

# On extending of models V

## Embedding theorems for relational models

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If  $\{h_t\}_{t \in T}$  is a family of homomorphisms of an algebra  $\Gamma = \langle A, F_1, \dots, F_m \rangle$ , where  $F_1, \dots, F_m$  are functions defined in the set  $A$ , then the function  $h$  assigning to any  $a \in A$  a function  $x = h(a)$  such that  $x(t) = h_t(a)$  for every  $t \in T$  is a homomorphism of  $\Gamma$  into the product-algebra of all homomorphic images  $h_t(\Gamma)$  (Birkhoff's theorem [1]). We are interested in the conditions under which an analogous theorem holds for any relational model  $\mathfrak{M} = \langle A, R_1, \dots, R_m \rangle$ , where  $R_1, \dots, R_m$  are arbitrary relations defined in the set  $A$ . We formulate the conditions for the productability of families of homomorphisms and some general theorems concerning the embedding of models into products of models. As an application we prove a theorem about embedding models into decidable models.

We assume here Mostowski's notion of homomorphism [3] for relations. It has already been applied by some authors, e. g. [2], [5].

**§ 1. Auxiliary notions and notation.** Any subset of a Cartesian product  $A_1 \times \dots \times A_n$  is called an *n-ary relation*. For any *n-ary relation*  $R$  and any set  $A$  we denote by  $R|A$  the *n-ary relation* for which  $R|A(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  holds if and only if  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$  and  $R(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ . A relation  $R$  is said to be *defined in a set A* if  $R|A = R$ .

Every binary reflexive, symmetric and transitive relation  $\sim$  defined in a set  $A$  is called an *equivalence in A*. The abstraction class of  $\sim$  in  $A$  determined by  $a \in A$ , i. e. the set of all  $c \in A$  such that  $c \sim a$ , is denoted by  $a/\sim$ . Similarly the set of all abstraction classes of  $\sim$  in  $A$  is denoted by  $A/\sim$ .

If  $h$  is any mapping of a set  $A$ , then the equivalence  $\sim$  such that  $a_1 \sim a_2$  holds for  $a_1, a_2 \in A$  if and only if  $h(a_1) = h(a_2)$ , is called the *equivalence induced in A by h*. If  $h_0(a) = a/\sim$  for any  $a \in A$ , then  $h_0^{-1}(a/\sim) = a/\sim$  for each  $a \in A$ .

If  $\{A_t\}_{t \in T}$  is a family of sets, then its Cartesian product  $\prod_{t \in T} A_t$  is the set of all functions  $x$  such that  $x(t) \in A$  for any  $t \in T$ .

**§ 2. Homomorphisms and congruences of relations.** Let  $h$  be a function mapping the set  $A$  onto the set  $B$ . The mapping  $h$  is said to be a *homomorphism of an  $n$ -ary relation  $R$  defined in  $A$  onto an  $n$ -ary relation  $Q$  defined in  $B$*  if the following condition holds for any  $b_1, \dots, b_n \in B$ :

(2.1)  $Q(b_1, \dots, b_n)$  if and only if there are such elements  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$  that  $b_1 = h(a_1), \dots, b_n = h(a_n)$  and  $R(a_1, \dots, a_n)$

or equivalently

$$(2.2) \quad Q = \bigcup_{\langle b_1, \dots, b_n \rangle} [(h^{-1}(b_1) \times \dots \times h^{-1}(b_n)) \cap R \neq \emptyset]^{(1)}.$$

The  $n$ -ary relations  $R, Q$  defined in  $A$  and  $B$  respectively are called *isomorphic* if there exists a homomorphism of  $R$  onto  $Q$  inducing an equivalence which is an identity in  $A$ .

If the mapping  $h$  of  $A$  into  $B$  is a homomorphism of an  $n$ -ary relation  $R$  defined in  $A$  onto the relation  $Q|_h(A)$  where  $Q$  is an  $n$ -ary relation defined in  $B$ , then  $h$  is said to be a *homomorphism of  $R$  into  $Q$* .

Any equivalence in a set  $A$  induced by some homomorphism of a relation  $R$  defined in  $A$  is called a *congruence of  $R$  in  $A$* . This definition, although analogous to corresponding definition of congruences in algebras, leads to the unexpected conclusion that

(2.3) every equivalence in a set  $A$  is a congruence of any relation  $R$  defined in  $A$ .

