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B1.1 Logic

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“Propositional and Predicate Calculus: A
Model of Argument”, Springer.

Introduction

1. What is mathematical logic about?

- provide a uniform, unambiguous **language** for mathematics
- make precise what a **proof** is
- explain and guarantee **exactness, rigor and certainty** in mathematics
- establish the **foundations** of mathematics

B1 (Foundations)
= B1.1 (Logic) + B1.2 (Set theory)

N.B.: Course does not teach you to think logically, but it explores what it *means* to think logically

2. Historical motivation

- *19th cent.:*
need for conceptual foundation in analysis:
what is the correct notion of
infinity, infinitesimal, limit, ...
- attempts to formalize mathematics:
 - *Frege's Begriffsschrift*
 - *Cantor's **naïve** set theory:*
a set is any collection of objects
- led to **Russell's paradox:**
consider the set $R := \{S \text{ set} \mid S \notin S\}$
$$R \in R \Rightarrow R \notin R \text{ contradiction}$$
$$R \notin R \Rightarrow R \in R \text{ contradiction}$$

 \leadsto *fundamental crisis in the foundations of mathematics*

3. Hilbert's Program

1. find a uniform (formal) **language** for all mathematics
 2. find a complete system of **inference rules/ deduction rules**
 3. find a complete system of mathematical **axioms**
 4. prove that the system 1.+2.+3. is **consistent**, i.e. does not lead to contradictions
- ★ **complete:** every mathematical sentence can be proved or disproved using 2. and 3.
 - ★ 1., 2. and 3. should be **finitary/effective/computable/algorithmic**
so, e.g., in 3. you can't take as axioms *the system of all true sentences in mathematics*
 - ★ **idea:** any piece of information is of finite length

4. Solutions to Hilbert's program

Step 1. is possible in the framework of
ZF = *Zermelo-Fraenkel set theory* or
ZFC = **ZF** + *Axiom of Choice*
(this is an empirical fact)
↷ B1.2 Set Theory HT 2017

Step 2. is possible in the framework of
1st-order logic:
Gödel's Completeness Theorem
↷ B1.1 Logic - this course

Step 3. is not possible (↷ C1.2):
Gödel's 1st Incompleteness Theorem:
there is no effective axiomatization
of arithmetic

Step 4. is not possible (↷ C1.2):
Gödel's 2nd Incompleteness Theorem, (but..)

5. Decidability

Step 3. of Hilbert's program fails:

there is no effective axiomatization
for the entire body of mathematics

But: many important parts of mathematics
are completely and effectively axiomatizable,
they are **decidable**, i.e. there is an
algorithm = program = effective procedure
deciding whether a sentence is true or false
↪ allows proofs by computer

Example: $Th(\mathbb{C})$ = the **1st-order theory** of \mathbb{C}
= all *algebraic* properties of \mathbb{C} :

Axioms = *field axioms*
+ *all non-constant polynomials have a zero*
+ *the characteristic is 0*

Every algebraic property of \mathbb{C} follows from these
axioms.

Similarly for $Th(\mathbb{R})$.

↪ C1.1 Model Theory

6. Why *mathematical* logic?

1. Language and deduction rules are tailored for *mathematical objects* and mathematical ways of reasoning

N.B.: Logic tells you what a proof *is*, not how to *find* one

2. The *method* is mathematical:
we will develop logic as a *calculus* with sentences and formulas

⇒ Logic is itself a mathematical discipline, not meta-mathematics or philosophy, no ontological questions like *what is a number?*

3. Logic has *applications* towards other areas of mathematics, e.g. Algebra, Topology, but also towards theoretical computer science

PART I: Propositional Calculus

1. The language of propositional calculus

... is a very coarse language with limited expressive power

... allows you to break a complicated sentence down into its subclauses, but not any further

... will be refined in PART II *Predicate Calculus*, the true language of 1st order logic

... is nevertheless well suited for entering formal logic

1.1 Propositional variables

- all mathematical disciplines use variables, e.g. x, y for real numbers or z, w for complex numbers or α, β for angles etc.
- in logic we introduce variables p_0, p_1, p_2, \dots for sentences (*propositions*)
- we don't care what these propositions say, only their *logical properties* count, i.e. whether they are *true* or *false* (when we use *variables* for real numbers, we also don't care about *particular* numbers)

1.2 The alphabet of propositional calculus

consists of the following symbols:

the propositional variables $p_0, p_1, \dots, p_n, \dots$

negation \neg - the unary connective *not*

four binary connectives $\rightarrow, \wedge, \vee, \leftrightarrow$
implies, and, or and if and only if respectively

two punctuation marks (and)
left parenthesis and right parenthesis

This alphabet is denoted by \mathcal{L} .

Note that these are *abstract symbols*.

Note also that we use \rightarrow , and not \Rightarrow .

1.3 Strings

- A **string** (from \mathcal{L})

is any finite sequence of symbols from \mathcal{L}
placed one after the other - no gaps

- **Examples**

- (i) $\rightarrow p_1 \neg ($
- (ii) $((p_0 \wedge p_1) \rightarrow \neg p_2)$
- (iii) $)) \neg p_3$

- The **length** of a string is the number of symbols in it.

So the strings in the examples have length 4, 10, 5 respectively.

(A propositional variable has length 1.)

- we now single out from all strings those which make grammatical sense (*formulas*)

1.4 Formulas

The notion of a **formula of \mathcal{L}** is defined (*recursively*) by the following rules:

I. every propositional variable is a formula

II. if the string A is a formula then so is $\neg A$

III. if the strings A and B are both formulas then so are the strings

$(A \rightarrow B)$ read A *implies* B

$(A \wedge B)$ read A *and* B

$(A \vee B)$ read A *or* B

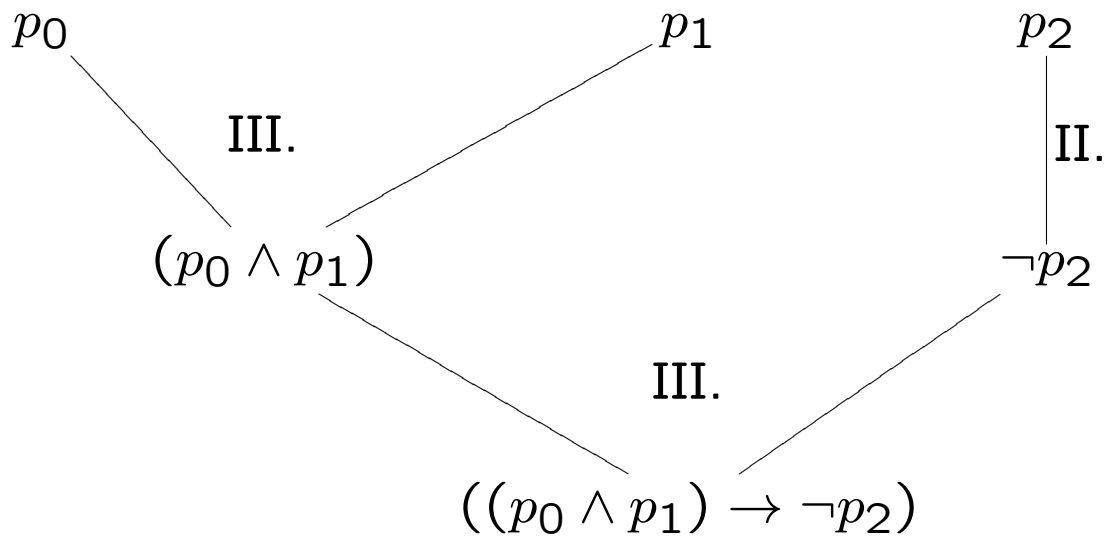
$(A \leftrightarrow B)$ read A *if and only if* B

IV. Nothing else is a formula,
i.e. a string ϕ is a formula if and only if ϕ
can be obtained from propositional variables
by finitely many applications of the *formation*
rules II. and III.

Examples

- the string $((p_0 \wedge p_1) \rightarrow \neg p_2)$ is a formula (Example (ii) in 1.3)

Proof:



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- Parentheses are important, e.g.
 $(p_0 \wedge (p_1 \rightarrow \neg p_2))$ is a different formula and $p_0 \wedge (p_1 \rightarrow \neg p_2)$ is no formula at all
- the strings $\rightarrow p_{17}()$ and $))\neg)p_{32}$ from Example (i) and (iii) in 1.3 are no formulas - this follows from the following Lemma:

Lemma *If ϕ is a formula then*

- *either ϕ is a propositional variable*
- *or the first symbol of ϕ is \neg*
- *or the first symbol of ϕ is $($.*

Proof: Induction on $n :=$ the length of ϕ :

$n = 1$: then ϕ is a propositional variable -
any formula obtained via formation rules
(II. and III.) has length > 1 .

Suppose the lemma holds for all formulas of
length $\leq n$.

Let ϕ have length $n + 1$

$\Rightarrow \phi$ is not a propositional variable ($n + 1 \geq 2$)

\Rightarrow either ϕ is $\neg\psi$ for some formula ψ - so ϕ
begins with \neg

or ϕ is $(\psi_1 \star \psi_2)$ for some $\star \in \{\rightarrow, \wedge, \vee, \leftrightarrow\}$ and
some formulas ψ_1, ψ_2 - so ϕ begins with $($. \square

The unique readability theorem

*A formula can be constructed in only one way:
For each formula ϕ **exactly one** of the following holds*

- (a) ϕ is p_i for some unique $i \in \mathbb{N}$;
- (b) ϕ is $\neg\psi$ for some **unique** formula ψ ;
- (c) ϕ is $(\psi\star\chi)$ for some **unique** pair of formulas ψ, χ and a **unique** binary connective $\star \in \{\rightarrow, \wedge, \vee, \leftrightarrow\}$.

Proof: Problem sheet #1.

2. Valuations

Propositional Calculus

- is designed to find the **truth** or **falsity** of a compound formula from its constituent parts
- it computes the **truth values** T ('true') or F ('false') of a formula ϕ , given the truth values assigned to the smallest constituent parts, i.e. the propositional variables occurring in ϕ

How this can be done is made precise in the following definition.

2.1 Definition

1. A **valuation** v is a function

$$v : \{p_0, p_1, p_2, \dots\} \rightarrow \{T, F\}$$

2. Given a valuation v we extend v uniquely to a function

$$\tilde{v} : \text{Form } (\mathcal{L}) \rightarrow \{T, F\}$$

(Form (\mathcal{L}) denotes the set of all formulas of \mathcal{L})

defined recursively as follows:

2.(i) If ϕ is a formula of length 1, i.e. a propositional variable, then $\tilde{v}(\phi) := v(\phi)$.

2.(ii) If \tilde{v} is defined for all formulas of length $\leq n$, let ϕ be a formula of length $n + 1$ (≥ 2).

Then, by the Unique Readability Theorem,

either $\phi = \neg\psi$ for a unique ψ

or $\phi = (\psi \star \chi)$ for a unique pair ψ, χ
and a unique $\star \in \{\rightarrow, \wedge, \vee, \leftrightarrow\}$,

where ψ and χ are formulas of length $\leq n$, so $\tilde{v}(\psi)$ and $\tilde{v}(\chi)$ are already defined.

Truth Tables

Define $\tilde{v}(\phi)$ by the following truth tables:

Negation

ψ	$\neg\psi$
T	F
F	T

i.e. if $\tilde{v}(\psi) = T$ then $\tilde{v}(\neg\psi) = F$
and if $\tilde{v}(\psi) = F$ then $\tilde{v}(\neg\psi) = T$

Binary Connectives

ψ	χ	$\psi \rightarrow \chi$	$\psi \wedge \chi$	$\psi \vee \chi$	$\psi \leftrightarrow \chi$
T	T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	T	F
F	T	T	F	T	F
F	F	T	F	F	T

so, e.g., if $\tilde{v}(\psi) = F$ and $\tilde{v}(\chi) = T$
then $\tilde{v}(\psi \vee \chi) = T$ etc.

Remark: These truth tables correspond roughly to our ordinary use of the words '*not*', '*if - then*', '*and*', '*or*' and '*if and only if*', except, perhaps, the truth table for implication (\rightarrow).

2.2 Example

Construct the full truth table for the formula

$$\phi := ((p_0 \vee p_1) \rightarrow \neg(p_1 \wedge p_2))$$

$\tilde{v}(\phi)$ only depends on $v(p_0)$, $v(p_1)$ and $v(p_2)$.

p_0	p_1	p_2	$(p_0 \vee p_1)$	$(p_1 \wedge p_2)$	$\neg(p_1 \wedge p_2)$	ϕ
T	T	T	T	T	F	F
T	T	F	T	F	T	T
T	F	T	T	F	T	T
T	F	F	T	F	T	T
F	T	T	T	T	F	F
F	T	F	T	F	T	T
F	F	T	F	F	T	T
F	F	F	F	F	T	T

2.3 Example Truth table for

$$\phi := ((p_0 \rightarrow p_1) \rightarrow (\neg p_1 \rightarrow \neg p_0))$$

p_0	p_1	$(p_0 \rightarrow p_1)$	$\neg p_1$	$\neg p_0$	$(\neg p_1 \rightarrow \neg p_0)$	ϕ
T	T	T	F	F	T	T
T	F	F	T	F	F	T
F	T	T	F	T	T	T
F	F	T	T	T	T	T

3. Logical Validity

3.1 Definition

- A valuation v **satisfies** a formula ϕ if $\tilde{v}(\phi) = T$
- If a formula ϕ is satisfied by *every* valuation then ϕ is **logically valid** or a **tautology** (e.g. Example 2.3, not Example 2.2)
Notation: $\models \phi$
- If a formula ϕ is satisfied by *some* valuation then ϕ is **satisfiable** (e.g. Example 2.2)
- A formula ϕ is a **logical consequence** of a formula ψ if, for *every* valuation v :

if $\tilde{v}(\psi) = T$ then $\tilde{v}(\phi) = T$

Notation: $\psi \models \phi$

3.2 Lemma $\psi \models \phi$ if and only if $\models (\psi \rightarrow \phi)$.

Proof: ' \Rightarrow ': Assume $\psi \models \phi$.

Let v be any valuation.

- If $\tilde{v}(\psi) = T$ then (by def.) $\tilde{v}(\phi) = T$,
so $\tilde{v}((\psi \rightarrow \phi)) = T$ by tt \rightarrow .

('tt \star ' stands for the truth table of the connective \star)

- If $\tilde{v}(\psi) = F$ then $\tilde{v}((\psi \rightarrow \phi)) = T$ by tt \rightarrow .

Thus, for every valuation v , $\tilde{v}((\psi \rightarrow \phi)) = T$,
so $\models (\psi \rightarrow \phi)$.

' \Leftarrow ': Conversely, suppose $\models (\psi \rightarrow \phi)$.

Let v be any valuation s.t. $\tilde{v}(\psi) = T$.

Since $\tilde{v}((\psi \rightarrow \phi)) = T$, also $\tilde{v}(\phi) = T$ by tt \rightarrow .

Hence $\psi \models \phi$.

