

Propositional and Predicate Logic - VIII

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Validity in a substructure

Let \mathcal{B} be a substructure of a structure \mathcal{A} for a (fixed) language L .

Proposition For every *open* formula φ and assignment $e: \text{Var} \rightarrow B$,

$$\mathcal{A} \models \varphi[e] \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \mathcal{B} \models \varphi[e].$$

Proof For atomic φ it follows from the definition of the truth value with respect to an assignment. Otherwise by induction on the structure of the formula. \square

Corollary For every *open* formula φ and structure \mathcal{A} ,

$$\mathcal{A} \models \varphi \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \mathcal{B} \models \varphi \quad \text{for every substructure } \mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{A}.$$

- A theory T is *open* if all axioms of T are open.

Corollary Every substructure of a model of an open theory T is a model of T .

For example, every substructure of a graph, i.e. a model of theory of graphs, is a graph, called a *subgraph*. Similarly subgroups, Boolean subalgebras, etc.

Theorem on constants

Theorem Let φ be a formula in a language L with free variables x_1, \dots, x_n and let T be a theory in L . Let L' be the extension of L with new constant symbols c_1, \dots, c_n and let T' denote the theory T in L' . Then

$$T \models \varphi \quad \text{if and only if} \quad T' \models \varphi(x_1/c_1, \dots, x_n/c_n).$$

Proof (\Rightarrow) If \mathcal{A}' is a model of T' , let \mathcal{A} be the **reduct** of \mathcal{A}' to L . Since $\mathcal{A}' \models \varphi[e]$ for every assignment e , we have in particular

$$\mathcal{A}' \models \varphi[e(x_1/c_1^{A'}, \dots, x_n/c_n^{A'})], \quad \text{i.e. } \mathcal{A}' \models \varphi(x_1/c_1, \dots, x_n/c_n).$$

(\Leftarrow) If \mathcal{A} is a model of T and e an assignment, let \mathcal{A}' be the **expansion** of \mathcal{A} into L' by setting $c_i^{A'} = e(x_i)$ for every i . Since $\mathcal{A}' \models \varphi(x_1/c_1, \dots, x_n/c_n)[e']$ for every assignment e' , we have

$$\mathcal{A}' \models \varphi[e(x_1/c_1^{A'}, \dots, x_n/c_n^{A'})], \quad \text{i.e. } \mathcal{A} \models \varphi[e]. \quad \square$$

Boolean algebras

The theory of *Boolean algebras* has the language $L = \langle -, \wedge, \vee, 0, 1 \rangle$ with equality and the following axioms.

$$x \wedge (y \wedge z) = (x \wedge y) \wedge z \quad (\text{associativity of } \wedge)$$

$$x \vee (y \vee z) = (x \vee y) \vee z \quad (\text{associativity of } \vee)$$

$$x \wedge y = y \wedge x \quad (\text{commutativity of } \wedge)$$

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$$x \wedge (y \vee z) = (x \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge z) \quad (\text{distributivity of } \wedge \text{ over } \vee)$$

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$$x \wedge (x \vee y) = x, \quad x \vee (x \wedge y) = x \quad (\text{absorption})$$

$$x \vee (-x) = 1, \quad x \wedge (-x) = 0 \quad (\text{complementation})$$

$$0 \neq 1 \quad (\text{non-triviality})$$

The smallest model is $\underline{2} = \langle 2, -, \wedge_1, \vee_1, 0, 1 \rangle$. Finite Boolean algebras are (up to isomorphism) exactly $\underline{n} = \langle n, -, \wedge_n, \vee_n, 0_n, 1_n \rangle$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$, where the operations (on binary n -tuples) are the coordinate-wise operations of $\underline{2}$.

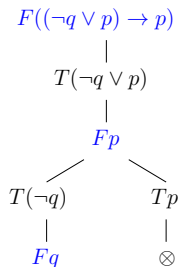
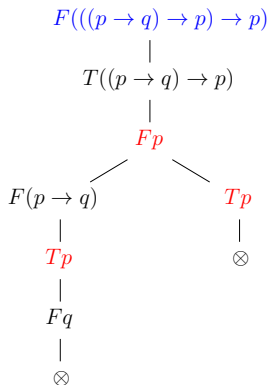
Relations of propositional and predicate logic

- Propositional formulas over connectives \neg, \wedge, \vee (eventually with \top, \perp) can be viewed as **Boolean terms**. Then the truth value of φ in a given assignment is the value of the term in the Boolean algebra $\underline{2}$.
- **Lindenbaum-Tarski algebra** over \mathbb{P} is Boolean algebra (also for \mathbb{P} infinite).
- If we represent atomic subformulas in an **open** formula φ (without equality) with propositional letters, we obtain a proposition that is valid if and only if φ is valid.
- Propositional logic can be introduced as a **fragment** of predicate logic using **nullary** relation symbols (*syntax*) and nullary relations (*semantics*) since $A^0 = \{\emptyset\} = 1$, so $R^A \subseteq A^0$ is either $R^A = \emptyset = 0$ or $R^A = \{\emptyset\} = 1$.

