

ILFP - 22

Recap : FOL Syntax : Substitution, Proof rules

FOL Semantics : Model, Validity, Satisfaction,
logical consequence, Normal forms

Today :

- Eg: Formal proof using proof rules / derivation rules
- More on Normal forms
- Skolemization
- Unification

FOL CNF

Transformation Steps

1. Rename var. for each quantifier

Thm: if $x, y \notin Fv(H(z))$
then $\forall x. H(x) \equiv \forall y. H(y)$

Defⁿ: Every quantifier should be
using a different variable

Eg: $\neg(\exists x. \forall y. R(x, y)) \rightarrow \forall y. \exists x.$
 $(R(x, y) \wedge$
 $\neg(\exists x. \forall y. \dots) \rightarrow \forall w. \exists z P(w))$
 $\cdot (R(z, w) \dots) \dots)$

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Negation Normal Form

Thm: If we have $\Gamma \vdash \neg \exists x. \neg (F(x))$,
 we can show

$$\Gamma \vdash \forall x. F(x)$$

Alternatively

if $\Gamma \vdash \neg \forall x. F(x)$, we can show
 $\Gamma \vdash \exists x. \neg F(x)$

Defn: \neg is pushed inwards and attaches
 to only atomic formulas

3. Prenex Form

Thm 1: if $x \notin FV(H)$

Then

$$H \equiv \exists x \cdot H \equiv \forall x \cdot H$$

Thm 2: if $x \notin FV(G)$, then

$$\exists x. F(x) \wedge G \equiv \exists x. (F(x) \wedge G)$$

Defn: If all quantifiers exist as a prefix

$$\text{Eg: } (\exists x. \forall y. R(x, y) \wedge \exists z. \forall w. (-R(w, z) \vee \neg P(w)))$$

1. Skolemization

removes \exists quantifiers from prenex form & only \forall quantifiers are left

Eg: for every orange there is an apple
to satisfy the above sentence
we need to find $f: \text{Orange} \rightarrow \text{Apple}$

$\forall o. R(o, f(m))$

SKolem function

- Skolemization with F.V.

- Let H be a formula in signature $\Sigma = (F, R)$

$$FV(H) = \{x, y_1, \dots, y_n\}$$

and $f_n \in F$ doesn't occur in H .

For each model m' , there is
a model m s.t.

$$m \models \exists x \cdot H \Rightarrow H(f(y_1, \dots, y_n))$$

and m, m' differ only in the
interpretation of f .

Similarly it can be shown
 $\exists m \text{ s.t. } m \models H(f(y_1, \dots, y_n)) \Rightarrow \forall x \cdot H$
 $[x \rightarrow ""]$

- Skolemization with Quantifiers

• Let $H(x)$ be a \mathcal{L} formula with

$FV = \{x, y_1, \dots, y_n\}$ and $f_n \in F$ doesn't occur in $H(x)$. Then

$\forall y_1, \dots, y_n. \exists x. H(x)$ is SAT

i.e.

$\forall y_1, \dots, y_n. H(f(y_1, \dots, y_n))$

- Skolemization of Prenex sentence

→ Apply Skolemization from outside
to inside, i.e. remove the
outermost \exists

Eg: $\exists z \forall \omega \exists x \forall y$.

$$(\ R(x, y) \wedge (\neg R(\omega, z) \vee \neg P(\omega)))$$

5. Now convert the body of formula
already in
that is, Skolemized prenex form

$$\forall x_i . H$$

o o H is quantifier-free, use rule defⁿ
in propositional logic to convert H into
CNF form.

Converting CNF

- Rewrite condⁿ & bicondⁿ using equivalences
- Convert to NNF by pushing negation inward
- Convert to CNF by distributing \vee over \wedge

Exercise : Give an example to show
Skolemization doesn't produce
an equivalent formula!

* Exercise : The order of quantifiers determines
(Challenge) the # of parameters in Skolem
functions. Give a greedy and
efficient strategy for producing
prenex formula s.t. the total
of parameters in Skolem
functions is minimal.

Unification

(with terms and making them equal)

Consider a proof

$$\{ \} \vdash (\forall x. (P(x) \vee Q(x)) \Rightarrow \exists x. P(x) \vee \forall x. Q(x))$$

Let us try to show it through FOL CNF