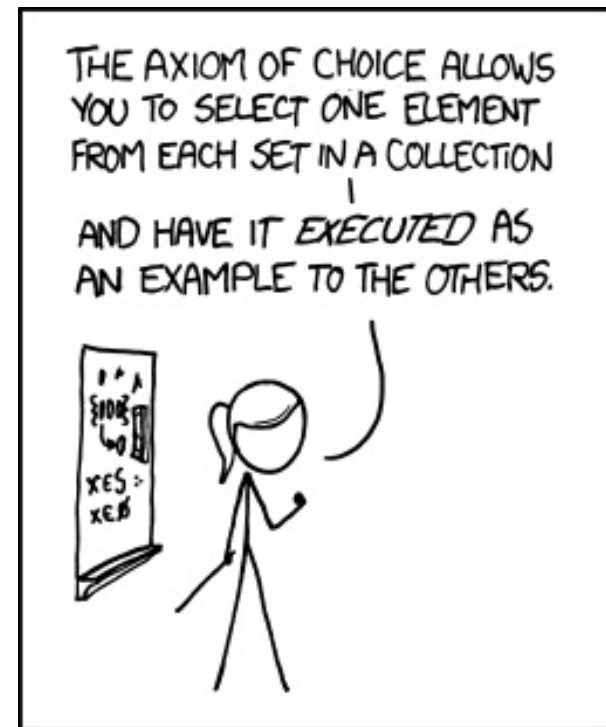


CSE 311: Foundations of Computing

Lecture 8: More inference proofs



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BELIEVER IN PROOF BY INTIMIDATION.

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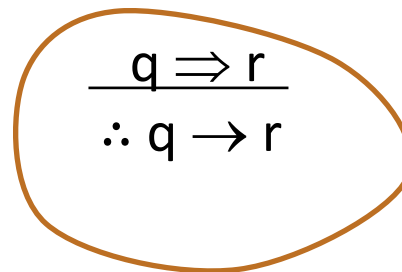
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5. **s** MP: 3, 4

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proof subroutine

Indent proof
subroutine \Rightarrow

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|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. q | Assumption |
| 2. $q \vee r$ | Intro \vee : 1 |
| 3. $q \rightarrow (q \vee r)$ | Direct Proof Rule |

To Prove An Implication: $A \rightarrow B$ (cont.)

- A template for the application of the **direct proof rule**:

1. (...) Given
2. (...) Given
3. (...) Inferred fact
4. (...) Inferred fact
- 5.1 A Assumption
- 5.2 (...) Inferred fact
- 5.3 (...) Inferred fact
- 5.4 B Inferred fact
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6. (...) Inferred fact

- Possible to have nested direct proof rules

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3. $q \rightarrow s$ Direct Proof Rule

This is a
proof
of $q \rightarrow s$

If we know q is true...
Then, we've shown
 s is true

Example

Prove: $(q \wedge r) \rightarrow (q \vee r)$

There MUST be an application of the Direct Proof Rule (or an equivalence) to prove this implication.

Where do we start? We have no givens...

Example

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1.1. $q \wedge r$

1.2. q

1.3. $q \vee r$

1. $(q \wedge r) \rightarrow (q \vee r)$

Assumption

Elim \wedge : 1.1

Intro \vee : 1.2

Direct Proof Rule

Lecture 8 Activity

- You will be assigned to **breakout rooms**. Please:
- Introduce yourself
- Choose someone to share screen, showing this PDF
- Given: $p \vee q, (r \wedge s) \rightarrow \neg q, r$.
- Show: $s \rightarrow p$ using inference rules
- Hint: You will need one Direct Proof Rule

Then fill out the poll everywhere for **Activity Credit!**

Go to pollev.com/thomas311 and login with your UW identity

Overview over inference rules:

<https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse311/21sp/resources/inferencesPoster.pdf>

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1.3.

1.4.1.

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1. $((q \rightarrow r) \wedge (r \rightarrow s)) \rightarrow (q \rightarrow s)$ Direct Proof Rule

One General Proof Strategy

- 1. Look at the rules for introducing connectives to see how you would build up the formula you want to prove from pieces of what is given**
- 2. Use the rules for eliminating connectives to break down the given formulas so that you get the pieces you need to do 1.**
- 3. Write the proof beginning with what you figured out for 2 followed by 1.**

Inference Rules for Quantifiers: First look

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Predicate Logic Proofs

- **Can use**
 - **Predicate logic inference rules**
whole formulas only
 - **Predicate logic equivalences (De Morgan's)**
even on subformulas
 - **Propositional logic inference rules**
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 - **Propositional logic equivalences**
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My First Predicate Logic Proof

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5. $\forall x P(x) \rightarrow \exists x P(x)$



The main connective is implication
so Direct Proof Rule seems good

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1.3. $P(a)$ Elim \forall : 1.1

We could have picked any name
or domain expression here.

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Working forwards as well as backwards:

In applying “Intro \exists ” rule we didn’t know what expression we might be able to prove $P(c)$ for, so we worked forwards to figure out what might work.

Predicate Logic Proofs with more content

- In propositional logic we could just write down other propositional logic statements as “givens”
- Here, we also want to be able to use domain knowledge so proofs are about something specific
- Example:

Domain of Discourse
Integers

- Given the basic properties of arithmetic on integers, define:

Predicate Definitions
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3. $\text{Even}(2)$ Definition of Even: 2
4. $\exists x \text{Even}(x)$ Intro \exists : 3

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| 4. | $\text{Even}(2)$ | Defn of Even: 3 |
| 5. | $\text{Even}(2) \wedge \text{Prime}(2)$ | Intro \wedge : 2, 4 |
| 6. | $\exists x (\text{Even}(x) \wedge \text{Prime}(x))$ | Intro \exists : 5 |

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Direct proof rule

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2.5 $\exists y (\mathbf{a}^2 = 2y)$

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2.5 $\exists y (\mathbf{a}^2 = 2y)$ Intro \exists rule:  Need $\mathbf{a}^2 = 2\mathbf{c}$ for some **c**

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2.4 $\mathbf{a}^2 = 4\mathbf{b}^2 = 2(2\mathbf{b}^2)$ Algebra

2.5 $\exists y (\mathbf{a}^2 = 2y)$ Intro \exists rule

Used $\mathbf{a}^2 = 2c$ for $c=2\mathbf{b}^2$

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3. $\forall x (\text{Even}(x) \rightarrow \text{Even}(x^2))$ Intro \forall : 1,2

Why did we need to say that **b** depends on **a**?

There are extra conditions on using these rules:

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 $\therefore \forall x P(x)$

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Elim \exists $\exists x P(x)$
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** c has to be a NEW name.

Over integer domain: $\forall x \exists y (y \geq x)$ is **True** but $\exists y \forall x (y \geq x)$ is **False**

BAD “PROOF”

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