

# ACLT: Algebra, Categories, Logic in Topology

- Grothendieck's generalized topological spaces (toposes)

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## 2. Theories and models

Categorical approach to many-sorted first-order theories.

## Outline of course

1. Sheaves: Continuous set-valued maps

2. Theories and models: Categorical approach to many-sorted first-order theories.

3. Classifying categories: Maths generated by a generic model

4. Toposes and geometric reasoning: How to "do generalized topology".

## 2. Theories and models (First order, many sorted)

Theory = signature + axioms

Context = finite set of free variables

Axiom = sequent

### Models in Set

- and in other categories

Homomorphisms between models

Geometric theories

Propositional geometric theory  $\Rightarrow$  topological space of models.

Generalize to predicate theories?

# Oddities 1: Many-sorted

A set of sorts for all terms, including variables

Arities (of predicates, function symbols) say

- not just *how many* arguments,
- also what their sorts are
- also (function symbols) the sort of the result

Single-sorted = ordinary first order logic

- all terms have the same sort

No-sorted = propositional logic

- no variables or terms
- no function symbols (no sort for result)
- predicates have no arguments
- hence only possible predicates are propositional symbols

## Oddities 2: Contexts

Don't assume overall countable stock of (sorted) free variables.

Instead, introduce **context**, finite set of sorted free variables, as needed.

Terms, formulae, entailments are *in context*,  
- describing free variables allowed (and their sorts).

$$\begin{array}{l} (\vec{x}. t) \\ (\vec{x}. \phi) \\ \phi \vdash_{\vec{x}} \psi \end{array}$$

# Empty carriers

Empty context allows correct treatment of empty carriers.

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{e.g. } \forall y \phi(y) \vdash_x \phi(x) \\ \phi(x) \vdash_x \exists y \phi(y) \\ \hline \forall y \phi(y) \vdash_{sc} \exists y \phi(y) \end{array}$$



Entailment holds for every interpretation of  $x$   
- vacuously true if carrier empty

Can't deduce

$$\forall y \phi(y) \vdash \exists y \phi(y)$$



- false for empty carrier

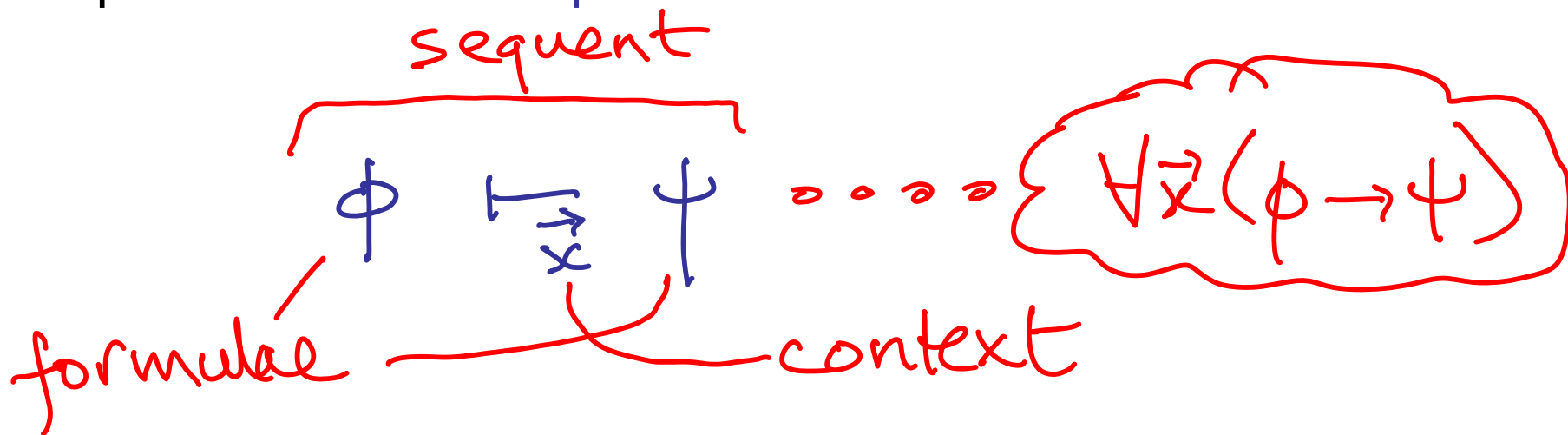
# Oddities 3: Sequents

Deal with logics lacking some connectives

e.g. geometric logic has conjunction, disjunction, but not implication  
- correspond to intersection and union of open sets in topology

Two-level formalization:

- formulae in context are built up using available connectives
- sequents in context express entailment



# Oddities 4: Infinitary connectives

In particular: infinitary disjunctions

- for arbitrary unions of opens

Unexpected consequences

Algebraic treatment (e.g. Lindenbaum algebras) more ad hoc

- see next talk

Can characterize some models, e.g. natural numbers, uniquely up to isomorphism.

