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## 0 Introduction

The module is concerned with some of the foundational issues of mathematics, namely propositional logic, predicate logic, and set theory. These topics have applications to other areas of mathematics. Formal logic has applications via model theory and ZFC provides an essential toolkit for handling infinite objects.

In propositional logic, we look at the way simple propositions can be built into more complicated ones using connectives and make precise how the truth or falsity of the component statements influences the truth or falsity of the compound statement. This is done using truth tables and can be useful for testing the validity of various forms of reasoning. It provides a way of analysing deductions of the form 'If the following statements are true, ..., then so is ...'. A completely symbolic process of deduction and describe the formal deduction system for propositional calculus. The propositional formulas are regarded as strings of symbols and we give rules for deducing a new formula from a given collection of formulas. We want these deduction rules to have the property that anything that could be deduced using truth tables (so by considering truth or falsity of the various statements), can be deduced in this formal way, and vice versa. This is the soundness and completeness of our formal system.

In predicate logic, we analyse mathematics using quantifiers. We introduce the notion of a first-order structure, which is general enough to include many of the algebraic objects you come across in mathematics, such as groups, rings, and vector spaces. We then have to be precise about the formulas which make statements about these structures, and give a precise definition of what it means for a particular formula to be true in a structure. This is quite intricate, and the clever part is in getting the definitions right, but it corresponds to ordinary mathematical usage. Once this is done, we set up a formal deduction system for predicate logic. This parallels what we did for propositional logic, but is much harder. Nevertheless, the end result is the same. The formulas which are produced by our formal deduction system are precisely the formulas which are true in all first-order structures. This is Gödel's completeness theorem.

Set theory provides the basic foundations and the language in which most of modern mathematics can be expressed, as well as the means for discussing the various notions of sizes of infinity. For example, although the set of natural numbers, the set of integers and the set of real numbers are all infinite, there is a very natural sense in which the first two have the same size, whereas the third is strictly bigger. This is expressed properly in the notion of cardinality. To avoid paradoxes and inconsistencies, we have to be careful about what collections of objects we allow to be called sets. This is done by the Zermelo-Fraenkel axioms, which essentially tell us how we are allowed to create new sets out of old ones. Of course, having laid down these quite rigid rules, we have to show that they are sufficiently flexible to allow us to talk about everyday objects of mathematics. There are also situations in mathematics where an extra axiom is needed, the Axiom of Choice. For example without this axiom, we cannot show that every vector space has a basis. But it also has some slightly counterintuitive consequences, and we shall also look at some of these.

The lecture notes should be fairly self-contained, but the following books might also be of use. You might find that the notation which they use differs from that used in the lectures. You will be able to find various lecture notes on the internet. Some will be good, others not so good.

1. P Johnstone, Notes on logic and set theory, 1987
2. P J Cameron, Sets, logic and categories, 1999
3. A G Hamilton, Logic for mathematicians, 1988
4. R Cori and D Lascar, Mathematical logic: a course with exercises parts I and II, 2001
5. K Hrbáček and T Jech, Introduction to set theory 3rd edition, 1999

1 is very concise, but covers a surprising amount. 2 is friendlier, but skips some of the harder material. 4 is quite comprehensive and also available in the original French. 3 is useful for the logic part and 5 is a very nice introduction to set theory.

# 1 Propositional logic

Let  $p$  be 'Mr Jones is happy' and  $q$  be 'Mrs Jones is unhappy'. Then 'If Mr Jones is happy, then Mrs Jones is unhappy and if Mrs Jones is unhappy then Mr Jones is unhappy, so Mr Jones is unhappy' is

$$(((p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow (\neg p))) \rightarrow (\neg p)).$$

## 1.1 Propositional formulas

The following are **truth table rules**.

**Definition 1.1.1.** A **proposition** is a statement that is either **True** ( $T$ ) or **False** ( $F$ ), which can be represented symbolically as **propositional variables**

$$p, \quad q, \quad \dots \quad p_1, \quad p_2, \quad \dots$$

We combine basic propositions into others using **connectives**, which are one of

- **negation 'not'** ( $\neg p$ ), which has value  $F$  if  $p$  has value  $T$  and has value  $T$  if  $p$  has value  $F$ ,
- **conjunction 'and'** ( $p \wedge q$ ), which has value  $T$  iff  $p$  and  $q$  both have value  $T$ ,
- **disjunction 'or'** ( $p \vee q$ ), which has value  $T$  iff at least one of  $p$  and  $q$  has value  $T$ ,
- **implication 'implies'** ( $p \rightarrow q$ ), which has value  $F$  iff  $p$  has value  $T$  and  $q$  has value  $F$ , and
- **biconditional 'iff'** ( $p \leftrightarrow q$ ), which has value  $T$  iff  $p$  and  $q$  has the same value.

This can be represented in the following **truth table**.

$p$	$q$	$(p \wedge q)$	$(p \vee q)$	$(p \rightarrow q)$	$(p \leftrightarrow q)$
$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$
$T$	$F$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$F$
$F$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$F$
$F$	$F$	$F$	$F$	$T$	$T$

**Definition 1.1.2.** A **propositional formula** is obtained in the following way.

1. Any propositional variable is a formula.
2. If  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are formulas, then so are

$$(\neg\phi), \quad (\phi \wedge \psi), \quad (\phi \vee \psi), \quad (\phi \rightarrow \psi), \quad (\phi \leftrightarrow \psi).$$

3. Any formula arises in this way.

**Example.** Some formulas are

$$p_1, \quad p_2, \quad (\neg p_1), \quad (p_1 \rightarrow (\neg p_2)), \quad ((p_1 \rightarrow (\neg p_2)) \rightarrow p_2).$$

Some not formulas are

$$p_1 \wedge p_2 \quad (\text{missing brackets}), \quad )(\neg p_1 \quad (\text{not well-formed}).$$

Because of the brackets, every formula is either a propositional variable or is built from shorter formulas in a unique way. Arguments are often proved by induction on length of the formula, or the number of connectives in the formula.

**Definition 1.1.3.**

1. Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . A **truth function** of  $n$  variables is a function  $f : \{T, F\}^n \rightarrow \{T, F\}$ , where  $\{T, F\}^n = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mid x_i \in \{T, F\}\}$ .
2. Suppose  $\phi$  is a formula whose variables are amongst  $p_1, \dots, p_n$ . We obtain a truth function  $F_\phi : \{T, F\}^n \rightarrow \{T, F\}$  whose value at  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is the truth value of  $\phi$  when  $p_i$  has value  $x_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , computed using the rules in 1.1.1.  $F_\phi$  is the **truth function of  $\phi$** .

**Example.**  $\phi : ((p \rightarrow (\neg q)) \rightarrow p)$  has the following truth table.

$p$	$q$	$(\neg q)$	$(p \rightarrow (\neg q))$	$\phi$
$T$	$T$	$F$	$F$	$T$
$T$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$
$F$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$F$
$F$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$F$

So for example  $F_\phi(T, F) = T$ . This can also be written in a **condensed form** as follows.

$($	$($	$p$	$\rightarrow$	$($	$\neg$	$q$	$)$	$)$	$\rightarrow$	$p$	$)$
$T$	$F$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$
$T$	$T$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$
$F$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$F$	$F$	$F$	$F$
$F$	$T$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$F$	$F$	$F$	$F$

**Example.** The truth function of  $((p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow (\neg p))) \rightarrow (\neg p)$  is always  $T$ .

**Definition 1.1.4.**

1. A propositional formula is a **tautology** if its truth function  $F_\phi$  always has value  $T$ .
2. Say that formulas  $\phi, \psi$  are **logically equivalent** (LE) if they have the same truth function, that is  $F_\phi = F_\psi$ .

**Remark 1.1.5.**

1.  $\phi, \psi$  are LE iff  $(\phi \leftrightarrow \psi)$  is a tautology.
2. Suppose  $\phi$  is a formula with variables  $p_1, \dots, p_n$  and  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n$  are formulas with variables  $q_1, \dots, q_r$ . For each  $i \leq n$  substitute  $\phi_i$  in place of  $p_i$  in  $\phi$ . Then the result is a formula  $\theta$ , and if  $\phi$  is a tautology, then so is  $\theta$ .

**Example.** Check  $((\neg p_2) \rightarrow (\neg p_1)) \rightarrow (p_1 \rightarrow p_2)$  is a tautology. So by 1.1.5(2), if  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  are any formulas, then  $((\neg \phi_2) \rightarrow (\neg \phi_1)) \rightarrow (\phi_1 \rightarrow \phi_2)$  is a tautology.

*Proof of 1.1.5.*

1. Easy.
2. Prove  $F_\phi(p_1, \dots, p_r) = F_\phi(F_{\phi_1}(q_1, \dots, q_r), \dots, F_{\phi_n}(q_1, \dots, q_r))$  by induction on the number of connectives in  $\phi$ .

□

**Example.** The following are LE formulas.

1.  $(p_1 \wedge (p_2 \wedge p_3))$  is LE to  $((p_1 \wedge p_2) \wedge p_3)$ .
2.  $(p_1 \vee (p_2 \vee p_3))$  is LE to  $((p_1 \vee p_2) \vee p_3)$ .
3.  $(p_1 \vee (p_2 \wedge p_3))$  is LE to  $((p_1 \vee p_2) \wedge (p_1 \vee p_3))$ .
4.  $(p_1 \wedge (p_2 \vee p_3))$  is LE to  $((p_1 \wedge p_2) \vee (p_1 \wedge p_3))$ .

5.  $(\neg(\neg p_1))$  is LE to  $p_1$ .
6.  $(\neg(p_1 \wedge p_2))$  is LE to  $((\neg p_1) \vee (\neg p_2))$ .
7.  $(\neg(p_1 \vee p_2))$  is LE to  $((\neg p_1) \wedge (\neg p_2))$ .

By the first two examples, we usually omit brackets as  $(p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge p_3)$  and  $(p_1 \vee p_2 \vee p_3)$  without ambiguity.

**Note.** By 1.1.5 we obtain, for formulas  $\phi, \psi, \chi$ ,  $(\phi \wedge (\psi \wedge \chi))$  is LE to  $((\phi \wedge \psi) \wedge \chi)$ , etc.

**Lemma 1.1.6.** There are  $2^{2^n}$  truth functions of  $n$  variables.

*Proof.* A truth function is a function  $F : \{T, F\}^n \rightarrow \{T, F\}$ .  $|\{T, F\}^n| = 2^n$  and for each  $\bar{x} \in \{T, F\}^n$ ,  $F(\bar{x}) \in \{T, F\}$ . Hence the result.  $\square$

**Definition 1.1.7.** A set of connectives is **adequate** if for every  $n \geq 1$ , every truth function of  $n$  variables is the truth function of some formula which involves only connectives from the set, and variables  $p_1, \dots, p_n$ .

**Theorem 1.1.8.** The set  $\{\neg, \wedge, \vee\}$  is adequate.

*Proof.* Let  $G : \{T, F\}^n \rightarrow \{T, F\}$ .

