

# Computational Logic

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# Outline

- Overview of this lecture
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Tableaux and Hilbert Systems are proof calculi, just as Natural Deduction (seen in Ba logic course), and resolution (also in the book but not part of this course).

There are many proof calculi, each describing **formally** how proofs are structured and what **operations** are permitted on them. Whereas before we have focused on the meta-theoretical aspects (soundness, completeness, interpolation etc.) of the calculi, this week and next week we will focus more on the **structural** and **representational** aspects of proofs themselves, in particular for Hilbert Systems (this week) and Natural Deduction (next week).

In mathematics proofs are stated at an **informal** level. When implementing proofs appropriate **formal** representations and operations on these representations must be chosen. For instance, tableaux could be formalised as **trees** whose nodes are formulas and whose leaves can be **expanded**, and Hilbert System proofs can be represented as **lists** whose elements (its lines) are either instances of Axiom Schemes or inferences of (2) previous lines (by Modus Ponens) and we may **add** such lines at the end of the list. Today we will introduce **combinatory logic** as a **term** representation of the **proofs** of propositional logic, more precisely, of proofs in Hilbert Systems restricted to **only** Axiom Schemes 1 and 2 and where implication is the only connective.

Combinatory logic (CL) **terms** are constructed from two constants,  $K$  and  $S$ , and one operation **application** which is left implicit (denoted by juxtaposition). For instance,  $(SK)K$  is a CL-term comprising two applications. Representing Hilbert System **proofs** as CL-**terms** goes in two steps:

- From lists to trees (the correspondence between  $\vdash_{\text{ph}}$  and  $\vdash_{\text{H}}$  on slide 15): Hilbert System proofs were represented above as lists where lines may refer to (2) **previous** lines (in case of Modus Ponens). Viewing elements as nodes, this turns the list into a (directed acyclic) **graph**, and if lines were not reused even into a **tree**. Observe that by **copying** lines reuse can always be avoided (at the expense of making the proof longer) so that Hilbert System proof **lists** can always be represented as Hilbert System proof **trees**.
- From trees to terms (slides 19–26): Hilbert Systems proof trees have nodes of two types: leaves that are instances of Axioms Schemes and internal Modus-Ponens-nodes with two edges to other nodes. Observe that we may assume the edges of the latter to be in a fixed **order** (since  $X \supset Y$  is larger, as formula, than  $X$ ). That is, we may assume the tree to be an **ordered binary** tree. From such a tree a CL-**term** is obtained by representing Axiom Schemes 1 and 2 (when restricted to that fragment) by constants  $K$  and  $S$  and Modus Ponens by a binary function symbol called **application**.

For instance, the inference that the **term**  $SKK$  of (simply typed) combinatory logic is of type  $\alpha \rightarrow \alpha$  as inferred on slide 24, **is** a term representation of the **proof** in Hilbert Systems on page 80 of Fitting's book that  $P \supset P$ . Each **application** (denoted by juxtaposition) in the former corresponds to a usage of **modus ponens** in the latter, and each  $K$  and  $S$  in the former correspond to usage of Axiom Schemes 1 respectively 2 in the latter. (Both the CL-term and the HS-proof have size 5: the former comprises 2 applications, 2  $K$ s and 1  $S$ , whereas the latter comprises 2 modus ponens, 1 instance of Axiom Scheme 1 and 2 instances of Axiom Scheme 2.

That is, we can view **proofs as terms**. This correspondence is half of the **Curry–Howard** isomorphism, the other half being **propositions as types**, e.g. that the **proposition**  $X \supset Y$  can be viewed as the **type**  $X \rightarrow Y$  (of functions from  $X$  to  $Y$ ). Curry–Howard expresses a correspondence between the proof system for propositional logic and type inference systems. For instance, Modus Ponens expressing that from  $X \supset Y$  and  $X$  we may infer  $Y$  can be viewed as (in functional programming) inferring that **applying** a function of type  $X \rightarrow Y$  to an argument of type  $X$  yields a result of type  $Y$ . **Weak** reduction  $\rightarrow_w$  on CL-terms is similar to cut-elimination on proofs in that it 'eliminates cuts' (but for  $K, S$ ) possibly at the expense of lengthening terms/proofs.

