

# Special Topics on Applied Mathematical Logic

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## Outline

### First-Order Logic

- Truth and Models (Semantics)

  - Logical Implication

  - Definability

  - Homomorphisms

# Truth and Models

- ▶ Truth assignments are to sentential logic what **structures** (or **interpretations**) are to first-order logic
- ▶ A structure for a first-order language tells
  1. what the universe (the set of objects that  $\forall$  refers to) is, and
  2. what the parameters (predicate, constant, function symbols) mean

# Truth and Models

Formally, a **structure**  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a function whose domain is the set of parameters and

1.  $\mathfrak{A}$  assigns to the symbol  $\forall$  a *nonempty set*  $|\mathfrak{A}|$  called the **universe** (or **domain**) of  $\mathfrak{A}$   
 $\forall$  — for everything in  $|\mathfrak{A}|$
2.  $\mathfrak{A}$  assigns to each  $n$ -place predicate symbol  $P$  an  $n$ -ary relation  $P^{\mathfrak{A}} \subseteq |\mathfrak{A}|^n$   
 $Pt_1, \dots, t_n$  —  $t_1, \dots, t_n \in |\mathfrak{A}|$  is in  $P^{\mathfrak{A}}$
3.  $\mathfrak{A}$  assigns to each constant symbol  $c$  a member  $c^{\mathfrak{A}}$  of  $|\mathfrak{A}|$   
 $c$  —  $c^{\mathfrak{A}}$
4.  $\mathfrak{A}$  assigns to each  $n$ -place function symbol  $f$  an  $n$ -ary operation  $f^{\mathfrak{A}} : |\mathfrak{A}|^n \rightarrow |\mathfrak{A}|$  (the mapping must be total)

# Truth and Models

## Example

- Language of set theory

$$\exists x \forall y \neg y \in x$$

- There exists a set s.t. every set is not its member

$$\forall x \forall y \exists z \forall t (t \in z \Leftrightarrow (t = x \vee t = y))$$

- For every two sets  $x$  and  $y$ , there exists a set  $z$  such that for every set  $t$ ,  $t \in z$  iff  $t = x$  or  $t = y$  (pair-set axiom)

- Language of number theory

Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be such that  $|\mathfrak{A}| = \mathbb{N}$  and  $\in^{\mathfrak{A}}$  is the set of pairs  $\langle m, n \rangle$  with  $m < n$

$$\exists x \forall y \neg y \in x$$

- There exists a natural number that is the smallest
- We say  $\exists x \forall y \neg y \in x$  is **true** in  $\mathfrak{A}$ , or  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a **model** of  $\exists x \forall y \neg y \in x$

$$\forall x \forall y \exists z \forall t (t \in z \Leftrightarrow (t = x \vee t = y))$$

- The formula is not true (i.e., false) in  $\mathfrak{A}$

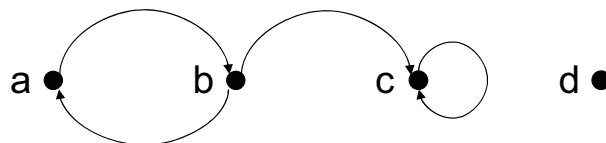
# Truth and Models

## Example

Consider a language with  $\forall$  and 2-place predicate symbol  $E$

Let structure  $\mathfrak{B}$  have

- $|\mathfrak{B}| = \{a, b, c, d\}$  (vertex set)
- $E^{\mathfrak{B}} = \{\langle a, b \rangle, \langle b, a \rangle, \langle b, c \rangle, \langle c, c \rangle\}$  (edge set)



$$\exists x \forall y \neg Eyx$$

- The formula is true in  $\mathfrak{B}$  (there is a vertex not pointed to from any vertex)

# Truth and Models

- ▶ A sentence  $\sigma$  is true in  $\mathfrak{A}$ , denoted  $\models_{\mathfrak{A}} \sigma$
- ▶ To formally define  $\models_{\mathfrak{A}} \varphi$ , let  
 $\varphi$  be a wff of our language,  
 $\mathfrak{A}$  be a structure for the language, and  
 $s : V \rightarrow |\mathfrak{A}|$  for  $V$  being the set of all variables.

