# A Course in Model Theory

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# 1 The Basics

#### 1.1 Structures

**Definition 1.1.** A **language** L is a set of constants, function symbols and relation symbols

**Definition 1.2.** Let L be a language. An L-structure is a pair  $\mathfrak{A} = (A, (Z^{\mathfrak{A}})_{Z \in L})$  where

A if a non-empty set, the **domain** or **universe** of  $\mathfrak{A}$   $z^{\mathfrak{A}} \in A$  if Z is a constant  $Z^{\mathfrak{A}} : A^n \to A$  if Z is an n-ary function symbol  $Z^{\mathfrak{A}} \subseteq A^n$  if Z is an n-ary relation symbol

**Definition 1.3.** Let  $\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B}$  be *L*-structures. A map  $h : A \to B$  is called a **homomorphism** if for all  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$ 

$$\begin{array}{rcl} h(c^{\mathfrak{A}}) & = & c^{\mathfrak{B}} \\ h(f^{\mathfrak{A}}(a_1, \ldots, a_n)) & = & f^{\mathfrak{B}}(h(a_1), \ldots, h(a_n)) \\ R^{\mathfrak{A}}(a_1, \ldots, a_n) & \Rightarrow & R^{\mathfrak{B}}(h(a_1), \ldots, h(a_n)) \end{array}$$

We denote this by

$$h:\mathfrak{A}\to\mathfrak{B}$$

If in addition h is injective and

$$R^{\mathfrak{A}}(a_1,\ldots,a_n) \Leftrightarrow R^{\mathfrak{B}}(h(a_1),\ldots,h(a_n))$$

for all  $a_1, ..., a_n \in A$ , then h is called an (isomorphic) **embedding**. An **isomorphism** is a surjective embedding

**Definition 1.4.** We call  $\mathfrak A$  a **substructure** of  $\mathfrak B$  if  $A\subseteq B$  and if the inclusion map is an embedding from  $\mathfrak A$  to  $\mathfrak B$ . We denote this by

$$\mathfrak{A}\subset\mathfrak{B}$$

We say  $\mathfrak B$  is an **extension** of  $\mathfrak A$  if  $\mathfrak A$  is a substructure of  $\mathfrak B$ 

**Lemma 1.5.** Let  $h: \mathfrak{A} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathfrak{A}'$  be an isomorphism and  $\mathfrak{B}$  an extension of  $\mathfrak{A}$ . Then there exists an extension  $\mathfrak{B}'$  of  $\mathfrak{A}'$  and an isomorphism  $g: \mathfrak{B} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathfrak{B}'$  extending h

For any family  $\mathfrak{A}_i$  of substructures of  $\mathfrak{B}$ , the intersection of the  $A_i$  is either empty or a substructure of  $\mathfrak{B}$ . Therefore if S is any non-empty subset of  $\mathfrak{B}$ , then there exists a smallest substructure  $\mathfrak{A} = \langle S \rangle^{\mathfrak{B}}$  which contains S. We call the  $\mathfrak{A}$  the substructure **generated** by S

**Lemma 1.6.** *If*  $\mathfrak{a} = \langle S \rangle$ , then every homomorphism  $h : \mathfrak{A} \to \mathfrak{B}$  is determined by its values on S

**Definition 1.7.** Let  $(I, \leq)$  be a **directed partial order**. This means that for all  $i, j \in I$  there exists a  $k \in I$  s.t.  $i \leq k$  and  $j \leq k$ . A family  $(\mathfrak{A}_i)_{i \in I}$  of L-structures is called **directed** if

$$i \leq j \Rightarrow \mathfrak{A}_i \subseteq \mathfrak{A}_j$$

If *I* is linearly ordered, we call  $(\mathfrak{A}_i)_{i \in I}$  a **chain** 

If a structure  $\mathfrak{A}_1$  is isomorphic to a substructure  $\mathfrak{A}_0$  of itself,

$$h_0: \mathfrak{A}_0 \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathfrak{A}_1$$

then Lemma 1.5 gives an extension

$$h_1:\mathfrak{A}_1\stackrel{\sim}{\longrightarrow}\mathfrak{A}_2$$

Continuing in this way we obtain a chain  $\mathfrak{A}_0 \subseteq \mathfrak{A}_1 \subseteq \mathfrak{A}_2 \subseteq ...$  and an increasing sequence  $h_i : \mathfrak{A}_i \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathfrak{A}_{i+1}$  of isomorphism

**Lemma 1.8.** Let  $(\mathfrak{A}_i)_{i\in I}$  be a directed family of L-structures. Then  $A=\bigcup_{i\in I}A_i$  is the universe of a (uniquely determined) L-structure

$$\mathfrak{A} = \bigcup_{i \in I} \mathfrak{A}_i$$

which is an extension of all  $\mathfrak{A}_i$ 

A subset *K* of *L* is called a **sublanguage**. An *L*-structure becomes a *K*-structure, the **reduct**.

$$\mathfrak{A} {\restriction} K = (A, (Z^{\mathfrak{A}})_{Z \in K})$$

Conversely we call  $\mathfrak A$  an **expansion** of  $\mathfrak A \upharpoonright K$ .

1. Let  $B \subseteq A$  , we obtain a new language

$$L(B) = L \cup B$$

and the L(B)-structure

$$\mathfrak{A}_B = (\mathfrak{A}, b)_{b \in B}$$

Note that  $\mathbf{Aut}(\mathfrak{A}_B)$  is the group of automorphisms of  $\mathfrak A$  fixing B elementwise. We denote this group by  $\mathbf{Aut}(\mathfrak A/B)$ 

Let S be a set, which we call the set of sorts. An S-sorted language L is given by a set of constants for each sort in S, and typed function and relations. For any tuple  $(s_1, \ldots, s_n)$  and  $(s_1, \ldots, s_n, t)$  there is a set of relation

symbols and function symbols respectively. An *S*-sorted structure is a pair  $\mathfrak{A}=(A,(Z^{\mathfrak{A}})_{Z\in I})$ , where

**Example 1.1.** Consider the two-sorted language  $L_{Perm}$  for permutation groups with a sort x for the set and a sort g for the group. The constants and function symbols for  $L_{Perm}$  are those of  $L_{Group}$  restricted to the sort g and an additional function symbol  $\varphi$  of type (x,g,x). Thus an  $L_{Perm}$ -structure (X,G) is given by a set X and an  $L_{Group}$ -structure G together with a function  $X \times G \to X$ 

#### 1.2 Language

**Lemma 1.9.** Suppose  $\overrightarrow{b}$  and  $\overrightarrow{c}$  agree on all variables which are free in  $\varphi$ . Then

$$\mathfrak{A} \vDash \varphi[\overrightarrow{b}] \Leftrightarrow \mathfrak{A} \vDash \varphi[\overrightarrow{c}]$$

We define

$$\mathfrak{A} \vDash \varphi[a_1, \dots, a_n]$$

by  $\mathfrak{A} \models \varphi[\overrightarrow{b}]$ , where  $\overrightarrow{b}$  is an assignment satisfying  $\overrightarrow{b}(x_i) = a_i$ . Because of Lemma 1.9 this is well defined.

Thus  $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  defines an *n*-ary relation

$$\varphi(\mathfrak{A}) = \{\bar{a} \mid \mathfrak{A} \vDash \varphi[\bar{a}]\}\$$

on A, the **realisation set** of  $\varphi$ . Such realisation sets are called **0-definable subsets** of  $A^n$ , or 0-definable relations

Let B be a subset of A. A B-definable subset of  $\mathfrak A$  is a set of the form  $\varphi(\mathfrak A)$  for an L(B)-formula  $\varphi(x)$ . We also say that  $\varphi$  are defined **over** B and that the set  $\varphi(\mathfrak A)$  is defined by  $\varphi$ . We call two formulas **equivalent** if in every structure they define the same set.

Atomic formulas and their negations are called **basic**. Formulas without quantifiers are Boolean combinations of basic formulas. It is convenient to allow the empty conjunction and the empty disjunction. For that we introduce two new formulas: the formula  $\top$ , which is always true, and the

formula  $\perp$ , which is always false. We define

$$\bigwedge_{i<0} \pi_i = \top$$
 $\bigvee_{i<0} \pi_i = \bot$ 

A formula is in **negation normal form** if it is built from basic formulas using  $\land, \lor, \exists, \forall$ 

**Lemma 1.10.** Every formula can be transformed into an equivalent formula which is in negation normal form

*Proof.* Let  $\sim$  denote equivalence of formulas. We consider formulas which are built using  $\land, \lor, \exists, \forall, \neg$  and move the negation symbols in front of atomic formulas using

$$\neg(\varphi \land \psi) \sim (\neg \varphi \lor \neg \psi)$$

$$\neg(\varphi \lor \psi) \sim (\neg \varphi \land \neg \psi)$$

$$\neg \exists x \varphi \sim \forall x \neg \varphi$$

$$\neg \forall x \varphi \sim \exists x \neg \varphi$$

$$\neg \neg \varphi \sim \varphi$$

**Definition 1.11.** A formula in negation normal form which does not contain any existential quantifier is called **universal**. Formulas in negation normal

**Lemma 1.12.** *Let*  $h: \mathfrak{A} \to \mathfrak{B}$  *be an embedding. Then for all existential formulas*  $\varphi(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$  *and all*  $a_1, \ldots, a_n \in A$  *we have* 

$$\mathfrak{A} \vDash \varphi[a_1, \dots, a_n] \Rightarrow \mathfrak{B} \vDash \varphi[h(a_1), \dots, h(a_n)]$$

For universal  $\varphi$ , the dual holds

$$\mathfrak{B} \vDash \varphi[h(a_1), \dots, h(a_n)] \Rightarrow \mathfrak{A} \vDash \varphi[a_1, \dots, a_n]$$

Let  $\mathfrak A$  be an L-structure. The **atomic diagram** of  $\mathfrak A$  is

form without universal quantifiers are called existential

$$\operatorname{Diag}(\mathfrak{A}) = \{ \varphi \text{ basic } L(A) \text{-sentence } | \ \mathfrak{A}_A \vDash \varphi \}$$

**Lemma 1.13.** The models of Diag( $\mathfrak{A}$ ) are precisely those structures  $(\mathfrak{B}, h(a))_{a \in A}$  for embeddings  $h : \mathfrak{A} \to \mathfrak{B}$ 

*Proof.* The structures  $(\mathfrak{B}, h(a))_{a \in A}$  are models of the atomic diagram by Lemma ??. For the converse, note that a map h is an embedding iff it preserves the validity of all formulas of the form

$$\begin{array}{l} (\neg)x_1\dot{=}x_2\\ c\dot{=}x_1\\ f(x_1,\ldots,x_n)\dot{=}x_0\\ (\neg)R(x_1,\ldots,x_n) \end{array}$$

*Exercise* 1.2.1. Every formula is equivalent to a formula in prenex normal form:

$$Q_1 x_1 \dots Q_n x_n \varphi$$

The  $Q_i$  are quantifiers and  $\varphi$  is quantifier-free

Proof.

$$(\forall x)\phi \land \psi \vDash \exists \forall x(\phi \land \psi) \text{ if } \exists x \top (\text{at least one individual exists})$$

$$(\forall x\phi) \lor \psi \vDash \exists \forall x(\phi \lor \psi)$$

$$(\exists x\phi) \land \psi \vDash \exists \exists x(\phi \land \psi)$$

$$(\exists x\phi) \lor \psi \vDash \exists \exists x(\phi \lor \psi) \text{ if } \exists x \top$$

$$\neg \exists x\phi \vDash \exists x \neg \phi$$

$$\neg \forall x\phi \vDash \exists x \neg \phi$$

$$(\forall x\phi) \rightarrow \psi \vDash \exists \exists x(\phi \rightarrow \psi) \text{ if } \exists x \top$$

$$(\exists x\phi) \rightarrow \psi \vDash \exists \forall x(\phi \rightarrow \psi)$$

$$\phi \rightarrow (\exists x\psi) \vDash \exists x(\phi \rightarrow \psi) \text{ if } \exists x \top$$

$$\phi \rightarrow (\forall x\psi) \vDash \exists \forall x(\phi \rightarrow \psi)$$

#### 1.3 Theories

#### **Definition 1.14.** An *L***-theory** *T* is a set of *L*-sentences

A theory which has a model is a **consistent** theory. We call a set  $\Sigma$  of L-formulas **consistent** if there is an L-structure and **an assignment**  $\overrightarrow{b}$  **s.t.**  $\mathfrak{A} \models [\overrightarrow{b}]$  for all  $\varphi \in \Sigma$ 

**Lemma 1.15.** Let T be an L-theory and L' be an extension of L. Then T is consistent as an L-theory iff T is consistent as a L'-theory

**Lemma 1.16.** *1. If*  $T \vDash \varphi$  *and*  $T \vDash (\varphi \rightarrow \psi)$ *, then*  $T \vDash \psi$ 

- 2. If  $T \models \varphi(c_1, \dots, c_n)$  and the constants  $c_1, \dots, c_n$  occur neither in T nor in  $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , then  $T \models \forall x_1 \dots x_n \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$
- *Proof.* 2. Let  $L' = L \setminus \{c_1, \dots, c_n\}$ . If the L'-structure is a model of T and  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  are arbitrary elements, then  $(\mathfrak{A}, a_1, \dots, a_n) \models \varphi(c_1, \dots, c_n)$ . This means  $\mathfrak{A} \models \forall x_1 \dots x_n \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ .

