

13.4 Definition

An n -type p is called principal if there is some $\phi \in p$ such that ϕ is principal for p , i.e. for all $\psi \in p$, $T \models \forall v_1 \dots \forall v_n (\phi \rightarrow \psi)$.

13.5 Exercises

(1) There is no clash in terminology with our use of the word 'principal' in section 12. For if $\mathcal{A} \models T$ and $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$ realises the principal n -type p , then ϕ is principal for a_1, \dots, a_n (in \mathcal{A}), where ϕ is a principal formula of p .

(2) If ϕ and ψ are both principal for the n -type p , then ϕ and ψ are $E_n(T)$ -equivalent.

13.6 Theorem

If p is a principal n -type (over T) then p is realised in every model of T .

Proof.

Let $\mathcal{A} \models T$. Let ϕ be principal for the n -type p . Then since $\phi \in p$ we have $T \models \exists v_1 \dots \exists v_n \phi$, so for some $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$, $\mathcal{A} \models \phi[a_1, \dots, a_n]$. Then a_1, \dots, a_n realises p in \mathcal{A} since if $\psi \in p$, then $T \models \forall v_1 \dots \forall v_n (\phi \rightarrow \psi)$, so in particular $\mathcal{A} \models (\phi \rightarrow \psi)[a_1, \dots, a_n]$. Since $\mathcal{A} \models \phi[a_1, \dots, a_n]$ we have $\mathcal{A} \models \psi[a_1, \dots, a_n]$, as required. □

Much deeper is the

13.7 Omitting Types Theorem

Suppose \mathcal{L} is countable, T is a complete \mathcal{L} -theory, $n \geq 1$ and the p is an n -type (over T) which is not principal. Then there exists a countable model of T

that omits T .

Proof.

Omitted! But notes will be supplied. □

We now complete the proof of the Pyll-Nardzewski Theorem (12.2) by showing the following. (See 13.3(4).)

13.8 Theorem

Let \mathcal{L} be countable and suppose that T is a complete \mathcal{L} -theory. Let $n \geq 1$ and assume that $F_n(\mathcal{L})/E_n(T)$ is infinite. Then there exists a

non-principal n -type (over T).

Proof.

Suppose, for a contradiction, that every n -type (over T) is principal.

Case 1 There are only finitely many n -types (over T).

Let them be p_1, \dots, p_N and let ϕ_1, \dots, ϕ_N be principal formulas for them (respectively).

We shall show that $|F_n(\mathcal{L})/E_n(T)| \leq 2^N$, contrary

to our hypothesis.

To see this, let $\psi \in F_n(\mathcal{L})$ and suppose $T \models \exists v_1 \dots \exists v_n \psi$. Let $q \subseteq F_n(\mathcal{L})$ be the $E_n(T)$ -equivalence class of ψ . Then q is a partial n -type (over T) and hence is contained in some n -type (over T) by 13.3(1). Say $q \subseteq p_{j_1}$, where $1 \leq j_1 \leq N$. Then $\psi \in p_{j_1}$, so $T \models \forall v_1 \dots \forall v_n (\phi_{j_1} \rightarrow \psi)$.

Now consider the formula $\psi' := (\psi \wedge \neg \phi_{j_1})$.

If $T \models \exists v_1 \dots \exists v_n \psi'$, then by repeating the above argument, there exists j_2 such that $T \models \forall v_1 \dots \forall v_n (\phi_{j_2} \rightarrow \psi')$.

Clearly $j_1 \neq j_2$, for otherwise $T \models \forall v_1 \dots \forall v_n (\phi_{j_1} \rightarrow \neg \phi_{j_1})$ which contradicts the fact that $T \models \exists v_1 \dots \exists v_n \phi_{j_1}$.

Now consider the formula $\psi'' := (\psi \wedge \neg \phi_{j_1} \wedge \neg \phi_{j_2})$. If $T \models \exists v_1 \dots \exists v_n \psi''$, then we repeat the argument above to find j_3 (with $1 \leq j_3 \leq N$) such that

$T \models \forall v_1 \dots \forall v_n (\phi_{j_3} \rightarrow \psi'')$ and, once again, we must have $j_3 \neq j_1$ and $j_3 \neq j_2$. Continuing in this way we must eventually run out of j_i 's. Say this happens after the k 'th stage. This means that we have found distinct j_1, \dots, j_k (all lying between 1 and N) such that

$$13.8.1 \quad T \models \forall v_1 \dots \forall v_n (\phi_{j_i} \rightarrow \psi) \quad \text{for each } i=1, \dots, k, \text{ and}$$

$$13.8.2 \quad T \models \neg \exists v_1 \dots \exists v_n (\psi \wedge \neg \phi_{j_1} \wedge \neg \phi_{j_2} \wedge \dots \wedge \neg \phi_{j_k}).$$

