

## Final review

### Introduction to Model Theory

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## Section 1

### Languages, structures, formulas, satisfaction



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## Languages

### Definition

A *language* (or *signature*) consists of

- ① A set of *function symbols*
- ② A set of *relation symbols*
- ③ A set of *constant symbols*
- ④ A map assigning to each function symbol or relation symbol  $X$  a nonnegative integer called the *arity* of  $X$ .

A *k-ary relation symbol* or *k-ary function symbol* is a relation symbol or function symbol of arity  $k$ .

- *Unary* and *binary* mean 1-ary and 2-ary.
- The *language of orders* has one binary relation symbol  $\leq$ .
- The *language of rings* has binary function symbols  $+$ ,  $\times$ , a unary function symbol  $-$ , and two constant symbols  $0$  and  $1$ .

## Structures

Fix a language  $L$ .

### Definition

An  $L$ -*structure*  $M$  consists of

- A set  $M$ , sometimes called the *domain* of the structure, or the set of *elements*.
- For each constant symbol  $c$  in  $L$ , an element  $c^M \in M$ .
- For each  $k$ -ary relation symbol  $R$  in  $L$ , a subset  $R^M \subseteq M^k$ .
- For each  $k$ -ary function symbol  $f$  in  $L$ , a function  $f^M : M^k \rightarrow M$ .

If  $X$  is a symbol, then  $X^M$  is called the *interpretation* of  $X$  in  $M$ .

Structures can be empty.

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## Structures

Suppose  $L_{or}$  is the language of ordered rings  $\{+, -, \times, 0, 1, \leq\}$ . An  $L_{or}$ -structure is the following:

- A set  $M$ .
- Functions

$$\begin{aligned} +^M &: M^2 \rightarrow M \\ -^M &: M \rightarrow M \\ \times^M &: M^2 \rightarrow M \end{aligned}$$

- Elements  $0^M \in M$  and  $1^M \in M$ .
- A relation  $(\leq^M) \subseteq M^2$ .

Usually we write  $+^M, -^M, \times^M, 0^M, 1^M, \leq^M$  as  $+, -, \times, 0, 1, \leq$ .

An  $L_{or}$ -structure needn't be an ordered ring.

## Terms

Fix a language  $L$  and a set of *variables*. The set of  $L$ -terms is generated by the following:

- Any variable is a term.
- Any constant symbol is a term.
- If  $f$  is a  $k$ -ary function symbol and  $s_1, \dots, s_k$  are terms, then  $f(s_1, \dots, s_k)$  are terms.

Examples:

- In the language of rings,  $+(x, \times(y, 1))$  is a term, and we usually write it as  $x + (y \times 1)$  or just  $x + y \cdot 1$ .
- In the language of orders, the only terms are variables.

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## Terms: notation

- If we say " $t(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is a term," we mean that  $t(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is a term in the variables  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ 
  - That is, the only variables appearing in  $t(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  are  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ .
- We can do substitutions: we can replace one or more of the  $x_i$  with other terms.
  - In the language of rings, if  $t(x, y)$  is  $x + y \cdot y$ , then  $t(x, y + z)$  is  $x + (y + z) \cdot (y + z)$ .
- We often abbreviate a tuple of variables  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  as  $\bar{x}$ .
  - The length  $n$  should be clear from context.

## Formulas

The set of *L-formulas* is generated by the following:

- ① If  $t, s$  are terms, then " $t = s$ " is a formula.
- ② If  $R$  is an  $n$ -ary relation symbol and  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  are terms, then  $R(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  is a formula.
- ③ If  $\varphi$  is a formula, then  $\neg\varphi$  is a formula.
- ④ If  $\varphi, \psi$  are formulas, then  $\varphi \wedge \psi$  and  $\varphi \vee \psi$  are formulas.
- ⑤  $\perp, \top$  are formulas.
- ⑥ If  $\varphi$  is a formula and  $x$  is a variable, then  $\exists x \varphi$  and  $\forall x \varphi$  are formulas.

## Semantics of terms

Let  $M$  be an *L*-structure,  $t(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  be a term, and  $\bar{a} \in M^n$ . We define  $t(\bar{a})^M$  recursively as follows:

- If  $t(\bar{x}) = x_i$ , then  $t(\bar{a})^M = a_i$ .
- If  $t(\bar{x})$  is a constant symbol  $c$ , then  $t(\bar{a})^M = c^M$ .
- If  $t(\bar{x})$  is  $f(s_1(\bar{x}), \dots, s_k(\bar{x}))$  for some  $k$ -ary function symbol  $f$ , then  $t(\bar{a})^M = f^M(s_1(\bar{a})^M, \dots, s_k(\bar{a})^M)$ .

### Idea

$t^M$  is obtained by replacing the symbols in  $t$  with their interpretations in  $M$ .

In an  $L_{or}$ -structure  $M$ ,  $(0 + 1 \cdot a)^M = 0^M +^M 1^M \cdot^M a$ .

## Semantics of formulas ( $\models$ )

Let  $M$  be an *L*-structure,  $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  be a term, and  $\bar{a} \in M^n$ . We define  $M \models \varphi(\bar{a})$  recursively:

- $M \models \top$
- $M \not\models \perp$ .
- $M \models t(\bar{a}) = s(\bar{a}) \iff t(\bar{a})^M = s(\bar{a})^M$
- $M \models R(t_1(\bar{a}), \dots, t_n(\bar{a})) \iff (t_1(\bar{a})^M, \dots, t_n(\bar{a})^M) \in R^M$
- $M \models \varphi(\bar{a}) \wedge \psi(\bar{a}) \iff (M \models \varphi(\bar{a}) \text{ and } M \models \psi(\bar{a}))$
- $M \models \varphi(\bar{a}) \vee \psi(\bar{a}) \iff (M \models \varphi(\bar{a}) \text{ or } M \models \psi(\bar{a}))$
- $M \models \neg\varphi(\bar{a}) \iff M \not\models \varphi(\bar{a})$
- $M \models \exists x \varphi(x, \bar{a}) \iff \exists b \in M (M \models \varphi(b, \bar{a}))$
- $M \models \forall x \varphi(x, \bar{a}) \iff \forall b \in M (M \models \varphi(b, \bar{a}))$ .

## Semantics of formulas ( $\models$ )

### Idea

" $M \models \varphi$ " is  $\varphi$  with the following changes:

- Each symbol in  $L$  is replaced with its interpretation in  $M$ .
- $\forall x$  becomes  $\forall x \in M$
- $\exists x$  becomes  $\exists x \in M$

### Example

An  $L_{or}$ -structure satisfies  $\exists x (x \cdot x \leq x)$  iff

$$\exists a \in M (a \cdot^M a \leq^M a).$$

### Idea

$M \models \varphi(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  means that  $\varphi(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  is "true inside  $M$ ."

## $L(M)$

Suppose  $L$  is a language and  $M$  is an *L*-structure.

- $L(M)$  is the language obtained by adding a new constant symbol for each element of  $M$ .
- We can regard  $M$  as an  $L(M)$ -structure by interpreting the each new symbol  $c$  as the corresponding element of  $M$ .

### Idea

A formula or term in  $L(M)$  is a formula or term with parameters from  $M$ .

