

# 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  $\text{Prop}(X)$ .

**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  $p \Rightarrow (p_j \Rightarrow q) \in \text{Ded}(A)$  and  $p \Rightarrow p_j \in \text{Ded}(A)$ . By the lemma we have  $p \Rightarrow q \in \text{Ded}(A)$ , 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  $\text{Prop}(X)$ .

*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  $\vdash p \Rightarrow \sim\sim p$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.13** (The Adequacy Theorem) Let  $A \subseteq P(X)$ , and  $p \in P(X)$ . If  $A \models p$  in  $\text{Prop}(X)$ , then  $A \vdash p$  in  $\text{Prop}(X)$ .

**Problem 4** (Exercise 2.14 (The Compactness Theorem)). Show that if  $A \models p$ , then  $A_0 \models p$  for some finite subset  $A_0$  of  $A$ .

*Exercise 2.14.* By the Adequacy Theorem, there  $A \vdash p$  in  $\text{Prop}(X)$ . By Lemma 4.4 of chapter II section IV,  $p \in \text{Ded}(A)$ , implies that  $p \in \text{Ded}(A_0)$  for some finite subset  $A_0$  of  $A$ . Thus  $A_0 \vdash p$ . By the Soundness Theorem  $A_0 \models p$ .  $\square$