□

More generally, we make the following

3.3 Definition Let Γ be any (possibly infinite) set of formulas and let ϕ be any formula. Then ϕ is a **logical consequence** of Γ if, for every valuation v :

$$\text{if } \tilde{v}(\psi) = T \text{ for all } \psi \in \Gamma \text{ then } \tilde{v}(\phi) = T$$

Notation: $\Gamma \models \phi$

3.4 Lemma

$\Gamma \cup \{\psi\} \models \phi$ if and only if $\Gamma \models (\psi \rightarrow \phi)$.

Proof: similar to the proof of previous lemma 3.2 - Exercise.

3.5 Example

$\models ((p_0 \rightarrow p_1) \rightarrow (\neg p_1 \rightarrow \neg p_0))$ (cf. Ex. 2.3)
Hence $(p_0 \rightarrow p_1) \models (\neg p_1 \rightarrow \neg p_0)$ by 3.2
Hence $\{(p_0 \rightarrow p_1), \neg p_1\} \models \neg p_0$ by 3.4

3.6 Example

$$\phi \models (\psi \rightarrow \phi)$$

Proof:

If $\tilde{v}(\phi) = T$ then, by tt \rightarrow , $\tilde{v}((\psi \rightarrow \phi)) = T$
(no matter what $\tilde{v}(\psi)$ is).

□

4. Logical Equivalence

4.1 Definition

Two formulas ϕ, ψ are **logically equivalent**

if $\phi \models \psi$ and $\psi \models \phi$,

i.e. if for every valuation v , $\tilde{v}(\phi) = \tilde{v}(\psi)$.

Notation: $\phi \models \psi$

Exercise $\phi \models \psi$ if and only if $\models (\phi \leftrightarrow \psi)$

4.2 Lemma

(i) For any formulas ϕ, ψ

$$(\phi \vee \psi) \models \neg(\neg\phi \wedge \neg\psi)$$

(ii) Hence every formula is logically equivalent to one without '∨'.

Proof:

(i) Either use truth tables
or observe that, for any valuation v :

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{v}(\neg(\neg\phi \wedge \neg\psi)) &= F \\ \text{iff } \tilde{v}(\neg\phi \wedge \neg\psi) &= T && \text{by tt } \neg \\ \text{iff } \tilde{v}(\neg\phi) = \tilde{v}(\neg\psi) &= T && \text{by tt } \wedge \\ \text{iff } \tilde{v}(\phi) = \tilde{v}(\psi) &= F && \text{by tt } \neg \\ \text{iff } \tilde{v}(\phi \vee \psi) &= F && \text{by tt } \vee\end{aligned}$$

(ii) Induction on the length of the formula ϕ :

Clear for length 1

For the induction step observe that

$$\text{If } \psi \models \psi' \text{ then } \neg\psi \models \neg\psi'$$

and

$$\text{If } \phi \models \phi' \text{ and } \psi \models \psi' \text{ then } (\phi \star \psi) \models (\phi' \star \psi'),$$

where \star is any binary connective.

(Use (i) if $\star = \vee$)

□

4.3 Some sloppy notation

We are only interested in formulas
up to logical equivalence:

If A, B, C are formulas then

$$((A \vee B) \vee C) \text{ and } (A \vee (B \vee C))$$

are different formulas, but logically equivalent.
So here - up to logical equivalence -
bracketing doesn't matter.
Hence

- Write $(A \vee B \vee C)$ or even $A \vee B \vee C$ instead.
- More generally, if A_1, \dots, A_n are formulas, write $A_1 \vee \dots \vee A_n$ or $\bigvee_{i=1}^n A_i$ for some (any) correctly bracketed version.
- Similarly $\bigwedge_{i=1}^n A_i$.

4.4 Some logical equivalences

Let A, B, A_i be formulas. Then

1. $\neg(A \vee B) \models \models (\neg A \wedge \neg B)$

So, inductively,

$$\neg \bigvee_{i=1}^n A_i \models \models \bigwedge_{i=1}^n \neg A_i$$

This is called *De Morgan's Laws*.

2. like 1. with \vee and \wedge swapped everywhere

3. $(A \rightarrow B) \models \models (\neg A \vee B)$

4. $(A \vee B) \models \models ((A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow B)$

5. $(A \leftrightarrow B) \models \models ((A \rightarrow B) \wedge (B \rightarrow A))$

5. Adequacy of the Connectives

The connectives \neg (unary) and $\rightarrow, \wedge, \vee, \leftrightarrow$ (binary) are the *logical part* of our language for propositional calculus.

Question:

- Do we have enough connectives?
- Can we express everything which is logically conceivable using only these connectives?
- Does our language \mathcal{L} recover all potential truth tables?

Answer: yes

5.1 Definition

(i) We denote by V_n the set of all functions

$$v : \{p_0, \dots, p_{n-1}\} \rightarrow \{T, F\}$$

i.e. of all partial valuations, only assigning values to the first n propositional variables. Hence $\#V_n = 2^n$.

(ii) An n -ary **truth function** is a function

$$J : V_n \rightarrow \{T, F\}$$

There are precisely 2^{2^n} such functions.

(iii) If a formula $\phi \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L})$ contains only prop. variables from the set $\{p_0, \dots, p_{n-1}\}$ – write ' $\phi \in \text{Form}_n(\mathcal{L})$ ' – then ϕ determines the truth function

$$\begin{array}{ccc} J_\phi : V_n & \rightarrow & \{T, F\} \\ v & \mapsto & \tilde{v}(\phi) \end{array}$$

i.e. J_ϕ is given by the truth table for ϕ .

5.2 Theorem

Our language \mathcal{L} is adequate,
i.e. for every n and every truth function
 $J : V_n \rightarrow \{T, F\}$ there is some $\phi \in \text{Form}_n(\mathcal{L})$
with $J_\phi = J$.
(In fact, we shall only use the connectives \neg, \wedge, \vee .)

Proof: Let $J : V_n \rightarrow \{T, F\}$ be any n -ary truth function.

If $J(v) = F$ for all $v \in V_n$ take $\phi := (p_0 \wedge \neg p_0)$.
Then, for all $v \in V_n$: $J_\phi(v) = \tilde{v}(\phi) = F = J(v)$.

Otherwise let $U := \{v \in V_n \mid J(v) = T\} \neq \emptyset$.
For each $v \in U$ and each $i < n$ define the formula

$$\psi_i^v := \begin{cases} p_i & \text{if } v(p_i) = T \\ \neg p_i & \text{if } v(p_i) = F \end{cases}$$

and let $\psi^v := \bigwedge_{i=0}^{n-1} \psi_i^v$.

Then for any valuation $w \in V_n$ one has the following equivalence (\star):

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{w}(\psi^v) = T & \text{ iff } \begin{array}{l} \text{for all } i < n : \\ \tilde{w}(\psi_i^v) = T \end{array} & (\text{by tt } \wedge) \\ & \text{ iff } w = v & (\text{by def. of } \psi_i^v) \end{aligned}$$

Now define $\phi := \bigvee_{v \in U} \psi^v$.

Then for any valuation $w \in V_n$:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{w}(\phi) = T & \text{ iff } \text{for some } v \in U : \tilde{w}(\psi^v) = T & (\text{by tt } \vee) \\ & \text{ iff } \text{for some } v \in U : w = v & (\text{by } (\star)) \\ & \text{ iff } w \in U \\ & \text{ iff } J(w) = T \end{aligned}$$

Hence for all $w \in V_n$: $J_\phi(w) = J(w)$, i.e. $J_\phi = J$.

□

5.3 Definition

- (i) A formula which is a conjunction of p_i 's and $\neg p_i$'s is called a **conjunctive clause**
 - e.g. ψ^v in the proof of 5.2

- (ii) A formula which is a disjunction of conjunctive clauses is said to be in **disjunctive normal form** ('dnf')
 - e.g. ϕ in the proof of 5.2

So we have, in fact, proved the following Corollary:

5.4 Corollary - 'The dnf-Theorem'

For any truth function

$$J : V_n \rightarrow \{T, F\}$$

*there is a formula $\phi \in \text{Form}_n(\mathcal{L})$ in **dnf** with $J_\phi = J$.*

In particular, every formula is logically equivalent to one in dnf.

5.5 Definition

Suppose S is a set of (truth-functional) connectives – so each $s \in S$ is given by some truth table.

- (i) Write $\mathcal{L}[S]$ for the language with connectives S instead of $\{\neg, \rightarrow, \wedge, \vee, \leftrightarrow\}$ and define $\text{Form}(\mathcal{L}[S])$ and $\text{Form}_n(\mathcal{L}[S])$ accordingly.
- (ii) We say that S is **adequate** (or **truth functionally complete**) if for all $n \geq 1$ and for all n -ary truth functions J there is some $\phi \in \text{Form}_n(\mathcal{L}[S])$ with $J_\phi = J$.

5.6 Examples

1. $S = \{\neg, \wedge, \vee\}$ is adequate (Theorem 5.2)
2. Hence, by Lemma 4.2(i), $S = \{\neg, \wedge\}$ is adequate:

$$\phi \vee \psi \models \neg(\neg\phi \wedge \neg\psi)$$

Similarly, $S = \{\neg, \vee\}$ is adequate:

$$\phi \wedge \psi \models \neg(\neg\phi \vee \neg\psi)$$

3. Can express \vee in terms of \rightarrow , so $\{\neg, \rightarrow\}$ is adequate (Problem sheet #2).
4. $S = \{\vee, \wedge, \rightarrow\}$ is **not** adequate, because any $\phi \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L}[S])$ has T in the top row of $\text{tt } \phi$, so no such ϕ gives $J_\phi = J_{\neg p_0}$.
5. There are precisely two binary connectives, say \uparrow and \downarrow such that $S = \{\uparrow\}$ and $S = \{\downarrow\}$ are adequate.

6. A deductive system for propositional calculus

- We have introduced '*logical consequence*':
 $\Gamma \models \phi$ – whenever (each formula of) Γ is true so is ϕ
- But we don't know yet how to give an actual **proof** of ϕ from the **hypotheses** Γ .
- A **proof** should be a finite sequence $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n$ of statements such that
 - either $\phi_i \in \Gamma$
 - or ϕ_i is some **axiom** (which should *clearly* be true)
 - or ϕ_i should follow from previous ϕ_j 's by some **rule of inference**
 - AND $\phi = \phi_n$

6.1 Definition

Let $\mathcal{L}_0 := \mathcal{L}[\{\neg, \rightarrow\}]$ (which is an adequate language). Then the **system** L_0 consists of the following axioms and rules:

Axioms

An **axiom** of L_0 is any formula of the following form ($\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L}_0)$):

$$\mathbf{A1} \quad (\alpha \rightarrow (\beta \rightarrow \alpha))$$

$$\mathbf{A2} \quad (((\alpha \rightarrow (\beta \rightarrow \gamma)) \rightarrow ((\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \gamma)))$$

$$\mathbf{A3} \quad ((\neg\beta \rightarrow \neg\alpha) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \beta))$$

Rules of inference

Only one: **modus ponens**

(for any $\alpha, \beta \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L}_0)$)

MP From α and $(\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$ infer β .

6.2 Definition

For any $\Gamma \subseteq \text{Form}(\mathcal{L}_0)$ we say that α is **deducible** (or **provable**) from the hypotheses Γ if there is a finite sequence $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L}_0)$ such that for each $i = 1, \dots, m$ either

- (a) α_i is an axiom, or
- (b) $\alpha_i \in \Gamma$, or
- (c) there are $j < k < i$ such that α_i follows from α_j, α_k by MP,
i.e. $\alpha_j = (\alpha_k \rightarrow \alpha_i)$ or $\alpha_k = (\alpha_j \rightarrow \alpha_i)$

AND

- (d) $\alpha_m = \alpha$.

The sequence $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m$ is then called a **proof** or **deduction** or **derivation** of α from Γ .

Write $\Gamma \vdash \alpha$.

If $\Gamma = \emptyset$ write $\vdash \alpha$ and say that α is a **theorem** (of the system L_0).

6.3 Example For any $\phi \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L}_0)$

$$(\phi \rightarrow \phi)$$

is a theorem of L_0 .

Proof:

$$\alpha_1 \quad (\phi \rightarrow (\phi \rightarrow \phi))$$

[A1 with $\alpha = \beta = \phi$]

$$\alpha_2 \quad (\phi \rightarrow ((\phi \rightarrow \phi) \rightarrow \phi))$$

[A1 with $\alpha = \phi$, $\beta = (\phi \rightarrow \phi)$]

$$\alpha_3 \quad ((\phi \rightarrow ((\phi \rightarrow \phi) \rightarrow \phi)) \rightarrow \\ \rightarrow ((\phi \rightarrow (\phi \rightarrow \phi)) \rightarrow (\phi \rightarrow \phi)))$$

[A2 with $\alpha = \phi$, $\beta = (\phi \rightarrow \phi)$, $\gamma = \phi$]

$$\alpha_4 \quad ((\phi \rightarrow (\phi \rightarrow \phi)) \rightarrow (\phi \rightarrow \phi))$$

[MP α_2, α_3]

$$\alpha_5 \quad (\phi \rightarrow \phi)$$

[MP α_1, α_4]

Thus, $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_5$ is a deduction of $(\phi \rightarrow \phi)$ in L_0 .

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6.4 Example

For any $\phi, \psi \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L}_0)$:

$$\{\phi, \neg\phi\} \vdash \psi$$

Proof:

$$\alpha_1 (\neg\phi \rightarrow (\neg\psi \rightarrow \neg\phi))$$

[A1 with $\alpha = \neg\phi, \beta = \neg\psi$]

$$\alpha_2 \neg\phi [\in \Gamma]$$

$$\alpha_3 (\neg\psi \rightarrow \neg\phi) [\text{MP } \alpha_1, \alpha_2]$$

$$\alpha_4 ((\neg\psi \rightarrow \neg\phi) \rightarrow (\phi \rightarrow \psi))$$

[A3 with $\alpha = \phi, \beta = \psi$]

$$\alpha_5 (\phi \rightarrow \psi) [\text{MP } \alpha_3, \alpha_4]$$

$$\alpha_6 \phi [\in \Gamma]$$

$$\alpha_7 \psi [\text{MP } \alpha_5, \alpha_6]$$

□

6.5 The Soundness Theorem for L_0

L_0 is **sound**, i.e. for any $\Gamma \subseteq \text{Form}(\mathcal{L}_0)$ and for any $\alpha \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L}_0)$:

if $\Gamma \vdash \alpha$ then $\Gamma \models \alpha$.

In particular, any theorem of L_0 is a tautology.

Proof:

Assume $\Gamma \vdash \alpha$ and let $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m = \alpha$ be a deduction of α in L_0 .

Let v be any valuation such that $\tilde{v}(\phi) = T$ for all $\phi \in \Gamma$.

We have to show that $\tilde{v}(\alpha) = T$.

We show by induction on $i \leq m$ that

$$\tilde{v}(\alpha_1) = \dots = \tilde{v}(\alpha_i) = T \quad (\star)$$

$i = 1$

either α_1 is an axiom, so $\tilde{v}(\alpha_1) = T$ or $\alpha_1 \in \Gamma$,
so, by hypothesis, $\tilde{v}(\alpha_1) = T$.

Induction step

Suppose (\star) is true for some $i < m$.
Consider α_{i+1} .

