

In most of these proofs, when things have got a little complicated, I have numbered the steps I'm taking in the hope that this makes things clearer. You aren't required to do this when you answer, but I think it's probably a good idea — it helps you get clear on what, exactly, you are doing, and it helps me understand what you are doing (if I can't follow your proof, that's bad).

## Section 5.3E, Question 14

In what follows, I will refer to the following sentence:

- $\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{P}$  in *SD* if and only if  $\Gamma \models \mathbf{P}$ .

as 'S&C' (short for 'Soundness and Completeness' — you'll see why I use this name in the near future).

### Part (a)

Let  $\alpha$  be an argument of *SL* such that the set of assumptions that begin  $\alpha$  is  $\Gamma$  and the conclusion of  $\alpha$  is  $\mathbf{P}$  (I'm using ' $\alpha$ ' so you don't confuse it with a sentence letter of *SL*, but you can use whatever you like).

1.  $\alpha$  is valid in *SD* iff there is an *SD* derivation that has the members of  $\Gamma$  as primary assumptions and  $\mathbf{P}$  in the scope of those assumptions only (by definition of 'valid in *SD*').
2. There is an *SD* derivation that has the members of  $\Gamma$  as primary assumptions and  $\mathbf{P}$  in the scope of those assumptions only iff  $\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{P}$  in *SD* (by definition of ' $\vdash$ ').
3.  $\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{P}$  in *SD* iff  $\Gamma \models \mathbf{P}$  (S&C).
4.  $\Gamma \models \mathbf{P}$  iff there is no truth-value assignment such that every member of  $\Gamma$  is true and  $\mathbf{P}$  is false (by definition of ' $\models$ ').
5. There is no truth-value assignment such that every member of  $\Gamma$  is true and  $\mathbf{P}$  is false iff  $\alpha$  is truth-functionally valid (by definition of 'truth-functionally valid').

So, assuming S&C, an argument of *SL* is valid in *SD* if and only if the argument is truth-functionally valid.

Q.E.D.

### Part (b)

1. A sentence  $\mathbf{P}$  of *SL* is a theorem in *SD* iff  $\emptyset \vdash \mathbf{P}$  in *SD* (by definition of theoremhood).
2.  $\emptyset \vdash \mathbf{P}$  in *SD* iff  $\emptyset \models \mathbf{P}$  (by S&C).

3.  $\emptyset \models \mathbf{P}$  iff there is no truth-value-assignment that makes every member of  $\emptyset$  true and  $\mathbf{P}$  false (by definition of ' $\models$ ').
4. There is no truth-value-assignment that makes every member of  $\emptyset$  true and  $\mathbf{P}$  false iff there is no truth-value assignment that makes  $\mathbf{P}$  false (as every truth-value assignment makes every member of  $\emptyset$  true).
5. There is no truth-value assignment that makes  $\mathbf{P}$  false iff  $\mathbf{P}$  is truth-functionally true (definition of 'truth-functionally true').

So, assuming S&C, a sentence  $\mathbf{P}$  of  $SL$  is a theorem in  $SD$  if and only if  $\mathbf{P}$  is truth-functionally true.

Q.E.D.

### Part (c)

1. Sentences  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}$  of  $SL$  are equivalent in  $SD$  iff  $\{\mathbf{P}\} \vdash \mathbf{Q}$  in  $SD$  and  $\{\mathbf{Q}\} \vdash \mathbf{P}$  in  $SD$  (definition of 'equivalent in  $SD$ ').
2.  $\mathbf{P} \vdash \mathbf{Q}$  in  $SD$  and  $\mathbf{Q} \vdash \mathbf{P}$  in  $SD$  iff  $\mathbf{P} \models \mathbf{Q}$  and  $\mathbf{Q} \models \mathbf{P}$  (by S&C).
3.  $\mathbf{P} \models \mathbf{Q}$  and  $\mathbf{Q} \models \mathbf{P}$  iff there is no truth-value assignment such that  $\mathbf{P}$  is true and  $\mathbf{Q}$  is false, and vice-versa. (by definition of ' $\models$ ').
4. There is no truth-value assignment such that  $\mathbf{P}$  is true and  $\mathbf{Q}$  is false, and vice-versa, iff  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}$  are truth-functionally equivalent (by definition of 'truth-functionally equivalent').

So, assuming S&C, sentences  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}$  of  $SL$  are equivalent in  $SD$  if and only if  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}$  are truth-functionally equivalent.

Q.E.D.

## Section 6.1E, Question 1

### Part (b)

To show:

CLAIM: Every sentence of  $SL$  that contains no binary connectives is truth-functionally indeterminate.

CLAIM follows from the following...

BASIS CLAUSE: Every atomic sentence of  $SL$  is truth-functionally indeterminate.

INDUCTIVE STEP: If every sentence of  $SL$  containing (a) no binary connectives and (b)  $n$  or fewer negations is truth-functionally indeterminate, then so is every sentence of  $SL$  containing no binary connectives and  $n + 1$  negations.

