

# Proof Theory

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## 1 First Order Predicate Calculus

In this chapter we shall present Gentzen's formulation of the first order predicate calculus **LK** (logistischer klassischer Kalkül). Intuitionisitic logic is known as **LJ** (logistischer intuitionistischer Kalkül)

### 1.1 Formalization of statements

**Definition 1.1.** **Terms** are defined inductively as follows:

1. Every individual constant is a term

2. Every free variable is a term
3. If  $f^i$  is a function constant with  $i$  argument-places and  $t_1, \dots, t_i$  are terms, then  $f^i(t_1, \dots, t_i)$  is a term
4. Terms are only those expressions obtained by 1-3.

**Definition 1.2.** **Formulas** are defined inductively as:

3. If  $A$  is a formula,  $a$  is a free variable and  $x$  is a bound variable not occurring in  $A$ , then  $\forall xA'$  and  $\exists xA'$  are formulas, where  $A'$  is the expression obtained from  $A$  by writing  $x$  in place of  $a$  at each occurrence of  $a$  in  $A$

**Definition 1.3.** Let  $A$  be an expression, let  $\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n$  be distinct primitive symbols, and let  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n$  be any symbols. By

$$\left( A \frac{\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n}{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n} \right)$$

we mean the expression obtained from  $A$  by writing  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n$  in place of  $\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n$  respectively at each occurrence of  $\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n$ . Such an operation is called the **(simultaneous) replacement of  $(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n)$  by  $(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n)$  in  $A$ .**

**Proposition 1.4.** 1. If  $A$  contains none of  $\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n$ , then

$$\left( A \frac{\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n}{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n} \right)$$

is  $A$  itself

2. If  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n$  are distinct primitive symbols, then

$$\left( \left( A \frac{\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n}{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n} \right) \frac{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n}{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_n} \right)$$

is identical with

$$\left( A \frac{\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n}{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_n} \right)$$

**Definition 1.5.** 1. Let  $A$  be a formula and  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  be terms. If there is a formula  $B$  and  $n$  distinct free variables  $b_1, \dots, b_n$  s.t.  $A$  is

$$\left( B \frac{b_1, \dots, b_n}{t_1, \dots, t_n} \right)$$

then for each  $i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ) the occurrences of  $t_i$  resulting from the above replacement are said to be **indicated** in  $A$ , and this fact is also expressed by writing  $B$  as  $B(b_1, \dots, b_n)$  and  $A$  as  $B(t_1, \dots, t_n)$

2. A term  $t$  is **fully indicated** in  $A$ , or every occurrence of  $t$  in  $A$  is indicated, if every occurrence of  $t$  is obtained by such a replacement

**Proposition 1.6.** *If  $A$  is a formula (where  $a$  is not necessarily fully indicated) and  $x$  is a bound variable not occurring in  $A(a)$ , then  $\forall xA(x)$  and  $\exists xA(x)$  are formulas*

## 1.2 Formal proofs and related concepts

**Definition 1.7.** For arbitrary  $\Gamma$  and  $\Delta$  in the above notation,  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$  is called a **sequent**.  $\Gamma$  and  $\Delta$  are called the **antecedent** and **succedent**, respectively, of the sequent and each formula in  $\Gamma$  and  $\Delta$  is called a **sequent-formula**

**Definition 1.8.** An **inference** is an expression of the form

$$\frac{S_1}{S} \text{ or } \frac{S_1 \quad S_2}{S}$$

where  $S_1, S_2$  and  $S$  are sequents.  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are called the **upper sequents** and  $S$  is called the **lower sequent** of the inference

Structural rules

1. **Weakening:**

$$\text{left: } \frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta}{D, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta}; \quad \text{right: } \frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, D}$$

$D$  is called the **weakening formula**

2. **Contraction:**

$$\text{left: } \frac{D, D, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta}{D, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta} \quad \text{right: } \frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, D, D}{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, D}$$

3. **Exchange**

$$\text{left: } \frac{\Gamma, C, D, \Pi \rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma, D, C, \Pi \rightarrow \Delta} \quad \text{right: } \frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, C, D, \Lambda}{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, D, C, \Lambda}$$

We will refer to these three kinds of inferences as “weak inferences”, while all others will be called “strong inferences”

4. **Cut**

$$\frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, D \quad D, \Pi \rightarrow \Lambda}{\Gamma, \Pi \rightarrow \Delta, \Lambda}$$

$D$  is called the **cut formula** of this instance

Logical rules

1.

$$\neg : \text{left: } \frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, D}{\neg D, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta}; \quad \neg : \text{right: } \frac{D, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, \neg D}$$

$D$  and  $\neg D$  are called the **auxiliary formula** and the **principal formula** respectively, of this inference

2.

$$\frac{C, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta}{C \wedge D, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta} \wedge \text{left} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{D, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta}{C \wedge D, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta} \wedge \text{left}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, C \quad \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, D}{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, C \wedge D} \wedge \text{right}$$

$C$  and  $D$  are called the auxiliary formulas and  $C \wedge D$  is called the principal formula of this inference

3.

$$\frac{C, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta \quad D, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta}{C \vee D, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta} \vee \text{left}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, C}{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, C \vee D} \vee \text{right} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, D}{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, C \vee D} \vee \text{right}$$

$C$  and  $D$  are called the auxiliary formulas and  $C \vee D$  the principal formula of this inference

4.

$$\frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, C \quad D, \Pi \rightarrow \Delta}{C \supset D, \Gamma, \Pi \rightarrow \Delta, \Delta} \supset \text{left} \quad \frac{C, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, D}{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, C \supset D} \supset \text{right}$$

$C$  and  $D$  are called the auxiliary formulas and  $C \supset D$  the principal formula

1-4 are called **propositional inferences**

5.

$$\frac{F(t), \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta}{\forall x F(x), \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta} \forall \text{left} \quad \frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, F(a)}{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, \forall x F(x)} \forall \text{right}$$

where  $t$  is an arbitrary term, and  $a$  does not occur in the lower sequent.  $F(t)$  and  $F(a)$  are called the auxiliary formulas and  $\forall x F(x)$  the principal formula. The  $a$  in  $\forall \text{right}$  is called the **eigenvariable** of this inference

In  $\forall\text{right}$  all occurrences of  $a$  in  $F(a)$  are indicated. In  $\forall\text{left}$ ,  $F(t)$  and  $F(x)$  are

$$\left(F(a)\frac{a}{t}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \left(F(a)\frac{a}{t}\right)$$

respectively, so not every  $t$  in  $F(t)$  is necessarily indicated

6.

$$\frac{F(a), \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta}{\exists x F(x), \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta} \exists\text{left} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, F(t)}{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, \exists x F(x)} \exists\text{right}$$

where  $a$  does not occur in the lower sequent, and  $t$  is an arbitrary term

$F(a)$  and  $Ft$  are called the auxiliary formulas and  $\exists x F(x)$  the principal formula. The  $a$  in  $\exists\text{left}$  is called the eigenvariable of this inference

In  $\exists\text{left}$   $a$  is fully indicated

5 and 6 are called the **quantifier inferences**. The condition, that the eigenvariable must not occur in the lower sequent in  $\forall\text{right}$  and  $\exists\text{left}$  is called the **eigenvariable condition**

A sequent of the form  $A \rightarrow A$  is called an **initial sequent** or axiom

**Definition 1.9.** A **proof**  $P$  (in LK), or **LK-proof**, is a tree of sequents satisfying the following conditions

1. The topmost sequents of  $P$  are initial sequents
2. Every sequent in  $P$  except the lowest one is an upper sequent of an inference whose lower sequent is also in  $P$

**Definition 1.10.** 1. A sequence of sequents in a proof  $P$  is called a **thread** (of  $P$ ) if the following conditions are satisfied

- (a) The sequence begins with an initial sequent and ends with the end-sequent
  - (b) Every sequent in the sequence except the last is an upper sequent of an inference, and is immediately followed by the lower sequent of this inference
2. Let  $S_1, S_2$  and  $S_3$  be sequents in a proof  $P$ . We say  $S_1$  is **above**  $S_2$  or  $S_2$  is **below**  $S_1$  if there is a thread containing both  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  where  $S_1$  appears before  $S_2$ . If  $S_1$  is above  $S_2$  and  $S_2$  is above  $S_3$ , we say  $S_2$  is **between**  $S_1$  and  $S_3$
  3. An inference in  $P$  is said to be **below a sequent**  $S$  if its lower sequent is below  $S$

4. Let  $P$  be a proof. A part of  $P$  which itself is a proof is called a **sub-proof** of  $P$ . For any sequent  $S$  in  $P$ , that part of  $P$  which consists of all sequents which are either  $S$  itself or which occur above  $S$  is called a subproof of  $P$  (with end-sequent  $S$ )
5. Let  $P_0$  be a proof of the form

$$\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \Gamma \rightarrow \Theta \\ \vdots \\ (*) \\ \vdots \end{array}$$

where  $(*)$  denotes the part of  $P_0$  under  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Theta$ , and let  $Q$  be a proof ending with  $\Gamma, D \rightarrow \Theta$ . By a copy of  $P_0$  from  $Q$  we mean a proof  $P$  of the form

$$\begin{array}{c} \vdots Q \\ \vdots \\ \Gamma, D \rightarrow \Theta \\ \vdots \\ (**) \\ \vdots \end{array}$$

where  $(**)$  differs from  $(*)$  only in that for each sequent in  $(*)$ , say  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Lambda$ , the corresponding sequent in  $(**)$  has the form  $\Pi, D \rightarrow \Lambda$ .

6. Let  $S(a)$  or  $\Gamma(a) \rightarrow \Delta(a)$ , denote a sequent of the form  $A_1(a), \dots, A_m(a) \rightarrow B_1(a), \dots, B_n(a)$ . Then  $S(t)$ , or  $\Gamma(t) \rightarrow \Delta(t)$ , denotes the sequent  $A_1(t), \dots, A_m(t) \rightarrow B_1(t), \dots, B_n(t)$

**Definition 1.11.** A proof in **LK** is called **regular** if it satisfies the condition that all eigenvariables are distinct from one another and if a free variable  $a$  occurs as an eigenvariable in a sequent  $S$  of the proof, then  $a$  occurs only in sequents above  $S$

- Lemma 1.12.**
1. Let  $\Gamma(a) \rightarrow \Delta(a)$  be an (**LK**-)provable sequent in which  $a$  is fully indicated, and let  $P(a)$  be a proof of  $\Gamma(a) \rightarrow \Delta(a)$ . Let  $b$  be a free variable not occurring in  $P(a)$ . Then the tree  $P(b)$ , obtained from  $P(a)$  by replacing  $a$  by  $b$  at each occurrence of  $a$  in  $P(a)$ , is also a proof and its end-sequent is  $\Gamma(b) \rightarrow \Delta(b)$
  2. For an arbitrary **LK**-proof there exists a regular proof of the same end-sequent. Moreover, the required proof is obtained from the original proof simply by replacing free variables

*Proof.* 1. By induction on the number of inference in  $P(a)$ . If  $P(a)$  consists of simply an initial sequent  $A(a) \rightarrow A(a)$ , then  $P(b)$  consists of the sequent  $A(b) \rightarrow A(b)$ .

Suppose that our proposition holds for proofs containing at most  $n$  inferences and suppose that  $P(a)$  contains  $n + 1$  inferences. We treat the possible cases according to the last inferences in  $P(a)$ . Since other cases can be treated similarly, we consider only the case where the last inference, say  $J$ , is a  $\forall\text{right}$ . Suppose the eigenvariable of  $J$  is  $a$ , and  $P(a)$  is of the form

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ Q(a) \end{array} \quad \Gamma \rightarrow \Lambda, A(a)}{\Gamma \rightarrow \Lambda, \forall x A(x)} J$$

where  $Q(a)$  is the subproof of  $P(a)$  ending with  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Lambda, A(a)$ .  $a$  doesn't occur in  $\Gamma, \Lambda$  or  $A(x)$ . By the induction hypotheses the result of replacing all  $a$ 's in  $Q(a)$  by  $b$  is a proof whose end-sequent is  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Lambda, A(b)$ .  $\Gamma$  and  $\Lambda$  contain no  $b$ 's. Thus we can apply a  $\forall\text{right}$  to this sequent using  $b$  as its eigenvariable

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ Q(b) \end{array} \quad \Gamma \rightarrow \Lambda, A(b)}{\Gamma \rightarrow \Lambda, \forall x A(x)}$$

and so  $P(b)$  is a proof ending with  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Lambda, \forall x A(x)$ . If  $a$  is not the eigenvariable of  $J$ ,  $P(a)$  is of the form

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ Q(a) \end{array} \quad \Gamma(a) \rightarrow \Lambda(a), A(a, c)}{\Gamma(a) \rightarrow \Lambda(a), \forall x A(a, x)}$$

By the induction hypothesis the result of replacing all  $a$ 's in  $Q(a)$  by  $b$  is a proof and its end-sequent is  $\Gamma(b) \rightarrow \Lambda(b), A(b, c)$

Since by assumption  $b$  doesn't occur in  $P(a)$ ,  $b$  is not  $c$  and so we can apply a  $\forall\text{right}$  to this sequent, with  $c$  as its eigenvariable

