

5.6 & 5.8:

study CSPs definable by a sentence of a fixed logic

Given $\Phi \in \text{FO} / \text{ESO} / \text{SNP} / \text{MMSNP}$ we write

$$\llbracket \Phi \rrbracket = \{ M \in \text{FinRel} : M \models \Phi \}$$

When $\text{CSP}(B) = \llbracket \Phi \rrbracket$ we say that the CSP is described by Φ .

- What can we say about B when $\text{CSP}(B) = \llbracket \Phi \rrbracket$?
- What choice of B implies that $\exists \Phi$ with $\text{CSP}(B) = \llbracket \Phi \rrbracket$?

5.6.1: FO

Recall: Every CSP is equal to $\text{Forb}^{\text{Hom}}(F)$, where F contains finite connected structures.

Moreover, if F is finite then $\Phi := \bigwedge_{M \in F} \neg \psi_M$

in which case the problem is described by a \forall^+ sentence.

The converse is also true.

Theorem (B. Rossman) - Finite Homomorphism Preservation

Let τ be a fin. relational signature, and Φ an FO-sentence. Then Φ is equivalent to an \exists^+ sentence over $\text{FinRel}(\tau)$ iff $\llbracket \Phi \rrbracket$ is closed under homomorphisms.

Theorem (5.6.2)

Let τ be finite relational and $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \text{FinRel}(\tau)$. TFAE:

$$1) \mathcal{C} = \text{CSP}(B) \text{ and } \exists \Phi \in \text{FO} \text{ s.t. } \mathcal{C} = \llbracket \Phi \rrbracket$$

2) $\mathcal{C} = \text{Forb}^{\text{hom}}(F)$ for a finite set F of finite connected τ -structures.

3) $\mathcal{C} = \text{CSP}(B)$ for an ω -categorical τ -structure B and $\exists \Psi \in \text{f-FO}$ s.t. $\mathcal{C} = \llbracket \Psi \rrbracket$.

Pf: $1 \Rightarrow 2$:

The class $D = \{M \in \text{FinRel}(\tau) : M \not\rightarrow B\}$ is closed under homomorphisms. Since $D = \llbracket \neg \Phi \rrbracket$, it follows by FHP that $\neg \Phi$ is equiv. over $\text{FinRel}(\tau)$ to some \exists^t sentence. So there is a f- sentence (in CNF) Ψ s.t.

$$\mathcal{C} = \llbracket \Psi \rrbracket.$$

Pick such Ψ of minimal size. Let

$$F = \{M \text{ is the can. database of a conjunct of } \Psi\}$$

Clearly F is finite and $\mathcal{C} = \text{Forb}^{\text{hom}}(F)$. We argue that each $C \in F$ is connected. If not, then since $C \not\rightarrow B$ some c.c. C' of C satisfies $C' \not\rightarrow B$. But then Ψ was not minimal since the corresponding conjunct could have been by the conj. overv. of C' . \times

$2 \Rightarrow 3$: Apply Theorem 4.3.8 to obtain an ω -categorical τ -structure B (ω .out algebraicity) s.t. $\mathcal{C} = \text{CSP}(B)$.

Letting

$$\Psi := \bigwedge_{C \in F} \neg \Psi_C$$

we see that $\mathcal{C} = \llbracket \Psi \rrbracket$.

$3 \Rightarrow 1$: trivial. □

5.6.2: Monadic SNP

Recall:

CMMMSNP:
 C O S S E T D
 M M N N O O R
 M M S S O O N
 M M S S O O N
 M M S S O O N
 M M S S O O N
 M M S S O O N
 M M S S O O N

$\exists P_1 \dots P_n \forall x_1 \dots x_k \psi$ ↪ q.f. in CNF
 ↑
 Unary

↑
 each τ -literal
 is negative
 + each clause
 is connected

Recall (Corollary 1.4.19): A formula $\Phi \in \text{MSNP}$ is such that $[\Phi] = \text{CSP}(\mathcal{B})$ for some $\mathcal{B} \Leftrightarrow \Phi \equiv \Psi \in \text{CMMMSNP}$.

Theorem (5.6.3)

Fix finite rel. signature τ , and $C \in \text{Rel}(\tau)$. If $\text{CSP}(C) = [\Phi]$ for some monadic SNP sentence Φ , then \exists w-categorical \mathcal{B} st. $\text{CSP}(\mathcal{B}) = \text{CSP}(C)$.

If: By Corollary 1.4.19 we may assume wlg that Φ is in CMMMSNP. Let P_1, \dots, P_k be the \exists -quantified predicates in Φ , and

$$\tau' = \tau \cup \{P_1, \dots, P_k\} \cup \{P'_1, \dots, P'_k\}.$$

Consider Φ' where we replace positive literals of the form $P_i(x)$ by $\neg P'_i(x)$. Then for every clause ψ of Φ' , the formula $\neg\psi$ is q.f. p.p.

Consider

$$F = \{ \text{canonical database } D_{\neg\psi} \text{ of each } \neg\psi \text{ (as a } \tau'\text{-structure)} \}$$

Then:

- Φ connected \Rightarrow every $C \in F$ is connected.
- $\forall \tau'$ -structure A' , and clause ψ of Φ' :
 $A' \models \psi \Leftrightarrow D_{\neg\psi} \not\models A'$. (*)

We then obtain (Th. 4.3.8) an F -free ω -categorical τ' -structure that is universal for all F -free structures. Call this B' . Let

$$d(x) = \bigwedge_{i=1}^k (P_i(x) \oplus P'_i(x))$$

Then the τ -reduct B of B' on the domain $d(B')$ is ω -categorical. We claim that $\llbracket \Phi \rrbracket = \text{CSP}(B)$.

