

« Mathematical foundations: (2) Classical first-order logic »

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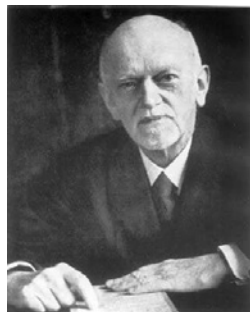
Formal logics

A formal logic consists of:

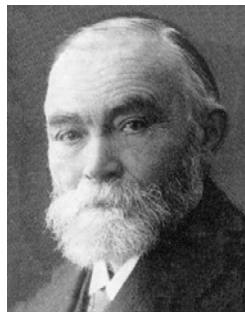
- a formal or informal language (formula expressing facts)
- a model-theoretic semantics (to define the meaning of the language, that is which facts are valid)
- a deductive system (made of axioms and inference rules to formally derive theorems, that is facts that are provable)



George Boole



David Hilbert



Gottlob Frege

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Questions about formal logics

The main questions about a formal logic are:

- The soundness of the deductive system: no provable formula is invalid
- The completeness of the deductive system: all valid formulæ are provable



Propositional classical logic



Classical propositional logic

- $X \in \mathcal{V}$ are variables denoting unknown true or false facts
- The set of formulae $\phi \in \mathcal{F}$ of the propositional logic are defined by the following grammar:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi ::= & X \\ & | (\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2) \\ & | (\neg\phi) \end{aligned}$$

- The relation “is a subformula of” is well founded, whence can be used for structural definitions and proofs



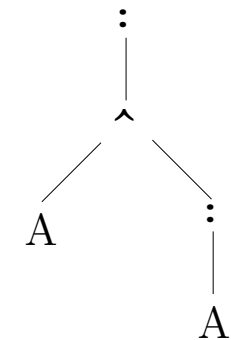
Syntax of the classical propositional logic



Example of formulae

- A is a variable whence a formula
- $(\neg A)$ is a formula since A is a formula
- $(A \wedge (\neg A))$ is a formula since A and $(\neg A)$ are formulae
- $(\neg(A \wedge (\neg A)))$ is a formula since $(A \wedge (\neg A))$ is a formula

The derivation tree of the formula is:



Abstract syntax

- In practice we avoid parentheses thanks to **priorities**:
 - \neg has highest priority (evaluated first)
 - \wedge has lowest priority (evaluated second)
 - \wedge is left associative (evaluation from left to right)

For example, $\neg A \wedge \neg B \wedge C$ stands for $(\neg A) \wedge (\neg B) \wedge C$ which stands for $((\neg A) \wedge (\neg B)) \wedge C$

- The **derivation tree** is given by the following abstract grammar: $\phi ::= X$

$$\begin{array}{l} | \phi_1 \wedge \phi_2 \\ | \neg \phi \end{array}$$



Free variables of propositional formulae

The set $FV(\phi)$ of free variables appearing in a formula ϕ is defined by structural induction as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} FV(X) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{X\} \\ FV(\neg\phi) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} FV(\phi) \\ FV(\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} FV(\phi_1) \cup FV(\phi_2) \end{aligned}$$



Propositional identities

Abbreviations (de Morgan laws)

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_1 \vee \phi_2 &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \neg(\neg\phi_1 \wedge \neg\phi_2) \\ \phi_1 \implies \phi_2 &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \neg\phi_1 \vee \phi_2 \\ \phi_1 \longleftarrow \phi_2 &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \phi_2 \implies \phi_1 \\ \phi_1 \iff \phi_2 &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\phi_1 \implies \phi_2) \wedge (\phi_1 \longleftarrow \phi_2) \\ \phi_1 \nabla \phi_2 &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\phi_1 \vee \phi_2) \wedge \neg(\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2) \end{aligned}$$



Semantics of the
propositional classical logic



Booleans

We define the booleans $\mathbb{B} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\text{tt}, \text{ff}\}$ and boolean operators by the following truth table:

$\overline{\&}$	tt	ff
tt	tt	ff
ff	ff	ff

\neg	
tt	ff
ff	tt

Tarskian/model-theoretic semantics of the classical propositional logic

The semantics² $\mathcal{S} \in \mathcal{F} \mapsto (\mathcal{V} \mapsto \mathbb{B}) \mapsto \mathbb{B}$ of a propositional formula ϕ assign a meaning $\mathcal{S}[\phi]\rho$ to the formula for any given environment ρ ³:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{S}[X]\rho &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \rho(X) \\ \mathcal{S}[\neg\phi]\rho &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \neg(\mathcal{S}[\phi]\rho) \\ \mathcal{S}[\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2]\rho &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{S}[\phi_1]\rho \overline{\&} \mathcal{S}[\phi_2]\rho\end{aligned}$$

² Also called an *interpretation* in logic

³ Hilbert used instead an arithmetic interpretation where 0 is true and 1 is false.

Environment/Assignment

- An environment¹ $\rho \in \mathcal{V} \mapsto \mathbb{B}$ assigns boolean values $\rho(X)$ to free propositional variables X .
- An example of assignment is $\rho = \{X \rightarrow \text{tt}, Y \rightarrow \text{ff}\}$ such that $\rho(X) = \text{tt}$, $\rho(Y) = \text{ff}$ and the value for all other propositional variables $Z \in \mathcal{V} \setminus \{X, Y\}$ is undefined

¹ Also called *assignment* in logic.