...as every sentence of  $SL$  that contains no binary connectives is a sentence of  $SL$  that contains no binary connectives and  $n$  negations, for some natural number  $n$ .

The proof of BASIS CLAUSE is immediate — every atomic sentence of  $SL$  is such that there is a truth-value assignment that makes it true and a truth-value assignment that makes it false, so every atomic sentence of  $SL$  is truth-functionally indeterminate. It remains to prove INDUCTIVE STEP.

**Proof of Inductive Step:**

1. Suppose every sentence  $\mathbf{P}$  of  $SL$  containing (a) no binary connectives and (b)  $n$  or fewer negations is truth-functionally indeterminate (i.e., suppose the antecedent of INDUCTIVE STEP).
2. Then for all such  $\mathbf{P}$ , there exists a truth-value assignment that make  $\mathbf{P}$  true and a truth-value assignments that makes  $\mathbf{P}$  false.
3. So, by the definition of ' $\sim$ ', there is truth-value assignment that makes  $\lceil \sim \mathbf{P} \rceil$  false and a truth-value assignment that make  $\lceil \sim \mathbf{P} \rceil$  true, for all such  $\mathbf{P}$ .
4. But every sentence of  $SL$  containing no binary connectives and  $n + 1$  negations is of the form  $\lceil \sim \mathbf{P} \rceil$ , for some such  $\mathbf{P}$ .
5. So for every sentence of  $SL$  containing no binary connectives and  $n + 1$  negations, there is truth-value assignment that makes it true and a truth-value assignment that makes it false.
6. So every sentence of  $SL$  containing no binary connectives and  $n + 1$  negations is truth-functionally indeterminate.

So, if every sentence of  $SL$  containing (a) no binary connectives and (b)  $n$  or fewer negations is truth-functionally indeterminate, then so is every sentence of  $SL$  containing no binary connectives and  $n + 1$  negations.

Q.E.D.

**Part (e)**

Where  $\mathbf{P}$  is a sentence of  $SL$  and  $\mathbf{Q}$  is a sentential component of  $\mathbf{P}$ , let  $[\mathbf{P}](\mathbf{Q}_1//\mathbf{Q})$  be a sentence that is the result of replacing at least one occurrence of  $\mathbf{Q}$  in  $\mathbf{P}$  with the sentence  $\mathbf{Q}_1$ .

To show:

CLAIM: If  $\mathbf{Q}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}_1$  are truth-functionally equivalent, then  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $[\mathbf{P}](\mathbf{Q}_1//\mathbf{Q})$  are truth-functionally equivalent.

Clearly, CLAIM follows from the following...

BASIS CLAUSE: CLAIM is true when  $\mathbf{P}$  is atomic.

INDUCTIVE STEP: If CLAIM is true for all  $\mathbf{P}$  containing  $n$  or fewer connectives, it is true for all  $\mathbf{P}$  containing  $n + 1$  connectives.

... as every sentence of  $SL$  contains  $n$  connectives, for some natural number  $n$ .

**Proof of Basis Clause:**

1.  $[\mathbf{P}](\mathbf{Q}_1//\mathbf{P})$  is just  $\mathbf{Q}_1$ .
2. So if  $\mathbf{Q}_1$  is truth-functionally equivalent to  $\mathbf{P}$ , then obviously  $[\mathbf{P}](\mathbf{Q}_1//\mathbf{P})$  is truth-functionally equivalent to  $\mathbf{P}$ .
3. But when  $\mathbf{P}$  is atomic, it's only sentential component is  $\mathbf{P}$ .
4. So, for all sentential components  $\mathbf{Q}$  of  $\mathbf{P}$ , if  $\mathbf{Q}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}_1$  are truth-functionally equivalent, then  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $[\mathbf{P}](\mathbf{Q}_1//\mathbf{Q})$  are truth-functionally equivalent, when  $\mathbf{P}$  is atomic.

So CLAIM is true when  $\mathbf{P}$  is atomic.

Q.E.D.

**Proof of Inductive Step:** Every sentence of  $SL$  containing  $n + 1$  connectives is either of the form  $\ulcorner \sim \mathbf{P} \urcorner$ , for some  $\mathbf{P}$  containing  $n$  connectives, or is of the form  $\mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{R}$ , where  $\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{R}$  contain  $n$  or fewer connectives (and ‘.’ is a variable that ranges over binary connectives of  $SL$ ). I prove INDUCTIVE STEP for each case in turn.

**Case 1:** Consider a sentence of  $SL$  of the form  $\ulcorner \sim \mathbf{P} \urcorner$ , where  $\mathbf{P}$  is a sentence containing  $n$  connectives. Every sentential component  $\mathbf{Q}$  of  $\ulcorner \sim \mathbf{P} \urcorner$  is either

- (a)  $\ulcorner \sim \mathbf{P} \urcorner$  itself, or
- (b) is a sentential component of  $\mathbf{P}$ .

I prove each sub-case in turn.