This results from the following observation.

For any equivalence  $\sim$  in  $A$  and any relation  $R$  defined in  $A$ , one may define in  $A/\sim$  a relation  $R/\sim$  such that

$$(2.4) \quad R/\sim = \bigcup_{\langle a_1/\sim, \dots, a_n/\sim \rangle} [(a_1/\sim \times \dots \times a_n/\sim) \cap R \neq \emptyset].$$

Evidently, the mapping  $h_0$  of  $A$  onto  $A/\sim$  such that  $h_0(a) = a/\sim$  for any  $a \in A$  is a homomorphism of  $R$  onto  $R/\sim$ . It is easy to see that

(2.5) the relation  $R/\sim$  defined in  $A/\sim$  is isomorphic to any relation  $Q$  defined in some set  $B$  such that there exists a homomorphism of  $R$  onto  $Q$  inducing the equivalence  $\sim$  in  $A$ .

**§ 3. Products of relations and projections.** Let  $\{R_t\}_{t \in T}$  be a family of  $n$ -ary relations defined in the corresponding sets belonging to the family  $\{A_t\}_{t \in T}$ . The  $n$ -ary relation  $P$  defined in the product  $\mathbf{P}A_t$  in such a way that

(3.1)  $P(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  if and only if  $R_t(x_1(t), \dots, x_n(t))$  for every  $t \in T$ ,

<sup>(1)</sup> The symbol  $\cap$  denotes the set-theoretical meet-operation.

is called the *relational product of the family  $\{R_t\}_{t \in T}$* . It is seen directly that if some relation  $R_t$  is empty, then the product  $P$  is also empty.

Consider a mapping  $p_t$  of  $\mathbf{P}A_t$  onto  $A_t$  such that

$$(3.2) \quad p_t(x) = x(t)$$

for any  $x \in \mathbf{P}A_t$ . This mapping is called the *projection of the product*

$\mathbf{P}A_t$  onto  $t$ -axis  $A_t$ . The projection  $p_t$  is a homomorphism of  $P$  onto  $R_t$  except the case  $P = 0 \neq R_t$ . I. e.

(3.3) the projection  $p_t$  is a homomorphism of  $P$  onto  $R_t$  if and only if either  $R_t$  is the empty relation or every relation in  $\{R_t\}_{t \in T}$  is non-empty.

**§ 4. Productability of homomorphisms and of congruences.**

Let  $h_t$  be, for any  $t \in T$ , a homomorphism of the relation  $R$  defined in  $A$  onto the relation  $R_t$  defined in  $A_t$  and let  $\sim_t$  be the congruence induced in  $A$  by  $h_t$ . A mapping  $h^*$  of  $A$  into  $\mathbf{P}A_t$  such that for each  $a \in A$ :

$$(4.1) \quad h^*(a) = x \text{ if and only if } x(t) = h_t(a) \text{ for every } t \in T$$

or equivalently

$$(4.2) \quad p_t(h^*(a)) = h_t(a)$$

is called the *product of the family  $\{h_t\}_{t \in T}$  of homomorphisms*. Let  $\approx$  be the congruence in  $A$  induced by it. Of course, for any  $a_1, a_2 \in A$ ,

$$(4.3) \quad a_1 \approx a_2 \text{ if and only if } a_1 \sim_t a_2 \text{ for each } t \in T.$$

If the product  $h^*$  introduced above is a homomorphism of  $R$  into the relational product  $P$  of the family  $\{R_t\}_{t \in T}$  defined in  $\mathbf{P}A_t$ , then

the family  $\{h_t\}_{t \in T}$  of homomorphisms and the family  $\{\sim_t\}_{t \in T}$  of congruences are said to be *productable*. One may see that the family  $\{\sim_t\}_{t \in T}$  of congruences is *productable* if and only if the mapping  $h_0$  of  $A$  into  $\mathbf{P}A_t$  such that for each  $a \in A$

$$(4.4) \quad h_0(a) = z \text{ if and only if } z(t) = a/\sim_t \text{ for each } t \in T$$

or equivalently

$$(4.5) \quad p_t(h_0(a)) = a/\sim_t$$

is a homomorphism of  $R$  into the relational product  $P$  of the family  $\{R/\sim_t\}_{t \in T}$  defined in  $\mathbf{P}A/\sim_t$ .

