

First-Order Predicate Logic (FOL)

- Fragment of predicate logic with complete deduction
- Thoroughly studied
- Most textbooks present first-order predicate logic only

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First-Order Formulas (fof's)

α atomic and algebraic formula
 $\sigma = \alpha \mid \neg \sigma \mid \sigma \vee \rho \mid \forall x.\sigma \mid \exists x.\sigma$
 where x non-functional

normal fof: closed fof where \neg is only applied to atomic formulas

Formulas

Formula: term of type B

Atomic formula: formula such that no proper subterm is a formula

S set of formulas

$$S \Vdash \sigma \iff \{ \sigma \mid \sigma \in S \} \Vdash \sigma$$

$$S \Vdash \neg \sigma \iff \{ \sigma \mid \sigma \in S \} \not\Vdash \sigma$$

$$S \text{ A-consistent} \iff S \not\Vdash \perp$$

$$S \text{ A-satisfiable} \iff \{ \sigma \mid \sigma \in S \} \cup A \text{ has a model } \mathcal{M} \text{ s.t. } \mathcal{M} \models \sigma$$

Important Results for FOL

- If S is first-order, then $S \Vdash \sigma \iff S \Vdash \sigma^{\text{OL}}$
 - Completeness Gödel 1929
- $\{ \sigma \mid \sigma \Vdash \sigma, \sigma \text{ fof derivable by NL} \}$ is not semi-decidable where NL is axiomatization of B, N with $\exists, \neg, \rightarrow, \forall, \exists, \neg, \exists, \neg, \exists, \neg$
 - Incompleteness Gödel 1931
- $\{ \sigma \mid \sigma \Vdash \sigma, \sigma \text{ fof} \}$ undecidable
 - Undecidability Church 1936

Model Existence Theorem (MET)

If S set of normal fof's, then S QL-Consistent $\Rightarrow S$ QL-satisfiable

Corollary (Completeness)

If S, α are first-order, then $S \models \alpha \Leftrightarrow S \models \neg \alpha$

- First MET shown by Kurt Gödel, 1929, in his Doctoral Thesis, University of Vienna, "Über die Vollständigkeit des Logikkalküls"
- Modern proofs
 - Henkin 1949
 - Smullyan 1963
 - Andrews 2002
 - Fitting 1996

Follows with deductivity
 $S \models \alpha \Leftrightarrow S, \neg \alpha \vdash \perp$

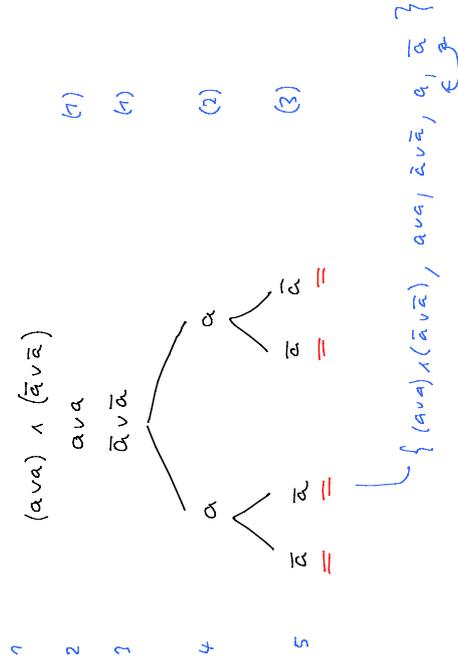
Proof of MET, Ideas

Idea: if S unsat, a conflict will appear after finitely many consequences are added

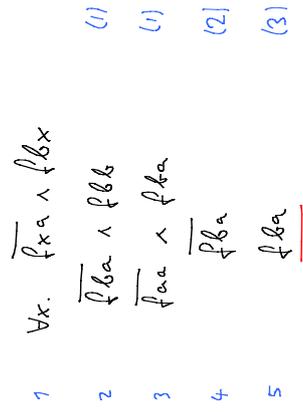
- Sufficient to consider only normal fof's
- Unsatisfiability can be shown with finitely many steps, i.e., a refutation
- Leads to a proof method known as **semantic tableau**

