

Countable categoricity & Fraïssé amalgamation

Recall \mathcal{C} is homogeneous $\Leftrightarrow \forall$ finite $A, B \subseteq \mathcal{C}$
 $\forall f: A \rightarrow B$ - iso
 $\exists \alpha \in \text{Aut}(\mathcal{C})$ st. $\alpha|_A = f$

\mathcal{C} is ω -categorical $\stackrel{\text{R-N}}{\Leftrightarrow}$ \mathcal{C} is countably infinite and
 $\forall n > 0$ $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{C}) \curvearrowright \mathcal{C}^n$ has finitely many orbits

Lemma 1: \mathcal{C} is (i) homogeneous, (ii) countably infinite, and
(iii) $\forall k > 0$ # k -ary relations defined by atomic formulas $< \infty$

Then, \mathcal{C} is ω -categorical.

Pf: Homogeneity
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[orbits of n -tuples $\xleftrightarrow{1 \neq 1}$ isomorphism types of size n]

(iii) $\Leftrightarrow \exists$ fin many isomorphism types of size n ($\forall n > 0$) \square

Homogeneity & Quantifier elimination

Def: B admits quantifier elimination if

for any $\varphi(\bar{x}) \in FO$ there is $\psi(\bar{x})$ - quantifier-free s.t.

$$\forall \bar{a} \in B^n \quad (B \models \varphi(\bar{a}) \Leftrightarrow B \models \psi(\bar{a}))$$

Lem 2: B is ω -cat \Rightarrow [B admits q.e. \Leftrightarrow B is homogeneous]

Pf \Rightarrow Take $\bar{a}, \bar{b} \in B^k$ s.t. $B[\bar{a}] \cong B[\bar{b}]$ (WTS $\bar{b} \in Or_b(\bar{a})$)

By Ryll-Nardzewski, $\exists \varphi \in FO$ s.t. $\forall \bar{x} \in B^k \quad B \models \varphi(\bar{x}) \Leftrightarrow \bar{x} \in Or_b(\bar{a})$

By assumption, we can choose φ to be quantifier-free

$$B \models \varphi(\bar{a}) \stackrel{*}{\Rightarrow} B \models \varphi(\bar{b}) \Rightarrow \bar{b} \in Or_b(\bar{a})$$

$$\Leftarrow \forall \varphi \in FO \quad \{\bar{b} \in B^k \mid B \models \varphi(\bar{b})\} = Or_b(\bar{a}) \cup \dots \cup Or_b(\bar{a}_n)$$

WTS $\forall k > 0 \forall \bar{a} \in B^k \exists \psi_{\bar{a}} \in qf FO$ s.t. $\forall \bar{x} \quad B \models \psi_{\bar{a}}(\bar{x}) \Leftrightarrow \bar{x} \in Or_b(\bar{a})$

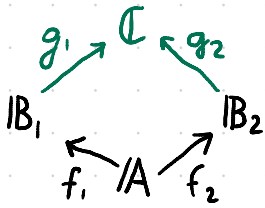
$$\psi_{\bar{a}}(\bar{a}) := \bigwedge_{\bar{c} \subseteq \bar{a}} R(\bar{c}) \wedge \bigwedge_{\bar{d} \subseteq \bar{a}} \neg R(\bar{d})$$
$$\begin{array}{cc} \bar{c} \subseteq \bar{a} & \bar{d} \subseteq \bar{a} \\ B \models R(\bar{c}) & B \not\models R(\bar{d}) \end{array}$$

Clearly $\bar{b} \in Or_b(\bar{a}) \stackrel{\text{assumpt}}{\Leftrightarrow} B \models \psi_{\bar{a}}(\bar{b})$

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Strong amalgamation & Algebraic Closure

Recall



strong if $g_1(B_1) \cap g_2(B_2) = g_1 \circ f_1(A)$

1-point if $|B_i \setminus A| = 1$

(strong) amalgamation \Leftrightarrow (strong) 1-point amalgamation

(B, a_1, \dots, a_n) $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$

For $\varphi \in FO$, $X_\varphi := \{b \in B \mid (B, a_1, \dots, a_n) \models \varphi(b)\}$

