

art.1 Derivations in LK

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sec In order to arithmetize **derivations**, we must represent **derivations** as numbers. explanation
 Since **derivations** are trees of sequents where each inference carries also a label, a recursive representation is the most obvious approach: we represent a **derivation** as a tuple, the components of which are the end-sequent, the label, and the representations of the sub-**derivations** leading to the premises of the last inference.

Definition art.1. If Γ is a finite sequence of **sentences**, $\Gamma = \langle \varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n \rangle$, then $\# \Gamma^\# = \langle \# \varphi_1^\#, \dots, \# \varphi_n^\# \rangle$.

If $\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta$ is a sequent, then a Gödel number of $\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta$ is

$$\# \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta^\# = \langle \# \Gamma^\#, \# \Delta^\# \rangle$$

If π is a **derivation** in **LK**, then $\# \pi^\#$ is defined as follows:

1. If π consists only of the initial sequent $\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta$, then $\# \pi^\#$ is

$$\langle 0, \# \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta^\# \rangle.$$

2. If π ends in an inference with one or two premises, has $\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta$ as its conclusion, and π_1 and π_2 are the immediate subproof ending in the premise of the last inference, then $\# \pi^\#$ is

$$\langle 1, \# \pi_1^\#, \# \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta^\#, k \rangle \text{ or } \langle 2, \# \pi_1^\#, \# \pi_2^\#, \# \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta^\#, k \rangle,$$

respectively, where k is given by the following table according to which rule was used in the last inference:

Rule:	WL	WR	CL	CR	XL	XR
k :	1	2	3	4	5	6
Rule:	\neg L	\neg R	\wedge L	\wedge R	\vee L	\vee R
k :	7	8	9	10	11	12
Rule:	\rightarrow L	\rightarrow R	\forall L	\forall R	\exists L	\exists R
k :	13	14	15	16	17	18
Rule:	Cut	=				
k :	19	20				

Example art.2. Consider the very simple **derivation**

$$\frac{\frac{\varphi \Rightarrow \varphi}{\varphi \wedge \psi \Rightarrow \varphi} \wedge L}{\Rightarrow (\varphi \wedge \psi) \rightarrow \varphi} \rightarrow R$$

The Gödel number of the initial sequent would be $p_0 = \langle 0, \# \varphi \Rightarrow \varphi^\# \rangle$. The Gödel number of the **derivation** ending in the conclusion of $\wedge L$ would be $p_1 = \langle 1, p_0, \# \varphi \wedge \psi \Rightarrow \varphi^\#, 9 \rangle$ (1 since $\wedge L$ has one premise, the Gödel number of the conclusion $\varphi \wedge \psi \Rightarrow \varphi$, and 9 is the number coding $\wedge L$). The Gödel number of the entire **derivation** then is $\langle 1, p_1, \# \Rightarrow (\varphi \wedge \psi) \rightarrow \varphi^\#, 14 \rangle$, i.e.,

$$\langle 1, \langle 1, \langle 0, \# \varphi \Rightarrow \varphi^\# \rangle, \# \varphi \wedge \psi \Rightarrow \varphi^\#, 9 \rangle, \# \Rightarrow (\varphi \wedge \psi) \rightarrow \varphi^\#, 14 \rangle.$$

explanation

Having settled on a representation of **derivations**, we must also show that we can manipulate such derivations primitive recursively, and express their essential properties and relations so. Some operations are simple: e.g., given a Gödel number p of a **derivation**, $\text{EndSeq}(p) = (p)_{(p)_0+1}$ gives us the Gödel number of its end-sequent and $\text{LastRule}(p) = (p)_{(p)_0+2}$ the code of its last rule. The property $\text{Sequent}(s)$ defined by

$$\text{len}(s) = 2 \wedge (\forall i < \text{len}((s)_0) + \text{len}((s)_1)) \text{Sent}(((s)_0 \frown (s)_1)_i)$$

holds of s iff s is the Gödel number of a sequent consisting of **sentences**. Some are much harder. We'll at least sketch how to do this. The goal is to show that the relation “ π is a **derivation** of φ from Γ ” is a primitive recursive relation of the Gödel numbers of π and φ .

