

Section 6

Types

Partial types

Fix $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and let x_1, \dots, x_n be a fixed sequence of distinct variables.

Definition

- A *partial n -type in L* is a collection of formulas $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ in L .
- If $p(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is a partial n -type in L , we say (a_1, \dots, a_n) *realizes p in A* if every formula in p is true of a_1, \dots, a_n in A .
- If $p(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is a partial n -type in L and A is an L -structure, we say that p is *realized or satisfied in A* if there is some n -tuple in A that realizes p in A . If no such n -tuple exists, then we say that A *omits p* .
- If $p(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is a partial n -type in L and A is an L -structure, we say that p is *finitely satisfiable in A* if any finite subset of p is realized in A .

Types

Definition

- If A is an L -structure and $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$, then the *type of* (a_1, \dots, a_n) in A is the set of L -formulas

$$\{\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n) : A \models \varphi(a_1, \dots, a_n)\};$$

we denote this set by $\text{tp}_A(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ or simply by $\text{tp}(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ if A is understood.

- A n -type in L is a set of formulas of the form $\text{tp}_A(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ for some L -structure A and some $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$.

Remark

A partial n -type is a n -type iff it can be realized in some model and contains $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ or $\neg\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ for every L -formula φ whose free variables are among the fixed variables x_1, \dots, x_n .

Types of a theory

Definition

Let T be a theory in L and let $p = p(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ be a partial n -type in L .

- If T has a model realizing p , then we say that p is consistent with T or that p is a partial type of T .
- The set of all n -types consistent with T is denoted by $S_n(T)$. Note that these are exactly the n -types in L that contain T .

Type spaces

The set $S_n(T)$ can be given the structure of a topological space, where the basic open sets are given by

$$[\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)] = \{p \in S_n(T) : \varphi \in p\}.$$

This is called the *logic topology*.

Theorem

The space $S_n(T)$ with the logic topology is a totally disconnected, compact Hausdorff space. Its closed sets are the sets of the form

$$\{p \in S_n(T) : p' \subseteq p\}$$

where p' is a partial n -type. In fact, two partial n -types are equivalent over T iff they determine the same closed set. Furthermore, the clopen sets in the type space are precisely the ones of the form $[\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)]$.

Isolated types

Definition

Let T be a theory in L and let $p = p(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ be a n -type in L . We say that p is *isolated over T* if there is a formula $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ such that

$$\psi(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in p \Leftrightarrow T \models \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n) \rightarrow \psi(x_1, \dots, x_n).$$

Such a formula $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is called *isolating* or *complete*.

Proposition

The type p is an isolated point in the space $S_n(T)$ if and only if it is an isolated type over T .

Two tests

Definition

Let κ be an infinite cardinal. A theory T is κ -categorical if any two models of T of cardinality κ are isomorphic.

Vaught's Test

If an L -theory T is κ -categorical for some $\kappa \geq |L|$ and has infinite models, then T is complete.

Another Test

Let T be a κ -categorical L -theory, with $\kappa \geq |L|$. If M is a model of T of cardinality κ , then M realizes all n -types over T .

Observation

If (a_1, \dots, a_n) and (b_1, \dots, b_n) are two n -tuples in a model M and there is an automorphism $\sigma : M \rightarrow M$ with $\sigma(a_i) = b_i$ for all i , then

$$\text{tp}_M(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \text{tp}_M(b_1, \dots, b_n).$$

Section 7

Saturated models

κ -saturated models

Let A be an L -structure and X a subset of A . We write L_X for the language L extended with constants for all elements of X and $(A, a)_{a \in X}$ for the L_X -expansion of A where we interpret the constant $a \in X$ as itself.

Definition

Let A be an L -structure and let κ be an infinite cardinal. We say that A is κ -saturated if the following condition holds: if X is any subset of A having cardinality $< \kappa$ and $p(x)$ is any 1-type in L_X that is finitely satisfiable in $(A, a)_{a \in X}$, then $p(x)$ is itself satisfied in $(A, a)_{a \in X}$.

Remark

- 1 If A is infinite and κ -saturated, then A has cardinality at least κ .
- 2 If A is finite, then A is κ -saturated for every κ .
- 3 If A is κ -saturated and X is a subset of A having cardinality $< \kappa$, then $(A, a)_{a \in X}$ is also κ -saturated.

