# Stability of interpolation and CASL (sub)logics

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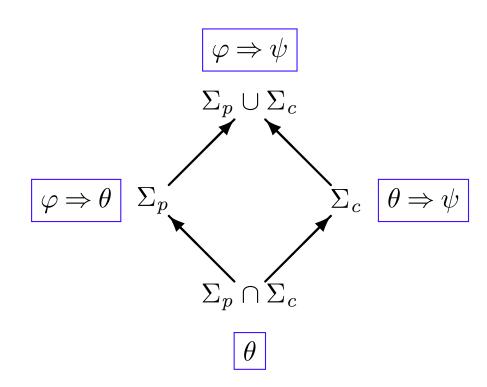
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Numerous applications in specification & development theory:

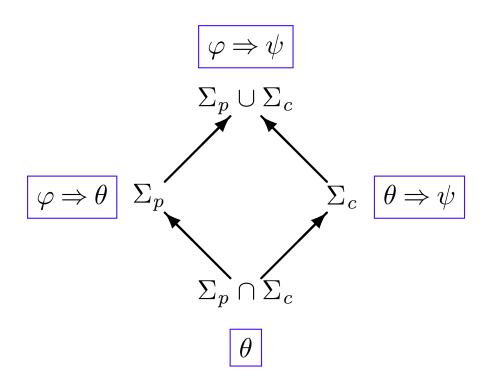
- Maibaum, Sadler, Veloso, Dimitrakos '84-...
- Bergstra, Heering, Klint '90
- Cengarle '94, Borzyszkowski '02
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### Key related properties:

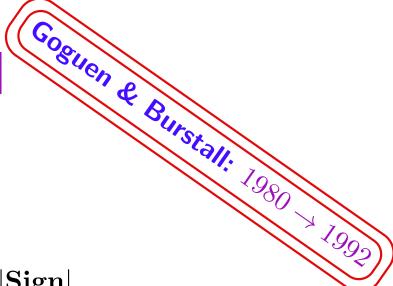
- Robinson's consistency theorem
- Beth's definability theorem

### Meta-facts:

- ullet  $\mathcal{CI}$  and  $\mathcal{RC}$  are equivalent
- CI implies BD (not vice versa)

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- a category **Sign** of *signatures*
- ullet a functor  $\mathbf{Sen}\colon\mathbf{Sign}\to\mathbf{Set}$ 
  - Sen( $\Sigma$ ) is the set of  $\Sigma$ -sentences, for  $\Sigma \in |\mathbf{Sign}|$
- ullet a functor  $\mathbf{Mod} \colon \mathbf{Sign}^{op} o \mathbf{Class}$ 
  - $-\operatorname{\mathbf{Mod}}\Sigma$  is the category of  $\Sigma$ -models, for  $\Sigma \in |\mathbf{Sign}|$
- for each  $\Sigma \in |\mathbf{Sign}|$ ,  $\Sigma$ -satisfaction relation  $\models_{\Sigma} \subseteq \mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma) \times \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma)$

subject to the satisfaction condition:

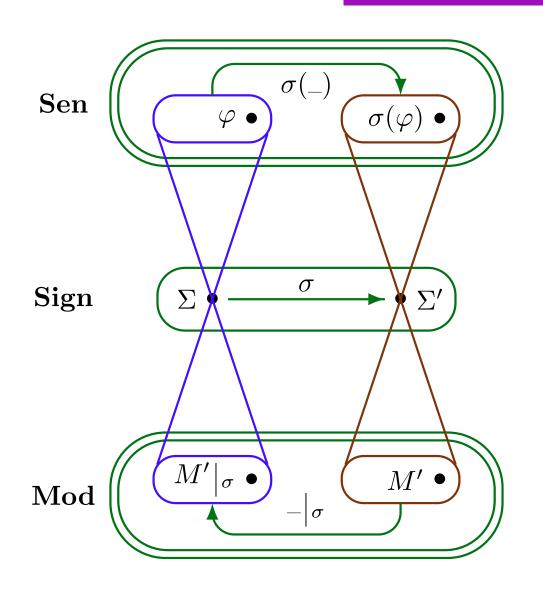
$$M'|_{\sigma} \models_{\Sigma} \varphi \iff M' \models_{\Sigma'} \sigma(\varphi)$$

where  $\sigma \colon \Sigma \to \Sigma'$  in  $\mathbf{Sign}$ ,  $M' \in \mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma')$ ,  $\varphi \in \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma)$ , and then  $M'|_{\sigma}$  stands for  $\mathbf{Mod}(\sigma)(M')$ , and  $\sigma(\varphi)$  for  $\mathbf{Sen}(\sigma)(\varphi)$ .

