

Decision procedures for a non-Fregean logic SCI

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1 Sentential logic and the Fregean axiom

2 SCI

2.1 Basic notions

Definition 2.1 (Vocabulary of SCI). The vocabulary of SCI consists of symbols from the following pairwise disjoint sets:

- $\mathbf{V} = \{p, q, r, \dots\}$ – a countable infinite set of propositional variables,
- $\{\neg, \rightarrow, \equiv\}$ – the set consisting of the unary operator of negation (\neg) and binary operators of implication (\rightarrow) and identity (\equiv),
- $\{(\cdot, \cdot)\}$ – the set of auxiliary symbols.

Definition 2.2 (Formulas of SCI). The set of formulas of SCI is defined with the following grammar:

$$\mathbf{FOR} \ni \varphi ::= p \mid \neg\varphi \mid (\varphi \rightarrow \varphi) \mid (\varphi \equiv \varphi)$$

where $p \in \mathbf{V}$ is a propositional variable.

The propositional variables will also be called atomic formulas.

From now on whenever we write p, q, r, \dots we will mean the atomic formulas. We will omit brackets when it will lead to no misunderstanding. We will write $\varphi \neq \psi$ as a shorthand for $\neg(\varphi \equiv \psi)$.

The set of identities ID is a set of formulas $\varphi \equiv \psi$ where $\varphi, \psi \in \mathbf{FOR}$. Formulas $\varphi \equiv \varphi$ are the trivial identities.

Definition 2.3 (Subformulas). For a formula $\varphi \in \mathbf{FOR}$ let us define the set of subformulas of φ as:

$$\mathbf{SUB}(\varphi) = \begin{cases} \{p\}, & \text{if } \varphi = p \in \mathbf{V}, \\ \{\varphi\} \cup \mathbf{SUB}(\psi), & \text{if } \varphi = \neg\psi, \\ \{\varphi\} \cup \mathbf{SUB}(\psi) \cup \mathbf{SUB}(\vartheta), & \text{if } \varphi = \psi \rightarrow \vartheta, \text{ or } \varphi = \psi \equiv \vartheta \end{cases}$$

By $\varphi(\psi/\vartheta)$ we will denote the formula φ with all occurrences of its subformula ψ substituted with ϑ .

Definition 2.4 (Simple formulas). The formula φ is called a simple formula if it has one of the following form:

$$p, \neg p, p \equiv q, p \neq q, p \equiv \neg q, p \equiv (q \rightarrow r), p \equiv (q \equiv r)$$

for $p, q, r \in \mathbf{V}$.

Definition 2.5 (Size of a formula). Given a formula φ , let us define its size $s(\varphi)$:

$$s(\varphi) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \varphi = p, \\ s(\psi) + 1, & \text{if } \varphi = \neg\psi, \\ s(\psi) + s(\vartheta) + 1, & \text{if } \varphi = \psi \equiv \vartheta, \text{ or } \varphi = \psi \rightarrow \vartheta. \end{cases}$$

Since \mathbf{V} is a countable set we can assume it has a full ordering $<$. Let us extend it by saying that for each $p \in \mathbf{V}$: $p < "\neg" < "(" < ")" < "\rightarrow" < "\equiv"$. Now, let us define a ordering of formulas \prec to be a lexicographical ordering with $<$.

Definition 2.6 (Axiomatization of SCL). SCL is axiomatized with the following axioms:

- (Ax1) $\varphi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \varphi)$
- (Ax2) $(\varphi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \chi)) \rightarrow ((\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\varphi \rightarrow \chi))$
- (Ax3) $(\neg\varphi \rightarrow \neg\psi) \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \varphi)$
- (Ax4) $\varphi \equiv \varphi$,
- (Ax5) $(\varphi \equiv \psi) \rightarrow (\varphi \rightarrow \psi)$,
- (Ax6) $(\varphi \equiv \psi) \rightarrow (\neg\varphi \equiv \neg\psi)$,
- (Ax7) $(\varphi \equiv \psi) \rightarrow ((\chi \equiv \theta) \rightarrow ((\varphi \rightarrow \chi) \equiv (\psi \rightarrow \theta)))$,
- (Ax8) $(\varphi \equiv \psi) \rightarrow ((\chi \equiv \theta) \rightarrow ((\varphi \equiv \chi) \equiv (\psi \equiv \theta)))$.

