

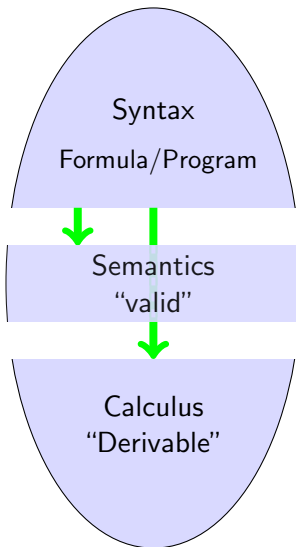
# Formal Specification and Verification

## Proving Theorems in First-Order Logic with KeY

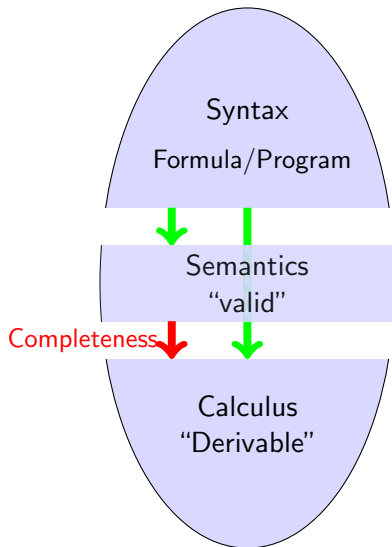
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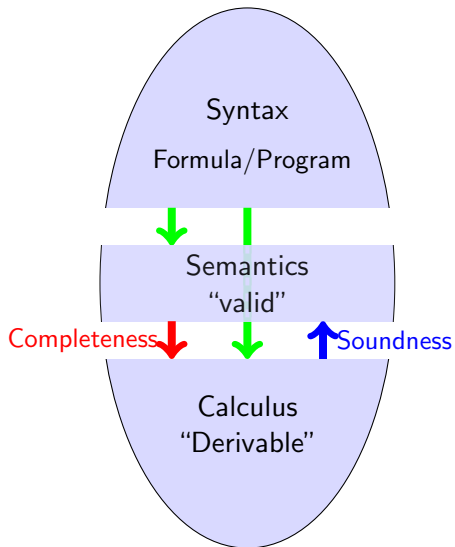
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Characterize infinitely many sequents with a single schematic sequent

$$\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \phi \ \& \ \psi$$

Matches any sequent with occurrence of conjunction in succedent

Call  $\phi \ \& \ \psi$  **main formula** and  $\Gamma, \Delta$  **side formulas** of sequent

Any sequent of the form  $\Gamma, \phi \Rightarrow \Delta, \phi$  is logically valid: **axiom**

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# Sequent Calculus in KeY

Reduce a given sequent by applying rules and producing simpler subgoals until all leaves of proof tree are “axioms”

## Example (KeY input syntax for propositional validity problem)

```
\predicates {  
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  q;  
}  
\problem {  
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```

Demo

Examples/lect09/prop.key



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Untyped logic: let static type of  $x$  and  $y$  be  $\top$

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- ▶ Always replace left- with right-hand side (use **eqSymm** if necessary)
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### Closing a subgoal in a proof

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# Features of the KeY Theorem Prover

## Demo

Examples/lect09/rel.key

### Feature List

- ▶ Can work on multiple proofs simultaneously (task list)
- ▶ Proof trees visualized as JAVA Swing tree
- ▶ Point-and-click navigation within proof
- ▶ Undo proof steps, prune proof trees
- ▶ Pop-up menu with proof rules applicable in pointer focus
- ▶ Preview of rule effect as tool tip
- ▶ Quantifier instantiation and equality rules by drag-and-drop
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## Sequent Calculus for FOL at One Glance

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- ▶ Equations can be reversed by commutativity

# First-Order Validity Problems in KeY Syntax

