

Forking and Dividing
at a
Generic Scale

An Introduction to Kim-Independence
and $NSOP_2$

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Last time

The last session was dedicated to a proof of

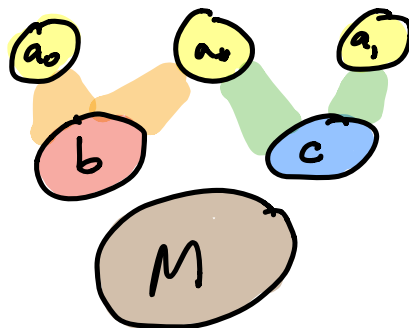
The Independence Theorem

Suppose T is $NSOP_1$ and $M \models T$.

Then if $a_0 \equiv_M a_1$, $a_0 \perp_M^k b$, $a_1 \perp_M^k c$ and $b \perp_M^k c$, then there is some

$a_x \in \text{tp}(a_0/Mb) \cup \text{tp}(a_1/Mc)$ such that

$$a_x \perp_M^k bc.$$



The proof proceeded in 3 preliminary steps:

1.

Establish a weak independence theorem:

If T is NSOP₁, and $M \neq T$, if

$$a_0 \equiv_M a_1, \quad a_0 \perp_M^k b, \quad a_1 \perp_M^k c,$$

and $b \perp_M^u c$, then there is

$$a_{\neq} \models \text{tp}(a_0/Mb) \cup \text{tp}(a_1/Mc) \text{ with}$$

$$a_{\neq} \perp_M^k bc.$$

2. Prove a "consistency along trees" lemma:

If T is NSOP₁, $M \neq T$ and $a \perp_M^k b$,

then if $(b_\eta)_{\eta \in T_\alpha}$ is a tree consisting

of realizations of $\text{tp}(b/M)$, spread

out over M and satisfying $b_\eta \perp_M^u b_{\sigma\eta}$
 for all $\eta \in T_\alpha$, then there is

a_* such that $a_* b_\eta \equiv_M a b$ for all
 $\eta \in T_\alpha$ and $a_* \perp_M^k (b_\eta)_{\eta \in T_\alpha}$.

3. Prove the "Zig-Zag Lemma":

Suppose T is $NSOP_1$, $M \models T$, and
 $b \perp_M^k b'$. Then, for any global
 M -finitely satisfiable type $q \equiv tp(b/M)$,

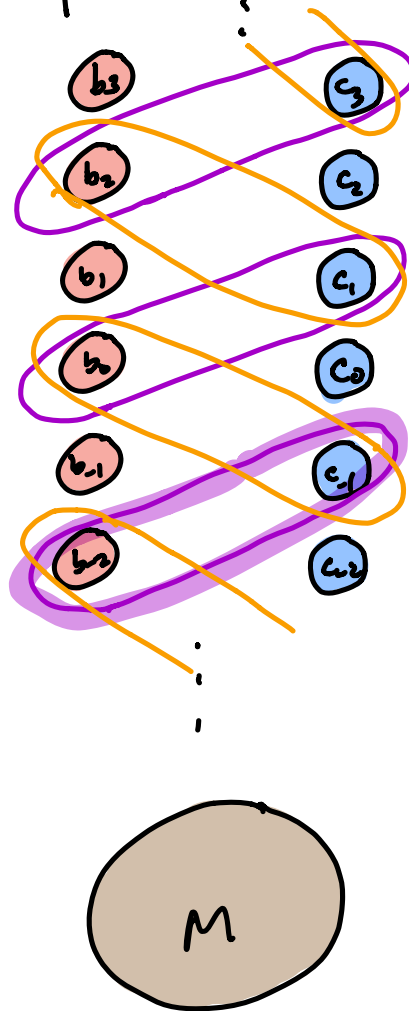
there is a tree Morley sequence

$\langle (b_i, b'_i) : i < \omega \rangle$ with $(b_0, b'_0) = (b, b')$

such that (1) if $i \leq j$, then $b_i b'_j \equiv_M b b'$,

and (2) if $i > j$, then $b_i \perp_M b'_j$.

Then we get the theorem, as in the following picture:



As a final application, we upgraded this result to get the

Strengthened Independence Theorem

Suppose T is $NSOP_1$ and $M \models T$, if

$a_0 \equiv_M a_1$, $a_0 \perp_M^k b$, $a_1 \perp_M^k c$, and

$b \perp_M^k c$, then there is a_* such that

$a_* \equiv_M b a_0$, $a_* \equiv_M c a_1$, and, additionally,

$a_* \perp_M^k bc$, $b \perp_M^k a_* c$, and $c \perp_M^k a_* b$.

Plan for 5th talk

1. Give 2 further applications of the independence theorem.
2. Prove local character
3. Prove transitivity and witnessing.

\perp^k -Morley sequences

Definition

An \perp^k -Morley sequence over M is an M -indiscernible sequence $(a_i)_{i < \omega}$ such that $a_i \perp_M^k a_{< i}$ for all $i < \omega$.

Observation ("chain condition for \perp^k -Morley sequences")

Suppose T is NSOP₁, $M \models T$, and $a \perp_M^k b$. If $(b_i)_{i < \omega}$ is an \perp^k -Morley sequence over M with $b_0 = b$, then there is $a' \equiv_{M_b} a$ such that I is $M a'$ -indiscernible and $a' \perp_M^k I$.

