

# 1 Model Theory: Introduction

- Duality:  
syntactic description  $\longleftrightarrow$  structures.
- Between a universal theory and a complete theory. Quantifier elimination.
- Between a complete theory and a structure. When is a structure determined by its theory (categoricity)? Is there (in some sense) a *smallest* model? Is it unique? Is there a 'biggest' (countable) model?

## 2 Review of Logic: Languages

**Alphabet, variables, terms, formulas.**

A *language*  $L$  is specified by its **non-logical** symbols. These are relation symbols, function symbols, and constant symbols of given arities.

( 0-place relation symbols: propositional constants. (We will not need them.)

0-place function symbols = constant symbols. )

The formulas of  $L$  are formed using the non-logical symbols, and the following *logical* symbols:

- $\cong$  - the equality symbol. (We will allow writing it as  $=$ .)
- A (countable) set of *variables*;
- $\perp, \wedge, \neg$  - Boolean connectives;
- $\exists$  - the existential quantifier;

We now construct, successively, *terms*, *atomic formulas*, *quantifier-free formulas*, *formulas* and *sentences* of a given language  $L$ .

**$L$ -terms** are constructed recursively from the function symbols, and variable symbols.

We write  $\tau = \tau(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  to indicate that the variables occurring in  $\tau$  are among  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ . Terms with no variables are called **closed terms**

**Atomic  $L$ -formulas** have the form

(i)  $\tau_1 \simeq \tau_2$  for any  $L$ -terms  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$

or

(ii)  $P(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_\rho)$  for any relational  $L$ -symbol  $P$  of arity  $\rho$  and  $L$ -terms  $\tau_1, \dots, \tau_\rho$ .

Notice, that (i) can be seen as a special case of (ii) if we view  $\simeq$  as a relation symbol of arity 2.

An  **$L$ -formula** is defined by the following recursive definition:

(i) any atomic  $L$ -formula is an  $L$ -formula;

(ii) if  $\varphi$  is an  $L$ -formula, so are  $\neg\varphi$  and  $\perp$ ;

(iii) if  $\varphi, \psi$  are  $L$ -formulas, so is  $(\varphi \wedge \psi)$ ;

(iv) if  $\varphi$  is an  $L$ -formula, so is  $\exists v\varphi$  for any variable  $v$ ;

The set of formulas obtained using (i),(ii), (iii) along are called *quantifier-free* (*qf*).

### Some abbreviations

$\vee, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow, \forall$ , as defined in the Logic class, e.g.:

$(\phi \rightarrow \psi)$  is an abbreviation for  $\neg(\phi \wedge \neg\psi)$ ;

$\forall v\psi$  for  $\neg\exists v\neg\psi$ .

$x \neq y$  for  $\neg(x \simeq y)$

$\bigwedge_{i=1}^4 \phi_i$  for  $\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2 \wedge \phi_3 \wedge \phi_4$

$\exists^{\geq 4} x\phi(x)$  for

$(\exists x_1) \cdots (\exists x_4)(\bigwedge_{i=1}^4 \phi(x_i) \wedge \bigwedge_{1 \leq i < j \leq 4} x_i \neq x_j)$

It is typical of logic that formulas in  $n$ -variables are discussed, and  $n$ -tuples of elements of a structure occur more frequently than single elements. We will thus often use 'vector notation', writing  $a$  for  $(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  and  $x$  for  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  when possible.

Formulas that can be formed without quantifiers (Boolean combinations of atomic formulas) are called *quantifier-free*, abbreviated qf.

A formula is *universal* if it has the form  $(\forall x_1) \cdots (\forall x_n)\psi$ , where  $\psi$  is quantifier-free.

Similarly one of the form  $(\exists x_1) \cdots (\exists x_n)\psi$  is called *existential*.

Writing  $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  means:  $\varphi$  is a formula and  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is a tuple of variables, including all the free variables of  $\varphi$ .

*Free variables* For an atomic formula  $\varphi(v_{i_1}, \dots, v_{i_n})$ , all variables occurring in (the terms of)  $\varphi$  are said to be free. For more complex formulas, the set of free variables  $FV(\phi)$  is defined recursively:  $FV(\perp) = \emptyset$ ,  $FV(\neg\psi) = FV(\psi)$ ,  $FV(\phi \wedge \psi) = FV(\phi) \cup FV(\psi)$ ,  $FV((\exists x)\phi) = FV(\phi) \setminus \{x\}$ .

