

# Predicate Logic

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# Limitation of Propositional Logic

- Consider the following sentence:

Every student is younger than some instructor.

(每位學生都比某位授課者年輕。)

- How do we express it in propositional logic?
  - What are propositional atoms?
- To express the sentence, let us define some predicates.
  - Informally, a predicate is a function from objects to truth values.
- For example,  $S(andy)$  denotes that Andy is a student;  $I(paul)$  denotes that Paul is an instructor;  $Y(andy, paul)$  denotes that Andy is younger than Paul.
- We also use variables to denote an object.
  - $S(x)$  means  $x$  is a student;  $I(x)$  means  $x$  is an instructor;  $Y(x, y)$  means  $x$  is younger than  $y$ .
- Here is a predicate logic formula expressing the sentence:

$$\forall x(S(x) \implies (\exists y(I(y) \wedge Y(x, y)))).$$

# More Examples

- “Not all birds can fly.”
  - ▶ Let  $B(x)$  denote  $x$  is a bird, and  $F(x)$  denote  $x$  can fly.
  - ▶  $\neg(\forall x(B(x) \implies F(x)))$ .
- “Some bird cannot fly.”

$$\exists x(B(x) \wedge \neg F(x)).$$

- Do “not all birds can fly” and “some bird cannot fly” have the same meaning?
  - ▶ What are the “meaning” of these sentences?
  - ▶ What is the “same”?

# More Examples

- “Andy and Paul have the same biological maternal grandmother.”

- ▶ Let  $M(x, y)$  denote that  $x$  is  $y$ 's mother.
- ▶ Consider

$$\forall x \forall y \forall u \forall v (M(x, y) \wedge M(y, \text{andy}) \wedge M(u, v) \wedge M(v, \text{paul}) \implies x = u).$$

- ▶ Let  $m(x)$  denote  $x$ 's biological mother.
- ▶ Consider

$$m(m(\text{andy})) = m(m(\text{paul})).$$

- Since everyone has exactly one biological mother, we introduce a function  $m(x)$  to denote this fact.
- In this chapter, we will consider these questions formally.

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- In our examples, there are two sorts of things:
  - ▶  $B(x)$ ,  $M(x, y)$ ,  $B(x) \wedge \neg F(x)$  are **formulae**. They denote **truth values**;
  - ▶  $y$ ,  $paul$ ,  $m(x)$  are **terms**. They denote **objects**.
- Hence a predicate vocabulary has three sets.
- $\mathcal{P}$  is a set of **predicate** symbols ( $B(x)$ ,  $M(x, y)$  etc).
- $\mathcal{F}$  is a set of **function** symbols ( $m(x)$  etc).
- $\mathcal{C}$  is a set of constant symbols ( $andy$ ,  $paul$  etc).
- A function symbol  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  with arity  $n$  (or  $n$ -arity) takes  $n$  arguments.
- Observe that a 0-arity (or nullary) function is in fact a constant.
- Hence  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ . We can ignore  $\mathcal{C}$  for convenience.



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## Definition

Terms are defined as follows.

- Any variable is a term;
- If  $c \in \mathcal{F}$  is a nullary function symbol,  $c$  is a term;
- If  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n$  are terms and  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  has arity  $n > 0$ , then  $f(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$  is a term;
- Nothing else is a term.

- In Backus Naur form, we have

$$t ::= x \mid c \mid f(t, \dots, t)$$

where  $x \in \text{var}$  is a variable,  $c \in \mathcal{F}$  a nullary function symbol, and  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  a function symbol with arity  $> 0$ .

- Let  $n, f, g \in \mathcal{F}$  be function symbols with arity 0, 1, and 2 respectively.
- $g(f(n), n), f(f(n)), f(g(n, g(f(n), n)))$  are terms.
- $g(n), f(n, n), n(g)$  are not terms.
- Let  $0, 1, \dots$  be nullary function symbols, and  $+, -, \times$  binary function symbols.
- $+(\times(3, x), 1), +(\times(x, x), +(\times(2, \times(x, y))), \times(y, y))$  are terms.
- In infix notation, they are  $(3 \times x) + 1, (x \times x) + ((2 \times (x \times y)) + (y \times y))$ .

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## Definition

Formulae are defined as follows.

- If  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  is a predicate symbol with arity  $n \geq 1$ , and  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n$  are terms over  $\mathcal{F}$ , then  $P(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$  is a formula;
- If  $\phi$  is a formula, so is  $(\neg\phi)$ ;
- If  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are formulae, so are  $(\phi \wedge \psi)$ ,  $(\phi \vee \psi)$ , and  $(\phi \implies \psi)$ .
- If  $\phi$  is a formula and  $x$  is a variable, then  $(\forall x\phi)$  and  $(\exists x\phi)$  are formulae;
- Nothing else is a formula.

- In Backus Naur form, we have

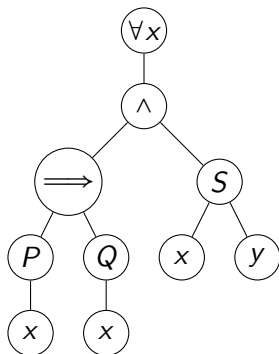
$$\phi ::= P(t_1, \dots, t_n) \mid (\neg\phi) \mid (\phi \wedge \phi) \mid (\phi \vee \phi) \mid (\phi \implies \phi) \mid (\forall x\phi) \mid (\exists x\phi)$$

where  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  is a predicate symbol of arity  $n$ ,  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  terms over  $\mathcal{F}$ , and  $x \in \text{var}$  a variable.

# Convention

- It is very tedious to write parentheses.
- We will assume the following binding priorities.
  - $\neg$ ,  $\forall x$  and  $\exists x$  (tightest)
  - $\vee$ ,  $\wedge$
  - $\implies$  (right-associative and loosest)

# Parse Tree



- A predicate logic formula can be represented as a parse tree.
  - $\forall x, \exists y$  are nodes;
  - arguments of function symbols are also nodes.
- The above figure gives the parse tree of  $\forall x((P(x) \implies Q(x)) \wedge S(x, y))$ .

# Example

## Example

Write “every son of my father is my brother” in predicate logic.

## Proof.

Let *me* denote ‘me’,  $S(x, y)$  ( $x$  is a son of  $y$ ),  $F(x, y)$  ( $x$  is the father of  $y$ ), and  $B(x, y)$  ( $x$  is a brother of  $y$ ) be predicate symbols of arity 2.

Consider

$$\forall x \forall y (F(x, me) \wedge S(y, x) \implies B(y, me)).$$

Alternatively, let  $f$  ( $f(x)$  is the father of  $x$ ) be a unary function symbol.

Consider

$$\forall x (S(x, f(me)) \implies B(x, me)).$$



- Translating an English sentence into predicate logic can be tricky.
- Can you identify problem(s) in the example?



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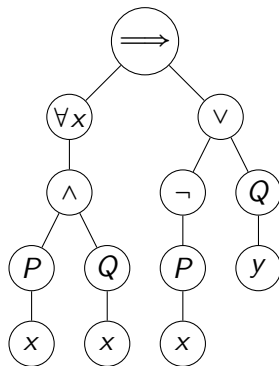
# Constants and Variables

- Let  $c, d$  be constants (nullary functions).
- Consider  $\forall x(P(x) \implies Q(x)) \wedge P(c) \implies Q(c)$ .
  - If  $P(x)$  implies  $Q(x)$  for all  $x$  and  $P(c)$  is true, then  $Q(c)$  is true.
- Intuitively,  $\forall y(P(y) \implies Q(y)) \wedge P(c) \implies Q(c)$  should have the same meaning.
- $\forall y(P(y) \implies Q(y)) \wedge P(d) \implies Q(d)$  is different.
  - We do not know if  $Q(c)$  is true.
- Things can get very complicated when there are several variables.
  - $\forall x((P(x) \implies Q(x)) \wedge S(x, y))$
  - $\forall z((P(z) \implies Q(z)) \wedge S(z, y))$
  - $\forall y((P(y) \implies Q(y)) \wedge S(y, x))$

# Free and Bound Variables

## Definition

Let  $\phi$  be a predicate logic formula. An occurrence of  $x$  in  $\phi$  is free in  $\phi$  if it is a leaf node without ancestor nodes  $\forall x$  or  $\exists x$  in the parse tree of  $\phi$ . Otherwise, the occurrence of  $x$  is bound. The scope of  $\forall x$  in  $\forall x\phi$  is the formula  $\phi$  minus any subformula in  $\phi$  of the form  $\forall x\psi$  or  $\exists x\psi$ .



$$(\forall x(P(x) \wedge Q(x))) \implies (\neg P(x) \vee Q(y))$$

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# Substitution

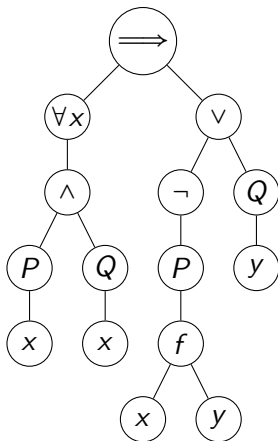
- Variables denote objects in predicate logic.
- Hence variables can be replaced by terms (but not formulae).
  - ▶ Replace  $x$  in  $x \neq x + 1$  by 2 to get  $2 \neq 2 + 1$ .
  - ▶ What if we replace  $x$  by  $2 = 2$ ?
- However, bound variables should not be replaced.
- The variables  $x$  and  $y$  in  $\forall x\phi$  and  $\exists y\psi$  denote all or some objects respectively.
  - ▶ What if we replace  $x$  in  $\exists x(x = 0)$  by 1?

## Definition

Given a variable  $x$ , a term  $t$  and a formula  $\phi$ , define  $\phi[t/x]$  to be the formula obtained by replacing each free occurrence of  $x$  in  $\phi$  with  $t$ .

# Example

- Let  $\phi = (\forall x(P(x) \wedge Q(x))) \implies (\neg P(x) \vee Q(y))$ . Consider  $\phi[f(x,y)/x]$ .



$$(\forall x(P(x) \wedge Q(x))) \implies (\neg P(x) \vee Q(y))[f(x,y)/x]$$

# Variable Capture in Substitution

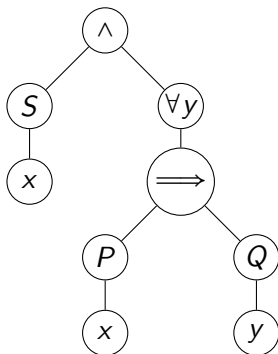
- Let  $\phi = \exists y(y < x)$  and  $\psi = \exists z(z < x)$ .
  - ▶ Since  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  only differ in bound variables, they should have the same meaning.
- Consider  $\phi[(y - 1)/x] = \exists y(y < y - 1)$ .
- The variable  $y$  in  $y - 1$  is caught by the bound variable in  $\phi$ .
- Consider  $\psi[(y - 1)/x] = \exists z(z < y - 1)$ .
- The variable  $y$  in  $y - 1$  is not caught in the substitution  $\psi[(y - 1)/x]$ .

## Definition

Let  $t$  be a term,  $x$  a variable, and  $\phi$  a formula.  $t$  is free for  $x$  in  $\phi$  if no free  $x$  leaf in  $\phi$  occurs in the scope of  $\forall y$  or  $\exists y$  for any variable  $y$  occurring in  $t$ .

- Examples:  $y - 1$  is free for  $x$  in  $\exists z(z < x)$ ;  $y - 1$  is not free for  $x$  in  $\exists y(y < x)$ .