**Sub-case (a):** When  $\mathbf{Q}$  is  $\ulcorner \sim \mathbf{P} \urcorner$  itself,  $[\ulcorner \sim \mathbf{P} \urcorner](\mathbf{Q}_1//\mathbf{Q})$  is truth-functionally equivalent to  $\ulcorner \sim \mathbf{P} \urcorner$ , for  $\mathbf{Q}_1$  truth-functionally equivalent to  $\mathbf{Q}$ , by the same argument as in the proof of BASIS CLAUSE.

**Sub-case (b):**

1. Suppose  $\mathbf{Q}$  is a sentential component of  $\mathbf{P}$ .
2. Suppose, also, that  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $[\mathbf{P}](\mathbf{Q}_1//\mathbf{Q})$  are truth-functionally equivalent when  $\mathbf{Q}_1$  truth-functionally equivalent to  $\mathbf{Q}$  (i.e., suppose the antecedent of INDUCTIVE STEP for the case of  $\mathbf{P}$ ).
3. Then  $\ulcorner \sim \mathbf{P} \urcorner$  and  $\ulcorner \sim ([\mathbf{P}](\mathbf{Q}_1//\mathbf{Q})) \urcorner$  are truth-functionally equivalent (by the definition of ‘ $\sim$ ’).
4. And  $\ulcorner \sim ([\mathbf{P}](\mathbf{Q}_1//\mathbf{Q})) \urcorner$  is identical to  $[\ulcorner \sim \mathbf{P} \urcorner](\mathbf{Q}_1//\mathbf{Q})$ , when  $\mathbf{Q}$  is a sentential component of  $\mathbf{P}$ .

5. So, if  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $[\mathbf{P}](\mathbf{Q}_1//\mathbf{Q})$  are truth-functionally equivalent, then  $\lceil \sim \mathbf{P} \rceil$  is truth-functionally equivalent to  $\lceil \sim \mathbf{P} \rceil(\mathbf{Q}_1//\mathbf{Q})$ , for  $\mathbf{Q}_1$  truth-functionally equivalent to  $\mathbf{Q}$ , when  $\mathbf{Q}$  is a sentential component of  $\mathbf{P}$ .

So, if CLAIM is true for a sentence  $\mathbf{P}$  containing  $n$  connectives, it is true for  $\lceil \sim \mathbf{P} \rceil$ . That concludes the proof for Case 1.

**Case 2:** Consider a sentence of  $SL$  of the form  $\mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{R}$ , where  $\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{R}$  are sentences containing  $n$  or fewer connectives. Every sentential component of  $\mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{R}$  is either

- (a)  $\mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{R}$  itself,
- (b) a sentential component of  $\mathbf{P}$  or a sentential component of  $\mathbf{R}$  (or both).

I prove each sub-case in turn.

**Sub-case (a):** The proof here is the same as the proof of BASIS CLAUSE and sub-case (a) of Case 1, *mutatis-mutandis*.

**Sub-case (b):**

1. Suppose  $\mathbf{Q}$  a sentential component of  $\mathbf{P}$  or  $\mathbf{R}$  or both.
2. Suppose, also, that  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $[\mathbf{P}](\mathbf{Q}_1//\mathbf{Q})$  are truth-functionally equivalent, and  $\mathbf{R}$  and  $[\mathbf{R}](\mathbf{Q}_1//\mathbf{Q})$  are truth-functionally equivalent, when  $\mathbf{Q}_1$  is truth-functionally equivalent to  $\mathbf{Q}$  (i.e., suppose the antecedent of INDUCTIVE STEP for the cases of  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{R}$ ).
3. Then  $\mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{R}$  is truth-functionally equivalent to  $[\mathbf{P}](\mathbf{Q}_1//\mathbf{Q}) \cdot [\mathbf{R}](\mathbf{Q}_1//\mathbf{Q})$  (by the relevant binary-connective's definition).
4. And  $[\mathbf{P}](\mathbf{Q}_1//\mathbf{Q}) \cdot [\mathbf{R}](\mathbf{Q}_1//\mathbf{Q})$  is identical to  $[\mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{R}](\mathbf{Q}_1//\mathbf{Q})$ , when  $\mathbf{Q}$  is a sentential component of  $\mathbf{P}$  or  $\mathbf{R}$ .
5. So, if  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $[\mathbf{P}](\mathbf{Q}_1//\mathbf{Q})$  are truth-functionally equivalent, and  $\mathbf{R}$  and  $[\mathbf{R}](\mathbf{Q}_1//\mathbf{Q})$  are truth-functionally equivalent, then  $\mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{R}$  is truth-functionally equivalent to  $[\mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{R}](\mathbf{Q}_1//\mathbf{Q})$ , for  $\mathbf{Q}_1$  truth-functionally equivalent to  $\mathbf{Q}$ , when  $\mathbf{Q}$  is a sentential component of  $\mathbf{P}$  or  $\mathbf{R}$ .

So, if CLAIM is true for sentences  $\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{R}$  containing  $n$  or fewer connectives, it is true for  $\mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{R}$ .

That concludes the proof for Case 2.

So that concludes the proof for INDUCTIVE STEP.

Q.E.D.

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