As it turns out, restricting to Axiom Schemes 1 and 2 makes the proof calculus **incomplete** for propositional logic, even when restricted to just implicational formulas. That is, there are propositional tautologies that are not provable (in the restricted system), with **Peirce's law**  $((P \supset Q) \supset P) \supset P$  being an example. Looking at it from the other end, one may ask whether there is a **semantic** characterisation of the formulas provable in the restricted system, i.e. a logic for which the restricted inference system **is** complete. Such a logic does indeed exist and is known as **intuitionistic** logic. Trying to prove Peirce's law in the unrestricted system, one notices that the **law of the excluded middle**  $X \vee \neg X$  (LEM; or any one of its equivalent formulations such as double-negation-elimination) is used. Intuitionistic logic arises by **removing/not accepting** LEM. Instead of the usual truth-table semantics of **classical** propositional logic, **intuitionistic** propositional logic has (must have!) different semantics. We present **Kripke** semantics (slides 8–16). Whereas truth-table semantics can be thought of as based on giving truth-values to all propositional letters in **one** state, Kripke semantics allows truth-values to **evolve** (as captured by the order  $\leq$  on states  $\mathcal{C}$ ), e.g. although  $P$  is not known in this state it may evolve to become true in the **next** state (in particular the interpretation of  $\supset$  on slide 10 is based on this). We show the Hilbert System restricted to Axiom Schemes 1 and 2 is both sound and complete with respect to Kripke semantics.

## Part I: Propositional Logic

compactness, completeness, Hilbert systems, Hintikka's lemma, interpolation, logical consequence, model existence theorem, propositional semantic tableaux, soundness

## Part II: First-Order Logic

compactness, completeness, Craig's interpolation theorem, cut elimination, first-order semantic tableaux, Herbrand models, Herbrand's theorem, Hilbert systems, Hintikka's lemma, Löwenheim–Skolem, logical consequence, model existence theorem, prenex form, skolemization, soundness

## Part III: Limitations and Extensions of First-Order Logic

Curry–Howard isomorphism, intuitionistic logic, Kripke models, second-order logic, simply-typed  $\lambda$ -calculus, (simply-typed) combinatory logic

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## Syntax

- basic connectives  $\supset \wedge \vee \perp$
- derived connectives
  - $\neg\varphi$  abbreviates  $\varphi \supset \perp$
  - $\top$  abbreviates  $\perp \supset \perp$
  - $\varphi \equiv \psi$  abbreviates  $(\varphi \supset \psi) \wedge (\psi \supset \varphi)$
- **implicational fragment** contains only  $\supset$

## Formal Semantics

- Heyting algebras
- **Kripke models**

## Definition

**Kripke model** is triple  $\mathcal{C} = \langle C, \leq, \Vdash \rangle$  with

- nonempty set  $C$  of states
- partial order  $\leq$  on  $C$
- binary relation  $\Vdash$  between elements of  $C$  and propositional letters

such that  $c' \Vdash p$  whenever  $c \Vdash p$  and  $c \leq c'$

## Definition

Kripke model  $\mathcal{C} = \langle C, \leq, \Vdash \rangle$ ,  $c \in C$

- $c \Vdash \varphi \wedge \psi$  if and only if  $c \Vdash \varphi$  and  $c \Vdash \psi$
- $c \Vdash \varphi \vee \psi$  if and only if  $c \Vdash \varphi$  or  $c \Vdash \psi$
- $c \Vdash \varphi \supset \psi$  if and only if  $c' \Vdash \psi$  for all  $c' \geq c$  with  $c' \Vdash \varphi$
- $c \not\Vdash \perp$

## Terminology

$c$  **forces**  $p$  if  $c \Vdash p$

## Example

Kripke model  $\mathcal{C} = \langle C, \leq, \Vdash \rangle$  with  $C = \{a, b, c\}$ ,  $a \leq b$ ,  $a \leq c$ ,  $b \Vdash p$ ,  $c \Vdash q$

- $a \Vdash (p \supset q) \supset q$
- $a \Vdash \neg\neg(p \vee q)$
- $a \not\Vdash p \vee \neg p$

## Definition

Kripke model  $\mathcal{C} = \langle C, \leq, \Vdash \rangle$ ,  $c \in C$

- $c \Vdash \Gamma$  if  $c \Vdash \varphi$  for all  $\varphi \in \Gamma$
- $\mathcal{C} \Vdash \varphi$  if  $c \Vdash \varphi$  for all  $c \in C$

