

HORN CLASSES AND REDUCED DIRECT PRODUCTS

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ABSTRACT. Boolean-valued model theory is used to give a direct proof that an EC_{Δ} model class closed under reduced direct products can be characterized by a set of Horn sentences. Previous proofs by Keisler and Galvin used either the G. C. H. or involved axiomatic set theory.

We shall give a direct proof of the theorem that an EC_{Δ} model class is closed under reduced direct products iff it is characterizable by a set of Horn sentences. This was first proven by Keisler as a consequence of the continuum hypothesis. Galvin then proved that in ZF set theory it is provably equivalent to a certain arithmetical statement. From these two results, it follows that the theorem is true in the constructible universe for set theory and is consequently true. This indirect proof of a simple proposition of model theory seems overly ornate. We shall carry out the main features of Keisler's argument within the system developed in [3] and prove the theorem without any use of axiomatic set theory. Subsequent to this proof Shelah has given another direct proof of this same theorem [5]. His methods do not use Boolean-valued models as do mine, but rather closely follow his proof that elementarily equivalent models have isomorphic ultrapowers.

1. A major tool in our proof is the theory of first order Boolean-valued models. Since the standard notation for model theory becomes cumbersome in the Boolean case, we give an alternate system; a model is identified with its truth function. For $\mathcal{L}$ a finitary language without function symbols, an $\mathcal{L}$ -structure is a set of constant symbols $|\mathcal{U}|$ containing all the constant symbols of $\mathcal{L}$ together with a function $\mathcal{U}$ from $\mathcal{L}(|\mathcal{U}|)$ into a complete Boolean algebra satisfying the conditions:

1. $\mathcal{U}(a = b) = 1$,
2. $\mathcal{U}(a = b) \leq \mathcal{U}(b = a)$,
3. $\mathcal{U}(a = b) \wedge \mathcal{U}(b = c) \leq \mathcal{U}(a = c)$,
4. For ϕ an atomic sentence, $\mathcal{U}(\phi(a)) \wedge \mathcal{U}(a = b) \leq \mathcal{U}(\phi(b))$,
5. $\mathcal{U}(\phi \vee \psi) = \mathcal{U}(\phi) \vee \mathcal{U}(\psi)$,
6. $\mathcal{U}(\neg \phi) = \neg \mathcal{U}(\phi)$,
7. $\mathcal{U}[\exists x \phi(x)] = \bigvee_{a \in |\mathcal{U}|} \mathcal{U}[\phi(a)]$.

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When the language $\mathcal{L}$ contains function symbols, these must first be interpreted by actual functions from the appropriate powers of $|\mathcal{U}|$ into $|\mathcal{U}|$ before proceeding as above. An $\mathcal{L}$ -structure satisfies the maximum principle if the truth value of any existential statement is always equal to the truth value of some instance. Any $\mathcal{L}$ -structure has a canonical elementary extension satisfying the maximum principle.

Various basic operations of model theory can be generalized to Boolean model theory. If $\{\mathcal{U}_i\}_{i \in I}$ is a collection of $\mathcal{L}$ -structures with corresponding algebras $\{B_i\}_{i \in I}$, $\prod_i \mathcal{U}_i$ can be defined as a $\prod_i B_i$ -valued model. The set of constant symbols for $\prod_i \mathcal{U}_i$ is just the usual cartesian product of the component symbols and truth is defined by the equation

$$\prod_i \mathcal{U}_i [\phi(\langle a_i \rangle_{i \in I})] = \langle \mathcal{U}_i [\phi(a_i)] \rangle_{i \in I}.$$

This definition should actually be called the covariant direct product. It has the drawback that it does not specialize to the traditional definition in the two-valued case; the product of a pair of two-valued models is a four-valued model. The traditional definition will be a special case of our definition of a reduced direct product. The contravariant direct product, which is defined using the algebra $\sum_i B_i$, does not have this drawback and has a much better claim to the name "direct product." However it is the covariant product which is useful for the purposes of this paper.

