

$\Sigma$  semantically entails  $c$ , denoted  $\Sigma \models c$ , if and only if

$I \models_E \Sigma$  implies  $I \models_E c$

(or  $c \stackrel{(I,E)}{=} T$ )

$\Sigma^t = T$  implies  $c^t = T$

for any truth valuation  $t$ .

for any interpretation  $I$  and  
any environment  $E$ .

A few notes for  $\Sigma \models c$  in predicate logic:

①  $\Sigma \models c$  means if a pair of  $I$  and  $E$  makes every formula in  $\Sigma$  true, then  $I$  and  $E$  also make  $c$  true.

②  $\Sigma \models c$  means  $\phi \models ((P_1 \wedge \dots \wedge P_n) \rightarrow c)$   
(if  $\Sigma = \{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n\}$ .)

③  $\Sigma \models c$  means  $((P_1 \wedge \dots \wedge P_n) \rightarrow c)$  is valid.

④ If  $\phi \models c$ , then  $c$  is valid because  $I \models_E \phi$  for any  $I$  and  $E$ .

Prove that  $\Sigma \models c$  holds.

① Proof: Assume that there is an  $I$  and an  $E$  such that  $I \models_E \Sigma$ .  
We need to show that  $I \models_E c$ .

② Proof by contradiction:

Assume that there is an  $I$  and an  $E$  such that  
 $I \models_E \Sigma$  and  $I \not\models_E c$ .

We need to derive a contradiction.

Prove that  $\Sigma \not\models c$ .

Give an  $I$  and an  $E$  such that  $I \models_E \Sigma$  and  $I \not\models_E c$ .

# Proving Semantic Entailment.

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Q: Show that  $(\exists y (\forall x P(x, y))) \models (\forall x (\exists y P(x, y)))$ .

Proof by contradiction:

- Assume that there is an interpretation  $I$  such that

$$(\exists y (\forall x P(x, y)))^I = T \text{ and } (\forall x (\exists y P(x, y)))^I = F.$$

We need to derive a contradiction.

- Since  $(\exists y (\forall x P(x, y)))^I = T$ , there is an element  $a \in \text{dom}(I)$  such that  $(\forall x P(x, y))^{(I, E[y \mapsto a])} = T$ .

If  $(\forall x P(x, y))^{(I, E[y \mapsto a])} = T$ , then

$$P(x, y)^{(I, E[x \mapsto d][y \mapsto a])} = T \text{ for every } d \in \text{dom}(I). \quad (1)$$

- Since  $(\forall x (\exists y P(x, y)))^I = F$ , we know that

$$(\neg (\forall x (\exists y P(x, y))))^I = T \text{ or } (\exists x (\forall y (\neg P(x, y))))^I = T.$$

This means that there is an element  $b \in \text{dom}(I)$

such that  $(\forall y (\neg P(x, y)))^{(I, E[x \mapsto b])} = T$ .

If  $(\forall y (\neg P(x, y)))^{(I, E[x \mapsto b])} = T$ , then

$$(\neg P(x, y))^{(I, E[x \mapsto b][y \mapsto d])} = T \text{ for every } d \in \text{dom}(I). \quad (2)$$

- By equation (1), we know that  $P(x, y)^{(I, E[x \mapsto b][y \mapsto a])} = T$  (3)

- By equation (2), we know that  $(\neg P(x, y))^{(I, E[x \mapsto b][y \mapsto a])} = T$  (4)

- (3) and (4) mean that  $P(x, y)$  is  $T$  and  $F$  under  $I$  and  $E[x \mapsto b][y \mapsto a]$ . This is a contradiction.

QED

## Proving Semantic Entailment.

Show that  $\phi \models ((\forall x(\alpha \rightarrow \beta)) \rightarrow ((\forall x \alpha) \rightarrow (\forall x \beta)))$

Proof: We have no premise. So we need to show that  $((\forall x(\alpha \rightarrow \beta)) \rightarrow ((\forall x \alpha) \rightarrow (\forall x \beta)))$  is valid.