*S* and *T* are called **equivalent**,  $S \equiv T$ , if *S* and *T* have the same models

**Definition 1.17.** A consistent L-theory T is called **complete** if for all L-sentences  $\varphi$ 

$$T \vDash \varphi$$
 or  $T \vDash \neg \varphi$ 

**Definition 1.18.** For a complete theory *T* we define

$$|T| = \max(|L|, \aleph_0)$$

The typical example of a complete theory is the theory of a structure  $\mathfrak A$ 

$$\mathsf{Th}(\mathfrak{A}) = \{ \varphi \mid \mathfrak{A} \vDash \varphi \}$$

**Lemma 1.19.** A consistent theory is complete iff it is maximal consistent, i.e., if it is equivalent to every consistent extension

**Definition 1.20.** Two *L*-structures  $\mathfrak A$  and  $\mathfrak B$  are called **elementary equivalent** 

$$\mathfrak{A}\equiv\mathfrak{B}$$

if they have the same theory

**Lemma 1.21.** *Let T be a consistent theory. Then the following are equivalent* 

- 1. *T* is complete
- 2. All models of T are elemantarily equivalent
- 3. There exists a structure  $\mathfrak{A}$  with  $T \equiv \text{Th}(\mathfrak{A})$

*Proof.* 
$$1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1$$

### 2 Elementary Extensions and Compactness

#### 2.1 Elementary substructures

Let  $\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B}$  be two *L*-structures. A map  $h: A \to B$  is called **elementary** if for all  $a_1, \ldots, a_n \in A$  we have

$$\mathfrak{A} \vDash \varphi[a_1, \dots, a_n] \Leftrightarrow \mathfrak{B} \vDash \varphi[h(a_1), \dots, h(a_n)]$$

which is actually saying  $(\mathfrak{A}, a)_{a \in A} \equiv (\mathfrak{B}, a)_{a \in A}$ . We write

$$h:\mathfrak{A}\stackrel{\prec}{\longrightarrow}\mathfrak{B}$$

**Lemma 2.1.** The models of  $\operatorname{Th}(\mathfrak{A}_A)$  are exactly the structures of the form  $(\mathfrak{B}, h(a))_{a \in A}$  for elementary embeddings  $h : \mathfrak{A} \stackrel{\smile}{\longrightarrow} \mathfrak{B}$ 

We call  $Th(\mathfrak{A}_A)$  the **elemantary diagram** of  $\mathfrak{A}$ 

A substructure  ${\mathfrak A}$  of  ${\mathfrak B}$  is called **elementary** if the inclusion map is elementary. In this case we write

$$\mathfrak{A} \prec \mathfrak{B}$$

**Theorem 2.2** (Tarski's Test). Let  $\mathfrak{B}$  be an L-structure and A a subset of B. Then A is the universe of an elementary substructure iff every L(A)-formula  $\varphi(x)$  which is satisfiable in  $\mathfrak{B}$  can be satisfied by an element of A

*Proof.* If  $\mathfrak{A} \prec \mathfrak{B}$  and  $\mathfrak{B} \models \exists \varphi(x)$ , we also have  $\mathfrak{A} \models \exists x \varphi(x)$  and there eexists  $a \in A$  s.t.  $\mathfrak{A} \models \varphi(a)$ . Thus  $\mathfrak{B} \models \varphi(a)$ 

Conversely, suppose that the condition of Tarski'test is satisfied. First we show that A is the universe of a substructure  $\mathfrak A$ . The L(A)-formula  $x \dot= x$  is satisfiable in  $\mathfrak A$ , so A is not empty. If  $f \in L$  is an n-ary function symbol  $(n \geq 0)$  and  $a_1, \ldots, a_n$  is from A, we consider the formula

$$\varphi(x) = f(a_1, \dots, a_n) \doteq x$$

Since  $\varphi(x)$  is always satisfied by an element of A, it follows that A is closed under  $f^{\mathcal{B}}$ 

Now we show, by induction on  $\psi$ , that

$$\mathfrak{A} \vDash \psi \Leftrightarrow \mathfrak{B} \vDash \psi$$

for all L(A)-sentences  $\psi$ .

For  $\psi = \exists x \varphi(x)$ . If  $\psi$  holds in  $\mathfrak{A}$ . If  $\psi$  holds in  $\mathfrak{A}$ , there exists  $a \in A$  s.t.  $\mathfrak{A} \models \varphi(a)$ . The induction hypothesis yields  $\mathfrak{B} \models \varphi(x)$ , thus  $\mathfrak{B} \models \psi$ . For the converse suppose  $\psi$  holds in  $\mathfrak{B}$ . Then  $\varphi(x)$  is satisfied in  $\mathfrak{B}$  and by Tarski's test we find  $a \in A$  s.t.  $\mathfrak{B} \models \varphi(a)$ . By induction  $\mathfrak{A} \models \varphi(a)$  and  $\mathfrak{A} \models \psi$ 

We use Tarski's Test to construct small elementary substructures

**Corollary 2.3.** Suppose S is a subset of the L-structure  $\mathfrak{B}$ . Then  $\mathfrak{B}$  has a elementary substructure  $\mathfrak{A}$  containing S and of cardinality at most

$$\max(|S|, |L|, \aleph_0)$$

*Proof.* We construct A as the union of an ascending sequence  $S_0 \subseteq S_1 \subseteq ...$  of subsets of B. We start with  $S_0 = S$ . If  $S_i$  is already defined, we choose an element  $a_{\varphi} \in B$  for every  $L(S_i)$ -formula  $\varphi(x)$  which is satisfiable in  $\mathfrak B$  and define  $S_{i+1}$  to be  $S_i$  together with these  $a_{\varphi}$ .

An L-formula is a finite sequence of symbols from L, auxiliary symbols and logical symbols. These are  $|L| + \aleph_0 = \max(|L|, \aleph_0)$  many symbols and there are exactlymax( $|L|, \aleph_0$ ) many L-formulas

Let  $\kappa = \max(|S|, |L|, \aleph_0)$ . There are  $\kappa$  many L(S)-formulas: therefore  $|S_1| \leq \kappa$ . Inductively it follows for every i that  $|S_i| \leq \kappa$ . Finally we have  $|A| \leq \kappa \cdot \aleph_0 = \kappa$ 

A directed family  $(\mathfrak{A}_i)_{i\in I}$  of structures is **elementary** if  $\mathfrak{A}_i\prec\mathfrak{A}_j$  for all  $i\leq j$ 

**Theorem 2.4** (Tarski's Chain Lemma). *The union of an elementary directed family is an elementary extension of all its members* 

*Proof.* Let  $\mathfrak{A} = \bigcup_{i \in I} (\mathfrak{A}_i)_{i \in I}$ . We prove by induction on  $\varphi(\bar{x})$  that for all i and  $\bar{a} \in \mathfrak{A}_i$ 

$$\mathfrak{A}_i \vDash \varphi(\bar{a}) \Leftrightarrow \mathfrak{A} \vDash \varphi(\bar{a})$$

*Exercise* 2.1.1. Let  $\mathfrak A$  be an L-structure and  $(\mathfrak A_i)_{i\in I}$  a chain of elementary substructures of  $\mathfrak A$ . Show that  $\bigcup_{i\in I}A_i$  is an elementary substructure of  $\mathfrak A$ .

*Exercise* 2.1.2. Consider a class  $\mathcal C$  of L-structures. Prove

- 1. Let Th( $\mathcal{C}$ ) = { $\varphi \mid \mathfrak{A} \models \varphi$  for all  $\mathfrak{A} \in \mathcal{C}$ } be the **theory of**  $\mathcal{C}$ . Then  $\mathfrak{M}$  is a model of Th( $\mathcal{C}$ ) iff  $\mathfrak{M}$  is elementary equivalent to an ultraproduct of elements of  $\mathcal{C}$
- 2. Show that *C* is an elementary class iff *C* is closed under ultraproduct and elementary equivalence
- 3. Assume that C is a class of finite structures containing only finitely many structures of size n for each  $n \in \omega$ . Then the infinite models of  $\operatorname{Th}(C)$  are exactly the models of

$$\operatorname{Th}_a(\mathcal{C}) = \{ \varphi \mid \mathfrak{A} \vDash \varphi \text{ for all but finitely many } \mathfrak{A} \in \mathcal{C} \}$$

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### 2.2 The Compactness Theorem

We call a theory *T* **finitely satisfiable** if every finite subset of *T* is consistent

**Theorem 2.5** (Compactness Theorem). *Finitely satisfiable theories are consistent* 

Let *L* be a language and *C* a set of new constants. An L(C)-theory T' is called a **Henkin theory** if for every L(C)-formula  $\varphi(x)$  there is a constant  $c \in C$  s.t.

$$\exists x \varphi(x) \to \varphi(c) \in T'$$

The elements of C are called **Henkin constants** of T'

An L-theory T is **finitely complete** if it is finitely satisfiable and if every L-sentence  $\varphi$  satisfies  $\varphi \in T$  or  $\neg \varphi \in T$ 

**Lemma 2.6.** Every finitely satisfiable L-theory T can be extended to a finitely complete Henkin Theory  $T^*$ 

Note that conversely the lemma follows directly from the Compactness Theorem. Choose a model  $\mathfrak A$  of T. Then  $\operatorname{Th}(\mathfrak A_A)$  is a finitely complete Henkin theory with A as a set of Henkin constants

*Proof.* We define an increasing sequence  $\emptyset = C_0 \subseteq C_1 \subseteq \cdots$  of new constants by assigning to every  $L(C_i)$ -formula  $\varphi(x)$  a constant  $c_{\varphi(x)}$  and

$$C_{i+1} = \{c_{\varphi(x)} \mid \varphi(x) \text{ a } L(C_i)\text{-formula}\}$$

Let C be the union of the  $C_i$  and  $T^H$  the set of all Henkin axioms

$$\exists x \varphi(x) \to \varphi(c_{\varphi(x)})$$

for L(C)-formulas  $\varphi(x)$ . It is easy to see that one can expand every L-structure to a model of  $T^H$ . Hence  $T \cup T^H$  is a finitely satisfiable Henkin theory. Using the fact that the union of a chain of finitely satisfiable theories is also finite satisfiable, we can apply Zorn's Lemma and get a maximal finitely satisfiable L(C)-theory  $T^*$  which contains  $T \cup T^H$ . As in Lemma 1.19 we show that  $T^*$  is finitely complete: if neither  $\varphi$  nor  $\neg \varphi$  belongs to  $T^*$ , neither  $T^* \cup \{\varphi\}$  nor  $T^* \cup \{\neg \varphi\}$  would be finitely satisfiable. Hence there would be a finite subset  $\Delta$  of  $T^*$  which would be consistent neither with  $\varphi$  nor with  $\neg \varphi$ . Then  $\Delta$  itself would be inconsistent and  $T^*$  would not be finite satisfiable. This proves the lemma.

