

Deductive Systems

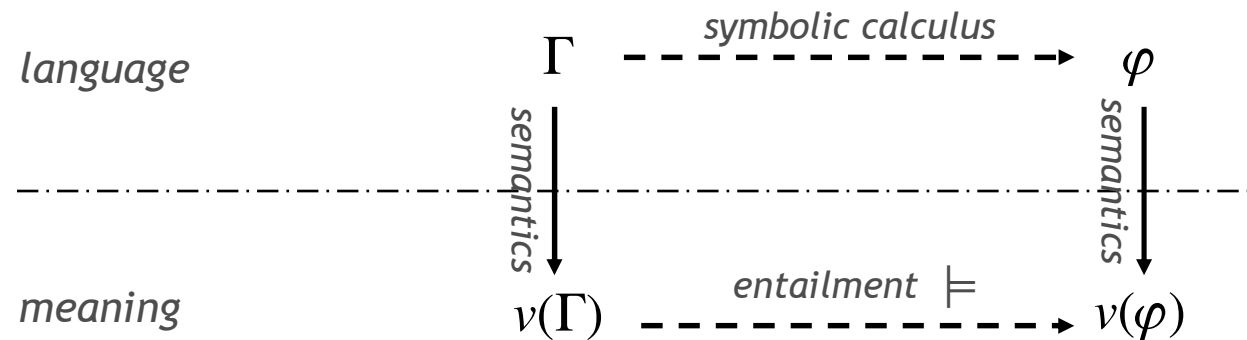
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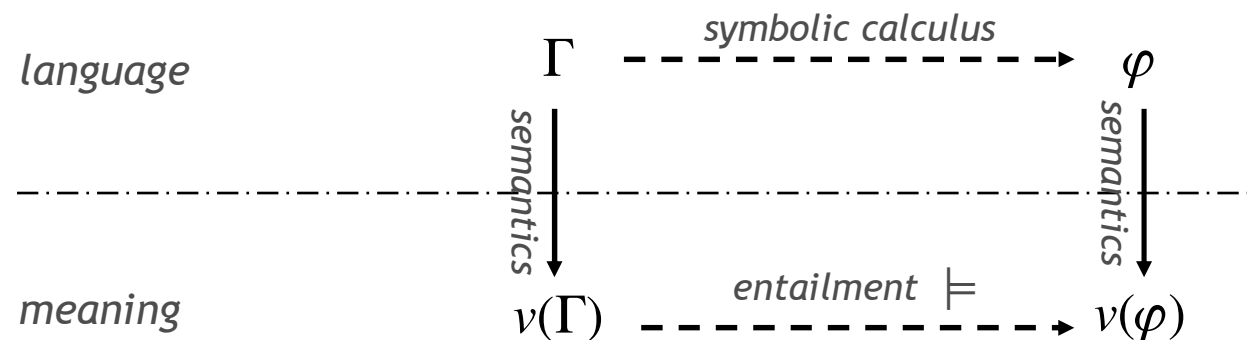
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- Can we detect entailment by working on wffs only?

For instance, by applying reasoning *schemas*...

Axiomatic method (i.e. Hilbert System, 1899)

- Language, *axioms* and *rules of inference*

$\langle L_P, Ax, Inf \rangle$

L_P is a propositional language whose signature is P

Ax a set of wffs, i.e. the *axioms*

Inf is a set of inference rules

Axioms

The axioms (*of a logic*) describe the reasoning schemas (*of that logic*)

- Axiom schemas for propositional logic (Lukasiewicz, 1917)

$$\text{Ax1} \quad \vdash \varphi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \varphi)$$

$$\text{Ax2} \quad \vdash (\varphi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \chi)) \rightarrow ((\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\varphi \rightarrow \chi))$$

$$\text{Ax3} \quad \vdash (\neg\varphi \rightarrow \neg\psi) \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \varphi)$$

Each wff obtained by substituting the *meta-variables* φ, ψ e χ with a wff is an axiom

