

A revision of propositional and first-order logics

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Propositional Logic

Definition

- The set of *formulas* of propositional logic is given by the abstract syntax:

$$\mathbf{Form} \ni A, B, C ::= P \mid \perp \mid (\neg A) \mid (A \wedge B) \mid (A \vee B) \mid (A \rightarrow B)$$

where P ranges over a countable set **Prop**, whose elements are called *propositional symbols* or *propositional variables*. (We also let Q, R range over **Prop**.)

- Formulas of the form \perp or P are called *atomic*.
- \top abbreviates $(\neg \perp)$ and $(A \leftrightarrow B)$ abbreviates $((A \rightarrow B) \wedge (B \rightarrow A))$.

Remark

- *Conventions to omit parentheses are:*
 - *outermost parentheses can be dropped;*
 - *the order of precedence (from the highest to the lowest) of connectives is: \neg, \wedge, \vee and \rightarrow ;*
 - *binary connectives are right-associative.*
- *There are recursion and induction principles (e.g. structural ones) for **Form**.*

Definition

A is a *subformula* of B when A “occurs in” B .

Definition

- **T** (*true*) and **F** (*false*) form the set of *truth values*.
- A *valuation* is a function $\rho : \mathbf{Prop} \rightarrow \{\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{T}\}$ that assigns truth values to propositional symbols.
- Given a valuation ρ , the *interpretation function* $\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket_\rho : \mathbf{Form} \rightarrow \{\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{T}\}$ is defined recursively as follows:

$$\llbracket \perp \rrbracket_\rho = \mathbf{F}$$

$$\llbracket P \rrbracket_\rho = \mathbf{T} \quad \text{iff} \quad \rho(P) = \mathbf{T}$$

$$\llbracket \neg A \rrbracket_\rho = \mathbf{T} \quad \text{iff} \quad \llbracket A \rrbracket_\rho = \mathbf{F}$$

$$\llbracket A \wedge B \rrbracket_\rho = \mathbf{T} \quad \text{iff} \quad \llbracket A \rrbracket_\rho = \mathbf{T} \text{ and } \llbracket B \rrbracket_\rho = \mathbf{T}$$

$$\llbracket A \vee B \rrbracket_\rho = \mathbf{T} \quad \text{iff} \quad \llbracket A \rrbracket_\rho = \mathbf{T} \text{ or } \llbracket B \rrbracket_\rho = \mathbf{T}$$

$$\llbracket A \rightarrow B \rrbracket_\rho = \mathbf{T} \quad \text{iff} \quad \llbracket A \rrbracket_\rho = \mathbf{F} \text{ or } \llbracket B \rrbracket_\rho = \mathbf{T}$$

Semantics

Definition

A *propositional model* \mathcal{M} is a set of proposition symbols, i.e. $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathbf{Prop}$. The *validity relation* $\models \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{Prop}) \times \mathbf{Form}$ is defined inductively by:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathcal{M} \models P & \text{iff } P \in \mathcal{M} \\ \mathcal{M} \models \neg A & \text{iff } \mathcal{M} \not\models A \\ \mathcal{M} \models A \wedge B & \text{iff } \mathcal{M} \models A \text{ and } \mathcal{M} \models B \\ \mathcal{M} \models A \vee B & \text{iff } \mathcal{M} \models A \text{ or } \mathcal{M} \models B \\ \mathcal{M} \models A \rightarrow B & \text{iff } \mathcal{M} \not\models A \text{ or } \mathcal{M} \models B \end{array}$$

Remark

The two semantics are equivalent. In fact, valuations are in bijection with propositional models. In particular, each valuation ρ determines a model $\mathcal{M}_\rho = \{P \in \mathbf{Prop} \mid \rho(P) = \mathbf{T}\}$ s.t.

$$\mathcal{M}_\rho \models A \quad \text{iff} \quad \llbracket A \rrbracket_\rho = \mathbf{T},$$

which can be proved by induction on A . Henceforth, we adopt the latter semantics.

Definition

- A formula A is *valid in a model* \mathcal{M} (or \mathcal{M} *satisfies* A), iff $\mathcal{M} \models A$. When $\mathcal{M} \not\models A$, A is said *refuted* by \mathcal{M} .
- A formula A is *satisfiable* iff there exists some model \mathcal{M} such that $\mathcal{M} \models A$. It is *refutable* iff some model refutes A .
- A formula A is *valid* (also called a *tautology*) iff every model satisfies A . A formula A is a *contradiction* iff every model refutes A .

Semantics

Proposition

Let \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{M}' be two propositional models and let A be a formula. If for any propositional symbol P occurring in A , $\mathcal{M} \models P$ iff $\mathcal{M}' \models P$, then $\mathcal{M} \models A$ iff $\mathcal{M}' \models A$.

Proof.

By induction on A . □

Remark

The previous proposition justifies that the truth table method suffices for deciding whether or not a formula is valid, which in turn guarantees that the validity problem of PL is decidable

Definition

A is *logically equivalent* to B , (denoted by $A \equiv B$) iff A and B are valid exactly in the same models.

