



Logic

First-order logic

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A richer structure of propositions

When talking about mathematical structures like Peano/Heyting (natural number) arithmetic, we use statements like

for every x , if $x \neq 0$ then **there exists** y such that $suc\ y = x$ that involve *quantification* over individuals, which is not present in the language of propositional logic.

(The function *suc* is the *successor* function on natural numbers.)

This motivates us to extend propositional logic with first-order quantification, and the result is called *first-order logic*.

Going from propositional logic to first-order logic requires more than enriching the language with quantification though.

Substitution

Variables are to be *substituted* for. For example, from

for every x , if $x \neq 0$ then there exists y such that $\text{succ } y = x$

we should be able to deduce

if $1 \neq 0$ then there exists y such that $\text{succ } y = 1$

by substituting 1 for the variable x .

The structure of (previously) atomic propositions must be refined so the variable x can be substituted.

Sub-atomic structure

In the proposition $\text{suc } y = x$,

- '=' is a *predicate symbol* that accepts two *terms*, and
- 'suc' is a *function symbol* that can be used to construct more complex terms, which can contain variables.

Each symbol has an associated natural number called its *arity*, which specifies the number of sub-terms the symbol expects.

Terms

Let $\mathcal{IV} = \{x, y, z, \dots\}$ be an infinite set of individual variable symbols.

Definition. Given a set \mathcal{F} of symbols with arities, the set $\text{TERM}_{\mathcal{F}}$ of *terms* is inductively defined by the following rules:

- $v \in \text{TERM}_{\mathcal{F}}$ if $v : \mathcal{IV}$;
- for any $f \in \mathcal{F}$ with arity n ,
 $f t_1 \dots t_n \in \text{TERM}_{\mathcal{F}}$ if $t_1, \dots, t_n \in \text{TERM}_{\mathcal{F}}$.

Example. For terms in Peano/Heyting arithmetic, we choose $\mathcal{F} := \{\text{zero}/0, \text{suc}/1, \text{add}/2, \text{mult}/2\}$ (where ‘/ n ’ indicates the arity of a symbol).

First-order formulas

Definition. A *signature* \mathcal{S} is a pair of sets $(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{F})$ of symbols with arities, where elements of \mathcal{P} are called *predicate symbols* and elements of \mathcal{F} are called *function symbols*.

Definition. Given a signature $\mathcal{S} = (\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{F})$, the set $\text{FORM}_{\mathcal{S}}$ of *first-order formulas* is defined by the following rules:

- $\perp \in \text{FORM}_{\mathcal{S}}$;
- for any $p/n \in \mathcal{P}$,
 $p t_1 \dots t_n \in \text{FORM}_{\mathcal{S}}$ if $t_1, \dots, t_n \in \text{TERM}_{\mathcal{F}}$;
- $\varphi \wedge \psi \in \text{FORM}_{\mathcal{S}}$ if $\varphi, \psi \in \text{FORM}_{\mathcal{S}}$;
- $\varphi \vee \psi \in \text{FORM}_{\mathcal{S}}$ if $\varphi, \psi \in \text{FORM}_{\mathcal{S}}$;
- $\varphi \rightarrow \psi \in \text{FORM}_{\mathcal{S}}$ if $\varphi, \psi \in \text{FORM}_{\mathcal{S}}$;
- $\forall v. \varphi \in \text{FORM}_{\mathcal{S}}$ if $v \in \mathcal{IV}$ and $\varphi \in \text{FORM}_{\mathcal{S}}$;
- $\exists v. \varphi \in \text{FORM}_{\mathcal{S}}$ if $v \in \mathcal{IV}$ and $\varphi \in \text{FORM}_{\mathcal{S}}$.

Example: Signature for Peano/Heyting arithmetic

The signature for Peano/Heyting arithmetic consists of $\mathcal{P} := \{ \text{Eq}/2 \}$ and $\mathcal{F} := \{ \text{zero}/0, \text{suc}/1, \text{add}/2, \text{mult}/2 \}$.