Models

ρ is a model of ϕ (or that ρ satisfies ϕ) if and only if:

$$\mathcal{S}[\phi]\rho = \text{tt}$$

which is written:

$$\rho \models \phi$$

Entailment

- A set $\Gamma \in \wp(\mathcal{F})$ of formulae **entails** ϕ whenever:

$$\forall \rho : (\forall \phi' \in \Gamma : \rho \Vdash \phi') \implies \rho \Vdash \phi$$

which is written:

$$\Gamma \Vdash \phi$$



Examples of tautologies

$P \implies P$	$(\neg(P \implies Q)) \implies P$
$(\neg\neg P) \implies P$	$(\neg(P \implies Q)) \implies (\neg\neg P)$
$P \implies (\neg\neg P)$	$(\neg(P \implies Q)) \implies \neg Q$
$P \implies (Q \implies P)$	$(P \implies \neg P) \implies (P \implies Q)$
$P \implies (Q \implies Q)$	$(P \implies Q) \implies (\neg Q \implies \neg P)$
$(\neg P \implies P) \implies P$	$(P \implies \neg Q) \implies (Q \implies \neg P)$
$P \implies (\neg P \implies Q)$	$(\neg P \implies \neg Q) \implies (Q \implies P)$
$\neg P \implies (P \implies Q)$	$(\neg P \implies \neg Q) \implies (\neg P \implies Q) \implies P$
$(\neg(P \implies P)) \implies Q$	$(\neg(P \implies Q)) \implies (Q \implies R)$
$P \implies (\neg(P \implies \neg P))$	$(\neg(P \implies Q)) \implies (\neg P \implies R)$
$(P \implies \neg P) \implies \neg P$	$(P \implies Q) \implies ((Q \implies R) \implies (P \implies R))$



Validity

- We say that ϕ is **valid** if and only if:

$$\forall \rho \in (\mathcal{V} \mapsto \mathbb{B}) : \mathcal{S}[\phi]\rho = \mathbf{tt}$$

which is written:

$$\Vdash \phi$$

(i.e. ϕ is a tautology, always true)



Satisfiability/Unsatisfiability

- A formula $\phi \in \mathcal{F}$ is **satisfiable** if and only if:

$$\exists \rho \in (\mathcal{V} \mapsto \mathbb{B}) : \mathcal{S}[\phi]\rho = \mathbf{tt}$$

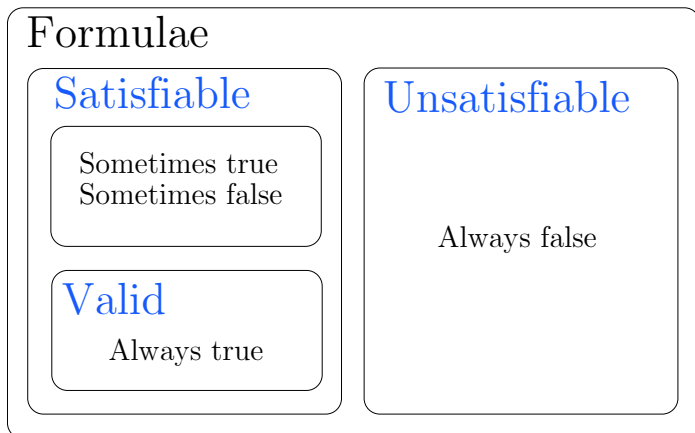
- A formula $\phi \in \mathcal{F}$ is **unsatisfiable** if and only if:

$$\forall \rho \in (\mathcal{V} \mapsto \mathbb{B}) : \mathcal{S}[\phi]\rho = \mathbf{ff}$$

(i.e. ϕ is a antilogy, always false)



Satisfiability/Validity/Unsatisfiability



Hilbert deductive system

– **Axiom schemata**⁴:

$$(1) \phi \vee \phi \implies \phi^5$$

$$(2) \phi \implies \phi' \vee \phi^6$$

$$(3) (\phi \implies \phi') \implies (\phi'' \vee \phi \implies \phi' \vee \phi'')^7$$

– **Inference rule schema**⁴:

$$(MP) \frac{\phi, \phi \implies \phi'}{\phi'}^8$$

modus ponens

⁴ to be instantiated for all possible formulae $\phi, \phi', \phi'' \in \mathcal{F}$

⁵ i.e. $\neg(\neg(\neg\phi \wedge \neg\phi)) \vee \phi$

⁶ i.e. $\neg(\neg\neg\phi \wedge \neg\neg(\neg\phi \wedge \neg\phi))$

⁷ i.e.; $\neg(\neg\phi \vee \phi') \vee (\neg(\phi'' \vee \phi) \vee (\phi' \vee \phi''))$ where $\phi_1 \vee \phi_2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \neg(\neg\phi_1 \vee \neg\phi_2)$

⁸ i.e. $\frac{\phi, \neg\phi \vee \phi'}{\phi'}$



Deductive system for the classical propositional logic

Hilbert derivation

– A **derivation** from a set $\Gamma \in \wp(\mathcal{F})$ of hypotheses is a finite nonempty sequence:

$$\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n \quad n \geq 0$$

of formulae such that for each $\phi_i, i = 1, \dots, n$, we have:

– ϕ_i is a element of Γ (hypothesis)

– ϕ_i is an axiom

– ϕ_i is the conclusion of an inference rule $\frac{\phi_i^1, \dots, \phi_i^k}{\phi_i}$ such

that $\{\phi_i^1, \dots, \phi_i^k\} \subseteq \{\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_{n-1}\}$ ⁹

⁹ So that the premises have already been proved.



Soundness of a deductive system

Provable formulae do hold:

$$\Gamma \vdash \phi \implies \Gamma \Vdash \phi$$

PROOF.

The proof for propositional logic is by induction on the length of the formal proof of ϕ from Γ .

