

Completeness

A *Hintikka Set for a universe U* is a set S of U -formulas such that for all closed U -formulas A , α , β , γ , and δ 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 γ and δ are straightforward generalizations of those for α and β .

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 α 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 β 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 γ 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 δ 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 θ through Y as follows:
 - If Y is α extend θ to $\theta \cup \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2\}$.
 - If Y is β , extend θ to two branches $\theta \cup \{\beta_1\}$ and $\theta \cup \{\beta_2\}$.
 - If Y is γ , extend θ to $\theta \cup \{\gamma(a), \gamma\}$, where a is the first parameter that does not yet occur on θ .
 - If Y is δ , extend θ 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 α , β , γ , or δ , 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 θ 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 θ . Since \mathcal{T} is complete, θ 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.