1. If  $G(\bar{v}) = F$  for all  $\bar{v} \in \{T, F\}^n$ , let  $\phi = (p_1 \wedge (\neg p_1))$ . Then  $F_\phi = G$ .
2. Otherwise list the  $\bar{v} \in \{T, F\}^n$  with  $G(\bar{v}) = T$  as  $\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_r$ . Write  $\bar{v}_i = (v_{i1}, \dots, v_{in})$ , where each  $v_{ij} \in \{T, F\}$ . Define

$$q_{ij} = \begin{cases} p_j & v_{ij} = T \\ (\neg p_j) & v_{ij} = F \end{cases}, \quad \psi_i = (q_{i1} \wedge \dots \wedge q_{in}), \quad \theta = (\psi_1 \vee \dots \vee \psi_r).$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} F_\theta(\bar{v}) = T &\iff \exists i \leq r, F_{\psi_i}(\bar{v}) = T \\ &\iff \exists i \leq r, \forall j \leq n, q_{ij} = T \\ &\iff \exists i \leq r, \forall j \leq n, p_j = v_{ij} \\ &\iff \exists i \leq r, \bar{v} = \bar{v}_i \\ &\iff G(\bar{v}) = T. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $F_\theta = G$ .

As  $\phi$  and  $\theta$  were constructed using only  $\neg, \wedge, \vee$ , 1.1.8 follows.  $\square$

A formula  $\theta$  as in case 2 is said to be in **disjunctive normal form** (DNF).

**Corollary 1.1.9.** Suppose  $\chi$  is a formula whose truth function is not always  $F$ . Then  $\chi$  is LE to a formula in DNF.

*Proof.* Take  $G = F_\chi$  and apply case 2 of 1.1.8.  $\square$

**Example.** Let  $\chi$  be  $((p_1 \rightarrow p_2) \rightarrow (\neg p_2))$ . Then  $F_\chi(\bar{v}) = T$  iff  $\bar{v} = (T, F), (F, F)$ . Thus its DNF is

$$((p_1 \wedge (\neg p_2)) \vee ((\neg p_1) \wedge (\neg p_2))).$$

**Corollary 1.1.10.** The following sets of connectives are adequate.

1.  $\{\neg, \vee\}$ .
2.  $\{\neg, \wedge\}$ .
3.  $\{\neg, \rightarrow\}$ .

*Proof.*

1. By 1.1.8 it is sufficient to show that we can express  $\wedge$  using  $\neg, \vee$ , which holds since  $(p_1 \wedge p_2)$  is LE to  $(\neg((\neg p_1) \vee (\neg p_2)))$ .
2. By 1.1.8 it is sufficient to show that we can express  $\vee$  using  $\neg, \wedge$ , which holds since  $(p_1 \vee p_2)$  is LE to  $(\neg((\neg p_1) \wedge (\neg p_2)))$ .
3. By 1.1.8 it is sufficient to show that we can express  $\rightarrow$  using  $\neg, \vee$ , which holds since  $(p_1 \rightarrow p_2)$  is LE to  $((\neg p_1) \vee p_2)$ .

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**Example.** The following are not adequate.

1.  $\{\wedge, \vee\}$ . If  $\phi$  is built using  $\wedge, \vee$ , then  $F_\phi(T, \dots, T) = T$ . Proof by induction on number of connectives.
2.  $\{\neg, \leftrightarrow\}$ . (TODO Exercise: proof)

**Example.** The NOR connective  $\downarrow$  has the following truth table.

$p$	$q$	$(p \downarrow q)$
$T$	$T$	$F$
$T$	$F$	$F$
$F$	$T$	$F$
$F$	$F$	$T$

$(p \downarrow q)$  is LE to  $((\neg p) \wedge (\neg q))$ .  $\{\downarrow\}$  is adequate.  $(p \downarrow p)$  is LE to  $(\neg p)$  and  $((p \downarrow p) \downarrow (q \downarrow q))$  is LE to  $(p \wedge q)$ . So as  $\{\neg, \vee\}$  is adequate, so is  $\{\downarrow\}$ .

## 1.2 A formal system for propositional logic

Idea is to try to generate all tautologies from basic assumptions, or axioms, using appropriate deduction rules. A very general definition is the following.

**Definition 1.2.1.**

1. A **formal deduction system**  $\Sigma$  has the following ingredients.
  - (a) a non-zero **alphabet**  $A$  of symbols,
  - (b) a non-empty subset  $\mathcal{F}$  of the set of all finite sequences, or **strings**, of elements of  $A$ , the **formulas** of  $\Sigma$ ,
  - (c) a subset  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$  called the **axioms** of  $\Sigma$ , and
  - (d) a collection of **deduction rules**.
2. A **proof** in  $\Sigma$  is a finite sequence of formulas in  $\mathcal{F}$   $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n$  such that each  $\phi_i$  is either an axiom in  $\mathcal{A}$  or is obtained from  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_{i-1}$  using one of the deduction rules. The last, or any, formula in a proof is a **theorem** of  $\Sigma$ .

Write  $\vdash_\Sigma \phi$  for ' $\phi$  is a theorem of  $\Sigma$ '.

**Remark 1.2.2.**

1. If  $\phi \in \mathcal{A}$ , then  $\vdash_\Sigma \phi$ .
2. We should have an algorithm to test whether a string is a formula and whether it is an axiom. Then a computer can systematically generate all possible proofs in  $\Sigma$ , and check whether something is a proof. Say  $\Sigma$  is **recursive** in this case.

The main example is the following.

**Definition 1.2.3.** The formal system  $L$  for propositional logic has the following.

1. Alphabet. Alphabets are
  - (a) variables  $p_1, p_2, \dots$ ,
  - (b) connectives  $\neg, \rightarrow$ , and
  - (c) punctuation  $(, )$ .
2. Formulas.  $L$ -**formulas** are defined in 1.1.2 for  $\neg, \rightarrow$  by
  - (a) any variable  $p_i$  is a formula,
  - (b) if  $\phi, \psi$  are formulas so are  $(\neg\phi), (\phi \rightarrow \psi)$ , and
  - (c) any formula arises in this way.
3. Axioms. Suppose  $\phi, \psi, \chi$  are  $L$ -formulas, then the axioms of  $L$  are
  - (A1)  $(\phi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \phi))$ ,
  - (A2)  $((\phi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \chi)) \rightarrow ((\phi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\phi \rightarrow \chi)))$ , and
  - (A3)  $((\neg\psi) \rightarrow (\neg\phi)) \rightarrow (\phi \rightarrow \psi)$ .
4. Deduction rules. **Modus Ponens** (MP), from formulas  $\phi, (\phi \rightarrow \psi)$ , deduce  $\psi$ .

**Example.** Suppose  $\phi$  is an  $L$ -formula. Then  $\vdash_L (\phi \rightarrow \phi)$ . Here is a proof in  $L$ .

- |   |  |            |
|---|--|------------|
| 1 | $(\phi \rightarrow ((\phi \rightarrow \phi) \rightarrow \phi))$  | (A1)       |
| 2 | $((\phi \rightarrow ((\phi \rightarrow \phi) \rightarrow \phi)) \rightarrow ((\phi \rightarrow (\phi \rightarrow \phi)) \rightarrow (\phi \rightarrow \phi)))$ | (A2)       |
| 3 | $((\phi \rightarrow (\phi \rightarrow \phi)) \rightarrow (\phi \rightarrow \phi))$   | (1, 2, MP) |
| 4 | $(\phi \rightarrow (\phi \rightarrow \phi))$   | (A1)       |
| 5 | $(\phi \rightarrow \phi)$  | (3, 4, MP) |

**Definition 1.2.4.** Suppose  $\Gamma$  is a set of  $L$ -formulas. A **deduction from**  $\Gamma$  is a finite sequence of  $L$ -formulas  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n$  such that each  $\phi_i$  is either an axiom, a formula in  $\Gamma$ , or is obtained from previous formulas  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_{i-1}$  using the deduction rule MP. Write  $\Gamma \vdash_L \phi$  if there is a deduction from  $\Gamma$  ending in  $\phi$ . Say  $\phi$  is a **consequence** of  $\Gamma$ . So  $\emptyset \vdash_L \phi$  is the same as  $\vdash_L \phi$ .

**Theorem 1.2.5** (Deduction theorem). Suppose  $\Gamma$  is a set of  $L$ -formulas and  $\phi, \psi$  are  $L$ -formulas. Suppose  $\Gamma \cup \{\phi\} \vdash_L \psi$ . Then  $\Gamma \vdash_L (\phi \rightarrow \psi)$ .

**Corollary 1.2.6** (Hypothetical syllogism). Suppose  $\phi, \psi, \chi$  are  $L$ -formulas and  $\vdash_L (\phi \rightarrow \psi)$  and  $\vdash_L (\psi \rightarrow \chi)$ . Then  $\vdash_L (\phi \rightarrow \chi)$ .

*Proof.* Use deduction theorem with  $\Gamma = \emptyset$ . Show  $\{\phi\} \vdash_L \chi$ . Here is a deduction of  $\chi$  from  $\phi$ .

- |   |                           |                   |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | $(\phi \rightarrow \psi)$ | (theorem of $L$ ) |
| 2 | $(\psi \rightarrow \chi)$ | (theorem of $L$ ) |
| 3 | $\phi$                    | (assumption)      |
| 4 | $\psi$                    | (1, 3, MP)        |
| 5 | $\chi$                    | (2, 4, MP)        |

Thus  $\{\phi\} \vdash_L \chi$ . By deduction theorem,  $\emptyset \vdash_L (\phi \rightarrow \chi)$ , that is  $\vdash_L (\phi \rightarrow \chi)$ . □

**Proposition 1.2.7.** Suppose  $\phi, \psi$  are  $L$ -formulas. Then

1.  $\vdash_L ((\neg\psi) \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \phi))$ ,
2.  $\{(\neg\psi), \psi\} \vdash_L \phi$ , and

3.  $\vdash_L (((\neg\phi) \rightarrow \phi) \rightarrow \phi)$ .

*Proof.*

1. Problem sheet 1.
2. By 1 and MP twice.
3. Suppose  $\chi$  is any formula. Then  $\{(\neg\phi), ((\neg\phi) \rightarrow \phi)\} \vdash_L \chi$  by 2 and MP. Let  $\alpha$  be any axiom and let  $\chi$  be  $(\neg\alpha)$ . Apply deduction theorem to get  $\{((\neg\phi) \rightarrow \phi)\} \vdash_L ((\neg\phi) \rightarrow (\neg\alpha))$ . Using A3 and MP we get  $\{((\neg\phi) \rightarrow \phi)\} \vdash_L (\alpha \rightarrow \phi)$ . As  $\alpha$  is an axiom we get from MP  $\{((\neg\phi) \rightarrow \phi)\} \vdash_L \phi$ . Now use deduction theorem to obtain  $\vdash_L (((\neg\phi) \rightarrow \phi) \rightarrow \phi)$ .

□

*Proof of 1.2.5.* Suppose  $\Gamma \cup \{\phi\} \vdash_L \psi$  using a deduction of length  $n$ . Show by induction on  $n$  that  $\Gamma \vdash_L (\phi \rightarrow \psi)$ .