A proof of length one, can only use a formula ϕ in Γ which is assumed to hold (i.e. $S[\phi]\rho = \text{tt}$) or an axiom that does hold as shown below.

$$\begin{aligned} & - S[\phi \vee \psi \implies \phi]\rho && \\ & = S[\neg(\neg(\neg\phi \wedge \neg\psi))]\rho && \text{def. } \vee \\ & = \neg(\neg(\neg(S[\phi]\rho) \&\neg(S[\psi]\rho))) && \text{def. } S \\ & = \neg(S[\phi]\rho) \&\neg(S[\psi]\rho) && \text{def. } \neg \\ & = \neg(\text{ff}) && \text{def. } \& \end{aligned}$$

Consistency of a deductive system

Absence of contradictory proofs

$$\neg(\exists \Gamma : \Gamma \vdash \phi \wedge \Gamma \vdash \neg\phi)$$

A sound deductive system is consistent.

PROOF.

By reduction ad absurdum assume inconsistency $\exists \Gamma : \Gamma \vdash \phi \wedge \Gamma \vdash \neg\phi$. By soundness $\Gamma \Vdash \phi \wedge \Gamma \Vdash \neg\phi$ whence for all ρ such that $\forall \phi' \in \Gamma : \rho \Vdash \phi'$, we have $S[\phi]\rho = \text{tt}$ and $S[\neg\phi]\rho = \text{tt} = \neg S[\phi]\rho = \neg \text{tt} = \text{ff}$ which is the desired contradiction since $\text{tt} \neq \text{ff}$. \square

$$= \text{tt} \qquad \text{def. } \neg$$

- The proof is similar for the other two axioms.

A proof of length $n + 1$, $n \geq 1$ is an initial proof $\phi_0, \dots, \phi_{n-1}$ of length n followed by a formula ϕ_n . By induction hypothesis, we have $S[\phi_i]\rho = \text{tt}$, $i = 1, \dots, n - 1$.

If $\phi_n \in \Gamma$ or ϕ_n is an axiom then $S[\phi_n]\rho = \text{tt}$ as shown above.

Otherwise, ϕ_n is derived by the modus ponens inference rule (MP). In that case, we have k , $0 \leq k < n$ such that $S[\phi_k]\rho = \text{tt}$ and $S[\phi_k \implies \phi_n]\rho = \text{tt}$ so $(S[\phi_k]\rho \implies S[\phi_n]\rho) = \text{tt}$ where the truth table of \implies is derived from the definition of \implies and that of \neg and \wedge as follows:

\implies	ff	tt
ff	tt	tt
tt	ff	tt

Since $S[\phi_k]\rho = \text{tt}$ the truth table of \implies shows than the only possibility for $(S[\phi_k]\rho \implies S[\phi_n]\rho) = \text{tt}$ is $S[\phi_n]\rho = \text{tt}$. \square

Negative normal form

A formula is in negative normal form iff it can be parsed by the following grammar:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi & ::= \phi \vee \psi \\ & \quad | \phi \wedge \psi \\ & \quad | \varphi \\ \varphi & ::= X \\ & \quad | \neg X \end{aligned}$$

Normalization in negative normal form

$$\begin{aligned}\text{nnf}(\neg\phi) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \overline{\text{nnf}}(\phi) \\ \text{nnf}(\phi_1 \vee \phi_2) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{nnf}(\phi_1) \vee \text{nnf}(\phi_2) \\ \text{nnf}(\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{nnf}(\phi_1) \wedge \text{nnf}(\phi_2) \\ \overline{\text{nnf}}(\neg\phi) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{nnf}(\phi) \\ \overline{\text{nnf}}(\phi_1 \vee \phi_2) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \overline{\text{nnf}}(\phi_1) \wedge \overline{\text{nnf}}(\phi_2) \\ \overline{\text{nnf}}(\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \overline{\text{nnf}}(\phi_1) \vee \overline{\text{nnf}}(\phi_2) \\ \text{nnf}(X) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} X \\ \overline{\text{nnf}}(X) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \neg X\end{aligned}$$



Conjunctive normal form

A formula is in **conjunctive normal form** iff it can be parsed by the following grammar:

$$\begin{aligned}\phi &::= \phi^\wedge \\ \phi^\wedge &::= \phi^\wedge \wedge \phi^\wedge \\ &| \phi^\vee \\ \phi^\vee &::= \phi^\vee \vee \phi^\vee \\ &| \varphi \\ \varphi &::= X \\ &| \neg X\end{aligned}$$



A formula ϕ is equivalent to its negative normal form $\text{nnf}(\phi)$ is that:

$$\vdash \phi \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \vdash \text{nnf}(\phi)$$



Normalization in conjunctive normal form

Any formula ϕ can be put in equivalent conjunctive normal form by applying the following transformations to $\text{nnf}(\phi)$:

$$\begin{aligned}\phi' \vee (\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2) &\rightsquigarrow (\phi' \wedge \phi_1) \vee (\phi' \wedge \phi_2) \\ (\phi_1 \vee \phi_2) \wedge \phi' &\rightsquigarrow (\phi_1 \vee \phi') \wedge (\phi_2 \vee \phi')\end{aligned}$$

A formula ϕ is equivalent to its conjunctive normal form ϕ^\wedge in that:

$$\vdash \phi \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \vdash \phi^\wedge$$



Completeness of a deductive system

Formulae which hold are provable:

$$\Gamma \models \phi \implies \Gamma \vdash \phi$$

The very first proof for propositional logic was given by Bernays (a student of Hilbert) [2]. The better known proof is that of Post [3].