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# Institution: key insight



Truth is invariant under change of notation and independent of additional symbols around

The satisfaction condition:

$$M' \models_{\Sigma'} \sigma(\varphi) \text{ iff } M' \mid_{\sigma} \models_{\Sigma} \varphi$$

It follows:

$$\Phi \models_{\Sigma} \varphi \text{ implies } \sigma(\Phi) \models_{\Sigma'} \sigma(\varphi)$$

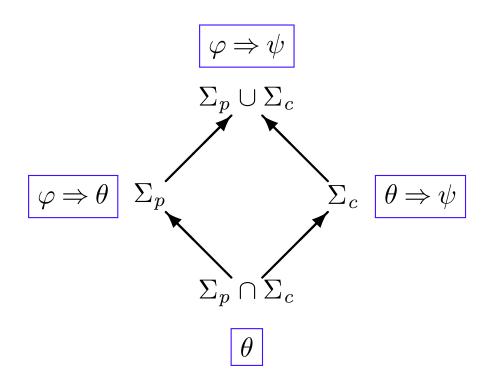
If  $_{-}|_{\sigma} \colon \mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma') \to \mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma)$  is onto:

$$\Phi \models_{\Sigma} \varphi \text{ iff } \sigma(\Phi) \models_{\Sigma'} \sigma(\varphi)$$

# **Craig's interpolation**

In  $\mathbf{INS} = \langle \mathbf{Sign}, \mathbf{Sen}, \mathbf{Mod}, \langle \models_{\Sigma} \rangle_{\Sigma \in |\mathbf{Sign}|} \rangle$ :

### Recall:



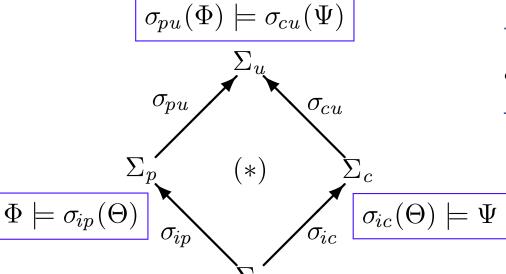
### Some things don't work in **INS**:

- implication?
  - → entailment
- individual sentences?
  - $\rightarrow$  sets of sentences
- union/intersection square?

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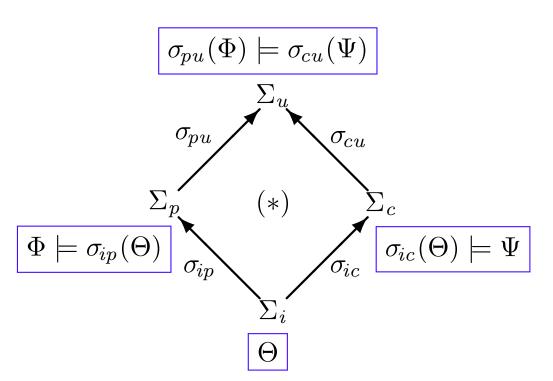
The square (\*) admits interpolation if all  $\Phi \subseteq \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma_p)$  and  $\Psi \subseteq \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma_c)$  such that  $\sigma_{pu}(\Phi) \models \sigma_{cu}(\Psi)$  have an interpolant.

Tarlecki '86, Diaconescu *et al.* '00-... (Roșu, Popescu, Șerbănuță, Găină)

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- In **PL** (propositional logic): all signature pushouts admit interpolation.
- In **FO** (many-sorted first-order logic): all signature pushouts with  $\sigma_{ip}$  or  $\sigma_{ic}$  injective on sorts admit interpolation.
- In **EQ** (many-sorted equational logic): all signature pushouts with injective  $\sigma_{ic}$  admit interpolation.

Warning: nonempty carrier sets

# Interpolation in CASL sublogics

A pushout (\*) admits interpolation in:

empty carriers permitted!