Not possible with  
finitary first-order logic

- hence logic takes on aspects of type theory

# Oddities 5: Incompleteness

No completeness in general

Two possible interpretations:

~~Inference rules not strong enough to get all semantic entailments~~

or

Not enough models to support all syntactic distinctions

Solution Look for models in categories other than **Set**

- then there are enough models
- but category of models in **Set**, or monad on **Set**, don't describe theory adequately
- need "categorical Lindenbaum algebras" (see next talk)



# Many-sorted, first-order theory - in some given logic

Theory = signature + axioms

Signature has

- sorts
- predicates
- function symbols

$$P \hookrightarrow \vec{\sigma}$$

$$f : \vec{\sigma} \rightarrow \tau$$

Each predicate or function symbols has an arity specifying

- number of arguments (finite, possibly zero)
- the sort of each argument
- the sort of the result (for a function symbol)

A constant is a 0-ary function (no arguments)

$$c : 1 \rightarrow \tau$$

or  $c : \tau$

e.g.  $f : \sigma_1, \sigma_2 \rightarrow \tau$

binary function, arguments of sorts  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$ , and result of sort  $\tau$ .

$$P \hookrightarrow \sigma_1, \sigma_2$$

binary predicate

# Terms, formulae in context

Given a signature:

Context = finite list of variables, each assigned a sort

$\vec{x} : \vec{\sigma}$

Given a context:

$(\vec{x}. \tau)$

Terms built from free variables (from context) and function symbols in the usual way.

Formulae built from:

$(\vec{x}. \phi)$

- predicates applied to terms (of correct sort)
- equations between terms of same sort
- simpler formulae, using connectives and quantifiers as permitted by the logic

We always assume equality predicates

Bound variables are outside the context

# Sequents, axioms, theories

Given a signature:

A sequent is a context, together with two formulae in that context.

A theory is a signature, together with a set of sequents  
(the axioms for the theory)

# Example

Be pragmatic about notation!

## Monoids

- one sort,  $M$
- two function symbols
  - $1: M$
  - $\_ \_ : M, M \rightarrow M$
- no predicates
- axioms

unit  
infix multiplication

$$\top \vdash_{x:M} 1x =_M x \wedge x1 =_M x$$

unit laws

$$\top \vdash_{x,y,z:M} x(yz) =_M (xy)z$$

associativity

# Example

## Monoid actions

- two sorts, M, A
- function symbols and axioms as for Monoids
- another function symbol  
 $\_ \_ : A, M \rightarrow A$
- two more axioms

$$\top \vdash_{x:A} x \cdot \underline{1} =_A x$$

$$\top \vdash_{x:A, y, z:M} x (y z) = (x y) z$$

# Geometric theories

Formulae built using:  $\top, \wedge, \perp, \vee, =, \exists$

finite conjunctions      arbitrary disjunctions

Propositional fragment (no sorts)

- No-sorted = propositional logic
- no variables or terms
- no function symbols (no sort for result)
- predicates have no arguments
- hence only possible predicates are propositional symbols

Signature

= set of propositional symbols

Formulae built with finite conjunctions, arbitrary disjunctions  
- relate to finite intersections, arbitrary unions of open sets

# Interpreting a signature

Suppose we are given a signature

Each sort  $\sigma$  is interpreted as a set (its carrier)

A context is interpreted as the product of the carriers of the sorts of the free variables

$\sigma_1 \times \dots \times \sigma_n$  where each  $x_i$  in  $\vec{x}$  has sort  $\sigma_i$

# Interpreting a signature

To define interpretation I:

- specify interpretations of sorts, function symbols and predicates (\*)
- other parts can then be derived

~~X~~ sort  $\sigma$   
sort list  $\vec{\sigma}$   
context  $\vec{x} : \vec{\sigma}$

as set  $I(\sigma) \rightarrow$  carrier  
 $I(\vec{\sigma})$  } product of carriers  
 $I(\vec{x})$  }  $I(\sigma_1) \times \dots \times I(\sigma_n)$

~~X~~ function symbol  
 $f : \vec{\sigma} \rightarrow \tau$

function  
 $I(f) : I(\vec{\sigma}) \rightarrow I(\tau)$

~~X~~ predicate  
 $P \hookrightarrow \vec{\sigma}$

subset  
 $I(P) \subseteq I(\vec{\sigma})$



## Interpreting terms

- always in context

If term  $t : \tau$  in context  $\vec{x} : \vec{\sigma}$   
$$\underline{I}(\vec{x}.t) : \underline{I}(\vec{\sigma}) \longrightarrow \underline{I}(\tau)$$

Tuples of values to instantiate variables in context

Evaluate  $t$  on a tuple

Define by structural induction

(1) For free variable in the context: use projection

$$\underline{I}(\vec{x}.x_i) : \underline{I}(\vec{\sigma}) = \underline{I}(\sigma_1) \times \dots \times \underline{I}(\sigma_n)$$

Get  $i$ 'th component of tuple

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \text{Pr}_i \\ \underline{I}(\sigma_i) \end{array}$$

# Interpreting terms

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 $I(\vec{x}.t) : I(\vec{\sigma}) \rightarrow I(\tau)$

