# Structurable CBERs and $\mathcal{L}_{\omega_1\omega}$ -interpretations

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We define the set of all  $\mathcal{L}$ -structures on X by

$$\operatorname{Mod}_X(\mathcal{L}) := \prod_{R \in \mathcal{L}} 2^{X^{\operatorname{arity}(R)}}$$

And  $\operatorname{Mod}_X(\mathscr{T})$  is the subset of  $\operatorname{Mod}_X(\mathscr{L})$  consisting of just the models of  $\mathscr{T}$  on X. For countable X,  $\mathscr{L}$ , and  $\mathscr{T}$ ,  $\operatorname{Mod}_X(\mathscr{T})$  is a standard Borel space.

**Definition.** Let E be a CBER on X,  $\mathcal{L}$  a countable signature,  $\mathcal{M}$  an  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure on X, and  $\mathscr{T}$  a (countable  $\mathcal{L}_{\omega 1\omega}$ -) theory.

Then  $\mathcal{M}$  is a <u> $\mathcal{T}$ -structuring</u> of E if:

- 1.  $R^{\mathcal{M}} \subseteq X^{\operatorname{arity}(R)}$  is Borel for each  $R \in \mathcal{L}$ .
- 2. If  $\bar{a} \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{M}}$ , then  $a_1 E \dots E a_n$ .
- 3. For every E-class C,  $\mathcal{M} \mid C$  is a model of  $\mathscr{T}$ .

We write  $\mathcal{M}$ :  $E \vDash \mathcal{T}$  and say that E is  $\mathcal{T}$ -structurable.

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Example 2. By the Luzin-Novikov theorem, there are countably many Borel functions  $f_i: X \to X$  whose graphs cover E. Restricting to any E-class, we get that every CBER is structurable by:

$$\begin{split} & \mathcal{L}_{LN}: \text{unary function symbols } f_i \text{ for } i \in \mathbb{N} \\ & \mathcal{T}_{LN}: \forall x \forall y \bigvee_{i \in \mathbb{N}} f_i(x) = y \end{split}$$

# The Scott theory of a CBER

**Proposition**. For any CBER E on X, there is an  $\mathscr{L}_{sep}$ -theory  $\mathscr{T}_{E}$  (the "Scott theory" of E) such that  $\mathscr{T}_{E}$ -structurings are equivalent to class-bijective Borel homomorphisms into E. Proof sketch:

Note that models  $\mathscr{M}$  of  $\mathscr{T}_{sep}$  are equivalent to injections  $U^{\mathscr{M}}$  into  $2^{\mathbb{N}}$ , and assume X is a Borel subset of  $2^{\mathbb{N}}$ . Then for any Borel subset  $B \subseteq (2^{\mathbb{N}})^n$ , there is an n-ary quantifier-free  $\mathscr{L}_{sep}$ -formula  $\psi_B(\bar{x})$  such that  $\mathscr{M} \models \mathscr{T}_{sep} \cup \{\psi_B(\bar{a})\} \Leftrightarrow U^{\mathscr{M}}(\bar{a}) \in B$ .

So define  $\mathscr{T}_E := \mathscr{T}_{sep} \cup \{ \forall x \forall y \psi_E(x,y), \forall x \land_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \exists y \psi_{f_i}(x,y) \}$ , where  $f_i$  are LN-functions for E. Then  $\mathscr{T}_E$  models bijections into E-classes, so a  $\mathscr{T}_E$ -structuring of a CBER F is equivalent to a class-bijective Borel homomorphism  $F \to E$ .

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To ensure  $\mathcal{N} \vDash \mathscr{T}$ , need to require that  $\mathscr{T} \vDash \alpha(\mathscr{T})$ , i.e. every model of  $\mathscr{T}$  also models  $\alpha(\varphi)$  for each  $\varphi \in \mathscr{T}$ .

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#### Example.

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{For any CBER E, the Scott theory } \mathscr{T}_{\text{E}} \\ \text{ of E interprets } \mathscr{T}_{\text{sep}} \cup \mathscr{T}_{\text{LN}}. \end{array}$ 

And every theory that interprets  $\mathscr{T}_{sep} \cup \mathscr{T}_{LN}$  is a Scott theory  $\mathscr{T}_{E}$  for some CBER E!



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Carrying out this construction on classes, we get an interpretation  $T_{FM} \rightarrow T_{sep} \cup T_{LN}$ .



# Interpretations and structurability

Write  $\text{Struc}_{\text{E}}(\mathscr{T})$  for the set of  $\mathscr{T}$ -structurings of E.

<u>Proposition</u>. Let E be any CBER and  $\alpha: \mathscr{T} \to \mathscr{T}$  an interpretation. Then  $\alpha$  induces a map  $\alpha^*: \operatorname{Struc}_{E}(\mathscr{T}) \to \operatorname{Struc}_{E}(\mathscr{T})$ .

Proof: Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a  $\mathscr{T}$ -structuring of E. Idea: apply  $\alpha^*$  classwise. So define an  $\mathscr{T}$ -structuring  $\mathscr{N}$  of E by

$$\bar{\mathbf{a}} \in \mathbf{R}^{\mathscr{N}}: \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{a}_1 \mathbf{E} \dots \mathbf{E} \mathbf{a}_n \ \& \ \bar{\mathbf{a}} \in \alpha(\mathbf{R})^{\mathscr{M}}$$

Why is  $\mathbb{R}^{\mathscr{N}}$  Borel? ( $\alpha(\mathbb{R})$  may not be quantifier-free.)

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Proof: (continued...)

Luzin-Novikov

 $\begin{array}{c} f: \mathbb{N} \to X^{X} \\ \downarrow \\ \downarrow \\ \\ Borel \ g: X \to X^{\mathbb{N}} \\ x \ \mapsto \ g_{x} \in Bij(\mathbb{N}, \ [x]_{F}) \end{array}$ 



# Interpretations & class-bijective Borel homomorphisms

Theorem.

(class-bijective Borel homomorphisms between CBERs)

 $\cong$ 

(interpretations between their Scott theories)

(Proof) An interpretation  $\alpha: T_E \to \mathscr{T}_F$  induces a map  $\alpha^*: \operatorname{Struc}_F(\mathscr{T}_F) \to \operatorname{Struc}_F(\mathscr{T}_E)$ , and  $\operatorname{Struc}_F(\mathscr{T}_E) \cong \{ \text{ class-bijective Borel homomorphisms } F \to E \}$ , so letting  $\operatorname{id}_F : F \vDash \mathscr{T}_F$  be the identity structuring of F, we get a class-bijective Borel homomorphism  $\alpha^*(\operatorname{Id}_F): F \to E$ .

Conversely, given f:  $F \to_B^{cb} E$ , to get an interpretation  $\mathscr{T}_E \to \mathscr{T}_F$ , suffices to define  $\alpha^*: \operatorname{Mod}(\mathscr{T}_F) \to \operatorname{Mod}(\mathscr{T}_E)$ , or equivalently,  $\alpha^*: \{\text{bijections to } F\text{-classes}\} \to \{\text{bijections to } E\text{-classes}\}, which we obtain by precomposition } (g \mapsto f \circ g).$ 

#### **CBERs** and Theories

