

These are preliminary notes, containing only the necessary formalities. If I ever get around to it I will add more explanations

14.1 Assignments

Let Var be the type of propositional variables, and let $\mathbb{B} = \{f, t\}$ be the booleans (with f meaning false and t meaning true). An *assignment* is a function $v : Var \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$.

Given an assignment v , a boolean b , and a propositional variable p , the “updated” assignment $v|_b^p$ is the function (in $Var \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$) defined by

$$v|_b^p(q) = \begin{cases} b & \text{if } q = p \\ v(q) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

14.2 Semantics of P^2

Let A be a P^2 -formula and let v be an assignment; let $v[A]$ (an abbreviation of $value(A, v)$) be the notation for the (boolean) value of A under v , and let $v[A] : \mathbb{B}$ be defined recursively as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} v[\perp] &= f \\ v[p] &= v(p) \\ v[A \supset B] &= (\neg_{\mathbb{B}} v[A]) \mathbb{B} v[B] \\ v[(\forall p)A] &= (v|_f^p)[A] \wedge_{\mathbb{B}} (v|_t^p)[A] \end{aligned}$$

where $\neg_{\mathbb{B}} : \mathbb{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$, $\mathbb{B} : \mathbb{B} \times \mathbb{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$, and $\wedge_{\mathbb{B}} : \mathbb{B} \times \mathbb{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$ are the standard boolean operators.

For a finite set of formulas Γ , we define $v \wedge [\Delta] = \bigwedge_{\mathbb{B}} \{v[A] \mid A \in \Delta\}$ and define $v \vee [\Gamma] = \bigvee_{\mathbb{B}} \{v[A] \mid A \in \Gamma\}$, where $\bigwedge_{\mathbb{B}} S$ is the conjunction of the boolean values in the set S and $\bigvee_{\mathbb{B}} S$ is their disjunction. (By convention, $\bigwedge_{\mathbb{B}} \emptyset = t$ and $\bigvee_{\mathbb{B}} \emptyset = f$.) The value $v[\Delta \vdash \Gamma]$ of a sequent can now be defined as $(\neg_{\mathbb{B}} v \wedge [\Delta]) \mathbb{B} v \vee [\Gamma]$.

Examples: let $v(p_0) = t, v(p_1) = f, v(p_2) = f$

$$\begin{aligned} v[(p_0 \supset p_1)] &= (\neg_{\mathbb{B}} v[p_0]) \mathbb{B} v[p_1] = (\neg_{\mathbb{B}} t) \mathbb{B} f = f \\ v[(p_0 \supset (p_0 \supset p_1))] &= (\neg_{\mathbb{B}} v[p_0]) \mathbb{B} v[p_0 \supset p_1] = (\neg_{\mathbb{B}} t) \mathbb{B} f = f \\ v[(p_0 \supset p_0)] &= (\neg_{\mathbb{B}} v[p_0]) \mathbb{B} v[p_0] = (\neg_{\mathbb{B}} t) \mathbb{B} t = t \\ v[(p_0 \supset (\forall p_0(p_0 \supset p_0)))] &= (\neg_{\mathbb{B}} v[p_0]) \mathbb{B} (v|_f^{p_0})[p_0 \supset p_0] \wedge_{\mathbb{B}} (v|_t^{p_0})[p_0 \supset p_0] \\ &= f \mathbb{B} (v[f \supset f]) \wedge_{\mathbb{B}} (v[t \supset t]) = f \mathbb{B} (t \wedge_{\mathbb{B}} t) = t \end{aligned}$$

The semantics of P^2 can also be defined by *reducing* a P^2 -formula into an ordinary propositional formula. Since a variable can only assume two possible values, we can replace every universally quantified formula by $(\forall p)A$ by the formula $A[\top/p] \wedge [\perp/p]$, where $\top \equiv \perp \supset \perp$.¹

¹This reduction technique only works with P^2 . It cannot be used to reduce first-order logic to propositional logic,