The Boolean power of a two-valued model is the structure that was used in the construction of Boolean ultrapowers in [3]. For $\mathcal{U}$ a two-valued model and B a complete Boolean algebra the B -valued power $\mathcal{U}^{(B)}$ is defined as follows. The constant symbols for $\mathcal{U}^{(B)}$ is the set of all functions from the constants of $\mathcal{U}$ into B whose ranges partition B , i.e.

$$\left\{ f \in B^{\mathcal{U}} : a_1 \neq a_2 \rightarrow f(a_1) \wedge f(a_2) = 0 \text{ and } \bigvee_a f(a) = 1 \right\}.$$

Truth is defined by the equation

$$\mathcal{U}^{(B)}[\phi(f_1 \dots f_n)] = \bigvee \left\{ \bigwedge_{i=1}^n f_i(a_i) : \mathcal{U} \models \phi(a_1, \dots, a_n) \right\}.$$

For a more extensive treatment of this structure the reader is referred to [3, §1] where it is discussed in necessary detail. In [3] it is shown that $\mathcal{U}^{(B)}$ is an elementary extension of $\mathcal{U}$. Again our definition does not specialize to the traditional one when B is a power set algebra; we will need to first reduce by a filter.

If A and B are both complete Boolean algebras, we define an A -valued filter on B to be a function D from B into A such that $D(b_1 \wedge b_2) =$

$D(b_1) \wedge D(b_2)$ and $D(1) = 1$. If in addition $D(\neg b) = \neg D(b)$, D is an ultrafilter. D is proper if $D(0) = 0$. A function E from B into A has the finite intersection property if $E(0) = 0$ and also $\bigwedge_{i=1}^n b_i = 0$ implies $\bigwedge_{i=1}^n E(b_i) = 0$. Just as with two-valued filters any function with the finite intersection property uniquely generates a filter. This is accomplished by the definition

$$D(b) = \bigvee \left\{ \bigwedge_{i=1}^n E(b_i) : \bigwedge_{i=1}^n b_i \leq b \right\}.$$

If $\{\mathfrak{U}_i\}_{i \in I}$ is a collection of $\mathfrak{L}$ -structures satisfying the maximum principle and D is a B -valued filter on the product algebra, we define the Boolean reduced product $\prod_i \mathfrak{U}_i / D$ as a B -valued model. The set of constant symbols is the same as in $\prod_i \mathfrak{U}_i$ and truth for atomic ϕ is defined by

$$\prod_i \mathfrak{U}_i / D(\phi) = D \left[\prod_i \mathfrak{U}_i(\phi) \right].$$

Truth for arbitrary sentences is then defined by induction according to conditions 5, 6, 7 of the definition of an $\mathfrak{L}$ -structure.

In the special case that D is an ultrafilter, it can be shown that, for arbitrary ϕ , $\prod_i \mathfrak{U}_i / D(\phi) = D[\prod_i \mathfrak{U}_i(\phi)]$ but in the general case this is not so [3]. However, when ϕ is a Horn sentence it is an easy exercise to prove that

$$\prod_i \mathfrak{U}_i / D(\phi) \geq D \left[\prod_i \mathfrak{U}_i(\phi) \right].$$

This shows that Horn sentences are preserved by reduced direct products.

Since we are allowing the use of Boolean-valued models, nontrivial use of the above definition can be made even when only one model is involved. $\mathfrak{U}^{(B)} / D$, the application of the above definition to just the one model $\mathfrak{U}^{(B)}$, is a reduced direct power of the two-valued model $\mathfrak{U}$. When D is a two-valued ultrafilter, this structure is just the Boolean ultrapower studied in [3].

If D is a two-valued filter on 2^I and each $\mathfrak{U}_i$ is a two-valued model, $\prod_i \mathfrak{U}_i / D$ is the traditional reduced direct product of the $\mathfrak{U}_i$'s. If D is the trivial filter $\{1\}$, $\prod_i \mathfrak{U}_i / D$ is just the traditional cartesian product and $\mathfrak{U}^{(2^I)} / D$ is canonically isomorphic to the traditional cartesian power of $\mathfrak{U}$.

