

Propositional and Predicate Logic - VII

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Substructures

Let $\mathcal{A} = \langle A, \mathcal{R}^A, \mathcal{F}^A \rangle$ and $\mathcal{B} = \langle B, \mathcal{R}^B, \mathcal{F}^B \rangle$ be structures for $L = \langle \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{F} \rangle$.

We say that $\mathcal{B}$ is an (induced) *substructure* of $\mathcal{A}$, denoted by $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$, if

- (i) $B \subseteq A$,
- (ii) $R^B = R^A \cap B^{\text{ar}(R)}$ for every $R \in \mathcal{R}$,
- (iii) $f^B = f^A \cap (B^{\text{ar}(f)} \times B)$; that is, $f^B = f^A \upharpoonright B^{\text{ar}(f)}$, for every $f \in \mathcal{F}$.

A set $C \subseteq A$ is a domain of some substructure of $\mathcal{A}$ if and only if C is *closed* under all functions of $\mathcal{A}$. Then the respective substructure, denoted by $\mathcal{A} \upharpoonright C$, is said to be the *restriction* of the structure $\mathcal{A}$ to C .

- A set $C \subseteq A$ is *closed* under a function $f: A^n \rightarrow A$ if $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in C$ for every $x_1, \dots, x_n \in C$.

Example: $\underline{\mathbb{Z}} = \langle \mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot, 0 \rangle$ is a substructure of $\underline{\mathbb{Q}} = \langle \mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot, 0 \rangle$ and $\underline{\mathbb{Z}} = \underline{\mathbb{Q}} \upharpoonright \mathbb{Z}$.
Furthermore, $\underline{\mathbb{N}} = \langle \mathbb{N}, +, \cdot, 0 \rangle$ is their substructure and $\underline{\mathbb{N}} = \underline{\mathbb{Q}} \upharpoonright \mathbb{N} = \underline{\mathbb{Z}} \upharpoonright \mathbb{N}$.

Validity in a substructure

Let $\mathcal{B}$ be a substructure of a structure $\mathcal{A}$ for a (fixed) language L .

Proposition For every *open* formula φ and assignment $e: \text{Var} \rightarrow B$,

$$\mathcal{A} \models \varphi[e] \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \mathcal{B} \models \varphi[e].$$

Proof For atomic φ it follows from the definition of the truth value with respect to an assignment. Otherwise by induction on the structure of the formula. $\square$

Corollary For every *open* formula φ and structure $\mathcal{A}$,

$$\mathcal{A} \models \varphi \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \mathcal{B} \models \varphi \quad \text{for every substructure } \mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{A}.$$

- A theory T is *open* if all axioms of T are open.

Corollary Every substructure of a model of an open theory T is a model of T .

For example, every substructure of a graph, i.e. a model of theory of graphs, is a graph, called a *subgraph*. Similarly subgroups, Boolean subalgebras, etc.

Generated substructure, expansion, reduct

Let $\mathcal{A} = \langle A, \mathcal{R}^A, \mathcal{F}^A \rangle$ be a structure and $X \subseteq A$. Let B be the **smallest** subset of A containing X that is **closed** under all functions of the structure $\mathcal{A}$ (including constants). Then the structure $\mathcal{A} \upharpoonright B$ is denoted by $\mathcal{A}\langle X \rangle$ and is called the substructure of $\mathcal{A}$ **generated** by the set X .

Example: for $\underline{\mathbb{Q}} = \langle \mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot, 0 \rangle$, $\underline{\mathbb{Z}} = \langle \mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot, 0 \rangle$, $\underline{\mathbb{N}} = \langle \mathbb{N}, +, \cdot, 0 \rangle$ it is $\underline{\mathbb{Q}}\langle \{1\} \rangle = \underline{\mathbb{N}}$, $\underline{\mathbb{Q}}\langle \{-1\} \rangle = \underline{\mathbb{Z}}$, and $\underline{\mathbb{Q}}\langle \{2\} \rangle$ is the substructure on all even natural numbers.

Let $\mathcal{A}$ be a structure for a language L and $L' \subseteq L$. By omitting realizations of symbols that are not in L' we obtain from $\mathcal{A}$ a structure $\mathcal{A}'$ called the **reduct** of $\mathcal{A}$ to the language L' . Conversely, $\mathcal{A}$ is an **expansion** of $\mathcal{A}'$ into L .