2. By mathematical induction on the number  $l$  of applications of  $\forall\text{right}$  and  $\exists\text{left}$  in a given proof  $P$ . If  $l = 0$  then take  $P$  itself. Otherwise,  $P$

can be represented in the form

$$\begin{array}{c} P_1 \quad P_2 \dots P_k \\ \vdots \\ (*) \\ \vdots \\ S \end{array}$$

where  $P_i$  is a subproof of  $P$  of the form

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \Gamma_i \rightarrow \Delta_i, F_i(b_i) \end{array}}{\Gamma_i \rightarrow \Delta_i, \forall y_i F_i(y_i)} I_i \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ F_i(b_i), \Gamma_i \rightarrow \Delta_i \end{array}}{\exists y_i F_i(y_i), \Gamma_i \rightarrow \Delta_i} I_i$$

and  $I_i$  is a lowermost  $\forall$ right or  $\exists$ left in  $P$

Let us deal with the case where  $I_i$  is  $\forall$ right.  $P_i$  has fewer applications of  $\forall$ right or  $\exists$ left than  $P$ , so by the induction hypothesis there is a regular proof  $P'_i$  of  $\Gamma_i \rightarrow \Delta_i, F_i(b_i)$ . Note that no free variable in  $\Gamma_i \rightarrow \Delta_i, F_i(b_i)$  (including  $b_i$ ) is used as an eigenvariable in  $P'_i$ . Suppose  $c_1, \dots, c_m$  are all the eigenvariables in all the  $P'_i$ 's which occur in  $P$  above  $\Gamma_i \rightarrow \Delta_i, \forall y_i F_i(y_i)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$ . Then change  $c_1, \dots, c_m$  to  $d_1, \dots, d_m$  respectively, where  $d_1, \dots, d_m$  are the first  $m$  variables which occur neither in  $P$  nor in  $P'_i$ . If  $b_i$  occurs in  $P$  below  $\Gamma_i \rightarrow \Delta_i, \forall y_i F_i(y_i)$  then change it to  $d_{m+i}$

Let  $P''_i$  be the proof which is obtained from  $P'_i$  by the above replacement of variables. Then  $P''_1, \dots, P''_k$  are each regular

$$\begin{array}{c} P''_1 \dots \frac{P''_i}{\Gamma_i \rightarrow \Delta_i, \forall y_i F_i(y_i)} \dots P''_n \\ \vdots \\ (*) \\ \vdots \\ S \end{array}$$

□

From now on we will assume that we are dealing with regular proofs whenever convenient

**Lemma 1.13.** *Let  $t$  be an arbitrary term. Let  $\Gamma(a) \rightarrow \Delta(a)$  be a provable (in **LK**) sequent in which  $a$  is fully indicated, and let  $P(a)$  be a proof ending with  $\Gamma(a) \rightarrow \Delta(a)$  in which **every eigenvariable is different from  $a$  and not contained in  $t$** . Then  $P(t)$  is a proof whose end-sequent is  $\Gamma(t) \rightarrow \Delta(t)$*



**Lemma 1.14.** *Let  $t$  be an arbitrary term. Let  $\Gamma(a) \rightarrow \Delta(a)$  be a provable (in **LK**) sequent in which  $a$  is fully indicated, and let  $P(a)$  be a proof of  $\Gamma(a) \rightarrow \Delta(a)$ . Let  $P'(a)$  be a proof obtained from  $P(a)$  by changing eigenvariables in such a way that in  $P'(a)$  every eigenvariable is different from  $a$  and not contained in  $t$ . Then  $P'(t)$  is a proof of  $\Gamma(t) \rightarrow \Delta(t)$*

**Proposition 1.15.** *Let  $t$  be an arbitrary term and  $S(a)$  a provable sequent in which  $a$  is fully indicated. Then  $S(t)$  is also provable*

**Proposition 1.16.** *If a sequent is provable, then it is provable with a proof in which all the initial sequents consist of atomic formulas. Furthermore, if a sequent is provable without cut, then it is provable without cut with a proof of the above sort*

*Proof.* It suffices to show that for an arbitrary formula  $A$ ,  $A \rightarrow A$  is provable without cut, starting with initial sequents consisting of atomic formulas.  $\square$

**Definition 1.17.** Two formulas  $A$  and  $B$  are **alphabetical variants** if for some  $x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_n$

$$\left( A \frac{x_1, \dots, x_n}{z_1, \dots, z_n} \right)$$

is

$$\left( B \frac{y_1, \dots, y_n}{z_1, \dots, z_n} \right)$$

where  $z_1, \dots, z_n$  are bound variables occurring neither in  $A$  nor in  $B$ . The fact that  $A$  and  $B$  are alphabetical variants will be expressed by  $A \sim B$

### 1.3 A formulation of intuitionistic predicate calculus

**Definition 1.18.** We can formalize the intuitionistic predicate calculus as a subsystem of **LK** which we call **LJ** following Gentzen (**J** stands for “intuitionistic”). **LJ** is obtained from **LK** by modifying it as follows

1. A sequent in **LJ** is of the form  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$  where  $\Delta$  consists of at most one formula
2. Inferences in **LJ** are those obtained from those in **LK** by imposing the restriction that the succedent of each upper and lower sequent consists of at most one formula; thus there are no inferences in **LJ** corresponding to contraction right or exchange right

**Proposition 1.19.** *If a sequent  $S$  of **LJ** is provable in **LJ**, then it is also provable in **LK***

## 1.4 Axiom systems

**Definition 1.20.** The basic system is **LK**

1. A finite or infinite set  $\mathcal{A}$  of sentences is called an **axiom system**, and each of these sentences is called an **axiom** of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Sometimes an axiom system is called a **theory**
2. A finite (possibly empty) sequence of formulas consisting only of axioms of  $\mathcal{A}$  is called an **axiom sequence** of  $\mathcal{A}$
3. If there exists an axiom sequence  $\Gamma_0$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  s.t.  $\Gamma_0, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$  is **LK**-provable, then  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$  is said to be **provable from  $\mathcal{A}$**  (in **LK**). We express this by  $\mathcal{A}, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$
4.  $\mathcal{A}$  is **inconsistent** (with **LK**) if the empty sequent  $\rightarrow$  is provable from  $\mathcal{A}$  (in **LK**)
5. If all function constants and predicate constants in a formula  $A$  occur in  $\mathcal{A}$ , then  $A$  is said to be **dependent on  $\mathcal{A}$**
6. A sentence  $A$  is **consistent** if the axiom system  $\{A\}$  is consistent
7.  $\mathbf{LK}_{\mathcal{A}}$  is the system obtained from **LK** by adding  $\rightarrow A$  as initial sequents for all  $A$  in  $\mathcal{A}$

**Proposition 1.21.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an axiom system. Then the following are equivalent

1.  $\mathcal{A}$  is inconsistent (with **LK**)
2. for every formula  $A$ ,  $A$  is provable from  $\mathcal{A}$
3. for some formula  $A$ ,  $A$  and  $\neg A$  are both provable from  $\mathcal{A}$

*Proof.*  $3 \rightarrow 1$ . we have  $\mathbf{LK} \vdash A \leftrightarrow \neg \neg A$ . So from  $\rightarrow \neg A$  we have  $A \rightarrow$ . Then we apply cut.  $\square$

**Proposition 1.22.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an axiom system. Then a sequent  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$  is  $\mathbf{LK}_{\mathcal{A}}$ -provable iff  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$  is provable from  $\mathcal{A}$  (in **LK**)

**Corollary 1.23.** An axiom system  $\mathcal{A}$  is consistent (with **LK**) iff  $\mathbf{LK}_{\mathcal{A}}$  is consistent

These definitions and the propositions hold also for **LJ**

## 1.5 The cut-elimination theorem

**Theorem 1.24** (the cut-elimination theorem: Gentzen). *If a sequent is (LK)-provable, then it is (LK)-provable without a cut*

Let  $A$  be a formula. An inference of the following form is called a **mix** (w.r.t.  $A$ ):

$$\frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta \quad \Pi \rightarrow \Lambda}{\Gamma, \Pi^* \rightarrow \Delta^*, \Lambda} A$$

where both  $\Delta$  and  $\Pi$  contain the formula  $A$ , and  $\Delta^*$  and  $\Pi^*$  are obtained from  $\Delta$  and  $\Pi$  respectively by deleting all the occurrences of  $A$  in them. We call  $A$  the mix formula of this inference.

Let's call the system which is obtained from **LK** by replacing the cut rule by the mix rule, **LK\***.

**Lemma 1.25.** *LK and LK\* are equivalent, that is, a sequent  $S$  is LK-provable iff  $S$  is LK\*-provable*

mix is a strengthened version of cut

**Theorem 1.26.** *If a sequent is provable in LK\*, then it's provable in LK\* without a mix*

**Lemma 1.27.** *If  $P$  is a proof of  $S$  (in LK\*) which contains (only) one mix, occurring as the last inference, then  $S$  is provable without a mix*

The **grade** of a formula  $A$  (denoted by  $g(A)$ ) is the number of logical symbols contained in  $A$ . The grade of a mix is the grade of the mix formula. When a proof  $P$  has a mix as the last inference, we define the grade of  $P$  (denoted by  $g(P)$ ) to be the grade of this mix.

Let  $P$  be a proof which contains a mix only as the last inference

$$J \frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta \quad \Pi \rightarrow \Lambda}{\Gamma, \Pi^* \rightarrow \Delta^*, \Lambda} (A)$$

We refer to the left and right upper sequents as  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  and the lower sequent as  $S$ . We call a thread in  $P$  a **left (right) thread** if it contains the left (right) upper sequent of the mix  $J$ . The **rank** of a thread  $\mathcal{F}$  in  $P$  is defined as follows: if  $\mathcal{F}$  is a left (right) thread, then the rank of  $\mathcal{F}$  is the number consecutive sequents, counting upward from the left (right) upper sequent of  $J$ , that contains the mix formula in its succedent (antecedent). The rank of a thread  $\mathcal{F}$  in  $P$  is denoted by  $\text{rank}(\mathcal{F}; P)$ . We define

$$\text{rank}_l(P) = \max_{\mathcal{F}} (\text{rank}(\mathcal{F}; P))$$

where  $\mathcal{F}$  ranges over all the left threads in  $P$ , and

$$\text{rank}_r(P) = \max_{\mathcal{F}}(\text{rank}(\mathcal{F}; P))$$

where  $\mathcal{F}$  ranges over all the right threads in  $P$ . The rank of  $P$ ,  $\text{rank}(P)$ , is defined as

$$\text{rank}(P) = \text{rank}_l(P) + \text{rank}_r(P)$$

Note that  $\text{rank}(P) \geq 2$

*Proof.* We prove the Lemma by double induction on the grade  $g$  and rank  $r$  of the proof  $P$  (i.e. transfinite induction on  $\omega \cdot g + r$ ). We divide the proof into two main cases, namely  $r = 2$  and  $r > 2$

1.  $r = 2, \text{rank}_l(P) = \text{rank}_r(P) = 1$

(a) The left upper sequent  $S_1$  is an initial sequent. In this case we may assume  $P$  is of the form

$$J \frac{A \rightarrow A \quad \Pi \rightarrow \Lambda}{A, \Pi^* \rightarrow \Lambda}$$

We can obtain the lower sequent without a mix

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\Pi \rightarrow \Lambda}{\text{some exchanges}}}{A, \dots, A, \Pi^* \rightarrow \Lambda}}{\text{some contractions}} A, \Pi^* \rightarrow \Lambda$$

(b) The right upper sequent  $S_2$  is an initial sequent.

(c) Neither  $S_1$  nor  $S_2$  is an initial sequent, and  $S_1$  is the lower sequent of a structural inference  $J_1$ . Since  $\text{rank}_l(P) = 1$ , the formula  $A$  cannot appear in the succedent of the upper sequent of  $J_1$ . Hence

$$\frac{\frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta_1}{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta_1, A} J_1 \quad \Pi \rightarrow \Lambda}{\Gamma, \Pi^* \rightarrow \Delta_1, \Lambda} J$$

where  $\Delta_1$  doesn't contain  $A$ . We can eliminate the mix as follows

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta_1}{\text{some weakenings}}}{\Pi^*, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta_1, \Lambda}}{\text{some exchanges}} \Gamma, \Pi^* \rightarrow \Delta_1, \Lambda$$

- (d) None of 1.1-1.3 holds but  $S_2$  is the lower sequent of a structural inference. Similarly
- (e) Both  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are the lower sequents of logical inferences. In this case, since  $\text{rank}_l(P) = \text{rank}_r(P) = 1$ , the mix formula on each side must be the principal formula of the logical inference. We use induction on the grade, distinguishing several cases according to the outermost logical symbol of  $A$

i. The outermost logical symbol of  $A$  is  $\wedge$

$$\frac{\frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta_1, B \quad \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta_1, C}{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta_1, B \wedge C} \quad \frac{B, \Pi_1 \rightarrow \Lambda}{B \wedge C, \Pi_1 \rightarrow \Lambda}}{\Gamma, \Pi_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1, \Lambda} (B \wedge C)$$

where by assumption none of the proofs ending with  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta_1, B$ ;  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta_1, C$  or  $B, \Pi_1 \rightarrow \Lambda$  contain a mix. Consider the following

$$\frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta_1, B \quad B, \Pi_1 \rightarrow \Lambda}{\Gamma, \Pi_1^\# \rightarrow \Delta_1^\#, \Lambda} (B)$$

This proof contains only one mix, a mix that occurs as its last inference. Furthermore the grade of the mix formula  $B$  is less than  $g(A)$ . So by induction hypothesis we can obtain a proof which contains no mixes and whose end-sequent is  $\Gamma, \Pi_1^\# \rightarrow \Delta_1^\#, \Lambda$ . From this we can obtain a proof without a mix with end-sequent  $\Gamma, \Pi_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1, \Lambda$

