

7. Show that the following classes of graphs are elementary:

- (a) The class of infinite graphs.
- (b) The class of triangle-free graphs.
- (c) The class of 2-colorable graphs.

*Proof.* An elementary class is a class of L-structures that are definable by a set of L-sentences. We work with the language of graphs  $L = \{R\}$  where  $R$  is a binary relation symbol. The theory of graphs  $T$  is axiomatized by declaring that  $R$  is irreflexive and symmetric:

- $\forall x \neg R(x, x)$
- $\forall x \forall y R(x, y) \rightarrow R(y, x)$

- (a) The class of infinite graphs.

If we extend  $T$  such that  $T' = T \cup \{\phi_n : n \in \omega\}$  where  $\phi_n = \exists v_1 \exists v_2 \dots \exists v_n (\bigwedge_{i < j \leq n} v_i \neq v_j)$ , then  $T'$  defines the class of infinite graphs. Hence it is elementary.

- (b) The class of triangle-free graphs.

If we extend  $T$  such that  $T' = T \cup \{\tau\}$  where  $\tau = \forall v_1 \forall v_2 \forall v_3 (R(v_1, v_2) \wedge R(v_2, v_3) \rightarrow \neg R(v_3, v_1))$ , then  $T'$  defines the class of triangle-free graphs. Hence it is elementary.

- (c) The class of 2-colorable graphs.

Here we will use the fact that a graph is 2-colorable if and only if it contains no odd cycles. Thus, if we extend  $T$  such that  $T' = T \cup \{\phi_n : 2 \leq n \leq \omega\}$  where  $\phi_n = \forall v_1 \forall v_2 \dots \forall v_{2n-1} (R(v_1, v_2) \wedge R(v_2, v_3) \wedge \dots \wedge R(v_{2n-2}, v_{2n-1}) \rightarrow \neg R(v_{2n-1}, v_1))$ , then  $T'$  defines the class of 2-colorable graphs. Hence it is elementary.

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