

Reasoning Inside The Box

Deduction in Herbrand Logics

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Herbrand Structures

- Herbrand structures: first order structures, domain=set of closed terms
- Used in: completeness, logic programming, Tweety, ...

Example

Language: $\langle 0, 1, f \rangle$

Domain: $\{0, 1, f(0, 1), f(1, f(0, 0)), \dots\}$

Herbrand logic: the logic that is induced by Herbrand structures

😊 Natural sub-class of structures

😊 Simpler than classical FOL

😊 \mathbb{N} is axiomatizable

😊 TC is axiomatizable

😞 Not compact

😞 Inherently incomplete

😞 non-monotone

😞 No proof theory so far

The Herbrand Manifesto Thinking Inside the Box

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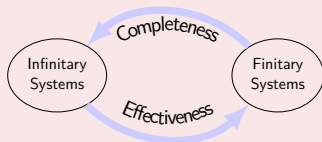
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Main Contributions:

- **Infinitary** proof systems
- **Finitary** proof systems



Herbrand and semi-Herbrand Structures

First Order Structures

$M = \langle D, I \rangle$: D is the **domain** and I the **interpretation**

A first order structure is...

- **semi-Herbrand** if for every $d \in D$ there is $t \in cterms(\mathcal{L})$ s.t. $I(t) = d$
- **Herbrand** if the t is unique.
 - Alternatively: $D = cterms(\mathcal{L})$ and $I(t) = t$
- **normal** if $I(=)$ is $\{\langle a, a \rangle \mid a \in D\}$



Consequence Relations

Let $\mathcal{C} \in \{cl, sHer, Her, cl=, sHer=, Her=\}$

$\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\mathcal{C}} A$: every structure in \mathcal{C} that satisfies \mathcal{T} satisfies A

Proposition

$$\vdash_{cl} \not\subset \vdash_{sHer=} \vdash_{Her}$$

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Example

$$A \left\{ \frac{t_1}{x} \right\}, A \left\{ \frac{t_2}{x} \right\}, \dots \not\vdash_{sHer}^{\forall cl} \forall x A$$

Example

$$\vdash_{Her=} c \neq d$$

Herbrand Logics are **super-classical**



Axiomatization of Equality

Equality Formulas

- *Equiv*: $x = x$ $x = y \supset y = x$ $(x = y \wedge y = z) \supset x = z$
- *Con*(\mathcal{L}): $(x_1 = y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_n = y_n) \supset (f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f(y_1, \dots, y_n))$
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semi-Herbrand Logic

$\mathcal{T} \vdash_{sHer=} A$ iff $\mathcal{T}, \text{Equiv}, \text{Con}(\mathcal{L}) \vdash_{sHer} A$

Herbrand Logic

$\mathcal{T} \vdash_{cla=} A$ ~~iff~~ $\mathcal{T}, \text{Equiv}, \text{Con}(\mathcal{L}) \vdash_{cla} A$

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- *inEq*(\mathcal{L}): $f(x_1, \dots, y_n) \neq g(y_1, \dots, y_n)$
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Herbrand Logic

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Herbrand Logic

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Semantics

Semi-Herbrand Structures

Herbrand Structures

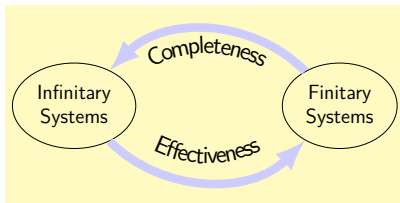
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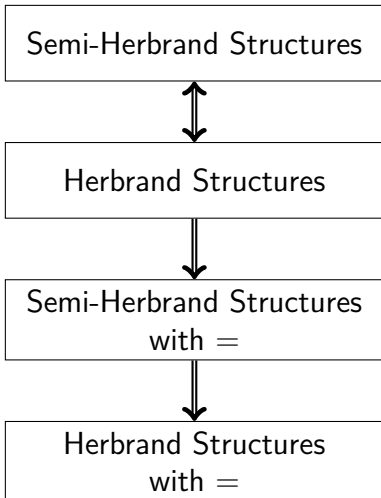
Proof Systems

Infinitary

Finitary



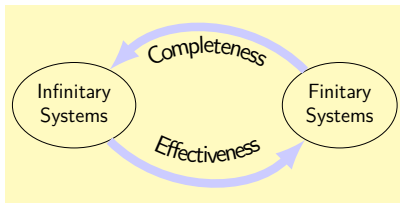
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Semantics

Thinking inside
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No nameless
elements



Proof Theory

Reasoning inside
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No free
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What Are Sequents?