We now want to formulate the necessary and sufficient conditions for the productability of homomorphisms and congruences.

From (2.1), (3.1), (3.2) and (4.2) we infer that the product  $h^*$  is a homomorphism of the relation  $R$  defined in  $A$  into the relational product  $P$  of the family  $\{R_t\}_{t \in T}$  defined in  $\mathbf{P}A_t$  if and only if for any

$a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$ :

(4.6)  $R_t(h_t(a_1), \dots, h_t(a_n))$  holds for every  $t \in T$  if and only if there exist such elements  $c_1, \dots, c_n \in A$  that  $c_1 \approx a_1, \dots, c_n \approx a_n$  and  $R(c_1, \dots, c_n)$ .

The implication in (4.6) from the right to the left follows directly from the assumption that  $h_t$  is a homomorphism for any  $t \in T$ . Therefore the following two theorems are true.

**THEOREM 1.** For the productability of the family  $\{h_t\}_{t \in T}$  of homomorphisms it is necessary and sufficient that the following condition holds for any  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$ :

(4.7) if  $R_t(h_t(a_1), \dots, h_t(a_n))$  holds for every  $t \in T$ , then there exist such elements  $c_1, \dots, c_n \in A$  that  $c_1 \approx a_1, \dots, c_n \approx a_n$  and  $R(c_1, \dots, c_n)$ .

**THEOREM 2.** For the productability of the family  $\{\sim_t\}_{t \in T}$  of congruences it is necessary and sufficient that the following condition holds for any  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$ :

(4.8) if for every  $t \in T$  there exist such elements  $\bar{a}_1, \dots, \bar{a}_n \in A$  that  $\bar{a}_1 \sim_t a_1, \dots, \bar{a}_n \sim_t a_n$  and  $R(\bar{a}_1, \dots, \bar{a}_n)$  then there exist such elements  $c_1, \dots, c_n \in A$  that  $c_1 \approx a_1, \dots, c_n \approx a_n$  and  $R(c_1, \dots, c_n)$ .

The conditions (4.7) and (4.8) may be considerably simplified in the case of homomorphisms and congruences of some special kind. Namely, the family  $\{h_t\}_{t \in T}$  of homomorphisms and the family  $\{\sim_t\}_{t \in T}$  of congruences are said to be *separating* the set  $A$  if for any  $a_1, a_2 \in A$

(4.9) if  $a_1 \neq a_2$  then there exists such a  $t \in T$  that  $h_t(a_1) \neq h_t(a_2)$

or equivalently

(4.10) if  $a_1 \neq a_2$  then there exists such a  $t \in T$  that  $\bar{a}_1 \not\sim_t a_2$ .

In this special case we observe that the equivalence  $\approx$  induced in  $A$  by the product  $h^*$  of homomorphisms is the identity relation in  $A$  and, therefore, we obtain the following two theorems, which are specialisation of theorems 1 and 2.

**THEOREM 3.** For the productability of the family  $\{h_t\}_{t \in T}$  of homomorphisms separating the set  $A$  it is necessary and sufficient that the following condition holds for any  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$ :

(4.11) if  $R_t(h_t(a_1), \dots, h_t(a_n))$  holds for every  $t \in T$ , then  $R(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ .

**THEOREM 4.** For the productability of the family  $\{\sim_t\}_{t \in T}$  of congruences separating the set  $A$  it is necessary and sufficient that the following condition holds for any  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$ :

(4.12) if for every  $t \in T$  there exist such elements  $\bar{a}_1, \dots, \bar{a}_n \in A$  that  $\bar{a}_1 \sim_t a_1, \dots, \bar{a}_n \sim_t a_n$  and  $R(\bar{a}_1, \dots, \bar{a}_n)$  then  $R(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ .

**§ 5. Embedding theorems for relational models.** The previous considerations concerning homomorphisms and congruences of relations may be generalized to the case of relational models.

