

5.1. Using the semantic tableaux method, prove ' \exists ' (the existential quantifier) is semi-distributive over ' \wedge ' (conjunction):

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \models (\exists x)(A(x) \wedge B(x)) \rightarrow (\exists x)A(x) \wedge (\exists x)B(x) \text{ and} \\ \not\models (\exists x)A(x) \wedge (\exists x)B(x) \rightarrow (\exists x)(A(x) \wedge B(x)) \end{array} \right.$$

We have to prove that U_1 is a tautology and U_2 is not valid, where:

- $U_1 = (\exists x)(A(x) \wedge B(x)) \rightarrow (\exists x)A(x) \wedge (\exists x)B(x)$
- $U_2 = (\exists x)A(x) \wedge (\exists x)B(x) \rightarrow (\exists x)(A(x) \wedge B(x))$

$\models U \Leftrightarrow \neg U$ has a closed semantic tableau, so we build the semantic tableaux of $\neg U_1$ and $\neg U_2$

$$\neg U_1 = \neg((\exists x)(A(x) \wedge B(x)) \rightarrow (\exists x)A(x) \wedge (\exists x)B(x)) \quad (1)$$

| α -rule for (1)

$$(2) \quad (\exists x)(A(x) \wedge B(x))$$

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$$(3) \quad \neg((\exists x)A(x) \wedge (\exists x)B(x))$$

| δ -rule for (2) - c a new ~~variable~~ constant

$$(4) \quad A(c) \wedge B(c)$$

| α -rule for (4)

$$A(c)$$

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$$B(c)$$

| β -rule for (3)

$$(5) \quad \neg(\exists x)A(x) \quad \neg(\exists x)B(x) \quad (6)$$

$$\text{\textit{\delta}-rule for (5)}$$

$$\text{\textit{\delta}-rule for (6)}$$

$$\neg A(c)$$

$$\neg B(c)$$

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closed
branch

closed
branch

- All the branches are closed, so $\neg U_1$ has a closed semantic tableau \Rightarrow
 \Rightarrow U_1 is a tautology

$$\neg U_2 = \neg((\exists x)A(x) \wedge (\exists x)B(x) \rightarrow (\exists x)(A(x) \wedge B(x))) \quad (1)$$

| α -rule for (1)

$$(2) \quad (\exists x)A(x) \wedge (\exists x)B(x)$$

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$$(3) \quad \neg((\exists x)(A(x) \wedge B(x)))$$

| α -rule for (2)

$$(4) \quad (\exists x)A(x)$$

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$$(5) \quad (\exists x)B(x)$$

| δ -rule for (4), c_1 new constant

$$A(c_1)$$

| δ -rule for (5), c_2 new constant

$$B(c_2)$$

| γ -rule for (3)

$$(6) \quad \neg(A(c_1) \wedge B(c_1))$$

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$$(7) \quad \neg(A(c_2) \wedge B(c_2))$$

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$$(8) \quad \neg((\exists x)(A(x) \wedge B(x))) - \text{copy of (3)}$$

| β -rule for (6)

$$\neg A(c_1)$$

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closed
branch

$$\neg B(c_1)$$

| β -rule for (7)

$$\neg A(c_2)$$

⊗

closed
open
branch

$$\neg B(c_2)$$

⊗

closed
branch

• There exists an open branch, so $\neg U_2$ doesn't have a closed semantic tableau and it is not a tautology ($\not\models U_2$)

• Conclusion: we proved $\models U_1$ and $\not\models U_2$, so the existential quantifier is only semi-distributive over conjunction