Tableau method in propositional logic - a review

- A **tableau** is a binary tree that represents a search for a *counterexample*.
- Nodes are labeled by **entries**, i.e. formulas with a **sign** T / F that represents an assumption that the formula is **true / false** in some model.
- If this assumption is correct, then it is correct also for all the entries in some branch below that came from this entry.
- A branch is **contradictory** (it fails) if it contains $T\psi, F\psi$ for some ψ .
- A **proof** of formula φ is a **contradictory** tableau with root $F\varphi$, i.e. a tableau in which every branch is contradictory. If φ has a proof, it is valid.
- If a counterexample exists, there will be a branch in a **finished** tableau that **provides** us with this counterexample, but this branch can be infinite.
- We can construct a **systematic tableau** that is always finished.
- If φ is valid, the systematic tableau for φ is contradictory, i.e. it is a proof of φ ; and in this case, it is also **finite**.

Tableau method in propositional logic - examples



- a) A tableau proof of the formula $((p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow p) \rightarrow p$.
- b) A finished tableau for $(\neg q \vee p) \rightarrow p$. The left branch provides us with a counterexample $v(p) = v(q) = 0$.

Tableau method in predicate logic - what is different

- Formulas in entries will always be **sentences** (closed formulas), i.e. formulas without free variables.
- We add **new atomic tableaux** for quantifiers.
- In these tableaux we substitute **ground terms** for quantified variables following certain rules.
- We extend the language by **new (auxiliary) constant symbols** (countably many) to represent “*witnesses*” of entries $T(\exists x)\varphi(x)$ and $F(\forall x)\varphi(x)$.
- In a **finished** branch containing an entry $T(\forall x)\varphi(x)$ or $F(\exists x)\varphi(x)$ we have **instances** $T\varphi(x/t)$ resp. $F\varphi(x/t)$ for every ground term t (of the extended language).

Assumptions

- 1) The formula φ that we want to prove (or refute) is a **sentence**. If not, we can replace φ with its **universal closure** φ' , since for every theory T ,

$$T \models \varphi \quad \text{if and only if} \quad T \models \varphi'.$$

- 2) We prove from a theory in a **closed form**, i.e. every axiom is a sentence. By replacing every axiom ψ with its universal closure ψ' we obtain an **equivalent** theory since for every structure \mathcal{A} (of the given language L),

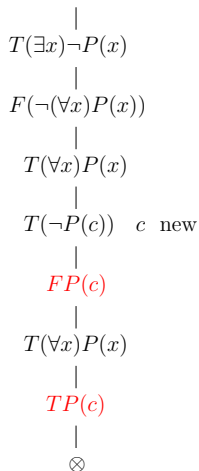
$$\mathcal{A} \models \psi \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \mathcal{A} \models \psi'.$$

- 3) The language L is **at most countable**. Then every theory of L is at most countable. We denote by L_C the extension of L by new constant symbols c_0, c_1, \dots (countably many). Then there are countable many ground terms of L_C . Let t_i denote the i -th ground term (in some fixed **enumeration**).

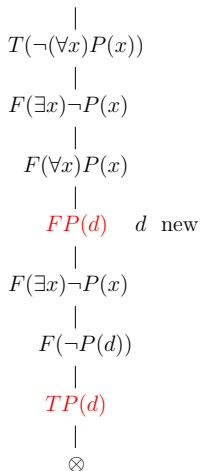
- 4) First, we assume that the language is **without equality**.

Tableaux in predicated logic - examples

$$F((\exists x)\neg P(x) \rightarrow \neg(\forall x)P(x))$$



$$F(\neg(\forall x)P(x) \rightarrow (\exists x)\neg P(x))$$



Atomic tableaux - original

An *atomic tableau* is one of the following trees (labeled by entries), where α is any atomic sentence and φ, ψ are any sentences, all of language L_C .

