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Intro : Definable Types and Stable Embeddings

Fix T complete L -theory with QE, $M \preceq U \models T$, U suit saturated.

Recall: * $p(x) \in S_x(M)$ is definable if for any L -fml $\varphi(x, y)$ there is an L_M -fml $d_p \varphi(y)$ s.t. for any $b \in M^y$ one has $\varphi(x, b) \in p$ iff $\models d_p \varphi(b)$.

* Let $M \subseteq A \subseteq U$. We say M is stably embedded in A if for any L -fml $\varphi(x)$ the set $\varphi(U) \cap M^x = \{a \in M^x \mid U \models \varphi(a)\}$ is definable in M .
 We will write $M \subseteq_{SE} A$ and say (A, M) is an SE-pair.

|| RK: For $M \subseteq A \subseteq U$, M is stably embedded in A
 $\Leftrightarrow$ for any finite tuple a of elts from A , $\varphi_p(a/M)$ is definable.

|| Fact (Shelah) T is stable iff all types are definable, overall $M \models T$.

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Some Prehistory: Early Results on Definable Types in Unstable Theories.

Absolute case

* (van den Dries) If $\mathcal{R} = \langle \mathbb{R}, <, +, \cdot \rangle$ is o-minimal (e.g. the real field or $\mathcal{R} = \langle \mathbb{R}_{an, exp} \rangle$), then all types over $\mathcal{R}$ are definable ($\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{R} \subseteq_{SE} \mathcal{U}$)

** (folklore) T=PRES: $\mathbb{Z}$ is the only model (up to isomorphism) over which all types are definable.

*** (Delon 1989) T=PCF: $\mathbb{Q}_p$ is the only model over which all types are definable.

Relative case

* (Marker-Steinhorn) ¹⁹⁹⁴ T=dense o-minimal, $M \leq N \models T$, then $M \subseteq_{SE} N$ iff M is Dedekind complete in N .

** (folklore) $M \leq N \models PRES$, then $M \subseteq_{SE} N$ iff N is an end extension of M .

Algebraic Characterization of Def Types in Benign Valued Fields

Recall: An extension L/K of valued fields is separated if every finite dim K -subvector space admits a basis $(b_1, \dots, b_n)$ s.t. for all $\vec{\alpha} \in K^n$: $\text{val}(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i b_i) = \min_{i=1}^n \text{val}(\alpha_i b_i)$

Fact: Let $K \subseteq L \subseteq \tilde{K}$ be valued fields with $K \preceq \tilde{K}$. Then

① (Cubides - Delon 2016) If $K \models \text{ACVF}$, then $K \subseteq_{SE} L$ iff

$[L/K \text{ is separated and } \Gamma_K \subseteq_{SE} \Gamma_L]$

② (Cubides - Ye 2021) If $K \models \text{RCVF}$ or $K \models \text{PCF}$, then $K \subseteq_{SE} L$ iff

$[L/K \text{ is separated, } k_K \subseteq_{SE} k_L \text{ and } \Gamma_K \subseteq_{SE} \Gamma_L]$

③ (Touhant 2024)

If K is henselian of char $(0,0)$, or alg maximal Kaplansky of char (p,p) or finitely ramified henselian with perfect residue field, then $K \subseteq_{SE} L$ iff $[L/K \text{ is separated and } RV_K \subseteq_{SE} RV_L]$

In case $L \not\preceq K$, this is further equivalent to $[L/K \text{ separated, } k_K \subseteq_{SE} k_L \text{ and } \Gamma_K \subseteq_{SE} \Gamma_L]$

The source for the reduction : Domination

The following powerful principle was (essentially) observed by Haskell-Hrushovski-Rapoport.

Fact ("algebraic domination")

Let $K \subseteq L, M \subseteq \tilde{K}$ be valued fields. Assume:

① L/K is separated.

② $\Gamma_L \cap \Gamma_M = \Gamma_K$ and $k_L \underset{k_K}{\overset{\text{ed}}{\downarrow}} k_M$ ($\underset{k_K}{\overset{\text{ed}}{\downarrow}}$ means "linearly disjoint")

Then the isomorphism type of the valued field LM is completely determined by the isomorphism types of $\Gamma_L + \Gamma_M$ and $k_L k_M$. Moreover, LM/M is separated,

$L \underset{K}{\overset{\text{ed}}{\downarrow}} M$, $k_{LM} = k_L k_M$ and $\Gamma_{LM} = \Gamma_L + \Gamma_M$.

