# Universal truth of operator statements via ideal membership

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# Modelling operator statements via many-sorted first-order logic

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- First-order logic + sorts
- Same expressiveness as unsorted FO logic
- Computational advantages (sorts reduce # of expressions)
- We use sorts to model domains and codomains



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Semicategory = Category - identity morphisms

#### Signature

$$\mathbf{Var} = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\} \dots$$
 variables

A signature is a tuple  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = (O,C,F,\sigma)$  consisting of

- O...object symbols  $(u, v) \in O \times O...sort$
- C... constant symbols with  $0_{u,v} \in C$  for  $u, v \in O$ ;
- F... function symbols with  $-, +, \cdot \in F$ ;
- $\sigma$ ...sort function assigning all symbols their sort

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#### Formulas

- $s \approx t$  with terms s, t where  $\sigma(s) = \sigma(t)$
- $\neg \phi$ ,  $(\phi \land \psi)$ ,  $(\phi \lor \psi)$ ,  $(\phi \rightarrow \psi)$
- $\exists x : \phi, \forall x : \phi$

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Axioms  $\ensuremath{\mathcal{A}}$  of semicategories are then

$$\mathcal{A} = \bigcup_{u,u',v,v' \in O} \mathcal{A}_{u,u',v,v'}$$

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Derive analogous statement for  $\Psi = \mathcal{A}$  with polynomial rhs

Expressing universal truth by polynomial ideal memberships

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Ideal membership problem  $p \stackrel{?}{\in} (F)$  is semi-decidable (e.g., using Gröbner bases)



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Corollary

Theorem

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### Advantages

- Axioms  $\mathcal{A}$  are treated implicitly.
- Proof is independent of sorts, and thus, holds in all settings.
- Exploit efficient polynomial routines.

### Semi-decision procedure

**Input**: signature  $\Sigma$ , formula  $\varphi$ **Output**:  $\top$  if and only if  $\mathcal{A} \vDash \varphi$ ; otherwise infinite loop

- $\textbf{1} \hspace{0.1 in} \phi^{H} \leftarrow \text{Herband normal form of } \phi$
- **2**  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots \leftarrow$  an enumeration of  $H(\phi^H)$
- $3 n \leftarrow 1$
- $\textbf{4} \ \psi_n \leftarrow \ \bigvee_{i=1}^n \phi_i$
- 5  $\psi_n^{Ack} \leftarrow$  remove all non-arithmetic function symbols from  $\psi_n$  using Ackermann's reduction.
- 6 If  $I(\psi_n^{Ack}) = \top$ , return  $\top$ . Otherwise, increase n by 1 and go to step 4.

### Semi-decision procedure

**Input**: signature  $\Sigma$ , formula  $\varphi$ **Output**:  $\top$  if and only if  $\mathcal{A} \vDash \varphi$ ; otherwise infinite loop

- $\textbf{1} \hspace{0.1 in} \phi^{H} \leftarrow \text{Herband normal form of } \phi$
- **2**  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots \leftarrow$  an enumeration of  $H(\phi^H)$
- $3 n \leftarrow 1$
- $\textbf{4} \ \psi_n \leftarrow \ \bigvee_{i=1}^n \phi_i$
- 5  $\psi_n^{Ack} \leftarrow$  remove all non-arithmetic function symbols from  $\psi_n$  using Ackermann's reduction.
- $\begin{array}{ll} \textbf{6} \ \mbox{ For } k \leftarrow 1, \ldots, n \\ & \mbox{ If } I(\psi_k^{Ack}) = \top \mbox{ can be verified with } n \mbox{ operations, return } \top. \end{array}$
- 7 Increase n by 1 and go to step 4.

### **Computational aspects**

- Efficiency of the procedure  $~\approx~$  good enumeration of  $H(\phi^H)$ 

- Expert knowledge
- "Polynomial unification"
- Avoid CNF blowup by incremental computation



• Treat simple subformulas separately

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### (Extract from Handbook of Linear Algebra)

#### 5.7 Pseudo-Inverse

#### Definitions:

A Moore–Penrose pseudo-inverse of a matrix  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  is a matrix  $A^{\dagger} \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$  that satisfies the following four **Penrose** conditions:

$$AA^{\dagger}A = A;$$
  $A^{\dagger}AA^{\dagger} = A^{\dagger};$   $(AA^{\dagger})^* = AA^{\dagger};$   $(A^{\dagger}A)^* = A^{\dagger}A.$ 

#### Facts:

All the following facts except those with a specific reference can be found in [Gra83, pp. 105–141] or [RM71, pp. 44–67].

