

Ex 1

Considering only one binary connector \diamond .

define

$$\chi_0 = |F_0|$$

$$\chi_n = |F_n \setminus F_{n-1}|$$

Remark. a formula is in $F_n \setminus F_{n-1}$ iff it has a subformula in $F_{n-1} \setminus F_{n-2}$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\chi_n &= (\chi_{n-1} : |F_{n-2}| \cdot 2) + (\chi_{n-1})^2 \\ &= (\chi_{n-1} : |F_{n-1}| \cdot 2) - (\chi_{n-1})^2\end{aligned}$$

$$|F_n| = |F_{n-1}| + \chi_n$$

Proof 1.

$$\{\gamma \mid \gamma \in F_n \setminus F_{n-1}\} = \{\gamma \mid \gamma = (\lambda \diamond \theta), \text{ Exactly } \lambda \text{ or } \theta \text{ is in } F_{n-1} \setminus F_{n-2}\}$$

$$\{\gamma \mid \gamma = (\lambda \diamond \theta), \gamma \in F_n \setminus F_{n-1}, \lambda, \theta \in F_{n-1} \setminus F_{n-2}\}$$

On R.H.S, The second set has a bijection with the cartesian product

$$|F_{n-1} \setminus F_{n-2}| \times |F_{n-1} \setminus F_{n-2}|, \text{ so its count is } (\chi_{n-1})^2$$

On R.H.S, The first set has two distinct elements $(\lambda_0 \diamond \theta_0)$ and $(\theta_0 \diamond \lambda_0)$ sharing the same subformulas. So we multiply by 2, On the Cartesian product $|F_{n-1} \setminus F_{n-2}| \times |F_{n-2}|$.

The intersection of sets on R.H.S is the empty set, so we take the summation

Proof 2.

Lemma. Cardinality of $C = \{\gamma \mid \gamma = (\lambda \diamond \theta), \gamma \in F_n \setminus F_{n-1}, \lambda, \theta \in F_{n-1} \setminus F_{n-2}\}$
is $(\chi_{n-1})^2$

define a function $f: C \rightarrow F_{n-1} \setminus F_{n-2} \times F_{n-1} \setminus F_{n-2}$, where
 \leftarrow Cartesian Product

$$f(\gamma) = (\lambda, \theta) \text{ iff } \gamma = (\lambda \diamond \theta)$$

it's injective, as if $f(\gamma_0) = f(\gamma_1)$, Then $\gamma_0 = (\lambda, \theta) = \gamma_1$

it's surjective, as for each $\lambda, \theta \in F_{n-1} \setminus F_{n-2}$, we can construct

$$\gamma = (\lambda \diamond \theta) \text{ whereby } f(\gamma) = (\lambda, \theta).$$

Hence f is bijective.

But the cardinality of the co-domain is $|F_{n-1} \setminus F_{n-2}| \times |F_{n-1} \setminus F_{n-2}|$,
and so is the cardinality of the domain.