Logic - Tutorial 8

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Semantic tableaux - Decomposition rules Prolongation rules (α -rules) and ramification rules (β -rules)

α	α_1	α_2
$A_1 \wedge A_2$	A_1	A_2
$\neg (A_1 \lor A_2)$	$\neg A_1$	$\neg A_2$
$\neg (A_1 \Rightarrow A_2)$	A_1	$\neg A_2$
$\neg (A_1 \Leftarrow A_2)$	$\neg A_1$	A_2

β	β_1	β_2
$B_1 \vee B_2$	B_1	B_2
$\neg (B_1 \wedge B_2)$	$\neg B_1$	$\neg B_2$
$B_1 \Rightarrow B_2$	B_1	$\neg B_2$
$B_1 \leftarrow B_2$	$\neg B_1$	B_2

Generative rule (γ -rule) and exemplification rule (δ – rule).

γ	$\gamma(a)$	
$\forall x A(x)$	$\forall x A(x), A(c)$	
$\neg \exists x A(x)$	$\neg \exists x A(x), \neg A(c)$	

δ	$\delta(a)$
$\exists x A(x)$	A(a)
$\neg \forall x A(x)$	$\neg A(a)$

The choice of constant *c* is free but *a* must be a fresh constant.

Construction of a semantic tableaux

Init: root is labelled $\{A\}$; it is an unmarked leaf. *Induction step*: select an unmarked leaf I labelled U(I).

- If U(I) is a literal set :
 - if U(I) contains a complementary pair, then mark I as closed 'X';

- If U(I) is not a literal set, select a non-literal formula in U(I):
 - If it is an α -formula A, generate a child node I' and label it with

$$U(I') = (U(I) - \{A\}) \cup \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2\};$$

• if it is a β -formula B, generate two child nodes I' and I''; their labels respectively are

$$U(I') = (U(I) - \{B\}) \cup \{\beta_1\}$$

$$U(I'') = (U(I) - \{B\}) \cup \{\beta_2\}.$$

• If it is a γ -formula C, create a single child I' and label it with

$$U(I') = U(I) \cup \gamma(c)$$

where c is a constant occurring in U(I) (if any).

• If it is a δ -formula D, create a single child I' and label it with

$$U(I') = (U(I) - D) \cup \delta(a)$$

where a is a fresh constant, not occurring in U(I).



Termination : occurs when each leaf is either closed, or contains only literals and fully instantiated $\gamma\text{-formulas};$ such a leaf can be marked open. The $\gamma\text{-rule}$ may prevent termination.

Construction strategy

Two conditions must be fulfilled.

- Every non literal formula on an open branch is decomposed on this branch.
- For each γ -formula A and each constant a occurring on an open-branch, an a-instantiation of A occurs on the branch.

Exercise 1

What is the link (in terms of logical consequences) between the following formulas?

- \bigcirc p(x) and $\exists x p(x)$
- $\forall x p(x) \lor \forall x q(x) \text{ and } \forall x (p(x) \lor q(x))$

1)
$$A \triangleq p(x)$$
 and $B \triangleq \forall x p(x)$

$$A \not\models B$$

Indeed if we have \mathcal{I} such that:

- $D = \{x, b\}$
- $I_c[p(x)] = T$
- $I_c[p(b)] = F$

then $\mathcal{I}[A] = T$ and $\mathcal{I}[B] = F$

$$B \models A$$

To clarify the development, let's change x by a in A.

Then, if $\mathcal{I}[\forall x \, p(x)] = T$, $\mathcal{I}[p(x)] = T$ for all x and in particular for a.



2)
$$A \triangleq p(x)$$
 and $B \triangleq \exists p(x)$

$$A \models B$$

 $\overline{\text{To clar}}$ ify the development, let's change x by a in A.