## Definition

$\Gamma \Vdash \varphi$  if  $c \Vdash \varphi$  whenever  $c \Vdash \Gamma$  for all Kripke models  $\mathcal{C} = \langle C, \leq, \Vdash \rangle$  and  $c \in C$

## Lemma (Monotonicity)

if  $c \leq c'$  and  $c \Vdash \varphi$  then  $c' \Vdash \varphi$

## Lemma

if  $\Vdash \varphi \vee \psi$  then  $\Vdash \varphi$  or  $\Vdash \psi$

## Theorem

*Hilbert system with Modus Ponens and Axiom Schemes 1 and 2 is sound and complete with respect to Kripke models for implicational fragment:*

$$\Gamma \vdash_{ph} \varphi \iff \Gamma \Vdash \varphi$$

Proof ( $\Rightarrow$ )

suppose  $\Gamma \vdash_{ph} \varphi$

we prove  $\Gamma \Vdash \varphi$  by induction on length of derivation of  $\Gamma \vdash_{ph} \varphi$ :

- $\varphi \in \Gamma$

$\Gamma \Vdash \varphi$  holds trivially

- $\varphi = (\psi_1 \supset (\psi_2 \supset \psi_1))$

$\Vdash \varphi$  by definition of  $\Vdash$  and thus also  $\Gamma \Vdash \varphi$

- $\varphi = ((\psi_1 \supset (\psi_2 \supset \psi_3)) \supset ((\psi_1 \supset \psi_2) \supset (\psi_1 \supset \psi_3)))$

$\Vdash \varphi$  by definition of  $\Vdash$  and thus also  $\Gamma \Vdash \varphi$

- $\varphi$  is obtained by Modus Ponens

$\Gamma \vdash \psi$  and  $\Gamma \vdash \psi \supset \varphi$  are shorter derivations

$\Gamma \Vdash \psi$  and  $\Gamma \Vdash \psi \supset \varphi$  by induction hypothesis

$\Gamma \Vdash \varphi$  by definition of  $\Vdash$

Proof ( $\Leftarrow$ )

suppose  $\Gamma \vdash_{ph} \varphi$  does not hold

define Kripke model  $\mathcal{C} = \langle C, \subseteq, \Vdash \rangle$  with

- $C = \{ \Delta \mid \Gamma \subseteq \Delta \text{ and } \Delta = \{ \psi \mid \Delta \vdash_{ph} \psi \} \}$
- $\Delta \Vdash p$  if  $p \in \Delta$  for propositional letters  $p$

claim:  $\Delta \Vdash \psi \iff \psi \in \Delta$  for all  $\Delta \in C$  and implicational formulas  $\psi$

proof of claim (induction on  $\psi$ ): consider  $\psi = (\psi_1 \supset \psi_2)$

$\Rightarrow$  let  $\Delta \Vdash \psi$  and define  $\Delta' = \{ \chi \mid \Delta, \psi_1 \vdash_{ph} \chi \}$

$\psi_1 \in \Delta' \in C$  and thus  $\Delta' \Vdash \psi_1$  by induction hypothesis

$\Delta' \Vdash \psi_2$  because  $\Delta \subseteq \Delta'$  and thus  $\psi_2 \in \Delta'$  by induction hypothesis

$\Delta, \psi_1 \vdash_{ph} \psi_2$

$\Delta \vdash_{ph} \psi$  by deduction theorem

Proof ( $\Leftarrow$ )

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proof of claim: consider  $\psi = (\psi_1 \supset \psi_2)$

$\Leftarrow$  let  $\psi \in \Delta$  and consider state  $\Delta' \supseteq \Delta$  with  $\Delta' \Vdash \psi_1$

$\psi_1 \in \Delta'$  by induction hypothesis and thus  $\Delta' \vdash_{ph} \psi_1$