1. Base step is  $n = 1$ . In this case  $\psi$  is either an axiom or in  $\Gamma$  or is  $\phi$ . In the first two cases  $\Gamma \vdash_L \psi$  is a one line deduction. Using the A1 axiom  $(\psi \rightarrow (\phi \rightarrow \psi))$  and MP we obtain  $\Gamma \vdash_L (\phi \rightarrow \psi)$ . If  $\phi$  is  $\psi$  we have  $\Gamma \vdash_L (\phi \rightarrow \phi)$  by 1.2.3. This finishes the base case.
2. Inductive step. In our deduction of  $\psi$  from  $\Gamma \cup \{\phi\}$  either  $\psi$  is an axiom, or in  $\Gamma$ , or is  $\phi$ , or  $\psi$  is obtained from earlier steps using MP. In the first three cases we argue as in the base case to get  $\Gamma \vdash_L (\phi \rightarrow \psi)$ . In the last case there are formulas  $\chi, (\chi \rightarrow \psi)$  earlier in the deduction. We use the inductive hypothesis to get  $\Gamma \vdash_L (\phi \rightarrow \chi)$  and  $\Gamma \vdash_L (\phi \rightarrow (\chi \rightarrow \psi))$ . We have the A2 axiom  $((\phi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \chi)) \rightarrow ((\phi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\phi \rightarrow \chi)))$ . This A2 axiom and MP twice we obtain  $\Gamma \vdash_L (\phi \rightarrow \chi)$  as required, completing the inductive step.

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### 1.3 Soundness and completeness of $L$

**Theorem 1.3.1** (Soundness theorem of  $L$ ). Suppose  $\phi$  is a theorem of  $L$ . Then  $\phi$  is a tautology.

**Definition 1.3.2.** A **propositional valuation**  $v$  is an assignment of truth values to the propositional variables  $p_1, p_2, \dots$ . So  $v(p_i) \in \{T, F\}$  for  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Note.** Using the truth table rules, this assigns a truth value  $v(\phi) \in \{T, F\}$  to every  $L$ -formula  $\phi$  satisfying  $v((\neg\phi)) \neq v(\phi)$ , etc. See problem sheet 2, question 3(b).

By induction on the length of a proof of  $\phi$  it is enough to show

1. every axiom is a tautology, and
2. MP preserves tautologies, that is if  $\psi, (\psi \rightarrow \chi)$  are tautologies, so is  $\chi$ .

*Proof of 1.3.1.*

1. Use truth tables, or argue as follows. For A2, suppose for a contradiction there is a valuation  $v$  with  $v(((\phi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \chi)) \rightarrow ((\phi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\phi \rightarrow \chi)))) = F$ . Then

$$v((\phi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \chi))) = T, \quad (1)$$

and

$$v(((\phi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\phi \rightarrow \chi))) = F. \quad (2)$$

By (2),  $v((\phi \rightarrow \psi)) = T$  and  $v((\phi \rightarrow \chi)) = F$ . So by the latter,  $v(\phi) = T$  and  $v(\chi) = F$ . By the former,  $v(\psi) = T$ . This contradicts (1). (TODO Exercise: for A1 and A3)

2. If  $v$  is a valuation and  $v(\psi) = T$  and  $v((\psi \rightarrow \chi)) = T$  then  $v(\chi) = T$ .



□

**Theorem 1.3.3** (Generalisation of Soundness theorem of  $L$ ). Suppose  $\Gamma$  is a set of formulas and  $\phi$  a formula with  $\Gamma \vdash_L \phi$ . Suppose  $v$  is a valuation with  $v(\psi) = T$  for all  $\psi \in \Gamma$ . Then  $v(\phi) = T$ .

*Proof.* Same proof. (TODO Exercise) □

**Theorem 1.3.4** (Completeness theorem of  $L$ ). Suppose  $\phi$  is a tautology, that is  $v(\phi) = T$  for every valuation  $v$ . Then  $\vdash_L \phi$ .

The following are steps in the proof.

1. If  $v(\phi) = T$  for all valuations  $v$ , want to show  $\vdash_L \phi$ .
2. Try to prove a generalisation. Suppose that for every  $v$  with  $v(\Gamma) = T$ , that is  $v(\psi) = T$  for all  $\psi \in \Gamma$ , we have  $v(\phi) = T$ . Then  $\Gamma \vdash_L \phi$ .
3. Equivalently, if  $\Gamma \not\vdash_L \phi$ , show there is a valuation  $v$  with  $v(\Gamma) = T$  and  $v(\phi) = F$ .

**Definition 1.3.5.** A set  $\Gamma$  of  $L$ -formulas is **consistent** if there is no  $L$ -formula  $\phi$  such that  $\Gamma \vdash_L \phi$  and  $\Gamma \vdash_L (\neg\phi)$ .

**Proposition 1.3.6.** Suppose  $\Gamma$  is a consistent set of  $L$ -formulas and  $\Gamma \not\vdash_L \phi$ . Then  $\Gamma \cup \{(\neg\phi)\}$  is consistent.

*Proof.* Suppose not. So there is some formula  $\psi$  with

$$\Gamma \cup \{(\neg\phi)\} \vdash_L \psi, \quad (3)$$

and

$$\Gamma \cup \{(\neg\phi)\} \vdash_L (\neg\psi). \quad (4)$$

Apply deduction theorem to (4),  $\Gamma \vdash_L ((\neg\phi) \rightarrow (\neg\psi))$ . By A3 and MP we obtain  $\Gamma \vdash_L (\psi \rightarrow \phi)$ . By this, (3), and MP,  $\Gamma \cup \{(\neg\phi)\} \vdash_L \phi$ . By deduction theorem,  $\Gamma \vdash_L ((\neg\phi) \rightarrow \phi)$ . By 1.2.7(3),  $\vdash_L (((\neg\phi) \rightarrow \phi) \rightarrow \phi)$ . So by these and MP,  $\Gamma \vdash_L \phi$ . This contradicts  $\Gamma \not\vdash_L \phi$ . □

**Proposition 1.3.7** (Lindenbaum's lemma). Suppose  $\Gamma$  is a consistent set of  $L$ -formulas. Then there is a consistent set of formulas  $\Gamma^* \supseteq \Gamma$  such that for every  $\phi$  either  $\Gamma^* \vdash_L \phi$  or  $\Gamma^* \vdash_L (\neg\phi)$ .

Sometimes say  $\Gamma^*$  is **complete**.

*Proof.* The set of  $L$ -formulas is countable, so we can list the  $L$ -formulas as  $\phi_0, \phi_1, \dots$ . It is countable because the alphabet  $\neg, \rightarrow, \wedge, \vee, \exists, \forall$  is countable, and the formulas are finite sequences from this alphabet. Define inductively sets of formulas  $\Gamma_0 \subseteq \Gamma_1 \subseteq \dots$  where  $\Gamma_0 = \Gamma$  and  $\Gamma^* = \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \Gamma_i$ . Suppose  $\Gamma_n$  has been defined. If  $\Gamma_n \vdash_L \phi_n$  then let  $\Gamma_{n+1} = \Gamma_n$ . If  $\Gamma_n \not\vdash_L \phi_n$  then let  $\Gamma_{n+1} = \Gamma_n \cup \{(\neg\phi_n)\}$ . An easy induction using 1.3.6 shows that each  $\Gamma_i$  is consistent. Claim that  $\Gamma^*$  is consistent. If  $\Gamma^* \vdash_L \phi$  and  $\Gamma^* \vdash_L (\neg\phi)$  then as deductions are finite sequence of formulas,  $\Gamma_n \vdash_L \phi$  and  $\Gamma_n \vdash_L (\neg\phi)$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , a contradiction. Let  $\phi$  be any formula. So  $\phi = \phi_n$  for some  $n$ . If  $\Gamma^* \not\vdash_L \phi$  then  $\Gamma_n \not\vdash_L \phi$ . So by construction  $\Gamma_{n+1} \vdash_L (\neg\phi)$  as  $(\neg\phi) = (\neg\phi_n) \in \Gamma_{n+1}$ . Thus  $\Gamma^* \vdash_L (\neg\phi)$ . □

**Lemma 1.3.8.** Let  $\Gamma^*$  be as above. Then there is a valuation  $v$  such that for every  $L$ -formula  $\phi$ ,  $v(\phi) = T$  iff  $\Gamma^* \vdash_L \phi$ .

**Corollary 1.3.9.** Suppose  $\Delta$  is a set of  $L$ -formulas which is consistent and  $\Delta \not\vdash_L \phi$ . Then there is a valuation  $v$  with  $v(\Delta) = T$  and  $v(\phi) = F$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\Gamma = \Delta \cup \{(\neg\phi)\}$ . By 1.3.6,  $\Gamma$  is consistent. By 1.3.7 there is  $\Gamma^* \supseteq \Gamma$  which is still consistent and such that for every  $\chi$  either  $\Gamma^* \vdash_L \chi$  or  $\Gamma^* \vdash_L (\neg\chi)$ . By 1.3.8 there is a valuation  $v$  with  $v(\Gamma^*) = T$ . In particular  $v(\Delta) = T$  and  $v((\neg\phi)) = T$ . So  $v(\phi) = F$ . □

*Proof of 1.3.4.* Suppose  $\not\vdash_L \phi$ . Apply 1.3.9 with  $\Delta = \emptyset$ . This is consistent due to the Soundness theorem. There is a valuation  $v$  with  $v(\phi) = F$ . □

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*Proof of 1.3.8.* Let  $\Gamma^*$  be a consistent set of  $L$ -formulas such that for every  $L$ -formula  $\phi$  either  $\Gamma^* \vdash_L \phi$  or  $\Gamma^* \vdash_L (\neg\phi)$ . Want a valuation  $v$  with  $v(\phi) = T$  for all  $\phi \in \Gamma^*$ , that is  $v(\phi) = T$  iff  $\Gamma^* \vdash_L \phi$ . Note that for each variable  $p_i$  either  $\Gamma^* \vdash_L p_i$  or  $\Gamma^* \vdash_L (\neg p_i)$ . So let  $v$  be the valuation with  $v(p_i) = T$  iff  $\Gamma^* \vdash_L p_i$ . Prove by induction on the length of  $\phi$  that  $v(\phi) = T$  iff  $\Gamma^* \vdash_L \phi$ . Base case for  $\phi$  is just a propositional variable. This case is by definition of  $v$ . Inductive step is the following.

1. Assume that  $\phi$  is  $(\neg\psi)$ .

$\implies$   $v(\phi) = T$  gives  $v(\psi) = F$  since  $v$  is a valuation. By inductive hypothesis,  $\Gamma^* \not\vdash_L \psi$ . Then Lindenbaum property gives  $\Gamma^* \vdash_L (\neg\psi)$ , that is  $\Gamma^* \vdash_L \phi$ .

$\impliedby$  Conversely suppose  $\Gamma^* \vdash_L \phi$ . By consistency  $\Gamma^* \not\vdash_L \psi$ . By inductive hypothesis,  $v(\psi) = F$ . As  $v$  is a valuation we obtain  $v((\neg\psi)) = T$ , that is  $v(\phi) = T$ .

2. Assume that  $\phi$  is  $(\psi \rightarrow \chi)$ .

$\impliedby$  Suppose  $v(\phi) = F$ . Show  $\Gamma^* \not\vdash_L \phi$ . Then  $v(\psi) = T$  and  $v(\chi) = F$ . By inductive hypothesis,  $\Gamma^* \vdash_L \psi$  and  $\Gamma^* \not\vdash_L \chi$ . If  $\Gamma^* \vdash_L \phi$  then using  $\Gamma^* \vdash_L \psi$  and MP we get  $\Gamma^* \vdash_L \chi$ , which is a contradiction. So  $\Gamma^* \not\vdash_L \phi$ .