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Classical first-order logic

Bernay's proof can be sketched as follows. Every formula is interderivable with its conjunctive normal form. A conjunction is provable if and only if each of its conjuncts is provable. A disjunction of propositional variables or negations of propositional variables if and only if it contains a variable and its negation, and conversely, every such disjunction is provable. So a formula is provable if and only if every conjunct in its normal form contains a variable and its negation. Now suppose that ϕ is a valid ($\models \phi$) but undervivable formula. Its conjunctive normal form ϕ^\wedge is also undervivable, so it must contain a conjunct ϕ' where every variable occurs only negated or unnegated but not both. If ϕ were added as a new axiom (so that $\models \phi$ implies soundness of the new deductive system), then ϕ^\wedge and ϕ' would also be derivable. By substituting X for every unnegated variable and $(\neg X)$ for every negated variable in ϕ' , we would obtain X as a derivable formula (after some simplification), and the system would be inconsistent, which is the desired contradiction.

Syntax of the classical first-order logic

Lexems

The lexems are the basic constituents of the formal language.

- **symbols**: $(, ,,), \wedge, \neg, \forall, \dots$
- **constants**: $a, b, \dots \in \mathcal{C}$ denote individual objects of the universe of discourse
- **variables**: $x, y, \dots \in \mathcal{V}$ denote unknown but fixed¹⁰ objects of the universe of discourse

¹⁰ Different instances of the same variable in a given scope of a formula always denote the same unknown individual object of the universe of discourse. This is not true of imperative computer programs.



Terms

Terms $t \in \mathcal{T}$ denote individual objects of the universe of discourse computed by applying functions to constants or variables:

$$\begin{array}{l} t ::= c \\ \quad | x \\ \quad | f \setminus n(t_1, \dots, t_n) \end{array}$$



- **function symbols**: $f \setminus n, g \setminus n, \dots \in \mathcal{F}^n$ denote functions of arity n . We let $\mathcal{F}^0 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{C}$ and $\mathcal{F} = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{F}^n$. For short we write f instead of $f \setminus n$ when the arity n is understood
- **relation symbols**: $r \setminus n, \rho \setminus n, \dots \in \mathcal{R}^n$ denote functions of arity n . We let $\mathcal{B} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\text{tt}, \text{ff}\}$ and $\mathcal{R} = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{R}^n$. For short we write r instead of $r \setminus n$ when the arity n is understood

Atomic formulæ

Atomic formulæ $A \in \mathcal{A}$ are used to state elementary facts about objects of the universe of discourse:

$$A ::= r \setminus n(t_1, \dots, t_n)$$

Example:

- z is a variable whence a term
- $* \setminus 2(+ \setminus 2(x, 1), y)$ is a term
- $\leq \setminus 2$ is a relation symbol whence $\leq \setminus 2(* \setminus 2(+ \setminus 2(x, 1), y), z)$ ¹¹ is an atomic formula

¹¹ written $((x + 1) * y) \leq z$ in infix form



First-order formulae

The set $\Phi \in \mathcal{L}$ of **first-order formulae** (of the first-order language \mathcal{L}) is defined by the following grammar

$$\begin{array}{l} \Phi ::= A \quad A \in \mathcal{A} \\ | \forall x : \Phi \quad x \in \mathcal{V} \\ | \Phi_1 \vee \Phi_2 \\ | \neg \Phi \end{array}$$

$\exists x : \Phi$ is a shorthand for $\neg(\forall x : (\neg \Phi))$



Free variables

Free variables are not bound by a quantifier:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{fv}(\forall x : \Phi) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{fv}(\Phi) \setminus \{x\} \\ \text{fv}(\Phi_1 \vee \Phi_2) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{fv}(\Phi_1) \cup \text{fv}(\Phi_2) \\ \text{fv}(\neg \Phi) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{fv}(\Phi) \\ \text{fv}(r \setminus n(t_1, \dots, t_n)) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \bigcup_{i=1}^n \text{fv}(t_i) \\ \text{fv}(c) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \emptyset \\ \text{fv}(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x\} \\ \text{fv}(f \setminus n(t_1, \dots, t_n)) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \bigcup_{i=1}^n \text{fv}(t_i) \end{array}$$



Bound variables

Bound variables appear under the scope of a quantifier:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{bv}(\forall x : \Phi) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x\} \cup \text{bv}(\Phi) \\ \text{bv}(\Phi_1 \vee \Phi_2) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{bv}(\Phi_1) \cup \text{bv}(\Phi_2) \\ \text{bv}(\neg \Phi) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{bv}(\Phi) \\ \text{bv}(r \setminus n(t_1, \dots, t_n)) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \emptyset \\ \text{bv}(c) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \emptyset \\ \text{bv}(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \emptyset \\ \text{bv}(f \setminus n(t_1, \dots, t_n)) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \emptyset \end{array}$$



Theories

- The set of **variables** of a formula is $\text{var}(\Phi) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{bv}(\Phi) \cup \text{fv}(\Phi)$
- A **closed sentence** (or **ground formula**) is a formula Φ with no free variable (so that $\text{fv}(\Phi) = \emptyset$)
- A **theory** is a set of closed sentences



