

Natural Deduction

Properties and tactics

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Last lecture

Natural deduction

- ▶ Rules
- ▶ Context
- ▶ Proofs

Reminder of the rules

	Introduction	Elimination
Implication	$\frac{[A] \dots \frac{B}{A \Rightarrow B}}{A \Rightarrow B} \Rightarrow I$	$\frac{A \quad A \Rightarrow B}{B} \Rightarrow E$
Conjunction	$\frac{\frac{A}{A} \quad B}{A \wedge B} \wedge I$	$\frac{A \wedge B}{A} \wedge E1$ $\frac{A \wedge B}{B} \wedge E2$
Disjunction	$\frac{A}{A \vee B} \vee I1$ $\frac{B}{A \vee B} \vee I2$	$\frac{A \vee B \quad A \Rightarrow C \quad B \Rightarrow C}{C} \vee E$
	Ex falso quodlibet	
\perp	$\frac{\perp}{A} \text{Efq}$	
	Reductio ad absurdum	
	$\frac{\neg \neg A}{A} \text{RAA}$	

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However the rule $\frac{\neg\neg A}{A}$ allows to override that constraint.

Our running example

context	number	proof	justification
1	1	Assume $(p \Rightarrow \neg j) \wedge (\neg p \Rightarrow j) \wedge (j \Rightarrow m)$	
1	2	$\neg p \Rightarrow j$	$\wedge E$ 1
1	3	$j \Rightarrow m$	$\wedge E$ 1
1,4	4	Assume $\neg(m \vee p)$	
1,4,5	5	Assume p	
1,4,5	6	$m \vee p$	$\vee I$ 5
1,4,5	7	\perp	$\Rightarrow E$ 4,6
1,4	8	Therefore $\neg p$	$\Rightarrow I$ 5,7
1,4	9	j	$\Rightarrow E$ 2, 8
1,4	10	m	$\Rightarrow E$ 3, 9
1,4	11	$m \vee p$	$\vee I$ 10
1,4	12	\perp	$\Rightarrow E$ 4, 11
1	13	Therefore $\neg\neg(m \vee p)$	$\Rightarrow I$ 4, 13
1	14	$m \vee p$	RAA 13

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(H_n is empty and $C_n = A$)

Base case

Assume that A is derived from Γ by an empty proof.

That is, A is a member of Γ .

Hence $\Gamma \models A$.

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For example, let $A = (a \vee \neg a)$.

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We choose a decomposable formula (other than $x \Rightarrow \perp$) in Γ .

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Case 3: Γ is decomposable

There is a decomposable formula in Γ which is either:

- ▶ $B \wedge C$
- ▶ $B \vee C$
- ▶ $B \Rightarrow C$ où $C \neq \perp$
- ▶ $(B \wedge C) \Rightarrow \perp$
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- ▶ $(B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow \perp$

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It uses “optimised” tactics presented in section 3.2.

For example, to prove $B \vee C$:

- ▶ First try to prove B
- ▶ If failure, then try to prove C
- ▶ Otherwise, use tactic 10 (prove C under the hypothesis $\neg B$)

Proof tactics

We wish to prove A in the environment Γ

The 13 following tactics must be used in the following order!

- ▶ Tactics 1 to 3 : the proof is over
- ▶ Tactics 4 to 6 : proof guided by the **conclusion** (Intro rules)
- ▶ Tactics 7 to 9 : proof guided by the **environment** (Elim rules)
- ▶ Tactics 10 to 13 : reasoning by absurd

Tactic 1

If $A \in \Gamma$ then the empty proof is obtained.

Tactic 2

If A is the consequence of a rule whose premises are in Γ , then the obtained proof is “ A ”.

Tactic 3

If Γ contains a contradiction, that is a formula B and a formula $\neg B$, then the obtained proof is “ \perp, A ”.

Tactic 4

If A is $B \wedge C$ then:

contexte	preuve	justification
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The proofs can **fail** (if $\Gamma \not\vdash A$).

Here, if the proof of B or C fails, the proof of A fails too.

In the remainder of the lecture, we do not highlight the failure cases anymore, **unless another proof has to be tried**.

Tactic 5

If A is $B \Rightarrow C$, then prove C under hypothesis B :

contexte	preuve	justification
Γ, B	Assume B	
Γ, B	C	$\dots P \dots$
Γ	Therefore $B \Rightarrow C$	$\Rightarrow I$

Tactic 6

If A is $B \vee C$, then prove B :

contexte	preuve	justification
Γ	B	$\dots P \dots$
Γ	$B \vee C$	$\vee I1$

If the proof of B fails then prove C :

contexte	preuve	justification
Γ	C	$\dots P \dots$
Γ	$B \vee C$	$\vee I2$

If the proof of C fails, try the following tactics.