$\implies$  Suppose  $\Gamma^* \not\vdash_L \phi$ , that is  $\Gamma^* \not\vdash_L (\psi \rightarrow \chi)$ . Then  $\Gamma^* \not\vdash_L \chi$  as  $\vdash_L (\chi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \chi))$ . Also  $\Gamma^* \not\vdash_L (\neg\psi)$  as  $\vdash_L ((\neg\psi) \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \chi))$  by 1.2.7(1). By inductive hypothesis,  $v(\chi) = F$  and  $v((\neg\psi)) = F$  so  $v(\psi) = T$ . Thus  $v(\phi) = F$ , which does the inductive step.

□

**Corollary 1.3.10.** Suppose  $\Delta$  is a set of  $L$ -formulas and  $\phi$  is an  $L$ -formula. Then

1.  $\Delta$  is consistent iff there is a valuation  $v$  with  $v(\Delta) = T$ , and
2.  $\Delta \vdash_L \phi$  iff for every valuation  $v$  with  $v(\Delta) = T$  we have  $v(\phi) = T$ .

*Proof.* TODO Exercise: deduce these from the preliminaries to Completeness theorem - warning that in 2 do not assume that  $\Delta$  is consistent. □

**Theorem 1.3.11** (Compactness theorem for  $L$ ). Suppose  $\Delta$  is a set of  $L$ -formulas. The following are equivalent.

1. There is a valuation  $v$  with  $v(\Delta) = T$ .
2. For every finite subset  $\Delta_0 \subseteq \Delta$  there is a valuation  $w$  with  $w(\Delta_0) = T$ .

*Proof.* By 1.3.10 1 holds iff  $\Delta$  is consistent. Similarly 2 holds iff every finite subset of  $\Delta$  is consistent. But if  $\Delta \vdash_L \psi$  and  $\Delta \vdash_L (\neg\psi)$  then as deductions are finite and therefore only involve finitely many formulas in  $\Delta$ , for some finite  $\Delta_0 \subseteq \Delta$ ,  $\Delta_0 \vdash_L \psi$  and  $\Delta_0 \vdash_L (\neg\psi)$ . □

Let  $P$  be the set of sequences of  $\{T, F\}$ , that is the set of functions  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \{T, F\}$ . Topologise with basic open sets. For  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \{T, F\}$  consider  $O(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ , all sequences starting  $a_1, \dots, a_n$ . (TODO Exercise: use Compactness theorem to prove  $P$  is compact)

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## 2 Predicate logic

Predicate logic is first-order logic. Plan is the following.

1. Introduce the mathematical objects, first-order structures.
2. Introduce the formulas, first-order languages.
3. Describe a formal system.
4. Show that its theorems are precisely the formulas true in all structures. This is Gödel's completeness theorem.

1 and 2 are semantics while 3 and 4 are syntax.

## 2.1 Structures

**Definition 2.1.1.** Suppose  $A$  is a set and  $n \geq 1$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . An  $n$ -ary **relation** on  $A$  is a subset  $\bar{R} \subseteq A^n = \{(a_1, \dots, a_n) \mid a_i \in A\}$  of  $n$ -tuples. An  $n$ -ary **function** on  $A$  is a function  $\bar{f} : A^n \rightarrow A$ .

**Example.**

1. Ordering  $\leq$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  is a binary relation on  $\mathbb{R}$ .
2.  $+$  on  $\mathbb{C}$  is a binary function on  $\mathbb{C}$ .
3. Even integers as a subset of  $\mathbb{Z}$  is a unary relation on  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

If  $\bar{R} \subseteq A^n$  is an  $n$ -ary relation and  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$ , write  $\bar{R}(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  to mean  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \bar{R}$ .

**Definition 2.1.2.** A **first-order structure**  $\mathcal{A}$  consists of

1. a non-empty set  $A$ , the **domain** of  $\mathcal{A}$ ,
2. a set  $\{\bar{R}_i \mid i \in I\}$  of relations on  $A$  for  $\bar{R}_i \subseteq A^{n_i}$ ,
3. a set  $\{\bar{f}_j \mid j \in J\}$  of functions on  $A$  for  $\bar{f}_j : A^{m_j} \rightarrow A$ , and
4. a set  $\{\bar{c}_k \mid k \in K\}$  of **constants**, just elements of  $A$ .

The sets  $I, J, K$  are indexing sets and can be empty. Usually subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$ . The information  $(n_i \mid i \in I)$ ,  $(m_j \mid j \in J)$ , and the set  $K$  is called the **signature** of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Might denote the structure by

$$\mathcal{A} = \langle A; (\bar{R}_i \mid i \in I), (\bar{f}_j \mid j \in J), (\bar{c}_k \mid k \in K) \rangle.$$

**Example.**

1. Orderings on  $A = \mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}$  where

$$I = \{1\}, \quad J = \emptyset, \quad K = \emptyset, \quad \bar{R}_1(a_1, a_2) \iff a_1 < a_2.$$

2. Groups.

- (a)  $\bar{R}$ , the binary relation for equality,
- (b)  $\bar{m}$ , the binary function for multiplication,
- (c)  $\bar{i}$ , the unary function for inversion, and
- (d)  $\bar{e}$ , the constant for identity element.

3. Rings.

- (a)  $\bar{R}$ , the binary relation for equality,
- (b)  $\bar{m}$ , the binary function for multiplication,
- (c)  $\bar{a}$ , the binary function for addition,
- (d)  $\bar{n}$ , the binary function for negation,
- (e)  $\bar{0}$ , the constant for zero, and
- (f)  $\bar{1}$ , the constant for one.

4. Graphs.

- (a)  $\bar{R}$ , the binary relation for equality, and
- (b)  $\bar{E}$ , the binary relation for adjacency.

## 2.2 First-order languages

**Definition 2.2.1.** A first-order language  $\mathcal{L}$  has an alphabet of symbols of the following types.

1. Variables  $x_0, x_1, \dots$ .
2. Punctuation  $(, ), , .$ .
3. Connectives  $\neg, \rightarrow$ .
4. **Quantifier**  $\forall$ .
5. Relation symbols  $R_i$  for  $i \in I$ .
6. Function symbols  $f_j$  for  $j \in J$ .
7. Constant symbols  $c_k$  for  $k \in K$ .

Here  $I, J, K$  are indexing sets and could have  $J, K = \emptyset$ . Each  $R_i$  comes equipped with an **arity**  $n_i$ . Each  $f_j$  comes equipped with an arity  $m_j$ . The information  $(n_i \mid i \in I), (m_j \mid j \in J), K$  is called the signature of  $\mathcal{L}$ . A first-order structure  $\mathcal{A}$  with the same signature as  $\mathcal{L}$  is referred to as an  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure.

**Definition 2.2.2.** A term of  $\mathcal{L}$  is defined as follows.

1. Any variable is a term.
2. Any constant symbol is a term.
3. If  $f$  is an  $m$ -ary function symbol of  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $t_1, \dots, t_m$  are terms, then  $f(t_1, \dots, t_m)$  is also a term.
4. Any term arises in this way.

**Example.** Suppose  $\mathcal{L}$  has a binary function symbol  $f$  and constant symbols  $c_1, c_2$ . Some terms are

$$c_1, \quad c_2, \quad x_1, \quad f(c_1, x_1), \quad f(f(c_1, x_2), c_2), \quad f(x_1, f(f(c_1, x_2), c_2)).$$

Some not terms are

$$ffx_1 \quad (\text{not well-formed}).$$

**Definition 2.2.3.**

1. An **atomic formula** of  $\mathcal{L}$  is of the form  $R(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  where  $R$  is an  $n$ -ary relation symbol of  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  are terms.
2. The **formulas** of  $\mathcal{L}$  are defined as follows.
  - (a) Any atomic formula is a formula.
  - (b) If  $\phi, \psi$  are  $\mathcal{L}$ -formulas then  $(\neg\phi), (\phi \rightarrow \psi), (\forall x)\phi$  are  $\mathcal{L}$ -formulas, where  $x$  is any variable.
  - (c) Every  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula arises in this way.

**Example.** Suppose  $\mathcal{L}$  has a binary function symbol  $f$ , a unary relation symbol  $P$ , a binary relation symbol  $R$ , and constant symbols  $c_1, c_2$ . Some terms are

$$x_1, \quad c_1, \quad f(x_1, c_1), \quad f(f(x_1, c_1), x_2).$$

Some atomic formulas are

$$P(x_1), \quad R(f(x_1, c_1), x_2).$$

Some formulas are

$$(\forall x_1)(R(f(x_1, c_1), x_2) \rightarrow P(x_1)).$$

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**Definition 2.2.4.** Suppose  $\phi, \psi$  are  $\mathcal{L}$ -formulas.  $(\exists x)\phi$  means  $(\neg(\forall x)(\neg\phi))$ .  $(\phi \vee \psi)$  means  $((\neg\phi) \rightarrow \psi)$ , etc as in propositional logic.

**Definition 2.2.5.** Suppose  $\mathcal{L}$  is a first-order language with relation symbols  $R_i$  of arity  $n_i$  for  $i \in I$ , function symbols  $f_j$  of arity  $m_j$  for  $j \in J$ , and constant symbols  $c_k$  for  $k \in K$ . An  $\mathcal{L}$ -**structure** is a structure

$$\mathcal{A} = \langle A; (\bar{R}_i \mid i \in I), (\bar{f}_j \mid j \in J), (\bar{c}_k \mid k \in K) \rangle$$

of the same signature as  $\mathcal{L}$ .

There is a correspondence between the relation, function, and constant symbols of  $\mathcal{L}$  and the actual relations, functions, and constants in  $\mathcal{A}$ , and the arities match up. This correspondence, or  $\mathcal{A}$ , is called an **interpretation** of  $\mathcal{L}$ .

**Definition 2.2.6.** With the same notation, suppose  $\mathcal{A}$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure. A **valuation** in  $\mathcal{A}$  is a function  $v$  from the set of terms of  $\mathcal{L}$  to  $A$  satisfying

1.  $v(c_k) = \bar{c}_k$ , and
2. if  $t_1, \dots, t_m$  are terms of  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $f$  is an  $m$ -ary function symbol then

$$v(f(t_1, \dots, t_m)) = \bar{f}(v(t_1), \dots, v(t_m)),$$

where  $\bar{f}$  is the interpretation of  $f$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Lemma 2.2.7.** Suppose  $\mathcal{A}$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure and  $a_0, a_1, \dots \in A$ . Then there is a unique valuation  $v$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  with  $v(x_l) = a_l$  for all  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ , where the variables of  $\mathcal{L}$  are  $x_0, x_1, \dots$ .

*Proof.* By induction on the length of terms. Show that if we let

1.  $v(x_l) = a_l$  for all  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ ,
2.  $v(c_k) = \bar{c}_k$  for all  $k \in K$ , and
3.  $v(f(t_1, \dots, t_m)) = \bar{f}(v(t_1), \dots, v(t_m))$ ,

then  $v$  is a well-defined valuation. □

**Example.** Groups with signature of

1. binary relation symbol  $R$  for equality,
2. binary function symbol  $m$  for multiplication,
3. unary function symbol  $i$  for inversion, and
4. constant  $e$  for identity element.

