

# HW3, Math 506, Fall 2016, Due 9/14

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- (1 point) Suppose that  $\mathcal{M}_0, \mathcal{M}_1, \mathcal{M}_2$  are  $\mathcal{L}$ -structures with elementary embeddings  $f_i : \mathcal{M}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Show that there is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure with  $\mathcal{N}$  with elementary embeddings  $g_i : \mathcal{M}_i \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$  for  $i = 1, 2$  such that  $g_1 \circ f_1 = g_2 \circ f_2$ .
- (2 points) A theory  $T$  has a  $\forall\exists$ -axiomatization if it can be axiomatized by sentences of the form  $\forall\bar{v}\exists\bar{w}\varphi(\bar{v}, \bar{w})$  where  $\varphi$  is quantifier free. Suppose you are given a chain of models of a  $\forall\exists$ -theory  $T$ . Show that the union of the chain also satisfies  $T$ . Now we will show the converse - theories which are preserved by unions of chains have  $\forall\exists$ -axiomatizations. Let  $S = \{\varphi \mid \varphi \text{ is } \forall\exists, T \models \varphi\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{M} \models S$ . We wish to show that  $\mathcal{M} \models T$ .
  - Show that there is a  $\mathcal{N} \models T$  such that for any  $\exists\forall$ -sentence  $\psi$  if  $\mathcal{M} \models \psi$  then  $\mathcal{N} \models \psi$ .
  - Show that there is  $\mathcal{N}'$  with  $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathcal{N}'$  and  $\mathcal{N} \equiv \mathcal{N}'$
  - Show that there is  $\mathcal{M}' \subseteq \mathcal{N}'$  with  $\mathcal{M}$  an elementary substructure of  $\mathcal{M}'$ .
  - Iterate the construction and complete the proof.
- (1 point) We say that  $\mathcal{M} \models T$  is existentially closed if whenever  $\mathcal{N} \models T$ ,  $\mathcal{M} \subset \mathcal{N}$  and  $\mathcal{N} \models \exists\bar{v}\varphi(\bar{v}, \bar{a})$  with  $\bar{a} \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $\varphi$  quantifier-free then  $\mathcal{M} \models \exists\bar{v}\varphi(\bar{v}, \bar{a})$ .

Now fix some model  $\mathcal{M}_0 \models T$ . Prove that if  $T$  is  $\forall\exists$ -axiomatizable, then  $T$  has an existentially closed model  $\mathcal{N}_0$  containing  $\mathcal{M}_0$  such that  $|\mathcal{N}_0| = |\mathcal{M}_0| + |\mathcal{L}| + \aleph_0$ .
- (1 point) Suppose that  $T$  has built-in Skolem functions. Show that  $T$  has a universal axiomatization.
- (1 point) Give an example of an  $\mathcal{L}_{\omega_1\omega}$  sentence  $\Phi$  such that every finite subsentence of  $\Phi$  is satisfiable, but  $\Phi$  is not. (So compactness fails).
- (2 points) Axiomatize the following classes of structures with some single sentence in some language using  $\mathcal{L}_{\omega_1\omega}$ :
  - Torsion-free abelian groups.
  - Finitely generated fields.
  - Linear orders isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{Z}, <)$ .
  - Connected graphs.
  - Finite valence graphs.

- Cycle-free graphs.
7. (1 point) Give an example of a countable language  $\mathcal{L}$  and an  $\mathcal{L}_{\omega_1\omega}$  sentence  $\Phi$  such that every model of  $\Phi$  has cardinality at least  $2^{\aleph_0}$ . (So Downward Löwenheim-Skolem fails).

## 1 A primer on infinitary logic

Given a signature  $\tau$  we now define the *infinitary* language  $\mathcal{L}_{\infty\omega}$  associated to  $\tau$ . Roughly speaking the two subscripts describe how many conjunction/disjunctions we are allowed to use and how many quantifications we are allowed. The first subscript ‘ $\infty$ ’ indicates that we will allow infinitely many conjunctions and disjunctions. The second subscript ‘ $\omega$ ’ indicates that we will allow only finitely many quantifiers in a row.