Either α_{i+1} is an axiom or $\alpha_{i+1} \in \Gamma$,
so $\tilde{v}(\alpha_{i+1}) = T$ as above,

or else there are $j \neq k < i + 1$ such that
 $\alpha_j = (\alpha_k \rightarrow \alpha_{i+1})$.

By induction hypothesis

$$\tilde{v}(\alpha_k) = \tilde{v}(\alpha_j) = \tilde{v}((\alpha_k \rightarrow \alpha_{i+1})) = T.$$

But then, by tt \rightarrow , $\tilde{v}(\alpha_{i+1}) = T$
(since $T \rightarrow F$ is F).

□

For the proof of the converse

Completeness Theorem

If $\Gamma \models \alpha$ then $\Gamma \vdash \alpha$.

we first prove

6.6 The Deduction Theorem for L_0

*For any $\Gamma \subseteq \text{Form}(\mathcal{L}_0)$ and
for any $\alpha, \beta \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L}_0)$:*

if $\Gamma \cup \{\alpha\} \vdash \beta$ then $\Gamma \vdash (\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$.

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Proof:

We prove by induction on m :

if $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m$ *is derivable in* L_0
from the hypotheses $\Gamma \cup \{\alpha\}$
then *for all* $i \leq m$
 $(\alpha \rightarrow \alpha_i)$ *is derivable in* L_0
from the hypotheses Γ .

m=1

Either α_1 is an Axiom or $\alpha_1 \in \Gamma \cup \{\alpha\}$.

Case 1: α_1 is an Axiom

Then

- | | | |
|---|--|-------------------|
| 1 | α_1 | [Axiom] |
| 2 | $(\alpha_1 \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha_1))$ | [Instance of A1] |
| 3 | $(\alpha \rightarrow \alpha_1)$ | [MP 1,2] |

is a derivation of $(\alpha \rightarrow \alpha_1)$ from hypotheses \emptyset .

Note that if $\Delta \vdash \psi$ and $\Delta \subseteq \Delta'$, then obviously $\Delta' \vdash \psi$.

Thus $(\alpha \rightarrow \alpha_1)$ is derivable in L_0 from hypotheses Γ .

Case 2: $\alpha_1 \in \Gamma \cup \{\alpha\}$

If $\alpha_1 \in \Gamma$ then same proof as above works (with justification on line 1 changed to ' $\in \Gamma$ ').

If $\alpha_1 = \alpha$, then, by Example 6.3, $\vdash (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha_1)$, hence $\Gamma \vdash (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha_1)$.

Induction Step

IH: Suppose result is true for derivations of length $\leq m$.

Let $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{m+1}$ be a derivation in L_0 from $\Gamma \cup \{\alpha\}$.

Then **either** α_{m+1} is an axiom or $\alpha_{m+1} \in \Gamma \cup \{\alpha\}$ – in these cases proceed as above, even without IH.

Or α_{m+1} is obtained by MP from some earlier α_j, α_k , i.e. there are $j, k < m + 1$ such that $\alpha_j = (\alpha_k \rightarrow \alpha_{m+1})$.

By IH, we have

$$\begin{array}{ll} & \Gamma \vdash (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha_k) \\ \text{and} & \Gamma \vdash (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha_j), \\ \text{so} & \Gamma \vdash (\alpha \rightarrow (\alpha_k \rightarrow \alpha_{m+1})) \end{array}$$

Let β_1, \dots, β_r be a derivation in L_0 of $(\alpha \rightarrow \alpha_k) = \beta_r$ from Γ

and let $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_s$ be a derivation in L_0 of $(\alpha \rightarrow (\alpha_k \rightarrow \alpha_{m+1})) = \gamma_s$ from Γ .

Then

1	β_1	
\vdots	\vdots	
$r-1$	β_{r-1}	
r	$(\alpha \rightarrow \alpha_k)$	
$r+1$	γ_1	
\vdots	\vdots	
$r+s-1$	γ_{s-1}	
$r+s$	$(\alpha \rightarrow (\alpha_k \rightarrow \alpha_{m+1}))$	
$r+s+1$	$((\alpha \rightarrow (\alpha_k \rightarrow \alpha_{m+1})) \rightarrow$ $((\alpha \rightarrow \alpha_k) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha_{m+1})))$	[A2]
$r+s+2$	$((\alpha \rightarrow \alpha_k) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha_{m+1}))$	[MP $r+s, r+s+1$]
$r+s+3$	$(\alpha \rightarrow \alpha_{m+1})$	[MP $r, r+s+2$]

is a derivation of $(\alpha \rightarrow \alpha_{m+1})$ in L_0 from Γ . \square

6.7 Remarks

- Only needed instances of A1, A2 and the rule MP.
So any system that includes A1, A2 and MP satisfies the Deduction Theorem.
- Proof gives a precise **algorithm** for converting any derivation showing $\Gamma \cup \{\alpha\} \vdash \beta$ into one showing $\Gamma \vdash (\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$.
- Converse is easy:

If $\Gamma \vdash (\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$ then $\Gamma \cup \{\alpha\} \vdash \beta$.

Proof:

\vdots	\vdots	derivation from Γ
r	$\alpha \rightarrow \beta$	
$r+1$	α	$[\in \Gamma \cup \{\alpha\}]$
$r+2$	β	$[\text{MP } r, r+1]$

□

6.8 Example of use of DT

If $\Gamma \vdash (\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$ and $\Gamma \vdash (\beta \rightarrow \gamma)$
then $\Gamma \vdash (\alpha \rightarrow \gamma)$.

Proof:

By the deduction theorem ('DT'), it suffices
to show that $\Gamma \cup \{\alpha\} \vdash \gamma$.

\vdots	\vdots	proof from Γ
r	$(\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$	
$r+1$	\vdots	
\vdots	\vdots	proof from Γ
$r+s$	$(\beta \rightarrow \gamma)$	
$r+s+1$	α	$[\in \Gamma \cup \{\alpha\}]$
$r+s+2$	β	$[\text{MP } r, r+s+1]$
$r+s+3$	γ	$[\text{MP } r+s, r+s+2]$

□

From now on we may treat DT as an additional
inference rule in L_0 .

6.9 Definition

The **sequent calculus** SQ is the system where a **proof** (or **derivation**) of $\phi \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L}_0)$ from $\Gamma \subseteq \text{Form}(\mathcal{L}_0)$ is a finite sequence of **sequents**, i.e. of expressions of the form

$$\Delta \vdash_{SQ} \psi$$

with $\Delta \subseteq \text{Form}(\mathcal{L}_0)$ and $\Gamma \vdash_{SQ} \phi$ as last sequent.

Sequents may be formed according to the following rules

Ass: if $\psi \in \Delta$ then infer $\Delta \vdash_{SQ} \psi$

MP: from $\Delta \vdash_{SQ} \psi$ and $\Delta' \vdash_{SQ} (\psi \rightarrow \chi)$
infer $\Delta \cup \Delta' \vdash_{SQ} \chi$

DT: from $\Delta \cup \{\psi\} \vdash_{SQ} \chi$ infer $\Delta \vdash_{SQ} (\psi \rightarrow \chi)$

PC: from $\Delta \cup \{\neg\psi\} \vdash_{SQ} \chi$ and
 $\Delta' \cup \{\neg\psi\} \vdash_{SQ} \neg\chi$ infer $\Delta \cup \Delta' \vdash_{SQ} \psi$

‘PC’ stands for *proof by contradiction*

Note: no axioms.

6.10 Example of a proof in SQ

- | | | |
|---|---|----------|
| 1 | $\neg\beta \vdash_{SQ} \neg\beta$ | [Ass] |
| 2 | $(\neg\beta \rightarrow \neg\alpha) \vdash_{SQ} (\neg\beta \rightarrow \neg\alpha)$ | [Ass] |
| 3 | $(\neg\beta \rightarrow \neg\alpha), \neg\beta \vdash_{SQ} \neg\alpha$ | [MP 1,2] |
| 4 | $\alpha, \neg\beta \vdash_{SQ} \alpha$ | [Ass] |
| 5 | $(\neg\beta \rightarrow \neg\alpha), \alpha \vdash_{SQ} \beta$ | [PC 3,4] |
| 6 | $(\neg\beta \rightarrow \neg\alpha) \vdash_{SQ} (\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$ | [DT 5] |
| 7 | $\vdash_{SQ} ((\neg\beta \rightarrow \neg\alpha) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \beta))$ | [DT 6] |

So $\vdash_{SQ} A3$.

We'd better write ' $\Gamma \vdash_{L_0} \phi$ ' for ' $\Gamma \vdash \phi$ in L_0 '.

6.11 Theorem

L_0 and SQ are equivalent: for all Γ, ϕ

$$\Gamma \vdash_{L_0} \phi \text{ iff } \Gamma \vdash_{SQ} \phi.$$

Proof: Exercise

7. Consistency, Completeness and Compactness

7.1 Definition

Let $\Gamma \subseteq \text{Form}(\mathcal{L}_0)$. Γ is said to be **consistent** (or \mathcal{L}_0 -consistent) if for *no* formula α both $\Gamma \vdash \alpha$ and $\Gamma \vdash \neg\alpha$.

Otherwise Γ is **inconsistent**.

E.g. \emptyset is consistent: by soundness theorem, α and $\neg\alpha$ are never simultaneously true.

7.2. Lemma

$\Gamma \cup \{\neg\phi\}$ is inconsistent iff $\Gamma \vdash \phi$.

(In part., if $\Gamma \not\vdash \phi$ then $\Gamma \cup \{\neg\phi\}$ is consistent).

Proof: ‘ \Leftarrow ’:

$$\Gamma \vdash \phi \Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} \Gamma \cup \{\neg\phi\} \vdash \phi \\ \Gamma \cup \{\neg\phi\} \vdash \neg\phi \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \Gamma \cup \{\neg\phi\} \text{ is inconsistent}$$

‘ \Rightarrow ’:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \Gamma \cup \{\neg\phi\} \vdash \alpha \\ \Gamma \cup \{\neg\phi\} \vdash \neg\alpha \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow_{6.11} \left. \begin{array}{l} \Gamma \cup \{\neg\phi\} \vdash_{SQ} \alpha \\ \Gamma \cup \{\neg\phi\} \vdash_{SQ} \neg\alpha \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow_{PC} \Gamma \vdash_{SQ} \phi \Rightarrow_{6.11} \Gamma \vdash \phi$$

□

7.3 Lemma

Suppose Γ is consistent and $\Gamma \vdash \phi$.
Then $\Gamma \cup \{\phi\}$ is consistent.

Proof: Suppose not, i.e. for some α

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \Gamma \cup \{\phi\} \vdash \alpha \\ \Gamma \cup \{\phi\} \vdash \neg\alpha \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow_{DT} \left. \begin{array}{l} \Gamma \vdash (\phi \rightarrow \alpha) \\ \Gamma \vdash (\phi \rightarrow \neg\alpha) \end{array} \right\} \xRightarrow{\Gamma \vdash \phi} MP$$
$$\Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \Gamma \vdash \alpha \\ \Gamma \vdash \neg\alpha \end{array} \quad \text{\textcancel{X}}$$

□

7.4 Definition

$\Gamma \subseteq \text{Form}(\mathcal{L}_0)$ is **maximal consistent** if

- (i) Γ is consistent, and
- (ii) for every ϕ , either $\Gamma \vdash \phi$ or $\Gamma \vdash \neg\phi$.

Note: This is equivalent to saying that for every ϕ , if $\Gamma \cup \{\phi\}$ is consistent then $\Gamma \vdash \phi$.

Proof: Exercise

7.5 Lemma

Suppose Γ is maximal consistent.

Then for every $\psi, \chi \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L}_0)$

(a) $\Gamma \vdash \neg\psi$ iff $\Gamma \not\vdash \psi$

(b) $\Gamma \vdash (\psi \rightarrow \chi)$ iff either $\Gamma \vdash \neg\psi$ or $\Gamma \vdash \chi$.

Proof:

(a) ‘ \Rightarrow ’: by consistency

‘ \Leftarrow ’: by maximality

(b) ‘ \Rightarrow ’: Suppose $\Gamma \not\vdash \neg\psi$ and $\Gamma \not\vdash \chi$

$\Rightarrow \Gamma \vdash \psi$ and $\Gamma \vdash \neg\chi$

$\Gamma \vdash (\psi \rightarrow \chi) \Rightarrow_{\text{MP}} \Gamma \vdash \chi \quad \text{\textcancel{X}}$

‘ \Leftarrow ’: Suppose $\Gamma \vdash \neg\psi$

$\Gamma \vdash (\neg\psi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \chi))$ - Problems # 2, (5)(i)

$\Rightarrow_{\text{MP}} \Gamma \vdash (\psi \rightarrow \chi)$

Suppose $\Gamma \vdash \chi$

$\Gamma \vdash (\chi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \chi))$ - Axiom A1

$\Rightarrow_{\text{MP}} \Gamma \vdash (\psi \rightarrow \chi)$

□

7.6 Theorem

*Suppose Γ is maximal consistent.
Then Γ is satisfiable.*

Proof:

For each i , $\Gamma \vdash p_i$ or $\Gamma \vdash \neg p_i$ (by maximality),
but not both (by consistency)

Define a valuation v by

$$v(p_i) = \begin{cases} T & \text{if } \Gamma \vdash p_i \\ F & \text{if } \Gamma \vdash \neg p_i \end{cases}$$

Claim: for all $\phi \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L}_0)$:

$$\tilde{v}(\phi) = T \text{ iff } \Gamma \vdash \phi$$

Proof by induction on the length n of ϕ :

n=1:

Then $\phi = p_i$ for some i , and so, by def. of v ,

$$\tilde{v}(p_i) = T \text{ iff } \Gamma \vdash p_i.$$

IH: Claim true for all $i \leq n$.

Now assume $\text{length}(\phi) = n+1$

Case 1: $\phi = \neg\psi$ ($\Rightarrow \text{length}(\psi) = n$)

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{v}(\phi) = T & \text{ iff } \tilde{v}(\psi) = F & \text{tt } \neg \\ & \text{iff } \Gamma \not\vdash \psi & \text{IH} \\ & \text{iff } \Gamma \vdash \neg\psi & 7.5(a) \\ & \text{iff } \Gamma \vdash \phi\end{aligned}$$

Case 2: $\phi = (\psi \rightarrow \chi)$

($\Rightarrow \text{length}(\psi), \text{length}(\chi) \leq n$)

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{v}(\phi) = T & \text{ iff } \tilde{v}(\psi) = F \text{ or } \tilde{v}(\chi) = T & \text{tt } \rightarrow \\ & \text{iff } \Gamma \not\vdash \psi \text{ or } \Gamma \vdash \chi & \text{IH} \\ & \text{iff } \Gamma \vdash \neg\psi \text{ or } \Gamma \vdash \chi & 7.5(a) \\ & \text{iff } \Gamma \vdash (\psi \rightarrow \chi) & 7.5(b) \\ & \text{iff } \Gamma \vdash \phi\end{aligned}$$

So $\tilde{v}(\phi) = T$ for all $\phi \in \Gamma$, i.e. v satisfies Γ .