Property of κ -saturated models

Theorem

Suppose κ is an infinite cardinal, A is κ -saturated and $X \subseteq A$ is a subset of cardinality $< \kappa$. Suppose $p(y_i : i \in I)$ is a collection of L_X -formulas with $|I| \leq \kappa$. If p is finitely satisfiable in $(A, a)_{a \in X}$, then Γ is satisfiable in $(A, a)_{a \in X}$.

Proof.

Without loss of generality we may assume that $I = \kappa$ and p is complete: contains either φ or $\neg\varphi$ for every L_X -formula φ with free variables among $\{y_i : i \in \kappa\}$.

Write $p_{\leq j}$ for the collection of those elements of p that only contain variables y_i with $i \leq j$. By induction on j we will find an element a_j such that $(a_i)_{i \leq j}$ realizes $p_{\leq j}$. Consider p' which is $p_{\leq j}$ with all y_i replaced by a_i for $i < j$. This is a 1-type which is finitely satisfiable in $(A, a)_{a \in X \cup \{a_i : i < j\}}$ (check!). Since $(A, a)_{a \in X \cup \{a_i : i < j\}}$ is κ -saturated, we find a suitable a_j . \square

Other notions of richness

Definition

Let A and B be L -structures and $X \subseteq A$. A map $f : X \rightarrow B$ will be called an *elementary map* if

$$A \models \varphi(a_1, \dots, a_n) \Leftrightarrow B \models \varphi(f(a_1), \dots, f(a_n))$$

for all L -formulas φ and $a_1, \dots, a_n \in X$.

Definition

A structure M is

- κ -*universal* if every structure of cardinality $< \kappa$ which is elementarily equivalent to M can be elementarily embedded into M .
- κ -*homogeneous* if for every subset A of M of cardinality smaller than κ and for every $b \in M$, every elementary map $A \rightarrow M$ can be extended to an elementary map $A \cup \{b\} \rightarrow M$.

More properties of κ -saturated models

Theorem

Let M be an L -structure and $\kappa \geq |L|$ be infinite. If M is κ -saturated, then M is κ^+ -universal and κ -homogeneous.

Proof.

Let M be κ -structure. First suppose A is a structure with $A \equiv M$ and $|A| \leq \kappa$. Consider p , which is $\text{ElDiag}(A)$ with $a \in A$ replaced by a variable x_a . Since $A \equiv M$, the set p is finitely satisfiable in M . By the theorem two slides ago, p is satisfiable in M , so A embeds elementarily in M .

Now let A be a subset of M with $|A| < \kappa$, $b \in M$ and $f : A \rightarrow M$ be elementary. Consider $p = \text{tp}_{(M, a)_{a \in A}}(b)$. Since $(M, a)_{a \in A} \equiv (M, f(a))_{a \in A}$, the type $p(x)$ is finitely satisfiable in $(M, f(a))_{a \in M}$. Hence it is satisfied in M by some $c \in M$. Extend f by $f(b) = c$. \square

Theorem on saturated models

Theorem

Let $\kappa \geq |L|$ be infinite. Any two κ -saturated models of cardinality κ that are elementarily equivalent are isomorphic.

Proof.

By a back-and-forth argument. Let A, B be two elementarily equivalent saturated models of cardinality κ . By induction on κ we construct an increasing sequence of elementary maps $f_\alpha : X_\alpha \rightarrow B$ with $\bigcup_\alpha X_\alpha = A$ and $\bigcup_\alpha f(X_\alpha) = B$. Then $f = \bigcup_\alpha f_\alpha$ will be our desired isomorphism.

We start with $f_0 = \emptyset$ and at limit stages we simply take the union. At successor stages we alternate: at odd stages α we take a fresh element $a \in A$ and extend the map so that $a \in X_\alpha$; at even stages we take a fresh element $b \in B$ and extend the map so that $b \in f(X_\alpha)$. □

Strong homogeneity

Definition

A model M is *strongly κ -homogeneous* if for every subset A of M of cardinality strictly less than κ , every elementary map $A \rightarrow M$ can be extended to an automorphism of M .

Corollary

Let $\kappa \geq |L|$ be infinite. A model of cardinality κ that is κ -saturated is strongly κ -homogeneous.

Proof.

Let $f : A \rightarrow M$ be an elementary map and $|A| < \kappa$. Then $(M, a)_{a \in A}$ and $(M, f(a))_{a \in A}$ are elementary equivalent. Since both are κ -saturated, they must be isomorphic by the previous result. This isomorphism is the desired automorphism extending f . □

But do they exist?