Some logical equivalences

$$\neg\neg A \equiv A \quad (\text{double negation})$$

$$\neg(A \wedge B) \equiv \neg A \vee \neg B \quad \neg(A \vee B) \equiv \neg A \wedge \neg B \quad (\text{De Morgan's laws})$$

$$A \rightarrow B \equiv \neg A \vee B \quad \neg A \equiv A \rightarrow \perp \quad (\text{interdefinability})$$

$$A \wedge (B \vee C) \equiv (A \wedge B) \vee (A \wedge C) \quad A \vee (B \wedge C) \equiv (A \vee B) \wedge (A \vee C) \quad (\text{distributivity})$$

Semantics

Remark

- \equiv is an equivalence relation on **Form** .
- Given $A \equiv B$, the replacement in a formula C of an occurrence of A by B produces a formula equivalent to C .
- The two previous results allow for equational reasoning in proving logical equivalence.

Definition

Given a propositional formula A , we say that it is in:

- *Conjunctive normal form* (CNF), if it is a conjunction of disjunctions of *literals* (atomic formulas or negated atomic formulas), i.e. $A = \bigwedge_i \bigvee_j l_{ij}$, for literals l_{ij} ;
- *Disjunctive normal form* (DNF), if it is a disjunction of conjunctions of literals, i.e. $A = \bigvee_i \bigwedge_j l_{ij}$, for literals l_{ij} .

Note that in some treatments, \perp is not allowed in literals.

Proposition

Any formula is equivalent to a CNF and to a DNF.

Proof.

The wanted CNF and DNF can be obtained by rewriting of the given formula, using the logical equivalences listed before. □

Semantics

Notation

We let Γ, Γ', \dots range over sets of formulas and use Γ, A to abbreviate $\Gamma \cup \{A\}$.

Definition

Let Γ be a set of formulas.

- Γ is *valid in a model* \mathcal{M} (or \mathcal{M} *satisfies* Γ), iff $\mathcal{M} \models A$ for every formula $A \in \Gamma$. We denote this by $\mathcal{M} \models \Gamma$.
- Γ is *satisfiable* iff there exists a model \mathcal{M} such that $\mathcal{M} \models \Gamma$, and it is *refutable* iff there exists a model \mathcal{M} such that $\mathcal{M} \not\models \Gamma$.
- Γ is *valid*, denoted by $\models \Gamma$, iff $\mathcal{M} \models \Gamma$ for every model \mathcal{M} , and it is *unsatisfiable* iff it is not satisfiable.

Definition

Let A be a formula and Γ a set of formulas. If every model that validates Γ also validates A , we say that Γ *entails* A (or A is a *logical consequence* of Γ).

We denote this by $\Gamma \models A$ and call $\models \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{Form}) \times \mathbf{Form}$ the *semantic entailment* or *logical consequence* relation.

Semantics

Proposition

- A is valid iff $\models A$, where $\models A$ abbreviates $\emptyset \models A$.
- A is a contradiction iff $A \models \perp$.
- $A \equiv B$ iff $A \models B$ and $B \models A$. (or equivalently, $A \leftrightarrow B$ is valid).

Proposition

The semantic entailment relation satisfies the following properties (of an abstract consequence relation):

- For all $A \in \Gamma$, $\Gamma \models A$. (inclusion)
- If $\Gamma \models A$, then $\Gamma, B \models A$. (monotonicity)
- If $\Gamma \models A$ and $\Gamma, A \models B$, then $\Gamma \models B$. (cut)

Proposition

Further properties of semantic entailment are:

- $\Gamma \models A \wedge B$ iff $\Gamma \models A$ and $\Gamma \models B$
- $\Gamma \models A \vee B$ iff $\Gamma \models A$ or $\Gamma \models B$
- $\Gamma \models A \rightarrow B$ iff $\Gamma, A \models B$
- $\Gamma \models \neg A$ iff $\Gamma, A \models \perp$
- $\Gamma \models A$ iff $\Gamma, \neg A \models \perp$

Proof system

The natural deduction system \mathcal{N}_{PL}

- The proof system we will consider is a "natural deduction in sequent style" (not to confuse with a "sequent calculus"), which we name \mathcal{N}_{PL} .
- The "judgments" (or "assertions") of \mathcal{N}_{PL} are sequents $\Gamma \vdash A$, where Γ is a set of formulas (a.k.a. *context* or LHS) and A a formula (a.k.a. *conclusion* or RHS), informally meaning that " A can be proved from the assumptions in Γ ".
- Natural deduction systems typically have "introduction" and "elimination" rules for each connective. The set of rules of \mathcal{N}_{PL} is below.