Then, if $\mathcal{I}[p(a)] = T$, as $\mathcal{I}[\exists x \, p(x)] = T$ if there exists one x such that $\mathcal{I}[p(x)] = T$, $\mathcal{I}[B] = T$.

$$B \not\models A$$

Let $\mathcal{I} = (D, I_c, I_v)$ be an interpretation such that:

- $D = \mathbb{N}$
- $I_c[p] \rightarrow$ even predicate
- $I_{v}[x] = 3$

then I[B] = T but I[A] = F



3)
$$A \triangleq \forall x \, p(x) \land \forall x \, q(x) \text{ and } B \triangleq \forall x \, [p(x) \land q(x)]$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \underline{A} \models \underline{B} \\ \overline{\text{If } \mathcal{I}[\forall x \, p(x) \land \forall x \, q(x)]} = \mathcal{T}, \text{ it means that for any } d' \in D, \\ \mathcal{I}_{x/d'}[p(x)] = \mathcal{T} \text{ and for all } d'' \in D, \, \mathcal{I}_{x/d''}[q(x)] = \mathcal{T}. \\ d' \text{ and } d'' \text{ both covering the whole of } D, \text{ we thus have than for any } d \in D, \\ \mathcal{I}_{x/d}[p(x) \land q(x)] = \mathcal{T} \text{ and thus } \mathcal{I}[B] = \mathcal{T} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \underline{B} \models A \\ \overline{\text{If } \mathcal{I}[\forall x} \left[p(x) \land q(x) \right] \right] = T \text{, it means that for any } d \in D, \\ \mathcal{I}_{x/d}[p(x) \land q(x)] = T \text{ and therefore } \mathcal{I}_{x/d}[p(x)] = T \text{ and } \mathcal{I}_{x/d}[q(x)] = T. \\ \overline{\text{If } \mathcal{I}_{x/d}[p(x)]} = T \text{ for all } d \in D, \text{ then } \mathcal{I}[\forall x \, p(x)] = T. \\ \overline{\text{Similarly we have that }} \mathcal{I}[\forall x \, q(x)] = T \text{ and therefore }} \mathcal{I}[A] = T. \end{array}$$

We therefore have that $A \leftrightarrow B$.

4)
$$A \triangleq \forall x \, p(x) \vee \forall x \, q(x) \text{ and } B \triangleq \forall x \, (p(x) \vee q(x))$$

$B \not\models A$

1st counter-example

$$\overline{D=\{a,b\}}$$

$$I_c[p(a)] = T$$

$$I_c[p(b)] = F$$

$$I_c[q(a)] = F$$

$$I_{c}[q(b)] = T$$

2nd counter-example

$$\overline{D} = \mathbb{N}$$

 $I_c[p] \rightarrow \text{even predicate}$

 $I_c[q] \rightarrow \text{odd predicate}$

$$A \models B$$

For any \mathcal{I} , if $\mathcal{I}[\forall x \, p(x) \vee \forall x \, q(x)] = \mathcal{T}$, we have:

• $\mathcal{I}[\forall x \, p(x)] = T \text{ or } \mathcal{I}[\forall x \, q(x)] = T$

Each interpretation makes $\forall x \, p(x)$ or $\forall x \, q(x)$ true.

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Case 1: } \mathcal{I}[\forall x\, p(x)] = T \\ \hline \text{This means that for any } d, \, \mathcal{I}_{x/d}[p(x)] = T. \\ \hline \text{Therefore } \mathcal{I}_{x/d}[\forall x\, p(x) \vee q(x)] = T \text{ for any } d \text{ and } \mathcal{I}[B] = T. \end{array}$$

Case 2:
$$\mathcal{I}[\forall x \, p(x)] = T$$

Idem then case 1.

5)
$$A \triangleq \forall x \forall y \ p(x, y) \text{ and } B \triangleq \forall x \forall y \ p(y, x)$$

We can just rename x to y and y to x in B and then we directly have that $A \leftrightarrow B$ as $\forall x \forall y \phi \leftrightarrow \forall y \forall x \phi$.

Exercise 2

What is the link between the following formulas?

