

## Completeness

A *Hintikka Set for a universe  $U$*  is a set  $S$  of  $U$ -formulas such that for all closed  $U$ -formulas  $A$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ , and  $\delta$  the following conditions hold.

$H_0$ :  $A$  atomic and  $A \in S \mapsto \bar{A} \notin S$

$H_1$ :  $\alpha \in S \mapsto \alpha_1 \in S \wedge \alpha_2 \in S$

$H_2$ :  $\beta \in S \mapsto \beta_1 \in S \vee \beta_2 \in S$

$H_3$ :  $\gamma \in S \mapsto \forall k \in U. \gamma(k) \in S$

$H_4$ :  $\delta \in S \mapsto \exists k \in U. \delta(k) \in S$

**Hintikka Lemma:**  $\forall U \neq \emptyset. \forall S: \text{Set}(\text{Form}_U). (\text{Hintikka}(S) \mapsto \exists I: \text{Pred}_S \rightarrow \text{Rel}(U). U, I \models S)$

**Proof:** Because of axiom  $H_0$  we know how to define an interpretation that satisfies all the atomic formulas in  $S$ .

Define  $I(P(k_1, \dots, k_n)) = \begin{cases} \text{f} & \text{if } FP(k_1, \dots, k_n) \in S \\ \text{t} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Then  $I$  maps all the predicate symbols in  $S$  to relations over  $U$ . What remains to be shown is  $\forall Y \in S. U, I \models Y$ . We prove this by structural induction on formulas, keeping in mind that the cases for  $\gamma$  and  $\delta$  are straightforward generalizations of those for  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

**base case:** If  $Y$  is an atomic formula then by definition  $Y \in S \mapsto I(Y) = \text{t} \mapsto U, I \models Y$ .

**step case:** Assume the the claim holds for all subformulas of  $Y$ .

- If  $Y$  is of type  $\alpha$  then  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in S$ , hence  $U, I \models \alpha_1$  and  $U, I \models \alpha_2$ . By definition of first-order valuations  $U, I \models Y$ .
- If  $Y$  is of type  $\beta$  then  $\beta_1 \in S$  or  $\beta_2 \in S$ , hence  $U, I \models \beta_1$  or  $U, I \models \beta_2$  and thus  $U, I \models Y$ .
- If  $Y$  is of type  $\gamma$  then  $\gamma(k) \in S$  for all  $k \in U$ , hence by induction  $U, I \models \gamma(k)$  for all  $k$  and by definition of first-order valuations  $U, I \models Y$ .
- If  $Y$  is of type  $\delta$  then  $\delta(k) \in S$  for some  $k \in U$ , hence by induction  $U, I \models \delta(k)$  for some  $k$  and by definition of first-order valuations  $U, I \models Y$ .

### A systematic procedure for proving a first-order formula $X$ :

Start with the signed formula  $FX$  and recursively extend the tableau as follows:

- If the tableau is already closed then stop. The formula is valid.
- Otherwise select a node  $Y$  in the tableau that is of *minimal level* wrt. the still unused nodes and extend every open branch  $\theta$  through  $Y$  as follows:
  - If  $Y$  is  $\alpha$  extend  $\theta$  to  $\theta \cup \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2\}$ .
  - If  $Y$  is  $\beta$ , extend  $\theta$  to two branches  $\theta \cup \{\beta_1\}$  and  $\theta \cup \{\beta_2\}$ .
  - If  $Y$  is  $\gamma$ , extend  $\theta$  to  $\theta \cup \{\gamma(a), \gamma\}$ , where  $a$  is the first parameter that does not yet occur on  $\theta$ .
  - If  $Y$  is  $\delta$ , extend  $\theta$  to  $\theta \cup \{\delta(a)\}$ , where  $a$  is the first parameter that does not yet occur in the tableau tree.

A systematic tableau is *finished*, if it is either infinite or finite and cannot be extended any further.

**Lemma:** In every finished systematic tableau, every open branch is a Hintikka sequence.

**Corollary:** In every finished systematic tableau, every open branch is uniformly satisfiable.

**Theorem (Completeness theorem for first-order logic):**

If a first-order formula  $X$  is valid, then  $X$  is provable. Furthermore the systematic tableau method will construct a closed tableau for  $\neg X$  after finitely many steps.

**Corollary:** If a first-order formula  $X$  is valid, then there is an atomically closed tableau for  $\neg X$ .

**Theorem (Löwenheim theorem for first-order logic):**

If a first-order formula  $X$  is satisfiable, then it is satisfiable in a denumerable domain.

## Compactness

A *first-order tableau for a set  $S$  of pure formulas* starts with an arbitrary element of  $S$  at its origin and is then extended by applying one of the 4 rules  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ , or  $\delta$ , or by adding another element of  $S$  to the end of an open branch. The elements of  $S$  so added are the *premises* of the tableau. We call a tableau *complete* if every open branch is a Hintikka set for the universe of parameters and contains all the elements of  $S$ .

**Lemma:** For every denumerable set  $S$  there is a complete tableau for  $S$ .

**Proof:** We construct the desired tableau by combining our systematic proof procedure with the construction of a tableau for  $S$  that we used in the propositional case.

Arrange  $S$  as a denumerable sequence  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n, \dots$ . In stage 1 place  $X_1$  at the origin of the tableau. In stage  $n+1$  extend the tableau constructed at stage  $n$  as follows.

- If the tableau is already closed then stop. The formula is valid.
- Otherwise select a node  $Y$  in the tableau that is of *minimal level* wrt. the still unused nodes and extend every open branch  $\theta$  through  $Y$  as in the systematic procedure and add  $X_{n+1}$  to the end of every open branch.

By construction every open branch in the resulting tableau is a Hintikka set for the universe of parameters (we used the systematic method) and contains the set  $S$ .

**Lemma:** If a pure set  $S$  has a closed tableau, then a finite subset of  $S$  is unsatisfiable.

**Proof:** Assume  $S$  has a closed tableau  $\mathcal{T}$  and consider the set  $S_p$  of premises of  $\mathcal{T}$ . By König's lemma,  $\mathcal{T}$  must be finite and so is  $S_p$ .  $S_p$  must be unsatisfiable, since otherwise every branch containing  $S_p$  would be open.

**Theorem:** If all finite subsets of a denumerable set  $S$  of pure formulas are satisfiable, then  $S$  is uniformly satisfiable in a denumerable domain.

**Proof:** Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a complete tableau for  $S$ . Since all finite subsets of  $S$  are satisfiable,  $\mathcal{T}$  cannot be closed, so it has an open branch  $\theta$ . Since  $\mathcal{T}$  is complete,  $\theta$  is a Hintikka for the denumerable universe of parameters that contains  $S$ . Thus  $S$  is uniformly satisfiable in a denumerable universe.

**Corollary: (Compactness of First-Order Logic)**

If all finite subsets of a pure set  $S$  are satisfiable, then  $S$  is uniformly satisfiable

**Corollary: (Skolem-Löwenheim theorem for First-Order Logic)**

If a pure set  $S$  is satisfiable then it is satisfiable in a denumerable domain.

**Corollary:** If no tableau for a pure set  $S$  can close, then  $S$  is satisfiable in a denumerable domain.