

## Overview

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We want to combine

- Second Order Logic and
- BSS-computations

to define a general class of graph polynomials.

## SOL-formulas, I: Variables and Interpretations

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We have variables

- $v_i$  for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ .

These are **individual variables**.

- $U_{r,i}$  for each  $r, i \in \mathbb{N}, r \geq 1$ .

These are **relation variables**.  $r$  is the arity of  $U_{r,i}$ .

We denote the set of variables by **VAR**.

Given a **non-empty** but **finite** set  $A$ , an  **$A$ -interpretation** is a map

$$I_A : \mathbf{VAR} \rightarrow A \cup \bigcup_r P(A^r)$$

such that  $I_A(v_i) \in A$  and  $I_A(U_{r,i}) \subseteq A^r$ .

## SOL-formulas, II: Atomic Formulas and their meaning

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**Atomic formulas** are of the form

- $(v_i \simeq v_j)$  with **set of free variables**  $\{v_i, v_j\}$ .
- $U_{r,j}(v_{i_1}, v_{i_2}, \dots, v_{i_r})$  with **set free variables**  $\{U_{r,j}\} \cup \{v_{i_m} : 1 \leq m \leq r\}$ .

The **meaning function**  $M$  is a function which assigns to a formula and an  $A$ -interpretation its truth value, i.e.

$$M : \text{Formulas} \times \text{Interpretations} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$$

$M$  is defined inductively. For atomic formulas we put

- $M((v_i \simeq v_j), I_A) = 1$  iff  $I_A(v_i) = I_A(v_j)$ .
- $M(U_{r,j}(v_{i_1}, v_{i_2}, \dots, v_{i_r}), I_A) = 1$  iff  $(I_A(v_{i_1}), I_A(v_{i_2}), \dots, I_A(v_{i_r})) \in I_A(U_{r,j})$ .

## SOL-formulas, III: Formulas

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We define now inductively the set of *SOL*-formulas **SOL**.  
If  $\phi \in \mathbf{SOL}$  we denote by  $free(\phi)$  its set of free variables.

- Atomic formulas  $\phi$  are in **SOL** with  $free(\phi)$  as defined before.
- If  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  are in **SOL** then  $\phi$  of the form  
 $(\phi_1 \vee \phi_2)$ ,  
 $(\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2)$  or  
 $(\phi_1 \rightarrow \phi_2)$   
 is in **SOL** with  $free(\phi) = free(\phi_1) \cup free(\phi_2)$ .
- If  $\phi_1$  is in **SOL** then  $\phi = \neg\phi_1$  is in **SOL** with  $free(\phi) = free(\phi_1)$ .
- If  $\phi_1$  is in **SOL** then  $\phi$  of the form  
 $\exists v_j \phi$ ,  $\forall v_j \phi$ ,  
 is in **SOL** with  $free(\phi) = free(\phi_1) - \{v_j\}$ .
- If  $\phi_1$  is in **SOL** then  $\phi$  of the form  
 $\exists U_{r,j} \phi$  or  $\forall U_{r,j} \phi$   
 is in **SOL** with  $free(\phi) = free(\phi_1) - \{U_{r,j}\}$ .

## SOL-formulas, IV: Formulas and their meaning

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The meaning function for formulas is defined as usual.

- For  $\phi = \neg\phi_1$  we put  $M(\neg\phi_1, I_A) = 1 - M(\phi_1, I_A)$ .
- For each of the binary boolean connectives  $\bullet \in \{\wedge, \vee, \rightarrow, \}$  we have the corresponding truth table  $T_\bullet$ .  
We put  $M((\phi_1 \bullet \phi_2), I_A) = T_\bullet(M(\phi_1, I_A), M(\phi_2, I_A))$ .
- Let  $V \in \mathbf{VAR}$ . For  $\phi = \exists V\phi_1$  we put  $M(\phi, I_A) = 1$  iff there is an  $A$ -Interpretation  $J_A$  such that for all variables different from  $V$  the interpretations  $I_A$  and  $J_A$  coincide, and such that  $M(\phi_1, J_A) = 1$ .
- Let  $V \in \mathbf{VAR}$ . For  $\phi = \forall V\phi_1$  we put  $M(\phi, I_A) = 1$  iff for every  $A$ -Interpretation  $J_A$  such that for all variables different from  $V$  the interpretations  $I_A$  and  $J_A$  coincide, we have  $M(\phi_1, J_A) = 1$ .