Def $\text{acl}_B(A) := \bigcup_{\substack{\varphi \in FO \\ |X_\varphi| < \infty}} X_\varphi$ - algebraic closure of A in B

B has no algebraicity if $\forall A \subset B$ s.t. $|A| < \infty$, $\text{acl}_B(A) = A$

Example: $\mathbb{G} := \mathbb{K}_3 \cup \mathbb{K}_3 \cup \dots$



- ω -cat
- homogeneous
- $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{G})$ has no finite orbits
- \mathbb{G} has algebraicity

Prop: B has algebraicity $\Leftrightarrow \exists a_1, \dots, a_n \in B \exists b \in B \setminus \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ s.t.

$\{b\}$ is definable in (B, a_1, \dots, a_n)

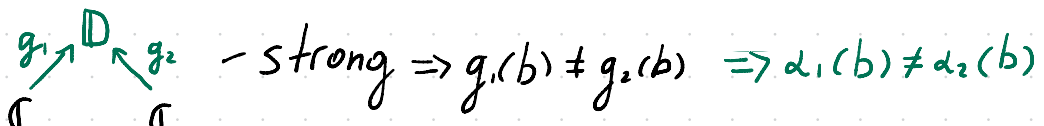
Lem 3: B - (i) homogeneous } \Rightarrow $\left[\begin{array}{l} B \text{ has no algebraicity} \\ \Downarrow \\ \text{Age}(B) \text{ has strong amalgam.} \\ = \{C \mid |C| < \infty, C \subseteq B\} \end{array} \right]$
 - (ii) ω -cat

Pf: \Uparrow Suppose:

$\exists a_1 \dots a_n \in B \exists b \in B \setminus a_1 \dots a_n$ s.t.

$\{b\}$ is definable in $(B, a_1 \dots a_n)$ by some φ

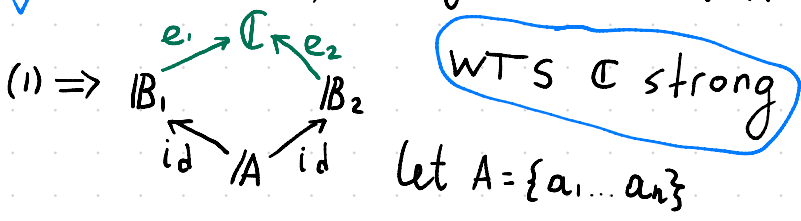
Let $A := B[a_1 \dots a_n]$ $C := B[a_1 \dots a_n b]$



(i) $\Rightarrow \exists d_1, d_2 \in \text{Aut}(B)$ s.t. $d_i|_C = g_i \Rightarrow d_i(a_j) \stackrel{!}{=} d_2(a_j)$
 $d_2^{-1} d_1(b) \neq b$ but $d_2^{-1} \circ d_1 \in \text{Aut}(B, a_1 \dots a_n)$

\Downarrow
 $(B, a_1 \dots a_n) \models \varphi(d_2^{-1} d_1(b)) \Leftrightarrow$

\Downarrow Take $A, B_1, B_2 \in \text{Age}(B)$ s.t. $B_i \setminus A = \{b_i\}$



(ii) $\Rightarrow \text{Orb}(e_1(b_1))$ wrt $\text{Aut}(B, a_1 \dots a_n)$ is FO-definable \Rightarrow

$\Rightarrow |\text{Orb}(e_1(b_1))| > 1 \Rightarrow$ we can choose $e_2(b_2)$ s.t.
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$(e_2(b_2) \in \text{Orb}(e_1(b_1)) \ \& \ e_2(b_2) \neq e_1(b_1)) \Rightarrow \text{strong} \square$

Application of "no algebraicity"

Lem 4: Let B be (i) ω -cat (ii) no algebraicity, and
 (iii) $\forall R \in \tau \forall \bar{a} \in R^B \forall a_i, a_j \in \bar{a} \quad a_i \neq a_j$ (\bar{a} is injective)

Then, $\forall A \quad |A| < \infty \quad [A \rightarrow B \Leftrightarrow A \xrightarrow{\text{injective}} B]$

