

Prenex formulas:

Recall a formula is prenex if it has the form

$$Qx_{i_1} Qx_{i_2} \dots Qx_{i_k} B \quad B - \text{quantifier-free}$$

Bunch of equivalences - if x is not free in C :

$$\forall x (A \vee C) \equiv \forall x A \vee C$$

$$\star' \quad \forall x A \rightarrow C \equiv \exists x (A \rightarrow C)$$

$$\exists x (A \vee C) \equiv \exists x A \vee C$$

$$\star \quad \exists x A \rightarrow C \equiv \forall x (A \rightarrow C)$$

$$\forall x (A \wedge C) \equiv \forall x (A \wedge C)$$

$$C \rightarrow \forall x A \equiv \forall x (C \rightarrow A)$$

$$\exists x (A \wedge C) \equiv \exists x A \wedge C$$

$$C \rightarrow \exists x A \equiv \exists x (C \rightarrow A)$$

$$\text{none free} \leftrightarrow \text{none} \quad (A \rightarrow B) \wedge (B \wedge A)$$

These equivalences plus alphabetic variants allow any formula to be put in prenex form.

Example $\exists x Q(x, y) \rightarrow \forall x \exists y P(x, y) \leftarrow$ This is A

$$A \equiv \forall x (Q(x, y) \rightarrow \forall x \exists y P(x, y)) \quad \text{by above } \star$$

$$\equiv \forall x (\overline{Q(x, y)} \rightarrow \forall x' \exists y P(x', y)) \quad \text{alphabetic variant}$$

$$\equiv \forall x \forall x' (Q(x, y) \rightarrow \exists y P(x', y)) \quad \text{by above } \star'$$

$$\equiv \forall x \forall x' \exists y' (Q(x, y) \rightarrow P(x', y')) \quad \text{alphabetic variant and } \star.$$

First-order proof system FO

- Hilbert-style system
- Axioms & 2 rules of inference
- Step-by-step reasoning
- Notation: $\vdash A$ or $\Gamma \vdash A$ means A has an FO-proof (from Γ)
- Soundness & Completeness (Γ - set of sentences)
- Compactness Theorem.
- Use only connectives $\neg, \rightarrow, \forall$
 $A \vee B, A \wedge B$ mean $\neg A \rightarrow B, \neg(A \rightarrow \neg B)$
 $\exists x A$ means $\neg \forall x \neg A$ } abbreviations

Axioms:

① PL-axioms Let A, B, C be formulas

$$A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow A)$$

$$(A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C)$$

$$\neg A \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B)$$

$$(\neg A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A.$$

② Equality axioms - x, y, z, x_i, y_i - arbitrary variables

$$x = x$$

Reflexivity

$$x = y \rightarrow y = x$$

Symmetry

$$x = y \rightarrow y = z \rightarrow x = z$$

Transitivity

→
$$\textcircled{3} \quad \underline{\forall x A(x) \rightarrow A(t)}$$

- using informal "relaxed" notation for substitution

i.e. $\underline{\forall x A \rightarrow A(t/x)}$ provided t is substitutable for x in A

See later slide for missing equality axioms

Rules of inference:

(1) Modus Ponens

$$\frac{A \quad A \rightarrow B}{B}$$

(2) Generalization

$$\frac{C \rightarrow A}{C \rightarrow \forall x A}$$

provided x does not appear free in C .

Definition: Let T be a set of formulas.

An FO-proof of a formula A from T is a sequence of formulas ~~seq~~

C_1, C_2, \dots, C_k

such that: C_k is A and each C_i satisfies

(1) C_i is an axiom or $C_i \in T$, or

(2) C_i inferred by Modus Ponens from $C_j, C_k, j, k < i$

(3) C_i " " Generalization from C_j , for some $j < i$.

We write $T \vdash A$ for "A has an FO-proof from T".

Definition: A FO-proof of A is an FO-proof of A from \emptyset .

We write $\vdash A$.

Generalization

$$\frac{C \rightarrow A}{C \rightarrow \forall x A}$$

stronger form of $\frac{A}{\forall x A}$

Example · $P(x) \vdash \forall x P(x)$

$T' = \{P(x)\}$

Prm $P(x) \vdash P(x)$

Hypothesis (in T')

$P(x) \vdash P(x) \rightarrow y=y \rightarrow P(x)$

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$P(x) \vdash y=y \rightarrow P(x)$

M.P (1)

$P(x) \vdash y=y$

Axiom (Reflexivity)

$P(x) \vdash y=y \rightarrow \forall x P(x)$

Generalization from (1)

$P(x) \vdash \forall x P(x)$

M.P.

