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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 ϕ and ψ 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 ϕ 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 ϕ when p_i has value x_i for $i = 1, \dots, n$, computed using the rules in 1.1.1. F_ϕ is the **truth function of ϕ** .

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

p	q	$(\neg q)$	$(p \rightarrow (\neg q))$	ϕ
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_ϕ always has value T .
2. Say that formulas ϕ, ψ are **logically equivalent** (LE) if they have the same truth function, that is $F_\phi = F_\psi$.

Remark 1.1.5.

1. ϕ, ψ are LE iff $(\phi \leftrightarrow \psi)$ is a tautology.
2. Suppose ϕ is a formula with variables p_1, \dots, p_n and ϕ_1, \dots, ϕ_n are formulas with variables q_1, \dots, q_r . For each $i \leq n$ substitute ϕ_i in place of p_i in ϕ . Then the result is a formula θ , and if ϕ is a tautology, then so is θ .

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 ϕ_1 and ϕ_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 ϕ .

□

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 ϕ, ψ, χ , $(\phi \wedge (\psi \wedge \chi))$ 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 ϕ and θ were constructed using only \neg, \wedge, \vee , 1.1.8 follows. \square

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

Corollary 1.1.9. Suppose χ is a formula whose truth function is not always F . Then χ is LE to a formula in DNF.

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

Example. Let χ 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 ϕ 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** Σ 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 Σ ,
 - (c) a subset $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ called the **axioms** of Σ , and
 - (d) a collection of **deduction rules**.
2. A **proof** in Σ is a finite sequence of formulas in \mathcal{F} ϕ_1, \dots, ϕ_n such that each ϕ_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 Σ .

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

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 Σ , and check whether something is a proof. Say Σ 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 ϕ, ψ are formulas so are $(\neg\phi), (\phi \rightarrow \psi)$, and
 - (c) any formula arises in this way.
3. Axioms. Suppose ϕ, ψ, χ 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 ψ .

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

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 (\phi \rightarrow ((\phi \rightarrow \phi) \rightarrow \phi)) & (A1) \\
 ((\phi \rightarrow ((\phi \rightarrow \phi) \rightarrow \phi)) \rightarrow ((\phi \rightarrow (\phi \rightarrow \phi)) \rightarrow (\phi \rightarrow \phi))) & (A2) \\
 ((\phi \rightarrow (\phi \rightarrow \phi)) \rightarrow (\phi \rightarrow \phi)) & (1, 2, MP) \\
 (\phi \rightarrow (\phi \rightarrow \phi)) & (A1) \\
 (\phi \rightarrow \phi) & (3, 4, MP)
 \end{array}$$

Definition 1.2.4. Suppose Γ is a set of L -formulas. A **deduction from** Γ is a finite sequence of L -formulas ϕ_1, \dots, ϕ_n such that each ϕ_i is either an axiom, a formula in Γ , 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 Γ ending in ϕ . Say ϕ is a **consequence** of Γ . So $\emptyset \vdash_L \phi$ is the same as $\vdash_L \phi$.

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

Corollary 1.2.6 (Hypothetical syllogism). Suppose ϕ, ψ, χ 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 χ from ϕ .

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 (\phi \rightarrow \psi) & (\text{theorem of } L) \\
 (\psi \rightarrow \chi) & (\text{theorem of } L) \\
 \phi & (\text{assumption}) \\
 \psi & (1, 3, MP) \\
 \chi & (2, 4, MP)
 \end{array}$$

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 ϕ, ψ 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 χ is any formula. Then $\{(\neg\phi), ((\neg\phi) \rightarrow \phi)\} \vdash_L \chi$ by 2 and MP. Let α be any axiom and let χ 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 α 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 ψ is either an axiom or in Γ or is ϕ . 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 ϕ is ψ we have $\Gamma \vdash_L (\phi \rightarrow \phi)$ by 1.2.3. This finishes the base case.
2. Inductive step. In our deduction of ψ from $\Gamma \cup \{\phi\}$ either ψ is an axiom, or in Γ , or is ϕ , or ψ 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 ϕ is a theorem of L . Then ϕ 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 ϕ satisfying $v((\neg\phi)) \neq v(\phi)$, etc. See problem sheet 2, question 3(b).

By induction on the length of a proof of ϕ 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 χ .

Proof of Theorem 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 $v(\psi) = T$ or $v((\psi \rightarrow \chi)) = T$ then $v(\chi) = T$.

□

Theorem 1.3.3 (Generalisation of Soundness theorem of L). Suppose Γ is a set of formulas and ϕ 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 ϕ 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 Γ of L -formulas is **consistent** if there is no L -formula ϕ such that $\Gamma \vdash_L \phi$ and $\Gamma \vdash_L (\neg\phi)$.

