MPRI Foundations of proof systems 1 Gilles Dowek

**Exercise 1** Consider a language with three sorts of terms: point, line and scalar, two predicate symbols = with arity  $\langle \text{scalar}, \text{scalar} \rangle$  and  $\in$  with arity  $\langle \text{point}, \text{line} \rangle$  and two function symbols d, distance, with arity  $\langle \text{point}, \text{point}, \text{scalar} \rangle$  and b, bisector, with arity  $\langle \text{point}, \text{point}, \text{point}, \text{line} \rangle$ . Let  $\Gamma$  be the set containing the propositions

$$\forall x \forall y \forall z \ (x \in b(y, z) \Leftrightarrow d(x, y) = d(x, z))$$
$$\forall x \forall y \forall z \ ((x = y \land y = z) \Rightarrow x = z)$$

and A a proposition stating that if two bisectors of the triangle xyz intersect at a point w, then the three bisectors intersect at this point:

$$\forall w \forall x \forall y \forall z \; ((w \in b(x, y) \land w \in b(y, z)) \Rightarrow w \in b(x, z))$$

*Write a proof of the sequent*  $\Gamma \vdash A$ *.* 

- **Exercise 2** 1. Prove that if the sequents  $\Gamma \vdash B$  is provable in Natural Deduction, then so is the sequent  $\Gamma, A \vdash B$ .
  - Prove that if the sequents Γ, A ⊢ B and Γ ⊢ A are provable in Natural Deduction, then so is the sequent Γ ⊢ B.
  - *3. Prove that if the sequent*  $\Gamma$ ,  $A, B \vdash C$  *is provable, then the sequent*  $\Gamma, A \land B \vdash C$  *is provable.*

Exercise 3 Eliminate the cuts in the proof

	$\overline{P(c)} \vdash P(c)$ axiom
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**Exercise 4** Find a proof  $\pi$  that contains a single cut but such that eliminating this cut in  $\pi$  creates other cuts.

- **Exercise 5** 1. Prove that a proof that is constructive, cut-free and without any axioms, ends with an introduction rule.
  - 2. Show that each hypothesis is necessary.

**Exercise 6** Consider a set E and the set  $R = \{x \in E \mid \neg x \in x\}$ . Consider the rule

$$x \in R \longrightarrow x \in E \land \neg x \in x$$

*1. Prove the sequent*  $R \in R \vdash \bot$ *,* 

- 2. prove the sequent  $\vdash \neg R \in R$ ,
- *3. prove the sequent*  $R \in E \vdash R \in R$ *,*
- 4. prove the sequent  $R \in E \vdash \bot$ ,
- 5. prove the sequent  $\vdash \neg R \in E$ .
- 6. Eliminate the cuts in this proof.

**Exercise 7** 1. Find a model where the proposition P(a) is not valid.

- 2. Is the proposition P(a) provable?
- *3. Find a model where the proposition*  $\neg P(a)$  *is not valid.*
- 4. Is the proposition  $\neg P(a)$  provable?
- 5. Find a model valued in a Boolean algebra, where the proposition neither P(a) nor  $\neg P(a)$  are valid.

**Exercise 8** Find a model valued in a Heyting algebra, where the proposition  $P(a) \lor \neg P(a)$  is not valid.