Pf: follows from Lem 3 \square

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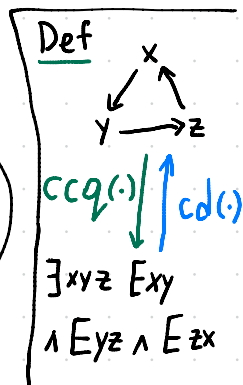
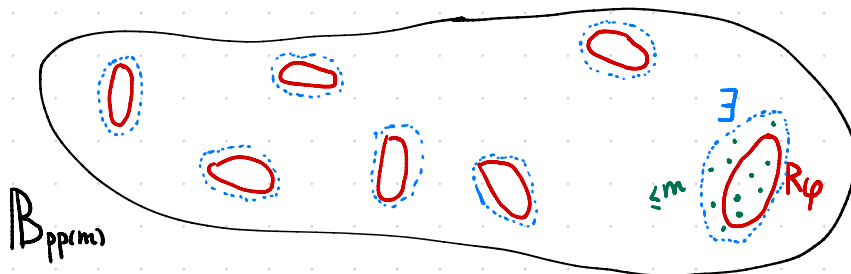
\mathcal{F} = finite set of finite connected τ -structures

$$m := \max_{F \in \mathcal{F}} |F|$$

$$\text{Forb}_{\text{hom}}(\mathcal{F}) := \{A \mid |A| < \infty \ \& \ \forall F \in \mathcal{F} \quad F \not\rightarrow A\}$$

$$\text{PP}(m) := \text{all pp-formulas } \varphi(\bar{x}) \text{ s.t. } \begin{array}{l} \text{(i) } \varphi \text{ is connected} \\ \text{(ii) } \varphi \text{ has } \leq m \text{ vars} \\ \text{(iii) } |\bar{x}| \geq 1 \end{array}$$

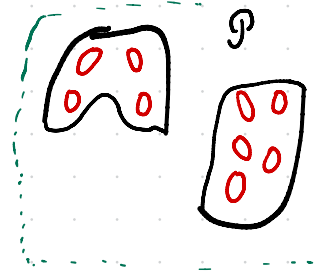
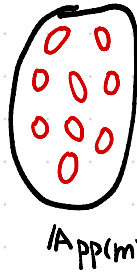
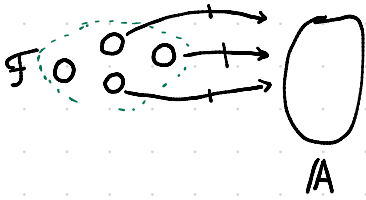
For B - τ -structure, $B_{\text{pp}(m)}$:= expansion by all relations definable by $\varphi \in \text{PP}(m)$.



Def: $\mathcal{P} :=$ set of all
 where $A \in \text{Forb}_{\text{hom}}(\mathcal{F})$.

substructures of

$A_{\text{pp}(m)}$,



Lem 5: \mathcal{P} has strong amalgamation.

Construction: (i) Take $A, B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{P}$ s.t. $A \subseteq B_1$ & $A \subseteq B_2$

(ii) $\varphi_1^0 := \text{ccq}(B_1)$ $\varphi_2^0 := \text{ccq}(B_2)$

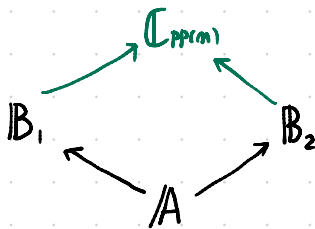
$\text{pp}(m)$
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 \bar{x}

(iii) If $R_{\bar{y}}(\bar{x})$ - conjunct of φ_i^0 , then replace it with $\bar{y}(\bar{x})$

e.g. $\bar{y}(x) = \exists y E_{xy}$ $\varphi_i^0 = \exists xy E_{xy} \wedge R_{\bar{y}}(y) \rightarrow \exists xyz E_{xy} \wedge E_{yz}$

(iv) Denote the resulting sentences by φ_1, φ_2

(v) $\mathcal{C} := \text{cd}(\varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2)$ $\mathcal{C}_{\text{pp}(m)}$ - required strong amalgam