Proof let $p(x; b) = \prod_{i=1}^k p(x_i; b_i)$.

By induction on n , we will choose

$$a_n \in \bigcup_{i \leq n} p(x; b_i) \quad \text{with} \quad a_n \perp_M^k b_{\leq n}.$$

To begin, we set $a_0 = a$. Then

given a_n , we pick $a' \in p(x; b_{n+1})$.

Thus, we have $a_n \equiv_M a'$, $a_n \perp_M^k b_{\leq n}$,

$a' \perp_M^k b_{n+1}$, and $b_{n+1} \perp_M^k b_{\leq n}$. Then

by the independence theorem, there is

$$a_{n+1} \in \bigcup_{i \leq n+1} p(x; b_i) \quad \text{with} \quad a_{n+1} \perp_M^k b_{\leq n+1}.$$

By compactness, there is $a_{\infty} \in \bigcup_{i < \omega} p(x; b_i)$

with $a_{\infty} \perp_M^k I$. Extract from I an

Max-indiscernible sequence $I' = \langle b_i' : i < \omega \rangle$.

Note that if $a_{\ast} \not\downarrow_M^k I'$, then, by symmetry, $I' \not\downarrow_M^k a_{\ast}$ and thus $b'_{\leq n} \not\downarrow_M^k a_{\ast}$, witnessed by some $\varphi(x_0, \dots, x_n; a_{\ast}) \in \text{tp}(b'_{\leq n} / M a_{\ast})$. But because I' was extracted from I , it follows there are $i_0 < \dots < i_n$ such that $\models \varphi(b_{i_0}, \dots, b_{i_n}; a_{\ast})$, contradicting $I \downarrow_M^k a_{\ast}$. So $a_{\ast} \downarrow_M^k I'$ and $I' \equiv_M I$. Choose a_{\ast}' such that $a_{\ast} I' \equiv_M a_{\ast}' I$. Then $a_{\ast}' \models \bigcup_{i < \omega} p(x_i; b_i)$ and I is $M a_{\ast}'$ -indiscernible, as desired.

\perp^f -Morley Sequences

Recall:

Definition

An \perp^f -Morley sequence over A is an A -indiscernible sequence such that $a_i \perp_A^f a_{<i}$ for all $i < \omega$.

Proposition

Suppose T is $NSOP_1$ and $M \models T$.

The following are equivalent:

(1) $\varphi(x; a)$ Kim-divides over M

(2) There is an \perp^f -Morley sequence $\langle a_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$

over M with $a_0 = a$ such that

$\{\varphi(x; a_i) : i < \omega\}$ is inconsistent.

(3) For all \perp^f -Morley sequences
 $\langle a_i : i < \omega \rangle$ over M with $a_0 = a$,
 $\{\varphi(x; a_i) : i < \omega\}$ is inconsistent.

Proof

(3) \Rightarrow (1) \Rightarrow (2) is immediate from the fact that $\perp^i \Rightarrow \perp^f$ and hence every Morley sequence over M in a global M -invariant type is also an \perp^f -Morley sequence over M (and these always exist). Notice also (2) \Rightarrow (1) by the previous proposition and $\perp^f \Rightarrow \perp^k$.

So now we prove $(1) \Rightarrow (3)$.

We will need one additional tool.

Definition

Suppose $M \models T$ and $\bar{a} = (a_i)_{i \in \omega}$ is an

M -indiscernible sequence. A global

M -invariant type $q \geq \text{tp}(\bar{a}/M)$ is

called an indiscernible type if,

whenever $\bar{a}' \models q$, \bar{a}' is M -indiscernible.

Lemma

Suppose $M \models T$ and $\bar{a} = (a_i)_{i < \omega}$ is an M -indiscernible sequence.

(1) There is an indiscernible global

M -invariant type $q \geq tp(\bar{a}/M)$.

(2) If $q \geq tp(\bar{a}/M)$ is an indiscernible global M -invariant type, then if

$(\bar{a}_i)_{i < \omega} \models q^{\otimes \omega} \upharpoonright M$, $(a_{i,j})_{i,j < \omega}$ is

a mutually indiscernible array over

M .



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 $i \neq j$

\bar{a}_i is $\bar{a}_{\neq i}$ -indiscernible
for all $i < \omega$.

Proof (1) (Sketch) Let $r \equiv_{tp}(\bar{a}/M)$ be a global M -invariant type and let $N \supseteq M$ be an $|M|^+$ -saturated model. Let $\bar{a}' \equiv r|_N$ and let \bar{b} be an N -indiscernible sequence extracted from \bar{a}' .

We claim $tp(\bar{b}/N)$ is M -invariant.

If not, there are $i_0 < \dots < i_{n-1} < \omega$ and

$c \equiv_n c'$ in M such that, for some φ ,

$$\models \varphi(b_{i_0}, \dots, b_{i_{n-1}}; c) \leftrightarrow \neg \varphi(b_{i_0}, \dots, b_{i_{n-1}}; c').$$

Since \bar{b} was extracted from \bar{a}' ,

there are $j_0 < \dots < j_{n-1} < \omega$ such that

$$\models \varphi(a'_{j_0, -}, \dots, a'_{j_{n-1}, -}; c) \leftrightarrow \neg \varphi(a'_{j_0, -}, \dots, a'_{j_{n-1}, -}; c'),$$

contradicting the fact that q is M -invariant.

