

(1) Prove that any closed tableau can be further extended into an atomically closed tableau.

**Hint:** Show by induction on the degree of a formula  $X$  that any set  $S$  that contains both  $X$  and  $\bar{X}$  has an atomically closed tableau.

**Proposition 1.** Any closed tableau can be further extended into an atomically closed tableau.

*Proof.* Suppose a closed branch of the tableau contains a signed formula  $X$  and its conjugate  $\bar{X}$ . It suffices to show that this branch can be extended to contain atomic conjugates.

Without loss of generality, assume  $X = T(\phi)$  for some formula  $\phi$ . We proceed by induction on the degree of  $\phi$ .

**Base case.** If  $\phi$  has degree 0, then  $\phi$  is a propositional variable, and the branch already contains atomic conjugates.

**Inductive step.** Let  $n \geq 0$  and assume for all formulæ  $\phi$  of degree at most  $n$ , the branch can be extended to contain atomic conjugates. Let  $\phi$  be a formula of degree  $n + 1$ .  $\phi$  must be a compound formula, and thus one of the following forms.

- $\sim \psi$ . Using  $T(\sim \psi)$  and  $F(\sim \psi)$  derives  $F(\psi)$  and  $T(\psi)$ , respectively. Since  $\psi$  has degree  $n$ , by the induction hypothesis, this branch can be further expanded to contain atomic conjugates.

- $\psi_1 \wedge \psi_2$ ,  $\psi_1 \vee \psi_2$ , or  $\psi_1 \supset \psi_2$ . We can derive:

$$\begin{array}{lll}
 T(\psi_1 \wedge \psi_2) & F(\psi_1 \vee \psi_2) & F(\psi_1 \supset \psi_2) \\
 T(\psi_1) & F(\psi_1) & T(\psi_1) \\
 T(\psi_2) & F(\psi_2) & F(\psi_2) \\
 F(\psi_1 \wedge \psi_2) & T(\psi_1 \vee \psi_2) & T(\psi_1 \supset \psi_2) \\
 F(\psi_1) \mid F(\psi_2) & T(\psi_1) \mid T(\psi_2) & F(\psi_1) \mid T(\psi_2)
 \end{array}$$

In all cases, both resulting branches have either  $T(\psi_1)$  and  $F(\psi_1)$  or  $T(\psi_2)$  and  $F(\psi_2)$ . Since both  $\psi_1$  and  $\psi_2$  have degree at most  $n$ , by the induction hypothesis, both branches in each case can be further expanded to contain atomic conjugates.

Hence, by the principal of induction on formulæ, any closed branch of a tableau can be further extended to contain atomic conjugates.  $\square$

- (2) Let  $S$  be a set of formulas such that for any interpretation  $v_0$  there is a formula  $X \in S$  with  $\text{value}(X, v_0) = t$ . Show, using the compactness theorem, that there is a finite subset  $\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$  of  $S$  such that  $X_1 \vee \dots \vee X_n$  is a tautology.

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**Proposition 2.** *Suppose  $S$  is a set of formulae such that for any interpretation  $v_0$ , there is a formula  $X \in S$  with  $\text{value}(X, v_0) = t$ . Then there is a finite subset  $\{X_1, \dots, X_n\} \subset S$  such that  $X_1 \vee \dots \vee X_n$  is a tautology.*

*Proof.* Proof by contradiction. Suppose, for all finite subsets  $\{X_1, \dots, X_n\} \subset S$ ,  $X_1 \vee \dots \vee X_n$  is not a tautology. i.e.,  $\sim (X_1 \vee \dots \vee X_n)$  is satisfiable. Then  $\sim X_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \sim X_n$  is satisfiable.

Let  $\tilde{S} = \{\sim X : X \in S\}$ . By the compactness theorem,  $\tilde{S}$  is satisfiable. Thus, let  $v_0$  be an interpretation such that  $\forall \sim X \in \tilde{S}. \text{value}(\sim X, v_0) = t$ . Then we have  $\forall X \in S. \text{value}(X, v_0) = f$ . Thus, we have found a valuation for which no formula  $X \in S$  has  $\text{value}(X, v_0) = t$ , contradicting our original assumption about  $S$ .  $\square$

- (3) A set of formulas  $S$  is *complete* if every formula or its negation belongs to  $S$ . A (deductively closed) *theory* is a consistent set of formulas  $T$  such that every formula deducible from  $T$  belongs to  $T$ .

Prove that every theory is the intersection of all its complete consistent extensions.

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**Proposition 3.** *Every theory is the intersection of all its complete consistent extensions.*

*Proof.* Let  $T$  be a theory, and let  $\mathcal{E}$  be the set of complete consistent extensions of  $T$ .

Clearly,  $T \subseteq \bigcap \mathcal{E}$ . Suppose  $X \notin T$ . We now show  $X \notin \bigcap \mathcal{E}$ .

According to Smullyan p.40, if  $\sim X$  is inconsistent with  $T$ , then  $X$  is deducible from  $T$ . Since  $X \notin T$ ,  $X$  must not be deducible from  $T$ ; thus,  $T \cup \{\sim X\}$  is consistent. This means that there must be some  $S \in \mathcal{E}$  with  $T \cup \{\sim X\} \subseteq S$ . Since  $S$  is complete and consistent, we must then have  $X \notin S$ . Thus,  $X \notin \bigcap \mathcal{E}$ .  $\square$