An  $L$ -formula with no free variables is called an  $L$ -**sentence**.

We write  $|L|$  for the cardinality of the set of  $L$ -formulas.



**Exercise** Show that  $|L| = \max\{\aleph_0, |Symb(L)|\}$  where  $Symb(L)$  is the set of non-logical symbols of  $L$ .

*Proof.* We have  $|L| \geq \aleph_0$  since we always have, for instance, the countably many sentences:  $(\exists^{\geq n}x)(x = x)$ .

Also  $|L| \geq |Symb(L)|$ .

To see that  $|L| \leq \max(\aleph_0, |Symb(L)|)$ : a formula can be viewed as a finite string of characters, taken from among the non-logical symbols of  $L$ , the finitely many logical symbols including  $\simeq$ , and parentheses.

So it suffices to show that the set  $\cup_n X^n$  of finite sequences from a set  $X$ , itself has cardinality  $\leq \max(|X|, \aleph_0)$ .

If  $X$  is finite, we have  $|X^n| = |X|^n < \aleph_0$  and so  $|\cup_n X^n| \leq \aleph_0$ .

If  $X$  is infinite,  $|X^n| = |X|$  and so  $|\cup_n X^n| \leq \aleph_0 |X| = |X|$ . □

## Proof systems

A major part of the Logic class was devoted to *proof systems*. A relation was defined between sets of sentences, and a sentence:

$\Gamma \vdash \psi$  iff there exists a formal proof of  $\psi$ , under hypotheses taken from  $\Gamma$ .

Formal proofs play no role in model theory, and will provide no more than silent background intuition.

But we do record the following observation:

**Proposition.** *If  $\Gamma \vdash \psi$ , then there exists a finite  $\Gamma_0 \subset \Gamma$  such that  $\Gamma_0 \vdash \psi$ .*

This is immediate, since a formal proof has by definition a finite sequence of steps, and at each step only one hypothesis can be quoted.

### 3 Review of Logic: Structures

Let  $L$  be a language, consisting of relation symbols  $P_i$  ( $i \in I$ ), function symbols for  $j \in J$ , and constant symbols  $c_k$  ( $k \in K$ ).

An  $L$ -structure is an object of the form

$$\underline{A} = \langle A; \{P_i^A\}_{i \in I}; \{f_j^A\}_{j \in J}; \{c_k^A\}_{k \in K} \rangle.$$

consisting of:

- (i) a set  $A$  called the *domain* or *universe* of the  $L$ -structure;
- (ii) an assignment of an  $r$ -ary relation (subset)  $P^A \subseteq A^r$  to each relation symbol  $P$  of  $L$  of arity  $r$ ;
- (iii) an assignment of an  $m$ -ary function  $f^A : A^m \rightarrow A$  to any function symbol  $f$  of  $L$  of arity  $m$ ;
- (iv) an assignment of an element  $c^A \in A$  to any constant symbol  $c$  of  $L$ .

$\{P_i^A\}_{i \in I}$ ,  $\{f_j^A\}_{j \in J}$  and  $\{c_k^A\}_{k \in K}$  are called the *interpretations in  $\underline{A}$*  of the predicate, function and constant symbols correspondingly.

Writing  $\langle A; \{P_i^A\}_{i \in I}; \{f_j^A\}_{j \in J}; \{c_k^A\}_{k \in K} \rangle$  implicitly specifies the language  $L$ . For instance,  $(\mathbb{R}, 0, +, -)$  is a structure for the *language of groups*, a language with a constant symbol, a unary function symbol and a binary function symbol. Similarly,  $(\mathbb{R}, 0, 1, +, -, \cdot)$  is a structure for the *language of rings*; they have the same domain, but are structures for different languages.

#### Embeddings and isomorphisms

Fix a language  $L$ . We have defined  $L$ -structures; we will now define the notion of an *embedding* of  $L$ -structures. It is a straightforward generalization of the various cases you have seen in algebra, such as an embedding of groups, rings, or ordered fields.

Let  $\underline{A}, \underline{B}$  be  $L$ -structures, with universes  $A, B$  respectively.

