

Minimal Proof System of Matching Logic

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We conjecture that the following is a sound and complete proof system of matching logic.

PROPOSITIONAL ₁	$\varphi_1 \rightarrow (\varphi_2 \rightarrow \varphi_1)$
PROPOSITIONAL ₂	$(\varphi_1 \rightarrow (\varphi_2 \rightarrow \varphi_3)) \rightarrow ((\varphi_1 \rightarrow \varphi_2) \rightarrow (\varphi_1 \rightarrow \varphi_3))$
PROPOSITIONAL ₃	$(\neg \varphi_1 \rightarrow \neg \varphi_2) \rightarrow (\varphi_2 \rightarrow \varphi_1)$
VARIABLE SUBSTITUTION	$\forall x. \varphi \rightarrow \varphi[y/x]$
\forall	$\forall x. (\varphi_1 \rightarrow \varphi_2) \rightarrow (\varphi_1 \rightarrow \forall x. \varphi_2)$ if x does not occur free in φ_1
PROPAGATE _{\vee}	$\sigma(\dots, \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2, \dots) \leftrightarrow \sigma(\dots, \varphi_1, \dots) \vee \sigma(\dots, \varphi_2, \dots)$
PROPAGATE _{\perp}	$\neg \sigma(\perp)$
PROPAGATE _{\exists}	$\sigma(\dots, \exists x. \varphi, \dots) \leftrightarrow \exists x. \sigma(\dots, \varphi, \dots)$ if x does not occur free
EXISTENCE	$\exists x. x$
MODUS PONENS	From φ_1 and $\varphi_1 \rightarrow \varphi_2$ deduce φ_2
UNIVERSAL GENERALIZATION	From φ deduce $\forall x. \varphi$

Figure 1: Minimal Proof System \mathcal{S}

Matching logic is proved to have a complete proof system in the presence of definedness symbols. Notice the above minimal proof system \mathcal{S} does not depend on definedness symbols. In the following, we show how to establish all axioms and rules of the old proof system using the new minimal proof system \mathcal{S} plus the axiom $\forall x. [x]$ for definedness symbols.

Proposition 1. $\vdash \varphi = \varphi$

Proof. content...

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