- *Sequents* have the form $\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta$, where Γ, Δ are **finite sets** of formulas.
- Intuition:

$$A_1, \dots, A_n \Rightarrow B_1, \dots, B_m \iff A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \rightarrow B_1 \vee \dots \vee B_m$$

- Special instance 1: Δ has one element: $\Gamma \Rightarrow A$
- Special instance 2: Γ is empty: $\Rightarrow A$

Example

- $A, B \Rightarrow A \wedge B$
- $A \Rightarrow A \vee B$
- $\Rightarrow A \vee \neg A$
- $A, \neg A \Rightarrow$
- $\Rightarrow A, \neg A$
- $A \Rightarrow A, B, C$

Γ and Δ are finite sets of formulas

Proof trees are finite

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 (id) & \frac{}{\Gamma, A \Rightarrow A, \Delta} \\
 (W \Rightarrow) & \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma, A \Rightarrow \Delta} \\
 (cut) & \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow A, \Delta \quad \Gamma, A \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \\
 (\Rightarrow W) & \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow A, \Delta}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 (\neg \Rightarrow) & \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow A, \Delta}{\Gamma, \neg A \Rightarrow \Delta} \\
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 (\vee \Rightarrow) & \frac{\Gamma, A \Rightarrow \Delta \quad \Gamma, B \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma, A \vee B \Rightarrow \Delta} \\
 (\supset \Rightarrow) & \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow A, \Delta \quad \Gamma, B \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma, A \supset B \Rightarrow \Delta} \\
 (\Rightarrow \neg) & \frac{\Gamma, A \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \neg A, \Delta} \\
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 (\Rightarrow \supset) & \frac{\Gamma, A \Rightarrow B, \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow A \supset B, \Delta}
 \end{array}$$

Sequent Calculus for Herbrand Logic G_{Her}

Γ and Δ are ~~finite~~ sets of closed formulas

Proof trees are of finite height

$$(\forall \Rightarrow) \frac{\Gamma, A\left\{\frac{t}{x}\right\} \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma, \forall x A \Rightarrow \Delta} \quad t \text{ is closed}$$

~~$$(\Rightarrow \forall) \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow A\left\{\frac{y}{x}\right\}, \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \forall x A, \Delta} \quad y \text{ fresh}$$~~

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$(\Rightarrow \forall)_H$

$$\frac{\Rightarrow A\left\{\frac{t_1}{x}\right\} \quad \Rightarrow A\left\{\frac{t_2}{x}\right\} \quad \Rightarrow A\left\{\frac{t_3}{x}\right\} \quad \dots}{\Rightarrow \forall x A}$$

ω -rule

[Schütte 1950]

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Proposition

Every closed sequent that is derivable in \mathbf{LK} is derivable in \mathbf{G}_{Her}

Rules for Equality: Systems $\mathbf{G}_{sHer=}$ and $\mathbf{G}_{Her=}$

$$(paramodulation) \quad \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow A, \Delta}{\Gamma, s = t \Rightarrow, A', \Delta} s, t \in cterms(\mathcal{L})$$

(A' is obtained from A by replacing s by t)

$$(\Rightarrow=) \quad \frac{}{\Gamma \Rightarrow t = t, \Delta} t \in cterms(\mathcal{L})$$

$$(==\Rightarrow) \quad \frac{}{\Gamma, s = t \Rightarrow \Delta} s \neq t \in cterms(\mathcal{L})$$

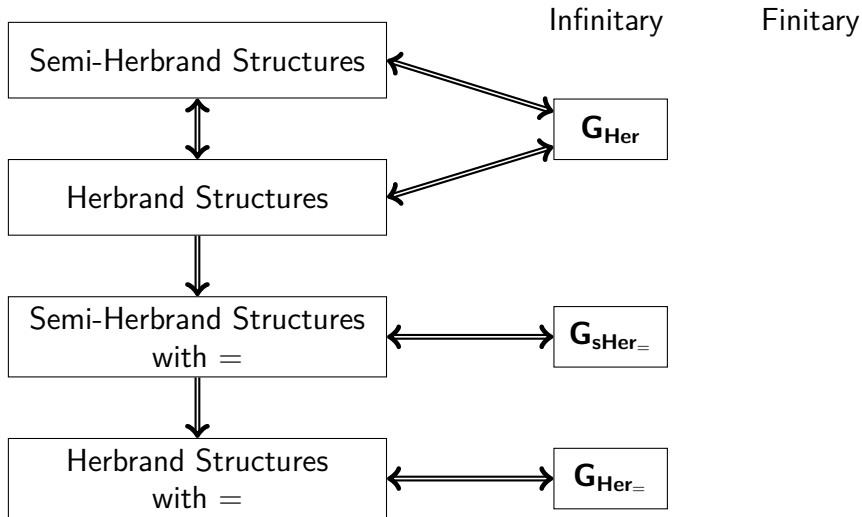
- $\mathbf{G}_{sHer=} = \mathbf{G}_{Her} + (\Rightarrow=) + (paramodulation)$
- $\mathbf{G}_{Her=} = \mathbf{G}_{Her} + (\Rightarrow=) + (==\Rightarrow)$