Hence $\text{tp}(\bar{b}/N)$ has a unique global

M -invariant extension. Using saturation,

it is easy to check this extension is

indiscernible.

(2) By induction on $n < \omega$, we will show

that $(\bar{a}_i)_{i \leq n}$ is a mutually indiscernible

array, ^{over M} For $n=0$, there is nothing to

show. Assume it has been established

for n . As q is an indiscernible

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type, we have \bar{a}_{n+1} is
 $M_{\bar{a}_{\leq n}}$ -indiscernible. By hypothesis,
 if $i \leq n$, \bar{a}_i is indiscernible over

$$M_{\bar{a}_{< i}; \bar{a}_{i+1}, \dots, \bar{a}_n}.$$

Since q is M -invariant and

$$\bar{a}_{n+1} \models q \upharpoonright M_{\bar{a}_{\leq n}},$$

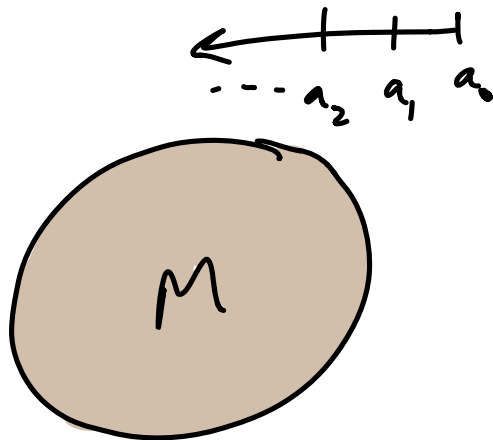
it follows that \bar{a}_i is indiscernible

over $M_{\bar{a}_{< i}; \bar{a}_{i+1} - \bar{a}_{n+1}}$. □

(1) \Rightarrow (3)

We want to show that if $\mathcal{V}(x; a)$ Kim-divides over M , then for all \downarrow^f -Morley sequences $I = \langle a_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$ over M with $a_0 = a$, $\{\mathcal{V}(x; a_i) \mid i < \omega\}$ is inconsistent.

Suppose not; assume $I = \langle a_i \mid i < \omega \rangle$ is an \downarrow^f -Morley sequence over M such that $\mathcal{V}(x; a_0)$ Kim-divides over M and $\{\mathcal{V}(x; a_i) \mid i < \omega\}$ is consistent.



By induction on n , we will choose a sequence $(b_i)_{i \leq n}$ and an elementary chain $(N_i)_{i \leq n}$ such that, for all $n < \omega$,

$$(1) \quad b_0, \dots, b_n \equiv_M a_0, \dots, a_n$$

$$(2) \quad M < N_n < N_{n+1}$$

$$(3) \quad b_n \downarrow_M^f N_n$$

$$(4) \quad b_n \in N_{n+1}. \quad b_{\leq n} \in N_{n+1}$$

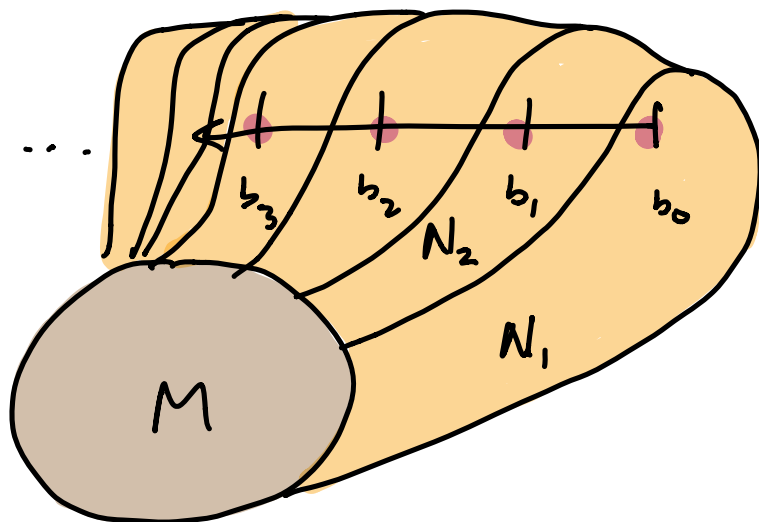
To begin, we put $b_0 = a_0$ and take

$N_0 = M$. Then, given $(b_i)_{i \leq n}$
 and $(N_i)_{i \leq n}$, by (1) we can
 pick c such that

$$b_{\leq n} c \equiv_M a_{\leq n} a_{n+1}.$$

Then $c \perp_M^f b_{\leq n}$. Let N_{n+1} be a
 small model containing $\underline{N_n b_n}$.

By extension, there is $b_{n+1} \equiv_{M b_{\leq n}}^f c$
 such that $b_{n+1} \perp_M^f N_{n+1}$.