### Remark

The map  $(-)^M$  that evaluates terms is really a map from  $L(M)$ -terms (with no variables) to  $M$ .

The relation  $M \models \varphi$  is really a relation between structures  $M$  and  $L(M)$ -sentences  $\varphi$ .

## Constants and 0-ary functions

Constant symbols are equivalent to 0-ary function symbols.

- We can think of a constant symbol like 1 as a function  $1()$  which takes no inputs, and output the value 1.
- In general, a  $k$ -ary function is  $M^k \rightarrow M$ .
- When  $k = 0$ ,  $M^0$  is a singleton  $\{()\}$ , where  $()$  is the tuple of length 0.
- A 0-ary (or "nullary") function is  $\{()\} \rightarrow M$ , which amounts to an element of  $M$ .
- So we don't *really* need constant symbols.

## Section 2

### Theories and models

## Theories and models

Let  $L$  be a language.

- An  $L$ -theory is a set of  $L$ -sentences.
- If  $M$  is an  $L$ -structure and  $T$  is an  $L$ -theory, then

$$M \models T$$

means that  $M \models \varphi$  for every  $\varphi \in T$ .

- A *model* of  $T$  is an  $L$ -structure  $M$  such that  $M \models T$ .

### Definition

Two  $L$ -structures  $M_1, M_2$  are *elementarily equivalent* if

$$M_1 \models \varphi \iff M_2 \models \varphi$$

for any  $L$ -sentence  $\varphi$ .

This implies that  $M_1 \models T \iff M_2 \models T$ , for any theory  $T$ .

## Logical implication

If  $T$  is an  $L$ -theory and  $\varphi$  is an  $L$ -sentence, then

$$T \vdash \varphi$$

means that every model of  $T$  satisfies  $\varphi$ :

$$M \models T \implies M \models \varphi.$$

Some authors write  $T \models \varphi$  rather than  $T \vdash \varphi$ .

### Fact (Gödel's completeness theorem)

$T \vdash \varphi$  iff  $\varphi$  is provable from  $T$ .

## Consistent theories

A theory  $T$  is *inconsistent* if the following equivalent conditions hold:

- $T$  has no models.
- $T \vdash \perp$ .
- There is a sentence  $\varphi$  such that  $T \vdash \varphi$  and  $T \vdash \neg\varphi$ .

Otherwise,  $T$  is *consistent*.

## Complete theories

A consistent theory  $T$  is *complete* if the following equivalent conditions hold:

- If  $M_1, M_2 \models T$ , then  $M_1 \equiv M_2$ .
- For any sentence  $\varphi$ , either  $T \vdash \varphi$  or  $T \vdash \neg\varphi$ .

(Some authors use the stronger sense of “complete” where  $\varphi \in T$  or  $\neg\varphi \in T$ .)

### Remark

If  $T$  is complete and  $M \models T$ , then for any sentence  $\varphi$ ,

$$T \vdash \varphi \iff M \models \varphi.$$

## Logically equivalent theories

Two  $L$ -theories  $T_1, T_2$  are *logically equivalent* if the following equivalent conditions hold:

- $T_1$  and  $T_2$  have the same models.
- $T_1 \vdash \varphi \iff T_2 \vdash \varphi$  for any  $\varphi$ .
- $\varphi \in T_1 \implies T_2 \vdash \varphi$  and  $\varphi \in T_2 \implies T_1 \vdash \varphi$ .

## The complete theory of a structure

Let  $M$  be an  $L$ -structure.

- The *complete theory of  $M$* , written  $\text{Th}(M)$ , is the set of  $L$ -sentences  $\varphi$  such that  $M \models \varphi$ .
- $N \models \text{Th}(M) \iff N \equiv M$ .
- If  $M \models T$  and  $T$  is complete, then  $T$  is logically equivalent to  $\text{Th}(M)$ .

## Elementary classes

An *elementary class* is a class of structures of the form

$$\{M : M \text{ is a model of } T\}$$

for some theory  $T$ .

### Warning

Some authors require  $T$  to be finite, but this is unusual in modern model theory.

## Section 3

### More about formulas

## Atomic formulas

An *atomic formula* is a formula of one of the forms

- $t(\bar{x}) = s(\bar{x})$
- $R(t_1(\bar{x}), \dots, t_n(\bar{x}))$ .

i.e., a formula built without the logical connectives  $\forall, \exists, \neg, \vee, \wedge, \top, \perp$ .

## Quantifier-free formulas

A *quantifier-free formula* is a formula without quantifiers ( $\forall, \exists$ ).

- $(x + y \cdot y \leq -z) \vee \perp$  is a quantifier-free formula.
- $\exists x (x \leq x)$  is not quantifier-free.

## Conjunctions

- The AND operation ( $\wedge$ ) is called “conjunction.”
- If  $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n$  are formulas, their *conjunction* is

$$\varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2 \wedge \cdots \wedge \varphi_n.$$

- When  $n = 0$ , the conjunction is  $\top$ .
- The conjunction is often written  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^n \varphi_i$ .

### Remark

$M \models \bigwedge_{i=1}^n \varphi_i$  iff for every  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,  $M \models \varphi_i$ .  
So  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^n$  works a little like “ $\forall i$ .”

## Disjunction

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- If  $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n$  are formulas, their *disjunction* is

$$\varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2 \vee \cdots \vee \varphi_n.$$

- When  $n = 0$ , the disjunction is  $\perp$ .
- The disjunction is often written  $\bigvee_{i=1}^n \varphi_i$ .

### Remark

$M \models \bigvee_{i=1}^n \varphi_i$  iff there is  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  such that  $M \models \varphi_i$ .  
So  $\bigvee_{i=1}^n$  works a little like “ $\exists i$ .”

## Boolean combinations

Let  $S$  be a set of formulas.

- Let  $S_1$  be the smallest set of formulas containing  $S$  and closed under disjunction and conjunction (including  $\top, \perp$ ). Formulas in  $S_1$  are called *positive boolean combinations* of formulas in  $S$ .
- Let  $S_2$  be the smallest set of formulas containing  $S$  and closed under disjunction, conjunction, and negation ( $\neg$ ). Formulas in  $S_2$  are called *boolean combinations* of formulas in  $S$ .

Quantifier-free formulas = boolean combinations of atomic formulas.

## More logical symbols

- $\varphi \rightarrow \psi$  means “ $\varphi$  implies  $\psi$ ,” i.e.,

$$\neg\varphi \vee \psi.$$

- $\varphi \leftarrow \psi$  means  $\psi \rightarrow \varphi$ .
- $\varphi \leftrightarrow \psi$  means “ $\varphi$  iff  $\psi$ ”

$$(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \wedge (\psi \rightarrow \varphi).$$

“Every man is mortal” becomes  $\forall x (\text{Man}(x) \rightarrow \text{Mortal}(x))$ .

## More logical symbols

- $\exists! x \varphi(x)$  means “there is a unique  $x$  such that  $\varphi(x)$  holds,” i.e.,

$$(\exists x \varphi(x)) \wedge \forall x, y (\varphi(x) \wedge \varphi(y) \rightarrow x = y))$$

## Fewer logical symbols

Every formula is logically equivalent to a formula built from atomic formulas using

$$\neg, \exists, \wedge$$

i.e., not using  $\forall, \vee, \top, \perp$ .

