

A NOTE ON MODEL COMPLETE MODELS AND GENERIC MODELS¹

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ABSTRACT. We prove that there are many maximum model complete (= generic) models, and that there exists an (uncountable) theory with no generic models.

After Barwise and Robinson [1] we say a model M , of a (first-order) theory T , completes T if every extension of M , which is a model of T , is an elementary extension of M . (By [1, Theorem 3.4, p. 129], M completes T' iff it is T -generic.) It is known

LEMMA 1. *If M completes T and N is an elementary submodel of M , then N also completes T (it follows from Theorem 1.2).*

For a cardinal λ let $Mc(\lambda)$ be the least cardinal κ , such that for all T of power $\leq \lambda$, if T is completed by some model of power κ , then for all $\mu \geq \lambda$ there is a model which completes T and whose power is $\geq \mu$.

THEOREM 2. $Mc(\lambda) = \mu_\lambda$ (=the Hanf number of omitting a type).

REMARK. For the values of μ_λ see, e.g., Chang [2, §2, p. 47]; he denotes μ_λ by m_λ .

THEOREM 3. *For arbitrarily large cardinals κ smaller than the first measurable cardinal there exists a complete and countable T and a model M of power κ which complete T , and no proper extension of M completes T .*

Answering Question 8.1 of [1] we prove in §2:

THEOREM 4. *There is an uncountable theory T with no T -generic model.*

(This was also proved, independently, by P. Henrard, and later by Macintyre.) Only in §2 knowledge of [1] is assumed.

NOTATION. $|M|$ is the universe of the model M . $|A|$ is the cardinality of the set A (so $|L|$ is the number of formulas of L). $\|M\|$ is the cardinality of (the universe of) M . Infinite cardinals are denoted by λ, μ, κ .

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1. THEOREM 1.1.² *Let T be a theory, p a type in a language L , and M an infinite model of T which omits p . Then there are a language L_1 , a theory T_1 and a type p_1 in L_1 and a model M_1 of T_1 which omits p_1 such that:*

- (a) $|L_1| \leq |L| + \aleph_0$, T_1 is complete.
- (b) M_1 completes T_1 , it omits p_1 and $\|M_1\| = \|M\|$.
- (c) A model of T_1 completes T_1 iff it omits p_1 .
- (d) If every extension of M which is a model of T realizes p then no extension of M_1 completes T_1 .
- (e) If T has no model of cardinality λ which omits p then there is no model which completes T_1 in cardinality λ .

PROOF. Without loss of generality assume in L there are no function symbols. Let $p = \{\phi_i(x) : i < |p|\}$. Let us choose infinite disjoint subsets of $|M|$, A_i , $i < |p|$, such that $|M| = \bigcup A_i$.

We expand M to a model M^1 by adding the following relations:

- (1) $P_i^{M^1} = A_i$ for every $i < |p|$ (i.e., $P_i^{M^1}$ is a one-place relation, and P_i the corresponding predicate).
- (2) A relation R^{M^1} such that $\langle a, b \rangle \in R^{M^1}$ iff there is $i < |p|$, $b \in P_i^{M^1}$, $M \models \neg \phi_i(a)$ and for every $j < i$, $M \models \phi_j[a]$.
- (3) An equivalence relation $E_1^{M^1}$ such that: $aE_1^{M^1}b$ iff for some i , $a, b \in P_i^{M^1}$.

Now let us define a model M^2 . Its set of elements is

$$|M^2| = \{\langle a, \alpha \rangle : a \in |M^1|, \alpha \leq \omega\}.$$

Its relations and functions are:

- (4) An equivalence relation $E_2^{M^2}$ such that:

$$\langle a, \alpha \rangle E_2^{M^2} \langle b, \beta \rangle \text{ iff } a = b.$$

- (5) For every n -place relation Q^{M^1} let

$$Q^{M^2} = \{\langle \langle a_1, \alpha_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle a_n, \alpha_n \rangle \rangle : \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle \in Q^{M^1}; \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \leq \omega\}.$$

