

Mathematical Logic

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Semantics

Definition 2.1

Suppose $A \subseteq \{c_i \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \{F_i \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \{P_i \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\}$. A finite sequence φ is an \mathcal{L}_A -formula, $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_A$, iff

- 1 $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}$,
- 2 the constant, predicate and function symbols occurring in φ are all in A .

The set, \mathcal{T}_A , of \mathcal{L}_A -terms can be defined similarly. Both \mathcal{T}_A and \mathcal{L}_A can be defined inductively. This A is often called the **signature** of the language \mathcal{L}_A .

\mathcal{L}_A -structure

Definition 2.2

An \mathcal{L}_A -structure is a pair (M, I) with the following properties:

- ① $M \neq \emptyset$,
- ② I is a function with $\text{dom}(I) = A$ such that for each $i \in \mathbb{N}$,
 - If $c_i \in A$, then $I(c_i) \in M$;
 - If $F_i \in A$, then $I(F_i)$ is a function

$$I(F_i) : M^n \rightarrow M, \quad \text{where } n = \pi(F_i).$$

- If $P_i \in A$, then $I(P_i)$ is a relation

$$I(P_i) \subseteq M^n, \quad \text{where } n = \pi(P_i).$$

We shall use c^M, F^M, P^M , instead of $I(c), I(F), I(P)$.

Examples

- ① Set Theory: $A = \{\hat{\in}\}$.
 - equality:** Yes
 - constant:** None
 - predicate:** $\hat{\in}$ (2-ary)
 - function:** None

(V, \in) , where V is the class of all sets, \in is the membership relation, is an \mathcal{L}_A -structure.

Here \forall should mean “for all sets”, and \exists “there exists a set”.

② Number Theory: $B = \{\hat{0}, \hat{<}, \hat{S}, \hat{+}, \hat{\times}, \hat{E}\}$

equality: Yes

constant: $\hat{0}$

predicate: $\hat{<}$ (2-ary)

function: \hat{S} (1-ary); $\hat{+}, \hat{\times}, \hat{E}$ (2-ary)

$(\mathbb{N}, 0, <, S, +, \times, \text{Exp})$, where \mathbb{N} is the set of all natural numbers, and the rest use our natural interpretation, is an \mathcal{L}_B -structure. Here “ $a \text{ Exp } b$ ” is for a^b .

Here \forall should mean “for all natural numbers”, and \exists “there exists a natural number”.

- ③ Group Theory: $C = \{\hat{1}, \hat{+}\}$
- equality:** Yes
 - constant:** $\hat{1}$
 - predicate:** None
 - function:** $\hat{+}$ (2-ary)

The additive group of integers $(\mathbb{Z}, 0, +)$ and the multiplicative semi-group of integers $(\mathbb{Z}, 1, \times)$ are \mathcal{L}_C -structures.

Here \forall should mean “for all integers”, and \exists “there exists an integer”.

Satisfaction of sentences

\mathcal{L}_A -structures can determine the truth values of \mathcal{L}_A -sentences (\mathcal{L}_A -formulas without free variables).

Definition 2.3

If an \mathcal{L}_A -sentence φ is true in an \mathcal{L}_A -structure \mathcal{M} , we say \mathcal{M} is a **model** of φ , or \mathcal{M} **satisfies** φ , written as $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi$.

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$$\varphi \equiv \exists x \forall y \neg (y \hat{\in} x)$$

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On the other hand, $(\mathbb{N}, <)$ is not a model of the **paring** axiom:

$$\forall x \forall y \exists z \forall t (t \hat{\in} z \leftrightarrow t \hat{=} x \vee t \hat{=} y)$$

\mathcal{M} -assignment

Definition 2.4

Suppose $\mathcal{M} = (M, I)$ is a \mathcal{L}_A -structure. A function ν is an \mathcal{M} -assignment if ν is a map from $\{x_i \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ to M .

ν can be extended to a function $\check{\nu} : \mathcal{T} \rightarrow M$ as follows:

Base step: $\check{\nu}(\langle x_i \rangle) = \nu(x_i)$, and

$$\check{\nu}(\langle c_i \rangle) = I(c_i).$$

Recursion step: If $\tau = F_i(\tau_1 \dots \tau_n)$, then

$$\check{\nu}(\tau) = I(F_i)(\check{\nu}(\tau_1) \dots \check{\nu}(\tau_n)).$$

Agreement of \mathcal{M} -assignments

Suppose that $\mathcal{M} = (M, I)$ is an \mathcal{L}_A -structure, τ a \mathcal{L}_A -term, φ a \mathcal{L}_A -formula, and ν, μ two \mathcal{M} -assignments.