Theorem $A \vdash \forall x A$ and if $T' \vdash A$ then $T' \vdash \forall x A$

Proof by above construction.

Also note PL axioms and Modus Ponens allow general propositional reasoning.

Definition: We call $\forall x A$ a generalization of A

Let x_{i_1}, x_{i_2} be the variables that occur free in A .

then $\underbrace{\forall x_{i_1} \dots \forall x_{i_k}}_{\text{this is a sentence.}} A$ is called the universal closure of A .

denoted $\forall(A)$

Corollary If B is a generalization ~~of~~ or a universal closure of A and $T \vdash A$, then $T \vdash B$.

Definition: $\forall T$ is the set $\{\forall(B) : B \in T\}$.

Corollary $T \vdash A$ if and only if $\forall T \vdash A$.

Pf: So wlog we can T to be a set of sentences.

Proof: \Rightarrow Suppose $T \vdash A$.

Consider $B \in T$. Claim $\forall T \vdash B$

Pf of claim $\vdash \forall x D \rightarrow D$ is an axiom for any

So by MP, $\forall T \vdash B$, for all formula D
for all $B \in T$.

\Leftarrow For each $B \in T$, $T \vdash \forall(B)$ — by 1st corollary.

Note

$P(x) \vdash P(y)$

But

$P(x) \not\vdash P(y)$

Example Show $P(x) \vdash Q(z) \rightarrow P(x)$

PL1

$P(x) \rightarrow Q(z) \rightarrow P(x)$

Axiom

$P(x)$

Hypothesis

$Q(z) \rightarrow P(x)$

Modus Ponens

Theorem: (a) If A is a tautology, then $\vdash A$

(b) If T tautologically implies A , then $T \vdash A$.

Corollary Modus Tollens and Hypothetical Syllogism are derived (admissible) ~~not~~ rules of inference for FD.

$$\frac{A \vdash B \quad B \rightarrow C}{A \rightarrow C}$$

By Theorem

$\vdash (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C)$

Proof (a) Suppose A is a tautology. I.e. $A = B(C_1 \dots C_k / p_1 \dots p_k)$

where $B = B(p_1 \dots p_k)$ is a propositional tautology.

Therefore, by Completeness for PL, there is a PL-proof

D_1, \dots, D_ℓ of B .

Then $D_1(\vec{C}/\vec{p}), D_2(\vec{C}/\vec{p}) \dots, D_\ell(\vec{C}/\vec{p})$ is a valid FO-proof of A .

(b) Immediate from (a)

If T tautologically implies A , then

(*) $B_1 \rightarrow B_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow B_k \rightarrow A$ is a tautology ^{Some} by $B_1, \dots, B_k \in T$

By (a), it has a FO-proof, and then use Hyp and MP k -times. □

Recall: T tautologically implies A means (by definition)

\exists finitely many $B_1, \dots, B_k \in T$ s.t. (*) is a tautology.

Example

$$\vdash x=y \rightarrow g(f(x), z) = g(f(y), z).$$

Proof

$$\vdash x=y \rightarrow f(x)=f(y)$$

Axiom

~~G~~

$$\vdash u=v \rightarrow z=z \rightarrow g(u, z) = g(v, z)$$

Axiom

~~C~~

$$\vdash \forall u \forall v \forall z (u=v \rightarrow z=z \rightarrow g(u, z) = g(v, z))$$

Using $\frac{D}{\forall x D}$ 3 times

$$\vdash f(x)=f(y) \rightarrow z=z \rightarrow g(f(x), z) = g(f(y), z)$$

Used $\forall x A \rightarrow A(f/x)$, f + substitute

(1) f is f(x) ~~is~~

(2) f is f(y)

(3) f is z.

$$\vdash z=z$$

Axiom

$$\vdash x=y \rightarrow g(f(x), z) = g(f(y), z).$$

Missing equality axioms:

$$x_1 = y_1 \rightarrow x_2 = y_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow x_k = y_k \rightarrow f(x_1, \dots, x_k) = f(y_1, \dots, y_k)$$

$$x_1 = y_1 + x_2 = y_2 + \dots + x_k = y_k \rightarrow P(x_1, \dots, x_k) \rightarrow P(y_1, \dots, y_k)$$

Similarly

$$\vdash f(x) = f(x)$$

Pf

$$\vdash y = y$$

Axiom

$$\vdash \forall y (y = y)$$

Generalization
Thm

$$\vdash \forall y (y = y) \rightarrow f(x) = f(x)$$

Axiom

$$\vdash f(x) = f(x)$$

MP

Deduction Theorem

$$\Gamma, A \vdash B \quad \text{iff} \quad \Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow B$$

where A is a sentence.