

## Plan

- (1) Unrealizability (redeaux) of  $(\forall x.Px \supset C) \supset \exists x.(Px \supset C)$
- (2) Review systematic Tableau (Smullyan p.59)
- (3) Gödel completeness theorem (Smullyan Thm 3. p.60) – classical
- (4) Completeness for iFOL by Judith Underwood – almost constructive \*
- (5) Completeness relative to uniform validity – fully constructive (we only discuss this new result, no careful proof)

\* Item 4. is an advanced topic that we mention as a possible advanced project topic (see [www.nuprl.org](http://www.nuprl.org) under Publications look for Judith Underwood, *Aspects of the Computational Content of Proofs*, Chpt 3, Oct. 1994).

The argument sketched in Lecture 17 to show that  $(\forall x.Px \supset C) \supset \exists x.(Px \supset C)$  is unrealizable works. It can be made sharp by taking  $C = \forall x.Px$ . Then  $(\forall x.Px \supset \forall x.Px)$  is realizable by  $\lambda x.x$ . To realize  $\exists x.(Px \supset \forall x.Px)$  we consider a domain  $D$  and predicate  $P(x)$  where  $\forall x.P(x)$  is not realizable because for some  $d_0 \in D$ ,  $\sim P(d_0)$ . In this case the potential realizer  $f$  must pick  $\langle d_0, np \rangle$ . But by choosing a domain  $D = \{d_0, d_1\}$  where  $p$  realizes  $P(d_1)$ , we can pick another  $P'$  on the domain so that  $P'(d_0)$  and  $\sim P'(d_1)$ . The realizer  $f$  cannot work for both models *uniformly*—it must know  $D$  and  $P$ . Thus the formula is not uniformly valid.

It might seem bizarre that we can have  $P(d) \supset \forall x.Px$ , but classically we use  $\sim \forall x.P(x) \vee \forall x.P(x)$ , then  $\sim \forall x.P(x) \Leftrightarrow \exists x.\sim P(x)$ , so  $\exists x.\sim P(x) \vee \forall x.P(x)$ , thus  $\sim P(d) \vee \forall x.P(x)$ , then  $P(d) \Rightarrow \forall x.P(x)$ . Hence  $\exists x.(P(x) \Rightarrow \forall x.P(x))$ . So we can realize this with applications of  $P \vee \sim P$  for various instances of  $P$ . Can we define *dimension* in this example?

## Review of systematic tableau

In Lecture 17 we wrote a high level sketch of the procedure Smullyan defines on p.59. We defined it as a procedure that extends a *partial proof tree (ppt)* whose root node has  $FX$  as a value. Given a *ppt* of depth  $d$ , we define *extension* of it.

Let  $extend(ppt)$  produce a new finite partial proof tree  $ppt'$  by following the Systematic Tableau procedure. Smullyan's completeness proof works by repeatedly applying  $extend$ , e.g. start with  $ppt_0$  consisting of the root node  $FX$ .

Let  $ppt_0 = ppt(FX)$ , for a formula  $X$ .

Define  $extend^{(0)}(ppt_0) = ppt_0$   
 $extend^{(n+1)}(ppt_0) = extend(extend^{(n)}(ppt_0))$

Thus  $extend^{(1)} = extend(ppt_0)$   
 $extend^{(2)} = extend(extend(ppt_0))$   
 etc.

For Smullyan's classical tableau, we can state a version of Judith Underwood's theorem for *Intuitionistic Tableau* of Fitting. Although we have not studied Fitting's system, we can get an idea of how to transfer her method to Smullyan's system. Let  $\alpha$  denote a path in the unbound proof tree  $extend^{(n)}(ppt_0)$ . Let  $\alpha(m)$  be the path up to length  $m$ .

**Theorem:**  $\forall x : Form. \forall n : \mathbb{N}$ . If  $Valid(x)$  then

- (i) if  $extend^{(n)}(ppt(FX))$  is closed, then it is a tableau proof of  $X$ , and
- (ii) otherwise  $extend^{(n)}(ppt(FX))$  can be extended further and  $\sim \forall m > n. open(extend^{(m)}(ppt(FX)))$ , and
- (iii) for any path  $\alpha$  in the generated tree (unbounded)  $\sim \forall m : \mathbb{N}. open(\alpha(m))$ .

Note, Underwood's proof, like Smullyan's, is not constructive. But hers is much closer to a plausible constructive argument. If she could deduce from the statement

For all paths  $\alpha$  in the unbounded proof tree given by  $extend^{(n)}(ppt(FX))$ , we can find an  $m$  such that  $closed(\alpha(m))$ ,

then by the Fan Theorem, we know that the partial proof tree is finite. Since  $X$  is valid, this proof tree is a tableau proof. Thus we would know constructively that:

$$\forall X : Form. (Valid(X) \Rightarrow \exists n : \mathbb{N}. Proof(extend^{(n)}(ppt(FX))))$$

Classically it is easy to show that given any path  $\alpha$

$$\sim \forall m : \mathbb{N}. (m > n \Rightarrow open(\alpha(m))) \text{ implies } \exists m : \mathbb{N}. closed(\alpha(m)).$$

We know that  $open(\alpha(m))$  is decidable, and  $closed(\alpha(m))$  means  $\sim open(\alpha(m))$ . The general principle used in this reasoning is called *Markov's Principle* and it can be expressed in iFOL as follows:

$$\text{Markov's Principle: } \forall x. (P(x) \vee \sim P(x)) \Rightarrow (\sim \forall x. \sim P(x) \Rightarrow \exists x. P(x))$$

It seems like the realizer for this when there is a computable function  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow D$  that enumerates the elements of  $D$  (as we have in the Tableau procedure) is a "program" such as *while*  $\sim P(x)$  *do*  $x := f(x)$  *od* starting at  $d_0$ .

We can show that Markov's Principle is not uniformly realizable, hence is not provable in iFOL. The idea is that given the evidence for  $(\forall x. \sim P(x)) \Rightarrow False$ , say a function  $g$ , the realizer  $F$  must on input  $g$  compute an element of  $D$ , e.g.  $F(g)_1 \in D$ , and find a proof  $F(g)_2$  of  $P(F(g)_1)$ . Suppose  $F(g)_1 = d$  and  $F(g)_2 = p$ ,  $p$  proves  $P(d)$ . Then we can change the model  $D$  so that  $P$  is not true on  $d$ . Thus  $MP$  is not uniformly true.