Why?

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi \vee \psi &\equiv \neg(\neg\varphi \wedge \neg\psi) \\ \forall x \varphi(x) &\equiv \neg\exists x \neg\varphi(x) \\ \top &\equiv \forall x (x = x) \\ \perp &\equiv \neg\top.\end{aligned}$$

## Definable sets

If  $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is an  $L$ -formula and  $M$  is an  $L$ -structure, then

$$\varphi(M^n) := \{\bar{a} \in M^n : M \models \varphi(\bar{a})\}.$$

- Sometimes  $\varphi(M^n)$  is written  $\varphi(M)$ .

- Sets of the form  $\varphi(M^n)$  are called  $\emptyset$ -definable or 0-definable sets.

In  $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$ , the formula

$$\varphi(x, y) = \exists z (x + z \cdot z = y)$$

defines the relation  $\leq$ .

## Definable sets

If  $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_m)$  is an  $L$ -formula and  $\bar{b} \in M^m$ , then

$$\varphi(M^n, \bar{b}) = \{\bar{a} \in M^n : M \models \varphi(\bar{a}, \bar{b})\}.$$

## Section 4

### Examples of theories

- Sets of the form  $\varphi(M^n, \bar{b})$  are called  $M$ -definable sets.
- If  $\bar{b} \in A^n$  for some  $A \subseteq M$ , we say the set is  $A$ -definable.
- "definable" by itself means  $M$ -definable or  $\emptyset$ -definable, depending on the author.

## Equivalence relations

An equivalence relation is a model of the theory

$$\begin{aligned}\forall x (x \sim x) \\ \forall x, y (x \sim y \rightarrow y \sim x) \\ \forall x, y, z (x \sim y \wedge y \sim z \rightarrow x \sim z).\end{aligned}$$

## Partial orders

A partial order is a model of the theory

$$\begin{aligned}\forall x (x \leq x) \\ \forall x, y (x \leq y \wedge y \leq x \rightarrow x = y) \\ \forall x, y, z (x \leq y \wedge y \leq z \rightarrow x \leq z).\end{aligned}$$

Example: the powerset  $(P(X), \subseteq)$ .

## Linear orders

A *linear order* is a partial order satisfying

$$\forall x, y (x \leq y \vee y \leq z).$$

Example:  $(\mathbb{R}, \leq)$ .

## Dense linear orders (DLO)

A *dense linear order* (without endpoints) is a linear order satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} \exists x (\top) \\ \forall x, y (x < y \rightarrow \exists z (x < z \wedge z < y)) \\ \forall x \exists y x < y \\ \forall x \exists y y < x, \end{aligned}$$

where  $x < y$  means  $x \leq y \wedge x \neq y$ .

- Examples:  $(\mathbb{R}, \leq)$ ,  $(\mathbb{Q}, \leq)$ .
- Non-examples:  $(\mathbb{Z}, \leq)$ ,  $([0, 1], \leq)$ .

The theory of dense linear orders is usually denoted DLO.

## Rings

A *ring* is a model of the theory

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x, y, z & (x + y = y + x \wedge x \cdot y = y \cdot x \wedge x \cdot 1 = x \wedge x + 0 = x \\ & \wedge x + (-x) = 0 \wedge x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z \\ & \wedge x \cdot (y \cdot z) = (x \cdot y) \cdot z \wedge x \cdot (y + z) = (x \cdot y) + (x \cdot z)) \end{aligned}$$

Examples:  $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{Z}$ , or the ring of polynomials  $R[x]$  for any ring  $R$ .

## Fields

A *field* is a ring satisfying

$$0 \neq 1 \wedge \forall x (x \neq 0 \rightarrow \exists y (x \cdot y = 1)).$$

Examples:  $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{C}$ , but not  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

## Algebraically closed fields (ACF)

## $\text{ACF}_0$

An *algebraically closed field* is a field satisfying the axioms

$$\forall y_0, y_1, \dots, y_n (y_n \neq 0 \rightarrow \exists x (y_n x^n + \dots + y_2 x^2 + y_1 x + y_0 = 0))$$

for each  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

- The theory of algebraically closed fields is denoted ACF.
- $\mathbb{C} \models \text{ACF}$ , but  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  are not models.

$\text{ACF}_0$  is ACF plus the axiom schema

$$\underbrace{1 + \dots + 1}_{n \text{ times}} \neq 0$$

for  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

- $\mathbb{C}$  is a model.
- Models of  $\text{ACF}_0$  are called algebraically closed fields of *characteristic 0*.
- $\text{ACF}_0$  is a complete theory.

## The algebraic numbers

A complex number  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  is *algebraic* if there are rational numbers  $a_0, \dots, a_n$  with  $a_n \neq 0$  and

$$a_n z^n + \dots + a_2 z^2 + a_1 z + a_0 = 0.$$

- The set of algebraic numbers is denoted  $\mathbb{Q}^{alg}$ .
- $\mathbb{Q}^{alg}$  is a field.
- $\mathbb{Q}^{alg} \models ACF_0$ , and  $\mathbb{Q}^{alg} \equiv \mathbb{C}$ . In fact,  $\mathbb{Q}^{alg} \preceq \mathbb{C}$ .

## $ACF_p$

If  $p = 2, 3, 5, 7, \dots$ , then  $ACF_p$  is  $ACF$  plus the axiom

$$\underbrace{1 + \dots + 1}_{p \text{ times}} = 0.$$

- A model of  $ACF_p$  is called an algebraically closed field of characteristic  $p$ .
- $ACF_p$  is consistent.
- $ACF_p$  is a complete theory.
- The completions of  $ACF$  are exactly  $ACF_0, ACF_2, ACF_3, ACF_5, \dots$

## Ordered fields

The theory of *ordered fields* is the theory of fields plus the theory of linear orders plus the axioms

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall x, y, z (x \leq y \rightarrow x + z \leq y + z) \\ & \forall x, y, z (x \leq y \wedge 0 \leq z \rightarrow xz \leq yz). \end{aligned}$$

$\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  are ordered fields.

## Real closed fields (RCF)

RCF is the theory of ordered fields plus the axiom schema

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall w_0, \dots, w_n, x, y : \\ & \quad \left( \left( w_n x^n + \dots + w_2 x^2 + w_1 x + w_0 < 0 \right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. \wedge \left( w_n y^n + \dots + w_2 y^2 + w_1 y + w_0 > 0 \right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. \wedge x < y \right) \\ & \rightarrow \exists z (x < z \wedge z < y \wedge w_n z^n + \dots + w_1 z + w_0 = 0) \end{aligned}$$

for each  $n$ .

- This is the intermediate value theorem for polynomials.
- $\mathbb{R} \models RCF$ .
- RCF is complete.
- Models of RCF are called *real closed fields*.

## Section 5

### Partial elementary maps and embeddings

#### Example

Take  $\varphi(x, y) = (x = y)$ . Then

$$a = b \iff M \models a = b \iff N \models f(a) = f(b) \iff f(a) = f(b).$$

So partial elementary maps are injective, hence bijections from  $\text{dom}(f)$  to  $\text{im}(f)$ .