The wffs thus obtained are also called *instances* of axiom

Examples:

$$\vdash A \rightarrow (\neg A \rightarrow A)$$

$$[\text{Ax1: } \varphi/A, \psi/\neg A]$$

$$\vdash (\neg(B \vee C) \rightarrow \neg D) \rightarrow (D \rightarrow (B \vee C))$$

$$[\text{Ax3: } \varphi/(B \vee C), \psi/D]$$

All axiom instances are *tautologies*

(But do not rely on this for the definition of deductive systems)

Inference Rules

Recall that $\{\varphi \rightarrow \psi, \varphi\} \models \psi$ is valid

- **Inference rules** are fundamental in any *symbolic calculus* (also known as *derivation* or *deduction rules*)

They work on the structure of wffs

- For *propositional logic*, just one *inference rule* is sufficient

Modus Ponens (MP):

$$\begin{array}{c} \varphi \rightarrow \psi \\ \varphi \\ \hline \psi \end{array}$$

It can be written also in this way:

$\{\varphi \rightarrow \psi, \varphi\} \vdash \psi$ (i.e. from $\{\varphi \rightarrow \psi, \varphi\}$, ψ is *derivable*)

Proofs (also *derivations*)

- A *proof* (or *derivation*) of a wff φ from a set of wffs Γ

Is a *finite* sequence of steps: $\Gamma \vdash \phi_1, \Gamma \vdash \phi_2, \dots, \Gamma \vdash \phi_n$

Admissible steps, at stage i :

- 1) ϕ_i is an instance of an axiom schema Ax_n
- 2) ϕ_i is in Γ
- 3) ϕ_i has been obtained from two previous steps, via *Modus Ponens*

In the final step, the wff to be proved is obtained: $\phi_n = \varphi$

The notation is $\Gamma \vdash \varphi$ " φ is *derivable* Γ "

There must be many different ways to show that $\Gamma \vdash \varphi$, i.e. many different *proofs*

Note that:

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| $\Gamma \vdash Ax_n$ | (an axiom or axiom instance can be derived from any Γ) |
| $\vdash Ax_n$ | (an axiom or axiom instance can be derived from an empty Γ) |
| $\{\varphi, \dots\} \vdash \varphi$ | (any φ can be derived from a Γ that contains it) |

Derivations, an *incomplete* example

- Same problem (“Harry is happy”)

$$B \vee D \vee \neg(A \wedge C), B \vee C, A \vee D, \neg B \vdash D$$

Rewrite the problem in equivalent terms using only \neg and \rightarrow

$$C \rightarrow (\neg B \rightarrow (A \rightarrow D)), \neg B \rightarrow C, \neg A \rightarrow D, \neg B \vdash D$$

$$1: \Gamma \vdash \neg B \rightarrow C$$

$$2: \Gamma \vdash \neg B$$

$$3: \Gamma \vdash C \quad (MP\ 1,2)$$

$$4: \Gamma \vdash C \rightarrow (\neg B \rightarrow (A \rightarrow D))$$

$$5: \Gamma \vdash \neg B \rightarrow (A \rightarrow D) \quad (MP\ 3,4)$$

$$6: \Gamma \vdash A \rightarrow D \quad (MP\ 2,5)$$

$$7: \Gamma \vdash \neg A \rightarrow D$$

$$8*: \Gamma \vdash (\neg\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow ((\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow \psi) \quad (\text{OK if this was an axiom – it is not})$$

$$9: \Gamma \vdash (\neg A \rightarrow D) \rightarrow ((A \rightarrow D) \rightarrow D) \quad (Sost)$$

$$10: \Gamma \vdash (A \rightarrow D) \rightarrow D \quad (MP\ 7,9)$$

$$11: \Gamma \vdash D \quad (MP\ 6,10)$$

Derivations: example 0

- Any wff implies itself

$\vdash \varphi \rightarrow \varphi$

- $\vdash (\varphi \rightarrow ((\varphi \rightarrow \varphi) \rightarrow \varphi)) \rightarrow ((\varphi \rightarrow (\varphi \rightarrow \varphi)) \rightarrow (\varphi \rightarrow \varphi))$ (Ax2)
- $\vdash (\varphi \rightarrow ((\varphi \rightarrow \varphi) \rightarrow \varphi))$ (Ax1)
- $\vdash (\varphi \rightarrow (\varphi \rightarrow \varphi)) \rightarrow (\varphi \rightarrow \varphi)$ (MP 1,2)
- $\vdash (\varphi \rightarrow (\varphi \rightarrow \varphi))$ (Ax1)
- $\vdash \varphi \rightarrow \varphi$ (MP 3,4)