Now 13.8.1 is equivalent to

$$T \models \forall v_1 \dots \forall v_n \left(\left(\bigvee_{i=1}^k \phi_{j_i} \right) \rightarrow \psi \right),$$

and 13.8.2 is equivalent to

$$T \models \forall v_1 \dots \forall v_n \left(\psi \rightarrow \left(\bigvee_{i=1}^k \phi_{j_i} \right) \right).$$

So ψ is $E_n(T)$ -equivalent to $\left(\bigvee_{i \in \mathcal{D}} \phi_i \right)$ for some non-empty subset \mathcal{D} of $\{1, \dots, N\}$.

We assumed that $T \models \exists v_1 \dots \exists v_n \psi$. If this is not the case, then ψ is $E_n(T)$ -equivalent to, say, $\neg \forall v_i \phi_i$. So the number of $E_n(T)$ -equivalence classes is at most the number of subsets of $\{1, \dots, N\}$.

Thus $|E_n(\mathcal{L})/E_n(T)| \leq 2^N$ as required.

Case 2 There are infinitely many n -types (over T).

Let $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_r, \dots$ be the distinct n -types (over T) and (since we are assuming that they are all principal) let $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_r, \dots$ be principal formulas for them.

Now if $i \neq j$ then $T \models \neg \exists v_1 \dots \exists v_n (\phi_i \wedge \phi_j) \dots (*)$.
 For if $i \neq j$, then $p_i \neq p_j$ so there is some formula $\psi \in p_i$ such that $\psi \notin p_j$, so $\neg \psi \in p_j$. But then $T \models \forall v_1 \dots \forall v_n (\phi_i \rightarrow \psi)$ and $T \models \forall v_1 \dots \forall v_n (\phi_j \rightarrow \neg \psi)$ which implies $T \models \neg \exists v_1 \dots \exists v_n (\phi_i \wedge \phi_j)$, as required.

(This argument also shows that there are, indeed, at most countably many n -types (over T .)

Now let $q := \left\{ \left(\bigwedge_{i \in \Delta} \neg \phi_i \right) : \Delta \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots\}, \Delta \text{ finite} \right\}$

Clearly q is closed under conjunction, and for all $\Delta \subseteq_{\text{fin}} \{1, 2, \dots\}$, $T \models \exists v_1 \dots \exists v_n \left(\bigwedge_{i \in \Delta} \neg \phi_i \right)$ because

otherwise we would have $T \models \forall v_1 \dots \forall v_n \left(\bigvee_{i \in \Delta} \phi_i \right)$. But if we choose $j_0 \in \{1, 2, \dots\} \setminus \Delta$, then certainly $T \models \exists v_1 \dots \exists v_n (\phi_{j_0} \wedge \left(\bigvee_{i \in \Delta} \phi_i \right))$, so $T \models \exists v_1 \dots \exists v_n \left(\bigvee_{i \in \Delta} (\phi_{j_0} \wedge \phi_i) \right)$

so $T \models \bigvee_{i \in \Delta} \exists v_1 \dots \exists v_n (\phi_{j_0} \wedge \phi_i)$, which clearly contradicts (*).

This shows that q is a partial n -type (over T), and hence, by 13.3(1), $q \subseteq p$ for some n -type p (over T).

But $p = p_{i_0}$ for some i_0 , so $\phi_{i_0} \in p_{i_0}$. But

$\neg \phi_{i_0} \in q \subseteq p_{i_0}$, so $(\phi_{i_0} \wedge \neg \phi_{i_0}) \in p_{i_0}$ - contradiction.

So we have shown that there must be at least one non-principal n -type (over T)

□

13.9 Exercise

Let $T = \text{Th}(\langle \mathbb{Z}; +; 0, 1 \rangle)$. Prove that there are uncountably many 1-types (over T).

13.10 Exercise

Let T be ω -categorical and let $\mathcal{A} \models T$. For $S \subseteq A$, denote by $\langle S \rangle$ the smallest substructure of \mathcal{A} containing the set S in its domain (see 3.5).

Prove that if S is finite then so is $\langle S \rangle$.