- (6) An equivalence relation $E_3^{M^2}$ such that $\langle a, \alpha \rangle E_3^{M^2} \langle b, \beta \rangle$ iff
 - (a) $a = b$,
 - (b) $\alpha = \beta$ or $\alpha = 2n + 1, \beta = 2n$ or $\alpha = 2n, \beta = 2n + 1$.
- (7) For every $i < |p|$ a function $F_i^{M^2}(x, y)$ such that for every $a, b \in |M^2|$:
 - (a) if $M^2 \models \neg aE_2b \vee \neg P_i(a)$ then $F_i^{M^2}(a, b) = a$,
 - (b) if $M^2 \models aE_2b \wedge P_i(a)$ then $M^2 \models P_i(F_i(a, b))$,
 - (c) if $M^2 \models aE_2b \wedge aE_2c \wedge P_i(a) \wedge b \neq c$ then $M^2 \models \neg E_2(F_i(a, b), F_i(a, c))$.

² ADDED IN PROOF (MAY 11, 1972). In Theorem 1.1 if p is countable, we can define M_1 so that $M \equiv N$ implies $M_1 \equiv N_1$. This may help to improve Theorem 3.

Now we define the M_1 we wanted as an expansion of M^2 by:

(8) For every $n < \omega$, $i_1, \dots, i_n < |p|$ (not necessarily distinct) and formula $\phi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ of the language of M^2 , we add the relation $R_{\phi, i_1, \dots, i_n}^{M_1}$ defined by

$$R_{\phi, i_1, \dots, i_n}^{M_1} = \{ \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle : M^2 \models [P_{i_1}(a_1) \wedge \dots \wedge P_{i_n}(a_n) \wedge \phi(a_1, \dots, a_n)] \}.$$

Now let T_1 be the theory of M_1 , L_1 its language, and $p_1 = \{ \neg P_i(x) : i < |p| \}$. Let us now prove that:

(*) A model of T_1 completes T_1 iff it omits p_1 .

By (8) it is clear that every model of T_1 which omits p_1 completes T_1 . Suppose now N is a model of T_1 which realizes p_1 , and let $a \in |N|$ realize p_1 . As N is a model of T_1 , by (4) and (6), there are distinct elements $c, b_n, 0 \leq n < \omega$, such that:

$$\begin{aligned} N \models b_{2n} E_3 b_{2n+1}, \quad N \models (\forall x)(x E_3 c \rightarrow x = c), \\ N \models a E_2 b_n \quad \text{and} \quad N \models a E_2 c \quad (\text{for every } n). \end{aligned}$$

We now define now a submodel N_1 of N , whose set of elements is $|N_1| = |N| - \{c, b_0\}$. Now N_1 is not an elementary submodel of N because

$$N_1 \models (\forall x)(x E_3 b_1 \rightarrow x = b_1), \quad N \models (\exists x)(x E_3 b_1 \wedge x \neq b_1).$$

On the other hand N, N_1 are isomorphic: define F by:

$$F(c) = b_1 F(b_n) = b_{n+2} \quad (\text{for } 0 \leq n < \omega)$$

and

$$F(a^1) = a^1 \quad \text{for } a^1 \in N - \{c_1 b_1, b_2 \dots\}.$$

Clearly, F is an isomorphism from N onto N_1 .

So N, N_1 are models of T , N_1 does not complete T , hence also N does not complete T . So we proved (*).

Now (a) is immediate; (b) follows from the definition of $|M^2| = |M_1|$ and (*); (c) is (*); (d) is clear from (*) and (2); and for (e) we should notice also (7) (which implies that if N is a model of T_1 , which omits p_1 , then $\|N\|$ is equal to the number of E_2^N -equivalence classes in $|N|$). So we prove the theorem.