**Lemma 2.7.** Every finitely satisfiable L-theory T can be extended to a finitely complete Henkin theory  $T^*$ 

**Lemma 2.8.** Every finitely complete Henkin theory  $T^*$  has a model  $\mathfrak A$  (unique up to isomorphism) consisting of constants; i.e.,

$$(\mathfrak{A}, a_c)_{c \in C} \models T^*$$

with  $A = \{a_c \mid c \in C\}$ 

*Proof.* Since  $T^*$  is finite complete, every sentence which follows from a finite subset of  $T^*$  belongs to  $T^*$ 

Define for  $c, d \in C$ 

$$c \simeq d \Leftrightarrow c = d \in T^*$$

 $\simeq$  is an equivalence relation. We denote the equivalence class of c by  $a_c$ , and set

$$A = \{a_c \mid c \in C\}$$

We expand A to an L-structure  $\mathfrak{A}$  by defining

$$R^{\mathfrak{A}}(a_{c_{1}},\ldots,a_{c_{n}}) \Leftrightarrow R(c_{1},\ldots,c_{n}) \in T^{*} \tag{$\star$}$$

$$f^{\mathfrak{A}}(a_{c_1},\dots,a_{c_n}) \Leftrightarrow f(c_1,\dots,c_n) \dot{=} c_0 \in T^* \tag{$\star$} \star)$$

We have to show that this is well-defined. For  $(\star)$  we have to show that

$$a_{c_1} = a_{d_1}, \dots, a_{c_n} = a_{d_n}, R(c_1, \dots, c_n) \in T^*$$

implies  $R(d_1, \dots, d_n) \in T^*$ , which is obvious.

For  $(\star\star)$ , we have to show that for all  $c_1,\ldots,c_n$  there exists  $c_0$  with  $f(c_1,\ldots,c_n) \doteq c_0 \in T^*$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{A}^*$  be the L(C)-structure  $(\mathfrak{A}, a_c)_{c \in C}$ . We show by induction on the complexity of  $\varphi$  that for every L(C)-sentence  $\varphi$ 

$$\mathfrak{A}^* \vDash \varphi \Leftrightarrow \varphi \in T^*$$

**Corollary 2.9.** *We have*  $T \vDash \varphi$  *iff*  $\Delta \vDash \varphi$  *for a finite subset*  $\Delta$  *of* T

**Corollary 2.10.** A set of formulas  $\Sigma(x_1, ..., x_n)$  is consistent with T if and only if every finite subset of  $\Sigma$  is consistent with T

*Proof.* Introduce new constants  $c_1, \ldots, c_n$ . Then  $\Sigma$  is consistent with T is and only if  $T \cup \Sigma(c_1, \ldots, c_n)$  is consistent. Now apply the Compactness Theorem

**Definition 2.11.** Let  $\mathfrak A$  be an L-structure and  $B \subseteq A$ . Then  $a \in A$  **realises** a set of L(B)-formulas  $\Sigma(x)$  if a satisfied all formulas from  $\Sigma$ . We write

$$\mathfrak{A} \models \Sigma(a)$$

We call  $\Sigma(x)$  **finitely satisfiable** in  $\mathfrak A$  if every finite subset of  $\Sigma$  is realised in  $\mathfrak A$ 

**Lemma 2.12.** The set  $\Sigma(x)$  is finitely satisfiable in  $\mathfrak A$  iff there is an elementary extension of  $\mathfrak A$  in which  $\Sigma(x)$  is realised

*Proof.* By Lemma 2.1  $\Sigma$  is realised in an elementary extension of  $\mathfrak A$  iff  $\Sigma$  is consistent with  $\mathrm{Th}(\mathfrak A_A)$ . So the lemma follows from the observation that a finite set of L(A)-formulas is consistent with  $\mathrm{Th}(\mathfrak A_A)$  iff it is realised in  $\mathfrak A$ 

**Definition 2.13.** Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be an L-structure and B a subset of A. A set p(x) of L(B)-formulas is a **type** over B if p(x) is maximal finitely satisfiable in  $\mathfrak{A}$ . We call B the **domain** of p. Let

$$S(B) = S^{\mathfrak{A}}(B)$$

denote the set of types over *B*.

Every element a of  $\mathfrak{A}$  determines a type

$$\mathsf{tp}(a/B) = tp^{\mathfrak{A}}(a/B) = \{ \varphi(x) \mid \mathfrak{A} \vDash \varphi(a), \varphi \text{ an } L(B) \text{-formula} \}$$

So an element a realises the type  $p \in S(B)$  exactly if  $p = \operatorname{tp}(a/B)$ . If  $\mathfrak{A}'$  is an elementary extension of  $\mathfrak{A}$ , then

$$S^{\mathfrak{A}}(B) = S^{\mathfrak{A}'}(B)$$
 and  $\operatorname{tp}^{\mathfrak{A}'}(a/B) = \operatorname{tp}^{\mathfrak{A}}(a/B)$ 

If  $\mathfrak{A}' \models p(x)$  then  $\mathfrak{A}' \models \exists x p(x)$ , so  $\mathfrak{A} \models \exists x p(x)$ .

We use the notation tp(a) for  $tp(a/\emptyset)$ 

Maximal finitely satisfiable sets of formulas in  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are called *n*-types and

$$S_n(B) = S_N^{\mathfrak{A}}(B)$$

denotes the set of *n*-types over *B*.

$$\mathsf{tp}(C/B) = \{ \varphi(x_{c_1}, \dots, x_{c_n}) \mid \mathfrak{A} \vDash \varphi(c_1, \dots, c_n), \varphi \text{ an } L(B) \text{-formula} \}$$

**Corollary 2.14.** Every structure  $\mathfrak{A}$  has an elementary extension  $\mathfrak{B}$  in which all types over A are realised

*Proof.* We choose for every  $p \in S(A)$  a new constant  $c_p$ . We have to find a model of

$$\operatorname{Th}(\mathfrak{A}_A) \cup \bigcup_{p \in S(A)} p(c_p)$$

This theory is finitely satisfiable since every p is finitely satisfiable in  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

Or use Lemma 2.12. Let  $(p_{\alpha})_{\alpha < \lambda}$  be an enumeration of S(A). Construct an elementary chain

$$\mathfrak{A}=\mathfrak{A}_0 \prec \mathfrak{A}_1 \prec \cdots \prec \mathfrak{A}_\beta \prec \ldots (\beta \leq \lambda)$$

s.t. each  $p_{\alpha}$  is realised in  $\mathfrak{A}_{\alpha+1}$  (by recursion theorem on ordinal numbers)

Suppose that the elementary chain  $(\mathfrak{A}_{\alpha'})_{\alpha'<\beta}$  is already constructed. If  $\beta$  is a limit ordinal, we let  $\mathfrak{A}_{\beta} = \bigcup_{\alpha<\beta} \mathfrak{A}_{\alpha}$ , which is elementary by Lemma 2.4. If  $\beta = \alpha + 1$  we first note that  $p_{\alpha}$  is also finitely satisfiable in  $\mathfrak{A}_{\alpha}$ , therefore we can realise  $p_{\alpha}$  in a suitable elementary extension  $\mathfrak{A}_{\beta} \succ \mathfrak{A}_{\alpha}$  by Lemma 2.12. Then  $\mathfrak{B} = \mathfrak{A}_{\lambda}$  is the model we were looking for

#### 2.3 The Löwenheim-Skolem Theorem

**Theorem 2.15** (Löwenheim-Skolem). *Let*  $\mathfrak B$  *be an* L-structure, S *a subset of* B *and*  $\kappa$  *an infinite cardinal* 

1. *If* 

$$\max(|S|, |L|) \le \kappa \le |B|$$

then  $\mathfrak{B}$  has an elementary substructure of cardinality  $\kappa$  containing S

2. *If* **B** *is infinite and* 

$$\max(|\mathfrak{B}|, |L|) \leq \kappa$$

then  $\mathfrak{B}$  has an elementary extension of cardinality  $\kappa$ 

*Proof.* 1. Choose a set  $S \subseteq S' \subseteq B$  of cardinality  $\kappa$  and apply Corollary 2.3

2. We first construct an elementary extension  $\mathfrak{B}'$  of cardinality at least  $\kappa$ . Choose a set C of new constants of cardinality  $\kappa$ . As  $\mathfrak{B}$  is infinite, the theory

$$Th(\mathfrak{B}_R) \cup \{\neg c = d \mid c, d \in C, c \neq d\}$$

is finitely satisfiable. By Lemma 2.1 any model  $(\mathfrak{B}'_B, b_c)_{c \in C}$  is an elementary extension of  $\mathcal{B}$  with  $\kappa$  many different elements  $(b_c)$ 

Finally we apply the first part of the theorem to  $\mathcal{B}'$  and S = B

**Corollary 2.16.** A theory which has an infinite model has a model in every cardinality  $\kappa \ge \max(|L|, \aleph_0)$ 

**Definition 2.17.** Let  $\kappa$  be an infinite cardinal. A theory T is called  $\kappa$ -categorical if for all models of T of cardinality  $\kappa$  are isomorphic

**Theorem 2.18** (Vaught's Test). A  $\kappa$ -categorical theory T is complete if the following conditions are satisfied

- 1. T is consistent
- 2. T has no finite model
- 3.  $|L| \leq \kappa$

*Proof.* We have to show that all models  $\mathfrak A$  and  $\mathfrak B$  of T are elemantarily equivalent. As  $\mathfrak A$  and  $\mathfrak B$  are infinite,  $\operatorname{Th}(\mathfrak A)$  and  $\operatorname{Th}(\mathfrak B)$  have models  $\mathfrak A'$  and  $\mathfrak B'$  of cardinality  $\kappa$ . By assumption  $\mathfrak A'$  and  $\mathfrak B'$  are isomorphic, and it follows that

$$\mathfrak{A} \equiv \mathfrak{A}' \equiv \mathfrak{B}' \equiv \mathfrak{B}$$

- **Example 2.1.** 1. The theory DLO of dense linear orders without endpoints is  $\aleph_0$ -categorical and by Vaught's test complete. Let  $A = \{a_i \mid i \in \omega\}$ ,  $B = \{b_i \mid i \in \omega\}$ . We inductively define sequences  $(c_i)_{i < \omega}$ ,  $(d_i)_{i < \omega}$  exhausting A and B. Assume that  $(c_i)_{i < m}$ ,  $(d_i)_{i < m}$  have defined so that  $c_i \mapsto d_i$ , i < m is an order isomorphism. If m = 2k let  $c_m = a_j$  where  $a_j$  is the element with minimal index in  $\{a_i \mid i \in \omega\}$  not occurring in  $(c_i)_{i < m}$ . Since  $\mathfrak B$  is a dense linear order without endpoints there is some element  $d_m \in \{b_i \mid i \in \omega\}$  s.t.  $(c_i)_{i \le m}$  and  $(d_i)_{i \le m}$  are order isomorphic. If m = 2k + 1 we interchange the roles of  $\mathfrak A$  and  $\mathfrak B$ 
  - 2. For any prime p or p=0, the theory  $ACF_p$  of algebraically closed fields of characteristic p is  $\kappa$ -categorical for any  $\kappa > \aleph_0$

Consider the Theorem 2.18 we strengthen our definition

**Definition 2.19.** Let  $\kappa$  be an infinite cardinal. A theory T is called  $\kappa$ -categorical if it is complete,  $|T| \leq \kappa$  and, up to isomorphism, has exactly one model of cardinality  $\kappa$ 

### 3 Quantifier Elimination

#### 3.1 Preservation theorems

**Lemma 3.1** (Separation Lemma). Let  $T_1, T_2$  be two theories. Assume  $\mathcal{H}$  is a set of sentences which is closed under  $\land, \lor$  and contains  $\bot$  and  $\top$ . Then the following are equivalent

1. There is a sentence  $\varphi \in \mathcal{H}$  which separates  $T_1$  from  $T_2$ . This means

$$T_1 \vDash \varphi$$
 and  $T_2 \vDash \neg \varphi$ 

2. All models  $\mathfrak{A}_1$  of  $T_1$  can be separated from all models  $\mathfrak{A}_2$  of  $T_2$  by a sentence  $\varphi \in \mathcal{H}$ . This means

$$\mathfrak{A}_1 \vDash \varphi$$
 and  $\mathfrak{A}_2 \vDash \neg \varphi$ 

For 1, suppose  $T_1 = T \cup \{\psi\}$  and  $T_2 = T \cup \{\neg\psi\}$ . If  $T_1 \vDash \varphi$  and  $T_2 \vDash \neg\varphi$ , then  $T \vDash \psi \to \varphi$  and  $T \vDash \neg\psi \to \neg\varphi$  which is equivalent to  $T \vDash \varphi \to \psi$ . Thus we have  $T \vDash \varphi \leftrightarrow \psi$ .