- ii. The outermost logical symbol of  $A$  is  $\vee$ . Similar.
- iii. The outermost logical symbol of  $A$  is  $\forall$  company

$$\frac{\frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta_1, F(a)}{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta_1, \forall x F(x)} \quad \frac{F(t), \Pi_1 \rightarrow \Lambda}{\forall x F(x), \Pi_1 \rightarrow \Lambda}}{\Gamma, \Pi_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1, \Lambda}$$

( $a$  being fully indicated in  $F(a)$ ). By the eigenvariable condition,  $a$  does not occur in  $\Gamma, \Delta_1$  or  $F(x)$ . Since by assumption the proof ending with  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta_1, F(a)$  contains no mix, we can obtain a proof without a mix, ending with  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta_1, F(t)$ . Consider

$$\frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta_1, F(t) \quad F(t), \Pi_1 \rightarrow \Lambda}{\Gamma, \Pi_1^\# \rightarrow \Delta_1^\#, \Lambda} (F(t))$$

- iv. The outermost logical symbol of  $A$  is  $\exists$ . Similar.
- v. The outermost logical symbol of  $A$  is  $\neg$ . Then the end of the derivation runs

$$\frac{\frac{A, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta_1}{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta_1, \neg A} \quad \frac{\Pi_1 \rightarrow \Lambda, A}{\neg A, \Pi_1 \rightarrow \Lambda}}{\Gamma, \Pi_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1, \Lambda}$$

This is transformed into

$$\frac{\frac{\Pi_1 \rightarrow \Lambda, A \quad A, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta_1}{\Pi_2 \rightarrow \Gamma^\# \rightarrow \Lambda^\#, \Delta_1}}{\Gamma, \Pi_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1, \Lambda}$$

- vi. The outermost logical symbol of  $A$  is  $\supset$ .

$$\frac{\frac{C, \Gamma_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1, D}{\Gamma_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1, C \supset D} \quad \frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, C \quad D, \Pi \rightarrow \Lambda}{C \supset D, \Gamma, \Pi \rightarrow \Delta, \Lambda}}{\Gamma_1, \Gamma, \Pi \rightarrow \Delta_1, \Delta, \Lambda}$$

This is transformed into

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{C, \Gamma_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1, D \quad D, \Pi \rightarrow \Lambda}{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, C} \quad C, \Gamma_1, \Pi^\# \rightarrow \Delta_1^\#, \Lambda}{\Gamma, \Gamma_1^\#, \Pi^{\#\#} \rightarrow \Delta^\#, \Delta_1^\#, \Lambda}}{\Gamma_1, \Gamma, \Pi \rightarrow \Delta_1, \Delta, \Lambda}$$

- 2.  $r > 2$ , i.e.,  $\text{rank}_l(P) > 1$  and/or  $\text{rank}_r(P) > 1$

$$\frac{\frac{A, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta_1}{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta_1, \neg A} \quad \frac{\Pi_1 \rightarrow \Lambda, A}{\neg A, \Pi_1 \rightarrow \Lambda}}{\Gamma, \Pi_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1, \Lambda}$$

This is transformed into

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\Pi_1 \rightarrow \Lambda, A \quad A, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta_1}{\Pi_2 \rightarrow \Gamma^\# \rightarrow \Lambda^\#, \Delta_1}}{\Gamma, \Pi_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1, \Lambda}}$$

We distinguish two main cases: The right rank is greater than 1 and the right rank is equal to 1

The induction hypothesis is that every proof  $Q$  which contains a mix only as the last inference, and which satisfies either  $g(Q) < g(P)$ , or  $g(Q) = g(P)$  and  $\text{rank}(Q) < \text{rank}(P)$ , we can eliminate the mix

(a)  $\text{rank}_r(P) > 1$

i.  $\Gamma$  or  $\Delta$  (in  $S_1$ ) contains  $A$ . Construct a proof as follows

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\vdots}{\Pi \rightarrow \Lambda}}{\text{exchanges/contractions}} \quad \frac{\frac{\vdots}{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta}}{\text{exchanges/contractions}}}{\frac{A, \Pi^* \rightarrow \Lambda \quad \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta^*, A}{\text{weakenings/exchanges}}} \quad \frac{\Gamma, \Pi^* \rightarrow \Delta^*, \Lambda \quad \Gamma, \Pi^* \rightarrow \Delta^*, \Lambda}{\text{weakenings/exchanges}}$$

ii.  $S_2$  is the lower sequent of an inference  $J_2$ , where  $J_2$  is not a logical inference whose principal formula is  $A$ . The last part of  $P$  looks like this

$$\frac{\frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta \quad \frac{\Phi \rightarrow \Psi}{\Pi \rightarrow \Lambda}}{\Gamma, \Pi^* \rightarrow \Delta^*, \Lambda}}{J_2}$$

where the proofs  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$  and  $\Phi \rightarrow \Psi$  contain no mixes and  $\Phi$  contains at least one  $A$ . Consider the following proof  $P'$ :

$$\frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta \quad \Phi \rightarrow \Psi}{\Gamma, \Phi^* \rightarrow \Delta^*, \Psi} (A)$$

In  $P'$ , the grade of the mix is equal to  $g(P)$ ,  $\text{rank}_l(P') = \text{rank}_l(P)$  and  $\text{rank}_r(P') = \text{rank}_r(P) - 1$ . Thus by induction hypothesis,  $\Gamma, \Phi^* \rightarrow \Delta^*, \Psi$  is provable without a mix. Then we construct

the proof

$$\frac{\frac{\Gamma, \Phi^* \rightarrow \Delta^*, \Psi}{\text{some exchanges}}}{\frac{\Phi^*, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta^*, \Psi}{\Pi^*, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta^*, \Lambda} J_2}$$

iii.  $\Gamma$  contains no  $A$ 's and  $S_2$  is the lower sequent of a logical inference whose principal formula is  $A$ .

A.  $A$  is  $B \supset C$ . The last part of  $P$  is of the form

$$\frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta \quad \frac{\Pi_1 \rightarrow \Lambda_1, B \quad C, \Pi_2 \rightarrow \Lambda_2}{B \supset C, \Pi_1, \Pi_2 \rightarrow \Lambda_1, \Lambda_2}}{\Gamma, \Pi_1^*, \Pi_2^* \rightarrow \Delta^*, \Lambda_1, \Lambda_2}$$

Consider the following proofs  $P_1$  and  $P_2$

$$\frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta \quad \Pi_1 \rightarrow \Lambda_1, B}{\Gamma_1^* \rightarrow \Delta^*, \Lambda_1, B} B \supset C \quad \frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta \quad C, \Pi_2 \rightarrow \Lambda_2 \rightarrow \Lambda_2}{\Gamma, C, \Pi_2^* \rightarrow \Delta^*, \Lambda_2} B \supset C$$

assuming that  $B \supset C$  is in  $\Pi_1$  and  $\Pi_2$ . If  $B \supset C$  is not in  $\Pi_i$  ( $i = 1$  or  $2$ ), then  $\Pi_i^*$  is  $\Pi_i$  and  $P_i$  is defined as

$$\frac{\Pi_1 \rightarrow \Lambda_1, B}{\Gamma, \Pi_1^* \rightarrow \Delta^*, \Lambda_1, B} \quad \frac{C, \Pi_2 \rightarrow \Lambda_2}{\Gamma, C, \Pi_2^* \rightarrow \Delta^*, \Lambda_2}$$

Note that  $g(P_1) = g(P_2) = g(P)$ ,  $\text{rank}_l(P_1) = \text{rank}_l(P_2) = \text{rank}_l(P)$  and  $\text{rank}_r(P_1) = \text{rank}_r(P_2) = \text{rank}_r(P) - 1$ . Hence by the induction hypothesis, the end-sequents of  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are provable without a mix (say by  $P'_1$  and  $P'_2$ ). Consider the following proof  $P'$

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\vdots P'_1}{\Gamma, \Pi_1^* \rightarrow \Delta^*, \Lambda_1, B} \quad \frac{\frac{\vdots P'_2}{\Gamma, C, \Pi_2^* \rightarrow \Delta^*, \Lambda_2}}{C, \Gamma, \Pi_2^* \rightarrow \Delta^*, \Lambda_2}}{B \supset C, \Gamma, \Pi_1^*, \Gamma, \Pi_2^* \rightarrow \Delta^*, \Lambda_1, \Delta^*, \Lambda_2}}{\Gamma, \Gamma, \Pi_1^*, \Gamma, \Pi_2^* \rightarrow \Delta^*, \Delta^*, \Lambda_1, \Delta^*, \Lambda_2} B \supset C$$

Then  $g(P') = g(P)$ ,  $\text{rank}_l(P') = \text{rank}_l(P)$ ,  $\text{rank}_r(P') = 1$ . Thus the end-sequent of  $P'$  is provable without a mix by the induction hypothesis. wefaew weafieo aweiofwajeofi oioiwaefjowjaeioifj oiwjjeo jawoiejfoiweij



B.  $A$  is  $\exists xF(x)$ . The last part of  $P$  looks like this

$$\frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta \quad \frac{F(a), \Pi_1 \rightarrow \Lambda}{\exists xF(x), \Pi_1 \rightarrow \Lambda}}{\Gamma, \Pi_1^* \rightarrow \Delta^*, \Lambda} \exists xF(x)$$

Let  $b$  be a free variable not occurring in  $P$ . Then the result of replacing  $a$  by  $b$  throughout the proof ending with  $F(a), \Pi_1 \rightarrow \Lambda$  without a mix, ending with  $F(b), \Pi_1 \rightarrow \Lambda$ , since by the eigenvariable condition,  $a$  does not occur in  $\Pi_1$  or  $\Lambda$  (Lemma 1.13)

Consider the following proof:

$$\frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta \quad F(b), \Pi_1 \rightarrow \Lambda}{\Gamma, F(b), \Pi_1^* \rightarrow \Delta^*, \Lambda} \exists xF(x)$$

By the induction hypothesis, the end-sequent of this proof can be proved without a mix (say by  $P'$ ). Now consider the proof

$$\frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta \quad \frac{\frac{\vdots P'}{\Gamma, F(b), \Pi_1^* \rightarrow \Delta^*, \Lambda}}{F(b), \Gamma, \Pi_1^* \rightarrow \Delta^*, \Lambda}}{\Gamma, \Gamma, \Pi_1^* \rightarrow \Delta^*, \Delta^*, \Lambda} \exists xF(x), \Gamma, \Pi_1^* \rightarrow \Delta^*, \Lambda$$

1.  $\text{rank}_r(P) = 1$ .

□

**Theorem 1.28.** *The cut-elimination theorem holds for LJ*

## 1.6 Some consequences of the cut-elimination theorem

**Definition 1.29.** By a **subformula** of a formula  $A$  we mean a formula used in building up  $A$ .

Two formulas  $A$  and  $B$  are said to be **equivalent** in **LK** if  $A \equiv B$  is provable in **LK**

In a formula  $A$  an occurrence of a logical symbol, say  $\sharp$  is **in the scope** of an occurrences of a logical symbol, say  $\flat$ , if in the construction of  $A$  (from

atomic formulas) the stage where  $\sharp$  is the outermost logical symbol precedes the stage where  $\natural$  is the outermost logical symbol. Further, a symbol  $\sharp$  is said to be in the left scope of a  $\supset$  if  $\supset$  occurs in the form  $B \supset C$  and  $\sharp$  occurs in  $B$

A formula is called **prenex** (in prenex form) if no quantifier in it is in the scope of a propositional connective.

A proof without a cut contains only subformulas of the formulas occurring in the end-sequent. A formula is provable iff it is provable by use of its subformulas only

**Theorem 1.30** (consistency). *LK and LJ are consistent*

*Proof.* Suppose  $\rightarrow$  were provable in **LK**. Then by the cut-elimination theorem, it would be provable in **LK** without a cut. But this is impossible, by the subformula property of cut-free proofs  $\square$

**Theorem 1.31.** *In a cut-free proof in LK (or LJ) all the formulas which occur in it are subformulas of the formulas in the end-sequent*

**Theorem 1.32** (Gentzen's midsequent theorem for **LK**). *Let  $S$  be a sequent which consists of prenex formulas only and is provable in LK. Then there is a cut-free proof of  $S$  which contains a sequent (called a **midsequent**), say  $S'$ , which satisfies the following*

1.  $S'$  is quantifier-free
2. Every inference above  $S'$  is either structural or propositional
3. Every inference below  $S'$  is either structural or a quantifier inference

*Thus a midsequent splits the proof into an upper part, which contains the propositional inferences, and a lower part, which contains the quantifier inferences.*

*The above holds reading "LJ without  $\forall$ left" in place of LK*

*outline.* Combining Proposition 1.16 and the cut-elimination theorem we may assume that there is a cut-free proof of  $S$ , say  $P$ , in which all the initial sequents consist of atomic formulas only (<sub>why</sub> do we need atomic formula\_). Let  $I$  be a quantifier inference in  $P$ . The number of propositional inference under  $I$  is called the order of  $I$ . The sum of orders for all the quantifier inferences in  $P$  is called the order of  $P$ . The proof is carried out by induction on the order of  $P$ .

