

MATH 4215H Structures for First-Order Languages I -

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Satisfaction and (semantic) implication

- Recap: (1) If \mathcal{L} is a first-order language, φ a formula of \mathcal{L} , \mathcal{M} is a structure for \mathcal{L} , and $s: V \rightarrow |\mathcal{M}|$ is an assignment, then $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi [s]$ means that φ is true about the structure when each variable that is free in φ is assigned the value in $|\mathcal{M}|$ that s gives it.
- (2) $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi$ (" \mathcal{M} satisfies φ " or " φ is true in \mathcal{M} ") means that $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi [s]$ for all assignments $s: V \rightarrow |\mathcal{M}|$.

Def'n 6.6: If Σ is a set of formulas of \mathcal{L} and φ is a formula of \mathcal{L} , then $\Sigma \models \varphi$ (" Σ entails φ " or " Σ ~~implies~~ implies φ ") if and only if for all structures \mathcal{M} for \mathcal{L} we have: If $\mathcal{M} \models \Sigma$, then $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi$.

(iff if for all assignment $s: V \rightarrow |\mathcal{M}|$, $\mathcal{M} \models \Sigma [s]$, then
— " —————, $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi [s]$.)

Similarly, $\Sigma_1 \vDash \Gamma$, where P is also a set of formulas of \mathcal{L} , if for all structures \mathcal{M} for \mathcal{L} , we have: if $\mathcal{M} \vDash \Sigma_1$, then $\mathcal{M} \vDash \Gamma$. (2)

Notation: We usually write $\vDash \varphi$ for $\phi \vDash \varphi$.

Def'n: A formula is a tautology if $\vDash \varphi$, i.e. $\mathcal{M} \vDash \varphi$ for every structure for the language.

A formula is a contradiction if $\vDash \neg \varphi$ is a tautology.
[This is not the same as $\not\vDash \varphi$...]

Proposition 6.10: Suppose α & β are formulas of a first-order language \mathcal{L} . Then $\{(\alpha \rightarrow \beta), \alpha\} \vDash \beta$.

proof: $\{(\alpha \rightarrow \beta), \alpha\} \vDash \beta$ means that for every structure \mathcal{M} for \mathcal{L} , we have that if $\mathcal{M} \vDash \{(\alpha \rightarrow \beta), \alpha\}$, then $\mathcal{M} \vDash \beta$.

This, in turn, means that for every structure \mathcal{M} (3)
for \mathcal{L} , ~~if~~ if $\mathcal{M} \models \{(\alpha \rightarrow \beta), \alpha\} [s]$ for all assignments

$$s: V \rightarrow |\mathcal{M}|,$$

then $\mathcal{M} \models \beta [s]$ for all assignments

$$s: V \rightarrow |\mathcal{M}|.$$

Suppose, then, that

$$\mathcal{M} \models \{(\alpha \rightarrow \beta), \alpha\} [s] \quad \text{for all assignments } s: V \rightarrow |\mathcal{M}|$$

Then $\mathcal{M} \models (\alpha \rightarrow \beta) [s]$ and $\mathcal{M} \models \alpha [s]$ (— (| —))

$$\mathcal{M} \models \beta [s] \text{ if } \mathcal{M} \models \alpha [s]$$

so $\mathcal{M} \models \beta [s]$ for all assignments

as desired.

$$\circ \circ \quad \mathcal{M} \models \{(\alpha \rightarrow \beta), \alpha\} \models \beta \quad //$$

Prop. 6.11: Suppose Σ is a set of formulas of the first-order language \mathcal{L} and φ, η are formulas of \mathcal{L} . (4)

Then $\Sigma \cup \{\varphi\} \models \eta$

if and only if

$$\Sigma \models (\varphi \rightarrow \eta).$$

proof: Unwind the definitions - left to you. //

Problem 6.14: A set of formulas Σ of a first-order language \mathcal{L} is satisfiable [in some structure on some assignment] iff there is no contradiction χ such that $\Sigma \models \chi$.

proof: Unwind those definitions. //

There are serious advantages to sticking with sentences, because we don't have to worry about particular assignments that may or may not satisfy the sentence.

ie We know that σ being a sentence means (5)
that if $\mathcal{M} \models \sigma [s]$ for any assignment
then $\mathcal{M} \models \sigma [r]$ for all assignments r
ie $\mathcal{M} \models \sigma$.

This means that we can get Prop 6.15 - " \models acts like it did for formulas of prop. logic when dealing with sentences in first-order logic."

Prop: (6.15) Suppose \mathcal{M} is a structure for a first order language L and σ & τ ^{no free variables!} are sentences of L .

Then (1) $\mathcal{M} \models \neg \sigma \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{M} \not\models \sigma$

(2) $\mathcal{M} \models (\sigma \rightarrow \tau) \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{M} \models \tau$ whenever $\mathcal{M} \models \sigma$

(6) $\mathcal{M} \models \forall x \sigma \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{M} \models \sigma$,

proof. Soon on an assignment near you. //