## Satisfiability and SOL-consequence

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The standard notions of logic apply here as well.

Note we have restricted our interpretations of **SOL** to **finite sets**.

- A set of formulas  $\Sigma$  is ***f*-satisfiable** if there is an  $A$ -interpretation  $I_A$  with  $A$  finite such that for all  $\phi \in \Sigma$  we have  $M(\phi, I_A) = 1$ .
- A formula  $\psi$  *f*-follows from a set of formulas  $\Sigma$ , denoted by  $\Sigma \models_f \psi$ , if for every  $A$ -interpretation  $I_A$  with  $A$  finite such that for all  $\phi \in \Sigma$  we have  $M(\phi, I_A) = 1$  we have also  $M(\psi, I_A) = 1$ .
- If  $\tau \subset \mathbf{VAR}$ , we call  $A$ -interpretations restricted to  $\tau$  also  $\tau$ -structures or  $\tau$ -models.

## SOL-polynomials $\text{SOL}(\mathcal{R})$ , I: Indeterminates

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Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be a commutative ring with addition, multiplication, and neutral elements 0 for addition and 1 for multiplication.

We first define the set of **indeterminates**  $\mathbb{X}$ .  
Our indeterminates depend on variables in **VAR**.

- For each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$   
 $X_i$  is an indeterminate in  $\mathbb{X}$ .
- For each finite sequence of variables  $\bar{V} = (V_1, V_2, \dots, V_k) \in \mathbf{VAR}^k$   
and  $i \in \mathbb{N}$   $X_{\bar{V},i}$  is an indeterminate in  $\mathbb{X}$ .
- $free(X_i) = \emptyset$ .  
 $free(X_{\bar{V},i}) = \{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_k\}$

## SOL-polynomials $\text{SOL}(\mathcal{R})$ , II: Terms $\mathbb{T}(\mathcal{R})$

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- Each  $a \in \mathcal{R}$  is a term of  $\mathbb{T}(\mathcal{R})$  with  $\text{free}(a) = \emptyset$ .
- Each indeterminate  $X_i$  and  $X_{\bar{V},i} \in \mathbb{X}$  is a term of  $\mathbb{T}(\mathcal{R})$  with  $\text{free}(X_i) = \emptyset$  and  $\text{free}(X_{\bar{V},i}) = \{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_k\}$
- If  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  are in  $\mathbb{T}(\mathcal{R})$  so are  $t_1 + t_2$  and  $t_1 \cdot t_2$ .  
 $\text{free}(t_1 + t_2) = \text{free}(t_1 \cdot t_2) = \text{free}(t_1) \cup \text{free}(t_2)$ .
- If  $\phi$  is a **SOL**-formula,  $\text{tv}(\phi)$  is a term in  $\mathbb{T}(\mathcal{R})$  and  $\text{free}(\text{tv}(\phi)) = \text{free}(\phi)$ .



## SOL-polynomials $\text{SOL}(\mathcal{R})$ , III: Terms $\mathbb{T}(\mathcal{R})$

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Let  $\phi, \psi$  be SOL-formulas and  $s, t$ , be terms of  $\mathbb{T}(\mathcal{R})$ .

