

## Definitions

A set  $\Sigma$  of wffs is *satisfiable* iff there is a truth assignment that satisfies every member of  $\Sigma$ .

### Exercise 1.7.1

Assume every finite subset of  $\Sigma$  is satisfiable. Show that the same is true of at least one of the sets  $\Sigma; \alpha$  and  $\Sigma; \neg\alpha$ .

Proof:

Proof by contradiction. Assume that neither every finite subset of  $\Sigma; \alpha$  nor every finite subset of  $\Sigma; \neg\alpha$  is satisfiable. That means there is some finite  $\Sigma_1 \subseteq \Sigma$  such that  $\Sigma_1; \alpha$  is unsatisfiable and that there is some finite  $\Sigma_2 \subseteq \Sigma$  such that  $\Sigma_2; \neg\alpha$  is unsatisfiable. However,  $\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2$  is a finite subset of  $\Sigma$ , so it must be satisfiable, from the stated assumption. This means that there exists some truth assignment  $v$  such that  $\bar{v}(\varphi) = T$ , for  $\varphi \in (\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2)$ . However, either  $\bar{v}(\alpha) = T$  or  $\bar{v}(\alpha) = F$ , which means that either  $\Sigma_1; \alpha$  or  $\Sigma_2; \neg\alpha$  is satisfiable. This is a contradiction from what was previously stated.

### Exercise 1.7.2

Let  $\Delta$  be a set of wffs such that (i) every finite subset of  $\Delta$  is satisfiable, and (ii) for every wff  $\alpha$ , either  $\alpha \in \Delta$  or  $(\neg\alpha) \in \Delta$ . Define the truth assignment  $v$ :

$$v(A) = \begin{cases} T & \text{iff } A \in \Delta, \\ F & \text{iff } A \notin \Delta \end{cases}$$

for each sentence symbol. Show that for every wff  $\varphi$ ,  $\bar{v}(\varphi) = T$  iff  $\varphi \in \Delta$ .

Proof:

$\Rightarrow$  We need to show that, for every wff  $\varphi$ , if  $\bar{v}(\varphi) = T$ , then  $\varphi \in \Delta$ .

If  $\bar{v}(\varphi) = T$ , but  $\varphi \notin \Delta$ , then by (ii),  $(\neg\varphi) \in \Delta$ . However,  $\bar{v}(\neg\varphi) = F$ , which means that there is a finite subset of  $\Delta$  that is unsatisfiable. However, this cannot be because according to (i), every finite subset of  $\Delta$  is satisfiable. Therefore, if  $\bar{v}(\varphi) = T$ , then  $\varphi \in \Delta$ .

$\Leftarrow$  We need to show that, for every wff  $\varphi$ , if  $\varphi \in \Delta$ , then  $\bar{v}(\varphi) = T$ .

We will prove this by structural induction on  $\varphi$ .

Case  $\varphi = A$

Since  $A \in \Delta$ , then  $v(A) = T$ , by definition of  $v$ .

Case  $\varphi = \alpha \wedge \beta$

We first show that if  $\varphi \in \Delta$ , then both  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are in  $\Delta$ . If  $\varphi \in \Delta$  and  $\alpha \notin \Delta$ , then by (ii),  $\neg\alpha \in \Delta$ . However, this means that  $\{\varphi, \neg\alpha\}$  is a finite subset of  $\Delta$ . However,  $\{\varphi, \neg\alpha\}$  is unsatisfiable because  $\varphi$  is true when  $\neg\alpha$  is false and vice versa. Therefore,  $\{\varphi, \neg\alpha\}$  cannot be a finite subset of  $\Delta$  because according to (i), every finite subset of  $\Delta$  is satisfiable. Therefore, if  $\varphi \in \Delta$ , then  $\alpha \in \Delta$ . We can also make a similar argument for  $\beta$  and therefore, if  $\varphi \in \Delta$ , then  $\alpha, \beta \in \Delta$ .

