

# Generality & Existence III

## Predication & Identity

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Understanding the behaviour  
of the identity predicate.

Sequents & Defining Rules

Identity & Indistinguishability

Defining Rules & Left/Right Rules

Identity & Predication

Free Logic & Identity

# SEQUENTS & DEFINING RULES



## Sequents

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Structural rules govern declarative sentences *as such*.

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*Identity* and *Cut* determine the behaviour of conjunctions on the *right*.

# From $[\wedge Df]$ to $[\wedge L/R]$

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 \frac{\frac{\frac{}{A \wedge B \succ A \wedge B} [Id]}{A, B \succ A \wedge B} [\wedge Df]}{\Gamma \succ B, \Delta \quad A, B \succ A \wedge B} [Cut] \\
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The diagram illustrates a proof transformation. It shows a sequence of logical steps:
 

- Top level:  $\frac{\frac{\frac{\Gamma \succ B, \Delta}{\Gamma, A \succ A \wedge B, \Delta} [\text{Cut}]}{\Gamma \succ A, \Delta} [\text{Cut}]}{\Gamma \succ A \wedge B, \Delta} [\text{Cut}]$
- Second level:  $\frac{\Gamma \succ B, \Delta}{\Gamma, A \succ A \wedge B, \Delta} [\text{Cut}]$
- Third level:  $\frac{A \wedge B \succ A \wedge B}{A, B \succ A \wedge B} [\wedge Df]$
- Fourth level:  $\frac{}{A \wedge B \succ A \wedge B} [Id]$

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## And Back

$$\frac{\frac{A \succ A \quad B \succ B}{A, B \succ A \wedge B} [\wedge R] \quad \Gamma, A \wedge B \succ \Delta}{\Gamma, A, B \succ \Delta} [Cut]$$

# Quantifier Rules

$$\frac{\Gamma \succ A(n), \Delta}{\Gamma \succ (\forall x)A(x), \Delta} [\forall Df] \qquad \frac{\Gamma, A(n) \succ \Delta}{\Gamma, (\exists x)A(x) \succ \Delta} [\exists Df]$$

# Deductive Generality

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I want to see how this works for *identity*.

# IDENTITY & INDIS- TINGUISHABILITY

# Identity and Harmony

## *Identity and harmony*

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### 1. *Harmony*

The inferentialist account of logic says that the meaning of a logical operator is given by the rules for its application. Prior (1960–61) showed that a simple and straightforward interpretation of this account of logicity reduces to absurdity. For if ‘tonk’ has the meaning given by the rules Prior proposed for it, contradiction follows. Accordingly, a more subtle interpretation of inferentialism is needed. Such a proposal was put forward initially by Gentzen (1934) and elaborated by, e.g., Prawitz (1977). The meaning of a logical expression is given by the rules for the assertion of statements containing that expression (as designated component); these are its introduction-rules. The meaning so given justifies further rules for drawing inferences from such assertions; these are its elimination-rules:

The introductions represent, as it were, the ‘definitions’ of the symbols concerned, and the eliminations are no more, in the final analysis, than the consequence of these definitions. (Gentzen 1934: 80)

For example, if the only ground for assertion of ‘ $p$  tonk  $q$ ’ is given by Prior’s rule:

$$\frac{p}{p \text{ tonk } q} \text{ tonk-I}$$

then Prior mis-stated the elimination-rule. It should read

$$\frac{(p) \quad p \text{ tonk } q \quad r}{r} \text{ tonk-E}$$

that is, given ‘ $p$  tonk  $q$ ’, and a derivation of  $r$  from  $p$  (the ground for asserting ‘ $p$  tonk  $q$ ’), we can infer  $r$ , discharging the assumption  $p$ . We can state the rule more simply as follows:

$$p \text{ tonk } q$$

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## Defining Rule for Identity

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No norm holds of  $Fx$  that doesn't also hold of the sentence context  $A(x)$ .

# DEFINING RULES & LEFT/RIGHT RULES

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$$\frac{\Gamma \succ A(s), \Delta}{s = t, \Gamma \succ A(t), \Delta} [=L']$$

# $[=L']$ is Enough to recover $[=Df]$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{\Gamma \succ s = t, \Delta}{\Gamma, Fs \succ s = t, Ft, \Delta} [K] \qquad \frac{\frac{\frac{}{Ft \succ Ft} [Id]}{s = t, Fs \succ Ft} [=L']}{\Gamma, s = t, Fs \succ Ft, \Delta} [K] \\
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 \Gamma, Fs \succ Ft, \Delta \qquad \qquad \qquad [Cut]
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It operates at *two places* in the concluding sequent.

This puts *compositionality* in question.

# IDENTITY & PREDICATION



## Decomposing [=L']: conjunctions

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\Gamma \succ A(s) \wedge B(s), \Delta}{\Gamma \succ A(s), \Delta} [\wedge E]}{s = t, \Gamma \succ A(t), \Delta} [=L']}{s = t, \Gamma \succ A(t) \wedge B(t), \Delta} [\wedge R]$$
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## Decomposing [=L']: disjunctions

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\Gamma \succ A(s) \vee B(s), \Delta}{\Gamma \succ A(s), B(s), \Delta} [\vee Df]}{s = t, \Gamma \succ A(t), B(s), \Delta} [=L']}{s = t, s = t, \Gamma \succ A(t), B(t), \Delta} [=L'] \frac{}{s = t, \Gamma \succ A(t) \vee B(t), \Delta} [W] \frac{}{s = t, \Gamma \succ A(t) \vee B(t), \Delta} [\vee Df]$$

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## Decomposing [=L']: universal quantifiers

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\Gamma \succ (\forall x)A(x, s), \Delta}{\Gamma \succ A(n, s), \Delta} [\forall Df]}{s = t, \Gamma \succ A(n, t), \Delta} [=L']}{s = t, \Gamma \succ (\forall x)A(x, t), \Delta} [\forall Df]$$

[=L'] on a *universally quantified statement* is given by [=L'] on an *instance*.

## Decomposing [=L']: existential quantifiers

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{A(n, s) \succ A(n, s)} [Id] \\
 \frac{}{s = t, A(n, s) \succ A(n, t)} [=L'] \\
 \frac{}{s = t, A(n, s) \succ (\exists x)A(x, t)} [\exists R] \\
 \frac{}{s = t, (\exists x)A(x, s) \succ (\exists x)A(x, t)} [\exists Df] \quad \Gamma \succ (\exists x)A(x, s), \Delta \\
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 s = t, \Gamma \succ (\exists x)A(x, t), \Delta \quad [Cut]
 \end{array}$$

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## But for *negation*...

$$\frac{\Gamma \succ \neg A(s), \Delta}{\Gamma, A(s) \succ \Delta} [\neg Df]$$
$$\frac{\Gamma, A(s) \succ \Delta}{s = t, A(t), \Gamma \succ \Delta} [=L' \text{ on the wrong side!}]$$
$$\frac{s = t, A(t), \Gamma \succ \Delta}{s = t, \Gamma \succ \neg A(t), \Delta} [\neg Df]$$

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ATOMIC PREDICATES: closed upward under <.

*Spec*: holds for atomic predicates, closed under  $\wedge, \vee, \forall, \exists$  but not  $\neg$  or  $\supset$ .

# FREE LOGIC & IDENTITY



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MORAL: For non-committal identity, allow  $F$  to be *negative* as well as *positive* (e.g., *nonexistence*) so  $FL$  might fail for this predicate.

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I'll consider this more on this in the next talk,  
when I consider the interaction with modality.



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