- $B \triangleq \exists x \, P(x) \Rightarrow \forall x \, Q(x)$

Need reminder on formula changes and also maybe on simplification procedure

$$A \triangleq \forall x \, P(x) \Rightarrow \forall x \, Q(x) \tag{1}$$

$$\leftrightarrow \forall x \, P(x) \Rightarrow \forall y \, Q(y) \tag{2}$$

$$\leftrightarrow \neg(\forall x \, P(x)) \vee \forall y \, Q(y) \tag{3}$$

$$\leftrightarrow \exists x \, \neg P(x) \, \lor \, \forall y \, Q(y) \tag{4}$$

$$\leftrightarrow \exists x \, \forall y \, [\neg P(x) \vee Q(y)] \tag{5}$$

$$\leftrightarrow \exists x \,\forall y \, [P(x) \Rightarrow Q(y)] \tag{6}$$

- (2) Renaming quantified x
- (4) $\neg \forall x \, p(x) \leftrightarrow \exists x \neg p(x)$
- (5) $\exists x \ p(x) \lor \forall y \ q(y) \leftrightarrow \exists x \ \forall y \ [p(x) \lor q(y)]$

$$B \triangleq \exists x \, P(x) \Rightarrow \forall x \, Q(x) \tag{1}$$

$$\leftrightarrow \exists x \, P(x) \Rightarrow \forall y \, Q(y) \tag{2}$$

$$\leftrightarrow \neg(\exists x \, P(x)) \vee \forall y \, Q(y) \tag{3}$$

$$\leftrightarrow \forall x \neg P(x) \lor \forall y \ Q(y) \tag{4}$$

$$\leftrightarrow \forall x \,\forall y \, [\neg P(x) \vee Q(y)] \tag{5}$$

$$\leftrightarrow \forall x \,\forall y \, [P(x) \Rightarrow Q(y)] \tag{6}$$

(5)
$$\forall x \, p(x) \vee \forall y \, q(y) \leftrightarrow \forall x \, \forall y \, [p(x) \vee q(y)]$$

Let's denote $R(x) = \forall y [P(x)) \Rightarrow Q(y)]$, we then have $A \leftrightarrow \exists x R(x)$ and $B \leftrightarrow \forall x R(x)$. As we know that $\forall x p(x) \models \exists x p(x)$ and $\exists x p(x) \models \forall x p(x)$, we have $B \models A$ and $A \models B$.



$$C \triangleq \forall x \, P(x) \Rightarrow \exists x \, Q(x) \tag{1}$$

$$\leftrightarrow \forall x \, P(x) \Rightarrow \exists y \, Q(y) \tag{2}$$

$$\leftrightarrow \neg(\forall x \, P(x)) \vee \exists y \, Q(y) \tag{3}$$

$$\leftrightarrow \exists x \neg P(x) \lor \exists y \ Q(y) \tag{4}$$

$$\leftrightarrow \exists x \neg P(x) \lor \exists y \ Q(y) \tag{5}$$

$$\leftrightarrow \exists x \,\exists y \, [\neg P(x) \vee Q(y)] \tag{6}$$

$$\leftrightarrow \exists x \,\exists y \, [P(x) \Rightarrow Q(y)] \tag{7}$$

(6)
$$\exists x \, p(x) \vee \exists y \, q(y) \leftrightarrow \exists x \, \exists y \, [p(x) \vee q(y)]$$

Looking at A and C, we can see that $A \models C$ and $C \not\models A$. We therefore also have $B \models C$ (as $B \models A$ and $A \models C$). And finally, $C \not\models B$ because if it was not the case, $A \models C \models B$ which is not the case.

$$B \triangleq \exists x \, P(x) \Rightarrow \forall x \, Q(x) \tag{1}$$

$$\leftrightarrow \neg(\exists x \, P(x)) \, \lor \, \forall x \, Q(x) \tag{2}$$

$$\leftrightarrow \forall x \neg P(x) \lor \forall x \ Q(x) \tag{3}$$

$$\models \forall x \left[\neg P(x) \lor Q(x) \right] \tag{4}$$

$$\leftrightarrow \forall x \left[P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x) \right] \tag{5}$$

$$\leftrightarrow D$$
 (6)

(4)
$$\forall x \, p(x) \vee \forall x \, q(x) \models \forall x \, [p(x)) \vee q(x)]$$

Therefore $B \models D$ and $D \not\models B$.