## Partial elementary maps and elementary equivalence

The following are equivalent for  $L$ -structures  $M$  and  $N$ :

- ①  $M \equiv N$ .
- ②  $\emptyset$  is a partial elementary map from  $M$  to  $N$ .
- ③ There is a partial elementary map  $f$  from  $M$  to  $N$ .

Let  $M, N$  be  $L$ -structures.

- An *isomorphism* from  $M$  to  $N$  is a bijection  $f : M \rightarrow N$  such that
  - If  $c$  is a constant symbol, then  $g(c^M) = c^N$ .
  - If  $g$  is an  $n$ -ary function symbol and  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in M$ , then

$$f(g^M(a_1, \dots, a_n)) = g^N(f(a_1), \dots, f(a_n)).$$

- If  $R$  is an  $n$ -ary relation symbol and  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in M$ , then

$$(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in R^M \iff (f(a_1), \dots, f(a_n)) \in R^N.$$

## Isomorphism

## Isomorphisms

$M$  is isomorphic to  $N$  ( $M \cong N$ ) if there is an isomorphism from  $M$  to  $N$ .

This is an equivalence relation:

- $M \cong M$ .
- If  $M \cong N$  then  $N \cong M$ .
- If  $M_1 \cong M_2$  and  $M_2 \cong M_3$ , then  $M_1 \cong M_3$ .

Let  $f$  be a bijection from  $M$  to  $N$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- $f$  is an isomorphism.
- $f$  is a partial elementary map.

Consequently,  $M \cong N \implies M \equiv N$ .

## Substructures

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Let  $M$  be an  $L$ -structure.

### Definition

A set  $A \subseteq M$  is a *substructure* if

- For every constant symbol  $c \in L$ , we have  $c^A \in A$ .
- For every function symbol  $f \in L$ , the set  $A$  is closed under  $f^M$ .

Then we can make  $A$  be an  $L$ -structure by defining

$$c^A = c^M$$

$$f^A(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f^M(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

$$R^A(x_1, \dots, x_n) \iff R^M(x_1, \dots, x_n).$$

So we can regard substructures as structures, not just sets.

If  $M$  is an  $L$ -structure and  $A \subseteq M$ , then the substructure *generated* by  $A$  is

$$\langle A \rangle_M = \{t(a_1, \dots, a_n) : t(x_1, \dots, x_n) \text{ is an } L\text{-term and } a_1, \dots, a_n \in A\}.$$

- This is the smallest substructure of  $M$  containing  $A$ .
- We say  $M$  is *finitely generated* if  $M = \langle A \rangle_M$  for some finite set  $A \subseteq M$ .

If  $L$  has no function symbols or constant symbols, then “finitely generated” = “finite.”

## Embeddings

An *embedding* from  $M$  to  $N$  is a function  $f : M \rightarrow N$  such that...

- If  $c$  is a constant symbol, then  $g(c^M) = c^N$ .
- If  $g$  is an  $n$ -ary function symbol and  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in M$ , then
$$f(g^M(a_1, \dots, a_n)) = g^N(f(a_1), \dots, f(a_n)).$$
- If  $R$  is an  $n$ -ary relation symbol and  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in M$ , then
$$(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in R^M \iff (f(a_1), \dots, f(a_n)) \in R^N.$$

### Remark

An isomorphism is the same thing as a bijective embedding.

## Embeddings and substructures

- If  $A$  is a substructure of  $M$ , then the inclusion  $A \hookrightarrow M$  is an embedding.
- If  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is an embedding, then  $f(M)$  is a substructure of  $N$ , and  $M$  is isomorphic to  $f(M)$ .
- An embedding from  $M$  to  $N$  is the same thing as a substructure  $A \subseteq N$  and an isomorphism  $M \cong A$ .

## Elementary substructures

A substructure  $N \subseteq M$  is an *elementary substructure* if for any  $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $\bar{a} \in N^n$ ,

$$N \models \varphi(\bar{a}) \iff M \models \varphi(\bar{a}).$$

Equivalently, this means that the inclusion  $N \hookrightarrow M$  is a partial elementary map.

### Remark

You can think of this as a technical tool which shows up throughout model theory.

## Elementary extensions

- $M \preceq N$  means that  $M$  is an elementary substructure of  $N$ .
- $M \succeq N$  means  $N \preceq M$ .
- We say  $M$  is an *elementary extension* of  $N$  if  $N$  is an elementary substructure of  $M$ .
- More generally,  $M$  is an *extension* of  $N$  if  $N$  is a substructure of  $M$ .

## Elementary embeddings

An *elementary embedding* from  $M$  to  $N$  is a function  $f : M \rightarrow N$  such that for any  $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $\bar{a} \in M$ ,

$$M \models \varphi(a_1, \dots, a_n) \iff N \models \varphi(f(a_1), \dots, f(a_n)).$$

Equivalently, an elementary embedding from  $M$  to  $N$  is a partial elementary map  $f$  with  $\text{dom}(f) = M$ .

## Elementary embeddings

- A substructure  $M \subseteq N$  is an elementary substructure iff the inclusion  $M \hookrightarrow N$  is an elementary embedding.
- If  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is an elementary embedding, then  $\text{im}(f) = f(M)$  is an elementary substructure of  $N$ , and  $M \cong f(M)$ .
- An elementary embedding from  $M$  to  $N$  amounts to an elementary substructure  $A \preceq N$  and an isomorphism  $M \cong A$ .

## A technicality

Suppose  $f : M \rightarrow N$  is an elementary embedding.

- There is an isomorphism  $N \rightarrow N'$  such that  $N' \succeq M$  and the composition  $M \rightarrow N \rightarrow N'$  is the inclusion  $M \hookrightarrow N'$ .

### Idea

If  $M \rightarrow N$  is an elementary embedding, then, up to isomorphism,  $N$  is an elementary extension of  $M$ .

The same holds if we delete the word “elementary” everywhere.

## $T(M)$

If  $M$  is an  $L$ -structure, then  $T(M)$  (Poizat's notation) is the set of all  $L(M)$ -sentences true in  $M$ .

- This is usually called the *elementary diagram* of  $M$ .
- If  $N \succeq M$ , then  $N \models T(M)$  by definition of  $\succeq$ .
- If  $N \models T(M)$ , then there is an elementary embedding  $M \rightarrow N$  given by sending  $c \in M$  to  $c^N$ .
  - ▶ Morally: if  $N \models T(M)$ , then  $N \succeq M$  (up to isomorphism).

## Tarski-Vaught test

Let  $M$  be an  $L$ -structure and  $A \subseteq M$  be a subset.

### Fact

$A \preceq M$  iff the following is true: for any formula  $\varphi(x, y_1, \dots, y_n)$  and any  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$ , if  $M \models \exists x \varphi(x, a_1, \dots, a_n)$ , then there is  $b \in A$  such that  $M \models \varphi(b, a_1, \dots, a_n)$ .

- In other words, if  $\varphi(M, \bar{a})$  is non-empty, then  $\varphi(M, \bar{a}) \cap A \neq \emptyset$ .
- In other words, if  $X \subseteq M$  is  $A$ -definable and non-empty, then  $X \cap A \neq \emptyset$ .
- $A$  intersects every non-empty  $A$ -definable subset of  $M$ .