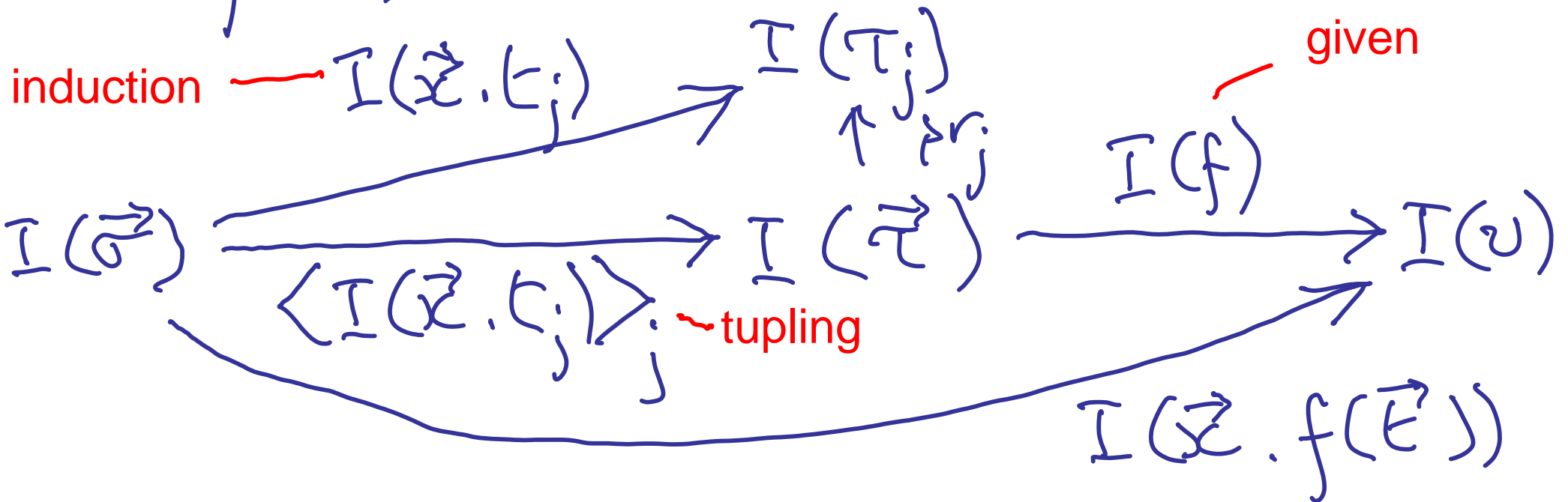
Define by structural induction

(2) For function application

Suppose  $f : \tau \rightarrow \nu$

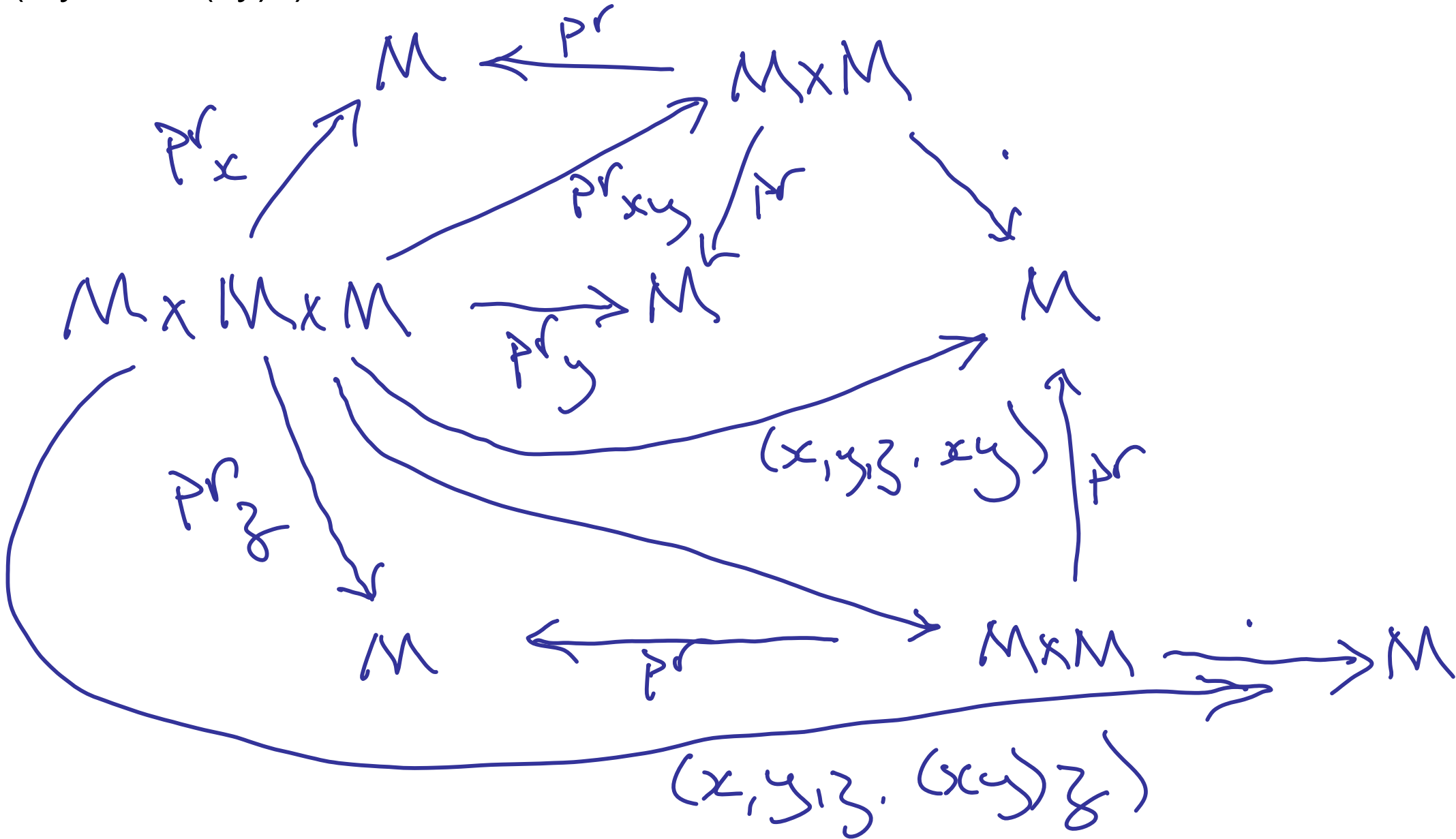
and  $t_j : \tau_j$  in context  $\vec{x} : \vec{\sigma}$

so  $f(E_j) : \nu$  in context  $\vec{x}$



# Example: Monoids

$(x, y, z: M . (xy)z)$



## Interpreting formulae (in context)

If  $\phi$  a formula in context  $\vec{x} : \vec{\sigma}$   
$$\underline{I}(\vec{x} . \phi) \subseteq \underline{I}(\vec{\sigma})$$