Let  $\mathfrak{M} = \langle A, R_1, \dots, R_m \rangle$  be a relational model. If  $R_1, \dots, R_m$  are  $k_1$ -ary,  $\dots$ ,  $k_m$ -ary relations defined in the set  $A$ , then the model  $\mathfrak{M}$  is said to be of the type  $\langle k_1, \dots, k_m \rangle$ . Let  $\mathfrak{N} = \langle B, Q_1, \dots, Q_m \rangle$  be another model of the type  $\langle k_1, \dots, k_m \rangle$ . Any function  $h$  mapping the set  $A$  into (onto) the set  $B$  such that  $h$  is a homomorphism for  $i = 1, \dots, m$  of the relation  $R_i$  defined in  $A$  into (onto) the relation  $Q_i$  defined in  $B$  is called a *homomorphism of the model  $\mathfrak{M}$  into (onto) the model  $\mathfrak{N}$* . A homomorphism of  $\mathfrak{M}$  onto  $\mathfrak{N}$  is called *isomorphism* if it induces in  $A$  an equivalence which is identity relation. The models  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}$  are then called *isomorphic*.

Any equivalence in  $A$  induced by a homomorphism of  $\mathfrak{M}$  is called a *congruence of the model  $\mathfrak{M}$* . It follows from (2.3) that any equivalence  $\sim$  in  $A$  is a congruence of the model  $\mathfrak{M} = \langle A, R_1, \dots, R_m \rangle$ . The mapping  $h_0$  of  $A$  onto  $A/\sim$  such that  $h_0(a) = a/\sim$  for any  $a \in A$ , is a homomorphism of the model  $\mathfrak{M}$  onto the model  $\langle A/\sim, R_1/\sim, \dots, R_m/\sim \rangle$  denoted in the following by  $\mathfrak{M}/\sim$ . The model  $\mathfrak{M}/\sim$  is isomorphic to any model  $\mathfrak{N}$  such that there exists a homomorphism  $h$  of  $\mathfrak{M}$  onto  $\mathfrak{N}$  inducing the equivalence  $\sim$  in  $A$ .

Let  $\{\mathfrak{M}_t\}_{t \in T}$  be a family of relational models of the same type and let  $\mathfrak{M}_t = \langle A_t, R_t^{(1)}, \dots, R_t^{(m)} \rangle$  for any  $t \in T$ . The *product  $\mathbf{P} \mathfrak{M}_t$*  of the family  $\{\mathfrak{M}_t\}_{t \in T}$  of models is the relational model  $\langle \mathbf{P}A_t, P_1, \dots, P_m \rangle$  where for  $i = 1, \dots, m$  the relation  $P_i$  is the relational product of the family  $\{R_t^{(i)}\}_{t \in T}$ .

Let  $h_t$  be, for any  $t \in T$ , a homomorphism of the model  $\mathfrak{M}$  onto the model  $\mathfrak{M}_t$ . The family  $\{h_t\}_{t \in T}$  of homomorphisms is said to be *productable* if the product of this family, i. e. the function  $h^*$  defined in (4.1) or (4.2) is a homomorphism of the model  $\mathfrak{M}$  into the product  $\mathbf{P} \mathfrak{M}_t$ .

The model  $\mathfrak{M}$  is said to be *embedded in the model  $\mathfrak{N}$*  by  $h$  if  $h$  is an isomorphism of  $\mathfrak{M}$  into  $\mathfrak{N}$ .

We now want to formulate some theorems concerning the embedding of models into products of models. These theorems are analogous to the well-known product-theorem of Birkhoff concerning the embedding of abstract algebras [1]. We apply below the notation introduced above.

**THEOREM 5.** *If  $h_t$  is, for any  $t \in T$ , a homomorphism of  $\mathfrak{M}$  onto  $\mathfrak{M}_t$  and if the family  $\{h_t\}_{t \in T}$  is productable and separates the set  $A$  in  $\mathfrak{M}$ , then the model  $\mathfrak{M}$  is embedded into the product  $\mathbf{P} \mathfrak{M}_t$  by the product  $h^*$  of family  $\{h_t\}_{t \in T}$ .*

*Proof.* It follows from the productability of  $\{h_t\}_{t \in T}$  that  $h^*$  is a homomorphism of  $\mathfrak{M}$  into  $\mathbf{P} \mathfrak{M}_t$ . On the other hand  $h^*$  is an isomorphism as  $\{h_t\}_{t \in T}$  separates the set  $A$ .