Then  $\models_{\mathfrak{A}} \varphi[s]$  (meaning  $\mathfrak{A}$  satisfies  $\varphi$  with  $s$ ) iff the translation of  $\varphi$  determined by  $\mathfrak{A}$  is true, where variable  $x$  is translated as  $s(x)$  wherever it occurs free.

## Truth and Models

Extend  $s$  to  $\bar{s}$

case i (terms)

$\bar{s} : T \rightarrow |\mathfrak{A}|$  for  $T$  the set of all terms

$\bar{s}$  is defined recursively by

1.  $\bar{s}(x) = s(x)$  ( $x$ : variable)
2.  $\bar{s}(c) = c^{\mathfrak{A}}$  ( $c$ : constant)
3.  $\bar{s}(ft_1, \dots, t_n) = f^{\mathfrak{A}}(\bar{s}(t_1), \dots, \bar{s}(t_n))$  ( $f$ : function)

commutative diagram of  $\bar{s}(ft) = f^{\mathfrak{A}}(\bar{s}(t))$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T & \xrightarrow{\bar{s}} & |\mathfrak{A}| \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow f^{\mathfrak{A}} \\ T & \xrightarrow{\bar{s}} & |\mathfrak{A}| \end{array}$$

- ▶  $\bar{s}$  is unique
- ▶  $\bar{s}$  depends on both  $s$  and  $\mathfrak{A}$

# Truth and Models

Extend  $s$  to  $\bar{s}$  (cont'd)

case ii (atomic formulas)

explicit (not recursive) definition with

1.  $\models_{\mathfrak{A}} t_1 t_2[s]$  iff  $\bar{s}(t_1) = \bar{s}(t_2)$
2.  $\models_{\mathfrak{A}} P t_1 \cdots t_n[s]$  iff sequence  $\langle \bar{s}(t_1), \dots, \bar{s}(t_n) \rangle \in P^{\mathfrak{A}}$

# Truth and Models

Extend  $s$  to  $\bar{s}$  (cont'd)

case iii (other wffs)

recursive definition with

1. For atomic formulas, see case ii
2.  $\models_{\mathfrak{A}} \neg \varphi[s]$  iff  $\not\models_{\mathfrak{A}} \varphi[s]$
3.  $\models_{\mathfrak{A}} (\varphi \Rightarrow \psi)[s]$  iff either  $\not\models_{\mathfrak{A}} \varphi[s]$  or  $\models_{\mathfrak{A}} \psi[s]$  or both
4.  $\models_{\mathfrak{A}} \forall x \varphi[s]$  iff for every  $d \in |\mathfrak{A}|$ ,  $\models_{\mathfrak{A}} \varphi[s(x|d)]$ ,  
where  $s(x|d)(y) = \begin{cases} s(y) & \text{if } y \neq x \\ d & \text{if } y = x \end{cases}$ 
  - $\models_{\mathfrak{A}} (\alpha \wedge \beta)[s]$  iff  $\models_{\mathfrak{A}} \alpha[s]$  and  $\models_{\mathfrak{A}} \beta[s]$   
(similarly for  $\vee$  and  $\Leftrightarrow$ )
  - $\models_{\mathfrak{A}} \exists x \alpha[s]$  iff there is some  $d \in |\mathfrak{A}|$  such that  $\models_{\mathfrak{A}} \alpha[s(x|d)]$

# Truth and Models

- ▶  $\models_{\mathfrak{A}} \varphi[s]$  iff the translation of  $\varphi$  determined by  $\mathfrak{A}$  is true for free variables translated as  $s(x)$
- ▶  $s$  only matters for free variables
  - ▶ If  $\varphi$  is a sentence, then  $s$  does not matter

