

## TD3: A bit of semantics

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**Exercise 1 (Cuts in natural deduction)**Given a propositional variable  $A$ , write  $P$  for the proposition  $(A \Rightarrow A) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow A)$ .

1. How many “canonical” proofs of  $P$  is there in NJ?
2. Consider this proof:

$$\frac{\frac{\overline{P, P \vdash P}}{\vdash P \Rightarrow P \Rightarrow P} \quad \frac{\overline{(A \Rightarrow A), A \vdash A}}{\vdash P}}{\vdash P \Rightarrow P} \quad \frac{\frac{\overline{(A \Rightarrow A), A \vdash A \Rightarrow A} \quad \overline{(A \Rightarrow A), A \vdash A \Rightarrow A}}{(A \Rightarrow A), A \vdash A}}{\vdash P = (A \Rightarrow A) \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow A)}}{\vdash P}$$

3. Suggest a reduction rule on derivations to model this
4. Give the corresponding rules for conjunction and disjunction.
5. Show that there is no proof of  $A \vee \neg A$  in NJ which is normal form for those reduction rules.

**Exercise 2 (Pierce’s law)**

Show that the two following rules give rise to equivalent extensions of NJ:

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{EXCLUDED-MIDDLE} \\ \hline \Gamma \vdash A \vee \neg A \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{PIERCE’S LAW} \\ \hline \Gamma \vdash ((A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow A) \Rightarrow A \end{array}$$

The resulting system is called NK.

**Exercise 3 (Boolean semantics of NK)**A *valuation* is a map  $\rho : V \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  from propositional variables to truth values.

1. By induction on a proposition  $A$ , define  $\llbracket A \rrbracket \rho \in \{0, 1\}$  for a valuation  $\rho$ .
2. Show that if  $\vdash_{NK} A$  then  $\llbracket A \rrbracket \rho = 1$  for all  $\rho$
3. Show the converse, if  $\llbracket A \rrbracket \rho = 1$  for all  $\rho$  then  $\vdash_{NK} A$ .

**Exercise 4 (Kripke models)**

A Kripke model is a preorder  $(E, \leq)$  (ie.  $\leq$  is a binary relation on  $E$  which is transitive and reflexive.) along with a binary relation  $\models \subseteq E \times V$  specifying which propositional variables hold at which nodes, satisfying that if  $w \models X$  and  $w \leq w'$  then  $w' \models X$  for  $X \in V$ .

Given a Kripke model  $(E, \leq)$  and a point  $w \in E$ , we define  $(E, w) \models A$  for a proposition  $A$  by induction on  $A$ :

- $(E, w) \models X$  if  $w \models X$ .
- $(E, w) \models \perp$  is never true
- $(E, w) \models \top$  is always true
- $(E, w) \models A \Rightarrow B$  if for all  $w' \geq w$ , if  $(E, w') \models A$  then  $(E, w') \models B$
- $(E, w) \models A \vee B$  if  $(E, w) \models A$  or  $(E, w) \models B$
- $(E, w) \models A \wedge B$  if  $(E, w) \models A$  and  $(E, w) \models B$

1. Show that if  $\vdash A$  is derivable in NJ, then for all Kripke model  $(E, \leq)$  and  $w \in E$ , we have  $(E, w) \models A$
2. Deduce that the excluded middle is not provable in NJ.
3. Show that if a proposition is true in a Kripke model, then it is true in a Kripke model which is totally ordered.
4. Show that if a proposition is true in a Kripke model, then it is true in a Kripke model which is a tree.
5. Show that if a proposition  $A$  is true in a Kripke model, then it is true in a Kripke model which is finite and whose size is bounded by a function of the size of  $A$ .
6. Assuming *completeness*: if all propositions true in all Kripke models are provable in NJ, show that provability in NJ is decidable.

**Exercise 5 (Homework assignment – Glivenko’s theorem)**

Prove Glivenko’s theorem: if  $\Gamma \vdash A$  in NK, then  $\neg\neg\Gamma \vdash \neg\neg A$  in NJ where  $\neg\neg\Gamma = \neg\neg A_1, \dots, \neg\neg A_n$  if  $\Gamma = A_1, \dots, A_n$ .