 functions.

#### Definition 2.0.2: Submodel

Let M, N be L-structures. M is a submodel of N if:

- 1.  $|M| \le |N|$
- 2.  $\forall a_1, \dots, a_n \in |M| \text{ and } F(x_1, \dots, x_n), F^M(a_1, \dots, a_n) = F^N(a_1, \dots, a_n).$
- 3.  $c^M = c^N$  for all constant symbols c.
- 4.  $R^M = R^N \cap (|M| \times \cdots \times |M|)$ .

# Definition 2.0.3: Elementarily Equivalent

Let M, N be L-structure. M is elementarily equivalent to N denoted by  $M \equiv N$  provided  $M \models \varphi \iff$  $N \models \varphi \text{ for any } \varphi \in \text{Sent}(L).$ 

# Definition 2.0.4

Let M be an L-structure. The theory of M is denoted  $(M) = \{Th(M)\varphi \in Sent(L) \mid M \models \varphi\}$ .

Let  $N := (\omega, +, \cdot, 0, 1)$ . Then TA = Th(N) "True Arithmetic". For example the twin primes conjecture is  $\{p \mid p \text{ and } p+2 \text{ are both primes}\}\$  is infinite. If it is true, then it is a member of TA.

#### Theorem 2.0.3

Let M, N be L-stuructres. If  $M \cong N$ , then  $M \equiv N$ .

#### Theorem 2.0.4

Let M, N be L-structures. Suppose  $f: M \cong N$ . Then for any  $\bar{a} \in |M|$  and any  $\varphi(\bar{x}) \in \mathrm{Fml}(L)$  with  $\ell(\bar{x}) = \ell(\bar{a}), M \models \varphi[\bar{a}] \iff N \models \varphi[f(\bar{a})].$ 

*Proof.* Suppose  $\varphi(\bar{x})$  is atomic.

#### Lenma 2.0.2

Suppose  $f: M \cong N$  and  $\tau(\bar{x})$  sequence of terms.  $\bar{a} \in |M|, \ell(\bar{x}) = \ell(\bar{a})$ . Then  $f(\tau(\bar{a})) = \tau(f(\bar{a}))$ .

*Proof.* By induction on the length of  $\tau$ .

Case 1:  $\tau(\bar{x})$  is x. Then  $f(\tau(\bar{a})) = f(a) = \tau(f(\bar{a}))$ . Case 2:  $\tau(\bar{x}) = c$ . then  $f(c^M) = c^N$  by definition of isomorphism.

Case 3:  $\tau(\bar{x}) = G(y_1, \dots, y_n)$  function symbol. Then  $\tau_1(\bar{x}), \dots, \tau_n(\bar{x})$  are terms. By induction,  $f(\tau(\bar{a})) = \sigma(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  $f(G^{M}(\tau_{1}(\bar{a}),...,\tau_{n}(\bar{a}))) = G^{N}(f(\tau_{1}(\bar{a})),...,f(\tau_{n}(\bar{a}))) = \tau^{N}(f(\bar{a})).$ 

Now returning to the proof:

Case 1:  $\varphi(\bar{x})$  is  $\tau_1(\bar{x}) = \tau_2(\bar{x})$ . Then, we have  $M \models \varphi(\bar{a}) \iff \tau_1(\bar{a}) = \tau_2(\bar{a}) \iff f(\tau_1(\bar{a})) = \tau_2(\bar{a})$  $f(\tau_2(\bar{a})) \iff \tau_1^N(f(\bar{a})) = \tau_2^N(f(\bar{a})) \iff N \models \varphi(f(\bar{a})).$ 

Case 2:  $\varphi(\bar{x})$  is  $R(\tau_1(\bar{x}), \dots, \tau_n(\bar{x}))$ . When  $R(y_1, \dots, y_n)$  is a relation symbol and  $\tau_i(\bar{x})$  are terms. Then  $M \models \varphi(\bar{a}) \iff (\tau_1(\bar{a}), \dots, \tau_n(\bar{a})) \in R^M \iff (f(\tau_1(\bar{a})), \dots, f(\tau_n(\bar{a}))) \in R^N \iff (\tau_1(f(\bar{a})), \dots, \tau_n(f(\bar{a}))) \iff$  $N \models \varphi(f(\bar{a})).$ 

Suppose  $\varphi$  is  $\neg \psi$ . Then  $M \models \varphi(\bar{a}) \iff M \not\models \psi(\bar{a}) \iff N \not\models \psi(f(\bar{a})) \iff N \models \varphi(f(\bar{a}))$ .

Suppose  $\varphi$  is  $\psi_1 \wedge \psi_2$ . Then  $M \models \varphi(\bar{a}) \iff M \models \psi_1(\bar{a})$  and  $M \models \psi_2(\bar{a}) \iff N \models \psi_1(f(\bar{a}))$  and  $N \models \psi_2(f(\bar{a})) \iff N \models \varphi(f(\bar{a})).$ 

Suppose  $\varphi(\bar{x})$  is  $\exists y \psi(y, \bar{x})$ . Then  $M \models \varphi(\bar{a}) \iff$  there is  $b \in |M|$  such that  $M \models \psi(b, \bar{a}) \iff$  there is  $c \in |N|$  such that  $N \models \psi(c, f(\bar{a})) \iff N \models \exists \psi(y, f(\bar{a})) \iff N \models \varphi(f(\bar{a})).$ 

General Remark:

$$M \models \exists y \varphi(y, \bar{a}) \iff M \models \neg \forall y \neg \varphi(y, \bar{a})$$
$$M \models \neg \exists y \varphi(y, \bar{x}) \iff \forall y \neg \varphi(y, \bar{a}).$$

#### Example 2.0.2

 $L_{gr} = \{\cdot, 1\}$ .  $(\mathbb{Q}, +, 0), (\mathbb{R}, +, 0)$  are not isomorphic because diff cardinality.  $(\mathbb{Q}, +, 0), (\mathbb{Z}, +, 0)$  are not isomorphic because:

$$(\mathbb{Q}, +, 0) \models \forall x \exists y (x = y + y).$$

This sentence is not true for  $\mathbb{Z}$  under addition.

 $N = (\omega, +, \cdot, 0, 1)$  is called the standard model of arithmetic. TA = Th(N), true arithmetic.

#### Question

Given  $M_1, M_2 \models \text{TA}$  both countable. Are they isomorphic?

# Question

What is  $I(\aleph_0, TA)$ ? Voted on  $2^{\aleph_0}$ .... and it is.

Let T be a theory and  $\varphi \in \operatorname{Sent}(L)$ . We say T proves  $\varphi$  (denoted  $T \vdash \varphi$ ) if there exists a finite set of sequences from  $L, \varphi_1, \varphi_2, \ldots, \varphi_n$  such that  $\varphi_n = \varphi$  and for all  $i, \varphi_i \in T$  or  $\varphi_i$  is a tautology or there are j, k < i where  $\varphi_j = (\varphi_k \implies \varphi_i)$ .

1.  $Q \rightarrow P$ : the rule of inference. "modus ponens".

2.

Other rules (possible members of  $\varphi$ ):

- x = y, y = z then x = z.
- If  $\varphi_i = \forall x \varphi(x)$ , then also  $\forall y \varphi(y)$  in the sequence.
- If  $\forall x \varphi(x)$  also  $\varphi(\tau(\bar{c}))$ .

# Definition 2.0.5

A set of sentences is a consistent theory if there is no  $\varphi$  such that  $\varphi$  and  $\neg \varphi$  are both in the theory. T is inconsistent if it is not consistent.