# Truth and Models

## Example

Consider a language with  $\forall$ ,  $P$  (two-place predicate),  $f$  (one-place function), and  $c$  (constant); let  $\mathfrak{A} = (\mathbb{N}; \leq, S, 0)$ , i.e.,

- ▶  $|\mathfrak{A}| = \mathbb{N}$
- ▶  $P^{\mathfrak{A}} = \{\langle m, n \rangle \mid m \leq n\}$
- ▶  $f^{\mathfrak{A}} = S$ , i.e.,  $f^{\mathfrak{A}}(n) = n + 1$
- ▶  $c^{\mathfrak{A}} = 0$

Let  $s(v_i) = i - 1$ . Then

$$\bar{s}(ffv_3) = 4$$

$$\bar{s}(c) = 0$$

$$\bar{s}(fffc) = 3$$

$$\models_{\mathfrak{A}} Pcfv_1[s] \quad (\because 0 \leq 1)$$

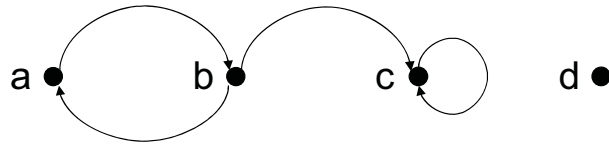
$$\models_{\mathfrak{A}} \forall v_1 Pcv_1$$

$$\not\models_{\mathfrak{A}} \forall v_1 Pv_2v_1[s]$$

$$\models_{\mathfrak{A}} \forall v_1 \exists v_2 Pv_2v_1[s]$$

# Truth and Models

## Example



$$\models_{\mathfrak{B}} \forall v_2 \neg E v_1 v_2[s] \text{ iff } s(v_1) = d$$

$$\models_{\mathfrak{B}} \forall v_2 \neg E v_2 v_1[s] \text{ iff } s(v_1) = d$$

$$\models_{\mathfrak{B}} \exists v_2 E v_1 v_2[s] \text{ iff } s(v_1) = a, b, c$$

# Truth and Models

## Theorem

Assume functions  $s_1$  and  $s_2 : V \rightarrow |\mathfrak{A}|$  agree at all free variables of  $\varphi$ . Then  $\models_{\mathfrak{A}} \varphi[s_1]$  iff  $\models_{\mathfrak{A}} \varphi[s_2]$

(prove by induction)

If  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$  agree at all parameters that occur in  $\varphi$ , then  $\models_{\mathfrak{A}} \varphi[s]$  iff  $\models_{\mathfrak{B}} \varphi[s]$

$\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$  are **elementarily equivalent** (denoted  $\mathfrak{A} \equiv \mathfrak{B}$ ) iff for any sentence  $\sigma$ ,  $\models_{\mathfrak{A}} \sigma$  iff  $\models_{\mathfrak{B}} \sigma$

# Truth and Models

Notation  $\models_{\mathfrak{A}} \varphi[a_1, \dots, a_k]$  denotes  $\mathfrak{A}$  satisfies  $\varphi$  with  $s(v_i) = a_i$ , where  $v_i$  is the  $i$ th free variable in  $\varphi$

E.g.,  $\mathfrak{A} = (\mathbb{N}; \leq, S, 0)$

$\models_{\mathfrak{A}} \forall v_2 P v_1 v_2[0]$

$\not\models_{\mathfrak{A}} \forall v_2 P v_1 v_2[1]$

# Truth and Models

## Corollary

*For a sentence  $\sigma$ , either*

- (a)  $\mathfrak{A}$  satisfies  $\sigma$  with every  $s : V \rightarrow |\mathfrak{A}|$ , or*
- (b)  $\mathfrak{A}$  does not satisfy  $\sigma$  with any  $s : V \rightarrow |\mathfrak{A}|$*