Deduction (meta)-theorem

- Deduction theorem

$$\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\} \vdash \psi \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \Gamma \vdash \varphi \rightarrow \psi$$

- (semantic dual of Deduction Theorem)

$$\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\} \models \psi \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \Gamma \models \varphi \rightarrow \psi$$

Derivations: example 1

- The order of hypotheses is irrelevant

$$\vdash (\varphi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \chi)) \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow (\varphi \rightarrow \chi))$$

1: $(\varphi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \chi)), \psi, \varphi \vdash (\varphi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \chi))$

2: $(\varphi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \chi)), \psi, \varphi \vdash \varphi$

3: $(\varphi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \chi)), \psi, \varphi \vdash \psi \rightarrow \chi$ *(MP 1,2)*

4: $(\varphi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \chi)), \psi, \varphi \vdash \psi$

5: $(\varphi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \chi)), \psi, \varphi \vdash \chi$ *(MP 3,4)*

6: $(\varphi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \chi)), \psi \vdash \varphi \rightarrow \chi$ *(Ded)*

7: $(\varphi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \chi)) \vdash \psi \rightarrow (\varphi \rightarrow \chi)$ *(Ded)*

8: $\vdash (\varphi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \chi)) \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow (\varphi \rightarrow \chi))$ *(Ded)*

Derivations: example 2

- Double negation implies affirmation

$$\vdash \neg\neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi$$

- 1: $\vdash \neg\neg\varphi \rightarrow (\neg\neg\neg\neg\varphi \rightarrow \neg\neg\varphi)$ (Ax1)
- 2: $\neg\neg\varphi \vdash \neg\neg\neg\neg\varphi \rightarrow \neg\neg\varphi$ (Ded)
- 3: $\neg\neg\varphi \vdash (\neg\neg\neg\neg\varphi \rightarrow \neg\neg\varphi) \rightarrow (\neg\varphi \rightarrow \neg\neg\neg\varphi)$ (Ax3)
- 4: $\neg\neg\varphi \vdash \neg\varphi \rightarrow \neg\neg\neg\varphi$ (MP 3,2)
- 5: $\neg\neg\varphi \vdash (\neg\varphi \rightarrow \neg\neg\neg\varphi) \rightarrow (\neg\neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi)$ (Ax3)
- 6: $\neg\neg\varphi \vdash \neg\neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi$ (MP 5,4)
- 7: $\neg\neg\varphi \vdash \neg\neg\varphi$
- 8: $\neg\neg\varphi \vdash \varphi$ (MP 6,7)
- 9: $\vdash \neg\neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi$ (Ded)

Derivations: example 3

- A rule is false if the LHS is true and the RHS is false

$$\vdash \varphi \rightarrow (\neg\psi \rightarrow \neg(\varphi \rightarrow \psi))$$

- 1: $\varphi, (\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \vdash \psi$ *(MP)*
- 2: $\varphi \vdash (\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow \psi$ *(Ded)*
- 3: $\varphi \vdash ((\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\neg\psi \rightarrow \neg(\varphi \rightarrow \psi))$ *(Ax3)*
- 4: $\varphi \vdash \neg\psi \rightarrow \neg(\varphi \rightarrow \psi)$ *(MP 3,2)*
- 5: $\vdash \varphi \rightarrow (\neg\psi \rightarrow \neg(\varphi \rightarrow \psi))$ *(Ded)*

Derivations: example 4

- From absurd, anything can be derived ("*Ex absurdo sequitur quodlibet*"): $\vdash \varphi \rightarrow (\neg\varphi \rightarrow \psi)$ (vale a dire $\varphi, \neg\varphi \vdash \psi$)

