



Axiom of Choice, Maximal Independent Sets, Argumentation and Dialogue Games

Christof Spanring

Department of Computer Science, University of Liverpool, UK

Institute of Information Systems, Vienna University of Technology, Austria

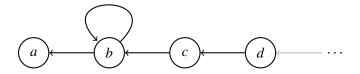
London, September 25, 2014





Example (Games played on Argument Graphs)

- Can you defend an argument *a* beyond doubt, i.e. defeat any attackers without running into conflict with your own argument base?
- Who has a winning strategy, you as the proponent or your oponent?



Question

How many prime numbers are there?

Question

How many rational numbers $\frac{p}{q}$ are there?

Question

How many decimal numbers are there?

Question

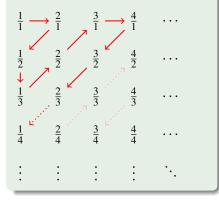
Is there a set of all sets?

Christof Spanring, ICCSW 2014

Choice and Argumentation

Example ($|\mathbb{Q}| = |\mathbb{N}|$)

There are only as many rational as natural numbers.



Example ($|\mathbb{N}| < |\mathbb{R}|$)

There are more real than natural numbers.

$$i_1 = 0.$$
 $i_{1,1}$ $i_{1,2}$ $i_{1,3}$ $i_{1,4}$...

$$i_2 = 0. \ i_{2,1} \ i_{2,2} \ i_{2,3} \ i_{2,4} \ \cdots$$

$$i_3 = 0. \ i_{3,1} \ i_{3,2} \ \overline{i_{3,3}} \ i_{3,4} \ \cdots$$

$$i_4 = 0. \ i_{4,1} \ i_{4,2} \ i_{4,3} \ \overline{i_{4,4}} \cdots$$

Definition

Zermelo-Fraenkel Set Theory (ZFC-Axioms)

 $\forall x \forall y (\forall z (z \in x \Leftrightarrow z \in y) \Rightarrow x = y)$ Extensionality $\forall x (\exists a (a \in x) \Rightarrow \exists y (y \in x \land \neg \exists z (z \in y \land z \in x)))$ 2 Foundation Specification $\forall z \forall v_1 \forall v_2 \cdots \forall v_n \exists y \forall x (x \in y \Leftrightarrow (x \in z \land \varphi))$ Pairing $\forall x \forall y \exists z \ (x \in z \land y \in z)$ O Union $\forall x \exists z \forall v \forall v ((v \in v \land v \in x) \Rightarrow v \in z)$ Replacement 6 $\forall x \forall v_1 \forall v_2 \cdots \forall v_n (\forall y (y \in x \Rightarrow \exists ! z \varphi) \Rightarrow \exists w \forall y (y \in x \Rightarrow \exists ! z (y \in w \land \varphi))$ $\exists x \ (\emptyset \in x \land \forall y \ (v \in x \Rightarrow (v \cup \{v\}) \in x)))$ Infinity $\forall x \exists y \forall z \, (z \subseteq x \Rightarrow z \in y)$ Power Set $\forall x \, (\emptyset \notin x \Rightarrow \exists f : x \to \bigcup x, \forall a \in x \, (f(a) \in a))$ Choice

Example (The Axiom of Choice)

Every set of non-empty sets has a choice function, selecting exactly one element from each set.

Example (Basis Theorem for Vector Spaces)

Every vector space has a basis.

Example (Well-ordering Theorem)

Every set can be well-ordered.

Example (Zorn's Lemma)

If any chain of a non-empty partially ordered set has an upper bound then there is at least one maximal element.

Example (A number game)

- Some well-known set of sequences of natural numbers $\mathbb{S} \subseteq \mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$, defines the winning set.
- Move *i* selects a number for position *i*, two players alternate, proponent starts with move 0.
- Proponent wins if the played sequence is an element of S, otherwise opponent wins.

Definition (Axiom of Determinacy)

Every number game of the above form is predetermined, i.e. one of the players has a winning strategy.

Example (Some number game)

- Two players alternate stating moves.
- Moves are decimal digits $0, 1, \cdots 10$.
- Proponent wins if $0.i_0i_1i_2i_3\cdots \in \mathbb{Q}$.