The proposition

for every x , if $x \neq 0$ then **there exists** y such that $\text{suc } y = x$
is written formally as

$$\forall x. \neg(\text{Eq } x \text{ zero}) \rightarrow \exists y. \text{Eq } (\text{suc } y) x$$

Definition of (capture-avoiding) substitution

Definition. Let $\mathcal{S} = (\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{F})$ be a signature, $t \in \text{TERM}_{\mathcal{F}}$, and $v \in \mathcal{IV}$. The function $_ [t/v] : \text{FORM}_{\mathcal{S}} \rightarrow \text{FORM}_{\mathcal{S}}$, which substitutes t for v in a first-order formula, is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \perp [t/v] &= \perp \\ (p \ t_1 \dots t_n) [t/v] &= p \ (t_1 [t/v]) \dots (t_n [t/v]) \quad \text{for } p/n \in \mathcal{P} \\ (\varphi \wedge \psi) [t/v] &= \varphi [t/v] \wedge \psi [t/v] \\ (\varphi \vee \psi) [t/v] &= \varphi [t/v] \vee \psi [t/v] \\ (\varphi \rightarrow \psi) [t/v] &= \varphi [t/v] \rightarrow \psi [t/v] \\ (\forall u. \varphi) [t/v] &= \forall u. \varphi [t/v] \quad \text{where } u \neq v \text{ and } u \notin \text{FV } t \\ (\exists u. \varphi) [t/v] &= \exists u. \varphi [t/v] \quad \text{where } u \neq v \text{ and } u \notin \text{FV } t, \end{aligned}$$

where $_ [t/v] : \text{TERM}_{\mathcal{F}} \rightarrow \text{TERM}_{\mathcal{F}}$ is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} u [t/v] &= \mathbf{if } u = v \mathbf{ then } t \mathbf{ else } u \quad \text{for } u \in \mathcal{IV} \\ (f \ t_1 \dots t_n) [t/v] &= f \ (t_1 [t/v]) \dots (t_n [t/v]) \quad \text{for } f/n \in \mathcal{F}. \end{aligned}$$

The missing definitions

Let $\mathcal{S} = (\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{F})$ be a signature.

Exercise. Define the function FV on $\text{FORM}_{\mathcal{S}}$ and $\text{TERM}_{\mathcal{F}}$ mapping a formula or a term to the set of its free variables.

Exercise. Define α -equivalence on $\text{FORM}_{\mathcal{S}}$.

Now consider Peano/Heyting arithmetic.

Exercise. Simplify

$$(\neg(\text{Eq } x \text{ zero}) \rightarrow \exists y. \text{Eq } (\text{suc } y) \text{ } x) [\text{add } x \text{ } y/x]$$

according to the definitions.

Intuitionistic meaning of quantifiers

We assume a set \mathcal{D} , called the *domain of discourse*, over which we quantify.

- A proof of $\forall v. \varphi$ is a method that, for every $d \in \mathcal{D}$, produces a proof of φ about d .
- A proof of $\exists v. \varphi$ is a value $d \in \mathcal{D}$ (called the *witness*) and a proof of φ about d .

To obtain a deduction system for intuitionistic first-order logic, we extend NJ with introduction and elimination rules for ' \forall ' and ' \exists '.

Introducing and eliminating '∀'

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \varphi}{\Gamma \vdash \forall v. \varphi} (\forall I) \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash \forall v. \varphi}{\Gamma \vdash \varphi [t/v]} (\forall E)$$

(∀I) has a side condition that $v \notin FV \Gamma$, where

$$FV \Gamma := \bigcup_{\varphi \in \Gamma} FV \varphi$$

Exercise. Derive

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

Non-example of ($\forall I$)

Why and how is this derivation wrong?

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\text{Eq } x \text{ zero} \vdash \text{Eq } x \text{ zero}}{\text{Eq } x \text{ zero} \vdash \forall x. \text{Eq } x \text{ zero}} (\forall I)}{\vdash \text{Eq } x \text{ zero} \rightarrow \forall x. \text{Eq } x \text{ zero}} (\rightarrow I)}{\vdash \forall x. \text{Eq } x \text{ zero} \rightarrow \forall x. \text{Eq } x \text{ zero}} (\forall I)}{\vdash \text{Eq } \text{zero zero} \rightarrow \forall x. \text{Eq } x \text{ zero}} (\forall E)$$

Introducing and eliminating '∃'

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \varphi [t/v]}{\Gamma \vdash \exists v. \varphi} (\exists I) \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash \exists v. \varphi \quad \Gamma, \varphi \vdash \psi}{\Gamma \vdash \psi} (\exists E)$$

(∃E) has a side condition that $v \notin FV \Gamma \cup FV \psi$.