*For example, $\langle \mathbb{N}, + \rangle$ is a reduct of $\langle \mathbb{N}, +, \cdot, 0 \rangle$. On the other hand, the structure $\langle \mathbb{N}, +, c_i \rangle_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ with $c_i = i$ for every $i \in \mathbb{N}$ is the expansion of $\langle \mathbb{N}, + \rangle$ by **names of elements** from $\mathbb{N}$.*

Theorem on constants

Theorem *Let φ be a formula in a language L with free variables $x_1, \dots, x_n$ and let T be a theory in L . Let L' be the extension of L with new constant symbols $c_1, \dots, c_n$ and let T' denote the theory T in L' . Then*

$$T \models \varphi \quad \text{if and only if} \quad T' \models \varphi(x_1/c_1, \dots, x_n/c_n).$$

Proof ($\Rightarrow$) If $\mathcal{A}'$ is a model of T' , let $\mathcal{A}$ be the **reduct** of $\mathcal{A}'$ to L . Since $\mathcal{A} \models \varphi[e]$ for every assignment e , we have in particular

$$\mathcal{A} \models \varphi[e(x_1/c_1^{A'}, \dots, x_n/c_n^{A'})], \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \mathcal{A}' \models \varphi(x_1/c_1, \dots, x_n/c_n).$$

($\Leftarrow$) If $\mathcal{A}$ is a model of T and e an assignment, let $\mathcal{A}'$ be the **expansion** of $\mathcal{A}$ into L' by setting $c_i^{A'} = e(x_i)$ for every i . Since $\mathcal{A}' \models \varphi(x_1/c_1, \dots, x_n/c_n)[e']$ for every assignment e' , we have

$$\mathcal{A}' \models \varphi[e(x_1/c_1^{A'}, \dots, x_n/c_n^{A'})], \quad \text{i.e.} \quad \mathcal{A} \models \varphi[e]. \quad \square$$

Extensions of theories

Proposition *Let T be a theory of L and T' be a theory of L' where $L \subseteq L'$.*

- (i) *T' is an extension of T if and only if the **reduct** $\mathcal{A}$ of every model $\mathcal{A}'$ of T' to the language L is a model of T ,*
- (ii) *T' is a **conservative** extension of T if T' is an extension of T and every model $\mathcal{A}$ of T can be **expanded** to the language L' on a model $\mathcal{A}'$ of T' .*

Proof

- (i)a) If T' is an extension of T and φ is any axiom of T , then $T' \models \varphi$. Thus $\mathcal{A}' \models \varphi$ and also $\mathcal{A} \models \varphi$, which implies that $\mathcal{A}$ is a model of T .
- (i)b) If $\mathcal{A}$ is a model of T and $T \models \varphi$ where φ is of L , then $\mathcal{A} \models \varphi$ and also $\mathcal{A}' \models \varphi$. This implies that $T' \models \varphi$ and thus T' is an extension of T .
- (ii) If $T' \models \varphi$ where φ is of L and $\mathcal{A}$ is a model of T , then in its expansion $\mathcal{A}'$ that models T' we have $\mathcal{A}' \models \varphi$. Thus also $\mathcal{A} \models \varphi$, and hence $T \models \varphi$. Therefore T' is conservative. $\square$

Extensions by definition of a relation symbol

Let T be a theory of L , $\psi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ be a formula of L in free variables $x_1, \dots, x_n$ and L' denote the language L with a new n -ary relation symbol R .

The *extension* of T *by definition of R* with the formula ψ is the theory T' of L' obtained from T by adding the axiom

$$R(x_1, \dots, x_n) \leftrightarrow \psi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

Observation Every model of T can be *uniquely* expanded to a model of T' .

Corollary T' is a *conservative* extension of T .

Proposition For every formula φ' of L' there is φ of L s.t. $T' \models \varphi' \leftrightarrow \varphi$.