$\Delta' \vdash_{ph} \psi$  because  $\Delta \subseteq \Delta'$

$\Delta' \vdash_{ph} \psi_2$  by Modus Ponens

$\Delta' \Vdash \psi_2$  by induction hypothesis

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- $C = \{ \Delta \mid \Gamma \subseteq \Delta \text{ and } \Delta = \{ \psi \mid \Delta \vdash_{ph} \psi \} \}$
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claim:  $\Delta \Vdash \psi \iff \psi \in \Delta$  for all  $\Delta \in C$  and implicational formulas  $\psi$

define  $\Delta = \{ \psi \mid \Gamma \vdash_{ph} \psi \}$

$\Delta \in C$  and  $\Delta \Vdash \psi$  for all  $\psi \in \Gamma$  and  $\Delta \not\Vdash \varphi$

$\Gamma \not\Vdash \varphi$  by definition of  $\Vdash$

## Example (Peirce's Law)

$\not\Vdash ((p \supset q) \supset p) \supset p$  because of Kripke model





## Definition (Hilbert Systems, Tree Variant)

- Assumption  $\Gamma, \varphi \vdash \varphi$
- Axiom Scheme 1  $\Gamma \vdash \varphi \supset (\psi \supset \varphi)$
- Axiom Scheme 2  $\Gamma \vdash (\varphi \supset (\psi \supset \chi)) \supset ((\varphi \supset \psi) \supset (\varphi \supset \chi))$
- Modus Ponens 
$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \varphi \supset \psi \quad \Gamma \vdash \varphi}{\Gamma \vdash \psi}$$

$\Gamma \vdash_H \varphi$  if  $\Gamma \vdash \varphi$  is derivable

## Lemma

$$\Gamma \vdash_{ph} \varphi \iff \Gamma \vdash_H \varphi$$



William Craig  
(1918–2016)



Jacques Herbrand  
(1908–1931)



David Hilbert  
(1862–1943)



Jaakko Hintikka  
(1929–2015)



Saul Kripke  
(1940–)



Leopold Löwenheim  
(1878–1957)



Thoralf Skolem  
(1887–1963)

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## Definition

set  $\mathcal{C}$  of (combinatory) terms is built from

- variables  $x, y, z, \dots$
- constants  $K$   $S$
- application  $(MN)$  for combinatory terms  $M$  and  $N$

## Notational Convention

left association to reduce number of parentheses

## Definition

(weak) reduction is smallest relation  $\rightarrow_w$  on terms such that

$$\overline{KMN \rightarrow_w M} \quad \overline{SMNP \rightarrow_w MP(NP)} \quad \frac{M \rightarrow_w N}{MP \rightarrow_w NP} \quad \frac{M \rightarrow_w N}{PM \rightarrow_w PN}$$

for all terms  $M, N, P$

## Definitions

- $\rightarrow_w^*$  is transitive and reflexive closure of  $\rightarrow_w$
- $I = SKK$     $W = SS(KI)$     $B = S(KS)K$     $C = S(BBS)(KK)$

## Lemma

$$Ix \rightarrow_w^* x \quad Wxy \rightarrow_w^* xyy \quad Bxyz \rightarrow_w^* x(yz) \quad Cxyz \rightarrow_w^* xzy$$

## Proof

$$Ix \rightarrow_w Kx(Kx) \rightarrow_w x$$

$$Wxy \rightarrow_w Sx(KIx)y \rightarrow_w xy(KIx)y \rightarrow_w xy(Iy) \rightarrow_w^* xyy$$

$$Bxyz \rightarrow_w KSx(Kx)yz \rightarrow_w S(Kx)yz \rightarrow_w Kxz(yz) \rightarrow_w x(yz)$$

$$Cxyz \rightarrow_w BBSx(KKx)yz \rightarrow_w BBSxKyz \rightarrow_w^* B(Sx)Kyz \\ \rightarrow_w^* Sx(Ky)z \rightarrow_w xz(Kyz) \rightarrow_w xzy$$

## Definitions

- **normal form** is term  $M$  such that  $M \rightarrow_w N$  for no term  $N$
- $=_w$  is transitive, reflexive, and symmetric closure of  $\rightarrow_w$
- term  $M$  is **normalizing** if  $M \rightarrow_w^* N$  for some normal form  $N$
- **infinite reduction** is sequence  $(M_i)_{i \geq 0}$  such that  $M_i \rightarrow_w M_{i+1}$  for all  $i \geq 0$
- term  $M$  is **strongly normalizing** if there are no infinite reductions starting at  $M$