- If  $\bar{v} = (v_{i_1}, v_{i_2}, \dots, v_{i_m})$  is a vector of individual variables, then

$$\sum_{\bar{v}:\phi} s(\bar{v}) \quad \text{and} \quad \prod_{\bar{v}:\phi} s(\bar{v})$$

are terms with set of free variables  $free(s) \cup free(\phi) - \{v_{i_1}, v_{i_2}, \dots, v_{i_m}\}$

- If  $\bar{V} = (V_1, V_2, \dots, V_m)$  is a vector of individual and relation variables, then

$$\sum_{\bar{V}:\psi} t(\bar{V})$$

is a term with set of free variables  $free(t) \cup free(\psi) - \{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_m\}$ .

Here summation and multiplication act like quantifiers.

**We do not allow products over the range of relation variables.**

## SOL-polynomials $\text{SOL}(\mathcal{R})$ , IV: Substitution of free variables.

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Let  $\theta(v_1, \dots, v_r)$  be a formula with  $v_k \in \text{free}(\theta)$  for  $1 \leq k \leq r$ .  
 Let  $U_{r,j}$  be an  $r$ -ary relation variable, and  $v_i$  be an individual variable.  
 Furthermore, let  $t$  be a term in  $\mathbb{T}(\mathcal{R})$ .

- Let  $t_1$  be the term

$$\sum_{v_i: v_i = v_k} t$$

is a term with  $\text{free}(t_1) = (\text{free}(t) - \{v_i\}) \cup \{v_k\}$ .

- If  $U_{r,j} \notin \text{free}(\theta)$ , then the term  $t_1$  given by

$$t_1 = \sum_{U_{r,j}: \forall \bar{v} (U_{r,j}(\bar{v}) \leftrightarrow \theta(\bar{v}))} (t)$$

is a term with  $\text{free}(t_1) = (\text{free}(t) \cup \text{free}(\theta)) - \{U_{r,j}, v_1, \dots, v_r\}$ .

The sum has only one term in each case, so the sum has only the effect of changing the free variables in  $t$ .

## Evaluation of SOL-polynomials $\text{SOL}(\mathcal{R})$

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If an  $A$ -interpretation  $I_A$  is given, each term  $t \in \mathbb{T}(\mathcal{R})$  has a natural interpretation as a **polynomial** in  $\mathcal{R}[\mathbb{X}]$ .

- If  $\phi$  has no free variables and  $\phi$  is a tautology, i.e.  $\neg\phi$  is not satisfiable, then  $\sum_{v:\phi} t = \prod_{v:\phi} t = t$ .
- If  $\phi$  has no free variables and  $\phi$  is a contradiction, i.e.  $\phi$  is not satisfiable, then  $\sum_{v:\phi} t = 0$  and  $\prod_{v:\phi} t = 1$ .
- If for  $t \in \mathbb{T}(\mathcal{R})$  we have  $\tau = \text{free}(t)$  then we speak of a  $\tau$ -**polynomial**, which is an invariant of  $\tau$ -structures.
- If for  $t \in \mathbb{T}(\mathcal{R})$ ,  $\tau$  just contains one binary relation symbol,  $t$  is a **graph polynomial**.

We denote this interpretation by  $\mathfrak{P}(t, I_A)$ .

## Equivalence of terms of $\mathbb{T}(\mathcal{R})$

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Let  $t_1, t_2 \in \mathbb{T}(\mathcal{R})$  be two terms.

- $t_1$  and  $t_2$  are **equivalent over  $\mathcal{R}$**  if for every  $A$ -interpretation  $I_A$  we have  $\mathfrak{P}(t_1, I_A) = \mathfrak{P}(t_2, I_A)$ .  
We write  $t_1 \sim_{\mathcal{R}} t_2$ .
- $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are logically equivalent iff  $tv(\phi)$  and  $tv(\psi)$  are equivalent over  $\mathcal{R}$  for every ring  $\mathcal{R}$ .
- $t_1$  **induces  $t_2$  over  $\mathcal{R}$**  if for any two interpretations  $I_A$  and  $I_B$  such that  $\mathfrak{P}(t_1, I_A) = \mathfrak{P}(t_1, I_B)$  we also have  $\mathfrak{P}(t_2, I_A) = \mathfrak{P}(t_2, I_B)$ .  
We write  $t_1 \models_{\mathcal{R}} t_2$ .

