

# Propositional Logic Proofs Part2

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# Objectives

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- Deduction Theorem Proof
- Soundness Proof
- Satisfiability and Consistency Proofs
- Completeness Proof
- Compactness Theorem and Applications (next time)

# Deduction Theorem Revisited: Proof /1

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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  $\Sigma \cup \{A\} \vdash_H B$

## ■ Proof (if $\Sigma \vdash_H A \Rightarrow B$ then $\Sigma \cup \{A\} \vdash_H B$ ):

- From  $\Sigma \vdash_H A \Rightarrow B$  then (1)  $\Sigma \cup \{A\} \vdash_H A \Rightarrow B$  (adding  $A$  as another assumption does not invalidate  $A \Rightarrow B$  )
- Also, for  $\Sigma \cup \{A\}$  it holds that (2)  $\Sigma \cup \{A\} \vdash_H A$  (based on the definition of a deducible theorem) (Definition 4.1.1)
- Hence,  $\Sigma \cup \{A\} \vdash_H B$  (by R1, (1), (2))

# Deduction Theorem Revisited: Proof /2

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- **Proof (if  $\Sigma \cup \{A\} \vdash_H B$  then  $\Sigma \vdash_H A \Rightarrow B$ ):**
  - By induction on the structure of  $\Sigma \cup \{A\} \vdash_H B$
- (Base Case)
  - If B is an axiom or  $B \in \Sigma$  then  $\{B, (B \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow B)), (A \Rightarrow B)\}$  is the proof, so  $\Sigma \vdash_H A \Rightarrow B$ 
    - For the above, if  $B \in \Sigma$  then B is an assumption; else B is an axiom
  - If B equals A (i.e.,  $B \in \{A\}$ ) then  $\vdash_H A \Rightarrow A$  is the proof for it, as shown in Lecture Notes #3, so  $\Sigma \vdash_H A \Rightarrow B$
- (Inductive Case)
  - If B is not compliant with the base case then it must be obtained using R1 from some two formulas C and  $C \Rightarrow B$
  - By the Induction Hypothesis:
    - $\Sigma \cup \{A\} \vdash_H C$  so  $\Sigma \vdash_H A \Rightarrow C$
    - $\Sigma \cup \{A\} \vdash_H C \Rightarrow B$  so  $\Sigma \vdash_H A \Rightarrow (C \Rightarrow B)$

# Deduction Theorem Revisited: Proof /3

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## ■ (Inductive Case Continued)

1.  $\Sigma \cup \{A\} \vdash_H C$  so  $\Sigma \vdash_H A \Rightarrow C$  (*derived*)
2.  $\Sigma \cup \{A\} \vdash_H C \Rightarrow B$  so  $\Sigma \vdash_H A \Rightarrow (C \Rightarrow B)$  (*derived*)
3.  $\Sigma \vdash_H (A \Rightarrow (C \Rightarrow B)) \Rightarrow ((A \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow B))$  (*by Ax2*)
4.  $\Sigma \vdash_H (A \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow B)$  (*by R1, (2), (3)*)
5.  $\Sigma \vdash_H A \Rightarrow B$  (*by R1, (1), (4)*)

■ **Hence,  $\Sigma \vdash_H A \Rightarrow B$**

# Soundness of the Hilbert System: Proof

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## ■ Soundness of the Hilbert System:

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

## ■ Proof by induction on the structure of $A$

### ■ (Base Case)

■ If  $A$  is an axiom then  $\models A$  since all axioms are valid, so it follows that  $\Sigma \models A$

■ If  $A \in \Sigma$  then for some truth valuation  $t$  such that  $\Sigma^t = 1$  it must hold that  $A^t = 1$  (i.e.,  $\text{mod}(\Sigma) \subseteq \text{mod}(A)$ )

### ■ (Inductive Case)

■ If  $A$  is not compliant with the base case then it must be obtained using R1 from some two formulas  $C \Rightarrow A$  and  $C$

■ By the Induction Hypothesis:  $\Sigma \models C \Rightarrow A$  and  $\Sigma \models C$