We shall conclude this section by stating a lemma which shall be used in the main argument. This lemma follows easily from

Theorem 1.1. *If $\mathfrak{U}$ is a B -valued $\mathfrak{L}$ -structure and B satisfies the $< \aleph_1, \infty$ distribution law and $\mathfrak{L}$ is countable, $\mathfrak{U}$ has a countable substructure $\mathfrak{B}$ for which there is a nonzero b in B with*

$$\mathfrak{U}(\phi) \wedge b = \mathfrak{B}(\phi) \wedge b$$

for every ϕ in $\mathfrak{L}(\mathfrak{B})$.

Since this paper is not meant to be a treatise on Boolean-valued model theory, we are leaving the proof of this theorem to the reader. Very briefly, in order to prove it one must first pass to a certain elementary extension $\mathcal{U}'$ of $\mathcal{U}$ in which the truth value of any existential statement is equal to the truth value of one of its instances [4]. In the extension the Löwenheim-Skolem argument can be applied exactly as in two-valued logic. Since the extension I have in mind satisfies the condition that, for any $a' \in |\mathcal{U}'|$, $\bigvee_{a \in |\mathcal{U}|} \mathcal{U}'(a = a') = 1$, the distributivity law produces the desired element b and countable structure $\mathfrak{B}$.

Lemma 1.2. *If $\{\mathcal{U}_i\}_{i \in I}$ is a collection of two-valued models and D is a B -valued filter on 2^I and B satisfies the $< \aleph_1, \infty$ distribution law, there is a two-valued ultrafilter μ on B such that for any sentence ϕ without parameters*

$$\prod \mathcal{U}_i / D \circ \mu(\phi) = \mu \left[\prod \mathcal{U}_i / D(\phi) \right].$$

Proof. There is a countable $\mathfrak{B} \subseteq \prod \mathcal{U}_i / D$ and an element $b \in B$ satisfying Theorem 1.1. Let μ be an ultrafilter on B containing b and preserving all of the countably many sups used to evaluate sentences in $\mathfrak{L}(\mathfrak{B})$. The existence of such a μ is guaranteed by the Rasiowa-Sikorski homomorphism theorem. μ is easily seen to satisfy the lemma.

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Theorem 2.1. *If K is a model class closed under elementary equivalence and reduced direct products, K can be characterized by a set of Horn sentences.*

We stress that despite all the Boolean constructions of the previous section this is a two-valued theorem; the models in K are two-valued and the reduced products are the traditional ones. The proof, however, will be quite Boolean. What we shall actually prove is that any model for the Horn theory of K is elementarily equivalent to a reduced product of K , and hence K can be characterized by its Horn theory.

For the sake of completeness we give a definition of the class of Horn formulae. A basic Horn formula is a formula in the form $\bigwedge_{i=1}^n \phi_i \rightarrow \phi_0$ where each of the ϕ_i for $0 \leq i \leq n$ is atomic (true and false are counted as atomic sentences). A Horn formula is a formula in prenex normal form whose matrix is a conjunction of basic Horn formulae. The Horn theory of K is the set of Horn sentences true in every member of K .

Let $\mathfrak{B}$ be a model for the Horn theory of K . By taking an elementary extension if necessary we may assume that $\mathfrak{B}$ is $\aleph_1$ -saturated. (For a definition of $\aleph_1$ -saturation, see [2, p. 310].) Let $\{\mathcal{U}_i\}_{i \in I}$ be an indexed collection from K such

that any Horn sentence true in all but finitely many $\mathcal{U}_i$ is also true in $\mathfrak{B}$. Such a collection can easily be constructed since a Horn sentence false in $\mathfrak{B}$ must also be false in at least one element of K and this element can be included infinitely many times in the collection.