## Example

term  $\text{SII}(\text{SII})$  is not strongly normalizing:

$$\text{SII}(\text{SII}) \rightarrow_w \text{I}(\text{SII})(\text{I}(\text{SII})) \rightarrow_w^* \text{SII}(\text{I}(\text{SII})) \rightarrow_w^* \text{SII}(\text{SII})$$

## Theorem (Confluence)

*if  $M \rightarrow_w^* N_1$  and  $M \rightarrow_w^* N_2$  then  $N_1 \rightarrow_w^* N_3$  and  $N_2 \rightarrow_w^* N_3$  for some term  $N_3$*

## Definitions

- **simple type** is implicational propositional formula
- **environment** is finite set of pairs  $\Gamma = \{x_1 : \tau_1, \dots, x_n : \tau_n\}$  with pairwise distinct variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  and simple types  $\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n$
- $\text{dom}(\Gamma) = \{x \mid (x : \tau) \in \Gamma\}$  and  $\text{ran}(\Gamma) = \{\tau \mid (x : \tau) \in \Gamma\}$
- **judgement**  $\Gamma \vdash M : \tau$  (term  $M$  has type  $\tau$  in environment  $\Gamma$ ) is defined by **type assignment rules**
  - variable  $\Gamma, x : \tau \vdash x : \tau$
  - K  $\Gamma \vdash K : \sigma \rightarrow \tau \rightarrow \sigma$
  - S  $\Gamma \vdash S : (\sigma \rightarrow \tau \rightarrow \rho) \rightarrow (\sigma \rightarrow \tau) \rightarrow \sigma \rightarrow \rho$
  - application 
$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \sigma \rightarrow \tau \quad \Gamma \vdash N : \sigma}{\Gamma \vdash (MN) : \tau}$$

## Examples

- $\vdash SKK : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$  for all simple types  $\alpha$

$$\frac{S : (\alpha \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \alpha \quad K : \alpha \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow \alpha}{\frac{SK : (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \alpha \quad K : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \alpha}{SKK : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha}}$$

- $\vdash B : (\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow (\gamma \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow \gamma \rightarrow \beta$

$$\frac{S : (\mu \rightarrow \nu \rightarrow \pi) \rightarrow (\mu \rightarrow \nu) \rightarrow (\mu \rightarrow \pi) \quad \frac{K : (\theta \rightarrow \mu \rightarrow \theta) \quad S : \theta}{KS : \mu \rightarrow \theta}}{S(KS) : (\mu \rightarrow \nu) \rightarrow \mu \rightarrow \pi \quad K : (\mu \rightarrow \nu)}{S(KS)K : \mu \rightarrow \pi}$$

with  $\theta = (\gamma \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow (\gamma \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow \gamma \rightarrow \beta$ ,  $\mu = \alpha \rightarrow \beta$ ,  $\nu = \gamma \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \beta$ ,  
 $\pi = (\gamma \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow \gamma \rightarrow \beta$



## Definitions

- set  $FV(M)$  of (free) variables of term  $M$ :

$$FV(M) = \begin{cases} \{M\} & \text{if } M \text{ is variable} \\ \emptyset & \text{if } M \in \{K, S\} \\ FV(M_1) \cup FV(M_2) & \text{if } M = M_1 M_2 \end{cases}$$

- term  $M$  is **typable** if  $\Gamma \vdash M : \tau$  for some environment  $\Gamma$  with  $\text{dom}(\Gamma) = FV(M)$  and simple type  $\tau$

## Lemma (Subject Reduction)

*if  $\Gamma \vdash M : \tau$  and  $M \rightarrow_w^* N$  then  $\Gamma \vdash N : \tau$*

## Theorem (Strong Normalization)

*typable terms are strongly normalizing*

## Decision Problems

- **type checking**

instance: term  $M$ , environment  $\Gamma$ , simple type  $\tau$

question:  $\Gamma \vdash M : \tau$ ?

- **type inference**

instance: term  $M$

question:  $\Gamma \vdash M : \tau$  for some environment  $\Gamma$  and simple type  $\tau$ ?

- **type inhabitation**

instance: type  $\tau$ , environment  $\Gamma$

question:  $\Gamma \vdash M : \tau$  for some term  $M$ ?