14.3 Rules of P²

The multiple-conclusioned sequent proof rules for P² are as follows

$\perp L$: $\Delta, \perp \vdash \Gamma$	
$\supset L$: $\Delta, A \supset B \vdash \Gamma$ $\Delta \vdash A, \Gamma$ $\Delta, B \vdash \Gamma$	$\Delta \vdash A \supset B, \Gamma$ $\Delta, A \vdash B, \Gamma$ $\supset R$
$\forall L(B)$: $\Delta, \forall p A \vdash \Gamma$ $\Delta, \forall p A, A[B/p] \vdash \Gamma$	$\Delta \vdash \forall p A, \Gamma$ $\Delta \vdash A[q/p], \Gamma$ ** $\forall R(q)$
<i>axiom</i> : $\Delta, A \vdash A, \Gamma$	
<i>thinL</i> : $\Delta, A \vdash \Gamma$ $\Delta \vdash \Gamma$	$\Delta \vdash A, \Gamma$ $\Delta \vdash \Gamma$ <i>thinR</i>

** this is only legal if $q \notin FV(\Delta, \Gamma, \forall p A)$.

The rules for \exists can be derived from the rules given above:

$\exists L$: $\Delta, \exists p A \vdash \Gamma$ $\Delta, A _q^p \vdash \Gamma$ **	$\Delta \vdash \exists p A, \Gamma$ $\Delta \vdash A _B^p, \Gamma$ $\exists R$
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The familiar rules for \wedge , \vee , and \sim can also be derived.

An example proof:

$$\begin{array}{l} \vdash (\forall p.p) \supset \perp \\ \forall p.p \vdash \perp \quad \supset R \\ \perp \vdash \perp \quad \forall L(\perp) \end{array}$$

Here is a proof that the two definitions of conjunction given above are actually equivalent.

$$\begin{array}{ll} \vdash A \wedge B \supset (\forall p)((A \supset B \supset p) \supset p) & \supset R \\ A \wedge B \vdash (\forall p)((A \supset B \supset p) \supset p) & \forall R(P) \\ A \wedge B \vdash (A \supset B \supset P) \supset P & \supset R \\ A \wedge B, (A \supset B \supset P) \vdash P & \supset L \\ 1. A \wedge B \vdash A, P & \wedge L \\ \quad A, B \vdash A, P & axiom \\ 2. A \wedge B, B \supset P \vdash P & \supset L \\ 2.1. A \wedge B \vdash B, P & \wedge L \\ \quad A, B \vdash B, P & axiom \\ 2.2. A \wedge B, P \vdash P & axiom \end{array}$$

since variables may assume infinitely many values.

$\vdash (\forall p)((A \supset B \supset p) \supset p) \supset A \wedge B$	$\supset R$
$(\forall p)((A \supset B \supset p) \supset p) \vdash A \wedge B$	$\forall L(A)$
$(\forall p)((A \supset B \supset p) \supset p), (A \supset B \supset A) \supset A \vdash A \wedge B$	$\supset L$
1. $(\forall p)((A \supset B \supset p) \supset p) \vdash A \supset B \supset A, A \wedge B$	$\supset R$
$(\forall p)((A \supset B \supset p) \supset p), A \vdash B \supset A, A \wedge B$	$\supset R$
$(\forall p)((A \supset B \supset p) \supset p), A, B \vdash A, A \wedge B$	<i>axiom</i>
2. $(\forall p)((A \supset B \supset p) \supset p), A \vdash A \wedge B$	$\forall L(B)$
$((A \supset B \supset B) \supset B), A \vdash A \wedge B$	$\supset L$
2.1. $A \vdash A \supset B \supset B, A \wedge B$	$\supset R$
$A, A \vdash B \supset B, A \wedge B$	$\supset R$
$A, A, B \vdash B, A \wedge B$	<i>axiom</i>
2.2. $B, A \vdash A \wedge B$	$\wedge R$
2.2.1. $B, A \vdash A$	<i>axiom</i>
2.2.2. $B, A \vdash B$	<i>axiom</i>