Case 1: The order of a proof  $P$  is 0. If there is a propositional inference, take the lowermost such, and call its lower sequent  $S_0$ . Above this

sequent there is no quantifier inference. Therefore if there is a quantifier in or above  $S_0$ , then it is introduced by weakening. Since the proof is cut-free, the weakening formula is a subformula of one of the formulas in the end-sequent. Hence no propositional inferences apply to it. (Since its in prenex form!) We can thus eliminate these weakenings and obtain a sequent  $S'_0$  corresponding to  $S_0$ . By adding some weakenings under  $S'_0$  we derive  $S$  and  $S'_0$  serves as the mid-sequent

If there is no propositional inference in  $P$ , then take the uppermost quantifier inferences. Its upper sequent serves as a midsequent

Case 2: The order of  $P$  is not 0. Then there is at least one propositional inference which is below a quantifier property. Moreover, there is a quantifier inference  $I$  with the following property: the uppermost logical inference under  $I$  is a propositional inference. Call it  $I'$ . We can lower the order by interchanging the positions of  $I$  and  $I'$ . Say  $I$  is  $\forall$ right, then proof  $P$  is

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \Gamma \rightarrow \Theta, F(a) \end{array}}{\Gamma \rightarrow \Theta, \forall xF(x)} I$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots (*) \\ \vdots \end{array}}{\Delta \rightarrow \Lambda} I'$$

where the  $(*)$ -part of  $P$  contains only structural inferences and  $\Lambda$  contains  $\forall xF(x)$  as a sequent-formula. Transform  $P$  into the following proof  $P'$ :

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \Gamma \rightarrow \Theta, F(a) \\ \vdots \text{structural inferences} \\ \Gamma \rightarrow F(a), \Theta, \forall xF(x) \\ \vdots \\ \Delta \rightarrow F(a), \Lambda \end{array}}{\Delta, \Lambda, \forall xF(x)} I'$$

$$\frac{\Delta, \Lambda, \forall xF(x)}{\Delta \rightarrow \Lambda} I$$

$$\vdots$$

It is obvious that the order of  $P'$  is less than that of  $P$  □

For technical reasons we introduce the predicate symbol  $\top$  with 0 argument places, and admit  $\rightarrow \top$  as an additional initial sequent. The system which is obtained from **LK** thus extended is denoted by **LK#**

**Lemma 1.33.** Let  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$  be **LK**-provable, and let  $(\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2)$  and  $\Delta_1, \Delta_2$  be arbitrary partitions of  $\Gamma$  and  $\Delta$ , respectively (including the cases that one or more of  $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \Delta_1, \Delta_2$  are empty). We denote such a partition by  $[\{\Gamma_1; \Delta_1\}, \{\Gamma_2; \Delta_2\}]$  and call it a partition of the sequent  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$ . Then there exists a formula  $C$  of **LK#** (called an **interpolant** of  $[\{\Gamma_1; \Delta_1\}, \{\Gamma_2; \Delta_2\}]$ ) s.t.

1.  $\Gamma_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1, C$  and  $C, \Gamma_2 \rightarrow \Delta_2$  are both **LK#**-provable
2. All free variables and individual and predicate constants in  $C$  (apart from  $\top$ ) occur both in  $\Gamma_1 \cup \Delta_1$  and  $\Gamma_2 \cup \Delta_2$

**Theorem 1.34** (Craig's interpolation theorem for **LK**). 1. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two formulas s.t.  $A \supset B$  is **LK**-provable. If  $A$  and  $B$  have at least one predicate constant in common, then there exists a formula  $C$ , called an interpolant of  $A \supset B$  s.t.  $C$  contains only those individual constants, predicate constants and free variables that occur in both  $A$  and  $B$  and s.t.  $A \supset C$  and  $C \supset B$  are **LK**-provable. If  $A$  and  $B$  contain no predicate constant in common, then either  $A \rightarrow$  or  $\rightarrow B$  is **LK**-provable

2. As above, with **LJ** in place of **LK**

*Proof.* Assume that  $A \supset B$ , and hence  $A \rightarrow B$  is provable, and  $A$  and  $B$  have at least one predicate constant in common. Then by Lemma 1.33, taking  $A$  as  $\Gamma_1$  and  $B$  as  $\Delta_2$  (with  $\Gamma_2$  and  $\Delta_1$  empty), there exists a formula  $C$  satisfying 1 and 2. So  $A \rightarrow C$  and  $C \rightarrow B$  are **LK#**-provable. Let  $R$  be predicate constant which is common to  $A$  and  $B$  and has  $k$  argument places. Let  $R'$  be  $\forall y_1 \dots \forall y_k R(y_1, \dots, y_k)$ , where  $y_1, \dots, y_k$  are new bound variables. By replacing  $\top$  by  $R' \supset R'$  we can transform  $C$  into a formula  $C'$  of the original language, s.t.  $A \rightarrow C'$  and  $C' \rightarrow B$  are **LK**-provable.  $C'$  is then the desired interpolant.

If there is no predicate common to  $\Gamma_1 \cup \Delta_1$  and  $\Gamma_2 \cup \Delta_2$  in the partition, then by Lemma 1.33 there is a  $C$  s.t.  $\Gamma_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1, C$  and  $C, \Gamma_2 \rightarrow \Delta_2$  are provable, and  $C$  consists of  $\top$  and logical symbols only. Then it can easily be shown, by induction on the complexity of  $C$ , that either  $\rightarrow C$  or  $C \rightarrow$  is provable. Hence either  $\Gamma_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1$  or  $\Gamma_2 \rightarrow \Delta_2$  is provable.  $\square$

*Lemma [?].* The lemma is proved by induction on the number of inferences  $k$ , in a cut-free proof of  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$ . At each stage there are several cases to consider; we deal with some examples only.

1.  $k = 0$ ,  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$  has the form  $D \rightarrow D$ . There are four cases: 1.  $[\{D; D\}, \{\}; ]$ , 2.  $[\{\}; \{D; D\}]$ , 3.  $[\{D; \}, \{\}; D]$ , 4.  $\{\}; D, \{D; \}$ . Take for  $C : \neg \top$  in 1,  $\top$  in 2,  $D$  in 3 and  $\neg D$  in 4

2.  $k > 0$  and the last inference is  $\wedge\text{right}$ :

$$\frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, A \quad \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, B}{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, A \wedge B}$$

Suppose the partition is  $[\{\Gamma_1; \Delta_1, A \wedge B\}, \{\Gamma_2; \Delta_2\}]$ . Consider the induced partition of the upper sequents, viz  $[\{\Gamma_1; \Delta_1, A\}, \{\Gamma_2; \Delta_2\}]$  and  $[\{\Gamma_1; \Delta_1, B\}, \{\Gamma_2; \Delta_2\}]$  respectively. By the induction hypothesis applied to the subproofs of the upper sequents, there exists interpolants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  so that  $\Gamma_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1, A, C_1; C_1, \Gamma_2 \rightarrow \Delta_2; \Gamma_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1, B, C_2$  and  $C_2, \Gamma_2 \rightarrow \Delta_2$  are all **LK#**-provable. From these sequents,  $\Gamma_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1, A \wedge B, C_1 \vee C_2$  and  $C_1 \vee C_2, \Gamma_2 \rightarrow \Delta_2$

3.  $k > 0$  and the last inference is  $\forall\text{left}$

$$\frac{F(s), \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta}{\forall x F(x), \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta}$$

Suppose  $b_1, \dots, b_n$  are all the free variables and constants which occur in  $s$ . Suppose the partition is  $[\{\forall x F(x), \Gamma_1; \Delta_1\}, \{\Gamma_2; \Delta_2\}]$ . Consider the induced partition of the upper sequent and apply the induction hypothesis. So there exists an interpolant  $C(b_1, \dots, b_n)$  so that

$$\begin{aligned} F(s), \Gamma_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1, C(b_1, \dots, b_n) \\ C(b_1, \dots, b_n), \Gamma_2 \rightarrow \Delta_2 \end{aligned}$$

are **LK#**-provable. Let  $b_{i_1}, \dots, b_{i_m}$  be all the variables and constants among  $b_1, \dots, b_n$  which do not occur in  $\{F(x), \Gamma_1; \Delta_1\}$ . Then

$$\forall y_1 \dots \forall y_m C(b_1, \dots, y_1, \dots, y_m, \dots, b_n)$$

where  $b_{i_1}, \dots, b_{i_m}$  are replaced by the bound variables, serve as the required interpolant.

4.  $k > 0$  and the last inference is  $\forall\text{right}$

$$\frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, F(a)}{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, \forall x F(x)}$$

where  $a$  doesn't occur in the lower sequent.

Suppose the partition is  $[\{\Gamma_1; \Delta_1, \forall x F(x)\}, \{\Gamma_2; \Delta_2\}]$ . By the induction hypothesis there exists an interpolant  $C$  so that  $\Gamma_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1, F(a), C$  and  $C, \Gamma_2 \rightarrow \Delta_2$  are provable. Since  $C$  doesn't contain  $a$ , we can derive

$$\Gamma_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1, \forall x F(x), C$$

and hence  $C$  serves as the interpolant

□

*Exercise 1.6.1.* Let  $A$  and  $B$  be prenex formulas which have only  $\forall$  and  $\wedge$  as logical symbols. Assume furthermore that there is at least one predicate constant common to  $A$  and  $B$ . Suppose  $A \supset B$  is provable.

Show that there exists a formula  $C$  s.t.

1.  $A \supset C$  and  $C \supset B$  are provable
2.  $C$  is a prenex formula
3. the only logical symbols in  $C$  are  $\forall$  and  $\wedge$
4. the predicate constants in  $C$  are common to  $A$  and  $B$

**Definition 1.35.** 1. A **semi-term** is an expression like a term, except that bound variables are allowed in its construction. Let  $t$  be a term and  $s$  a semi-term. We call  $s$  a **sub-semi-term** of  $t$  if

- (a)  $s$  contain a bound variable ( $s$  is not a term)
- (b)  $s$  is not a bound variable itself
- (c) some subterm of  $t$  is obtained from  $s$  by replacing all the bound variables in  $s$  by appropriate terms

2. A **semi-formula** is an expression like a formula, except that bound variables are (also) allowed to occur free in it

**Theorem 1.36.** Let  $t$  be a term and  $S$  a provable sequent satisfying

$$\text{There is no sub-semi-term of } t \text{ in } S \quad (1)$$

Then the sequent which is obtained from  $S$  by replacing all the occurrences of  $t$  in  $S$  by a free variable is also provable

*Proof.* Consider a cut-free regular proof of  $S$ , say  $P$ . If 1 holds for the lower sequent of an inference in  $P$  then it holds for the upper sequents. The theorem follows by mathematical induction on the number of inferences in  $P$  □

**Definition 1.37.** Let  $R_1, \dots, R_m, R$  be predicate constants. Let  $A(R, R_1, \dots, R_m)$  be a sentence in which all occurrences of  $R, R_1, \dots, R_m$  are indicated. Let  $R'$  be a predicate constant with the same number of argument-places as  $R$ . Let  $B$  be  $\forall x_1 \dots \forall x_k (R(x_1, \dots, x_k) \equiv R'(x_1, \dots, x_k))$ , where the string of quantifiers is empty if  $k = 0$ . Let  $C$  be  $A(R, R_1, \dots, R_m) \wedge A(R', R_1, \dots, R_m)$ . We say that

$A(R, R_1, \dots, R_m)$  **defines (in LK)**  $R$  **implicitly** in terms of  $R_1, \dots, R_m$  if  $C \supset B$  is **(LK-)**provable and we say that  $A(R, R_1, \dots, R_m)$  **defines (in LK)**  $R$  **explicitly** in terms of  $R_1, \dots, R_m$  and the individual constants in  $A(R, R_1, \dots, R_m)$  if there exists a formula  $F(a_1, \dots, a_k)$  containing only the predicate constants  $R_1, \dots, R_m$  and the individual constants in  $A(R, R_1, \dots, R_m)$  s.t.

$$A(R, R_1, \dots, R_m) \rightarrow \forall x_1 \dots \forall x_k (R(x_1, \dots, x_k) \equiv F(x_1, \dots, x_k))$$

is **LK**-provable

**Proposition 1.38** (Beth's definability theorem for **LK**). *If a predicate constant  $R$  is defined implicitly in terms of  $R_1, \dots, R_m$  by  $A(R, R_1, \dots, R_m)$ , then  $R$  can be defined explicitly in terms of  $R_1, \dots, R_m$  and the individual constants in  $A(R, R_1, \dots, R_m)$*

*outline.* Let  $c_1, \dots, c_n$  be free variables not occurring in  $A$ . Then

$$A(R, R_1, \dots, R_m), A(R', R_1, \dots, R_m) \rightarrow R(c_1, \dots, c_n) \equiv R'(c_1, \dots, c_n)$$

and hence also

$$A(R, R_1, \dots, R_m) \wedge R(c_1, \dots, c_k) \rightarrow A(R', R_1, \dots, R_m) \supset R'(c_1, \dots, c_n)$$

are provable. Now apply Craig's theorem to the latter sequent. We get

$$\begin{aligned} A(R, R_1, \dots, R_m) \wedge R(c_1, \dots, c_k) &\supset F(c_1, \dots, c_k) \\ F(c_1, \dots, c_k) &\supset A(R', R_1, \dots, R_m) \supset R'(c_1, \dots, c_n) \end{aligned}$$

First line implies  $A(R, R_1, \dots, R_m) \rightarrow R(c_1, \dots, c_k) \supset F(c_1, \dots, c_k)$ . The second line with the assumption  $A(R, R_1, \dots, R_m)$  shows that  $A(R, R_1, \dots, R_m) \rightarrow F(c_1, \dots, c_k) \supset R(c_1, \dots, c_k)$   $\square$