# Example



- Consider  $\phi = S(x) \wedge \forall y (P(x) \implies Q(y))$  and  $t = f(y, y)$ .
- The two occurrences of  $x$  in  $\phi$  are free.
- The right occurrence of  $x$  in  $\phi$  is in the scope of  $\forall y$  and  $y$  occurs in  $t$ .
- $t$  is not free for  $x$  in  $\phi$ .



# Substitution and Variable Capture

- When  $t$  is not free for  $x$  in  $\phi$ , the substitution  $\phi[t/x]$  is not desirable.
- However, we can always rename bound variables for substitution.
- When we write  $\phi[t/x]$ , we mean all bound variables in  $\phi$  are renamed so that  $t$  is free for  $x$  in  $\phi$ .
- Examples.
  - ▶  $\phi = \exists y(y < x)$  and  $t = y - 1$ .  $t$  is not free for  $x$  in  $\phi$ . Rename the bound variable  $y$  to  $z$  and obtain  $\psi = \exists z(z < x)$ .  $t$  is free for  $x$  in  $\psi$ .
  - ▶  $\phi = S(x) \wedge \forall y(P(x) \implies Q(y))$  and  $t = f(y, y)$ .  $t$  is not free for  $x$  in  $\phi$ . Rename the bound variable  $y$  to  $z$  and obtain  $\psi = S(x) \wedge \forall z(P(x) \implies Q(z))$ .  $t$  is free for  $x$  in  $\psi$ .

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# Natural Deduction for Predicate Logic

- Similar to propositional logic, predicate logic has its natural deduction proof system.
- Naturally, the natural deduction proof rules for contradiction ( $\perp$ ), negation ( $\neg$ ), and Boolean connectives ( $\vee$ ,  $\wedge$ ,  $\implies$ ) are the same as those in propositional logic.
- Additionally, there are proof rules for equality ( $=$ ) and quantification ( $\forall$  and  $\exists$ ).
- Again, these additional rules have two types: introduction and elimination rules.

# Equality

- Let  $s$  and  $t$  be terms.
- What do we mean by  $s = t$ ?
- Shall we say  $2 + 1 = 2 + 1$ ?
- What about  $2^{61} - 1 = 2305843009213693951$ ?
- Apparently, if two terms are **syntactically** equal, they are equal.
  - This is called intensional equality.
- In practice, if two terms denote the **same object**, they are equal.
  - This is called extensional equality.

# Natural Deduction Proof Rules for Equality

- The **introduction** rule for equality is as follows.

$$\overline{t = t} = i$$

- The elimination rule for equality is as follows.

$$\frac{t_1 = t_2 \quad \phi[t_1/x]}{\phi[t_2/x]} = e$$

( $t_1$  and  $t_2$  are free for  $x$  in  $\phi$ ).

- ▶ The requirement “ $t_1$  and  $t_2$  are free for  $x$  in  $\phi$ ” is called the **side condition** of the proof rule.
- By convention, we assume the side condition holds in all substitutions.

# Example

## Example

Show

$$x + 1 = 1 + x, (x + 1) > 1 \implies (x + 1) > 0 \vdash (1 + x) > 1 \implies (1 + x) > 0.$$

Proof.

- |   |                                    |         |
|---|------------------------------------|---------|
| 1 | $x + 1 = 1 + x$                    | premise |
| 2 | $(x + 1) > 1 \implies (x + 1) > 0$ | premise |
| 3 | $(1 + x) > 1 \implies (1 + x) > 0$ | =e 1, 2 |

In step 3, take  $\phi = x > 1 \implies x > 0$ ,  $t_1 = x + 1$ , and  $t_2 = 1 + x$ . Then  
 $\phi[t_1/x] = (x + 1) > 1 \implies (x + 1) > 0$ ,  
 $\phi[t_2/x] = (1 + x) > 0 \implies (1 + x) > 0$ . □

# Reflexivity of Equality

## Example

Show  $t_1 = t_2 \vdash t_2 = t_1$ .

## Proof.

- 1     $t_1 = t_2$     premise
- 2     $t_1 = t_1$      $=i$
- 3     $t_2 = t_1$      $=e, 1, 2$

Take  $\phi = (x = t_1)$ .  $\phi[t_1/x] = (t_1 = t_1)$  and  $\phi[t_2/x] = (t_2 = t_1)$ . □

# Transitivity of Equality

## Example

Show  $t_1 = t_2, t_2 = t_3 \vdash t_1 = t_3$ .

Proof.

- |   |             |          |
|---|-------------|----------|
| 1 | $t_2 = t_3$ | premise  |
| 2 | $t_1 = t_2$ | premise  |
| 3 | $t_1 = t_3$ | =e, 1, 2 |

Take  $\phi = (t_1 = x)$ .  $\phi[t_2/x] = (t_1 = t_2)$  and  $\phi[t_3/x] = (t_1 = t_3)$ . □

- Thus, the rules =i and =e give us the reflexivity, symmetry, and transitivity of equality.



# Natural Deduction Proof Rules for Universal Quantification

- The elimination rule for universal quantification is the following:

$$\frac{\forall x\phi}{\phi[t/x]} \quad \forall xe$$

when  $t$  is free for  $x$  in  $\phi$ .

- To see why  $t$  must be free for  $x$  in  $\phi$ , let  $\phi$  be  $\exists y(x < y)$ . For natural numbers,  $\forall x\exists y(x < y)$  is clearly true (“for any number, there is a larger number”). But if we take  $t = y$ ,  $\phi[t/x] = \exists y(y < y)$ . This is wrong. Hence  $t$  must be free for  $x$  in  $\phi$ .
  - If we really need to replace  $x$  by  $y$  in this case, we should rewrite  $\exists y(x < y)$  to  $\exists z(x < z)$  and obtain  $\exists z(x < z)[x/y] = \exists z(y < z)$ .

# Natural Deduction Proof Rules for Universal Quantification

- The introduction rule for universal quantification opens a new box for a fresh variable  $x_0$ :

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} x_0 \\ \vdots \\ \phi[x_0/x] \end{array}}{\forall x \phi} \quad \forall xi$$

(By “fresh,” we mean  $x_0$  does not occur outside of the box.)

- Informally, the rule  $\forall xi$  says “if we can establish  $\phi[x_0/x]$  for a fresh  $x_0$ , then we can derive  $\forall x \phi$ .”
  - Intuitively,  $x_0$  can be an arbitrary term since it is fresh and assumes nothing. If we can show  $\phi[x_0/x]$ , we have  $\forall x \phi$ .
  - Another way to see this is to replace  $x_0$  by a term  $t$  in the box. We would have a proof for  $\phi[t/x]$ . That is, we have shown  $\forall x \phi$ .

# Example

## Example

Show  $\forall x(P(x) \implies Q(x)), \forall xP(x) \vdash \forall xQ(x)$ .

## Proof.

1	$\forall x(P(x) \implies Q(x))$	premise	
2	$\forall xP(x)$	premise	
3	$x_0 \quad P(x_0) \implies Q(x_0)$	$\forall x e \ 1$	] <span style="float: right;">□</span>
4	$P(x_0)$	$\forall x e \ 2$	
5	$Q(x_0)$	$\implies e \ 4, 3$	
6	$\forall xQ(x)$	$\forall x i \ 3-5$	

# Example

## Example

Show  $P(t), \forall x(P(x) \implies \neg Q(x)) \vdash \neg Q(t)$  for any term  $t$ .

## Proof.

1	$P(t)$	premise
2	$\forall x(P(x) \implies \neg Q(x))$	premise
3	$P(t) \implies \neg Q(t)$	$\forall xe\ 2$
4	$\neg Q(t)$	$\implies e\ 1, 3$



- In step 3, we apply  $\forall xe$  by replacing  $x$  with  $t$ . We could apply the same rule with a different term, say,  $a$ . Hence the rule  $\forall xe$  is in fact a scheme of rules; one for each term  $t$  (free of  $x$  in  $\phi$ ).
- Also, we have different introduction and elimination rule. for different variables. That is, we have  $\forall xi$ ,  $\forall xe$ ,  $\forall yi$ ,  $\forall ye$ , and so on. We will simply write  $\forall i$  and  $\forall e$  when bound variables are clear.

# Universal Quantification and Conjunction

- It is helpful to compare proof rules for universal quantification and conjunction.
- Introduction rules:
  - ▶ To establish  $\forall x\phi$ , we need to show  $\phi[t/x]$  for any term  $t$ . This is accomplished by proving  $\phi[x_0/x]$  with the box for a fresh variable  $x_0$ ;
  - ▶ To establish  $\phi \wedge \psi$ , we need to show  $\phi$  and  $\psi$ .
- Elimination rules:
  - ▶ To eliminate  $\forall x\phi$ , we pick a term (free for  $x$  in  $\phi$ ) and deduce  $\phi[t/x]$ ;
  - ▶ To eliminate  $\phi \wedge \psi$ , we deduce  $\phi$  (or  $\psi$ ).

# Natural Deduction Proof Rule for Existential Quantification

- The introduction rule for existential quantification is as follows.

$$\frac{\phi[t/x]}{\exists x\phi} \exists xi$$

when  $t$  is free for  $x$  in  $\phi$ .

- To see why  $t$  must be free for  $x$  in  $\phi$ , consider  $\exists x\forall y(x = y)$ . This is clearly wrong for, say, natural numbers. Let  $\phi = \forall y(x = y)$  and  $t = y$ . Since  $\phi[t/x] = \forall y(y = y)$  is deducible ( $=i, \forall yi$ ), we would have  $\exists x\forall y(x = y)$ .
- Recall the elimination rule for universal quantification:

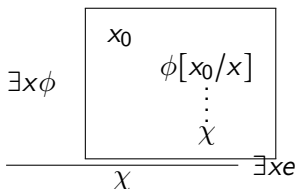
$$\frac{\forall x\phi}{\phi[t/x]} \forall xe$$

when  $t$  is free for  $x$  in  $\phi$ .

- $\forall xe$  is the “dual” of  $\exists xi$ .
  - Recall the duality of  $\wedge e$  and  $\vee i$ .

# Natural Deduction Proof Rule for Existential Quantification

- The elimination rule for existential quantification is as follows.



- Informally, the rule  $\exists e$  says: to show  $\chi$  from  $\exists x\phi$ , we show  $\chi$  by assuming  $\phi[x_0/x]$  for a fresh variable  $x_0$ .
  - Intuitively,  $x_0$  stands for an unknown term  $t$  such that  $\phi[t/x]$  holds. If we can deduce  $\chi$  by assuming  $\phi[t/x]$ , then  $\chi$  is deducible from  $\exists x\phi$ .
- Note that  $x_0$  must not occur in  $\chi$ .

# Existential Quantification and Disjunction

- It is helpful to compare the elimination rules for existential quantification and disjunction.
- Recall

$$\frac{\phi \vee \psi \quad \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \phi \\ \vdots \\ \chi \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \psi \\ \vdots \\ \chi \\ \hline \end{array}}{\chi} \vee e$$

- To eliminate  $\phi \vee \psi$ , we show that  $\chi$  is deducible by assuming  $\phi$  or assuming  $\psi$ .
- To eliminate  $\exists x\phi$ , we show that  $\chi$  is deducible by assuming  $\phi[x_0/x]$ .



