

Conditional introduction:  $B, \neg C \vdash \neg(B \Rightarrow C)$

Conditional contrapositive:  $B \Rightarrow C \vdash \neg C \Rightarrow \neg B$

$\neg C \Rightarrow \neg B \vdash B \Rightarrow C$

Biconditional elimination:

$B \Leftrightarrow C, B \vdash C, B \Leftrightarrow C, \neg B \vdash \neg C$

$B \Leftrightarrow C, C \vdash B, B \Leftrightarrow C, \neg C \vdash \neg B$

$B \Leftrightarrow C \vdash B \Rightarrow C, B \Leftrightarrow C \vdash C \Rightarrow B$

Biconditional introduction:

$B \Rightarrow C, C \Rightarrow B \vdash B \Leftrightarrow C$

Biconditional negation:

$B \Leftrightarrow C \vdash \neg B \Leftrightarrow \neg C$

$\neg B \Leftrightarrow \neg C \vdash B \Leftrightarrow C$

Proof by contradiction: If a proof of  $\Gamma, \neg B \vdash C \wedge \neg C$  involves no application of Gen using a variable free in  $B$ , then  $\Gamma \vdash B$ .  
(Similarly one obtains  $\Gamma \vdash \neg B$  from  $\Gamma, B \vdash C \wedge \neg C$ .)

### Exercises

3.10 Justify the derived rules listed above

3.11 Prove the following:

a.  $\vdash (\forall x)(\forall y) A_1^2(x, y) \Rightarrow (\forall x) A_1^2(x, x)$

b.  $\vdash [(\forall x) B] \vee [(\forall x) C] \Rightarrow (\forall x)(B \vee C)$

c.  $\vdash \neg(\exists x) B \Rightarrow (\forall x) \neg B$

d.  $\vdash (\forall x) B \Rightarrow (\forall x)(B \vee C)$

e.  $\vdash (\forall x)(\forall y)(A_1^2(x, y) \Rightarrow \neg A_1^2(y, x)) \Rightarrow (\forall x) \neg A_1^2(x, x)$

f.  $\vdash [(\exists x) B \Rightarrow (\forall x) C] \Rightarrow (\forall x)(B \Rightarrow C)$

g.  $\vdash (\forall x)(B \vee C) \Rightarrow [(\forall x) B] \vee (\exists x) C$

h.  $\vdash (\forall x)(A_1^2(x, x) \Rightarrow (\exists y) A_1^2(x, y))$

i.  $\vdash (\forall x)(B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow [(\forall x) \neg C \Rightarrow (\forall x) \neg B]$

j.  $\vdash (\exists y)[A_1^1(y) \Rightarrow (\forall y) A_1^1(y)]$

k.  $\vdash (\exists x) A_1^2(x, x) \Rightarrow (\exists x)(\exists y) A_1^2(x, y)$

3.12 Assume that  $B$  and  $C$  are wffs and  $x$  is not free in  $B$ .

Prove the following

a.  $\vdash B \Rightarrow (\forall x) B$

- b. ~~( $\exists x$ ) $\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \mathcal{B}$~~
- c.  $\vdash (\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow (\forall x)\mathcal{C}) \Leftrightarrow (\forall x)(\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \mathcal{C})$
- d.  $\vdash ((\exists x)\mathcal{C} \Rightarrow \mathcal{B}) \Leftrightarrow (\forall x)(\mathcal{C} \Rightarrow \mathcal{B})$

We need a derived rule that will allow us to replace a part  $\mathcal{C}$  of a wf  $\mathcal{B}$  by a wf that provably equivalent to  $\mathcal{C}$ . For this purpose, we must prove the following auxiliary result.