Assume that there is an interpretation  $I$  and an environment  $E$  such that  $I \models_E (\forall x(\alpha \rightarrow \beta))$ . We need to show that  $I \models_E ((\forall x \alpha) \rightarrow (\forall x \beta))$ . That means, we assume that  $I \models_E (\forall x \alpha)$  and we need to show that  $I \models_E (\forall x \beta)$ .

By definition of  $\forall$ ,  $I \models_E (\forall x(\alpha \rightarrow \beta))$  means that for every  $a \in \text{dom}(I)$ ,  $I \models_{E[x \mapsto a]} (\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$ .

By definition of  $\forall$ ,  $I \models_E (\forall x \alpha)$  means that for every  $a \in \text{dom}(I)$ ,  $I \models_{E[x \mapsto a]} \alpha$ .

Thus, by definition of  $\rightarrow$ ,  $I \models_{E[x \mapsto a]} \beta$  for every  $a \in \text{dom}(I)$ , which means  $I \models_E (\forall x \beta)$ .

QED

Proof by contradiction: Assume that there is an interpretation  $I$  and an environment  $E$  such that

$$I \not\models_E ((\forall x(\alpha \rightarrow \beta)) \rightarrow ((\forall x \alpha) \rightarrow (\forall x \beta)))$$

We need to derive a contradiction.

Our assumption means that  $I \models_E (\forall x(\alpha \rightarrow \beta))$  and  $I \not\models_E ((\forall x \alpha) \rightarrow (\forall x \beta))$ . The latter means that  $I \models_E (\forall x \alpha)$  and  $I \not\models_E (\forall x \beta)$ .

By definition of  $\forall$ ,  $I \models_E (\forall x(\alpha \rightarrow \beta))$  means that for every  $a \in \text{dom}(I)$ ,  $I \models_{E[x \mapsto a]} (\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$ .

By definition of  $\forall$ ,  $I \models_E (\forall x \alpha)$  means that for every  $a \in \text{dom}(I)$ ,  $I \models_{E[x \mapsto a]} \alpha$ .

By definition of  $\rightarrow$ , we have that  $I \not\models_{E[x \mapsto a]} \beta$  for every  $a \in \text{dom}(I)$ . This contradicts our assumption that  $I \models_E (\forall x \beta)$ .

QED (2)

# Disproving Semantic Entailment

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Q: Show that  $(\forall x (\exists y P(x, y))) \not\models (\exists y (\forall x P(x, y)))$

Proof: We need to give an interpretation  $I$  such that

$$(\forall x (\exists y P(x, y)))^I = T \text{ and } (\exists y (\forall x P(x, y)))^I = F.$$

Define  $I$ :

Domain  $\text{dom}(I) = \{1, 2, 3\}$

Predicate:  $P^I = \{ \langle 1, 1 \rangle, \langle 2, 3 \rangle, \langle 3, 1 \rangle \}$

Let's verify that the premise is true and the conclusion is false under  $I$ . To do this, we need to evaluate  $P(x, y)$  under  $I$  and some environment  $E$ .

Let  $E$  be an arbitrary environment.

To verify that  $(\forall x (\exists y P(x, y)))^I$  is true, we need to verify that  $(\exists y P(x, y))^{(I, E[x \mapsto d])}$  is true for every  $d \in \text{dom}(I)$

Case  $[x \mapsto 1]$ ,  $P(x, y)^{(I, E[x \mapsto 1][y \mapsto 1])} = T$  because  $\langle 1, 1 \rangle \in P^I$ .  
Thus  $(\exists y P(x, y))^{(I, E[x \mapsto 1])} = T$ .

Case  $[x \mapsto 2]$ ,  $P(x, y)^{(I, E[x \mapsto 2][y \mapsto 3])} = T$  because  $\langle 2, 3 \rangle \in P^I$ .  
Thus,  $(\exists y P(x, y))^{(I, E[x \mapsto 2])} = T$ .

Case  $[x \mapsto 3]$ ,  $P(x, y)^{(I, E[x \mapsto 3][y \mapsto 1])} = T$  because  $\langle 3, 1 \rangle \in P^I$ .  
Thus  $(\exists y P(x, y))^{(I, E[x \mapsto 3])} = T$ .