## Undecidability of equivalence

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We have seen in the second lecture:

### **Theorem:**

- Equivalence between terms  $t_1 \sim_{\mathcal{R}} t_2$  is undecidable over every ring  $\mathcal{R}$ .
- The induction relation  $t_1 \models_{\mathcal{R}} t_2$  is undecidable over every ring  $\mathcal{R}$ .
- The same holds even when terms are restricted to those with one free binary relation variable.

## SOL-monomials

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We define inductively the **SOL-monomials**.

- Ring elements  $a$  and indeterminates  $X_{\bar{v}}$  are **SOL-monomials**.
- For every **SOL-formula**  $\phi$  the term  $tv(\phi)$  is an **SOL-monomial**.
- The product of two **SOL-monomials**  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  is an **SOL-monomial**.
- If  $t_1$  is a **SOL-monomial**,  $\phi$  is an **SOL-formula** and  $\bar{v}$  is a sequence of individual variables then

$$\prod_{\bar{v}:\phi} t$$

is an **SOL-monomial**.

## Summation Normal Form (**SNF**)

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We define inductively the the terms in Summation Normal Form **SNF**.

- **SOL**-monomials are in **SNF**.
- If  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  are in **SNF**, so is  $t_1 + t_2$ .
- If  $t_1$  is in **SNF**,  $\phi$  is an **SOL**-formula and  $\bar{v}$  is a sequence of individual variables, then so is

$$\sum_{\bar{v}:\phi} t$$

- If  $t_1$  is in **SNF**,  $\psi$  is an **SOL**-formula and  $\bar{V}$  is a sequence of individual or relation variables, then so is

$$\sum_{\bar{V}:\psi} t$$

## SNF-Theorem for terms in $\mathbb{T}(\mathcal{R})$

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### Theorem:

For every term  $t$  in  $\mathbb{T}(\mathcal{R})$  there is a term  $t_1$  in  $\mathbb{T}(\mathcal{R})$  in **SNF** such that

- $t \sim_{\mathcal{R}} t_1$  for every ring  $\mathcal{R}$ .
- $free(t) = free(t_1)$



## Proof of the **SNF**-Theorem, I

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Recall that  $J^I$  denotes the set of function  $f : I \rightarrow J$ .

We first observe the following:

**Lemma 1:** Let  $t_{i,j}$  be terms with  $i \in I$  and  $j \in J$ . Then

$$\prod_{i \in I} \sum_{j \in J} t_{i,j} = \sum_{F \in J^I} \prod_{i \in I} t_{i,F(i)}$$

Q.E.D.

We want to analyze this for  $J = P(I)$ .

**Lemma 2:** There is a one-one correspondence between  $P(I)^I$  and  $P(I \times I)$ .

**Proof:**

If  $R \subseteq I \times I$  we define a function  $F_R : I \rightarrow P(I)$  by

$$F_R(i) = \{j \in I : (i, j) \in R\}$$

In the other direction, if  $F : I \rightarrow P(I)$ , we define  $R_F \subseteq I \times I$  by

$$R_F = \{(i, j) \in I^2 : i \in I, j \in F(i)\}$$

Q.E.D.

## Proof of the **SNF**-Theorem, II

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It is enough to prove it for products of terms in **SNF**.

We spell out the details for  $\bar{v} = (v)$  and  $\bar{U} = (U_{1,1}) = (U)$ .

**Lemma 3:** Let

$$t_v = \sum_{U:\psi(v,U)} s(v,U).$$

and  $W_{2,1} = W \notin \text{free}(t_v)$ . Then

$$\prod_{v:\phi(v)} t_v = \prod_{v:\phi(v)} \left( \sum_{U:\psi(v,U)} s(v,U) \right) = \sum_{W: \left( U:\forall u(U(u) \leftrightarrow \exists w W(u,w)) \right)} \left( \prod_{v:\phi(v) \wedge \psi(v,U)} s(v,U) \right)$$

**Proof:** Use Lemma 2 with  $J = P(I)$  and the fact that the innermost sum is just there to change the arity of the variable of summation.