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1: $\varphi, \neg\varphi \vdash \neg\varphi \rightarrow (\neg\psi \rightarrow \neg\varphi)$	(Ax1)
2: $\varphi, \neg\varphi \vdash \neg\varphi$	
3: $\varphi, \neg\varphi \vdash \neg\psi \rightarrow \neg\varphi$	(MP 1,2)
4: $\varphi, \neg\varphi \vdash (\neg\psi \rightarrow \neg\varphi) \rightarrow (\varphi \rightarrow \psi)$	(Ax3)
5: $\varphi, \neg\varphi \vdash \varphi \rightarrow \psi$	(MP 4,3)
6: $\varphi, \neg\varphi \vdash \varphi$	
7: $\varphi, \neg\varphi \vdash \psi$	(MP 5,6)
8: $\varphi \vdash \neg\varphi \rightarrow \psi$	(Ded)
9: $\vdash \varphi \rightarrow (\neg\varphi \rightarrow \psi)$	(Ded)

A set of wffs that contains a contradiction is called *incoherent* (or *inconsistent*)

From an incoherent set, anything can be derived, including a contradiction like: $\psi \wedge \neg\psi$

Derivations: example 5 (using *theorems*)

- When falsity implies contradiction, then it must be true:

$$\vdash (\neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi) \rightarrow \varphi$$

$$1: \neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi, \neg\varphi \vdash \neg\varphi$$

$$2: \neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi, \neg\varphi \vdash \neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi$$

$$3: \neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi, \neg\varphi \vdash \varphi \quad (MP\ 1,2)$$

$$4: \neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi, \neg\varphi \vdash \varphi \rightarrow (\neg\varphi \rightarrow \neg(\neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi)) \quad (Th.\ 4)$$

$$5: \neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi, \neg\varphi \vdash \neg\varphi \rightarrow \neg(\neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi) \quad (MP\ 3,4)$$

$$6: \neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi, \neg\varphi \vdash \neg(\neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi) \quad (MP\ 1,5)$$

$$7: \neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi \vdash \neg\varphi \rightarrow \neg(\neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi) \quad (Ded)$$

$$8: \neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi \vdash (\neg\varphi \rightarrow \neg(\neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi)) \rightarrow ((\neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi) \rightarrow \varphi) \quad (Ax3)$$

$$9: \neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi \vdash (\neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi) \rightarrow \varphi \quad (MP\ 7,8)$$

$$10: \neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi \vdash \neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi$$

$$11: \neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi \vdash \varphi \quad (MP\ 9,10)$$

$$12: \vdash (\neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi) \rightarrow \varphi \quad (Ded)$$

Derivations: Theorem "X"

- Resolution rule (see the first *incomplete* example):

$$\vdash (\neg\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow ((\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow \psi)$$

- 1: $(\neg\varphi \rightarrow \psi), (\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \vdash (\neg\varphi \rightarrow \psi)$
- 2: $(\neg\varphi \rightarrow \psi), (\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \vdash (\neg\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\neg\psi \rightarrow \varphi)$ (Ax3)
- 3: $(\neg\varphi \rightarrow \psi), (\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \vdash (\neg\psi \rightarrow \varphi)$ (MP 1,2)
- 4: $(\neg\varphi \rightarrow \psi), (\varphi \rightarrow \psi), \neg\psi \vdash \varphi$ (Ded)
- 5: $(\neg\varphi \rightarrow \psi), (\varphi \rightarrow \psi), \neg\psi \vdash \varphi \rightarrow \psi$
- 6: $(\neg\varphi \rightarrow \psi), (\varphi \rightarrow \psi), \neg\psi \vdash \psi$ (MP 4,5)
- 7: $(\neg\varphi \rightarrow \psi), (\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \vdash (\neg\psi \rightarrow \psi)$ (Ded)
- 8: $(\neg\varphi \rightarrow \psi), (\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \vdash ((\neg\psi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow \psi)$ (Th. 5)
- 9: $(\neg\varphi \rightarrow \psi), (\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \vdash \psi$ (MP 7,8)
- 10: $(\neg\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \vdash ((\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow \psi)$ (Ded)
- 11: $\vdash (\neg\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow ((\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow \psi)$ (Ded)

Rewritten in an equivalent way:

$$\vdash (\varphi \vee \psi) \rightarrow ((\neg\varphi \vee \psi) \rightarrow \psi)$$

