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LECTURE #8

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**PROOF SYSTEM FOR
FIRST-ORDER LOGIC.**

AXIOMS Δ

(I) TAUTOLOGIES:

(II) $\forall x \alpha \rightarrow \alpha^x_t$, where t is substitutable for x in α .

(III) $\forall x (\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow (\forall x \alpha \rightarrow \forall x \beta)$

(IV) $\alpha \rightarrow \forall x \alpha$

(V) $x = x$

(VI) $x = y \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha')$, where α = atomic and α' = obtained from α by replacing x in zero or more places by y .

{ Note: V & VI axioms assume that the underlying language includes equality. }

Rule of Inference

Modus Ponens
(MP)

$$\frac{\alpha, \alpha \rightarrow \beta}{\beta}$$

Deduction

$\Gamma \vdash \varphi$

A deduction of φ from Γ is a sequence $\langle \alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \rangle$ of wff's such that

◇ $\alpha_n = \varphi$

◇ For each $i \leq n$ either

(i) $\alpha_i \in \Gamma \cup \Delta$, or

(ii) for some $j, k < i$ α_i obtained by modus ponens from α_j, α_k $\{ \alpha_k \equiv \alpha_j \rightarrow \alpha_i \text{ or } \alpha_j \equiv \alpha_k \rightarrow \alpha_i \}$ \square

$$\frac{\alpha_j, \alpha_k}{\alpha_i} \text{ (MP)}$$

PROOF = A finite sequence of fixed indisputable steps

BUILT FROM

- ↳ Axioms { Self-evidently true facts Do not need proofs.
- ↳ Rule of Inference { Derive new facts from axioms and other facts that have already been derived

PROOF = An effective mechanism to convince a skeptic.

↳ Derivation is mechanically checkable.

The skeptic does not need to enumerate all possible models and variable assignments.

Example: $\vdash \forall x (Px \rightarrow \exists y Py)$

① $\forall x [((\forall y \neg Py) \rightarrow \neg Px) \rightarrow (Px \rightarrow (\neg \forall y \neg Py))]$ { Tautology "Contrapositivity"

② $\forall x (\forall y \neg Py \rightarrow \neg Px) \rightarrow \forall x (Px \rightarrow \neg \forall y \neg Py)$ { III + MP(1) }

③ $\forall y \neg Py \rightarrow \neg Px$ { I }

④ $\forall x (\forall y \neg Py \rightarrow \neg Px)$ { IV & MP(3) }

⑤ $\forall x (Px \rightarrow \neg \forall y \neg Py)$ MP(2; 4)

$\equiv \forall x (Px \rightarrow \exists y Py)$

Defn

A set of formulas Δ is closed under modus ponens

iff

$$\alpha \in \Delta; \alpha \rightarrow \beta \in \Delta \text{ implies } \beta \in \Delta.$$

Induction Principle.

$S =$ Set of iff's
 $T \cup \Delta \subseteq S$

$S =$ minimal set containing $T \cup \Delta$
and closed under MP

$S = \{ \alpha \mid T \vdash \alpha \} =$ Set of all theorems of T .

SOUNDNESS THEOREM (for 1st order Logic).

If $T \vdash \phi$ then $T \models \phi$.

Completeness
If $T \models \phi$ then
 $T \vdash \phi$
Every consistent set of
formulas is satisfiable.

Proof in 3 steps.

Substitution Lemma

$$\mathcal{M} \models \phi^x \text{ iff } \mathcal{M} \models_{\mathcal{F}(x)} \phi$$

Generalization Lemma

$T \vdash \phi$ implies $T \vdash \forall x \phi$ (certain condns on x)

Deduction Lemma

$$T \cup \{ \psi \} \vdash \phi \text{ implies } T \vdash \psi \rightarrow \phi.$$

SOUNDNESS THEOREM:

$T \vdash \phi$ implies $T \models \phi$

Proof (By Induction)

(1) ϕ is a logical axiom. $\models \phi$; thus, $T \models \phi$ (\because All axioms are sound)

(2) $\phi \in T$, thus, $T \models \phi$ (by defn).

$$\frac{T \vdash \psi; T \vdash \psi \rightarrow \phi}{T \vdash \phi} \text{ MP.}$$

By Ind Hyp: $T \models \psi, T \models \psi \rightarrow \phi \equiv T \models \neg \psi \vee \phi$

$$T \models \psi \wedge (\neg \psi \vee \phi) = (\psi \wedge \neg \psi) \vee (\psi \wedge \phi) = (\psi \wedge \phi).$$

$\therefore T \models \phi$.

Remaining Task: Check that all axioms are sound.

(TRIVIAL - Except Axiom $\forall\text{I}$)

$\forall x \alpha \rightarrow \alpha^x_t$ where t is substituted for x in α .

Suppose $\mathcal{M} \vDash \forall x \alpha$

Thus $\forall d \in \text{dom}(\mathcal{M}) \quad \mathcal{M} \vDash \alpha(x/d)$

Make $d = \bar{t}$

Then $\mathcal{M} \vDash \alpha(x/\bar{t})$

By substitution lemma $\mathcal{M} \vDash \alpha^x_t \quad \square$.

Substitution Lemma

If the term t is substituted for the variable x in a wff ϕ , then for any model \mathcal{M} and variable assignment g

$$\mathcal{M} \vDash \phi^x_t \quad \text{iff} \quad \mathcal{M} \vDash \alpha(x/\bar{t}) \phi.$$

Proof: By induction on the structure of the wff ϕ . \square

Generalization Lemma

If $\Gamma \vdash \phi$ and x does not occur free in any formula in Γ , then $\Gamma \vdash \forall x \phi$.

Proof: Show that $\Gamma \cup \Delta \subseteq \{ \phi \mid \Gamma \vdash \forall x \phi \} = S$ is closed under MP.

Case 1. Suppose $\phi \in \Gamma$. Then x does not occur free in ϕ .

By axiom Gr IV : $\phi \rightarrow \forall x \phi$

$\Gamma \vdash \phi$

$\Gamma \vdash \phi \rightarrow \forall x \phi$

$\Gamma \vdash \forall x \phi$ MP.

Case 2. Suppose $\phi \in \Delta$ (tautology). $\forall x \phi \equiv$ Also a tautology
 \equiv Axiom:

$\Gamma \vdash \forall x \phi$.

Case 3.

Suppose ϕ is derived by MP.

$\Gamma \vdash \psi$; $\Gamma \vdash \psi \rightarrow \phi$

$\Gamma \vdash \phi$

Inductive hyp.

$\Gamma \vdash \forall x \psi$ (A)

$\Gamma \vdash \forall x (\psi \rightarrow \phi)$ (B)

But by axiom Gr III $\Gamma \vdash \forall x (\psi \rightarrow \phi) \rightarrow (\forall x \psi \rightarrow \forall x \phi)$ (C)

(A) $\frac{\frac{(B) \quad (C)}{\Gamma \vdash \forall x \psi \rightarrow \forall x \phi} \text{MP}}{\Gamma \vdash \forall x \phi} \text{MP}$

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DEDUCTION LEMMA If $\Gamma \cup \{r\} \vdash \phi$ then $\Gamma \vdash r \rightarrow \phi$

Proof: Defn: A tautologically implies B \equiv Whenever A is true, B must be true.

$\Gamma \cup \{r\} \vdash \phi$

iff $\Gamma \cup \{r\} \cup \Delta$ taut. implies ϕ

iff $\Gamma \cup \Delta$ taut. implies $r \rightarrow \phi$

iff $\Gamma \vdash r \rightarrow \phi$.

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