Exercise. Derive

$$\vdash (\exists x. \forall y. P x y) \rightarrow \forall y. \exists x. P x y$$

Non-example of ($\exists E$)

Why and how is this derivation wrong?

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\overline{\exists x. P x \vdash \exists x. P x} \quad \overline{\exists x. P x, P x \vdash P x}}{\exists x. P x \vdash P x} (\exists E)}{\frac{\frac{\overline{\exists x. P x \vdash P x}}{\exists x. P x \vdash \forall x. P x} (\forall I)}{\vdash (\exists x. P x) \rightarrow \forall x. P x} (\rightarrow I)}}{(\exists E)}$$

Remark on negation and the existential quantifier

We can derive

$$(\exists v. \neg\varphi) \rightarrow (\neg\forall v. \varphi) \quad \text{but not} \quad (\neg\forall v. \varphi) \rightarrow (\exists v. \neg\varphi).$$

Intuitionistic existential quantification is stronger than its classical counterpart.

Exercise. Derive $\vdash (\neg\forall v. \varphi) \rightarrow (\exists v. \neg\varphi)$ assuming the law of excluded middle or the principle of indirect proof.

Similar to the Glivenko's theorem for propositional logic, there are ways to embed classical first-order logic into intuitionistic first-order logic.

Instantiating signatures

Definition. Given a signature $\mathcal{S} = (\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{F})$, an \mathcal{S} -structure \mathcal{M} consists of

- a nonempty set called the *domain*, which is simply denoted by \mathcal{M} ,
- a function $\llbracket p \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}} : (\mathcal{M} \rightarrow)^n \mathbf{2}$ for each predicate symbol $p/n \in \mathcal{P}$, and
- a function $\llbracket f \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}} : (\mathcal{M} \rightarrow)^n \mathcal{M}$ for each function symbol $f/n \in \mathcal{F}$.

Definition. Given a structure \mathcal{M} , the set of \mathcal{M} -assignments is defined to be $\mathcal{IV} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$.

Classical semantics of first-order logic

Definition. Let $\mathcal{S} = (\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{F})$ be a signature, \mathcal{M} an \mathcal{S} -structure, and σ an \mathcal{M} -assignment. The *truth-value interpretation*

$\llbracket _ \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \sigma} : \text{FORM}_{\mathcal{S}} \rightarrow \mathbf{2}$ of formulas is defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket \perp \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \sigma} &= 0 \\ \llbracket p \ t_1 \dots t_n \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \sigma} &= \llbracket p \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}} \llbracket t_1 \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \sigma} \dots \llbracket t_n \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \sigma} \quad \text{for } p/n \in \mathcal{P} \\ \llbracket \varphi \wedge \psi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \sigma} &= \min \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \sigma} \llbracket \psi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \sigma} \\ \llbracket \varphi \vee \psi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \sigma} &= \max \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \sigma} \llbracket \psi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \sigma} \\ \llbracket \varphi \rightarrow \psi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \sigma} &= \text{if } \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \sigma} \leq \llbracket \psi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \sigma} \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } 0 \\ \llbracket \forall v. \varphi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \sigma} &= \text{if } \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \sigma[m/v]} = 1 \text{ for every } m \in \mathcal{M} \\ &\quad \text{then } 1 \text{ else } 0 \\ \llbracket \exists v. \varphi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \sigma} &= \text{if } \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \sigma[m/v]} = 0 \text{ for every } m \in \mathcal{M} \\ &\quad \text{then } 0 \text{ else } 1 \end{aligned}$$

where $\llbracket _ \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \sigma} : \text{TERM}_{\mathcal{F}} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ is defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket v \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \sigma} &= \sigma v && \text{for } v \in \mathcal{IV} \\ \llbracket f \ t_1 \dots t_n \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \sigma} &= \llbracket f \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}} \llbracket t_1 \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \sigma} \dots \llbracket t_n \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \sigma} && \text{for } f \in \mathcal{F}. \end{aligned}$$

Semantic definitions

Let \mathcal{S} be a signature, $\varphi, \psi \in \text{FORM}_{\mathcal{S}}$, and $\Gamma \subseteq \text{FORM}_{\mathcal{S}}$.