Let  $G$  be a group and  $g, h \in G$ . Let  $v$  be a valuation with  $v(x_0) = g$  and  $v(x_1) = h$ . Then

$$v(m(m(x_0, x_1), i(x_0))) = \bar{m}(v(m(x_0, x_1)), v(i(x_0))) = \bar{m}(v(x_0), v(x_1)) \bar{i}(v(x_0)) = ghg^{-1}.$$

**Definition 2.2.8.** Suppose  $\mathcal{A}$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure and  $x_l$  is any variable. Suppose  $v, w$  are valuations in  $\mathcal{A}$ . We say  $v, w$  are  $x_l$ -equivalent if  $v(x_m) = w(x_m)$  whenever  $m \neq l$ .

**Definition 2.2.9.** Suppose  $\mathcal{A}$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure and  $v$  is a valuation in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Define, for an  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula  $\phi$ , what is meant by  $v$  **satisfies**  $\phi$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  by the following.

1. Suppose  $R$  is an  $n$ -ary relation symbol and  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  are terms of  $\mathcal{L}$ . Then  $v$  satisfies the atomic formula  $R(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  iff  $\bar{R}(v(t_1), \dots, v(t_n))$  holds in  $\mathcal{A}$ .
2. Suppose  $\phi, \psi$  are  $\mathcal{L}$ -formulas and we already know about valuations satisfying  $\phi, \psi$ .

- (a)  $v$  satisfies  $(\neg\phi)$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  iff  $v$  does not satisfy  $\phi$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ .
- (b)  $v$  satisfies  $(\phi \rightarrow \psi)$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  iff it is not the case that  $v$  satisfies  $\phi$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $v$  does not satisfy  $\psi$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ .
- (c)  $v$  satisfies  $(\forall x_l)\phi$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  iff whenever  $w$  is a valuation in  $\mathcal{A}$  which is  $x_l$ -equivalent to  $v$ , then  $w$  satisfies  $\phi$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Remark 2.2.10.** 2.2.9 does not work if we allow empty structure.

If  $v$  satisfies  $\phi$ , write  $v[\phi] = T$ . If  $v$  does not satisfy  $\phi$ , write  $v[\phi] = F$ . If every valuation in  $\mathcal{A}$  satisfies  $\phi$ , say that  $\phi$  is **true** in  $\mathcal{A}$  or  $\mathcal{A}$  is a **model** of  $\phi$  and write  $\mathcal{A} \models \phi$ . If  $\mathcal{A} \models \phi$  for every  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure  $\mathcal{A}$ , we say that  $\phi$  is **logically valid** and write  $\models \phi$ . These are the analogues of tautologies in the propositional logic. Difference is in propositional logic there is an algorithm to decide whether a given formula is a tautology. There is no such algorithm to decide whether a given  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula is logically valid or not, a consequence of Gödel's incompleteness theorem.

**Example.**

- Suppose  $\mathcal{L}$  has a binary relation symbol  $R$ . The  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula  $(R(x_1, x_2) \rightarrow (R(x_2, x_3) \rightarrow R(x_1, x_3)))$  is true in  $\mathcal{A} = \langle \mathbb{N}; < \rangle$ , where  $R$  is interpreted as  $<$ . If not, there is a valuation  $v$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $v$  satisfies  $R(x_1, x_2)$  or  $v$  does not satisfy  $(R(x_2, x_3) \rightarrow R(x_1, x_3))$ . So  $v[R(x_2, x_3)] = T$  and  $v[R(x_1, x_3)] = F$ . Let  $v(x_i) = a_i \in \mathbb{N}$ . So  $a_1 < a_2$ ,  $a_2 < a_3$ , and  $a_1 \not< a_3$ . As  $<$  is transitive on  $\mathbb{N}$ , this is a contradiction.
- The same formula is not true in the structure  $\mathcal{B}$  with domain  $\mathbb{N}$  where we interpret  $R(x_i, x_j)$  as  $x_i \neq x_j$ . Take a valuation in  $\mathcal{B}$  with  $v(x_1) = 1 = v(x_3)$  and  $v(x_2) = 2$ .  $v$  does not satisfy the formula in  $\mathcal{B}$ .
- Recall that  $(\exists x_1)\phi$  is an abbreviation for  $(\neg(\forall x_1)(\neg\phi))$ . Suppose  $\mathcal{A}$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure and  $\phi$  an  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula. Let  $v$  be a valuation in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then  $v$  satisfies  $(\exists x_1)\phi$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  iff there is a valuation  $w$  which is  $x_1$ -equivalent to  $v$  such that  $w$  satisfies  $\phi$ . Suppose  $v$  satisfies  $(\neg(\forall x_1)(\neg\phi))$ . Using 2.2.9  $v$  does not satisfy  $(\forall x_1)(\neg\phi)$ . So there is valuation  $w$   $x_1$ -equivalent to  $v$  such that  $w$  does not satisfy  $(\neg\phi)$ . Such a  $w$  satisfies  $\phi$ . (TODO Exercise: converse)

**Example.**  $(\forall x_1)(\exists x_2)R(x_1, x_2)$  is true in  $\langle \mathbb{Z}; < \rangle$  and  $\langle \mathbb{N}; < \rangle$  but not in  $\langle \mathbb{N}; > \rangle$ .

TODO Exercise: Suppose  $\phi$  is any  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula. Then

- $((\exists x_1)(\forall x_2)\phi \rightarrow (\forall x_2)(\exists x_1)\phi)$  is logically valid, and
- $((\forall x_2)(\exists x_1)\phi \rightarrow (\exists x_1)(\forall x_2)\phi)$  is not necessarily logically valid.

Consider the propositional formula  $\chi$  by  $(p_1 \rightarrow (p_2 \rightarrow p_1))$ . Suppose  $\mathcal{L}$  is a first-order language and  $\phi_1, \phi_2$  are  $\mathcal{L}$ -formulas. Substitute  $\phi_1$  in place of  $p_1$  and  $\phi_2$  in place of  $p_2$  in  $\chi$ . We obtain an  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula  $\theta$  by  $(\phi_1 \rightarrow (\phi_2 \rightarrow \phi_1))$ . Check that as  $\chi$  is a tautology  $\theta$  is logically valid. (TODO Exercise)

**Definition 2.2.11.** Suppose  $\chi$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula involving propositional variables  $p_1, \dots, p_n$ . Suppose  $\mathcal{L}$  is a first-order language and  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n$  are  $\mathcal{L}$ -formulas. A **substitution instance** of  $\chi$  is obtained by replacing each  $p_i$  in  $\chi$  by  $\phi_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Call the result  $\theta$ .

**Theorem 2.2.12.**

- $\theta$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula, and
- if  $\chi$  is a tautology then  $\theta$  is logically valid.

*Proof.* Take an  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure  $\mathcal{A}$  and a valuation  $v$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Use this to define a propositional valuation  $w$  with  $w(p_i) = v[\phi_i]$  for  $i \leq n$ . Then prove by induction on the number of connectives in  $\chi$  that  $w(\chi) = v[\theta]$ . In particular if  $\chi$  is a tautology, then  $v[\theta] = T$ . In the inductive step, consider  $\chi$  is  $(\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$ . So  $\theta$  is  $(\theta_1 \rightarrow \theta_2)$  where  $\theta_1$  is obtained from  $\alpha$  and  $\theta_2$  is obtained from  $\beta$ . By inductive hypothesis  $w(\alpha) = v[\theta_1]$  and  $w(\beta) = v[\theta_2]$ . So  $w(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) = v[(\theta_1 \rightarrow \theta_2)]$ , etc. (TODO Exercise)  $\square$

**Note.** Not all logically valid formulas arise in this way.

**Example.**  $((\exists x_2)(\forall x_1)\phi \rightarrow (\forall x_1)(\exists x_2)\phi)$ .

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## 2.3 Bound and free variables in formulas

**Definition 2.3.1.** Suppose  $\phi, \psi$  are  $\mathcal{L}$ -formulas and  $(\forall x_i) \phi$  occurs as a subformula of  $\psi$ , that is  $\psi$  is  $\dots(\forall x_i) \phi \dots$ . We say that  $\phi$  is the **scope** of that quantifier  $(\forall x_i)$  here in  $\psi$ . An occurrence of a variable  $x_j$  in  $\psi$  is **bound** if it is in the scope of a quantifier  $(\forall x_j)$  in  $\psi$ , or it is the  $x_j$  here. Otherwise it is a free occurrence of  $x_j$ . Variables having a free occurrence in  $\psi$  are called **free** variables of  $\psi$ . A formula with no free variables is called a **closed** formula or a **sentence** of  $\mathcal{L}$ .

**Example.**

1. Let  $\psi_1$  be  $(R_1(x_1, x_2) \rightarrow (\forall x_3) R_2(x_1, x_3))$ . Then  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are free, and  $x_3$  is bound with scope  $R_2(x_1, x_3)$ .
2. Let  $\psi_2$  be  $((\forall x_1) R_1(x_1, x_2) \rightarrow R_2(x_1, x_2))$ . Then the first  $x_1$  is bound with scope  $R_1(x_1, x_2)$ , and the second  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are free. Compare with  $(\forall x_1) (R_1(x_1, x_2) \rightarrow R_2(x_1, x_2))$ . Then  $x_1$  is bound with scope  $(R_1(x_1, x_2) \rightarrow R_2(x_1, x_2))$ , and  $x_2$  is free.
3. Let  $\psi_3$  be  $((\exists x_1) R_1(x_1, x_2) \rightarrow (\forall x_2) R_2(x_2, x_3))$ . Then  $x_1$  and the second  $x_2$  are bound with scope  $R_1(x_1, x_2)$ , and the first  $x_2$  and  $x_3$  are free.

**Definition 2.3.2.** If  $\psi$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula with free variables amongst  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ , we might write  $\psi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  instead of  $\psi$ . If  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  are terms, by  $\psi(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  we mean the  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula obtained by replacing each free occurrence of  $x_i$  in  $\psi$  by  $t_i$ .

**Example.** Let  $\psi(x_1, x_2)$  be  $((\forall x_1) R(x_1, x_2) \rightarrow (\forall x_3) R(x_1, x_2, x_3))$ ,  $t_1$  be  $f_1(x_1)$ , and  $t_2$  be  $f_2(x_1, x_2)$ . Then  $x_2$  and the second  $x_1$  are free. So  $\psi(t_1, t_2)$  is

$$((\forall x_1) R_1(x_1, f_2(x_1, x_2)) \rightarrow (\forall x_3) R_2(f_1(x_1), f_2(x_1, x_2), x_3)).$$

**Theorem 2.3.3.** Suppose  $\phi$  is a closed  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula and  $\mathcal{A}$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure. Then either  $\mathcal{A} \models \phi$  or  $\mathcal{A} \models (\neg\phi)$ . More generally, if  $\phi$  has free variables amongst  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  and  $v, w$  are valuations in  $\mathcal{A}$  with  $v(x_i) = w(x_i)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , then  $v[\phi] = T$  iff  $w[\phi] = T$ . Allow  $n = 0$  here for no free variables.

*Proof.* Note that the first statement follows from the generalisation. If  $\phi$  has no free variables, then for any valuations  $v, w$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ , they agree on the free variables of  $\phi$  so  $v[\phi] = w[\phi]$ . Prove the generalisation by induction on the number of connectives and quantifiers in  $\phi$ .