*Proof.*  $2 \to 1$ . For any model  $\mathfrak{A}_1$  of  $T_1$  let  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathfrak{A}_1}$  be the set of all sentences from  $\mathcal{H}$  which are true in  $\mathfrak{A}_1$ . (2) implies that  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathfrak{A}_1}$  and  $T_2$  cannot have a common model. By the Compactness Theorem there is a finite conjunction  $\varphi_{\mathfrak{A}_1}$  of sentences from  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathfrak{A}_1}$  inconsistent with  $T_2$ . Clearly

$$T_1 \cup \{\neg \varphi_{\mathfrak{A}_1} \mid \mathfrak{A}_1 \vDash T_1\}$$

is inconsistent. Again by compactness  $T_1$  implies a disjunction  $\varphi$  of finitely many of the  $\varphi_{\mathfrak{A}_1}$  (Corollary 2.10) and

$$T_1 \vDash \varphi$$
 and  $T_2 \vDash \neg \varphi$ 

For structures  $\mathfrak{A},\mathfrak{B}$  and a map  $f:A\to B$  preserving all formulas from a set of formulas  $\Delta$ , we use the notation

$$f:\mathfrak{A}\to_{\Delta}\mathfrak{B}$$

We also write

$$\mathfrak{A} \Rightarrow_{\Lambda} \mathfrak{B}$$

to express that all sentences from  $\Delta$  true in  $\mathfrak A$  are also true in  $\mathfrak B$ 

**Lemma 3.2.** Let T be a theory,  $\mathfrak A$  a structure and  $\Delta$  a set of formulas, closed under existential quantification, conjunction and substitution of variables. Then the following are equivalent

- 1. All sentences  $\varphi \in \Delta$  which are true in  $\mathfrak A$  are consistent with T
- 2. There is a model  $\mathfrak{B} \models T$  and a map  $f : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow_{\Lambda} \mathfrak{B}$

*Proof.*  $2 \to 1$ . Assume  $f : \mathfrak{A} \to_{\Delta} \mathfrak{B} \models T$ . If  $\varphi \in \Delta$  is true in  $\mathfrak{A}$ , it is also true in  $\mathfrak{B}$  and therefore consistent with T.

 $1 \to 2$ . Consider  $\operatorname{Th}_{\Delta}(\mathfrak{A}_A)$ , the set of all sentences  $\delta(\bar{a})$  ( $\delta(\bar{x}) \in \Delta$ ), which are true in  $\mathfrak{A}_A$ . The models  $(\mathfrak{B}, f(a)_{a \in A})$  of this theory correspond to maps  $f: \mathfrak{A} \to_{\Delta} \mathfrak{B}$ . This means that we have to find a model of  $T \cup \operatorname{Th}_{\Delta}(\mathfrak{A}_A)$ . To show finite satisfiability it is enough to show that  $T \cup D$  is consistent for every finite subset D of  $\operatorname{Th}_{\Delta}(\mathfrak{A}_A)$ . Let  $\delta(\bar{a})$  be the conjunction of the elements of D. Then  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a model of  $\varphi = \exists \bar{x} \delta(\bar{x})$ , so by assumption T has a model  $\mathfrak{B}$  which is also a model of  $\varphi$ . This means that there is a tuple  $\bar{b}$  s.t.  $(\mathfrak{B}, \bar{b}) \models \delta(\bar{a})$ 

Lemma 3.2 applied to  $T=\operatorname{Th}(\mathfrak{B})$  shows that  $\mathfrak{A}\Rightarrow_{\Delta}\mathfrak{B}$  iff there exists a map f and a structure  $\mathfrak{B}'\equiv\mathfrak{B}$  s.t.  $f:\mathfrak{A}\to_{\Delta}\mathfrak{B}'$ 

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be two theories. Then the following are equivalent

- 1. There is a universal sentence which separates  $T_1$  from  $T_2$
- 2. No model of  $T_2$  is a substructure of a model of  $T_1$

*Proof.*  $1 \to 2$ . Let  $\varphi$  be a universal sentence which separates  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ . Let  $\mathfrak{A}_1$  be a model of  $T_1$  and  $\mathfrak{A}_2$  a substructure of  $\mathfrak{A}_1$ . Since  $\mathfrak{A}_1$  is a model of  $\varphi$ ,  $\mathfrak{A}_2$  is also a model of  $\varphi$ . Therefore  $\mathfrak{A}_2$  cannot be a model of  $T_2$ 

 $2 \to 1$ . Here we add some details for the proof  $2 \to 1$ . If  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  cannot be separated by a universal sentence, then they have models  $\mathfrak{A}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{A}_2$  which cannot be separated by a universal sentence. That is, for all universal sentence  $\varphi$ , if  $\mathfrak{A}_1 \models \varphi$  then  $\mathfrak{A}_2 \models \varphi$ . Thus  $\mathfrak{A}_1 \Rightarrow_{\forall} \mathfrak{A}_2$ , here  $\Rightarrow_{\forall}$  means for all universal sentence.

Now note that

$$\mathfrak{A}_1 \vDash \varphi \to \mathfrak{A}_2 \vDash \varphi \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathfrak{A}_2 \vDash \neg \varphi \to \mathfrak{A}_2 \vDash \neg \varphi$$

and  $\neg \varphi$  is an existential sentence. Hence we have

$$\mathfrak{A}_2 \Rightarrow_{\exists} \mathfrak{A}_1$$

The reason that we want to use  $\exists$  is that it holds in the substructure case and we could imagine that  $\mathfrak{A}_2 \subseteq \mathfrak{A}_1$  (I guess this is our intuition). Now by Lemma 3.2 we have  $\mathfrak{A}_1' \equiv \mathfrak{A}_1$  and a map  $f: \mathfrak{A}_2 \to_{\exists} \mathfrak{A}_1'$ . Apparently  $\mathfrak{A}_1' \models \operatorname{Diag}(\mathfrak{A}_2)$ . Hence  $\mathfrak{A}_1'$  is a model of  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ 

**Definition 3.4.** For any *L*-theory *T*, the formulas  $\varphi(\bar{x}), \psi(\bar{x})$  are said to be **equivalent** modulo *T* (or relative to *T*) if  $T \models \forall \bar{x} (\varphi(\bar{x}) \leftrightarrow \psi(\bar{x}))$ 

#### **Corollary 3.5.** *Let T be a theory*

- 1. Consider a formula  $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ . The following are equivalent
  - (a)  $\varphi(x_1, ..., x_n)$  is, modulo T, equivalent to a universal formula
  - (b) If  $\mathfrak{A} \subseteq \mathfrak{B}$  are models of T and  $a_1, \ldots, a_n \in A$ , then  $\mathfrak{B} \models \varphi(a_1, \ldots, a_n)$  implies  $\mathfrak{A} \models \varphi(a_1, \ldots, a_n)$
- 2. We say that a theory which consists of universal sentences is universal. Then T is equivalent to a universal theory iff all substructures of models of T are again models of T
- *Proof.* 1. Assume (2). We extend *L* by an *n*-tuple  $\bar{c}$  of new constants  $c_1, \dots, c_n$  and consider theory

$$T_1 = T \cup \{\varphi(\bar{c})\}$$
 and  $T_2 = T \cup \{\neg\varphi(\bar{c})\}$ 

Then (2) says the substructures of models of  $T_1$  cannot be models of  $T_2$ . By Theorem 3.3  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  can be separated by a universal  $L(\bar{c})$ -sentence  $\psi(\bar{c})$ . By Lemma 1.16,  $T_1 \vDash \psi(\bar{c})$  implies

$$T \vDash \forall \bar{x}(\varphi(\bar{x}) \to \psi(\bar{x}))$$

and from  $T_2 \models \neg \psi(\bar{c})$  we see

$$T \vDash \forall \bar{x} (\neg \varphi(\bar{x}) \rightarrow \neg \psi(\bar{x}))$$

2. Suppose a theory T has this property. Let  $\varphi$  be an axiom of T. If  $\mathfrak A$  is a substructure of  $\mathfrak B$ , it is not possible for  $\mathfrak B$  to be a model of T and for  $\mathfrak A$  to be a model of  $\neg \varphi$  at the same time. By Theorem 3.3 there is a universal sentence  $\psi$  with  $T \models \psi$  and  $\neg \varphi \models \neg \psi$ . Hence all axioms of T follow from

$$T_{\forall} = \{ \psi \mid T \vDash \psi, \psi \text{ universal} \}$$

An  $\forall \exists$ -formula is of the form

$$\forall x_1 \dots x_n \psi$$

where  $\psi$  is existential

**Lemma 3.6.** Suppose  $\varphi$  is an  $\forall \exists$ -sentence,  $(\mathfrak{A}_i)_{i \in I}$  is a directed family of models of  $\varphi$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$  the union of the  $\mathfrak{A}_i$ . Then  $\mathfrak{B}$  is also a model of  $\varphi$ .