Proof Replace each subformula $R(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ in φ' with $\psi'(x_1/t_1, \dots, x_n/t_n)$, where ψ' is a suitable variant of ψ allowing all substitutions. $\square$

For example, the symbol $\leq$ can be defined in arithmetics by the axiom

$$x \leq y \leftrightarrow (\exists z)(x + z = y)$$

Extensions by definition of a function symbol

Let T be a theory of a language L and $\psi(x_1, \dots, x_n, y)$ be a formula of L in free variables $x_1, \dots, x_n, y$ such that

$$T \models (\exists y)\psi(x_1, \dots, x_n, y) \quad \text{(existence)}$$

$$T \models \psi(x_1, \dots, x_n, y) \wedge \psi(x_1, \dots, x_n, z) \rightarrow y = z \quad \text{(uniqueness)}$$

Let L' denote the language L with a new n -ary function symbol f .

The *extension* of T *by definition of f* with the formula ψ is the theory T' of L' obtained from T by adding the axiom

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = y \leftrightarrow \psi(x_1, \dots, x_n, y)$$

Remark In particular, if ψ is $t(x_1, \dots, x_n) = y$ where t is a term and $x_1, \dots, x_n$ are the variables in t , both the conditions of existence and uniqueness hold.

For example binary – can be defined using $+$ and unary – by the axiom

$$x - y = z \leftrightarrow x + (-y) = z$$

Extensions by definition of a function symbol (cont.)

Observation Every model of T can be *uniquely* expanded to a model of T' .

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Proposition For every formula φ' of L' there is φ of L s.t. $T' \models \varphi' \leftrightarrow \varphi$.

Proof It suffices to consider φ' with a single occurrence of f . If φ' has more, we may proceed inductively. Let φ^* denote the formula obtained from φ' by replacing the term $f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ with a *new* variable z . Let φ be the formula

$$(\exists z)(\varphi^* \wedge \psi'(x_1/t_1, \dots, x_n/t_n, y/z)),$$

where ψ' is a suitable variant of ψ allowing all substitutions.

Let $\mathcal{A}$ be a model of T' , e be an assignment, and $a = f^{\mathcal{A}}(t_1, \dots, t_n)[e]$. By the two conditions, $\mathcal{A} \models \psi'(x_1/t_1, \dots, x_n/t_n, y/z)[e]$ if and only if $e(z) = a$. Thus

$$\mathcal{A} \models \varphi[e] \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{A} \models \varphi^*[e(z/a)] \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{A} \models \varphi'[e]$$

for every assignment e , i.e. $\mathcal{A} \models \varphi' \leftrightarrow \varphi$ and so $T' \models \varphi' \leftrightarrow \varphi$. $\square$

Extensions by definitions

A theory T' of L' is called an *extension* of a theory T of L *by definitions* if it is obtained from T by successive definitions of relation and function symbols.

Corollary *Let T' be an extension of a theory T by definitions. Then*

- *every model of T can be uniquely expanded to a model of T' ,*
- *T' is a conservative extension of T ,*
- *for every formula φ' of L' there is a formula φ of L such that $T' \models \varphi' \leftrightarrow \varphi$.*

For example, in $T = \{(\exists y)(x + y = 0), (x + y = 0) \wedge (x + z = 0) \rightarrow y = z\}$ of $L = \langle +, 0, \leq \rangle$ with equality we can define $<$ and unary $-$ by the axioms

$$\begin{aligned} -x = y &\leftrightarrow x + y = 0 \\ x < y &\leftrightarrow x \leq y \wedge \neg(x = y) \end{aligned}$$

Then the formula $-x < y$ is equivalent in this extension to a formula

$$(\exists z)((z \leq y \wedge \neg(z = y)) \wedge x + z = 0).$$

Definable sets

We are interested in which sets can be defined within a given structure.

- A set defined by a formula $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ in structure $\mathcal{A}$ is the set

$$\varphi^{\mathcal{A}}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \{(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in A^n \mid \mathcal{A} \models \varphi[e(x_1/a_1, \dots, x_n/a_n)]\}.$$

Shortly, $\varphi^{\mathcal{A}}(\bar{x}) = \{\bar{a} \in A^{|\bar{x}|} \mid \mathcal{A} \models \varphi[e(\bar{x}/\bar{a})]\}$, where $|\bar{x}| = n$.

- A set defined by a formula $\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ with parameters $\bar{b} \in A^{|\bar{y}|}$ in $\mathcal{A}$ is

$$\varphi^{\mathcal{A}, \bar{b}}(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = \{\bar{a} \in A^{|\bar{x}|} \mid \mathcal{A} \models \varphi[e(\bar{x}/\bar{a}, \bar{y}/\bar{b})]\}.$$

Example: $E(x, y)^{\mathcal{G}, b}$ is the set of neighbors of a vertex b in a graph $\mathcal{G}$.