We let the notation $f: \prod \mathcal{U}_i \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}$ mean that f is a partial function from $\prod \mathcal{U}_i$ into $\mathfrak{B}$ such that whenever the Horn sentence $\phi(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ is true in all but finitely many $\mathcal{U}_i$ and $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\} \subseteq \text{dom } f$, $\phi[f(a_1), \dots, f(a_n)]$ is true in $\mathfrak{B}$. (Sometimes when the parameters of ϕ are not explicitly listed, we shall use the notation $f(\phi)$ for the image formula.) Our first step is to construct a certain Boolean algebra. This will be done by using the regular open subsets of a topological space. Let T be

$$\left\{ f: \prod \mathcal{U}_i \rightarrow \mathfrak{B} \text{ and } |f| = \aleph_1 \right\}.$$

Each countable $Q: \prod \mathcal{U}_i \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}$ defines a subset of T , namely $[Q] = \{f \in T: Q \subseteq f\}$. We give T the topology generated by the $[Q]$'s, and let B be the regular open algebra of that topology. In order to show that B is nontrivial we must prove that T is nonempty.

Lemma 2.2. *If $Q: \prod \mathcal{U}_i \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}$ is countable, there is an $f \in [Q]$ with $a \in \text{dom } f$ and $b \in \text{rng } f$ for any a in $\prod \mathcal{U}_i$ and $b \in \mathfrak{B}$.*

Proof. The discerning reader will realize that this lemma exactly corresponds to Keisler's lemma [2, Theorem 3.1]; not surprisingly it has the same proof. We first find a countable $Q_0: \prod \mathcal{U}_i \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}$ extending Q with $a \in \text{dom } Q_0$. Let Γ be the set of Horn formulae with one free variable and parameters from $\text{dom } Q$ such that for all but finitely many i , $\mathcal{U}_i \models \phi[a(i)]$. Then for Δ a finite subset of Γ the sentence $\exists x \bigwedge \Delta$ is true in all but finitely many $\mathcal{U}_i$ and is a Horn sentence. Thus $Q(\exists x \bigwedge \Delta)$ is true in $\mathfrak{B}$, i.e., $Q(\Gamma)$ is finitely satisfiable in $\mathfrak{B}$. Therefore, by the $\aleph_1$ -saturation of $\mathfrak{B}$, there is a b' in $\mathfrak{B}$ which satisfies every formula in $Q(\Gamma)$. Clearly $Q \cup \{a, b'\}$ is the desired extension.

We will now use a parallel argument to find a $Q_1: \prod \mathcal{U}_i \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}$ extending Q_0 with $b \in \text{rng } Q_1$. This time let Γ be the set of Horn formulae $\phi(x)$ with one free variable and parameters from $\text{dom } Q_0$ such that $Q_0[\phi(b)]$ is false in $\mathfrak{B}$. For each ϕ in Γ , let $I_\phi = \{i: \mathcal{U}_i \models \exists x \neg \phi(x)\}$. Since $Q_0[\phi(b)]$ is false, I_ϕ is infinite. Therefore, by a lemma of Keisler [2, Lemma 1.3], there is a pairwise disjoint collection $\{J_\phi\}_{\phi \in \Gamma}$ of infinite sets with $J_\phi \subseteq I_\phi$ for each ϕ in Γ . Now pick a' in $\prod \mathcal{U}_i$ such that $i \in J_\phi$ implies $\mathcal{U}_i \models \neg \phi[a'(i)]$. Then $Q_0 \cup \{a', b\}$ is the desired extension.

We finally show that Q_1 can be extended to an element of T . Since $\prod \mathcal{U}_i$ is

uncountable, we have just shown that any countable $Q: \prod \mathcal{U}_i \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}$ can be properly extended; thus a canonical use of Zorn's Lemma gives the desired result.