An important result is:

Theorem

For every infinite cardinal number κ , every structure has a κ -saturated elementary extension.

But to prove this we need a bit of set theory.

Cofinality

Recall that:

- An ordinal is a set consisting of all smaller ordinals.
- Ordinals can be of two sorts: they are either successor ordinals or limit ordinals. (Depending on whether they have an immediate predecessor.)
- A cardinal κ is an ordinal which is the smallest among those having the same cardinality as κ . An infinite cardinal is always a limit ordinal.

Definition

Let α be a limit ordinal. A set $X \subseteq \alpha$ is called *bounded* if there is a $\beta \in \alpha$ such that $x \leq \beta$ for all $x \in X$; otherwise it is *unbounded* or *cofinal*. The cardinality of the smallest unbounded set is called the *cofinality* of α and written $\text{cf}(\alpha)$.

Note: $\omega \leq \text{cf}(\alpha) \leq \alpha$ and $\text{cf}(\alpha)$ is a cardinal.

Regular cardinals

Definition

A cardinal number κ for which $\text{cf}(\kappa) = \kappa$ is called *regular*. Otherwise it is called *singular*.

Theorem

Infinite successor cardinals are always regular.

Proof.

Suppose X is an unbounded subset of a cardinal κ^+ with $|X| \leq \kappa$. This would mean that $\bigcup_{\alpha \in X} \alpha = \kappa^+$. But we have $|\alpha| \leq \kappa$ for each $\alpha \in X$, so $|\bigcup_{\alpha \in X} \alpha| \leq \kappa \cdot \kappa = \kappa$. Contradiction. \square

Goal

Recall our goal was to prove:

Theorem

For every infinite cardinal number κ , every structure has a κ -saturated elementary extension.

We first prove a lemma.

A lemma

Lemma

Let A be an L -structure. There exists an elementary extension B of A such that for every subset $X \subseteq A$, every 1-type in L_X which is finitely satisfied in $(A, a)_{a \in X}$ is realized in $(B, a)_{a \in X}$.

Proof.

Let $(p_i(x_i))_{i \in I}$ be the collection of all such 1-types and b_i be new constants. Then $(A, a)_{a \in A}$ is a model of every finite subset of

$$T := \bigcup_{i \in I} p_i(b_i),$$

so T has a model B . Since T contains $\text{ElDiag}(A)$, the model A embeds into B . □

Existence of rich models

Theorem

For every infinite cardinal number κ , every structure has a κ -saturated elementary extension.

Proof.

Let A be an L -structure. We will build an elementary chain of L -structures $(A_i : i \in \kappa^+)$. We set $A_0 = A$, at successor stages we apply the previous lemma and at limit stages we take the colimit. Now let B be the colimit of the entire chain. We claim B is κ^+ -saturated (which is more than we need).

So let $X \subseteq B$ be a subset of cardinality $< \kappa^+$ and $\Gamma(x)$ be a 1-type in L_X that is finitely satisfied in $(A, a)_{a \in X}$. Since κ^+ is regular, there is an $i \in \kappa^+$ such that $X \subseteq A_i$. And since A embeds elementarily into A_i , the type $\Gamma(x)$ is also finitely satisfied in $(A_i, a)_{a \in X}$. So it is realized in A_{i+1} , and therefore also in B , because A_{i+1} embeds elementarily into B . \square

Even richer models

Now that we have this we can be even more ambitious:

Theorem

For every infinite cardinal number κ , every structure has a κ -saturated elementary extension all whose reducts are strongly κ -homogeneous.

We need a lemma:

Lemma

Suppose A is κ -saturated and B is an elementary substructure of A satisfying $|B| < \kappa$. Then any elementary map f between subsets of B can be extended to an elementary embedding of B into A .

Proof.

If $f : S \rightarrow B$ is the elementary mapping, then $(B, b)_{b \in S} \equiv (A, f(b))_{b \in S}$. Since $|S| < \kappa$, also $(A, f(b))_{b \in S}$ is κ -saturated and hence κ^+ -universal. So $(B, b)_{b \in S}$ embeds elementarily into $(A, f(b))_{b \in S}$: so we have an elementary embedding of B into A extending f . □

Existence of very rich models

Theorem

For every infinite cardinal number κ , every structure has a κ -saturated elementary extension all whose reducts are strongly κ -homogeneous.

Proof.