Definition. An \mathcal{S} -structure \mathcal{M} and an \mathcal{M} -assignment σ *satisfy* φ exactly when $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{M}, \sigma} = 1$; they satisfy Γ exactly when they satisfy every formula in Γ .

Definition. φ is a *semantic consequence* of Γ exactly when, for any \mathcal{S} -structure \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{M} -assignment σ , φ is satisfied by \mathcal{M} and σ if Γ is satisfied by \mathcal{M} and σ . In this case we write $\Gamma \models \varphi$.

Definition. φ is *valid* exactly when $\emptyset \models \varphi$. In this case we also call φ a *tautology* and simply write $\models \varphi$.

Exercise. Prove

$$\models (\forall v. \neg\varphi) \rightarrow \neg(\exists v. \varphi)$$

Exercise. State and prove the soundness theorem of first-order NJ with respect to the classical semantics.

Heyting arithmetic

The signature for Heyting arithmetic consists of $\mathcal{P} := \{ \text{Eq}/2 \}$ and $\mathcal{F} := \{ \text{zero}/0, \text{suc}/1, \text{add}/2, \text{mult}/2 \}$.

We write $t_1 \equiv t_2$ for $\text{Eq } t_1 t_2$, $t_1 + t_2$ for $\text{add } t_1 t_2$, and $t_1 \times t_2$ for $\text{mult } t_1 t_2$.

Properties about these constants are postulated by the *Peano axioms*.

Peano axioms: 'Eq' is an equivalence relation

The first three axioms make 'Eq' an equivalence relation.

$$\textit{reflexivity} \quad := \quad \forall x. x \equiv x$$

$$\textit{transitivity} \quad := \quad \forall x. \forall y. \forall z. x \equiv y \wedge y \equiv z \rightarrow x \equiv z$$

$$\textit{symmetry} \quad := \quad \forall x. \forall y. x \equiv y \rightarrow y \equiv x$$

Peano axioms: constructors

The next three axioms are about zero and 'suc'.

$$\textit{disjointness} \quad := \quad \forall x. \neg(\text{suc } x \equiv \text{zero})$$

$$\textit{injectivity} \quad := \quad \forall x. \forall y. \text{suc } x \equiv \text{suc } y \rightarrow x \equiv y$$

$$\textit{congruence} \quad := \quad \forall x. \forall y. x \equiv y \rightarrow \text{suc } x \equiv \text{suc } y$$

Peano axioms: addition and multiplication

The following four axioms characterise 'plus' and 'mult'.

$$\textit{additionZ} \quad := \quad \forall y. \text{zero} + y \equiv y$$

$$\textit{additionS} \quad := \quad \forall x. \forall y. (\text{suc } x) + y \equiv \text{suc } (x + y)$$

$$\textit{multiplicationZ} \quad := \quad \forall y. \text{zero} \times y \equiv \text{zero}$$

$$\textit{multiplicationS} \quad := \quad \forall x. \forall y. (\text{suc } x) \times y \equiv x + (x \times y)$$

Peano axioms: induction

Finally there is an *axiom scheme* that generates instances of the induction principle on natural numbers: for every formula φ and variable v there is an axiom

$$\text{induction}_{\varphi, v} := \\ \text{closure} (\varphi [\text{zero}/v] \wedge (\forall v. \varphi \rightarrow \varphi [\text{suc } v/v]) \rightarrow \forall v. \varphi)$$

Definition. The *universal closure* of a formula ψ is defined by

$$\text{closure } \psi := \forall v_1. \dots \forall v_n. \psi \quad \text{where} \quad FV \psi = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}.$$

Example: $\mathbf{HA} \vdash_{\text{NJ}} \forall x. x \equiv \text{zero} \vee \exists y. x \equiv \text{suc } y$

This requires induction to analyse x .