- $\text{CSP}(B) \subseteq \llbracket \Phi \rrbracket$:

Take A finite with $A \xrightarrow{h} B$. Expand A into a τ' -structure A' so that $\forall i \in [k], \forall a \in A$:

$$A' \models P_i(a) \Leftrightarrow B' \models P_i(h(a))$$

$$A' \models P'_i(a) \Leftrightarrow B' \models P'_i(h(a)).$$

Then h extends to a homomorphism $A' \rightarrow B'$.

$$\Rightarrow A' \in \text{Forb}^{\text{hom}}(F)$$

$$\Rightarrow A' \models \psi. \text{ for each clause of } \Phi' \text{ (by *)}$$

$$\Rightarrow A \models \Phi.$$

- $\llbracket \Phi \rrbracket \subseteq \text{CSP}(B)$:

Take A finite with $A \models \Phi$. Then there exist a τ' -exp. A' of A that satisfies the fo part of Φ' and such that for every $a \in A$ exactly one of $P_i(a)$ or $P'_i(a)$ holds.

$$\Rightarrow A' \models \psi \text{ for every clause of } \Phi'$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall C \in F : C \not\rightarrow A'$$

$$\Rightarrow A' \leq B' \text{ by universality of } B' \text{ wrt } \text{Forb}^{\text{hom}}(F)$$

$$\Rightarrow A \leq B \text{ as } A' \models \forall x d(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow A \in \text{CSP}(B)$$

□

The assumption that Φ is monadic is necessary.

Pf:

$$\Phi := \exists E, S, T \forall x, x', y, z [E \text{ is an eq. relation } \wedge S \text{ extends Succ} \wedge T \text{ is transitive + irreflexive + extends } S \wedge \begin{aligned} & \wedge (S(x, y) \wedge S(x, z) \rightarrow E(y, z)) \\ \Rightarrow & \wedge (S(x, y) \wedge E(x, x') \rightarrow S(x', y)) \end{aligned}]$$

We claim that $\llbracket \Phi \rrbracket = CSP(\mathbb{Z}, \text{Succ})$.

• $CSP(\mathbb{Z}, \text{Succ}) \subseteq \llbracket \Phi \rrbracket$:

If $(G, \text{Succ}^G) \xrightarrow{h} (\mathbb{Z}, \text{Succ})$ then expand G to a

$\{\text{succ}, E, S, T\}$ -structure G' so that $\forall x, y \in G'$

- $G' \models E(x, y) \Leftrightarrow h(x) = h(y)$
- $G' \models S(x, y) \Leftrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \models \text{succ}(h(x), h(y))$
- $G' \models T(x, y) \Leftrightarrow h(x) < h(y)$

Then trivially $G' \models \varphi \Rightarrow G \models \Phi$.

• $\llbracket \Phi \rrbracket \subseteq CSP(\mathbb{Z}, \text{Succ})$:

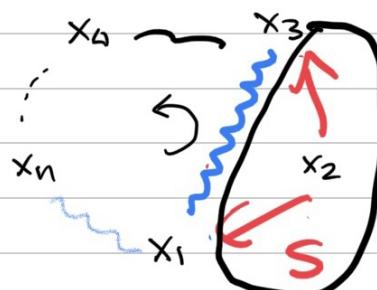
Let G' be a $\{\text{succ}, E, S, T\}$ -structure satisfying φ .

Then it's $\{\text{succ}\}$ -reduct, G , is a DAG. (since T is a transitive + irreflexive extension of succ).

NTS: For every succ -cycle C in G , $\# C = 0$

STS: For every $\{S, E\}$ -cycle C in G , $\# C = 0$

Assume for \dot{x} that there is such C with $\# C \neq 0$. Take such C of minimal length s.t. $\# C > 0$.



Consequently $G \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}, \text{Succ})$ □

Proposition (5.8.2) $\text{CSP}(\mathbb{Z}, \text{succ})$ cannot be formulated by an ω -categorical template

Pf: For every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ the formula

$$\psi_n(x_0, x_n) := \exists x_1 \dots x_{n-1} \bigwedge_{i=1}^n \text{succ}(x_{i-1}, x_i)$$

is in a different pp 2-type.

So

$$|S_2^{\text{pp}}(\mathbb{Z}, \text{succ})| = \aleph_0$$

We conclude by Corollary 4.6.2.

5.6.3: Guarded MSNP

$\exists R_1 \dots R_k \forall x_1 \dots \forall x_e \psi$ ↪ CNF with negative t-literals

arbitrary predicates over signature ρ

every conjunct is of the form
 $\underbrace{\alpha_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \alpha_n}_{\substack{\text{atomic } (\tau \cup \rho) \\ \text{formulas}}} \rightarrow \underbrace{B_1 \vee \dots \vee B_m}_{\substack{\text{atomic } \rho\text{-formulas} \\ \text{"head atoms"}}}$

+ for every head atom B_i there a body atom α_j s.t. α_j contains all variables from B_i .

5.6.5

Prop: Every $\Phi \in \text{GMSNP}$ is equivalent to a finite disjunction $\Phi_1 \vee \dots \vee \Phi_k$ of connected GMSNP formulas

Theorem (5.6.6): For every Φ in connected GMSNP there exists a reduct C of a finitely bounded homogeneous structure s.t. $[\Phi] = \text{CSP}(C)$.