

Philosophy 159 - Homework 8

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17.2 Proposition 1: The sentence S is a tautological consequence of the set \mathcal{T} if and only if the set $\mathcal{T} \cup \{\neg S\}$ is not tt-satisfiable.

(\Rightarrow) Assume that the sentence S is a tautological consequence of the set \mathcal{T} . This means that every truth assignment which makes all of the sentences in \mathcal{T} true also makes S true. Looking for a contradiction, assume that the set $\mathcal{T} \cup \{\neg S\}$ is tt-satisfiable. This means that there is a single truth assignment which makes all of the sentences in $\mathcal{T} \cup \{\neg S\}$ true. This assignment makes $\neg S$ true. It also all of the sentences in \mathcal{T} true, so by assumption that S is a tautological consequence of \mathcal{T} , this also makes S true. So we have both S and $\neg S$, which gives us a contradiction. Thus, $\mathcal{T} \cup \{\neg S\}$ is not tt-satisfiable.

(\Leftarrow) Assume that the set $\mathcal{T} \cup \{\neg S\}$ is not tt-satisfiable. Thus, there is no truth assignment which makes all of the sentences in $\mathcal{T} \cup \{\neg S\}$ true. Any truth assignment h must make at least one of the sentences in $\mathcal{T} \cup \{\neg S\}$ false. If we let h be any truth assignment which makes all of the sentences in \mathcal{T} true, it must therefore make $\neg S$ false, making S true. Thus, any truth assignment which makes all of the sentences in \mathcal{T} true also makes S true, which means that S is a tautological consequence of \mathcal{T} .

17.3 h_1 and h_2 are truth assignments which agree on all the atomic sentences in S . We want to show that $\hat{h}_1(S) = \hat{h}_2(S)$. Prove this by induction on wffs (as defined in exercise 16.12).

Base Case: If Q is an atomic sentence, then part (1) of the definition of \hat{h} tells us that $\hat{h}_1(Q) = h_1(Q)$ and $\hat{h}_2(Q) = h_2(Q)$. We know that h_1 and h_2 agree on Q , so \hat{h}_1 and \hat{h}_2 also agree on Q .

Inductive Step: Assume that Q and R are wffs such that $\hat{h}_1(Q) = \hat{h}_2(Q)$ and $\hat{h}_1(R) = \hat{h}_2(R)$.

Part (2) of the definition of \hat{h} tells us that $\hat{h}_1(\neg Q)$ depends only on (is exactly the opposite of) the value of $\hat{h}_1(Q)$, and similar for $\hat{h}_2(\neg Q)$. Because we know $\hat{h}_1(Q) = \hat{h}_2(Q)$, this tells us that $\hat{h}_1(\neg Q) = \hat{h}_2(\neg Q)$.

Part (3) of the definition of \hat{h} tells us that $\hat{h}_1(Q \wedge R)$ depends only on the values of $\hat{h}_1(Q)$ and $\hat{h}_1(R)$. Similar for $\hat{h}_2(Q \wedge R)$. Because we know $\hat{h}_1(Q) = \hat{h}_2(Q)$ and $\hat{h}_1(R) = \hat{h}_2(R)$, this tells us that $\hat{h}_1(Q \wedge R) = \hat{h}_2(Q \wedge R)$.

Parallel reasoning gives $\hat{h}_1(Q \vee R) = \hat{h}_2(Q \vee R)$, $\hat{h}_1(Q \rightarrow R) = \hat{h}_2(Q \rightarrow R)$ and $\hat{h}_1(Q \leftrightarrow R) = \hat{h}_2(Q \leftrightarrow R)$.

Because all wffs are built up according to the definition in this manner, this shows that $\hat{h}_1(S) = \hat{h}_2(S)$ for any wff S .