**Proposition 1.39** (Robinson). *Assume that the language contains no function constants. Let  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  be two consistent axiom systems. Suppose furthermore that, for any sentence  $A$  which is dependent on  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ , it is not the case that  $A_1 \rightarrow A$  and  $A_2 \rightarrow \neg A$  are provable. Then  $A_1 \cup A_2$  is consistent*

*Proof.* Suppose  $A_1 \cup A_2$  is not consistent. Then there are axiom sentences  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$  from  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  respectively s.t.  $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2 \rightarrow$  is provable. Since  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are each consistent, neither  $\Gamma_1$  nor  $\Gamma_2$  is empty. Apply Lemma 1.33 to the partition  $[\{\Gamma_1; \}, \{\Gamma_2; \}]$   $\square$

Let **LK'** and **LJ'** denote the quantifier-free parts of **LK** and **LJ**

**Theorem 1.40.** *There exist decision procedures for **LK'** and **LJ'***

*Proof.* The following decision procedure was given by Gentzen. A sequent of **LK'** (or **LJ'**) is said to be **reduced** if in the antecedent the same formula does not occur at more than three places as sequent formulas, and likewise in the succedent. A sequent  $S'$  is called a **reduct** of a sequent  $S$  if  $S'$  is reduced and is obtained from  $S$  by deleting some occurrences of formulas. Now given a sequent  $S$  of **LK'** (or **LJ'**), let  $S'$  be any reduct of  $S$ . We note the following

1.  $S$  is provable or unprovable according as  $S'$  is provable or unprovable
2. The number of all reduced sequents which contain only subformulas of the formula in  $S$  is finite

Consider the finite system of sequents as in 2, say  $\mathcal{I}$ . Collect all initial sequents in the systems. Call this set  $\mathcal{I}_0$ . Then examine  $\mathcal{I} - \mathcal{I}_0$  to see if there is a sequent which can be the lower sequent of an inference whose upper sequent(s) is (are) one (two) sequent(s) from  $\mathcal{I}_0$ . Call the set of all sequents which satisfy this condition  $\mathcal{I}_1$ . Now see if there is a sequent in  $(\mathcal{I} - \mathcal{I}_0) - \mathcal{I}_1$  which be the lower sequent of an inference whose upper sequent(s) is (are) one (two) of the sequent(s) in  $\mathcal{I}_0 \cup \mathcal{I}_1$ . Continue this process until either the sequent  $S'$  itself is determined as provable, or the process does not give any new sequent as provable. One of the two must happen. (Note that the whole argument is finitary)  $\square$

**Theorem 1.41** (Harrop). 1. Let  $\Gamma$  be a finite sequence of formulas s.t. in each formula of  $\Gamma$  every occurrence of  $\vee$  and  $\exists$  is either in the scope of a  $\neg$  or in the left scope of a  $\sup$ . This condition will be referred to as  $(*)$  in this theorem.

1. Then  $\Gamma \rightarrow A \vee B$  is **LJ**-provable iff  $\Gamma \rightarrow A$  and  $\Gamma \rightarrow B$  is **LJ**-provable
2.  $\Gamma \rightarrow \exists x F(x)$  is **LJ**-provable iff for some term  $s$ ,  $\Gamma \rightarrow F(s)$  is **LJ**-provable
1. The following sequents (which are **LK**-provable) are not **LJ**-provable

$$\begin{aligned} \neg(\neg A \wedge \neg B) \rightarrow A \vee B; & \quad \neg \forall x \neg F(x) \rightarrow \exists x F(x) \\ A \supset B \rightarrow A \vee B; & \quad \neg \forall x F(x) \rightarrow \exists x \neg F(x); \\ \neg A(\wedge B) \rightarrow A \vee \neg B & \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* 1. (a)  $\Rightarrow$ . Consider a cut-free proof of  $\Gamma \rightarrow A \vee B$ . The proof is carried out by induction on the number of inferences below all the inferences for  $\vee$  and  $\exists$  in the given proof. If the last inference



is  $\vee$ right, there is nothing to prove. Notice that the last inference cannot be  $\vee$ ,  $\neg$  or  $\exists$ left

Case 1: The last inference is  $\wedge$ left

$$\frac{C, \Gamma \rightarrow A \vee B}{C \wedge D, \Gamma \rightarrow A \vee B}$$

Its obvious that  $C$  satisfies the condition (\*). Thus the induction hypothesis applies to the upper sequent; hence either  $C, \Gamma \rightarrow A$  or  $C, \Gamma \rightarrow B$  is provable. In either case, the end-sequent can be derived in LJ Case 2: The last inference is  $\supset$ left

$$\frac{\Gamma \rightarrow C \quad D, \Gamma \rightarrow A \vee B}{C \supset D, \Gamma \rightarrow A \vee B}$$

$D$  satisfies the condition; thus by the induction hypothesis applied to the right upper sequent,  $D, \Gamma \rightarrow A$  or  $D, \Gamma \rightarrow B$  is provable.

(b) If  $\Gamma \rightarrow F(s)$  is LJ-provable for some term  $s$ .

□

## 1.7 The predicate calculus with equality

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**Definition 1.42.** The predicate calculus with equality (denoted  $\mathbf{LK}_e$ ) can be obtained from  $\mathbf{LK}$  by specifying constant of two argument ( $=$ : read equals) and adding the following sequents as additional initial sequents ( $a = b$  denoting  $(a, b)$ )

$$\rightarrow s = s$$

$$s_1 = t_1, \dots, s_n = t_n \rightarrow f(s_1, \dots, s_n) = f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$$

for every function constant  $f$  of  $n$  argument-places ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ):

$$s_1 = t_1, \dots, s_n = t_n, R(s_1, \dots, s_n) \rightarrow R(t_1, \dots, t_n)$$

for every predicate constant  $R$  of  $n$  argument; where  $s, s_1, \dots, s_n, t_1, \dots, t_n$  are arbitrary terms

Each such sequent may be called an equality axiom of  $\mathbf{LK}_e$

**Proposition 1.43.** Let  $A(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  be an arbitrary formula. Then

$$s_1 = t_1, \dots, s_n = t_n, A(s_1, \dots, s_n) \rightarrow A(t_1, \dots, t_n)$$

is provable in  $\mathbf{LK}_e$  for any terms  $s_i, t_i$ . Furthermore,  $s = t \rightarrow t = s$  and  $s_1 = s_2, s_2 = s_3 \rightarrow s_1 = s_3$  are also provable

**Definition 1.44.** Let  $\Gamma_e$  be the set (axiom system) consisting of the following sentences

$$\forall x(x = x)$$

$$\forall x_1 \dots \forall x_n \forall y_1 \dots \forall y_n [x_1 = y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_n = y_n \supset f(x_1, \dots, x_n = f(y_1, \dots, y_n))]$$

for every function constant  $f$  with  $n$  arguments,

$$\forall x_1 \dots \forall x_n \forall y_1 \dots \forall y_n [x_1 = y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_n = y_n \supset R(x_1, \dots, x_n = R(y_1, \dots, y_n))]$$

for every predicate constant  $R$  of  $n$  arguments. Each such sentence is called an **equality axiom**

**Proposition 1.45.** *A sequent  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$  is provable in  $\mathbf{LK}_e$  iff  $\Gamma, \Gamma_e \rightarrow \Delta$  is provable in  $\mathbf{LK}$*

*Proof.* All the initial sequents of  $\mathbf{LK}_e$  are provable from  $\Gamma_e$  □

**Definition 1.46.** If the cut formula of a cut in  $\mathbf{LK}_e$  is of the form  $s = t$ , then the cut is called **inessential**. It's called **essential** otherwise

**Theorem 1.47** (the cut-elimination theorem for  $\mathbf{LK}_e$ ). *If a sequent of  $\mathbf{LK}_e$  is  $\mathbf{LK}_e$ -provable, then it is  $\mathbf{LK}_e$ -provable without an essential cut*

*Proof.* The theorem is proved by removing essential cuts (mixes as a matter of a fact), following the method used for Theorem 1.24

If the rank is 2,  $S_2$  is an equality axiom and the mix formula is not of the form  $s = t$ , then the mix formula is of the form  $P(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ . If  $S_1$  is also an equality axiom, then it has the form

$$s_1 = t_1, \dots, s_n = t_n, P(s_1, \dots, s_n) \rightarrow P(t_1, \dots, t_n)$$

From this and  $S_2$ , i.e.,

$$t_1 = r_1, \dots, t_n = r_n, P(t_1, \dots, t_n) \rightarrow P(r_1, \dots, r_n)$$

we obtain by a mix

$$s_1 = t_1, \dots, s_n = t_n, t_1 = r_1, \dots, t_n = r_n, P(s_1, \dots, s_n) \rightarrow P(r_1, \dots, r_n)$$

This may be replaced by

$$\begin{aligned} s_i &= t_i, t_i = r_i \rightarrow s_i = r_i \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, n) \\ s_1 &= r_1, \dots, s_n = r_n, P(s_1, \dots, s_n) \rightarrow P(r_1, \dots, r_n) \end{aligned}$$

and then repeated cuts of  $s_i = r_i$  to produce the same end-sequent. All cuts introduced here are inessential

If  $P(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  in  $S_2$  is a weakening formula, then the mix inference is

$$\frac{s_1 = t_1, \dots, s_n = t_n, P(s_1, \dots, s_n) \rightarrow P(t_1, \dots, t_n) \quad P(t_1, \dots, t_n), \Pi \rightarrow \Lambda}{s_1 = t_1, \dots, s_n = t_n, P(s_1, \dots, s_n), \Pi \rightarrow \Lambda}$$

Transform this into

$$\frac{\Pi \rightarrow \Lambda}{\text{end-sequent}}$$

□

*Exercise 1.7.1.* A sequent of the form

$$s_1 = t_1, \dots, s_n = t_n \rightarrow s = t$$

is said to be simple if it is obtained from sequents of the following four forms by applications of exchanges, contractions, cuts, and weakening left.

1.  $\rightarrow s = s$
2.  $s = t \rightarrow t = s$
3.  $s_1 = s_2, s_2 = s_3 \rightarrow s_1 = s_3$
4.  $s_1 = t_1, \dots, s_m = t_m \rightarrow f(s_1, \dots, s_m) = f(t_1, \dots, t_m)$

Prove that if  $s_1 = s_1, \dots, s_m = s_m \rightarrow s = t$  is simple, then  $s = t$  is of the form  $s = s$ . As a special case, if  $\rightarrow s = t$  is simple, then  $s = t$  is of the form  $s = s$

Let  $\mathbf{LK}'_{\mathbf{e}}$  be the system which is obtained from  $\mathbf{LK}$  adding the following sequents as initial sequents

1. simple sequents
2. sequents of the form

$$s_1 = t_1, \dots, s_m = t_m, R(s'_1, \dots, s'_n) \rightarrow R(t'_1, \dots, t'_n)$$

where  $s_1 = t_1, \dots, s_m = t_m \rightarrow s'_i = t'_i$  is simple for each  $i$

First prove that the initial sequents of  $\mathbf{LK}'_{\mathbf{e}}$  are closed under cuts and that if

$$R(s_1, \dots, s_n) \rightarrow R(t_1, \dots, t_n)$$

is an initial sequent of  $\mathbf{LK}'_{\mathbf{e}}$  (where  $R$  is not  $=$ ), then it is of the form  $D \rightarrow D$ . Finally prove that the cut-elimination theorem (without the exception of inessential cuts) holds for  $\mathbf{LK}'_{\mathbf{e}}$

*Proof.* 1. Consider the complexity of  $s$ ?

If  $s$  is a variable, we can only get this by  $v_i = v_i$

□

## 1.8 The completeness theorem

**Definition 1.48.** 1. Let  $L$  be a language. By a **structure** for  $L$  we mean a pair  $\langle D, \phi \rangle$ , where  $D$  is a non-empty set and  $\phi$  is a map from the constants of  $L$  s.t.

- (a) if  $k$  is an individual constant, then  $\phi k$  is an element of  $D$
- (b) if  $f$  is a function constant of  $n$  arguments, then  $\phi f$  is a mapping from  $D^n$  to  $D$
- (c) if  $R$  is a predicate constant of  $n$  arguments, then  $\phi R$  is a subset of  $D^n$

- 2. An **interpretation** of  $L$  is a structure  $\langle D, \phi \rangle$  together with a mapping  $\phi_0$  from variables into  $D$ . We may denote an interpretation  $(\langle D, \phi \rangle, \phi_0)$  simply by  $\mathfrak{I}$ .  $\phi_0$  is called an assignment from  $D$
- 3. We say that an interpretation  $\mathfrak{I} = (\langle C, \phi \rangle, \phi_0)$  **satisfies** a formula  $A$  if this follows from the following inductive definition
  - (a) For every semi-term  $t$ ,  $\phi(a) = \phi_0(a)$  and for all free variables  $a$  and bound variables  $x$ . next if  $f$  is a function constant and  $t$  is a semi-term for which  $\phi t$  is already defined, then  $\phi(f(t))$  is defined to be  $(\phi f)(\phi t)$

**Theorem 1.49** (Completeness and soundness). *A formula is provable in **LK** iff it is valid*

**Lemma 1.50.** *Let  $S$  be a sequent. Then either there is a cut-free proof of  $S$ , or there is an interpretation which does not satisfy  $S$  (and hence  $S$  is not valid)*

*Proof.* We will define, for each sequent  $S$ , a (possibly infinite) tree, called the reduction tree for  $S$ , from which we can obtain either a cut-free proof of  $S$  or an interpretation not satisfying  $S$ . This reduction tree for  $S$  contains a sequent at each node. It is constructed in stages as follows

Stage 0: Write  $S$  at the bottom of the tree

Stage  $k$  ( $k > 0$ ): This is defined by cases

- 1. Every topmost sequent has a formula common to its antecedent and succedent. Then stop.