Let A be an L -structure. Again, we will build an elementary chain of L -structures $(M_\alpha : \alpha \in \kappa^+)$. We set $M_0 = A$, at successor stages $\alpha + 1$ we take an $|M_\alpha|^+$ -saturated elementary extension of M_α and at limit stages we take the colimit. Now let M be the colimit of the entire chain. We claim M is as desired.

Any subset of S of M that has cardinality $\leq \kappa$, must be a subset of some M_α (using again that κ^+ is regular). So M is κ^+ -saturated. It remains to show that every reduct of M is strongly κ -homogeneous. □

Existence of very rich models, proof finished

Proof.

Let f be any mapping between subsets of M that is elementary, with domain and range having cardinality $< \kappa$. Again, domain and range will belong to some M_α . Without loss of generality we may assume that α is a limit ordinal. We extend f to a map $f_\alpha : M_\alpha \rightarrow M_{\alpha+1}$ using the lemma.

We will build maps f_β for all $\alpha \leq \beta < \kappa^+$ in such a way that f_β is an elementary embedding of M_β in $M_{\beta+1}$ and $f_{\beta+1}$ extends f_β^{-1} . It follows that $f_{\beta+2}$ extends f_β and that the union h over all f_β with β even is an automorphism of M .

The construction is: At limit stages we take unions over all previous even stages. And at successor stages we apply the lemma.

This argument works equally well for reducts of M . □

Definability

Definition

Let A be an L -structure and $R \subseteq A^n$ be a relation. The relation R is called *definable*, if there a formula $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ such that

$$R = \{(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in A^n : A \models \varphi(a_1, \dots, a_n)\}.$$

A homomorphism $f : A \rightarrow A$ leaves R setwise invariant if $\{(f(a_1), \dots, f(a_n)) : (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in R\} = R$.

Proposition

Every elementary embedding from A to itself leaves all definable relations setwise invariant.

Definability results

Theorem

Let L be a language and P a predicate not in L . Suppose (A, R) is an ω -saturated $L \cup \{P\}$ -structure and that A is strongly ω -homogeneous. Then the following are equivalent:

- (1) R is definable in A .
- (2) every automorphism of A leaves R setwise invariant.

Proof.

(1) \Rightarrow (2) always holds, because automorphisms are elementary embeddings.

(2) \Rightarrow (1): Suppose R is not definable. By the next lemma there are tuples a and b having the same type such that $R(a)$ is true and $R(b)$ is false. But then there is an automorphism of A that sends a to b by strong homogeneity. So R is not setwise invariant under automorphisms of A . \square

A lemma

Lemma

Suppose A is a structure and R is not definable in A . If (A, R) is ω -saturated, then there are tuples a and b having the same n -type in A such that $R(a)$ is true and $R(b)$ is false.

Proof.

First consider the partial type

$p(x) = \{\varphi(x) \in L : (A, R) \models \forall x (\neg P(x) \rightarrow \varphi(x)) \cup \{P(x)\}$. This partial type is finitely satisfiable in (A, R) : for if not, then there would be a formula $\varphi(x)$ such that $(A, R) \models \neg P(x) \rightarrow \varphi(x)$ and $(A, R) \models \neg(\varphi(x) \wedge P(x))$. But then $\neg\varphi(x)$ would define R . By ω -saturation, there is an element a realizing $p(x)$. Now consider the partial type $q(x) = \text{tp}_A(a) \cup \{\neg P(x)\}$. This partial type is also finitely satisfiable in (A, R) : for if not, then there would be a formula $\varphi(x) \in L$ such that $(A, R) \models \varphi(a)$ and $(A, R) \models \neg(\varphi(x) \wedge \neg P(x))$. By ω -saturation there is an element b realizing $q(x)$. So we have that a and b have the same type in A , while $R(a)$ is true and $R(b)$ is false. \square

Svenonius' Theorem

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Let A be an L -structure and R be a relation on A . Then the following are equivalent:

- (1) R is definable in A .
- (2) every automorphism of an elementary extension (B, S) of (A, R) leaves S setwise invariant.

Proof.

(1) \Rightarrow (2): If R is definable in A , then S is definable in B by the same formula; so it will be left setwise invariant by any automorphism.

(2) \Rightarrow (1): Let (B, S) be an ω -saturated and strongly ω -homogeneous extension of (A, R) . S will be definable in (B, S) by the previous theorem; but then R in A will be definable by the same formula. \square