## The other theorem of Tarski and Vaught

### Definition

An *elementary chain* is a family  $\{M_i\}_{i \in I}$ , where  $(I, \leq)$  is a linear order, each  $M_i$  is a structure, and

$$i \leq j \implies M_i \preceq M_j.$$

### Theorem (Tarski-Vaught)

Given an elementary chain  $\{M_i\}_{i \in I}$ , let  $N = \bigcup_{i \in I} M_i$ . Then  $N \succeq M_i$  for any  $i$ .

In particular, we can add  $N$  to the end of the chain, and it's still an elementary chain.

## The compactness theorem

### Section 6

## Compactness and ultraproducts

- $T$  is *satisfiable* if it has a model.

- $T$  is *finitely satisfiable* if every finite subset  $T_0 \subseteq T$  is satisfiable.

### Theorem (Compactness)

If  $T$  is finitely satisfiable, then  $T$  is satisfiable.

## Elementary amalgamation

### Theorem

If  $M_1 \equiv M_2$ , then there is a structure  $N$  and elementary embeddings

$$\begin{aligned} M_1 &\rightarrow N \\ M_2 &\rightarrow N \end{aligned}$$

Equivalently, there is  $N$  with elementary substructures isomorphic to  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ .

- Proof idea: use compactness to find a model of  $T(M_1) \cup T(M_2)$ .

## Löwenheim-Skolem

### Theorem

Let  $M$  be an infinite  $L$ -structure. Suppose  $\kappa \geq |L|$ . Then there is  $N \equiv M$  with  $|N| = \kappa$ .

### Corollary

If an  $L$ -theory  $T$  has an infinite model, then  $T$  has models of size  $\kappa$  for all  $\kappa \geq |L|$ .

## Downward Löwenheim-Skolem

### Theorem

Let  $M$  be an infinite  $L$ -structure. Suppose  $|L| \leq \kappa \leq |M|$ . Then there is an elementary substructure  $N \preceq M$  with  $|N| = \kappa$ .

In fact,

### Theorem

Let  $M$  be an infinite  $L$ -structure. Let  $A$  be a subset. There is an elementary substructure  $N \preceq M$  with  $N \supseteq A$  and  $|N| = \max(|A|, |L|)$ .

## Upward Löwenheim-Skolem

### Theorem

Let  $M$  be an infinite  $L$ -structure. Suppose  $\kappa \geq \max(|L|, |M|)$ . Then there is an elementary extension  $N \supseteq M$  with  $|N| = \kappa$ .

## $\kappa$ -categoricity

Let  $\kappa$  be an infinite cardinal.

### Definition

$T$  is  $\kappa$ -categorical if there is a unique model of size  $\kappa$ , up to isomorphism.

### Theorem (Łoś-Vaught test, aka Vaught's criterion)

Suppose  $T$  is  $\kappa$ -categorical and  $\kappa \geq |L|$ .

- Any two infinite models of  $T$  are elementarily equivalent.
- If all models of  $T$  are infinite, then  $T$  is complete.

DLO is  $\aleph_0$ -categorical. ACF<sub>0</sub> is  $\aleph_1$ -categorical.

## The witness property

An  $L$ -theory  $T$  has the witness property (or is Henkinized) if the following holds:

- For any formula  $\varphi(x)$ , if  $\exists x \varphi(x)$  is in  $T$ , then there is a constant symbol  $c \in L$  such that  $\varphi(c) \in T$ .

## Canonical models

Suppose

- $T$  has the witness property.
- $T$  is finitely satisfiable.
- $T$  is complete in the strong sense that  $\varphi \in T$  or  $\neg\varphi \in T$  for any  $\varphi$ .

Then  $T$  has a "canonical model"  $M$  where every element of  $M$  is named by a constant symbol.

### Remark

In fact,  $T$  is essentially  $T(M)$ .

## Compactness via Henkin's method

### Theorem

Let  $T$  be a finitely satisfiable  $L$ -theory. Then there is a larger language  $L' \supseteq L$  and a larger theory  $T' \supseteq T$  such that

- $T'$  has the witness property.
- $T'$  is finitely satisfiable.
- For any  $\varphi$ , either  $\varphi \in T'$  or  $\neg\varphi \in T'$ .

Then  $T'$  has a model  $M$  (the canonical model), and the reduct  $M \upharpoonright L$  is a model of the original theory  $T$ .

## Ultrafilters

Let  $I$  be a set.

### Definition

A (proper) filter on  $I$  is a set  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq P(I)$  such that...

- $I \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $\emptyset \notin \mathcal{F}$ .
- If  $X \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $X \subseteq Y \subseteq I$ , then  $Y \in \mathcal{F}$ .
- If  $X, Y \in \mathcal{F}$ , then  $X \cap Y \in \mathcal{F}$ .

## Ultrafilters

An ultrafilter on  $I$  is a filter  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq P(I)$  satisfying the equivalent conditions:

- $\mathcal{F}$  is a maximal filter.
- For any  $X \subseteq I$ , either  $X \in \mathcal{F}$  or  $I \setminus X \in \mathcal{F}$ .

## Finite intersection property (FIP)

### Definition

A family of sets  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq P(I)$  has the finite intersection property (FIP) if for any  $X_1, \dots, X_n \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n X_i \neq \emptyset$ .

We let  $n = 0$ , in which case  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n X_i = I$ .

### Fact

$\mathcal{F}$  has the FIP iff  $\mathcal{F}$  is contained in an ultrafilter.

## Principal and non-principal ultrafilters

If  $a \in I$ , there is a principal ultrafilter

$$\{X \subseteq I : a \in X\}$$

Other filters are called non-principal ultrafilters.

## Ultraproducts

Let  $I$  be a set and  $M_i$  be an  $L$ -structure for each  $i \in I$ .

- The *product*  $\prod_{i \in I} M_i$  is the set of functions  $f : I \rightarrow \bigcup_{i \in I} M_i$  such that  $f(i) \in M_i$  for all  $i \in I$ .
- If  $I \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, \omega\}$ , we can identify  $\prod_{i \in I} M_i$  with the set of tuples of length  $|I|$ , where the  $j$ th element of the tuple comes from  $M_j$ .

## Ultraproducts: the structure

- If  $c \in L$  is a constant symbol, we interpret  $c$  in the ultraproduct as  $[a]$ , where  $a(i) = c^{M_i}$  for all  $i$ .
- If  $f \in L$  is an  $n$ -ary function symbol, we interpret  $f$  in the ultraproduct by
$$f([a_1], \dots, [a_n]) = b,$$
where  $b(i) = f^{M_i}(a_1(i), \dots, a_n(i))$ .  
 ▶ Idea:  $f$  is evaluated coordinate-by-coordinate.
- If  $R \in L$  is an  $n$ -ary relation symbol, we interpret  $R$  in the ultraproduct by
$$R([a_1], \dots, [a_n]) \iff \{i \in I : R^{M_i}(a_1(i), \dots, a_n(i))\} \in \mathcal{U}.$$

## Ultrapowers

An *ultrapower* is an ultraproduct of the form  $\prod_{i \in I} M_i / \mathcal{U}$ , i.e., with all the structures  $M_i$  being the same structure  $M$ . The ultrapower is also written  $M^I / \mathcal{U}$  or  $M^\mathcal{U}$ .