An *embedding* (or  $L$ -embedding) of  $\underline{A}$  in  $\underline{B}$  is a one-to-one function  $\pi : A \rightarrow B$  which preserves corresponding relation, function and constant symbols, i.e. for any relation symbol  $P$ , function symbol  $F$ , constant symbol  $c$  of  $L$  we have:

- (i)  $\bar{a} \in P^A$  iff  $\pi(\bar{a}) \in P^B$ ;
- (ii)  $\pi(F^A(\bar{a})) = F^B(\pi(\bar{a}))$ ;

As a special case of (ii) we have: (iii)  $\pi(c^A) = c^B$ .

We write in this case  $\pi : \underline{A} \rightarrow \underline{B}$ .

An important case occurs when  $A \subseteq B$ , and  $\pi$  is the inclusion map, i.e.  $\pi(a) = a$  for  $a \in A$ . In this case we write  $\underline{A} \leq \underline{B}$ , and say  $\underline{A}$  is a *substructure* of  $\underline{B}$ . The definition of an embedding can be rewritten as follows:

- (i)  $P^{\underline{A}} = P^{\underline{B}} \cap A^k$  where  $P$  is a  $k$ -place relation symbol.
- (ii)  $F^{\underline{A}} = F^{\underline{B}}|_{A^k}$  where  $F$  is a  $k$ -place function symbol.
- (iii)  $c^{\underline{A}} = c^{\underline{B}}$  where  $c$  is a constant symbol.

Given  $\underline{B}$ , note that to specify  $\underline{A}$  it suffices to give the universe  $A$ ; the interpretation of the relation and function symbols is then completely determined by being a substructure. Moreover, a subset of  $B$  is the universe of a substructure of  $\underline{B}$  if and only if it is closed under the basic functions, including the 0-place ones; more precisely:

**Exercise 3.1.**  *$A$  is the universe of a substructure of  $\underline{B}$  if and only if  $c^{\underline{B}} \in A$  for each constant symbol  $c$ , and  $F^{\underline{B}}(A^k) \subset A$  for each  $k$ -place function symbol of  $L$ ,  $k \geq 1$ .*

An *isomorphism*  $\underline{A} \rightarrow \underline{B}$  is an embedding  $\pi : \underline{A} \rightarrow \underline{B}$  such that  $\pi : A \rightarrow B$  is bijective. In this case the inverse map  $\pi^{-1} : B \rightarrow A$  is also an isomorphism from  $\underline{B}$  to  $\underline{A}$ .

An isomorphism  $\pi : \underline{A} \rightarrow \underline{A}$  of the structure onto itself is called an **auto-morphism** of  $\underline{A}$ .

## 4 Review of Logic: Interpretation of a formula in a structure.

Let  $\underline{A}$  be an  $L$ -structure with domain  $A$ .

Then  $\underline{A}$  includes an interpretation of the basic function symbols. This is extended recursively to an interpretation of *terms*, assigning to a term  $\tau(v_1, \dots, v_n)$  a function

$$\tau^{\underline{A}} : A^n \rightarrow A$$

$\underline{A}$  also includes interpretation of the basic relation symbols of  $L$ . In addition, the logical symbol  $\simeq$  is interpreted as the *diagonal* on  $A$ , i.e. the set  $\{(a, a) : a \in A\}$ , a subset of  $A^2$ . We thus have an interpretation of all relation symbols, and extend this recursively to an interpretation of *formulas*; for each

assignment  $x_i \mapsto c_i$  of elements of  $A$  to the free variables of  $\phi = \phi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , we defined the *truth value*  $\phi(c_1, \dots, c_n)^{\underline{A}}$  of the formula  $\phi$  under the given assignment. We write  $\underline{A} \models \phi(c_1, \dots, c_n)$  in case this truth value is *true*.

The interpretation of  $\phi$  is then, by definition, the set of all tuples  $(c_1, \dots, c_n)$  such that  $\underline{A} \models \phi(c_1, \dots, c_n)$ . Thus if  $\phi = \phi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , then  $\phi^{\underline{A}} \subset A^n$ . (Strictly speaking,  $A^{\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}}$ .)

In case  $\varphi$  is a sentence, no assignment is needed. We have thus defined the truth value of  $\varphi$  in  $\underline{A}$ . If this value is **true**, we say that  $\varphi$  holds in  $\underline{A}$ , or that  $\underline{A}$  is a model of  $\varphi$ .

Consider an  $L$ -structure  $\underline{A}$  and an  $L$ -formula  $\varphi(v_1, \dots, v_n)$ . Write

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

The notation  $\varphi(A)$  is also used. This is called a *definable set*, namely the set defined by  $\phi$ . It is a subset of  $A^n$ , not of  $A$ ! If we want to emphasize this, we refer to it as a *definable relation*.