□

7.7 Theorem

Suppose Γ is consistent. Then there is a maximal consistent Γ' such that $\Gamma \subseteq \Gamma'$.

Proof:

$\text{Form}(\mathcal{L}_0)$ is countable, say

$$\text{Form}(\mathcal{L}_0) = \{\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3, \dots\}.$$

Construct consistent sets

$$\Gamma_0 \subseteq \Gamma_1 \subseteq \Gamma_2 \subseteq \dots$$

as follows: $\Gamma_0 := \Gamma$.

Having constructed Γ_n consistently, let

$$\Gamma_{n+1} := \begin{cases} \Gamma_n \cup \{\phi_{n+1}\} & \text{if } \Gamma_n \vdash \phi_{n+1} \\ \Gamma_n \cup \{\neg\phi_{n+1}\} & \text{if } \Gamma_n \not\vdash \phi_{n+1} \end{cases}$$

Then Γ_{n+1} is consistent by 7.3 and 7.2.

Now let $\Gamma' := \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} \Gamma_n$.

Then Γ' is consistent:

Any proof of $\Gamma' \vdash \alpha$ and $\Gamma' \vdash \neg\alpha$ would use only finitely many formulas from Γ' , so for some n , $\Gamma_n \vdash \alpha$ and $\Gamma_n \vdash \neg\alpha$ – contradicting the consistency of Γ_n .

Finally, Γ' is maximal (even in a stronger sense): for all n , either $\phi_n \in \Gamma'$ or $\neg\phi_n \in \Gamma'$. \square

Note that the proof does not make use of Zorn's Lemma.

7.8 Corollary

If Γ is consistent then Γ is satisfiable.

Proof: 7.6 + 7.7 \square

7.9 The Completeness Theorem

If $\Gamma \models \phi$ then $\Gamma \vdash \phi$.

Proof:

Suppose $\Gamma \models \phi$, but $\Gamma \not\vdash \phi$.

\Rightarrow by 7.2, $\Gamma \cup \{\neg\phi\}$ is consistent

\Rightarrow by 7.8, there is some valuation v such that

$\tilde{v}(\psi) = T$ for all $\psi \in \Gamma \cup \{\neg\phi\}$

$\Rightarrow \tilde{v}(\psi) = T$ for all $\psi \in \Gamma$, but $\tilde{v}(\phi) = F$

$\Rightarrow \Gamma \not\models \phi$: contradiction. \square

7.10 Corollary

(7.9 Completeness + 6.5 Soundness)

$$\Gamma \models \phi \text{ iff } \Gamma \vdash \phi$$

7.11 The Compactness Theorem for L_0

$\Gamma \subseteq \text{Form}(\mathcal{L}_0)$ is satisfiable iff every finite subset of Γ is satisfiable.

Proof: ' \Rightarrow ': obvious –

if $\tilde{v}(\psi) = T$ for all $\psi \in \Gamma$ then $\tilde{v}(\psi) = T$ for all $\psi \in \Gamma' \subseteq \Gamma$.

' \Leftarrow ':

Suppose every finite $\Gamma' \subseteq \Gamma$ is satisfiable, but Γ is not.

Then, by 7.8, Γ is inconsistent, i.e. $\Gamma \vdash \alpha$ and $\Gamma \vdash \neg\alpha$ for some α .

But then, for some *finite* $\Gamma' \subseteq \Gamma$:

$\Gamma' \vdash \alpha$ and $\Gamma' \vdash \neg\alpha$

$\Rightarrow \Gamma' \models \alpha$ and $\Gamma' \models \neg\alpha$ (by soundness)

$\Rightarrow \Gamma'$ not satisfiable: contradiction.

□

PART II:

PREDICATE CALCULUS

so far:

- *logic of the connectives* $\neg, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow, \dots$ (as used in mathematics)
- *smallest unit*: propositions
- *deductive calculus*: checking logical validity and computing truth tables
- \rightarrow sound, complete, compact

now:

- look *more deeply into* the structure of propositions used in mathematics
- analyse grammatically correct use of *functions, relations, constants, variables* and *quantifiers*
- define *logical validity* in this refined language
- discover *axioms* and *rules of inference* (beyond those of propositional calculus) used in mathematical arguments
- prove: — \rightarrow sound, complete, compact

8. The language of (first-order) predicate calculus

The language \mathcal{L}^{FOPC} consists of the following symbols:

Logical symbols

connectives: \rightarrow, \neg

quantifier: \forall ('for all')

variables: x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots

3 punctuation marks: $() ,$

equality symbol: \doteq

non-logical symbols:

predicate (or relation) symbols: $P_n^{(k)}$ for $n \geq 0, k \geq 1$ ($P_n^{(k)}$ is a k -ary predicate symbol)

function symbols: $f_n^{(k)}$ for $n \geq 0, k \geq 1$ ($f_n^{(k)}$ is a k -ary function symbol)

constant symbols: c_n for $n \geq 0$

8.1 Definition

(a) The **terms** of \mathcal{L}^{FOPC} are defined recursively as follows:

- (i) Every variable is a term.
- (ii) Every constant symbol is a term.
- (iii) For each $n \geq 0, k \geq 1$, if t_1, \dots, t_k are terms, so is the string

$$f_n^{(k)}(t_1, \dots, t_k)$$

(b) An **atomic formula** of \mathcal{L}^{FOPC} is any string of the form

$$P_n^{(k)}(t_1, \dots, t_k) \text{ or } t_1 \doteq t_2$$

with $n \geq 0, k \geq 1$, and where all t_i are terms.

(c) The **formulas** of \mathcal{L}^{FOPC} are defined recursively as follows:

- (i) Any atomic formula is a formula
- (ii) If ϕ, ψ are formulas, then so are $\neg\phi$ and $(\phi \rightarrow \psi)$
- (iii) If ϕ is a formula, then for any variable x_i so is $\forall x_i \phi$

8.2 Examples

c_0 ; c_3 ; x_5 ; $f_3^{(1)}(c_2)$; $f_4^{(2)}(x_1, f_3^{(1)}(c_2))$ are all terms

$f_2^{(3)}(x_1, x_2)$ is *not* a term (wrong arity)

$P_0^{(3)}(x_4, c_0, f_3^{(2)}(c_1, x_2))$ and $f_1^{(2)}(c_5, c_6) \doteq x_{11}$ are atomic formulas

$f_3^{(1)}(c_2)$ is a term, but no formula

$\forall x_1 f_2^{(2)}(x_1, c_7) \doteq x_2$ is a formula, not atomic

$\forall x_2 P_0^{(1)}(x_3)$ is a formula

8.3 Remark

We have **unique readability** for terms, for atomic formulas, and for formulas.

8.4 Interpretations and logical validity for \mathcal{L}^{FOPC} (Informal discussion)

(A) Consider the formula

$$\phi_1 : \forall x_1 \forall x_2 (x_1 \doteq x_2 \rightarrow f_5^{(1)}(x_1) \doteq f_5^{(1)}(x_2))$$

Given that \doteq is to be interpreted as equality, \forall as ‘for all’, and the $f_n^{(k)}$ as actual functions (in k arguments), ϕ_1 *should always be true*. We shall write

$$\models \phi_1$$

and say ‘ ϕ_1 is **logically valid**’.

(B) Consider the formula

$$\phi_2 : \forall x_1 \forall x_2 (f_7^{(2)}(x_1, x_2) \doteq f_7^{(2)}(x_2, x_1) \rightarrow x_1 \doteq x_2)$$

Then ϕ_2 may be false or true depending on the situation:

- If we interpret $f_7^{(2)}$ as $+$ on \mathbf{N} , ϕ_2 becomes false, e.g. $1+2=2+1$, but $1 \neq 2$. So in this interpretation, ϕ_2 is false and $\neg\phi_2$ is true. Write

$$\langle \mathbf{N}, + \rangle \models \neg\phi_2$$

- If we interpret $f_7^{(2)}$ as $-$ on \mathbf{R} , ϕ_2 becomes true: if $x_1 - x_2 = x_2 - x_1$, then $2x_1 = 2x_2$, and hence $x_1 = x_2$.

So

$$\langle \mathbf{R}, - \rangle \models \phi_2$$

8.5 Free and bound variables

(Informal discussion)

There is a further complication: Consider the formula

$$\phi_3 : \forall x_0 P_0^{(2)}(x_1, x_0)$$

Under the interpretation $\langle \mathbb{N}, \leq \rangle$ you cannot tell whether $\langle \mathbb{N}, \leq \rangle \models \phi_3$:

- if we put $x_1 = 0$ then yes
- if we put $x_1 = 2$ then no.

So it depends on the value we assign to x_1 (like in propositional calculus: truth value of $p_0 \wedge p_1$ depends on the valuation).

In ϕ_3 we *can* assign a value to x_1 because x_1 occurs **free** in ϕ_3 .

For x_0 , however, it makes no sense to assign a particular value; because x_0 is **bound** in ϕ_3 by the quantifier $\forall x_0$.

9. Interpretations and Assignments

We refer to a subset $\mathcal{L} \subseteq \mathcal{L}^{FOPC}$ containing all the logical symbols, but possibly only some non-logical as a **language** (or **first-order language**).

9.1 Definition Let \mathcal{L} be a language. An **interpretation** of \mathcal{L} is an \mathcal{L} -**structure** $\mathcal{A} :=$

$\langle A; (f_{\mathcal{A}})_{f \in \text{Fct}(\mathcal{L})}; (P_{\mathcal{A}})_{P \in \text{Pred}(\mathcal{L})}; (c_{\mathcal{A}})_{c \in \text{Const}(\mathcal{L})} \rangle$,
i.e.

- A is a non-empty set, the **domain** of \mathcal{A} ,
- for each k -ary function symbol $f = f_n^{(k)} \in \mathcal{L}$,
 $f_{\mathcal{A}} : A^k \rightarrow A$ is a function
- for each k -ary predicate symbol $P = P_n^{(k)} \in \mathcal{L}$,
 $P_{\mathcal{A}}$ is a k -ary relation on A , i.e. $P_{\mathcal{A}} \subseteq A^k$
(write $P_{\mathcal{A}}(a_1, \dots, a_k)$ for $(a_1, \dots, a_k) \in P_{\mathcal{A}}$)
- for each $c \in \text{Const}(\mathcal{L})$: $c_{\mathcal{A}} \in A$.

9.2 Definition

Let \mathcal{L} be a language and let $\mathcal{A} = \langle A; \dots \rangle$ be an \mathcal{L} -structure.

(1) An **assignment** in \mathcal{A} is a function

$$v : \{x_0, x_1, \dots\} \rightarrow A$$

(2) v determines an assignment

$$\tilde{v} = \tilde{v}_{\mathcal{A}} : \text{Terms}(\mathcal{L}) \rightarrow A$$

defined recursively as follows:

- (i) $\tilde{v}(x_i) = v(x_i)$ for all $i = 0, 1, \dots$
- (ii) $\tilde{v}(c) = c_{\mathcal{A}}$ for each $c \in \text{Const}(\mathcal{L})$
- (iii) $\tilde{v}(f(t_1, \dots, t_k)) = f_{\mathcal{A}}(\tilde{v}(t_1), \dots, \tilde{v}(t_k))$ for each $f = f_n^{(k)} \in \text{Fct}(\mathcal{L})$, where the $\tilde{v}(t_i)$ are already defined.

(3) v determines a **valuation**

$$\tilde{v} = \tilde{v}_{\mathcal{A}} : \text{Form}(\mathcal{L}) \rightarrow \{T, F\}$$

as follows:

(i) for atomic formulas $\phi \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L})$:

- for each $P = P_n^{(k)} \in \text{Pred}(\mathcal{L})$ and for all $t \in \text{Term}(\mathcal{L})$

$$\tilde{v}(P(t_1, \dots, t_k)) = \begin{cases} T & \text{if } P_{\mathcal{A}}(\tilde{v}(t_1), \dots, \tilde{v}(t_k)) \\ F & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- for all $t_1, t_2 \in \text{Term}(\mathcal{L})$:

$$\tilde{v}(t_1 \doteq t_2) = \begin{cases} T & \text{if } \tilde{v}(t_1) = \tilde{v}(t_2) \\ F & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(ii) for arbitrary formulas $\phi \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L})$ recursively:

- $\tilde{v}(\neg\psi) = T$ iff $\tilde{v}(\psi) = F$
- $\tilde{v}(\psi \rightarrow \chi) = T$ iff $\tilde{v}(\psi) = F$ or $\tilde{v}(\chi) = T$
- $\tilde{v}(\forall x_i \psi) = T$ iff $\tilde{v}^*(\psi) = T$ for all assignments v^* agreeing with v except possibly at x_i .

Notation: Write $\mathcal{A} \models \phi[v]$ for $\tilde{v}_{\mathcal{A}}(\phi) = T$, and say ' ϕ is true in \mathcal{A} under the assignment $v = v_{\mathcal{A}}$.'

9.3 Some abbreviations

We use ...	as abbreviation for ...
$(\alpha \vee \beta)$	$((\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \beta)$
$(\alpha \wedge \beta)$	$\neg(\neg\alpha \vee \neg\beta)$
$(\alpha \leftrightarrow \beta)$	$((\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \rightarrow \alpha))$
$\exists x_i \phi$	$\neg \forall x_i \neg \phi$

9.4 Lemma

For any \mathcal{L} -structure \mathcal{A} and any assignment v in \mathcal{A} one has

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \mathcal{A} \models (\alpha \vee \beta)[v] & \text{iff } \mathcal{A} \models \alpha[v] \text{ or } \mathcal{A} \models \beta[v] \\
 \mathcal{A} \models (\alpha \wedge \beta)[v] & \text{iff } \mathcal{A} \models \alpha[v] \text{ and } \mathcal{A} \models \beta[v] \\
 \mathcal{A} \models (\alpha \leftrightarrow \beta)[v] & \text{iff } \tilde{v}(\alpha) = \tilde{v}(\beta) \\
 \mathcal{A} \models \exists x_i \phi[v] & \text{iff for some assignment } \\
 & v^* \text{ agreeing with } v \\
 & \text{except possibly at } x_i \\
 & \mathcal{A} \models \phi[v^*]
 \end{array}$$

Proof: easy

9.5 Example

Let f be a binary function symbol, let ' $\mathcal{L} = \{f\}$ ' (need only list non-logical symbols), consider $\mathcal{A} = \langle \mathbf{Z}; \cdot \rangle$ as \mathcal{L} -structure, let v be the assignment $v(x_i) = i (\in \mathbf{Z})$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots$, and let

$$\phi = \forall x_0 \forall x_1 (f(x_0, x_2) \dot{=} f(x_1, x_2) \rightarrow x_0 \dot{=} x_1)$$

Then

- $\mathcal{A} \models \phi[v]$
- iff for all v^* with $v^*(x_i) = i$ for $i \neq 0$
 $\mathcal{A} \models \forall x_1 (f(x_0, x_2) \dot{=} f(x_1, x_2) \rightarrow x_0 \dot{=} x_1)[v^*]$
- iff for all v^{**} with $v^{**}(x_i) = i$ for $i \neq 0, 1$
 $\mathcal{A} \models (f(x_0, x_2) \dot{=} f(x_1, x_2) \rightarrow x_0 \dot{=} x_1)[v^{**}]$
- iff for all v^{**} with $v^{**}(x_i) = i$ for $i \neq 0, 1$
 $v^{**}(x_0) \cdot v^{**}(x_2) = v^{**}(x_1) \cdot v^{**}(x_2)$
implies $v^{**}(x_0) = v^{**}(x_1)$
- iff for all $a, b \in \mathbf{Z}$, $a \cdot 2 = b \cdot 2$ implies $a = b$,
which is true.

