

Exercises Set 1 Proof Theory, 2019

Exercise 0.1. 1. What rule(s) should be added to G3cp so that we can add the logical constant \top to our language and obtain a system G3cp \top .

2. Prove soundness and completeness of your proposed system G3cp \top .

Exercise 0.2. There are two obvious ways to work with sequents $\Gamma \Longrightarrow \Delta$. One way is to say that both Γ and Δ are multi-sets and the other is to say that both should be sets. However, there is a middle way. Here, we require that Γ and Δ are sets but allow for repetition in the rule formulation. For example, in the rule

$$R \rightarrow \frac{\Gamma, A \Longrightarrow \Delta, B}{\Gamma \Longrightarrow \Delta, A \rightarrow B} .$$

we allow for $A \in \Gamma$ or $A \notin \Gamma$ where the first allows for repeating a single formula. Only in this system, the following would be a proof:

$$L \rightarrow \frac{\frac{P \Longrightarrow \perp, P \quad \perp, P \Longrightarrow \perp}{R \rightarrow \frac{P, \neg P \Longrightarrow \perp, \perp}{P \Longrightarrow \neg\neg P, \perp}}{R \rightarrow \frac{\Longrightarrow \neg\neg P, \neg P}{R \vee \frac{\Longrightarrow \neg\neg P \vee \neg P}}{.}}$$

Show that for G3c all three readings are sound and complete.

Exercise 0.3. We can define a constructive calculus where conclusions can have succedents with more than one element. However, we should then replace the rule for implication introduction on the right to

$$R \rightarrow \frac{\Gamma, A \Longrightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma \Longrightarrow A \rightarrow \bigvee \Delta} .$$

Do we have soundness and completeness for the resulting proof system(s)?

Exercise 0.4. Prove the following tautology in G3c:

$$\forall x \neg R(x, x) \wedge \forall x \forall y \forall z (R(x, y) \wedge R(y, z) \rightarrow R(x, z)) \rightarrow \neg \exists x \exists y (R(x, y) \wedge R(y, x)).$$

Exercise 0.5. In this exercise you are asked to retrieve countermodels from non-provable sequents for classical predicate calculus. As such you are asked to apply rules to our non-provable sequents so that the resulting trees which are actually not proofs suggest a counter model. Do this for the following formulas:

1. $\exists x A x \rightarrow \forall x A x$;
2. $\forall x \neg R(x, x) \wedge \forall x \forall y \forall z (R(x, y) \wedge R(y, z) \rightarrow R(x, z)) \rightarrow \exists x \exists y (R(x, y) \wedge R(y, x))$;
3. $\exists x \exists y R(x, y) \wedge \forall x \neg R(x, x) \wedge \forall x \forall y \forall z (R(x, y) \wedge R(y, z) \rightarrow R(x, z)) \rightarrow \exists x \exists y (R(x, y) \wedge R(y, x))$;

Observe that the second formula has a finite countermodel. Can this be read-off from a non-terminating proof?

Exercise 0.6. *In this exercise we consider classical first-order logic corresponding to the system G3c. In case a formula is non-provable, we can still apply our rules to obtain a tree that –apart from possible leafs– locally satisfies the rules. Possibly such a tree will have infinite branches. Show how trees corresponding to non-provable formulas give rise to a model falsifying this formula and that this thus constitutes for a completeness proof. Hint: show that a model with an assignment falsifying an antecedent of a rule will also falsify the conclusion of a rule. Falsifying a sequent should be properly defined. In case all the leaves are axioms, one will have to resort to an infinite branch to finish the proof. In a sense, the union of such an infinite branch can be used to define a term model. For the sake of a smooth argument it may be good to work with a countable set of variables used for the quantifiers, a disjoint countable set of variables used for the free variables, and a countable set of constants used to define the term model.*

Exercise 0.7. *Consider the previous exercise. It is clear that different infinite branches may lead to different (non-isomorphic) models. Can all possible countable models of a non-provable formula be obtained by the above procedure?*