Geometric viewpoint of the interpretation of formulas:

$$\perp^A = \emptyset$$

$$(\neg\phi)^A = A^n \setminus \phi^A$$

$$(\phi \wedge \psi)^A = \phi^A \cap \psi^A$$

$(\exists x_n)\phi^A$  is the *projection* of  $\phi^A$  from  $n$ -space to  $n - 1$ -space.

## Maps between structures

Let  $\underline{A}, \underline{B}$  be  $L$ -structures, and let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a function. We say that  $f$  *preserves* a formula  $\phi$  if for any  $\bar{a} \in A^n$

$$(*) \quad \underline{A} \models \phi(\bar{a}) \text{ iff } \underline{B} \models \phi(\pi(\bar{a})).$$

Equivalently, writing  $f(a_1, \dots, a_n) := (fa_1, \dots, fa_n)$ , we have:

$$f^{-1}(\phi^{\underline{B}}) = \phi^{\underline{A}}$$

$f$  is an *embedding* iff it preserves all qf formulas.

$f$  is an *isomorphism* if it is a bijective embedding.

$f$  is *elementary* if it preserves all formulas.

Exercise: (1)  $f$  is an embedding iff it preserves all atomic formulas;

(2) If  $f$  is an isomorphism, it is elementary.

### Example

1. Let  $\mathcal{Z} = \langle \mathbb{Z}; +, -, 0 \rangle$  be the additive group of integers. Then, given an integer  $m > 1$ , the embedding

$$[m] : \mathcal{Z} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z},$$

defined as  $[m](z) = m \cdot z$ , is not elementary.

2. Let  $\underline{\mathbb{Q}} = \langle \mathbb{Q}; +, -, 0 \rangle$  be the additive group of rational numbers. Then, given an integer  $m > 1$ , the embedding

$$[m] : \mathcal{Z} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z},$$

defined as  $[m](z) = m \cdot z$ , is elementary. In fact, it is an isomorphism.

3. The *inclusion* embedding of  $(\mathbb{Q}, +, -, 0)$  in  $(\mathbb{R}, +, -, 0)$  is also elementary; this is not obvious, but will be proved later on.



## Review of Logic: Logical implication and the completeness theorem

Let  $\Gamma$  be a set of sentences, and  $\sigma$  a sentence of a language  $L$ . We say  $\underline{A} \models \Gamma$  if  $\underline{A} \models \phi$  for any  $\phi \in \Gamma$ .

A sentence  $\sigma$  is called **logically valid**, written  $\models \sigma$ , if  $\emptyset \models \sigma$ , i.e.  $\underline{A} \models \sigma$  for every  $L$ -structure  $\underline{A}$ .

$\sigma$  is a *logical consequence* of  $\Gamma$  (written  $\Gamma \models \sigma$ ) if for all  $L$ -structures  $\underline{A}$ , if  $\underline{A} \models \Gamma$  then  $\underline{A} \models \sigma$ .

A set  $S$  of sentences is called *satisfiable* if it has a model, i.e. a structure  $\underline{A}$  such that the truth value of each sentence  $\sigma \in S$  is **true**. A set  $S$  is *finitely satisfiable* if every finite subset of  $S$  is satisfiable.

**Theorem** (Completeness). *If  $\Gamma$  is a consistent set of sentences of  $L$ , then it has a model of size  $\leq |L|$ .*

**Theorem** (Completeness along with Soundness).  $\Gamma \models \sigma$  iff  $\Gamma \vdash \sigma$ .

The structural consequence that we will use is the Compactness theorem. We state it in two versions.

**Theorem.** *If  $\Gamma \models \psi$ , then there exists a finite  $\Gamma_0 \subset \Gamma$  such that  $\Gamma_0 \models \psi$ .*

This follows immediately from the Soundness and Completeness theorem, along with the previously noted fact: if  $\Gamma \vdash \psi$ , then there exists a finite  $\Gamma_0 \subset \Gamma$  such that  $\Gamma_0 \vdash \psi$ .

**Theorem** (Compactness Theorem). *Any finitely satisfiable set of  $L$ -sentences  $\Sigma$  is satisfiable. Moreover,  $\Sigma$  has a model of cardinality less or equal to  $|L|$ .*

## 5 The compactness theorem

Here will give a direct proof of the compactness theorem. It really just involves reviewing the proof of the completeness theorem, but using the notion of *finite satisfiability* in place of *consistency*.