So $\mathcal{A} \models \phi[v]$

However, if $v'(x_i) = 0$ for all i , then would have finished with

... iff for all $a, b \in \mathbf{Z}$, $a \cdot 0 = b \cdot 0$ implies $a = b$, which is false. So $\mathcal{A} \not\models \phi[v']$.

9.6 Example

Let P be a unary predicate symbol, $\mathcal{L} = \{P\}$, \mathcal{A} an \mathcal{L} -structure, v any assignment in \mathcal{A} , and

$$\phi = ((\forall x_0 P(x_0) \rightarrow P(x_1))).$$

Then $\mathcal{A} \models \phi[v]$.

Proof:

$\mathcal{A} \models \phi[v]$ iff

$\mathcal{A} \models \forall x_0 P(x_0)[v]$ implies $\mathcal{A} \models P(x_1)[v]$.

Now suppose $\mathcal{A} \models \forall x_0 P(x_0)[v]$. Then for all v^* which agree with v except possibly at x_0 , $P(x_0)[v^*]$.

In particular, for $v^*(x_i) = \begin{cases} v(x_i) & \text{if } i \neq 0 \\ v(x_1) & \text{if } i = 0 \end{cases}$

we have $P_{\mathcal{A}}(v^*(x_0))$, and hence $P_{\mathcal{A}}(v(x_1))$, i.e. $P(x_1)[v]$.

9.7 Definition

Let \mathcal{L} be any first-order language.

- An \mathcal{L} -formula ϕ is **logically valid** ($\models \phi$) if $\mathcal{A} \models \phi[v]$ for *all* \mathcal{L} -structures \mathcal{A} and for *all* assignments v in \mathcal{A} .
- $\phi \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L})$ is **satisfiable** if $\mathcal{A} \models \phi[v]$ for *some* \mathcal{L} -structure \mathcal{A} and for *some* assignment v in \mathcal{A} .
- For $\Gamma \subseteq \text{Form}(\mathcal{L})$ and $\phi \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L})$, ϕ is a **logical consequence** of Γ ($\Gamma \models \phi$) if for *all* \mathcal{L} -structures \mathcal{A} and for *all* assignments v in \mathcal{A} with $\mathcal{A} \models \psi[v]$ for all $\psi \in \Gamma$, also $\mathcal{A} \models \phi[v]$.
- $\phi, \psi \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L})$ are **logically equivalent** if $\{\phi\} \models \psi$ and $\{\psi\} \models \phi$.

Example: $\models \phi$ for ϕ from 9.6

Note:

The symbol ' \models ' is now used in two ways:

' $\Gamma \models \phi$ ' means: ϕ a logical consequence of Γ

' $\mathcal{A} \models \phi[v]$ ' means: ϕ is satisfied in the \mathcal{L} -structure \mathcal{A} under the assignment v

This shouldn't give rise to confusion, since it will always be clear from the context whether there is a set Γ of \mathcal{L} -formulas or an \mathcal{L} -structure \mathcal{A} in front of ' \models '.

10. Free and bound variables

Recall Example 9.5: The formula

$$\phi = \forall x_0 \forall x_1 (f(x_0, x_2) \dot{=} f(x_1, x_2) \rightarrow x_0 \dot{=} x_1)$$

- is true in $\langle \mathbf{Z}; \cdot \rangle$ under any assignment v with $v(x_2) = 2$
- but false when $v(x_2) = 0$.

Whether or not $\mathcal{A} \models \phi[v]$ only depends on $v(x_2)$, not on $v(x_0)$ or $v(x_1)$.

The reason is: the variables x_0, x_1 are covered by a quantifier (\forall); we say they are “**bound**” (definition to follow!).

But the occurrence of x_2 is not “bound” by a quantifier, but rather is “**free**”.

10.1 Definition

Let \mathcal{L} be a first-order language, ϕ an \mathcal{L} -formula, and $x \in \{x_0, x_1, \dots\}$ a variable occurring in ϕ .

The occurrence of x in ϕ is **free**, if

- (i) ϕ is atomic, or
- (ii) $\phi = \neg\psi$ resp. $\phi = (\chi \rightarrow \rho)$ and x occurs free in ψ resp. in χ or ρ , or
- (iii) $\phi = \forall x_i \psi$, x occurs free in ψ , and $x \neq x_i$.

Every other occurrence of x in ϕ is called **bound**.

In particular, if $x = x_i$ and $\phi = \forall x_i \psi$, then x is bound in ϕ .

10.2 Example

$$(\exists x_0 P(\underbrace{x_0}_b, \underbrace{x_1}_f) \vee \forall x_1 (P(\underbrace{x_0}_f, \underbrace{x_1}_b) \rightarrow \exists x_0 P(\underbrace{x_0}_b, \underbrace{x_1}_b)))$$

10.3 Lemma

Let \mathcal{L} be a language, let \mathcal{A} be an \mathcal{L} -structure, let v, v' be assignments in \mathcal{A} and let ϕ be an \mathcal{L} -formula.

Suppose $v(x_i) = v'(x_i)$ for every variable x_i with a free occurrence in ϕ .

Then

$$\mathcal{A} \models \phi[v] \text{ iff } \mathcal{A} \models \phi[v'].$$

Proof:

For ϕ atomic: exercise

Now use induction on the length of ϕ :

- $\phi = \neg\psi$ and $\phi = (\chi \rightarrow \rho)$: easy
- $\phi = \forall x_i \psi$:

IH: Assume the Lemma holds for ψ .

Let

$\text{Free}(\phi) := \{x_j \mid x_j \text{ occurs free in } \phi\}$

$\text{Free}(\psi) := \{x_j \mid x_j \text{ occurs free in } \psi\}$

$\Rightarrow x_i \notin \text{Free}(\phi)$ and

$$\text{Free}(\phi) = \text{Free}(\psi) \setminus \{x_i\}$$

Assume $\mathcal{A} \models \forall x_i \psi[v]$ (★)

to show: for any v^* agreeing with v' except possibly at x_i : $\mathcal{A} \models \psi[v^*]$.

for all $x_j \in \text{Free}(\phi)$:

$$v^*(x_j) = v(x_j) = v'(x_j).$$

Let $v^+(x_j) := \begin{cases} v(x_j) & \text{if } j \neq i \\ v^*(x_j) & \text{if } j = i \end{cases}$

Then v^+ agrees with v except possibly at x_i .

Hence, by (★), $\mathcal{A} \models \psi[v^+]$.

But $v^*(x_j) = v^+(x_j)$ for all $x_j \in \text{Free}(\psi)$.

\Rightarrow by IH, $\mathcal{A} \models \psi[v^*]$

□

10.4 Corollary

Let \mathcal{L} be a language, $\alpha, \beta \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L})$. Assume the variable x_i has no free occurrence in α . Then

$$\models (\forall x_i(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \forall x_i\beta)).$$

Proof:

Let \mathcal{A} be an \mathcal{L} -structure and let v be an assignment in \mathcal{A} such that

$$\mathcal{A} \models \forall x_i(\alpha \rightarrow \beta)[v] \quad (\star)$$

to show: $\mathcal{A} \models (\alpha \rightarrow \forall x_i\beta)[v]$.

So suppose $\mathcal{A} \models \alpha[v]$

to show: $\mathcal{A} \models \forall x_i\beta[v]$.

So let v^* be an assignment agreeing with v except possibly at x_i .

We want: $\mathcal{A} \models \beta[v^*]$

x_i is not free in $\alpha \Rightarrow_{10.3} \mathcal{A} \models \alpha[v^*]$

$(\star) \Rightarrow \mathcal{A} \models (\alpha \rightarrow \beta)[v^*]$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{A} \models \beta[v^*]$

□

10.5 Definition

A formula ϕ without free (occurrence of) variables is called a **statement** or a **sentence**.

If ϕ is a sentence then, for any \mathcal{L} -structure \mathcal{A} , whether or not $\mathcal{A} \models \phi[v]$ does not depend on the assignment v .

So we write $\mathcal{A} \models \phi$ if $\mathcal{A} \models \phi[v]$ for some/all v .

Say: ϕ is **true** in \mathcal{A} , or \mathcal{A} is a **model** of ϕ .

(\leadsto 'Model Theory')

10.6 Example

Let $\mathcal{L} = \{f, c\}$ be a language, where f is a binary function symbol, and c is a constant symbol.

Consider the sentences (we write x, y, z instead of x_0, x_1, x_2)

$$\phi_1 : \forall x \forall y \forall z f(x, f(y, z)) \doteq f(f(x, y), z)$$

$$\phi_2 : \forall x \exists y (f(x, y) \doteq c \wedge f(y, x) \doteq c)$$

$$\phi_3 : \forall x (f(x, c) \doteq x \wedge f(c, x) \doteq x)$$

and let $\phi = \phi_1 \wedge \phi_2 \wedge \phi_3$.

Let $\mathcal{A} = \langle A; \circ; e \rangle$ be an \mathcal{L} -structure (i.e. \circ is an interpretation of f , and e is an interpretation of c .)

Then $\mathcal{A} \models \phi$ iff \mathcal{A} is a group.

10.7 Example

Let $\mathcal{L} = \{E\}$ be a language with $E = P_i^{(2)}$ a binary relation symbol. Consider

$$\chi_1 : \forall x E(x, x)$$

$$\chi_2 : \forall x \forall y (E(x, y) \leftrightarrow E(y, x))$$

$$\chi_3 : \forall x \forall y \forall z (E(x, y) \rightarrow (E(y, z) \rightarrow E(x, z)))$$

Then for any \mathcal{L} -structure $\langle A; R \rangle$:

$\langle A; R \rangle \models (\chi_1 \wedge \chi_2 \wedge \chi_3)$ iff

R is an equivalence relation on A .

Note: Most mathematical concepts can be captured by first-order formulas.

10.8 Example

Let P be a 2-place (i.e. binary) predicate symbol, $\mathcal{L} := \{P\}$. Consider the statements

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_1 : & \forall x \forall y (P(x, y) \vee x \dot{=} y \vee P(y, x)) \\ & (\vee \text{ means either - or exclusively:} \\ & (\alpha \vee \beta) :\Leftrightarrow ((\alpha \vee \beta) \wedge \neg(\alpha \wedge \beta))) \\ \psi_2 : & \forall x \forall y \forall z ((P(x, y) \wedge P(y, z)) \rightarrow P(x, z)) \\ \psi_3 : & \forall x \forall z (P(x, z) \rightarrow \exists y (P(x, y) \wedge P(y, z))) \\ \psi_4 : & \forall y \exists x \exists z (P(x, y) \wedge P(y, z))\end{aligned}$$

These are the axioms for a **dense linear order without endpoints**. Let $\psi = (\psi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \psi_4)$. Then $\langle \mathbf{Q}; < \rangle \models \psi$ and $\langle \mathbf{R}; < \rangle \models \psi$.

But: *The '(Dedekind) Completeness'* of $\langle \mathbf{R}; < \rangle$ is **not** captured in 1st-order terms using the language \mathcal{L} , but rather in 2nd-order terms, where also quantification over *subsets*, rather than only over *elements* of \mathbf{R} is used:

$$\forall A, B \subseteq \mathbf{R} ((A \ll B) \rightarrow \exists c \in \mathbf{R} (A \leq \{c\} \leq B)),$$

where $A \ll B$ means that $a < b$ for every $a \in A$ and every $b \in B$ etc.

10.9 Example: ACF_0 : Algebraically closed fields of characteristic zero.

$\mathcal{L} := \{+, \times, 0, 1\}$, language of rings

Commutative, associative, distributive laws; the existence of multiplicative inverse of non-zero elements;

Characteristic 0: $1 + 1 \neq 0, 1 + 1 + 1 \neq 0, \dots$

For each $n = 2, 3, 4, \dots$ a sentence ψ_n asserting that every non-constant polynomial has a root. (This is automatic for $n = 1$).

$\forall a_0 \dots \forall a_n [\neg a_n = 0 \rightarrow \exists x (a_n x^n + \dots + a_0 = 0)]$

This set of axioms is **complete** and **decidable**. (Complete: every sentence ϕ , either ϕ or $\neg\phi$ is a logical consequence of the axioms.)

Examples 10.7, 10.8, 10.9 are of the type which will be explored in Part C Model Theory.

10.10 Example: Peano Arithmetic (PA)

This is historically a very important system, studied in Part C Godel's Incompleteness Thms. It is not complete and not decidable.

$$\mathcal{L} := \{0, +, \times, s\}$$

The unary s is the “successor function” it is injective and its range is everything except 0.

Axioms for $+$, \times

Induction: for every unary formula ϕ the axiom

$$[\phi(0) \wedge \forall x(\phi(x) \rightarrow \phi(s(x)))] \rightarrow \forall y\phi(y)$$

This is weaker than a second order system proposed by Peano which states induction for every **subset** of \mathbb{N} .

10.11 Example: Set Theory

Several ways of axiomatizing a system for Set Theory, in which all (?) mathematics can be carried out.

The most popular system ZFC is introduced in B1.2 Set Theory, and more formally in Part C Axiomatic Set Theory. ZFC has:

$\mathcal{L} := \{\in\}$, a binary relation for set membership

Axioms: existence of empty set, pairs, unions, power set,.....

10.12 Example: Second order logic

Lose completeness, compactness.

11. Substitution

Goal: Given $\phi \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L})$ and $x_i \in \text{Free}(\phi)$

- want to replace x_i by a term t to obtain a new formula $\phi[t/x_i]$

(read: ' ϕ with x_i replaced by t ')

- should have $\{\forall x_i \phi\} \models \phi[t/x_i]$

11.1 Example

Let $\mathcal{L} = \{f; c\}$ and let ϕ be $\exists x_1 f(x_1) \doteq x_0$.

$\Rightarrow \text{Free}(\phi) = \{x_0\}$ and

' $\forall x_0 \phi$ ', i.e. ' $\forall x_0 \exists x_1 f(x_1) \doteq x_0$ '

says that f is onto.

- if $t = c$ then $\phi[t/x_0]$ is $\exists x_1 f(x_1) \doteq c$

- but if $t = x_1$ then $\phi[t/x_0]$ is $\exists x_1 f(x_1) \doteq x_1$,
stating the existence of a fixed point of f —
no good: there are fixed point free onto functions, e.g. ' $+1$ ' on \mathbb{Z} .

Problem: the variable x_1 in t has become unintentionally bound in the substitution.

To avoid this we define:

11.2 Definition

For $\phi \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L})$, for any variable x_i (not necessarily in $\text{Free}(\phi)$) and for any term $t \in \text{Term}(\mathcal{L})$, define the phrase

' t is free for x_i in ϕ '

and the substitution

$\phi[t/x_i]$ (' ϕ with x_i replaced by t ')

recursively as follows:

(i) if ϕ is atomic, then t is free for x_i in ϕ and $\phi[t/x_i]$ is the result of replacing every occurrence of x_i in ϕ by t .