Rules of \mathcal{N}_{PL}

$$(Ax) \frac{}{\Gamma, A \vdash A}$$

$$(RAA) \frac{\Gamma, \neg A \vdash \perp}{\Gamma \vdash A}$$

Introduction Rules:

$$(I_{\wedge}) \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B}$$

$$(I_{\vee i}) \frac{\Gamma \vdash A_i}{\Gamma \vdash A_1 \vee A_2} \quad i \in \{1, 2\}$$

$$(I_{\rightarrow}) \frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B}$$

$$(I_{\neg}) \frac{\Gamma, A \vdash \perp}{\Gamma \vdash \neg A}$$

Elimination Rules:

$$(E_{\wedge i}) \frac{\Gamma \vdash A_1 \wedge A_2}{\Gamma \vdash A_i} \quad i \in \{1, 2\}$$

$$(E_{\vee}) \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \vee B \quad \Gamma, A \vdash C \quad \Gamma, B \vdash C}{\Gamma \vdash C}$$

$$(E_{\rightarrow}) \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B}{\Gamma \vdash B}$$

$$(E_{\neg}) \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Gamma \vdash \neg A}{\Gamma \vdash B}$$

Definition

- A *derivation* of a sequent $\Gamma \vdash A$ is a tree of sequents, built up from *instances of the inference rules* of \mathcal{N}_{PL} , having as root $\Gamma \vdash A$ and as leaves instances of (Ax) . (The set of \mathcal{N}_{PL} -derivations can formally be given as an inductive definition and has associated recursion and inductive principles.)
- Derivations induce a binary relation $\vdash \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{Form}) \times \mathbf{Form}$, called the *derivability/deduction relation*:
 - $(\Gamma, A) \in \vdash$ iff there is a derivation of the sequent $\Gamma \vdash A$ in \mathcal{N}_{PL} ;
 - typically we overload notation and abbreviate $(\Gamma, A) \in \vdash$ by $\Gamma \vdash A$, reading “ $\Gamma \vdash A$ is derivable”, or “ A can be derived (or deduced) from Γ ”, or “ Γ infers A ”;
- A formula that can be derived from the empty context is called a *theorem*.

Definition

An inference rule is *admissible* in \mathcal{N}_{PL} if every sequent that can be derived making use of that rule can also be derived without it.

Proof system

Proposition

The following rules are admissible in \mathcal{N}_{PL} :

$$\text{Weakening } \frac{\Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma, B \vdash A} \quad \text{Cut } \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \quad \Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash B} \quad (\perp) \frac{\Gamma \vdash \perp}{\Gamma \vdash A}$$

Proof.

- Admissibility of weakening is proved by induction on the premise's derivation.
- Cut is actually a *derivable rule* in \mathcal{N}_{PL} , i.e. can be obtained through a combination of \mathcal{N}_{PL} rules.
- Admissibility of (\perp) follows by combining weakening and RAA.

□

Definition

Γ is said *inconsistent* if $\Gamma \vdash \perp$ and otherwise is said *consistent*.

Proposition

If Γ is consistent, then either $\Gamma \cup \{A\}$ or $\Gamma \cup \{\neg A\}$ is consistent (but not both).

Proof.

If not, one could build a derivation of $\Gamma \vdash \perp$ (how?), and Γ would be inconsistent. □

Remark

Traditional presentations of natural deduction take formulas as judgements and not sequents. In these presentations:

- *derivations are trees of formulas, whose leaves can be either “open” or “closed”;*
- *open leaves correspond to the assumptions upon which the conclusion formula (the root of the tree) depends;*
- *some rules allow for the closing of leaves (thus making the conclusion formula not depend on those assumptions).*

For example, introduction and elimination rules for implication look like:

$$(E_{\rightarrow}) \frac{A \rightarrow B \quad A}{B} \qquad (I_{\rightarrow}) \frac{\begin{array}{c} [A] \\ \vdots \\ B \end{array}}{A \rightarrow B}$$

In rule (I_{\rightarrow}) , any number of occurrences of A as a leaf may be closed (signalled by the use of square brackets).

Adequacy of the proof system

Theorem (Soundness)

If $\Gamma \vdash A$, then $\Gamma \models A$.

Proof.

By induction on the derivation of $\Gamma \vdash A$. Some of the cases are illustrated:

- If the last step is

$$(Ax) \frac{}{\Gamma', A \vdash A}$$

We need to prove $\Gamma', A \models A$, which holds by the inclusion property of semantic entailment.

- If the last step is

$$(I_{\rightarrow}) \frac{\Gamma, B \vdash C}{\Gamma \vdash B \rightarrow C}$$

By IH, we have $\Gamma, B \models C$, which is equivalent to $\Gamma \models B \rightarrow C$, by one of the properties of semantic entailment.

- If the last step is

$$(E_{\rightarrow}) \frac{\Gamma \vdash B \quad \Gamma \vdash B \rightarrow A}{\Gamma \vdash A}$$

By IH, we have both $\Gamma \models B$ and $\Gamma \models B \rightarrow A$. From these, we can easily get $\Gamma \models A$.



Adequacy of the proof system

Definition

Γ is *maximally consistent* iff it is consistent and furthermore, given any formula A , either A or $\neg A$ belongs to Γ (but not both can belong).

Proposition

Maximally consistent sets are closed for derivability, i.e. given a maximally consistent set Γ and given a formula A , $\Gamma \vdash A$ implies $A \in \Gamma$.

Lemma

If Γ is consistent, then there exists $\Gamma' \supseteq \Gamma$ s.t. Γ' is maximally consistent.

