

Complete, model complete, submodel complete

We look for a model theoretic characterization of those theories with EQ .

Complete theories, Exercise 1.24

Lemma *For each consistent theory T the following are equivalent.*

(i) $T = \text{Th}(\mathfrak{A})$ for some structure \mathfrak{A} .

(ii) We have

$$\sigma \in T \quad \text{or} \quad \neg\sigma \in T$$

for each sentence σ .

(iii) We have

$$\mathfrak{A} \equiv \mathfrak{B}$$

for each pair of models $\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B}$ of T .

Such a theory is **complete**.

By (ii) it decides every sentence and can not be made any larger without becoming inconsistent.

Classes of submodels

Let T be a theory in some language L .

We set

$\mathcal{M}d(T)$ = the class of models of T

$\mathcal{S}(T)$ = the class of submodels of T

= the class of those structures \mathfrak{A} with

$\mathfrak{A} \subseteq \mathfrak{B}$ for some $\mathfrak{B} \models T$ = $\mathcal{M}(T \cap \forall_1)$

In due course we look at several ‘special’ classes $\mathcal{K} \subseteq \mathcal{S}(T)$ which give us information about T .

Being in $\mathcal{S}(T)$

For an arbitrary L -structure \mathfrak{A} , when is $\mathfrak{A} \in \mathcal{S}(T)$?

Let $L(\mathfrak{a}) = L(\mathfrak{A})$ be the \mathfrak{A} -enrichment of L .

We set

$$T[\mathfrak{A}] = T \cup \text{Diag}(\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{a})$$

to produce a set of $L(\mathfrak{a})$ -sentences.

We have

$$\mathfrak{A} \in \mathcal{S}(T) \iff T[\mathfrak{A}] \text{ is consistent}$$

When is the theory (axiomatized by) $T[\mathfrak{A}]$ complete for certain $\mathfrak{A} \in \mathcal{S}(T)$?

Model complete and submodel complete theories

A theory T is **model complete** if the enriched theory (axiomatized by) $T[\mathfrak{A}]$ is complete for each $\mathfrak{A} \in \mathcal{M}d(T)$.

A theory T is **submodel complete** if the enriched theory (axiomatized by) $T[\mathfrak{A}]$ is complete for each $\mathfrak{A} \in \mathcal{S}(T)$.

That was the original definition of model completeness, but there is a much neater characterization.

Theorem A theory T is model complete if and only if

$$\mathfrak{A} \subseteq \mathfrak{B} \implies \mathfrak{A} \prec \mathfrak{B}$$

for all models $\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B}$ of T .

Exercise: Prove this.

More characterizations of model completeness

Theorem *For each theory T the following are equivalent.*

- (i) *Each formula is T -equivalent to an \forall_1 -formula.*
- (ii) *Each formula is T -equivalent to an \exists_1 -formula.*
- (iii) *Each \forall_1 -formula is T -equivalent to an \exists_1 -formula.*
- (iv) *We have*

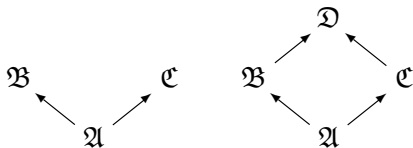
$$\mathfrak{A} \subseteq \mathfrak{B} \implies \mathfrak{A} \prec_1 \mathfrak{B}$$

for all models $\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B}$ of T .

- (v) *T is model complete.*

The amalgamation property

A theory T has **AP** if for each wedge of embedding between models of T , there is a model \mathfrak{D}



of T and a commuting square of embeddings.

There is a syntactic characterization of having AP which we will look at later.

The syntactic characterization of AP

Theorem *For each theory T the following are equivalent.*

- (i) *T has AP.*
- (ii) *For each pair ψ, ϕ of \forall_1 -formulas with*

$$T \vdash \psi \vee \phi$$

there are \exists_1 -formulas λ, ρ such that

$$T \vdash \lambda \vee \rho \quad T \vdash \lambda \rightarrow \psi \quad T \vdash \rho \rightarrow \phi$$

hold.

A characterization of submodel completeness

Theorem *For each theory T , the following are equivalent.*

- (i) *T is submodel complete.*
- (ii) *T is model complete and $T \cap \forall_1$ has AP.*
- (iii) *The implication $(\mathfrak{A}, a) \equiv_0 (\mathfrak{B}, b) \implies (\mathfrak{A}, a) \equiv (\mathfrak{B}, b)$ holds for all $\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B} \in \mathcal{M}(T)$ and points a from \mathfrak{A} and b from \mathfrak{B} .*
- (iv) *The implication $(\mathfrak{A}, a) \equiv_0 (\mathfrak{B}, b) \implies (\mathfrak{A}, a) \equiv_1 (\mathfrak{B}, b)$ holds for all $\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B} \in \mathcal{M}(T)$ and points a from \mathfrak{A} and b from \mathfrak{B} .*
- (v) *For each \forall_1 -formula ϕ , there is a quantifier-free formula δ such that $T \vdash \phi \leftrightarrow \delta$*
- (vi) *T has EQ.*