# Subformula Property I

- An elimination rule has subformula property if it must conclude with a subformula of the eliminated formula.
- For example, both  $\wedge e_1$  and  $\neg e$  have the subformula property.

$$\frac{\phi \wedge \psi}{\phi} \wedge e_1 \quad \frac{\neg \neg \phi}{\phi} \neg e$$

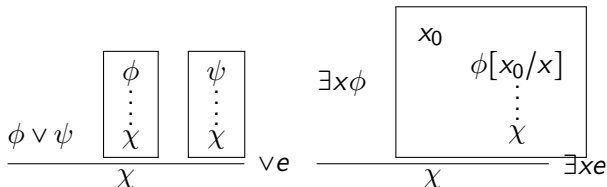
- Since the conclusion of  $\forall x e$  has the same logical structure as the eliminated formula, we also say  $\forall x e$  has the subformula property.

$$\frac{\forall x \phi}{\phi[t/x]} \forall x e$$

- ▶ Strictly speaking,  $\phi[t/x]$  may not be a subformula of  $\forall x \phi$ .

# Subformula Property II

- The subformula property helps proof search.
  - We need not invent a formula for rules with the property.
  - Such rules are good for automated proof search.
- $\vee e$  and  $\exists x e$  however do not have the subformula property.



- The conclusion  $\chi$  must be chosen carefully.

# Examples I

## Example

Show  $\forall x\phi \vdash \exists x\phi$ .

Proof.

1	$\forall x\phi$	premise
2	$\phi[x/x]$	$\forall x e$ 1
3	$\exists x\phi$	$\exists x i$ 2

(Is  $x$  free for  $x$  in  $\phi[x/x]$ ?) □

- Is it correct?

# Examples II

## Example

Show  $\forall x(P(x) \implies Q(x)), \exists xP(x) \vdash \exists xQ(x)$ .

## Proof.

1	$\forall x(P(x) \implies Q(x))$	premise	
2	$\exists xP(x)$	premise	
3	$x_0 \quad P(x_0)$	assumption	]
4	$P(x_0) \implies Q(x_0)$	$\forall x e \ 1$	
5	$Q(x_0)$	$\implies e \ 3, 4$	
6	$\exists xQ(x)$	$\exists x i \ 5$	
7	$\exists xQ(x)$	$\exists x e \ 2, 3-6$	

(Can we close the box at line 5 instead of 6? Why not?)



# Examples III

## Example

Show  $\exists xP(x), \forall x\forall y(P(x) \implies Q(y)) \vdash \forall yQ(y)$ .

## Proof.

1	$\exists xP(x)$	premise	
2	$\forall x\forall y(P(x) \implies Q(y))$	premise	
3	$y_0$		]
4	$x_0$ $P(x_0)$	assumption	
5	$\forall y(P(x_0) \implies Q(y))$	$\forall x$ e 2	
6	$P(x_0) \implies Q(y_0)$	$\forall y$ e 5	
7	$Q(y_0)$	$\implies$ e 4, 6	]
8	$Q(y_0)$	$\exists x$ e 1, 4–7	
9	$\forall yQ(y)$	$\forall y$ i 3–8	

□

- Fresh variables in box must not appear outside!
- If not, we could show  $\exists xP(x), \forall x(P(x) \implies Q(x)) \vdash \forall yQ(y)$ !

1	$\exists xP(x)$	premise		
2	$\forall x(P(x) \implies Q(x))$	premise		
3	$x_0$			]
4	$x_0 \quad P(x_0)$	assumption	]	
5	$P(x_0) \implies Q(x_0)$	$\forall x e 2$		
6	$Q(x_0)$	$\implies e 4, 5$	]	
7	$Q(x_0)$	$\exists x e 1, 4-6$		]
8	$\forall yQ(y)$	$\forall y i 3-7$		

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# Equivalent Predicate Logic Formulae I

- Let  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  be predicate logic formulae.
- $\phi \dashv\vdash \psi$  denotes that  $\phi \vdash \psi$  and  $\psi \vdash \phi$ .



# Equivalent Predicate Logic Formulae II

## Theorem

Let  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  be predicate logic formulae. We have

- ① (a)  $\neg\forall x\phi \dashv\vdash \exists x\neg\phi$ ; (b)  $\neg\exists x\phi \dashv\vdash \forall x\neg\phi$ .
- ② When  $x$  is not free in  $\psi$ :
  - (a)  $\forall x\phi \wedge \psi \dashv\vdash \forall x(\phi \wedge \psi)$ ; (b)  $\forall x\phi \vee \psi \dashv\vdash \forall x(\phi \vee \psi)$ ;
  - (c)  $\exists x\phi \wedge \psi \dashv\vdash \exists x(\phi \wedge \psi)$ ; (d)  $\exists x\phi \vee \psi \dashv\vdash \exists x(\phi \vee \psi)$ ;
  - (e)  $\forall x(\psi \implies \phi) \dashv\vdash \psi \implies \forall x\phi$ ;
  - (f)  $\exists x(\phi \implies \psi) \dashv\vdash \forall x\phi \implies \psi$ ;
  - (g)  $\forall x(\phi \implies \psi) \dashv\vdash \exists x\phi \implies \psi$ ;
  - (h)  $\exists x(\psi \implies \phi) \dashv\vdash \psi \implies \exists x\phi$ .
- ③ (a)  $\forall x\phi \wedge \forall x\psi \dashv\vdash \forall x(\phi \wedge \psi)$ ; (b)  $\exists x\phi \vee \exists x\psi \dashv\vdash \exists x(\phi \vee \psi)$ .
- ④ (a)  $\forall x\forall y\phi \dashv\vdash \forall y\forall x\phi$  (b)  $\exists x\exists y\phi \dashv\vdash \exists y\exists x\phi$ .

$$\neg \forall x \phi \vdash \exists x \neg \phi$$

1	$\neg \forall x \phi$	premise			
2	$\neg \exists x \neg \phi$	assumption			]
3	$x_0$			]	
4	$\neg \phi[x_0/x]$	assumption	]		
5	$\exists x \neg \phi$	$\exists x i$ 4			
6	$\perp$	$\neg e$ 5, 2	]		
7	$\phi[x_0/x]$	PBC 4–6	]		
8	$\forall x \phi$	$\forall x i$ 3–7			
9	$\perp$	$\neg e$ 8, 1			]
10	$\exists x \neg \phi$	PBC 2–9			

- The proof structure is similar to  $\neg(p_1 \wedge p_2) \vdash \neg p_1 \vee \neg p_2$ .

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

1	$\neg(p_1 \wedge p_2)$	premise		
2	$\neg(\neg p_1 \vee \neg p_2)$	assumption	]	
3	$\neg p_1$	assumption	]	
4	$\neg p_1 \vee \neg p_2$	$\vee i_1$ 3		
5	$\perp$	$\neg e$ 4, 2	]	
6	$p_1$	PBC 3–5		
3'	$\neg p_2$	assumption	]	
4'	$\neg p_1 \vee \neg p_2$	$\vee i_2$ 3'		
5'	$\perp$	$\neg e$ 4', 2'	]	
6'	$p_2$	PBC 3'–5'		
7	$p_1 \wedge p_2$	$\wedge i$ 6, 6'		
8	$\perp$	$\neg e$ 7, 1	]	
9	$\neg p_1 \vee \neg p_2$	PBC 2–8.		

$$\exists x \neg \phi \vdash \neg \forall x \phi$$

1	$\exists x \neg \phi$	premise		
2	$\forall x \phi$	assumption	]	
3	$x_0 \quad \neg \phi[x_0/x]$	assumption	]	
4	$\phi[x_0/x]$	$\forall e$ 2		
5	$\perp$	$\neg e$ 4, 3	]	
6	$\perp$	$\exists x e$ 1, 3–5	]	
7	$\neg \forall x \phi$	$\neg i$ 2–6		

$\forall x\phi \wedge \psi \vdash \forall x(\phi \wedge \psi)$  and  $\forall x(\phi \wedge \psi) \vdash \forall x\phi \wedge \psi$  ( $x$  not free in  $\psi$ )

1	$(\forall x\phi) \wedge \psi$	premise	
2	$\forall x\phi$	$\wedge e_1$ 1	
3	$\psi$	$\wedge e_2$ 1	
4	$x_0$		]
5	$\phi[x_0/x]$	$\forall xe$ 2	
6	$\phi[x_0/x] \wedge \psi$	$\wedge i$ 5, 3	
7	$(\phi \wedge \psi)[x_0/x]$	$x$ not free in $\psi$	]
8	$\forall x(\phi \wedge \psi)$	$\forall xi$ 4–7	
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1	$\forall x(\phi \wedge \psi)$	premise	
2	$x_0$		]
3	$(\phi \wedge \psi)[x_0/x]$	$\forall xe$ 1	
4	$\phi[x_0/x] \wedge \psi$	$x$ not free in $\psi$	
5	$\psi$	$\wedge e_2$ 4	
6	$\phi[x_0/x]$	$\wedge e_1$ 4	]
7	$\forall x\phi$	$\forall xi$ 2–6	
8	$\forall x\phi \wedge \psi$	$\wedge i$ 7, 5	

$$(\exists x\phi) \vee (\exists x\psi) \vdash \exists x(\phi \vee \psi)$$

1		$(\exists x\phi) \vee (\exists x\psi)$	premise		
2		$\exists x\phi$	assumption	]	
3	$x_0$	$\phi[x_0/x]$	assumption	]	
4		$\phi[x_0/x] \vee \psi[x_0/x]$	$\vee i_1$ 3		
5		$(\phi \vee \psi)[x_0/x]$	same as 4		
6		$\exists x(\phi \vee \psi)$	$\exists xi$ 5	]	
7		$\exists x(\phi \vee \psi)$	$\exists xe$ 2, 3–6	]	
2'		$\exists x\psi$	assumption	]	
3'	$y_0$	$\psi[y_0/x]$	assumption	]	
4'		$\phi[y_0/x] \vee \psi[y_0/x]$	$\vee i_2$ 3'		
5'		$(\phi \vee \psi)[y_0/x]$	same as 4'		
6'		$\exists x(\phi \vee \psi)$	$\exists xi$ 5'	]	
7'		$\exists x(\phi \vee \psi)$	$\exists xe$ 2', 3'–6'	]	
8		$\exists x(\phi \vee \psi)$	$\vee e$ 1, 2–7, 2'–7'		

# $\exists x \exists y \phi \vdash \exists y \exists x \phi$

1	$\exists x \exists y \phi$	premise		
2	$x_0$	$(\exists y \phi)[x_0/x]$	assumption	]
3		$\exists y (\phi[x_0/x])$	x and y different	
4	$y_0$	$\phi[x_0/x][y_0/y]$	assumption	]
5		$\phi[y_0/y][x_0/x]$	x, y, $x_0$ , $y_0$ different	
6		$\exists x \phi[y_0/y]$	$\exists x i$ 5	
7		$\exists y \exists x \phi$	$\exists y i$ 6	]
8		$\exists y \exists x \phi$	$\exists y e$ 3, 4–7	]
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# Deduction and Satisfaction

- Let  $\Gamma$  be a set of predicate logic formulae and  $\psi$  a predicate logic formula.
- We know how to show  $\Gamma \vdash \psi$ .
  - Intuitively,  $\psi$  “holds” when every formulae in  $\Gamma$  hold.
- What if we want to show  $\Gamma \not\vdash \psi$ ?
  - How do we show “there is no such deduction?”
- Intuitively, we want to argue that  $\psi$  does not hold even when every formulae in  $\Gamma$  hold.
- Hence we will discuss when predicate logic formulae “hold.”