```
\sorts { // types are called ‘‘sorts’’
  Person; // one declaration per line
}
\functions {
  int age(Person); // ‘‘int’’ predefined type
}
\predicates {
  parent(Person,Person);
}
\problem { // Formula to be proven valid
  \forall Person son; \forall Person father;
    (parent(father,son) -> age(father) > age(son))
}
```

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When doing JAVA verification, we want many function and predicate symbols to have the semantics prescribed by the JLS in all models

Reserved symbols with fixed meaning so far:  $\doteq, \in T, (T)$

## Types & symbols with fixed meaning in context of modeling Java

- ▶  $\mathcal{D}^{\text{int}} = \{d \in \mathcal{D} \mid \delta(d) = \text{int}\} = \mathbb{Z}$
- ▶ Key can switch to  $\{\text{Integer.MIN\_VALUE}, \dots, \text{Integer.MAX\_VALUE}\}$
- ▶ Default interpretation (and always used in first-order) is  $\mathbb{Z}$
- ▶ Similar for `short`, `byte`
- ▶ Value types incomparable to reference types
- ▶  $\mathcal{D}^{\text{boolean}} = \{d \in \mathcal{D} \mid \delta(d) = \text{boolean}\} = \{F, T\}$
- ▶ Usual operators in expressions as pre-defined signature symbols:  
Fixed meaning:  $\mathcal{I}(+) = +_{\mathbb{Z}}, \mathcal{I}(*) = *_{\mathbb{Z}}, \dots$   
 $+, -, *, /, \%, \text{mod}, \dots, -1, 0, 1, \dots, <, <=, >, >=, \text{TRUE}, \text{FALSE}$



## Rules for Type Casts and Type Predicates

- ▶ **Type predicate** formulas  $t \in T$   
true iff dynamic type  $\delta(val_{\mathcal{M}}(t))$  is subtype of  $T$
- ▶ **Type cast** terms  $(T)t$   
yields  $val_{\mathcal{M}}(t)$  (identity) if cast succeeds, arb. element otherwise

### Typical typing rule

The run-time type of a term is always compatible to its declared type

$$\text{typeStatic} \frac{\Gamma, t \in T \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \quad T \text{ declared type of } t$$

Ensures **type-safety** of typed first-order logic

- ▶ KeY first-order strategy applies suitable typing rules automatically
- ▶ All rules in KeY-Book Chapter 2, p59 (won't be asked in exam)

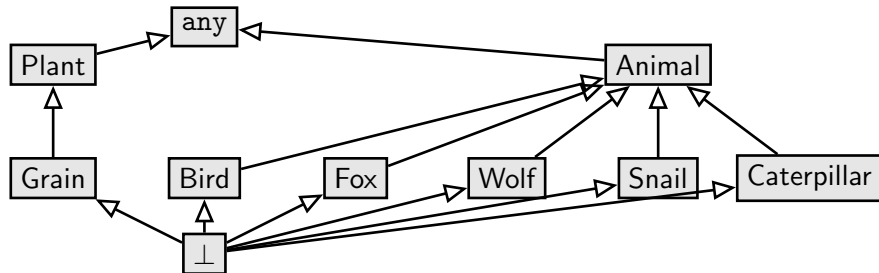
# An Example with Types

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## An Example with Types Cont'd



```
\sorts { Animal;
  Wolf \extends Animal;
  Bird \extends Animal;
  Fox \extends Animal;
  Caterpillar \extends Animal;
  Snail \extends Animal;
  Plant;
  Grain \extends Plant; }
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\predicates {  
  eats(Animal, any);  
  smaller(any, any);  
}
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(\forall Animal a;  
  ((\forall Plant p; eats(a,p)) |  
   (\forall Animal as;  
    ((smaller(as,a) &  
     \exists Plant p; eats(as,p)) -> eats(a,as))))))
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## Look out for common problems

- ▶ Long branches with same rule applied to quantified formulas
- ▶ Too low bound on proof search
- ▶ If search doesn't terminate:
  - ▶ Check **Java DL Proof Search Strategy**
  - ▶ Instantiate quantifiers “by-hand”  
(might need to declare suitable constant in problem)

# Failed Proofs

Sometimes (often) an interactive or automatic fail

## Reasons for failed proofs

- ▶ The automatic proof strategy of KeY is too weak (did you check FOL?)
- ▶ When trying manually:
  - ▶ Did you use the right instantiations?
  - ▶ Perhaps you need to apply an equality?
- ▶ Your goal is not a valid formula!

An unsuccessful proof can give important clues why!

# Learning from Failed Proofs

## Theorem

Let the formula  $G$  be the goal of a sequent proof.

Assume there is an open leaf  $L = \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta$  in a sequent proof such that:

1.  $L$  is not closed
2. There is a first-order model  $\mathcal{M}$  that:
  - ▶  $\mathcal{M} \models \gamma$  for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$
  - ▶  $\mathcal{M} \models !\delta$  for all  $\delta \in \Delta$

Then  $\mathcal{M} \models !G$ , i.e.,  $\mathcal{M}$  is a **counter example** for  $G$ .

NOTE: This only holds as long as no hiding or weakening rules are used that destroy proof confluence (e.g., the invariant rule for loops).

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## How to proceed

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## Demo

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# Literature for this Lecture

## Essential

**KeY Book** Verification of Object-Oriented Software (see course web page), Chapter 10: **Using KeY** (up to and incl. 10.2.2)

**KeY Book** Verification of Object-Oriented Software (see course web page), Chapter 2: **First-Order Logic**

## Recommended/Background

**Huth & Ryan** Logic in Computer Science, 2nd edn., Cambridge University Press, 2004

**Fitting** First-Order Logic and Automated Theorem Proving, 2nd edn., Springer 1996