

Discrete Mathematics: Lecture 21

predicate logic, WFFs, from NL to WFFs, logic equivalence, tautological
implication

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Well-Formed Formulas

DEFINITION: well-formed formulas 合式公式 / formulas

- 1) propositional constants, propositional variables, and propositional functions without connectives are WFFs
- 2) If A is a WFF, then $\neg A$ is also a WFF
- 3) If A, B are WFFs and there is no individual variable x which is bound in one of A, B but free in the other, then $(A \wedge B), (A \vee B), (A \rightarrow B), (A \leftrightarrow B)$ are WFFs.
- 4) If A is a WFF with a free individual variable x , then $\forall x A, \exists x A$ are WFFs.
- 5) WFFs can be constructed with 1)-4).
 - Example: $\forall x F(x) \vee G(x), \forall x P(x)$ are not WFFs
 - Example: $\exists x (A(x) \rightarrow \forall y B(x, y))$ is a WFF

Precedence: \forall, \exists have higher precedence than $\neg, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow$

- $\forall x P(x) \rightarrow Q(y)$ means $(\forall x P(x)) \rightarrow Q(y)$, not $\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(y))$

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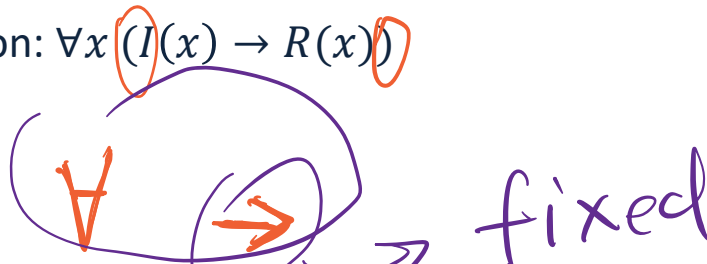
From Natural Language to WFFs

The Method of Translation:

- Introduce symbols to represent propositional constants, propositional variables, individual constants, individual variables, predicate constants, predicate variables, functions of individuals
- Construct WFFs with 1)-4) such that WFFs reflect the real meaning of the natural language

EXAMPLE: All irrational numbers are real numbers.

- Every irrational number is a real number.
- For every x , if x is an irrational number, then x is a real number.
 - $I(x)$ = “ x is an irrational number”
 - $R(x)$ = “ x is a real number”
 - Translation: $\forall x (I(x) \rightarrow R(x))$



From Natural Language to WFFs

EXAMPLE: Some real numbers are irrational numbers.

- There is a real number which is also an irrational number.
- There is an x such that x is a real number and also an irrational number.

- $I(x)$ = “ x is an irrational number”

- $R(x)$ = “ x is a real number”

- Translation: $\exists x (R(x) \wedge I(x))$

\exists (fixed)

EXAMPLE: There is a symbol that can not be understood by any person's brain.

- There is a symbol such that any person's brain can not understand it.
- There is an x such that x is a symbol and **any person's brain can not understand x .**

- $S(x)$: “ x is a symbol”

- Translation: $\exists x (S(x) \wedge (\dots))$

Exact translate -

From Natural Language to WFFs

Do not change origin sentence, do not do equal

EXAMPLE: There is a symbol that can not be understood by any person's brain.

- Any person's brain can not understand x .
- For any y , if y is a person, then y 's brain cannot understand x .
 - $P(y)$: " y is a person"
 - Translation: $\forall y (P(y) \rightarrow (\dots))$
- y 's brain cannot understand x
 - $U(z, x)$: " z can understand x "
 - $b(y)$ = the brain of y
 - Translation: $\neg U(b(y), x)$
- Translation: $\exists x (S(x) \wedge \forall y (P(y) \rightarrow \neg U(b(y), x)))$

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Interpretation

给 variable 赋值

DEFINITION: an **interpretation**_{解释} requires one to (remove all uncertainty)

- assign a concrete proposition to every **proposition variable**
- assign a concrete predicate to every **predicate variable**
- restrict the domain of every **bound individual variable**
- assign a concrete individual to every **free individual variable**
- choose a concrete **function**, if there is any

EXAMPLE: $\exists x P(x) \rightarrow q$

- **Domain** of $x = \{\text{Alice, Bob, Eve}\}$
- $P(x) = \text{"}x \text{ gets A+"}$
- $q = \text{"I get A+"}$
- If at least one of Alice, Bob, and Eve gets A+, then I get A+.