Proof.

Let $\Gamma_0 = \Gamma$ and consider an enumeration A_1, A_2, \dots of the set of formulas **Form**. For each of these formulas, define Γ_i to be $\Gamma_{i-1} \cup \{A_i\}$ if this is consistent, or $\Gamma_{i-1} \cup \{\neg A_i\}$ otherwise. (Note that one of these sets is consistent.) Then, we take $\Gamma' = \bigcup_i \Gamma_i$. Clearly, by construction, $\Gamma' \supseteq \Gamma$ and for each A_i either $A_i \in \Gamma'$ or $\neg A_i \in \Gamma'$. Also, Γ' is consistent (otherwise some Γ_i would be inconsistent). □

Adequacy of the proof system

Proposition

Γ is consistent iff Γ is satisfiable.

Proof.

The “if statement” follows from the soundness theorem. Let us prove the converse.

Let Γ' be a maximally consistent extension of Γ (guaranteed to exist by the previous lemma) and define \mathcal{M} as the set of proposition symbols that belong to Γ' .

Claim: $\mathcal{M} \models A$ iff $A \in \Gamma'$.

As $\Gamma' \supseteq \Gamma$, \mathcal{M} is a model of Γ , hence Γ is satisfiable.

The claim is proved by induction on A . Two cases are illustrated.

Case $A = P$. The claim is immediate by construction of \mathcal{M} .

Case $A = B \rightarrow C$. By IH and the fact that Γ' is maximally consistent, $\mathcal{M} \models B \rightarrow C$ is equivalent to $\neg B \in \Gamma'$ or $C \in \Gamma'$, which in turn is equivalent to $B \rightarrow C \in \Gamma'$. The latter equivalence is proved with the help of the fact that Γ' , being maximally consistent, is closed for derivability. □

Adequacy of the proof system

Theorem (Completeness)

If $\Gamma \models A$ then $\Gamma \vdash A$.

Proof.

Suppose $\Gamma \vdash A$ does not hold. Then, $\Gamma \cup \{\neg A\}$ is consistent (why?) and thus, by the above proposition, $\Gamma \cup \{\neg A\}$ would have a model, contradicting $\Gamma \models A$. \square

Corollary (Compactness)

A (possibly infinite) set of formulas Γ is satisfiable if and only if every finite subset of Γ is satisfiable.

Proof.

The key observation is that, in \mathcal{N}_{PL} , if $\Gamma \vdash A$, then there exists a finite $\Gamma' \subseteq \Gamma$ s.t. $\Gamma' \vdash A$. \square

First-Order Logic

Definition

The *alphabet of a first-order language* is organised into the following categories.

- *Logical connectives*: $\perp, \neg, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow, \forall$ and \exists .
- *Auxiliary symbols*: “.”, “,”, “(“ and “)“.
- *Variables*: we assume a countable infinite set \mathcal{X} of variables, ranged over by x, y, z, \dots
- *Constant symbols*: we assume a countable set \mathcal{C} of constant symbols, ranged over by a, b, c, \dots
- *Function symbols*: we assume a countable set \mathcal{F} of function symbols, ranged over by f, g, h, \dots . Each function symbol f has a fixed arity $\text{ar}(f)$, which is a positive integer.
- *Predicate symbols*: we assume a countable set \mathcal{P} of predicate symbols, ranged over by P, Q, R, \dots . Each predicate symbol P has a fixed arity $\text{ar}(P)$, which is a non-negative integer. (Predicate symbols with arity 0 play the role of propositions.)

The union of the non-logical symbols of the language is called the *vocabulary* and is denoted by \mathcal{V} , i.e. $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{C} \cup \mathcal{F} \cup \mathcal{P}$.

Notation

Throughout, and when not otherwise said, we assume a vocabulary $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{C} \cup \mathcal{F} \cup \mathcal{P}$.

Definition

The set of *terms* of a first-order language over a vocabulary \mathcal{V} is given by:

$$\mathbf{Term}_{\mathcal{V}} \ni t, u ::= x \mid c \mid f(t_1, \dots, t_{\text{ar}(f)})$$

The set of *variables occurring* in t is denoted by $\text{Vars}(t)$.

Definition

The set of *formulas* of a first-order language over a vocabulary \mathcal{V} is given by:

$$\mathbf{Form}_{\mathcal{V}} \ni \phi, \psi, \theta ::= P(t_1, \dots, t_{\text{ar}(P)}) \mid \perp \mid (\neg\phi) \mid (\phi \wedge \psi) \mid (\phi \vee \psi) \\ \mid (\phi \rightarrow \psi) \mid (\forall x. \phi) \mid (\exists x. \phi)$$

An *atomic formula* has the form \perp or $P(t_1, \dots, t_{\text{ar}(P)})$.

Remark

- We assume the conventions of propositional logic to omit parentheses, and additionally assume that quantifiers have the lowest precedence.
- Nested quantifications such as $\forall x. \forall y. \phi$ are abbreviated to $\forall x, y. \phi$.
- There are recursion and induction principles (e.g. structural ones) for $\mathbf{Term}_{\mathcal{V}}$ and $\mathbf{Form}_{\mathcal{V}}$.