If  $\alpha \in \Delta$ , then by the induction hypothesis,  $\bar{v}(\alpha) = T$ . Similarly,  $\bar{v}(\beta) = T$ . Since  $\varphi = \alpha \wedge \beta$ , then  $\bar{v}(\varphi) = T$ . Therefore, if  $\varphi \in \Delta$ , then  $\bar{v}(\varphi) = T$ .

Case  $\varphi = \alpha \vee \beta$

Case  $\varphi = \alpha \rightarrow \beta$

Case  $\varphi = \alpha \leftrightarrow \beta$

Case  $\varphi = \neg\alpha$

A proof strategy that is similar to the one used for the conjunction case can also be used for these cases.

Therefore, we have shown that if  $\varphi \in \Delta$ , then  $\bar{v}(\varphi) = T$ , for all cases.

Since we have proven both directions, we can conclude that for every wff  $\varphi$ ,  $\varphi \in \Delta$  iff  $\bar{v}(\varphi) = T$ .

### Compactness Theorem

A set of wffs is satisfiable iff every finite subset is satisfiable.

Proof:

$\Rightarrow$  We need to show that if a set of wffs is satisfiable, then every finite subset is satisfiable.

If a set of wffs is satisfiable, then every finite subset of the set is automatically satisfiable.

$\Leftarrow$  We need to show that if every finite subset of a set of wffs is satisfiable, then the set itself is satisfiable.

Say the set in question is called  $\Sigma$ .

1. Enumerate every wff  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots$

2. Let  $\Delta_0 = \Sigma$

3. Let  $\Delta_{n+1} = \begin{cases} \Delta_n; \alpha_{n+1} & \text{if this is finitely satisfiable,} \\ \Delta_n; \neg\alpha_{n+1} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

From the result of Exercise 1.7.1, we know that every  $\Delta_n$  is satisfiable.

4. Let  $\Delta = \bigcup_n \Delta_n$

5. We know that every finite subset of  $\Delta$  is satisfiable because every finite subset of  $\Delta$  is also a subset of some  $\Delta_n$ , which is finitely satisfiable. We also know that for any wff  $\alpha$ , either  $\alpha \in \Delta$  or  $\neg\alpha \in \Delta$ . Therefore, if we have a truth assignment  $v$  such that  $v(A) = T$  iff  $A \in \Delta$ , from Exercise 1.7.2, we know that if  $\varphi \in \Delta$ , then  $\bar{v}(\varphi) = T$ . Since every wff in  $\Delta$  is satisfied by  $v$ , then  $\Delta$  is satisfiable.

6. Since  $\Sigma \subseteq \Delta$ ,  $v$  must also satisfy  $\Sigma$ , so therefore  $\Sigma$  is satisfiable.

### Corollary

If  $\Sigma \models \tau$ , then there is a finite  $\Sigma_0 \subseteq \Sigma$  such that  $\Sigma_0 \models \tau$ .

### Exercise 1.7.3 - Proof of Compactness Theorem Using Corollary

$\Rightarrow$  We must show that if a set of wffs is satisfiable, then every finite subset is satisfiable.

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$\Leftarrow$  We must show that if every finite subset of a set of wffs is satisfiable, then the set itself is satisfiable.

Proof by contradiction. Assume that we have a set of wffs  $\Sigma$  such that every finite subset of  $\Sigma$  is satisfiable, but that  $\Sigma$  itself is unsatisfiable. This means that  $\Sigma \models \tau$ , for any wff  $\tau$ . According to the corollary, there is a finite subset  $\Sigma_0 \subseteq \Sigma$  such that  $\Sigma_0 \models \tau$ . Let  $\tau = \alpha \wedge \neg\alpha$ , which is unsatisfiable. This means that there is no  $\Sigma_0 \subseteq \Sigma$  such that  $\Sigma_0 \models \tau$ . We have a contradiction, so therefore, if every finite subset of  $\Sigma$  is satisfiable,  $\Sigma$  must be satisfiable.