Types of WFFs

DEFINITION: A WFF is **logically valid** 普遍有效 if it is **T** in every interpretation

- $\forall x (P(x) \vee \neg P(x))$ is logically valid

DEFINITION: A WFF is **unsatisfiable** 不可满足 if it is **F** in every interpretation

- $\exists x (P(x) \wedge \neg P(x))$ is unsatisfiable

DEFINITION: A WFF is **satisfiable** 可满足 if it is **T** in some interpretation

- $\forall x (x^2 > 0)$
 - true when domain= nonzero real numbers

THEOREM: Let A be any WFF. A is logically valid iff $\neg A$ is unsatisfiable.

Rule of Substitution: Let A be a tautology in propositional logic. If we substitute any propositional variable in A with an arbitrary WFF from predicate logic, then we get a logically valid WFF.

- $p \vee \neg p$ is a tautology; hence, $P(x) \vee \neg P(x)$ is logically valid

Logical Equivalence

DEFINITION: Two WFFs A, B are **logically equivalent**^{等值} if they always have the same truth value in every interpretation.

- notation: $A \equiv B$; example: $\forall x P(x) \wedge \forall x Q(x) \equiv \forall x (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$

THEOREM: $A \equiv B$ iff $A \leftrightarrow B$ is logically valid.

- $A \equiv B$
- iff A, B have the same truth value in every interpretation I
- iff $A \leftrightarrow B$ is true in every interpretation I
- iff $A \leftrightarrow B$ is logically valid

THEOREM: $A \equiv B$ iff $A \rightarrow B$ and $B \rightarrow A$ are both logically valid.

- $A \leftrightarrow B \equiv (A \rightarrow B) \wedge (B \rightarrow A)$

Rule of Substitution

METHOD: Applying the rule of substitution to the logical equivalences in propositional logic, we get logical equivalences in predicate logic.

$$P \vee Q \equiv Q \vee P \quad A(x) \vee B(y) \equiv B(y) \vee A(x)$$

$$(P \wedge Q) \wedge R \equiv P \wedge (Q \wedge R) \quad (A(x) \wedge B(y)) \wedge c \equiv A(x) \wedge (B(y) \wedge c)$$

$$P \wedge (Q \vee R) \equiv (P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge R) \quad A(x) \wedge (B(y) \vee c) \equiv (A(x) \wedge B(y)) \vee (A(x) \wedge c)$$

$$P \wedge (P \vee Q) \equiv P \quad A(x) \wedge (A(x) \vee B(y)) \equiv A(x)$$

$$\neg(P \wedge Q) \equiv \neg P \vee \neg Q \quad \neg(A(x) \wedge B(y)) \equiv \neg A(x) \vee \neg B(y)$$

$$\underline{P \rightarrow Q \equiv \neg P \vee Q} \quad A(x) \rightarrow (\forall y B(y)) \equiv \neg A(x) \vee (\forall y B(y))$$

$$P \leftrightarrow Q \equiv (P \rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \rightarrow P) \quad A(x) \leftrightarrow c \equiv (A(x) \rightarrow c) \wedge (c \rightarrow A(x))$$

Var / constant both o/c

De Morgan's Laws for Quantifiers

THEOREM: $\neg \forall x P(x) \equiv \exists x \neg P(x)$

- Show that $\neg \forall x P(x) \rightarrow \exists x \neg P(x)$ is logically valid
 - Suppose that $\neg \forall x P(x)$ is **T** in an interpretation I
 - $\forall x P(x)$ is **F** in I
 - There is an x_0 such that $P(x_0)$ is **F** in I
 - There is an x_0 such that $\neg P(x_0)$ is **T** in I
 - $\exists x \neg P(x)$ is **T** in I