- 1) Identify obvious conflicts such that S contains a conflict $\Rightarrow S$ unsat
- 2) Add consequences to S such that
 - a) S unsat $\Leftrightarrow S \cup \{ \alpha \}$ unsat Linear consequence
 - b) S unsat $\Leftrightarrow \{ \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \}$ unsat $\wedge S \cup \{ \alpha_2 \}$ unsat Binary consequence leads to branching
- 3) Unsatisfiability of S can be made explicit (i.e., through conflict) by adding finitely many consequences

Refutation of $(\alpha \vee \alpha) \wedge (\bar{\alpha} \vee \bar{\alpha})$

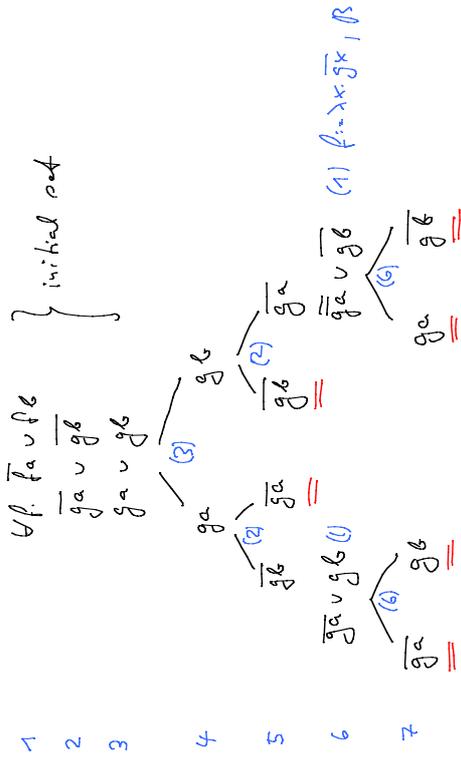


Refutation of $\forall x. \bar{f}x \wedge fbx$



Dual: $\exists x. fxa \rightarrow fbx$
 $\mathcal{Q}L \vdash \neg \alpha = 0 \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{Q}L' \vdash \neg \neg = 1$

Refutation of a higher-order set



Consistency Classes (CCs)

- A CC is a set of non-trivial sets of normal FOFs satisfying certain conditions
- Idea: S has a refutation \Leftrightarrow no CC contains S
- CCs are easier to formalize than refutations
- MET: Every member of a CC is QFL-satisfiable

Trivial Sets

S is trivial if it contains one of the following conflicts:

- 1) $\emptyset \in S$
- 2) $\neg \in S$
- 3) $\exists \emptyset: \emptyset \in S \wedge \neg \emptyset \in S$
- 4) $\exists \epsilon: \overline{\epsilon} \in S$

S trivial \Rightarrow S unsatisfiable

Definition of Consistency Classes

A set \mathcal{Y} of non-trivial sets of normal first-order formulas is a consistency class if

- 1) $\emptyset \in \mathcal{Y} \Rightarrow \mathcal{Y} = \{\emptyset\}$
- 2) $\forall Y \in \mathcal{Y} \Rightarrow \mathcal{Y} \cup Y \in \mathcal{Y}$
- 3) $\forall X, Y \in \mathcal{Y} \wedge X \cap Y = \emptyset \Rightarrow \mathcal{Y} \cup \{X, Y\} \in \mathcal{Y}$
- 4) $\exists X, Y \in \mathcal{Y} \wedge X \cap Y = \emptyset \wedge X \cup Y \notin \mathcal{Y} \Rightarrow \mathcal{Y} \cup \{X, Y\} \in \mathcal{Y}$
- 5) $S \in \mathcal{Y} \wedge \neg S \in \mathcal{Y} \Rightarrow \mathcal{Y} = \{S\}$
- 6) $\{S_1, S_2, \dots\} \in \mathcal{Y} \Rightarrow \mathcal{Y} \cup \{S_1, S_2, \dots\} \in \mathcal{Y}$

Smullyan's Model Existence Theorem [1963]

Every finitely member of a CC is satisfiable

S finitely if for every type there are infinitely many constants not occurring in S

First-Order Completeness

$\{S \mid S \text{ normal first-order } \wedge S \text{ } \mathcal{L} \text{-consistent}\}$
is a consistency class

Proof requires arguments like the following

$$\cdot S_1, \forall x \vdash \mathcal{L} \vdash 0 \Leftrightarrow S_1, \exists x \vdash \mathcal{L} \vdash 0 \wedge S_2 \vdash \mathcal{L} \vdash 0$$

Deduction + tautology $(x \rightarrow z) \wedge (y \rightarrow z) = x \vee y \rightarrow z$

$$\cdot S_1, \exists x \vdash \mathcal{L} \vdash 0 \Leftrightarrow S_1, \exists x \vdash \mathcal{L} \vdash \mathcal{L} \vdash 0$$

if $a \notin W(S_1, 0) \cup B$

see Skolemization

First-Order Compactness

Let S be set of first-order formulas. Then:
Every finite subset of S satisfiable $\Rightarrow S$ satisfiable

Proof.