1. Base case.  $\phi$  is atomic, so  $\phi$  is  $R(t_1, \dots, t_m)$  for  $t_j$  terms. The  $t_j$  only involve variables amongst  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ . As  $v$  and  $w$  agree on these variables  $v(t_j) = w(t_j)$ . So

$$v[R(t_1, \dots, t_m)] = T \iff \bar{R}(v(t_1), \dots, v(t_m)) \iff w[R(t_1, \dots, t_m)] = T.$$

2. Inductive step.  $\phi$  is  $(\neg\psi)$ ,  $(\psi \rightarrow \chi)$ , or  $(\forall x_i) \psi$ . (TODO Exercise: first two cases) Suppose  $\phi$  is  $(\forall x_i) \psi$ . Suppose  $v[\phi] = F$ . By 2.2.9 there is a valuation  $v'$   $x_i$ -equivalent to  $v$  with  $v'[\psi] = F$ . The free variables of  $\psi$  are amongst  $x_1, \dots, x_n, x_i$ . Let  $w'$  be the valuation  $x_i$ -equivalent to  $w$  with  $w'(x_i) = v'(x_i)$ . Then  $v', w'$  agree on the free variables of  $\psi$ . By inductive hypothesis  $v'[\psi] = w'[\psi]$  so  $w'[\psi] = F$ . As  $w'$  is  $x_i$ -equivalent to  $w$  we obtain  $w[(\forall x_i) \psi] = F$ .

□

**Remark 2.3.4.** If  $\mathcal{A}$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure and  $\psi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  an  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula, whose free variables are amongst  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ , and  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$  for domain  $A$  then we write  $\mathcal{A} \models \psi(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  to mean  $v[\psi] = T$  for every valuation  $v$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  with  $v(x_i) = a_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

**Note.** By the proof of 2.3.3 this holds if  $v[\psi] = T$  for some such valuation.

**Example.** An example where  $\mathcal{A} \models (\forall x_1) \phi(x_1)$  but we have term  $t$ , and a valuation  $v$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  with  $v[\phi(t)] = F$ . Let  $\phi(x_1)$  be  $((\forall x_2) R(x_2, x_2) \rightarrow S(x_1))$ . Scope of  $x_2$  is  $R(x_1, x_2)$ . Let  $t_1$  be  $x_2$ , then  $\phi(t_1)$  is  $((\forall x_2) R(x_2, x_2) \rightarrow S(x_2))$ . Suppose  $\mathcal{A} = \langle \mathbb{N}; \leq, = \rangle$ . Domain is  $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, \dots\}$ ,  $R(x_1, x_2)$  interpreted as  $x_1 \leq x_2$ , and  $S(x_1)$  interpreted as  $x_1 = 0$ . So  $\mathcal{A} \models (\forall x_1) \phi(x_1)$  but we choose a valuation  $v(x_2) = 1$  then  $v[\phi(t_1)] = F$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Definition 2.3.5.** Let  $\phi$  be an  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula,  $x_i$  a variable,  $t$  an  $\mathcal{L}$ -term. We say  $t$  is free for  $x_i$  in  $\phi$  if there is no variable  $x_j$  in  $t$  such that  $x_i$  has a free occurrence within the scope of a quantifier  $(\forall x_j)$  in  $\phi$ .

TODO Exercise: Let  $t = f(x_3, x_2, x_5)$ ,  $\phi_1$  be  $((\forall x_2) R(x_1, x_4) \rightarrow K(x_1)) \rightarrow (\forall x_1) R(x_1, x_1)$ , and  $\phi_2$  be  $((\forall x_2) (R(x_2, x_4) \rightarrow (\forall x_1) K(x_1)) \rightarrow (\forall x_2) R(x_1, x_1))$ . For which  $t$  is  $t$  free for  $x_1$ ?

**Theorem 2.3.6.** Suppose  $\phi(x_1)$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula, possibly with other free variables. Let  $t$  be a term free for  $x_1$  in  $\phi$ , then  $\models ((\forall x_1) \phi(x_1) \rightarrow \phi(t))$ . In particular, if  $\mathcal{A}$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure with  $\mathcal{A} \models (\forall x_1) \phi(x_1)$  then  $\mathcal{A} \models \phi(t)$ .

**Lemma 2.3.7.** With this notation, suppose  $v$  is a valuation in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let  $v'$  be the valuation in  $\mathcal{A}$  which is  $x_1$ -equivalent to  $v$ , with  $v'(x_1) = v(t)$ . Then  $v'[\phi(x_1)] = T$  iff  $v[\phi(t)] = T$ .

*Proof.* This is by induction on the number of connectives and quantifiers in  $\phi$ .

1. Base case.  $\phi$  is an atomic formula  $R(u_1, \dots, u_m)$  where  $R$  is an  $m$ -ary relation symbol and  $u_1, \dots, u_m$  are terms. Let  $u_i^*$  be the result of substituting  $t$  for  $x_1$  in  $u_i$ . Then, by induction on the length of the terms, each  $u_i^*$  is a term and  $v'(u_i) = v(u_i^*)$ . Moreover,  $\phi(t)$  is  $R(u_1^*, \dots, u_m^*)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} v'[\phi(x_1)] = T & \iff \mathcal{A} \models R(v'(u_1), \dots, v'(u_m)) \\ & \iff \mathcal{A} \models R(v(u_1^*), \dots, v(u_m^*)) \\ & \iff v[\phi(t)] = T. \end{aligned}$$

2. Inductive step. There are three cases,

- (a)  $\phi$  is  $(\neg\psi)$ ,
- (b)  $\phi$  is  $(\psi \rightarrow \chi)$ , and
- (c)  $\phi$  is  $(\forall x_i) \psi$ .

We leave the first two cases as exercises and do the third. We can assume that  $i \neq 1$ . Otherwise  $x_1$  is not free in  $\phi$  and  $\phi(t)$  is just  $\phi$ . The lemma then follows from 2.3.3. Note also that as  $t$  is free for  $x_1$  in  $(\forall x_i) \psi$ , it follows that  $t$  is free for  $x_1$  in  $\psi$  and  $x_i$  is not a variable in  $t$ . Suppose first that  $v'[\phi(x_1)] = F$ . We show that  $v[\phi(t)] = F$ . By 2.2.9, there is a valuation  $w'$  which is  $x_i$ -equivalent to  $v'$  with  $w'[\psi(x_1)] = F$ . Note that as  $i \neq 1$ ,

$$w'(x_1) = v'(x_1) = v(t). \quad (5)$$

Define a valuation  $w$  by

$$w(x_j) = \begin{cases} v(x_j) & j \neq 1, i \\ w'(x_i) & j = i \\ v(x_1) & j = 1 \end{cases}.$$

So  $w$  is  $x_1$ -equivalent to  $w'$  and  $x_i$ -equivalent to  $v$ , noting that  $v, v'$  are  $x_i$ -equivalent and  $w, v'$  are  $x_i$ -equivalent. As  $x_i$  does not occur in  $t$  we have, by 2.3.3 and (5),

$$w(t) = v(t) = w'(x_1).$$

We can now apply the induction hypothesis to  $w, w'$ , and  $\psi$ . We obtain that  $w[\psi(t)] = w'[\psi(x_1)] = F$ . As  $w, v$  are  $x_i$ -equivalent, it follows that

$$v[(\forall x_i) \psi(t)] = F.$$

So  $v[\phi(t)] = F$ , as required. We now prove the converse direction. We cannot argue by symmetry here. So suppose  $v[\phi(t)] = F$ . There is a valuation  $w$  which is  $x_i$ -equivalent to  $v$  with  $w[\psi(t)] = F$ . Let  $w'$  be the valuation  $x_1$ -equivalent to  $w$  with

$$w'(x_1) = w(t) = v(t) = v'(x_1).$$

The fact that  $w(t) = v(t)$  is as before. By the inductive hypothesis,  $w'[\psi(x_1)] = w[\psi(t)] = F$ . As  $w'$  is  $x_i$ -equivalent to  $v'$  we have

$$v'[(\forall x_i) \psi(x_1)] = F.$$

So  $v'[\phi(x_1)] = F$ . This completes the inductive step.



□

*Proof of 2.3.6.* Suppose  $v$  is a valuation with  $v[\phi(t)] = F$ . Show  $v[(\forall x_1)\phi(x_1)] = F$ . Then

$$v[(\forall x_1)\phi(x_1) \rightarrow \phi(t)] = T.$$

Take  $v'$   $x_1$ -equivalent to  $v$  and  $v'(x_1) = v(t)$ . Then by 2.3.7,  $v'[\phi(x_1)] = F$ , so  $v[(\forall x_1)\phi(x_1)] = F$ . □

## 2.4 The formal system $K_{\mathcal{L}}$

**Definition 2.4.1.** Suppose  $\mathcal{L}$  is a first-order language. The formal system  $K_{\mathcal{L}}$  has as formulas  $\mathcal{L}$ -formulas, and the following.

1. Axioms. For  $\phi, \chi, \psi$   $\mathcal{L}$ -formulas,

$$(A1) (\phi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \phi)),$$

$$(A2) ((\phi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \chi)) \rightarrow ((\phi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\phi \rightarrow \chi))),$$

$$(A3) (((\neg\phi) \rightarrow (\neg\psi)) \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \phi)),$$

$$(K1) ((\forall x_i)\phi(x_i) \rightarrow \phi(t)), \text{ where } t \text{ is a term free for } x_i \text{ in } \phi \text{ and } \phi \text{ can have other free variables, and}$$

$$(K2) ((\forall x_i)(\phi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\phi \rightarrow (\forall x_i)\psi)), \text{ if } x_i \text{ is not free in } \phi.$$

2. Deduction rules.

(a) Modus Ponens (MP), from formulas  $\phi$  and  $(\phi \rightarrow \psi)$  deduce  $\psi$ , and

(b) **Generalisation** (Gen), from formula  $\phi$  deduce  $(\forall x_i)\phi$ .

A proof in  $K_{\mathcal{L}}$  is a finite sequence of  $\mathcal{L}$ -formulas each of which is an axiom, or deduced from previous formulas in the proof using a rule of deduction. A theorem of  $K_{\mathcal{L}}$  is the last formula in some proof. Write  $\vdash_{K_{\mathcal{L}}} \phi$  for  $\phi$  is a theorem in  $K_{\mathcal{L}}$ .

**Note.** Books do not always use  $K_{\mathcal{L}}$ , that is they write  $\vdash \phi$ .

**Definition 2.4.2.** Suppose  $\Sigma$  is a set of  $\mathcal{L}$ -formulas and  $\psi$  an  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula. A deduction of  $\psi$  from  $\Sigma$  is a finite sequence of formulas, ending with  $\psi$ , each of which is one of

1. an axiom,
2. a formula in  $\Sigma$ , or
3. obtained from earlier formulas in the deduction using MP or Gen, with the restriction that when Gen is applied it does not involve a variable occurring freely in a formula in  $\Sigma$ .

Write  $\Sigma \vdash_{K_{\mathcal{L}}} \psi$  if there is a deduction from  $\Sigma$  to  $\psi$ .

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### Remark 2.4.3.

1. If  $\Sigma$  consists of closed formulas, do not need to worry about the restriction on Gen.
2.  $\phi \vdash (\forall x_1)\phi$ .