The following theorem was already known to Robinson:

THEOREM 1.2. *For every theory T there is a set P of types (not all 1-types necessarily) such that: any model M completes T if and only if M is a model of T omitting every type $p \in P$, and $|P| \leq |T| + \aleph_0$.*

PROOF. Let M be a model, and $|M| = \{a_i | i < \alpha\}$ and $\text{Diag } M$ be the set of sentences $\phi(a_i, \dots, a_n)$ which are satisfied by M where ϕ is a basic formula (=an atomic or negation of an atomic formula). Clearly,

M completes T if and only if $T \cup \text{Diag } M$ is a complete theory. By the compactness theorem, this implies: M completes T if and only if: for every formula $\phi(x_1, \dots, x_m)$ and elements $b_0^1, \dots, b_m^0 \in |M|$, there are $\phi_1(b_1^1, b_2^1, \dots), \dots, \phi_n(b_1^n, b_2^n, \dots)$ in $\text{Diag } M$ such that

$$T \cup \{\phi(b_1^1, \dots), \dots, \phi_n(b_1^n, \dots)\} \vdash \phi(b_1, \dots, b_n)$$

or, equivalently,

$$T \vdash (\forall \dots x_j^i \dots) \left[\bigwedge_i \phi_i(x_1^i \dots) \rightarrow \phi(x_1^0, \dots) \right]$$

(we should identify the variables x_k^i, x_e^k if $a_i^k = a_e^k$). For every formula $\phi = \phi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ let Γ_ϕ be the set of formulas $\theta(x_1, \dots, x_n, \dots, x_m)$ which are conjunctions of basic formulas and

$$T \vdash (\forall x_1, \dots, x_m) [\theta(x_1, \dots, x_m) \rightarrow \phi(x_1, \dots, x_n)].$$

Let $p_\phi = \{\neg(\exists x_{n+1}, \dots, x_m) \theta(x_1, \dots, x_n, \dots, x_m) : \theta \in \Gamma_\phi\}$. Clearly, M completes T if and only if for every ϕ , T omits p_ϕ . So $P = \{p_\phi \mid \phi \text{ a formula}\}$ satisfies the condition of the theorem.

PROOF OF THEOREM 2. By the definitions of $Mc(\lambda), \mu_\lambda$, clearly Theorem 1.1 implies $Mc(\lambda) \geq \mu_\lambda$. Suppose that M completes T , $\|M\| \geq \mu_\lambda, \lambda \geq |T|$. So by 1.2, M is a model of T and omits every $p \in P$. By, e.g., Chang [2, p. 47, (D)], the Hanf number for a sentence in $L_{\lambda^+, \omega}$ is μ_λ , and clearly being a model of T omitting every $p \in P$ can be expressed in $L_{\lambda^+, \omega}$. So T has arbitrarily large models omitting every $p \in P$, hence by 1.2 arbitrarily large models completing T . This means $Mc(\lambda) \leq \mu_\lambda$. So $Mc(\lambda) = \mu_\lambda$.

PROOF OF THEOREM 3. This can be proved using 1.1 and the following (see Malitz and Reinhardt [4, Theorem XX]).

THEOREM. *For arbitrarily large cardinals λ smaller than the first measurable cardinal, there is a model $M_\lambda, \|M_\lambda\| = \lambda$, with countable type and with a one place relation $P, P^{M_\lambda} = \{c_n \mid c_n < \omega\}$, such that: for no proper extension N of M_λ which is elementarily equivalent to $M_\lambda, P^N = P^{M_\lambda}$.*

(For characterization of those λ which satisfy this, see [4].)

2. Let N be the standard model of natural numbers with addition, multiplication and individual constant m for each natural number m . Let $T = \text{Th}(N)$, and the language be L^* . Let $K = T \cup \{c_i \neq c_j : i < j < \aleph_1\}$, and its language $L, K_1 = T \cup \{c_i \neq c_j : i < j < \omega\}$ and its language L_1 .

THEOREM 2.1. *There is no K -generic model.*

PROOF. It is easy to check that $P(c_1, \dots, c_m, a_1, \dots, a_m)$ for both K and K_1 is a forcing condition iff

$$(\exists x_1 \dots)(\exists y_1 \dots) \left[P(x_1, \dots, y_1, \dots) \wedge \bigwedge_{i \neq j} x_i \neq x_j \right] \in T$$

($a_1, \dots, -$ new constants).