Q.E.D.

## Proof of the **SNF**-Theorem, III

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The general case looks as follows.

**Lemma 4:** Let

$$\bar{U} = (U_{r_1,1}, \dots, U_{r_m,m}), \quad \bar{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_k), \quad \bar{W} = (W_{r_1+k,1}, \dots, W_{r_m+k,m})$$

and

$$t_{\bar{v}} = \sum_{\bar{U}: \psi(\bar{v}, \bar{U})} s(\bar{v}, \bar{U}).$$

Then

$$\prod_{\bar{v}: \phi(\bar{v})} t(\bar{v}) = \prod_{\bar{v}: \phi(\bar{v})} \left( \sum_{\bar{U}: \psi(\bar{v}, \bar{U})} s(\bar{v}, \bar{U}) \right) =$$

$$\sum_{\bar{W}: \left( \bar{U}: \bigwedge_{i=1}^m (\forall \bar{u} (U_{r_i,i}(\bar{u}) \leftrightarrow \exists \bar{w} W_{r_i+k,i}(\bar{u}, \bar{w}))) \right)} \left( \sum_{\bar{v}: \phi(\bar{v}) \wedge \psi(\bar{v}, \bar{U})} \prod s(\bar{v}, \bar{U}) \right)$$

Q.E.D.

## Coding finite structures in the ring, I: ring assignments.

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Let  $\mathfrak{z} : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  be a function which gives each indeterminate in  $\mathbb{X}$  a value in the ring  $\mathcal{R}$ .

If  $\mathfrak{z}$  additionally satisfies

- For all but finitely many  $X_{v_i} \in \mathbb{X}$  we have  $\mathfrak{z}(X_{v_i}) = 0$ .
- For all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , if  $\mathfrak{z}(X_{v_i}) = 0$  then also  $\mathfrak{z}(X_{v_{i+1}}) = 0$ .
- The set  $\{(i, j) \in \mathbb{N}^2 : \mathfrak{z}(X_{v_i, v_j}) \neq 0\}$  is the graph of a unary function with domain  $\{v_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .
- For all individual variables  $\bar{v} = (v_1, v_2, \dots, v_r)$  and all  $U_{r,j}$  we have that if  $\mathfrak{z}(X_{\bar{v}}, U_{r,j}) \neq 0$  then for all  $1 \leq i \leq r$ ,  $\mathfrak{z}(X_{v_i}) \neq 0$ .

then  $\mathfrak{z}$  is called a **ring assignment** *wra*.

If  $\mathfrak{z} : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \{0, 1\} \subset \mathcal{R}$  then it is called **discrete ring assignment** *dra*.

## Coding finite structures in the ring, II: The structure $\mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{z})$

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We define an  $A$ -interpretation  $I_A(\mathfrak{z}) : \mathbf{VAR} \rightarrow A \cup \bigcup_r P(A^r)$  as follows:

- The universe is the set

$$A(\mathfrak{z}) = A = \{i \in \mathbb{N} : \mathfrak{z}(X_{v_i}) \neq 0\}$$

- Each individual variable  $v_i$  is interpreted by

$$I_A(\mathfrak{z})(v_i) = j \text{ iff } \mathfrak{z}(X_{v_i, v_j}) \neq 0$$

- Each relation variable  $U_{r,j}$  is interpreted by

$$I_A(U_{r,j}) = \{(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_r) \in \mathbb{N}^r : \mathfrak{z}(X_{v_{i_1}, v_{i_2}, \dots, v_{i_r}, U_{r,j}}) \neq 0\}$$

## SOL-polynomials and BSS-programs.

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Given a ring assignment  $\mathfrak{z}$  and its corresponding  $I_A(\mathfrak{z})$ -interpretation, and an SOL-polynomial  $t \in \mathbb{T}(\mathcal{R})$ ,

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