

1 metavariables

p, q, r, \dots a propositional variable
 A, B, \dots a \mathbf{P}^2 formula
 Γ, Δ, \dots a finite set of \mathbf{P}^2 formulas

2 syntax of \mathbf{P}^2

The formulas of \mathbf{P}^2 are generated by

$$\begin{array}{l}
 V \rightarrow p_0 \mid p_1 \mid p_2 \mid \dots \mid p_i \mid \dots \quad (\text{a countably infinite set}) \\
 A \rightarrow V \mid \perp \mid (A \supset A') \mid (\forall V A)
 \end{array}$$

examples: $(p_0 \supset p_1)$, $(\forall p_0(p_0 \supset p_1))$, $(\forall p_1((\forall p_2(p_2 \supset p_2)) \supset \perp))$

The remaining connectives and quantifier can be defined in terms of \perp , \supset , and \forall :

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \neg A \leftrightarrow A \supset \perp \\
 A \wedge B \leftrightarrow \neg(A \supset \neg B) \\
 A \vee B \leftrightarrow (\neg A) \supset B \\
 \exists p A \leftrightarrow \neg \forall p \neg A
 \end{array}$$

3 assignments

Let Var be the type of propositional variables, and let $\mathbb{B} = \{0, 1\}$ be the booleans (with 0 meaning false and 1 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

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

4 semantics of \mathbf{P}^2

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

$$\begin{array}{l}
 v[\perp] = 0 \\
 v[p] = v(p) \\
 v[A \supset B] = (\neg_{\mathbb{B}} v[A]) \vee_{\mathbb{B}} v[B] \\
 v[\forall p A] = (v|_0^p)[A] \wedge_{\mathbb{B}} (v|_1^p)[A]
 \end{array}$$

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

For a finite set of formulas Γ , 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, $\bigwedge_{\mathbb{B}} \emptyset = 1$ and $\bigvee_{\mathbb{B}} \emptyset = 0$.) The value $v[\Delta \vdash \Gamma]$ of a sequent can now be defined as $(\neg_{\mathbb{B}} v_{\wedge}[\Delta]) \vee_{\mathbb{B}} v_{\vee}[\Gamma]$.

5 free variables

For A a formula of \mathbf{P}^2 , the set of propositional variables that are free in A , denoted $FV(A)$, can be characterized by the following recursive definition:

$$\begin{array}{l}
 FV(\perp) = \emptyset \\
 FV(p) = \{p\} \\
 FV(A \supset B) = FV(A) \cup FV(B) \\
 FV(\forall p A) = FV(A) - \{p\}
 \end{array}$$

The set of all propositional variables that occur in A , $PV(A)$, can likewise be defined as

$$\begin{aligned} PV(\perp) &= \emptyset \\ PV(p) &= \{p\} \\ PV(A \supset B) &= PV(A) \cup PV(B) \\ PV(\forall p A) &= PV(A) \cup \{p\} \end{aligned}$$

examples:

$$\begin{aligned} FV(p_0 \supset p_1) &= \{p_0, p_1\} \\ PV(p_0 \supset p_1) &= \{p_0, p_1\} \\ FV(\forall p_0(p_0 \supset p_1)) &= \{p_1\} \\ PV(\forall p_0(p_0 \supset p_1)) &= \{p_0, p_1\} \\ FV(\forall p_1((\forall p_2(p_2 \supset p_2)) \supset \perp)) &= \emptyset \\ PV(\forall p_1((\forall p_2(p_2 \supset p_2)) \supset (\forall p_3 p_1))) &= \{p_1, p_2, p_3\} \end{aligned}$$

Extend the definitions of FV and PV to finite sets of formulas by taking $FV(\Gamma) = \bigcup_{A \in \Gamma} FV(A)$ and likewise by taking $PV(\Gamma) = \bigcup_{A \in \Gamma} PV(A)$. For sequents, the definitions are $FV(\Delta \vdash \Gamma) = FV(\Delta \cup \Gamma)$ and $PV(\Delta \vdash \Gamma) = PV(\Delta \cup \Gamma)$.

