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Recitation 8: Quantifiers and Logic programming

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1 Quantifiers

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \rightarrow B}{\Gamma \rightarrow A \supset B} \supset R \quad \frac{\Gamma, A \supset B \rightarrow A \quad \Gamma, B \rightarrow C}{\Gamma, A \supset B \rightarrow C} \supset L$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \rightarrow A \quad \Gamma \rightarrow B}{\Gamma \rightarrow A \wedge B} \wedge R \quad \frac{\Gamma, A, B \rightarrow C}{\Gamma, A \wedge B \rightarrow C} \wedge L$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \rightarrow A}{\Gamma \rightarrow A \vee B} \vee R_1 \quad \frac{\Gamma \rightarrow B}{\Gamma \rightarrow A \vee B} \vee R_2 \quad \frac{\Gamma, A \rightarrow C \quad \Gamma, B \rightarrow C}{\Gamma, A \vee B \rightarrow C} \vee L$$

$$\overline{\Gamma, P \rightarrow P} \text{ init} \quad \overline{\Gamma \rightarrow \top} \top R \quad \overline{\Gamma, \perp \rightarrow C} \perp L$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \rightarrow A(c)}{\Gamma \rightarrow \forall x.A(x)} \forall R \quad \frac{\Gamma, \forall x.A(x), A(t) \rightarrow C}{\Gamma, \forall x.A(x) \rightarrow C} \forall L \quad \frac{\Gamma \rightarrow A(t)}{\Gamma \rightarrow \exists x.A(x)} \exists R \quad \frac{\Gamma, A(c) \rightarrow C}{\Gamma, \exists x.A(x) \rightarrow C} \exists L$$

Task 1. Prove the following formula in KeYmaera I (try to prove it by hand first to see the pattern).

$$p(z) \wedge (\forall x.p(x) \supset p(s(x))) \supset p(s^9(z))$$

Solution 1:

$$\frac{\overline{p(z), \forall x.p(x) \supset p(s(x)), p(z) \supset p(s(z)) \rightarrow p(z)} \text{ init} \quad \frac{\overline{p(z), \forall x.p(x) \supset p(s(x)), p(s(z)) \rightarrow p(s^9(z))} \forall L}{\overline{p(z), \forall x.p(x) \supset p(s(x)), p(z) \supset p(s(z)) \rightarrow p(s^9(z))} \supset L}}{\frac{\overline{p(z), \forall x.p(x) \supset p(s(x)) \rightarrow p(s^9(z))} \forall L}{\frac{\overline{p(z) \wedge (\forall x.p(x) \supset p(s(x))) \rightarrow p(s^9(z))} \wedge R}{\rightarrow p(z) \wedge (\forall x.p(x) \supset p(s(x))) \supset p(s^9(z))} \supset R}} \varphi$$

Where φ is:

$$\frac{\overline{p(z), \forall x.p(x) \supset p(s(x)), p(s(z)), p(s(z)) \supset p(s^2(z)) \rightarrow p(s(z))} \text{ init} \quad \frac{\overline{p(z), \forall x.p(x) \supset p(s(x)), p(s(z)), p(s^2(z)) \rightarrow p(s^9(z))} \text{ and so on and so forth...}}{\overline{p(z), \forall x.p(x) \supset p(s(x)), p(s(z)), p(s(z)) \supset p(s^2(z)) \rightarrow p(s^9(z))} \forall L}}{\overline{p(z), \forall x.p(x) \supset p(s(x)), p(s(z)) \rightarrow p(s^9(z))} \supset L} \supset L$$

Observe how the sequent would not be provable if we erase the \forall formula on the left after instantiating it the first time.

Task 2. Can you think of a cut-formula that can make this proof shorter?

2 Logic programming

You might be familiar with functional and imperative programming. Today we will see yet another programming paradigm: logic programming. Logic programming can be seen as a fragment of intuitionistic logic¹ called *Horn clauses* (remember last homework?). A Horn clause is either an atom or a formula of the shape $A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \supset H$, where H is called the *head* and $A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n$ is the *body*. In prolog syntax, this is written as:

`h :- a1, a2, ..., an.`

Let's step through a simple prolog program to understand how computation (or proof search) works. Consider the following simple code:

```
ocean_level(rising).
temperature(extreme).
global_warming(conspiracy) :- ocean_level(stable), temperature(normal).
global_warming(real) :- ocean_level(rising), temperature(extreme).
```

If we query prolog for `global_warming(X)`, it will look at the head of all (four) clauses trying to find one that "matches" (*unifies*) with the goal. In this case, it finds the clauses in lines 3 and 4. Prolog will process the options in order, so it will first go to clause in line 3 and unify X with `conspiracy`, generating the new goals `ocean_level(stable)` and `temperature(normal)`. A proof-theoretic interpretation of this step is the following (predicate names are abbreviated for the sake of space):

$$\frac{\frac{\text{ol(ris), temp(xtr), ...} \rightarrow \text{ol(sta)} \quad \text{ol(ris), temp(xtr), ...} \rightarrow \text{temp(nml)}}{\text{ol(ris), temp(xtr), ...} \rightarrow \text{ol(sta)} \wedge \text{temp(nml)}} \wedge R \quad \frac{\text{X is csp}}{\text{ol(ris), temp(xtr), gw(csp), ...} \rightarrow \text{gw(X)}} \text{init}}{\text{ol(ris), temp(xtr), ol(sta)} \wedge \text{temp(nml)} \supset \text{gw(csp), ol(ris)} \wedge \text{temp(xtr)} \supset \text{gw(real)} \rightarrow \text{gw(X)}} \supset L$$

In this derivation, X is a special variable that is unified on initial rules, and this unification propagates to the next branch if there were occurrences of X there as well. When trying to prove the two open sequents, or the new goals, prolog will realize that `ocean_level(stable)` or `temperature(normal)` are not true... oops, are not in the context nor they are unifiable with any clause head. Time to backtrack. We know that $\wedge R$ is an invertible rule, so no use in backtracking there. We go back to the choice of clauses (i.e., $\supset L$) and try to use the one on line 4. This time the unification will be X is `real` and the new goals `ocean_level(rising)` and `temperature(extreme)`, which can be proved.

As a final note, logic programs hold some resemblance to functional programs in the way programs are written. You will find that sometimes the clauses used look a lot like the cases you would need in, say, SML. This kind of programming style is referred to as *declarative* programming (you write *what* your program does as opposed to *how* it does it).

Task 3. Implement a prolog program that computes the truncated subtraction between natural number along the same lines as the `plus` and `times` implementations given in the lecture notes.

Solution 3: `pred(z,z).`
`pred(s(M), M).`
`minus(N, z, N).`
`minus(N, s(M), Q) :- minus(N, M, P), pred(P, Q).`

¹It is also a fragment of classical logic. Since it is such a simple fragment, intuitionistic and classical logic coincide.