- $\mathbf{EQ}$ :  $\sigma_{ic}$  injective on sorts and does not force any old sort to be non-empty
- **FO**:  $\sigma_{ip}$  or  $\sigma_{ic}$  injective on sorts and *no other conditions* BUT: *proofs to be redone!*
- FO plus partiality: as for FO
- FO plus subsorting: as for FO and each new subsorting is introduced either by  $\sigma_{ip}$  or by  $\sigma_{ic}$  (but not both)
- FO plus partiality and subsorting: as above
- **FO** plus reachability constraints (with or without partiality and subsorting): one of  $\sigma_{ip}$  or  $\sigma_{ic}$  is an isomorphism (trivial cases)

# Two separate problems

When building and using heterogeneous logical environments — a number of institutions linked by institution (co)morphisms or similar maps — two problems arise:

- Can interpolation properties be preserved when moving from one institution to another?
  - → how can we "borrow" interpolation along institution (co)morphisms?
- Can interpolation properties be spoiled when moving from one institution to another?
  - → how can we "spoil" interpolation along institution (co)morphisms?

In this work: we address the latter!

# Simple institution extensions

Let  $\mathbf{INS} = \langle \mathbf{Sign}, \mathbf{Sen}, \mathbf{Mod}, \langle \models_{\Sigma} \rangle_{\Sigma \in |\mathbf{Sign}|} \rangle$ 

- Extending INS by a new "abstract"  $\Sigma$ -model M with  $Th(M) \subseteq \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma)$ ,  $\Sigma \in |\mathbf{Sign}|$ , results in  $\mathbf{INS}^+ = \langle \mathbf{Sign}, \mathbf{Sen}, \mathbf{Mod}^+, \langle \models_{\Sigma'}^+ \rangle_{\Sigma' \in |\mathbf{Sign}|} \rangle$ :
  - $\mathbf{Mod}^{+}(\Sigma') = \mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma') \cup \{ \lceil M |_{\tau} \rceil \mid \tau \colon \Sigma' \to \Sigma \}$

M added as  $M_{id}$ 

- $-\lceil M \mid_{\tau} \rceil \models_{\Sigma'}^{+} \varphi' \text{ iff } \tau(\varphi') \in Th(M), \text{ for } \tau \colon \Sigma' \to \Sigma, \ \varphi' \in \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma')$
- Extending INS by a new "abstract"  $\Sigma$ -sentence  $\varphi$  with  $Mod(\varphi) \subseteq \mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma)$ ,  $\Sigma \in |\mathbf{Sign}|$ , results in  $\mathbf{INS}^+ = \langle \mathbf{Sign}, \mathbf{Sen}^+, \mathbf{Mod}, \langle \models_{\Sigma'}^+ \rangle_{\Sigma' \in |\mathbf{Sign}|} \rangle$ :
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 $-M' \models_{\Sigma'}^+ \lceil \tau(\varphi) \rceil$  iff  $M' \mid_{\tau} \in Mod(\varphi)$ , for  $\tau \colon \Sigma \to \Sigma'$ ,  $M' \in \mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma')$ 

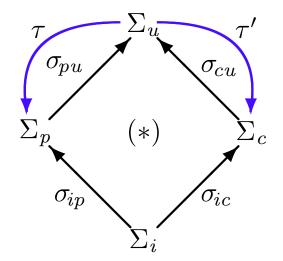
Similarly for multiple models and sentences, respectively

# **Spoiling an interpolant by new models – easy?**

Consider an interpolant  $\Theta \subseteq \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma_i)$  for  $\Phi \subseteq \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma_p)$  and  $\Psi \subseteq \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma_c)$ ,  $\sigma_{pu}(\Phi) \models \sigma_{cu}(\Psi)$ . Apparently: any interpolant should be always easy to spoil:

- add a new  $\Sigma_p$ -model M such that  $\Phi \subseteq Th(M)$  but  $\sigma_{ip}(\Theta) \not\subseteq Th(M)$ , then  $\Phi \not\models \sigma_{in}(\Theta)$ ; or
- add a new  $\Sigma_c$ -model N such that  $\Psi \not\subseteq Th(N)$  but  $\sigma_{ic}(\Theta) \subseteq Th(N)$ , then  $\sigma_{ic}(\Theta) \not\models \Psi$ .

