

# Prefix-vocabulary classes

$$[\Pi, (p_1, p_2, \dots), (f_1, f_2, \dots)]_{(=)}$$

- $\Pi$  is a word over  $\{\exists, \forall, \exists^*, \forall^*\}$ , describing set of quantifier prefixes
- $p_m, f_m \leq \omega$  indicate how many relation and function symbols of arity  $m$  may occur
- presence or absence of  $=$  indicates whether the formulae may contain equality

**Example:**  $[\exists^* \forall \exists^*, (\omega, 1), all]_ =$

sentences  $\exists x_1 \dots \exists x_m \forall y \exists z_1 \dots \exists z_n \varphi$  where  $\varphi$  is quantifier-free and

- contains at most one binary predicate, and no predicates of arity  $\geq 3$ ,
- may contain any number of monadic predicates,
- may contain any number of function symbols of any arity,
- may contain equality.

# The complete classification: undecidable cases

## A: Pure predicate logic (without functions, without =)

- (1)  $[\forall\exists\forall, (\omega, 1), (0)]$  (Kahr 1962)
- (2)  $[\forall^3\exists, (\omega, 1), (0)]$  (Surányi 1959)
- (3)  $[\forall^*\exists, (0, 1), (0)]$  (**Kalmár**-Surányi 1950)
- (4)  $[\forall\exists\forall^*, (0, 1), (0)]$  (Denton 1963)
- (5)  $[\forall\exists\forall\exists^*, (0, 1), (0)]$  (Gurevich 1966)
- (6)  $[\forall^3\exists^*, (0, 1), (0)]$  (**Kalmár**-Surányi 1947)
- (7)  $[\forall\exists^*\forall, (0, 1), (0)]$  (Kostyrko-Genenz 1964)
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- (9)  $[\exists^*\forall^3\exists, (0, 1), (0)]$  (Surányi 1959)

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## B: Classes with functions or equality

(10)	$[\forall, (0), (2)]_=_$	(Gurevich 1976)
(11)	$[\forall, (0), (0, 1)]_=_$	(Gurevich 1976)
(12)	$[\forall^2, (0, 1), (1)]$	(Gurevich 1969)
(13)	$[\forall^2, (1), (0, 1)]$	(Gurevich 1969)
(14)	$[\forall^2 \exists, (\omega, 1), (0)]_=_$	(Goldfarb 1984)
(15)	$[\exists^* \forall^2 \exists, (0, 1), (0)]_=_$	(Goldfarb 1984)
(16)	$[\forall^2 \exists^*, (0, 1), (0)]_=_$	(Goldfarb 1984)

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(Exclude the trivial classes: finite prefix and finite relational vocabulary)

## A: Classes with the finite model property

(1)  $[\exists^* \forall^*, all, (0)]_ =$  (Bernays, Schönfinkel 1928)

(2)  $[\exists^* \forall^2 \exists^*, all, (0)]$  (Gödel 1932, Kalmár 1933, Schütte 1934)

(3)  $[all, (\omega), (\omega)]$  (Löb 1967, Gurevich 1969)

(4)  $[\exists^* \forall \exists^*, all, all]$  (Gurevich 1973)

(5)  $[\exists^*, all, all]_ =$  (Gurevich 1976)

Monadic  
Fragment  
of  
FO

## B: Classes with infinity axioms

(6)  $[all, (\omega), (1)]_ =$  (Rabin 1969)

(7)  $[\exists^* \forall \exists^*, all, (1)]_ =$  (Shelah 1977)

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**STILL SATISFIABLE ???**



## Lemma (Normal form for $\mathcal{C}^1$ )

For every  $\mathcal{C}^1$  formula  $\varphi$  we can compute in polynomial time a formula  $\varphi'$  of the form

$$\varphi' := \bigwedge_{i=1}^m \exists^{\bowtie_i C_i} x \varphi_i(x),$$

satisfiable over the same domains as  $\varphi$ , where:

- ▶  $1 \leq m \leq |\varphi|$ ,
- ▶ each  $\varphi_i$  is quantifier free,
- ▶ each  $\bowtie_i$  is any of the symbols  $\leq$ ,  $\geq$  or  $=$ , and
- ▶ the  $C_i$  are either one or occur as a quantifier subscript in  $\varphi$ .