Lemma 3.12 For any wfs  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $\vdash (\forall x)(\mathcal{B} \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{C}) \Rightarrow ((\forall x)\mathcal{B} \Leftrightarrow (\forall x)\mathcal{C})$

Proof:

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|---|----------------------------------|
| 1. $(\forall x)(\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \mathcal{C})$   | Hyp                              |
| 2. $(\forall x)\mathcal{B}$   | Hyp                              |
| 3. $\mathcal{B} \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{C}$  | 1, rule A4                       |
| 4. $\mathcal{B}$  | 2, rule A4                       |
| 5. $\mathcal{C}$  | 3, 4, biconditional elimination  |
| 6. $(\forall x)\mathcal{C}$   | 5, Gen                           |
| 7. $(\forall x)(\mathcal{B} \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{C}), (\forall x)\mathcal{B} \vdash (\forall x)\mathcal{C}$                               | 1-6                              |
| 8. $(\forall x)(\mathcal{B} \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{C}) \vdash (\forall x)\mathcal{B} \Rightarrow (\forall x)\mathcal{C}$                    | 1-7, Corollary 3.7               |
| 9. $(\forall x)(\mathcal{B} \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{C}) \vdash (\forall x)\mathcal{C} \Rightarrow (\forall x)\mathcal{B}$                    | Proof like that of 8             |
| 10. $(\forall x)(\mathcal{B} \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{C}) \vdash (\forall x)\mathcal{B} \Leftrightarrow (\forall x)\mathcal{C}$               | 8, 9, biconditional introduction |
| 11. $\vdash (\forall x)(\mathcal{B} \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{C}) \Rightarrow ((\forall x)\mathcal{B} \Leftrightarrow (\forall x)\mathcal{C})$ | 1-10, Corollary 3.7              |

Proposition 3.13

If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a subformula of  $\mathcal{B}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}'$  is the result of replacing zero or more occurrences of  $\mathcal{C}$  in  $\mathcal{B}$  by a wf  $\mathcal{D}$ , and every free variable of  $\mathcal{C}$  or  $\mathcal{D}$  that is also a bound variable of  $\mathcal{B}$  occurs in

the list  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k$ , then:

- a.  $\vdash [(\forall y_1) \dots (\forall y_k)(\mathcal{C} \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{D})] \Rightarrow (\mathcal{B} \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{B}')$  [Equivalence Theorem]
- ~~b.  $\vdash \mathcal{C} \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{D}$~~  b. If  $\vdash \mathcal{C} \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{D}$ , then  $\vdash \mathcal{B} \Rightarrow \mathcal{B}'$  [Replacement Theorem]
- c. If  $\vdash \mathcal{C} \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{D}$  and  $\vdash \mathcal{B}$ , then  $\vdash \mathcal{B}'$

Proof: a. We use induction on the number of connectives and quantifiers in  $B$ . Note that, if zero occurrences are replaced,  $B'$  is  $B$  and the wf to be proved is an instance of the tautology  $A \Rightarrow (B \Leftrightarrow B)$ . Note also that, if  $C$  is identical with  $B$  and this occurrence of  $C$  is replaced by  $D$ , the wf to be proved,  $[(\forall y_1) \dots (\forall y_k)(C \Leftrightarrow D)] \Rightarrow (B \Rightarrow B')$ , is derivable by Exercise 3.9(A) (Page-72). Thus, we may assume that  $C$  is a proper part of  $B$  and that at least one occurrence of  $C$  is replaced. Our inductive hypothesis is that the result holds for all wfs with fewer connectives and quantifiers than  $B$ .

Case 1.  $B$  is an atomic wf. Then  $C$  can not be a proper part of  $B$ .

Case 2.  $B$  is  $\neg C$ . Let  $B'$  be  $\neg C'$ . By inductive hypothesis,  $\vdash [(\forall y_1) \dots (\forall y_k)(C \Leftrightarrow D)] \Rightarrow (C \Leftrightarrow C')$ . Hence, by a suitable instance of the tautology  $(C \Rightarrow (A \Leftrightarrow B)) \Rightarrow (C \Rightarrow (\neg A \Leftrightarrow \neg B))$  and MP, we obtain  $\vdash [(\forall y_1) \dots (\forall y_k)(C \Leftrightarrow D)] \Rightarrow (B \Rightarrow B')$ .