Example (A slightly simpler number game)

- Two players alternate making moves *i*₀, *i*₁, *i*₂, *i*₃, ...
- Moves are binary digits 0 or 1.
- The winning set (for proponent) consists of sequences where for some n > 0 we have $i_j = i_{j+n}$ for all j < n, i.e. the initial sequence is repeated at least once.
- For instance in 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, ...
 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, ... proponent wins.who wins?

Question

How do the axioms of choice (AC) and determinacy (AD) relate to each other?

Theorem (AD implies countable AC)

 $(AD) \Rightarrow (AC)_{fin}$

Theorem (AD implies Consistency of ZF Set Theory)

 $(AD) \Rightarrow Con(ZF)$

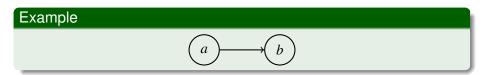
Theorem (AC implies not AD)

$$(AC) \Rightarrow \neg (AD)$$

Christof Spanring, ICCSW 2014

Definition (Argumentation Frameworks)

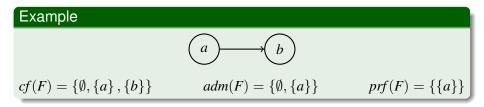
- An argumentation framework (AF) is a pair F = (A, R).
- *A* is an arbitrary set of *arguments*.
- $R \subseteq (A \times A)$ is the attack relation.
- For $(a,b) \in R$ write $a \rightarrow b$, and say *a* attacks *b*.
- For $a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c$ say *a* defends *c* against *b*.



Definition (Argumentation Semantics)

Some AF F = (A, R) and some set $E \subseteq A$.

- *E* is conflict-free (cf) iff $E \not\rightarrow E$.
- *E* is *admissible (adm)* iff $E \in cf(F)$ and for all $a \rightarrow E$ also $E \rightarrow a$.
- *E* is a *preferred extension (pref)* iff it is maximal admissible, i.e.
 E ∈ *adm*(*F*) and for any *E'* ∈ *adm*(*F*) with *E* ⊆ *E'* already *E* = *E'*.



$(\mathsf{AC}) \Rightarrow prf(F) \neq \emptyset$

Definition (Zorn's Lemma)

If any chain of a non-empty partially ordered set has an upper bound then there is at least one maximal element.

Definition (Partial Order)

A *partial order* (P, \leq) is a set *P* with a binary relation \leq that fulfills

- reflexivity: $a \leq a$,
- antisymmetry: $a \leq b \land b \leq a \Rightarrow a = b$,
- transitivity: $a \le b \land b \le c \Rightarrow a \le c$.

Definition (Axiom of Union)

The union over the elements of a set is a set.

$$\forall z \exists y \forall x \forall u (x \in z \land u \in x) \Leftrightarrow u \in y$$

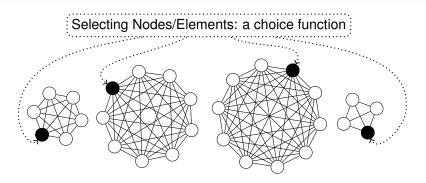
Christof Spanring, ICCSW 2014

Choice and Argumentation

$(\forall Fprf(F) \neq \emptyset) \Rightarrow (AC)$

Definition (ZF-Axioms)

- Comprehension: we can construct formalizable subsets of sets.
- Union: the union over the elements of a set is a set.
- Replacement: definable functions deliver images of sets.
- Power Set: we can construct the power set of any set.



References



Devlin, K. (1994).

The Joy of Sets: Fundamentals of Contemporary Set Theory.

Undergraduate Texts in Mathematics. Springer, Springer-Verlag 175 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10010, U.S.A., 2nd edition.



Dung, P. M. (1995).

On the acceptability of arguments and its fundamental role in nonmonotonic reasoning, logic programming and n-person games.

Artif. Intell., 77(2):321-358.



Gödel, K. and Brown, G. W. (1940).

The consistency of the axiom of choice and of the generalized continuum-hypothesis with the axioms of set theory. Princeton University Press.



Kunen, K. (1983).

Set Theory An Introduction To Independence Proofs (Studies in Logic and the Foundations of Mathematics). North Holland.



Mycielski, J. (1964). On the axiom of determinacy. *Fund. Math*, 53:205–224II.



Walton, D. N. (1984). Logical Dialogue-Games. University Press of America, Lanham, Maryland.