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- Show that $\exists x \neg P(x) \rightarrow \neg \forall x P(x)$ is logically valid
 - Suppose that $\exists x \neg P(x)$ is **T** in an interpretation I
 - There is an x_0 such that $\neg P(x_0)$ is **T** in I
 - There is an x_0 such that $P(x_0)$ is **F** in I
 - $\forall x P(x)$ is **F** in I
 - $\neg \forall x P(x)$ is **T** in I

THEOREM: $\neg \exists x P(x) \equiv \forall x \neg P(x)$.

De Morgan's Laws for Quantifiers

EXAMPLE: $R(x)$: “ x is a real number”; $Q(x)$: “ x is a rational number”

- $\neg \forall x (R(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$
 - Not all real numbers are rational numbers
- Negation: $\exists x \neg (R(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \equiv \exists x (R(x) \wedge \neg Q(x))$
 - There is a real number which is not rational

EXAMPLE: Let the domain be the set of all real numbers. Let $Q(x)$: “ x is a rational number” and $I(x)$: “ x is an irrational number”

- $\neg \exists x (Q(x) \wedge I(x))$
 - No real number is both rational and irrational.
- Negation: $\forall x \neg (Q(x) \wedge I(x)) \equiv \forall x (\neg Q(x) \vee \neg I(x))$
 - Any real number is either not rational or not irrational.

Quantifiers in I

Distributive Laws for Quantifiers

THEOREM: $\forall x (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \equiv \forall x P(x) \wedge \forall x Q(x)$

- Show that $\forall x (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \rightarrow \forall x P(x) \wedge \forall x Q(x)$ is logically valid

- Suppose that $\forall x (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$ is **T** in an interpretation I

- $P(x) \wedge Q(x)$ is **T** for every x in I

- $P(x)$ is **T** for every x in I and $Q(x)$ is **T** for every x in I

- $\forall x P(x)$ is **T** in I and $\forall x Q(x)$ is **T** in I

- $\forall x P(x) \wedge \forall x Q(x)$ is **T** in I

- Show that $\forall x P(x) \wedge \forall x Q(x) \rightarrow \forall x (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$ is logically valid.

- Suppose that $\forall x P(x) \wedge \forall x Q(x)$ is **T** in an interpretation I

- $\forall x P(x)$ is **T** in I and $\forall x Q(x)$ is **T** in I

- $P(x)$ is **T** for every x in I and $Q(x)$ is **T** for every x in I

- $P(x) \wedge Q(x)$ is **T** for every x in I

- $\forall x (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$ is **T** in I

THEOREM: $\exists x (P(x) \vee Q(x)) \equiv \exists x P(x) \vee \exists x Q(x)$.

every x in I
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in the interpretation
proof method!

Tautological Implication

DEFINITION: Let A and B be WFFs in predicate logic. A **tautologically implies** (重言蕴涵) B if every interpretation that causes A to be true causes B to be true.

- notation: $A \Rightarrow B$, called a **tautological implication** (重言蕴涵)

THEOREM: $A \Rightarrow B$ iff $A \rightarrow B$ is logically valid.

- $A \Rightarrow B$
- iff every interpretation that causes A to be true causes B to be true
- iff there is no interpretation such that $(A, B) = (\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{F})$
- Iff $A \rightarrow B$ is true in every interpretation
- iff $A \rightarrow B$ is logically valid

THEOREM: $A \Rightarrow B$ iff $A \wedge \neg B$ is unsatisfiable.

