

Math 571: Model Theory
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Some exercises for sections 12 and 13

Also see all the exercises that are implicit in the lecture notes, especially the “Facts”.

12.1. Let \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} be L -structures that are elementarily equivalent. Show that there exist elementary extensions \mathcal{A}' of \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B}' of \mathcal{B} such that $\mathcal{A}' \cong \mathcal{B}'$.

12.2. Let \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} be L -structures and let f be a nonempty elementary map from a subset of A into B . Show that there exist elementary extensions \mathcal{A}' of \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B}' of \mathcal{B} and an isomorphism g of \mathcal{A}' onto \mathcal{B}' such that g is an extension of f .

12.3. Let L be the language whose nonlogical symbols consist of infinitely many constant symbols $\{c_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$. Let T be the L -theory whose axioms are $c_m \neq c_n$ for all distinct $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$. It follows from Example 3.16(ii) that T admits QE. Every model of T has a substructure isomorphic to $(\mathbb{N}, n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, so T is complete by Corollary 5.5(2).

- Which countable model of T is ω -saturated?
- Which countable models of T are strongly ω -homogeneous.

12.4. Let L be the language whose nonlogical symbols consist of a unary function symbol F . Let T be the theory in L of the class of all L -structures (A, f) in which f is a bijection from A onto itself and f has no finite cycles. From Problem 2.2 we know that T admits QE and is complete. From Exercise 10.2 we know that T is strongly minimal and we understand the meaning of the dimension of a model of T . Note that (\mathbb{Z}, S) is a model of T , where $S(a) = a + 1$ for all $a \in \mathbb{Z}$; therefore $T = \text{Th}(\mathbb{Z}, S)$ and this model of T obviously has dimension 1.

- Which countable models of T are strongly ω -homogeneous?

12.5. Let \mathcal{A} be an L -structure and $B \subseteq A$. Recall that $R \subseteq A^m$ is called *B -definable in \mathcal{A}* if there is an L -formula $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_m, y_1, \dots, y_n)$ and parameters b_1, \dots, b_n from B such that

$$R = \{(a_1, \dots, a_m) \in A^m \mid \mathcal{A} \models \varphi[a_1, \dots, a_m, b_1, \dots, b_n]\}.$$

Now suppose \mathcal{A} is κ -saturated and strongly κ -homogeneous and $B \subseteq A$ has $\text{card}(B) < \kappa$. Suppose further that $R \subseteq A^m$ is B -definable in \mathcal{A} .

- Show that R is B -definable in \mathcal{A} iff R is fixed setwise by every automorphism of \mathcal{A} that fixes B pointwise.

13.1. Let T be a complete L -theory and let Σ be a partial n -type in L . If T has a model that omits Σ , show that Σ is locally omitted by T .

13.2. Let T be a complete L -theory and $p \in S_n(T)$. Show that p is locally omitted by T iff p is not an isolated point in the compact space $S_n(T)$.

13.3. Let T be a complete theory in a countable language, with no finite models. Show that T has a countable atomic model iff for each $n \geq 1$ the set of isolated points is dense in the space $S_n(T)$.

13.4. Let T be a complete theory in a countable language. For each positive integer k let $\Sigma_k(\bar{x})$ be a partial n_k -type in L that is omitted in some model \mathcal{A}_k of T . Show that there is a single countable model \mathcal{A} of T that omits $\Sigma_k(\bar{x})$ for all k .

13.5. Let L be a countable language and let L' be the result of adding countably many new predicate symbols $\{P_1, P_2, \dots\}$ to L . Let T be a complete theory in the language L' and let $\Gamma(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ be a set of formulas in L . Let T_m be the set of sentences in T that contain P_n only for $n = 1, \dots, m$. Assume that for each m , T_m has a model that omits $\Gamma(x_1, \dots, x_n)$. Show that T has a model that omits $\Gamma(x_1, \dots, x_n)$.

13.6. Let T be a complete theory in a countable language and assume T has no finite models. Show that T is ω -categorical iff T has a countable model that is both atomic and ω -saturated.

13.7. Let T be one of the following theories. (Each is a complete theory in a countable language, with no finite models.)

+ Equality on an infinite set with infinitely many named elements. (Example 3.16(ii), Exercise 10.1)

+ Infinite vector spaces over a field K . (Exercises 3.6, 5.4, 9.3, 10.3)

+ ACF_p for a fixed characteristic p .

+ Bijections without a finite cycle. (Problem 2.2, Exercise 10.2)

+ Discrete linear orderings without endpoints. (Example 5.6, Exercises 5.3, 9.4)

+ Discrete linear orderings with minimum but no maximum. (Problem 3.1)

+ Descending equivalence relations with infinite splitting of classes. (Problem 4.1)

+ Dense linear orderings with increasing sequence of elements. (Problem 4.2)

For each of these theories, do the following:

- Show that T has a countable (infinite) atomic model.
- Try to describe the countable atomic model of T as a clear, specific mathematical structure. (According to Theorem 13.11, the countable infinite atomic model of a complete theory is unique up to isomorphism, if such a model exists.)
- For each principal n -type p that is consistent with T , try to give explicitly a complete formula contained in p .