■ Based on the truth table for  $(C \Rightarrow A) \wedge C$ ,  $A$  must be true

■ Hence, it follows that  $\Sigma \models A$

# Satisfiability and Consistency Proofs /1

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## ■ Theorem 4.1. Formula Inconsistency:

- If  $\Sigma \subseteq \text{Form } (L^p)$  is inconsistent iff for all  $A \in \text{Form } (L^p)$  it holds that  $\Sigma \vdash_H A$

## ■ Proof (LHS $\Rightarrow$ RHS):

- Let  $A$  be an arbitrary formula
- If  $\Sigma$  is inconsistent then for some  $B$  both (1)  $\Sigma \vdash_H B$  and (2)  $\Sigma \vdash_H \neg B$  must hold
- Based on the theorem (3)  $\vdash_H B \Rightarrow (\neg B \Rightarrow A)$  (Notes #3), using R1 on (1) and (3) derives (4)  $\Sigma \vdash_H \neg B \Rightarrow A$
- Then, using R1 on (2) and (4) derives  $\Sigma \vdash_H A$  as required

# Satisfiability and Consistency Proofs /2

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## ■ Theorem 4.1. Formula Inconsistency:

- If  $\Sigma \subseteq \text{Form}(L^p)$  is inconsistent iff for all  $A \in \text{Form}(L^p)$  it holds that  $\Sigma \vdash_H A$

## ■ Proof (RHS $\Rightarrow$ LHS):

- Let us assume that for all  $A \in \text{Form}(L^p)$  it holds that  $\Sigma \vdash_H A$  but  $\Sigma$  is still consistent
- Consider  $A$  and its negation  $\neg A$
- Based on the above, both  $\Sigma \vdash_H A$  and  $\Sigma \vdash_H \neg A$  must hold
- But, based on the definition of the formula consistency, if  $\Sigma$  is consistent then  $\Sigma \vdash_H A$  and  $\Sigma \vdash_H \neg A$  cannot both hold for any  $A \in \text{Form}(L^p)$ ; and this is a contradiction
- Hence, if for all  $A \in \text{Form}(L^p)$  it holds that  $\Sigma \vdash_H A$  then  $\Sigma$  is inconsistent



# Satisfiability and Consistency Proofs /3

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## ■ **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

## ■ **Proof:**

- Based on Theorem 4.1 that was just shown, it follows that if  $\Sigma$  is consistent there must exist  $A \in \text{Form } (L^p)$  for which  $\Sigma \vdash_H A$  does not hold (LHS  $\Rightarrow$  RHS)
- Similarly based on Theorem 4.1, if there exists  $A \in \text{Form } (L^p)$  for which  $\Sigma \vdash_H A$  does not hold then  $\Sigma$  is consistent (RHS  $\Rightarrow$  LHS)
- Hence, 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 (LHS  $\Leftrightarrow$  RHS)

# Satisfiability and Consistency Proofs /4

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- **Theorem 4.2. Soundness Applied:** (Theorem 5.2.3)
  - If  $\Sigma \subseteq \text{Form } (L^p)$  is satisfiable then  $\Sigma$  is consistent
- **Proof:**
  - If  $\Sigma \subseteq \text{Form } (L^p)$  is satisfiable then  $\Sigma^t = 1$  for some truth valuation  $t$  (i.e.,  $t \models \Sigma$ )
  - For the same  $t$  there must exist  $A$  for which  $A^t \neq 1$ , and from there  $\Sigma \models A$  does not hold (i.e.,  $\text{mod}(\Sigma) \not\subseteq \text{mod}(A)$ )
    - Choose any proposition or its negation for which  $t$  does not hold
  - Based on the contra positive of the Soundness Theorem, if  $\Sigma \models A$  does not hold then  $\Sigma \vdash_H A$  also cannot hold
  - Based on Theorem 4.1 since there exists  $A$  for which  $\Sigma \vdash_H A$  does not hold  $\Sigma$  is consistent
  - Hence, if  $\Sigma \subseteq \text{Form } (L^p)$  is satisfiable then  $\Sigma$  is consistent

