

0. Read Chapters I and II of *Gödel's Proof* (revised edition), by Nagel and Newman. You can find the full book electronically at a link on the Moodle Page (or get a paperback copy for about \$10). You will submit a short reading response on these chapters; I have not determined the exact format of this response but will post it soon.
1. (a) In each of the following cases, write down the formula  $\alpha_t^u$  associated to the given formula  $\alpha$ , variable  $u$  and term  $t$  (no explanations necessary):
  - i.  $\alpha$  is  $(\forall x)(=xx')$ ,  $u$  is  $x$ ,  $t$  is  $+xx'$
  - ii.  $\alpha$  is  $(\forall x)(=xx')$ ,  $u$  is  $x'$ ,  $t$  is  $+xx'$
  - iii.  $\alpha$  is  $((\forall x)(>xx') \vee (\forall x')(>xx'))$ ,  $u$  is  $x$ ,  $t$  is  $+x'x''$
 (b) In each of the cases in part (a), work out whether  $t$  is substitutable in  $\alpha$  for  $u$ , or not. You should explain your answers clearly using the definition of 'substitutable'.
2. Write down a deduction for each of the following  $\mathcal{L}_{NT}$ -formulas, using the first-order logical axioms and rules of inference.
  - (a)  $Sx = Sx$
  - (b)  $((0 = 0) \vee \neg(0 = 0)) \rightarrow (Sx = Sx)$
  - (c)  $(\forall x)(Sx = Sx)$
  - (d)  $S0 = S0$
3. Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a first-order language with a unary relation symbol  $R$ . Write out an explicit deduction to show that
 
$$(\forall x)(Rx) \vdash (\forall x')(Rx').$$
4. Let  $\Gamma$  be a set of formulas in a first-order language  $\mathcal{L}$ . We make the following definition: a formula  $\phi$  in  $\mathcal{L}$  is called *decidable by*  $\Gamma$  if either  $\Gamma \vdash \phi$  or  $\Gamma \vdash \neg\phi$ .
  - (a) Prove that if  $\alpha$  is decidable by  $\Gamma$ , then so is  $\neg\alpha$ . (This doesn't sound like I'm saying anything at all, but there is something subtle to prove. Nonetheless, the proof is not long given what we've already established).
  - (b) Prove that if  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are both decidable by  $\Gamma$ , then so is  $\alpha \vee \beta$ .
  - (c) Suppose that every atomic formula in  $\mathcal{L}$  is decidable. Prove that any formula with no quantifiers is decidable.

**Note** In the following problem, you should assume the Deduction Theorem for our full deductive system. It states: for any set of formulas  $\Gamma$  and any two formulas  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , if  $\alpha$  is a sentence, then  $\Gamma, \alpha \vdash \beta$  if and only if  $\Gamma \vdash \alpha \rightarrow \beta$ .

5. Let  $\Gamma$  be a set of formulas in a first-order language  $\mathcal{L}$ . We make the following definitions:  $\Gamma$  is *inconsistent* if there is a formula  $\phi$  such that both  $\Gamma \vdash \phi$  and  $\Gamma \vdash \neg\phi$ . Call  $\Gamma$  *explosive* if it deductively implies *every formula*, i.e.  $\Gamma \vdash \phi$  for every formula  $\phi$  in  $\mathcal{L}$ .
  - (a) Prove that  $\Gamma$  is inconsistent if and only if  $\Gamma$  is explosive. Equivalently: if there is even a *single formula*  $\phi$  such that  $\Gamma \not\vdash \phi$ , then  $\Gamma$  is consistent.
  - (b) Prove that if  $\phi$  is a sentence, then  $\Gamma \vdash \phi$  if and only if  $\Gamma \cup \{\neg\phi\}$  is inconsistent.
  - (c) Prove that if  $\phi$  is a sentence, then  $\phi$  is undecidable from  $\Gamma$  if and only if both  $\Gamma \cup \{\phi\}$  and  $\Gamma \cup \{\neg\phi\}$  are consistent.