### Fact

*There is an elementary embedding  $M \rightarrow M^I / \mathcal{U}$  given by sending  $a \in M$  to  $[f]$ , where  $f(i) = a$  for all  $i$ .*

If the ultrapower is non-principal, this is usually a proper elementary extension.

## Ultraproducts: the set

Let  $I$  be a set and  $M_i$  be an  $L$ -structure for each  $i \in I$ . Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be an ultrafilter on  $I$ .

- The *ultraproduct*  $\prod_{i \in I} M_i$  is the quotient of  $\prod_{i \in I} M_i$  by the equivalence relation where

$$a \sim b \iff \{i \in I : a(i) = b(i)\} \in \mathcal{U}.$$

We write the equivalence class of  $a$  as  $[a]$ .

## Łoś's theorem

### Theorem (Łoś)

Let  $N$  be an ultraproduct  $\prod_{i \in I} M_i / \mathcal{U}$ . Let  $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  be a formula. Then

$$N \models \varphi([a_1], \dots, [a_n]) \iff \{i \in I : M_i \models \varphi(a_1(i), \dots, a_n(i))\} \in \mathcal{U}.$$

### Corollary

If  $\varphi$  is a sentence, then

$$N \models \varphi \iff \{i \in I : M_i \models \varphi\} \in \mathcal{U}.$$

This can be used to give a proof of compactness.

## Section 7

### Types

## Partial types

Let  $M$  be an  $L$ -structure,  $A$  be a subset, and  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  be variables.

### Definition

A partial  $n$ -type over  $A$  is a set  $\Sigma$  of  $L(A)$ -formulas in the variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  that is finitely satisfiable in  $M$ : for any  $\psi_1(\bar{x}), \dots, \psi_n(\bar{x}) \in \Sigma$ , there is  $\bar{a} \in M$  such that  $M \models \bigwedge_{i=1}^n \psi_i(\bar{a})$ .

- We often write  $\Sigma(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  to indicate that  $\Sigma$  is a type in the variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ .

## Realizations of partial types

### Theorem

Let  $\Sigma(\bar{x})$  be a partial  $n$ -type over  $A \subseteq M$ . Then there is an elementary extension  $N \succeq M$  and a tuple  $\bar{a} \in N^n$  which realizes  $\Sigma(\bar{x})$ , in the sense that

$$\psi(\bar{x}) \in \Sigma(\bar{x}) \implies N \models \psi(\bar{a}).$$

We sometimes write this as  $N \models \Sigma(\bar{a})$ , or  $\bar{a} \models \Sigma$ .

## The type of a tuple

Suppose  $B \subseteq M \preceq N$  and  $\bar{a} \in N^n$ . Then

$$\text{tp}(\bar{a}/B) = \{\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n) : \varphi \text{ is an } L(B)\text{-formula and } N \models \varphi(\bar{a})\}.$$

Then  $\text{tp}(\bar{a}/B)$  is a partial  $n$ -type over  $B$ .

## (Complete) types

Let  $p(\bar{x})$  be an  $n$ -type over  $A \subseteq M$ . Then  $p$  is a *complete type* if the following equivalent conditions hold:

- $p = \text{tp}(\bar{b}/A)$  for some  $n$ -tuple  $\bar{b}$  in an elementary extension  $N \succeq M$ .
- $p$  is a maximal partial type.
- For any  $L(A)$ -formula  $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , either  $\varphi \in p$  or  $\neg\varphi \in p$ .

Complete types are also called *types*.

### Remark

This is analogous to how if  $T$  is a consistent  $L$ -theory, then following are equivalent:

- $T = \text{Th}(M)$  for some  $L$ -structure  $M$ .
- $T$  is a maximal consistent theory.
- For any sentence  $\varphi$ , either  $\varphi \in T$  or  $\neg\varphi \in T$ .

## The space of $n$ -types

$S_n(A)$  is the space of (complete)  $n$ -types over  $A$ .

- $S_n(A) = \{\text{tp}(\bar{b}/A) : \bar{b} \in N^n, N \succeq M\}$ .

### Remark

$S_n(A)$  has the structure of a topological space, but we didn't discuss this much in class.

## How to think of types over $\emptyset$

If  $\bar{a}$  is an  $n$ -tuple in  $N_1$  and  $\bar{b}$  is an  $n$ -tuple in  $N_2$ , then the following are equivalent:

- $\text{tp}(\bar{a}) = \text{tp}(\bar{b})$
- For any formula  $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ ,

$$N_1 \models \varphi(\bar{a}) \iff N_2 \models \varphi(\bar{b}).$$

- $\{(a_1, b_1), \dots, (a_n, b_n)\}$  is a partial elementary map.

Similarly,  $\text{tp}(\bar{a}/C) = \text{tp}(\bar{b}/C)$  iff  $\bar{a}$  and  $\bar{b}$  satisfy the same  $L(C)$ -formulas.

## $\kappa$ -saturation

### Section 8

#### $\kappa$ -saturated models

##### Definition

A structure  $M$  is  $\kappa$ -saturated if the following holds: for any  $A \subseteq M$  with  $|A| < \kappa$  and any  $p \in S_1(A)$ , the type  $p$  is realized in  $M$ .

##### Theorem

If  $M$  is  $\kappa$ -saturated and  $A \subseteq M$  and  $|A| < \kappa$  and  $p \in S_n(A)$ , then  $p$  is realized in  $M$ .

### Consequences of $\kappa$ -saturation

### Strong $\kappa$ -homogeneity

Suppose  $M$  is  $\kappa$ -saturated.

##### Theorem ( $\kappa$ -universality)

If  $N \equiv M$  and  $|N| \leq \kappa$ , then there is an elementary embedding  $N \rightarrow M$ . Equivalently, there is  $N' \preceq M$  with  $N \cong N'$ .

##### Theorem ( $\kappa$ -compactness)

Let  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq P(M^n)$  be a family of definable sets with the FIP. If  $|\mathcal{F}| < \kappa$ , then  $\bigcap \mathcal{F} \neq \emptyset$ . Equivalently, if  $\Sigma(\bar{x})$  is a partial type and  $|\Sigma| \leq \kappa$ , then  $\Sigma$  is realized in  $M$ .

##### Definition

A structure  $M$  is strongly  $\kappa$ -homogeneous if the following holds: for any partial elementary map  $f$  from  $M$  to  $M$  with  $|\text{dom}(f)| = |\text{im}(f)| < \kappa$ , there is an automorphism  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(M)$  extending  $f$ .

### Consequences of strong $\kappa$ -homogeneity

### Existence

##### Definition

$\text{Aut}(M/A)$  is the set of automorphisms  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(M)$  which fix  $A$  pointwise, in the sense that  $\sigma(x) = x$  for all  $x \in A$ .

Suppose  $M$  is strongly  $\kappa$ -homogeneous.

##### Theorem

Suppose  $A \subseteq M$  and  $|A| < \kappa$ . Let  $\bar{b}, \bar{c}$  be  $n$ -tuples in  $M$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- $\text{tp}(\bar{b}/A) = \text{tp}(\bar{c}/A)$ .
- There is  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(M/A)$  such that  $\sigma(\bar{b}) = \bar{c}$ .

