

For example, let  $B$  be  $\neg(\neg A_2 \Rightarrow A_5)$ . Then for each row of the truth table

$A_2$	$A_5$	$\neg(\neg A_2 \Rightarrow A_5)$
T	T	F
F	T	F
T	F	F
F	F	T

Lemma 3 asserts ~~that~~ a corresponding deducibility relation. For instance, corresponding to the third row there is  $A_2, \neg A_5 \vdash \neg\neg(\neg A_2 \Rightarrow A_5)$ , and corresponding to the fourth row,  $\neg A_2, \neg A_5 \vdash \neg(\neg A_2 \Rightarrow A_5)$ .

Proof: The proof is by induction on the number  $n$  of occurrences of  $\neg$  and  $\Rightarrow$  in  $B$ . (We assume  $B$  written without abbreviations). If  $n=0$ ,  $B$  is just a statement letter  $B_1$  and then the lemma reduces to  $B_1 \vdash B_1$  and  $\neg B_1 \vdash \neg B_1$ . Assume now that the lemma holds for all  $j < n$ .

Case 1:  $B$  is  $\neg C$ . Then  $C$  has fewer than  $n$  occurrences of  $\neg$  and  $\Rightarrow$ .

Subcase 1a: Let  $C$  takes the value T under the given truth value assignment. Then  $B$  takes the value F. So,  $C'$  is  $C$  and  $B'$  is  $\neg B$ . By the inductive hypothesis applied to  $C$ ,  $B'_1, B'_2, \dots, B'_k \vdash C$ .

Then by Lemma 2(b) and MP,  $B'_1, B'_2, \dots, B'_k \vdash \neg\neg C$ . But  $\neg\neg C$  is  $B'$ .

Subcase 1b: Let  $C$  takes the value F. Then  $B$  takes the value T. So,  $C'$  is  $\neg C$  and  $B'$  is  $B$ . By inductive hypothesis,  $B'_1, B'_2, \dots, B'_k \vdash \neg C$ . But  $\neg C$  is  $B$ .

Case 2:  $B$  is  $C \Rightarrow D$ . Then  $C$  and  $D$  have fewer occurrences of  $\neg$  and  $\Rightarrow$  than  $B$ . So, by inductive hypothesis,  $B'_1, B'_2, \dots, B'_k \vdash C$  and  $B'_1, B'_2, \dots, B'_k \vdash D$ .

Subcase 2a:  $C$  take the value F. Then  $B$  takes the value T. So,  $C'$  is  $\neg C$  and  $B'$  is  $B$ . So,  $B'_1, B'_2, \dots, B'_k \vdash \neg C$ . By lemma 2(c) and MP,  $B'_1, B'_2, \dots, B'_k \vdash C \Rightarrow D$ . But  $C \Rightarrow D$  is  $B$ .



Subcase 2b:  $\mathcal{D}$  takes the value T. Then  $\mathcal{B}$  takes the value T. So,

$\mathcal{D}'$  is  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{B}'$  is  $\mathcal{B}$ . Hence  $b'_1, b'_2, \dots, b'_k \vdash \mathcal{D}$ . Then by axiom (A) and MP,  $b'_1, b'_2, \dots, b'_k \vdash \mathcal{C} \Rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ . But  $\mathcal{C} \Rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  is  $\mathcal{B}'$ .

Subcase 2c:  $\mathcal{C}$  takes the value T and  $\mathcal{D}$  takes the value F. Then

$\mathcal{B}$  takes the value F. So,  $\mathcal{C}'$  is  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $\mathcal{D}'$  is  $\neg \mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{B}'$  is  $\neg \mathcal{B}$ .

So,  $b'_1, b'_2, \dots, b'_k \vdash \mathcal{C}$  and  $b'_1, b'_2, \dots, b'_k \vdash \neg \mathcal{D}$ . Hence, by Lemma 2(f)

an MP,  $b'_1, b'_2, \dots, b'_k \vdash \neg(\mathcal{C} \Rightarrow \mathcal{D})$ . But  $\neg(\mathcal{C} \Rightarrow \mathcal{D})$  is  $\mathcal{B}'$ .