Definition 2.5

- Let $\bar{x} = \langle x_{n_1}, \dots, x_{n_k} \rangle$. μ, ν agree on \bar{x} if $\mu(x_{n_i}) = \nu(x_{n_i})$ for $i \leq k$. Write as $\mu|_{\bar{x}} = \nu|_{\bar{x}}$.
- Suppose $\tau(\bar{x})$ is a term with (free) variables \bar{x} . ν, μ agree on the (free) variables of τ if $\mu|_{\bar{x}} = \nu|_{\bar{x}}$. Denote it as $\nu \sim_{\tau} \mu$.
- Suppose $\varphi(\bar{x})$ is a formula with free variables \bar{x} . ν, μ agree on the free variables of φ if $\mu|_{\bar{x}} = \nu|_{\bar{x}}$. Denote it as $\nu \sim_{\varphi} \mu$.

Extending assignment to terms and formulas

Lemma 2.0

Suppose that ν, μ agree on the variables of τ . Then $\check{\mu}(\tau) = \check{\nu}(\tau)$.

Using the unique readability of terms, prove by induction on the construction complexity of τ : for the inductive step, $\tau = F_i(\bar{\sigma})$,

$$\check{\mu}(\tau) = \check{\mu}(F_i(\bar{\sigma})) = I(F_i)(\check{\mu}(\bar{\sigma})) \stackrel{\text{by ind.}}{=} I(F_i)(\check{\nu}(\bar{\sigma})) = \check{\nu}(F_i(\bar{\sigma})) = \check{\nu}(\tau)$$

Therefore, we shall not distinguish ν and $\check{\nu}$.

By the unique readability of formulas, we define the **satisfaction relation** $(\mathcal{M}, \nu) \models \varphi$ by induction as follows:

Satisfaction

Definition

Atomic cases: Suppose that φ is an atomic formula.

$\tau, \sigma, \tau_i \in \mathcal{T}$.

- $\varphi = P_i(\tau_1 \dots \tau_n)$, $n = \pi(P_i)$.

$$(\mathcal{M}, \nu) \models \varphi \quad \text{iff} \quad \langle \check{\nu}(\tau_1), \dots, \check{\nu}(\tau_n) \rangle \in P_i^{\mathcal{M}}.$$

- $\varphi = (\sigma \hat{=} \tau)$.

$$(\mathcal{M}, \nu) \models \varphi \quad \text{iff} \quad \check{\nu}(\sigma) = \check{\nu}(\tau).$$

Inductive cases: Suppose that φ is not an atomic formula.
 $\psi \in \mathcal{L}$ and $x_i \in \mathfrak{X}$.

- $\varphi = (\neg\psi)$.

$$(\mathcal{M}, \nu) \models \varphi \quad \text{iff} \quad (\mathcal{M}, \nu) \not\models \psi.$$

- $\varphi = (\psi_1 \rightarrow \psi_2)$.

$$(\mathcal{M}, \nu) \models \varphi \quad \text{iff} \quad \text{either } (\mathcal{M}, \nu) \not\models \psi_1 \text{ or } (\mathcal{M}, \nu) \models \psi_2.$$

- $\varphi = (\forall x_i \psi)$.

$$(\mathcal{M}, \nu) \models \varphi \quad \text{iff} \quad \text{for all } \mathcal{M}\text{-assignments } \mu, \text{ if } \nu \sim_{\varphi} \mu \text{ then } (\mathcal{M}, \mu) \models \psi.$$

Satisfaction and free variables

Theorem 2.1

Suppose that $\mathcal{M} = (M, I)$ is a \mathcal{L}_A -structure, φ is an \mathcal{L}_A -formula, $\nu \sim_\varphi \mu$. Then

$$(\mathcal{M}, \nu) \models \varphi \quad \text{iff} \quad (\mathcal{M}, \mu) \models \varphi$$

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Prove by induction on the rank (construction complexity) of φ : $\text{rank}(\varphi)$

For the case $\varphi = (\forall x_i \psi)$. We have $\text{rank}(\psi) < \text{rank}(\varphi)$.

- $(\mathcal{M}, \mu) \models \varphi$, by definition, for all \mathcal{M} -assignments γ , $\gamma \sim_\varphi \mu$ implies $(\mathcal{M}, \gamma) \models \psi$.
- Since $\nu \sim_\varphi \mu$, we have $(\mathcal{M}, \nu) \models \psi$. Take any $\rho \sim_\psi \nu$, we have $\rho \sim_\varphi \nu \sim_\varphi \mu$, by the ind. hypo., $(\mathcal{M}, \rho) \models \psi$.
- By definition again, $(\mathcal{M}, \nu) \models \varphi$.

Notational conventions

Theorem 2.1 allows the following notational conventions.