2. This stage is defined according as

$$k \equiv 0, 1, 2, \dots, 12 \pmod{13}$$

$k \equiv 0$  and  $k \equiv 1$  concern the symbol  $\neg$ ;  $k \equiv 2$  and  $k \equiv 3$  concern  $\wedge$ ;  
 $k \equiv 4$  and  $k \equiv 5$  concern  $\vee$ ;  $k \equiv 6$  and  $k \equiv 7$  concern  $\supset$ ;  $k \equiv 8$  and  
 $k \equiv 9$  concern  $\forall$ ;  $k \equiv 10$  and  $k \equiv 11$  concern equiv  $\exists$

Assume that there are no individual or function constants

All the free variables which occur in any sequent which has been obtained at or before stage  $k$  are said to be “available at stage  $k$ ”. In case there is none, pick any free variable and say that it is available

0.  $k \equiv 0$ . Let  $\Pi \rightarrow \Lambda$  be any topmost sequent of the tree which has been defined by stage  $k - 1$ . Let  $\neg A_1, \dots, \neg A_n$  be all the formulas in  $\Pi$  whose outermost logical symbol is  $\neg$ , and to which no reduction has been applied in previous stages. Then write down

$$\Pi \rightarrow \Lambda, A_1, \dots, A_n$$

above  $\Pi \rightarrow \Lambda$ . We say that a  $\neg$ -left reduction has been applied to  $\neg A_1, \dots, \neg A_n$

1.  $k \equiv 1$ . Let  $\neg A_1, \dots, \neg A_n$  be all the formulas in  $\Lambda$  whose outermost logical symbol is  $\neg$  and to which no reduction has been applied so far. Then write down

$$A_1, \dots, A_n, \Pi \rightarrow \Lambda$$

above  $\Pi \rightarrow \Lambda$ . We say that a  $\neg$ -right reduction has been applied to  $\neg A_1, \dots, \neg A_n$ .

2.  $k \equiv 2$ . Let  $A_1 \wedge B_1, \dots, A_n \wedge B_n$  be all the formulas in  $\Pi$  whose outermost logical symbols is  $\wedge$  and to which no reduction has been applied yet. Then write down

$$A_1, B_1, A_2, B_2, \dots, A_n, B_n, \Pi \rightarrow \Lambda$$

above  $\Pi \rightarrow \Lambda$ . We say that an  $\wedge$ -left reduction has been applied to

$$A_1 \wedge B_1, \dots, A_n \wedge B_n$$

3.  $k \equiv 3$ . Let  $A_1 \wedge B_1, \dots, A_n \wedge B_n$  be all the formulas in  $\Pi$  whose outermost logical symbols is  $\wedge$  and to which no reduction has been applied yet. Then write down

$$\Pi \rightarrow \Lambda, C_1, \dots, C_n$$

where  $C_i$  is either  $A_i$  or  $B_i$ , above  $\Pi \rightarrow \Lambda$ . Take all possible combinations of such; so there are  $2^n$  such sequents above  $\Pi \rightarrow \Lambda$ . We say that an  $\wedge$ right reduction has been applied to  $A_1 \wedge B_1, \dots, A_n \wedge B_n$

4.  $k \equiv 4$ .  $\vee$ left, similar to 3
5.  $k \equiv 5$ .  $\vee$ right, similar to 2.
6.  $k \equiv 6$ . Let  $A_1 \supset B_1, \dots, A_n \supset B_n$  be all the formulas in  $\Pi$  whose outermost symbol is  $\supset$  and to which no reduction has been applied yet. Then write down the following sequents above  $\Pi \rightarrow \Lambda$

$$B_{i_1}, B_{i_2}, \dots, B_{i_k}, \Pi \rightarrow \Lambda, A_{j_1}, \dots, A_{j_{n-k}}$$

where  $i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k, j_1 < j_2 < \dots < j_{n-k}$  and  $(i_1, \dots, i_k, j_1, \dots, j_{n-k})$  is a permutation of  $(1, 2, \dots, n)$ . Take all possible permutations: so there are  $2^n$  such sequents.

7.  $k \equiv 7$ . Let  $A_1 \supset B_1, \dots, A_n \supset B_n$  be all the formulas in  $\Lambda$  whose outermost logical symbol is  $\supset$  and to which no reduction has been applied yet. Then write down

$$A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n, \Pi \rightarrow \Lambda, B_1, \dots, B_n$$

above  $\Pi \rightarrow \Lambda$ . We say that an  $\supset$ right reduction has been applied to

$$A_1 \supset B_1, \dots, A_n \supset B_n$$

8.  $k \equiv 8$ . Let  $\forall x_1 A_1(x_1), \forall x_n A_n(x_n)$  be all the formulas in  $\Pi$  whose outermost logical symbol is  $\forall$ . let  $a_i$  be the first variable available at this stage which has not been used for reduction of  $\forall x_i A_i(x)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Then write down

$$A_1(a_1), \dots, A_n(a_n), \Pi \rightarrow \Lambda$$

above  $\Pi \rightarrow \Lambda$ . We say that a  $\forall$ left reduction has been applied to

$$\forall x_1 A_1(x), \dots, \forall x_n A_n(x_n)$$

9.  $k \equiv v$ . Let  $\forall x_1 A_1(x_1), \dots, \forall x_n A_n(x_n)$  be all formulas in  $\Lambda$  whose outermost logical symbol is  $\forall$  and to which no reduction has been applied so far. Let  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  be the first  $n$  free variables which are not available at this stage. Then write down

$$\Pi \rightarrow \Lambda, A_1(a_1), \dots, A_n(a_n)$$

above  $\Pi \rightarrow \Lambda$ . We say that a  $\forall$ right reduction has been applied to  $\forall x_1 A_1(x_1), \dots, \forall x_n A_n(x_n)$ . Notice that  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  are new available free variables

10.  $k \equiv 10$ .  $\exists$ left reduction. Similar to 9
11.  $k \equiv 11$ .  $\exists$ right reduction. similar to 8
12. If  $\Pi$  and  $\Lambda$  have any formula in common, write nothing above  $\Pi \rightarrow \Lambda$ . If  $\Pi$  and  $\Lambda$  have no formula in common and the reductions described in 0-11 are not applicable, write the same sequent  $\Pi \rightarrow \Lambda$  again above it.

So the collection of those sequents which are obtained by the above reduction process, together with the partial order obtained by this process, is the reduction tree (for  $S$ ). It is denoted by  $T(S)$ . We will construct "reduction trees" like this again

As an example of the case where the reduction process does not terminate, consider a sequent of the form  $\forall x \exists y A(x, y) \rightarrow$ , where  $A$  is a predicate

Now a (finite or infinite) sequence  $S_0, S_1, \dots$  of sequents in  $T(S)$  is called a branch if

1.  $S_0 = S$
2.  $S_{i+1}$  stands immediately above  $S_i$
3. if the sequence is finite, say  $S_1, \dots, S_n$ , then  $S_n$  has the form  $\Pi \rightarrow \Lambda$ , where  $\Pi$  and  $\Lambda$  have a formula in common

Now given a sequent  $S$ , let  $T$  be the reduction tree  $T(S)$ . If each branch of  $T$  ends with a sequent whose antecedent and succedent contain a formula in common, then it is a routine task to write a proof without a cut ending with  $S$  by suitably modifying  $T$ . Otherwise there is an infinite branch. Consider such a branch consisting of sequents  $S = S_0, S_1, \dots, S_n, \dots$

Let  $S_i$  be  $\Gamma_i \rightarrow \Delta_i$ . let  $\bigcup \Gamma$  be the set of all formulas occurring in  $\Gamma_i$  for some  $i$ , and let  $\bigcup \Delta$  be the set of all formulas occurring in  $\Delta_j$  for some  $j$ . We shall define an interpretation in which every formula in  $\bigcup \Gamma$  holds and no formula in  $\bigcup \Delta$  holds. Thus  $S$  does not hold in it.

First notice that from the way the branch was chosen,  $\bigcup \Gamma$  and  $\bigcup \Delta$  have no atomic formula in common. Let  $D$  be the set of all the free variables. We consider the interpretation  $\mathfrak{F} = (\langle D, \phi \rangle, \phi_0)$  where  $\phi$  and  $\phi_0$  are defined as follows:  $\phi_0(a) = a$  for all free variables  $a$ ,  $\phi_0(x)$  is defined arbitrarily for all

bound variables  $x$ . For an  $n$ -ary predicate constant  $R$ ,  $\phi R$  is any subset of  $D^n$  s.t.: if  $R(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \bigcup \Gamma$ , then  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \phi R$ , and  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \notin \phi R$

We claim that this interpretation  $\mathfrak{F}$  has the required property: it satisfies every formula in  $\bigcup \Gamma$ , but no formula in  $\bigcup \Delta$ . We prove this by induction on the number of logical symbols in the formula  $A$ . We consider here only the case where  $A$  is of the form  $\forall x F(x)$  and assume the induction hypothesis. For the base case, note that  $\bigcup \Gamma \cap \bigcup \Delta = \emptyset$ .

1.  $A$  is in  $\bigcup \Gamma$ . Let  $i$  be the least number s.t.  $A$  is in  $\Gamma_i$ . Then  $A$  is in  $\Gamma_j$  for all  $j > i$ . It is sufficient to show that all substitution instances  $A(a)$ , for  $a \in D$ , are satisfied by  $\mathfrak{F}$ .
2.  $A$  is in  $\bigcup \Delta$ . Consider the step at which  $A$  was used to define an upper sequent from  $\Gamma_i \rightarrow \Delta_i$ . It looks like

$$\frac{\Gamma_{i+1} \rightarrow \Delta_{i+1}^1, F(a), \Delta_{i+1}^2}{\Gamma_1 \rightarrow \Delta_i^1, A, \Delta_1^2}$$

Then by the induction hypothesis,  $F(a)$  is not satisfied by  $\mathfrak{F}$ , so  $A$  is not satisfied by  $\mathfrak{F}$  either.

□

*Exercise 1.8.1. Feferman* Let  $J$  be a non-empty set. Each element of  $J$  is called a **sort**. A many-sorted language for the set of sorts  $J$ , say  $L(J)$ , consists of the following

1. Individual constants:  $k_0, k_1, \dots, k_i, \dots$ , where to each  $k_i$  is assigned one sort
2. Predicate constants:  $R_0, R_1, \dots, R_i, \dots$ , where to each  $R_i$  is assigned a number  $n \geq 0$  and sorts  $j_1, \dots, j_n$ . We say that  $(n; j_1, \dots, j_n)$  is assigned to  $R_i$
3. Function constants:  $f_0, \dots, f_i, \dots$  where to each  $f_i$  is assigned a number  $n \geq 1$  and sorts  $j_1, \dots, j - n, j$ . We say that  $(n; j_1, \dots, j_n, j)$  is assigned to  $f_i$ .
4. Free variables of sort  $j$  for each  $j$  in  $J$ :  $a_0^j, a_1^j, \dots, a_i^j, \dots$
5. Bound variables of sort  $j$  for each  $j$  in  $J$
6. Logical symbols:  $\neg, \wedge, \vee, \supset, \forall, \exists$



Terms of sort  $j$  for each  $j$  are defined as follows. Individual constants and free variables of sort  $j$  are terms of sort  $j$ ; if  $f$  is a function constant with  $(n; j_1, \dots, j_n, j)$  assigned to it and  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  are terms of sort  $j_1, \dots, j_n$ , respectively, then  $f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  is a term of sort  $j$ .

If  $R$  is a predicate constant with  $(n; j_1, \dots, j_n)$  assigned to it and  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  are terms of sort  $j_1, \dots, j_n$ , respectively, then  $R(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  is an atomic formula. If  $F(a^j)$  is a formula and  $x^j$  does not occur in  $F(a^j)$  then  $\forall x^j F(x_j)$  and  $\exists x^j F(x_j)$  are formulas.

The rules of inference are those of **LK**, except that in the rules for  $\forall$  and  $\exists$ , terms and free variables must be replaced by bound variables of the same sort.

Prove the following

1. The cut-elimination theorem holds for the system just defined

$\text{Sort}(A)$  is the set of  $j$  in  $J$  s.t. a symbol of sort  $j$  occurs in  $A$ ;  $\text{Ex}(A)$  and  $\text{Un}(A)$  are the sets of sorts of bound variables which occur in some essentially existential, respectively universal quantifier in  $A$ . (An occurrence of  $\exists$ , say  $\sharp$ , is said to be **essentially existential** or **universal** according to the following definition. Count the number of  $\neg$  and  $\supset$  in  $A$  s.t.  $\sharp$  is either in the scope of  $\neg$ , or in the left scope of  $\supset$ . If this number is even, then  $\sharp$  is essentially existential in  $A$ , while if it is odd then  $\sharp$  is essentially universal. We define dually for  $\forall$ ).  $\text{Fr}(A)$  is the set of free variables in  $A$ .  $\text{Pr}(A)$  is the set of predicate constants in  $A$ .

2. Suppose  $A \supset B$  is provable in the above system and at least one of  $\text{Sort}(A) \cap \text{Ex}(B)$  and  $\text{Sort}(B) \cap \text{Un}(A)$  is not empty. Then there is a formula  $C$  s.t.  $\sigma(C) \subseteq \sigma(A) \cap \sigma(B)$  where  $\sigma$  stands for  $\text{Fr}$ ,  $\text{Pr}$  or  $\text{Sort}$ , and s.t.  $\text{Un}(C) \subseteq \text{Un}(A)$  and  $\text{Ex}(C) \subseteq \text{Ex}(B)$ .