Fix a language  $L$ . Let  $\Sigma$  be a set of  $L$ -sentences.

$\Sigma$  is said to be **complete** if, for any  $L$ -sentence  $\sigma$ ,  $\sigma \in \Sigma$  or  $\neg\sigma \in \Sigma$ .

$\Sigma$  is **witnessing (by constants)** if for any formula  $\phi = \phi(x)$  of  $L$ , if  $(\exists x)\phi \in \Sigma$  then  $\phi(c)$  belongs to  $\Sigma$  for some constant symbol  $c$ .

**Theorem** (Compactness). *Let  $\Sigma$  be a set of  $L$ -sentences. Assume  $\Sigma$  is finitely satisfiable. Then  $\Sigma$  has a model*

Strategy of proof: We must build a model of  $\Sigma$ . We will gradually enlarge  $\Sigma$ , keeping it finitely satisfiable, and ensuring it is also *complete* and *witnessing*. Once we obtain a complete, witnessing set of sentences, a model can be pointed to explicitly.

N.B.: To obtain witnesses, we will have to expand the language by constant symbols. We will discard them again when the proof is done.

**Lemma (1).** *Let  $\Sigma$  be a finitely satisfiable set of sentences of  $L$ . Then at least one of  $\Sigma \cup \{\sigma\}$  and  $\Sigma \cup \{\neg\sigma\}$  is finitely satisfiable.*

**Lemma (2).** *Assume  $\Sigma$  is a (finitely) satisfiable set of sentences of  $L$ . Let  $\sigma$  be a sentence. Let  $c$  be a new constant symbol,  $L' = L \cup \{c\}$ . Let  $\phi = \phi(x)$  be a formula of  $L$ . Then either  $\Sigma \cup \neg(\exists x)\phi$  is (finitely) satisfiable, or*

$$\Sigma \cup \phi(c)$$

*is (finitely) satisfiable.*

**Lemma (3).** *A complete, witnessing set of sentences has a model.*

The proof constructs a canonical model where *every element is the interpretation of some closed term*. Such models are minimal as  $L$ -structures; they have no proper substructures.

Proof of the compactness theorem, for countable  $L$ :

**Preliminaries:**

1. Expand  $L$  to  $L' = L \cup \{c_1, c_2, \dots\}$ . So  $|L'| = \aleph_0$ .
2. Enumerate all sentences of  $L'$  as  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots$ .
3. Fix a variable  $x$ ; enumerate all formulas  $\phi = \phi(x)$  of  $L$  as  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots$ .

Construction: Let  $T_0 = \Sigma$ .

We will recursively define sentences  $P_n$  of  $L'$ . and let  $T_n = \Sigma \cup \{P_1, \dots, P_n\}$ .

We will make sure that  $T_n$  remains finitely satisfiable.

**Claim.** Assuming each  $T_n$  is finitely satisfiable,  $T' := \cup_n T_n = \Sigma \cup \{P_1, P_2, \dots\}$  is finitely satisfiable.

Definition of  $T_{n+1}$  for  $n \geq 1$

At stage  $2n + 1$ :  $T_{2n}$  has been defined, and we know inductively that it is finitely satisfiable. Using the first lemma, either  $T_{2n} \cup \sigma_n$  or  $T_{2n} \cup \neg\sigma_n$  is finitely satisfiable. Let  $P_{2n+1} = \sigma_n$  in the first case, or if both hold; otherwise let  $P_{2n+1} = \neg\sigma_n$ . Note that  $T_{2n+1} := T_n \cup \{P_{2n+1}\}$  is finitely satisfiable in any case; and  $T_{2n+1}$  decides  $\sigma_n$ .

At stage  $2n + 2$ : If  $T_{2n+1} \cup \{\neg(\exists x)\phi_n\}$  is finitely satisfiable, let  $P_{2n+2} = \neg(\exists x)\phi_n$ , so  $T_{2n+2} = T_{2n+1} \cup \{\neg(\exists x)\phi_n\}$ . Otherwise, let  $k$  be least such that  $c_k$  does not occur in  $T_n$ . Let  $P_{2n+2} = \phi_n(c_k)$ . By Lemma 2,  $T_{2n+2} := T_{2n+1} \cup \{\phi_n(c_k)\}$  remains finitely satisfiable.