Let Γ be the set of formulas $\phi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ in L^* such that for any distinct natural numbers $m_1, \dots, m_n N \models \phi[m_1, \dots, m_n]$.

We shall prove now

$$(*) \quad K_1^f = T \cup \{ \psi(c_{i_1}, \dots, c_{i_n}) : i_1, \dots, i_n \text{ are distinct,} \\ \text{and } \langle \omega, \psi(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \Gamma \}.$$

CONSTRUCTION. Let A be a countable set of new individual constants, let P be a forcing condition. We shall show that there is a K_1 -generic model, which is a model of $K_1^f(P) = \{ \phi \in L(A) : P \Vdash^* \phi \}$ and whose reduct to L^* is N . Let $\{ \phi_i : i < \omega \}$ be the set of sentences of $L(A)$, $A = \{ a_n : n < \omega \}$. We define by induction P_n :

- (1) $P_0 = P$.
- (2) If P_{3n} is defined, then there is a $Q \supset P_{3n}$, such that $Q \Vdash \phi_n$ or $Q \Vdash \neg \phi_n$. Let $P_{3n+1} = Q$.
- (3) If P_{3n+1} is defined it is easy to see that there is a natural number m such that $P_{3n+1} \cup \{ c_n = m \}$ is a forcing condition. Let $P_{3n+2} = P_{3n+1} \cup \{ c_n = m \}$.
- (4) If P_{3n+2} is defined, we can similarly find $P_{3n+3} \supset P_{3n+2}$ such that for some m , $a_n = m \in P_{3n+3}$.

As in [1, Theorem 3.3] we get a generic model $N(P)$ which satisfies all our conditions.

Now let us prove (*)

(a) If $\psi \in T$, and not $\emptyset \Vdash^* \psi$ then for some P , $P \Vdash \neg \psi$, so $N(P) \models \neg \psi$. As $\psi \in L^*$, and N is the reduct of $N(P)$ to L^* , $N \models \neg \psi$, contradiction so $T \subset K_1^f$, and as T is complete $K_1^f \cap L^* = T$.

(b) If $\phi(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \Gamma$ and not $\emptyset \Vdash^* \phi(c_{i_1}, \dots, c_{i_n})$ (i_1, \dots, i_n are distinct) then for some P , $P \Vdash \neg \phi(c_{i_1}, \dots, c_{i_n})$ so $N(P) \models \neg \phi(c_{i_1}, \dots, c_{i_n})$, contradiction to the definition of Γ .

(c) Suppose $\phi(c_{i_1}, \dots, c_{i_n}) \in K_1^f$ (i_1, \dots, i_n are distinct) (otherwise, we can write ϕ is a different way). So for every distinct natural number m_1, \dots, m_n , $P = \{ c_{i_1} = m_1, \dots, c_{i_n} = m_n \}$ is a forcing condition. So as $\emptyset \Vdash^* \phi(c_{i_1}, \dots, c_{i_n})$, also $P \Vdash^* \phi(c_{i_1}, \dots, c_{i_n})$ so $N(P) \models \phi(m_1, \dots, m_n)$. So $\phi(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \Gamma$.

So we prove (*). By [1, Theorem 6.1] (and here it can be seen directly)

$$K^f = T \cup \{\psi(c_{i_1}, \dots, c_{i_n}): i_1, \dots, i_n < \aleph_1 \text{ are distinct,} \\ \text{and } \psi(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \Gamma\};$$

clearly, by the definition of Γ , for $i \neq j$, $c_i \neq c_j \in K^f$. So let M be a K -generic model. So it is a model of K^f [1, Definitions 3.1, 3.2] so $\|M\| \geq |\{c_i: i < \aleph_1\}| = \aleph_1 > \aleph_0$. Also M is model complete for K^f hence for T (by the definition of Γ). This contradicts Rabin [3], that any nonstandard model of T has an extension which is a model of T but not an elementary extension of M .

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