(ii) if $\phi = \neg\psi$ then

t is free for x_i in ϕ iff t is free for x_i in ψ .

In this case, $\phi[t/x_i] = \neg\alpha$, where $\alpha = \psi[t/x_i]$.

(iii) if $\phi = (\psi \rightarrow \chi)$ then

t is free for x_i in ϕ iff

t is free for x_i in both ψ and χ .

In this case, $\phi[t/x_i] = (\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$,

where $\alpha = \psi[t/x_i]$ and $\beta = \chi[t/x_i]$.

(iv) if $\phi = \forall x_j \psi$ then

t is free for x_i in ϕ

if $i = j$ or

if $i \neq j$, and x_j does not occur in t ,
and t is free for x_i in ψ .

In this case $\phi[t/x_i] = \begin{cases} \phi & \text{if } i = j \\ \forall x_j \alpha & \text{if } i \neq j, \end{cases}$

where $\alpha = \psi[t/x_i]$.

11.3 Example

Let $\mathcal{L} = \{f, g\}$ and let ϕ be $\exists x_1 f(x_1) \doteq x_0$.

$\Rightarrow g(x_0, x_2)$ is free for x_0 in ϕ

and $\phi[g(x_0, x_2)/x_0]$ is $\exists x_1 f(x_1) \doteq g(x_0, x_2)$,

but $g(x_0, x_1)$ is *not* free for x_0 in ϕ .

11.4 Lemma

Let \mathcal{L} be a first-order language, \mathcal{A} an \mathcal{L} -structure, $\phi \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L})$ and t a term free for the variable x_i in ϕ . Let v be an assignment in \mathcal{A} and define

$$v'(x_j) := \begin{cases} v(x_j) & \text{if } j \neq i \\ \tilde{v}(t) & \text{if } j = i \end{cases}$$

Then $\mathcal{A} \models \phi[v']$ iff $\mathcal{A} \models \phi[t/x_i][v]$.

Proof: **1.** For $u \in \text{Term}(\mathcal{L})$ let

$u[t/x_i] :=$ the term obtained by replacing
each occurrence of x_i in u by t

$\Rightarrow \tilde{v}'(u) = \tilde{v}(u[t/x_i])$
(Exercise)

2. If ϕ is **atomic**, say

$\phi = P(t_1, \dots, t_k)$ for some $P = P_i^{(k)} \in \text{Pred}(\mathcal{L})$
then

$$\mathcal{A} \models \phi[v']$$

$$\text{iff } P_{\mathcal{A}}(\tilde{v}'(t_1), \dots, \tilde{v}'(t_k)) \quad \text{by def. '}\models\text{'}$$

$$\text{iff } P_{\mathcal{A}}(\tilde{v}(t_1[t/x_i]), \dots, \tilde{v}(t_k[t/x_i])) \quad \text{by 1.}$$

$$\text{iff } \mathcal{A} \models P(t_1[t/x_i], \dots, t_k[t/x_i])[v] \quad \text{by def. '}\models\text{'}$$

$$\text{iff } \mathcal{A} \models \phi[t/x_i][v]$$

Similarly, if ϕ is $t_1 \doteq t_2$.

3. Induction step

The cases \neg and \rightarrow are routine.

\leadsto the only interesting case is $\phi = \forall x_j \psi$.

IH: Lemma holds for ψ .

Case 1: $j = i$

$\Rightarrow \phi[t/x_i] = \phi$ by Definition 11.2.(iv)

$x_i = x_j \notin \text{Free}(\phi)$

$\Rightarrow v$ and v' agree on all $x \in \text{Free}(\phi)$

\Rightarrow by Lemma 10.3,

$$\mathcal{A} \models \phi[v'] \text{ iff } \mathcal{A} \models \phi[v] \text{ iff } \mathcal{A} \models \phi[t/x_i][v]$$

Case 2: $j \neq i$

‘ \Rightarrow ’: Suppose $\mathcal{A} \models \forall x_j \psi[v']$ (★)

to show: $\mathcal{A} \models \forall x_j \psi[t/x_i][v]$

So let v^\star agree with v except possibly at x_j .
to show: $\mathcal{A} \models \psi[t/x_i][v^\star]$

Define $v^{\star'}(x_k) := \begin{cases} v^\star(x_k) & \text{if } k \neq i \\ \widetilde{v^\star}(t) & \text{if } k = i \end{cases}$

t is free for x_i in $\phi \Rightarrow$

t is free for x_i in ψ and t does not contain x_j .

IH \Rightarrow enough to show: $\mathcal{A} \models \psi[v^{\star'}]$

$v^{\star'}$ and v' agree except possibly at x_i and x_j .

But, in fact, they *do* agree at x_i :

$$v'(x_i) = \widetilde{v}(t) = \widetilde{v^\star}(t) = v^{\star'}(x_i),$$

where the 2nd equality holds, because v and v^\star agree except possibly at x_i , which does not occur in t .

So $v^{\star'}$ and v' agree except possibly at x_j

\Rightarrow by (\star) , $\mathcal{A} \models \psi[v^{\star'}]$ as required.

‘ \Leftarrow ’: similar. □

11.5 Corollary

For any $\phi \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L})$, $t \in \text{Term}(\mathcal{L})$,

$$\models (\forall x_i \phi \rightarrow \phi[t/x_i]),$$

provided that the term t is free for x_i in ϕ .

Proof: Let \mathcal{A} be an \mathcal{L} -structure and let v be an assignment in \mathcal{A} .

Assume $\mathcal{A} \models \forall x_i \phi[v]$ (★)

to show: $\mathcal{A} \models \phi[t/x_i][v]$

By Lemma 11.4, it suffices to show $\mathcal{A} \models \phi[v']$, where

$$v'(x_j) := \begin{cases} v(x_j) & \text{for } j \neq i \\ \tilde{v}(t) & \text{for } j = i. \end{cases}$$

Since v and v' agree except possibly at x_i , this follows from (★).

□

12. A formal system for Predicate Calculus

12.1 Definition

Associate to each first-order language \mathcal{L} the formal system $K(\mathcal{L})$ with the following axioms and rules (for any $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L})$, $t \in \text{Term}(\mathcal{L})$):

Axioms

A1 $(\alpha \rightarrow (\beta \rightarrow \alpha))$

A2 $((\alpha \rightarrow (\beta \rightarrow \gamma)) \rightarrow ((\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \gamma)))$

A3 $((\neg\beta \rightarrow \neg\alpha) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \beta))$

A4 $(\forall x_i \alpha \rightarrow \alpha[t/x_i])$, where t is free for x_i in α

A5 $(\forall x_i (\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \forall x_i \beta))$, provided that $x_i \notin \text{Free}(\alpha)$

A6 $\forall x_i x_i \doteq x_i$

A7 $(x_i \doteq x_j \rightarrow (\phi \rightarrow \phi'))$, where ϕ is *atomic* and ϕ' is obtained from ϕ by replacing some (not necessarily all) occurrences of x_i in ϕ by x_j

Rules

MP (Modus Ponens) From α and $(\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$ infer β

\forall (Generalisation) From α infer $\forall x_i \alpha$

Thinning Rule see 12.6

ϕ is a **theorem of $K(\mathcal{L})$** (write ' $\vdash \phi$ ') if there is a sequence (a **derivation**, or a **proof**) ϕ_1, \dots, ϕ_n of \mathcal{L} -formulas with $\phi_n = \phi$ such that each ϕ_i either is an axiom or is obtained from earlier ϕ_j 's by MP or \forall .

For $\Gamma \subseteq \text{Form}(\mathcal{L})$, $\phi \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L})$ define similarly that ϕ is **derivable in $K(\mathcal{L})$ from the hypotheses Γ** (write ' $\Gamma \vdash \phi$ '), except that the ϕ_i 's may now also be formulas from Γ , *but we make the restriction that \forall may only be used for variables x_i not occurring free in any formula in Γ .*

12.2 Soundness Theorem for Pred. Calc.

If $\Gamma \vdash \phi$ then $\Gamma \models \phi$.

Proof: Induction on length of derivation

Clear that **A1**, **A2**, and **A3** are logically valid.
So are **A4** and **A5** by Cor. 11.5 resp. Cor. 10.4.

Also **A6** is logically valid: easy exercise.

A7: Let \mathcal{A} be an \mathcal{L} -structure and let v be any assignment in \mathcal{A} . Suppose that

$$\mathcal{A} \models x_i \doteq x_j[v] \text{ and } \mathcal{A} \models \phi[v].$$

We want to show that $\mathcal{A} \models \phi'[v]$ (with ϕ atomic).

Now $v(x_i) = v(x_j)$

$\Rightarrow \tilde{v}(t') = \tilde{v}(t)$ for any term t' obtained from t
by replacing some of the x_i by x_j
(easy induction on terms)

If ϕ is $P(t_1, \dots, t_k)$ then ϕ' is $P(t'_1, \dots, t'_k)$.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{A} \models \phi[v] & \text{ iff } P_{\mathcal{A}}(\tilde{v}(t_1), \dots, \tilde{v}(t_k)) \\ & \text{ iff } P_{\mathcal{A}}(\tilde{v}(t'_1), \dots, \tilde{v}(t'_k)) \\ & \text{ iff } \mathcal{A} \models P(t'_1, \dots, t'_k)[v] \\ & \text{ iff } \mathcal{A} \models \phi'[v] \text{ as required}\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, if ϕ is $t_1 \doteq t_2$.

So now all axioms are logically valid.

MP is sound: for any \mathcal{A}, v

$$\mathcal{A} \models \alpha[v] \text{ and } \mathcal{A} \models (\alpha \rightarrow \beta)[v] \text{ imply } \mathcal{A} \models \beta[v]$$

Generalisation: IH for any \mathcal{A}, v

$$\text{if } \mathcal{A} \models \psi[v] \text{ for all } \psi \in \Gamma \text{ then } \mathcal{A} \models \alpha[v] \quad (\star)$$

to show: $\mathcal{A} \models \forall x_i \alpha[v]$ for such \mathcal{A}, v .

So let v^* agree with v except possibly at x_i .

$x_i \notin \text{Free}(\psi)$ for any $\psi \in \Gamma$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{A} \models \psi[v^*]$ for all $\psi \in \Gamma$ (by Lemma 10.3)

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{A} \models \alpha[v^*]$ (by (\star))

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{A} \models \forall x_i \alpha[v]$ as required. □

12.3 Deduction Theorem for Pred. Calc.

If $\Gamma \cup \{\psi\} \vdash \phi$ then $\Gamma \vdash (\psi \rightarrow \phi)$.

Proof: same as for prop. calc. (Theorem 6.6) with one more step in the induction (on the length of the derivation).

IH: $\Gamma \vdash (\psi \rightarrow \phi_j)$

to show: $\Gamma \vdash (\psi \rightarrow \forall x_i \phi_j)$,

where generalisation (\forall) has been used to infer $\forall x_i \phi_j$ under the hypotheses $\Gamma \cup \{\psi\}$

$\Rightarrow x_i \notin \text{Free}(\gamma)$ for any $\gamma \in \Gamma$ and $x_i \notin \text{Free}(\psi)$

\Rightarrow by IH and \forall : $\Gamma \vdash \forall x_i (\psi \rightarrow \phi_j)$

A5 $\vdash (\forall x_i (\psi \rightarrow \phi_j) \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \forall x_i \phi_j))$, since $x_i \notin \text{Free}(\psi)$

\Rightarrow by **MP**, $\Gamma \vdash (\psi \rightarrow \forall x_i \phi_j)$ as required.

□

12.4 Tautologies

If A is a tautology of the *Propositional Calculus* with propositional variables among p_0, \dots, p_n , and if $\psi_0, \dots, \psi_n \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L})$ are formulas of *Predicate Calculus*, then the formula A' obtained from A by replacing each p_i by ψ_i is a **tautology of \mathcal{L}** :

Since **A1**, **A2**, **A3** and **MP** are in $K(\mathcal{L})$, one also has $\vdash A'$ in $K(\mathcal{L})$.

May use the tautologies in derivations in $K(\mathcal{L})$.

12.5 Example Swapping variables

Suppose x_j does not occur in ϕ .

Then $\{\forall x_i \phi\} \vdash \forall x_j \phi[x_j/x_i]$

- | | | |
|---|--|----------------|
| 1 | $\forall x_i \phi$ | $[\in \Gamma]$ |
| 2 | $(\forall x_i \phi \rightarrow \phi[x_j/x_i])$ | $[A4]$ |
| 3 | $\phi[x_j/x_i]$ | $[MP \ 1,2]$ |
| 4 | $\forall x_j \phi[x_j/x_i]$ | $[\forall]$ |

where \forall may be applied in line 4, since x_j does not occur in ϕ .

This proof would not work if

$\Gamma = \{\forall x_i \phi, x_j \doteq x_j\}$ (say). Hence need (besides **MP** and (\forall))

12.6 Thinning Rule

If $\Gamma \vdash \phi$ and $\Gamma' \supseteq \Gamma$ then $\Gamma' \vdash \phi$.

12.7 Example

$$(\exists x_i \phi \rightarrow \psi) \vdash \forall x_i (\phi \rightarrow \psi),$$

where $x_i \notin \text{Free}(\psi)$.

Proof: Let $\Gamma = \{(\exists x_i \phi \rightarrow \psi), \neg\psi\}$

- | | | |
|---|---|------------------|
| 1 | $(\neg\forall x_i \neg\phi \rightarrow \psi)$ | [$\in \Gamma$] |
| 2 | $((\neg\forall x_i \neg\phi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\neg\psi \rightarrow \forall x_i \neg\phi))$ | [taut.] |
| 3 | $(\neg\psi \rightarrow \forall x_i \neg\phi)$ | [MP 1,2] |
| 4 | $\neg\psi$ | [$\in \Gamma$] |
| 5 | $\forall x_i \neg\phi$ | [MP 3,4] |
| 6 | $(\forall x_i \neg\phi \rightarrow \neg\phi)$ | [A4] |
| 7 | $\neg\phi$ | [MP 5,6] |

Note that in line 6, x_i is free for x_i in ϕ .

Hence $\Gamma \vdash \neg\phi$. So

$$\begin{aligned}(\exists x_i \phi \rightarrow \psi) &\vdash (\neg\psi \rightarrow \neg\phi) && [\text{DT}] \\(\exists x_i \phi \rightarrow \psi) &\vdash (\phi \rightarrow \psi) && [\text{A3, MP}] \\(\exists x_i \phi \rightarrow \psi) &\vdash \forall x_i (\phi \rightarrow \psi) && [\forall]\end{aligned}$$

□

13. The Completeness Theorem for Predicate Calculus

13.1 Theorem (Gödel)

Let $\Gamma \subseteq \text{Form}(\mathcal{L})$, $\phi \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L})$.

If $\Gamma \models \phi$ then $\Gamma \vdash \phi$.