- Every A ∈ C<sup>m×n</sup> has a unique pseudo-inverse A<sup>†</sup>.
- 2. If  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , then  $A^{\dagger}$  is real.
- If A ∈ C<sup>m×n</sup> of rank r has a full rank decomposition A = BC, where B ∈ C<sup>m×r</sup> and C ∈ C<sup>r×n</sup>, then A<sup>†</sup> can be evaluated using A<sup>†</sup> = C<sup>\*</sup>(B<sup>\*</sup>AC<sup>\*</sup>)<sup>-1</sup>B<sup>\*</sup>.
- [LH95, p. 38] If A ∈ C<sup>m×n</sup> of rank r ≤ min{m,n} has an SVD A = UΣV<sup>\*</sup>, then its pseudo-inverse is A<sup>†</sup> = VΣ<sup>†</sup>U<sup>\*</sup>, where

$$\Sigma^{\dagger} = \operatorname{diag}(1/\sigma_1, \dots, 1/\sigma_r, 0, \dots, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$$

10.  $(A^{\dagger})^* = (A^*)^{\dagger}; \quad (A^{\dagger})^{\dagger} = A.$ 

- 11. If A is a nonsingular square matrix, then  $A^{\dagger} = A^{-1}$ .
- 12. If U has orthonormal columns or orthonormal rows, then  $U^{\dagger} = U^*$ .
- 13. If  $A = A^*$  and  $A = A^2$ , then  $A^{\dagger} = A$ .
- 14.  $A^{\dagger} = A^*$  if and only if  $A^*A$  is idempotent.
- 15. If A is normal and k is a positive integer, then  $AA^{\dagger} = A^{\dagger}A$  and  $(A^k)^{\dagger} = (A^{\dagger})^k$ .
- 16. If  $U \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  is of rank n and satisfies  $U^{\dagger} = U^*$ , then U has orthonormal columns.
- 17. If  $U \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$  and  $V \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  are unitary matrices, then  $(UAV)^{\dagger} = V^* A^{\dagger} U^*$ .
- 18.  $A^{\dagger} = (A^*A)^{\dagger}A^* = A^*(AA^*)^{\dagger}$ . In particular,
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### (Milošević, '20)

**Theorem 2.2** Let  $a_i, b_i, c_i$  be elements of a ring  $\mathcal{R}$  with a unit such that  $a_i, b_i$  are regular and  $a_i a_i^- c_i b_i^- b_i = c_i$  for  $i = \overline{1,3}$ . Additionally, let  $s = a_2 l_{a_1,j} = a_3 l_{a_1,j} = a_j l_{a_j,j} t = b_j b_2, k = r_{b_j} b_3, n = r_t k, p = a_3 l_{a_2,q} = r_{b_2} b_3$  and  $s, j, m, t, k, n, r_m p, q l_n, r_m p^* m_j, q l_k l_n \in \mathcal{R}^-$ . The following are equivalent:

- The system of equations (11) is consistent.
- (ii) The conditions

$$\begin{split} & r_{s}(c_{2} - a_{2}a_{1}^{-}c_{1}b_{1}^{-}b_{2})l_{t} = 0 \\ & r_{r_{m}p}r_{m}j(r_{r_{m}p}r_{m}j)^{-}r_{r_{m}p}r_{m}el_{n}(ql_{n})^{-}ql_{n} = r_{r_{m}p}r_{m}el_{n} \\ & r_{m}jj^{-}el_{k}l_{n}(ql_{k}l_{n})^{-}ql_{k}l_{n} = r_{m}el_{k}l_{n} \end{split}$$

are satisfied, where  $e = c_3 - js^-c_2t^-k - a_3a_2^-r_sc_2t^-k - js^-c_2l_tb_2^-b_3 - (a_3 - js^-a_2)a_1^-c_1b_1^-(b_3 - b_2t^-k)$ .

