

I.3: Back&Forth (aside/review)

proviso: treat relational signatures only!

$\text{Part}(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B})$: the set of all partial isomorphisms

$$p: \mathfrak{A} \upharpoonright \text{dom}(p) \simeq \mathfrak{B} \upharpoonright \text{image}(p) \quad (\text{allowing } p = \emptyset)$$

notation: $p: \mathbf{a} \mapsto \mathbf{b}$ for finite p and tuple \mathbf{a} enumerating $\text{dom}(p)$

NB: $(p: \mathbf{a} \mapsto \mathbf{b}) \in \text{Part}(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B})$ iff $\mathfrak{A}, \mathbf{a} \equiv_0 \mathfrak{B}, \mathbf{b}$
qfr-free FO-equivalence

back&forth extensions:

$p \in \text{Part}(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B})$ has b&f extensions in $I \subseteq \text{Part}(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B})$ if

forth: for all $a \in A$ there is some $p' \in I$,
such that $p \subseteq p'$ and $a \in \text{dom}(p')$;

back: for all $b \in B$ there is some $p' \in I$,
such that $p \subseteq p'$ and $b \in \text{image}(p')$;

back&forth systems

- $I \subseteq \text{Part}(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B})$ is a b&f system if every $p \in I$ has b&f extensions in I
- $(I_k)_{k \leq m}$ or $(I_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$, where $I_k \subseteq \text{Part}(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B})$, are b&f systems if every $p \in I_{k+1}$ has b&f extensions in I_k

game intuition: b&f systems encode (non-deterministic) winning strategies for second player in pebble games

- a flat b&f system I provides responses in infinite game in every position $p \in I$
- a stratified b&f system (I_k) provides responses that are safe for k further rounds from positions in $p \in I_k$

→ Ehrenfeucht–Fraïssé

levels of back&forth equivalence

m -isomorphism, $\mathfrak{A}, \mathbf{a} \simeq_m \mathfrak{B}, \mathbf{b}$:

$(p: \mathbf{a} \mapsto \mathbf{b}) \in I_m$ for some b&f system $(I_k)_{k \leq m}$

second player has winning strategy in

m -round game from $\mathfrak{A}, \mathbf{a}; \mathfrak{B}, \mathbf{b}$

finite isomorphism, $\mathfrak{A}, \mathbf{a} \simeq_{\text{fin}} \mathfrak{B}, \mathbf{b}$:

$(p: \mathbf{a} \mapsto \mathbf{b}) \in I_k$ for all k in some b&f system $(I_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$

winning strategy for second player in every finite game

\simeq_{fin} is the common refinement of all the \simeq_m

partial isomorphism, $\mathfrak{A}, \mathbf{a} \simeq_{\text{part}} \mathfrak{B}, \mathbf{b}$:

$(p: \mathbf{a} \mapsto \mathbf{b}) \in I$ for some b&f system I

winning strategy for second player in infinite game

natural levels of equivalence supporting intuitive game arguments;

model-theoretic interest: relationships with levels of logical equivalence

review: Ehrenfeucht–Fraïssé theorem

recall levels of FO-equivalence: $\mathfrak{A}, \mathbf{a} \equiv_m \mathfrak{B}, \mathbf{b}$

equivalence w.r.t. FO-formulae up to qfr-rk m

$\mathfrak{A}, \mathbf{a} \equiv \mathfrak{B}, \mathbf{b}$ iff $\mathfrak{A}, \mathbf{a} \equiv_m \mathfrak{B}, \mathbf{b}$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$

Ehrenfeucht–Fraïssé Theorem

for *finite* relational σ and

σ -structures $\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B}$ with parameters $\mathbf{a} \in A^n, \mathbf{b} \in B^n$:

- $\mathfrak{A}, \mathbf{a} \simeq_m \mathfrak{B}, \mathbf{b}$ iff $\mathfrak{A}, \mathbf{a} \equiv_m \mathfrak{B}, \mathbf{b}$
- $\mathfrak{A}, \mathbf{a} \simeq_{\text{fin}} \mathfrak{B}, \mathbf{b}$ iff $\mathfrak{A}, \mathbf{a} \equiv \mathfrak{B}, \mathbf{b}$

NB: finiteness and relational nature of σ matters; it implies that \simeq_m and \equiv_m have finite index over the class of all σ -structures with n parameters

I.4 Types: logic and topology

n -type: (complete) specification of properties of an n -tuple by a set of formulae in free variables $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$,
or: a maximally consistent subset $p = p(\mathbf{x}) \subseteq \text{FO}_n(\sigma)$

$$\text{tp}^{\mathfrak{A}}(\mathbf{a}) := \{\varphi(\mathbf{x}) \in \text{FO}_n(\sigma) : \mathfrak{A}, \mathbf{a} \models \varphi\},$$

the (complete) type of $\mathbf{a} \in A^n$ in σ -structure \mathfrak{A} ,
is the unique type p realised by the tuple \mathbf{a} in \mathfrak{A}

variations:

- type $\text{tp}_C^{\mathfrak{A}}(\mathbf{a})$ with parameters $C \subseteq A$ in \mathfrak{A}_C
- type of a theory T : realised/realisable in models $\mathfrak{A} \models T$
- partial n -type: any satisfiable $\Phi(\mathbf{x}) \subseteq \text{FO}_n(\sigma)$;
can be identified with the set of (complete) types $p \supseteq \Phi$

type spaces of a theory

for a satisfiable theory $T \subseteq \text{FO}_0(\sigma)$,

$S_n(T)$ is the set of all n -types of n -tuples in models $\mathfrak{A} \models T$,

or: the set of all maximally consistent sets $T \subseteq \Phi(\mathbf{x}) \subseteq \text{FO}_n(\sigma)$

NB: partial types are treated as special subsets of $S_n(T)$

$S_n(T)$ as a topological space

with topology induced by the basis of open sets

$$O_\varphi := \{p \in S_n(T) : \varphi \in p\}$$

the Stone space of the theory T or of the boolean algebra of $\text{FO}_n(\sigma)/\equiv_T$ (logical equivalence in T)

- Hausdorff and totally disconnected (the O_φ are clopen)
- **compact!**