6 substitution

Given formulas A and B of \mathbf{P}^2 and a propositional variable p , the \mathbf{P}^2 formula $A|_B^p$ (“ A with B substituted for p ”) is, as usual, defined recursively:

$$\begin{aligned} \perp|_B^p &= \perp \\ p|_B^p &= B \\ q|_B^p &= q && (q \neq p) \\ (A \supset A')|_B^p &= (A|_B^p) \supset (A'|_B^p) \\ (\forall p A)|_B^p &= \forall p A \\ (\forall q A)|_B^p &= \forall q (A|_B^p) && (q \neq p, q \notin FV(B)) \\ (\forall q' A)|_B^p &= \forall q' (A|_{q'}^p|_B^p) && (q \neq p, q \in FV(B), q' \notin PV(A, B, p)) \end{aligned}$$

examples:

$$\begin{aligned} (p_0 \supset p_1)|_{p_2 \supset p_3}^{p_0} &= ((p_2 \supset p_3) \supset p_1) \\ (p_0 \supset (p_0 \supset p_1))|_{p_3}^{p_0} &= (p_3 \supset (p_3 \supset p_1)) \\ (p_0 \supset p_0)|_{p_0 \supset p_0}^{p_0} &= ((p_0 \supset p_0) \supset (p_0 \supset p_0)) \\ (p_0 \supset (\forall p_0(p_0 \supset p_0)))|_{p_1}^{p_0} &= (p_1 \supset (\forall p_0(p_0 \supset p_0))) \\ (\forall p_0(p_0 \supset p_3))|_{p_0}^{p_3} &= (\forall p_1(p_1 \supset p_0)) \end{aligned}$$

One can extend substitution to finite sets of formulas and thence to sequents by letting $\Gamma|_B^p = \{A|_B^p \mid A \in \Gamma\}$ and $(\Delta \vdash \Gamma)|_B^p = (\Delta|_B^p) \vdash (\Gamma|_B^p)$.

7 rules of \mathbf{P}^2

The multiple-conclusioned sequent proof rules for \mathbf{P}^2 are (in “root-down tree format”)

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \Delta, \perp \vdash \Gamma \\
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 \frac{\Delta \vdash A, \Gamma \quad \Delta, B \vdash \Gamma}{\Delta, A \supset B \vdash \Gamma} \quad \frac{\Delta, A \vdash B, \Gamma}{\Delta \vdash A \supset B, \Gamma} \\
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 \frac{\Delta, \forall p A, A|_B^p \vdash \Gamma}{\Delta, \forall p A \vdash \Gamma} \quad \frac{\Delta \vdash A|_q^p, \Gamma}{\Delta \vdash \forall p A, \Gamma} (!) \\
 \\
 \Delta, A \vdash A, \Gamma \\
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 \frac{\Delta \vdash \Gamma}{\Delta, A \vdash \Gamma} \quad \frac{\Delta \vdash \Gamma}{\Delta \vdash A, \Gamma}
 \end{array}$$

(!) 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:

$$\frac{\Delta, A|_q^p \vdash \Gamma}{\Delta, \exists p A \vdash \Gamma} (!) \quad \frac{\Delta \vdash A|_B^p, \Gamma}{\Delta \vdash \exists p A, \Gamma}$$

The familiar rules for \wedge , \vee , and \neg can also be derived.

an example proof:

$$\frac{\frac{\perp \vdash \perp}{\forall p.p \vdash \perp}}{\vdash (\forall p.p) \supset \perp}$$

The topmost step is the left \forall rule, using \perp as B ; i.e., informally, the proof is

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\perp \vdash \perp}{p|_{\perp}^p \vdash \perp}}{\forall p.p \vdash \perp}}{\vdash (\forall p.p) \supset \perp}$$

where the topmost pseudo-step is justified (meta-theoretically) by the equality $p|_{\perp}^p = \perp$.