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- Recall that we have constant, function, and predicate symbols in predicate logic.
- The semantics of terms and atomic predicates are defined in models.

## Definition

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{P}$  be a set of function and predicate symbols respectively. A model  $\mathcal{M}$  of  $(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{P})$  consists of

- A non-empty set  $A$  called the universe;
- For function symbol  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  with arity  $n \geq 0$ , a function  $f^{\mathcal{M}} : A^n \rightarrow A$ ;
  - ▶ Particularly, a constant symbol  $c \in \mathcal{F}$  is an element  $c^{\mathcal{M}} \in A$ .
- For predicate symbol  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  with arity  $n > 0$ , a set  $P^{\mathcal{M}} \subseteq A^n$ .

# Example of Models

- Let  $\mathcal{F} = \{e, \cdot\}$  and  $\mathcal{P} = \{\leq\}$  where  $e$  is a constant,  $\cdot$  a binary function, and  $\leq$  a binary predicate symbol respectively. We use infix notation for  $\cdot$  and  $\leq$ .
- Consider the model  $\mathcal{M}$ :
  - ▶ the universe  $A$  is the set of all binary finite strings;
  - ▶  $e^{\mathcal{M}}$  is the empty string  $\epsilon$ ;
  - ▶  $\cdot^{\mathcal{M}}$  is string concatenation;
  - ▶  $\leq^{\mathcal{M}}$  is the string prefix relation.
- For instance,  $00 \cdot^{\mathcal{M}} 111 = 00111$  and  $01 \leq^{\mathcal{M}} 011$ .
- In this model,
  - ▶  $\forall x((x \leq x \cdot e) \wedge (x \cdot e \leq x))$  is true.
  - ▶  $\exists y \forall x(y \leq x)$  is true.
  - ▶  $\forall x \forall y \forall z((x \leq y) \implies (x \cdot z \leq y \cdot z))$  is false.

- For the semantics of  $\forall x\phi$  and  $\exists x\phi$ , we need to check whether  $\phi$  is true when  $x$  is assigned to an element of the universe.
- A model  $(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{P})$  however does not give semantics to variables.

## Definition

An environment for a universe  $A$  is a function  $I : \text{var} \rightarrow A$ . If  $I$  is an environment,  $x \in \text{var}$ , and  $a \in A$ , the environment  $I[x \mapsto a]$  is defined as follows.

$$I[x \mapsto a](y) = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } x = y \\ I(y) & \text{if } x \neq y \end{cases}$$

# Semantics of Predicate Logic Formulae

## Definition

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a model of  $(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{P})$ ,  $I$  an environment, and  $\phi$  a predicate logic formula.  $\mathcal{M} \models_I \phi$  holds is defined as follows.

- $\mathcal{M} \models_I P(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)$  holds if  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in P^{\mathcal{M}}$  where  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in A$  are computed for  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n$  by  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $I$ ;
- $\mathcal{M} \models_I \forall x \psi$  holds if  $\mathcal{M} \models_{I[x \mapsto a]} \psi$  for every  $a \in A$ ;
- $\mathcal{M} \models_I \exists x \psi$  holds if  $\mathcal{M} \models_{I[x \mapsto a]} \psi$  for some  $a \in A$ ;
- $\mathcal{M} \models_I \neg \psi$  holds if it is not the case  $\mathcal{M} \models_I \psi$ ;
- $\mathcal{M} \models_I \psi_0 \vee \psi_1$  holds if  $\mathcal{M} \models_I \psi_0$  holds or  $\mathcal{M} \models_I \psi_1$  holds;
- $\mathcal{M} \models_I \psi_0 \wedge \psi_1$  holds if  $\mathcal{M} \models_I \psi_0$  holds and  $\mathcal{M} \models_I \psi_1$  holds;
- $\mathcal{M} \models_I \psi_0 \implies \psi_1$  holds if  $\mathcal{M} \models_I \psi_1$  holds whenever  $\mathcal{M} \models_I \psi_0$  holds.

If  $\mathcal{M} \models_I \phi$  holds, we say  $\phi$  computes to T in  $\mathcal{M}$  with respect to  $I$ . Also, we write  $\mathcal{M} \not\models_I \phi$  when it is not the case  $\mathcal{M} \models_I \phi$ .

- Let  $\phi$  be a predicate logic formula,  $I$  and  $I'$  two environments that agree on free variables of  $\phi$ .
  - That is,  $I(x) = I'(x)$  for every free variable  $x$  in  $\phi$ .
- By induction on  $\phi$ , it is straightforward to show  $\mathcal{M} \models_I \phi$  holds if and only if  $\mathcal{M} \models_{I'} \phi$ .
- A sentence is a predicate logic formula without free variables.
- Let  $\phi$  be a sentence. Either
  - $\mathcal{M} \models_I \phi$  holds for every environment  $I$ ; or
  - $\mathcal{M} \models_I \phi$  does not hold for every environment  $I$ .
- Hence we write  $\mathcal{M} \models \phi$  (or  $\mathcal{M} \not\models \phi$ ) for a sentence  $\phi$  since the choice of  $I$  does not matter.

# Example

- Consider  $(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{P}) = (\{\text{alma}\}, \{\text{loves}\})$  where  $\text{alma}$  is a constant and  $\text{loves}$  is a binary predicate.
- Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a model of  $(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{P})$  with the universe  $A = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $\text{alma}^{\mathcal{M}} = a$ , and  $\text{loves}^{\mathcal{M}} = \{(a, a), (b, a), (c, a)\}$ .
- Consider the statement:

None of Alma's lovers' lovers love her.

- We first translate the statement into a predicate logic formula  $\phi$ :

$$\forall x \forall y (\text{loves}(x, \text{alma}) \wedge \text{loves}(y, x) \implies \neg \text{loves}(y, \text{alma})).$$

- We have  $\mathcal{M} \not\models \phi$ .
  - ▶ Choose  $a$  for  $x$  and  $b$  for  $y$ . We have  $(a, a) \in \text{loves}^{\mathcal{M}}$  and  $(b, a) \in \text{loves}^{\mathcal{M}}$  but it is not the case  $(b, a) \notin \text{loves}^{\mathcal{M}}$ .



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# Semantic Entailment

## Definition

Let  $\Gamma$  be a (possibly infinite) set of predicate logic formulae and  $\psi$  a predicate logic formula.

- $\Gamma \models \psi$  holds (or  $\Gamma$  semantically entails  $\psi$ ) if for every model  $\mathcal{M}$  and environment  $I$ ,  $\mathcal{M} \models_I \psi$  holds whenever  $\mathcal{M} \models_I \phi$  holds for every  $\phi \in \Gamma$ ;
  - $\psi$  is satisfiable if there is a model  $\mathcal{M}$  and an environment  $I$  such that  $\mathcal{M} \models_I \psi$  holds;
  - $\psi$  is valid if  $\mathcal{M} \models_I \psi$  holds for every model  $\mathcal{M}$  and environment  $I$  where we can compute  $\psi$ ;
  - $\Gamma$  is consistent or satisfiable if there is a model  $\mathcal{M}$  and an environment  $I$  such that  $\mathcal{M} \models_I \phi$  for every  $\phi \in \Gamma$ .
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- Note that “ $\models$ ” has two different meanings:
    - $\mathcal{M} \models \psi$  means “ $\psi$  computes to T in  $\mathcal{M}$ ;”
    - $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n \models \psi$  means “ $\psi$  is semantically entailed by  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n$ .”

# Checking $\mathcal{M} \models \psi$ and $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n \models \psi$

- Let  $\psi, \phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n$  be sentences.
- To check if  $\mathcal{M} \models \psi$  holds, we need to enumerate all elements in the universe if  $\psi$  contains  $\forall$  or  $\exists$ .
- To check if  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n \models \psi$  holds, we need to consider all possible models satisfying  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n$ .
- Both sound difficult since a model may contain an infinite number of elements in its universe.
- However, we may still prove semantic entailments.

# Examples I

## Example

Show  $\forall x(P(x) \implies Q(x)) \models \forall xP(x) \implies \forall xQ(x)$ .

## Proof.

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a model that  $\mathcal{M} \models \forall x(P(x) \implies Q(x))$ . There are two cases:

- $\mathcal{M} \not\models \forall xP(x)$ . Then  $\mathcal{M} \models \forall xP(x) \implies \forall xQ(x)$ .
- $\mathcal{M} \models \forall xP(x)$ . Let  $a$  be an element in the universe of  $\mathcal{M}$ . We have  $a \in P^{\mathcal{M}}$  since  $\mathcal{M} \models \forall xP(x)$  and hence  $a \in Q^{\mathcal{M}}$  since  $\mathcal{M} \models \forall x(P(x) \implies Q(x))$ . That is,  $\mathcal{M} \models \forall xQ(x)$ . We conclude  $\mathcal{M} \models \forall xP(x) \implies \forall xQ(x)$ .



# Examples II

## Example

Show  $\forall x P(x) \implies \forall x Q(x) \not\models \forall x (P(x) \implies Q(x))$ .

## Proof.

Let  $\mathcal{M}'$  be a model where  $A' = \{a, b\}$ ,  $P^{\mathcal{M}'} = \{a\}$ , and  $Q^{\mathcal{M}'} = \{b\}$ . Since  $\mathcal{M}' \not\models \forall x P(x)$ ,  $\mathcal{M}' \models \forall x P(x) \implies \forall x Q(x)$ . Since  $a \in P^{\mathcal{M}'}$  but  $a \notin Q^{\mathcal{M}'}$ ,  $\mathcal{M}' \not\models \forall x (P(x) \implies Q(x))$ .  $\square$

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# Semantics of Equality

- Observe that  $=$  is also a binary predicate.
- But the symbol “ $=$ ” is somewhat special.
  - We did not say  $= \in \mathcal{P}$ .
  - Rather, we explicitly say that  $=$  denotes the equality.
- This is because we do not want to interpret the equality arbitrarily.
  - It sounds absurd if  $a = b$  means  $a$  is not  $b$ .
- In all model  $\mathcal{M}$ , we always have  $=^{\mathcal{M}} \triangleq \{(a, a) : a \in A\}$ .

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# Validity Problem for Predicate Logic

## Definition

Given a predicate logic formula  $\phi$ , the validity problem for predicate logic is to check whether  $\models \phi$  holds or not.

- For a propositional logic formula  $\phi$ , it is decidable to check whether  $\models \phi$  holds.
  - ▶ The validity problem for propositional logic is coNP-complete.
- For a predicate logic formula  $\phi$ , it is unclear how to design an algorithm.
- We will show the validity problem for predicate logic is undecidable.

# Post Correspondence Problem

## Definition

Given  $C = ((s_1, t_1), (s_2, t_2), \dots, (s_k, t_k))$  where  $s_i, t_i$  are non-empty binary strings for every  $1 \leq i \leq k$ . The Post correspondence problem (PCP) is to check whether there are  $1 \leq i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n \leq k$  such that  $s_{i_1} s_{i_2} \dots s_{i_n} = t_{i_1} t_{i_2} \dots t_{i_n}$ .

- For example, consider  $C = ((1, 101), (10, 00), (011, 11))$ . We have

$$\underline{1} \underline{011} \underline{10} \underline{011} = \underline{101} \underline{11} \underline{00} \underline{11}.$$

- The Post correspondence problem is undecidable.
  - For details, study computational complexity.

