

"Extra" lecture on Mon 1st Feb 2 - 3:15

$\text{ACF}_p$  and  $\text{ACF}_o$  ↗ alg closed fields of char 0  
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alg closed fields of char  $p$

$\text{ACF}_p$  and  $\text{ACF}_o$  are complete and have quantifier elimination (proving this requires some work). Then:

- atomic formulas are polynomial equations
- if  $A \subseteq M \models \text{ACF}_p$  or  $\text{ACF}_o$ , then an atomic rule in  $L(\text{ring}(A))$  with one free variable is equivalent to a polynomial eqn of the form  $p(x) = 0$ , where  $p(x) \in F[x]$  where  $F$  is the subfield generated by  $A$
- atomic rules with one variable and parameters define finite sets
- quantifier-free rules with one free var. and params. define finite or infinite sets.

By q.e.,  $\text{ACF}_p$  and  $\text{ACF}_o$  are strongly minimal.

From now on,  $T$  is a complete strongly minimal theory with monster model  $U$ .

Notation: we write  $aA$  for  $\{a\} \cup A$  and  $B \setminus a$  for  $B \setminus \{a\}$

Reminder:  $a \in A$  is independent from  $B \subseteq U$  if  $a \notin \text{acl}(B)$   
 $B$  is indep. if for all  $b \in B$ ,  $b \notin \text{acl}(B \setminus b)$

(6.4) Theorem Let  $B \subseteq U$ ,  $a, b \in U \setminus \text{acl}(B)$ . Then  
 $b \in \text{acl}(ab) \iff a \in \text{acl}(Bb)$

Proof: Assume for  $\star$  that  $a \in \text{acl}(Bb)$  and  $b \notin \text{acl}(ab)$

Let  $\varphi(x, y) \in L(B)$  be such that  $\models \varphi(a, b) \wedge \exists^{<\omega} x \varphi(x, b)$  for some  $n > \omega \setminus 10^3$ . Consider the following  $L(ab)$ -rule.

$$\psi(a, u) \equiv \varphi(a, u) \wedge \exists^{<\omega} x \varphi(x, u).$$

Since  $b \notin \text{acl}(ab)$ , we must have  $|\psi(a, u)| \geq \omega$ , and so  $|\psi(a, u)| = |U|$ . By strong minimality  $|\psi(a, u)| < \omega$ , and so any model  $M$  containing  $B$  also contains  $c \in \psi(a, u)$ . Then  $a \in \text{acl}(cb)$  and so  $a \in U$ . Therefore  $a \in M$  whenever  $B \subseteq M$ . But this implies  $a \in \text{acl}(B)$  by Theorem 5.8  $\star$ .

(6.5) Definition Let  $B \subseteq C \subseteq U$ . Then  $B$  is a basis of  $C$  if  $B$  is an independent set and  $C \subseteq \text{acl}(B)$  - or, equivalently, if  $\text{acl}(B) = \text{acl}(C)$ .

6.6

Lemma If  $B$  is an indep. set and  $a \notin \text{acl}(B)$ , then  $\{a\} \cup B$  is independent.

Proof Assume  $a \notin \text{acl}(B)$  but  $\{a\} \cup B$  is not independent.

Then there is  $b \in B$  such that  $b \in \text{acl}(a \cup B \setminus b)$ .  
By indep. of  $B$ ,  $b \notin \text{acl}(B \setminus b)$ .  
 $a \notin \text{acl}(B) \Rightarrow a \notin \text{acl}(B \setminus b)$

by Thm 6.4

$$\Rightarrow a \in \text{acl}(a \cup B \setminus b) = \text{acl}(B) \times \square$$

6.7

Corollary If  $B \subseteq C \subseteq U$ , the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $B$  is a basis of  $C$
- (ii)  $B$  is a maximal indep. subset of  $C$  (i.e. if  $B \subseteq B' \subseteq C$ , and  $B'$  is indep. then  $B' = B$ )

6.8

Theorem Let  $C \subseteq U$ . Then

- (i) every indep.  $B \subseteq C$  can be extended to a basis of  $C$
- (ii) if  $A, B$  are bases of  $C$  then  $|A| = |B|$ .

Proof (i) Claim: if  $\{B_i : i < \lambda\}$  is a chain of indep. subsets of  $C$  such that  $B \subseteq B_i$  for all  $i$ , then  $\bigcup_{i<\lambda} B_i$  is indep.  
Suppose not. Then there is  $b \in \bigcup_{i<\lambda} B_i$  such that  $b \in \text{acl}(\bigcup_{i<\lambda} B_i \setminus b)$ .  
Then  $b \in \text{acl}(A \setminus b)$  for finite  $A \subseteq \bigcup_{i<\lambda} B_i$ . But then  $A \subseteq B_i$  for some  $i$ , so  $b \in \text{acl}(B_i \setminus b)$  which contradicts indep. of  $B_i$ .  
By Zorn's lemma, there is a maximal indep. subset of  $C$ . By Corollary 6.7, this maximal subset is the required basis of  $C$ .

(ii) Suppose  $A, B$  are bases of  $C$  and  $|B| > |A|$ . Assume  $|A| < |B|$ .

For  $a \in A$ , let  $D_a \subseteq B$  be finite and such that  $a \in \text{acl}(D_a)$ .  
Then  $D = \bigcup_{a \in A} D_a$  is such that  $|D| < |B|$  and  $a \in \text{acl}(D)$ .