Proof. Write

$$\varphi = \forall \bar{x} \psi(\bar{x})$$

where  $\psi$  is existential. For any  $\bar{a} \in B$  there is an  $A_i$  containing  $\bar{a}$ , clearly  $\psi(\bar{a})$  holds in  $\mathfrak{A}_i$ . As  $\psi(\bar{a})$  is existential it must also hold in  $\mathfrak{B}$ 

**Definition 3.7.** We call a theory T **inductive** if the union of any directed family of models of T is again a model

**Theorem 3.8.** Let  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be two theories. Then the following are equivalent

- 1. there is an  $\forall \exists$ -sentence which separates  $T_1$  and  $T_2$
- 2. No model of  $T_2$  is the union of a chain (or of a directed family) of models of  $T_1$

*Proof.*  $1 \to 2$ . Assume  $\varphi$  is a  $\forall \exists$ -sentence which separates  $T_1$  from  $T_2$ ,  $(\mathfrak{A}_i)_{i \in I}$  is a directed family of models of  $\varphi$ , by Lemma 3.6  $\mathfrak{B}$  is also a model of  $\varphi$ . Since  $\mathfrak{B} \models \varphi$ ,  $\mathfrak{B}$  cannot be a model of  $T_2$ 

 $2 \to 1$ . If (1) is not true,  $T_1, T_2$  have models which cannot be separated by an  $\forall \exists$ -sentence. Since  $\exists \forall$ -formulas are equivalent to negated  $\forall \exists$ -formulas (since  $\forall$  is too strong), we have

$$\mathfrak{B}^0 \Rightarrow_{\exists \forall} \mathfrak{A}$$

By Lemma 3.2 there is a map

$$f:\mathfrak{B}^0\to_{\forall}\mathfrak{A}^0$$

with  $\mathfrak{A}^0 \equiv \mathfrak{A}$  (since  $\mathfrak{B}^0 \to_{\exists \forall} \mathfrak{A}^0$ ). We can assume that  $\mathfrak{B}^0 \subseteq \mathfrak{A}^0$  and f is the inclusion map. Then

$$\mathfrak{A}^0_B \Rightarrow_\exists \mathfrak{B}^0_B$$

Applying Lemma 3.2 again, we obtain an extension  $\mathfrak{B}_B^1$  of  $\mathfrak{A}_B^0$  with  $\mathfrak{B}_B^1 \equiv \mathfrak{B}_B^0$ , i.e.  $\mathfrak{B}^0 \prec \mathfrak{B}^1$ . Hence we have an infinite chain

$$\mathfrak{B}^0 \subseteq \mathfrak{A}^0 \subseteq^1 \mathfrak{B}^1 \subseteq \mathfrak{A}^1 \subseteq \mathfrak{B}^2 \subseteq \cdots$$

$$\mathfrak{B}^0 \prec \mathfrak{B}^1 \prec \mathfrak{B}^2 \prec \cdots$$

$$\mathfrak{A}^i = \mathfrak{A}$$

Let  $\mathfrak{B}$  be the union of the  $\mathfrak{A}^i$ . Since  $\mathfrak{B}$  is also the union of the elementary chain of the  $\mathfrak{B}^i$ , it is an elementary extension of  $\mathfrak{B}^0$  and hence a model of  $T_2$ . But the  $\mathfrak{A}^i$  are models of  $T_1$ , so (2) does not hold

#### **Corollary 3.9.** *Let T be a theory*

- 1. For each sentence  $\varphi$  the following are equivalent
  - (a)  $\varphi$  is, modulo T, equivalent to an  $\forall \exists$ -sentence
  - (b) *If*

$$\mathfrak{A}^0 \subset \mathfrak{A}^1 \subset \cdots$$

and their union  $\mathfrak B$  are models of T, then  $\varphi$  holds in  $\mathfrak B$  if it is true in all the  $\mathfrak A^i$ 

- 2. T is inductive iff it can be axiomatised by  $\forall \exists$ -sentences
- *Proof.* 1. Theorem 3.8 shows that  $\forall \exists$ -formulas are preserved by unions of chains. Hence (a) $\Rightarrow$ (b). For the converse consider the theories

$$T_1 = T \cup \{\varphi\}$$
 and  $T_2 = T \cup \{\neg \varphi\}$ 

- Part (b) says that the union of a chain of models of  $T_1$  cannot be a model of  $T_2$ . By Theorem 3.8 we can separate  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  by an  $\forall \exists$ -sentence  $\psi$ . Hence  $T \cup \{\varphi\} \models \psi$  and  $T \cup \{\neg \varphi\} \models \neg \psi$
- 2. Clearly  $\forall \exists$ -axiomatised theories are inductive. For the converse assume that T is inductive and  $\varphi$  is an axiom of T. Ifpp  $\mathfrak B$  is a union of models of T, it cannot be a model of  $\neg \varphi$ . By Theorem 3.8 there is an  $\forall \exists$ -sentence  $\psi$  with  $T \vDash \psi$  and  $\neg \varphi \vDash \neg \psi$ . Hence all axioms of T follows from

$$T_{\forall \exists} = \{ \psi \mid T \vDash \psi, \psi \ \forall \exists \text{-formula} \}$$

*Exercise* 3.1.1. Let X be a topological space,  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  quasi-compact subsets, and  $\mathcal{H}$  a set of clopen subsets. Then the following are equivalent

- 1. There is a positive Boolean combination B of elements from  $\mathcal{H}$  s.t.  $Y_1 \subseteq B$  and  $Y_2 \cap B = \emptyset$
- 2. For all  $y_1 \in Y_1$  and  $y_2 \in Y_2$  there is an  $H \in \mathcal{H}$  s.t.  $y_1 \in H$  and  $y_2 \notin H$

*Proof.*  $2 \to 1$ . Consider an element  $y_1 \in Y_1$  and  $\mathcal{H}_{y_1}$ , the set of all elements of  $\mathcal{H}$  containing  $y_1$ . 2 implies that the intersection of the sets in  $\mathcal{H}_{y_1}$  is disjoint from  $Y_2$ . So a finite intersection  $h_{y_1}$  of elements of  $\mathcal{H}_{y_1}$  is disjoint from  $Y_2$ . The  $h_{y_i}, y_1 \in Y_1$ , cover  $Y_1$ . So  $Y_1$  is contained in the union H of finitely many of the  $h_{y_i}$ . Hence H separates  $Y_1$  from  $Y_2$ 

#### 3.2 Quantifier elimination

**Definition 3.10.** A theory T has **quantifier elimination** if every L-formula  $\varphi(x_1,\ldots,x_n)$  in the theory is equivalent modulo T to some quantifier-free formula  $\rho(x_1,\ldots,x_n)$ 

It's easy to transform any theory T into a theory with quantifier elimination if one is willing to expand the language: just enlarge L by adding an n-place relation symbol  $R_{\varphi}$  for every L-formula  $\varphi(x_1,\ldots,x_n)$  and T by adding all axioms

$$\forall x_1, \dots, x_n (R_{\varphi}(x_1, \dots, x_n) \leftrightarrow \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n))$$

The resulting theory, the **Morleyisation**  $T^m$  of T, has quantifier elimination A **prime structure** of T is a structure which embeds into all models of T

**Lemma 3.11.** A consistent theory T with quantifier elimination which possess a prime structure is complete

*Proof.* If  $\mathfrak{M}, \mathfrak{N} \models T$  and  $\mathfrak{M} \models \varphi$  and  $\mathfrak{N} \models \neg \varphi$ . Suppose prime structure is  $\mathfrak{H}$ , then  $\mathfrak{H} \models \varphi$  and  $\mathfrak{H} \models \neg \varphi$  since we have quantifier elimination

**Definition 3.12.** A **simple existential formula** has the form

$$\varphi = \exists y \rho$$

for a quantifier-free formula  $\rho$ . If  $\rho$  is a conjunction of basic formulas,  $\varphi$  is called **primitive existential** 

**Lemma 3.13.** *The theory T has quantifier elimination iff every primitive existential formula is, modulo T, equivalent to a quantifier-free formula* 

*Proof.* We can write every simple existential formula in the form  $\exists y \bigvee_{i < n} \rho_i$  for  $\rho_i$  which are conjunctions of basic formulas. This shows that every simple existential formula is equivalent to a disjunction of primitive existential formulas, namely to  $\bigvee_{i < n} (\exists y \rho_i)$ . We can therefore assume that every simple existential formula is, modulo T, equivalent to a quantifier-free formula

We are now able to eliminate the quantifiers in arbitrary formulas in prenex normal form (Exercise 1.2.1)

$$Q_1 x_1 \dots Q_n x_n \rho$$

if  $Q_n=\exists$ , we choose a quantifier-free formula  $\rho_0$  which, modulo T, is equivalent to  $\exists x_n \rho$  and proceed with the formula  $Q_1x_1 \dots Q_{n-1}x_{n-1}\rho_0$ . If  $Q_n=\forall$ , we find a quantifier-free  $\rho_1$  which is, modulo T, equivalent to  $\exists x_n \neg \rho$  and proceed with  $Q_1x_1 \dots Q_{n-1}x_{n-1} \neg \rho_1$ 

**Theorem 3.14.** *For a theory T the following are equivalent* 

- 1. T has quantifier elimination
- 2. For all models  $\mathfrak{M}^1$  and  $\mathfrak{M}^2$  of T with a common substructure  $\mathfrak{A}$  we have

$$\mathfrak{M}^1_A \equiv \mathfrak{M}^2_A$$

3. For all models  $\mathfrak{M}^1$  and  $\mathfrak{M}^2$  of T with a common substructure  $\mathfrak{A}$  and for all primitive existential formulas  $\varphi(x_1,\ldots,x_n)$  and parameter  $a_1,\ldots,a_n$  from A we have

$$\mathfrak{M}^1 \vDash \varphi(a_1, \dots, a_n) \Rightarrow \mathfrak{M}^2 \vDash \varphi(a_1, \dots, a_n)$$

(this is exactly the equivalence relation)

If L has no constants,  $\mathfrak A$  is allowed to be the empty "structure"

*Proof.*  $1 \to 2$ . Let  $\varphi(\bar{a})$  be an L(A)-sentence which holds in  $\mathfrak{M}^1$ . Choose a quantifier-free  $\rho(\bar{x})$  which is, modulo T, equivalent to  $\varphi(\bar{x})$ . Then

 $3 \to 1$ . Let  $\varphi(\bar{x})$  be a primitive existential formula. In order to show that  $\varphi(\bar{x})$  is equivalent, modulo T, to a quantifier-free formula  $\rho(\bar{x})$  we extend L by an n-tuple  $\bar{c}$  of new constants  $c_1, \ldots, c_n$ . We have to show that we can separate  $T \cup \{\varphi(\bar{c})\}$  and  $T \cup \{\neg \varphi(\bar{c})\}$  by a quantifier free sentence  $\rho(\bar{c})$ . Then  $T \vDash \varphi(\bar{c}) \to \rho(\bar{c})$  and  $T \vDash \neg \varphi(\bar{c}) \to \neg \rho(\bar{c})$ . Hence  $T \vDash \varphi(\bar{c}) \leftrightarrow \rho(\bar{c})$ .

We apply the Separation Lemma ( $\mathcal{H}$  hear is the set of quantifier-free sentence). Let  $\mathfrak{M}^1$  and  $\mathfrak{M}^2$  be two models of T with two distinguished n-tuples  $\bar{a}^1$  and  $\bar{a}^2$ . Suppose that  $(\mathfrak{M}^1, \bar{a}^1)$  and  $(\mathfrak{M}^2, \bar{a}^2)$  satisfy the same quantifier-free  $L(\bar{c})$ -sentences. We have to show that

$$\mathfrak{M}^1 \vDash \varphi(\bar{a}^1) \Rightarrow \mathfrak{M}^2 \vDash \varphi(\bar{a}^2)$$

Now suppose  $\mathfrak{A}_1 \models T \cup \{\varphi(\bar{c})\}$  and  $\mathfrak{A}_2 \models T \cup \{\neg \varphi(\bar{c})\}$ , they can't satisfy the same quantifier-free  $L(\bar{c})$ -sentences. Thus we finish the proof

Consider the substructure  $\mathfrak{A}^i = \langle \bar{a}^i \rangle^{\mathfrak{M}^i}$ , generated by  $\bar{a}^i$ . If we can show that there is an isomorphism

$$f:\mathfrak{A}^1\to\mathfrak{A}^2$$

taking  $\bar{a}$  to  $\bar{a}$ , we may assume that  $\mathfrak{A}^1 = \mathfrak{A}^2 = \mathfrak{A}$  and  $\bar{a}^1 = \bar{a}^2 = \bar{a}$ .

Every element of  $\mathfrak{A}^1$  has the form  $t^{\mathfrak{M}^1}[\bar{a}^1]$  for an L-term  $t(\bar{x})$ . The isomorphism f to be constructed must satisfy

$$f(t^{\mathfrak{M}^1}[\bar{a}^1]) = t^{\mathfrak{M}^2}[\bar{a}^2]$$

We define f by this equation and have to check that f is well defined and injective. Assume

$$s^{\mathfrak{M}^1}[\bar{a}^1] = t^{\mathfrak{M}^1}[\overline{af^1}]$$

Then  $\mathfrak{M}^1, \bar{a}^1 \models s(\bar{c}) \doteq t(\bar{c})$ , and by out assumption it also holds in  $(\mathfrak{M}^2, \bar{a}^2)$ , which means

$$s^{\mathfrak{M}^2}[\bar{a}^2] = t^{\mathfrak{M}^2}[\bar{a}^2]$$

Swapping the two sides yields injectivity.

