

11. Show that if \mathbb{A} and \mathbb{B} are nonisomorphic finite L -structures, then there is a sentence true in \mathbb{A} that is false in \mathbb{B} .

Proof. We first consider the case where the cardinalities of \mathbb{A} and \mathbb{B} are m and n such that $m \neq n$.

Then one of the following sentences must hold (The first when the size of \mathbb{A} is less than that of \mathbb{B} and the other when the size of \mathbb{A} is greater)

$\phi = \neg((\exists x_1), (\exists x_2), \dots, (\exists x_m), (\exists x_{m+1}) \bigwedge_{1 \leq j < i \leq m+1} x_i \neq x_j)$, which basically asserts that there are no $m + 1$ distinct elements in \mathbb{A} .

Similarly for the other case ($m > n$),

$\phi = (\exists x_1), (\exists x_2), \dots, (\exists x_n), (\exists x_{n+1}), \bigwedge_{1 \leq j < i \leq n+1} (x_i \neq x_j)$.

Now we consider the case when they have the same cardinality (n), and define the set of all bijections from $\mathbb{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$ as H .

Then, for every bijection $h \in H$, there exists some constant c_h , or a function F_h , or a relation R_h not preserved by h .

Let L' be the language in the signature that involves these symbols only. L' is a sublanguage of L , it is defined in a finite signature, and it was selected so that no $h \in H$ is an L' -isomorphism from the reduct $\mathbb{A}|_{L'}$ to the reduct $\mathbb{B}|_{L'}$.

Since L' is defined in a finite signature, the solution to modth1p10 establishes that there is an L' -sentence $\phi_{\mathbb{A}}$ which defines $\mathbb{A}|_{L'}$ up to isomorphism. This sentence will be true in \mathbb{A} but false in \mathbb{B} .

Thus we can always find a sentence ϕ such that $\mathbb{A} \models \phi$, but $\mathbb{B} \not\models \phi$.