**Theorem 2.4.4.** Suppose  $\phi$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula which is a substitution instance of a tautology in propositional logic. Then  $\vdash_{K_{\mathcal{L}}} \phi$ .

**Example.**  $((\neg(\neg\phi)) \rightarrow \phi)$  for an  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula  $\phi$ , as this is a substitution instance of  $((\neg(\neg p_1)) \rightarrow p_1)$ . There is a tautology  $\chi$  with propositional variables  $p_1, \dots, p_n$  and  $\mathcal{L}$ -formulas  $\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n$  such that  $\phi$  is obtained from  $\chi$  by substituting  $\psi_i$  for  $p_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . By Completeness of propositional logic in 1.3.4 there is a proof in  $L$  of  $\chi$  by  $\chi_1, \dots, \chi_r$ , where each  $\chi_i$  is a propositional formula, that is in  $L$ , and  $\chi_r = \chi$ . If we substitute  $\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n$  for  $p_1, \dots, p_n$  in all  $\chi_j$  we obtain a sequence of  $\mathcal{L}$ -formulas  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_r$  which is a proof of  $\phi = \phi_r$  in  $K_{\mathcal{L}}$ .

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**Theorem 2.4.5** (Soundness theorem of  $K_{\mathcal{L}}$ ). If  $\vdash_{K_{\mathcal{L}}} \phi$  then  $\models \phi$ , that is it is logically valid.

*Proof.* Like in the proof for  $L$ , we need to show

1. axioms are logically valid, and
2. deduction rules preserve logical validity.

For axioms, A1, A2, A3 are substitution instances of propositional tautologies in 2.2.1 so are logically valid by 2.4.4. K1 is logically valid by 2.3.6. K2 is  $((\forall x_i)(\phi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\phi \rightarrow (\forall x_i)\psi))$  if  $x_i$  is not free in  $\phi$ . Suppose we have valuation  $v$  such that  $v[(\phi \rightarrow (\forall x_i)\psi)] = F$ . So  $v[\phi] = T$  and  $v[(\forall x_i)\psi] = F$ . So there is a valuation  $v'$   $x_i$ -equivalent to  $v$  with  $v'[\psi] = F$ .  $v$  and  $v'$  agree on all variables free in  $\phi$ . So by 2.3.3  $v[\phi] = v'[\phi] = T$ , so  $v'[(\phi \rightarrow \psi)] = F$ . So  $v[(\forall x_i)(\phi \rightarrow \psi)] = F$ . So  $v[K_2] = T$ . For deduction rules, MP is if  $\models \phi$  and  $\models (\phi \rightarrow \psi)$  then  $\models \psi$ , and Gen is if  $\models \phi$  then  $\models (\forall x_i)\phi$ . (TODO Exercise)  $\square$

TODO Exercise: Suppose  $\Sigma \vdash \psi$  then for every valuation  $v$  with  $v[\sigma] = T$  for all  $\sigma \in \Sigma$  we have  $v[\psi] = T$ .

**Corollary 2.4.6.** There is no  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula  $\phi$  with  $\vdash_{K_{\mathcal{L}}} \phi$  and  $\vdash_{K_{\mathcal{L}}} (\neg\phi)$ .

**Theorem 2.4.7** (Deduction theorem). Suppose  $\mathcal{L}$  is a first-order language,  $\Sigma$  is a set of  $\mathcal{L}$ -formulas, and  $\phi, \psi$  are  $\mathcal{L}$ -formulas. Then if  $\Sigma \cup \{\phi\} \vdash \psi$  then  $\Sigma \vdash (\phi \rightarrow \psi)$ .

*Proof.* Follows proof of deduction theorem for  $L$  in 1.2.5 by induction on the length of the deduction.

1. Base case is one line deduction. Argue exactly as in 1.2.5. Note that  $\vdash_{K_{\mathcal{L}}} (\phi \rightarrow \phi)$  by 2.4.4.
2. Inductive step. Suppose  $\psi$  follows from earlier formulas in the deduction using MP or Gen. MP is exactly as in 1.2.5. For Gen, suppose  $\psi$  is obtained using Gen then  $\psi$  is  $(\forall x_i)\theta$  and  $\Sigma \cup \{\phi\} \vdash \theta$  and  $x_i$  is not free in any formula in  $\Sigma \cup \{\phi\}$ . By induction we have  $\Sigma \vdash (\phi \rightarrow \theta)$ . By K2  $\Sigma \vdash ((\forall x_i)(\phi \rightarrow \theta) \rightarrow (\phi \rightarrow (\forall x_i)\theta))$ . By Gen  $\Sigma \vdash (\forall x_i)(\phi \rightarrow \theta)$  for  $x_i$  not free in any formula in  $\Sigma$ . So by MP we get  $\Sigma \vdash (\phi \rightarrow (\forall x_i)\theta)$  which is  $\Sigma \vdash (\phi \rightarrow \psi)$ .

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## 2.5 Gödel's completeness theorem

**Definition 2.5.1.** A set  $\Sigma$  of  $\mathcal{L}$ -formulas is consistent if there is no formula  $\phi$  with  $\Sigma \vdash_{K_{\mathcal{L}}} \phi$  and  $\Sigma \vdash_{K_{\mathcal{L}}} (\neg\phi)$ .

By Soundness theorem 2.4.5  $\emptyset$  is consistent, so  $K_{\mathcal{L}}$  is consistent.

**Remark 2.5.2.** If  $\Sigma$  is inconsistent then  $\Sigma \vdash \chi$  for any  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula  $\chi$ .

Recall that a closed  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula is one without free variables, sometimes called a sentence of  $\mathcal{L}$ . Show that if  $\Sigma$  is a set of closed  $\mathcal{L}$ -formulas which is consistent then there is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure  $\mathcal{A}$  with  $\mathcal{A} \models \sigma$  for all  $\sigma \in \Sigma$ . For a simplification, suppose that  $\mathcal{L}$  is countable, that is the variables are  $x_0, x_1, \dots$  and there are countably many relation, function, and constant symbols. So we can enumerate the  $\mathcal{L}$ -formulas, or any subset thereof, as a list indexed by  $\mathbb{N}$ . Enumerate the closed  $\mathcal{L}$ -formulas as  $\psi_0, \psi_1, \dots$ .

**Proposition 2.5.3.** Suppose  $\Sigma$  is a consistent set of closed  $\mathcal{L}$ -formulas and  $\phi$  is a closed  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula.

1. (Compare 1.3.6) If  $\Sigma \not\vdash_{K_{\mathcal{L}}} \phi$  then  $\Sigma \cup \{(\neg\phi)\}$  is consistent.
2. (Compare Lindenbaum's lemma 1.3.7) There is a consistent set  $\Sigma^* \supseteq \Sigma$  of closed  $\mathcal{L}$ -formulas such that, for every closed  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula  $\psi$  either  $\Sigma^* \vdash \psi$  or  $\Sigma^* \vdash (\neg\psi)$ .

*Proof.*

1. As in 1.3.6, used deduction theorem and  $\vdash_{K_{\mathcal{L}}} (((\neg\phi) \rightarrow \phi) \rightarrow \phi)$ .
2. Uses 1 and the enumeration  $\psi_0, \psi_1, \dots$  of the closed  $\mathcal{L}$ -formulas.

□

**Theorem 2.5.4.** Suppose  $\Sigma$  is a consistent set of closed  $\mathcal{L}$ -formulas. Then there is a countable  $\mathcal{L}$ -structure  $\mathcal{A}$  with  $\mathcal{A} \models \Sigma$ , that is  $\mathcal{A} \models \sigma$  for all  $\sigma \in \Sigma$ .

**Theorem 2.5.5.** Let  $\Sigma$  be a set of closed  $\mathcal{L}$ -formulas and  $\phi$  a closed  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula. If every model of  $\Sigma$  is a model of  $\phi$ , that is if  $\mathcal{A} \models \Sigma$  or  $\mathcal{A} \models \sigma$  for all  $\sigma \in \Sigma$  then  $\mathcal{A} \models \phi$ , then  $\Sigma \vdash_{K_{\mathcal{L}}} \phi$ .

Notation is  $\Sigma \models \phi$ . Then  $\Sigma \models \phi$  gives  $\Sigma \vdash \phi$ . The converse is Soundness theorem.

*Proof.* May assume  $\Sigma$  is consistent, otherwise, everything is a consequence of  $\Sigma$ . By assumption there is no model of  $\Sigma \cup \{(\neg\phi)\}$ . So by 2.5.4,  $\Sigma \cup \{(\neg\phi)\}$  is inconsistent. So by 2.5.3(1),  $\Sigma \vdash \phi$ . □

**Theorem 2.5.6** (Gödel's completeness theorem for  $K_{\mathcal{L}}$ , 1929). If  $\phi$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula with  $\models \phi$ , then  $\phi$  is a theorem of  $K_{\mathcal{L}}$ , that is  $\vdash_{K_{\mathcal{L}}} \phi$ .

*Proof.* If  $\phi$  is closed this follows from 2.5.5 with  $\Sigma = \emptyset$ . Suppose  $\phi$  has free variables amongst  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  and consider the closed formula  $\psi, (\forall x_1) \dots (\forall x_n) \phi$ . As  $\models \phi$  we obtain  $\models \psi$ . So by the closed case  $\vdash \psi$ , that is

$$\vdash (\forall x_1) \dots (\forall x_n) \phi. \quad (6)$$

If  $\theta$  is any formula then  $\vdash ((\forall x_i) \theta \rightarrow \theta)$  by the K1 axiom. So from (6) and this fact and MP applied  $n$  times we obtain  $\vdash_{K_{\mathcal{L}}} \phi$ . □

**Corollary 2.5.7** (Compactness theorem for  $K_{\mathcal{L}}$ ). Suppose  $\Sigma$  is a set of closed  $\mathcal{L}$ -formulas and every finite subset of  $\Sigma$  has a model. Then  $\Sigma$  has a model.

*Proof.* Suppose  $\Sigma$  has no model. By 2.5.4  $\Sigma$  is inconsistent so there is a formula  $\phi$  with  $\Sigma \vdash \phi$  and  $\Sigma \vdash (\neg\phi)$ . Deductions only involve finitely many formulas in  $\Sigma$ . So there is a finite  $\Sigma_0 \subseteq \Sigma$  with  $\Sigma_0 \vdash \phi$  and  $\Sigma_0 \vdash (\neg\phi)$ . But then  $\Sigma_0$  is inconsistent so has no model, a contradiction. □

*Sketch of proof of 2.5.4.* Proof is in a series of steps. Notation is cumulative.

1. Let  $b_0, b_1, \dots$  be new constant symbols. Form  $\mathcal{L}^+$  by adding these to the symbols of  $\mathcal{L}$ . Regard  $\Sigma$  as a set of  $\mathcal{L}^+$ -formulas. Check  $\Sigma$  is still consistent in the formal system  $K_{\mathcal{L}^+}$ . Note that  $\mathcal{L}^+$  is still a countable language.
2. Adding witnesses. Use a lemma that there is a consistent set of closed  $\mathcal{L}^+$ -formulas  $\Sigma_{\infty} \supseteq \Sigma$  such that for every  $\mathcal{L}^+$ -formula  $\theta(x_i)$  with one free variable there is some  $b_j$  with

$$\Sigma_{\infty} \vdash_{K_{\mathcal{L}^+}} ((\neg(\forall x_i) \theta(x_i)) \rightarrow (\neg\theta(b_j))).$$

Think of  $\theta(x_i)$  as  $(\neg\chi(x_i))$ . Then this formula is essentially  $((\exists x_i) \chi(x_i) \rightarrow \chi(b_j))$ , so  $b_j$  witnesses the existence of  $x_i$  satisfying  $x_i$ .