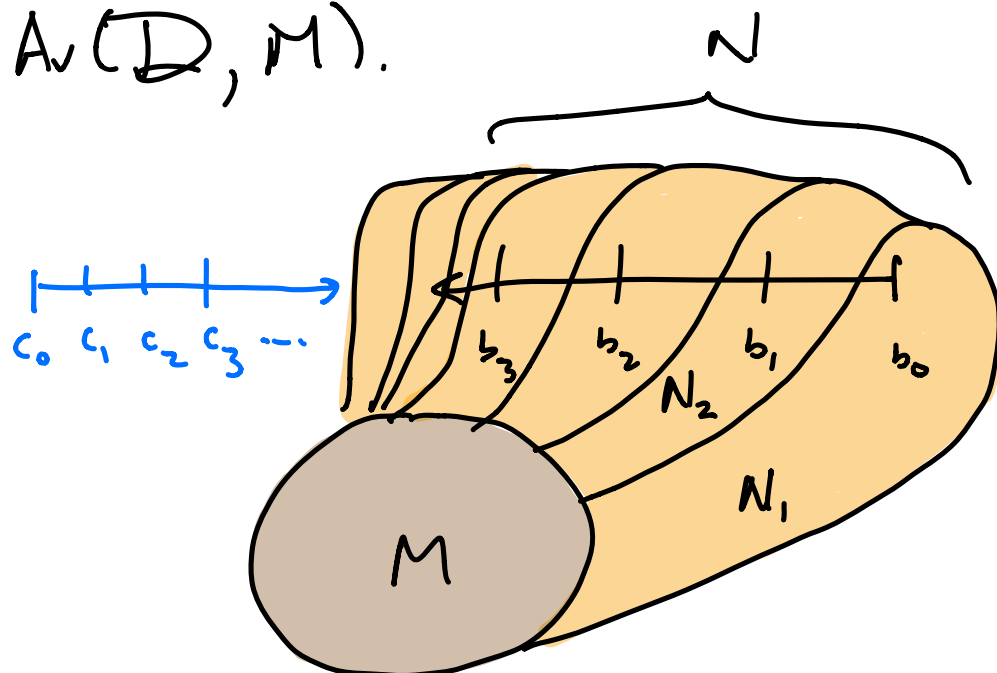


Then by (1), $(b_i)_{i < \omega}$ is also an \perp^f -Morley sequence over M , and $\{\varphi(x, b_i) : i < \omega\}$ is consistent.

Let $N = \bigcup_{i < \omega} N_i$ and let \mathcal{D}

be a non-principal ultrafilter on $N^{\aleph(\omega)}$ concentrating on $\{b_i : i < \omega\}$.

Let $(c_i)_{i < \omega}$ be a Morley sequence over N in $\text{Av}(\mathcal{D}, M)$.



Claim

$$\bar{c} \perp_M^f N.$$

Proof First, we will show $b_{\geq n} \perp_M^f N_n$

for all $n < \omega$. By induction on $k < \omega$,

we will show $b_n, \dots, b_{n+k} \perp_M^f N_n$.

For $k=0$, this follows by construction. Assume

it for k . As $b_{\leq n+k}$ is contained in

N_{n+k} and $b_{n+k+1} \perp_M^f N_{n+k}$, we have

$b_{n+k+1} \perp_M^f N_n b_n, \dots, b_{n+k}$. By base

monotonicity, $b_{n+k+1} \perp_{M b_n, \dots, b_{n+k}}^f N_n$.

The inductive hypothesis states that

$$b_{n,-}, b_{n+k} \perp_M^f N_n,$$

So, by left-transitivity,

$$b_{n,-}, b_{n+k+1} \perp_M^f N_n.$$

If $\varphi(x_0, \dots, x_n; m)$ is a formula over N that fails over M , then there is some k such that $m \in N_k$. The above shows

$$(\forall^{i_1}) (\forall^{i_2}) \dots (\forall^{i_n}) [\neg \varphi(b_{i_0}, \dots, b_{i_n}; m)]$$

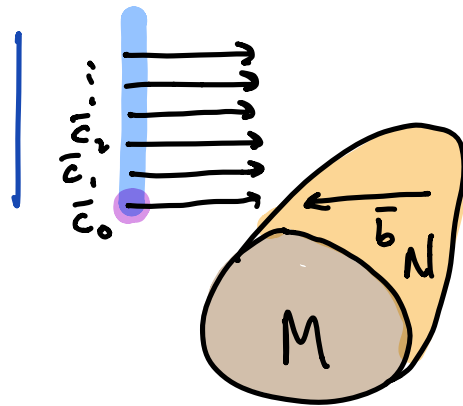
hence $\neg \varphi(c_n; m)$. This shows

$$\bar{c} \perp_M^f N.$$

In particular, we have $N \perp_M^k \bar{c}$.

Let $q \equiv \text{tp}(\bar{c}/M)$ be a global

M -invariant indiscernible type and let $(\bar{c}_i)_{i \in \omega} \models q^\circ / M$ be a Morley sequence over M in q with $\bar{c}_0 = \bar{c}$. By $M \perp_M^k \bar{c}$, we may assume $(\bar{c}_i)_{i \in \omega}$ is N -indiscernible.



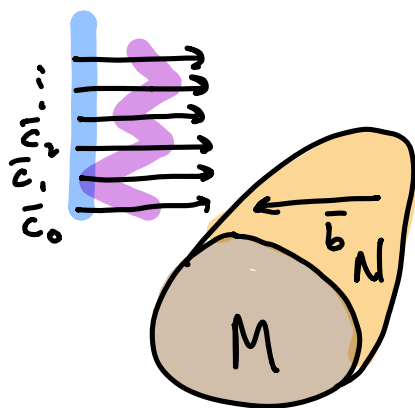
Note that because $c_{0,0} \equiv_M a$, we know $\varphi(x; c_{0,0})$ Kim-divides over M . It follows by Kim's lemma that

$$\{ \varphi(x; c_{i,0}) : i \in \omega \}$$

is inconsistent. But because $(\bar{c}_i)_{i \in \omega}$ is a mutually indiscernible array, we know that for any function $f: \omega \rightarrow \omega$

$$(\forall) \{ \Psi(x; c_i, f(i)) : i \in \omega \}$$

is inconsistent.