Definition

- A formula ψ that occurs in a formula ϕ is called a *subformula* of ϕ .
- In a quantified formula $\forall x.\phi$ or $\exists x.\phi$, x is the *quantified variable* and ϕ is the *scope* of the quantification.
- Occurrences of the quantified variable within the respective scope are said to be *bound*. Variable occurrences that are not bound are said to be *free*.
- The set of *free variables* (resp. *bound variables*) of a formula θ , is denoted $FV(\theta)$ (resp. $BV(\theta)$).

Definition

- A *sentence* (or *closed formula*) is a formula without free variables.
- If $FV(\phi) = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$, the *universal closure* of ϕ is the formula $\forall x_1, \dots, x_n.\phi$ and the *existential closure* of ϕ is the formula $\exists x_1, \dots, x_n.\phi$.

Definition

- A *substitution* is a mapping $\sigma : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbf{Term}_{\mathcal{V}}$ s.t. the set $\text{dom}(\sigma) = \{x \in \mathcal{X} \mid \sigma(x) \neq x\}$, called the *substitution domain*, is finite.
- The notation $[t_1/x_1, \dots, t_n/x_n]$ (for distinct x_i 's) denotes the substitution whose domain is contained in $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ and maps each x_i to t_i .

Definition

The *application of a substitution σ to a term t* is denoted by $t \sigma$ and is defined recursively by:

$$\begin{aligned}x \sigma &= \sigma(x) \\c \sigma &= c \\f(t_1, \dots, t_{\text{ar}(f)}) \sigma &= f(t_1 \sigma, \dots, t_{\text{ar}(f)} \sigma)\end{aligned}$$

Remark

The result of

$$t [t_1/x_1, \dots, t_n/x_n]$$

corresponds to the simultaneous substitution of t_1, \dots, t_n for x_1, \dots, x_n in t . This differs from the application of the corresponding singleton substitutions in sequence,

$$((t [t_1/x_1]) \dots) [t_n/x_n].$$

Notation

*Given a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$, $x \in X$ and $y \in Y$, the notation $f[x \mapsto y]$ stands for the function defined as f except possibly for x , to which y is assigned, called the *patching of f in x to y* .*

Definition

The application of a substitution σ to a formula ϕ , written $\phi\sigma$, is given recursively by:

$$\begin{aligned}\perp\sigma &= \perp \\ P(t_1, \dots, t_{\text{ar}(P)})\sigma &= P(t_1\sigma, \dots, t_{\text{ar}(P)}\sigma) \\ (\neg\phi)\sigma &= \neg(\phi\sigma) \\ (\phi \odot \psi)\sigma &= (\phi\sigma) \odot (\psi\sigma) \\ (Qx. \phi)\sigma &= Qx. (\phi(\sigma[x \mapsto x]))\end{aligned}$$

where $\odot \in \{\wedge, \vee, \rightarrow\}$ and $Q \in \{\forall, \exists\}$.

Remark

- Only free occurrences of variables can change when a substitution is applied to a formula.
- Unrestricted application of substitutions to formulas can cause capturing of variables as in: $(\forall x. P(x, y)) [g(x)/y] = \forall x. P(x, g(x))$
- "Safe substitution" (which we assume throughout) is achieved by imposing that a substitution when applied to a formula should be free for it.

Definition

- A term t is free for x in θ iff x has no free occurrences in the scope of a quantifier Qy ($y \neq x$) s.t. $y \in \text{Vars}(t)$.
- A substitution σ is free for θ iff $\sigma(x)$ is free for x in θ , for all $x \in \text{dom}(\sigma)$.

Definition

Given a vocabulary \mathcal{V} , a \mathcal{V} -*structure* is a pair $\mathcal{M} = (D, I)$ where D is a nonempty set, called the *interpretation domain*, and I is called the *interpretation function*, and assigns constants, functions and predicates over D to the symbols of \mathcal{V} as follows:

- for each $c \in \mathcal{C}$, the interpretation of c is a constant $I(c) \in D$;
- for each $f \in \mathcal{F}$, the interpretation of f is a function $I(f) : D^{\text{ar}(f)} \rightarrow D$;
- for each $P \in \mathcal{P}$, the interpretation of P is a function $I(P) : D^{\text{ar}(P)} \rightarrow \{\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{T}\}$. In particular, 0-ary predicate symbols are interpreted as truth values.

\mathcal{V} -structures are also called *models* for \mathcal{V} .

Definition

Let D be the interpretation domain of a structure. An *assignment* for D is a function $\alpha : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow D$ from the set of variables to the domain D .

Notation

In what follows, we let $\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M}', \dots$ range over the structures of an intended vocabulary, and α, α', \dots range over the assignments for the interpretation domain of an intended structure.

Definition

Let $\mathcal{M} = (D, I)$ be a \mathcal{V} -structure and α an assignment for D .