Surjectivity is clear. It remains to show that f commutes with the interpretation of the relation symbols. Now

$$\mathfrak{M}^1 \vDash R\left[t_1^{\mathfrak{M}^1}[\bar{a}^1], \dots, t_m^{\mathfrak{M}^1}[\bar{a}^1]\right]$$

is equivalent to  $(\mathfrak{M}^1, \bar{a}^1) \models R(t_1(\bar{c}), \dots, t_m(\bar{c}))$ , which is equivalent to  $(\mathfrak{M}^2, \bar{a}^2) \models R(t_1(\bar{c}), \dots, t_m(\bar{c}))$ , which in turn is equivalent to

$$\mathfrak{M}^2 \vDash R\left[t_1^{\mathfrak{M}^2}[\bar{a}^2], \dots, t_m^{\mathfrak{M}^2}[\bar{a}^2]\right]$$

Note that (2) of Theorem 3.14 is saying that T is **substructure complete**; i.e., for any model  $\mathfrak{M} \vDash T$  and substructure  $\mathfrak{A} \subseteq \mathfrak{M}$  the theory  $T \cup \mathsf{Diag}(\mathfrak{A})$  is complete

**Definition 3.15.** We call T model complete if for all models  $\mathfrak{M}^1$  and  $\mathfrak{M}^2$  of T

$$\mathfrak{M}^1\subset \mathfrak{M}^2\Rightarrow \mathfrak{M}^1\prec \mathfrak{M}^2$$

T is model complete iff for any  $\mathfrak{M} \models T$  the theory  $T \cup \mathrm{Diag}(\mathfrak{M})$  is complete Note that if  $\mathfrak{M}_1 \models \mathrm{Diag}(\mathfrak{M})$ , then there is an embedding  $h: \mathfrak{M} \to \mathfrak{M}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{M}_1$  is isomorphic to an extension  $\mathfrak{M}_1'$  of  $\mathfrak{M}$ . Then we have  $\mathfrak{M} \subseteq \mathfrak{M}_1'$ .

So here we are actually saying that all embeddings are elementary

**Lemma 3.16** (Robinson's Test). *Let T be a theory. Then the following are equivalent* 

- 1. T is model complete
- 2. For all models  $\mathfrak{M}^1 \subseteq \mathfrak{M}^2$  of T and all existential sentences  $\varphi$  from  $L(M^1)$

$$\mathfrak{M}^2 \vDash \varphi \Rightarrow \mathfrak{M}^1 \vDash \varphi$$

3. Each formula is, modulo T, equivalent to a universal formula

*Proof.*  $1 \leftrightarrow 3$ . Corollary 3.5

(2) and Corollary 3.5 shows that all existential sentences are, modulo T, equivalent to a universal sentence. Then by induction we can show 3. (Details)

If  $\mathfrak{M}^1\subseteq \mathfrak{M}^2$  satisfies (2), we call  $\mathfrak{M}^1$  existentially closed in  $\mathfrak{M}^2$ . We denote this by

$$\mathfrak{M}^1 \prec_1 \mathfrak{M}^2$$

**Definition 3.17.** Let T be a theory. A theory  $T^*$  is a **model companion** of T if the following three conditions are satisfied

- 1. Each model of T can be extended to a model of  $T^*$
- 2. Each model of  $T^*$  can be extended to a model of T
- 3.  $T^*$  is model complete

**Theorem 3.18.** A theory T has, up to equivalence, at most one model companion  $T^*$ 

*Proof.* If  $T^+$  is another model companion of T, every model of  $T^+$  is contained in a model of  $T^*$  and conversely. Let  $\mathfrak{A}_0 \models T^+$ . Then  $\mathfrak{A}_0$  can be embedded in a model  $\mathfrak{B}_0$  of  $T^*$ . In turn  $\mathfrak{B}_0$  is contained in a model  $\mathfrak{A}_1$  of  $T^+$ . In this way we find two elementary chains  $(\mathfrak{A}_i)$  and  $(\mathfrak{B}_i)$ , which have a common union  $\mathfrak{C}$ . Then  $\mathfrak{A}_0 \prec \mathfrak{C}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}_0 \prec \mathfrak{C}$  implies  $\mathfrak{A}_0 \equiv \mathfrak{B}_0$  since T are all sentences. Thus  $\mathfrak{A}_0$  is a model of  $T^*$ 

#### Existentially closed structures and the Kaiser hull

Let T be an L-theory. It follows from 3.3 that the models of  $T_{\forall} = \{ \varphi \mid T \models \varphi \text{ where } \varphi \text{ is universal} \}$  are the substructures of models of T. The conditions (1) and (2) in the definition of "model companion" can therefore be expressed as

$$T_{\vee} = T_{\vee}^*$$

(1 and 2 says  $Mod(T_{\forall}) = Mod(T_{\forall}^*)$ ) Hence the model companion of a theory T depends only on  $T_{\forall}$ . (Note that  $T_{\forall}$  is model complete)

**Definition 3.19.** An *L*-structure  $\mathfrak A$  is called *T*-existentiallay closed (or *T*-ec) if

- 1.  $\mathfrak{A}$  can be embedded in a model of T
- 2.  $\mathfrak{A}$  is existentially closed in every extension which is a model of T

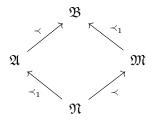
A structure  $\mathfrak A$  is T-ec exactly if it is  $T_{\forall}$ -ec. Since every model of  $\mathfrak B$  of  $T_{\forall}$  can be embedded in a model  $\mathfrak M$  of T and  $\mathfrak A \subseteq \mathfrak B \subseteq \mathfrak M$  and  $\mathfrak A \prec_1 \mathfrak M$  implies  $\mathfrak A \prec_1 \mathfrak B$ 

**Lemma 3.20.** Every model of a theory T can be embedded in a T-ec structure

*Proof.* Let  $\mathfrak A$  be a model of  $T_\forall$ . We choose an enumeration  $(\varphi_\alpha)_{\alpha<\kappa}$  of all existential L(A)-sentences and construct an ascending chain  $(\mathfrak A_\alpha)_{\alpha\leq\kappa}$  of models of  $T_\forall$ . We begin with  $\mathfrak A_0=\mathfrak A$ . Let  $\mathfrak A_\alpha$  be constructed. If  $\varphi_\alpha$  holds in an extension of  $\mathfrak A_\alpha$  which is a model of T we let  $\mathfrak A_{\alpha+1}$  be such a model. Otherwise we set  $\mathfrak A_{\alpha+1}=\mathfrak A_\alpha$ . For limit ordinals  $\lambda$  we define  $\mathfrak A_\lambda$  to be the union of all  $\mathfrak A_\alpha$ .  $\mathfrak A_\lambda$  is again a model of  $T_\forall$ 

The structure  $\mathfrak{A}^1 = \mathfrak{A}_{\kappa}$  has the following property: every existential L(A)-sentence which holds in an extension of  $\mathfrak{A}^1$  that is a model of T holds in  $\mathfrak{A}^1$ . Now in the same manner, we construct  $\mathfrak{A}^2$  from  $\mathfrak{A}^1$ , etc. The union  $\mathfrak{M}$  of the chain  $\mathfrak{A}^0 \subseteq \mathfrak{A}^1 \subseteq \mathfrak{A}^2 \subseteq ...$  is the desired T-ec structure

Every elementary substructure  $\mathfrak N$  of a T-ec structure  $\mathfrak M$  is again T-ec: Let  $\mathfrak N\subseteq \mathfrak A$  be a model of T. Since  $\mathfrak M_N\Rightarrow_\exists \mathfrak A_N$ , there is an embedding of  $\mathfrak M$  in an elementary extension  $\mathfrak B$  of  $\mathfrak A$  which is the identity on N. Since  $\mathfrak M$  is existentially closed in  $\mathfrak B$ , it follows that  $\mathfrak N$  is existentially closed in  $\mathfrak B$  and therefore also in  $\mathfrak A$ 



**Lemma 3.21.** *Let* T *be a theory. Then there is a biggest inductive theory*  $T^{KH}$  *with*  $T_{\forall} = T^{KH}_{\forall}$ . We call  $T^{KH}$  the *Kaiser hull* of T

*Proof.* Let  $T^1$  and  $T^2$  be two inductive theories with  $T^1_\forall=T^2_\forall=T_\forall$ . We have to show that  $(T^1\cup T^2)_\forall=T_\forall$ . Note that for every model  $\mathfrak{A}\vDash T^1$  and  $\mathfrak{B}\vDash T^2$  we have  $\mathfrak{A}\Rightarrow_\forall\mathfrak{B}$  and vice versa. Then we have the embeddings just like model companions. Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be a model of T, as in the proof of 3.18 we extend  $\mathfrak{M}$  by a chain  $\mathfrak{A}_0\subseteq\mathfrak{B}_0\subseteq\mathfrak{A}_1\subseteq\mathfrak{B}_1\subseteq\cdots$  of models of  $T^1$  and  $T^2$ . The union of this chain is a model of  $T^1\cup T^2$ 

# **Lemma 3.22.** *The Kaiser hull* $T^{KH}$ *is the* $\forall \exists$ -part of the theory of all T-ec structures

*Proof.* Let  $T^*$  be the  $\forall \exists$ -part of the theory of all T-ec structures. Since T-ec structures are models of  $T_{\forall}$ , we have  $T_{\forall} \subseteq T_{\forall}^*$ . It follows from 3.20 that  $T_{\forall}^* \subseteq T_{\forall}$ . Hence  $T^*$  is contained in the Kaiser Hull.

It remains to show that every T-ec structure  $\mathfrak M$  is a model of the Kaiser hull. Choose a model  $\mathfrak N$  of  $T^{KH}$  which contains  $\mathfrak M$ . Then  $\mathfrak M \prec_1 \mathfrak N$ . This implies  $\mathfrak N \Rightarrow_{\forall \exists} \mathfrak M$  and therefore  $\mathfrak M \vDash T^{KH}$ 

This implies that *T*-ec strctures are models of  $T_{\forall \exists}$ 

**Theorem 3.23.** *For any theory T the following are equivalent* 

- 1. T has a model companion  $T^*$
- 2. All models of  $K^{KH}$  are T-ec
- 3. The T-ec structures form an elementary class.

*If*  $T^*$  *exists, we have* 

$$T^* = T^{KH} = theory of all T-ec structures$$

*Exercise* 3.2.1. Let *L* be the language containing a unary function *f* and a binary relation symbol *R* and consider the *L*-theory  $T = \{ \forall x \forall y (R(x,y) \rightarrow (R(x,f(y)))) \}$ . Showing the follow

- 1. For any *T*-structure  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $a, b \in M$  with  $b \notin \{a, f^{\mathfrak{M}}(a), (f^{\mathfrak{M}})^2(a), \dots\}$  we have  $\mathfrak{M} \models \exists z (R(z, a) \land \neg R(z, b))$
- 2. Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be a model of T and a an element of M s.t.  $\{a, f^{\mathfrak{M}}(a), (f^{\mathfrak{M}})^2(a), \dots\}$  is infinite. Then in an elementary extension  $\mathfrak{M}'$  there is an element b with  $\mathfrak{M}' \models \forall z (R(z, a) \to R(z, b))$
- 3. The class of *T*-ec structures is not elementary, so *T* does not have a model companion

*Exercise* 3.2.2. A theory *T* with quantifier elimination is axiomatisable by sentences of the form

$$\forall x_1 \dots x_n \psi$$

where  $\psi$  is primitive existential formula

#### 3.3 Examples

**Infinite sets**. The models of the theory Infset of **infinite sets** are all infinite sets without additional structure. The language  $L_{\emptyset}$  is empty, the axioms are (for n = 1, 2, ...)