Moreover, because $(\bar{c}_i)_{i \in \omega}$ is N -indiscernible and \bar{c}_0 is a Morley sequence in an N -finitely satisfiable type, \bar{c}_i is a Morley sequence in an N -finitely satisfiable

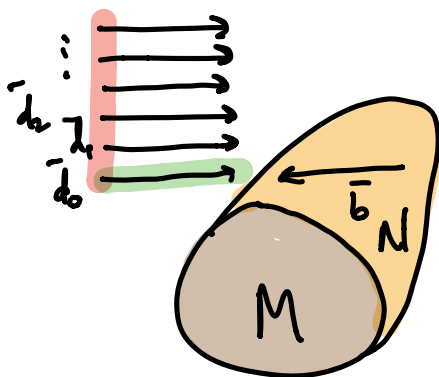
type. Moreover,

$$\{\varphi(x; c_{i,j}) : j < \omega\}$$

is consistent for all $i < \omega$.

Let $(d_{i,j})_{i,j < \omega}$ be a mutually indiscernible array over N extracted from $(c_{i,j})_{i,j < \omega}$.

By (4), $\{\varphi(x; d_{i,0}) : i < \omega\}$ is inconsistent.



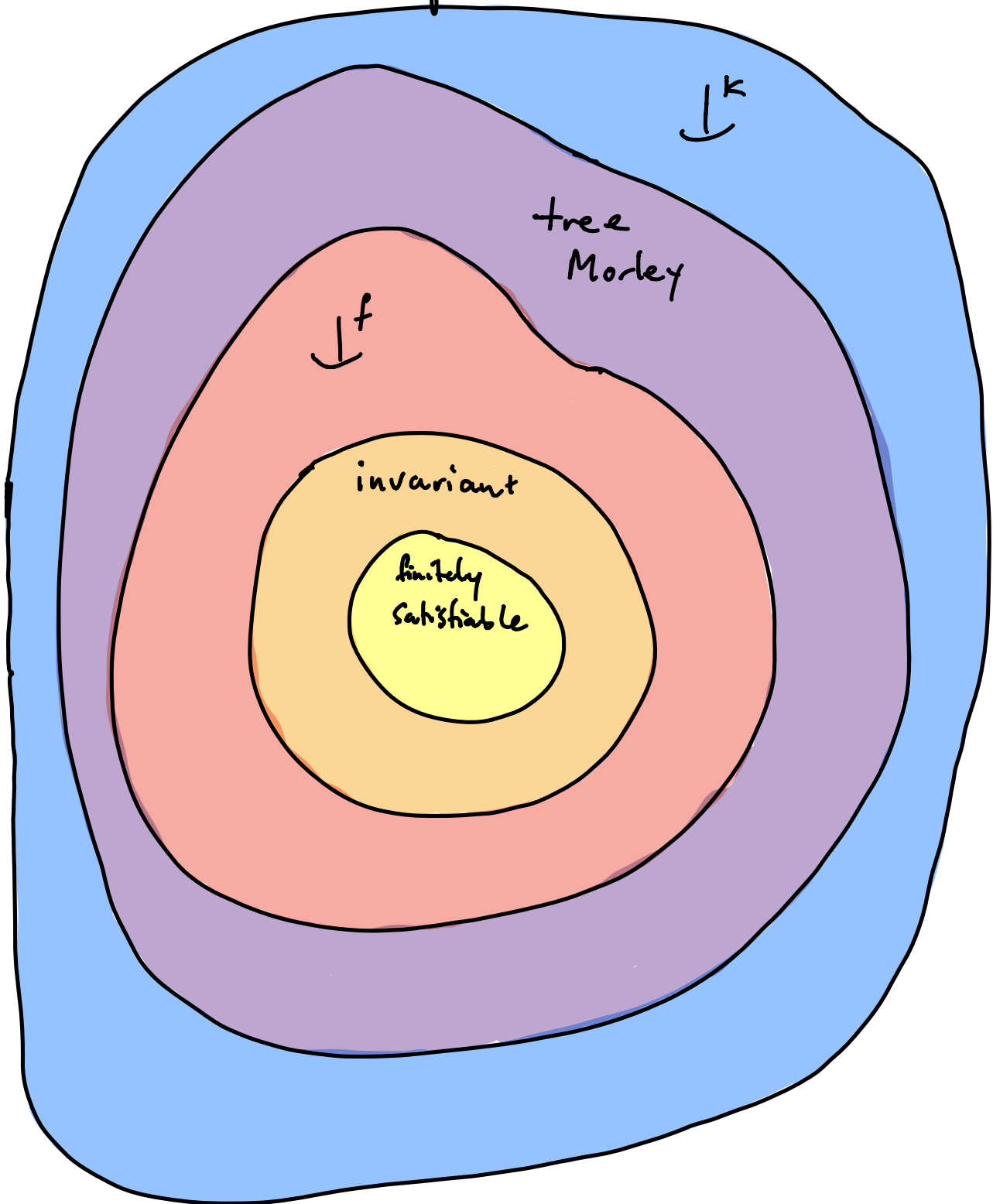
Likewise, $\{\varphi(x; d_{0,j}) : j < \omega\}$ is consistent

and \bar{d}_0 is a Morley sequence in a global

N -finitely satisfiable type, so $\varphi(x; d_{0,0})$

does not Kim-divide over N . Moreover,
 \bar{d}_i is $N\bar{d}_{c_i}$ -indiscernible so $\bar{d}_{c_i} \downarrow_N^K d_{i,0}$
 by Kim's lemma. It follows that
 $(d_{i,0})_{i \in \omega}$ is an \downarrow^K -Morley sequence
 over N . Since $\varphi(x; d_{0,0})$ does not
 Kim-divide over N , $\{\varphi(x; d_{i,0}) : i \in \omega\}$
 is consistent (by the chain condition from
 before). That's a contradiction. \blacksquare