- The value of a term t w.r.t. \mathcal{M} and α is an element of D , denoted by $\llbracket t \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha}$, and recursively given by:

$$\begin{aligned}\llbracket x \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha} &= \alpha(x) \\ \llbracket c \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha} &= I(c) \\ \llbracket f(t_1, \dots, t_{\text{ar}(f)}) \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha} &= I(f)(\llbracket t_1 \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha}, \dots, \llbracket t_{\text{ar}(f)} \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha})\end{aligned}$$

- The (truth) value of a formula ϕ w.r.t. \mathcal{M} and α , is denoted by $\llbracket \phi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha}$, and recursively given by:

$$\begin{aligned}\llbracket \perp \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha} &= \mathbf{F} \\ \llbracket P(t_1, \dots, t_{\text{ar}(P)}) \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha} &= I(P)(\llbracket t_1 \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha}, \dots, \llbracket t_{\text{ar}(P)} \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha}) \\ \llbracket \neg \phi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha} = \mathbf{T} &\text{ iff } \llbracket \phi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha} = \mathbf{F} \\ \llbracket \phi \wedge \psi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha} = \mathbf{T} &\text{ iff } \llbracket \phi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha} = \mathbf{T} \text{ and } \llbracket \psi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha} = \mathbf{T} \\ \llbracket \phi \vee \psi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha} = \mathbf{T} &\text{ iff } \llbracket \phi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha} = \mathbf{T} \text{ or } \llbracket \psi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha} = \mathbf{T} \\ \llbracket \phi \rightarrow \psi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha} = \mathbf{T} &\text{ iff } \llbracket \phi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha} = \mathbf{F} \text{ or } \llbracket \psi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha} = \mathbf{T} \\ \llbracket \forall x. \phi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha} = \mathbf{T} &\text{ iff } \llbracket \phi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha[x \mapsto a]} = \mathbf{T} \text{ for all } a \in D \\ \llbracket \exists x. \phi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha} = \mathbf{T} &\text{ iff } \llbracket \phi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha[x \mapsto a]} = \mathbf{T} \text{ for some } a \in D\end{aligned}$$

Semantics

Remark

Universal and existential quantifications are indeed a gain over PL. They can be read (resp.) as generalised conjunction and disjunction (possibly infinite):

$$\llbracket \forall x. \phi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha} = \bigwedge_{a \in D} \llbracket \phi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha[x \mapsto a]}$$

$$\llbracket \exists x. \phi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha} = \bigvee_{a \in D} \llbracket \phi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha[x \mapsto a]}$$

Definition

Let \mathcal{V} be a vocabulary and \mathcal{M} a \mathcal{V} -structure.

- \mathcal{M} satisfies ϕ with α , denoted by $\mathcal{M}, \alpha \models \phi$, iff $\llbracket \phi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha} = \mathbf{T}$.
- \mathcal{M} satisfies ϕ (or that ϕ is valid in \mathcal{M} , or \mathcal{M} is a model of ϕ), denoted by $\mathcal{M} \models \phi$, iff for every assignment α , $\mathcal{M}, \alpha \models \phi$.
- ϕ is satisfiable if exists \mathcal{M} s.t. $\mathcal{M} \models \phi$, and it is valid, denoted by $\models \phi$, if $\mathcal{M} \models \phi$ for every \mathcal{M} . ϕ is unsatisfiable (or a contradiction) if it is not satisfiable, and refutable if it is not valid.

Lemma

Let \mathcal{M} be a structure, t and u terms, ϕ a formula, and α, α' assignments.

- If for all $x \in \text{Vars}(t)$, $\alpha(x) = \alpha'(x)$, then $\llbracket t \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha} = \llbracket t \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha'}$
- If for all $x \in \text{FV}(\phi)$, $\alpha(x) = \alpha'(x)$, then $\mathcal{M}, \alpha \models \phi$ iff $\mathcal{M}, \alpha' \models \phi$.
- $\llbracket t[u/x] \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha} = \llbracket t \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha[x \mapsto \llbracket u \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha}]}$
- If t is free for x in ϕ , then $\mathcal{M}, \alpha \models \phi[t/x]$ iff $\mathcal{M}, \alpha[x \mapsto \llbracket t \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha}] \models \phi$.

Proposition (Lifting validity of PL)

Let $[\cdot] : \mathbf{Prop} \rightarrow \mathbf{Form}_V$, be a mapping from the set of proposition symbols to first-order formulas and denote also by $[\cdot]$ its homomorphic extension to all propositional formulas. Then, for all propositional formulas A and B :

- $\mathcal{M}, \alpha \models [A]$ iff $\overline{\mathcal{M}_\alpha} \models_{PL} A$, where $\overline{\mathcal{M}_\alpha} = \{P \mid \mathcal{M}, \alpha \models [P]\}$.
- If $\models_{PL} A$, then $\models_{FOL} [A]$.
- If $A \equiv_{PL} B$, then $[A] \equiv_{FOL} [B]$.

