

# Predicate Calculus

## - Semantic Tableau (2/2)

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# Formal construction

- Formal construction is explained in **two steps**
  1. Construction rules ( $\alpha$  rule,  $\beta$  rule,  $\gamma$  rule for  $\forall x$ , and  $\delta$  rule for  $\exists y$ )
    - These rules might **not** be systematic, but enough for showing **soundness** of a semantic tableau.

 $\forall x$ 

$\gamma$	$\gamma(a)$
$\forall xA(x)$	$A(a)$
$\neg \exists xA(x)$	$\neg A(a)$

 $\exists x$ 

$\delta$	$\delta(a)$
$\exists xA(x)$	$A(a)$
$\neg \forall xA(x)$	$\neg A(a)$

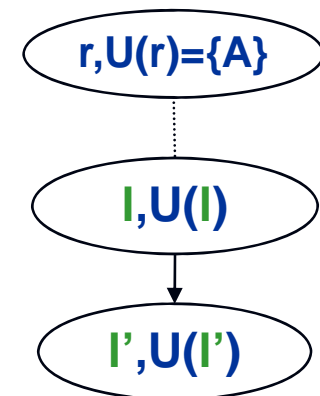
2. **Systematic** construction rules, which specify **the order** of applying rules
    - Systematic construction rules can show the **completeness** of a semantic tableau
- Def 5.25 A **literal** is a **closed** atomic formula  $p(a_1, \dots, a_k)$  or the negation of such a formula
    - If a formula has **no free variable**, it is **closed**. Therefore, if an atomic formula is closed, all of its arguments are constants.

# Formal construction rules (1/2)

- Alg 5.26 (Construction of a semantic tableau)
  - Input: A formula  $A$  of the predicate calculus
  - Output: A semantic tableau  $\mathcal{T}$  for  $A$ 
    - Each node of  $\mathcal{T}$  will be labeled with a set of formulas.
      - Initially,  $\mathcal{T}$  consists of a single node, the root, labeled with  $\{A\}$
    - All branches are either
      - **infinite** or
      - **finite** with
        - leaves marked **closed** or
        - leaves marked **open**
    - $\mathcal{T}$  is built **inductively** by choosing an unmarked **leaf**  $l$  labeled with a set of formulas  $U(l)$ , and applying **one** of the following rules:

# Formal construction rules (2/2)

- If  $U(I)$  is a set of literals and  $\gamma$ -formulas which contains a complementary pair of literals  $\{p(a_1, \dots, a_k), \neg p(a_1, \dots, a_k)\}$ , mark the leaf **closed x**
- If  $U(I)$  is **not** a set of literals, **choose** a formula  $A$  in  $U(I)$  which is not a literal
  - if  $A$  is an  $\alpha$ -formula or  $\beta$ -formula, do the same as in propositional calculus
  - if  $A$  is a  $\gamma$ -formula (such as  $\forall x A_1(x)$ ), create a new node  $I'$  as a child of  $I$  and label  $I'$  with  $U(I') = U(I) \cup \{\gamma(a)\}$  where  $a$  is some constant that appears in  $U(I)$  (**infinite branch**)
    - If no constant exists in  $U(I)$ , use an arbitrary constant, say  $a_i$
    - Note that the  $\gamma$ -formula **remains** in  $U(I')$ .
    - If  $U(I)$  consists **only** of literals and  $\gamma$ -formulas and  $U(I)$  does **not** contain a **complementary pair** of literals and  $U(I')=U(I)$  for all choices of  $a$ , then mark the leaf as **open O**. (**finite branch**)
      - If the only rule that applies is a  $\gamma$ -rule and the rule produces no new subformulas, then the branch is open.
        - ex. for  $\{\forall x p(a,x)\}$ ,  $\{(a), \{(a,a)\}, \{a\}\}$  is a model for it.
  - if  $A$  is a  $\delta$  formula (such as  $\exists x A_1(x)$ ), create a new node  $I'$  as a child of  $I$  and label  $I'$  with  $U(I') = (U(I) - \{A\}) \cup \{\delta(a)\}$  where  $a$  is some constant that does **not** appear in  $U(I)$ .