Substitution

- Substitution is a syntactic replacement of a variable by a term, may be with appropriate renaming of bound variables, so as to avoid capturing the term free variables, as in

$$\exists x : x = y + 1[y := x]$$

$$\not\rightarrow \exists x : x = x + 1$$

but should be

$$\rightarrow \exists x' : x' = x + 1$$



Application of a substitution to a term

$$\sigma(c) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} c$$

$$\sigma(y) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} y \quad \text{iff } y \notin \text{dom}(\sigma)$$

$$\sigma(f(t_1, \dots, t_n)) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} f(\sigma(t_1), \dots, \sigma(t_n))$$

$$\sigma(r(t_1, \dots, t_n)) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} r(\sigma(t_1), \dots, \sigma(t_n))$$

$$\sigma(\neg\Phi) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \neg\sigma(\Phi)$$

$$\sigma(\Phi_1 \vee \Phi_2) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sigma(\Phi_1) \vee \sigma(\Phi_2)$$

$$\sigma(\forall x : \Phi) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \forall x' : \sigma(\Phi[x := x']) \quad \text{where}$$

$$x' \notin \text{yld}(\sigma) \cup (\text{fv}(\Phi) \setminus \{x\})$$



A substitution $\sigma \in \mathcal{V} \mapsto \mathcal{T}$ is a function from variables to terms with finite domain:

$$\text{dom}(\sigma) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x \in \mathcal{V} \mid x \neq \sigma(x)\} \quad (\text{finite domain})$$

$$\text{rng}(\sigma) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\sigma(x) \mid x \in \text{dom}(\sigma)\} \quad (\text{range})$$

$$\text{yld}(\sigma) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \bigcup \{\text{fv}(t) \mid t \in \text{rng}(\sigma)\} \quad (\text{yield})$$

We write σ as:

$$[x_1 \leftarrow \sigma(x_1), \dots, x_n \leftarrow \sigma(x_n)]$$

where $\text{dom}(\sigma) = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$.



Example of substitution in a term

$$(\exists x : x = y + 1)[y := x]$$

$$= \exists x' : ((x = y + 1)[x := x'])[y := x]$$

$$= \exists x' : ((x)[x := x'] = (y)[x := x'] + (1)[x := x'])[y := x]$$

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Semantics of the classical first-order logic

Environment/Assignment

- An environment/assignment $\rho \in \mathcal{V} \mapsto D_I$ assigns a value $\rho(x)$ to each variable $x \in \mathcal{V}$

Assignment notation: if $f \in A \mapsto B$, $a \in A$, $b \in B$ then $f[a := b] = f' \in A \mapsto B$ such that:

$$f'(a) = b \quad \text{i.e. } f[a := b](a) = b$$

$$f'(x) = f(x) \quad \text{whenever } x \neq a \text{ i.e. } f[a := b](x) = f(x)$$

Interpretation

An interpretation I is defined by:

- A domain of discourse D_I (or domain of interpretation)
- An interpretation $I[[f]] \in D_I^m \mapsto D_I$ for each function symbol $f \in \mathcal{F}^m$, $m \geq 0$ (including constants)
- An interpretation $I[[r]] \in D_I^m \mapsto \mathbb{B}$ for each relation symbol $r \in \mathcal{R}^m$, $m \geq 0$

Semantics of the first-order logic

Given an interpretation I , the semantics is:

$$\mathcal{S}^I[[t]] \in (\mathcal{V} \mapsto D_I) \mapsto D_I$$

$$\mathcal{S}^I[[c]]\rho \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} I[[c]]$$

$$\mathcal{S}^I[[x]]\rho \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \rho(x)$$

$$\mathcal{S}^I[[f(t_1, \dots, t_n)]]\rho \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} I[[f]](\mathcal{S}^I[[t_1]]\rho, \dots, \mathcal{S}^I[[t_n]]\rho)$$

$$S^I[[A]] \in (\mathcal{V} \mapsto D_I) \mapsto \mathbb{B}$$

$$S^I[[r(t_1, \dots, t_n)]]\rho \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} I[[r]](S^I[[t_1]]\rho, \dots, S^I[[t_n]]\rho)$$

$$S^I[[\Phi]] \in (\mathcal{V} \mapsto D_I) \mapsto \mathbb{B}$$

$$S^I[[\neg\Phi]]\rho \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \neg(S^I[[\Phi]]\rho)$$

$$S^I[[\Phi_1 \vee \Phi_2]]\rho \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} S^I[[\Phi_1]]\rho \vee S^I[[\Phi_2]]\rho$$

$$S^I[[\forall x : \Phi]]\rho \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \bigwedge_{v \in D_I} S^I[[\Phi]]\rho[x := v]$$

¹² If $S \subseteq \mathbb{B}$ then $\overline{\bigwedge} S \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (S \subseteq \{\text{tt}\})$.



Semantics of substitution

Assignment is the semantic counterpart of syntactic substitution:

$$S^I[[\sigma(\Phi)]]\rho = S^I[[\Phi]]\rho'$$

where $\forall x \in \mathcal{V} : \rho'(x) = S^I[[\sigma(x)]]\rho$



It follows that for the abbreviations, we have:

$$S^I[[\Phi_1 \implies \Phi_2]]\rho \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} S^I[[\Phi_1]]\rho \implies S^I[[\Phi_2]]\rho$$

$$S^I[[\exists x : \Phi]]\rho \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \overline{\bigvee}_{v \in D_I} S^I[[\Phi]]\rho[x := v]$$

where:

\implies	ff	tt	$\overline{\bigvee}$	ff	tt
ff	tt	tt	ff	ff	tt
tt	ff	tt	tt	tt	tt

and if $S \subseteq \mathbb{B}$ then $\overline{\bigvee} S \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (S \cap \{\text{tt}\} \neq \emptyset)$.



Lemma

If $x \notin \text{fv}[[t]]$ then

$$\forall \rho \in \mathcal{V} \mapsto D_I : \forall v \in D_I : S^I[[t]]\rho = S^I[[t]]\rho[x := v]$$

PROOF.