$A$  is a basis of  $C$ , therefore  $C = \text{acl}(D)$ , so  $B \subseteq \text{acl}(D)$ .

But then any  $b \in B \setminus D$  is such that  $b \in \text{acl}(B \setminus b)$ , contradicting the independence of  $B$ .

If  $A$  and  $B$  are both finite, we can show  $|A| \leq |B|$  by using the following fact: if  $a \in A \setminus B$  then there is  $b \in B \setminus A$  such that  $\{b\} \cup (A \setminus \{a\})$  is independent. This is because if  $a \in A \setminus B$ , then  $a \in \text{acl}(B)$  (as  $B$  basis). Then  $B \notin \text{acl}(A \setminus a)$ , o/w  $B$  is not independent. Let  $b \in B \setminus \text{acl}(A \setminus a)$ . Then  $\{b\} \cup (A \setminus \{a\})$  is independent by Lemma 6.6.

6.9

Definition Let  $C \subseteq U$  is algebr. closed, i.e.  $C = \text{acl}(C)$ , then the dimension  $\dim(C)$  of  $C$  is  $|A|$  for any basis  $A$  of  $C$ .

**6.10**) Proposition Let  $f: U \rightarrow U$  be an elementary map. Let  $b \notin \text{acl}(\text{dom}(f))$  and  $c \notin \text{acl}(\text{ran}(f))$ . Then  $f \cup \{\langle b, c \rangle\}$  is elementary.

Proof: Let  $a$  enumerate  $\text{dom}(f)$ , and  $d(x, a) \in L(\text{dom}(f)) = L(a)$  with  $|x| = 1$ . Claim:  $\vdash \neg d(b, a) \leftrightarrow \neg d(c, f(a))$ .

Case 1  $|d(u, a)| < \omega$ . Then  $\vdash \neg d(b, a)$ . Also  $f$  elementary implies  $|d(u, f(a))| < \omega$  and so  $\vdash \neg d(c, f(a))$  (because  $c \notin \text{acl}(f(a))$ ). Hence  $\vdash \neg d(b, a) \wedge \neg d(c, f(a))$ .

Case 2  $|d(u, a)| \geq \omega$ ; then  $|\neg d(u, a)| < \omega$  by strong minimality. The argument in case 1 applies to  $\neg d(x, a)$  and gives  $\vdash \neg d(b, a) \wedge \neg d(c, f(a))$ .  $\square$

Remark: an element  $a \notin \text{acl}(A)$  is said to be transcendental over  $A$ . So the proposition says that given  $A$  there is a unique transcendental type /t/ if  $a, b \notin \text{acl}(A)$   $\text{id}_A \cup \{\langle a, b \rangle\}$  is elementary.

**6.11**) Corollary Every bijection between indep. subsets of  $U$  is elementary.

Proof: Let  $A, B \subseteq U$  be independent, let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  be a bijection. Let  $a = \langle a_i : i < |A| \rangle$  and let  $f(a_i) = b_i$  ( $b$  enumerates  $B$ ).

There:  $a_0 \notin \text{acl}(\emptyset)$  and  $b_0 \notin \text{acl}(\emptyset)$  (o/w  $A, B$  not indep.). But by Prop 6.10 applied to  $\emptyset$ ,  $\{\langle a_0, b_0 \rangle\}$  is elementary. Successor and limit stages are similar, e.g. at stage  $i+1$ ,  $a_{i+1} \notin \text{acl}(a_0, \dots, a_i)$  and  $b_{i+1} \notin \text{acl}(b_0, \dots, b_i)$  and  $a_i \mapsto b_i$  is clear, and so  $\{\langle a_i, b_i \rangle : i \leq i+1\}$  is elementary.

**6.12**) Remark: In any theory  $T$ , a model  $M$  is such that  $\text{acl}(M) \subseteq M$ , i.e. a model is algebraically closed. If  $T$  is str. minimal, a model has a dimension.

**6.13**) Theorem Suppose  $M, N \subseteq U$  are models such that  $\text{dim}(M) = \text{dim}(N)$ . Then  $M \cong N$ .

Prof: Let  $A, B$  be bases of  $M, N$  respectively. Then  $|A| = |B|$  and there is  $f: A \rightarrow B$  bijection. By Coroll. 6.11,  $f$  is elementary. By homogeneity, there is  $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(U)$  that extends  $f$ . Then  $\alpha[M] = \alpha[\text{acl}(A)] = \text{acl}(\alpha[A]) = \text{acl}(B) = N$ .  $\square$   $\hookrightarrow$  Prop. 5.10.

6.14

Corollary Let  $T$  be strongly minimal and let  $\lambda > |L|$ .  
Then  $T$  is  $\lambda$ -categorical.

Proof If  $A \subseteq U$ , then  $|\text{acl}(A)| \leq |L(A)|$  because.

- there are at most  $|L(A)|$  formulas
- there are finitely many elements in  $\text{acl}(A)$  that are solutions of a given algebraic rule in  $L(A)$

If  $|M| = \lambda > |L|$ , then a basis of  $M$  must have cardinality  $\lambda$ .

By Theorem 8.14, any two models of cardinality  $\lambda$  are isomorphic D