$A \not\models D$

 $\overline{\text{Counter-example:}} \ \mathcal{I} \ \text{with:}$

- $\mathcal{D} = \{a, b\}$
- $I_c[P(a)] = T$
- $I_c[P(b)] = F$
- $I_c[Q(a)] = F$
- $I_c[Q(b)] = T$

$$D \models A$$

 $\overline{\text{If }\mathcal{I}[C]}=F$ for any interpretation \mathcal{I} , then $\mathcal{I}_{x/d}[P(x)]=T$ and $\mathcal{I}_{x/d}[Q(x)]=F$ for each $d\in\mathcal{D}$.

Thus for each $d \in \mathcal{D}$, $\mathcal{I}_{x/d}[P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x)] = F$ and thus $\mathcal{I}[D] = F$

We therefore also have $D \models C$ (as $D \models A$ and $A \models C$).

And finally, $C \not\models D$ because if it was not the case, $A \models C \models D$ which is not the case.

Exercise 3

What is the link between the following formulas?

$$A \triangleq \forall x \exists y [P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x, y)] \tag{1}$$

$$\leftrightarrow \forall x [\forall y \ P(x) \Rightarrow \exists y \ Q(x,y)] \tag{2}$$

$$\leftrightarrow \forall x [P(x) \Rightarrow \exists y \ Q(x,y)] \tag{3}$$

$$\leftrightarrow B$$
 (4)

(2):
$$\exists x (A(x) \Rightarrow B(x)) \leftrightarrow \forall x A(x) \Rightarrow \exists x B(x)$$

$$B \models C \text{ and } C \not\models B$$

 $B \not\models D, D \models B$

Exercise 4

What is the link between the following formulas?

We are going to use the relation:

$$\exists x (A(x) \Rightarrow B(x)) \leftrightarrow \forall x A(x) \Rightarrow \exists x B(x).$$

$$\alpha \triangleq \exists x \, \exists y \, \exists z \, [P(x,y) \Rightarrow [Q(x,z) \Rightarrow R(y,z)]] \tag{1}$$

$$\leftrightarrow \exists x \,\exists y \ [\forall z \, P(x,y) \Rightarrow \exists z \, [Q(x,z) \Rightarrow R(y,z)]] \tag{2}$$

$$\leftrightarrow \exists x \,\exists y \ [P(x,y) \Rightarrow [\forall z \, Q(x,z) \Rightarrow \exists z \, R(y,z)]] \tag{3}$$

$$\leftrightarrow \beta$$
 (4)

$$\leftrightarrow \exists x \ [\forall y \ P(x,y) \Rightarrow \exists y \ [\forall z \ Q(x,z) \Rightarrow \exists z \ R(y,z)]]$$
 (5)

$$\leftrightarrow \exists x \ [\forall y \ P(x,y) \Rightarrow [\forall z \ Q(x,z) \Rightarrow \exists y \exists z \ R(y,z)]]$$
 (6)

$$\leftrightarrow \forall x \forall y \ P(x,y) \Rightarrow \exists x \left[\forall z \ Q(x,z) \Rightarrow \exists y \exists z \ R(y,z) \right] \tag{7}$$

$$\leftrightarrow \forall x \forall y \ P(x,y) \Rightarrow [\forall x \forall z \ Q(x,z) \Rightarrow \exists y \exists z \ R(y,z)$$
 (8)

$$\leftrightarrow \gamma$$
 (9)

Exercise 5

What can you say about the following inference rule?

$$\frac{H \Rightarrow \forall x A(x), H \Rightarrow \exists x \left[A(x) \Rightarrow \forall y B(x, y) \right]}{H \Rightarrow \exists x \forall y B(x, y)}$$