The only inference rule is the *modus ponens* rule:

$$MP : \frac{\varphi, \varphi \rightarrow \psi}{\psi}$$

Definition 2.7 (A theorem). A formula φ is a *theorem* if there exists a finite set of formulas $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n$ ($n \geq 1$), such that $\varphi = \varphi_n$, and for all $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ the formula φ_i is either an axiom of SCL, or it is inferred from formulas φ_j, φ_k ($j, k < i$) via the *modus ponens* rule. If φ is a theorem we'll mark it as $\vdash \varphi$ and say that it is *provable*.

Let us give an example of a provable formula with its full proof:

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Definition 2.8 (Decidability). A logic is *decidable* if there exists an effective method to determine whether a given formula of this logic is a theorem.

Let us now give some semantic definitions:

Definition 2.9 (Model). A SCL model is a structure $M = (U, D, \neg, \rightarrow, \equiv)$ where:

- $U \neq \emptyset$ is the *universe* of M ,
- $\emptyset \neq D \subsetneq U$ is the *set of designated values*,
- $\neg : U \rightarrow U$ is the algebraic counterpart of the operator not, such that $\forall a \in U$: $\neg a \in D$ iff $a \notin D$,
- $\rightarrow : U \times U \rightarrow U$ is the algebraic counterpart of the operator of implication, such that $\forall a, b \in U$: $a \rightarrow b \in D$ iff $a \notin D$ or $b \in D$,
- $\equiv : U \times U \rightarrow U$ is the algebraic counterpart of the operator of identity, such that $\forall a, b \in U$: $a \equiv b$ iff $a = b$ (that is, iff a and b denote the same element of the universe U).

Definition 2.10 (Valuation). Given a model $M = (U, D, \neg, \rightarrow, \equiv)$, a valuation in this model is a function $V : \text{FOR} \rightarrow U$, such that for all $\varphi, \psi \in \text{FOR}$:

- $V(\neg\varphi) = \neg V(\varphi)$
- $V(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) = V(\varphi) \rightarrow V(\psi)$
- $V(\varphi \equiv \psi) = V(\varphi) \equiv V(\psi)$

If $V(\varphi) = a$ we will call a the *denotation* of φ .

Definition 2.11 (Satisfiability of a formula). Given a model $M = (U, D, \neg, \rightarrow, \equiv)$ and a valuation V , a formula φ is *satisfied in this valuation* iff its valuation belongs to D . If a formula φ is satisfied by a valuation V in a model M we will mark it by $M, V \models \varphi$.

Definition 2.12 (Truth of a formula). Given a model $M = (U, D, \neg, \rightarrow, \equiv)$, a formula is *true in this model* iff it is satisfied in all valuations of this model. If a formula φ is true in a model M we'll mark it by $M \models \varphi$.

Definition 2.13 (Validity of a formula). A formula is *valid* iff it is true in all models. If a formula φ is valid we'll mark it by $\models \varphi$.

Let us see some examples:
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Theorem 1 (Correctness and fullness of SCI). *For any formula φ the following two are equivalent:*

- φ is provable,
- φ is valid.

The proof of the correctness and fullness theorem can be found in [1] (Theorem 1.9).

Theorem 2 (Decidability of SCI). *SCI is decidable.*

The proof of the decidability theorem can be found in [1] (Corollary 2.4).

References

- [1] Stephen L. Bloom, Roman Suszko (1972) *Investigations into the Sentential Calculus with Identity*, Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic, vol. XIII, no 3.