## Formal Logic III

Background

This is a continuation of Formal Logic II. The aims are:

propositional logic – declarative sentences, natural deduction, semantics, normal forms

predicate logic – syntax, natural deduction, semantics, undecidability

modal logics – syntax, semantics, logic engineering, natural deduction, multi-agent systems

**Lesson 0**

Propositional logic  
 : Susan saves

: Susan buys a house

: The house has seven bathrooms

: The house is used as a guesthouse

: Peter likes the house

**“only if”**

“The house is used as a guesthouse sonly if it has seven bathrooms”

“Susan buys a house only if the house does not have seven bathrooms”

**“unless”**

“if… then”

“Unless Susan saves, she does not buy a house with seven bathrooms”

“Unless Peter does not like the house, Susan saves and buys a house used as guesthouse”

*Negate one side of the statement*

**“if and only if”**

“logically equivalent to”

“The house is used as a guesthouse if and only if Susan does not buy it, but Peter likes it”

“Peter likes the house if and only it has seven bathrooms or is not used as guesthouse”

*Remember “but” in logic is treated as “AND”*

**Lesson 0**

Symbols

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| **Symbol** | **Name** | **Description** |
|  | phi | Premise/formula |
|  | psi | Conclusion |
|  | Proves | Proves/implies/yields. (Syntactically entails) |
|  | Sequent | Is valid if a proof can be found |
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We apply proof rules to premises, we get formulas.

We apply more proof rules to formulas, we get a conclusion

Hence:

Example:

**Lesson 1**

Natural Deduction Rules

Natural deduction is used to examine the validity of arguments. It can sometimes be more efficient than a truth table. This is like Fitch Rules, where the goal is to build a proof, using some type of ruleset.

Recap:

Elim: Eliminate or remove parts

Intro: Introduce or add parts

Conjunction ()

: I am happy

: The sun is shining

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|  |  | Sentences to cite | Usage |
|  | **And\_Intro.**  Replaces the current goal by the two goals A and B  *I am happy, and the sun is shining*  *is true. is true. Implies is true* | Any. May cite as many prior lines as you like, and each will be a conjunct. | Introduce a new conjunction on any line of a proof by citing each of the conjuncts from prior lines.  These conjuncts must be alone on the line cited. |
|  | **And\_Elim\_1 in H.**  Applies to an assumption of the form H:  And generates a new assumption HO:  *I am happy*  *is true. Implies is true* | Cite one conjunction only. | Remove a conjunct from a previous line containing a conjunction. |
|  | **And\_Elim\_2 in H.**  Applies to an assumption of the form H:  And generates a new assumption HO:  *The sun is shining*  *is true. Implies is true* | Cite one conjunction only. | Remove a conjunct from a previous line containing a conjunction. |
|  | **And\_Elim\_all in H.**  Applies to an assumption of the form H:  And generates two assumptions  H:  HO:  The tactic is then recursively applied to H and HO |  |  |

Example

*Prove that implies*

1 assume a & b.

2 b. &E2 1

3 a. &E1 1

4 b & a. &I 2,3

5 therefore a & b => b & a. =>I 1,4

Disjunction ()

: I am happy

: The sun is shining

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|  |  | Sentences to cite | Usage |
|  | **Or\_Intro\_1**  Replaces the current goal by the goal | Any. Cite only one prior line, it will be a disjunct. | You can cite any prior sentence available and create a disjunction containing as one conjunct the prior line cited and as another disjunct any sentence you like. |
|  | **Or\_Intro\_2.**  Replaces the current goal by the goal | Any. Cite only one prior line, it will be a disjunct. | You can cite any prior sentence available and create a disjunction containing as one conjunct the prior line cited and as another disjunct any sentence you like. |
|  | **Or\_Elim in H.**  Applies to an assumption of the form H:  It generates two proof obligations with the assumptions  H: resp.  H: and the current goal |  |  |

Implies ()

: I am happy

: The sun is shining

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|  |  | Sentences to cite | Usage |
|  | **Impl\_Intro.**  Replaces the current goal by and adds the assumption H: | You must cite only a single subproof. | To prove a conditional statement, make a subproof that begins with the antecedent and ends with the consequent. |
|  | **Impl\_Elim in H and HO.**  Applies to the two assumptions of the form H: and HO: and adds the new assumption H1: | You must cite exactly two sentences:   1. a conditional and 2. a sentence that is the antecedent of the conditional in 1. | You can only prove the consequent of the conditional cited in 1. above. |

Negation ()

: I am happy

: The sun is shining

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|  |  | Sentences to cite | Usage |
|  | **Not\_Intro.**  Replaces the current goal by by False and adds the assumption H: | Cite only a single sub proof that begins with the opposite of what you hope to prove and ends with Contra. | Begin a sub proof with the opposite of what you want to prove outside of the sub proof. End the sub proof with Contra.  Cite only the sub proof. |
|  | **Impl\_Elim in H and HO.**  Applies to the two assumptions of the form H: and HO: and adds the new assumption H1: False | Cite only a negation of a negation. | If there is a sentence with at least two negations on it, you can take the negations off, two at a time, with this rule.  Cite only one sentence. |

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|  | **PBC**  *Proof by contradiction (Contradiction Introduction)*  Replaces the current goal by False and adds the assumption H: A. | * A sentence and, * Exactly that sentence, negated. Cite only two sentences. | Find a sentence and its negation. Cite both and write Contra on a line. |

Universal ()

: I am happy

: The sun is shining

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|  | **Forall\_Intro.**  Replaces the current goal forall by and adds the variable : to the assumptions. |  |  |
|  | **Forall\_Elim in H with t.**  Applies to an assumption of the form H : forall . It generates a new assumption HO: . |  |  |

Existential ()

: I am happy

: The sun is shining

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|  | **Exists\_Intro with t.**  Replaces the current goal exist by |  |  |
|  | **Exists\_Elim in H.**  Applies to an assumption of the form H : exists . It adss the variable : and the new assumption HO: |  |  |