Case 3.  $B$  is  $C \Rightarrow D$ . Let  $B'$  be  $C' \Rightarrow D'$ . By inductive hypothesis,  $\vdash [(\forall y_1) \dots (\forall y_k)(C \Leftrightarrow D)] \Rightarrow (C \Leftrightarrow C')$  and  $\vdash [(\forall y_1) \dots (\forall y_k)(C \Leftrightarrow D)] \Rightarrow (D \Leftrightarrow D')$ .

Using a suitable instance of the tautology

$$(A \Rightarrow (B \Leftrightarrow C)) \wedge (A \Rightarrow (D \Leftrightarrow E)) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow [(B \Rightarrow D) \Leftrightarrow (C \Rightarrow E)])$$

we obtain  $\vdash [(\forall y_1) \dots (\forall y_k)(C \Leftrightarrow D)] \Rightarrow (B \Leftrightarrow B')$

Case 4.  $B$  is  $(\forall x)C$ . Let  $B'$  be  $(\forall x)C'$ . By inductive hypothesis,  $\vdash [(\forall y_1) \dots (\forall y_k)(C \Leftrightarrow D)] \Rightarrow (C \Leftrightarrow C')$ . Now,  $x$  does not occur free in  $(\forall y_1) \dots (\forall y_k)(C \Leftrightarrow D)$  because, if it did, it would be free in  $C$  or  $D$  and, since it is bound in  $B$ , it would be one of  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k$  and it would not be free in  $(\forall y_1) \dots (\forall y_k)(C \Leftrightarrow D)$ . Hence using axiom (A5), we obtain

$$\vdash [(\forall y_1) \dots (\forall y_k)(C \Leftrightarrow D)] \Rightarrow (\forall x)(C \Leftrightarrow C').$$

However, by Lemma 3.12,

$$\vdash (\forall x)(C \Leftrightarrow C') \Rightarrow ((\forall x)C \Leftrightarrow (\forall x)C').$$

Then by a suitable tautology and MP,

$$\vdash [(\forall y_1) \dots (\forall y_k)(C \Leftrightarrow D)] \Rightarrow (B \Leftrightarrow B').$$

b. From  $\vdash C \Leftrightarrow D$ , by several applications of Gen, we obtain

$$\vdash (\forall y_1) \dots (\forall y_k)(C \Leftrightarrow D).$$

Then by (a) and MP,  $\vdash B \Leftrightarrow B'$

c. Use part (b) and biconditional elimination.

Exercises

9.13 Prove the following

- a.  $\vdash (\exists x) \neg B \Leftrightarrow \neg (\forall x) B$
- b.  $\vdash (\forall x) B \Leftrightarrow \neg (\exists x) \neg B$
- c.  $\vdash (\exists x) (B \Rightarrow \neg (C \vee D)) \Rightarrow (\exists x) (B \Rightarrow \neg C \wedge \neg D)$
- d.  $\vdash (\forall x)(\exists y)(B \Rightarrow C) \Leftrightarrow (\forall x)(\exists y)(\neg B \vee C)$
- e.  $\vdash (\forall x)(B \Rightarrow \neg C) \Leftrightarrow \neg (\exists x)(B \wedge C)$

9.14 For each wf  $B$  below, find a wf  $C$  such that  $\vdash C \Leftrightarrow \neg B$  and negation signs in  $C$  apply ~~not~~ only to ~~atomic~~ atomic wfs.

- a.  $(\forall x)(\forall y)(\exists z) A_1^3(x, y, z)$
- b.  $(\forall \epsilon)(\epsilon > 0 \Rightarrow (\exists \delta)(\delta > 0 \wedge (\forall x)(|x-c| < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(c)| < \epsilon))$
- c.  $(\forall \epsilon)(\epsilon > 0 \Rightarrow (\exists n)(\forall m)(m > n \Rightarrow |a_m - b| < \epsilon)$

9.15 Let  $B$  be a wf that does not contain  $\Rightarrow$  and  $\Leftrightarrow$ . Exchange universal and existential quantifiers and exchange  $\wedge$  and  $\vee$ . The result  $B^*$  is called the dual of  $B$ .