Proof: similarly to  $\mathcal{FO}^1$  we replace subformulas of the form  $\exists^{\bowtie C} x \chi(x)$  with  $\chi(x)$ -**quantifier-free**, by new predicate symbols and add appropriate definitions.

## Theorem (FMP for $\mathcal{C}^1$ )

Let  $\varphi$  be a formula in  $\mathcal{C}^1$ . If  $\varphi$  is satisfiable, then it is satisfiable over a domain of size at most  $2^{|\varphi|}$ .

Proof.

**WARNING!**  $\varphi = \exists x^{2^{2^n}} \top$

By the normal form Lemma we may assume that  $\varphi$  has the form

$$\varphi := \bigwedge_{i=1}^m \exists^{\geq C_i} x \theta_i \quad \wedge \quad \bigwedge_{j=1}^{m'} \exists^{\leq D_j} x \chi_j.$$

Let  $\mathfrak{A} \models \varphi$ . For all  $i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq m$ ) select distinct elements  $a_{i,1}, \dots, a_{i,C_i} \in A$  satisfying  $\theta_i$  in  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

Let  $B = \{a_{i,k} \mid 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq k \leq C_i\}$ , and let  $\mathfrak{B}$  be the restriction of  $\mathfrak{A}$  to  $B$ . Then  $\mathfrak{B} \models \varphi$ . □

## Corollary

$\text{SAT}(\mathcal{C}^1)$  is in NEXPTIME.

Goal: NP

COMPLEXITY OF  $\mathcal{C}^1$ 

Our aim is to prove

### Theorem

$SAT(\mathcal{C}^1)$  is NP-complete.

$$tp_1^{\mathcal{A}}(\alpha) = \{B, R\}$$

We cannot improve the bound on the size of minimal models: the formula  $\exists^{\geq n} x Px$  has only models of exponential size with respect to  $|\varphi|$ .

### Definition

A **1-type of an element  $a$  in a model  $\mathcal{A}$**  is the conjunction of all literals satisfied by  $a$ .

$$tp_1^{\mathcal{A}}(\alpha) = B(x) \wedge R(x) \wedge \neg G(x)$$

$$\Sigma = \{B, R, G\} \quad \odot B, R, \neg G$$

Idea: with each **normal form  $\varphi$**  we associate a **system of linear inequalities  $\mathcal{E}_\varphi$**  describing constraints on the number of distinct 1-types realized in some model of  $\varphi$ .

# SYSTEMS OF INEQUALITIES - EXAMPLE

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Denote the 1-types over the signature French, German, Spanish by  $t_\emptyset, t_F, t_G, t_S, t_{FG}, t_{FS}, t_{GS}, t_{FGS}$  (the letters in the subscript indicate the positive subformulas of the type).  $\mathcal{E}_\varphi$  contains:

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$\mathcal{E}_\varphi$  FOR OUR EXAMPLE

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Lemma:  $\mathcal{E}_\varphi$  has a non-negative integer solution iff  $\varphi$  has a model.

# SYSTEMS OF INEQUALITIES - FORMALIZED

$$\varphi := \bigwedge_{i=1}^m \exists^{\bowtie_i} c_i x \theta_i$$

Let  $\sigma = \{P_1, \dots, P_l\}$ . A 1-type (over  $\sigma$ ) is any of the formulas:

$$\pm P_1 x \wedge \dots \wedge \pm P_l x$$

Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a finite  $\sigma$ -structure and  $t_1, \dots, t_L$  be an enumeration of all 1-types,  $L = 2^l$ . We **characterize**  $\mathfrak{A}$  by the sequence of natural numbers  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_L)$  where  $\alpha_j = |\{a \in A : \mathfrak{A} \models t_j(a)\}|$ .

