

# Propositional Logic Proofs Part1

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# Objectives

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- Axiomatic Deduction Systems
- The Hilbert System
- Proofs using Axiomatic Deduction

# Axiomatic Deduction Systems /1

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- **Deduction Rule:**

- A tuple  $\langle A_1, \dots, A_k \rangle$  where  $k \geq 1$  and  $A_i \in \text{Form}(L^p)$  for all  $k$

- **Axioms:**

- A deduction rule where  $k = 1$ ; formally provable formula

- **Inference Rule:**

- A deduction rule where  $k > 1$

- **Deduction System S for Form  $(L^p)$  :**

- A set of deduction rules; that is, a set of axioms and inference rules
- **The Hilbert System (H)** is an example of a deduction system for the set of propositional logic formulas

# Axiomatic Deduction Systems /2

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## ■ **Formal Deduction Proof (of a Deduction System S):**

- A sequence  $\langle B_0, \dots B_n \rangle$  where  $n \geq 1$  and  $B_i \in \text{Form}(L^p)$  for all  $i$ , such that for every  $B_i$  there is a rule  $\langle A_1, \dots A_{k-1}, B_i \rangle \in S$  where  $\{A_1, \dots A_{k-1}\} \subseteq \{B_0, \dots B_{i-1}\}$

## ■ **Theorem (of a Deduction System S):**

- A formula  $B$  for which a proof  $\langle B_0, \dots B_n, B \rangle$  exists in  $S$
- Denoted as  $\vdash_S B$  (denoted as  $\vdash$  in the textbook)

## ■ **Deducible Theorem:**

- Given  $B \in \text{Form}(L^p)$  and a set  $\Sigma \subseteq \text{Form}(L^p)$ ,  $B$  is deducible from  $\Sigma$ , denoted as  $\Sigma \vdash_S B$ , if  $B$  is a theorem of  $S \cup \{\langle A \rangle \mid A \in \Sigma\}$

# Axiomatic Deduction Systems /3

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## ■ Definition 3.1. The Hilbert System (H):

- A deduction system for the propositional logic formulas
- Ax1:  $\langle (A \Rightarrow (B \Rightarrow A)) \rangle$
- Ax2:  $\langle ((A \Rightarrow (B \Rightarrow C)) \Rightarrow ((A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow C))) \rangle$
- Ax3:  $\langle (((\neg A) \Rightarrow (\neg B)) \Rightarrow (B \Rightarrow A)) \rangle$ ;
- R1: From  $A \Rightarrow B$  and  $A$  infer  $B$ 
  - Also known as *Modus Ponens (MP)*
- (A WFF)  $A_1$  is formally provable by H iff  $\vdash_H A_1$  holds

## ■ Textbook Deduction System (T): (Section 4.1)

- Ax1 – Ax12 and R1
- (A WFF)  $A_2$  is formally provable by T iff  $\vdash_T A_2$  holds
  - Also written as  $\emptyset \vdash A_2$  in the textbook

# Axiomatic Deduction Systems /4

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■ **Prove that  $\vdash_H (A \Rightarrow A)$  holds**

1.  $(A \Rightarrow ((A \Rightarrow A) \Rightarrow A))$  (by Ax1)
2.  $((A \Rightarrow ((A \Rightarrow A) \Rightarrow A)) \Rightarrow ((A \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow A)) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow A)))$   
(by Ax2)
3.  $((A \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow A)) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow A))$  (by R1, (1), (2))
4.  $(A \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow A))$  (by Ax1)
5.  $(A \Rightarrow A)$  (by R1, (3), (4))

■ **The proof is similar for  $\vdash_T A \Rightarrow A$**

# Axiomatic Deduction Systems /5

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■ **Theorem 3.1.**  $\{(A \Rightarrow B), (B \Rightarrow C)\} \vdash_H (A \Rightarrow C)$

Proof:

1.  $(B \Rightarrow C)$  *(by Assumptions)*
2.  $((B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow (B \Rightarrow C)))$  *(by Ax1)*
3.  $(A \Rightarrow (B \Rightarrow C))$  *(by R1, (1), (2))*
4.  $((A \Rightarrow (B \Rightarrow C)) \Rightarrow ((A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow C)))$  *(by Ax2)*
5.  $((A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow C))$  *(by R1, (3), (4))*
6.  $(A \Rightarrow B)$  *(by Assumptions)*
7.  $(A \Rightarrow C)$  *(by R1, (5), (6))*