- For a structure $\mathcal{A}$, a set $B \subseteq A$, and $n \in \mathbb{N}$ let $\text{Df}^n(\mathcal{A}, B)$ denote the class of definable sets $D \subseteq A^n$ in the structure $\mathcal{A}$ with parameters from B .

Observation $\text{Df}^n(\mathcal{A}, B)$ is closed under complements, union, intersection and it contains $\emptyset, A^n$. Thus it forms a subalgebra of the set algebra $\underline{\mathcal{P}}(A^n)$.

Example - database queries

<i>Movie</i>	<i>name</i>	<i>director</i>	<i>actor</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i>cinema</i>	<i>name</i>	<i>time</i>
	Lidé z Maringotek	M. Frič	J. Tříška		Světazor	Po strništi bos	13:15
	Po strništi bos	J. Svěrák	Z. Svěrák		Mat	Po strništi bos	16:15
	Po strništi bos	J. Svěrák	J. Tříška		Mat	Lidé z Maringotek	18:30
	...	...	...		...	...	...

Where and when can I see a movie with J. Tříška?

select *Program.cinema*, *Program.time* **from** *Movie*, *Program*
where *Movie.name* = *Program.name* **and** *actor* = 'J. Tříška';

Equivalently, it is the set $\varphi^{\mathcal{D}}(x, y)$ defined by the formula $\varphi(x, y)$

$$(\exists n)(\exists d)(P(x, n, y) \wedge M(n, d, \text{'J. Tříška'}))$$

in the structure $\mathcal{D} = \langle D, \textit{Movie}, \textit{Program}, c^{\mathcal{D}} \rangle_{c \in D}$ of $L = \langle M, P, c \rangle_{c \in D}$, where $D = \{\text{'Po strništi bos'}, \text{'J. Tříška'}, \text{'Mat'}, \text{'13:15'}, \dots\}$ and $c^{\mathcal{D}} = c$ for any $c \in D$.

Boolean algebras

The theory of *Boolean algebras* has the language $L = \langle -, \wedge, \vee, 0, 1 \rangle$ with equality and the following axioms.

$x \wedge (y \wedge z) = (x \wedge y) \wedge z$	(associativity of $\wedge$)
$x \vee (y \vee z) = (x \vee y) \vee z$	(associativity of $\vee$)
$x \wedge y = y \wedge x$	(commutativity of $\wedge$)
$x \vee y = y \vee x$	(commutativity of $\vee$)
$x \wedge (y \vee z) = (x \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge z)$	(distributivity of $\wedge$ over $\vee$)
$x \vee (y \wedge z) = (x \vee y) \wedge (x \vee z)$	(distributivity of $\vee$ over $\wedge$)
$x \wedge (x \vee y) = x, \quad x \vee (x \wedge y) = x$	(absorption)
$x \vee (-x) = 1, \quad x \wedge (-x) = 0$	(complementation)
$0 \neq 1$	(non-triviality)

The smallest model is $\underline{2} = \langle \{0, 1\}, -, \wedge_1, \vee_1, 0, 1 \rangle$. Finite Boolean algebras are (up to isomorphism) $\langle \{0, 1\}^n, -, \wedge_n, \vee_n, 0_n, 1_n \rangle$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$, where the operations (on binary n -tuples) are the coordinate-wise operations of $\underline{2}$.

Relations of propositional and predicate logic

- Propositional formulas over connectives $\neg, \wedge, \vee$ (eventually with $\top, \perp$) can be viewed as **Boolean terms**. Then the truth value of φ in a given assignment is the value of the term in the Boolean algebra $\underline{2}$.
- **Algebra of propositions** over $\mathbb{P}$ is a Boolean algebra (also for $\mathbb{P}$ infinite).
- If we represent atomic subformulas in an **open** formula φ (without equality) with propositional letters, we obtain a proposition that is valid if and only if φ is valid.
- Propositional logic can be introduced as a **fragment** of predicate logic using **nullary** relation symbols (*syntax*) and nullary relations (*semantics*) since $A^0 = \{\emptyset\} = 1$, so $R^A \subseteq A^0$ is either $R^A = \emptyset = 0$ or $R^A = \{\emptyset\} = 1$.