

Lecture 3

back-and-forth, Ehrenfeucht-Fraïssé

topics

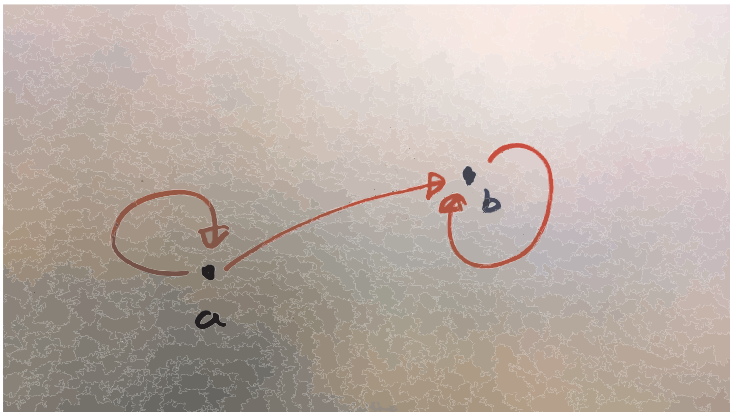
- diagram of a structure
- Cantor's thm
- Ehrenfeucht-Fraïssé games
- DLO
- the theory of the countable random graph

leftovers

HW: Show that $Th(\mathbf{A})$ determines \mathbf{A} up to iso if \mathbf{A} is finite.

Our debt: $(Q, <) \preceq (R, <)$.

We shall solve the first task now and the second later in the lecture.



the diagram:

$$R(a, a), R(a, b), \neg R(b, a), R(b, b) .$$

Getting rid of the names:

$$\theta := \exists x, y [x \neq y \wedge R(x, x) \wedge R(x, y) \wedge \neg R(y, x) \wedge R(y, y)] .$$

diagram

L, \mathbf{A} : any, L_A : L with names for all elements of A

Definition - diagram

The **diagram** of \mathbf{A} , denoted $Diag(\mathbf{A})$, is the set of all

- atomic L_A -sentences true in \mathbf{A} , and
- the negations of atomic L_A -sentences false in \mathbf{A} .

The diagram is sometimes also called **atomic diagram** to distinguish it from **elementary diagram** which is $Th_A(\mathbf{A})$ we introduced last time.

Lemma

\mathbf{A} can be embedded in \mathbf{B} (both L -structures) iff there is an expansion \mathbf{B}' of \mathbf{B} by an interpretation of constants from $L_A \setminus L$ such that

$$\mathbf{B}' \models Diag(\mathbf{A}) .$$

ex. of an embedding

L : constant c and binary function symbol \circ

A: $(\mathbb{R}, 0, +)$

B: $(\mathbb{R}_{>0}, 1, \cdot)$

An embedding:

$$a \in A \longrightarrow e^a \in B$$

This works because

$$e^0 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad e^{x+y} = e^x \cdot e^y .$$

(Base e could be any, e.g. 2 or 10.)

Cantor's thm

Let us append the earlier definition of theory DLO:

theory DLO (dense linear ordering without endpoints):

- ax's of LO,
- $\forall z \exists x, y (x < z \wedge z < y)$ (no endpoints),
- $\forall x, y (x < y \rightarrow \exists z (x < z \wedge z < y))$ (density).

Cantor's theorem

DLO is countably categorical: all countable models of DLO are isomorphic to $(\mathbb{Q}, <)$.

Prf.:

Let **A** and **B** be two countable models of DLO. We can **enumerate** their universes:

$A: a_0, a_1, \dots$

$B: b_0, b_1, \dots$

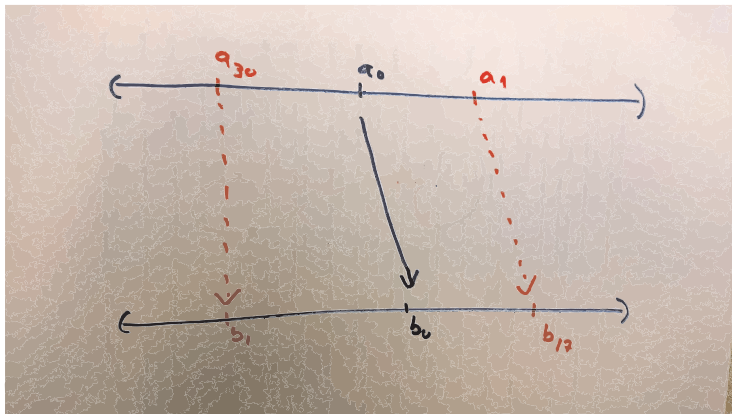
and construct an **increasing sequence** of partial isomorphisms:

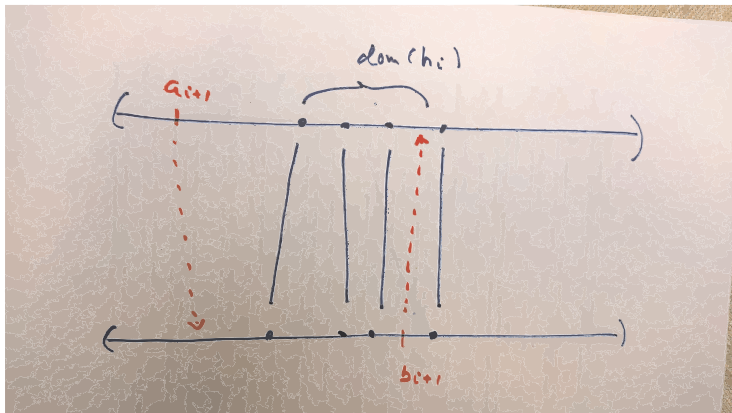
$$h_i : \subseteq A \rightarrow B$$

such that

$$\{a_0, \dots, a_i\} \subseteq \text{dom}(h_i) \quad \text{and} \quad \{b_0, \dots, b_i\} \subseteq \text{rng}(h_i) .$$

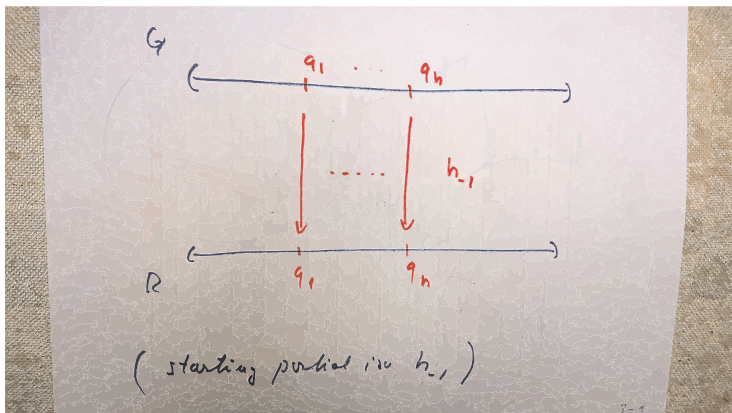
Then $\bigcup_i h_i$ is an isomorphism $\mathbf{A} \cong \mathbf{B}$.



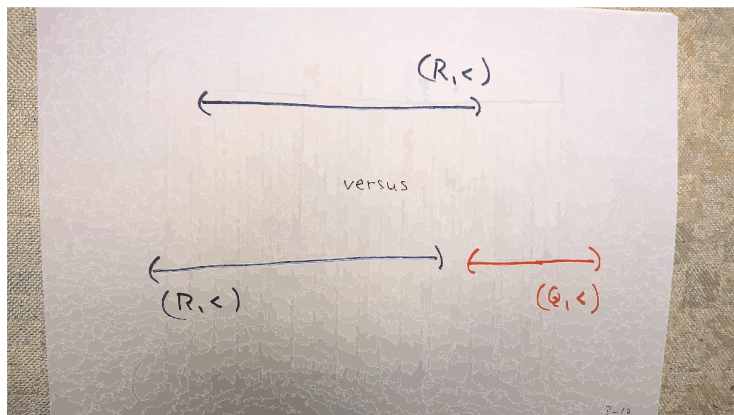


End of the proof.

our debt



uncountable DLOs



games

Ehrenfeucht-Fraïssé games

L : finite, no function symbols

\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} : L -structures (not necessarily finite)

games $G_n(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})$ and $G_\omega(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})$

2 players:

- **Spoiler** (or \exists -player, Eloise),
- **Duplicator** (or \forall -player, Abelard).

moves

1st move:

- Spoiler picks either (i) some $a_1 \in A$ or (ii) some $b_1 \in B$,
- Duplicator replies (i) with some $b_1 \in B$ or (ii) with some $a_1 \in A$.

That is, they determined a pair $(a_1, b_1) \in A \times B$.

$(k + 1)$ st move:

After first k moves they have already determined pairs $(a_1, b_1), \dots, (a_k, b_k) \in A \times B$ and proceed as above:

- Spoiler picks either (i) some $a_{k+1} \in A$ or (ii) some $b_{k+1} \in B$,
- Duplicator replies (i) with some $b_{k+1} \in B$ or (ii) with some $a_{k+1} \in A$.