Proposition art.3. *The property $\text{Correct}(p)$ which holds iff the last inference in the **derivation** π with Gödel number p is correct, is primitive recursive.*

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Proof. $\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta$ is an initial sequent if either there is a **sentence** φ such that $\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta$ is $\varphi \Rightarrow \varphi$, or there is a term t such that $\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta$ is $\emptyset \Rightarrow t = t$. In terms of Gödel numbers, $\text{InitSeq}(s)$ holds iff

$$\begin{aligned} & (\exists x < s) (\text{Sent}(x) \wedge s = \langle \langle x \rangle, \langle x \rangle \rangle) \vee \\ & (\exists t < s) (\text{Term}(t) \wedge s = \langle 0, \langle \# = (\# \frown t \frown \#, \# \frown t \frown \#) \# \rangle \rangle). \end{aligned}$$

We also have to show that for each rule of inference R the relation $\text{FollowsBy}_R(p)$ is primitive recursive, where $\text{FollowsBy}_R(p)$ holds iff p is the Gödel number of **derivation** π , and the end-sequent of π follows by a correct application of R from the immediate sub-**derivations** of π .

A simple case is that of the $\wedge R$ rule. If π ends in a correct $\wedge R$ inference, it looks like this:

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \pi_1 \\ \vdots \\ \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdots \pi_2 \\ \vdots \\ \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \psi \end{array}}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi \wedge \psi} \wedge R$$

So, the last inference in the **derivation** π is a correct application of $\wedge R$ iff there are sequences of **sentences** Γ and Δ as well as two **sentences** φ and ψ such that the end-sequent of π_1 is $\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi$, the end-sequent of π_2 is $\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \psi$,

and the end-sequent of π is $\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi \wedge \psi$. We just have to translate this into Gödel numbers. If $s = \# \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta \#$ then $(s)_0 = \# \Gamma \#$ and $(s)_1 = \# \Delta \#$. So, $\text{FollowsBy}_{\wedge R}(p)$ holds iff

$$\begin{aligned} & (\exists g < p) (\exists d < p) (\exists a < p) (\exists b < p) \\ & \text{EndSequent}(p) = \langle g, d \frown \langle \#(\# \frown a \frown \# \wedge \# \frown b \frown \#) \# \rangle \rangle \wedge \\ & \text{EndSequent}((p)_1) = \langle g, d \frown \langle a \rangle \rangle \wedge \\ & \text{EndSequent}((p)_2) = \langle g, d \frown \langle b \rangle \rangle \wedge \\ & (p)_0 = 2 \wedge \text{LastRule}(p) = 10. \end{aligned}$$

The individual lines express, respectively, “there is a sequence (Γ) with Gödel number g , there is a sequence (Δ) with Gödel number d , a formula (φ) with Gödel number a , and a formula (ψ) with Gödel number b ,” such that “the end-sequent of π is $\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi \wedge \psi$,” “the end-sequent of π_1 is $\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi$,” “the end-sequent of π_2 is $\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \psi$,” and “ π has two immediate subderivations and the last inference rule is $\wedge R$ (with number 10).”

