

Reasoning with Graded Notions

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Since 19th century a part of logic has evolved into **mathematical** logic

$$\text{PA} \not\models \neg \exists w \text{Proof}(w, '0 = 1')$$

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Nowadays logic is applied mainly in **computer science**

$$\vdash [\alpha](x = 4) \rightarrow [\alpha; (x := 2x)](x = 8)$$

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However its role in the study of **human reasoning** has been diminished

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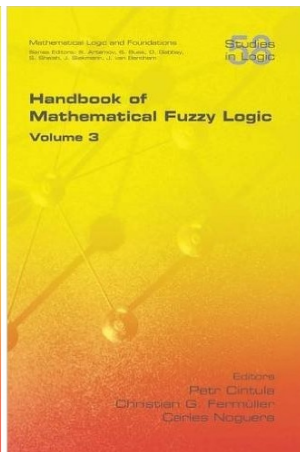
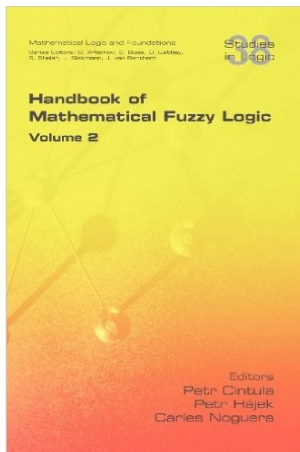
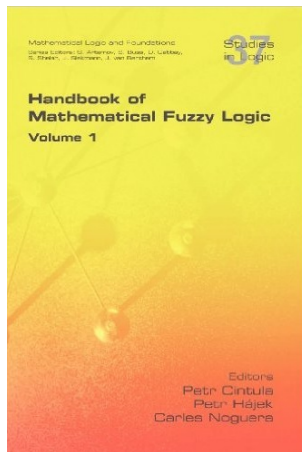
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Mathematical logic of graded notions is **well developed**

As witnessed by 1300 pages of ...



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(DC 1)

A language is a quadruple $\mathcal{L} = \langle \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{P}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{ar} \rangle$
connectives, predicate and function symbols with their arities

And we build sets of \mathcal{L} -terms Term and \mathcal{L} -formulas Form as usual,
i.e., as the least sets such that:

- object variables ObjVar are terms
- if $t_1, \dots, t_n \in \text{Term}$, $F \in \mathbf{F}$, $\mathbf{ar}(F) = n$, then $F(t_1, \dots, t_n) \in \text{Term}$
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- if $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n \in \text{Form}$, $c \in \mathbf{C}$, $\mathbf{ar}(c) = n$, then $c(\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n) \in \text{Form}$
- if $\varphi \in \text{Form}$ and $x \in \text{ObjVar}$, then $(\forall x)\varphi \in \text{Form}$ and $(\exists x)\varphi \in \text{Form}$

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We also consider a special language: the **propositional** one

$$\mathcal{L} = \langle \mathbf{C}, \{p_i \mid i \in \mathbf{N}\}, \emptyset, \mathbf{ar} \rangle, \text{ where } \mathbf{ar}(p_i) = 0$$

Note that \mathcal{L} can be seen as an algebraic **type**
i.e., a classical predicate language $\langle \emptyset, \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{ar} \rangle$

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Finally, let us assume that G is **partially ordered**

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some grades are ‘better’ than others

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3	0.7	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.4
4	0.9	1.0	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.6
5	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.7	1.0	0.7
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$$\text{Narciss}(R) \equiv_{\text{df}} (\forall x) Rxx$$

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$$\text{Sym}(R) \equiv_{\text{df}} (\forall x, y) (Rxy \rightarrow Ryx)$$

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Examples

\mathbb{K}	logic
$\{2\}$	classical FOL
(complete) Boolean algebras	classical FOL
(complete) Heyting algebras	intuitionistic FOL
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(complete) Heyting chains	int. FOL + $(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \vee (\psi \rightarrow \varphi)$ + CD
Gödel algebras	int. FOL + $(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \vee (\psi \rightarrow \varphi)$
(complete) FL_{ew} -algebras	affine FOL (w/o expon.)
MV-algebras	Łukasiewicz FOL

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But $\models_{\mathbb{K}}$ **need not be finitary**, i.e., we do not have

$$T \vdash \varphi \text{ implies } T' \vdash \varphi \text{ for some finite } T' \subseteq T$$

This is the case e.g. for $\mathbb{K} = \{[0, 1]_{\mathbb{L}}\}$.

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and for each n -ary $c \in \mathbf{C}$, formulas $\varphi, \psi, \chi_1, \dots, \chi_n$, and each $i < n$:

$$\varphi \rightarrow \psi, \psi \rightarrow \varphi \models_{\mathbb{K}} c(\chi_1, \dots, \chi_i, \varphi, \dots, \chi_n) \leftrightarrow c(\chi_1, \dots, \chi_i, \psi, \dots, \chi_n)$$

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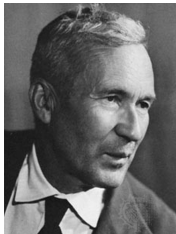
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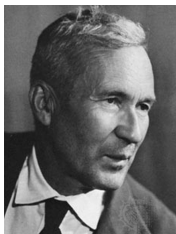
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Example: set $W = \{1, \dots, 6\}$ and consider variables $v_1, \dots, v_6, v_{\text{odd}}, v_{\geq 5}$

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$$\|\varphi\|_{\mathbf{M},w} = e_w(\varphi)$$

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$$\|\neg_L \gamma\|_{\mathbf{M}} = 1 - \|\gamma\|_{\mathbf{M}}$$

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Axiomatization

Theorem

Let δ be a fuzzy formula. Then $\|\delta\|_{\mathbf{M}} = 1$ for each probabilistic Kripke model \mathbf{M} **if and only if** δ is provable in the axiomatic system:

- the axioms of classical logic for classical formulas
- the axioms of Łukasiewicz logic for fuzzy formulas
- modus ponens for both classical and Łukasiewicz implication
- additional rules:

from $\varphi \rightarrow \psi$ infer $\Box\varphi \rightarrow \Box\psi$

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- additional axioms:

$$\Box(\neg\varphi) \leftrightarrow_{\mathbf{L}} \neg_{\mathbf{L}}\Box\varphi$$

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