# Undecidability of Validity Problem I

## Theorem

*The validity problem for predicate logic is undecidable.*

## Proof.

Let  $C = ((s_1, t_1), (s_2, t_2), \dots, (s_k, t_k))$  be an instance of PCP. We build a predicate logic formula  $\phi$  so that  $C$  has a solution iff  $\models \phi$  holds.

Let  $\mathcal{F} = \{e, f_0, f_1\}$  and  $\mathcal{P} = \{P\}$ . The function symbols  $e, f_0(), f_1()$  encode binary strings. The binary predicate symbol  $P(s, t)$  means “there are  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_m$  so that  $s = s_{i_1} s_{i_2} \dots s_{i_m}$  and  $t = t_{i_1} t_{i_2} \dots t_{i_m}$ .”

For instance,  $1011 = f_1(f_1(f_0(f_1(e)))) = f_{1011}(e)$ . Moreover, we write  $f_{b_1 b_2 \dots b_h}(v)$  for  $f_{b_h}(f_{b_{h-1}} \dots f_{b_1}(v))$  where  $b_1 b_2 \dots b_h$  is a binary string.

# Undecidability of Validity Problem II

## Proof (cont'd).

Define

$$\phi_1 \triangleq \bigwedge_{i=1}^k P(f_{s_i}(e), f_{t_i}(e))$$

$$\phi_2 \triangleq \forall v \forall w (P(v, w) \implies \bigwedge_{i=1}^k P(f_{s_i}(v), f_{t_i}(w)))$$

$$\phi_3 \triangleq \exists z P(z, z)$$

We claim  $\models \phi_1 \wedge \phi_2 \implies \phi_3$  iff  $C$  has a solution.

Suppose  $\models \phi_1 \wedge \phi_2 \implies \phi_3$ . Consider the model  $\mathcal{M}$  for  $(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{P})$  as follows.

The universe  $A$  is the set of all finite binary strings.  $e^{\mathcal{M}} \triangleq \epsilon$ ,  $f_0^{\mathcal{M}}(s) \triangleq s0$ , and  $f_1^{\mathcal{M}}(s) \triangleq s1$ . Finally,  $P^{\mathcal{M}} = \{(s, t) : \text{there are } i_1, i_2, \dots, i_m \text{ so that } s = s_{i_1} s_{i_2} \dots s_{i_m} \text{ and } t = t_{i_1} t_{i_2} \dots t_{i_m}\}$ . We have  $\mathcal{M} \models \phi_1 \wedge \phi_2 \implies \phi_3$ . Moreover, since  $\mathcal{M} \models \phi_1$  and  $\mathcal{M} \models \phi_2$  (why?),  $\mathcal{M} \models \phi_3$ . That is, there is a binary string  $z$  and  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n$  such that  $z = s_{i_1} s_{i_2} \dots s_{i_n} = t_{i_1} t_{i_2} \dots t_{i_n}$ .

# Undecidability of Validity Problem III

## Proof (cont'd).

Conversely, suppose  $C$  has a solution  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n$  that  $s_{i_1} s_{i_2} \dots s_{i_n} = t_{i_1} t_{i_2} \dots t_{i_n}$ . We need to show  $\mathcal{M}' \models \phi_1 \wedge \phi_2 \implies \phi_3$  for every model  $\mathcal{M}'$  defining  $e^{\mathcal{M}'}$ ,  $f_0^{\mathcal{M}'}$ ,  $f_1^{\mathcal{M}'}$ , and  $P^{\mathcal{M}'}$ . Clearly,  $\mathcal{M}' \models \phi_1 \wedge \phi_2 \implies \phi_3$  when  $\mathcal{M}' \not\models \phi_1 \wedge \phi_2$ . It suffices to consider  $\mathcal{M}' \models \phi_1 \wedge \phi_2$ , and show  $\mathcal{M}' \models \phi_3$  as well. Let  $A'$  be the universe of  $\mathcal{M}'$ . We interpret finite binary strings in  $A'$  as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{interpret}(\epsilon) &\triangleq e^{\mathcal{M}'} \\ \text{interpret}(s0) &\triangleq f_0^{\mathcal{M}'}(\text{interpret}(s)) \\ \text{interpret}(s1) &\triangleq f_1^{\mathcal{M}'}(\text{interpret}(s)).\end{aligned}$$

Hence, for instance, the string 1011 is interpreted as the element  $f_1^{\mathcal{M}'}(f_1^{\mathcal{M}'}(f_0^{\mathcal{M}'}(f_1^{\mathcal{M}'}(e^{\mathcal{M}'}))))$ . Generally, a finite binary string  $s$  is interpreted as  $f_s^{\mathcal{M}'}(e^{\mathcal{M}'})$  in  $A'$ .

# Undecidability of Validity Problem IV

## Proof (cont'd).

Since  $\mathcal{M}' \models \phi_1$ , we have

$$(\text{interpret}(s_i), \text{interpret}(t_i)) \in P^{\mathcal{M}'} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq k.$$

Since  $\mathcal{M}' \models \phi_2$ , we have for every  $(\text{interpret}(s), \text{interpret}(t)) \in P^{\mathcal{M}'}$ ,

$$(\text{interpret}(ss_i), \text{interpret}(tt_i)) \in P^{\mathcal{M}'} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq k.$$

Thus,

$$(\text{interpret}(s_{i_1} s_{i_2} \cdots s_{i_n}), \text{interpret}(t_{i_1} t_{i_2} \cdots t_{i_n})) \in P^{\mathcal{M}'}.$$

Moreover,  $s_{i_1} s_{i_2} \cdots s_{i_n} = t_{i_1} t_{i_2} \cdots t_{i_n}$  since  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n$  is a solution to  $C$ . Hence  $\text{interpret}(s_{i_1} s_{i_2} \cdots s_{i_n}) = \text{interpret}(t_{i_1} t_{i_2} \cdots t_{i_n})$ . In other words,  $\mathcal{M}' \models \phi_3$ .  $\square$

# Undecidability of Validity Problem V

## Corollary

*The satisfiability problem for predicate logic is undecidable.*

## Proof.

Observe  $\models \phi$  holds iff  $\neg\phi$  is not satisfiable. □

## Theorem

*For any predicate logic sentence  $\phi$ ,  $\vdash \phi$  iff  $\models \phi$ .*

## Corollary

*It is undecidable to check whether  $\vdash \phi$  for any predicate logic sentence  $\phi$ .*

- The undecidability of provability problem for predicate logic means it is impossible to build a perfect automatic theorem prover.
- Just like art, human creativity is still important in mathematics!

# A Glimpse into Completeness I

- Similar to propositional logic, the natural deduction proof system for predicate logic is both sound and complete.
- Proving completeness however is much harder for predicate logic.
  - There is no truth table for predicate logic.
- We will give the first step to establish completeness.



# A Glimpse into Completeness II

## Lemma

Let  $\Gamma$  be a set of predicate logic formulae. The following are equivalent:

- ①  $\Gamma \models \phi$  implies  $\Gamma \vdash \phi$ ;
- ②  $\Gamma \models \perp$  implies  $\Gamma \vdash \perp$ .

## Proof.

(1) to (2). Suppose  $\Gamma \models \perp$ . Then  $\Gamma \vdash \perp$  by (1).

(2) to (1). Suppose  $\Gamma \models \phi$ . Then  $\Gamma \cup \{\neg\phi\} \models \perp$ . Hence  $\Gamma \cup \{\neg\phi\} \vdash \perp$ .

Therefore  $\Gamma \vdash \phi$  using PBC. □

- To show completeness, it suffices to show that for every  $\Gamma$ ,  $\Gamma \not\models \perp$  implies  $\Gamma$  is satisfiable.

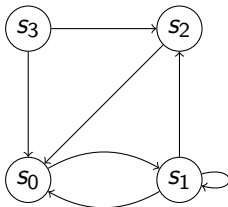
# Completeness and Undecidability

- We have two facts about predicate logic formulae.
  - ▶  $\models \phi$  implies  $\vdash \phi$ ; and
  - ▶ it is undecidable to check if  $\vdash \phi$ .
- If a predicate logic formula is valid, then there is a natural deduction proof.
- On the other hand, it is impossible to have a program which checks whether there is a natural deduction proof.

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# Reachability



## Example

Let  $A = \{s_0, s_1, s_2, s_3\}$  and  $R^M = \{(s_0, s_1), (s_1, s_0), (s_1, s_1), (s_1, s_2), (s_2, s_0), (s_3, s_0), (s_3, s_2)\}$ . We write  $s \rightarrow s'$  if  $(s, s') \in R^M$ , and say there is a transition from  $s$  to  $s'$ .

## Definition

Given a directed graph  $G$  and nodes  $n, n'$  in  $G$ , the reachability problem for  $G$  is to check whether there is a path of transition from  $n$  to  $n'$ .

# Reachability in Predicate Logic

- Let  $(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{P}) = (\emptyset, \{R\})$  with a binary predicate  $R$ .
- A model of  $(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{P})$  denotes a directed graph.
- Can we write a predicate logic formula  $\phi$  with free variables  $u$  and  $v$  to express  $u \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow v$ ?
- Consider

$$u = v \vee$$

$$R(u, v) \vee$$

$$\exists x_0 (R(u, x_0) \wedge R(x_0, v)) \vee$$

$$\exists x_0 \exists x_1 (R(u, x_0) \wedge R(x_0, x_1) \wedge R(x_1, v)) \vee \dots$$

- But this is not a predicate logic formula since it is infinite.
- We will show it is impossible to express reachability in predicate logic.

# Compactness Theorem

## Theorem

*Let  $\Gamma$  be a set of predicate logic sentences. If all finite subset of  $\Gamma$  is satisfiable,  $\Gamma$  is satisfiable.*

## Proof.

Assume  $\Gamma$  is not satisfiable. Then  $\Gamma \models \perp$ . By the completeness theorem for predicate logic,  $\Gamma \vdash \perp$ . Since deductions are finite, we have  $\Delta \vdash \perp$  for some finite subset  $\Delta$  of  $\Gamma$ . By the soundness theorem for predicate logic,  $\Delta \models \perp$ .  $\Delta$  is not satisfiable, a contraction.  $\square$

# Löwenheim-Skolem Theorem

## Theorem

*Let  $\psi$  be a predicate logic sentence. If  $\psi$  has a model with at least  $n$  elements for every  $n \geq 1$ ,  $\psi$  has a model with infinitely many elements.*

## Proof.

Define  $\phi_n \triangleq \exists x_1 \exists x_2 \cdots \exists x_n \bigwedge_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \neg(x_i = x_j)$ . Let  $\Gamma = \{\psi\} \cup \{\phi_n : n > 1\}$ . For every finite subset  $\Delta$  of  $\Gamma$ ,  $\Delta$  is satisfiable. By the compactness theorem,  $\Gamma$  is satisfiable by some model  $\mathcal{M}$ . Particularly,  $\mathcal{M} \models \psi$  holds. Since  $\mathcal{M} \models \phi_n$  for every  $n \geq 1$ ,  $\mathcal{M}$  has infinitely many elements.  $\square$

# Reachability in Predicate Logic

## Theorem

*There is **no** predicate logic formula  $\phi$  with exactly two free variables  $u, v$  and exactly one binary predicate  $R$  such that  $\phi$  holds in directed graphs iff there is a path in the graph from the node associated with  $u$  to the node associated with  $v$ .*