# Completeness of the Hilbert System /1

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## ■ **Completeness of the Hilbert System:**

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

## ■ The proof of this will require several steps

## ■ **Theorem 4.3.**

- For  $\Sigma = \{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$ , if  $\Sigma \models A$  then  
(1)  $\models A_1 \Rightarrow (A_2 \Rightarrow (\dots (A_n \Rightarrow A) \dots))$  (is a tautology)

## ■ **Proof:**

- Let us assume that there exists a valuation  $t$  for which (1) evaluates to false
- Based on the truth table of " $\Rightarrow$ " applied recursively to (1), it follows that the only way for (1) to be false is for  $A$  to be false and all  $A_i$  to be true
- Since  $\Sigma \models A$  was given (i.e.,  $\text{mod}(\Sigma) \subseteq \text{mod}(A)$ ) having  $A$  be false is a contradiction; hence,  $\models A_1 \Rightarrow (A_2 \Rightarrow (\dots (A_n \Rightarrow A) \dots))$

## ■ Consider $B = A_1 \Rightarrow (A_2 \Rightarrow (\dots (A_n \Rightarrow A) \dots))$ for the next step

# Completeness of the Hilbert System /2

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## ■ Theorem 4.4.

- **Used to prove that if  $\models B$  then  $\vdash_H B$  (i.e., if  $B$  is a tautology then  $B$  is a theorem)**
- Let  $B$  be a formula such that  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$  are its only propositional atoms
- Let  $k$  be any line in  $A$ 's truth table for a valuation  $t$
- Let  $A_i$  equal  $p_i$  in line  $k$  if  $p_i^t = 1$ , or  $A_i$  equal  $\neg p_i$  if  $p_i^t = 0$ , for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$
- It then follows that  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\} \vdash_H B$  is provable if the entry for  $B$  in line  $k$  evaluates to true (i.e.,  $B^t = 1$ )
- And that  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\} \vdash_H \neg B$  is provable if the entry for  $B$  in line  $k$  evaluates to false (i.e.,  $B^t = 0$ )

## ■ Proof:

- By induction on the structure of  $B$

# Completeness of the Hilbert System /3

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## ■ Example:

- If the truth table is a tautology then there are  $2^n$  table entries for which  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\} \vdash_H B$
- Consider propositions  $p$  and  $q$  and formula  $p \wedge q \Rightarrow p$ , which is a tautology and for which  $\models p \wedge q \Rightarrow p$  holds
- The theorem produces:
  - $\{p, q\} \vdash_H p \wedge q \Rightarrow p$
  - $\{\neg p, q\} \vdash_H p \wedge q \Rightarrow p$
  - $\{p, \neg q\} \vdash_H p \wedge q \Rightarrow p$
  - $\{\neg p, \neg q\} \vdash_H p \wedge q \Rightarrow p$
- Using the Hilbert extensions, we can deduce that  $\vdash_H p \wedge q \Rightarrow p$

# Completeness of the Hilbert System /4

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- **Finally, we need to prove that  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots A_n\} \vdash_H A$** 
  - Based on the previous step, it follows that  
 $(1) \vdash_H A_1 \Rightarrow (A_2 \Rightarrow (\dots (A_n \Rightarrow A) \dots))$
  - Let us introduce (2)  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots A_n\}$  as assumptions
  - If we recursively apply R1 on (1) and (2) it follows that  
 $\{A_1, A_2, \dots A_n\} \vdash_H A$
  - Therefore, for  $A \in \text{Form}(L^p)$  and  $\Sigma \subseteq \text{Form}(L^p)$ ,  
 $\Sigma \models A \Rightarrow \Sigma \vdash_H A$

# Food for Thought

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- **Read:**
  - Chapters 4 and 5 (Sections 5.2 and 5.3) from Zhongwan
    - Read proofs discussed in class in more detail
    - Skip the material not related to propositional logic
- Answer the following exercises (from Section 5.3):
  - Exercises 5.3.1, 5.3.3 and 5.3.4