

# LOGIC EXERCISES

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## Exercise 11.1. [This Is Unnatural]

Let  $\mathcal{N}$  be the standard model of the natural numbers. In tutorial exercise 10.4, we proved that any countable axiomatisation  $T$  of  $\mathcal{N}$  (i.e.  $Cn(T) = Th(\mathcal{N})$ ) over some signature  $\Sigma$  admits another, non-isomorphic model  $\mathcal{N}'$  (in particular,  $Cn(T) = Th(\mathcal{N}')$ ).

Prove that  $\mathcal{N}'$  contains not only one, but infinitely many non-standard natural numbers  $d_n \in U^{\mathcal{N}'}$ , i.e.  $\mathcal{N}'[d_n/x] \models x \neq m$  for all  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\mathcal{N}'[d_n/x, d_m/y] \models x \neq y$  for all  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $n \neq m$ .

### Solution:

First note that  $Th(\mathcal{N}) = Cn(T) = Th(\mathcal{N}')$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{N} \models S \iff \mathcal{N}' \models S$  for any  $\Sigma$ -sentence  $S$ .

Now consider  $d_n := (c+n)^{\mathcal{N}'}$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . We show that  $\mathcal{N}' \models c+n \neq m$  for any  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . We have  $\mathcal{N} \models \forall k.(k+n = m \rightarrow k = m-n)$ . Hence  $\mathcal{N}' \models \forall k.(k+n = m \rightarrow k = m-n)$ , and thus  $\mathcal{N}' \models c+n = m \rightarrow c = m-n$ . For the sake of contradiction, assume  $\mathcal{N}' \models c+n = m$ . Then by the previous,  $\mathcal{N}' \models c = m-n$ . But also  $\mathcal{N}' \models c \neq k$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  by construction of  $\mathcal{N}'$ , contradiction.

It remains to prove that  $\mathcal{N}' \models c+n \neq c+m$  for  $n \neq m$ . Since  $\mathcal{N} \models \forall k.(k+n \neq k+m \leftrightarrow n \neq m)$  and  $n \neq m$  by assumption, we get  $\mathcal{N}' \models c+n \neq c+m$ .

## Exercise 11.2. [Decidability of Complete Theories]

Assume  $S$  is finitely axiomatizable and complete, i.e.  $F \in S$  or  $\neg F \in S$  for any sentence  $F$ .

1. Given only the axiomatization of  $S$ , give a procedure deciding whether  $S \models F$  for any sentence  $F$ .
2. Can you obtain a similar result when the assumption is that the axiom system is only *recursively enumerable*?

### Solution:

1. Let  $M$  be the set of axioms. Run resolution on  $M \wedge F$  and  $M \wedge \neg F$  in parallel. If  $F \notin S$ , then  $M \wedge F \vdash \square$  and the first resolution terminates. If  $F \in S$ , then  $M \wedge \neg F \vdash \square$  and the second resolution terminates.
2. Yes, by compactness. Enumerate all finite subsets of the axiom set and execute the resolution calls in a dovetailing approach.

**Exercise 11.3. [One Finite, All Finite]**

Show that if a theory is finitely axiomatizable, any countable axiomatization of it has a finite subset that axiomatizes the same theory. In other words, if  $Cn(\Gamma) = Cn(\Delta)$  with  $\Gamma$  countable and  $\Delta$  finite, then there is a finite  $\Gamma' \subseteq \Gamma$  with  $Cn(\Gamma') = Cn(\Gamma)$ . Can you also obtain  $\Gamma'$  effectively?

**Solution:**

Let us identify  $\Delta$  as the formula  $\bigwedge_{F \in \Delta} F$ . It suffices to find a finite subset  $\Gamma' \subseteq \Gamma$  that axiomatizes  $Cn(\Delta)$ . For this, it is sufficient to find  $\Gamma' \subseteq \Gamma$  such that  $\Gamma' \models \Delta$ , which is equivalent to  $\Gamma' \cup \{\neg\Delta\}$  being unsatisfiable.

We know that  $\Gamma \cup \{\neg\Delta\}$  is unsatisfiable because  $\Gamma$  axiomatizes  $Cn(\Delta)$ . By compactness, there must be a finite subset that is unsatisfiable. We can find this subset by enumerating all finite subsets  $\Gamma' \subseteq \Gamma$  and running resolution on  $\Gamma', \neg\Delta$ .

**Exercise 11.4. [Natural Deduction]**

Prove the following formula using natural deduction.

$$\neg(\forall x(\exists y(\neg P(x) \wedge P(y))))$$

**Solution:**

$$\frac{\frac{\forall E \frac{[\forall x \exists y(\neg P(x) \wedge P(y))]}{\exists y(\neg P(x_1) \wedge P(y))}}{\frac{[\neg P(x_1) \wedge P(y_1)]}{P(y_1)} \wedge E_2 \quad \frac{\forall E \frac{[\forall x \exists y(\neg P(x) \wedge P(y))]}{\exists y(\neg P(y_1) \wedge P(y))} \quad \frac{[\neg P(y_1) \wedge P(y_2)]}{\neg P(y_1)} \wedge E_1}{\exists E} \quad \neg E}}{\perp} \quad \exists E}{\neg I} \quad \neg E$$

**Homework 11.1.** [Counterexamples from Sequent Calculus] (++)

Consider the statement  $\forall x(P(x) \rightarrow \neg P(f(x)))$ .

1. What happens when trying to prove the validity of this formula in sequent calculus?
2. How can we derive a countermodel from the proof tree?
3. Is there a smaller countermodel?