## Proof.

Suppose  $\phi$  is a predicate logic formula expressing a path from  $u$  to  $v$ . Let  $c$  and  $c'$  be constants. Define  $\phi_0 \triangleq c = c'$  and

$$\phi_n \triangleq \exists x_1 \exists x_2 \cdots \exists x_{n-1} (R(c, x_1) \wedge R(x_1, x_2) \wedge \cdots \wedge R(x_{n-1}, c')).$$

Then  $\phi_n$  expresses that there is a path of length  $n$  from  $c$  to  $c'$ . Let  $\Gamma = \{\phi[c/u][c'/v]\} \cup \{\neg\phi_i : i \geq 0\}$ . For every finite subset  $\Delta$  of  $\Gamma$ ,  $\Delta$  is satisfiable since there is always a path of an arbitrary finite length from  $c$  to  $c'$ . By the compactness theorem,  $\Gamma$  is satisfiable. A contradiction.  $\square$



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# Existential Second-Order Logic

- In predicate logic, we can ask if there is an element with a certain property.
  - Predicate logic is also called first-order logic.
- We can generalize the concept and ask if there is a predicate with a certain property in existential second-order logic.
- Let  $P$  be an  $n$ -ary predicate symbol.
- $\exists P\phi$  is an existential second-order logic formula.
- Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a model for all function and predicate symbols except  $P$  and  $\mathcal{M}_T$  the same model with an additional  $n$ -ary relation  $T(= P^{\mathcal{M}_T}) \subseteq A^n$ . Define

$$\mathcal{M} \models_I \exists P\phi \text{ if } \mathcal{M}_T \models_I \phi \text{ for some } T(= P^{\mathcal{M}_T}) \subseteq A^n.$$

# Unreachability in Existential Second-Order Logic I

- Consider the existential second-order logic formula  $\exists P \forall x \forall y \forall z (C_1 \wedge C_2 \wedge C_3 \wedge C_4)$  where

$$C_1 \triangleq P(x, x)$$

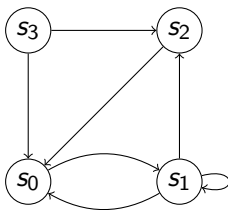
$$C_2 \triangleq P(x, y) \wedge P(y, z) \implies P(x, z)$$

$$C_3 \triangleq P(u, v) \implies \perp$$

$$C_4 \triangleq R(x, y) \implies P(x, y).$$

- $C_i$ 's are Horn clauses.

# Unreachability in Existential Second-Order Logic II



- Consider the directed graph  $\mathcal{M}$  in the previous slide.
- Let  $I(u) = s_0$  and  $I(v) = s_3$ .
- Does  $\mathcal{M} \models \exists P \forall x \forall y \forall z (C_1 \wedge C_2 \wedge C_3 \wedge C_4)$  hold?
  - Take  $T \triangleq \{(s, s') \in A \times A : s' \neq s_3\} \cup \{(s_3, s_3)\}$ .

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# Universal Second-Order Logic

- Let  $P$  be an  $n$ -ary predicate symbol.
- $\forall P\phi$  is a universal second-order logic formula.
- Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a model for all function and predicate symbols except  $P$ . Define

$$\mathcal{M} \models_I \forall P\phi \text{ if } \mathcal{M}_T \models_I \phi \text{ for every } T(= P^{\mathcal{M}_T}) \subseteq A^n.$$

# Reachability in Universal Second-Order Logic I

## Theorem

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a model of  $(\emptyset, \{R\})$  with a binary predicate symbol  $R$ .  $\mathcal{M} \models \forall P \exists x \exists y \exists z (\neg C_1 \vee \neg C_2 \vee \neg C_3 \vee \neg C_4)$  holds iff  $I(v)$  is  $R$ -reachable from  $I(u)$  in  $\mathcal{M}$ , where  $C_1 \triangleq P(x, x)$ ,  $C_2 \triangleq P(x, y) \wedge P(y, z) \implies P(x, z)$ ,  $C_3 \triangleq P(u, v) \implies \perp$ , and  $C_4 \triangleq R(x, y) \implies P(x, y)$ .

## Proof.

Assume  $\mathcal{M}_T \models \exists x \exists y \exists z (\neg C_1 \vee \neg C_2 \vee \neg C_3 \vee \neg C_4)$  for every  $T \subseteq A \times A$ . Consider the reflexive and transitive closure  $T^*$  of  $R^{\mathcal{M}}$ . Then  $\mathcal{M}_{T^*} \models C_1 \wedge C_2 \wedge C_4$  where  $I' = I[x, y, z \mapsto a, b, c]$  for some  $a, b, c \in A^{\mathcal{M}_T}$ . Hence  $\mathcal{M}_{T^*} \models \neg C_3$  and so  $\mathcal{M}_{T^*} \models P(u, v)$ . In other words,  $(I'(u), I'(v)) = (I(u), I(v)) \in T^*$ . There is a finite path from  $I(u)$  to  $I(v)$ .

# Reachability in Universal Second-Order Logic II

## Proof (cont'd).

Conversely, assume there is a finite path from  $I(u)$  to  $I(v)$ . Let  $T \subseteq A \times A$ . There are two cases.

- $T$  is not reflexive, not transitive, or does not contain  $R^{\mathcal{M}}$ . Then  $\mathcal{M}_T \models_{I'} \neg C_1$ ,  $\mathcal{M}_T \models_{I'} \neg C_2$ , or  $\mathcal{M}_T \models_{I'} \neg C_4$  for some  $I' = I[x, y, z \mapsto a, b, c]$  for some  $a, b, c \in A^{\mathcal{M}_T}$ .
- $T$  is reflexive, transitive, and contains  $R^{\mathcal{M}}$ . Then  $T$  contains the reflexive, transitive closure of  $R^{\mathcal{M}}$ . Note that  $(I(u), I(v))$  is in the reflexive, transitive closure of  $R^{\mathcal{M}}$ . Hence  $\mathcal{M}_T \models_{I'} \neg C_3$ .

In all cases, we have  $\mathcal{M}_T \models_I \exists x \exists y \exists z (\neg C_1 \vee \neg C_2 \vee \neg C_3 \vee \neg C_4)$ . □

- Reachability is in fact expressible in existential second-order logic.



# Reachability in Universal Second-Order Logic III

- Given an existential second-order logic formula  $\phi$ , whether there is an existential second-order logic formula  $\psi$  such that  $\psi$  and  $\neg\phi$  are equivalent is an open problem.

# Second- and Higher-Order Logic

- If we allow both quantifiers in a formula, we get second-order logic.
  - For instance,  $\exists P \forall Q (\forall x \forall y (Q(x, y) \implies Q(y, x)) \implies \forall u \forall v (Q(u, v) \implies P(u, v)))$  is a second-order logic sentence.
- Furthermore, if we allow quantifiers over relations of relations, we get third-order logic.
- Designing higher-order logic need be careful.
  - Nice properties such as compactness and completeness often fail.
  - Soundness theorem can also fail!
    - ★ Consider  $A \triangleq \{x : x \notin x\}$ .
- Many theorem provers (Coq, Isabelle, HOL etc) are in fact based on higher-order logics.

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## 8 The Coq Proof Assistant

# The CoQ Proof Assistant

- CoQ is a proof assistant which checks every proof steps.
- It has been developed by *Institut national de recherche en informatique et en automatique* (INRIA) at France since 1984.
- It is used to check the proofs of the four color theorem (September 2004) and Feit-Thompson theorem (September 2012).
- It is also used in the CompCert project to formally verify an optimizing C compiler for PowerPC, ARM, and 32-bit x86 processors (2005).
- CoQ is available on various platforms.
- The contents of this lecture are borrowed from CoQ Tutorial.

- We start up and exit Coq as follows.

```
$ coqtop
Welcome to Coq 8.3p14 (April 2012)

Coq < Quit .
$
```

# Prop, Set, and Type

- A sort classifies specifications.
  - a logical proposition has the sort Prop;
  - a mathematical collection has the sort Set; and
  - an abstract type has the sort Type.
- Every Coq expression has a sort.

```
Coq < Check False .  
False  
      : Prop
```

```
Coq < Check nat .  
nat  
      : Set
```

```
Coq < Check 0 .  
0  
      : nat
```

# Basic Proof Tactics I

- Let us do some simple proofs.
- We first set up our context .

```
Coq < Section Simple .
```

```
Coq < Hypothesis P Q : Prop .
```

```
P is assumed
```

```
Q is assumed
```

- In this code, we start a section called Simple.
- We also make two hypotheses. Both  $P$  and  $Q$  are logical propositions.

# Basic Proof Tactics II

- We first show  $P \implies P$ .

```
Coq < Lemma one_line : P -> P .  
1 subgoal
```

```
P : Prop
```

```
Q : Prop
```

```
=====
```

```
P -> P
```

- We declare a lemma called one\_line.
- Coq asks us to show  $P \implies P$  from the hypotheses  $P$  and  $Q$ .



# Basic Proof Tactics III

- The tactic `intros` introduces new hypotheses with the given name.

```
one_line < intros HP .  
1 subgoal  
  
P : Prop  
Q : Prop  
HP : P  
=====
```

- How does `intros` compare to the  $\implies i$  rule?

# Basic Proof Tactics IV

- The tactic `exact` uses the named hypothesis.

```
one_line < exact HP .  
Proof completed.
```

- The command `Qed` finishes up the lemma.

```
one_line < Qed .  
intros HP.  
exact HP.  
  
one_line is defined
```

- We can check our new lemma and print its proof.

```
Coq < Check one_line .  
one_line  
  : P -> P
```

```
Coq < Print one_line .  
one_line = fun HP : P => HP  
  : P -> P
```

- Observe how our proof is represented in Coq.

# Basic Proof Tactics VI

- Tactics start with lowercase letters such as `intros` and `exact`.
  - We use tactics to construct formal proofs.
- Commands on the other hand start with uppercase letters such as `Quit`, `Section`, `Lemma`, `Qed`, `Print`.
  - We use commands to operate Coq.

# Basic Proof Tactics VII

- Let us prove  $P \implies (P \implies Q) \implies Q$ .

```
Coq < Lemma MP : P -> (P -> Q) -> Q .  
1 subgoal
```

```
P : Prop
```

```
Q : Prop
```

```
=====
```

```
P -> (P -> Q) -> Q
```

```
MP < intros HP HI .
```

```
1 subgoal
```

```
P : Prop
```

```
Q : Prop
```

```
HP : P
```

```
HI : P -> Q
```

```
=====
```

```
Q
```

# Basic Proof Tactics VIII

- The tactic `apply` matches the conclusion with the named hypothesis and lists unresolved conditions.

```
MP < apply HI .
1 subgoal

P : Prop
Q : Prop
HP : P
HI : P -> Q
=====
P

MP < exact HP .
Proof completed.
```

- How does `apply` compare to  $\implies e$ ?

# Basic Proof Tactics IX

- Let us finish up the lemma and see the proof term.

```
MP < Qed .  
intros HP HI.  
apply HI.  
exact HP.
```

MP is defined

```
Coq < Print MP .  
MP = fun (HP : P) (HI : P -> Q) => HI HP  
      : P -> (P -> Q) -> Q
```

# Basic Proof Tactics X

- Let us prove  $P \wedge Q \implies Q \wedge P$ .

```
Coq < Lemma conj_comm : P /\ Q -> Q /\ P .  
1 subgoal
```

```
P : Prop
```

```
Q : Prop
```

```
=====
```

```
P /\ Q -> Q /\ P
```

```
conj_comm < intros conj .
```

```
1 subgoal
```

```
P : Prop
```

```
Q : Prop
```

```
conj : P /\ Q
```

```
=====
```

```
Q /\ P
```



# Basic Proof Tactics XI

- The tactic `elim` eliminates a named hypothesis.

```
conj_comm < elim conj .  
1 subgoal
```

```
P : Prop  
Q : Prop  
conj : P /\ Q  
=====
```

$$P \rightarrow Q \rightarrow Q \wedge P$$

- Observe that  $P \wedge Q$  is decomposed into  $P$  and  $Q$ .
- How does `elim` compare to  $\wedge e_1$  and  $\wedge e_2$ ?