"the set of tuples for which  $\phi$  holds"

Define by structural induction

(1) logical constants

$$\underline{I}(\vec{x} . \top) = \underline{I}(\vec{\sigma}) \quad \sim \text{Depends on context!}$$

$$\underline{I}(\vec{x} . \perp) = \emptyset$$

# Interpreting formulae (in context)

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Define by structural induction

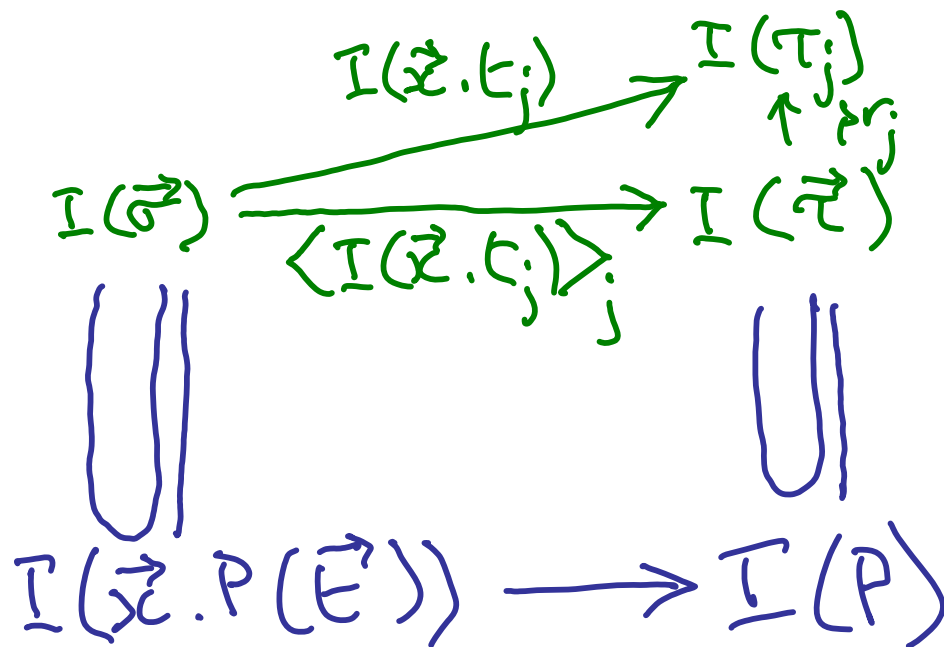
(1) predicate symbol applied to terms

Suppose  $P \hookrightarrow \vec{\tau}$

and  $t_j : \tau_j$  in context  $\vec{x} : \vec{\sigma}$

so  $P(\vec{t})$  a formula in context  $\vec{x}$

Inverse image of  $I(P)$ :  
 set of tuples in  $I(\vec{\tau})$   
 such that  $P$  holds for  
 their images under  
 the  $t_j$ 's



Interpreting formulae (in context) If  $\phi$  a formula in context  $\vec{x} : \vec{\sigma}$   
 $I(\vec{x} . \phi) \subseteq I(\vec{\sigma})$

Define by structural induction

(2) equation

terms  $t_1, t_2 : \tau$  in context  $\vec{x} : \vec{\sigma}$

formula  $t_1 =_{\tau} t_2$

$$I(\vec{x} . t_1 =_{\tau} t_2) \subseteq I(\vec{\sigma}) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{I(\vec{x} . t_1)} \\ \xrightarrow{I(\vec{x} . t_2)} \end{array} I(\tau)$$