### **BUT**:



- $\lceil M |_{\tau} \rceil \in \mathbf{Mod}^+(\Sigma_u)$  for  $\tau \colon \Sigma_u \to \Sigma_p$   $\lceil N |_{\tau'} \rceil \in \mathbf{Mod}^+(\Sigma_u)$  for  $\tau' \colon \Sigma_u \to \Sigma_c$

may spoil  $\sigma_{nu}(\Phi) \models \sigma_{cu}(\Psi) \dots$ 

# Spoiling an interpolant by new models

Fact: An interpolant  $\Theta \subseteq \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma_i)$  for  $\Phi \subseteq \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma_p)$  and  $\Psi \subseteq \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma_c)$ ,  $\sigma_{pu}(\Phi) \models \sigma_{cu}(\Psi)$ , may be spoiled by extending **INS** by new models if

- there is  $\Phi^{\bullet} \subseteq \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma_p)$  such that:
  - $-\Phi\subseteq\Phi^{ullet}$ ,  $\sigma_{ip}(\Theta)\not\subseteq\Phi^{ullet}$  and
  - for all  $\tau \colon \Sigma_u \to \Sigma_p$ , if  $\tau(\sigma_{pu}(\Phi)) \subseteq \Phi^{\bullet}$  then  $\tau(\sigma_{cu}(\Psi)) \subseteq \Phi^{\bullet}$

or

- there is  $\Psi^{\circ} \subseteq \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma_c)$  such that:
  - $-\sigma_{ic}(\Theta)\subseteq\Psi^{\circ}$ ,  $\Psi\not\subseteq\Psi^{\circ}$  and
  - for all  $\tau' \colon \Sigma_u \to \Sigma_c$ , if  $\tau'(\sigma_{pu}(\Phi)) \subseteq \Psi^{\circ}$  then  $\tau'(\sigma_{cu}(\Psi)) \subseteq \Psi^{\circ}$

# Spoiling an interpolant by new models

# Syntactic separation

- $\Phi^{\bullet} \subseteq \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma)$  never separates  $\Phi' \subseteq \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma')$  from  $\Psi' \subseteq \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma')$  when for all  $\tau \colon \Sigma' \to \Sigma$ , if  $\tau(\Phi') \subseteq \Phi^{\bullet}$  then  $\tau(\Psi') \subseteq \Phi^{\bullet}$ .
- for  $\Phi \subseteq \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma)$  and  $\Phi', \Psi' \subseteq \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma')$ , let

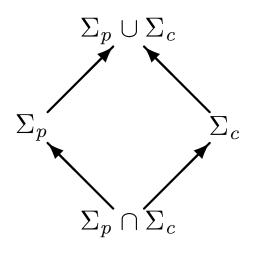
$$[\Phi' \overset{\Sigma'}{\underset{\Sigma}{\longleftrightarrow}} \Psi'](\Phi)$$

be the least set of  $\Sigma$ -sentences that contains  $\Phi$  and never separates  $\Phi'$  from  $\Psi'$ .

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- $\sigma_{ip}(\Theta) \not\subseteq [\sigma_{pu}(\Phi) \overset{\Sigma_u}{\underset{\Sigma_p}{\longleftrightarrow}} \sigma_{cu}(\Psi)](\Phi)$  or
- $\Psi \not\subseteq [\sigma_{pu}(\Phi) \overset{\Sigma_u}{\underset{\Sigma_c}{\leadsto}} \sigma_{cu}(\Psi)](\sigma_{ic}(\Theta))$

# In propositional logic: examples



### Put:

$$- \Sigma_p = \{p, r\}, \ \varphi = \boxed{r \wedge p}$$

$$- \Sigma_c = \{p, q\}, \ \psi = \boxed{q \vee p}$$

Clearly,  $\varphi \models \psi$ . Interpolants for  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  include:

$$p, p \lor p, p \land p, (p \lor p) \land (p \lor \neg p), \dots$$

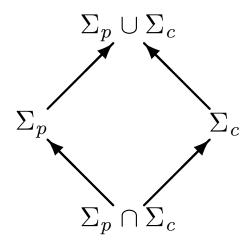
**Fact:** No interpolant for  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  is stable under extensions of  $\mathbf{PL}$  by new models.

This follows since:

$$\bullet \ [r \wedge p \overset{\Sigma_p \cup \Sigma_c}{\underset{\Sigma_p}{\leadsto}} q \vee p](r \wedge p) = \{r \wedge p, r \vee p, p \vee p\}, \text{ and }$$

• 
$$[r \land p \overset{\sum_{p} \cup \sum_{c}}{\leadsto} q \lor p](p \lor p) = \{p \lor p\}$$

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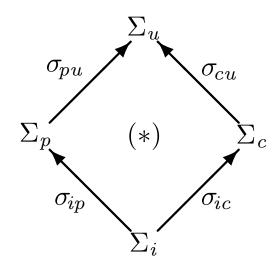
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$$\bullet \ (p \vee p) \wedge (p \vee \neg p) \in [\varphi \overset{\sum_p \cup \sum_c}{\leadsto} \psi]((p \vee r) \wedge (p \vee \neg r)), \text{ and }$$

