

## tab.1 Soundness with Identity predicate

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**Proposition tab.1.** *Tableaux with rules for identity are sound: no closed tableau is satisfiable.*

*Proof.* We just have to show as before that if a tableau has a satisfiable branch, the branch resulting from applying one of the rules for = to it is also satisfiable. Let  $\Gamma$  be the set of signed formulas on the branch, and let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be a structure satisfying  $\Gamma$ .

Suppose the branch is expanded using =, i.e., by adding the signed formula  $\mathbb{T}t = t$ . Trivially,  $\mathfrak{M} \models t = t$ , so  $\mathfrak{M}$  also satisfies  $\Gamma \cup \{\mathbb{T}t = t\}$ .

If the branch is expanded using  $=\mathbb{T}$ , we add a signed formula  $S\varphi(t_2)$ , but  $\Gamma$  contains both  $\mathbb{T}t_1 = t_2$  and  $\mathbb{T}\varphi(t_1)$ . Thus we have  $\mathfrak{M} \models t_1 = t_2$  and  $\mathfrak{M} \models \varphi(t_1)$ . Let  $s$  be a variable assignment with  $s(x) = \text{Val}^{\mathfrak{M}}(t_1)$ . By ??,  $\mathfrak{M}, s \models \varphi(t_1)$ . Since  $s \sim_x s$ , by ??,  $\mathfrak{M}, s \models \varphi(x)$ . since  $\mathfrak{M} \models t_1 = t_2$ , we have  $\text{Val}^{\mathfrak{M}}(t_1) = \text{Val}^{\mathfrak{M}}(t_2)$ , and hence  $s(x) = \text{Val}^{\mathfrak{M}}(t_2)$ . By applying ?? again, we also have  $\mathfrak{M}, s \models \varphi(t_2)$ . By ??,  $\mathfrak{M} \models \varphi(t_2)$ . The case of  $=\mathbb{F}$  is treated similarly.  $\square$

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