# Soundness

- Thm 5.28 (**Soundness**) let  $A$  be a formula in the predicate calculus and let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a tableau for  $A$ . If  $\mathcal{T}$  closes, then  $A$  is unsatisfiable.
  - However, the construction of the tableau is **not complete** unless it is built systematically.
    - ex.  $\forall x \exists y p(x,y) \wedge \forall x (p(x) \wedge \neg p(x))$
- The proof is by induction on the **height  $h$**  of node  $n$ 
  - Cases for  $h=0$ , and the inductive cases for  $\alpha, \beta$  formulas is the same as the proof in the propositional calculus
  - **Case 3: The  $\gamma$ -rule was used. Then**
    - $U(n) = U_0 \cup \{\forall x A(x)\}$  and  $U(n') = U_0 \cup \{\forall x A(x), A(a)\}$
    - Assume that  $U(n)$  is **satisfiable** and let  $\mathcal{I}$  be a model for  $U(n)$ , so that  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(A_i) = T$  for all  $A_i \in U_0(n)$  and also  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(\forall x A(x)) = T$ .
    - By Thm 5.15,  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(\forall x A(x)) = T$  iff  $v_{\sigma_{\mathcal{I}}} = T$  for all assignments  $\sigma_{\mathcal{I}}$ , in particular for any assignment that assigns the same domain element to  $x$  that  $\mathcal{I}$  does to  $a$
    - But  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(A(a)) = T$  **contradicts** the inductive hypothesis that  $U(n')$  is unsatisfiable
  - **Case 4: The  $\delta$ -rule was used. Then**
    - $U(n) = U_0 \cup \{\exists x A(x)\}$  and  $U(n') = U_0 \cup \{A(a)\}$  for some constant  $a$  which does not occur in a formula of  $U(n)$
    - Assume that  $U(n)$  is **satisfiable** and let  $\mathcal{I} = (D, \{R_1, \dots, R_n\}, \{d_1, \dots, d_k\})$  be a satisfying interpretation.
    - Then  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(\exists x A(x)) = T$ , so for the relation  $R_i$  assigned to  $A$  and for some  $d \in D$ ,  $(d) \in R_i$ . Extend  $\mathcal{I}$  to the interpretation  $\mathcal{I}' = (D, \{R_1, \dots, R_n\}, \{d_1, \dots, d_k, d\})$  by assigning  $d$  to the constant  $a$ .
    - Then  $v_{\mathcal{I}'}(A(a)) = T$ , and since  $v_{\mathcal{I}'}(U_0) = v_{\mathcal{I}}(U_0) = T$ , we can conclude that  $v_{\mathcal{I}'}(U(n')) = T$ , **contradicting** the inductive hypothesis that  $U(n')$  is unsatisfiable

# Systematic formal construction rules (1/2)

- The **aim** of the systematic construction is to ensure that
  1. rules are **eventually** applied to **all formulas** in the label of a node and
  2. in the case of universally quantified formulas, that an instance is created for **all constants** that appears
- Alg 5.29 (**Systematic** construction of a semantic tableau)
  - Input: A formula  $A$  of the predicate calculus
  - Output: A semantic tableau  $\mathcal{T}$  for  $A$ 
    - key idea: to apply  $\alpha, \beta, \delta$ , and  $\gamma$  rules **in order**, to prevent infinite branch due to  $\gamma$  rule from hiding that an branch is closed
  - A semantic tableau for  $A$  is a tree  $\mathcal{T}$  each node of which is labeled by a pair  $W(n) = (U(n), C(n))$ , where  $U(n) = \{A_1, \dots, A_k\}$  is a set of formulas and  $C(n) = \{a_1, \dots, a_m\}$  is a set of constants appearing in the formulas in  $U(n)$
  - Initially,  $\mathcal{T}$  consists of a single node (the root) labeled with  $(\{A\}, \{a_1, \dots, a_m\})$ 
    - If  $A$  has no constants, choose an arbitrary constant  $a$  and label the node with  $(\{A\}, \{a\})$