• 
$$(p \lor q) \land (p \lor \neg q) \in [\varphi \overset{\Sigma_p \cup \Sigma_c}{\underset{\Sigma_c}{\longleftrightarrow}} \psi]((p \lor p) \land (p \lor \neg p))$$

# Spoiling interpolation by new models



Consider  $\Phi \subseteq \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma_p)$  and  $\Psi \subseteq \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma_c)$ ,  $\sigma_{pu}(\Phi) \models \sigma_{cu}(\Psi)$ .

Can all interpolants for  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$  be spoiled by new models?

Fact:  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$  have no interpolant in some extension of INS by new models if  $\Psi \not\subseteq \sigma_{ic}(\sigma_{ip}^{-1}([\sigma_{pu}(\Phi) \overset{\Sigma_u}{\leadsto} \sigma_{cu}(\Psi)](\Phi)))$ .

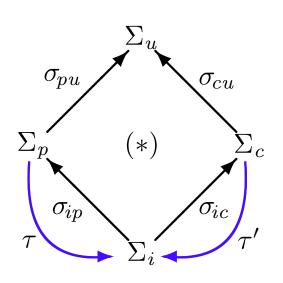
Define:

$$\Theta^* = \sigma_{ip}^{-1} \left( [\sigma_{pu}(\Phi) \overset{\Sigma_u}{\underset{\Sigma_p}{\sim}} \sigma_{cu}(\Psi)](\Phi) \cap Th(\Phi) \right) \subseteq \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma_i)$$

**Fact:**  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$  have an interpolant in every extension of **INS** by new models **iff** 

$$\Psi \subseteq [\sigma_{pu}(\Phi) \overset{\Sigma_u}{\underset{\Sigma_c}{\leadsto}} \sigma_{cu}(\Psi)](\sigma_{ic}(\Theta^*))$$
 and  $\sigma_{ic}(\Theta^*) \models \Psi$ 

## **Spoiling interpolation by new sentences**



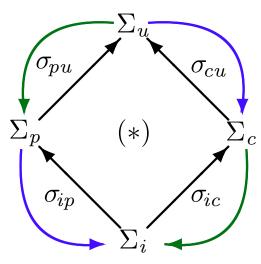
Fact: (\*) admits interpolation in every extension of INS by new sentences iff for all classes  $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma_p)$  and  $\mathcal{N}\subseteq \mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma_c)$  such that  $\mathcal{M}|_{\sigma_{pu}}^{-1}\subseteq \mathcal{N}|_{\sigma_{cu}}^{-1}$  there is a class  $\sum_{c} \mathcal{K} \subseteq \mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma_i)$  such that  $\mathcal{M}|_{\sigma_{ip}} \subseteq \mathcal{K}$  and  $\mathcal{K}|_{\sigma_{ic}}^{-1} \subseteq \mathcal{N}$ , i.e.

$$\mathcal{M}|_{\sigma_{ip}} \subseteq \mathcal{K} \subseteq (\mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma_i) \setminus (\mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma_c) \setminus \mathcal{N})|_{\sigma_{ic}})$$
that is definable in **INS** from  $\{\langle \Sigma_p, \mathcal{M} \rangle, \langle \Sigma_c, \mathcal{N} \rangle\}.$ 

 $\mathcal{K} \subseteq \mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma_i)$  is definable in **INS** from  $\{\langle \Sigma_p, \mathcal{M} \rangle, \langle \Sigma_c, \mathcal{N} \rangle\}$  if there are  $\Theta \subseteq \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma_i)$ ,  $\tau_j \colon \Sigma_p \to \Sigma_i$ ,  $j \in \mathcal{J}_p$ , and  $\tau_j' \colon \Sigma_c \to \Sigma_i$ ,  $j \in \mathcal{J}_c$  such that

$$\mathcal{K} = \bigcap_{j \in \mathcal{J}_p} \mathcal{M}|_{\tau_j}^{-1} \cap \bigcap_{j \in \mathcal{J}_c} \mathcal{N}|_{\tau_j'}^{-1} \cap Mod(\Theta)$$

# Spoiling interpolation by new models and sentences



Fact: (\*) admits interpolation in INS if

- $\sigma_{ip} : \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma_i) \to \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma_p)$  is surjective and  $\sigma_{cu} : \Sigma_c \to \Sigma_u$  is conservative  $(-|\sigma_{cu} : \mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma_u) \to \mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma_c)$  is surjective), or
- $\sigma_{ic} : \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma_i) \to \mathbf{Sen}(\Sigma_c)$  is surjective and  $\sigma_{pu} : \Sigma_p \to \Sigma_u$  is conservative  $(-|\sigma_{pu} : \mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma_u) \to \mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma_p)$  is surjective).