Two additional assumptions:

- Assume all $\gamma \in \Gamma$ and ϕ are *sentences* – the Theorem is true more generally, but the proof is much harder and applications are typically to sentences.
- Further assumption (for the start – later we do the general case): *no \doteq -symbol in any formula of Γ or in ϕ .*

First Step

Call $\Delta \subseteq \text{Sent}(\mathcal{L})$ **consistent** if for no sentence ψ , both $\Delta \vdash \psi$ and $\Delta \vdash \neg\psi$.

13.2. To prove 13.1 it is enough to prove:

(\star) Every consistent set of sentences has a model.

i.e. Δ consistent \Rightarrow

there is an \mathcal{L} -structure \mathcal{A} such that

$\mathcal{A} \models \delta$ for every $\delta \in \Delta$.

Proof of 13.2: Assume $\Gamma \models \phi$ and assume (\star).

$\Rightarrow \Gamma \cup \{\neg\phi\}$ has no model

$\Rightarrow_{(\star)} \Gamma \cup \{\neg\phi\}$ is not consistent

$\Rightarrow \Gamma \cup \{\neg\phi\} \vdash \psi$ and $\Gamma \cup \{\neg\phi\} \vdash \neg\psi$ for some ψ

$\Rightarrow_{\text{DT}} \Gamma \vdash (\neg\phi \rightarrow \psi)$ and $\Gamma \vdash (\neg\phi \rightarrow \neg\psi)$ for some ψ

But $\Gamma \vdash ((\neg\phi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow ((\neg\phi \rightarrow \neg\psi) \rightarrow \phi))$ [taut.]

$\Rightarrow \Gamma \vdash \phi$ [2xMP]

$\square_{13.2}$

Second Step

We shall need an *infinite* supply of constant symbols.

To do this, let ϕ' be the formula obtained by replacing every occurrence of c_n by c_{2n} .

For $\Delta \subseteq \text{Form}(\mathcal{L})$ let

$$\Delta' := \{\phi' \mid \phi \in \Delta\}$$

Then

13.3 Lemma

- (a) Δ consistent $\Rightarrow \Delta'$ consistent
- (b) Δ' has a model $\Rightarrow \Delta$ has a model.

Proof: Easy exercise. \square

Third Step

- $\Delta \subseteq \text{Sent}(\mathcal{L})$ is called **maximal consistent** if Δ is consistent, and for any $\psi \in \text{Sent}(\mathcal{L})$: $\Delta \vdash \psi$ or $\Delta \vdash \neg\psi$.
- $\Delta \subseteq \text{Sent}(\mathcal{L})$ is called **witnessing** if for all $\psi \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L})$ with $\text{Free}(\psi) \subseteq \{x_i\}$ and with $\Delta \vdash \exists x_i \psi$ there is some $c_j \in \text{Const}(\mathcal{L})$ such that $\Delta \vdash \psi[c_j/x_i]$

13.4 To prove CT it is enough to show:

Every maximal consistent witnessing set Δ of sentences has a model.

For the proof of 13.4 we need 2 Lemmas:

13.5 Lemma

If $\Delta \subseteq \text{Sent}(\mathcal{L})$ is consistent, then for any sentence ψ , either $\Delta \cup \{\psi\}$ or $\Delta \cup \{\neg\psi\}$ is consistent.

Proof: Exercise – as for Propositional Calculus. \square .

13.6 Lemma

Assume $\Delta \subseteq \text{Sent}(\mathcal{L})$ is consistent, $\exists x_i \psi \in \text{Sent}(\mathcal{L})$, $\Delta \vdash \exists x_i \psi$, and c_j is not occurring in ψ nor in any $\delta \in \Delta$.

Then $\Delta \cup \{\psi[c_j/x_i]\}$ is consistent.

Proof:

Assume, for a contradiction, that there is some $\chi \in \text{Sent}(\mathcal{L})$ such that

$$\Delta \cup \{\psi[c_j/x_i]\} \vdash \chi \text{ and } \Delta \cup \{\psi[c_j/x_i]\} \vdash \neg\chi.$$

May assume that c_j does *not* occur in χ
(since $\vdash (\chi \rightarrow (\neg\chi \rightarrow \theta))$ for *any* sentence θ).

By DT, $\Delta \vdash (\psi[c_j/x_i] \rightarrow \chi)$
and $\Delta \vdash (\psi[c_j/x_i] \rightarrow \neg\chi)$.

Then also

$$\Delta \vdash (\psi \rightarrow \chi) \text{ and } \Delta \vdash (\psi \rightarrow \neg\chi)$$

(Exercise Sheet # 4 (2)(ii))

By \forall , $\Delta \vdash \forall x_i(\psi \rightarrow \chi)$
and $\Delta \vdash \forall x_i(\psi \rightarrow \neg\chi)$
(note that $x_i \notin \text{Free}(\delta)$ for any $\delta \in \Delta \subseteq \text{Sent}(\mathcal{L})$).

Now: $\vdash (\forall x_i(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (\exists x_i A \rightarrow B))$
for any $A, B \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L})$ with $x_i \notin \text{Free}(B)$
(Exercise Sheet # 4, (2)(i))

MP $\Rightarrow \Delta \vdash (\exists x_i \psi \rightarrow \chi)$
and $\Delta \vdash (\exists x_i \psi \rightarrow \neg\chi)$
($\chi, \neg\chi \in \text{Sent}(\mathcal{L})$, so $x_i \notin \text{Free}(\chi)$)

By hypothesis, $\Delta \vdash \exists x_i \psi$
 \Rightarrow by MP, $\Delta \vdash \chi$ and $\Delta \vdash \neg\chi$
contradicting consistency of Δ .

□_{13.6}

Proof of 13.4:

Let Δ be any consistent set of sentences.

to show: Δ has a model assuming that any maximal consistent, witnessing set of sentences has a model.

By 13.3(a), Δ' is consistent and does not contain any c_{2m+1} .

Let $\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3, \dots$ be an enumeration of $\text{Sent}(\mathcal{L}' \cup \{c_1, c_3, c_5, \dots\})$.

Construct finite sets $\subseteq \text{Sent}(\mathcal{L}' \cup \{c_1, c_3, c_5, \dots\})$

$$\Gamma_0 \subseteq \Gamma_1 \subseteq \Gamma_2 \subseteq \dots$$

such that $\Delta' \cup \Gamma_n$ is consistent for each $n \geq 0$ as follows:

Let $\Gamma_0 := \emptyset$.

If Γ_n has been constructed let

$$\Gamma_{n+1/2} := \begin{cases} \Gamma_n \cup \{\phi_{n+1}\} & \text{if } \Delta' \cup \Gamma_n \cup \{\phi_{n+1}\} \\ & \text{is consistent} \\ \Gamma_n \cup \{\neg\phi_{n+1}\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow \Gamma_{n+1/2}$ is consistent (Lemma 13.5)

Now, if $\neg\phi_{n+1} \in \Gamma_{n+1/2}$ or if ϕ_{n+1} is *not* of the form $\exists x_i \psi$, let $\Gamma_{n+1} := \Gamma_{n+1/2}$.

If not, i.e. if $\phi_{n+1} = \exists x_i \psi \in \Gamma_{n+1/2}$ then $\Delta' \cup \Gamma_{n+1/2} \vdash \exists x_i \psi$.

Choose m large enough such that c_{2m+1} does not occur in any formula in $\Delta' \cup \Gamma_{n+1/2} \cup \{\psi\}$ (possible since $\Gamma_{n+1/2} \cup \{\psi\}$ is finite and Δ' has only even constants).

Let $\Gamma_{n+1} := \Gamma_{n+1/2} \cup \{\psi[c_{2m+1}/x_i]\}$
 \Rightarrow by Lemma 13.6, Γ_{n+1} is consistent.

Let $\Gamma := \Delta' \cup \bigcup_{n \geq 0} \Gamma_n$.

$\Rightarrow \Gamma$ is maximal consistent
(as in Propositional Calculus)
and Γ is witnessing (by construction).

By assumption, Γ has a model, say \mathcal{A} .

\Rightarrow in particular, $\Gamma \models \delta$ for any $\delta \in \Delta'$

\Rightarrow by Lemma 13.3(b), Δ has a model

□_{13.4}

So to prove CT it remains to show:

Every maximal consistent witnessing set Δ of sentences has a model.

13.7 Theorem (CT after reduction 13.4)

*Let Γ be a maximal consistent witnessing set of sentences not containing a \doteq -symbol.
Then Γ has a model.*

Proof:

Let $A := \{t \in \text{Term}(\mathcal{L}) \mid t \text{ is closed}\}$
(recall: t **closed** means no variables in t).

A will be the domain of our model \mathcal{A} of Γ
(\mathcal{A} is called **term model**).

For $P = P_n^{(k)} \in \text{Pred}(\mathcal{L})$ resp. $f = f_n^{(k)} \in \text{Fct}(\mathcal{L})$ resp. $c = c_n \in \text{Const}(\mathcal{L})$ define the interpretations $P_{\mathcal{A}}$ resp. $f_{\mathcal{A}}$ resp. $c_{\mathcal{A}}$ by

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\mathcal{A}}(t_1, \dots, t_k) \text{ holds} &: \Leftrightarrow \Gamma \vdash P(t_1, \dots, t_k) \\ f_{\mathcal{A}}(t_1, \dots, t_k) &:= f(t_1, \dots, t_k) \\ c_{\mathcal{A}} &:= c \end{aligned}$$

to show: $\mathcal{A} \models \Gamma$

(i.e. $\mathcal{A} \models \Gamma[v]$ for some/all assignments v in \mathcal{A} : note that Γ contains only sentences).

Let v be an assignment in \mathcal{A} ,
say $v(x_i) =: s_i \in A$ for $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Claim 1: For any $u \in \text{Term}(\mathcal{L})$: $\tilde{v}(u) = u[\vec{s}/\vec{x}]$
($:=$ the closed term obtained by replacing each x_i in u by s_i)

Proof: by induction on u

- $u = x_i \Rightarrow$

$$\tilde{v}(u) = v(x_i) = s_i = x_i[s_i/x_i] = u[\vec{s}/\vec{x}]$$

- $u = c \in \text{Const}(\mathcal{L}) \Rightarrow$

$$\tilde{v}(u[\vec{s}/\vec{x}]) = \tilde{v}(u) = v(c) = c_{\mathcal{A}}$$

- $u = f(t_1, \dots, t_k) \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{v}(u) &:= f_{\mathcal{A}}(\tilde{v}(t_1), \dots, \tilde{v}(t_k)) \\ &= f_{\mathcal{A}}(t_1[\vec{s}/\vec{x}], \dots, t_k[\vec{s}/\vec{x}]) && \text{by IH} \\ &= f(t_1[\vec{s}/\vec{x}], \dots, t_k[\vec{s}/\vec{x}]) && \text{by def. of } f_{\mathcal{A}} \\ &= f(t_1, \dots, t_k)[\vec{s}/\vec{x}] && \text{by def. of subst.} \\ &= u[\vec{s}/\vec{x}] && \square \text{Claim 1} \end{aligned}$$

Claim 2: For any $\phi \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L})$ without \doteq -symbol:

$$\mathcal{A} \models \phi[v] \text{ iff } \Gamma \vdash \phi[\vec{s}/\vec{x}],$$

where $\phi[\vec{s}/\vec{x}] :=$ the sentence obtained by replacing each *free* occurrence of x_i by s_i : note that s_i is free for x_i in ϕ because s_i is a *closed* term.

Proof: by induction on ϕ

ϕ **atomic**, i.e.

$\phi = P(t_1, \dots, t_k)$ for some $P = P_n^{(k)} \in \text{Pred}(\mathcal{L})$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{A} \models \phi[v] \\ \text{iff } & P_{\mathcal{A}}(\tilde{v}(t_1), \dots, \tilde{v}(t_k)) && [\text{def. of } '\models'] \\ \text{iff } & P_{\mathcal{A}}(t_1[\vec{s}/\vec{x}], \dots, t_k[\vec{s}/\vec{x}]) && [\text{Claim 1}] \\ \text{iff } & \Gamma \vdash P(t_1[\vec{s}/\vec{x}], \dots, t_k[\vec{s}/\vec{x}]) && [\text{def. of } P_{\mathcal{A}}] \\ \text{iff } & \Gamma \vdash P(t_1, \dots, t_k)[\vec{s}/\vec{x}] && [\text{def. subst.}] \\ \text{iff } & \Gamma \vdash \phi[\vec{s}/\vec{x}] \end{aligned}$$

Note that Claim 2 might be false for formulas of the form $t_1 \doteq t_2$: might have $\Gamma \vdash c_0 \doteq c_1$, but c_0, c_1 are distinct elements in A .

Induction Step

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{A} &\models \neg\phi[v] \\ \text{iff } &\text{not } \mathcal{A} \models \phi[v] && [\text{def. of '}\models\text{'}] \\ \text{iff } &\text{not } \Gamma \vdash \phi[\vec{s}/\vec{x}] && [\text{IH}] \\ \text{iff } &\Gamma \vdash \neg\phi[\vec{s}/\vec{x}] && [\Gamma \text{ max. cons.}]\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{A} &\models (\phi \rightarrow \psi)[v] \\ \text{iff } &\text{not } \mathcal{A} \models \phi[v] \text{ or } \mathcal{A} \models \psi[v] && [\text{def. '}\models\text{'}] \\ \text{iff } &\text{not } \Gamma \vdash \phi[\vec{s}/\vec{x}] \text{ or } \Gamma \vdash \psi[\vec{s}/\vec{x}] && [\text{IH}] \\ \text{iff } &\Gamma \vdash \neg\phi[\vec{s}/\vec{x}] \text{ or } \Gamma \vdash \psi[\vec{s}/\vec{x}] && [\Gamma \text{ max.}] \\ \text{iff } &\Gamma \vdash (\neg\phi[\vec{s}/\vec{x}] \vee \psi[\vec{s}/\vec{x}]) && [\text{def. '}\vdash\text{'}] \\ \text{iff } &\Gamma \vdash (\phi[\vec{s}/\vec{x}] \rightarrow \psi[\vec{s}/\vec{x}]) && [\text{taut.}] \\ \text{iff } &\Gamma \vdash (\phi \rightarrow \psi)[\vec{s}/\vec{x}] && [\text{def. subst.}]\end{aligned}$$

\forall -step ' \Rightarrow '

Suppose $\mathcal{A} \models \forall x_i \phi[v]$ (★)

but not $\Gamma \vdash (\forall x_i \phi)[\vec{s}/\vec{x}]$

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma \vdash (\neg\forall x_i \phi)[\vec{s}/\vec{x}] \quad (\Gamma \text{ max.})$$

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma \vdash (\exists x_i \neg\phi)[\vec{s}/\vec{x}] \quad (\text{Exercise})$$

Now let ϕ' be the result of substituting each free occurrence of x_j in ϕ by s_j for all $j \neq i$.

$$\Rightarrow (\exists x_i \neg \phi)[\vec{s}/\vec{x}] = \exists x_i \neg \phi'$$

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma \vdash \exists x_i \neg \phi'$$

Γ witnessing \Rightarrow

$\Gamma \vdash \neg \phi'[c/x_i]$ for some $c \in \text{Const}(\mathcal{L})$

Define

$$v^*(x_j) := \begin{cases} v(x_j) & \text{if } j \neq i \\ c & \text{if } j = i \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad s_j^* := \begin{cases} s_j & \text{if } j \neq i \\ c & \text{if } j = i \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \neg \phi'[c/x_i] = \neg \phi[s^*/\vec{x}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma \vdash \neg \phi[s^*/\vec{x}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma \models \neg \phi[v^*] \quad [\text{IH}]$$

But, by (\star) , $\mathcal{A} \models \phi[v^*]$: contradiction.