Uniform Definability of Definable Types

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Def: T has UDDT (uniform definability of definable types) if for any L -fml $\varphi(x, y)$ there is an L -fml $\chi(y, z)$ s.t. for every def. type $p(x) \in S_x(M)$ there is $c \in M^z$ s.t. $d_p \varphi(y) \equiv \chi(y, c)$

RK: If T has UDDT and X is a definable set, the class of definable types concentrated on X , S_{def}^X , is naturally given by a pro-definable set, i.e. a projective limit of definable sets with def. transition functions.

Indeed, $p(x) \in S_{\text{def}}^X(M)$ is coded by $(\prod d_p \varphi)_{\varphi}$, an infinite tuple in M^{eq} , and by UDDT this coding is uniform, so S_{def}^X is a type-def subset of an infinite product of def sets.

Variant: For $\mathcal{C}$ a subclass of all definable types, we say elements of $\mathcal{C}$ are uniformly definable if there are $\chi(y, z)$ as above for all $\varphi(x, y)$ providing definitions for all types in $\mathcal{C}$.

UDDT and the language of pairs

* We will consider SE-pairs in the language $\mathcal{L}_P := \mathcal{L} \cup \{P\}$

$$(A, M) \mapsto A := (A, P(A) = M)$$

* Given an $\mathcal{L}_P$ -embeddng $A \subseteq B$ of SE-pairs, we say it is a b_P -embedding, $A \subseteq_{b_P} B$, if $\text{tp}_2(A/P(B)) = \text{tp}_2(A/P(A)) \mid P(B)$

* Def: T has EP (extension property) if every SE-pair b_P -embeds into an elementary SE-pair.

Easy observation: T has UDDT iff the class of SE-pairs is axiomatizable (by T_{SE}) in $\mathcal{L}_P$.

Assuming T has EP, T has UDDT iff the class of elementary SE-pairs is axiomatizable (by T_{SE}^{el}) in $\mathcal{L}_P$.

Examples: ① ACVF, RCVF, pCF have EP and UDDT (Anis-Ke)
② Theory of benign valued fields has EP and UDDT provided residue field theory and value group theory do (Touharnet)

Strict pro-definability of spaces of def. types

Def: A pro-def. set $D = \varprojlim_{i \in I} D_i$ is called strict prodefinable

if $\pi_i(D) \subseteq D_i$ is definable for every $i \in I$.

Def: Let X be a definable set in a valued field K .

$$\bullet \hat{X}(K) := \{p \in S_{\text{def}}^X(K) \mid p \perp \Gamma\}$$

$$\bullet \tilde{X}(K) := \{p \in S_{\text{def}}^X(K) \mid p \perp +\infty(\text{in } \Gamma)\}$$

The corresponding classes of definable types are denoted $\mathcal{C}_{\perp \Gamma}$ and $\mathcal{C}_{\text{bdd}}$

Motivation for all this:

Fact (Hrushovski-Loeser) In ACVF , $\hat{X}$ is strict pro-definable.
 Moreover, if C is an algebraic curve, $\hat{C}$ is even definable.

Note: For an alg. variety V , $\hat{V}$ is a model-theoretic analog of the Berkovich analytification V^{an} .

More spaces of definable types are strict pro-definable

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Thm (Cubides-H-Ye)

Let X be a definable set in a model of ACVF . Then

① S_{def}^X , $\tilde{X}$ and $\hat{X}$ are all strict pro-def.

② If C is a curve, S_{def}^C , $\tilde{C}$ and $\hat{C}$ are all def.

* The proof of ① uses an a priori stronger concept ("beauty transfer") which allows for an AKE principle.

* For ②, if $C \subseteq \mathbb{A}^n$, using Riemann-Roch and some elementary tricks, we find $d = d(C) \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. any $p(x) \in S_{\text{def}}^C(K)$ is determined by fms of the form $\text{val}(f(x)) \leq \text{val}(g(x))$, where $f, g \in K[X_1, \dots, X_n]_{\leq d}$.