# Basic Proof Tactics XII

- We introduce two more hypotheses  $HP$  and  $HQ$ .

```
conj_comm < intros HP HQ .  
1 subgoal  
  
P : Prop  
Q : Prop  
conj : P /\ Q  
HP : P  
HQ : Q  
=====  
Q /\ P
```

- Now we can use the hypotheses  $HP$  and  $HQ$ .

# Basic Proof Tactics XIII

- The tactic `split` splits a conjunction into two.

```
conj_comm < split .
2 subgoals

P : Prop
Q : Prop
conj : P /\ Q
HP : P
HQ : Q
=====
Q

subgoal 2 is:
P
```

- How does `split` compare to  $\wedge i$ ?

# Basic Proof Tactics XIV

- We use hypotheses to prove the lemma.

```
conj_comm < exact HQ .
1 subgoal

P : Prop
Q : Prop
conj : P /\ Q
HP : P
HQ : Q
=====
P

conj_comm < exact HP .
Proof completed.
```

# Basic Proof Tactics XV

- Let us finish up the lemma and see its proof term.

```
conj_comm < Qed .
intros conj.
elim conj.
intros HP HQ.
split.
  exact HQ.

  exact HP.

conj_comm is defined

Coq < Print conj_comm .
conj_comm =
fun conj0 : P /\ Q =>
  and_ind (fun (HP : P) (HQ : Q) =>
    conj HQ HP) conj0
  : P /\ Q -> Q /\ P
```

# Basic Proof Tactics XVI

- Let us try to prove  $P \vee Q \implies Q \vee P$ .

```
Coq < Lemma disj_comm : P \/ Q -> Q \/ P .  
1 subgoal
```

```
P : Prop
```

```
Q : Prop
```

```
=====
```

```
P \/ Q -> Q \/ P
```

```
disj_comm < intros disj .
```

```
1 subgoal
```

```
P : Prop
```

```
Q : Prop
```

```
disj : P \/ Q
```

```
=====
```

```
Q \/ P
```

# Basic Proof Tactics XVII

- We eliminate the hypothesis `disj`.

```
disj_comm < elim disj .  
2 subgoals
```

```
P : Prop
```

```
Q : Prop
```

```
disj : P \/ Q
```

```
=====
```

```
P -> Q \/ P
```

```
subgoal 2 is:
```

```
Q -> Q \/ P
```

- How does `elim` compare to `ve`?

# Basic Proof Tactics XVIII

- We next introduce a new hypothesis  $P$ .

```
disj_comm < intros HP .  
2 subgoals
```

```
P : Prop
```

```
Q : Prop
```

```
disj : P  $\vee$  Q
```

```
HP : P
```

```
=====
```

```
Q  $\vee$  P
```

```
subgoal 2 is:
```

```
Q  $\rightarrow$  Q  $\vee$  P
```



# Basic Proof Tactics XIX

- The tactic `right` selects the left operand in a disjunction.

```
disj_comm < right .
2 subgoals

P : Prop
Q : Prop
disj : P \/ Q
HP : P
=====
P

subgoal 2 is:
Q -> Q \/ P
```

- How does `right` compare to  $\vee i_2$ ?

# Basic Proof Tactics XX

- The tactic `assumption` searches an exact hypothesis for the conclusion.

```
disj_comm < assumption .  
1 subgoal
```

```
P : Prop  
Q : Prop  
disj : P \/ Q  
=====
```

```
Q -> Q \/ P
```

- We can combine a sequence of tactics by semicolon (;).

```
disj_comm < intros HQ; left; assumption .  
Proof completed.
```

# Basic Proof Tactics XXI

- We finish up the lemma and print our proof.

```
disj_comm < Qed .
intros disj.
elim disj.
  intros HP.
  right.
  assumption.

  intros HQ; left; assumption.

disj_comm is defined

Coq < Print disj_comm .
disj_comm =
fun disj : P \/ Q =>
  or_ind (fun HP : P => or_intror Q HP)
    (fun HQ : Q => or_introl P HQ) disj
  : P \/ Q -> Q \/ P
```

# Basic Proof Tactics XXII

- Let us prove a lemma about double negation:  $P \implies \neg\neg P$ .

```
Coq < Lemma PNNP : P -> ~~P .
```

```
1 subgoal
```

```
P : Prop
```

```
Q : Prop
```

```
=====
```

```
P -> ~ ~ P
```

```
PNNP < intros HP .
```

```
1 subgoal
```

```
P : Prop
```

```
Q : Prop
```

```
HP : P
```

```
=====
```

```
~ ~ P
```

# Basic Proof Tactics XXIII

- In Coq,  $\neg P$  is a shorthand for  $P \implies \perp$ .
- We use `red` to expand a toplevel shorthand.

```
PNNP < red .  
1 subgoal
```

```
P : Prop
```

```
Q : Prop
```

```
HP : P
```

```
=====
```

```
~ P -> False
```

# Basic Proof Tactics XXIV

- We introduce another hypothesis  $\neg P$ .

```
PNNP < intros HNP .  
1 subgoal  
  
P : Prop  
Q : Prop  
HP : P  
HNP : ~ P  
=====
```

False

- How does this `intros` compare to `¬i`?

# Basic Proof Tactics XXV

- We have  $P$  and  $\neg P$ . The tactic `absurd P` exploits the contraction.

```
PNNP < absurd P .
```

```
2 subgoals
```

```
P : Prop
```

```
Q : Prop
```

```
HP : P
```

```
HNP : ~ P
```

```
=====
```

```
~ P
```

```
subgoal 2 is:
```

```
P
```

- How does `absurd` compare to `¬e`?

# Basic Proof Tactics XXVI

- The tactic `trivial` performs a simple proof search.

```
PNNP < trivial .  
1 subgoal
```

```
P : Prop
```

```
Q : Prop
```

```
HP : P
```

```
HNP : ~ P
```

```
=====
```

```
P
```

```
PNNP < trivial .
```

```
Proof completed.
```



# Basic Proof Tactics XXVII

- Let us finish up the lemma, conclude the section, and check it.

```
PNNP < Qed .
```

```
intros HP.
```

```
red.
```

```
intros HNP.
```

```
absurd P.
```

```
trivial.
```

```
trivial.
```

```
PNNP is defined
```

```
Coq < End Simple .
```

```
Coq < Check PNNP .
```

```
PNNP
```

```
: forall P : Prop, P -> ~ ~ P
```

- Note the hypothesis  $P$  is generalized after closing the section.

# Basic Proof Tactics XXVIII

- Coq actually provides a complete tactic `tauto`.

```
Coq < Hypotheses P Q R S : Prop .
P is assumed
Q is assumed
R is assumed
S is assumed
Coq < Hypothesis H0 : (P /\ Q) -> R .
H0 is assumed
Coq < Hypothesis H1 : R -> S .
H1 is assumed
Coq < Hypothesis H2 : Q /\ ~S .
H2 is assumed
Coq < Lemma homework : ~P .
1 subgoal

P : Prop
Q : Prop
R : Prop
S : Prop
H0 : P /\ Q -> R
H1 : R -> S
H2 : Q /\ ~ S
=====
~ P
homework < tauto .
Proof completed.
```

# Basic Proof Tactics XXIX

- Coq in fact uses intuitionistic logic.

```
Coq < Goal forall P : Prop, P \ / ~ P .
1 subgoal

=====
forall P : Prop, P \ / ~ P

Unnamed_thm < tauto .
Toplevel input, characters 0-5:
> tauto .
> ~~~~~
Error: tauto failed.
```

- Goal declares an unnamed lemma.

- To do classical logic, add

```
Coq < Require Import Classical .

Coq < Check classic .
classic
      : forall P : Prop, P \ / ~ P
```

# More Proof Tactics I

- Let us set up a section for predicate logic.

```
Coq < Section Easy .
```

```
Coq < Hypothesis D : Set .  
D is assumed
```

```
Coq < Hypothesis R : D -> D -> Prop .  
R is assumed
```

- In a new section, we declare a set  $D$  and a binary predicate symbol  $R$ .
- Let us set up a subsection where  $R$  is symmetric and transitive.

```
Coq < Section R_sym_trans .
```

```
Coq < Hypothesis R_symmetric :  
      forall x y : D, R x y -> R y x .  
R_symmetric is assumed
```

```
Coq < Hypothesis R_transitive :  
      forall x y z : D, R x y -> R y z -> R x z .  
R_transitive is assumed
```

# More Proof Tactics II

- Let us prove  $\forall x \in D (\exists y \in D, (Rxy) \implies Rxx)$ .

```
Coq < Lemma refl_if :  
    forall x : D, (exists y, R x y) -> R x x .  
1 subgoal  
  
D : Set  
R : D -> D -> Prop  
R_symmetric : forall x y : D, R x y -> R y x  
R_transitive : forall x y z : D, R x y -> R y z -> R x z  
=====  
forall x : D, (exists y : D, R x y) -> R x x
```

- Our predicate logic formula is written as  
 $\text{forall } x : D, (\text{exists } y, R \ x \ y) \rightarrow R \ x \ x .$
- Observe that we did not specify  $y \in D$  but COQ infers it anyway.

# More Proof Tactics III

- The tactic `intros` again introduces a new hypothesis.

```
refl_if < intros x .  
1 subgoal
```

```
D : Set  
R : D -> D -> Prop  
R_symmetric : forall x y : D, R x y -> R y x  
R_transitive : forall x y z : D, R x y -> R y z -> R x z  
x : D  
=====
```

(exists y : D, R x y) -> R x x

- How does it compare to  $\forall i$ ?

# More Proof Tactics IV

- We introduce another hypothesis  $\exists y \in D(Rxy)$ .

```
refl_if < intros Ey .  
1 subgoal
```

```
D : Set  
R : D -> D -> Prop  
R_symmetric : forall x y : D, R x y -> R y x  
R_transitive : forall x y z : D, R x y -> R y z -> R x z  
x : D  
Ey : exists y : D, R x y  
=====
```

```
R x x
```

- This is simply  $\implies i$ .

- Let us eliminate  $\exists y \in D(Rxy)$ .

```
refl_if < elim Ey .  
1 subgoal
```

```
D : Set  
R : D -> D -> Prop  
R_symmetric : forall x y : D, R x y -> R y x  
R_transitive : forall x y z : D, R x y -> R y z -> R x z  
x : D  
Ey : exists y : D, R x y  
=====  
forall x0 : D, R x x0 -> R x x
```

- How does elim compare to  $\exists e$ ?



# More Proof Tactics VI

- We get the instance of  $\exists y \in D(Rxy)$  by intros.

```
refl_if < intros y Rxy .  
1 subgoal
```

```
D : Set  
R : D -> D -> Prop  
R_symmetric : forall x y : D, R x y -> R y x  
R_transitive : forall x y z : D, R x y -> R y z -> R x z  
x : D  
Ey : exists y : D, R x y  
y : D  
Rxy : R x y  
=====
```

```
R x x
```

- Now elim and intros look really like  $\exists e$ .