Definition 2.6

Let $\mathcal{M} = (M, I)$ is an \mathcal{L}_A -structure and $a_1 \dots a_n \in M$, let ν be any \mathcal{M} -assignment. Then

- 1 Write $\bar{\nu}(\tau)$ as $\tau[a_1 \dots a_n]$, for any ν such that $\nu(x_i) = a_i$, $i \leq n$, where $\tau = \tau(x_1 \dots x_n) \in \mathcal{T}_A$.
- 2 Write $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi[a_1 \dots a_n]$, if $(\mathcal{M}, \nu) \models \varphi$, for any ν such that $\nu(x_i) = a_i$, $i \leq n$, where $\varphi = \varphi(x_1 \dots x_n) \in \mathcal{L}_A$.

- Another way to define $(\mathcal{M}, \nu) \models \forall x_i \varphi$
 $(\mathcal{M}, \nu) \models \forall x_i \varphi$ iff for every $d \in M$, $(\mathcal{M}, \nu_d^{x_i}) \models \varphi$, where

$$\nu_d^{x_i}(x_j) = \begin{cases} \nu(x_j), & j \neq i; \\ d, & j = i. \end{cases}$$

- $(\mathcal{M}, \nu) \models \varphi \wedge \psi$ iff $(\mathcal{M}, \nu) \models \varphi$ and $(\mathcal{M}, \nu) \models \psi$.
Similar for \vee and \leftrightarrow .
- $(\mathcal{M}, \nu) \models \exists x_i \varphi$ iff $(\mathcal{M}, \nu_d^{x_i}) \models \varphi$, for some $d \in M$.

Substitution

Definition 2.7

- 1 $\tau(x_1 \dots x_n; \tau_1 \dots \tau_n)$
- 2 $\varphi(x_1 \dots x_n; \tau_1 \dots \tau_n)$
- 3 term τ is **free for x_i in φ** :
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Prove by induction: (1) on terms, (2) on formulas.

Substitution Theorem

Theorem 2.2

Let $\mathcal{M} = (M, I)$ be an \mathcal{L}_A -structure, $\tau_1 \dots \tau_n \in \mathcal{T}_A$ and ν be an \mathcal{M} -assignment such that $\check{\nu}(\tau_i) = b_i$, $i \leq n$. Then

① For $\tau(x_1 \dots x_n) \in \mathcal{T}_A$,

$$\check{\nu}(\tau(x_1 \dots x_n; \tau_1 \dots \tau_n)) = \tau[b_1 \dots b_n].$$

② For $\varphi(x_1 \dots x_n) \in \mathcal{L}_A$, assuming $\bar{\tau}$ are free for \bar{x} in φ ,

$$(\mathcal{M}, \nu) \models \varphi(x_1 \dots x_n; \tau_1 \dots \tau_n) \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{M} \models \varphi[b_1 \dots b_n].$$

For short, we shall use $\tau(\bar{x}; \bar{\tau})$, $\varphi(\bar{x}; \bar{\tau})$, $\tau[\bar{b}]$ and $\varphi[\bar{b}]$.

For any φ , write $\varphi^*(\bar{t}) := \varphi(\bar{x}; \bar{\tau}(\bar{t}))$. $(\mathcal{M}, \nu) \models \varphi(\bar{x}; \bar{\tau})$ means $(\mathcal{M}, \nu) \models \varphi^*(\bar{t})$. We show that

$$(\mathcal{M}, \nu) \models \varphi^*(\bar{t}) \quad \text{iff} \quad \mathcal{M} \models \varphi[\bar{b}] \text{ i.e. } \varphi[\nu(\bar{\tau})].$$

Proof of substitution

Induction on the ranks of τ and φ respectively. As an example, we prove for the case: $\varphi = (\psi_1 \rightarrow \psi_2)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\mathcal{M}, \nu) \models (\psi_1 \rightarrow \psi_2)(\bar{x}; \bar{\tau}) \\
 \text{iff } & (\mathcal{M}, \nu) \not\models \psi_1(\bar{x}; \bar{\tau}) \text{ or } (\mathcal{M}, \nu) \models \psi_2(\bar{x}; \bar{\tau}) && \text{(defn of } \models \text{)} \\
 \text{iff } & \mathcal{M} \models \neg\psi_1[\bar{b}] \text{ or } \mathcal{M} \models \psi_2[\bar{b}] && \text{(ind. hyp.)} \\
 \text{iff } & \mathcal{M} \models (\psi_1 \rightarrow \psi_2)[\bar{b}]
 \end{aligned}$$

The non-trivial case is $\varphi = (\forall x_0 \psi)$. Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varphi^*(\bar{t}) &= (\forall x_0 \psi)(\bar{x}; \bar{\tau}(\bar{t})) \\
 &= \forall x_0 \psi(\bar{x}, x_0; \bar{\tau}(\bar{t}), x_0) \\
 &= \forall x_0 \psi^*(\bar{t}, x_0)
 \end{aligned}$$

Here \bar{t} denotes the free variables involved in substitution ($\bar{\tau}$ for \bar{x}).