a. In any predicate calculus, prove the following

- i.  $\vdash B$  if and only if  $\vdash \neg B^*$
- ii.  $\vdash B \Rightarrow C$  if and only if  $\vdash C^* \Rightarrow B^*$
- iii.  $\vdash B \Leftrightarrow C$  if and only if  $\vdash B^* \Leftrightarrow C^*$
- iv.  $\vdash (\exists x)(B \vee C) \Leftrightarrow [(\exists x)B \vee (\exists x)C]$ . [Hint. Use Exercise 3.9(c), page-72]

1. Rule C (Choice Rule)

It is very common in mathematics to reason in the following way. Assume that we have proved a wf of the form  $(\exists x)B(x)$ . Then we say, let  $b$  be an object such that  $B(b)$ . We continue the proof, finally arriving at a formula that does not involve the arbitrarily chosen element  $b$ .

For example, let us say that we wish to show that  $(\exists x)(B(x) \Rightarrow C(x))$ ,

$(\forall x)B(x) \vdash (\exists x)C(x)$

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|---|-------------------------|
| 1. $(\exists x)(B(x) \Rightarrow C(x))$ | Hyp                     |
| 2. $(\forall x)B(x)$                    | Hyp                     |
| 3. $B(b) \Rightarrow C(b)$ for some $b$ |                         |
| 4. $B(b)$                               | 2, rule A4              |
| 5. $C(b)$                               | 3, 4, MP                |
| 6. $(\exists x)C(x)$                    | 5, rule <del>E</del> E4 |

Such a proof seems to be perfectly legitimate on an intuitive basis. In fact, we can achieve the same result without making an arbitrary choice of an element  $b$  as in step 3. This can be done as follows:

1.  $(\forall x) \mathcal{B}(x)$  Hyp
2.  $(\forall x) \neg \neg \mathcal{C}(x)$  Hyp
3.  $\mathcal{B}(x)$  1, rule AA
4.  $\neg \mathcal{C}(x)$  2, rule AA
5.  $\neg (\mathcal{B}(x) \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}(x))$  3, 4, conditional introduction
6.  $(\forall x) \neg (\mathcal{B}(x) \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}(x))$  5, Gen
7.  $(\forall x) \mathcal{B}(x), (\forall x) \neg \mathcal{C}(x)$  1-6  
 $\vdash (\forall x) \neg (\mathcal{B}(x) \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}(x))$
8.  $(\forall x) \mathcal{B}(x) \vdash (\forall x) \neg \mathcal{C}(x)$  1-7, Corollary 3.7  
 $\Rightarrow (\forall x) \neg (\mathcal{B}(x) \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}(x))$
9.  $(\forall x) \mathcal{B}(x) \vdash \neg (\forall x) \neg (\mathcal{B}(x) \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}(x))$  8, contrapositive  
 $\Rightarrow \neg (\forall x) \neg \mathcal{C}(x)$
10.  $(\forall x) \mathcal{B}(x) \vdash (\exists x) (\mathcal{B}(x) \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}(x))$  Abbreviation of 9  
 $\Rightarrow (\exists x) \mathcal{C}(x)$
11.  $(\exists x) (\mathcal{B}(x) \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}(x)),$  10, MP  
 $(\forall x) \mathcal{B}(x) \vdash (\exists x) \mathcal{C}(x)$

In general, any wf that can be proved using a finite number of arbitrary choices can also be proved without such acts of choice.

We shall call the rule that permits us to go from  $(\exists x) \mathcal{B}(x)$  to  $\mathcal{B}(b)$ , rule C (or choice rule). More precisely, a rule C deduction in a first order theory  $K$  is defined in the following manner:

$\Gamma \vdash_C \mathcal{B}$  if and only if there is a sequence of wfs  $\mathcal{A}_1, \dots, \mathcal{A}_n$  such that  $\mathcal{A}_n$  is  $\mathcal{B}$  and the following four conditions hold:

1. For each  $i \leq n$ , either
  - a.  $\mathcal{A}_i$  is an axiom of  $K$ , or
  - b.  $\mathcal{A}_i$  is in  $\Gamma$ , or
  - c.  $\mathcal{A}_i$  follows by MP or Gen from preceding wfs in the sequence, or