# More Proof Tactics VII

- We apply the hypothesis `R_transitive`.

```
refl_if < apply R_transitive with y .
2 subgoals

D : Set
R : D -> D -> Prop
R_symmetric : forall x y : D, R x y -> R y x
R_transitive : forall x y z : D, R x y -> R y z -> R x z
x : D
Ey : exists y : D, R x y
y : D
Rxy : R x y
=====
R x y

subgoal 2 is:
R y x
```

- Note that we need to give the hint `y`.
- How does `apply` compare to  $\forall e$ ?

# More Proof Tactics VIII

- The first subgoal is trivial.

```
refl_if < trivial .  
1 subgoal
```

```
D : Set  
R : D -> D -> Prop  
R_symmetric : forall x y : D, R x y -> R y x  
R_transitive : forall x y z : D, R x y -> R y z -> R x z  
x : D  
Ey : exists y : D, R x y  
y : D  
Rxy : R x y  
=====
```

```
R y x
```

# More Proof Tactics IX

- For the other subgoal, we apply  $\forall xy \in D (Rxy \implies Ryx)$ .

```
refl_if < apply R_symmetric .  
1 subgoal
```

```
D : Set  
R : D -> D -> Prop  
R_symmetric : forall x y : D, R x y -> R y x  
R_transitive : forall x y z : D, R x y -> R y z -> R x z  
x : D  
Ey : exists y : D, R x y  
y : D  
Rxy : R x y  
=====
```

```
R x y
```

- Now the goal is trivial.

```
refl_if < trivial .  
Proof completed.
```

# More Proof Tactics X

- Let us finish up the lemma and see the proof term.

```
refl_if < Qed .  
intros x.  
intros Ey.  
elim Ey.  
intros y Rxy.  
apply R_transitive with y.  
  trivial.  
  
  apply R_symmetric.  
  trivial.  
  
refl_if is defined  
  
Coq < Print refl_if .  
refl_if =  
fun (x : D) (Ey : exists y : D, R x y) =>  
ex_ind  
  (fun (y : D) (Rxy : R x y) =>  
    R_transitive x y x Rxy (R_symmetric x y Rxy)) Ey  
  : forall x : D, (exists y : D, R x y) -> R x x
```

# Smullyan's Drinkers' Paradox I

- We will prove Smullyan's drinkers' paradox:  
“in any non-empty bar, there is a person such that she drinks then everyone drinks.”
- Let us set up the context.

```
Coq < Section DrinkersParadox .  
  
Coq < Require Import Classical .  
  
Coq < Hypothesis bar : Set .  
bar is assumed  
  
Coq < Hypothesis Joe : bar .  
Joe is assumed  
  
Coq < Hypothesis drinks : bar -> Prop .  
drinks is assumed
```

- Note that Joe is in the bar.

# Smullyan's Drinkers' Paradox II

- Here is what we want to prove.

```
Coq < Lemma drinker : exists x : bar, drinks x ->
                                forall y : bar, drinks y .
1 subgoal

bar : Set
Joe : bar
drinks : bar -> Prop
=====
exists x : bar, drinks x -> forall y : bar, drinks y
```

# Smullyan's Drinkers' Paradox III

- By LEM, we have  $(\exists x \in \text{bar}(\neg \text{drinks } x)) \vee \neg(\exists x \in \text{bar}(\neg \text{drinks } x))$ .
- We consider the two cases.

```
drinker < Check (classic (exists x : bar, ~ drinks x)) .
classic (exists x : bar, ~ drinks x)
      : (exists x : bar, ~ drinks x) \/  
        ~ (exists x : bar, ~ drinks x)
```

```
drinker < elim (classic (exists x : bar, ~ drinks x)) .
2 subgoals
```

```
bar : Set
Joe : bar
drinks : bar -> Prop
=====
(exists x : bar, ~ drinks x) ->
exists x : bar, drinks x -> forall y : bar, drinks y
```

```
subgoal 2 is:
~ (exists x : bar, ~ drinks x) ->
exists x : bar, drinks x -> forall y : bar, drinks y
```



# Smullyan's Drinkers' Paradox IV

- We introduce the hypothesis `non_drinker`.

```
drinker < intros non_drinker .  
2 subgoals
```

```
bar : Set  
Joe : bar  
drinks : bar -> Prop  
non_drinker : exists x : bar, ~ drinks x  
=====  
exists x : bar, drinks x -> forall y : bar, drinks y  
  
subgoal 2 is:  
~ (exists x : bar, ~ drinks x) ->  
exists x : bar, drinks x -> forall y : bar, drinks y
```

# Smullyan's Drinkers' Paradox V

- We eliminate `non_drinker` and obtain an instance.

```
drinker < elim non_drinker; intros Jane Jane_non_drinker .
2 subgoals
```

```
bar : Set
Joe : bar
drinks : bar -> Prop
non_drinker : exists x : bar, ~ drinks x
Jane : bar
Jane_non_drinker : ~ drinks Jane
=====
exists x : bar, drinks x -> forall y : bar, drinks y

subgoal 2 is:
~ (exists x : bar, ~ drinks x) ->
exists x : bar, drinks x -> forall y : bar, drinks y
```

# Smullyan's Drinkers' Paradox VI

- The tactic `exists` uses a term as a witness to an existential formula.

```
drinker < exists Jane .
2 subgoals

bar : Set
Joe : bar
drinks : bar -> Prop
non_drinker : exists x : bar, ~ drinks x
Jane : bar
Jane_non_drinker : ~ drinks Jane
=====
drinks Jane -> forall y : bar, drinks y

subgoal 2 is:
~ (exists x : bar, ~ drinks x) ->
exists x : bar, drinks x -> forall y : bar, drinks y
```

- How does `exists` compare to  $\exists i$ ?

# Smullyan's Drinkers' Paradox VII

- Observe that we have a contradiction.
- The tactic `tauto` will do.

```
drinker < tauto .
1 subgoal

bar : Set
Joe : bar
drinks : bar -> Prop
=====
~ (exists x : bar, ~ drinks x) ->
exists x : bar, drinks x -> forall y : bar, drinks y
```

# Smullyan's Drinkers' Paradox VIII

- We introduce a hypothesis for the other subgoal.

```
drinker < intros no_non_drinker .  
1 subgoal
```

```
bar : Set  
Joe : bar  
drinks : bar -> Prop  
no_non_drinker : ~ (exists x : bar, ~ drinks x)  
=====  
exists x : bar, drinks x -> forall y : bar, drinks y
```

# Smullyan's Drinkers' Paradox IX

- Joe is our witness.

```
drinker < exists Joe .
1 subgoal
bar : Set
Joe : bar
drinks : bar -> Prop
no_non_drinker : ~ (exists x : bar, ~ drinks x)
=====
drinks Joe -> forall y : bar, drinks y
```

- We introduce more hypotheses.

```
drinker < intros Joe_drinker y .
1 subgoal
bar : Set
Joe : bar
drinks : bar -> Prop
no_non_drinker : ~ (exists x : bar, ~ drinks x)
Joe_drinker : drinks Joe
y: bar
=====
drinks y
```

# Smullyan's Drinkers' Paradox X

- For  $y \in \text{bar}$ , we have  $\text{drinks } y \vee \neg \text{drinks } y$  by LEM.

```
drinker < elim (classic (drinks y)) .
2 subgoals

bar : Set
Joe : bar
drinks : bar -> Prop
no_non_drinker : ~ (exists x : bar, ~ drinks x)
Joe_drinker : drinks Joe
y : bar
=====
drinks y -> drinks y

subgoal 2 is:
~ drinks y -> drinks y
```

# Smullyan's Drinkers' Paradox XI

- The first subgoal is easy.

```
drinker < tauto .
1 subgoal

bar : Set
Joe : bar
drinks : bar -> Prop
no_non_drinker : ~ (exists x : bar, ~ drinks x)
Joe_drinker : drinks Joe
y : bar
=====
~ drinks y -> drinks y
```



# Smullyan's Drinkers' Paradox XII

- We introduce a hypothesis that  $y$  does not drink.

```
drinker < intros y_non_drinker .
1 subgoal

bar : Set
Joe : bar
drinks : bar -> Prop
no_non_drinker : ~ (exists x : bar, ~ drinks x)
Joe_drinker : drinks Joe
y : bar
y_non_drinker : ~ drinks y
=====
drinks y
```

# Smullyan's Drinkers' Paradox XIII

- This is contradictory to `no_non_drinker`.

```
drinker < absurd (exists x, ~ drinks x) .
2 subgoals

bar : Set
Joe : bar
drinks : bar -> Prop
no_non_drinker : ~ (exists x : bar, ~ drinks x)
Joe_drinker : drinks Joe
y : bar
y_non_drinker : ~ drinks y
=====
~ (exists x : bar, ~ drinks x)

subgoal 2 is:
exists x : bar, ~ drinks x
```

# Smullyan's Drinkers' Paradox XIV

- Again, the first subgoal is trivial.
- The second subgoal has a witness  $y$ .

```
drinker < trivial .
1 subgoal

bar : Set
Joe : bar
drinks : bar -> Prop
no_non_drinker : ~ (exists x : bar, ~ drinks x)
Joe_drinker : drinks Joe
y : bar
y_non_drinker : ~ drinks y
=====
exists x : bar, ~ drinks x

drinker < exists y; trivial .
Proof completed.
```

# Smullyan's Drinkers' Paradox XV

- Let us finish up the lemma and see its proof term.

```
drinker < Qed .
(* proof script skipped *)

Coq < Print drinker .
drinker =
or_ind
  (fun non_drinker : exists x : bar, ~ drinks x =>
    ex_ind
      (fun (Jane : bar) (Jane_non_drinker : ~ drinks Jane) =>
        ex_intro (fun x : bar => drinks x -> forall y : bar, drinks y) Jane
          (fun H : drinks Jane =>
            let H0 := Jane_non_drinker H in
            False_ind (forall y : bar, drinks y) H0)) non_drinker)
  (fun no_non_drinker : ~ (exists x : bar, ~ drinks x) =>
    ex_intro (fun x : bar => drinks x -> forall y : bar, drinks y) Joe
      (fun _ : drinks Joe) (y : bar) =>
        or_ind (fun H : drinks y => H)
          (fun y_non_drinker : ~ drinks y =>
            False_ind (drinks y)
              (let H := ex_intro (fun x : bar => ~ drinks x) y y_non_drinker in
                (let H0 := no_non_drinker in
                  fun H1 : exists x : bar, ~ drinks x => H0 H1) H))
            (classic (drinks y))) (classic (exists x : bar, ~ drinks x))
    : exists x : bar, drinks x -> forall y : bar, drinks y
```

# Where to go?

- Proof assistants are used to check long proofs in mathematics and logic.
  - ▶ Four color theorem, Feit-Thompson theorem, incompleteness theorem.
- We only discuss elements of predicate logic.
- Lots of interesting topics are missing. For instance,
  - ▶ Soundness and completeness theorems of natural deduction for predicate logic;
  - ▶ Gödel's incompleteness theorem;
  - ▶ Number theory, real analysis Coq libraries.
- Many resources are available for learning Coq.
  - ▶ Short NTU summer courses (FLOLAC).
  - ▶ *"Interactive Theorem Proving and Program Development Coq'Art: The Calculus of Inductive Constructions"*, Bertot and Castéran.