17.5 $\mathcal{T} : \{\neg(\text{Cube}(a) \vee \text{Small}(a)), \text{Cube}(b) \rightarrow \text{Cube}(a), \text{Small}(a) \vee \text{Small}(b)\}$

Formal Consistency: We want to show that $\mathcal{T} \not\vdash_{\mathcal{T}} \perp$. Towards a proof by contradiction, assume $\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\mathcal{T}} \perp$. By the soundness theorem, this means that \perp is a tautological consequence of \mathcal{T} . Thus, every truth assignment which makes all of the sentences in \mathcal{T} true will also make \perp true. However, we can

find a truth assignment ($\text{Cube}(a) = \text{FALSE}$, $\text{Cube}(b) = \text{FALSE}$, $\text{Small}(a) = \text{FALSE}$, $\text{Small}(b) = \text{TRUE}$) which makes all of the sentences in \mathcal{T} true without generating a contradiction. This contradicts our assumption that $\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\mathcal{T}} \perp$, and thus $\mathcal{T} \not\vdash_{\mathcal{T}} \perp$.

Formal Completeness: By Lemma 5, we want to show that, for every atomic sentence A in our language, $\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\mathcal{T}} A$ or $\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\mathcal{T}} \neg A$. Our language includes two predicates and two constants, for a total of four atomic sentences: $\text{Cube}(a)$, $\text{Small}(a)$, $\text{Cube}(b)$, and $\text{Small}(b)$. The first sentence of \mathcal{T} gives us $\neg\text{Cube}(a)$ and $\neg\text{Small}(a)$. The second sentence, combined with $\neg\text{Cube}(a)$, proves $\neg\text{Cube}(b)$. The final sentence, combined with $\neg\text{Small}(a)$, proves $\text{Small}(b)$.

17.6 $\mathcal{T}: \{\neg(\text{Cube}(a) \vee \text{Small}(a)), \text{Cube}(b) \rightarrow \text{Cube}(a), \text{Small}(a) \vee \text{Small}(b)\}$

The truth assignment h which makes all of the sentences in \mathcal{T} true assigns the following values to the atomic sentences of the language: $\text{Cube}(a) = \text{FALSE}$, $\text{Cube}(b) = \text{FALSE}$, $\text{Small}(a) = \text{FALSE}$, $\text{Small}(b) = \text{TRUE}$.

17.7 $\mathcal{T}: \{\neg(\text{Cube}(a) \wedge \text{Small}(a)), \text{Cube}(b) \rightarrow \text{Cube}(a), \text{Small}(a) \vee \text{Small}(b)\}$

Alphabetical ordering of atomic sentences: $A_1 = \text{Cube}(a)$, $A_2 = \text{Cube}(b)$, $A_3 = \text{Small}(a)$, and $A_4 = \text{Small}(b)$.

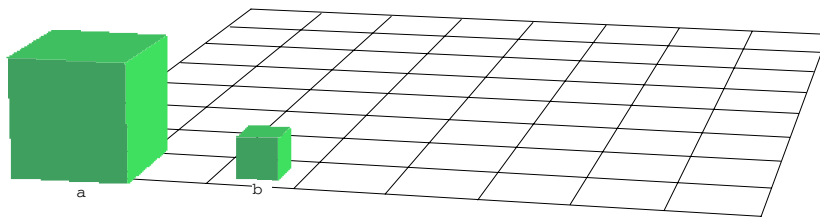
- Neither $\text{Cube}(a)$ nor $\neg\text{Cube}(a)$ is provable from \mathcal{T} , so we add $\text{Cube}(a)$ to the set.
- Neither $\text{Cube}(b)$ nor $\neg\text{Cube}(b)$ is provable from \mathcal{T} , so we add $\text{Cube}(b)$ to the set.
- From $\neg(\text{Cube}(a) \wedge \text{Small}(a))$ and $\text{Cube}(a)$, we can prove $\neg\text{Small}(a)$.
- From $\text{Small}(a) \vee \text{Small}(b)$ and $\neg\text{Small}(a)$, we can prove $\text{Small}(b)$.