equalizer - those elements on which two functions agree

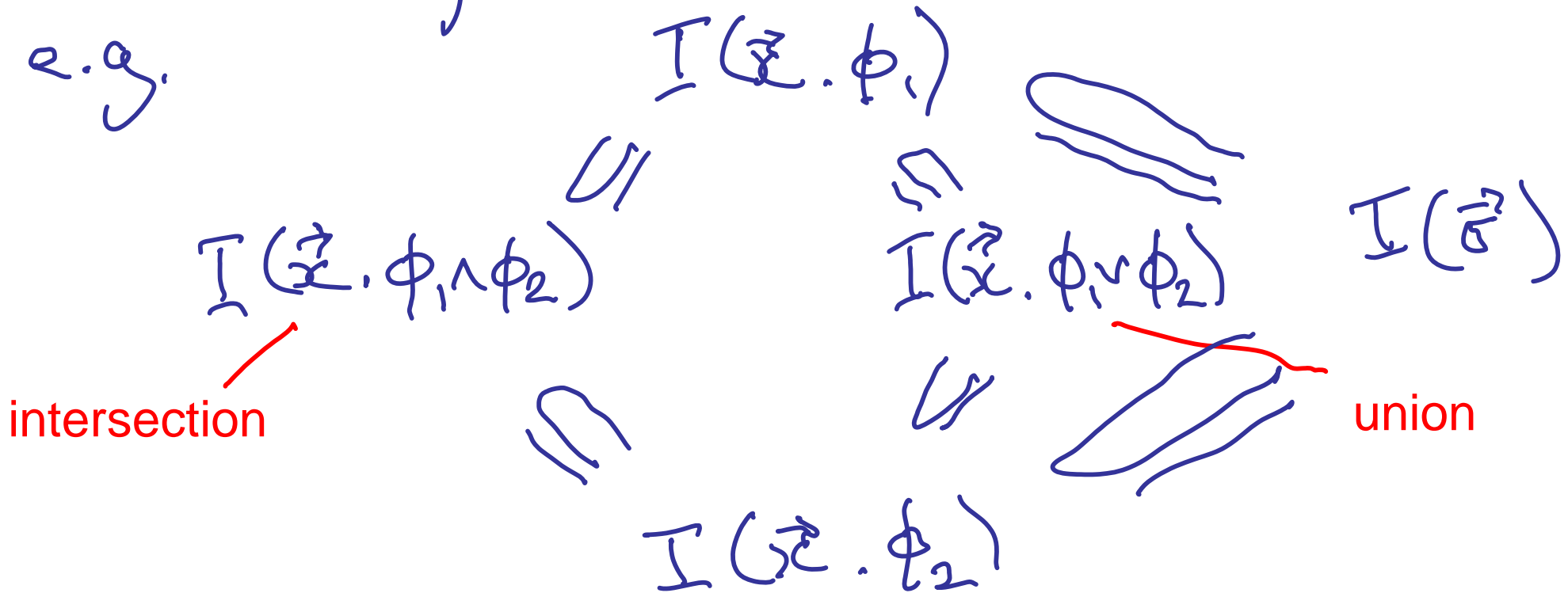
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Define by structural induction

(3) connectives - apply corresponding operations on subsets

$\phi_1, \phi_2$  formulae in context  $\vec{x} : \vec{\sigma}$

e.g.



Interpreting formulae (in context) If  $\phi$  a formula in context  $\vec{x}:\vec{\sigma}$   
 $I(\vec{x}.\phi) \subseteq I(\vec{\sigma})$

Define by structural induction

(4) quantifiers  $\phi$  formula in context  $\vec{x}, y:\tau, \tau$

$\exists y:\tau. \phi$ ,  $\forall y:\tau. \phi$  formulae in  $\vec{x}:\vec{\sigma}$

e.g.  $I(\vec{x}, y.\phi) \cong I(\vec{\sigma}, \tau) = I(\vec{\sigma}) \times I(\tau)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \downarrow & \downarrow \text{Pr} \\
 I(\vec{x}.\exists y:\tau.\phi) & \cong & I(\vec{\sigma}) \\
 \text{image in } I(\vec{\sigma}) & & 
 \end{array}$$



# Models of a theory

An interpretation  $I$  satisfies a sequent if -

$$I(\vec{x}. \phi) \models I(\vec{x}. \psi)$$

$$\phi \Vdash_{\vec{x}:\vec{\sigma}} \psi$$

$$I(\vec{\sigma})$$

for every tuple: if  $\phi$  holds then so does  $\psi$

- A model of a theory is
- an interpretation of its signature
  - that satisfies all its axioms.

# e.g. Monoids

Interpret signature:

set  $M$  with constant  $1$  and binary operation

Axioms: e.g.  $\mathcal{T} \vdash_{x,y,z:M} x(yz) =_M (xy)z$

$$\mathcal{M}(x,y,z, \mathcal{T}) \cong \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{M} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{M}(x,y,z, x(yz))} \\ \xrightarrow{\mathcal{M}(x,y,z, (xy)z)} \end{array} \mathcal{M}$$

$\cap$        $\cup$

$$\mathcal{M}(x,y,z, x(yz) = (xy)z)$$

associativity holds for all triples of elements of  $M$

# Special case: propositional theories

No sorts to interpret

Empty context  $()$  interpreted as  $I() = \text{nullary product } 1$

Propositional symbol  $P$  interpreted as subset  $I(P)$  of  $1 = \{*\}$   
= truth value

- 1 is true, 0 (empty set) is false

Likewise, any formula  $\phi$

- connectives interpreted in lattice of truth values

Sequent  $\phi \vdash \psi$  is satisfied means:

- if  $* \in I(\phi)$  then  $* \in I(\psi)$

- if  $I(\phi)$  true then so is  $I(\psi)$

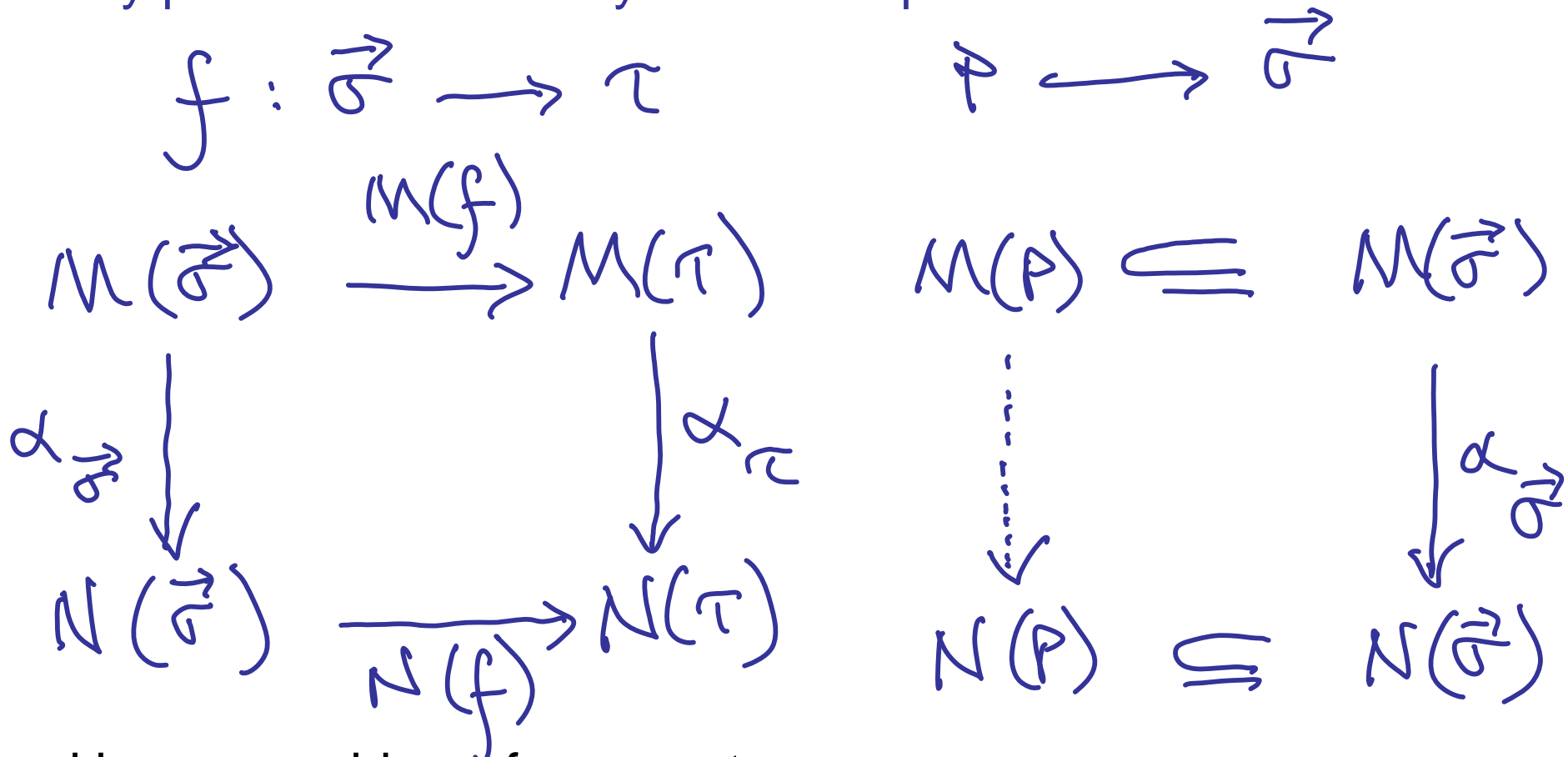
# Homomorphisms between models

M, N two models

homomorphism  $\alpha: M \rightarrow N$  has

- for each sort  $\sigma$ , a carrier function  $\alpha_\sigma: M(\sigma) \rightarrow N(\sigma)$
- such that they preserve function symbols and predicates

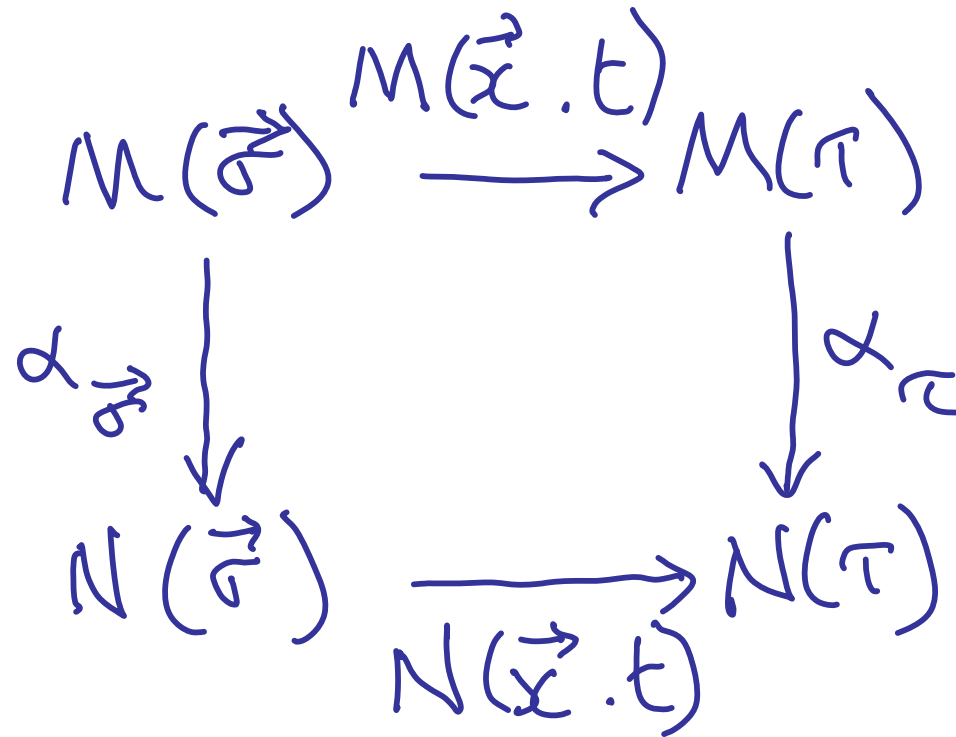
product of  
carrier  
functions



Models and homomorphisms form a category

Homomorphisms preserve all terms

$(\vec{x} : \vec{\sigma}, t : \tau)$



By structural induction on  $t$

Homomorphisms preserve some formulae

$$(\vec{x} : \vec{\sigma} . \phi)$$

$$M(\vec{x} . \phi) \subseteq M(\vec{\sigma})$$

Yes for geometric formulae  
- use structural induction on formula

We shall be using homomorphisms for  
geometric theories

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \downarrow & \downarrow \alpha \\ & & \downarrow \sigma \\ N(\vec{x} . \phi) & \subseteq & N(\vec{\sigma}) \end{array}$$