For $a \in \prod \mathcal{U}_i$ and $b \in \mathfrak{B}$, define

$$(a, b) = \text{interior}(\text{closure}(\{f \in T: f(a) = b\})).$$

Then (a, b) is a regular open subset of T and hence is a member of B . Note that $[Q] \subseteq (a, b)$ implies $Q \cup \{(a, b)\}: \prod \mathcal{U}_i \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}$. We can now define a function j from $\prod \mathcal{U}_i$ into $\mathfrak{B}^{(B)}$ by $j(a)(b) = (a, b)$. We must first show that, for each a , $j(a)$ is actually a member of $\mathfrak{B}^{(B)}$. Clearly, for $b_1 \neq b_2$, $j(a)(b_1) \wedge j(a)(b_2) = 0$. Suppose that $\bigvee_b j(a)(b) < 1$. Then there would be a countable $Q: \prod \mathcal{U}_i \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}$ with $[Q] \wedge \bigvee_b (a, b) = 0$. We have just shown that there is a Q_0 extending Q with $a \in \text{dom } Q_0$. Then,

$$0 < [Q_0] \leq [\{(a, Q_0(a))\}] \leq (a, Q_0(a)) \leq \bigvee_b (a, b).$$

In similar fashion it can be shown that $\bigvee_a (a, b) = 1$.

Lemma 2.3. *If ϕ is a Horn sentence with parameters from $\prod \mathcal{U}_i$ and $\{i: \mathcal{U}_i \models \phi\}$ is cofinite, $\mathfrak{B}^{(B)}[j(\phi)] = 1$.*

Proof. If $a_1, \dots, a_n$ are all the parameters of ϕ and $Q: \prod \mathcal{U}_i \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}$ and $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\} \subseteq \text{dom } Q$, then $\mathfrak{B} \models \phi[Q(a_1), \dots, Q(a_n)]$. Therefore

$$\bigwedge_{i=1}^n j(a_i)(b_i) > 0 \text{ implies } \mathfrak{B} \models \phi(b_1, \dots, b_n).$$

Consequently,

$$\bigvee_{\phi(b_1, \dots, b_n)} \bigwedge_{i=1}^n j(a_i)(b_i) = \bigvee_{b_1 \dots b_n} \bigwedge_{i=1}^n j(a_i)(b_i) = 1$$

but L. H. S. is $\mathfrak{B}^{(B)}[j(\phi)]$.

Now let $\mathfrak{B}' = \text{rng } j$.

Lemma 2.4. *For every h in $\mathfrak{B}^{(B)}$,*

$$\bigvee \{\mathfrak{B}^{(B)}(h = f): f \in \mathfrak{B}'\} = 1.$$

Proof. Suppose otherwise; then there is a Q with $[Q] \wedge \bigvee \{\mathfrak{B}^{(B)}(h = f): f \in \mathfrak{B}'\} = 0$. Since $\bigvee_b b(b) = 1$ there is a b in $\mathfrak{B}$ with $[Q] \wedge b(b) > 0$. Then since $\bigvee_a (a, b) = 1$ there is an a with $Q \wedge h(b) \wedge (a, b) > 0$. But $h(b) \wedge (a, b) \leq \mathfrak{B}^{(B)}[h = j(a)]$.

In [3, §1] it was shown that $\mathfrak{B}^{(B)}$ is an elementary extension of $\mathfrak{B}$, i.e., a sentence is true in $\mathfrak{B}$ iff it has value one in $\mathfrak{B}^{(B)}$. We now use Lemma 2.4 to show that $\mathfrak{B}^{(B)}$ is elementarily equivalent to $\mathfrak{B}'$.

Lemma 2.5. *If ϕ is any sentence in $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B}')$, $\mathcal{B}'(\phi) = \mathcal{B}^{(B)}(\phi)$.*

Proof. We proceed by induction on the logical depth of ϕ . The lemma is true by definition for atomic formula. For negations and disjunctions it follows instantly from the inductive hypothesis without any use of Lemma 2.4. So we assume $\phi = \exists x \psi(x)$. Then

$$\mathcal{B}'(\phi) = \bigvee_{f \in \mathcal{B}'} \mathcal{B}'(\psi(f)) \leq \bigvee_{f \in \mathcal{B}^{(B)}} \mathcal{B}^{(B)}(\psi(f)) = \mathcal{B}^{(B)}(\phi).$$