- The case $t = x$ is disallowed by $x \notin \text{fv}[[x]] = \{x\}$
- If $y \neq x$ then $x \notin \text{fv}[[y]] = \{y\}$ and $S^I[[y]]\rho = \rho(y) = \rho[x := v](y) = S^I[[y]]\rho[x := v]$
- $S^I[[f(t_1, \dots, t_n)]]\rho$
 $= I[[f]](S^I[[t_1]]\rho, \dots, S^I[[t_n]]\rho)$
 $= I[[f]](S^I[[t_1]]\rho[x := v], \dots, S^I[[t_n]]\rho[x := v])$ by induction hypothesis since $\forall i : x \notin \text{fv}[[t_i]]$
 $= S^I[[f(t_1, \dots, t_n)]]\rho[x := v]$
- $S^I[[r(t_1, \dots, t_n)]]\rho$
 $= I[[r]](S^I[[t_1]]\rho, \dots, S^I[[t_n]]\rho)$



$= I[r](S^I[t_1]\rho[x := v], \dots, S^I[t_n]\rho[x := v])$ by induction hypothesis since
 $\forall i : x \notin \text{fv}[t_i]$
 $= S^I[r(t_1, \dots, t_n)]\rho[x := v]$
 \square

$= S^I[r(t_1, \dots, t_n)]\rho'$
 proving that $\forall A : S^I[\sigma(A)]\rho = S^I[A]\rho'$
 - $S^I[\sigma(\neg\Phi)]\rho = S^I[\neg\sigma(\Phi)]\rho = \neg(S^I[\sigma(\Phi)]\rho) = \neg(S^I[\Phi]\rho') = S^I[\neg\Phi]\rho'$
 - $S^I[\sigma(\Phi_1 \vee \Phi_2)]\rho = S^I[\sigma(\Phi_1) \vee \sigma(\Phi_2)]\rho = S^I[\sigma(\Phi_1)]\rho \vee S^I[\sigma(\Phi_2)]\rho = S^I[\Phi_1]\rho' \vee S^I[\Phi_2]\rho' = S^I[\Phi_1 \vee \Phi_2]\rho'$
 - $S^I[\sigma(\forall x : \Phi)]\rho$
 $= S^I[\forall x' : \sigma(\Phi[x := x'])]\rho$
 $\quad \{ \text{where } x' \notin \text{yld}(\sigma) \cup (\text{fv}(\Phi) \setminus \{x\}) \}$
 $= S^I[\forall x' : \sigma([x \leftarrow x']^{13}(\Phi))]\rho$
 $= S^I[\forall x' : (\sigma \circ [x \leftarrow x'])^{14}(\Phi)]\rho$
 $= \bigwedge_{v \in D_I} S^I[(\sigma \circ [x \leftarrow x'])(\Phi)]\rho[x' := v]$
 $= \bigwedge_{v \in D_I} S^I[\phi](\lambda y. S^I[(\sigma \circ [x \leftarrow x'])(y)]\rho[x' := v])$ $\{ \text{by induction hypothesis} \}$

Proof of the theorem

PROOF.

By structural induction on formulae

- $S^I[\sigma(c)]\rho = S^I[c]\rho = I[c] = S^I[c]\rho'$
 - $S^I[\sigma(x)]\rho = \rho'(x) = S^I[x]\rho'$
 - $S^I[\sigma(f(t_1, \dots, t_n))]\rho$
 $= S^I[f(\sigma(t_1), \dots, \sigma(t_n))]\rho$
 $= I[f](S^I[\sigma(t_1)]\rho, \dots, S^I[\sigma(t_n)]\rho)$
 $= I[f](S^I[t_1]\rho', \dots, S^I[t_n]\rho')$
 $= S^I[f(t_1, \dots, t_n)]\rho'$

proving that $\forall t : S^I[\sigma(t)]\rho = S^I[t]\rho'$

- $S^I[\sigma(r(t_1, \dots, t_n))]\rho$
 $= S^I[r(\sigma(t_1), \dots, \sigma(t_n))]\rho$
 $= I[r](S^I[\sigma(t_1)]\rho, \dots, S^I[\sigma(t_n)]\rho)$
 $= I[r](S^I[t_1]\rho', \dots, S^I[t_n]\rho')$

$= \bigwedge_{v \in D_I} S^I[\phi](\lambda y. (y = x ? S^I[(\sigma \circ [x \leftarrow x'])(y)]\rho[x' := v] : S^I[(\sigma \circ [x \leftarrow x'])(y)]\rho[x' := v])^{15})$
 $= \bigwedge_{v \in D_I} S^I[\phi](\lambda y. (y = x ? S^I[\sigma(x')]\rho[x' := v] : S^I[\sigma(y)]\rho[x' := v]))$
 $= \bigwedge_{v \in D_I} S^I[\phi](\lambda y. (y = x ? S^I[x']\rho[x' := v] : S^I[\sigma(y)]\rho[x' := v]))$
 $\quad \{ \text{since } x' \notin \text{yld}(\sigma) \text{ so that } \sigma(x') = x' \}$
 $= \bigwedge_{v \in D_I} S^I[\phi](\lambda y. (y = x ? v : S^I[y]\rho'))$
 $\quad \{ \text{since}$
 $\quad - S^I[x']\rho[x' := v] = \rho[x' := v](x') = v$
 $\quad - x' \notin \text{yld}(\sigma) \text{ so that } x' \in \text{fv}[\sigma(y)] \text{ hence, by the lemma, } S^I[\sigma(y)]\rho[x' := v] = S^I[\sigma(y)]\rho = S^I[y]\rho' \text{ by induction hypothesis}$
 $\quad \}$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \overline{\bigwedge_{v \in D_I} \mathcal{S}^I[\phi](\lambda y. (y = x \ ? \ v : \rho'(y)))} \\
&= \overline{\bigwedge_{v \in D_I} \mathcal{S}^I[\phi](\rho'[x := v])} \\
&= \mathcal{S}^I[\forall x : \phi]\rho'
\end{aligned}$$