**THEOREM 6.** *If  $h_t$  is, for any  $t \in T$ , a homomorphism of  $\mathfrak{M}$  onto  $\mathfrak{M}_t$  and if the family  $\{h_t\}_{t \in T}$  separates the set  $A$  in  $\mathfrak{M}$  and fulfils condition (4.11) for any relation in the model  $\mathfrak{M}$ , then the model  $\mathfrak{M}$  is embedded in the product  $\mathbf{P} \mathfrak{M}_t$  by the product  $h^*$  of the family  $\{h_t\}_{t \in T}$ .*

*Proof.* We observe that according to theorem 3 the product  $h^*$  is a homomorphism of any relation in  $\mathfrak{M}$ . Therefore it is a homomorphism of the whole model  $\mathfrak{M}$  and the family  $\{h_t\}_{t \in T}$  is productable. Now apply theorem 5.

**THEOREM 7.** *If the family  $\{\sim_t\}_{t \in T}$  of congruences of the model  $\mathfrak{M}$  separates the set  $A$  in  $\mathfrak{M}$  and fulfils condition (4.12) for any relation in the model  $\mathfrak{M}$ , then the model  $\mathfrak{M}$  is embedded in the product  $\mathbf{P} \mathfrak{M}/\sim_t$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $h_t(a) = a/\sim_t$  and  $\mathfrak{M}_t = \mathfrak{M}/\sim_t$  and then apply theorems 4 and 6.

**§ 6. Embedding in decidable models.** Any relational model in the general sense is a system  $\mathfrak{M} = \langle A, R_1, \dots, R_\xi, \dots \rangle_{\xi < \beta}$  of type  $\langle a_1, \dots, a_\xi, \dots \rangle_{\xi < \beta}$ .  $A$  is a set,  $\beta$  is an ordinal called the *order* of  $\mathfrak{M}$ ,  $\beta = \overline{\mathfrak{M}}$  and  $a_1, \dots, a_\xi, \dots$  ( $\xi < \beta$ ) are any ordinal numbers such that  $R_1, \dots, R_\xi, \dots$  ( $\xi < \beta$ ) are relations defined in  $A$   $a_1$ -ary,  $\dots$ ,  $a_\xi$ -ary,  $\dots$  ( $\xi < \beta$ ) respectively. The least upper bound  $\alpha$  of all ordinal numbers  $a_\xi$  ( $\xi < \beta$ ) is called the *rank* of  $\mathfrak{M}$ . If  $B$  is any subset of the set  $A$  then the model  $\langle B, R_1|B, \dots, R_\xi|B, \dots \rangle_{\xi < \beta}$  is said to be a *submodel* of the given model  $\mathfrak{M}$ . If the set  $A$  in the model  $\mathfrak{M}$  is finite, then the model  $\mathfrak{M}$  is called *finite*.

We have previously considered only the *finitary* models, i. e. the models of finite order and finite rank. However, these considerations may be generalized to the general case and theorems 1-7 are valid for any relational models of any order and any rank.

Now we want to prove some embedding theorems holding for models having only finitary relations.

**THEOREM 8.** *For any model  $\mathfrak{M}$  having only finitary relations there exists a family  $\{\sim_t\}_{t \in T}$  of congruences of  $\mathfrak{M}$  such that*

- 1° the model  $\mathfrak{M}$  is embedded in the product  $\mathbf{P} \mathfrak{M}/\sim_t$  and
- 2° any model  $\mathfrak{M}/\sim_t$ , for  $t \in T$ , is finite.

*Proof.* Let the model  $\mathfrak{M} = \langle A, R_1, R_2, \dots \rangle$  be of type  $\langle k_1, k_2, \dots \rangle$  and let  $t = \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$ . The element  $t$ , belonging to the Cartesian power  $A^n$ , determines a partition of the set  $A$  into at most  $n+1$  classes,

$$(a_1), \dots, (a_n), A - (a_1, \dots, a_n).$$

Therefore the element  $t$  determines in a well-known way an equivalence  $\sim_t$  in the set  $A$ , which is a congruence of the model  $\mathfrak{M}$ . The model  $\mathfrak{M}/\sim_t$  is finite since the set  $A/\sim_t$  contains at most  $n+1$  elements. Consider now the set