## Theorem

*type checking, inference, and inhabitation are decidable problems*

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## type assignment

$$\Gamma, x : \tau \vdash x : \tau$$

$$\Gamma \vdash K : \sigma \rightarrow \tau \rightarrow \sigma$$

$$\Gamma \vdash S : (\sigma \rightarrow \tau \rightarrow \rho) \rightarrow (\sigma \rightarrow \tau) \rightarrow \sigma \rightarrow \rho$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \sigma \rightarrow \tau \quad \Gamma \vdash N : \sigma}{\Gamma \vdash (MN) : \tau}$$

## Hilbert system

$$\Gamma, \varphi \vdash \varphi$$

$$\Gamma \vdash \varphi \supset (\psi \supset \varphi)$$

$$\Gamma \vdash (\varphi \supset (\psi \supset \chi)) \supset ((\varphi \supset \psi) \supset (\varphi \supset \chi))$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \varphi \supset \psi \quad \Gamma \vdash \varphi}{\Gamma \vdash \psi}$$

$\rightarrow$  and  $\supset$  are identified

## Theorem (Curry–Howard)

- 1 if  $\Gamma \vdash M : \tau$  then  $\text{ran}(\Gamma) \vdash_H \tau$
- 2 if  $\Gamma \vdash_H \varphi$  then  $\Delta \vdash M : \varphi$  for some  $M$  and  $\Delta$  with  $\text{ran}(\Delta) = \Gamma$

## Theorem (Curry–Howard)

1 if  $\Gamma \vdash M : \tau$  then  $\text{ran}(\Gamma) \vdash_H \tau$

## Proof

induction on derivation of judgement  $\Gamma \vdash M : \tau$

- $M = x$  and  $\Gamma = \Gamma', x : \tau$   
 $\text{ran}(\Gamma) = \text{ran}(\Gamma'), \tau$  and thus  $\text{ran}(\Gamma) \vdash_H \tau$  by Assumption
- $M = K$  and  $\tau = (\sigma \rightarrow \rho \rightarrow \sigma)$   
 $\text{ran}(\Gamma) \vdash_H \tau$  by Axiom Scheme 1
- $M = S$  and  $\tau = ((\sigma \rightarrow \rho \rightarrow \chi) \rightarrow (\sigma \rightarrow \rho) \rightarrow \sigma \rightarrow \chi)$   
 $\text{ran}(\Gamma) \vdash_H \tau$  by Axiom Scheme 2
- $M = (NP)$  and  $\Gamma \vdash N : \sigma \rightarrow \tau$  and  $\Gamma \vdash P : \sigma$   
 $\text{ran}(\Gamma) \vdash_H \sigma \rightarrow \tau$  and  $\text{ran}(\Gamma) \vdash_H \sigma$  by induction hypothesis  
 $\text{ran}(\Gamma) \vdash_H \tau$  by Modus Ponens

## Theorem (Curry–Howard)

2 if  $\Gamma \vdash_H \varphi$  then  $\Delta \vdash M : \varphi$  for some  $M$  and  $\Delta$  with  $\text{ran}(\Delta) = \Gamma$

## Proof

induction on derivation of  $\Gamma \vdash_H \varphi$

interesting case:  $\varphi$  is obtained by Modus Ponens

$\Gamma \vdash_H \psi \rightarrow \varphi$  and  $\Gamma \vdash_H \psi$

induction hypothesis:  $\Delta_1 \vdash M_1 : \psi \rightarrow \varphi$  and  $\Delta_2 \vdash M_2 : \psi$   
for some  $M_1, \Delta_1, M_2, \Delta_2$  with  $\text{ran}(\Delta_1) = \text{ran}(\Delta_2) = \Gamma$

suppose  $\Gamma = \{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n\}$

$\Delta_1 = \{x_1 : \phi_1, \dots, x_n : \phi_n\}$

$\Delta_2 = \{y_1 : \phi_1, \dots, y_n : \phi_n\}$

let  $M'_2$  be obtained from  $M_2$  by replacing every  $y_i$  with  $x_i$

$\Delta_1 \vdash M'_2 : \psi$  and thus  $\Delta_1 \vdash (M_1 M'_2) : \varphi$

## Corollary

if  $\Gamma, x : \sigma \vdash M : \tau$  then  $\Gamma \vdash N : \sigma \rightarrow \tau$  for some term  $N$