We must show that the reverse inequality also holds. For each f in $\mathcal{B}'$ and h in $\mathcal{B}^{(B)}$, $\mathcal{B}^{(B)}(\psi(h) \wedge f = h) \leq \mathcal{B}^{(B)}(\psi(f))$. Therefore,

$$\bigvee_{f \in \mathcal{B}'} \mathcal{B}^{(B)}(\psi(h)) \wedge \mathcal{B}^{(B)}(f = h) \leq \mathcal{B}'(\phi).$$

Thus for each h in $\mathcal{B}^{(B)}$, $\mathcal{B}^{(B)}(\psi(h)) \leq \mathcal{B}'(\phi)$ and taking the sup over h gives the desired result.

We now define a B -valued filter on 2^I . For each atomic ϕ in $\mathcal{L}(\Pi \mathcal{U}_i)$, let $I_\phi = \{i: \mathcal{U}_i \models \phi\}$. Then let $E(I_\phi) = \mathcal{B}'(j(\phi))$; $E(J) = 0$ for any $J \subseteq I$ which is not an I_ϕ . It is straightforward to show using the technique of the next lemma that E has the finite intersection property and thus generates a proper B -valued filter D .

Lemma 2.6. *j is an isomorphism from $\Pi \mathcal{U}_i/D$ onto $\mathcal{B}'$.*

Proof. We show that, for any atomic sentence,

$$\Pi \mathcal{U}_i/D(\phi(a_1, \dots, a_n)) = \mathcal{B}'(\phi(j(a_1), \dots, j(a_n))).$$

From the definition of E and D it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi \mathcal{U}_i/D(\phi(a_1, \dots, a_n)) &= D(\{i: \mathcal{U}_i \models \phi(a_1(i), \dots, a_n(i))\}) \\ &\geq E(\{i: \mathcal{U}_i \models \phi(a_1(i), \dots, a_n(i))\}) = \mathcal{B}'(\phi(j(a_1), \dots, j(a_n))). \end{aligned}$$

In order to prove that equality holds suppose $\{\phi_k\}_{k=1}^n$ is a finite set of atomic sentences in $\mathcal{L}(\Pi \mathcal{U}_i)$ with $\{i: \mathcal{U}_i \models \bigwedge_{k=1}^n \phi_k\} \subseteq \{i: \mathcal{U}_i \models \phi\}$. Then for every i , $\mathcal{U}_i \models \bigwedge_{k=1}^n \phi_k \rightarrow \phi$ and this is a Horn sentence; thus by Lemma 2.3 it is valid in $\mathcal{B}'$, i.e., $\bigcap_{k=1}^n I_{\phi_k} \subseteq I_\phi$ implies $\bigwedge_{k=1}^n E(I_{\phi_k}) < E(I_\phi)$ and thus $E(I_\phi) = D(I_\phi)$.

Lemma 2.7. *B satisfies the $< \aleph_1, \infty$ distribution law.*

Proof. From Lemma 2.2 any countable decreasing infimum of base sets is nonzero. The distribution law follows in a standard manner from this fact.

We have now nearly completed the proof of Theorem 2.1. By Lemmas 1.2 and 2.7 there is an ultrafilter μ on B with $\Pi \mathcal{U}_i/D \circ \mu^{(\phi)} = \mu(\Pi \mathcal{U}_i/D^{(\phi)})$ for every

sentence ϕ . Then every sentence true in $\mathfrak{B}$ has value one in $\mathfrak{B}^{(B)}$ [3], value one in $\mathfrak{B}'$ (Lemma 2.5), value one in $\prod \mathfrak{U}_i/D$ (Lemma 2.6) and hence is true in $\prod \mathfrak{U}_i/D \circ \mu$ by the above equation. That is to say, $\mathfrak{B}$ is elementarily equivalent to $\prod \mathfrak{U}_i/D \circ \mu$.

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