- $A \rightarrow B \equiv \neg A \vee B \equiv \neg(A \wedge \neg B)$

Rule of Substitution

| Name | Tautological Implication | NO. |
|-------------------------------|--|-----|
| Conjunction(合取) | $(P) \wedge (Q) \Rightarrow P \wedge Q$ | 1 |
| Simplification(化简) | $P \wedge Q \Rightarrow P$ | 2 |
| Addition(附加) | $P \Rightarrow P \vee Q$ | 3 |
| Modus ponens(假言推理) | $P \wedge (P \rightarrow Q) \Rightarrow Q$ | 4 |
| Modus tollens(拒取) | $\neg Q \wedge (P \rightarrow Q) \Rightarrow \neg P$ | 5 |
| Disjunctive syllogism(析取三段论) | $\neg P \wedge (P \vee Q) \Rightarrow Q$ | 6 |
| Hypothetical syllogism(假言三段论) | $(P \rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \rightarrow R) \Rightarrow (P \rightarrow R)$ | 7 |
| Resolution (归结) | $(P \vee Q) \wedge (\neg P \vee R) \Rightarrow Q \vee R$ | 8 |

EXAMPLE: $P \wedge (P \rightarrow Q) \Rightarrow Q$ is a TI in propositional logic.

- $A(x) \wedge (A(x) \rightarrow B(y)) \Rightarrow B(y)$ must be a TI in predicate logic.
 - Rule of substitution: let $P = A(x)$ and $Q = B(y)$

Tautological Implications

- $\forall x P(x) \vee \forall x Q(x) \Rightarrow \forall x (P(x) \vee Q(x))$
- $\exists x (P(x) \wedge Q(x)) \Rightarrow \exists x P(x) \wedge \exists x Q(x)$
- $\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \Rightarrow \forall x P(x) \rightarrow \forall x Q(x)$
- $\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \Rightarrow \exists x P(x) \rightarrow \exists x Q(x)$
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- $\forall x (P(x) \leftrightarrow Q(x)) \Rightarrow \exists x P(x) \leftrightarrow \exists x Q(x)$
- $\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \wedge \forall x (Q(x) \rightarrow R(x)) \Rightarrow \forall x (P(x) \rightarrow R(x))$
- $\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \wedge P(a) \Rightarrow Q(a)$

Examples

EXAMPLE: $\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \wedge P(a) \Rightarrow Q(a)$

- Suppose that the left hand side is true in an interpretation I (domain= D)
 - $\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$ is **T** and $P(a)$ is **T**
 - $P(a) \rightarrow Q(a)$ is **T** and $P(a)$ is **T**
 - $Q(a)$ is **T** in I .

EXAMPLE: Tautological implication in the following proof?

- All rational numbers are real numbers $\boxed{\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))}$
- $1/3$ is a rational number $\boxed{P(1/3)}$
- $1/3$ is a real number $\boxed{Q(1/3)}$
 - $P(x)$ = “ x is a rational number”
 - $Q(x)$ = “ x is a real number”
 - rule of inference: $\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \wedge P(1/3) \Rightarrow Q(1/3)$

Examples

EXAMPLE: $\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \wedge \forall x (Q(x) \rightarrow R(x)) \Rightarrow \forall x (P(x) \rightarrow R(x))$

- Suppose that the left hand side is **T** in an interpretation I (domain= D)
 - $\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$ is **T** and $\forall x (Q(x) \rightarrow R(x))$ is **T**
 - $P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)$ is **T** for all $x \in D$ and $Q(x) \rightarrow R(x)$ is **T** for all $x \in D$
 - $P(x) \rightarrow R(x)$ is **T** for all $x \in D$
 - $\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow R(x))$ is **T** in I .

EXAMPLE: Tautological implication in the following proof?

- All integers are rational numbers. $\boxed{\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))}$
- All rational numbers are real numbers. $\boxed{\forall x (Q(x) \rightarrow R(x))}$
- All integers are real numbers. $\boxed{\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow R(x))}$
 - $P(x)$ = “ x is an integer”
 - $Q(x)$ = “ x is a rational number”
 - $R(x)$ = “ x is a real number”
 - rule of inference: $\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \wedge \forall x (Q(x) \rightarrow R(x)) \Rightarrow \forall x (P(x) \rightarrow R(x))$