

Natural Deduction in $QL^=$

LOGIC I

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Motivation

Entailment: We have defined entailment in $QL^=$.

Completeness: We want a complete natural deduction system for $QL^=$.

Question 1: What rules do we need to derive the following?

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| - All humans are mortal. | - $\forall x(Hx \supset Mx)$ |
| - Socrates is human. | - Hs |
| - Socrates is mortal. | - Ms |
| \therefore Someone is mortal. | $\therefore \exists xMx$ |

Substitution

Free For: β is FREE FOR α in φ just in case there is no free occurrence of α in φ in the scope of a quantifier that binds β .

Constants: If β is a constant, then β is free for any α and φ .

Substitution: If β is free for α in φ , then the SUBSTITUTION $\varphi[\beta/\alpha]$ is the result of replacing all free occurrences of α in φ with β .

Instance: $\varphi[\beta/\alpha]$ is a substitution instance of $\forall\alpha\varphi$ and $\exists\alpha\varphi$ if β is a constant.

Universal Elimination and Existential Introduction

($\forall E$) $\forall\alpha\varphi \vdash \varphi[\beta/\alpha]$ where β is a constant and α is a variable.

($\exists I$) $\varphi[\beta/\alpha] \vdash \exists\alpha\varphi$ where β is a constant and α is a variable.

Task 1: Derive the argument above.

Universal: Everyone is either great or unfortunate $\forall x(Gx \vee Ux)$.

Existential: Tom is either great or unfortunate ($Gt \vee Ut$).

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| $\therefore \exists x(Gx \vee Ux)$. | $\therefore \exists y\exists x(Gy \vee Uy)$. |
| $\therefore \exists x(Gx \vee Ut)$. | $\therefore \exists y\exists x(Gx \vee Uy)$. |
| $\therefore \exists x(Gt \vee Ut)$. | $\# \exists x\exists x(Gx \vee Ux)$. |

Universal Introduction

Generalising: It would seem that we cannot universally generalise from instances.

Invalid: The following argument is invalid and should not be derivable.

- Socrates is mortal. (Ms)
- # Everything is mortal. ($\forall x Mx$)

Valid: Compare the following valid argument which should be derivable:

- $\forall x \forall y \forall z ((Rxy \wedge Ryz) \supset Rxz)$.
- $\forall x \neg Rxx$.
- $\therefore \forall x \forall y (Rxy \supset \neg Ryx)$.

Task 2: Use the rules we have to derive as much as we can.

1. $\forall x \forall y \forall z ((Rxy \wedge Ryz) \supset Rxz)$
2. $\forall x \neg Rxx$
3. $\forall y \forall z ((Ray \wedge Ryz) \supset Raz)$: $\forall E$
4. $\forall z ((Rab \wedge Rbz) \supset Raz)$: $\forall E$
5. $(Rab \wedge Rba) \supset Raa$: $\forall E$
6. $\neg Raa$: $\forall E$
7. $\mid Rab$:AS for $\supset I$
8. $\mid \mid Rba$:AS for $\neg I$
9. $\mid \mid Rab \wedge Rba$: $\wedge I$
10. $\mid \mid Raa$: $\supset E$
11. $\mid \neg Rba$: $\neg I$
12. $Rab \supset \neg Rba$: $\supset I$
13. $\forall y (Ray \supset \neg Rya)$: $\forall I$
14. $\forall x \forall y (Rxy \supset \neg Ryx)$: $\forall I$

Question 2: How are we going to introduce universal quantifiers without making the invalid argument above derivable?

($\forall I$) $\varphi[\beta/\alpha] \vdash \forall \alpha \varphi$ where β is a constant, α is a variable, and β does not occur in $\forall \alpha \varphi$ or in any undischarged assumption.

Arbitrary: The constraints on ($\forall E$) require β to be arbitrary.

Review: Bad inference above is blocked.

In Premise: Anu loves every dog.

$\forall x (Dx \supset Lax) \vdash Da \supset Laa \not\vdash \forall x (Dx \supset Lxx)$.

In Conclusion: All dogs love themselves.

$\forall x (Dx \supset Lxx) \vdash Da \supset Laa \not\vdash \forall x (Dx \supset Lax)$.

Existential Elimination

Task 3: Compare the following invalid inference.

- Someone is mortal.
- # Zeus is mortal.

Question 3: How are we going to eliminate existential quantifiers without making the argument above derivable?

Example: Consider the following argument:

- Everyone who applied found a position $\forall x(Ax \supset \exists yFxy)$.
- Someone applied $\exists xAx$.
- \therefore Someone found a position $\exists x\exists yFxy$.

($\exists E$) If $\exists\alpha\varphi, \varphi[\beta/\alpha] \vdash \psi$ where β is a constant that does not occur in $\exists\alpha\varphi, \psi$, or in any undischarged assumption, then $\exists\alpha\varphi \vdash \psi$.

Derivation: We can derive the example without deriving the invalid inference.

Quantifier Exchange Rules

($\neg\exists$) $\neg\exists\alpha\varphi \vdash \forall\alpha\neg\varphi$.

($\forall\neg$) $\forall\alpha\neg\varphi \vdash \neg\exists\alpha\varphi$.

($\neg\forall$) $\neg\forall\alpha\varphi \vdash \exists\alpha\neg\varphi$.

($\exists\neg$) $\exists\alpha\neg\varphi \vdash \neg\forall\alpha\varphi$.

Task 4: $\forall\alpha\neg\varphi \vdash \neg\exists\alpha\varphi$.

Task 5: $\exists\alpha\neg\varphi \vdash \neg\forall\alpha\varphi$.

1. $\forall\alpha\neg\varphi$
2. $\mid \exists\alpha\varphi$
3. $\mid \mid \varphi[\beta/\alpha]$
4. $\mid \mid \mid \exists\alpha\varphi$
5. $\mid \mid \mid \varphi[\beta/\alpha]$
6. $\mid \mid \mid \neg\varphi[\beta/\alpha]$
7. $\mid \mid \neg\exists\alpha\varphi$
8. $\mid \neg\exists\alpha\varphi$
9. $\neg\exists\alpha\varphi$

10. $\exists\alpha\neg\varphi$
11. $\mid \forall\alpha\varphi$
12. $\mid \mid \neg\varphi[\beta/\alpha]$
13. $\mid \mid \mid \forall\alpha\varphi$
14. $\mid \mid \mid \neg\varphi[\beta/\alpha]$
15. $\mid \mid \mid \varphi[\beta/\alpha]$
16. $\mid \mid \neg\forall\alpha\varphi$
17. $\mid \neg\forall\alpha\varphi$
18. $\neg\forall\alpha\varphi$

Task 6: Prove the rules below:

(MCP) If $\varphi \vdash \psi$, then $\neg\psi \vdash \neg\varphi$.

($\forall DN$) $\forall\alpha\neg\neg\varphi \vdash \forall\alpha\varphi$.

($\exists DN$) $\exists\alpha\neg\neg\varphi \vdash \exists\alpha\varphi$.

Task 7: Use the rules above to derive ($\neg\exists$) and ($\neg\forall$).