(iii) The conditions

$$\begin{split} r_s(c_2 - a_2a_1^-c_1b_1^-b_2)l_t &= 0\\ r_j(c_3 - a_3a_1^-c_1b_1^-b_3)l_k &= 0\\ r_m(c_3 - js^-c_2l_tb_2^-b_3 - (a_3 - js^-a_2)a_1^-c_1b_1^-b_3)l_k l_n l_{ql_kl_n} &= 0\\ r_{r_mp^Tm}(r_mp^-r_m)r_m(c_3 - a_3a_2^-r_sc_2t^-k - a_3a_1^-c_1b_1^-(b_3 - b_2t^-k))l_n &= 0\\ r_{r_mp^Tm}(c_3 - js^-c_2t^-k - a_3a_2^-r_sc_2t^-k - js^-c_2l_tb_2^-b_3 - (a_3 - js^-a_2)a_1^-c_1b_1^-(b_3 - b_2t^-k))l_n l_{ql_n} &= 0 \end{split}$$

are satisfied.

In that case the general solution of (11) is given by (34), where

$$\begin{split} z_1 &= c_1 f + g^{-r} s_c z_t^{-t} t + a_1 l_{a_2} (r_m p)^{-r} r_m [e - j(r_{r_m p} r_m j)^{-r} r_m p^{-r} me \\ &\quad - j l_{r_{r_m p} r_m j} s^{-u} s_0^{-1} (1 - b_2 t^{-r} b_1) r_{l_k l_n} q - (1 - j(r_{r_m p} r_m j)^{-r} r_m p^{-m}) el_k l_n (q_k l_n)^{-q} ] l_n k^{-t} t \\ &\quad + a_1 a_1^{-1} l_g u_1 t t^{-} - a_1 l_{a_2} (r_m p)^{-r} mp (1 - l_{a_1} s^{-} a_2) a_1^{-u} u_1 t^{-k} l_n k^{-t} t, \\ z_2 &= (c_1 b_1^{-} (b_3 - b_2 t^{-k})) + g^{-r} s_c z_t^{-k} b) l_n + a_1 a_3^{-c} s_1^{-n} n + a_1 (1 - a_3^{-T} m_r j_3) a_1^{-u} u_2 n^{-n} \\ a_1 l_{a_2} (r_m p)^{-r} m_m [e - j (r_{r_m p} r_m j)^{-r} r_m p^{-m} e^{-j} l_{r_m p^{-r} m^{j}} s^{-u} s_0^{-1} (1 - b_2 t^{-r} b_1) r_{q_k l_n} q \\ &\quad - (1 - j (r_{r_m p} r_m j)^{-r} r_m p^{-m}) el_k l_n (q_k l_n)^{-1} q] k^{-k} l_n + a_1 a_1^{-l} g_1 u^{-k} l_n \\ &\quad - a_1 l_{a_2} (r_m p)^{-r} m_m (1 - l_a s^{-u} a_2) a_1^{-u} u^{-k} l_n , \\ z_3 &= gc_1 + ss^{-c_2} l_t f^{-1} + s (r_{r_m p^{-r} m^{j})^{-r_{r_m p^{-r} mp^{j}} m_j l^{-r_{b_2} b_1} \\ &\quad + ss^{-u} s_1 r_p b_1^{-1} s_1^{-r} - r_m j) (r_{r_m p^{-r} m^{j})^{-r_{r_m p^{-r} mp^{j}} m_k l_n (q_k l_n)^{-r_{b_2} b_1} \\ &\quad - s(r_{r_m p^{-r} m^{j})^{-r_{r_m p^{-r} m^{j}} s^{-u} a_0 l_1^{-1} - b_2 t^{-r_{b_1}}) q_k l_n (q_k l_n)^{-r_{b_2} b_1} \\ &\quad - s(r_{r_m p^{-r} m^{j})^{-r_{m} p^{-r} m^{j}} s^{-u} a_1^{-1} - s_1^{-r_{m}} j) r_{r_m p^{-r} m^{j}} s^{-u} a_2 a_3^{-c} s_1 + (s^{-2} a_2(1 - a_3^{-r_m} r_{a_3} a_3) a_1^{-u} a_2) n^{-n} \\ &\quad + s(l_{r_{r_m p} r_m j} a_1^{-u} a_1^{-n} + s(r_{r_m p} r_m j)^{-r_{r_m p} r_m p^{-r_m p^{-r_m$$

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- Model operator statements via many-sorted logic
- Translate validity of operator statement into finitely many polynomial ideal memberships
- Tools: Herbrand's theorem + Ackermann's reduction

### Outlook

- Producing proofs
- (Better) heuristics for finding good instantiations
- More advanced computational techniques (DPLL-style, techniques from SMT)
- Further applications