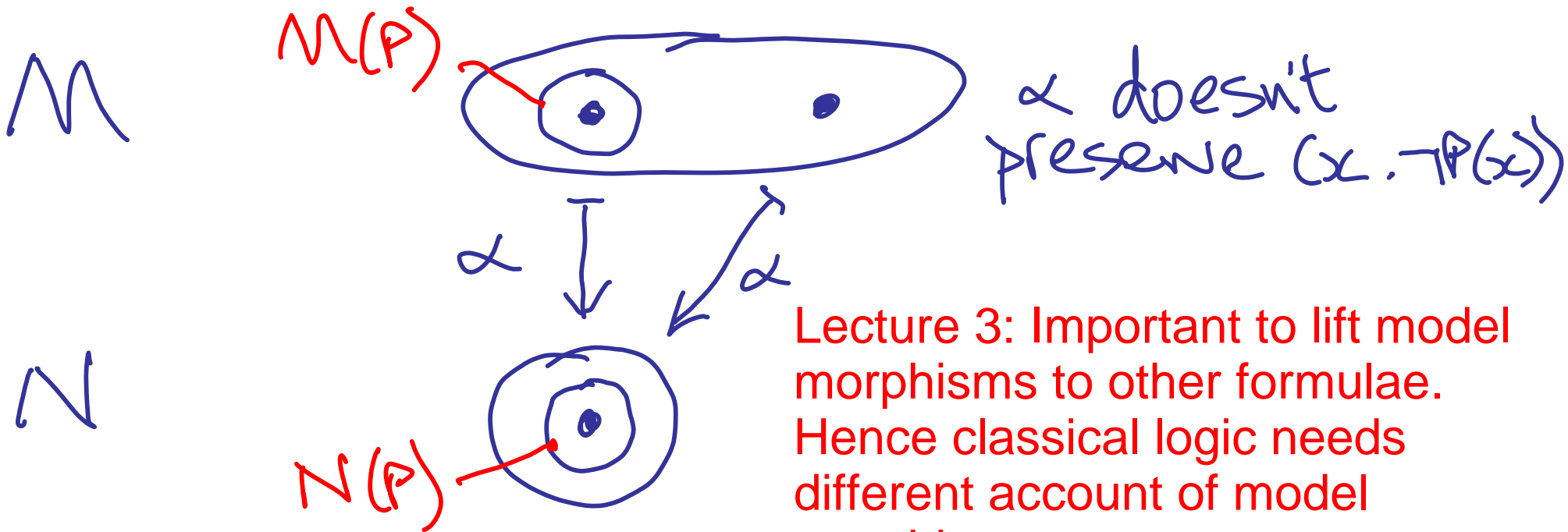
Homomorphisms preserve some formulae

$$(\vec{x} : \vec{\sigma} . \phi)$$

No if formula uses negation, implication, or universal quantification

e.g. theory with one sort  
and one unary predicate  $P$

- model = set equipped with subset  $P$
- homomorphism = function that restricts to the subsets



Lecture 3: Important to lift model morphisms to other formulae. Hence classical logic needs different account of model morphism

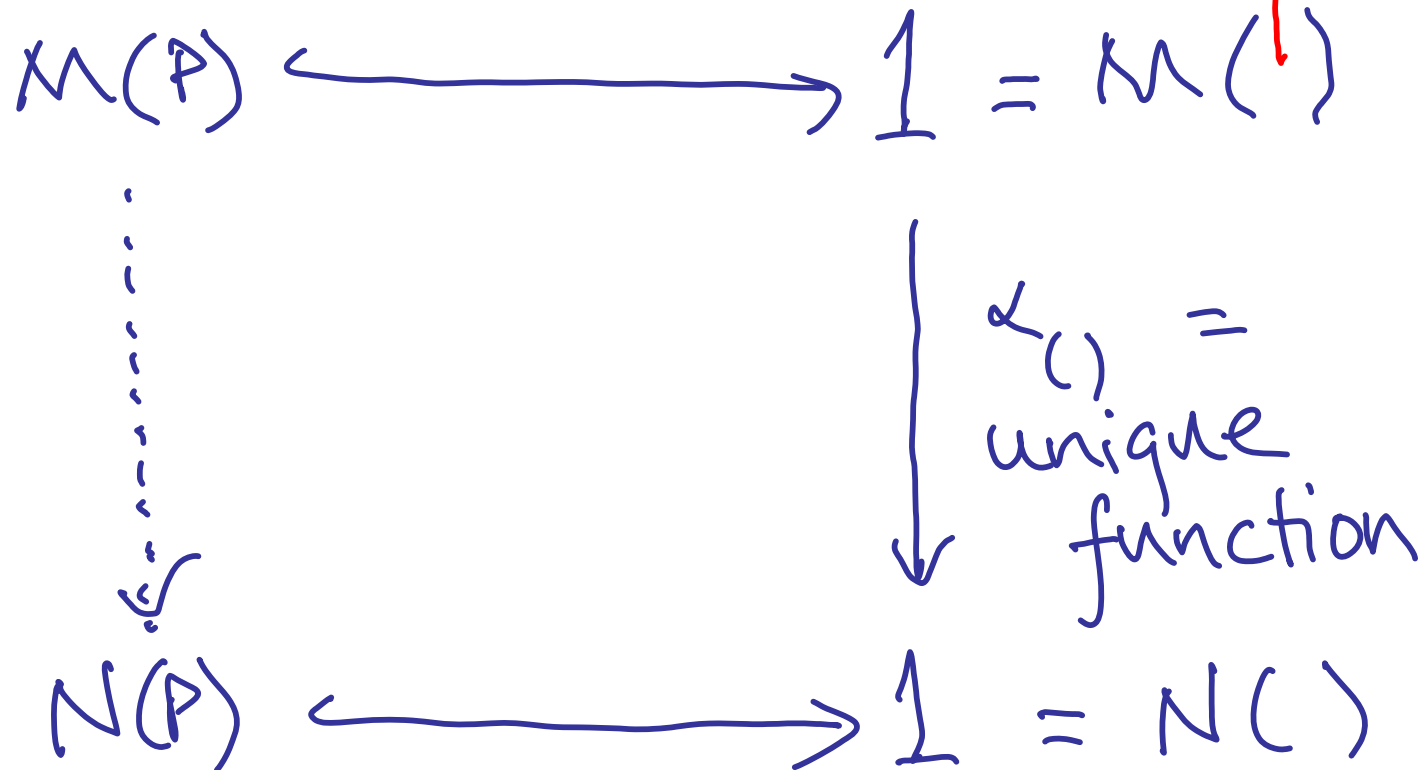
# Homomorphisms for propositional theories