The last inference in π is a correct application of $\exists R$ iff there are sequences Γ and Δ , a formula φ , a variable x , and a term t , such that the end-sequent of π is $\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \exists x \varphi$ and the end-sequent of π_1 is $\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi[t/x]$. So in terms of Gödel numbers, we have $\text{FollowsBy}_{\exists R}(p)$ iff

$$\begin{aligned} & (\exists g < p) (\exists d < p) (\exists a < p) (\exists x < p) (\exists t < p) \\ & \text{EndSequent}(p) = \langle g, d \frown \langle \# \exists \# \frown x \frown a \rangle \rangle \wedge \\ & \text{EndSequent}((p)_1) = \langle g, d \frown \langle \text{Subst}(a, t, x) \rangle \rangle \wedge \\ & (p)_0 = 1 \wedge \text{LastRule}(p) = 18. \end{aligned}$$

We then define $\text{Correct}(p)$ as

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Sequent}(\text{EndSequent}(p)) \wedge \\ & [(\text{LastRule}(p) = 1 \wedge \text{FollowsBy}_{\text{WL}}(p)) \vee \dots \vee \\ & (\text{LastRule}(p) = 20 \wedge \text{FollowsBy}_{=} (p)) \vee \\ & (p)_0 = 0 \wedge \text{InitialSeq}(\text{EndSequent}(p))] \end{aligned}$$

The first line ensures that the end-sequent of d is actually a sequent consisting of **sentences**. The last line covers the case where p is just an initial sequent. \square

Problem art.1. Define the following properties as in **Proposition art.3**:

1. $\text{FollowsBy}_{\text{Cut}}(p)$,
2. $\text{FollowsBy}_{\rightarrow L}(p)$,
3. $\text{FollowsBy}_{=} (p)$,
4. $\text{FollowsBy}_{\vee R}(p)$.

For the last one, you will have to also show that you can test primitive recursively if the last inference of the **derivation** with Gödel number p satisfies the eigenvariable condition, i.e., the eigenvariable a of the $\forall R$ does not occur in the end-sequent.

Proposition art.4. *The relation $\text{Deriv}(p)$ which holds if p is the Gödel number of a correct **derivation** π , is primitive recursive.* inc:art:plk:
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Proof. A **derivation** π is correct if every one of its inferences is a correct application of a rule, i.e., if every one of its sub-**derivations** ends in a correct inference. So, $\text{Deriv}(d)$ iff

$$(\forall i < \text{len}(\text{SubtreeSeq}(p))) \text{Correct}((\text{SubtreeSeq}(p))_i). \quad \square$$

Proposition art.5. *Suppose Γ is a primitive recursive set of **sentences**. Then the relation $\text{Prf}_\Gamma(x, y)$ expressing “ x is the code of a **derivation** π of $\Gamma_0 \Rightarrow \varphi$ for some finite $\Gamma_0 \subseteq \Gamma$ and y is the Gödel number of φ ” is primitive recursive.*

Proof. Suppose “ $y \in \Gamma$ ” is given by the primitive recursive predicate $R_\Gamma(y)$. We have to show that $\text{Prf}_\Gamma(x, y)$ which holds iff y is the Gödel number of a sentence φ and x is the code of an **LK-derivation** with end-sequent $\Gamma_0 \Rightarrow \varphi$ is primitive recursive.

By the previous proposition, the property $\text{Deriv}(x)$ which holds iff x is the code of a correct derivation π in **LK** is primitive recursive. If x is such a code, then $\text{EndSequent}(x)$ is the code of the end-sequent of π , and so $(\text{EndSequent}(x))_0$ is the code of the left side of the end sequent and $(\text{EndSequent}(x))_1$ the right side. So we can express “the right side of the end-sequent of π is φ ” as $\text{len}((\text{EndSequent}(x))_1) = 1 \wedge ((\text{EndSequent}(x))_1)_0 = x$. The left side of the end-sequent of π is of course automatically finite, we just have to express that every sentence in it is in Γ . Thus we can define $\text{Prf}_\Gamma(x, y)$ by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Prf}_\Gamma(x, y) \Leftrightarrow & \text{Deriv}(x) \wedge \\ & (\forall i < \text{len}((\text{EndSequent}(x))_0)) R_\Gamma(((\text{EndSequent}(x))_0)_i) \wedge \\ & \text{len}((\text{EndSequent}(x))_1) = 1 \wedge ((\text{EndSequent}(x))_1)_0 = y. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

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