Generic Sequences



Local Character

Recall local character for simple theories:

(*) for all sets A and finite tuples

a , there is $B \subseteq A$ with $|B| \leq |T|$

such that $a \perp_B^f A$.

This asserts the existence of one set (of size $\leq |T|$) over which $\text{tp}(a/A)$ does

not fork — but it immediately, by

base monotonicity implies the existence

of many, since if $a \perp_B^f A$, then

$a \perp_C^f A$ for all sets C with $B \subseteq C \subseteq A$.

This is what is actually used in applications.

The Generalized Club Filter

Definition

Suppose X is a set and κ is a cardinal.

We write $[X]^\kappa$ for $\{Y \subseteq X : |Y| = \kappa\}$.

A subset $C \subseteq [X]^\kappa$ is called a club if C is

(1) closed: If $\langle Y_i : i < \alpha \leq \kappa \rangle$ is

a chain in C — i.e. $Y_i \subseteq Y_{i+1}$ and

$Y_i \in C$ for all $i < \alpha$ — then $\bigcup_{i < \alpha} Y_i \in C$.

(2) unbounded: If $Z \in [X]^\kappa$, there is

$Y \in C$ with $Z \subseteq Y$.

The (generalized) club filter on $[X]^\kappa$ is the filter generated by the clubs.

Example

Suppose M is an L -structure.

$$\{N \preceq M \mid |N| = |L|\}$$

is a club in $[M]^{|T|}$.

Proof Trivial if $|M| \leq |T|$. In general

(a) $\{N \preceq M \mid |N| = |T|\}$ is closed because

a union of an elementary chain is an elementary extension.

(b) $\{N \preceq M \mid |N| = |T|\}$ is unbounded by

downward lowenheim-skolem.

Key Facts

(1) If $\gamma < \kappa$ and $(C_i)_{i < \gamma}$ is a sequence of clubs in $[X]^\kappa$, then

$$\bigcap_{i < \gamma} C_i$$

is club in $[X]^\kappa$

(2) The club filter is also closed under

diagonal intersection — that is, if

$(C_x)_{x \in X}$ is a family of clubs,

$$\Delta_{x \in X} C_x := \{ Y \in [X]^\kappa \mid Y \in \bigcap_{x \in Y} C_x \} \text{ is club.}$$

Definition

A set $S \subseteq [X]^\kappa$ is called stationary if

$S \cap C \neq \emptyset$ for every club $C \subseteq [X]^\kappa$.

Analogy

measure 1 : club

positive measure : stationary

Our aim now is to prove the following

Theorem

The following are equivalent:

(1) T is $NSOP_1$

(2) If $M \models T$, for every $p \in S_x(M)$,

$\{N \prec M \mid |N| = |T| \text{ and } p \text{ does not fork over } N\}$

is stationary.

(3) If $M \models T$, for every $p \in S_x(M)$,

$\{N \prec M \mid |N| = |T| \text{ and } p \text{ does not Kim-fork over } N\}$

contains a club.

(2) \Rightarrow (1)

We will assume T has SOP_1 and construct a model M and $p \in S_x(M)$ such that

$$\{N \triangleleft M \mid |N| = |T| \text{ and } p \text{ Kim-forks over } N\}$$

contains a club. This implies

$$\{N \triangleleft M \mid |N| = |T| \text{ and } p \text{ does not Kim-fork over } N\}$$

is not stationary.

Fix a Skolemization T^{sk} of T ,

with $|T^{sk}| = |T|$.

As T has SOP_1 , there is some L -formula $\varphi(x; y)$ and an array

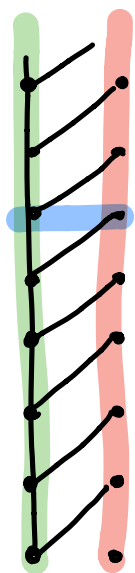
$(c_{i,0}, c_{i,1})_{i \in |T|^+}$ such that

(1) $\{\varphi(x; c_{i,0}) : i \in |T|^+\}$ is consistent.

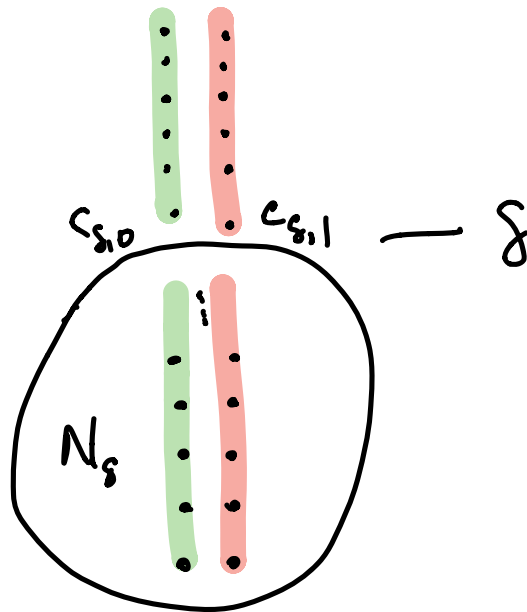
(2) $\{\varphi(x; c_{i,1}) : i \in |T|^+\}$ is 2-inconsistent.

