

Stone duality for infinitary first-order logic

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$$\{\exists \lambda (\lambda \text{ is } n\text{-Mahlo and } V_\lambda \preceq_{\Sigma_n} V) : n \in \omega\}$$

in the sense that the theory of classes $NBG + Ord$ is weakly compact proves ψ if and only if ZFC plus the above schema proves the relativization ψ^V .

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Notation: categories with κ -ultraproducts and κ -ultramorphisms are called κ -ultracategories. The chief example is Set , but also categories of models are κ -ultracategories.

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There is an exactness condition on \mathcal{C} that we call *transfinite transitivity*: if we have a κ -tree of morphisms of \mathcal{C} where the immediate successors of every node form a jointly covering family, then the transfinite composites of the morphisms along all possible cofinal branches of the tree forms itself a jointly covering family.

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If κ is strongly compact, there exists a universal κ -coherent solution to the problem of extending a category with κ -coproducts and quotients of equivalence relations, that we call the κ -pretopos completion. Moreover, if a κ -coherent functor $I : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$ between κ -pretoposes induces an equivalence between their categories of models $I^ : \text{Mod}(\mathcal{S}) \rightarrow \text{Mod}(\mathcal{P})$, then I is itself an equivalence.*

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