Theorem (soundness and completeness)

- \mathbf{G}_{Her} is sound and complete w.r.t. \vdash_{Her} (and \vdash_{sHer})
- $\mathbf{G}_{sHer=}$ is sound and complete w.r.t. $\vdash_{sHer=}$
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Sequent Calculus for Herbrand Logic G_{Her}^{IND}

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Proof trees are finite ($func(\mathcal{L})$ is finite)

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Example : $\frac{\Rightarrow A\left\{\frac{0}{x}\right\} \quad A \Rightarrow A\left\{\frac{s(x)}{x}\right\}}{\Rightarrow \forall x A}$

$$(\Rightarrow \exists) \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow A\left\{\frac{t}{x}\right\}, \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \exists x A, \Delta}$$

Adding Equality

$$(paramodulation) \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow A, \Delta}{\Gamma, s = t \Rightarrow, A', \Delta}$$

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$$(\Rightarrow\Rightarrow)_2 \frac{\Gamma, x_i = y_i \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma, f(\dots, x_i, \dots) = f(\dots, y_i, \dots) \Rightarrow \Delta}$$

Example

$$(\Rightarrow\Rightarrow)_1 \frac{}{0 = s(x) \Rightarrow} \quad (\Rightarrow\Rightarrow)_2 \frac{x = y \Rightarrow}{s(x) = s(y) \Rightarrow}$$

- $\mathbf{G}_{sHer=}^{IND} = \mathbf{G}_{Her}^{IND} + (\Rightarrow=)_{IND} + (paramodulation)$
- $\mathbf{G}_{Her=}^{IND} = \mathbf{G}_{sHer=}^{IND} + (\Rightarrow\Rightarrow)_1 + (\Rightarrow\Rightarrow)_2$

Theorem (soundness)

- \mathbf{G}_{Her}^{IND} is sound w.r.t. \vdash_{Her} (and \vdash_{sHer})
- $\mathbf{G}_{sHer=}^{IND}$ is sound w.r.t. $\vdash_{sHer=}$
- $\mathbf{G}_{Her=}^{IND}$ is sound w.r.t. $\vdash_{Her=}$

Corollary

- The induction principle is valid in (semi-)Herbrand structures.
 - $PA \equiv Q \equiv \Pi_2$ in Herbrand logics

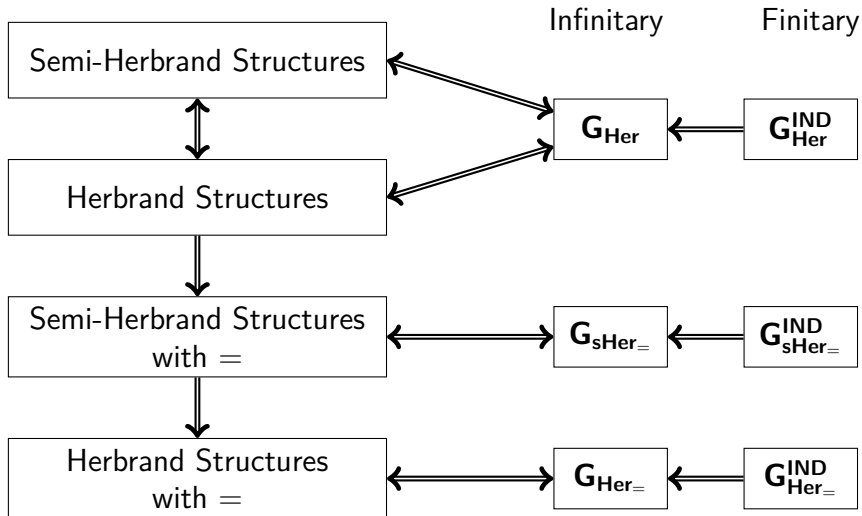
More Properties

- All 3 systems are strictly stronger than **LK**
- (\implies) is provable from $(\implies)_1, (\implies)_2$

Herbrand Logics

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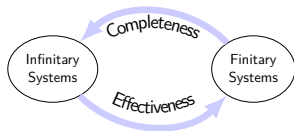
Proof Systems



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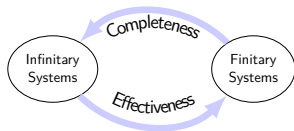
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