$$T = \bigcup_{i=1,2,\dots} A^{k_i} \text{ (2)}$$

and the corresponding family  $\{\sim_t\}_{t \in T}$  of congruences of  $\mathfrak{M}$ . This family separates the set  $A$ , since non  $a \sim_t b$  if  $a, b \in A$ ,  $a \neq b$  and  $t = \langle a, \dots \rangle$ . On the other hand, for any  $a_1, \dots, a_{k_i}$  if  $t = \langle a_1, \dots, a_{k_i} \rangle$  then the abstraction classes  $a_1/\sim_t, \dots, a_{k_i}/\sim_t$  are unit classes. It follows that the family  $\{\sim_t\}_{t \in T}$  fulfils condition (4.12) for any relation in the model  $\mathfrak{M}$ . Therefore, following theorem 7, the model  $\mathfrak{M}$  is embedded in the product  $\mathbf{P} \mathfrak{M}/\sim_t$  and theorem 8 is proved.

From the proof given above we see that if the order of the model  $\mathfrak{M}$  is finite, i. e. if  $\mathfrak{M} = \langle A, R_1, \dots, R_m \rangle$  where  $m$  is a natural number, then the power of the model  $\mathfrak{M}/\sim_t$ , i. e. the power of the set  $A/\sim_t$ , does not exceed the natural number  $k = 1 + \max(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_m)$ . Therefore we have proved the following

**THEOREM 9.** *For any finitary model  $\mathfrak{M}$  there exists a family  $\{\sim_t\}_{t \in T}$  of congruences of  $\mathfrak{M}$  such that*

- 1° the model  $\mathfrak{M}$  is embedded in the product  $\mathbf{P} \mathfrak{M}/\sim_t$  and
- 2° there exists a natural number  $k$  such that the power of any model  $\mathfrak{M}/\sim_t$  is less than  $k$  for any  $t \in T$ .

We pass to decidable models. Consider the class  $\mathfrak{A}$  of all finitary models of a given type and an elementary logical language  $S$  corresponding to the class  $\mathfrak{A}$ . The construction of  $S$  for  $\mathfrak{A}$  is well-known. A model  $\mathfrak{M}$  is called *decidable* if the set  $S(\mathfrak{M})$  of all sentences in  $S$  valid in  $\mathfrak{M}$  is decidable. We present

**THEOREM 10.** *Any finitary relational model  $\mathfrak{M}$  is embedded in some decidable model.*

*Proof.* We apply theorem 9 and we consider such a family  $\{\sim_t\}_{t \in T}$  of congruences of  $\mathfrak{M}$  that the model  $\mathfrak{M}$  is embedded in  $\mathbf{P} \mathfrak{M}/\sim_t$  and the

(2) The symbol  $\cup$  means the set-theoretical union operation.



power of any model  $\mathfrak{M}/\sim$  is less than some natural number  $k$ . There exists of course only a finite number of non-isomorphic models of power less than  $k$ . Therefore the set  $T$  may be decomposed in a finite union  $T = T_1 \cup \dots \cup T_r$  such that for any  $i = 1, \dots, r$  and all  $t_1, t_2 \in T_i$  the models  $\mathfrak{M}/\sim_{t_1}$  and  $\mathfrak{M}/\sim_{t_2}$  are isomorphic. It follows that the model  $\mathfrak{M}$  is embedded in the model  $\prod_{i=1}^r \prod_{t \in T_i} \mathfrak{M}/\sim_t$  isomorphic to the model  $\prod_{t \in T} \mathfrak{M}/\sim_t$ . The model  $\prod_{t \in T_i} \mathfrak{M}/\sim_t$  is a product of mutually isomorphic models, and therefore it is isomorphic to some Cartesian power of some model  $\mathfrak{M}/\sim_{t_i^*}$

where  $t_i^* \in T_i$ . This model is finite and, subsequently, it is decidable, and — according to Mostowski's theorem [4] — its Cartesian power is decidable. Since S. Feferman has proved that the product of a finite number of decidable models is decidable, we infer that the model  $\prod_{i=1}^r \prod_{t \in T_i} \mathfrak{M}/\sim_t$  is decidable, q. e. d.

**§ 7. C. C. Chang's product theorem.** We present here a simple proof of the following theorem of C. C. Chang [2]. Let  $\{\mathfrak{M}_t\}_{t \in T}$  be a family of models of a fixed type.