Claim 1: $\mathcal{C} \in \text{Forb}_{\text{hom}}(\mathcal{F})$

Claim 2: $B_1 \xrightarrow{\text{id}} \mathcal{C}_{\text{pp}(m)}$ $B_2 \xrightarrow{\text{id}} \mathcal{C}_{\text{pp}(m)}$

Pf(Claim 1): Suppose $\exists F \in \mathcal{F}$ s.t. $F \xrightarrow{h} C$

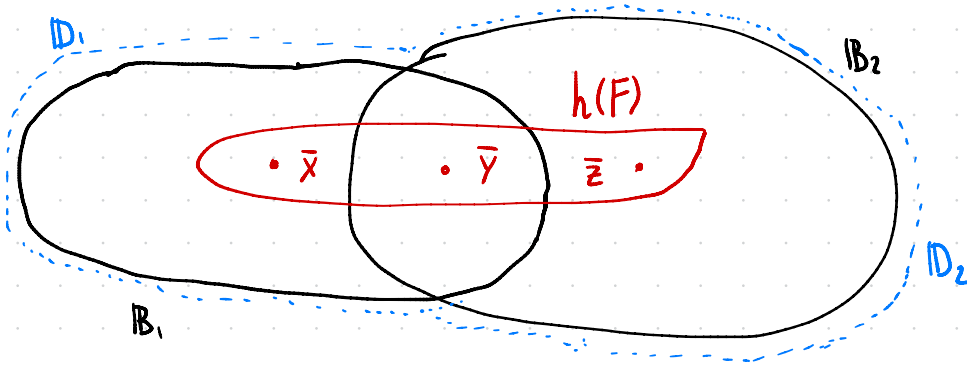
• Denote $D_1, D_2 \in \text{Forb}_{\text{hom}}(\mathcal{F})$ s.t. $B_i \subseteq D_i$ $\text{pp}(m)$ $D_i := \text{cd}(\varphi_i)$

• If $h(F) \subseteq B_i$, then $h(F) \subseteq D_i$, then $F \rightarrow D_i \nleftrightarrow$

• So $h(F) \cap (B_i \setminus A) \neq \emptyset$

• F -connected $\Rightarrow h(F) \cap A \neq \emptyset$

$$\text{ccq}(F) = \exists \bar{x} \bar{y} \bar{z} \theta_1(\bar{x}\bar{y}) \wedge \theta_2(\bar{y}\bar{z})$$



• $|F| \leq m \Rightarrow \psi_1(\bar{y}) := \exists \bar{x} \theta_1(\bar{x}\bar{y}) \in \text{PP}(m)$ & $\psi_2(\bar{y}) := \exists \bar{z} \theta_2(\bar{y}\bar{z}) \in \text{PP}(m)$

• Denote $A' \in \text{Forb}_{\text{hom}}(\mathcal{F})$ s.t. $A \subseteq A'_{\text{pp}(m)}$

• $B_i \neq \psi_i(\bar{y}) \Rightarrow B_i \neq R_{\psi_i}(\bar{y}) \Rightarrow A \neq R_{\psi_i}(\bar{y}) \Rightarrow A' \neq \text{ccq}(F)$

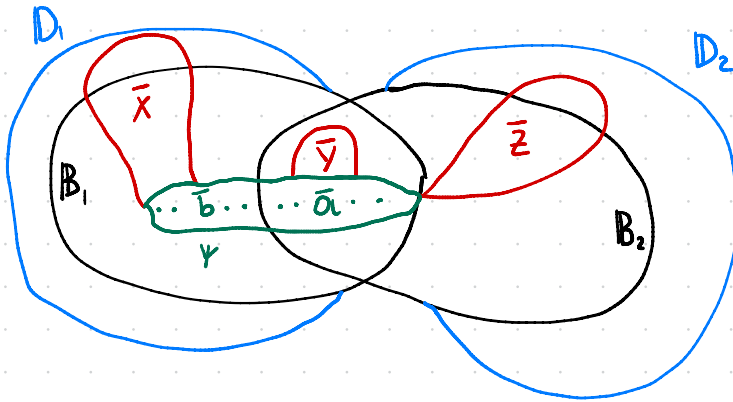
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Pf(Claim 2): WTS $B_1, B_2 \in \mathcal{C}_{pp(m)}$