We have 2 possibilities for H:

- If $\mathcal{I}[H] = F$, then the rule is correct.
- If $\mathcal{I}[H] = T$, then the rule becomes:

$$\frac{\forall x A(x), \exists x \left[A(x) \Rightarrow \forall y B(x, y) \right]}{\exists x \forall y B(x, y)}$$

We have that $\exists x [A(x) \Rightarrow \forall y B(x,y)] \leftrightarrow \forall x A(x) \Rightarrow \exists x \forall y B(x,y).$

If we set $A' = \forall x \, A(x)$ and $B' = \exists x \forall y \, B(x,y)$, then the rule is equivalent to:

 $\frac{A',A'\Rightarrow B'}{B'}$

which is the Modus Ponens rule (see slide 72 of course) and therefore the rule is true.

Exercise 6

Using the semantic tableaux method, determine whether the following formulas are valid, consistent or inconsistent.

1) $\forall y [p(y) \Rightarrow \forall x p(x)]$ $\forall y [p(y) \Rightarrow \forall x p(x)], p(a) \Rightarrow \forall x p(x)$ $\forall y [p(y) \Rightarrow y x p(x)], \neg p(a)$ $\forall y [p(y) \Rightarrow y x p(x)], \forall x p(x)$ $\forall y [p(y) \Rightarrow \forall x p(x)], \forall x p(x), p(a)$

The formula is consistent.

The first constant *a* is chosen freely as there is no constant in the set initially.

The second time, we instantiate in a, we do so to confirm the condition that each γ -formula on the branch has been instantiated for a.

Let's analyze the negated formula:

$$\neg \forall y [p(y) \Rightarrow \forall x p(x)]$$

$$| \exists y \neg [p(y) \Rightarrow \forall x p(x)]$$

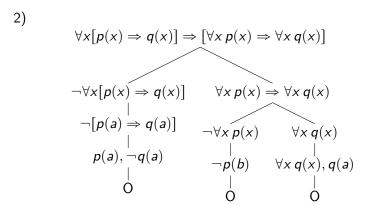
$$| \neg [p(a) \Rightarrow \forall x p(x)]$$

$$| p(a), \neg \forall x p(x)$$

$$| p(a), \exists \neg x p(x)$$

$$| p(a), \neg p(b)$$

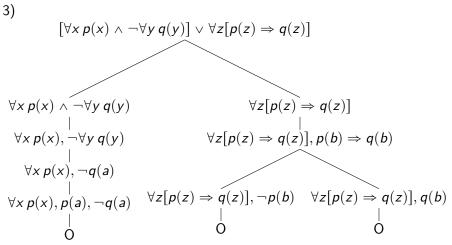
The formula is not valid.



The formula is consistent.

$$\neg \{ \forall x [p(x) \Rightarrow q(x)] \Rightarrow [\forall x p(x) \Rightarrow \forall x q(x)] \}
\forall x [p(x) \Rightarrow q(x)], \neg [\forall x p(x) \Rightarrow \forall x q(x)]
\forall x [p(x) \Rightarrow q(x)], \forall x p(x), \neg \forall x q(x)]
\forall x [p(x) \Rightarrow q(x)], \forall x p(x), \neg q(a)]
\forall x [p(x) \Rightarrow q(x)], p(a) \Rightarrow q(a), \forall x p(x), p(a), \neg q(a)]
\dots, p(a), \neg p(a) \dots, q(a), \neg q(a)
X$$

The formula is valid



The formula is consistent.

The formula is not valid.

4) Consistent but not valid

Exercise 7

Consider the following inference rules:

1)
$$\frac{\forall x A \quad \forall x (A \Rightarrow B)}{\forall x B}$$
 2) $\frac{\exists x A \quad \forall x (A \Rightarrow B)}{\exists x B}$

3)
$$\frac{\exists x A \quad \exists x (A \Rightarrow B)}{\exists x B}$$
 4) $\frac{\forall x A \quad \exists x (A \Rightarrow B)}{\exists x B}$

Are they correct?