□

¹³ The function $[x \leftarrow x']$ is the substitution of x' for x

¹⁴ \circ is function composition $f \div \text{comp}g(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} f(g(x))$

¹⁵ The conditional is $(t \ ? \ a : b) = a$ and $(f \ ? \ a : b) = b$ and $(a \ ? \ b \ || \ c \ ? \ d : e) = (a \ ? \ b : (c \ ? \ d : e))$



Deduction system for first-order logic (H)

– Axioms (for all instances of formulae Φ , Φ' , Φ'' , variable x and term t):

- (1) $\Phi \vee \Phi \implies \Phi$
- (2) $\Phi \implies \Phi' \vee \Phi$
- (3) $(\Phi \implies \Phi') \implies (\Phi'' \vee \Phi \implies \Phi' \vee \Phi'')$
- (4) $\forall x : \Phi \implies \Phi[x := t]$
- (5) $(\forall x : \Phi \vee \Phi') \implies \Phi \vee \forall x : \Phi'$ when $x \notin \text{fv}(\Phi)$



Deductive system for the classical first-order logic

– Inference rules (for all instances of formulae Φ , Φ' and variable x):

$$\text{(MP)} \quad \frac{\Phi, \Phi \implies \Phi'}{\Phi'} \quad \text{Modus Ponens}$$

$$\text{(Gen)} \quad \frac{\Phi}{\forall x : \Phi} \quad \text{Generalization}$$



Example 1 of proof

$$\Phi[x := t] \implies \neg \forall x : \neg \Phi \quad (\text{i.e. } \exists x : \Phi)$$

PROOF. (assuming tautologies for short)

- (a) $\forall x : \neg \Phi \implies (\neg \Phi)[x := t]$ {instance of (4)}
 - (b) $(\Phi \implies \Phi') \implies (\neg \Phi' \implies \neg \Phi)$ {contraposition tautology}
 - (b') $(\forall x : \neg \Phi \implies (\neg \Phi)[x := t]) \implies \neg((\neg \Phi)[x := t]) \implies \neg \forall x : \neg \Phi$ {tautology, instance of (b)}
 - (c) $\neg((\neg \Phi)[x := t]) \implies \neg \forall x : \neg \Phi$ {(a), (b') and (MP)}
 - (c') $\neg \neg(\Phi[x := t]) \implies \neg \forall x : \neg \Phi$ {def. substitution}
 - (d) $(\neg \neg \Phi \implies \neg \Phi') \implies (\Phi \implies \neg \Phi')$ {tautology}
 - (d') $(\neg \neg(\Phi[x := t]) \implies \neg \forall x : \neg \Phi) \implies (\Phi[x := t] \implies \neg \forall x : \neg \Phi)$ {tautology}
 - (e) $\Phi[x := t] \implies \neg \forall x : \neg \Phi$ {(c), (d') and (MP)}
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- (i) $(\Phi \implies \neg \neg \Phi') \implies (\Phi \implies \Phi')$ {tautology}
 - (i') $(\neg \forall x : \neg \Phi \implies \neg \neg \Phi') \implies (\neg \forall x : \neg \Phi \implies \Phi')$ {tautology, instance of (i)}
 - (j) $\neg \forall x : \neg \Phi \implies \Phi'$ {(h), (i') and (MP)}
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Example 2 of proof

$$\{\Phi \implies \Phi'\} \vdash \neg \forall x : \neg \Phi \implies \Phi' \quad \text{when } x \notin \text{fv}(\Phi')$$

PROOF. (assuming tautologies for short)

- (a) $\Phi \implies \Phi'$ {hypothesis}
- (b) $(\Phi \implies \Phi') \implies (\neg \Phi' \implies \neg \Phi)$ {contraposition tautology}
- (c) $\neg \Phi' \implies \neg \Phi$ {(a), (b) and (MP)}
- (c') $\neg \neg \Phi' \vee \neg \Phi$ {def. abbreviation \implies }
- (d) $\forall x : (\neg \neg \Phi' \vee \neg \Phi)$ {(c'), (Gen)}
- (e) $\neg \neg \Phi' \vee \forall x : \neg \Phi$ {(d), (5), $x \notin \text{fv}(\neg \neg \Phi') = \text{fv}(\Phi')$ }
- (f) $\neg \Phi' \implies \forall x : \neg \Phi$ {def. abbreviation \implies }
- (g) $(\neg \Phi' \implies \forall x : \neg \Phi) \implies (\neg \forall x : \neg \Phi \implies \neg \neg \Phi')$ {contraposition tautology}
- (h) $\neg \forall x : \neg \Phi \implies \neg \neg \Phi'$ {(f), (g) and (MP)}

Extension of the deduction system (H) for first-order logic

These theorems are often incorporated to the deductive system as an axiom

$$\Phi[x := t] \implies \exists x : \Phi$$

and a generalization rule:

$$\frac{\Phi \implies \Phi'}{(\exists x : \Phi) \implies \Phi'} \quad \text{when } x \notin \text{fv}(\Phi)$$