**Definition 1.51.** Let  $L(J)$  be a many-sorted language. A structure for  $L(J)$  is a pair  $\langle D, \phi \rangle$  where  $D$  is a set of non-empty sets  $\{D_j : j \in J\}$  and  $\phi$  is a map from the constants of  $L(J)$  into appropriate objects. We call  $D_j$  the domain of the structure of sort  $j$ . An individual constant of sort  $j$  is a member of  $D_j$ . Let  $\mathcal{M} = \langle D, \phi \rangle$  and  $\mathcal{M}' = \langle D', \phi' \rangle$  be two structures for  $L(J)$ . We say  $\mathcal{M}'$  is an extension of  $\mathcal{M}$  and write  $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathcal{M}'$  if

1. for each  $j \in J$ ,  $D_j \subseteq D'_j$
2. for each individual constant  $k$ ,  $\phi'k = \phi k$
3. for each predicate constant  $R$  with  $(n; j_1, \dots, j_n)$  assigned to it

$$\phi R = \phi' R \cap (D_{j_1} \times \dots \times D_{j_n})$$

4. for each constant  $f$  with  $(n; j_1, \dots, j_n, f)$  assigned to it and  $(d_1, \dots, d_n) \in D_{j_1} \times \dots \times D_{j_n}$

$$(\phi'f)(d_1, \dots, d_n) = (\phi f)(d_1, \dots, d_n)$$

A formula is said to be **existential** if  $\text{Un}(A)$  is empty

**Corollary 1.52** (Łoś-Tarski). *The following are equivalent: let  $A$  be a formula of an ordinary (i.e., single-sorted) language  $L$*

1. *For any structure  $\mathcal{M}$  (for  $L$ ) and extension  $\mathcal{M}'$ , and any assignments  $\phi, \phi'$  from the domains of  $\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M}'$ , respectively, which agree on the free variables of  $A$ , if  $(\mathcal{M}, \phi)$  satisfies  $A$ , then so does  $(\mathcal{M}', \phi')$*
2. *There exists an (essentially) existential formula  $B$  s.t.  $A \equiv B$  is provable and the free variable of  $B$  are among those of  $A$*

*Feferman.* We assume (for simplicity) that the language has no individual and function constants.

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{M}'$  be two structures of the form

$$\mathcal{M} = \langle D_1, \{R_i\}_{i \in I} \rangle, \quad \mathcal{M}' = \langle D_2, \{R'_i\}_{i \in I} \rangle$$

Let  $J$  be  $\{1, 2\}$ .  $(J, I, \langle k_i \rangle_{i \in I})$  will determine a 'type' of structures. Let  $L^+$  be a corresponding language. It contains the original language  $L$  as the sublanguage of sort 1. For each bound variable  $u$ , the  $n$ th bound variable of sort 1, let  $u'$  be the  $n$ th bound variable of sort 2. If  $C$  is an  $L$ -formula, then  $C'$  denotes the result of replacing each bound variable  $u$  in  $C$  by  $u'$ ; hence  $\text{Fr}(C) = \text{Fr}(C')$ . With this notation, define  $\text{Ext}$  to be the form  $\forall u' \exists u (u' = u)$ . Then

$$\text{Ext}, \{\exists u'_i (u'_i = b_i)\}_{i=1}^n, A' \rightarrow A$$

□

**Definition 1.53.** Let  $R$  be a set and suppose a set  $W_p$  is assigned to every  $p \in R$ . If  $R_1 \subseteq R$  and  $f \in \prod_{p \in R_1} W_p$ , then  $f$  is called a **partial function** (over  $R$ ) with domain  $\text{dom}(f) = R_1$ . If  $\text{dom}(f) = R$  then  $f$  is called a **total function** (over  $R$ ). If  $f$  and  $g$  are partial functions and  $\text{dom}(f) = D_0 \subseteq \text{dom}(g)$  and  $f(x) = g(x)$  for every  $x \in D_0$ , then we call  $g$  an **extension** of  $f$  and write  $f \prec g$  and  $f = g \upharpoonright D_0$

**Proposition 1.54** (a generalized König's lemma). *Let  $R$  be any set. Suppose a finite set  $W_p$  is assigned to every  $p \in R$ . Let  $P$  be a property of partial functions  $f$  over  $R$  satisfying the following conditions:*

1.  $P(f)$  holds iff there exists a finite subset  $N$  of  $R$  satisfying  $P(f \upharpoonright N)$
2.  $P(f)$  holds for every total function  $f$

Then there exists a finite subset  $N_0$  of  $R$  s.t.  $P(f)$  holds for every  $f$  with  $N_0 \subseteq \text{dom}(f)$ .

Note that  $R$  can have arbitrarily large cardinality. The case that  $R$  is the set of natural numbers is the original Kőnig's lemma.

*Proof.* Let  $X = \prod_{p \in R} W_p$ , and give each  $W_p$  the discrete topology, and  $X$  the product topology. Since each  $W_p$  is compact, so is  $X$  (Tychonoff's theorem). For each  $g$  s.t.  $\text{dom}(g)$  is finite, let

$$N_g = \{f \mid f \text{ is total and } g \prec f\}$$

Let

$$C = \{N_g \mid \text{dom}(g) \text{ is finite and } P(g)\}$$

$C$  is an open cover of  $X$ . Therefore  $C$  has a finite subcover, say

$$N_{g_1}, \dots, N_{g_k}$$

Let  $N_0 = \text{dom}(g_1) \cup \dots \cup \text{dom}(g_k)$ . We will show that  $N_0$  satisfies the condition of the theorem. If  $N_0 \subseteq \text{dom}(g)$ , then let  $g \prec f$ ,  $f$  total. Then  $P(f)$  and  $f \in N_{g_1} \cup \dots \cup N_{g_k}$ . Say  $f \in N_{g_i}$ . So  $g_i \prec f$ ,  $P(g_i)$  and  $g_i \prec g$ . Therefore  $P(g)$ .  $\square$

To simplify the discussion, we assume that our language does not contain individual or function constants.

We deal with  $\mathbf{LJ}'$ .  $\mathbf{LJ}'$  is defined by restricting  $\mathbf{LK}$  as follows: The inferences  $\neg\text{right}$ ,  $\supset\text{right}$  and  $\forall\text{right}$  are allowed only when the principal formulas are the only formulas in the succedents of the lower sequents. (these are called the "critical inferences" of  $\mathbf{LJ}'$ ).

By interpreting a sequent of  $\mathbf{LJ}'$ , say  $\Gamma \rightarrow B_1 \dots, B_n$  as  $\Gamma \rightarrow B_1 \vee \dots \vee B_n$ , it's a routine matter to prove that  $\mathbf{LJ}'$  and  $\mathbf{LJ}$  are equivalent.

Starting with a given  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$ , we can carry out the reduction process which was defined in Lemma 1.50 except that we omit the stages 1,7,9.

The tree obtained by the above reduction process is called the reduction tree for  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$

**Definition 1.55.** Let  $\Gamma$  and  $\Delta$  be well-ordered sequences of formulas, which may be infinite. We say that  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$  is **provable** (in  $\mathbf{LJ}'$ ) if there are finite sequences of  $\Gamma$  and  $\Delta$ , say  $\tilde{\Gamma}$  and  $\tilde{\Delta}$ , respectively, s.t.  $\tilde{\Gamma} \rightarrow \tilde{\Delta}$  is provable

## 2 Peano Arithmetic

### 2.1 A formulation of Peano arithmetic

**Definition 2.1.** The language of the system, which will be called Ln, contains finitely many constants, as follows

- Individual constant: 0
- Function constants: ', +, ·
- Predicate constant: = where ' is unary while the other constants are binary

A **numeral** is an expression of the form  $0'\dots'$ , i.e., zero followed by  $n$  primes for some  $n$ , which is denoted by  $\bar{n}$ . Further, if  $s$  is a closed term of Ln denoting a number  $m$  (in the intended interpretation), then  $\bar{s}$  denotes the numeral  $\bar{m}$  (e.g. if  $s$  is  $\bar{2} + \bar{3}$  then  $\bar{s}$  denotes  $\bar{5}$ )

**Definition 2.2.** The first axiom system of Peano arithmetic which we consider, CA, consists of  $\Gamma_e$  for Ln in definition 1.44 and the following sentences

- A1  $\forall x \forall y (x' = y' \supset x = y)$
- A2  $\forall x (\neg x' = 0)$
- A3  $\forall x (x + 0) = x$
- A4  $\forall x \forall y (x + y' = (x + y)')$
- A5  $\forall x (x \cdot 0 = 0)$
- A6  $\forall x \forall y (x \cdot y' = x \cdot y + x)$

The second axiom system of Peano arithmetic which we consider VJ, consists of all sentences of the form

$$\forall z_1 \dots \forall z_n \forall x (F(0, z) \vee \forall y (F(y, z) \supset F(y', z)) \supset F(x, z))$$

where  $z$  is an abbreviation for the sentence of variables  $z_1, \dots, z_n$ ; and all the variables which are free in  $F(x, z)$  are among  $x, z$

The basic logical system of Peano arithmetic is **LK**. Then  $CA \cup VJ$  is an axiom system with equality. Furthermore  $\forall x \forall y (x = y \supset (F(x) \equiv y))$  is provable for every formula of Ln (cf. Proposition 1.43)

**Definition 2.3.** The system **PA** (Peano arithmetic) is obtained from **LK** (in the language Ln) by adding extra initial sequents (called the **mathematical initial sequents**) and a new rule of inference called “**ind**”, stated below

1. Mathematical initial sequents: additional initial sequents of  $\mathbf{LK}_e$  for  $\mathbf{Ln}$  in Definition 1.42 and the following sequents

$$\begin{aligned}
s' = t' &\rightarrow s = t \\
s' = 0 &\rightarrow \\
&\rightarrow s + 0 = s \\
&\rightarrow s + t' = (s + t)' \\
&\rightarrow s \cdot 0 = 0 \\
&\rightarrow s \cdot t' = s \cdot t + s
\end{aligned}$$

where  $s, t, r$  are arbitrary terms of  $\mathbf{Ln}$

2. Ind:

$$\frac{F(a), \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, F(a')}{F(0), \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, F(s)}$$

where  $a$  is not in  $F(0), \Gamma$  or  $\Delta$ ;  $s$  is an arbitrary term (which may contain  $a$ ); and  $F(a)$  is an arbitrary formula of  $\mathbf{Ln}$

$F(a)$  is called the **induction formula**, and  $a$  is called the **eigenvariable** of this inference. Further, we call  $F(a)$  and  $F(a')$  the **left** and **right auxiliary formula**, respectively, and  $F(0)$  and  $F(s)$  the **left** and **right principal formula**, respectively, of this inference.

The initial sequents of the form  $D \rightarrow D$  are called **logical** initial sequents

A **weak inference** is a structural inference other than cut.

**Proposition 2.4.** *A sequent is provable from  $\mathbf{CA} \cup \mathbf{VJ}$  (in  $\mathbf{LK}$ ) iff it is provable in  $\mathbf{PA}$ . Hence the axiom system  $\mathbf{CA} \cup \mathbf{VJ}$  is consistent iff  $\rightarrow$  is not provable in  $\mathbf{PA}$*

Thus we can restrict our attention to the system  $\mathbf{PA}$ . In the rest of this chapter, “provability” means provability in  $\mathbf{PA}$ .