##### Idea (If you know group theory...)

If  $M$  is  $\kappa$ -saturated and strongly  $\kappa$ -homogeneous, and  $A \subseteq M$  has  $|A| < \kappa$ , then  $S_n(A)$  can be identified with the space of orbits of  $\text{Aut}(M/A)$  acting on  $M^n$ .

##### Theorem

Given  $M$  and  $\kappa$ , there is an elementary extension  $N \supseteq M$  that is  $\kappa$ -saturated and strongly  $\kappa$ -homogeneous.

##### Theorem

If  $M$  is an infinite structure, then  $M$  is not  $\kappa$ -saturated for any  $\kappa > |M|$ .

## Saturated models

### Definition

Let  $M$  be an infinite structure of size  $\kappa$ .

- $M$  is *saturated* if it is  $\kappa$ -saturated.
- $M$  is *strongly homogeneous* if it is  $\kappa$ -saturated.

### Theorem

If  $M$  is saturated, then  $M$  is strongly homogeneous.

### Theorem

If  $T$  is a complete theory and  $\kappa$  is a cardinal, then  $T$  has at most one saturated model of size  $\kappa$ .

## Saturated models

If  $T$  is a complete theory, then  $S_n(T)$  denotes  $S_n^M(\emptyset)$  for any  $M \models T$ . Equivalently,

$$S_n(T) = \{\text{tp}(\bar{a}) : \bar{a} \in M^n, M \models T\}.$$

### Definition

A complete theory  $T$  is *small* if  $S_n(T)$  is countable for all  $n$ .

### Theorem

$T$  has a countable saturated model iff  $T$  is small.

## Beth's implicit definability theorem

### Theorem

Let  $T$  be an  $L$ -theory. Let  $L(P)$  be  $L$  plus a new  $n$ -ary relation symbol  $P$ .

Let  $T'$  be an  $L(P)$ -theory. Suppose that for every  $M \models T$ , there is a unique  $P \subseteq M^n$  such that  $(M, P) \models T'$ . Then there is an  $L$ -formula  $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  such that

$$M \models T \implies (M, \varphi(M^n)) \models T'.$$

### Idea

$T'$  is an “implicit definition” of  $P$ , and  $\varphi$  is an “explicit definition” of  $P$ .

The proof uses  $\kappa$ -saturated strongly  $\kappa$ -homogeneous models.

## Section 9

### Back-and-forth equivalence

## Local isomorphisms

Let  $M, N$  be  $L$ -structures. A *local isomorphism* or *0-isomorphism* is a partial map  $f$  where

- $\text{dom}(f)$  is a finitely-generated substructure of  $M$ .
- $\text{im}(f)$  is a finitely-generated substructure of  $N$ .
- $f$  is an isomorphism from  $\text{dom}(f)$  to  $\text{im}(f)$ .

If  $L$  has only relation symbols, then “finitely-generated substructure” means “finite subset.”

## Karpian families

A *Karpian family* between  $M$  and  $N$  is a set  $\mathcal{K}$  of local isomorphisms such that...

- If  $f \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $a \in M$ , there is  $g \in \mathcal{K}$  with  $g \supseteq f$  and  $a \in \text{dom}(g)$ .
- If  $f \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $b \in N$ , there is  $g \in \mathcal{K}$  with  $g \supseteq f$  and  $b \in \text{im}(g)$ .

Karpian families are usually called “back-and-forth systems.”

## Karpian families

### Fact

If  $\mathcal{K}$  is a Karpian family and  $f \in \mathcal{K}$ , then  $f$  is a partial elementary map.

### Fact

If  $M, N \models \text{DLO}$ , then the set of all local isomorphisms is a Karpian family.

### Fact

If  $M, N$  are  $\omega$ -saturated, then the set of local isomorphisms that are partial elementary maps is a Karpian family.

## $\infty$ -equivalences

We didn't discuss it in class but...

- An  $\infty$ -equivalence from  $M$  to  $N$  is a local isomorphism belonging to some Karpian family.
- The set of all  $\infty$ -equivalences is a Karpian family.
  - (The union of all Karpian families is a Karpian family.)
- Two structures  $M, N$  are said to be  $\infty$ -equivalent if there is an  $\infty$ -equivalence between them (or equivalently,  $\langle \emptyset \rangle_M \rightarrow \langle \emptyset \rangle_N$  exists and is an  $\infty$ -equivalence).

## Graded back-and-forth systems

A *graded back-and-forth system* between  $M$  and  $N$  is a sequence of classes  $S_0, S_1, S_2, \dots$  of local isomorphisms such that

- If  $f \in S_{p+1}$  and  $a \in M$ , there is  $g \in S_p$  with  $g \supseteq f$  and  $a \in \text{dom}(g)$ .
- If  $f \in S_{p+1}$  and  $b \in N$ , there is  $g \in S_p$  with  $g \supseteq f$  and  $b \in \text{im}(g)$ .

## $\omega$ -isomorphisms

### Definition

A local isomorphism  $f$  is a *p-isomorphism* if  $f \in S_p$  for some graded back-and-forth system  $(S_0, S_1, S_2, \dots)$ .

### Definition

A local isomorphism  $f$  is an  *$\omega$ -isomorphism* if  $f$  is a *p-isomorphism* for all  $p < \omega$ .

This is Poizat's non-standard terminology; don't use it.

## Fraïssé's theorem

### Theorem

If  $f$  is an  $\omega$ -isomorphism, then  $f$  is a partial elementary map.

Now, suppose  $L$  contains finitely many relation symbols and constant symbols, and no function symbols.

### Theorem

Let  $f$  be a local isomorphism. Then the following are equivalent:

- $f$  is an  $\omega$ -isomorphism.
- $f$  is a partial elementary map.

## Back-and-forth in $\omega$ -saturated models

### Fact

If  $M, N$  are  $\omega$ -saturated, then the set of local isomorphisms that are partial elementary maps is a Karpian family.

If  $f$  is a local isomorphism, then the following are equivalent:

- ①  $f$  is a partial elementary map
- ②  $f$  is an  $\infty$ -isomorphism
- ③  $f$  is an  $\omega$ -isomorphism.

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) is the Fact. (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) holds in general. (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) is the direction of Fraïssé's theorem that always holds.

## Quantifier-free types

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#### Quantifier-elimination

- $\text{qftp}(\bar{a}/B)$  is the set of quantifier-free  $L(B)$ -formulas satisfied by  $\bar{a}$ .
- Usually we're interested in the case  $B = \emptyset$ :
  - $\text{qftp}(\bar{a})$  is the set of quantifier-free  $L$ -formulas satisfied by  $\bar{a}$ .

#### Quantifier-free types

If  $\bar{a} \in M^n$  and  $\bar{b} \in N^n$ , then the following are equivalent:

- $\text{qftp}(\bar{a}) = \text{qftp}(\bar{b})$
- For any quantifier-free  $L$ -formula  $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ ,

$$M \models \varphi(\bar{a}) \iff N \models \varphi(\bar{b}).$$

- For any atomic  $L$ -formula  $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ ,

$$M \models \varphi(\bar{a}) \iff N \models \varphi(\bar{b}).$$

- There is an isomorphism from  $\langle \bar{a} \rangle_M$  to  $\langle \bar{b} \rangle_N$  sending  $\bar{a}$  to  $\bar{b}$ .
- There is a local isomorphism from  $M$  to  $N$  extending  $\{(a_1, b_1), \dots, (a_n, b_n)\}$ .

