

# Model theory

## 4. Cartesian products and reduced products

**Exercise 1** (expressing mathematical statements by sentences) For each statement  $S$  below, find a suitable language  $L$ , an  $L$ -structure  $(M, L^M)$  and an  $L$ -sentence  $\sigma$  such that  $S$  is equivalent to  $M \models \sigma$ .

1. Given natural numbers  $m, n, p$ , the statement is ‘ $p$  is a prime number and  $m$  and  $n$  are coprime’.
2. Given a field  $K$  with a linear ordering on  $K$ , the statement is ‘ $K$  is an ordered field’.
3. Given an ordered field  $K$ , the statement is ‘every positive element is a square’.
4. Given a matrix  $A = (a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{21}, a_{22})$  in  $M_2(\mathbf{R})$ , the statement is ‘ $A$  is invertible’.
5. Given a group  $G$ , the statement is ‘the centre of  $G$  is non-trivial’.

**Exercise 2** (satisfaction in a Cartesian product) Let  $(M_i)_{i \in I}$  be a family of  $L$ -structures,  $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  an atomic formula and  $a^1, \dots, a^n$  elements of  $\prod_{i \in I} M_i$ .

1. Show that  $\prod_{i \in I} M_i$  satisfies  $\varphi(a^1, \dots, a^n)$  if and only if  $M_i$  satisfies  $\varphi(a_i^1, \dots, a_i^n)$  for all  $i \in I$ .
2. Does that hold for any formula?
3. Show that if  $J \subset I$ , the restriction map  $\prod_{i \in I} M_i \rightarrow \prod_{j \in J} M_j$  is a morphism.

**Exercise 3** (building ultrafilters with prescribed elements) Let  $I$  and  $J \subset I$  be infinite sets.

1. Show that there is a non-principal ultrafilter on  $I$  that contains  $\{J\}$ .
2. Is there a non-principal ultrafilter on  $\mathbf{N}$  containing  $\{n\mathbf{N} : n \geq 1\}$ ?
3. Under which conditions on a set  $\mathcal{G}$  of subsets of  $I$  is there a non-principal ultrafilter extending  $\mathcal{G}$ ?

**Exercise 4** (product reduced by a principal ultrafilter) Let  $I$  be a set,  $J \subset I$  a subset and  $\mathcal{F}$  the principal filter on  $I$  generated by the singleton  $\{J\}$ . Let  $(M_i)$  a family of  $L$ -structures. Show that the reduced product  $\prod_{\mathcal{F}} M_i$  is isomorphic to the Cartesian product  $\prod_{j \in J} M_j$ .

**Exercise 5** (reduced product of rings) Consider  $\mathbf{R}$  with its  $L_{ring}$ -structure. The  $L_{ring}$ -structure  $\mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{N}}$  is the natural ring structure on the Cartesian power of  $\mathbf{R}$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a filter on  $\mathbf{N}$ .

1. Show that there is an ideal  $I_{\mathcal{F}}$  of  $\mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{N}}$  such that  $\mathbf{R}^{\mathcal{F}}$  is precisely the quotient ring  $\mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{N}}/I_{\mathcal{F}}$ .
2. If  $\mathcal{F}$  is not an ultrafilter, show that  $\mathbf{R}^{\mathcal{F}}$  is not a field. What can you say about the  $L_{ring}$ -theory of  $\mathbf{R}^{\mathcal{F}}$ , using either 1. or the particular cases where Los’ Theorem holds for a reduced product? Can you explain why Los Theorem fails to conclude that  $\mathbf{R}^{\mathcal{F}}$  is a field?
3. If  $\mathcal{U}$  is an ultrafilter on  $\mathbf{N}$ , show that the ideal  $I_{\mathcal{U}}$  is maximal. What can you say about the  $L_{ring}$ -theory of  $\mathbf{R}^{\mathcal{U}}$ ?
4. Conversely, show that for every ideal  $I$  of  $\mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{N}}$ , there is a filter  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $\mathbf{N}$  such that  $\mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{N}}/I$  equals  $\mathbf{R}^{\mathcal{F}}$ .