[Note: we could have take subcase 2b:  $\mathcal{D}$  takes the value T and  $\mathcal{C}$  takes the value T and then there would be no repetition of cases]

### Proposition 1.9 (Completeness Theorem)

If a wf of  $L$  is a tautology, then it is a theorem of  $L$ .

Proof: Assume  $\mathcal{B}$  is a tautology, and let  $B_1, \dots, B_k$  be the

statement letters in  $\mathcal{B}$ . For any truth value assignment to

$b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k$ , we have by Lemma 3,  $b'_1, \dots, b'_k \vdash \mathcal{B}$  ( $\mathcal{B}'$  is  $\mathcal{B}$

because  $\mathcal{B}$  always takes the value T). Hence, when  $B_k$  is

given the value T, we obtain  $b'_1, b'_2, \dots, b'_{k-1}, B_k \vdash \mathcal{B}$  and

$B_k$  is given the value F, we obtain  $b'_1, b'_2, \dots, b'_{k-1}, \neg B_k \vdash \mathcal{B}$ .

So, by deduction theorem,  $b'_1, b'_2, \dots, b'_{k-1} \vdash B_k \Rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  and

$b'_1, b'_2, \dots, b'_{k-1} \vdash \neg B_k \Rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ . Then by Lemma 2(g) and MP,

$b'_1, b'_2, \dots, b'_{k-1} \vdash \mathcal{B}$ . Similarly,  $B_{k-1}$  may be chosen to T

or F and, again applying the deduction theorem, Lemma 2(g) and

MP, we can eliminate  $b'_{k-1}$  just as we eliminated  $b'_k$ .

After  $k$  such steps, we finally obtain  $\vdash \mathcal{B}$ .



Corollary 1.10 If  $\mathcal{C}$  be an expression involving the signs  $\neg$ ,  $\Rightarrow$ ,  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$  and  $\Leftrightarrow$  that is an abbreviation of a wf  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $L$ , then  $\mathcal{C}$  is a tautology if and only if  $\mathcal{B}$  is a theorem of  $L$ .

Proof: In the definitions (D1)-(D3) (of page-31), the abbreviating format formulas replace wfs to which they are logically equivalent. Hence, by Proposition 1.4,  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{C}$  are logically equivalent, and  $\mathcal{C}$  is a tautology if and only if  $\mathcal{B}$  is a tautology. The corollary now follows from Propositions 1.8 and 1.9.

Definition (Consistency): A theory  $M$  is said to be consistent if there is no wf  $\mathcal{B}$  such that both  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\neg\mathcal{B}$  are theorems of  $M$ . Otherwise  $M$  is said to be inconsistent.

Definition (Absolute consistency): A theory  $M$  is said to be absolutely consistent if there is a wf  $\mathcal{B}$  which is not a theorem, i.e. not all wfs are theorems.

Corollary 1.11 The theory  $L$  is consistent

Proof: By Proposition 1.8, every theorem of  $L$  is a tautology. The negation of a tautology cannot be a tautology and, therefore, it is impossible for  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\neg\mathcal{B}$  to be theorems of  $L$ .

Proposition 1.12 A theory  $M$  is consistent if and only if it is absolutely consistent.

Proof: Let  $M$  be consistent. Then there are wfs which are not theorems because if  $\mathcal{B}$  is a theorem then  $\neg\mathcal{B}$  is not a theorem. On the other hand, let  $M$  be absolutely consistent. If possible



Let  $M$  be inconsistent. So  $\exists$  a wf  $B$  such that  $B$  and  $\neg B$  are Theorems of  $M$ . By Lemma 2(c) we assume that  $M$  is a Theory in which Lemma 2(c) is provable and it has modus ponens as a rule of inference. So here  $\vdash \neg B \Rightarrow (B \Rightarrow C)$  in  $M$ . As  $B$  and  $\neg B$  are both true, so using MP any wf  $C$  is provable, a contradiction that  $M$  is absolutely consistent.

So,  $M$  is consistent.

Corollary 1.12 The theory  $L$  is absolutely consistent.