(3) $c_{i,0} \equiv_{\bar{c}_i}^{L^{Sk}} c_{i,1}$ for all $i \in |T|^+$.

(4) $(\bar{c}_i)_{i \in |T|^+}$ is L^{Sk} -indiscernible.

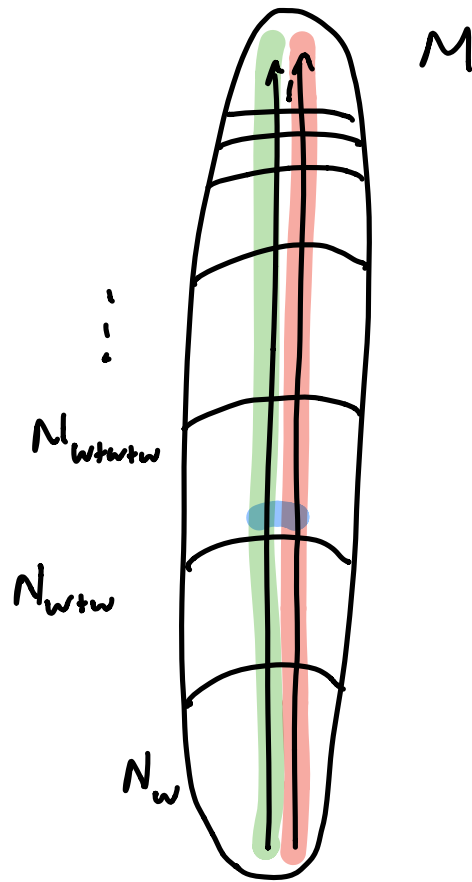


Let $M = \text{dcl}_{L^{sk}}(\bar{c}_{\alpha\Gamma\Gamma}) \upharpoonright L$.



Let $N_S = \text{Sk}(\bar{c}_{e_S})$. If S is a limit ordinal, then $(c_{i,1})_{i \geq S}$ is a Morley sequence in a global N_S -finitely satisfiable type extending $\text{tp}_L(c_{S,1}/N_S)$, by L^{sk} -indiscernibility of $(\bar{c}_i)_{i \in \Gamma\Gamma}$. But because $c_{S,0} \equiv_{\bar{c}_{e_S}}^{L^{sk}} c_{S,1}$, we know $c_{S,0} \equiv_{N_S}^L c_{S,1}$.

Hence $\varphi(x; c_{s,0})$ Kim-divides over N_s ,
 as $\{\varphi(x; c_{i,1}) : i \geq \delta\}$ is 2-inconsistent.



Let \mathcal{P} be
 any completion
 over M of
 $\{\varphi(x; c_{s,0}) : s \in \Pi^+\}$.

As $\{\text{del}_{|s_k}(\bar{c}_{s,s}) \mid s \in \text{lim}(\Pi^+)\}$
 is club in $[M]^{|\Pi|}$, we have completed
 the proof.

Heirs

Definition

Suppose $M < N$ and $q \in S_x(N)$.

We say q is an heir of $q|_M$ if,
for every formula $\varphi(x; y) \in L(M)$, if $\varphi(x; n) \in q$,
then there is some $m \in M$ with $\varphi(x; m) \in q|_M$.

Equivalently, q is an heir of $q|_M$ if,
for some (equivalently, all) $a \models q$,

$$N \underset{M}{\downarrow}^u a.$$

Lemma

Suppose N is a model and $p \in S_x(N)$.

Then $\{M \preceq N \mid |M| = |N| \text{ and } p \upharpoonright M \text{ is an heir of } p\}$

is a club of $[N]^{|N|}$.

Proof

• closed: Fix $a \models p$ and suppose

$(M_i)_{i < \alpha}$ is a chain of elementary

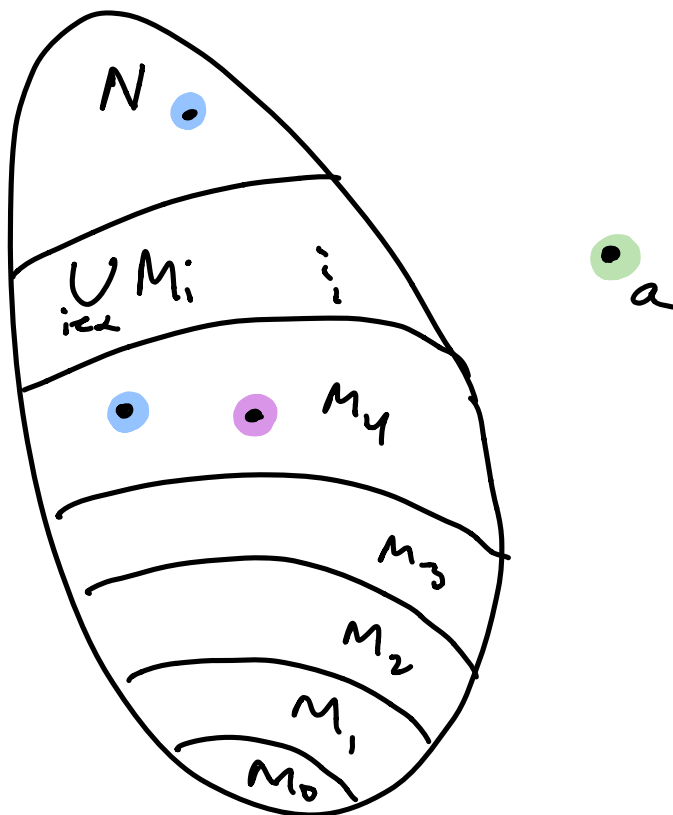
submodels of N such that $N \perp_{M_i}^u a$