Tactic 7

If $B \wedge C$ is in the environment, then prove A starting from formulae B , C , replacing $B \wedge C$ in the environment:

contexte	preuve	justification
$\Gamma, B \wedge C$	B	$\wedge E1$
$\Gamma, B \wedge C$	C	$\wedge E2$
$\Gamma, B \wedge C$	A	$\dots P \dots$

Tactic 8

If $B \vee C$ is in the environment, then:

- ▶ prove A in the environment where B replaces $B \vee C$.
- ▶ prove A in the environment where C replaces $B \vee C$.

contexte	preuve	justification
$\Gamma, B \vee C, B$	Assume B	
$\Gamma, B \vee C, B$	A	$\dots P \dots$
$\Gamma, B \vee C$	Therefore $B \Rightarrow A$	$\Rightarrow I$
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$\Gamma, B \vee C, C$	A	$\dots Q \dots$
$\Gamma, B \vee C$	Therefore $C \Rightarrow A$	$\Rightarrow I$
$\Gamma, B \vee C$	A	$\vee E$

Tactic 9

If $\neg(B \vee C)$ is in the environment, then

- ▶ we derive $\neg B$ by the proof $P4$ and
- ▶ $\neg C$ by the proof $P5$ (proofs requested in exercise 59).
- ▶ Let P the proof of A in the environment where $\neg B$, $\neg C$ replace the formula $\neg(B \vee C)$.

The proof of A is “ $P4$, $P5$, P ”.

Tactic 10

If A is $B \vee C$, then prove C under hypothesis $\neg B$: let P the obtained proof.

“Assume $\neg B, P$, Therefore $\neg B \Rightarrow C$ ” is a proof of the formula $\neg B \Rightarrow C$ which is equivalent to A .

To obtain the proof of A , simply add the proof $P1$, requested in exercise 59 of A in the environment $\neg B \Rightarrow C$.

The proof obtained from A is therefore “Assume $\neg B, P$, Therefore $\neg B \Rightarrow C, P1$ ”.

Tactic 11

If $\neg(B \wedge C)$ is in the environment, then we deduce from it $\neg B \vee \neg C$ by the proof $P3$ requested in exercise 59 then we reason case by case as follows:

- ▶ prove A in the environment where $\neg B$ replaces $\neg(B \wedge C)$: Let P the obtained proof,
- ▶ prove A in the environment where $\neg C$ replaces $\neg(B \wedge C)$: Let Q the obtained proof.

The proof of A is “ $P3$, Assume $\neg B$, P , Therefore $\neg B \Rightarrow A$, Assume $\neg C$, Q , Therefore $\neg C \Rightarrow A$, A ”.

Tactique 12

If $\neg(B \Rightarrow C)$ is in the environment, then

- ▶ we derive B by the proof $P6$,
- ▶ $\neg C$ by the proof $P7$ (proofs requested in exercise 59).
- ▶ Let P the proof of A in the environment where $B, \neg C$ replace the formula $\neg(B \Rightarrow C)$.

The proof of A is “ $P6, P7, P$ ”.

Tactic 13

If $B \Rightarrow C$ is in the environment and if $C \neq \perp$, i.e. if $B \Rightarrow C$ is not $\neg B$, then,

we derive $\neg B \vee C$ in the environment $B \Rightarrow C$ by proof $P2$ from exercise 59, then we reason by cases:

- ▶ prove A in the environment where $\neg B$ replaces $B \Rightarrow C$: Let P the obtained proof,
- ▶ prove A in the environment where C replaces $B \Rightarrow C$: Let Q the obtained proof.

The proof of A is “ $P2$, Assume $\neg B$, P , Therefore $\neg B \Rightarrow A$, Assume C , Q , Therefore $C \Rightarrow A$, A ”.

Example

Proof of Peirce's formula:

$$((p \Rightarrow q) \Rightarrow p) \Rightarrow p$$

Proof plan

Tactic 5 is compulsory!

Proof Q :

Assume $(p \Rightarrow q) \Rightarrow p$

Q_1 proof or p in the environment $(p \Rightarrow q) \Rightarrow p$

Therefore $((p \Rightarrow q) \Rightarrow p) \Rightarrow p$

Proof Q_1 necessarily uses tactic 13 (the environment is $B \Rightarrow C = (p \Rightarrow q) \Rightarrow p$).

Hence we have to prove p both:

- ▶ in the environment $\neg B = \neg(p \Rightarrow q)$
- ▶ in the environment $C = p$.

Plan of the proof of Q_1

Proof Q_1 :

Q_{11} is the proof of $\neg B \vee C$ in the environment $B \Rightarrow C$, see exercise 59

Assume $\neg(p \Rightarrow q)$

Q_{12} proof of p in the environment $\neg(p \Rightarrow q)$

Therefore $\neg(p \Rightarrow q) \Rightarrow p$

Assume p

Q_{13} proof of p in the environment p

Therefore $p \Rightarrow p$

p

Proof of Q_1

Q_{13} is the empty proof, since $A = C = p$.

Q_{12} is the proof of $C = p$ in the environment $\neg(p \Rightarrow q)$.

Since $\neg A$ is an abbreviation of $A \Rightarrow \perp$, this proof is the proof P_6 requested in exercise 59, where $B = p$ and $C = q$.

By gluing pieces Q_1 , Q_{11} , Q_{12} , Q_{13} , we obtain the proof Q .

The proof Q_{12} can also be done without using the tactics.

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Today

- ▶ Propositional Natural Deduction is correct and complete.
- ▶ Tactics for building a proof

Automated proofs

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People who prefer tree-like proofs can use the following software:

<http://www-sop.inria.fr/marelle/Laurent.Thery/peanoware/Nd.html>

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- ▶ First order logic

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- ▶ First-order natural deduction

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