

Introduction to Artificial Intelligence, Winter Term 2019
Problem Set 6

Exercise 6-1

With respect to the rules of natural deduction introduced in class, prove each of the following.

a) $\{(P \Rightarrow Q) \Rightarrow P, P \Rightarrow Q, \neg R\} \vdash Q \vee R$.

Solution:

1. $(P \Rightarrow Q) \Rightarrow P$ (premise)
2. $P \Rightarrow Q$ (premise)
3. P (1,2, \Rightarrow -elimination)
4. Q (2,3, \Rightarrow -elimination)
5. $Q \vee R$ (4, \vee -introduction)

b) $\{\exists x[P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x)], \forall xP(x)\} \vdash \exists xQ(x)$.

Solution:

1. $\exists x[P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x)]$ (premise)
2. $\forall xP(x)$ (premise)
3. $P(A) \Rightarrow Q(A)$ (1, \exists -elimination)
4. $P(A)$ (2, \forall -elimination)
5. $Q(A)$ (2,3, \Rightarrow -elimination)
6. $\exists xQ(x)$ (5, \exists -introduction)

c) $\{P(A), \forall x[\exists y[P(y) \vee R(y)] \Rightarrow Q(x)]\} \vdash \exists z[Q(z) \wedge P(z)]$.

Solution:

1. $P(A)$ (premise)
2. $\forall x[\exists y[P(y) \vee R(y)] \Rightarrow Q(x)]$ (premise)
3. $\exists y[P(y) \vee R(y)] \Rightarrow Q(A)$ (2, \forall -elimination)
4. $P(A) \vee R(A)$ (1, \vee -introduction)
5. $\exists y[P(y) \vee R(y)]$ (4, \exists -introduction)
6. $Q(A)$ (3, 5, \Rightarrow -elimination)
7. $Q(A) \wedge P(A)$ (1, 3, \wedge -introduction)
8. $\exists z[Q(z) \wedge P(z)]$ (1, 3, \wedge -introduction)

d) $\{\forall x\forall y[P(f(x, y)) \Rightarrow P(f(y, g(x)) \wedge Q(g(y), g(x))], \exists x\exists y[P(f(x, y))]\} \vdash \exists x\exists y[Q(g(g(x)), y)]$.

Solution:

1. $\exists x \exists y [P(f(x, y))]$	(premise)
2. $\forall x \forall y [P(f(x, y)) \Rightarrow P(f(y, g(x)) \wedge Q(g(y), g(x))]$	(premise)
3. $\exists y [P(f(A, y))]$	(1, \exists -elimination)
4. $P(f(A, B))$	(3, \exists -elimination)
5. $\forall y [P(f(A, y)) \Rightarrow P(f(y, g(A)) \wedge Q(g(y), g(A))]$	(1, \forall -elimination)
6. $P(f(A, B) \Rightarrow P(f(B, g(A)) \wedge Q(g(B), g(A))]$	(5, \forall -elimination)
7. $P(f(B, g(A)) \wedge Q(g(B), g(A))]$	(3, 6, \Rightarrow -elimination)
8. $P(f(B, g(A)))$	(7, \wedge -elimination)
9. $\forall y [P(f(B, y)) \Rightarrow P(f(y, g(B)) \wedge Q(g(y), g(B))]$	(2, \forall -elimination)
10. $P(f(B, g(A)) \Rightarrow P(f(g(A), g(B)) \wedge Q(g(g(A)), g(B))]$	(9, \forall -elimination)
11. $P(f(g(A), g(B)) \wedge Q(g(g(A)), g(B))]$	(8, 10, \Rightarrow -elimination)
12. $Q(g(g(A)), g(B))$	(11, \wedge -elimination)
13. $\exists y [Q(g(g(A)), y)]$	(12, \exists -introduction)
14. $\exists x \exists y [Q(g(g(x)), y)]$	(13, \exists -introduction)

Exercise 6-2

For each of the following pairs of atomic sentences, give a most general unifier, if one exists.

- a) $Q(y, G(A, B)), Q(G(x, x), y)$.

Solution:

The two statements do not unify.

- b) $Older(Father(y), y), Older(Father(x), John)$.

Solution:

$$\mu = \{John/x, John/y\}$$

- c) $Knows(Father(y), y), Knows(x, x)$.

Solution:

The two statements do not unify.

Exercise 6-3 (From R&N)

Write down logical representations for the following sentences, suitable for use with Generalized Modus Ponens.

- a) Horses, cows, and pigs are mammals.

Solution:

- $H(x) \Rightarrow M(x)$
- $C(x) \Rightarrow M(x)$
- $P(x) \Rightarrow M(x)$

- b) An offspring of a horse is a horse.

Solution:

- $H(x) \wedge O(y, x) \Rightarrow H(y)$

c) Bluebird is a horse.

Solution:

- $H(BB)$

d) Bluebird is Charlie's parent.

Solution:

- $Pt(BB, Ch)$

e) Offspring and parent are inverse relations.

Solution:

- $Pt(x, y) \Rightarrow O(y, x)$
- $O(x, y) \Rightarrow Pt(y, x)$

f) Every mammal has a parent.

Solution:

- $M(x) \Rightarrow Pt(Prnt(x), x)$
 $Prnt(x)$ is a skolem function. Note that variables in Horn Clause are assumed to be universally quantified.

What is the result of backward-chaining on $\exists x, y OffSpring(x, y)$? What is the result of forward-chaining on $Cow(Moo)$?

Solution:

Backward Chaining on $\exists x, y OffSpring(x, y)$

- Start with $O(x, y)$.
- Standardize apart: $O(u, v)$
- $O(u, v)$ is the goal with the empty substitution.
- Backchain into $Pt(x, y) \Rightarrow O(y, x)$, getting the unifier $\mu = \{y/u, x/v\}$
- Apply μ on the antecedent to get $Pt(x, y)$. (The application does not change the antecedent.)
- $Pt(x, y)$ is now the new goal, with substitution μ .
- $Pt(x, y)$ unifies with $Pt(BB, Ch)$, the unifier is $\mu' = \{BB/x, Ch/y\}$.
- Return the composition of μ and μ' : $\mu \circ \mu' = \{BB/x, BB/v, Ch/y, Ch/u\}$

The restriction of the final unifier to u and v is the answer.

Solution:

Forward Chaining on $Cow(Moo)$

- Start with $C(Moo)$.
- Forward chain into $C(x) \Rightarrow M(x)$,
with the unifier $\mu_1 = \{Moo/x\}$
- Apply μ_1 to the consequent to get $M(Moo)$.
- $M(Moo)$ forward chains into $M(x) \Rightarrow Pt(Prnt(x), x)$,
with the unifier $\mu_2 = \{Moo/x\}$.
- Apply μ_2 to the consequent to get $Pt(Prnt(Moo), Moo)$.
- $Pt(Prnt(Moo), Moo)$ forward chains into $Pt(x, y) \Rightarrow O(y, x)$,
with the unifier $\mu_3 = \{Prnt(Moo)/x, Moo/y\}$.
- Apply μ_3 to the consequent to get $O(Moo, Pt(Moo))$.
- $O(Moo, Pt(Moo))$ forward chains into $O(x, y) \Rightarrow Pt(y, x)$,
with the unifier $\mu_4 = \{Moo/x, Prnt(Moo)/y\}$.
- Apply μ_4 to the consequent to get $Pt(Prnt(Moo), Moo)$.
- Since we already have that, we stop.

Note that, had we insisted that $Prnt(x)$ must also be a mammal in sentence (f), forward chaining would have gone on forever.