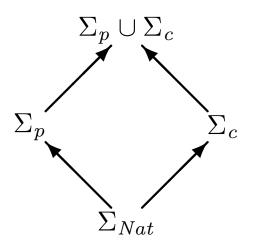
**Fact:** (\*) admits interpolation in **INS** and in all its extensions by new models and sentences **iff** 

- $\sigma_{ip}: \Sigma_i \to \Sigma_p$  is a retraction and  $\sigma_{cu}: \Sigma_c \to \Sigma_u$  is a coretraction, or
- $\sigma_{ic}: \Sigma_i \to \Sigma_c$  is a retraction and  $\sigma_{pu}: \Sigma_p \to \Sigma_u$  is a coretraction.

Conclusion

**Interpolation is fragile** – almost always!

# **Example in first-order logic**



$$-\Sigma_{Nat} =$$
 sort  $Nat$  opns  $0: Nat, s: Nat \rightarrow Nat$ 

$$-\Sigma_p = \Sigma_{Nat}$$
 then  $bop: Nat \times Nat \rightarrow Nat$ 

• add a new  $\Sigma_p$ -sentence  $\varphi$  ("data constraint") with

$$Mod(\varphi) = \mathcal{M} = \{ A \in \mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma_p) \mid A|_{\Sigma_{Nat}} = \mathbb{N} \}$$

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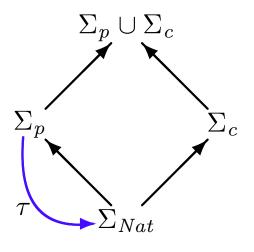
•  $\mathcal{N} = Mod(\psi)$ , where  $\psi \equiv (\forall x, y : Nat. \ x+0 = x \land x + s(y) = s(x+y)) \Rightarrow \\ \forall x, y : Nat. \ x+y = y+x$ 

Clearly:  $\varphi \models_{\Sigma_p \cup \Sigma_c} \psi$ .

But: there is no interpolant for  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$ !

(since there is no morphism from  $\Sigma_p$  to  $\Sigma_{Nat}$  and  $Th(\mathbb{N}) \not\models \psi$ )

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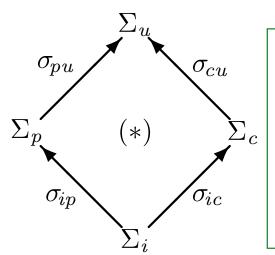
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Now: we have  $\tau \colon \Sigma_p \to \Sigma_{Nat}$ , and  $\tau(\varphi)$  is an interpolant for  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$ !

Can we spoil interpolation in propositional logic?

# **Amalgamation and interpolation**

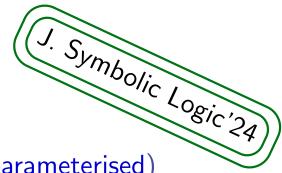


- (\*) admits weak amalgamation when for all  $M \in \mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma_p)$ ,  $N \in \mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma_c)$  with  $M|_{\sigma_{ip}} = N|_{\sigma_{ic}}$  there is  $K \in \mathbf{Mod}(\Sigma_u)$  such that  $K|_{\sigma_{pu}} = M$  and  $K|_{\sigma_{cu}} = N$ .
  - In FO, EQ, PL, and many other standard institutions: all signature pushouts admit amalgamation.

Fact: If (\*) admits weak amalgamation and all classes of  $\Sigma_i$ -models are definable then (\*) admits interpolation (in **INS** and in every its extension by new sentences).

**Fact:** If (\*) does not admit weak amalgamation then (\*) does not admit interpolation in an extension of **INS** by new sentences, and in any further its extension by new sentences.

# Further work



- Repeat similar characterisations for Craig-Robinson (or parameterised) interpolation:
  - concepts and techniques carry over, results can be adjusted easily.
- Apply the results in the context of special commutative squares of signature morphisms used in particular applications.