rules

For G_n the game goes on for n rounds, determining

$$(a_1, b_1), \dots, (a_n, b_n) \in A \times B$$

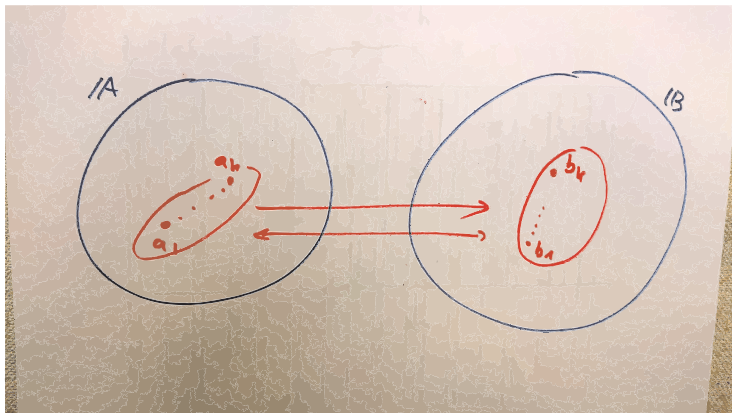
and for G_ω there are infinitely (countably) many rounds, determining

$$(a_1, b_1), \dots, (a_i, b_i), \dots, \text{ all } i \in \mathbf{N}.$$

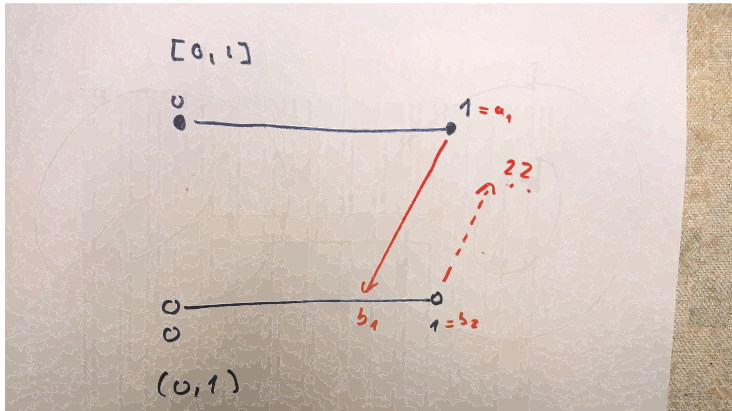
Rules:

- Duplicator wins if the resulting set of pairs is a partial isomorphism from \mathbf{A} into \mathbf{B} ,
- otherwise Spoiler wins.

D wins



S wins



infinite game

a **strategy** of a player: any function determining the next move of the player from the history of the play

Lemma

Let \mathbf{A} , \mathbf{B} be countable. Then Duplicator has a winning strategy for $G_\omega(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})$ iff $\mathbf{A} \cong \mathbf{B}$.

Prf.: \Leftarrow

If $h : A \rightarrow B$ is an isomorphism define Duplicator's strategy by:

$$b_k := h(a_k) \text{ or } a_k := h^{-1}(b_k) .$$

Spoiler's strategy

⇒

Spoiler enumerates both universes:

A : u_0, u_1, \dots

B : v_0, v_1, \dots

and in round k plays:

- $k = 2i + 1$ odd: chooses u_i ,
- $k = 2i + 2$ even: chooses v_i .

If Duplicator were to win his answers would form a total isomorphism between **A** and **B**.



finite game

Lemma

Let \mathbf{A} , \mathbf{B} be countable. Then Duplicator has a winning strategy for $G_k(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B})$ for all $k \geq 1$ iff $\mathbf{A} \equiv \mathbf{B}$.

Prf.:

We shall prove only \Rightarrow : this is enough for our applications.

Assume $\mathbf{A} \not\equiv \mathbf{B}$ and, in particular,

$$\mathbf{A} \models \theta \quad \text{while} \quad \mathbf{B} \models \neg\theta$$

where θ has the form

$$\forall x_1 \exists x_2 \forall x_3 \dots Q_k x_k \alpha(\bar{x}) .$$

Spoiler's strategy

Spoiler: always pick witnesses for \exists quantifier

1st move: $b_1 \in B$ such that

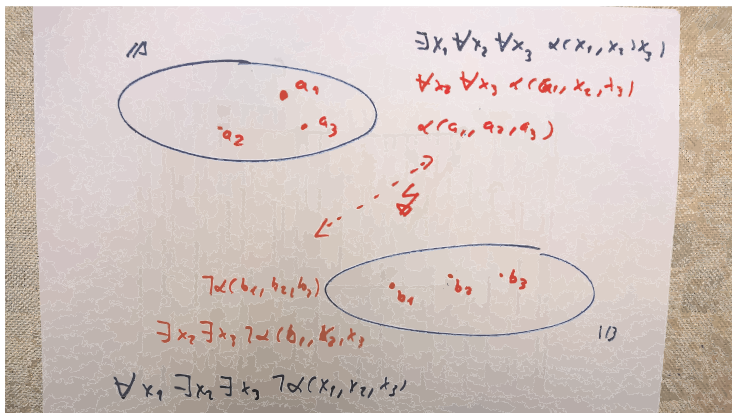
$$\mathbf{B} \models \forall x_2 \exists x_3 \dots \overline{Q}_k x_k \neg \alpha(b_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$$

where \overline{Q} is the quantifier opposite to Q .