**Solution:**

The proof tree gets stuck:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{P(y), P(f(y)) \Rightarrow}{P(y) \Rightarrow \neg P(f(y))} \neg R}{\Rightarrow P(y) \rightarrow \neg P(f(y))} \rightarrow R}{\Rightarrow \forall x (P(x) \rightarrow \neg P(f(x)))} \forall R$$

As in the lecture, we can create a countermodel  $\mathcal{A}$ : Let  $U_{\mathcal{A}}$  be the set of all terms over  $y, f(\cdot)$ , set  $y^{\mathcal{A}} := y$ ,  $f^{\mathcal{A}}(t) := f(t^{\mathcal{A}})$ , and  $P^{\mathcal{A}} := \{y, f(y)\}$ . Then  $\mathcal{A} \models P(y)$  and  $\mathcal{A} \models P(f(y))$  and hence  $\mathcal{A} \not\models \forall x(P(x) \rightarrow \neg P(f(x)))$ . Note that  $\mathcal{A}$  is infinite, but there are countermodels with just two elements  $\{a, b\}$ : Set  $f(a) := b$ ,  $f(b) := b$ ,  $P(a)$  and  $P(b)$ . Then  $P(a)$  and  $P(f(a)) = P(b)$ .

**Homework 11.2.** [Natural Deduction] (++)

Prove the following statements using natural deduction.

1.  $\neg \forall x \exists y \forall z (\neg P(x, z) \wedge P(z, y))$
2.  $\exists x(P(x) \rightarrow \forall x P(x))$

**Solution:**

Here's an outline for the second task. You can ask for further hints on Zulip.

$$\text{EXCL. MIDDLE} \frac{\frac{\text{Exercise}(EX)}{\forall x P(x) \vee \neg \forall x P(x)} \quad \frac{\frac{[\forall x P(x)]_1}{P(x_0) \rightarrow \forall x P(x)} \rightarrow I}{\exists x(P(x) \rightarrow \forall x P(x))} \exists I}{\exists x(P(x) \rightarrow \forall x P(x))} \exists I \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{[\neg \forall x P(x)]_1}{\vdots} \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{[P(x_0)]_3 \quad [\neg P(x_0)]_2}{\perp} \neg E}{\forall x P(x)} \perp}{P(x_0) \rightarrow \forall x P(x)} (\rightarrow I)_3}{\exists x(P(x) \rightarrow \forall x P(x))} \exists I}{\exists x(P(x) \rightarrow \forall x P(x))} (\exists E)_2}{\exists x(P(x) \rightarrow \forall x P(x))} (\vee E)_1$$

**Homework 11.3. [Closure Operator]** (+)

Show that  $Cn$  is a **closure operator**, i.e.  $Cn$  fulfills the following properties:

- $S \subseteq Cn(S)$
- if  $S \subseteq S'$  then  $Cn(S) \subseteq Cn(S')$
- $Cn(Cn(S)) = Cn(S)$

**Solution:**

In the following, suppose  $S, S'$  are sets of  $\Sigma$ -sentences and  $F$  is a  $\Sigma$ -sentence.

- $F \in S \implies S \models F \implies F \in Cn(S)$
- $F \in Cn(S) \implies S \models F \implies S' \models F \implies F \in Cn(S')$
- From the first property, we get  $Cn(S) \subseteq Cn(Cn(S))$ . For the other direction, we have  $F \in Cn(Cn(S)) \implies Cn(S) \models F \implies^{(*)} S \models F \implies F \in Cn(S)$ .  
We have (\*) because  $\mathcal{A} \models Cn(S)$  iff  $\mathcal{A} \models S$  by definition of  $Cn$ .

**Homework 11.4. [Elementary Classes]** (++)

In this exercise, we assume that all structures and formulas share the same signature  $\Sigma$ .

We define the operator  $Mod(S)$  that returns the class of all structures that model a set of formulas  $S$ . In other words,  $Mod(S)$  contains all  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $\mathcal{A} \models S$ .

A class of models  $M$  is said to be *elementary* if there is a set of formulas  $S$  such that  $M = Mod(S)$ . If  $S$  is just a singleton set, i.e. there is a formula  $F$  such that  $S = \{F\}$ , then  $M$  is *basic elementary*.

Prove:

1. A class of models  $M$  is basic elementary if and only if there is a *finite* set of formulas  $S$  such that  $M = Mod(S)$ .
2. If  $M$  is basic elementary and  $M = Mod(S)$  for countable  $S$ , then there is a finite subset  $S' \subseteq S$  such that  $M = Mod(S')$ .

**Solution:**

For the first task, simply take  $F := \bigwedge_{G \in S} G$ .

For the second task, it suffices to show that  $Mod(S) = Mod(S') \iff Cn(S) = Cn(S')$ . The result then follows from tutorial exercise 11.3. Here's the direction from left to right:

$$\begin{aligned}
 F \in Cn(S) &\iff \mathcal{M} \models F \text{ for any model } \mathcal{M} \text{ of } S \\
 &\iff \mathcal{M} \models F \text{ for any } \mathcal{M} \in Mod(S) \\
 &\iff \mathcal{M} \models F \text{ for any } \mathcal{M} \in Mod(S') \\
 &\iff \mathcal{M} \models F \text{ for any model } \mathcal{M} \text{ of } S' \\
 &\iff F \in Cn(S')
 \end{aligned}$$

The other direction is similar.

The logic of the world is prior to all truth and falsehood.

— Ludwig Wittgenstein<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Yes, Ludwig strikes again – he just dropped too many great quotes.