**Claim.**  $T'$  is complete.

**Claim.**  $T'$  is witnessing.

By Lemma 3,  $T'$  has a countable model  $M'$ . Let  $M = M'|L$ . Then  $M \models \sigma$  for any sentence  $\sigma$  of  $L$  such that  $\sigma \in T'$ . In particular, for any  $\sigma \in T_0 = \Sigma$ . So  $M \models T$ .

$M'$  is a minimal  $L'$ -structure, hence countable, and so  $M$  is countable.

□

(N.B.  $M$  may not be a minimal  $L$ -structure!).

Example:  $T = Th((\mathbb{Z}, +, -, 0))$ . Show some model of  $T$  has an element divisible by all odd primes, but not by 2.

A set of  $L$ -sentences  $\Sigma$  is said to be **deductively closed** if

$$\Sigma \models \sigma \text{ implies } \sigma \in \Sigma.$$

A *theory* is a finitely satisfiable, deductively closed set of sentences of  $L$ . Though we allow the empty *structure*, we will not be interested in its theory. We will only consider theories  $T$  such that  $T \models (\exists x)(x = x)$  (i.e. the empty structure is not a model of  $T$ .)

Remark: In practice, we often give only a subset of  $T$ . For example the axioms of the theory of groups consist of four universal sentences, namely the associate law and the axioms on the unit and inverses. The *theory of groups* is the (infinite) set of logical consequences of these; for instance

$$(\forall x, y, z, w)((xy)(zw) = x(y(zw)))$$

Since these two sets - the axioms, and the consequences of the axioms - have the same class of models, the distinction will not be important for us.

**Definition** Let  $T$  be a theory,  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  a tuple of variables. A *partial type*  $P(x)$  of a theory  $T$  in variables  $x$  is a finitely satisfiable set  $P$  of formulas in the variables  $x$ , containing  $T$  and closed under logical deduction.

Here *finitely satisfiable* means: for any  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_k \in P$ , there exists a model  $\underline{A} \models T$  and  $c \in A^n$  such that  $\underline{A} \models \phi_i(a)$  for each  $i \leq k$ . (Equivalently, there exists a model of  $T \cup (\exists x)(\bigwedge_{i=1}^k \phi_i(x))$ .)

An  $n$ -tuple  $c$  from a model  $\underline{A}$  of  $T$  is said to *realise*  $P$  if  $\underline{A} \models \phi(a)$  for each  $\phi \in P$ .

$\underline{A}$  is said to *realise*  $P$  if some  $n$ -tuple from  $A$  does.

$\underline{A}$  is said to *omit*  $P$  otherwise.

We saw that any partial type is *realised* in some model.

When does there exist a model *omitting*  $P$ ?

Example: Let  $L = \{ \cdot, ^{-1}, 1 \}$  be the language of abelian groups.

Let  $P(x)$  be the partial type:  $x \neq 1, x^2 \neq 1, x^3 \neq 1, \dots$

Let  $\underline{A}$  be the Abelian  $\mathbb{C}^*$  (nonzero complex numbers with the usual multiplication.)

Does  $Th(\underline{A})$  have a model omitting  $P$ ?

I.e. is there a model of  $Th(\underline{A})$  where every element has finite order?

(We will later have tools to give a positive answer; indeed to show that the subgroup of  $\mathbb{C}^*$  whose universe consists of roots of unity, is an elementary substructure. For now we are interested in the *question*; it is an omitting types question.)

**Definition** A set of formulas  $P(x)$  is *principal* if there exists a formula  $\theta$  such that  $T \cup \exists x\theta(x)$  is satisfiable, and for any  $\phi \in P$   $T \models \forall x(\theta(x) \rightarrow \phi(x))$ .  
If  $T$  is a complete theory, a principal partial type is realised in *every* model.

**Example.** For  $Th(\mathbb{Z}, +, -, 0)$ , the partial type:  $2|x, 3|x, 4|x, \dots$  is principal.  
The formula  $x = 0$  implies all of these!

We now show that the property of being nonprincipal cannot be destroyed by adding finitely many sentences consistent with  $T$ , or by adding new constants.

