
Model Theory Homework 2

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Problem 6:

Show that the following conditions on \mathbb{A} are equivalent.

- (a) \mathbb{A} is a model of the theory of the class of finite \mathcal{L} -structures.
- (b) Every \mathcal{L} -sentence true in \mathbb{A} holds in some finite \mathcal{L} -structure.
- (c) \mathbb{A} is elementarily equivalent to an ultraproduct of finite \mathcal{L} -structures.

Proof:

Let F be the class of all finite \mathcal{L} -structures.

$(a \rightarrow b) : \mathbb{A} \in F^{\perp\perp}$. Assume the contrary; there exists an \mathcal{L} -sentence ϕ such that $\mathbb{A} \models \phi$ and $\mathbb{M} \not\models \phi$ for all $\mathbb{M} \in F$. Having this, we get that $\mathbb{M} \models \neg\phi$ for all $\mathbb{M} \in F$ which implies that $\neg\phi \in F^\perp$. From later, we infer that $\mathbb{A} \notin F^{\perp\perp}$ which is a contradiction. Therefore, for all ϕ , where $\mathbb{A} \models \phi$ there exists $\mathbb{M} \in F$ such that $\mathbb{M} \models \phi$

$(b \rightarrow c) : \text{Let } I = \{\phi \in L - \text{form} : \mathbb{A} \models \phi\}$. Let $<$ be a relation on I defined as follow:

$r < s$ iff $\models s \rightarrow r$:

$(I, <)$ is a directed set since:

(1): If $r, s, t \in I$ such that $r < s$ and $s < t$ then we have that $\models s \rightarrow r$ and $\models t \rightarrow s$, therefore, $\models t \rightarrow r$ which means $r < t$ and we have that it is transitive.

(2) For $r, s \in I$, then $r \wedge s \in I$ and also $r, s < (r \wedge s)$.

Therefore, $(I, <)$ is a directed set.

Let $D = \{\Delta \subseteq I : \Delta = \{b : a < b\}; a \in I\}$. D is filter and let \mathcal{U} be the ultra filter extended by D .

We claim that \mathbb{A} is elementary equivalent to $\prod_{\phi \in I} \mathbb{M}_\phi / \mathcal{U}$ where \mathbb{M}_ϕ is chosen to be some $\mathbb{M}_\phi \in F$ where $\mathbb{M}_\phi \models \phi$ which exists by assuming (b):

Proof: It is enough to show that if $\mathcal{A} \models \phi$ then $\prod_{\phi \in I} \mathbb{M}_\phi / \mathcal{U} \models \phi$.

Let sentence ϕ such that $\mathbb{A} \models \phi$ then we have that $\mathbb{M}_\phi \models \phi$ and also $\mathbb{M}_\psi \models \psi$ for all $\phi < \psi$.

Therefore, $\{\psi : \phi < \psi\} \subseteq \{\psi : \mathbb{M}_\psi \models \phi\}$. We also know that $\{\psi : \phi < \psi\} \in D \subseteq \mathcal{U}$. \mathcal{U} is an ultrafilter, therefore, $\{\psi : \mathbb{M}_\psi \models \phi\} \in \mathcal{U}$ as desired.

$(c \rightarrow a)$: Assume \mathbb{A} is elementary equivalent to an ultraproduct $\prod_{i \in I} \mathbb{B}_i / \mathcal{U}$ ($\mathbb{B}_i \in F$). Now let ϕ be such that $\phi \in F^\perp$, therefore, $\mathbb{B} \models \phi$ for all $\mathbb{B} \in F$ and furthermore, $\{i \in I : \mathbb{B}_i \models \phi\} = I \in \mathcal{U}$. This would give us that $\mathbb{A} \models \phi$. $\phi \in F^\perp$ was arbitrary, therefore, $\mathbb{A} \models \phi$ for all $\phi \in F^\perp$. This implies that $\mathbb{A} \in F^{\perp\perp}$ as desired.