For case (a), we say  $\sigma$  is true in  $\mathfrak{A}$  or  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a model of  $\sigma$  (i.e.,  $\models_{\mathfrak{A}} \sigma$ )

For case (b), we say  $\sigma$  is false in  $\mathfrak{A}$



# Truth and Models

$\mathfrak{A}$  is a model of a set  $\Sigma$  of sentences iff it is a model of every member of  $\Sigma$

## Examples

- ▶  $\mathfrak{R} = (\mathbb{R}; 0, 1, +, \times)$ ;  $\mathfrak{Q} = (\mathbb{Q}; 0, 1, +, \times)$   
 $\models_{\mathfrak{R}} \exists x(x \times x = 1 + 1)$   
 $\not\models_{\mathfrak{Q}} \exists x(x \times x = 1 + 1)$
- ▶ Consider a language has only the parameters  $\forall$  and a 2-place predicate  $P$   
 $\forall x \forall y x = y$ 
  - ▶  $\mathfrak{A} = (A; R)$  is a model iff ? $\forall x \forall y Pxy$ 
  - ▶  $\mathfrak{A} = (A; R)$  is a model iff ? $\forall x \forall y \neg Pxy$ 
  - ▶  $\mathfrak{A} = (A; R)$  is a model iff ? $\forall x \exists y Pxy$ 
  - ▶  $\mathfrak{A} = (A; R)$  is a model iff ?

## Logical Implication

A set  $\Sigma$  of wffs **logically implies** a wff  $\varphi$ , denoted  $\Sigma \models \varphi$ , iff for every structure  $\mathfrak{A}$  for the language and every function  $s : V \rightarrow |\mathfrak{A}|$  such that if  $\mathfrak{A}$  satisfies every member of  $\Sigma$  with  $s$ , the  $\mathfrak{A}$  also satisfies  $\varphi$  with  $s$

- ▶ Entailment “ $\models$ ” is a *semantical* relation
- ▶ Recall “ $\models$ ” denotes *tautological implication* in sentential logic
- ▶  $\{\gamma\} \models \varphi$  will be written as  $\gamma \models \varphi$
- ▶  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are **logically equivalent**, denoted  $\varphi \models \psi$  and  $\psi \models \varphi$ , iff  $\varphi \models \psi$  and  $\psi \models \varphi$

# Logical Implication

| sentential logic                        | first-order logic  |
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| $\models \tau$<br>$\tau$ is a tautology | $\models \varphi$<br>$\varphi$ is a <b>valid wff</b> , i.e.,<br>for every $\mathfrak{A}$ and every $s : V \rightarrow  \mathfrak{A} $ ,<br>$\mathfrak{A}$ satisfies $\varphi$ with $s$ |

# Logical Implication

## Corollary

For a set  $\Sigma; \tau$  of sentences,  $\Sigma \models \tau$  iff every model of  $\Sigma$  is also a model of  $\tau$ . A sentence is valid iff it is true in every structure.

## Examples

- ▶  $\forall v_1 Qv_1 \models Qv_2$
- ▶  $Qv_1 \not\models \forall v_1 Qv_1$
- ▶  $\models \neg\neg\sigma \Rightarrow \sigma$
- ▶  $\forall v_1 Qv_1 \models \exists v_2 Qv_2$
- ▶  $\exists x\forall y Pxy \models \forall y\exists x Pxy$
- ▶  $\models \exists x(Qx \Rightarrow \forall x Qx)$

## Logical Implication

- ▶ Checking *tautology* (of sentential logic) is a finite process
- ▶ Checking *validity* (of first-order logic) is an infinite process
  - ▶ Must consider every structure

## Logical Implication

- ▶ The set of valid formulas is not decidable, but semi-decidable (i.e., effectively enumerable)
  - ▶ wffs of sentential logic vs. wffs of first-order logic
- ▶ Later we will show that *validity* ( $\models$ ) and *deducibility* ( $\vdash$ ) are equivalent in first order logic