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Consistent set: A set  $\Gamma$  in the theory  $L$  is said to be consistent if there is no wf  $B$  such that  $\Gamma \vdash B$  in  $L$  and  $\Gamma \vdash \neg B$ . Otherwise,  $\Gamma$  is said to be inconsistent.

maximally consistent set: A set  $\Gamma$  in the theory  $L$  is said to be maximally consistent if it is consistent and if  $\exists$  a consistent set  $\Gamma'$  such that  $\Gamma \subset \Gamma'$ , then  $\Gamma = \Gamma'$ . A set  $\Gamma$  is absolutely consistent if  $\exists$  a wf  $B$  s.t.  $\Gamma \not\vdash B$ .  $\Gamma$  is also consistent if and only if  $\Gamma$  is absolutely consistent.

Using Zorn's lemma or Tukey's lemma (both of which are equivalent to axiom of choice) we get a theorem which is called Lindenbaum's lemma or theorem.

Proposition 1.13. Every consistent set of wfs can be extended to a maximally consistent set.

~~Proof~~ Lemma 4. The union of a chain of consistent sets ordered by  $\subset$ , is consistent  
 Proof: Let  $\mathcal{C} = \{ \Gamma_i : i \in I \}$  be a chain of consistent

sets ordered by  $\subset$  and indexed by some set  $I$ . We want to show that  $\Gamma = \bigcup \mathcal{C}$  is also consistent. Suppose not, then any wff  $\mathcal{B}$  is provable <sup>from  $\Gamma$</sup> . Let  $\mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2, \dots, \mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_2, \dots, \mathcal{B}_n$  be a deduction of  $\mathcal{B}$  (which is  $\mathcal{B}_n$ ) from  $\Gamma$ . So,  $\exists \Gamma_{i_1}, \Gamma_{i_2}, \dots, \Gamma_{i_{n-1}}$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  such that  $\Gamma_{i_1} \vdash \mathcal{B}_1, \Gamma_{i_2} \vdash \mathcal{B}_2, \dots, \Gamma_{i_{n-1}} \vdash \mathcal{B}_{n-1}$ . Since  $\mathcal{C}$  is a chain, take the largest of  $\Gamma_{i_1}, \Gamma_{i_2}, \dots, \Gamma_{i_{n-1}}$ , say,  $\Gamma_{i_k}$  so that  $\Gamma_{i_k} \vdash \mathcal{B}_i, i=1, 2, \dots, n-1$ . This implies  $\Gamma_{i_k} \vdash \mathcal{B}_n$  or,  $\Gamma_{i_k} \vdash \mathcal{B}$ , contradicting the assumption that  $\Gamma_{i_k}$  is consistent. So  $\Gamma$  is consistent.

Proof of Proposition 1.13: Let  $\Gamma$  be a consistent set of wffs. Let  $P$  be the partially ordered set of all consistent supersets of  $\Gamma$ , ordered by inclusion  $\subset$ . If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a chain of elements of  $P$ , then  $\bigcup \mathcal{C}$  is consistent by lemma 4, so  $\bigcup \mathcal{C} \in P$  as element of  $\mathcal{C}$  is a superset of  $\Gamma$ . By Zorn's lemma  $P$  has a maximal element. Call it  $\Gamma'$ . To see that  $\Gamma'$  is maximally consistent, suppose  $\Gamma$  is not maximally consistent. So, we can show that  $\exists$  a wff  $\mathcal{B}$  such that  $\Gamma' \not\vdash \mathcal{B}$  and  $\Gamma' \not\vdash \neg \mathcal{B}$ .  $\Gamma' \not\vdash \mathcal{B}$  implies then  $\mathcal{B} \notin \Gamma'$  and  $\Gamma' \not\vdash \neg \mathcal{B}$  implies that  $\Gamma' \cup \{\mathcal{B}\}$  is consistent, and therefore in  $P$ . So these two results imply that  $\Gamma' \cup \{\mathcal{B}\}$  is a consistent proper superset of  $\Gamma'$ , contradicting the maximality of  $\Gamma'$  in  $P$ . So  $\Gamma'$  is maximally consistent.