Beautiful Pairs - Generalities

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Def: T has AP (amalgamation property) if the class $(\mathcal{C}_{dy}, \leq_{bp})$ has AP,
where $\mathcal{C}_{dy}$ is the class of all SE-pairs.

Fact: There are d_p -minimal theories where EP fails (Culik II - Ye /
and even d_p -minimal theories where AP fails (H - Pernini).

Def: An SE-pair $M = (M, P(M))$ is a beautiful pair if whenever $A \leq_{bp} M$
and $A \leq_{bp} B$ with $|B| \leq |T|$, B bp -embeds into M over A .

Fact (CHY) ① beautiful pairs exist iff T has AP.

Now assume T has AP. Then

- ② Any two b.p. are back-and-forth equivalent. Thus their common theory T_{bp} is complete.
- ③ $T_{bp} \models T$ iff T has EP.

Beauty transfer and strict pro-definability

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Assume T has AP

Def: T has beauty transfer if there is a $|T|^+$ -saturated b_p .

($\Leftrightarrow$ all b_p are $|T|^+$ -saturated).

Thm (CHY)

If T has AP and beauty transfer, then T has UDDT and S_{des}^X is strict pro-definable.

RK: This all relativizes to natural subclasses of definable types, e.g. $\mathcal{C}_{\text{bdd}}$ or $\mathcal{C}_{\perp T}$ in valued fields.

Beauty transfer in benign valued fields

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Thm (CHY)

① ACVF has AP, EP and beauty transfer, for $\mathcal{C}_{\text{def}}$, $\mathcal{C}_{\text{bdd}}$ and $\mathcal{C}_{\perp}$.

② There is an **AKE principle** for these properties:

If the theories of the residue ^{field} and value group have AP, EP and beauty transfer in a benign valued field, so does the valued field.

②' The content of ② also holds for natural subclasses of def types.

Separably closed valued fields

$SCVF_{p,e}$: L_{div} -theory of sep closed non-trivially valued fields
of char $p > 0$ and degree of imperfection $e \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$ (i.e. $[k:k^p] = p^e$)

Thm (He-H 2025+)
For the classes $\mathcal{C}_{def}$, $\mathcal{C}_{\perp \Gamma}$, $\mathcal{C}_{bdd}$ of def types in $SCVF_{p,e}$ one has
AP, EP and beauty transfer. In each case a concrete axiomatization of the theory of beautiful pairs may be given.

Cor (He-H. 2025+)
Let X be a def set in $K \models SCVF_{p,e}$ (even in the geometric sorts)
Then Sd^X , $\hat{X}$ and $\tilde{X}$ are strict pro-definable.
|| RK: For e finite and $\hat{X}$ this was shown in 2018. (H-Kamensky, Lideker)

Valued fields with contracting automorphism

For p prime consider the valued difference field $K_p = (\mathbb{F}_p(t)^{\text{alg}}, v_t, \text{Frob}_p)$

$$\text{VFA}_0 := \{ \varphi \text{ } \mathcal{L}_{\text{diff}} \cup \{ \sigma \} \text{-sentence} \mid K_p \models \varphi \text{ for } p \gg 0 \}$$

Fact (Hrushovski)
 VFA_0 is the model companion of all contractive valued difference fields of equichar 0. (contractive $\equiv$ if $\text{val}(x) > 0$, then $\text{val}(\sigma(x)) \geq n \text{val}(x)$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$)

$\mathcal{C}_{\text{def}}^{\text{tr}}$ = class of all def types in VFA_0 which are $\perp$ to all ~~types~~ σ -algebraic types in the residue field.

$\mathcal{C}_{\perp}^{\text{tr}}$ and $\mathcal{C}_{\text{bdd}}^{\text{tr}}$ are defined accordingly.

Thm (H-Hrushovski-Ye-Zou, WIP) In all 3 cases (above) AP, EP and beauty transfer holds. Thus $X_{\text{def}}^{\text{tr}}$, $\hat{X}^{\text{tr}}$ and $\tilde{X}^{\text{tr}}$ are strict pro-definable for any def. set X in VFA_0 .