#### Quantifier elimination

##### Theorem

Let  $T$  be a theory. The following are equivalent:

- ①  $T$  has quantifier elimination.
- ② For any models  $M, N \models T$  and  $n$ -tuples  $\bar{a} \in M^n$  and  $\bar{b} \in N^n$ ,

$$\text{qftp}(\bar{a}) = \text{qftp}(\bar{b}) \implies \text{tp}(\bar{a}) = \text{tp}(\bar{b}).$$

(1)  $\implies$  (2) is trivial; (2)  $\implies$  (1) is non-trivial and uses compactness.

##### Idea

If  $\text{qftp}(\bar{a})$  determines  $\text{tp}(\bar{a})$ , then the theory has quantifier elimination.

#### Quantifier elimination

The following are equivalent:

- $T$  has quantifier-elimination.
- $\text{qftp}(\bar{a})$  determines  $\text{tp}(\bar{a})$  in models of  $T$ .
- $\text{qftp}(\bar{a})$  determines  $\text{tp}(\bar{a})$  in  $\omega$ -saturated models of  $T$ .
- If  $M, N$  are  $\omega$ -saturated models of  $T$  and  $f$  is a local isomorphism, then  $f$  is a partial elementary map.
- If  $M, N$  are  $\omega$ -saturated models of  $T$  and  $f$  is a local isomorphism, then  $f$  is an  $\infty$ -isomorphism.
- If  $M, N$  are  $\omega$ -saturated models of  $T$ , then the set of all local isomorphisms is a Karpian family.

## Quantifier elimination criterion

### Theorem

$T$  has quantifier elimination iff the following holds: if  $M, N \models T$  and  $\bar{a} \in M^n$  and  $\bar{b} \in N^n$  and  $\text{qftp}^M(\bar{a}) = \text{qftp}^N(\bar{b})$  and  $\alpha \in M$ , then there is  $\beta \in N$  such that  $\text{qftp}^M(\bar{a}, \alpha) = \text{qftp}^N(\bar{b}, \beta)$ .

This criterion is useful in combination with

### Fact

$\text{qftp}^M(\bar{a}) = \text{qftp}^N(\bar{b})$  iff there is an isomorphism  $\langle \bar{a} \rangle_M \rightarrow \langle \bar{b} \rangle_N$  sending  $\bar{a}$  to  $\bar{b}$ .

## Important theories with QE

These theories have quantifier elimination:

- Algebraically closed fields (ACF), in the language of rings.
- Real closed fields (RCF), in the language of ordered rings.
- Dense linear orders (DLO), in the language of orders.

## Discrete linear orders

Let  $T$  be the theory of discrete linear orders without endpoints, like  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

- $T$  doesn't have quantifier elimination.
- Two  $n$ -tuples  $\bar{a}$  and  $\bar{b}$  have the same type iff  $\text{qftp}(\bar{a}) = \text{qftp}(\bar{b})$  and  $\forall i, j \leq n : d(a_i, a_j) = d(b_i, b_j)$ .
- Therefore  $T$  has quantifier elimination if we expand the language with binary relations  $R_n(x, y)$  for  $n < \omega$ , where  $M \models R_n(a, b)$  iff  $d(a, b) = n$ .

## Consequences of quantifier elimination

Suppose  $T$  has quantifier elimination. If  $M, N$  are models of  $T$ , then the following are equivalent:

- ①  $M \equiv N$ .
- ②  $\text{tp}^M() = \text{tp}^N()$ .
- ③  $\text{qftp}^M() = \text{qftp}^N()$ .
- ④  $\langle \emptyset \rangle_M \cong \langle \emptyset \rangle_N$ .

### Example

Two algebraically closed fields are elementarily equivalent iff they have the same characteristic.  $\text{ACF}_0$  is a complete theory.

Similarly, DLO, RCF, and the theory of discrete linear orders are complete.

## Consequences of quantifier elimination

Suppose  $T$  has quantifier elimination. Then every definable set is quantifier-free definable.

- Every definable set has the form  $\varphi(M^n)$  for some quantifier-free  $\varphi$ .
- Every definable set is a boolean combination of sets defined by atomic formulas.

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### Example

If  $M$  is an algebraically closed field and  $X \subseteq M$  is definable, then  $X$  is a finite set or the complement of a finite set.

(We only need to check sets defined by atomic formulas like  $P(x) = Q(x)$  for some polynomials  $P, Q$  over  $M$ . If  $P = Q$  this set is  $M$ ; otherwise it's the finite set of roots of  $P - Q$ .)

## $\omega$ -categoricity

## Assumptions

- $L$  is a countable language
- $T$  is a complete  $L$ -theory
- The models of  $T$  are infinite

## Isolated types

Work in a model  $M$ .

A type  $p \in S_n(A)$  is *isolated* if there is an  $L(A)$ -formula  $\varphi(x)$  such that

$$\text{tp}^N(b/A) = p \iff N \models \varphi(b),$$

for  $N \succeq M$ .

### Remark

This means that  $\{p\}$  is open in the topology on  $S_n(A)$ .

## Omitted and realized types

- A type  $p \in S_n(A)$  is *realized* if there is  $b \in M^n$  with  $p = \text{tp}(b/A)$ .
- Otherwise,  $p$  is *omitted* (in  $M$ ). We say that  $M$  *omits* the type  $p$ .

### Theorem

If  $p \in S_n(A)$  is isolated, then  $p$  is realized.

## Omitting types theorem

### Theorem

Let  $\Pi$  be a countable set of non-isolated types in  $\bigcup_n S_n(T)$ . Then there is a countable model  $M$  omitting every type in  $\Pi$ .

## ω-categoricity

### Definition

$T$  is  $\omega$ -categorical if  $T$  has a unique model of size  $\omega$ .

Fix a complete theory  $T$  in a countable language, such that the models of  $T$  are infinite.

### Theorem (Ryll-Nardzewski)

$T$  is  $\omega$ -categorical iff  $S_n(T)$  is finite for all  $n < \omega$ .

## Proof sketch

$$(1) \implies (2) \implies (3) \implies (4) \implies (5) \implies (6) \implies (7) \implies (8) \implies (9)$$

- ①  $S_n(T)$  is finite for all  $n < \omega$ .
- ②  $S_n(A)$  is finite if  $n < \omega$  and  $A$  is finite.
- ③ Every type in  $S_n(A)$  is isolated.
- ④ Every type in  $S_n(A)$  is realized.
- ⑤ Every model is  $\omega$ -saturated.
- ⑥ Every countable model is saturated.
- ⑦ Any two countable models are isomorphic ( $\omega$ -categoricity).
- ⑧ No countable model omits any type in  $S_n(T)$
- ⑨ Every type in  $S_n(T)$  is isolated.

## From the proof...

If  $T$  is  $\omega$ -categorical, then

- Every model is  $\omega$ -saturated.
- Every countable model is saturated.
- Every countable model is strongly homogeneous.

If  $T$  eliminates quantifiers, then

- Every local isomorphism is an  $\infty$ -isomorphism.
- Every local automorphism on a countable model extends to an automorphism.