


LGruDAt: Logical Foundations of Databases

Lecture 3 — FORC: A reminder on first-order logic continued

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In this set of notes,  will denote corrections as compared with handouts distributed during the lecture, not homework. See separate document on the webpage for homework

1 Diagrams, homomorphisms, isomorphism

A comment to exercise solutions

One of you was very careful to take care of models with empty universes ...

What happens if we allow these?

-  Do we have that whenever $v \# \alpha$, $\models \alpha \vee \exists v. \beta \equiv \exists v. (\alpha \vee \beta)$? $\models \alpha \wedge \forall v. \beta \equiv \forall v. (\alpha \wedge \beta)$? Careful with prenex normal form!
- Standard axioms like $\models \forall v. \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$?
- Also remember: no valuation into an empty domain

Useful syntactic convention

First, recall once again our lemma: whenever

- $free(\alpha) = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$
- $\kappa(v_1) = \kappa'(v_1), \dots, \kappa(v_n) = \kappa'(v_n)$

then $\mathfrak{A}, \kappa \models \alpha$ iff $\mathfrak{A}, \kappa' \models \alpha$.

and its corollary:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(\mathfrak{A}) &:= \{(\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n) \in \mathbf{A}^n \mid \text{exists } \kappa. \kappa(\bar{\mathbf{v}}) = \bar{\mathbf{a}} \text{ and } \mathfrak{A}, \kappa \models \alpha\} \\ &= \{(\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n) \in \mathbf{A}^n \mid \text{for_all } \kappa. \kappa(\bar{\mathbf{v}}) = \bar{\mathbf{a}} \text{ implies } \mathfrak{A}, \kappa \models \alpha\} \\ &= \{(\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n) \in \mathbf{A}^n \mid \text{for_all } \kappa. \mathfrak{A}, \kappa[v_1 := \mathbf{a}_1] \dots [v_n := \mathbf{a}_n] \models \alpha\} \\ &= \{(\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n) \in \mathbf{A}^n \mid \text{exists } \kappa. \mathfrak{A}, \kappa[v_1 := \mathbf{a}_1] \dots [v_n := \mathbf{a}_n] \models \alpha\} \end{aligned}$$

Our new syntactic conventions: $\mathfrak{A} \models \alpha[\bar{a}]$ and $(\mathfrak{A}, \bar{a}) \models \alpha(\bar{a})$.

⚠ Not introduced explicitly in the lecture, but the meaning is hopefully clear: $\mathfrak{A} \models \alpha[\bar{a}]$ means that some/any valuation sending the free variables of α to \bar{a} makes α hold. The other notation removes the need for valuations by expanding the signature with (constants for) satisfying elements, so we need to ...

- ... Define **reducts** and **expansions**
- Define notions proposed by A. Robinson:
 - **Positive diagram**: $\text{diagp}^+(\mathfrak{A})$
 - **Diagram**: $\text{diag}(\mathfrak{A})$
 - **Elementary diagram**: $\text{eldiag}(\mathfrak{A})$
- ⚠ Our additions: $\exists \text{diagp}^+(\mathfrak{A})$, $\exists \text{diag}(\mathfrak{A})$ and $\exists \text{eldiag}(\mathfrak{A})$.
- (Equivalent to) single sentences for finite \mathfrak{A} !
- During the lecture I forgot at first to introduce $\exists \text{eldiag}(\mathfrak{A})$. Yet, as you recall, for a finite \mathfrak{A} it's precisely (the single sentence encoding) $\exists \text{eldiag}(\mathfrak{A})$ which encodes the isomorphism type of \mathfrak{A}


Last time we finished with:

- Notion of homomorphism, surjective homomorphism, embedding and isomorphism
- Primitive-positive (CQ) and existential-positive (UCQ—**but careful here!**)
 $\longrightarrow \text{diagp}^+ A$
 Easy direction of h.p.t.
- Positive
 Easy direction of Lyndon: surjective homomorphism
- Existential (dual Łoś-Tarski, embeddings) $\longrightarrow \text{diag} A$


WE WILL RETURN TO THIS

- For the time being: restate the easy directions in terms of diagrams
- Dualize (reflecting rather than preserving)

