

Deduction Theorem

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Theorem 1. Deduction Theorem

Given $\Gamma \subseteq \mathcal{L}$, $\varphi, \psi \in \mathcal{L}$. Then $\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\} \vdash \psi$ iff $\Gamma \vdash (\varphi \rightarrow \psi)$.

Proof. \Rightarrow : Assume $\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\} \vdash \psi$.

Then there is a proof of ψ in $\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\}$: $\langle B_1, \dots, B_n \rangle$, with $B_n = \psi$. We induction on the index of B_i 's, show that $\Gamma \vdash (\varphi \rightarrow B_i)$

Base step: B_1 must be a formula in $\Gamma \cup \mathbb{L}$. If $B_1 \in \Gamma$, then $\Gamma \vdash B_1$. We also have $\Gamma \vdash (B_1 \rightarrow (\varphi \rightarrow B_1))$, thus we have $\Gamma \vdash (\varphi \rightarrow B_1)$.

Induction step: Assume for every k , $1 \leq k \leq i < n$, we have $\Gamma \vdash (\varphi \rightarrow B_k)$. Then if $B_{i+1} \in \Gamma \cup \mathbb{L}$, then repeat the process above, we know that $\Gamma \vdash (\varphi \rightarrow B_{i+1})$. If there is $1 \leq s, t < (i + 1)$, with B_t is just $(B_s \rightarrow B_{i+1})$, then by induction hypothesis, $\Gamma \vdash (\varphi \rightarrow B_s)$ and $\Gamma \vdash (\varphi \rightarrow (B_s \rightarrow B_{i+1}))$. We also have $\Gamma \vdash ((\varphi \rightarrow (B_s \rightarrow B_{i+1})) \rightarrow ((\varphi \rightarrow B_s) \rightarrow (\varphi \rightarrow B_{i+1})))$, so then we get $\Gamma \vdash (\varphi \rightarrow B_{i+1})$.

So by induction, we have $\Gamma \vdash (\varphi \rightarrow B_n)$, i.e. $\Gamma \vdash (\varphi \rightarrow \psi)$.

\Leftarrow : Assume $\Gamma \vdash (\varphi \rightarrow \psi)$.

Then $\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\} \vdash (\varphi \rightarrow \psi)$ and $\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\} \vdash \varphi$, so then we have $\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\} \vdash \psi$. \square