• $B_1 \models R_\psi(\bar{a}) \Rightarrow D_1 \models \psi(\bar{a}) \Rightarrow \mathcal{C} \models \psi(\bar{a}) \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{C}_{pp(m)} \models R_\psi(\bar{a})$

• Now suppose, for some $\bar{a} \in A$
 $\bar{b} \in B_1 \setminus A$ $\mathcal{C} \models \psi(\bar{a}\bar{b})$

• WLOG $\psi(\bar{a}\bar{b}) = \exists \bar{x}\bar{y}\bar{z} (\psi_1(\bar{a}\bar{b}\bar{x}\bar{y}) \wedge \psi_2(\bar{a}\bar{y}\bar{z}))$, where
 (i) $\bar{x} \in \text{Vars}(\psi_1) \setminus \text{Vars}(\psi_2)$ (ii) $\bar{y} \in V(\psi_1) \cap V(\psi_2)$ (iii) $\bar{z} \in V(\psi_2) \setminus V(\psi_1)$



• $\theta(\bar{a}\bar{y}) := \exists \bar{z} \psi_2(\bar{a}\bar{y}\bar{z})$ has $\leq m$ vars

• $D_2 \models \theta(\bar{a}\bar{y}) \Rightarrow B_2 \models R_\theta(\bar{a}\bar{y}) \Rightarrow A \models R_\theta(\bar{a}\bar{y}) \Rightarrow B_1 \models R_\theta(\bar{a}\bar{y}) \Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow D_1 \models \theta(\bar{a}\bar{y}) \Rightarrow D_1 \models \psi(\bar{a}\bar{b}) \Rightarrow B_1 \models R_\psi(\bar{a}\bar{b})$

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Main result of HN

Th: There is \mathcal{B} - ω -cat, without algebraicity s.t.

(i) $\text{Age}(\mathcal{B}) = \text{Forb}_{\text{hom}}(\mathcal{F})$

(ii) $\mathcal{B}_{\text{pp}(m)}$ - homogeneous

(iii) $\text{Age}(\mathcal{B}_{\text{pp}(m)}) = \mathcal{P}$

Pf: Let $\mathcal{B}' := \text{Fraissé-limit}(\mathcal{P})$ & $\mathcal{B} := \tau$ -reduct of \mathcal{B}'

WTS $\mathcal{B}_{\text{pp}(m)} = \mathcal{B}'$

• take $\psi(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \text{PP}(m)$.

• By def, for all $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathcal{B}$, $\mathcal{B} \models \psi(a_1, \dots, a_n) \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\text{pp}(m)} \models R_{\psi}(a_1, \dots, a_n)$

• Suffices to show: $\mathcal{B}' \models R_{\psi}(a_1, \dots, a_n) \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{B} \models \psi(a_1, \dots, a_n)$

• $\mathcal{A}' := \mathcal{B}'[a_1, \dots, a_n] \Rightarrow \mathcal{A}' \in \mathcal{P} \Rightarrow \mathcal{A}' \in \mathcal{A}_{\text{pp}(m)}$ s.t. $\mathcal{A}' \in \text{Forb}_{\text{hom}}(\mathcal{F})$

• $\mathcal{B}' \models R_{\psi}(a_1, \dots, a_n) \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{A}' \models R_{\psi}(a_1, \dots, a_n) \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{A}' \models \psi(a_1, \dots, a_n)$

• $\mathcal{A}_{\text{pp}(m)} \in \mathcal{P} \Rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{\text{pp}(m)} \xrightarrow{\text{IB'-homog.}} \mathcal{B}' \implies \mathcal{B} \models \psi(a_1, \dots, a_n) \quad \square$

Cherlin - Shelah - Shi (1999)

Th: There exists a countable model-complete \mathcal{B} s.t.

(i) $\text{Age}^*(\mathcal{B}) = \text{Forb}_{\text{hom}}^*(\mathcal{F})$

* contain all countable str.
not only finite

(ii) \mathcal{B} - ω -cat, has no algebraicity