- ① Start with $(\mathcal{M}, \nu) \models \varphi^*(\bar{t})$. By the definition of \models , for all \mathcal{M} -assignments μ , if $\mu \sim_{\bar{t}} \nu$, then $(\mathcal{M}, \mu) \models \psi^*(\bar{t}, x_0)$.
- ② By the ind. hyp., for each such μ , $\mathcal{M} \models \psi[\mu(\bar{\tau}), \mu(x_0)]$.
- ③ As $\mu(x_0)$ is arbitrary, for any \mathcal{M} -assignments ρ such that $\rho(\bar{x}) = \bar{b}$, then $(\mathcal{M}, \rho) \models \psi(\bar{x}, x_0)$. Thus $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi[\rho(\bar{x})]$ i.e. $\varphi[\bar{b}]$.

Conversely,

- ① from $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi[\bar{b}]$, we have that for all \mathcal{M} -assignment ρ such that $\rho(\bar{x}) = \bar{b}$, $(\mathcal{M}, \rho) \models \varphi(\bar{x})$; hence $(\mathcal{M}, \rho) \models \psi(\bar{x}, x_0)$
- ② Suppose μ is such that $\mu \sim_{\bar{t}} \nu$. Then $\mu(\bar{\tau}) = \nu(\bar{\tau}) = \bar{b}$.
- ③ Set ρ_μ such that $\rho_\mu(\bar{x}) = \mu(\bar{\tau})$ and $\rho_\mu(x_0) = \mu(x_0)$. So $\mathcal{M} \models \psi[\rho_\mu(\bar{x}), \rho_\mu(x_0)]$.
- ④ By the ind. hyp., $(\mathcal{M}, \rho_\mu) \models \psi^*(\bar{t}, x_0)$.
- ⑤ As $\mu(x_0)$ and hence $\rho_\mu(x_0)$ are arbitrary, we have $(\mathcal{M}, \rho_\mu) \models \varphi^*(\bar{t})$.

Theorem 2.3

Suppose that

- ① A_1, \dots, A_n are propositional symbols, (\bar{A})
- ② θ is a propositional tautology,
- ③ $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n$ are \mathcal{L}_A formulas, ($\bar{\varphi}$)
- ④ $\psi \equiv \theta(\bar{A}; \bar{\varphi})$ is the result of substituting for each i , φ_i for each occurrence of A_i in θ .

Then $(\mathcal{M}, \nu) \models \psi$ holds for every (\mathcal{M}, ν) .

PROOF. Omitted. The key point is that

$$(\mathcal{M}, \nu) \models \psi \quad \text{iff} \quad \theta(\bar{A}; \overline{(\mathcal{M}, \nu) \models \varphi_i})^1 \text{ is true.}$$

¹This is a truth assignment for $\{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$.

Satisfaction and the interpretation of constants

Theorem 2.4

Let $\mathcal{M} = (M, I)$ be an \mathcal{L}_A -structure, ν be an \mathcal{M} -assignment.

Suppose φ is a \mathcal{L}_A -formula, $\bar{c} = \langle c_{n_i} : 1 \leq i \leq k \rangle$ enumerates the constants symbols occurring in φ , and all variables occurring in φ are contained in $\bar{x} = \langle x_i : 1 \leq i \leq m \rangle$.

Let $\hat{\nu}$ be the \mathcal{M} -assignment where

$$\hat{\nu}(x_j) = \begin{cases} \nu(x_j), & \text{if } x_j \neq x_{m+i} \text{ for any } i = 1, \dots, k \\ I(c_{n_i}), & \text{if } x_j = x_{m+i} \text{ for some } i = 1, \dots, k \end{cases}$$

Let $\hat{\varphi}$ be the formula obtained by substituting x_{m+i} for all occurrences of c_{n_i} in φ , for all $i = 1, \dots, k$. Then

$$(\mathcal{M}, \nu) \models \varphi \quad \text{iff} \quad (\mathcal{M}, \hat{\nu}) \models \hat{\varphi}.$$

Exercise 2.1

- 1 Let \mathcal{L}_A be a language with one binary relation symbol. Give an example of a sentence $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_A$ and \mathcal{L}_A -structures M_1 and M_2 such that $M_1 \models \varphi$ and $M_2 \not\models \varphi$.
- 2 Do there exist an \mathcal{L}_A -structure M , an M -assignment ν , and an \mathcal{L}_A -formula φ such that $(M, \nu) \models \varphi$ and $(M, \nu) \models (\neg\varphi)$? Do there exist such M and ν such that $(M, \nu) \not\models \varphi$ and $(M, \nu) \not\models (\neg\varphi)$?
- 3 Prove Theorem 2.3.