3. By Lindenbaum's lemma 2.5.3 there is a consistent set  $\Sigma^* \supseteq \Sigma_{\infty}$  of closed  $\mathcal{L}^+$ -formulas such that for every closed  $\phi$  either  $\Sigma^* \vdash_{K_{\mathcal{L}^+}} \phi$  or  $\Sigma^* \vdash_{K_{\mathcal{L}^+}} (\neg\phi)$ .
4. Building a structure. Let  $A = \{t\}$  where  $t$  is a closed term of  $\mathcal{L}^+$ . Note that
  - (a) a term is closed if it only involves constant symbols and function symbols, and no variables,
  - (b) use the  $\bar{\phantom{t}}$  to distinguish when we are thinking of a term as an element of  $A$ , and
  - (c) as  $\mathcal{L}^+$  is countable,  $A$  is countable.

Make  $A$  into an  $\mathcal{L}^+$  structure.

- (a) Each constant symbol  $c$  of  $\mathcal{L}^+$  is interpreted as  $\bar{c} \in A$ .
- (b) Suppose  $R$  is an  $n$ -ary relation symbol. Define the relation  $\bar{R} \subseteq A^n$  by  $(\bar{t}_1, \dots, \bar{t}_n) \in \bar{R}$  iff  $\Sigma^* \vdash R(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ , a closed atomic  $\mathcal{L}^+$ -formula, where  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  are closed  $\mathcal{L}^+$ -terms.

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- (c) Suppose  $f$  is an  $m$ -ary function symbol. Define a function  $\bar{f} : A^m \rightarrow A$  by  $\bar{f}(\bar{t}_1, \dots, \bar{t}_m) = f(t_1, \dots, t_m)$  for closed terms  $t_1, \dots, t_m$ .

Call this structure  $\mathcal{A}$ . Note that if  $v$  is a valuation in  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $t$  is a closed term, then  $v(t) = \bar{t}$  by (a) and (c) here.

5. Use the main lemma that for every closed  $\mathcal{L}^+$ -formula  $\phi$

$$\Sigma^* \vdash_{K_{\mathcal{L}^+}} \phi \iff \mathcal{A} \models \phi. \quad (7)$$

Proof by induction on number of connectives and quantifiers in  $\phi$ .

- (a) Base case.  $\phi$  is atomic, that is  $\phi$  is  $R(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  for some closed terms  $t_i$ , and relation symbol  $R$ . (7) holds by (b) in definition of  $\mathcal{A}$ .
- (b) Inductive step. Assume (7) holds for closed formulas involving fewer connectives and quantifiers.
- $\phi$  is  $(\neg\psi)$ .
  - $\phi$  is  $(\psi \rightarrow \chi)$ .
  - $\phi$  is  $(\forall x_i) \psi$ .

In cases i and ii  $\psi, \chi$  are closed. So (7) holds for these.

- $\phi$  is  $(\neg\psi)$ , so  $\mathcal{A} \models \phi$  iff  $\mathcal{A} \not\models \psi$  by 2.3.3, iff  $\Sigma^* \not\models \psi$  by (7), iff  $\Sigma^* \vdash (\neg\psi)$  by step 3.
- TODO Exercise.
- $\phi$  is  $(\forall x_i) \psi$ .

A.  $x_i$  is not free in  $\psi$ . So  $\psi$  is closed and we can use inductive hypothesis.

B.  $x_i$  is free in  $\psi$ . So  $\psi(x_i)$  has a single free variable.

Suppose for a contradiction that  $\mathcal{A} \models \phi$  and  $\Sigma^* \not\models \phi$ . Then by step 3  $\Sigma^* \vdash (\neg\phi)$ . By step 2,  $\Sigma^* \vdash ((\neg(\forall x_i) \psi(x_i)) \rightarrow (\neg\psi(b_j)))$  for some constant symbol  $b_j$ , that is  $\Sigma^* \vdash ((\neg\phi) \rightarrow (\neg\psi(b_j)))$ . So  $\Sigma^* \vdash (\neg\psi(b_j))$ .  $(\neg\psi(b_j))$  is closed and by case i, (7) applies. We obtain

$$\mathcal{A} \models (\neg\psi(b_j)). \quad (8)$$

This contradicts  $\mathcal{A} \models (\forall x_i) \psi$ . Take a valuation  $v$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  with  $v(x_i) = \bar{b}_j$ , then  $v$  does not satisfy  $\psi$ , by (8).

□

TODO Exercise: think about this where  $\Sigma$  consists of the group axioms. What is  $\mathcal{A}$ ? Is it a group?

## 2.6 Equality

**Example.** In the language of groups, have a binary relation symbol  $E(x_1, x_2)$  for equality  $x_1 = x_2$ .

**Definition 2.6.1.** Suppose  $\mathcal{L}^E$  is a first-order language with a distinguished binary relation symbol  $E$ .

- An  $\mathcal{L}^E$ -structure in which  $E$  is interpreted as equality  $=$  is a **normal**  $\mathcal{L}^E$ -structure.
- The following are the axioms of equality,  $\Sigma_E$ .

- $(\forall x_1) E(x_1, x_2)$ .
- $(\forall x_1) (\forall x_2) (E(x_1, x_2) \rightarrow E(x_2, x_1))$ .
- $(\forall x_1) (\forall x_2) (\forall x_3) (E(x_1, x_2) \rightarrow (E(x_2, x_3) \rightarrow E(x_1, x_3)))$ .

- For each  $n$ -ary relation symbol  $R$  of  $\mathcal{L}^E$ ,

$$(\forall x_1) \dots (\forall x_n) (\forall y_1) \dots (\forall y_n) ((R(x_1, \dots, x_n) \wedge E(x_1, y_1) \wedge \dots \wedge E(x_n, y_n)) \rightarrow R(y_1, \dots, y_n)).$$

4. For each  $m$ -ary function symbol  $f$  of  $\mathcal{L}^E$ ,

$$(\forall x_1) \dots (\forall x_m) (\forall y_1) \dots (\forall y_m) ((E(x_1, y_1) \wedge \dots \wedge E(x_m, y_m)) \rightarrow E(f(x_1, \dots, x_m), f(y_1, \dots, y_m))).$$

**Definition 2.6.2.**

1. If  $\mathcal{A}$  is a normal  $\mathcal{L}^E$ -structure then  $\mathcal{A} \models \Sigma_E$ .
2. Suppose  $\mathcal{A} = \langle A; \bar{E}, \dots \rangle$  is an  $\mathcal{L}^E$ -structure and  $\mathcal{A} \models \Sigma_E$ . Then  $\bar{E}$  is an equivalence relation on  $A$ . Denote, for  $a \in A$   $\hat{a} = \{b \in A \mid \bar{E}(a, b)\}$ , the equivalence class of  $a$ . Let  $\hat{A} = \{\hat{a} \mid a \in A\}$ . Make  $\hat{A}$  into an  $\mathcal{L}^E$ -structure  $\hat{\mathcal{A}}$ .
  - (a) If  $R$  is an  $n$ -ary relation symbol and  $\hat{a}_1, \dots, \hat{a}_n \in \hat{A}$  then say  $\bar{R}(\hat{a}_1, \dots, \hat{a}_n)$  holds in  $\hat{\mathcal{A}}$  iff  $\bar{R}(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  holds in  $\mathcal{A}$ . This is well-defined by  $\Sigma_E$ .
  - (b) Similarly if  $f$  is an  $m$ -ary function symbol and  $\hat{a}_1, \dots, \hat{a}_m \in \hat{A}$  let  $\bar{f}(\hat{a}_1, \dots, \hat{a}_m) = \bar{f}(\widehat{a_1, \dots, a_m})$ . This is also well-defined by  $\Sigma_E$ .
  - (c) If  $c$  is a constant symbol, then interpret  $c$  as  $\hat{c}$  in  $\hat{\mathcal{A}}$ , where  $\bar{c}$  is the interpretation in  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Note that in  $\hat{\mathcal{A}}$   $\bar{E}(\hat{a}_1, \hat{a}_2)$  iff  $\bar{E}(a_1, a_2)$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ , iff  $\hat{a}_1 = \hat{a}_2$ . So  $\hat{\mathcal{A}}$  is a normal  $\mathcal{L}^E$ -structure.

**Lemma 2.6.3.** Suppose  $\mathcal{A}$  is an  $\mathcal{L}^E$ -structure with  $\mathcal{A} \models \Sigma_E$ . Let  $v$  be a valuation in  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let  $\hat{\mathcal{A}}$  be as given above. Let  $\hat{v}$  be the valuation in  $\hat{\mathcal{A}}$  with  $\hat{v}(x_i) = \widehat{v(x_i)}$ . Then for every  $\mathcal{L}^E$ -formula  $\phi$   $\hat{v}$  satisfies  $\phi$  in  $\hat{\mathcal{A}}$  iff  $v$  satisfies  $\phi$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ . In particular, if  $\phi$  is closed then  $\mathcal{A} \models \phi$  iff  $\hat{\mathcal{A}} \models \phi$ .

*Proof.* By induction on number of connectives and quantifiers in  $\phi$ . Note that if  $t$  is a term then by definition of  $\bar{f}$  on  $\hat{\mathcal{A}}$   $\hat{v}(t) = \widehat{v(t)}$ . Using this and definition of  $\bar{R}$  gives the base step, atomic formula  $R(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.6.4.** Suppose  $\Delta$  is a set of closed  $\mathcal{L}^E$ -formulas. Then  $\Delta$  has a normal model, that is a normal  $\mathcal{L}^E$ -structure  $\mathcal{B}$  with  $\mathcal{B} \models \sigma$  for all  $\sigma \in \Delta$ , iff  $\Delta \cup \Sigma_E$  has a model.

*Proof.*

$\implies$  Trivial as  $\Sigma_E$  holds in a normal  $\mathcal{L}^E$ -structure.

$\impliedby$  If  $\mathcal{A} \models \Delta \cup \Sigma_E$  then by 2.6.3  $\hat{\mathcal{A}} \models \Delta$  and  $\hat{\mathcal{A}}$  is a normal  $\mathcal{L}^E$ -structure.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.6.5** (Compactness theorem for normal models). Suppose  $\mathcal{L}^E$  is a countable language with equality and  $\Delta$  is a set of closed  $\mathcal{L}^E$ -formulas such that every finite subset of  $\Delta$  has a normal model. Then  $\Delta$  has a normal model.

*Proof.* Every normal  $\mathcal{L}^E$ -structure is a model of  $\Sigma_E$ , so every finite subset of  $\Delta \cup \Sigma_E$  has a model. By 2.5.7  $\Delta \cup \Sigma_E$  has a model  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then by 2.6.3 or 2.6.4  $\hat{\mathcal{A}}$  is a normal model of  $\Delta$ .  $\square$

From now on, write  $\mathcal{L}^=$  instead of  $\mathcal{L}^E$  and  $x_1 = x_2$  instead of  $E(x_1, x_2)$  etc.