Therefore,  $(\forall x (\exists y P(x, y)))^I = T$ .

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# Disproving Semantic Entailment.

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Q: Show that  $(\forall x (\exists y P(x, y))) \not\models (\exists y (\forall x P(x, y)))$ .

Proof continued: We need to verify that  $(\exists y (\forall x P(x, y)))^I = F$ .

This is equivalent to verifying  $(\neg(\exists y (\forall x P(x, y))))^I = T$ .

or  $(\forall y (\exists x (\neg P(x, y))))^I = T$ .

We need to verify that

$$(\exists x (\neg P(x, y)))^{(I, E[y \mapsto d])} = T \text{ for every } d \in \text{dom}(I).$$

Case  $[y \mapsto 1]$   $P(x, y)^{(I, E[x \mapsto 2][y \mapsto 1])} = F$  because  $\langle 2, 1 \rangle \notin P^I$ .

Thus,  $(\exists x (\neg P(x, y)))^{(I, E[y \mapsto 1])} = T$ .

Case  $[y \mapsto 2]$   $P(x, y)^{(I, E[x \mapsto 1][y \mapsto 2])} = F$  because  $\langle 1, 2 \rangle \notin P^I$ .

Thus  $(\exists x (\neg P(x, y)))^{(I, E[y \mapsto 2])} = T$ .

Case  $[y \mapsto 3]$   $P(x, y)^{(I, E[x \mapsto 1][y \mapsto 3])} = F$  because  $\langle 1, 3 \rangle \notin P^I$ .

Thus  $(\exists x (\neg P(x, y)))^{(I, E[y \mapsto 3])} = T$ .

Therefore,  $(\exists y (\forall x P(x, y)))^I = F$ .

QED

## Disproving Semantic Entailment

Show that  $((\forall x \alpha) \rightarrow (\forall x \beta)) \not\models (\forall x (\alpha \rightarrow \beta))$

(Thoughts: How can we come up with an interpretation  $I$ , an environment  $E$  and formulas for  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  such that  $I \models_E ((\forall x \alpha) \rightarrow (\forall x \beta))$  and  $I \not\models_E (\forall x (\alpha \rightarrow \beta))$ ?

The easiest way to make  $((\forall x \alpha) \rightarrow (\forall x \beta))$  true is to make  $(\forall x \alpha)$  false, which means we need to make sure  $\alpha$  is false for at least one element of the domain. Let  $\alpha$  be  $P(x)$  and let  $P(x)^{(I, E[x \mapsto a])} = F$  for  $a \in \text{dom}(I)$ .

To make  $(\forall x (\alpha \rightarrow \beta))$ , the easiest way is to make sure there exists  $b \in \text{dom}(I)$  such that  $\alpha^{(I, E[x \mapsto b])} = T$  and  $\beta^{(I, E[x \mapsto b])} = F$ . We could let  $\beta$  be  $(\neg P(x))$ , let  $\text{dom}(I) = \{a, b\}$  and let  $P^I = \{b\}$ .

Proof: Let  $\alpha$  be  $P(x)$  and  $\beta$  be  $(\neg P(x))$ .  
Let an interpretation  $I$  be  $\text{dom}(I) = \{a, b\}$  and  $P^I = \{b\}$ .  
Consider any environment  $E$ .

We will show that  $I \models_E ((\forall x \alpha) \rightarrow (\forall x \beta))$  and  $I \not\models_E (\forall x (\alpha \rightarrow \beta))$ .

①  $a \notin P^I$  so  $\alpha^{(I, E[x \mapsto a])} = F$ . Thus  $(\forall x \alpha)^{(I, E)} = F$ .  
By definition of  $\rightarrow$ ,  $((\forall x \alpha) \rightarrow (\forall x \beta))^{(I, E)} = T$ .

②  $b \in P^I$  so  $\alpha^{(I, E[x \mapsto b])} = T$  and  $\beta^{(I, E[x \mapsto b])} = F$ .  
So  $(\alpha \rightarrow \beta)^{(I, E[x \mapsto b])} = F$ , or  $(\forall x (\alpha \rightarrow \beta))^{(I, E)} = F$ .

QED