Key fact: no matter which $a_1 \in A$ Duplicator chooses it will hold:

$$\mathbf{A} \models \exists x_2 \forall x_3 \dots Q_k x_k \alpha(a_1, x_2, \dots, x_k) .$$

Ex.



concluding the proof

If Duplicator were to win, the k pairs:

$$(a_1, b_1), \dots, (a_k, b_k)$$

would form a partial isomorphism while it would also hold:

$$\mathbf{A} \models \alpha(\bar{a}) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{B} \models \neg\alpha(\bar{b}) .$$

That is a contradiction.



Rado graph

theory RG: the theory of the countable random graph

language L : binary relation $R(x, y)$

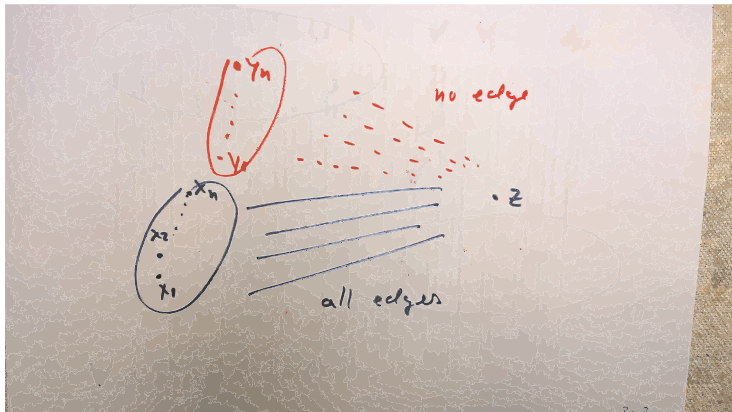
Axioms:

- $\exists x, y \ x \neq y$,
- $\forall x \ \neg R(x, x)$,
- $\forall x, y \ R(x, y) \rightarrow R(y, x)$,
- **extension axioms**, one for each $n \geq 1$:

$$\forall x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_n \ \bigwedge_{i,j} x_i \neq y_j \rightarrow [\exists z \ \bigwedge_i R(x_i, z) \wedge \bigwedge_j \neg R(y_j, z)] .$$

The 2nd and the 3rd axioms just define undirected graphs without loops.

ext. axioms



categoricity

Lemma

RG has a countable infinite model.

This is a HW **problem**: construct such a model.

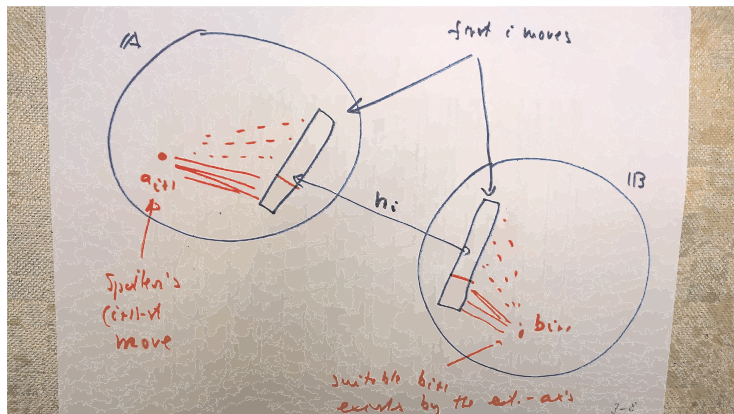
Theorem

RG is countably categorical.

Prf.:

Use G_ω game, as in the next picture.





determinacy

Are the games **determined**? I.e. does one of the players always have a winning strategy? **Yes for finite games:**

Spoiler has a winning strategy iff

- \exists Spoiler's first move s_1 such that
- \forall Duplicator's reply d_1 it holds that
- \exists Spoiler's second move s_2 such that ...
- ...
- Spoiler wins.

and Duplicator has one iff

- \forall Spoiler's first moves s_1 it holds
- \exists Duplicator's reply d_1 such that
- \forall Spoiler's second move s_2 ...
- ...
- Duplicator wins.

Negations of each other!

ax. of determinacy

For **infinite games** this argument does not work: we do not have formulas with infinitely many quantifiers.

We could define such formulas but would the DeMorgan rules still apply?

Are

$$\exists x_1 \forall x_2 \dots Q_i x_i \dots \alpha(x_1, \dots)$$

↓ negation

$$\forall x_1 \exists x_2 \dots \overline{Q}_i x_i \dots \neg \alpha(x_1, \dots)$$

complementary?

ZFC rules this out as a general rule but it holds for some special games.