The symbols of  $\mathcal{L}_{\infty\omega}$  are all symbols from the signature  $\tau$  together with the usual logical symbols:

$$=, \neg, \bigwedge, \bigvee, \forall, \exists.$$

The terms, atomic formulae, and literals are defined in the same way as before (i.e. for first-order logic).

**Definition:**  $\mathcal{L}_{\infty\omega}$  is the smallest class such that

- all atomic formulae are in  $\mathcal{L}_{\infty\omega}$
- if  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_{\infty\omega}$  then  $\neg\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_{\infty\omega}$
- if  $\Phi \subseteq \mathcal{L}_{\infty\omega}$  then  $\bigvee \Phi$  and  $\bigwedge \Phi$  are in  $\mathcal{L}_{\infty\omega}$
- if  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_{\infty\omega}$  then  $\forall x\varphi$  and  $\exists x\varphi$  are in  $\mathcal{L}_{\infty\omega}$

**Remark:** We are allowing  $\Phi \subseteq \mathcal{L}_{\infty\omega}$  to be an *arbitrary* subset, so we are allowing arbitrary conjunctions and disjunctions, contrary to the case for the usual first-order logic.

Given an  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure  $\mathfrak{A}$  (with domain  $A$ ) we can now extend the notion of satisfaction “ $\models$ ” to arbitrary formulae of  $\mathcal{L}_{\infty\omega}$ :

- For atomic formulae the  $\models$  relation is the same as before.
- Given  $\varphi(\bar{x}) \in \mathcal{L}_{\infty\omega}$  then  $\mathfrak{A} \models \neg\varphi(\bar{a})$  if and only if it is not the case that  $\mathfrak{A} \models \varphi(\bar{a})$ .
- Given  $\Phi(\bar{x}) \subseteq \mathcal{L}_{\infty\omega}$  then  $\mathfrak{A} \models \bigwedge \Phi(\bar{a})$  if and only if, for all  $\varphi(\bar{x}) \in \Phi(\bar{x})$   $\mathfrak{A} \models \varphi(\bar{a})$ .
- Given  $\Phi(\bar{x}) \subseteq \mathcal{L}_{\infty\omega}$  then  $\mathfrak{A} \models \bigvee \Phi(\bar{a})$  if and only if, for at least one of  $\varphi(\bar{x}) \in \Phi(\bar{x})$  we have  $\mathfrak{A} \models \varphi(\bar{a})$ .
- Given  $\varphi(y, \bar{x}) \in \mathcal{L}_{\infty\omega}$ , then  $\mathfrak{A} \models \forall y\varphi(y, \bar{a})$  if and only if for all  $b \in A$  we have  $\mathfrak{A} \models \varphi(b, \bar{a})$ .
- Given  $\varphi(y, \bar{x}) \in \mathcal{L}_{\infty\omega}$ , then  $\mathfrak{A} \models \exists y\varphi(y, \bar{a})$  if and only if for at least one  $b \in A$  we have  $\mathfrak{A} \models \varphi(b, \bar{a})$ .

Now we say that **first-order logic** is the language  $\mathcal{L}_{\omega\omega}$  where we allow only finite subsets  $\Phi$  (in other words we have only finite conjunctions and disjunctions), and only finitely many quantifiers. In general for some cardinal  $\kappa$  we get a language  $\mathcal{L}_{\kappa\omega}$  where we allow the subsets  $\Phi \subseteq \mathcal{L}_{\kappa\omega}$  to have size  $< \kappa$ .

In model theory we most often either work within  $\mathcal{L}_{\omega\omega}$ , and occasionally in  $\mathcal{L}_{\omega_1\omega}$ . The latter language allows *countably* many conjunctions and disjunctions. There are several properties of first-order logic that the infinitary logics fail to have (see above exercises).