$T\alpha$	$F\alpha$	$ \begin{array}{c} T(\varphi \wedge \psi) \\ \\ T\varphi \\ \\ T\psi \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{c} F(\varphi \wedge \psi) \\ / \quad \backslash \\ F\varphi \quad F\psi \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{c} T(\varphi \vee \psi) \\ / \quad \backslash \\ T\varphi \quad T\psi \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{c} F(\varphi \vee \psi) \\ \\ F\varphi \\ \\ F\psi \end{array} $
$ \begin{array}{c} T(\neg\varphi) \\ \\ F\varphi \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{c} F(\neg\varphi) \\ \\ T\varphi \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{c} T(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \\ / \quad \backslash \\ F\varphi \quad T\psi \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{c} F(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \\ \\ T\varphi \\ \\ F\psi \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{c} T(\varphi \leftrightarrow \psi) \\ / \quad \backslash \\ T\varphi \quad F\varphi \\ \quad \\ T\psi \quad F\psi \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{c} F(\varphi \leftrightarrow \psi) \\ / \quad \backslash \\ T\varphi \quad F\varphi \\ \quad \\ F\psi \quad T\psi \end{array} $

Atomic tableaux - new

Atomic tableaux are also the following trees (labeled by entries), where φ is any formula of the language L_C with a free variable x , t is any ground term of L_C and c is a **new** constant symbol from $L_C \setminus L$.

# $T(\forall x)\varphi(x)$ $T\varphi(x/t)$ for any ground term t of L_C	* $F(\forall x)\varphi(x)$ $F\varphi(x/c)$ for a <i>new</i> constant c	* $T(\exists x)\varphi(x)$ $T\varphi(x/c)$ for a <i>new</i> constant c	# $F(\exists x)\varphi(x)$ $F\varphi(x/t)$ for any ground term t of L_C
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Remark The constant symbol c represents a “witness” of the entry $T(\exists x)\varphi(x)$ or $F(\forall x)\varphi(x)$. Since we need that no prior demands are put on c , we specify (in the definition of a tableau) which constant symbols c may be used.

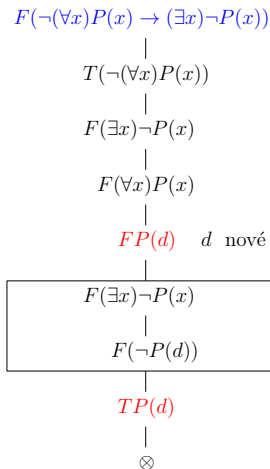
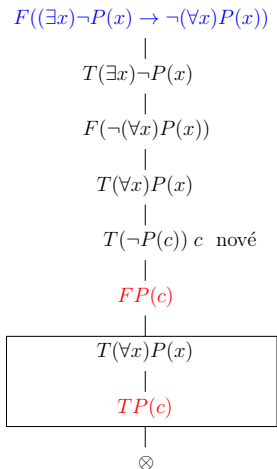
Tableau

A **finite tableau** from a theory T is a binary tree labeled with entries described

- (i) every atomic tableau is a finite tableau from T , whereas in case (*) we may use any constant symbol $c \in L_C \setminus L$,
- (ii) if P is an entry on a branch V in a finite tableau from T , then by adjoining the atomic tableau for P at the **end of branch** V we obtain (again) a finite tableau from T , whereas in case (*) we may use only a constant symbol $c \in L_C \setminus L$ that **does not appear** on V ,
- (iii) if V is a branch in a finite tableau from T and $\varphi \in T$, then by adjoining $T\varphi$ at the end of branch V we obtain (again) a finite tableau from T .
- (iv) every finite tableau from T is formed by **finitely** many steps (i), (ii), (iii).

A **tableau** from T is a sequence $\tau_0, \tau_1, \dots, \tau_n, \dots$ of finite tableaux from T such that τ_{n+1} is formed from τ_n by (ii) or (iii), formally $\tau = \cup \tau_n$.

Convention



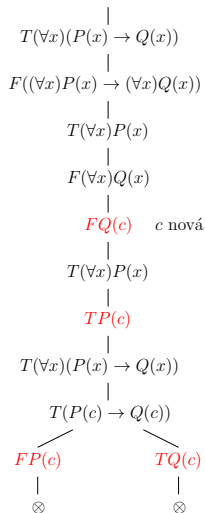
We will not write the entry that is expanded again on the branch, except in cases when the entry is in the form of $T(\forall x)\varphi(x)$ or $F(\exists x)\varphi(x)$.

