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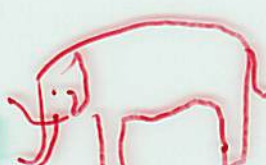
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$\neg a \wedge (b \vee \text{true})$ a boolean propn.?

A derivation:

$$\frac{\frac{a}{\neg a} \quad \frac{b \quad \text{true}}{b \vee \text{true}}}{\neg a \wedge (b \vee \text{true})}$$

$\neg$  $\wedge (b \vee \text{true})$

a boolean proposition
(assuming  $\notin \text{Var}$) ?

The set of Boolean propositions is the

- set of elements for which there is a derivation [induction on derivations § 5.4]
- set built up by repeatedly applying the rules [least fixed points § 5.6]
- least set closed under the rules. [rule induction § 5.3]

Non-negative integers $\mathbb{N}_0$ from rules

- $0 \in \mathbb{N}_0$
- If $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$, then $n+1 \in \mathbb{N}_0$

$$\frac{}{0} \quad \dots \quad \frac{n}{n+1}$$

$\mathbb{N}_0$ is the least set closed under the rules.

Alternative rules for $\mathbb{N}_0$

If $0, 1, \dots, n-1$ are in $\mathbb{N}_0$,
then $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$.

$$\frac{0, 1, \dots, n-1}{n}$$

Strings Σ^*

Σ is a set of symbols, the alphabet

empty string $\varepsilon \in \Sigma^*$

concatenation
If $x \in \Sigma^*$ and $a \in \Sigma$,
then $ax \in \Sigma^*$

$$\frac{}{\varepsilon}$$

$$\frac{x}{ax} \quad a \in \Sigma$$

An instance of a rule :

$$\frac{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i, \dots}{y}$$

↖ Premise

↖ Conclusion

a pair (X/y) where

$$X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i, \dots\}.$$

When X is finite, the rule is finitary.

NB. Can have $X = \emptyset$.

Rule induction:

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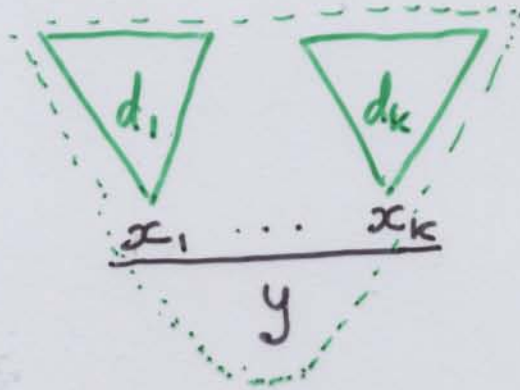
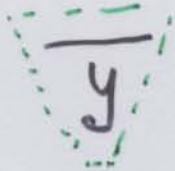
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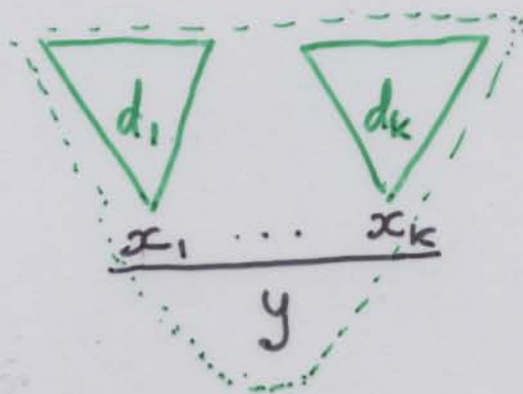
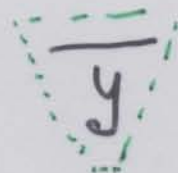
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- rules for building derivations!

→ Induction on derivations:

$P(d)$ for all R -derivations d

if for all rule instances $\{x_1, \dots, x_k\}/y$ in R
and R -derivations d_1 of $x_1, \dots, d_k$ of x_k

$$P(d_1) \& \dots \& P(d_k) \Rightarrow P(\{d_1, \dots, d_k\}/y).$$

Important when property $P(d)$ depends on whole derivation d .

Theorem 5.15 $I_R = \{y \mid \exists R\text{-derivation } d \text{ of } y\}.$

Alphabet $a, b, c, d, \dots \in \Sigma$.

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Set of rules (rule instances):

$$\begin{aligned} R = & \{ (\emptyset / ab) \} \cup \\ & \{ (\{ax\} / axx) \mid x \in \Sigma^* \} \cup \\ & \{ (\{abbbx\} / ax) \mid x \in \Sigma^* \}. \end{aligned}$$

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