## Definability in a Structure

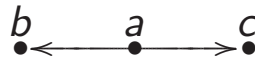
- ▶  $\{\langle a_1, \dots, a_k \rangle \mid \models_{\mathfrak{A}} \varphi[a_1, \dots, a_k]\}$  is a relation that  $\varphi$  **defines** in  $\mathfrak{A}$
- ▶ A  $k$ -ary relation on  $|\mathfrak{A}|$  is **definable** in  $\mathfrak{A}$  iff there is a formula (with free variables  $v_1, \dots, v_k$ ) that defines the relation in  $\mathfrak{A}$

E.g.,

$$\mathfrak{R} = (\mathbb{R}; 0, 1, +, \times)$$

- ▶  $\models_{\mathfrak{R}} \exists v_2 v_1 = v_2 \times v_2[a] \Leftrightarrow a \geq 0$ 
  - ▶  $\therefore [0, \infty)$  is definable in  $\mathfrak{R}$
- ▶  $\models_{\mathfrak{R}} \exists v_3 v_1 = v_2 + v_3 \times v_3[a, b] \Leftrightarrow a \geq b$ 
  - ▶  $\therefore \{\langle a, b \rangle \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \mid a \geq b\}$  is definable in  $\mathfrak{R}$

$\mathfrak{A} = (\{a, b, c\}; E = \{\langle a, b \rangle, \langle a, c \rangle\})$  where the language has parameters  $\forall$  and  $\exists$



- ▶  $\{b, c\}$  is defined by  $\exists v_2 E v_2 v_1$
- ▶  $\{b\}$  is not definable in  $\mathfrak{A}$

## Definability in a Structure

E.g.,

$\mathfrak{N} = (\mathbb{N}; 0, S, +, \cdot)$  under the language for number theory

- ▶  $\{\langle m, n \rangle \mid m < n\}$  is defined in  $\mathfrak{N}$  by  $\exists v_3 v_1 + S v_3 = v_2$
- ▶  $\{2\}$  is defined in  $\mathfrak{N}$  by  $v_1 = S S 0$
- ▶ The set of primes is defined in  $\mathfrak{N}$  by  $S 0 < v_1 \wedge \forall v_2 \forall v_3 (v_1 = v_2 \cdot v_3 \Rightarrow v_2 = 1 \vee v_3 = 1)$
- ▶ Exponentiation  $\{\langle m, n, p \rangle \mid p = m^n\}$  is definable in  $\mathfrak{N}$

## Definability in a Structure

Let  $L$  be a language that does not include an  $n$ -place predicate symbol  $P$ ,  $L^+$  be the language that extends  $L$  and includes  $P$ , and  $\tau$  be a theory in  $L^+$ .

- ▶  $P$  is *explicitly definable* if there is an  $L$  formula  $\phi$  with free variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  such that  $\tau \models Px_1 \dots x_n \Leftrightarrow \phi$ .
- ▶  $P$  is *implicitly definable* if for any structure  $\mathfrak{A}$  and any  $R_1, R_2 \subseteq |\mathfrak{A}|^n$  if both  $(|\mathfrak{A}|, R_1)$  and  $(|\mathfrak{A}|, R_2)$  are models of  $\tau$ , then  $R_1 = R_2$ .

### Theorem (Beth's Definability Theorem)

*$P$  is explicitly definable if, and only if,  $P$  is implicitly definable.*

## Definability in a Structure

- ▶ There are uncountably many relations on  $\mathbb{N}$ , but only countably many possible defining formulas
- ▶ Any decidable relation on  $\mathbb{N}$  is definable in  $\mathfrak{N}$  (§3.5)