**Proposition 2.5.** *Let  $P$  be a proof in  $\mathbf{PA}$  of a sequent  $S(a)$ , where all the occurrences of  $a$  in  $S(a)$  are indicated. Let  $s$  be an arbitrary term. Then we may construct a  $\mathbf{PA}$ -proof  $P'$  of  $S(s)$  s.t.  $P'$  is regular (cf. Lemma 1.12) and  $P'$  differs from  $P$  only in that some free variables are replaced by some other free variables and some occurrences of  $a$  are replaced by  $s$*

**Lemma 2.6.** 1. *For an arbitrary closed term  $s$ , there exists a unique numeral  $\bar{n}$  s.t.  $s = \bar{n}$  is provable without an essential cut (Definition 1.46) and without ind*

2. Let  $s$  and  $t$  be closed terms. Then either  $\rightarrow s = t$  or  $s = t \rightarrow$  is provable without an essential cut or ind
3. Let  $s$  and  $t$  be closed terms s.t.  $s = t$  is provable without an essential cut or ind and let  $q(a)$  and  $r(a)$  be two terms with some occurrences of  $a$  (possibly none). Then  $q(s) = r(s) \rightarrow q(t) = r(t)$  is provable without an essential cut or ind
4. Let  $s$  and  $t$  be as in 3. For an arbitrary formula  $F(a) : s = t, F(s) \rightarrow F(t)$  is provable without an essential cut or

**Definition 2.7.** When we consider a formula or a logical symbol together with the place that it occupies in a proof, in a sequent or in a formula, we refer to it as a formula or a logical symbol in the proof, in the sequent or in the formula. A formula in a sequent is also called a **sequent-formula**

1. If a formula  $E$  is contained in the upper sequent of an inference using one of the rules of inference in 1 or “ind”, then the **successor** of  $E$  is defined as follows
  - (a) If  $E$  is a cut formula, then  $E$  has no successor
  - (b) If  $E$  is an auxiliary formula of any inference other than a cut or exchange, then the principal formula is the successor of  $E$
  - (c) If  $E$  is the formula denoted by  $C$  (respectively,  $D$ ) in the upper sequent of an exchange (in Definition 1.8), then the formula  $C$  (respectively,  $D$ ) in the lower sequent is the successor of  $E$
  - (d) If  $E$  is the  $k$ th formula of  $\Gamma, \Pi, \Delta$  or  $\Lambda$  in the upper sequent (in Definition 1.8), then the  $k$ th formula of  $\Gamma, \Pi, \Delta$  or  $\Lambda$ , respectively, in the lower sequent is the successor of  $E$
2. A sequent formula is called an **initial formula** or an **end-formula** if it occurs, in an initial sequent or an end-sequent
3. A sequent of formulas in a proof with the following properties is called a **bundle**
  - (a) The sequence begins with an initial formula or a weakening formula
  - (b) The sequence ends with an end-formula or a cut-formula
  - (c) Every formula in the sequence except the last is immediately followed by its successor

4. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be formulas.  $A$  is called an **ancestor** of  $B$  and  $B$  is called a **descendent** of  $A$  if there is a bundle containing both  $A$  and  $B$  in which  $A$  appears above  $B$
5. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be formulas. If  $A$  is the successor of  $B$ , then  $B$  is called a **predecessor** of  $A$
6. A bundle is called **explicit** if it ends with an end formula  
It is called **implicit** if it ends with a cut-formula  
A formula in a proof is called explicit or implicit according as the bundles containing the formula are explicit or implicit  
A sequent in a proof is called explicit or implicit according as this sequent contains an implicit formula or not  
A logical inference in a proof is called explicit or implicit according as the principal formula of this inference is explicit or implicit
7. The **end-piece** of a proof is defined as follows
  - (a) The end-sequent of the proof is contained in the end-piece
  - (b) The upper sequent of an inference other than an implicit logical inference is contained in the end-piece iff the lower sequent is contained in it
  - (c) The upper sequent of an implicit logical inference is not contained in it

We can rephrase this definition as follows: A sequent in a proof is in the end-piece of the proof iff there is no implicit inference below this sequent
8. An inference of a proof is said to be **in the end-piece** of the proof if the lower sequent of the inference is in the end-piece
9. Let  $J$  be an inference in a proof. We say  $J$  **belongs to the boundary** (or  $J$  is a **boundary inference**) if the lower sequent of  $J$  is in the end-piece and the upper sequent is not. It should be noted that if  $J$  belongs to the boundary, then it is an implicit logical inference.
10. A cut in the end-piece is called **suitable** if each cut formula of this cut has an ancestor which is the principal formula of a boundary inference

11. A cut is called **inessential** if the cut formula contains no logical symbol; otherwise it is called **essential**

In **PA**, the cut formulas of inessential cuts are of the form  $s = t$

12. A proof  $P$  is **regular** if: 1. the eigenvariables of any two distinct inferences ( $\forall$ right,  $\exists$ left or induction) in  $P$  are distinct from each other 2. if a free variable  $a$  occurs as an eigenvariable of a sequent  $S$  of  $P$ , then  $a$  only occurs in sequents above  $S$

**Proposition 2.8.** *For an arbitrary proof of **PA**, there exists a regular proof of the same end-sequent, which can be obtained from the original proof by simply replacing free variables*

*Proof.* Lemma ??

□

## 2.2 The Incompleteness Theorem

**Definition 2.9.** An axiom system  $A$  is said to be **axiomatizable** if there is a finite set of schemata s.t.  $A$  consists of all the instances of these schemata. A formal system  $S$  is called axiomatizable if there is an axiomatizable axiom system  $A$  s.t.  $S$  is equivalent to  $LK_A$

A system  $S$  is called an extension of **PA** if every theorem of **PA** is provable in  $S$ .

**Definition 2.10.** The class of primitive recursive functions is the smallest class of functions generated by the following schemata

1.  $f(x) = x'$ , where  $'$  is the successor function
2.  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = k$ , where  $n \geq 1$  and  $k$  is a natural number
3.  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = x_i$ , where  $1 \leq i \leq n$
4.  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = g(h_1(x_1, \dots, x_n), \dots, h_m(x_1, \dots, x_n))$ , where  $g, h_1, \dots, h_m$  are primitive recursive functions
5.  $f(0) = k, f(x') = g(x, f(x))$  where  $k$  is a natural number and  $g$  is a primitive recursive function
6.  $f(0, x_2, \dots, x_n) = g(x_2, \dots, x_n), f(x', x_2, \dots, x_n) = h(x, f(x, x_2, \dots, x_n), x_2, \dots, x_n)$ , where  $g$  and  $h$  are primitive recursive functions

An  $n$ -ary relation  $R$  is said to be primitive recursive if there is a primitive recursive function  $f$  which assumes values 0 and 1 only s.t.  $R(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  is true iff  $f(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 1$



**Lemma 2.11.** *The consistency of S (i.e., S-unprovability of  $\rightarrow$ ) is equivalent to the S-unprovability of  $0 = 1$  (cf. Proposition 1.21)*

**Proposition 2.12** (Gödel). 1. *The graphs of all the primitive recursive functions can be expressed in Ln, so that their defining equations are provable in PA*

*Thus the theory of primitive recursive functions can be translated into our formal system of arithmetic. We may therefore assume that PA (or any of its extensions) actually contains the function symbols for primitive recursive functions and their defining equations, as well as predicate symbols for the primitive recursive relations*

2. *Let R be a primitive recursive relation of n arguments. It can be represented in PA by a formula  $\bar{R}(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ , namely  $\bar{f}(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \bar{0}$ , where f is the characteristic function of R. Then for any n-tuple of numbers  $(m_1, \dots, m_n)$ , if  $R(m_1, \dots, m_n)$  is true, then  $\bar{R}(\bar{m}_1, \dots, \bar{m}_n)$  is PA-provable*

*Proof.* Follow this note.

2. We prove that for any primitive recursive function f (of n arguments) and any

numbers  $m_1, \dots, m_n, p$ , if  $f(m_1, \dots, m_n) = p$ , then  $\bar{f}(\bar{m}_1, \dots, \bar{m}_n) = \bar{p}$  is PA-provable. The proof is by induction on the construction of f.  $\square$

The converse proposition (i.e. for primitive recursive R, if  $\bar{R}(\bar{m}_1, \dots, \bar{m}_n)$  is PA-provable, then  $R(m_1, \dots, m_n)$  is true) follows from the consistency of PA

**Definition 2.13** (Gödel numbering). For an expression X, we use  $\ulcorner X \urcorner$  to denote the corresponding number, which we call the Gödel number of X

1. First assign different odd numbers to the symbols of Ln (We include  $\rightarrow$  and  $-$  among the symbols of the language here)
2. Let X be a formal expression  $X_0 X_1 \dots X_n$ , where each  $X_i, 0 \leq i \leq n$  is a symbol of L. Then  $\ulcorner X \urcorner$  is defined to be  $2^{\ulcorner X_0 \urcorner} 3^{\ulcorner X_1 \urcorner} \dots p_n^{\ulcorner X_n \urcorner}$ , where  $p_n$  is the n-th prime number
3. If P is a proof of the form

$$\frac{Q}{S} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{Q_1 \quad Q_2}{S}$$

then  $\ulcorner P \urcorner$  is  $2^{\ulcorner Q \urcorner} 3^{\ulcorner - \urcorner} 5^{\ulcorner S \urcorner}$  or  $2^{\ulcorner Q_1 \urcorner} 3^{\ulcorner Q_2 \urcorner} 5^{\ulcorner - \urcorner} 7^{\ulcorner S \urcorner}$  respectively

If an operation or relation defined on a class of formal objects is thought of in terms of the corresponding number-theoretic operation or relation on their Gödel numbers, we say that the operation or relation has been **arithmetized**. More precisely, suppose  $\psi$  is an operation defined on  $n$ -tuples of formal objects of a certain class, and  $f$  is a number-theoretic function s.t. for all formal objects  $X_1, \dots, X_n, X$  if  $\psi$  applied to  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  produces  $X$ , then  $f(\ulcorner X_1 \urcorner, \dots, \ulcorner X_n \urcorner) = \ulcorner X \urcorner$ . Then  $f$  is called the **arithmetization** of  $\psi$

**Lemma 2.14.** 1. *The operation of substitution can be arithmetized primitive recursively, i.e., there is a primitive recursive function  $sb$  of two arguments s.t. if  $X(a_0)$  is an expression of  $L$  (where all occurrences of  $a_0$  in  $X$  are indicated), and  $Y$  is another expression, then  $sb(\ulcorner X(a_0) \urcorner, \ulcorner Y \urcorner) = \ulcorner X(Y) \urcorner$  where  $X(Y)$  is the result of substituting  $Y$  for  $a_0$  and  $X$*

2. *There is a primitive recursive function  $v$  s.t.  $v(m) = \ulcorner \text{the } m\text{th numeral} \urcorner$ . That is,  $v(m) = \ulcorner \bar{m} \urcorner$ .*

3. *The notion that  $P$  is a proof (of the system  $S$ ) of a formula  $A$  (or a sequent  $S$ ) is arithmetized primitive recursively; i.e. there is a primitive recursive relation  $\text{Prov}(p, a)$  s.t.  $\text{Prov}(p, a)$  is true iff there is a proof  $P$  and a formula  $A$  (or a sequent  $S$ ) s.t.  $p = \ulcorner P \urcorner, a = \ulcorner A \urcorner$  (or  $a = \ulcorner S \urcorner$ ) and  $P$  is a proof of  $A$  (or  $S$ )*

4.  *$\text{Prov}$  may be written as  $\text{Prov}_S$  to emphasize the system  $S$*

5. *the formal expression for  $\text{Prov}$  will be denoted by  $\overline{\text{Prov}}$*

$\exists x \overline{\text{Prov}}(x, \ulcorner A \urcorner)$  is often abbreviated to  $\overline{\text{Pr}}(\ulcorner A \urcorner)$  or  $\vdash \ulcorner A \urcorner$

**Proposition 2.15.** 1. *If  $A$  is  $S$ -provable, then  $\vdash \ulcorner A \urcorner$  is  $S$ -provable*

2. *If  $A \leftrightarrow B$  is  $S$ -provable, then  $\overline{\text{Pr}}(\ulcorner A \urcorner) \leftrightarrow \overline{\text{Pr}}(\ulcorner B \urcorner)$  is  $S$ -provable*

3.  *$\vdash \ulcorner A \urcorner \rightarrow (\vdash \ulcorner \ulcorner A \urcorner \urcorner)$  is  $S$ -provable*

*Proof.* 1. Suppose  $A$  is provable with a proof  $P$ . Then by 3 of Lemma ??,  $\text{Prov}(\ulcorner P \urcorner, \ulcorner A \urcorner)$  is true, which by 2 of Proposition 2.12, that  $\exists x \overline{\text{Prov}}(x, \ulcorner A \urcorner)$ , i.e.,  $\vdash \ulcorner A \urcorner$  is  $S$ -provable.

2. Suppose  $A \equiv B$  is provable with a proof  $P$  and  $A$  is provable with a proof  $Q$ . There is a prescription for constructing a proof of  $B$  from  $P$  and  $Q$ , which can be arithmetized by a primitive recursive function  $f$ . Thus  $\text{Prov}(q, \ulcorner A \urcorner) \rightarrow \text{Prov}(f(p, q), \ulcorner B \urcorner)$  is true, from which it follows by Proposition 2.12 that  $\vdash \ulcorner A \urcorner \rightarrow \vdash \ulcorner B \urcorner$  is provable.

3. If  $P$  is a proof of  $A$ , then we can construct a proof  $Q$  of  $\vdash \overline{\ulcorner A \urcorner}$  by 1. This process is uniform in  $P$ ; in other words, there is a uniform prescription for obtaining  $Q$  from  $P$ . Thus

$$\text{Prov}(p, \ulcorner A \urcorner) \rightarrow \text{Prov}(f(p), \overline{\text{Pr}(\ulcorner A \urcorner)})$$

is true for some primitive recursive function  $f$ , from which it follows that  $\vdash \overline{\ulcorner A \urcorner} \rightarrow \vdash \overline{\ulcorner \overline{\ulcorner A \urcorner} \urcorner}$

□

**Definition 2.16.** A formula of  $L$  (the language of  $S$ ) with one free variable, say  $T(a_0)$ , is called a **truth definition** for  $S$  if for every sentence  $A$  of  $L$

$$T(\overline{\ulcorner A \urcorner}) \equiv A$$

is  $S$ -provable

**Theorem 2.17** (Tarski). *If  $S$  is consistent, then it has no truth definition*

*Proof.* Suppose otherwise. Consider the formula  $F(a_0)$ , with sole free variable  $a_0$ , defined as:  $\neg T(\overline{\text{sb}(a_0, \bar{v}(a_0))})$ . Put  $p = \ulcorner F(a_0) \urcorner$ , and let  $A_T$  be the sentence  $F(\bar{p})$ . Then by definition

$$A_T \equiv \neg T(\overline{\text{sb}(\bar{p}, \bar{v}(\bar{p}))})$$

Also since  $\ulcorner A_T \urcorner = \text{sb}(p, \nu(p))$  we can prove in  $S$  the equivalences

$$\begin{aligned} A_T &\equiv T(\overline{\ulcorner A_T \urcorner}) \quad (\text{by assumed property of } T) \\ &\equiv T(\overline{\text{sb}(\bar{p}, \bar{v}(\bar{p}))}) \end{aligned}$$

□

In the proof of Theorem 2.17 we need *not* assume that  $S$  is axiomatizable

### 3 TODO ALL the problems

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