The expanded formally complete set is:

$\{\neg(\text{Cube}(a) \wedge \text{Small}(a)), \text{Cube}(b) \rightarrow \text{Cube}(a), \text{Small}(a) \vee \text{Small}(b), \text{Cube}(a), \text{Cube}(b)\}$

The truth assignment h is such that: $h(\text{Cube}(a)) = \text{TRUE}$, $h(\text{Cube}(b)) = \text{TRUE}$, $h(\text{Small}(a)) = \text{FALSE}$, and $h(\text{Small}(b)) = \text{TRUE}$.

A world making all of the sentences in the formally complete set is shown below.



17.14 Lemma 3, Part 4: $\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\mathcal{T}} (R \rightarrow S)$ iff $\mathcal{T} \not\vdash_{\mathcal{T}} R$ or $\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\mathcal{T}} S$

(\Leftarrow) Assume $\mathcal{T} \not\vdash_{\mathcal{T}} R$ or $\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\mathcal{T}} S$. We have to show that, in either case, we can prove $R \rightarrow S$.

Assume $\mathcal{T} \not\vdash_{\mathcal{T}} R$. Because \mathcal{T} is formally complete, this means that $\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\mathcal{T}} \neg R$. Suppose the proof of $\neg R$ uses the premises P_1, \dots, P_n and looks like this:

$$\begin{array}{|l}
P_1 \\
\vdots \\
P_n \\
\hline
\vdots \\
\neg R
\end{array}$$

We can form a proof of $R \rightarrow S$ as follows:

$$\begin{array}{|l}
P_1 \\
\vdots \\
P_n \\
\hline
\vdots \\
\neg R \\
\begin{array}{|l}
R \\
\hline
\neg R \quad \mathbf{Reit} \\
\perp \quad \perp \mathbf{Intro} \\
S \quad \perp \mathbf{Elim} \\
R \rightarrow S \quad \rightarrow \mathbf{Intro}
\end{array}
\end{array}$$

For the second case, assume $\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\mathcal{T}} S$. Suppose the proof of S uses the premises P_1, \dots, P_n and looks like this:

$$\begin{array}{|l}
P_1 \\
\vdots \\
P_n \\
\hline
\vdots \\
S
\end{array}$$

Then we can show $R \rightarrow S$ as follows:

$$\begin{array}{|l}
P_1 \\
\vdots \\
P_n \\
\hline
\vdots \\
S \\
\begin{array}{|l}
R \\
\hline
S \quad \mathbf{Reit} \\
R \rightarrow S \quad \rightarrow \mathbf{Intro}
\end{array}
\end{array}$$

17.15 Lemma 3, Part 4: $\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\mathcal{T}} (R \rightarrow S)$ iff $\mathcal{T} \not\vdash_{\mathcal{T}} R$ or $\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\mathcal{T}} S$

(\Rightarrow) Assume $\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\mathcal{T}} (R \rightarrow S)$. We need to show that either $\mathcal{T} \not\vdash_{\mathcal{T}} R$ or $\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\mathcal{T}} S$. By Lemma 3, part 3, this result that we're trying to show is equivalent to $\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\mathcal{T}} \neg R$ or $\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\mathcal{T}} S$. By Lemma 3, part 2, this is equivalent to $\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\mathcal{T}} (\neg R \vee S)$.

Toward a proof by contradiction, assume $\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\mathcal{T}} R$ and $\mathcal{T} \not\vdash_{\mathcal{T}} S$. By Lemma 3 part 3, this is equivalent to $\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\mathcal{T}} R$ and $\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\mathcal{T}} \neg S$. By Lemma 3 part 1,

this is equivalent to $\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\mathcal{T}} (R \wedge \neg S)$. By DeMorgan's law, this is equivalent to $\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\mathcal{T}} \neg(\neg R \vee S)$. Combining this proof with the proof of $(\neg R \vee S)$ above, and adding one step of \perp **Intro**, we get a contradiction. Thus our assumption, that $\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\mathcal{T}} R$ and $\mathcal{T} \not\vdash_{\mathcal{T}} S$ is false. This means that either $\mathcal{T} \not\vdash_{\mathcal{T}} R$ or $\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\mathcal{T}} S$, which is what we were trying to show.