

An Algebraic Introduction to Mathematical Logic

Chapter 3 Propositional Calculus

Section 2 Soundness and Adequacy of Prop(X)

Exercises

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Theorem 2.1 (The Soundness Theorem) Let $A \subseteq P(X)$, $p \in P(X)$. If $A \vdash p$, then $A \models p$.

Corollary 2.2 (The Consistency Theorem) F is not a theorem of Prop(x).

Problem 1 (Exercise 2.3). Show that $Con(A)$ is closed with respect to modus ponens (i.e. if $p, p \Rightarrow q \in Con(A)$, then $q \in Con(A)$). Use Exercise 4.9 of Chapter II to prove that $Ded(A) \subseteq Con(A)$. This is another way of stating the soundness theorem.

Exercise 2.3. We show first that $Con(A)$ is closed under modus ponens. Let $A \models p$ and $A \models p \Rightarrow q$. Then for all valuations v such that $v(A) = 1$, we have $v(p) = 1$ and $v(p \Rightarrow q) = 1$.

$$v(p \Rightarrow q) = v(1 + p(1 + q))$$

Since we have that v is a homomorphism,

$$v(1 + p(1 + q)) = 1 + v(p)(1 + v(q)) = 1 + 1 * (1 + v(q)) = 1 + (1 + v(q)),$$

Since we are working in \mathbb{Z}_2

$$v(q) + 1 = 0 \text{ which implies } v(q) = 1.$$

This completes the verification that $A \models q$, and hence A is closed under modus ponens.

By exercise 4.9 of Chapter II Section IV, we have that $Ded(A)$ is the smallest subset of $P(X)$ which is closed under modus ponens and contains all of the axioms. Since the axioms are tautologies, (valid for all valuations), we must have $Ded(A) \subseteq Con(A)$. \square

Theorem 2.4 (The Deduction Theorem) Let $A \subseteq P(X)$, and let $p, q \in P(X)$. Then $A \vdash p \Rightarrow q$ if and only if $A \cup \{p\} \vdash q$.

Problem 2 (Exercise 2.6). Show that $p \Rightarrow r \in Ded\{p \Rightarrow q, p \Rightarrow (q \Rightarrow r)\}$. Hence show that if $p \Rightarrow q, p \Rightarrow (q \Rightarrow r) \in Ded(A)$, then $p \Rightarrow r \in Ded(A)$, and

so prove the Deduction Theorem without giving an explicit construction for a proof in $Prop(X)$.

Lemma The deduction of $(p \Rightarrow r)$ goes as follows:

$p \Rightarrow (q \Rightarrow r)$ Given

$(p \Rightarrow q) \Rightarrow (p \Rightarrow r)$ Axiom 2

$p \Rightarrow q$ Given

$p \Rightarrow r$ Modus Ponens

End Lemma

Solution 2.6. Now we give the outlined proof of The Deduction Theorem. Suppose first that $A \vdash p \Rightarrow q$. Adding anything to our assumptions will not remove any deductions. Thus, $A \cup \{p\} \vdash p \Rightarrow q$ remains true. Modus ponens applied to any proof of $p \Rightarrow q$, along with p , results in a valid proof of q . Therefore, $A \cup \{p\} \vdash q$.

Suppose now $A \cup \{p\} \vdash q$. We want to show that $A \vdash p \Rightarrow q$. Let n be the length of proof of $p \Rightarrow q$. Suppose that it is true for all p_i with proofs of length $n - 1$ or less that $A \cup \{p\} \vdash p_i$ implies that $A \vdash p \Rightarrow p_i$. If $q \notin A \cup \mathcal{A}$, (the alternative takes care of the base case of the induction), then the last step in a proof of q from $A \cup \{p\}$ would be modus ponens. Therefore, there exists some p_i deducible from $A \cup \{p\}$ which equals $p_j \Rightarrow q$ where p_j is also deducible from $A \cup \{p\}$, both of which have proofs of length strictly less than $n - 1$.

By the inductive hypothesis, we have $A \vdash p \Rightarrow p_i$ and $A \vdash p \Rightarrow p_j$. Notice that $p \Rightarrow p_i = p \Rightarrow (p_j \Rightarrow q)$. Therefore, we have $p \Rightarrow (p_j \Rightarrow q) \in Ded(A)$ and $p \Rightarrow p_j \in Ded(A)$. By the lemma we have $p \Rightarrow q \in Ded(A)$, which completes the proof of The Deduction Theorem. \square

Problem 3 (Exercise 2.7). Show that $\vdash p \Rightarrow \sim\sim p$ and construct a proof of $p \Rightarrow \sim\sim p$ in $Prop(X)$.

Exercise 2.7. Recall that $\sim p = p \Rightarrow F$. The following is a proof of F from $\{p, \sim p\}$.

Given, p

$\sim p = p \Rightarrow F$

By modus ponens, F .

Therefore, $\{p, \sim p\} \vdash F$. By the Deduction Theorem, $\{p\} \vdash \sim p \Rightarrow F$. A second application of the Deduction Theorem gives $\emptyset \vdash p \Rightarrow (\sim p \Rightarrow F)$. By definition, we have $\vdash p \Rightarrow \sim\sim p$. \square