

## Problem Set 6

Due April 30.

*Model Theory*

Math 506, Spring 2004.

1. Let  $\mathcal{L} = \{0, 1, +, -, \cdot\}$  be the language of rings and consider the field  $\mathbb{R}$  of real numbers as an  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure as usual. Is the  $\mathcal{L}$ -theory  $\text{Th}(\mathbb{R})$  model-complete? Does  $\text{Th}(\mathbb{R})$  admit quantifier elimination?
2. Let  $\mathcal{L}_E = \{L, B, C, A, D\}$  be the following language:  $L$  and  $B$  are ternary relation symbols;  $C$  and  $A$  are 6-ary relation symbols, and  $D$  is a 4-ary relation symbol. We let  $\mathcal{E} = (E, L^\mathcal{E}, B^\mathcal{E}, C^\mathcal{E}, A^\mathcal{E}, D^\mathcal{E})$  be the  $\mathcal{L}_E$ -structure with universe  $E = \mathbb{R}^2$  where for all  $a, b, c, a', b', c' \in E$ :
  - i.  $\mathcal{E} \models L^\mathcal{E}(a, b, c)$  if and only if  $a, b, c$  are collinear, and  $\mathcal{E} \models B^\mathcal{E}(a, b, c)$  if and only if  $a, b, c$  are collinear and  $c$  lies between  $a$  and  $b$ ;
  - ii.  $\mathcal{E} \models C^\mathcal{E}(a, b, c, a', b', c')$  if and only if the triangles with vertices  $a, b, c$  and  $a', b', c'$ , respectively, are congruent;  $\mathcal{E} \models A^\mathcal{E}(a, b, c, a', b', c')$  if and only if the angle between the line segments  $ab$  and  $bc$  is the same as the angle between  $a'b'$  and  $b'c'$ ;
  - iii.  $\mathcal{E} \models D^\mathcal{E}(a, b, a', b')$  if and only if the distance between  $a$  and  $b$  is the same as the distance between  $a'$  and  $b'$ .

Show that  $\text{Th}(\mathcal{E})$  is decidable. (Decidability of plane euclidean geometry; Tarski 1948.)

3. Let  $F$  be an ordered field.
  - a) Show that  $F$  is real closed if and only if for every  $P(X) \in F[X]$  and  $a < b$  in  $F$  such that  $P(a)P(b) < 0$  there exists  $c \in F$  with  $P(c) = 0$  (“ $P$  has the intermediate value property”).
  - b) Construe  $F$  as an  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure as usual, where  $\mathcal{L} = \{0, 1, +, -, \cdot, <\}$ . Use (a) to show that if  $\text{Th}(F)$  is o-minimal then  $F$  is real closed.
4. Recall that a function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called **semialgebraic** if its graph

$$\Gamma(f) = \{(x, f(x)) : x \in \mathbb{R}\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$$

is semialgebraic.

- a) We say that a function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is **algebraic** if there is a non-zero polynomial  $P(X, Y) \in \mathbb{R}[X, Y]$  such that  $P(x, f(x)) = 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Show that every semialgebraic function  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is algebraic.
- b) Use (a) to show that the exponential function  $x \mapsto e^x: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is not semialgebraic.