The role of isomorphism

- Contrast with elementary equivalence
- How about the finite case?
- Return to elementary diagrams for a while
- Classes of models always closed under isomorphism from now on
- Invariance of queries under isomorphism
- Enumerating isomorphism types for finite signatures
- Notions of *Th* and *Mod*
- Elementarity and Δ -elementarity  Now called *EC* and *EC Δ*
- Trivialization of the latter in the finite (for finite signature)

Examples of FO Theories and queries

-  We haven't done this during the lecture, but by now they should be too easy even to be made a part of the homework
- Finite cardinalities.
- Graph-like examples: isolated nodes, having at least two succ, having exactly two neighbours etc.
- Strict linear order, with smallest and greatest element

Back to universal validity—the last remaining old exercise. Recall it was:

Exercise 4 (8 pts) How about the converse of 3.b? Assume that Σ contains a single binary symbol. Can you think of any α s.t. **not** $\models^{\text{unr}} \alpha$, but $\models^{\text{fin}} \alpha$? If so, give an explicit example of such a formula and prove both statements.

- Most of you solved the exercise and solved it well
- (perhaps one more example)
- What happens if all symbols in Σ are at most unary?
- What if we have at most two variables?

2 Validity and inference

Entailment: finite and unrestricted, global and local

⚠ These definitions were not discussed during the lecture. Do you understand them? See homework.

$$\Gamma \frac{\text{unr}}{\text{loc}} \alpha \text{ iff for_all unrestricted } \mathfrak{A}, \kappa. (\mathfrak{A}, \kappa \models \Gamma \text{ implies } \mathfrak{A}, \kappa \models \alpha)$$

$$\Gamma \frac{\text{fn}}{\text{loc}} \alpha \text{ iff for_all finite } \mathfrak{A}, \kappa. (\mathfrak{A}, \kappa \models \Gamma \text{ implies } \mathfrak{A}, \kappa \models \alpha)$$

$$\Gamma \frac{\text{unr}}{\text{glo}} \alpha \text{ iff for_all unrestricted } \mathfrak{A}.$$

$$(\text{for_all } \kappa. \mathfrak{A}, \kappa \models \Gamma) \text{ implies } (\text{for_all } \kappa. \mathfrak{A}, \kappa \models \alpha)$$

$$\Gamma \frac{\text{fn}}{\text{glo}} \alpha \text{ iff for_all finite } \mathfrak{A}. (\forall \kappa. \mathfrak{A}, \kappa \models \Gamma) \text{ implies } (\text{for_all } \kappa. \mathfrak{A}, \kappa \models \alpha)$$

where $\mathfrak{A}, \kappa \models \Gamma$ iff for_all $\gamma \in \Gamma$, $\mathfrak{A}, \kappa \models \gamma$

$$\bullet \vdash_{\text{loc}} \subseteq \vdash_{\text{glo}} \quad ?$$

$$\bullet \vdash_{\text{glo}} \subseteq \vdash_{\text{loc}} \quad ?$$

• Define universal closure $\bar{\gamma}^{\forall}$ and $\bar{\Gamma}^{\forall}$

• What if $\Gamma = \bar{\Gamma}^{\forall}$? (empty, sentences only ...) ⚠ See homework for this and the following two points

• Can we characterize the relationship between \vdash_{loc} and \vdash_{glo} in the terms of universal closure?

• $\frac{\text{unr}}{\text{loc}}$ and $\frac{\text{unr}}{\text{glo}}$: inference systems for \vdash_{loc} and \vdash_{glo}

• The notion of **deductive theory** and *Post-complete theory (MCS)*

• Is $Th(\mathfrak{A})$ a deductive theory? A Post-complete one?

• Brief sketch of completeness:

$$\vdash_{\text{loc}}^{\text{unr}} = \vdash_{\text{loc}} \quad \text{and} \quad \vdash_{\text{glo}}^{\text{unr}} = \vdash_{\text{glo}}$$

• What is the relationship between Post-complete theories and those of the form $Th(\mathfrak{A})$? ⚠ Not discussed, see homework

• No f.m.p.: this we already know ...

• How about countable model property? ⚠ Not discussed

• ⚠ Other consequences: compactness ...

• This is where we finished Lecture 3, removed the remaining part