Some properties of logical equivalence

- The properties of logical equivalence listed for PL hold for FOL.
- The following equivalences hold:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \neg \forall x. \phi \equiv \exists x. \neg \phi & \neg \exists x. \phi \equiv \forall x. \neg \phi \\ \forall x. \phi \wedge \psi \equiv (\forall x. \phi) \wedge (\forall x. \psi) & \exists x. \phi \vee \psi \equiv (\exists x. \phi) \vee (\exists x. \psi) \end{array}$$

- For $Q \in \{\forall, \exists\}$, if y is free for x in ϕ and $y \notin FV(\phi)$, then $Qx. \phi \equiv Qy. \phi [y/x]$.
- For $Q \in \{\forall, \exists\}$, if $x \notin FV(\phi)$, then $Qx. \phi \equiv \phi$.
- For $Q \in \{\forall, \exists\}$ and $\odot \in \{\wedge, \vee\}$, if $x \notin FV(\psi)$, then $Qx. \phi \odot \psi \equiv (Qx. \phi) \odot \psi$.

Semantics

Definition

A formula is in *prenex form* if it is of the form $Q_1x_1.Q_2x_2.\dots.Q_nx_n.\psi$ (possibly with $n = 0$) where each Q_i is a quantifier (either \forall or \exists) and ψ is a quantifier-free formula .

Proposition

For any formula of first-order logic, there exists an equivalent formula in prenex form.

Proof.

Such a prenex form can be obtained by rewriting, using the logical equivalences listed before. □

Remark

Unlike PL, the validity problem of FOL is not decidable, but it is semi-decidable, i.e. there are procedures s.t., given a formula ϕ , they terminate with “yes” if ϕ is valid but may fail to terminate if ϕ is not valid.

Definition

- \mathcal{M} satisfies Γ with α , denoted by $\mathcal{M}, \alpha \models \Gamma$, if $\mathcal{M}, \alpha \models \phi$ for every $\phi \in \Gamma$.
- The notions of satisfiable, valid, unsatisfiable and refutable set of formulas are defined in the expected way.
- Γ entails ϕ (or ϕ is a *logical consequence* of Γ), denoted by $\Gamma \models \phi$, iff for every structure \mathcal{M} and assignment α , if $\mathcal{M}, \alpha \models \Gamma$ then $\mathcal{M}, \alpha \models \phi$.
- ϕ is *logically equivalent* to ψ , denoted by $\phi \equiv \psi$, iff $\llbracket \phi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha} = \llbracket \psi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \alpha}$ for every structure \mathcal{M} and assignment α .

Some properties of semantic entailment

- The properties of semantic entailment listed for PL hold for FOL.
- If t is free for x in ϕ and $\Gamma \models \forall x. \phi$, then $\Gamma \models \phi [t/x]$.
- If $x \notin \text{FV}(\Gamma)$ and $\Gamma \models \phi$, then $\Gamma \models \forall x. \phi$.
- If t is free for x in ϕ and $\Gamma \models \phi [t/x]$, then $\Gamma \models \exists x. \phi$.
- If $x \notin \text{FV}(\Gamma \cup \{\psi\})$, $\Gamma \models \exists x. \phi$ and $\Gamma, \phi \models \psi$, then $\Gamma \models \psi$.

Proof system

The natural deduction system \mathcal{N}_{FOL}

- The proof system for FOL we consider is a natural deduction system in sequent style extending \mathcal{N}_{PL} .
- The various definitions made in the context of \mathcal{N}_{PL} carry over to \mathcal{N}_{FOL} . The difference is that \mathcal{N}_{FOL} deals with first-order formulas and it has additional introduction and elimination rules to deal with the quantifiers.

Quantifier rules of \mathcal{N}_{FOL}

$$(I_{\forall}) \frac{\Gamma \vdash \phi [y/x]}{\Gamma \vdash \forall x. \phi} \quad (\text{a})$$

$$(E_{\forall}) \frac{\Gamma \vdash \forall x. \phi}{\Gamma \vdash \phi [t/x]}$$

$$(I_{\exists}) \frac{\Gamma \vdash \phi [t/x]}{\Gamma \vdash \exists x. \phi}$$

$$(E_{\exists}) \frac{\Gamma \vdash \exists x. \phi \quad \Gamma, \phi [y/x] \vdash \theta}{\Gamma \vdash \theta} \quad (\text{b})$$

(a) $y \notin \text{FV}(\Gamma)$ and either $x = y$ or $y \notin \text{FV}(\phi)$.

(b) $y \notin \text{FV}(\Gamma \cup \{\theta\})$ and either $x = y$ or $y \notin \text{FV}(\phi)$.

(c) Recall that we assume safe substitution, i.e. in a substitution $\phi[t/x]$, we assume that t is free for x in ϕ .

Remark

The properties of \mathcal{N}_{PL} can be extended to \mathcal{N}_{FOL} , in particular the soundness and completeness theorems.

Theorem (Adequacy)

$\Gamma \models \varphi$ iff $\Gamma \vdash \varphi$.

First-order theories

Definition

Let \mathcal{V} be a vocabulary of a first-order language.

