

Homomorphisms

$\mathcal{L}$  is a language

Def 2.1 Let  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{N}$  be  $\mathcal{L}$ -structures. A function  $h: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -homomorphism if

i) For any  $n$ -ary function symbol  $f$  and  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathcal{M}$

$$h(f^{\mathcal{M}}(a_1, \dots, a_n)) = f^{\mathcal{N}}(h(a_1), \dots, h(a_n))$$

ii) For any  $n$ -ary relation symbol  $R$  and  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathcal{M}$

$$(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in R^{\mathcal{M}} \iff (h(a_1), \dots, h(a_n)) \in R^{\mathcal{N}}$$

iii) For any constant symbol  $c$ ,  $h(c^{\mathcal{M}}) = c^{\mathcal{N}}$

We write  $h: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$  for  $\mathcal{L}$ -homomorphisms.

If  $h$  is also injective, then  $h$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -embedding.

If  $h$  is also bijective, then  $h$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -isomorphism.

Theorem 2.2 Suppose  $h: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -isomorphism. Then for any  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula  $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathcal{M}$ ,

$$\mathcal{M} \models \varphi(a_1, \dots, a_n) \iff \mathcal{N} \models \varphi(h(a_1), \dots, h(a_n)).$$

Proof

Claim: For any  $\mathcal{L}$ -term  $t(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathcal{M}$ ,

$$h(t^{\mathcal{M}}(a_1, \dots, a_n)) = t^{\mathcal{N}}(h(a_1), \dots, h(a_n))$$

PF: Induction on terms. If  $t$  is a constant symbol  $c$  then

$$h(t^{\mathcal{M}}) = h(c^{\mathcal{M}}) = c^{\mathcal{N}} = t^{\mathcal{N}}$$

If  $t$  is a variable  $x_i$ , then  $h(t^{\mathcal{M}}(a_1)) = h(a_1) = t^{\mathcal{N}}(h(a_1))$

Let  $f$  be an  $m$ -ary function symbol. Assume the result for terms

$t_1, \dots, t_m$  whose free vbls are among  $x_1, \dots, x_n$

let  $t$  be  $f(t_1, \dots, t_m)$ . Given  $a_1, \dots, a_m \in M$

$$\begin{aligned} h(t^M(\bar{a})) &= h(f^M(t_1^M(\bar{a}), \dots, t_m^M(\bar{a}))) = f^N(h(t_1^M(\bar{a})), \dots, h(t_m^M(\bar{a}))) \\ &\quad \text{(def. of } \mathcal{L}\text{-hom)} \\ &= f^N(t_1^N(h(\bar{a})), \dots, t_m^N(h(\bar{a}))) = t^N(h(\bar{a})). \quad // \\ \text{(induction)} \end{aligned}$$

Now we prove the theorem by induction on  $\phi$ .

Base case:  $\phi$  is atomic

1)  $\phi$  is  $t_1 = t_2$

$$M \models \phi(\bar{a}) \text{ iff } t_1^M(\bar{a}) = t_2^M(\bar{a}) \text{ iff } h(t_1^M(\bar{a})) = h(t_2^M(\bar{a}))$$

(h is injective)

$$\text{iff } t_1^N(h(\bar{a})) = t_2^N(h(\bar{a})) \text{ iff } N \models \phi(h(\bar{a})).$$

(Claim)

2)  $\phi$  is  $R(t_1, \dots, t_m)$  (Exercise)

Induction Step Assume the result for  $\phi$  and  $\psi$

Exercise: Check  $\phi \wedge \psi$  and  $\neg \phi$

We'll do:  $\forall x_n \phi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  (free vbls  $x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}$ ). Fix  $a_1, \dots, a_{n-1} \in M$

$$M \models \forall x_n \phi(a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}, x_n) \text{ iff for all } b \in M, M \models \phi(a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}, b)$$

$$\text{iff for all } b \in M, N \models \phi(h(a_1), \dots, h(a_{n-1}), h(b)) \quad \text{(induction)}$$

$$\text{iff for all } c \in N, N \models \phi(h(a_1), \dots, h(a_{n-1}), c) \quad \text{(h is onto)}$$

$$\text{iff } N \models \forall x_n \phi(h(a_1), \dots, h(a_{n-1}), x_n)$$

□

Notation:  $M \cong N$  if there is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -isomorphism  $h: M \rightarrow N$ .

Corollary 2.3 If  $M \cong N$  then  $M \equiv N$ . (Now do ESI #3)

Corollary 2.4  $h: M \rightarrow N$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -embedding iff the conclusion of Thm 2.2

holds for all quantifier-free formulas  $\phi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ .

Proof: ( $\Rightarrow$ ) from the proof; only used surjectivity for quantifier step.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) See ESI #6?

Def 2.5  $h: M \rightarrow N$  is an elementary  $\mathcal{L}$ -embedding if for any  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula  $\phi(\bar{x})$  and  $\bar{a}$  from  $M$ ,  $M \models \phi(\bar{a}) \iff N \models \phi(h(\bar{a}))$ .

Note that isomorphisms are elementary embeddings.

Def 2.6 Let  $M$  and  $N$  be  $\mathcal{L}$ -structures with  $M \subseteq N$ .

Let  $h: M \rightarrow N$  be the inclusion map. Then  $M$  is a substructure of  $N$  [resp., elementary substructure], written  $M \subseteq N$  [resp.,  $M \leq N$ ], if  $h$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -embedding [resp., elementary embedding].

Also say  $N$  is an extension of  $M$  [resp., elementary extension].

Note: If  $M \leq N$  then  $M \subseteq N$  and  $M \equiv N$

Example 2.7 Let  $M = (2\mathbb{Z}, <)$  and  $N = (\mathbb{Z}, <)$ .

Then  $M \subseteq N$  and  $M \equiv N$ , but  $M \not\leq N$   
(why?)

e.g.  $M \models \exists x (0 < x < 2)$

[So,  $\phi(y, z)$  is  $\exists x (y < x < z)$  and  $M \models \phi(0, 2)$ ,  $N \not\models \phi(0, 2)$ ]