## Proof

Curry–Howard in combination with deduction theorem

## Remark

term  $N$  can be computed from  $M$  and  $x$  by **bracket abstraction**

## Definition (Bracket Abstraction)

term  $[x]M$  is defined for all terms  $M$  and variables  $x$ :

$$[x]M = \begin{cases} I & \text{if } M = x \\ K M & \text{if } x \notin \text{FV}(M) \\ S ([x]M_1) ([x]M_2) & \text{if } M = M_1 M_2 \text{ and } x \in \text{FV}(M) \end{cases}$$

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## Example

$$\begin{aligned} [x][y][z](xzy) &= [x][y](S([z](xz))([z]y)) = [x][y](S(S([z]x)([z]z))(K_y)) \\ &= [x][y](S(S(K_x)I)(K_y)) = [x](S([y](S(S(K_x)I)))([y](K_y))) \\ &= [x](S(K(S(S(K_x)I)))(S([y]K)([y]y))) \\ &= [x](S(K(S(S(K_x)I)))(S(KK)I)) \\ &= \dots \\ &= S(S(KS)(S(KK)(S(KS)(S(S(KS)(S(KK)I))(KI)))))(K(S(KK)I)) \end{aligned}$$



## Lemma

$([x]M)N \rightarrow_w^* M\{x/N\}$  for all terms  $M$  and  $N$

## Lemma

if  $\Gamma, x : \sigma \vdash M : \tau$  then  $\Gamma \vdash [x]M : \sigma \rightarrow \tau$



Haskell Curry  
(1900–1982)



William Craig  
(1918–2016)



Jacques Herbrand  
(1908–1931)



David Hilbert  
(1862–1943)



Jaakko Hintikka  
(1929–2015)



William Howard  
(1926–)



Saul Kripke  
(1940–)



Leopold Löwenheim  
(1878–1957)



Thoralf Skolem  
(1887–1963)

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## Earlier Exam

- Exercise 2 of the exam of March 4, 2016.

## Intuitionistic Logic

- $\Vdash \varphi \supset \neg\neg\varphi$  ?
- $\Vdash \neg\neg\varphi \supset \varphi$  ?
- $\Vdash (\varphi \supset \neg\psi) \supset (\neg\neg\varphi \supset \neg\psi)$  ?
- Prove that  $\varphi$  is a propositional tautology if and only if  $\Vdash \neg\neg\varphi$ .

## Fitting

- Argue that the Example on slide 32 illustrating the abstraction algorithm gives, via the Curry–Howard correspondence, a solution to Exercise 4.1.1. That is, first show that  $x : P \supset (Q \supset R), y : Q, z : P \vdash (xz)y : R$  can be inferred in the type inference system (we identify  $\supset$  with  $\rightarrow$ ). Next, show that performing the abstraction algorithm three times to compute  $[x][y][z](xz)y$  yields a (closed) term of type  $(P \supset (Q \supset R)) \supset (Q \supset (P \supset R))$ . Conclude this gives rise to a Hilbert System proof of  $(P \supset (Q \supset R)) \supset (Q \supset (P \supset R))$ .
- In the solution to Exercise 4.1.1 I had made use of the following extra rule (having priority over the others) for the abstraction algorithm:

$$[x](Mx) = M \quad \text{if } x \notin \text{FV}(M)$$

Show this optimisation to be correct (in the sense of the lemmata on slide 33), and check whether or not I made a mistake in my solution,. Is the extra rule to be preferred or not? Argue why (not).

- Bonus Implement both above versions of the abstraction algorithm and check whether or not slide 32 and the earlier solution to Exercise 4.1.1 are correct.
- Bonus Exercise 4.1.8 (again ...)

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- Section 4.1 (revisit from earlier this course, from new C–H-perspective)
- Section 4.2 (revisit from Ba logic course as preparation for next week)
- Section 4.3 (idem)

## Additional Literature

- Philip Wadler, [Propositions as Types](#), Communications of the ACM 58(12), pp. 75–84, 2015
- Morten Heine Sørensen and Pawel Urzyczyn, [Lectures on the Curry–Howard Isomorphism](#), Studies in Logic and the Foundations of Mathematics, volume 149, Elsevier, 2006 (cached PDF of preliminary version on citeseer)