- The theorem can be used as an extra deduction rule

# Axiomatic Deduction Systems /6

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■ **Prove that  $S \cup \{\text{Th3-1}\} \vdash_H ((\neg A) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow B))$  holds:**

1.  $((\neg A) \Rightarrow ((\neg B) \Rightarrow (\neg A)))$  (by Ax1)
2.  $((\neg B) \Rightarrow (\neg A)) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow B)$  (by Ax3)
3.  $((\neg A) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow B))$  (by Theorem 3.1)

■ **Prove: If  $\Sigma \vdash_H A$  and  $\Sigma \vdash_H (\neg A)$  then  $\Sigma \vdash_H B$  for any B**

1.  $(\neg A)$  (by Assumptions)
2.  $((\neg A) \Rightarrow ((\neg B) \Rightarrow (\neg A)))$  (by Ax1)
3.  $((\neg B) \Rightarrow (\neg A))$  (by R1, (1), (2))
4.  $((\neg B) \Rightarrow (\neg A)) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow B)$  (by Ax3)
5.  $(A \Rightarrow B)$  (by R1, (3), (4))
6.  $A$  (by Assumptions)
7.  $B$  (by R1, (5), (6))



# Axiomatic Deduction Systems /7

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## ■ Theorem 3.2. Deduction Theorem:

- For  $A, B \in \text{Form}(L^p)$  and  $\Sigma \subseteq \text{Form}(L^p)$ ,  
 $\Sigma \vdash_H A \Rightarrow B$  iff  $\Sigma \cup \{A\} \vdash_H B$

## ■ Prove that $\vdash_H ((B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow ((A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow C)))$ :

- First, prove  $\{(B \Rightarrow C), (A \Rightarrow B), A\} \vdash_H C$  using  
 $\langle (B \Rightarrow C), (A \Rightarrow B), A, B, C \rangle$
- Then, use the Deduction Theorem to derive
  - (1)  $\{(B \Rightarrow C), (A \Rightarrow B)\} \vdash_H (A \Rightarrow C)$
  - (2)  $\{(B \Rightarrow C)\} \vdash_H ((A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow C))$
  - (3)  $\vdash_H ((B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow ((A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow C)))$

# Axiomatic Deduction Systems /8

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## ■ Definition 3.2. Extensions to the Hilbert System:

- $\langle (A \Rightarrow (B \Rightarrow (A \wedge B))) \rangle$  ( $\wedge$  introduction)
- $\langle ((A \wedge B) \Rightarrow A) \rangle, \langle ((A \wedge B) \Rightarrow B) \rangle$
- $\langle (A \Rightarrow (A \vee B)) \rangle, \langle (A \Rightarrow (B \vee A)) \rangle$  ( $\vee$  introduction)
- $\langle ((A \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow ((B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow (A \vee B \Rightarrow C))) \rangle$

## ■ Definition 3.3. Formula Consistency: (Definition 5.2.2)

- A set  $\Sigma \subseteq \text{Form } (L^p)$  is consistent iff there is no  $A \in \text{Form } (L^p)$  such that  $\Sigma \vdash_H A$  and  $\Sigma \vdash_H (\neg A)$

## ■ Theorem 3.3. Formula Consistency: (Exercise 5.2.2)

- A set  $\Sigma \subseteq \text{Form } (L^p)$  is consistent iff there is  $A \in \text{Form } (L^p)$  such that  $\Sigma \vdash_H A$  does not hold

# Axiomatic Deduction Systems /9

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- **Soundness of the Hilbert System:**

- For  $A \in \text{Form}(L^p)$  and  $\Sigma \subseteq \text{Form}(L^p)$ ,  
 $\Sigma \vdash_H A \Rightarrow \Sigma \models A$

- **Completeness of the Hilbert System:**

- For  $A \in \text{Form}(L^p)$  and  $\Sigma \subseteq \text{Form}(L^p)$ ,  
 $\Sigma \models A \Rightarrow \Sigma \vdash_H A$

- More details about the above in the next lecture

# Food for Thought

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- **Read:**

- Chapters 4 and 5 (Section 5.2) from Zhongwan
  - Read proofs discussed in class in more detail
  - Skip the material not related to propositional logic

- **Answer the following exercises:**

- Exercises 5.2.1, 5.2.2 and 5.2.4

- **(Optional) Read:**

- Chapter 5 from Nissanke (applied to the Hilbert System)
  - Complete at least a few exercises from each section