Tableau proofs

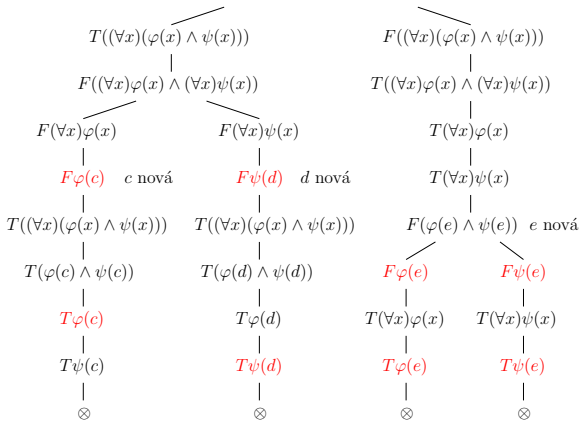
- A branch V in a tableau τ is *contradictory* if it contains entries $T\varphi$ and $F\varphi$ for some sentence φ , otherwise V is *noncontradictory*.
- A tableau τ is *contradictory* if every branch in τ is contradictory.
- A *tableau proof* (*proof by tableau*) of a sentence φ from a theory T is a *contradictory tableau* from T with $F\varphi$ in the root.
- A sentence φ is *(tableau) provable* from T , denoted by $T \vdash \varphi$, if it has a tableau proof from T .
- A *refutation* of a sentence φ by *tableau* from a theory T is a *contradictory tableau* from T with the root entry $T\varphi$.
- A sentence φ is *(tableau) refutable* from T if it has a refutation by tableau from T , i.e. $T \vdash \neg\varphi$.

Examples

$$F((\forall x)(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)) \rightarrow ((\forall x)P(x) \rightarrow (\forall x)Q(x)))$$



$$F((\forall x)(\varphi(x) \wedge \psi(x)) \leftrightarrow ((\forall x)\varphi(x) \wedge (\forall x)\psi(x)))$$



Finished tableaux

A finished noncontradictory branch should provide us with a *counterexample*.

An occurrence of an entry P in a node ν of a tableau τ is *i -th* if ν has exactly $i - 1$ predecessors labeled by P ; and is *reduced* on a branch V through ν if

- P is neither in form of $T(\forall x)\varphi(x)$ nor $F(\exists x)\varphi(x)$ and P occurs on V as a root of an atomic tableau, i.e. it was already expanded on V , or
- P is in form of $T(\forall x)\varphi(x)$ or $F(\exists x)\varphi(x)$, P has an $(i + 1)$ -th occurrence on V , and V contains an entry $T\varphi(x/t_i)$ resp. $F\varphi(x/t_i)$ where t_i is the i -th ground term (of the language L_C).

Let V be a branch in a tableau τ from a theory T . We say that

- V is *finished* if it is contradictory, or every occurrence of an entry on V is reduced on V and, moreover, V contains $T\varphi$ for every $\varphi \in T$,
- τ is *finished* if every branch in τ is finished.

Systematic tableaux - construction

Let R be an entry and $T = \{\varphi_0, \varphi_1, \dots\}$ be a (possibly infinite) theory.

- (1) We take the atomic tableau for R as τ_0 . In case (*) we choose any $c \in L_C \setminus L$, in case (#) we take t_1 for t . Till possible, proceed as follows.
- (2) Let v be the **leftmost** node in the **smallest** level as possible in tableau τ_n containing an occurrence of an entry P that is not reduced on some noncontradictory branch **through** v . (If v does not exist, we take $\tau'_n = \tau_n$.)
- (3a) If P is neither $T(\forall x)\varphi(x)$ nor $F(\exists x)\varphi(x)$, let τ'_n be the tableau obtained from τ_n by adjoining the atomic tableau for P to every noncontradictory branch through v . In case (*) we choose c_i for the smallest possible i .
- (3b) If P is $T(\forall x)\varphi(x)$ or $F(\exists x)\varphi(x)$ and it has i -th occurrence in v , let τ'_n be the tableau obtained from τ_n by adjoining atomic tableau for P to every noncontradictory branch through v , where we take the term t_i for t .
- (4) Let τ_{n+1} be the tableau obtained from τ'_n by adjoining $T\varphi_n$ to every noncontradictory branch that does not contain $T\varphi_n$ yet. (If φ_n does not exist, we take $\tau_{n+1} = \tau'_n$.)

The **systematic tableau** for R from T is the result $\tau = \bigcup \tau_n$ of this construction.