Correctness

- *Correctness*

All wffs that are *derivable* from axioms Ax_n are *tautologies* (valid wffs)

$$\vdash \varphi \Rightarrow \models \varphi$$

It can be verified directly that the axioms schemas $Ax1, Ax2$ e $Ax3$ are schemas of tautologies as well

The inference rule of *Modus Ponens* is correct, as it preserves entailment

Any wff entailed by a set of tautologies is a tautology

Completeness

- *Completeness*

All *tautologies* (i.e. *valid wffs*) are *derivable* from axiom schemas Ax_n

$$\models \varphi \Rightarrow \vdash \varphi$$

Why:

See textbook

Properties of derivations

- *Coherence* (definition)

A set of wffs Γ is *coherent* if it exists at least a wff φ which is not *derivable* from Γ
(see theorem 3)

- *Refutation*

$\Gamma \cup \{\neg\varphi\}$ is *incoherent* $\Leftrightarrow \Gamma \vdash \varphi$

$\Gamma \cup \{\neg\varphi\}$ is incoherent implies that for any ψ , $\Gamma \cup \{\neg\varphi\} \vdash \psi$

In particular

$\Gamma \cup \{\neg\varphi\} \vdash \varphi$

From deduction theorem

$\Gamma \vdash \neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi$

From Theorem 5

$\Gamma \vdash (\neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi) \rightarrow \varphi$

MP

$\Gamma \vdash \varphi$

Properties of derivations

- Coherence is equivalent to satisfiability

A set of wffs Γ is *satisfiable* if it is *coherent*

If Γ was incoherent, then it would be possible to derive a contradiction (Theorem 3)

But, given that derivability implies entailment, then Γ should be *unsatisfiable*

A set of wffs Γ which is *coherent* is also *satisfiable*

(see textbook)

- Syntactic compactness

Consider a set of wffs Γ (not necessarily finite)

$\Gamma \vdash \varphi \Rightarrow$ There exist a *finite* subset $\Sigma \subseteq \Gamma$ such that $\Sigma \vdash \varphi$

(See textbook for a proof)

Properties of derivations

- *Syntactic monotony*

For any Γ and Δ , if $\Gamma \vdash \varphi$ then $\Gamma \cup \Delta \vdash \varphi$

In fact, any derivation of φ from Γ remains valid even if Γ grows larger

- *Transitivity*

If for any $\varphi \in \Sigma$ we have $\Gamma \vdash \varphi$, then if $\Sigma \vdash \psi$ then $\Gamma \vdash \psi$

One can apply the deduction theorem and *MP* repeatedly

Theorems

Given a set of wffs Γ , the **theorems** of Γ is the set of all wff φ that can be derived from Γ \leftarrow (Γ can be empty)

The set of theorems of Γ is also written as $Th(\Gamma)$

Due to the definition of *derivability*, this means that any such φ descends from $Ax \cup \Gamma$

This definition has general validity: it applies to any axiomatized logic

Any *theorem* of Γ is also an *entailment* of Γ

$$\varphi \in Th(\Gamma) \Rightarrow \Gamma \models \varphi$$

Why? (a simple exercise for the reader ...)

Independence of the axiom schemas Ax_n

- **Minimality**

The proof of completeness requires using them all (see textbook)

- **Independence**

The three schemas are **logically independent**:

It is not possible to derive any of them from the other two

- There exist other axiomatizations of propositional logic

In one of them, just a single schema is used

Using axiom schemas, however, is unavoidable

In other words, using an *infinite* set of axioms is unavoidable

Theorems, theories, axiomatizations

- Theory = set of wffs (yes, just that)

Any set Σ (however defined) is a **theory**

- Theorem = a wff derivable from a set of wffs

Given a set of wffs Γ , the set of **theorems** of Γ is the set of all wffs that can be *derived* from Γ

$$Th(\Gamma) = \{\varphi : \Gamma \vdash \varphi\}$$

- Axiomatizations = a set of wff that describes a **theory**

A set of wffs Γ is an **axiomatization** of a theory Σ iff

$$\Sigma \equiv Th(\Gamma)$$

Axiom schemas A_{xn} describe the *theory of valid* wffs in (**classical**) **propositional logic**