for all $i < \alpha$. We may assume α is

a limit ordinal. Then if

$\varphi(z; a) \in \text{tp}(N / \bigcup_{i < \alpha} M_i; a)$, then the

parameters of \mathcal{Q} all come from M_i or
for some $i < \alpha$, hence the formula is
satisfied in M_i .



- unbounded: Expand T to make P definable — that is, for each formula $\psi(x; y)$, add a $|y|$ -ary relation symbol $R_\psi(y)$, interpreted so that

$$R_\psi^N = \{c \in N^{|y|} \mid \psi(x; c) \in P\}.$$

Let L_P be this larger language.

Note that $|L_P| = |L|$ so, by

downward Löwenheim-Skolem,

if $X \subseteq N$ has size $|T|$, there

is an L_P -elementary substructure

$M \preceq N$ such that $X \subseteq M$ and

$|M| = |T|$. It is easy to
check that $M \leq^L N$ implies

p is an heir of p/M so

M is in our set.

□

(1) \Rightarrow (3) (P. Simon)

Suppose T is NSOP₁, $M \not\equiv T$, and

$p \in S_x(M)$. We want to show

$\{N \preceq M \mid |N| = |T| \text{ and } p \text{ does not Kim-fork over } N\}$

contains a club.

Let $a \in p$. Then if $N \preceq M$ and

p is an heir of $p|_N$, we have

$M \underset{N}{\perp}^a$ and hence $a \underset{N}{\perp}^k M$

by symmetry. The previous lemma,

then, shows that

$\{N \preceq M \mid |N| = |T| \text{ and } p \text{ does not Kim-fork over } N\}$

contains a club. \blacksquare

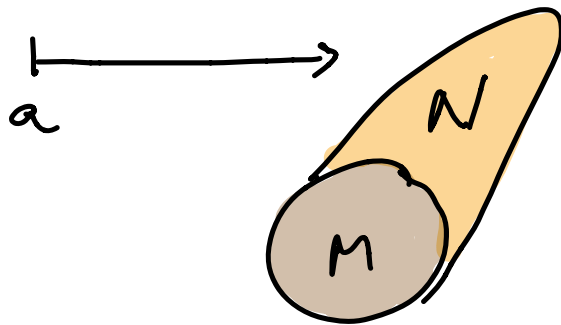
Towards transitivity

lemma

Suppose T is $NSOP_1$,

$M \leq N \models T$ and $a \perp_n^k N$.

Then there is a sequence $I = (a_i)_{i \in \omega}$ such that simultaneously a tree Morley sequence over N and \perp^k -Morley over M , with $a_0 = a$.



Proof

Let $\langle a_i : i \in \mathbb{Z} \rangle$ be a Morley sequence in a global N -finitely satisfiable type with $a_0 = a$. Then this sequence is a tree Morley sequence over N . Let $\langle b_i : i \in \omega \rangle$ be defined by $b_i = a_{-i}$ for all $i \in \omega$. Then \bar{b} is a tree Morley sequence over N .

We claim additionally that

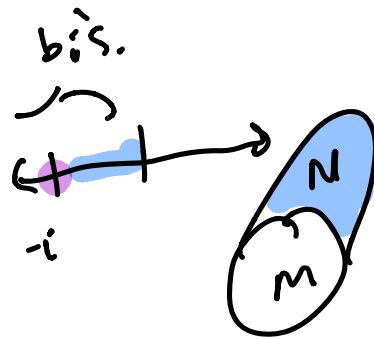
$$b_i \perp_M^{\kappa} b_{\leq i} \quad \text{for all } i \in \omega.$$

By symmetry, it suffices to show

$$b_{z_i} \mathcal{N} \perp_M^K b_i;$$

or, equivalently,

$$a_{z_i} \mathcal{N} \perp_M^K a_{-i}.$$



So suppose $\varphi(a_{z_i, n}; a_{-i})$.

As $a_{z_i} \perp_N^u a_{-i}$, there is some

$n' \in \mathcal{N}$ such that

$$\vDash \varphi(n', n; a_{-i}),$$

and as $a \equiv_N a_{-i}$, it follows

that $\varphi(z, y; a_{-i})$ Kim-divides

over M if and only if

$\varphi(z, y; a)$ kin-divides over M ,

and also $\nexists \varphi(n; n; a_{-i})$ if

and only if $\nexists \varphi(n; n; a)$.

As $N \perp_M^k a$, by symmetry,

we conclude $\varphi(z, y; a_{-i})$

does not kin-fork over M .

This shows $b_i \perp_M^k b_{<i} N$. \square