**Lemma.**  *$L$  be a language,  $T$  a theory in  $L$ ,  $P = P(x)$  a set of formulas  $L$  in the variables  $x$ . Assume  $P$  is nonprincipal for  $T$ .*

1. *Let  $L' = L \cup \{c\}$ , where  $c$  is a new constant symbol. Let  $T'$  be the set of logical consequences of  $T$  in  $L'$ . Then  $P'$  is nonprincipal for  $T'$*
2. *Let  $L'$  be obtained from  $L$  by adding some new constant symbols, and let  $c$  be any constant of  $L'$ . Assume  $T \cup \{\sigma\}$  is satisfiable. Then for some  $\phi \in P$ ,  $T \cup \{\sigma\} \cup \{\neg\phi(c)\}$  is satisfiable.*

*Proof.* (1) Left as an exercise. Hint: any  $L'$ -formula  $\theta'(x)$  can be written as  $\theta(c, x)$ , where  $\theta(y, x)$  is a formula of  $L$ . Show that if  $T \cup \theta'(x) \models P$  then  $T \cup (\exists y)\theta(y, x) \models P$ .

(2) We may assume  $L'$  is  $L$  augmented with the finite number of constant symbols mentioned in  $\sigma$ , along with  $c$ . By applying (1) finitely many times, we see that  $P$  remains nonprincipal for  $T$  in  $L'$ .

Let  $\theta$  be the formula  $\sigma \wedge (x = c)$ . Certainly  $T \cup \{\exists x\theta\}$  is satisfiable. Since  $P$  is not principal, there exists  $\phi \in P$  such that  $T \cup \{\theta(x)\}$  does not imply  $\phi(x)$ . So  $T \cup \{\theta(x)\} \cup \{\neg\phi(x)\}$  is satisfiable. Equivalently,  $T \cup \{\sigma, \neg\phi(c)\}$  is satisfiable.

□

**Theorem 5.1** (Omitting a partial type). *Assume  $L$  is a countable language,  $T$  a theory,  $P$  a partial type for  $T$ . If  $P(x)$  is non-principal, there exists a countable model  $M$  omitting  $P$ .*

*Proof.* Preliminaries:

1. Expand  $L$  to  $L' = L \cup \{c_1, c_2, \dots\}$ ; these are distinct constant symbols, not in  $L$ . So  $|L'| = \aleph_0$ .
2. Enumerate all sentences of  $L'$  as  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots$ .
3. Fix a variable  $x$ ; enumerate all formulas  $\phi = \phi(x)$  of  $L$  as  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots$ .

We will recursively define sentences  $P_n$  of  $L'$ . and let  $T_n = \Sigma \cup \{P_1, \dots, P_n\}$ . We will make sure that  $T_n$  remains finitely satisfiable.

**Claim.** Assuming each  $T_n$  is finitely satisfiable,  $T' := \bigcup_n T_n = \Sigma \cup \{P_1, P_2, \dots\}$  is finitely satisfiable.

Construction: Let  $T_0 = \Sigma$ . At stage  $n$  we will define  $T_n$ .

At stages  $3n + 1$  we assure  $\sigma_n \in T_n$  or  $\neg\sigma_n \in T_n$ .

At stages  $3n + 2$  we assure  $\neg(\exists x)\phi_n(x) \in T_n$  or some  $\phi_n(c_k) \in T_n$ .

So far, all is as in the proof of completeness/compactness.

At stage  $3n$  (with  $n \geq 1$ ):

Note that  $T_{3n-1}$  was obtained by adding constants to  $L$ , and then adding finitely many sentences. By the Lemma,  $T_{3n-1}$  is consistent with  $\neg\phi(c_n)$ , for some  $\phi \in P$ . Let  $P_n = \neg\phi(c_n)$  and let  $T_{3n} = T_{3n-1} \cup \{P_n\}$ .

□

Now  $T'$  is complete and witnessing. By Lemma 3,  $T'$  has a countable model  $M'$ . Let  $M = M'|L$ . Then  $M \models \sigma$  for any sentence  $\sigma$  of  $L$  such that  $\sigma \in T'$ . In particular, for any  $\sigma \in T_0 = \Sigma$ . So  $M \models T$ . By construction, each element  $a$  of  $M$  has the form  $a = c_n^{M'}$  for some  $n \geq 1$ ; and (for some  $\phi \in P$ ),

$$\neg\phi(c_n) \in T_{3n}.$$

So  $M \not\models \neg\phi(a)$ . Hence no  $a$  from  $M$  can realise  $P$ . □