The system  $\mathcal{E}_\varphi$  contains for each conjunct  $\exists^{\bowtie_i} c_i x \theta_i$  the inequality:

$$c_{i,1}x_1 + \dots + c_{i,L}x_L \bowtie_i c_i,$$

where  $c_{i,j} = 1$  if the 1-type  $t_j$  entails  $\theta_i$  and  $c_{i,j} = 0$ , otherwise.

# COMPLEXITY OF $\mathcal{C}^1$

## Lemma (Reduction property)

$\mathcal{E}_\varphi$  has a non-negative integer solution iff  $\varphi$  has a model. Moreover, every solution of  $\mathcal{E}_\varphi$  characterizes some model of  $\varphi$ .

The problem *integer programming* is as follows:

- ▶ given: a system  $\mathcal{E}$  of linear equations and inequalities  
check whether  $\mathcal{E}$  has a solution over  $\mathbb{N}$ .

## Theorem (Borosh and Treybig 1976)

*Integer programming is in NPTIME.*

$\mathcal{E}_\varphi$  has  $m$  inequalities and  $L = 2^l$  variables. Recall  $m, l \leq |\varphi|$ .



$$\varphi := \bigwedge_{i=1}^m \exists \langle C_i x \theta_i$$

OPTIMAL COMPLEXITY FOR  $\mathcal{C}^1$ 

$\varphi := \bigwedge_{i=1}^m \exists^{\leq C_i} x \theta_i$ ;  $\mathcal{E}_\varphi$  :  $m$  inequalities,  $L = 2^l$  variables.

## Lemma (linear algebra)

If  $\mathcal{E}_\varphi$  has a solution over  $\mathbb{N}$ , then  $\mathcal{E}_\varphi$  has a solution over  $\mathbb{N}$  with at most  $m \log(L + 1)$  non-zero entries.

## Corollary

$SAT(\mathcal{C}^1) \in NP$ .

polynomial in  $|\varphi|$

## Proof.

Let  $C = \max\{C_i : 1 \leq i \leq m\}$ . If  $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_L)$  is a solution of  $\mathcal{E}_\varphi$ , then so is  $(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_L)$ , where  $\beta_j = \min(\alpha_j, C)$ .

The linear algebra Lemma allows one to first guess a polynomial number of non-zero variables and write down the system  $\mathcal{E}_\varphi$  only over these variables; since Integer Programming is in NPTIME, solutions of such systems can be guessed and verified in time bounded by a polynomial function of  $|\varphi|$ .

## REDUCTION TO INTEGER PROGRAMMING

$$\mathbb{C}^2 \exists y \mathbb{R}(x, y)$$



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**Idea:** Depending on the logic:  
identify (finitely many types of) building blocks of a potential model and connecting conditions for them, describe them in a succinct way by a set of (in)equalities.

Advantages:

- ▶ Useful for solving *simultaneously* SAT and FINSAT.  
We look for solutions over  $\mathbb{N}$  (FINSAT) or over  $\mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$  (SAT), e.g.

$$x + 1 = x$$

has a solution  $x = \infty$ .

- ▶ Gives better (optimal) complexity bounds.

We will see more about this approach later in the course.

$FO^2$ : Two-variable fragment of FO

$x, y$   
relational symbols of arity  $\leq 2$   
no constants

NExp-complete

FMP

Exponential  
model property

Def. Normal forms for  $FO^2$   
(Scott)

$$\varphi = \forall x \forall y \psi \wedge \bigwedge_{i=1}^n \forall x \exists y \underbrace{\psi_i(x, y)}_{\text{quantifier-free}}$$

↑  
quantifier free

computable in PTime

$$\forall y (S(y) \leftrightarrow \exists x (A(x) \wedge B(y))) \equiv$$

$$\forall y \left[ (S(y) \rightarrow \exists x (A(x) \wedge B(y))) \wedge ((\exists x (A(x) \wedge B(y))) \rightarrow S(y)) \right] \equiv$$

$$\equiv \left( \forall x \exists y (S(y) \rightarrow A(x) \wedge B(y)) \wedge \left( \forall y (\exists x (A(x) \wedge B(y))) \rightarrow S(y) \right) \right)$$

$$\forall y \left( \neg (\text{---}) \vee S(y) \right)$$

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