If not, do they become correct if one adds restrictions on the occurences of the variable x within A and/or B? Motivate your answers.

1) Let's see if the set $\{ \forall x A, \forall x (A \Rightarrow B), \neg \forall x B \}$ is inconsistent.

$$\forall x \, A(x), \forall x (A(x) \Rightarrow B(x)), \neg \forall x \, B(x)$$

$$\forall x \, A(x), \forall x (A(x) \Rightarrow B(x)), \neg B(a)$$

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$$\forall x \, A(x), A(a), \forall x (A(x) \Rightarrow B(x)), A(a) \Rightarrow B(a), \neg B(a)$$

$$\forall x \, A(x), A(a), \forall x (A(x) \Rightarrow B(x)), \neg A(a), B(a), \neg B(a)$$

The set is inconsistent, therefore the rule is correct.

2) Let's see if the set $\{\exists x A, \forall x (A \Rightarrow B), \neg \exists x B\}$ is inconsistent.

$$\exists x \, A(x), \forall x (A(x) \Rightarrow B(x)), \neg \exists x \, B(x)$$

$$| A(a), \forall x (A(x) \Rightarrow B(x)), \forall \neg B(x)$$

$$| A(a), \forall x (A(x) \Rightarrow B(x)), A(a) \Rightarrow B(a), \forall \neg B(x), \neg B(a)$$

$$| A(a), \forall x (A(x) \Rightarrow B(x)), \neg A(a), B(a), \forall \neg B(x), \neg B(a)$$

$$| X(a), \forall x (A(x) \Rightarrow B(x)), \neg A(a), B(a), \forall \neg B(x), \neg B(a)$$

The set is inconsistent, therefore the rule is correct.

3) Let's see if the set $\{\exists x A, \exists x (A \Rightarrow B), \neg \exists x B\}$ is inconsistent.

$$\exists x \, A(x), \exists x (A(x) \Rightarrow B(x)), \neg \exists x \, B(x)$$

$$A(a), \exists x (A(x) \Rightarrow B(x)), \forall \neg B(x)$$

$$A(a), A(b) \Rightarrow B(b), \forall \neg B(x)$$

$$A(a), A(b) \Rightarrow B(b), \forall \neg B(x), \neg B(b)$$

$$A(a), \neg A(b), \forall \neg B(x), \neg B(a), \neg B(b)$$

$$A(a), \neg A(b), \forall \neg B(x), \neg B(a), \neg B(b)$$

$$A(a), \neg A(b), \forall \neg B(x), \neg B(a), \neg B(b)$$

$$A(a), \neg A(b), \forall \neg B(x), \neg B(a), \neg B(b)$$

$$A(a), \neg A(b), \forall \neg B(x), \neg B(a), \neg B(b)$$

$$A(a), \neg A(b), \forall \neg B(x), \neg B(a), \neg B(b)$$

The set is consistent, therefore the rule if false.

To make it correct, we can consider that A does not depend on x. The rules then becomes $\frac{A,A\Rightarrow\exists B}{\exists B}$ which is correct as it is a Modus Ponens.

4) Let's see if the set $\{ \forall x A, \exists x (A \Rightarrow B), \neg \exists x B \}$ is inconsistent.

$$\forall x \, A(x), \exists x (A(x) \Rightarrow B(x)), \neg \exists x \, B(x)$$

$$\forall x \, A(x), A(a) \Rightarrow B(a), \forall \neg B(x)$$

$$\forall x \, A(x), A(a), A(a) \Rightarrow B(a), \forall \neg B(x), \neg B(a)$$

$$\forall x \, A(x), A(a), \neg A(a), \forall \neg B(x), \neg B(a)$$

$$\forall x \, A(x), A(a), \neg A(a), \forall \neg B(x), \neg B(a)$$

$$\downarrow X$$

The set is inconsistent, therefore the rule is correct.