\forall -step ' \Leftarrow ':

Suppose $\mathcal{A} \not\models \forall x_i \phi[v]$

\Rightarrow for some v^* agreeing with v except possibly at x_i

$$\mathcal{A} \models \neg \phi[v^*]$$

$$\text{Let } s_j^* := \begin{cases} s_j & \text{for } j \neq i \\ v^*(x_j) & \text{for } j = i \end{cases}$$

$$\text{IH } \Rightarrow \Gamma \vdash \neg \phi[\vec{s}^*/\vec{x}],$$

$$\text{i.e. } \Gamma \vdash \neg \phi'[s_i^*/x_i],$$

where ϕ' is the result of substituting each free occurrence of x_j in ϕ by s_j for all $j \neq i$

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma \vdash \exists x_i \neg \phi'$$

(Exercise:

$\chi \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L})$, $\text{Free}(\chi) \subseteq \{x_i\}$, s a closed term

$$\Rightarrow \vdash (\chi[s/x_i] \rightarrow \exists x_i \chi))$$

So

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma &\vdash \neg \forall x_i \neg \neg \phi' \\ \Rightarrow \Gamma &\vdash \neg \forall x_i \phi' \\ \Rightarrow \Gamma &\vdash (\neg \forall x_i \phi)[\vec{s}/\vec{x}] \\ \Rightarrow \Gamma &\not\vdash (\forall x_i \phi)[\vec{s}/\vec{x}]\end{aligned}$$

□ Claim 2

Now choose any $\phi \in \Gamma \subseteq \text{Sent}(\mathcal{L})$

$$\Rightarrow \phi[\vec{s}/\vec{x}] = \phi$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{A} \models \phi[v], \text{ i.e. } \mathcal{A} \models \phi \quad [\text{Claim 2}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{A} \models \Gamma$$

□ 13.7

13.8 Modification required for \doteq -symbol

Define an equivalence relation E on A by

$$t_1 E t_2 \text{ iff } \Gamma \vdash t_1 \doteq t_2$$

(easy to check: this *is* an equivalence relation, e.g. transitivity = (1)(ii) of sheet # 4).

Let A/E be the set of equivalence classes t/E (with $t \in A$).

Define \mathcal{L} -structure \mathcal{A}/E with domain A/E by

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\mathcal{A}/E}(t_1/E, \dots, t_k/E) &: \Leftrightarrow \Gamma \vdash P(t_1, \dots, t_k) \\ f_{\mathcal{A}/E}(t_1/E, \dots, t_k/E) &:= f_{\mathcal{A}}(t_1, \dots, t_k) \\ c_{\mathcal{A}/E} &:= c_{\mathcal{A}}/E \end{aligned}$$

check: independence of representatives of t/E (this is the purpose of Axiom **A7**).

Rest of the proof is much the same as before.

□_{13.1}

14. Applications of Gödel's Completeness Theorem

14.1 Compactness Theorem for Predicate Calculus

Let \mathcal{L} be a first-order language and let $\Gamma \subseteq \text{Sent}(\mathcal{L})$.

Then Γ has a model iff every finite subset of Γ has a model.

Proof: as for Propositional Calculus – Exercise sheet # 4, (5)(ii).

14.2 Example

Let $\Gamma \subseteq \text{Sent}(\mathcal{L})$. Assume that for every $N \geq 1$, Γ has a model whose domain has at least N elements.

Then Γ has a model with an infinite domain.

Proof:

For each $n \geq 2$ let χ_n be the sentence

$$\exists x_1 \exists x_2 \cdots \exists x_n \bigwedge_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \neg x_i \doteq x_j$$

\Rightarrow for any \mathcal{L} -structure $\mathcal{A} = \langle A; \dots \rangle$,

$$\mathcal{A} \models \chi_n \text{ iff } \#A \geq n$$

Let $\Gamma' := \Gamma \cup \{\chi_n \mid n \geq 1\}$.

If $\Gamma_0 \subseteq \Gamma'$ is finite,

let N be maximal with $\chi_N \in \Gamma_0$.

By hypothesis, $\Gamma \cup \{\chi_N\}$ has a model.

$\Rightarrow \Gamma_0$ has a model

(note that $\vdash \chi_N \rightarrow \chi_{N-1} \rightarrow \chi_{N-2} \rightarrow \dots$)

\Rightarrow By the Compactness Theorem 14.1,

Γ' has a model, say $\mathcal{A} = \langle A; \dots \rangle$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{A} \models \chi_n$ for all $n \Rightarrow \#A = \infty$ \square

14.3 The Löwenheim-Skolem Theorem

Let $\Gamma \subseteq \text{Sent}(\mathcal{L})$ be consistent.

Then Γ has a model with a countable domain.

Proof:

This follows from the proof of the Completeness Theorem:

The **term model** constructed there was countable, because there are only countably many closed terms.

□

14.4 Definition

(i) Let \mathcal{A} be an \mathcal{L} -structure.

Then the \mathcal{L} -**theory of \mathcal{A}** is

$$\text{Th}(\mathcal{A}) := \{\phi \in \text{Sent}(\mathcal{L}) \mid \mathcal{A} \models \phi\},$$

the set of all \mathcal{L} -sentences true in \mathcal{A} .

Note: $\text{Th}(\mathcal{A})$ is maximal consistent.

(ii) If \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} are \mathcal{L} -structures with $\text{Th}(\mathcal{A}) = \text{Th}(\mathcal{B})$ then \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} are **elementarily equivalent** (in symbols ' $\mathcal{A} \equiv \mathcal{B}$ ').

14.5 Remark

Let $\Gamma \subseteq \text{Sent}(\mathcal{L})$ be any set of \mathcal{L} -sentences.
Then TFAE:

- (i) Γ is strongly maximal consistent (i.e. for each \mathcal{L} -sentence ϕ , $\phi \in \Gamma$ or $\neg\phi \in \Gamma$)
- (ii) $\Gamma = \text{Th}(\mathcal{A})$ for some \mathcal{L} -structure \mathcal{A}

Proof:

(i) \Rightarrow (ii): Completeness Theorem

Rest: clear. □

Note that Γ is maximal consistent if and only if Γ has models, and, for any two models \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} , $\mathcal{A} \equiv \mathcal{B}$.

A worked example: Dense linear orderings without endpoints

Let $\mathcal{L} = \{<\}$ be the language with just one binary predicate symbol ' $<$ ', and let Γ be the \mathcal{L} -theory of dense linear orderings without endpoints (cf. Example 10.8) consisting of the axioms ψ_1, \dots, ψ_4 :

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_1 : & \quad \forall x \forall y ((x < y \vee x \dot{=} y \vee y < x) \\ & \quad \wedge \neg((x < y \wedge x \dot{=} y) \vee (x < y \wedge y < x))) \\ \psi_2 : & \quad \forall x \forall y \forall z (x < y \wedge y < z \rightarrow x < z) \\ \psi_3 : & \quad \forall x \forall z (x < z \rightarrow \exists y (x < y \wedge y < z)) \\ \psi_4 : & \quad \forall y \exists x \exists z (x < y \wedge y < z)\end{aligned}$$

14.6 (a) Examples

\mathbf{Q} , \mathbf{R} , $]0, 1[$, $\mathbf{R} \setminus \{0\}$, $[\sqrt{2}, \pi] \cap \mathbf{Q}$, $]0, 1[\cup]2, 3[$,
or $\mathbf{Z} \times \mathbf{R}$ with lexicographic ordering:

$$(a, b) < (c, d) \Leftrightarrow a < c \text{ or } (a = c \ \& \ b < d)$$

(b) Counterexamples $[0, 1]$, \mathbf{Z} , $\{0\}$, $\mathbf{R} \setminus]0, 1[$
or $\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{Z}$ with lexicographic ordering

14.7 Theorem

Let Γ be the theory of dense linear orderings without endpoints, and let $\mathcal{A} = \langle A; <_{\mathcal{A}} \rangle$ and $\mathcal{B} = \langle B; <_{\mathcal{B}} \rangle$ be two countable models.

Then \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} are isomorphic, i.e. there is an order preserving bijection between A and B .

Proof: Note: A and B are infinite.

Choose an enumeration (no repeats)

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots\} \\ B &= \{b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots\} \end{aligned}$$

Define $\phi : A \rightarrow B$ recursively s.t. for all n :

$$(\star_n) \text{ for all } i, j \leq n : \phi(a_i) <_{\mathcal{B}} \phi(a_j) \Leftrightarrow a_i <_{\mathcal{A}} a_j$$

Suppose ϕ has been defined on $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ satisfying (\star_n) .

Let $\phi(a_{n+1}) = b_m$,
where $m > 1$ is minimal s.t.

for all $i \leq n : b_m <_{\mathcal{B}} \phi(a_i) \Leftrightarrow a_{n+1} <_{\mathcal{A}} a_i$,

i.e. the position of $\phi(a_{n+1})$
relative to $\phi(a_1), \dots, \phi(a_n)$

is the same as that of a_{n+1}
relative to a_1, \dots, a_n

(possible as $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \models \Gamma$).

$\Rightarrow (\star_{n+1})$ holds for a_1, \dots, a_{n+1}

$\Rightarrow \phi$ is injective

And ϕ is surjective, by minimality of m . \square

14.8 Corollary

Γ is maximal consistent

Proof:

to show: $\text{Th}(\mathcal{A}) = \text{Th}(\mathcal{B})$ for any $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \models \Gamma$
(by Remark 14.5)

By the Theorem of Löwenheim-Skolem (14.3),
 $\text{Th}(\mathcal{A})$ and $\text{Th}(\mathcal{B})$ have countable models,
say \mathcal{A}_0 and \mathcal{B}_0 .

$\Rightarrow \text{Th}(\mathcal{A}_0) = \text{Th}(\mathcal{A})$ and $\text{Th}(\mathcal{B}_0) = \text{Th}(\mathcal{B})$

Theorem 14.7 $\Rightarrow \mathcal{A}_0$ and \mathcal{B}_0 are isomorphic

$\Rightarrow \text{Th}(\mathcal{A}_0) = \text{Th}(\mathcal{B}_0)$

$\Rightarrow \text{Th}(\mathcal{A}) = \text{Th}(\mathcal{B})$

□

Recall that \mathbf{R} is **Dedekind complete**:

for any subsets $A, B \subseteq \mathbf{R}$ with $A' <' B$
(i.e. $a < b$ for any $a \in A, b \in B$)
there is $\gamma \in \mathbf{R}$ with $A' \leq' \{\gamma\}' \leq' B$.

\mathbf{Q} is **not** Dedekind complete:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{take } A &= \{x \in \mathbf{Q} \mid x < \pi\} \\ B &= \{x \in \mathbf{Q} \mid \pi < x\} \end{aligned}$$

14.9 Corollary

$$Th(\langle \mathbf{Q}; < \rangle) = Th(\langle \mathbf{R}; < \rangle)$$

*In particular, the Dedekind completeness of \mathbf{R} is **not** a first-order property,*

i.e. there is no $\Delta \subseteq \text{Sent}(\mathcal{L})$ such that for all \mathcal{L} -structures $\langle A; < \rangle$,

$\langle A; < \rangle \models \Delta$ iff $\langle A; < \rangle$ is Dedekind complete.

15. Normal Forms

(a) Prenex Normal Form

A formula is in **prenex normal form (PNF)** if it has the form

$$Q_1 x_{i_1} Q_2 x_{i_2} \cdots Q_r x_{i_r} \psi,$$

where each Q_i is a quantifier (i.e. either \forall or \exists), and where ψ is a formula containing no quantifiers.

15.1 PNF-Theorem

*Every $\phi \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L})$ is logically equivalent to an \mathcal{L} -formula in **PNF**.*

Proof: Induction on ϕ
(working in the language with $\forall, \exists, \neg, \wedge$):

ϕ atomic: OK

$$\phi = \neg\psi,$$

$$\text{say } \phi \leftrightarrow \neg Q_1 x_{i_1} Q_2 x_{i_2} \cdots Q_r x_{i_r} \chi$$

$$\text{Then } \phi \leftrightarrow Q_1^- x_{i_1} Q_2^- x_{i_2} \cdots Q_r^- x_{i_r} \neg\chi,$$

where $Q^- = \exists$ if $Q = \forall$, and $Q^- = \forall$ if $Q = \exists$

$$\phi = (\chi \wedge \rho) \text{ with } \chi, \rho \text{ in PNF}$$

$$\text{Note that } \vdash (\forall x_j \psi[x_j/x_i] \leftrightarrow \forall x_i \psi),$$

provided x_j does not occur in ψ (Ex. 12.5)

So w.l.o.g. the variables quantified over in χ do not occur in ρ and vice versa.

$$\text{But then, e.g. } (\forall x \alpha \wedge \exists y \beta) \leftrightarrow \forall x \exists y (\alpha \wedge \beta) \text{ etc.}$$

□

(b) Skolem Normal Form

Recall: In the proof of CT, we introduced witnessing new constants for existential formulas such that

$\exists x \phi(x)$ is satisfiable iff $\phi(c)$ is satisfiable.

This way an $\exists x$ in front of a formula could be removed at the expense of a new constant.

Now we remove existential quantifiers ‘inside’ a formula at the expense of extra function symbols:

15.2 Observation:

Let $\phi = \phi(x, y)$ be an \mathcal{L} -formula with $x, y \in \text{Free}(\phi)$. Let f be a new unary function symbol (not in \mathcal{L}).

Then $\forall x \exists y \phi(x, y)$ is satisfiable iff $\forall x \phi(x, f(x))$ is satisfiable.

(f is called a **Skolem function** for ϕ .)

Proof: ' \Leftarrow ': clear

' \Rightarrow ': Let \mathcal{A} be an \mathcal{L} -structure with $\mathcal{A} \models \forall x \exists y \phi(x, y)$

\Rightarrow for every $a \in A$ there is some $b \in A$ with $\phi(a, b)$

Interpret f by a function assigning to each $a \in A$ one such b

(this uses the Axiom of Choice!). \square

Example: $\mathbf{R} \models \forall x \exists y (x \doteq y^2 \vee x \doteq -y^2)$ – here $f(x) = \sqrt{|x|}$ will do.

15.3 Theorem

*For every \mathcal{L} -formula ϕ
there is a formula ϕ^*
(with new constant and function symbols)
having only universal quantifiers in its PNF
such that*

ϕ is satisfiable iff ϕ^ is.*

*More precisely,
any \mathcal{L} -structure \mathcal{A}
can be made into a structure \mathcal{A}^*
interpreting the new constant and function sym-
bols
such that*

$\mathcal{A} \models \phi$ iff $\mathcal{A}^ \models \phi^*$.*