## No sorts

- no carrier functions required
- only one possible homomorphism
- but it only exists if all propositional symbols preserved
- models and homomorphisms form a poset

empty list of sorts

homomorphism  $M \rightarrow N$   
exists iff:  
for every propositional  
symbol  $P$ ,  
if  $P$  true for  $M$   
then it's also true for  $N$





# Geometric theories: Examples

## 1. Algebraic theories - e.g. monoids, monoid actions

Signature has sorts and function symbols

Formulae built with equations

Sequents all of form

$$\top \vdash_{\mathcal{L}} t_1 = t_2$$

# Geometric theories: Examples

## 2. Points of topological space X

Signature has

- no sorts (propositional theory)
- one propositional symbol  $P_U$  for each open  $U$  of  $X$

Sequents

$$\begin{array}{l} P_U \vdash P_V \quad \text{if } U \subseteq V \\ \top \vdash P_X \\ P_U \wedge P_V \vdash P_{U \cap V} \\ P_{\bigcup_i U_i} \vdash \bigvee_i P_{U_i} \end{array}$$

converse sequents follow from first

infinite disjunctions!

# Models?

Each  $P_U$  interpreted as subset of 1, i.e. truth value.

Let  $F = \{U \mid P_U \text{ interpreted as true}\}$

Axioms say -

- F is up-closed
- F contains X
- F is closed under intersection

F is a filter in lattice  $O(X)$  of opens

- F "splits unions"

We say F is a completely prime filter

The models of the theory are the completely prime filters of  $O(X)$

Handwritten axioms in green ink:

- $P_U \vdash P_V$  if  $U \subseteq V$
- $P_U \wedge P_V \vdash P_{U \cap V}$
- $P_{U \cup V} \vdash P_U \vee P_V$

Red lines connect the typed text to these axioms:

- From "F is up-closed" to  $P_U \vdash P_V$  if  $U \subseteq V$
- From "F contains X" to  $P_U \wedge P_V \vdash P_{U \cap V}$
- From "F is closed under intersection" to  $P_U \wedge P_V \vdash P_{U \cap V}$
- From "F 'splits unions'" to  $P_{U \cup V} \vdash P_U \vee P_V$

# Neighbourhood filters

For each  $x$  in  $X$ :

- $N_x = \{\text{open } U \mid x \text{ in } U\}$
- is a completely prime filter

$N : X \longrightarrow \{\text{completely prime filters}\}$

Note  $x \sqsubseteq y$  iff  $N_x \subseteq N_y$

$y$  specializes  $x$  ( $x$  less than  $y$  in specialization order)  
if every open neighbourhood of  $x$  also contains  $y$ .

$X$  is sober if  $N$  is a bijection

$N$  is injective iff specialization is a partial order

Think: the completely prime filters are the true points

- if  $x, y$  have the same neighbourhood filter,  
they are just "different labels for the same point"

For sober spaces  $X, Y$ :

Maps  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  are in bijection with functions  $f^*: \Omega(Y) \rightarrow \Omega(X)$  preserving finite intersections, arbitrary unions

Given  $f$ ,  $f^*$  is inverse image.

For reverse:

Completely prime filters of  $\Omega(X)$  are equivalent to functions

$$\Omega(X) \rightarrow \Omega = P(1) = \{\text{truthvalues}\}$$

preserving finite intersections, arbitrary unions

Given  $f^*$ , preserving those, by composition it transforms completely prime filters of  $\Omega(X)$  to those of  $\Omega(Y)$

Hence by sobriety it gives  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ . It is continuous.

# Point-free topology

## Idea

Use a geometric theory to describe a topological space

Points = models of the theory

Opens = geometric formulae

Specifies points and opens all in one structure

This is point-free topology

Contrast with point-set topology

- first specify set of points
- then specify topology

## Further reading

First order categorical logic

Johnstone - Elephant D1