• 
$$\exists x_0 \dots x_{n-1} \bigwedge_{i < j < n} \neg x_i \doteq x_j$$

**Theorem 3.24.** *The theory Infset of infinite sets has quantifier elimination and is complete* 

*Proof.* Since the language is empty, the only basic formula is  $x_i = x_j$  and  $\neg(x_i = x_j)$ . By Lemma 3.13 we only need to consider primitive existential formulas.

Dense linear orderings.

$$\forall a, b (a \le b \land b \le a \rightarrow a = b)$$

$$\forall a, b, c (a \le b \land b \le c \rightarrow a \le c)$$

$$\forall a, b (a \le b \lor b \le a)$$

$$\forall a, b \exists c (a < b \rightarrow a < c < b)$$

**Theorem 3.25.** *DLO has quantifier elimination* 

*Proof.* Let A be a finite common substructure of the two models  $O_1$  and  $O_2$ . We choose an ascending enumeration  $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ . Let  $\exists y \rho(y)$  be a simple existential L(A)-sentence, which is true in  $O_1$  and assume  $O_1 \models \rho(b_1)$ . We want to extend the order preserving map  $a_i \mapsto a_i$  to an order preserving map  $A \cup \{b_1\} \to O_2$ . For this we have an image  $b_2$  of  $b_1$ . There are four cases

- 1.  $b_1 \in A$ , we set  $b_2 = b_1$
- 2.  $b_1 \in (a_i, a_{i+1})$ . We choose  $b_2$  in  $O_2$  with the same property
- 3.  $b_1$  is smaller than all elements of A. We choose a  $b_2 \in O_2$  of the same kind
- 4.  $b_1$  is bigger than all  $a_i$ . Choose  $b_2$  in the same manner

This defines an isomorphism  $A \cup \{b_1\} \to A \cup \{b_2\}$ , which show that  $O_2 \models \rho(b_2)$ 

**Modules**. Let R be a (possibly non-commutative) ring with 1. An R-module

$$\mathfrak{M} = (,0,+,-,r)_{r \in R}$$

is an abelian group (M,0,+,-) together with operations  $r:M\to M$  for every ring element  $r\in R$ . We formulate the axioms in the language  $L_{Mod}(R)=L_{AbG}\cup\{r\mid r\in R\}$ . The theory  $\mathsf{Mod}(R)$  of R-modules consists of

AbG  

$$\forall x, y \ r(x+y) = rx + ry$$
  
 $\forall x \ (r+s)x = rx + sx$   
 $\forall x \ (rs)x = r(sx)$   
 $\forall x \ 1x = x$ 

for all  $r, s \in R$ . Then  $\mathsf{Infset} \cup \mathsf{Mod}(R)$  is the theory of all infinite R-modules A module over fields is a vector space

**Theorem 3.26.** *Let K be a field. Then the theory of all infinite K-vector spaces has quantifier elimination and is complete* 

*Proof.* Let A be a common finitely generated substructure (i.e., a subspace) of the two infinite K-vector spaces  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ . Let  $\exists y \rho(y)$  be a simple existential L(A)-sentence which holds in  $V_1$ . Choose a  $b_1$  from  $V_1$  which satisfies  $\rho(y)$ . If  $b_1$  belongs to A, we finished. If not, we choose a  $b_2 \in V_2 \setminus A$ . Possibly we have to replace  $V_2$  by an elementary extension. The vector spaces  $A + Kb_1$  and  $A + Kb_2$  are isomorphic by an isomophism which maps  $b_1$  to  $b_2$  and fixes A elementwise. Hence  $V_2 \vDash \rho(b_2)$ 

The theory is complete since a quantifier-free sentence is true in a vector space iff it is true in the zero-vector space.  $\Box$ 

**Definition 3.27.** An **equation** is an  $L_{Mod}(R)$ -formula  $\gamma(\bar{x})$  of the form

$$r_1 x_1 + \dots + r_m x_m = 0$$

A **positive primitive** formula (**pp**-formula) is of the form

$$\exists \bar{y}(\gamma_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \gamma_n)$$

where the  $\gamma_i(\overline{xy})$  are equations

**Theorem 3.28.** For every ring R and any R-module M, every  $L_{Mod}(R)$ -formula is equivalent (modulo the theory of M) to a Boolean combination of positive primitive formulas

#### Algebraically closed fields.

**Theorem 3.29** (Tarski). *The theory ACF of algebraically closed fields has quantifier elimination* 

*Proof.* Let  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  be two algebraically closed fields and R a common subring. Let  $\exists y \rho(y)$  be a simple existential sentence with parameters in R which hold in  $K_1$ . We have to show that  $\exists y \rho(y)$  is also true in  $K_2$ .

Let  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  be the quotient fields of R in  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ , and let  $f: F_1 \to F_2$  be an isomorphism which is the identity on R. Then f extends to an isomorphism  $g: G_1 \to G_2$  between the relative algebraic closures  $G_i$  of  $F_i$  in  $K_i$ .

#### 4 Countable Models

#### 4.1 The omitting types theorem

**Definition 4.1.** Let T be an L-theory and  $\Sigma(x)$  a set of L-formulas. A model  $\mathfrak A$  of T not realizing  $\Sigma(x)$  is said to **omit**  $\Sigma(x)$ . A formula  $\varphi(x)$  **isolates**  $\Sigma(x)$  if

- 1.  $\varphi(x)$  is consistent with T
- 2.  $T \vDash \forall x (\varphi(x) \to \sigma(x))$  for all  $\sigma(x) \in \Sigma(x)$

A set of formulas is often called a **partial type**.

**Theorem 4.2** (Omitting Types). *If T is countable and consistent and if*  $\Sigma(x)$  *is not isolated in T, then T has a model which omits*  $\Sigma(x)$ 

If  $\Sigma(x)$  is isolated by  $\varphi(x)$  and  $\mathfrak A$  is a model of T, then  $\Sigma(x)$  is realised in  $\mathfrak A$  by all realisations  $\varphi(x)$ . Therefore the converse of the theorem is true for **complete** theories T: if  $\Sigma(x)$  is isolated in T, then it is realised in every model of T

*Proof.* We choose a countable set C of new constants and extend T to a theory  $T^*$  with the following properties

- 1.  $T^*$  is a Henkin theory: for all L(C)-formulas  $\psi(x)$  there exists a constant  $c \in C$  with  $\exists x \psi(x) \to \psi(c) \in T^*$
- 2. for all  $c \in C$  there is a  $\sigma(x) \in \Sigma(x)$  with  $\neg \sigma(c) \in T^*$

We construct  $T^*$  inductively as the union of an ascending chain

$$T = T_0 \subseteq T_1 \subseteq T_1 \subseteq \dots$$

of consistent extensions of T by finitely many axioms from L(C), in each step making an instance of (1) or (2) true.

Enumerate  $C = \{c_i \mid i < \omega\}$  and let  $\{\psi_i(x) \mid i < \omega\}$  be an enumeration of the L(C)-formulas

Assume that  $T_{2i}$  is the already constructed. Choose some  $c \in C$  which doesn't occur in  $T_{2i} \cup \{\psi_i(x)\}$  and set  $T_{2i+1} = T_{2i} \cup \{\exists x \psi_i(x) \to \psi_i(c)\}$ .

Up to equivalence  $T_{2i+1}$  has the form  $T \cup \{\delta(c_i,\bar{c})\}$  for an L-formula  $\delta(x,\bar{y})$  and a tuple  $\bar{c} \in C$  which doesn't contain  $c_i$ . Since  $\exists \bar{y} \delta(x,\bar{y})$  doesn't isolate  $\Sigma(x)$ , for some  $\sigma \in \Sigma$  the formula  $\exists \bar{y} \delta(x,\bar{y}) \land \neg \sigma(x)$  is consistent with T. Thus  $T_{2i+2} = T_{2i+1} \cup \{\neg \sigma(c_i)\}$  is consistent

Take a model  $(\mathfrak{A}', a_c)_{c \in C}$  of  $T^*$ . Since  $T^*$  is a Henkin theory, Tarski's Test 2.2 shows that  $A = \{a_c \mid c \in C\}$  is the universe of an elementary substructure  $\mathfrak{A}$  (Lemma 2.7). By property (2),  $\Sigma(x)$  is omitted in  $\mathfrak{A}$ 

**Corollary 4.3.** *Let T be countable and consistent and let* 

$$\Sigma_0(x_0,\dots,x_{n_0}),\Sigma_1(x_1,\dots,x_{n_1}),\dots$$

be a sequence of partial types. If all  $\Sigma_i$  are not isolated, then T has a model which omits all  $\Sigma_i$ 

*Proof.* If 
$$\Sigma_0(x), \Sigma_1(x), \ldots$$
 Then  $T_{2i+2} = T_{2i+1} \cup \{\neg \sigma_m(c_{mn})\}$  If  $\Sigma(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$ , then  $T_{2i+1} = T_{2i} \cup \{\exists \bar{x} \psi_i(\bar{x}) \rightarrow \psi_i(\bar{c})\}$ . Combine the two case

#### 4.2 The space of types

Fix a theory T. An n-type is a maximal set of formulas  $p(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$  consistent with T. We denote by  $S_n(T)$  the set of all n-types of T. We also write S(T) for  $S_1(T)$ .  $S_0(T)$  is all complete extensions of T

If *B* is a subset of an *L*-structure  $\mathfrak{A}$ , we recover  $S_n^{\mathfrak{A}}(B)$  as  $S_n(\operatorname{Th}(\mathfrak{A}_B))$ . In particular, if *T* is complete and  $\mathfrak{A}$  is any model of *T*, we have  $S^{\mathfrak{A}}(\emptyset) = S(T)$ 

For any *L*-formula  $\varphi(x_1, ..., x_n)$ , let  $[\varphi]$  denote the set of all types containing  $\varphi$ .

**Lemma 4.4.** 1.  $[\varphi] = [\psi]$  iff  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are equivalent modulo T

2. The sets 
$$[\varphi]$$
 are closed under Boolean operations. In fact  $[\varphi] \cap [\psi] = [\varphi \wedge \psi]$ ,  $[\varphi] \cup [\psi] = [\varphi \vee \psi]$ ,  $S_n(T) \setminus [\varphi] = [\neg \varphi]$ ,  $S_n(T) = [\top]$  and  $\emptyset = [\bot]$ 

It follows that the collection of sets of the form  $[\varphi]$  is closed under finite intersection and includes  $S_n(T)$ . So these sets form a basis of a topology on  $S_n(T)$ 

**Lemma 4.5.** The space  $S_n(T)$  is 0-dimensional and compact

*Proof.* Being 0-dimensional means having a basis of clopen sets. Our basic open sets are clopen since their complements are also basic open

If p and q are two different types, there is a formula  $\varphi$  contained in p but not in q. It follows that  $[\varphi]$  and  $[\neg \varphi]$  are open sets which separate p and q. This shows that  $S_n(T)$  is Hausdorff

To prove compactness, we need to show that any collection of closed subsets of *X* with the finite intersection property has nonempty intersection. Could check this

Consider a family  $[\varphi_i]$   $(i \in I)$ , with the finite intersection property. This means that  $\varphi_{i_i} \wedge \cdots \wedge \varphi_{i_k}$  are consistent with T. So Corollary 2.10  $\{\varphi_i \mid i \in I\}$  is consistent with T and can be extended to a type p, which then belongs to all  $[\varphi_i]$ .

**Lemma 4.6.** All clopen subsets of  $S_n(T)$  has the form  $[\varphi]$ 

*Proof.* It follows from Exercise 3.1.1 that we can separate any two disjoint closed subsets of  $S_n(T)$  by a basic open set.