# Systematic formal construction rules (2/2)

- Inductively applying one of the following rules in the order given
  1. If  $U(l)$  is a set of literals and  $\gamma$ -formulas which contains a complementary pair of literals  $\{p(a_1, \dots, a_k), \neg p(a_1, \dots, a_k)\}$ , mark the leaf closed  $\times$
  2. If  $U(l)$  is **not** a set of literals, choose a formula  $A$  in  $U(l)$  which is not a literal
    1. if  $A$  is an  $\alpha$ -formula or  $\beta$ -formula, do the same as in propositional calculus with  $C(l') = C(l)$
    2. if  $A$  is a  $\delta$ -formula, create a new node  $l'$  as a child of  $l$  and label  $l'$  with  $W(l') = ((U(l) - \{A\}) \cup \{\delta(a)\}, C(l) \cup \{a\})$  where  $a$  is some constant that does **not** appear in  $U(l)$
  3. Let  $\{\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m\} \subseteq U(l)$  be all the  $\gamma$ -formulas in  $U(l)$  and let  $C(l) = \{a_1, \dots, a_k\}$ . Create a new node  $l'$  as a child of  $l$  and label  $l'$  with
    - $W(l') = (U(l) \cup \bigcup_{i=1..m, j=1..k} \{\gamma_i(a_j)\}, C(l))$
    - If  $U(l)$  consists only of literals and  $\gamma$ -formulas and  $U(l)$  does **not** contain a complementary pair of literals and  $U(l') = U(l)$ , then mark the leaf as open  $O$ .

# Completeness (1/2)

- Thm 5.34 (Completeness) Let  $A$  be a valid formula. Then the systematic semantic tableau for  $\neg A$  closes
  - Def 5.31 Let  $U$  be a set of formulas in the predicate calculus.  $U$  is a **Hintikka set** iff the following conditions hold for all formulas  $A \in U$ :
    - If  $A$  is a closed atomic formula, either  $A \notin U$  or  $\neg A \notin U$
    - If  $A$  is an  $\alpha$ -formula,  $\alpha_1 \in U$  and  $\alpha_2 \in U$
    - If  $A$  is a  $\beta$ -formula,  $\beta_1 \in U$  or  $\beta_2 \in U$
    - If  $A$  is a  $\gamma$ -formulas,  $\gamma(\alpha) \in U$  for all constants  $a$  appearing in formulas in  $U$
    - If  $A$  is a  $\delta$ -formula,  $\delta(\alpha) \in U$  for some constant  $a$
  - Thm 5.32 Let  $b$  be an **open** branch of a systematic tableau and  $U = \bigcup_{n \in b} U(n)$ . The  $U$  is a Hintikka set.
  - Lem 5.33 (Hintikka's lemma) Let  $U$  be a Hintikka set. Then there is a model for  $U$



# Completeness (2/2)

- Proof of Completeness (Thm5.34)
  - Let  $A$  be a valid formula and suppose that the systematic tableau for  $\neg A$  does **not** close.
  - By Thm 5.32, there is an open branch  $b$  s.t.  $U = \bigcup_{n \in b} U(n)$  is a Hintikka set.
  - By Lem 5.33, there is a model  $\mathcal{I}$  for  $U$ . But  $\neg A \in U$  so  $\mathcal{I} \models \neg A$  **contradicting** the assumption that  $A$  is valid



# Finite and infinite models

- Def 5.35 A formula of the predicate calculus is **pure** if it contains no function symbols
- Def 5.36 A set of formulas  $U$  has the **finite model property** iff
  - $U$  is satisfiable iff it is satisfiable in an interpretation whose domain is a finite set.
- Thm 5.37 Let  $U$  be a set of pure formulas of the form
  - $\exists x_1 \dots x_k \forall y_1 \dots y_l A(x_1, \dots, x_k, y_1, \dots, y_l)$  where  $A$  does not contain any quantifiers.
  - Then,  $U$  has the **finite model property**.
    - During the construction of semantic tableau, the set of constants will be finite
- Thm 5.39 (Lowenheim-Skolem) If a **countable** set of formulas is satisfiable then it is satisfiable in a **countable domain**
  - For example, formulas that describe **real numbers** also have a **countable non-standard model!!!**
- Thm 5.40 (Compactness) Let  $U$  be a countable set of formulas. If **all finite subsets** of  $U$  are satisfiable then so is  $U$