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{\text{HA} \vdash \text{reflexivity}}{\text{HA} \vdash \text{zero} \equiv \text{zero}} \text{ (vE)} \\
 \frac{\text{HA} \vdash \text{zero} \equiv \text{zero} \quad \text{HA} \vdash \text{zero} \equiv \text{zero} \vee \exists y. \text{zero} \equiv \text{suc } y \text{ (vI)}}{\text{HA} \vdash \text{zero} \equiv \text{zero} \vee \exists y. \text{zero} \equiv \text{suc } y} \text{ (vI)} \\
 \frac{\text{HA} \vdash \text{induction}_{x \equiv \text{zero} \vee \exists y. x \equiv \text{suc } y, x}}{\text{HA} \vdash (\text{zero} \equiv \text{zero} \vee \exists y. \text{zero} \equiv \text{suc } y) \wedge (\forall x. x \equiv \text{zero} \vee \exists y. x \equiv \text{suc } y \rightarrow \text{suc } x \equiv \text{zero} \vee \exists y. \text{suc } x \equiv \text{suc } y)} \text{ (vI)} \\
 \frac{\text{HA}, x \equiv \text{zero} \vee \exists y. x \equiv \text{suc } y \vdash \text{reflexivity}}{\text{HA}, x \equiv \text{zero} \vee \exists y. x \equiv \text{suc } y \vdash \text{suc } x \equiv \text{suc } x} \text{ (vE)} \\
 \frac{\text{HA}, x \equiv \text{zero} \vee \exists y. x \equiv \text{suc } y \vdash \text{suc } x \equiv \text{suc } x}{\text{HA}, x \equiv \text{zero} \vee \exists y. x \equiv \text{suc } y \vdash \exists y. \text{suc } x \equiv \text{suc } y} \text{ (vI)} \\
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 \frac{\text{HA} \vdash \forall x. x \equiv \text{zero} \vee \exists y. x \equiv \text{suc } y \rightarrow \text{suc } x \equiv \text{zero} \vee \exists y. \text{suc } x \equiv \text{suc } y}{\text{HA} \vdash \forall x. x \equiv \text{zero} \vee \exists y. x \equiv \text{suc } y} \text{ (vI)}
 \end{array}$$

Informally:

- We invoke the induction principle on the formula $\varphi := x \equiv \text{zero} \vee \exists y. x \equiv \text{suc } y$ and variable x .
- The first proof obligation φ [zero/ x] is discharged by choosing the left-hand side $\text{zero} \equiv \text{zero}$ of ‘ \vee ’ and instantiating *reflexivity*.
- For the second proof obligation $\forall x. \varphi \rightarrow (\varphi$ [suc x/x]), we choose the right-hand side $\exists y. \text{suc } x \equiv \text{suc } y$, supply x as the witness, and invoke *reflexivity* again.

Theories

Definition. A formula φ is called a *sentence* if $FV \varphi = \emptyset$.

Definition. A list of sentences is called a *theory*, whose elements are called *axioms*.

Definition. A sentence derivable from a theory \mathcal{T} is called a *theorem* of \mathcal{T} .

Example. **HA** is a theory;
 $\text{suc zero} + \text{suc zero} \equiv \text{suc} (\text{suc zero})$ and
 $\forall x. x \equiv \text{zero} \vee \exists y. x \equiv \text{suc } y$ are theorems of **HA**.

(Syntactic) consistency and completeness of theories

Definition. A theory \mathcal{T} is *inconsistent* exactly when $\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\text{NJ}} \perp$; otherwise it is *consistent*.

Theorem. Let \mathcal{T} be a theory. The following statements are equivalent:

- \mathcal{T} is inconsistent;
- there is a sentence φ such that $\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\text{NJ}} \varphi$ and $\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\text{NJ}} \neg\varphi$;
- $\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\text{NJ}} \varphi$ for every sentence φ .

Definition. A theory \mathcal{T} is *complete* exactly when, for every sentence φ , either $\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\text{NJ}} \varphi$ or $\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\text{NJ}} \neg\varphi$.