## Definability of a Class of Structures

- ▶ Let  $Mod\Sigma$  be the *class* of all models of a set  $\Sigma$  of sentences. (That is, the class of all *structures* for the language in which every member of  $\Sigma$  is true.)
  - ▶ A set is a class
  - ▶ Classes are beyond sets (e.g., the class of all sets)
- ▶ A class  $\mathcal{K}$  of structures for the language is an **elementary class** (EC) iff  $\mathcal{K} = Mod\tau$  (i.e.,  $Mod\{\tau\}$ ) for some sentence  $\tau$ 
  - ▶ where “elementary” means “first order”
- ▶ A class  $\mathcal{K}$  is an elementary class in a wider sense iff  $\mathcal{K} = Mod\Sigma$

## Definability of a Class of Structures

E.g., consider the language  $\mathcal{L}$  with  $=$ ,  $\forall$ , and a 2-place predicate  $E$

- ▶ A graph is a structure  $\mathfrak{A} = (V; E^{\mathfrak{A}})$  for  $\mathcal{L}$ , where  $|V| = V$  is the (nonempty) set of vertices and  $E^{\mathfrak{A}}$  is an edge relation that is *symmetric* and *irreflexive*
  - ▶ with axiom:  $\forall x(\forall y(Exy \Leftrightarrow Eyx) \wedge \neg Exx)$
- ▶ The class of graphs is an elementary class

# Homomorphisms

A **homomorphism**  $h$  of  $\mathfrak{A}$  into  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a function  $h : |\mathfrak{A}| \rightarrow |\mathfrak{B}|$  such that

1. for predicate symbol  $P$   
 $\langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle \in P^{\mathfrak{A}}$  iff  $\langle h(a_1), \dots, h(a_n) \rangle \in P^{\mathfrak{B}}$
2. for function symbol  $f$   
 $h(f^{\mathfrak{A}}(a_1, \dots, a_n)) = f^{\mathfrak{B}}(h(a_1), \dots, h(a_n))$   
 $h(c^{\mathfrak{A}}) = c^{\mathfrak{B}}$

E.g.,  $\mathfrak{A} = (\mathbb{N}; +, \cdot)$ ,  $\mathfrak{B} = (\{e, o\}; +^{\mathfrak{B}}, \cdot^{\mathfrak{B}})$

| $+^{\mathfrak{B}}$ | $e$ | $o$ | $\cdot^{\mathfrak{B}}$ | $e$ | $o$ |
|--------------------|-----|-----|------------------------|-----|-----|
| $e$                | $e$ | $o$ | $e$                    | $e$ | $e$ |
| $o$                | $o$ | $e$ | $o$                    | $e$ | $o$ |

$$h(n) = \begin{cases} e & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ o & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

$h$  is a homomorphism of  $\mathfrak{A}$  into  $\mathfrak{B}$

## Isomorphism

- A homomorphism  $h$  is called an **isomorphism** (or **isomorphic embedding**) of  $\mathfrak{A}$  into  $\mathfrak{B}$  if  $h$  is *one-to-one*
- Two structures  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$  are **isomorphic** (denoted  $\mathfrak{A} \cong \mathfrak{B}$ ) if there is an isomorphism of  $\mathfrak{A}$  *onto*  $\mathfrak{B}$
- Two isomorphic structures satisfy exactly the same sentences

# Substructures

$\mathfrak{A}$  is a **substructure** of  $\mathfrak{B}$ , or  $\mathfrak{B}$  is an **extension** of  $\mathfrak{A}$ , if  $|\mathfrak{A}| \subseteq |\mathfrak{B}|$  and the identity map  $Id : |\mathfrak{A}| \rightarrow |\mathfrak{B}|$  is an *isomorphism* of  $\mathfrak{A}$  into  $\mathfrak{B}$ , equivalently

1.  $P^{\mathfrak{A}}$  is the restriction of  $P^{\mathfrak{B}}$  to  $|\mathfrak{A}|$
2.  $f^{\mathfrak{A}}$  is the restriction of  $f^{\mathfrak{B}}$  to  $|\mathfrak{A}|$ , and  $c^{\mathfrak{A}} = c^{\mathfrak{B}}$