The Stone duality theorem asserts that the map

$$X \mapsto \{C \mid C \text{ clopen subset of } X\}$$

yields an equivalence between the category of 0-dimensional compact spaces and the category of Boolean algebras. The inverse map assigns to every Boolean algebra to its **Stone space** 

**Definition 4.7.** A map f from a subset of a structure  $\mathfrak A$  to a structure  $\mathfrak B$  is **elementary** if it preserves the truth of formulas; i.e.,  $f:A_0\to B$  is elementary if for every formula  $\varphi(x_1,\ldots,x_n)$  and  $\bar a\in A_0$  we have

$$\mathfrak{A} \vDash \varphi(\bar{a}) \Rightarrow \mathfrak{B} \vDash \varphi(f(\bar{a}))$$

**Lemma 4.8.** Let  $\mathfrak A$  and  $\mathfrak B$  be L-structures,  $A_0$  and  $B_0$  subsets of A and B, respectively. Any elementary map  $A_0 \to B_0$  induces a continuous surjective map  $S_n(B_0) \to S_n(A_0)$ 

*Proof.* If  $q(\bar{x}) \in S_n(B_0)$ , we define

$$S(f)(q) = \{ \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n, \bar{a}) \mid \bar{a} \in A_0, \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n, f(\bar{a})) \in q(\bar{x}) \}$$

If  $\varphi(\bar{x},f(\bar{a})) \notin q(\bar{x})$ , then  $\mathfrak{B} \nvDash \varphi(\bar{x},\bar{a})$ . Therefore  $\mathfrak{A} \nvDash \varphi(\bar{x},\bar{a})$ . S(f) defines a map from  $S_n(B_0)$  to  $S_n(A_0)$ . Moreover, it is surjective since  $\{\varphi(x_1,\dots,x_n,f(\bar{a}))\}$  of  $\{\varphi(x_1,\dots,x_n,f(\bar{a}))\}$  is finitely satisfiable for all  $p\in S_n(A_0)$ . And S(f) is continuous since  $[\varphi(x_1,\dots,x_n,f(\bar{a}))]$  is the preimage of  $[\varphi(x_1,\dots,x_n,\bar{a})]$  under S(f)

There are two main cases

- 1. An elementary bijection  $f: A_0 \to B_0$  defines a homeomorphism  $S_n(A_0) \to S_n(B_0)$ . We write f(p) for the image of p
- 2. If  $\mathfrak{A}=\mathfrak{B}$  and  $A_0\subseteq B_0$ , the inclusion map induces the **restriction**  $S_n(B_0)\to S_n(A_0)$ . We write  $q\!\!\upharpoonright\!\! A_0$  for the restriction of q to  $A_0$ . We call q an extension of  $q\!\!\upharpoonright\!\! A_0$ )

**Lemma 4.9.** A type p is isolated in T iff p is an isolated point in  $S_n(T)$ . In fact,  $\varphi$  isolates p iff  $[\varphi] = \{p\}$ . That is,  $[\varphi]$  is an **atom** in the Boolean algebra of clopen subsets of  $S_n(T)$ 

*Proof.* If  $\varphi$  isolates p. Then  $\varphi \in p$  and hence  $[\varphi] = {\varphi}$ .

If 
$$[\varphi] = \{p\}$$
, then  $\varphi \in p$ . What's more,  $\mathfrak{M} \models \varphi \Leftrightarrow \mathfrak{M} \models p$  in  $T$ 

The set  $[\varphi]$  is a singleton iff  $[\varphi]$  is non-empty and cannot be divided into two non-empty clopen subsets  $[\varphi \land \psi]$  and  $\varphi \land \neg \psi$ . This means that for all  $\psi$  either  $\psi$  or  $\neg \psi$  follows from  $\varphi$  modulo T. So  $[\varphi]$  is a singleton iff  $\varphi$  generates the type

$$\langle \varphi \rangle = \{ \psi(\bar{x}) \mid T \vDash \forall \bar{x} (\varphi(\bar{x}) \to \psi(\bar{x})) \}$$

We call a formula  $\varphi(x)$  **complete** if

$$\{\psi(\bar{x})\mid T\vDash \forall \bar{x}(\varphi(\bar{x})\to\psi(\bar{x}))\}$$

is a type.

**Corollary 4.10.** A formula isolates a type iff it is complete

- *Exercise* 4.2.1. 1. Closed subsets of  $S_n(T)$  have the form  $\{p \in S_n(T) \mid \Sigma \subseteq p\}$ , where  $\Sigma$  is any set of formulas
  - 2. Let T be countable and consistent. Then any meagre<sup>1</sup> subset X of  $S_n(T)$  can be omitted, i.e., there is a model which omits all  $p \in X$
- *Proof.* 1. The sets  $[\varphi]$  are a basis for the closed subsets of  $S_n(T)$ . So the closed sets of  $S_n(T)$  are exactly the intersections  $\bigcap_{\varphi \in \Sigma} [\varphi] = \{ p \in S_n(T) \mid \Sigma \subseteq p \}$ 
  - 2. The set X is the union of a sequence of countable nowhere dense sets  $X_i$ . We may assume that  $X_i$  are closed, i.e., of the form  $\{p \in S_n(T) \mid \Sigma_i \subseteq p\}$ . That  $X_i$  has no interior means that  $\Sigma_i$  is not isolated. The claim follows now from Corollary 4.3

*Exercise* 4.2.2. Consider the space  $S_{\omega}(T)$  of all complete types in variables  $v_0, v_1, \ldots$  Note that  $S_{\omega}(T)$  is again a compact space and therefore not meagre by Baire's theorem

1. Show that  $\{ {
m tp}(a_0,a_1,\dots) \mid {
m the} \ a_i \ {
m enumerate} \ {
m a} \ {
m model} \ {
m of} \ T \}$  is comeagre in  $S_\omega(T)$ 

#### 4.3 $\aleph_0$ -categorical theories

**Theorem 4.11.** Let T be a countable complete theory. Then T is  $\aleph_0$ -categorical iff for every n there are only finitely many formulas  $\varphi(x_1, ..., x_n)$  up to equivalence relative to T

**Definition 4.12.** An *L*-structure  $\mathfrak A$  is  $\omega$ -saturated if all types over finite subsets of *A* are realised in  $\mathfrak A$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>A subset of a topological space is **nowhere dense** if its closure has no interior. A countable union of nowhere dense sets is meagre

The types in the definition are meant to be 1-types. On the other hand, it is not hard to see that an  $\omega$ -saturated structure realises all n-types over finite sets (Exercise ??) for all  $n \geq 1$ . The following lemma is a generalisation of the  $\aleph_0$ -categoricity of DLO.

**Lemma 4.13.** Two elementarily equivalent, countable and  $\omega$ -saturated structures are isomorphic

*Proof.* Suppose  $\mathfrak A$  and  $\mathfrak B$  are as in the lemma. We choose enumerations  $A=\{a_0,a_1,\dots\}$  and  $B=\{b_0,b_1,\dots\}$ . Then we construct an ascending sequence  $f_0\subseteq f_1\subseteq \cdots$  of finite elementary maps

$$f_i:A_i\to B_i$$

between finite subsets of  $\mathfrak A$  and  $\mathfrak B$ . We will choose the  $f_i$  in such a way that A is the union of the  $A_i$  and B the union of the  $B_i$ . The union of the  $f_i$  is then the desired isomorphism between  $\mathfrak A$  and  $\mathfrak B$ 

The empty map  $f_0 = \emptyset$  is elementary since  $\mathfrak A$  and  $\mathfrak B$  are elementarily equivalent. Assume that  $f_i$  is already constructed. There are two cases:

$$i = 2n$$
; We will extend  $f_i$  to  $A_{i+1} = A_i \cup \{a_n\}$ . Consider the type

$$p(x) = \operatorname{tp}(a_n/A_i) = \{\varphi(x) \mid \mathfrak{A} \models \varphi(a_n), \varphi(x) \text{ a } L(A_i)\text{-formula}\}$$

Since  $f_i$  is elemantarily,  $f_i(p)(x)$  is in  $\mathfrak B$  a type over  $B_i$ . Since  $\mathfrak B$  is  $\omega$ -saturated, there is a realisation b' of this type. So for  $\bar a \in A_i$ 

$$\mathfrak{A} \vDash \varphi(a_n, \bar{a}) \Rightarrow \mathfrak{B} \vDash \varphi(b', f_i(\bar{a}))$$

This shows that  $f_{i+1}(a_n) = b'$  defines an elementary extension of  $f_i$  i = 2n + 1; we exchange  $\mathfrak A$  and  $\mathfrak B$ 

Proof of Theorem 4.11. Assume that there are only finitely many  $\varphi(x_1,\ldots,x_n)$  relative to T for every n. By Lemma 4.13 it suffices to show that all models of T are  $\omega$ -saturated. Let  $\mathfrak M$  be a model of T and A an n-element subset. If there are only N many formulas, up to equivalence, in the variable  $x_1,\ldots,x_{n+1}$ , there are, up to equivalence in  $\mathfrak M$ , at most N many L(A)-formulas  $\varphi(x)$ . Thus, each type  $\varphi(x) \in S(A)$  is isolated (w.r.t.  $\mathrm{Th}(\mathfrak M_A)$ ) by a smallest formula  $\varphi_p(x)$  (obviously conjunction). Each element of M which realises  $\varphi_p(x)$  also realises p(x), so  $\mathfrak M$  is  $\omega$ -saturated.

Conversely, if there are infinitely many  $\varphi(x_1, ..., x_n)$  modulo T for some n, then - as the type space  $S_n(T)$  is compact - there must be some non-isolated type p. By the Omitting Types Theorem there is a countable model of T in which this type is not realised. On the other hand, there also exists a countable model of T realizing this type. So T is not  $\aleph_0$ -categorical  $\square$ 

The proof shows that a countable complete theory with infinite models is  $\aleph_0$ -categorical iff all countable models are  $\omega$ -saturated

**Definition 4.14.** An *L*-structure  $\mathfrak{M}$  is  $\omega$ -homogeneous if for every elementary map  $f_0$  defined on a finite subset A of M and for any  $a \in M$  there is some element  $b \in M$  s.t.

$$f = f_0 \cup \{\langle a, b \rangle\}$$

is elementary

 $f = f_0 \cup \{\langle a, b \rangle\}$  is elementary iff b realises  $f_0(\mathsf{tp}(a/A))$ 

**Corollary 4.15.** Let  $\mathfrak A$  be a structure and  $a_1, \ldots, a_n$  elements of  $\mathfrak A$ . Then  $\operatorname{Th}(\mathfrak A)$  is  $\aleph_0$ -categorical iff  $\operatorname{Th}(\mathfrak A, a_1, \ldots, a_n)$  is  $\aleph_0$ -categorical

**Example 4.1.** The following theories and  $\aleph_0$ -categorical

- 1. Infset (saturated)
- 2. For every finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , the theory of infinite  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -vector spaces. (Vector spaces over the same field and of the same dimension are isomorphic)
- 3. The theory DLO of dense linear orders without endpoints. This follows from Theorem 4.11 since DLO has quantifier elimination: for every n there are only finitely many (say  $N_n$ ) ways to order n elements. Each of these possibility corresponds to a complete formula  $\psi(x_1,\ldots,x_n)$ . Hence there are up to equivalence, exactly  $2^{N_n}$  many formulas  $\varphi(x_1,\ldots,x_n)$

**Definition 4.16.** A theory T is **small** if  $S_n(T)$  are at most countable for all  $n<\omega$ 

**Lemma 4.17.** A countable complete theory is small iff it has a countable  $\omega$ -saturated model

*Proof.* If T has a finite model  $\mathfrak{A}$ , T is small and  $\mathfrak{A}$  is  $\omega$ -saturated (countable assignment). So we may assume that T has infinite models

#### 5 TODO Don't understand

Lemma 3.22

Exercise 3.2.2

theorem 4.11 need to enhance my TOPOLOGY and ALGEBRA!!!