- 1) $\{S \mid S \text{ first-order and every finite subset of } S \text{ is satisfiable}\}$
is a consistency class ^{normal and}
- 2) If S finitely, claim follows with Smullyan's MET
- 3) If S not finitely, we apply
bijection constant renaming θ such that θS finitely
and exploit stability. \square

Saturated Sets (Set of normal \mathcal{L} -f.o.s)

S saturated if the following conditions are satisfied:

- 1) $\forall t \in S \Rightarrow \forall n \in S \wedge t \in S$
- 2) $\forall v \in S \Rightarrow \forall n \in S \vee t \in S$
- 3) $\exists x, n \in S \Rightarrow \exists t : \forall x_i = t \in S$
- 4) $\forall x, n \in S \wedge \forall x_i = t \in S \Rightarrow \exists x_i = t \in S$
- 5) $\forall n \neq 0$ first-order $\Rightarrow \forall n \neq 0 \in S$
- 6) $\forall n_1 \neq n_2 \in S \wedge \forall x_i = n_1 \in S \Rightarrow \forall x_i = n_2 \in S$

Hinikka's Model Existence Theorem [1955]

S saturated and non-trivial $\Rightarrow S$ satisfiable

term models are due to Herbrand and Birkhoff

Proof. Construct term model as follows

$$[A] = \{ \langle \tau \mid \tau \in \Sigma \} \text{ equivalence class}$$

$$[c] = \{ \langle \tau \rangle \mid \tau = c \} \text{ if } c \neq B$$

$$[c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n] \text{ where } c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n \in C$$

$$= [c_1, \dots, c_n] \text{ if } C \neq B$$

$$= 1 \text{ if } C = B \text{ and } c_1, \dots, c_n \in C$$

$$= 0 \text{ if } C = B \text{ and } c_1, \dots, c_n \notin C$$

Proof of Extension Lemma

A cc \mathcal{Y} is compact iff $\forall S: S \in \mathcal{Y} \Leftrightarrow \forall S' \subseteq S: S' \in \mathcal{Y}$

Compact ccs are closed under chain limits

$$\mathcal{Y} \text{ compact} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} S_0 \subseteq S_1 \subseteq S_2 \subseteq \dots \\ \forall i: S_i \in \mathcal{Y} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} S_i \in \mathcal{Y}$$

For every cc \mathcal{Y} exists compact cc \mathcal{Y}^a such that $\mathcal{Y} \subseteq \mathcal{Y}^a$

$$\mathcal{Y}^a = \{ S \subseteq \Sigma \mid \exists S' \subseteq S: S' \in \mathcal{Y} \}$$

Extension Lemma

Every finitely member S of a consistency class can be extended to a saturated and non-trivial set of normal first-order terms

Smullyan's MET follows from Extension Lemma and Hinikka's MET

\mathcal{Y} compact $\wedge S \in \mathcal{Y}$ finitely $\Rightarrow \exists S' \in \mathcal{Y}: S \subseteq S' \wedge S'$ saturated

Construct chain $S = S_0 \subseteq S_1 \subseteq S_2 \subseteq \dots \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} S_i = S'$ as follows:

1) Choose enumeration $\tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3, \dots$ of all fof's

$$2) S_{n+1} = \begin{cases} S_n & \text{if } S_n \cup \{ \tau_n \} \notin \mathcal{Y} \\ S_n \cup \{ \tau_n \} & \text{otherwise if } \tau_n \neq \exists x. \tau \\ S_n \cup \{ \exists x. \tau, \neg \exists x. \tau \} & \text{otherwise if } \tau_n = \exists x. \tau \text{ and } a \notin \mathcal{N}(S_n, \tau) \cup \mathcal{R} \end{cases}$$