E.g.,  $\mathfrak{A} = (\mathbb{P}; <)$  for  $\mathbb{P}$ : positive integers,  $\mathfrak{B} = (\mathbb{N}; <)$

- ▶  $Id(n) = n$  is an isomorphism
  - ▶  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a substructure of  $\mathfrak{B}$
- ▶  $h(n) = n - 1$  is an isomorphism

## Homomorphism Theorem

### Theorem (Homomorphism Theorem)

Let  $h$  be a homomorphism of  $\mathfrak{A}$  into  $\mathfrak{B}$  and  $s : V \rightarrow |\mathfrak{A}|$ , where  $V$  is the set of variables. Then

- (a) for any term  $t$ ,  $h(\overline{s}(t)) = \overline{h \circ s}(t)$
- (b) for any quantifier-free formula  $\alpha$  not containing the equality symbol,  $\models_{\mathfrak{A}} \alpha[s]$  iff  $\models_{\mathfrak{B}} \alpha[h \circ s]$ 
  - ▶ The “quantifier-free” criterion is due to the fact that  $h$  may not be onto
  - ▶ The exclusion of the equality symbol is due to the fact that  $h$  may not be one-to-one



# Homomorphism

E.g.,  $\mathfrak{A} = (\mathbb{P}; <)$ ,  $\mathfrak{B} = (\mathbb{N}; <)$

$\models_{\mathfrak{A}} \forall v_2 (v_1 \neq v_2 \rightarrow v_1 < v_2) \llbracket 1 \rrbracket$

$\not\models_{\mathfrak{B}} \forall v_2 (v_1 \neq v_2 \rightarrow v_1 < v_2) \llbracket 1 \rrbracket$

►  $h = Id : |\mathfrak{A}| \rightarrow |\mathfrak{B}|$  is not onto

$\not\models_{\mathfrak{A}} v_1 = v_2 \llbracket 1, 2 \rrbracket$

$\models_{\mathfrak{B}} v_1 = v_2 \llbracket 0, 0 \rrbracket$

►  $h(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ n - 2 & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$  is not one-to-one

## Elementary Equivalence

Two structures  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$  for the language are **elementarily equivalent** (denoted  $\mathfrak{A} \equiv \mathfrak{B}$ ) iff for every sentence  $\sigma$ ,  $\models_{\mathfrak{A}} \sigma$  iff  $\models_{\mathfrak{B}} \sigma$

### Corollary

If  $\mathfrak{A} \cong \mathfrak{B}$ , then  $\mathfrak{A} \equiv \mathfrak{B}$

► The converse is not true

E.g.,  $(\mathbb{R}; <) \equiv (\mathbb{Q}; <)$ , but  $(\mathbb{R}; <) \not\equiv (\mathbb{Q}; <)$

# Automorphism

An **automorphism** of the structure  $\mathfrak{A}$  is an *isomorphism* (namely, one-to-one homomorphism) of  $\mathfrak{A}$  *onto*  $\mathfrak{A}$

## Corollary

Let  $h$  be an automorphism of  $\mathfrak{A}$ , and  $R$  be an  $n$ -ary relation on  $\mathfrak{A}$  definable in  $\mathfrak{A}$ . Then  $\langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle \in R$  iff  $\langle h(a_1), \dots, h(a_n) \rangle \in R$ .

## Proof.

Let  $\varphi$  defines  $R$  in  $\mathfrak{A}$ . By Homomorphism Theorem,

$\models_{\mathfrak{A}} \varphi[a_1, \dots, a_n]$  iff  $\models_{\mathfrak{A}} \varphi[h(a_1), \dots, h(a_n)]$

□

Therefore, *automorphism preserves definable relations* and is useful in showing some relation is *not* definable.

E.g.,  $\mathbb{N}$  is not definable in  $(\mathbb{R}; <)$

- By automorphism  $h(a) = a^3$  ( $\sqrt[3]{2} \notin \mathbb{N}$ , but  $2 \in \mathbb{N}$ )