If every model  $\mathfrak{M}_t$  is of rank  $\alpha$  and of order  $\beta$ , and does not contain the empty relation, then for any model  $\mathfrak{M}$  which is a submodel of the product  $\prod_{t \in T} \mathfrak{M}_t$  there exists a subset  $T_0 \subset T$  such that

- 1°  $\mathfrak{M}$  is embedded in the product  $\prod_{t \in T_0} \mathfrak{M}_t$ ,
- 2°  $\overline{T_0} \leq \overline{\mathfrak{M}} \cdot \overline{\beta} \cdot \aleph_0$ .

**Proof.** Let  $A_t$  be a set in  $\mathfrak{M}_t$  and let  $p_t$  be the projection of the product  $\prod_{t \in T} \mathfrak{M}_t$  on the  $t$ -axis  $A_t$ . According to (3.3) the projection  $p_t$  is a homomorphism of  $\prod_{t \in T} \mathfrak{M}_t$  into  $\mathfrak{M}_t$ . From the definitions of products and projections and from theorem 3 it follows that  $\{p_t\}_{t \in T}$  is a separating and productable family of homomorphisms of  $\prod_{t \in T} \mathfrak{M}_t$ . Since  $\mathfrak{M}$  is a submodel of  $\prod_{t \in T} \mathfrak{M}_t$ , the family  $\{p_t\}_{t \in T}$  is also a separating and productable family of homomorphisms of model  $\mathfrak{M}$ . Let  $\mathfrak{M} = \langle A, R_1, \dots, R_\xi, \dots \rangle_{\xi < \beta}$  and  $\mathfrak{M}_t = \langle A_t, R_1^{(t)}, \dots, R_\xi^{(t)}, \dots \rangle_{\xi < \beta}$ ,  $t \in T$ . Let  $\langle a_1, \dots, a_\xi, \dots \rangle_{\xi < \beta}$  be the type of the models considered and let  $V^{(\xi)} = A^{\aleph_\xi} - R_\xi$ ,  $\xi < \beta$ . From the productability of  $\{p_t\}_{t \in T}$  and (4.11) it follows that for every  $v = \langle a_1, \dots, a_\theta, \dots \rangle_{\theta < \alpha_\xi} \in V^{(\xi)}$  there exists such a  $t_v \in T$  that non  $R_\xi^{(t_v)}(p_{t_v}(a_1), \dots, p_{t_v}(a_\theta), \dots)_{\theta < \alpha_\xi}$ . Let  $T^{(\xi)} = \bigcup_{v \in V^{(\xi)}} (t_v)$ . Since the family  $\{p_t\}_{t \in T}$  separates the model  $\mathfrak{M}$ , for every  $u = \langle a, b \rangle \in A^2$  with  $a \neq b$  there exists such

a  $t_u \in T$  that  $p_{t_u}(a) \neq p_{t_u}(b)$ .  $T^*$  denotes the set of all  $t_u$ , where  $u = \langle a, b \rangle \in A^2$  and  $a \neq b$ . We put

$$T_0 = T^* \cup \bigcup_{\xi < \beta} T^{(\xi)}.$$

Since  $T^* \subset T_0$ , the family  $\{p_t\}_{t \in T_0}$  separates  $\mathfrak{M}$ . Since  $\bigcup_{\xi < \beta} T^{(\xi)} \subset T_0$ , the family  $\{p_t\}_{t \in T_0}$  is by (4.11) a productable family of homomorphisms of  $\mathfrak{M}$ . Hence  $\mathfrak{M}$  is by theorem 6 embedded in  $\prod_{t \in T_0} \mathfrak{M}_t$ . By the definitions of  $T^{(\xi)}$ ,  $V^{(\xi)}$  and rank  $\alpha$  we have

$$\overline{T^{(\xi)}} \leq \overline{V^{(\xi)}} \leq \overline{A^{\aleph_\xi}} \leq \overline{A}^\alpha = \overline{\mathfrak{M}}^\alpha.$$

Moreover  $\overline{T^*} \leq \overline{A}^2 = \overline{\mathfrak{M}}^2$ . Hence and from the definition of  $T_0$  we obtain

$$\overline{T_0} \leq \overline{T^*} + \sum \overline{T^{(\xi)}} \leq \overline{\mathfrak{M}}^2 + \overline{\mathfrak{M}}^\alpha \cdot \overline{\beta} \leq \overline{\mathfrak{M}}^\alpha \cdot \overline{\beta} \cdot \aleph_0, \quad \text{q. e. d.}$$

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