Proposition 1.3.6. Suppose Γ 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 ψ 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 Γ is a consistent set of L -formulas. Then there is a consistent set of formulas $\Gamma^* \supseteq \Gamma$ such that for every ϕ either $\Gamma^* \vdash_L \phi$ or $\Gamma^* \vdash_L (\neg\phi)$.

Sometimes say Γ^* is **complete**.

Proof. The set of L -formulas is countable, so we can list the L -formulas as ϕ_0, ϕ_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 Γ_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 Γ_i is consistent. Claim that Γ^* 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 ϕ 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 Γ^* be as above. Then there is a valuation v such that for every L -formula ϕ , $v(\phi) = T$ iff $\Gamma^* \vdash_L \phi$.

Corollary 1.3.9. Suppose Δ 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, Γ is consistent. By 1.3.7 there is $\Gamma^* \supseteq \Gamma$ which is still consistent and such that for every χ 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 Γ^* be a consistent set of L -formulas such that for every L -formula ϕ 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 ϕ that $v(\phi) = T$ iff $\Gamma^* \vdash_L \phi$. Base case for ϕ is just a propositional variable. This case is by definition of v . Inductive step is the following.

1. Assume that ϕ is $(\neg\psi)$.

\Rightarrow $v(\phi) = T$ 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 $\Gamma^* \vdash_L \phi$.

\Leftarrow 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 ϕ is $(\psi \rightarrow \chi)$.

\Leftarrow 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 $\Gamma^* \not\vdash_L \phi$.

\Rightarrow 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 Δ is a set of L -formulas and ϕ is an L -formula. Then

1. Δ 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 Δ is consistent. □

Theorem 1.3.11 (Compactness theorem for L). Suppose Δ 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 Δ is consistent. Similarly 2 holds iff every finite subset of Δ 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 Δ , 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.

1 and 2 are semantics while 3 and 4 are syntax. This is Gödel's completeness theorem.

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 ϕ, ψ 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 ϕ, ψ 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

$$\mathcal{A} = \langle A; (\overline{R_i} \mid i \in I), (\overline{f_j} \mid j \in J), (\overline{c_k} \mid k \in K) \rangle$$

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

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

where \overline{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. $v(c_k) = \overline{c_k}$ for all $k \in K$, and
3. $v(f(t_1, \dots, t_m)) = \overline{f}(v(t_1), \dots, v(t_m))$,

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

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

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 ϕ , what is meant by v **satisfies** ϕ 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 $\overline{R}(v(t_1), \dots, v(t_n))$ holds in \mathcal{A} .
2. Suppose ϕ, ψ are \mathcal{L} formulas and we already know about valuations satisfying ϕ, ψ .

- (a) v satisfies $(\neg\phi)$ in \mathcal{A} iff v does not satisfy ϕ in \mathcal{A} .
- (b) v satisfies $(\phi \rightarrow \psi)$ in \mathcal{A} iff it is not the case that v satisfies ϕ in \mathcal{A} and v does not satisfy ψ 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 ϕ in \mathcal{A} .

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

If v satisfies ϕ , write $v[\phi] = T$. If v does not satisfy ϕ , write $v[\phi] = F$. If every valuation in \mathcal{A} satisfies ϕ , say that ϕ is **true** in \mathcal{A} or \mathcal{A} is a **model** of ϕ and write $\mathcal{A} \models \phi$. If $\mathcal{A} \models \phi$ for every \mathcal{L} -structure \mathcal{A} , we say that ϕ 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 $v(x_1) = 1 = v(x_3)$ or $v(x_2) = 2$. 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 ϕ and \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 ϕ . Suppose v satisfies $(\neg(\forall x_1)(\neg\phi))$. Using Definition 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 ϕ . (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 ϕ 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.

Some logically valid formulas. Consider the propositional formula χ by $(p_1 \rightarrow (p_2 \rightarrow p_1))$. Suppose \mathcal{L} is a first-order language and ϕ_1, ϕ_2 are \mathcal{L} -formulas. Substitute ϕ_1 in place of p_1 and ϕ_2 in place of p_2 in χ . We obtain an \mathcal{L} formula θ by $(\phi_1 \rightarrow (\phi_2 \rightarrow \phi_1))$. Check that as χ is a tautology θ is logically valid. (TODO Exercise)

Definition 2.2.11. Suppose χ is an \mathcal{L} -formula involving propositional variables p_1, \dots, p_n . Suppose \mathcal{L} is a first-order language and ϕ_1, \dots, ϕ_n are \mathcal{L} -formulas. A **substitution instance** of χ is obtained by replacing each p_i in χ by ϕ_i for $i = 1, \dots, n$. Call the result θ .

Theorem 2.2.12.

- θ is an \mathcal{L} -formula, and
- If χ is a tautology then θ is logically valid.