

1 (Failed) Proof: Completeness for Uncountable Languages

Let L be a language of cardinality κ

Let Γ be a set of L -sentences.

Either there is a model M of Γ or there exists a finite $\Gamma_0 \subseteq \Gamma$ such that

$$\Gamma_0 \rightarrow$$

has a proof.

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Cardinality of Γ is $\leq \kappa$ (since the set of L -sentences has cardinality $=\kappa$)

Enumerate Γ as a well-ordered sequence $\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_\kappa$

Assume there is an inexhaustible supply of variables (need κ many)

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Form Λ, Ξ as before

$$\Lambda \subseteq \Gamma$$

Λ, Ξ satisfy closure properties (1)-(6)

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Do it in steps:

Definition:

$$\Lambda_\alpha, \Xi_\alpha \quad \alpha \leq \kappa$$

$$\Lambda_{-1} = \Xi_{-1} = \emptyset$$

Assume Λ_β, Ξ_β have been defined for all $\beta < \alpha$

Construct $\Lambda_\alpha, \Xi_\alpha$ such that there is no finite $\Gamma_0 \subseteq \Lambda_\alpha \cup \Gamma$, $\Delta_0 \subseteq \Xi_\alpha$ such that $\Gamma_0 \rightarrow \Delta_0$ has a proof, and such that $\Lambda_\alpha, \Xi_\alpha$ satisfy conditions (1)-(6), and $\gamma_\beta \in \Lambda_\alpha$ for $\beta \leq \alpha$.

To define $\Lambda_\alpha, \Xi_\alpha$ work backwards from the sequent

$$\gamma_\alpha \rightarrow$$

and try to give a proof.

Define "active":

$$\Gamma' \rightarrow \Delta' \text{ is active if there is no finite } \Gamma_0 \subseteq \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} \Lambda_\beta \cup \Gamma, \Delta_0 \subseteq \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} \Xi_\beta,$$

such that $\Gamma_0, \Gamma' \rightarrow \Delta_0 \Delta'$ has a proof.

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Form an "unproof" of $\gamma_\alpha \rightarrow$ as before, which has an infinite branch of nonactive sequents. Let:

$$\Lambda_\alpha = \left(\bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} \Lambda_\beta \right) \cup \{ \text{formulas in antecedents of this finite branch} \}, \text{ and}$$

$$\Xi_\alpha = \left(\bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} \Xi_\beta \right) \cup \{ \text{formulas in succedents of this finite branch} \}.$$

Modifications:

Omit step 1.

Enumerate formulas that appear in the active sequent.

-Say, pick the last to have been worked with and it has $\exists x\varphi(x)$.

Problem: The following condition should hold, but does not:

If $\forall x\varphi(x)$ is in Λ , then $\varphi(t)$ is in Ξ for all terms t .

2 Traditional Proof of Completeness for Uncountable Languages

We'll define sets $\Lambda_\alpha, \Xi_\alpha$.

(1) There is no finite $\Gamma_0 \subseteq \Lambda_\alpha$ and finite $\Delta_0 \subseteq \Xi_\alpha$ such that $\Gamma_0 \rightarrow \Delta_0$ has a proof.

(2) $\Gamma \subseteq \Lambda_\alpha$

Set $\kappa = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, \alpha, \dots\}$

Where A is an L-sentence and t an L-term, enumerate all pairs $\langle A, t \rangle$:

$\langle A_0, t_0 \rangle, \langle A_0, t_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle A_1, t_0 \rangle, \dots, \langle A_\alpha, t_\alpha \rangle, \dots$

such that for all pairs $\langle A, t \rangle$ and all $\beta \in \kappa$ there exists $\alpha > \beta$ such that $\langle A, t \rangle = \langle A_\alpha, t_\alpha \rangle$.

For this it is sufficient to assume that each $\langle A, t \rangle$ appears κ -many times.

Define Λ, Ξ satisfying (1) and (2)

Initially $\Lambda_{-1} = \Gamma$ and Ξ_{-1} is \emptyset

Suppose Λ_β, Ξ_β are defined for all $\beta < \alpha$

Let $\Lambda_\alpha^- = \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} \Lambda_\beta$ ($= \Lambda_{\alpha-1}$ if $\alpha-1$ exists)

$$\Xi_\alpha^- = \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} \Xi_\beta$$

Skip step (1). Do step (2) and (3)

Step (2)

If $A_\alpha \in \Lambda_\alpha^-$, and A_α is $\varphi \wedge \psi$,

put $\Lambda_\alpha = \Lambda_\alpha^- \cup \{\varphi, \psi\}$ and $\Xi_\alpha = \Xi_\alpha^-$

If $\exists \Gamma_0 \subseteq \Lambda_\alpha, \Delta_0 \subseteq \Xi_\alpha$ such that $\Gamma_0 \rightarrow \Delta_0$ has a proof,

then $\Gamma_0 = \Gamma_0^- \cup \{\varphi, \psi\}$

$$\frac{\Gamma_0^-, \varphi, \psi \rightarrow \Delta_0}{\Gamma_0^-, \varphi \wedge \psi \rightarrow \Delta_0}$$

Where $\Gamma_0^-, \varphi \wedge \psi \subseteq \Lambda_\beta$ for some $\alpha < \beta$ and $\Delta_0 \subseteq \Xi_\beta$ for some β

Step (3)

If $A_\alpha \in \Lambda_\alpha^-$, and A_α is $\varphi \vee \psi$,

put either

$$\Lambda_\alpha = \Lambda_\alpha^- \cup \{\varphi\} \text{ and } \Xi_\alpha = \Xi_\alpha^-$$

or

$$\Lambda_\alpha = \Lambda_\alpha^- \cup \{\psi\} \text{ and } \Xi_\alpha = \Xi_\alpha^-$$

...Whichever satisfies condition (1)

$$\text{Finally, set } \Lambda = \bigcup_{\beta < \kappa} \Lambda_\beta \text{ and } \Xi = \bigcup_{\beta < \kappa} \Xi_\beta$$

So \exists a model M such that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{let } \sigma(c) &= c \\ \text{or } \sigma(c) &= [c] \end{aligned}$$

Then $M \models \lambda[c]$ for all $\lambda \in \Lambda$
and $M \not\models \{[c] \text{ for all } \} \in \Xi$

So M shows Γ is satisfiable.