Logical equivalences involving quantifiers and negations

- $\neg \forall x : \Phi \iff \exists x : \neg \Phi$ De Morgan laws
- $\neg \exists x : \Phi \iff \forall x : \neg \Phi$
- $(\forall x : \Phi \wedge \forall x : \Phi) \iff \forall x : (\Phi \wedge \Phi')$
- $(\exists x : \Phi \vee \exists x : \Phi) \iff \exists x : (\Phi \vee \Phi')$
- $(\Phi \implies \Phi') \iff (\exists x : \Phi \implies \Phi')$ when $x \notin \text{fv}(\Phi')$
- $(\Phi \implies \Phi') \iff (\Phi \implies \forall x : \Phi')$ when $x \notin \text{fv}(\Phi')$
- $\forall x : (\Phi \vee \Phi') \iff (\forall x : \Phi) \vee \Phi'$ when $x \notin \text{fv}(\Phi')$
- $\exists x : (\Phi \wedge \Phi') \iff (\exists x : \Phi) \wedge \Phi'$ when $x \notin \text{fv}(\Phi')$
- $\Phi \iff \forall x : \Phi$ when $x \notin \text{fv}(\Phi')$
- $\Phi \iff \exists x : \Phi$ when $x \notin \text{fv}(\Phi')$

- The Hilbert style **deductive system** (H) is **not decidable** [5].
- Proofs cannot be fully automated: there is no terminating algorithm that, given a first-order formula Φ as input, returns true whenever Φ is classically valid.

Reference

- [5] Kurt Gödel. "Über Formal Unentscheidbare Sätze der Principia Mathematica und Verwandter Systeme, I". *Monatshefte für Mathematik und Physik* 38, 173–198, 1931.

Properties of the deduction system (H) for first-order logic

- The Hilbert style **deductive system** (H) is **sound**, consistent, compact¹⁶ and **complete** [4] for the first-order logic.

Reference

- [4] Kurt Gödel. "Die Vollständigkeit der Axiome des logischen Funktionen-kalküls", *Monatshefte für Mathematik und Physik* 37 (1930), 349-360.

¹⁶ $\Gamma \vdash \Phi$ if and only if $\Gamma' \vdash \Phi$ for a finite subset Γ' of Γ .

The theory axiomatizing equality

Writing $= \setminus 2(A, B)$ as $A = B$, the theory axiomatizing equality is first-order logic plus the following axioms:

- $\forall x : x = x$ reflexivity
- $\forall x : \forall y : (x = y) \implies (y = x)$ symmetry
- $\forall x_1 : \dots \forall x_n : \forall y_1 : \dots \forall y_n : (x_1 = y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_n = y_n) \implies (f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f(y_1, \dots, y_n))$ Leibnitz functional congruence
- $\forall x_1 : \dots \forall x_n : \forall y_1 : \dots \forall y_n : (x_1 = y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_n = y_n) \implies (r(x_1, \dots, x_n) = r(y_1, \dots, y_n))$ Leibnitz relational congruence
- $\forall x : \forall y : \forall z : (x = y \wedge y = z) \implies (x = z)$ transitivity

Peano arithmetic [6]

- Constant symbols: 0
- Functional symbols: s (sucessor), $+$, \times
- Relation symbols: $=$, \leq
- Axioms:
 - $\forall x : x = x$ reflexivity
 - $\forall x : \forall y : (x = y) \implies (y = x)$ symmetry
 - $\forall x : \forall y : \forall z : (x = y \wedge y = z) \implies (x = z)$ transitivity



- $\forall x : x \times 0 = 0$ def. multiplication
- $\forall x : \forall y : x \times s(y) = (x \times y) + x$
- $((\Phi)[x := 0] \wedge (\forall x : \Phi \implies (\Phi)[x := s(x)])) \implies (\forall x : \Phi)$ recurrence (for all instances of Φ)

Reference

[6] Giuseppe Peano. Arithmetices principia, nova methodo exposita. Augustae Taurinorum, Ed. Fratres Bocca, 1889. – XVI, 20 p.



- $\forall x : \forall y : (x = y) \implies (s(x) = s(y))$ congruence
- $\forall x : \forall y : \forall z : \forall t : (x = z \wedge t = t) \implies (x + y = z + t)$
- $\forall x : \forall y : \forall z : \forall t : (x = z \wedge t = t) \implies (x \times y = z \times t)$
- $\forall x : \forall y : \forall z : \forall t : (x = z \wedge t = t) \implies (x \leq y = z \leq t)$
- $\forall x : (x = 0) \vee (\exists y : x = s(y))$ every natural but 0 is a successor
- $\forall x : \neg(s(x) = 0)$ 0 is not a successor
- $\forall x : \forall y : (s(x) = s(y)) \implies (x = y)$ s is injective so every nonzero natural has a unique predecessor
- $\forall x : x + 0 = x$ def. addition
- $\forall x : \forall y : s + s(y) = s(x + y)$



Non standard integers

This axiomatization formalizes natural numbers but does not exclude “non standard models” of the form:

0 1 2 3 -2^0 -1^0 0^0 1^0 2^0 ... -2^1 -1^1 0^1 1^1 2^1
 ... -2^2 -1^2 0^2 1^2 2^2

Excluded by the second-order logic induction axiom¹⁷:

$$\forall P : (P(0) \wedge (\forall x : P(x) \implies P(s(x)))) \implies \forall x : P$$

¹⁷ The difference is that there is a denumerable infinity of instances of Φ while there can be a non-denumerable infinity of P s, see G.S. Boolos and R.C. Jeffrey, “Computability and Logic”, Cambridge University Press, 1974, 1980, 1989, Section 17, pp.193-195.



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