- A first-order *theory* \mathcal{T} is a set of \mathcal{V} -sentences that is closed under derivability (i.e., $\mathcal{T} \vdash \phi$ implies $\phi \in \mathcal{T}$). A \mathcal{T} -*structure* is a \mathcal{V} -structure that validates every formula of \mathcal{T} .
- A formula ϕ is \mathcal{T} -*valid* (resp. \mathcal{T} -*satisfiable*) if every (resp. some) \mathcal{T} -structure validates ϕ . $\mathcal{T} \models \phi$ denotes the fact that ϕ is \mathcal{T} -valid.
- Other concepts regarding validity of first-order formulas are carried over to theories in the obvious way.

Definition

A subset $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{T}$ is called an *axiom set* for the theory \mathcal{T} when \mathcal{T} is the deductive closure of \mathcal{A} , i.e. $\psi \in \mathcal{T}$ iff $\mathcal{A} \vdash \psi$, or equivalently, iff $\vdash \psi$ can be derived in \mathcal{N}_{FOL} with an axiom-schema:

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \phi} \text{ if } \phi \in \mathcal{A}$$

First-order theories

Equality theory

The *theory of equality* \mathcal{T}_E for \mathcal{V} (which is assumed to have a binary equality predicate symbol “=”) has the following axiom set:

- *reflexivity*: $\forall x. x = x$
- *symmetry*: $\forall x, y. x = y \rightarrow y = x$
- *transitivity*: $\forall x, y, z. x = y \wedge y = z \rightarrow x = z$
- *congruence for function symbols*: for every $f \in \mathcal{F}$ with $\text{ar}(f) = n$,

$$\forall \bar{x}, \bar{y}. x_1 = y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_n = y_n \rightarrow f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f(y_1, \dots, y_n)$$

- *congruence for predicate symbols*: for every $P \in \mathcal{P}$ with $\text{ar}(P) = n$,

$$\forall \bar{x}, \bar{y}. x_1 = y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_n = y_n \rightarrow P(x_1, \dots, x_n) \rightarrow P(y_1, \dots, y_n)$$

Theorem

A sentence ϕ is valid in all normal structures (i.e. structures which interpret = as the equality relation over the interpretation domain) iff $\phi \in \mathcal{T}_E$.

Intuitionistic Logic

Proof systems for intuitionistic logic

Natural deduction systems

- Intuitionistic logic follows principles of “constructive reasoning”.
- The formulas of *intuitionistic propositional logic* (IPL) and *first-order intuitionistic logic* (IFOL) are those of PL and FOL respectively.
- The natural deduction systems \mathcal{N}_{IPL} and $\mathcal{N}_{\text{IFOL}}$ are defined simply by disallowing the *RAA* rule from the classical natural deduction systems \mathcal{N}_{PL} and \mathcal{N}_{FOL} respectively. (All notions defined for the latter systems carry over to the former systems.)
- An immediate consequence is that the theorems of \mathcal{N}_{IPL} (resp. $\mathcal{N}_{\text{IFOL}}$) are contained in those of \mathcal{N}_{PL} (resp. \mathcal{N}_{FOL}).
- \mathcal{N}_{IPL} and $\mathcal{N}_{\text{IFOL}}$ are sound and complete systems for IPL and IFOL respectively. Below is presented a semantics of IPL, called *Kripke semantics*.

Definition

A *Kripke structure* is a triple (W, \leq, I) s.t.:

- (W, \leq) is a non-empty poset (\leq is called the *accessibility relation*);
- I is a monotone map associating a set of propositional symbols to each element (*world*) of W , i.e. for any worlds w, w' , $w' \geq w$ implies $I(w) \subseteq I(w')$.

We let K range over Kripke structures and w, w' range over worlds of an intended Kripke structure.

Kripke semantics of intuitionistic propositional logic

Definition

Let $K = (W, \leq, I)$. K -validity is a relation between worlds and propositional formulas, denoted by \models_K , and inductively given by:

- $w \models_K p$ iff $p \in I(w)$;
- $w \not\models_K \perp$;
- $w \models_K A \wedge B$ iff $w \models_K A$ and $w \models_K B$;
- $w \models_K A \vee B$ iff $w \models_K A$ or $w \models_K B$;
- $w \models_K A \rightarrow B$ iff for all $w' \geq w$, $w' \models_K A$ implies $w' \models_K B$.

Definition

- A propositional formula A is said *intuitionistically valid* (notation: $\models_I A$) if $w \models_K A$ for all K, w .
- We say Γ intuitionistically entails A (or A is an *intuitionistic consequence* of Γ) when, for all K, w , if for all $B \in \Gamma$ $w \models_K B$, then $w \models_K A$.

Theorem (Adequacy)

$\Gamma \models_I A$ iff $\Gamma \vdash_{\mathcal{N}_{IPL}} A$.

Remark

- *The laws of excluded middle and double negation classically valid are not intuitionistically valid. If one adds one of them to \mathcal{N}_{IPL} as an axiom-schema, the theorems of the extended system are exactly those of \mathcal{N}_{PL} .*
- *Validity (and, equivalently, theoremhood) in IPL is decidable (but note that interdefinability of connectives no longer holds).*