

## Mathematical Logic

## HOMEWORK 6

Due: Apr 3 (Wed)

1. Show that the following classes of structures are not axiomatizable, namely:
  - (a) Cycle graphs, i.e. undirected graphs that look like an undirected cycle of some length.
  - (b) Non-bipartite graphs.
  - (c) Groups that contain elements of arbitrarily large finite order.
  - (d) Torsion group, i.e. groups in which every element has a finite order.
2. **Overspill.** Let  $M$  be a nonstandard model of PA, let  $\varphi(x, \vec{y})$  be an extended  $\sigma_{\text{arithm}}$ -formula, where  $|\vec{y}| = k$ , and let  $\vec{a} \in M^k$ . Show that if  $M \models \varphi(n, \vec{a})$  for infinitely many  $n \in \mathbb{N}^M$ , then there is  $w \in M \setminus \mathbb{N}^M$  such that  $M \models \varphi(w, \vec{a})$ . In other words, no infinite subset of  $\mathbb{N}^M$  is definable in  $M$ ; in particular,  $\mathbb{N}^M$  itself is not definable.
3. Let  $M$  be a nonstandard model of PA.

- (a) For all  $a, b \in M$ , define

$$a \sim b \iff |a - b| \in \mathbb{N}^M,$$

where  $z = |a - b|$  is the unique element in  $M$  such that  $a + z = b$  or  $b + z = a$ . Show that  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation on  $M$  and that it is NOT definable in  $M$ .

- (b) Let  $Q := M / \sim$  denote the quotient by this equivalence relation, i.e.  $Q := \{[a] : a \in M\}$ , where  $[a]$  denotes the equivalence class of  $a$ . Define the relation  $<_Q$  on  $Q$  as follows: for all  $[a], [b] \in Q$ ,

$$[a] <_Q [b] \iff \text{there is } c \in M \setminus \mathbb{N}^M \text{ such that } a + c = b.$$

Show that  $<_Q$  is well-defined (does not depend on the representatives  $a, b$ ) and is a strict linear order on  $Q$ .

- (c) Show that the order  $(Q, <_Q)$  has a least element but no greatest element, and it is a dense (in itself), i.e.  $u <_Q v \implies \exists w (u <_Q w <_Q v)$  for all  $u, v \in Q$ . Thus,  $(Q, <_Q)$  is isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0}, <)$ .

4. Let  $\sigma_{\text{gph}} := (E)$  be the signature for graphs and let

$$T := \{\varphi_{\text{smp1}}, \varphi_{2\text{reg}}\} \cup \{\varphi_n : n \in \mathbb{N}^+\},$$

where  $\varphi_{\text{smp1}}$  says that  $E$  is symmetric and irreflexive (i.e. the graph is simple),  $\varphi_{2\text{reg}}$  says that every vertex has exactly 2 neighbours (i.e. the graph is 2-regular), and  $\varphi_n$  says that there is no cycle of length  $n$ .

- (a) Observe that every model of  $T$  is a graph whose connected components are bi-infinite lines (let's call them  $\mathbb{Z}$ -lines).

(b) Prove that two models of  $T$  are isomorphic if and only if they have equinumerous sets of connected components (i.e. the sets of connected components have equal cardinality).

(c) Conclude that any two uncountable models of  $T$  of the same cardinality are isomorphic.

HINT: This uses our usual blackbox from cardinal arithmetic:  $|A \times B| = \max(|A|, |B|)$  for sets  $A, B$ , at least one of which is infinite.

(d) Prove that  $T$  is complete.

HINT: Recall that  $T$  is complete if and only if any two models  $A, B$  of  $T$  have the same theory. Use some Löwenheim–Skolem theorem to upgrade the given models  $A, B$  to uncountable models of the same cardinality.

(e) Conclude that for each cardinal  $\kappa \neq 0$  (e.g.  $\kappa \in \mathbb{N}^+$  or  $\kappa := \aleph_0$ ),  $T$  is equivalent to  $\text{Th}(\mathbf{Z}_\kappa)$ , where  $\mathbf{Z}_\kappa$  is the unique (up to isomorphism) model of  $T$  that has  $\kappa$ -many connected components. In particular,  $\text{Th}(\mathbf{Z}_1) = \text{Th}(\mathbf{Z}_\kappa)$  for all cardinals  $\kappa \neq 0$ .

REMARK: The fact that  $\text{Th}(\mathbf{Z}_1) = \text{Th}(\mathbf{Z}_2)$  illustrates, once again, that connectedness is not captured by first-order logic.

**5. Hall’s marriage theorem for infinite graphs.** A **matching** in an (undirected with no loops) graph  $G := (V, E)$  is a set  $M$  of (undirected) edges such that no two edges in  $M$  are adjacent. For a subset  $U \subseteq V$  of vertices, a  **$U$ -perfect matching** is a matching  $M$  such that each vertex in  $U$  is incident to a (necessarily unique) edge in  $M$ . A  $V$ -perfect matching is just called a **perfect matching**. Finally, denote by  $N_G(U)$  the set of all vertices that have a neighbour in  $U$ .

**Theorem** (Hall’s marriage, finite graphs). *Let  $G := (V, E)$  be a finite bipartite graph with a bipartition  $V := X \cup Y$ . Then there is an  $X$ -perfect matching if and only if  $|N_G(U)| \geq |U|$  for each  $U \subseteq X$ .*

Using Hall’s marriage theorem for finite graphs deduce the following version for infinite locally finite<sup>1</sup> graphs:

**Theorem** (Hall’s marriage, infinite graphs). *Let  $G := (V, E)$  be a locally finite bipartite graph with a bipartition  $V := X \cup Y$ . Then there is an  $X$ -perfect matching if and only if  $|N_G(U)| \geq |U|$  for each finite  $U \subseteq X$ .*

**6. A colouring** of a set  $X$  with a set  $K$  is just a function  $c : X \rightarrow K$ , and we refer to the elements of  $K$  as **colours**. A **finite colouring** of  $X$  is a colouring with a finite set of colours. For a colouring  $c : X \rightarrow K$ , a **colour class** is a set of the form  $c^{-1}(k)$  for some  $k \in K$ .

The following is a well known theorem of additive combinatorics:

**Theorem** (van der Waerden, infinitary). *For every finite colouring of  $\mathbb{N}$ , one of the colour classes contains arbitrarily long arithmetic progressions.*

Use this theorem and compactness to derive the following finitary version:

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<sup>1</sup>Every vertex has only finitely many neighbours.

**Theorem** (van der Waerden, finitary). *For each  $k, \ell \in \mathbb{N}^+$ , there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$  such that for each colouring of  $\{0, 1, \dots, n - 1\}$  with  $k$  colours, one of the colour classes contains an arithmetic progression of length  $\ell$ .*