



# COMP9020

Foundations of Computer Science

## Lecture 13: Propositional Logic

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# Propositions

A **proposition** (or sentence) is a declarative statement; something that is either true or false.

## Examples

- Richard Nixon was president of Ecuador.
- A square root of 16 is 4.
- Euclid's program gets stuck in an infinite loop if you input 0.
- Whatever list of numbers you give as input to this program, it outputs the same list but in increasing order.
- $x^n + y^n = z^n$  has no nontrivial integer solutions for  $n > 2$ .
- 3 divides 24.
- $K_5$  is planar.

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# Logical connectives

**Logical connectives** join together propositions to build larger, **compound** propositions.

## Examples

- Chef is a bit of a Romeo **and** Kenny is always getting killed.
- Either Bill is a liar **or** Hillary is innocent of Whitewater.
- **It is not the case that** this program always halts.
- **If** it is raining **then** I have an umbrella.

# Logical connectives

Common logical connectives:

Symbol	Default	Also known as
$\wedge$	and	but, “;”
$\vee$	or	“either .. or ..”
$\neg$	not	not the case
$\rightarrow$	“if .. then ..”	implies whenever is sufficient for
$\leftrightarrow$	“.. if and only if ..”	bi-implies necessary and sufficient exactly when just in case



# Compound propositions

The **truth** of a compound proposition depends on the truth of its components (**atomic propositions**):

## Example

$P$ : Chef is a bit of a Romeo **and** Kenny is always getting killed.

Chef is a bit of a Romeo	Kenny is always getting killed	$P$
True	True	True
False	True	False
True	False	False
False	False	False

# Compound propositions

$A$	$B$	$A \wedge B$	$A \vee B$	$\neg A$	$A \rightarrow B$	$A \leftrightarrow B$
True	True	True	True	False	True	True
False	True	False	True	True	True	False
True	False	False	True	False	False	False
False	False	False	False	True	True	True

# Vacuous truth

How to interpret  $A \rightarrow B$  when  $A$  is false?

$A \rightarrow B$       If  $A$  (premise) then  $B$  (conclusion)

Material implication is false *only when* the premise holds and the conclusion does not.

If the premise is false, the implication is true no matter how absurd the conclusion is.

Both the following statements are true:

- If February has 30 days then March has 31 days.
- If February has 30 days then March has 42 days.

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LLM: 3.2

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- $q$  = “you do every exercise in the book”
- $r$  = “you get an HD in the course”

Translate into logical notation:

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# Tautologies, Contradictions and Contingencies

## Definition

A proposition is:

- a **tautology** if it is always true,
- a **contradiction** if it is always false,
- a **contingency** if it is neither a tautology or a contradiction,
- **satisfiable** if it is not a contradiction.

## Example

- Contingency: It is raining
- Tautology: It is raining or it is not raining
- Contradiction: It is raining and it is not raining

# Applications I: Constraint Satisfaction Problems

These are problems such as timetabling, activity planning, etc. Many can be understood as showing that a formula is satisfiable.

## Example

You are planning a party, but your friends are a bit touchy about who will be there.

- 1 If John comes, he will get very hostile if Sarah is there.
- 2 Sarah will only come if Kim will be there also.
- 3 Kim says she will not come unless John does.

Who can you invite without making someone unhappy?

Translation to logic: let  $J, S, K$  represent “John (Sarah, Kim) comes to the party”. Then the constraints are:

- ①  $J \rightarrow \neg S$
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Thus, for a successful party to be possible, we want the formula  $\phi = (J \rightarrow \neg S) \wedge (S \rightarrow K) \wedge (K \rightarrow J)$  to be satisfiable.

Truth values for  $J, S, K$  making this true are called *satisfying assignments*, or *models*.



We can use logical reasoning to work out what options are available:

- If Kim comes, then John must, and Sarah must not.
- If Kim doesn't come, then Sarah cannot come. John may or may not come.

Conclusion: a party satisfying the constraints can be held. Invite nobody, or invite John only, or invite Kim and John.

# Logical equivalence

## Definition

Two propositions are **logically equivalent** if they are true for the same truth values of their atomic propositions.

## Example

$A$  : “It is raining”

is logically equivalent to ‘

$\neg(\neg A)$  : “It is not the case that it is not raining”

$A$	$\neg A$	$\neg(\neg A)$
True	False	True
False	True	False

## Applications II: Program Logic

### Example

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if  $x > 0$  or  $(x \leq 0 \text{ and } y > 100)$ :
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Let  $p \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (x > 0)$  and  $q \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (y > 100)$

$p \vee (\neg p \wedge q)$

$p$	$q$	$\neg p$	$\neg p \wedge q$	$p \vee (\neg p \wedge q)$
F	F	T	F	F
F	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	T
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This is equivalent to  $p \vee q$ . Hence the code can be simplified to

```
if  $x > 0$  or  $y > 100$ :
```

# Entailment and Validity

An **argument** consists of a set of propositions called **premises** and a declarative sentence called the **conclusion**.

## Example

Premises:	Frank took the Ford or the Toyota. If Frank took the Ford he will be late. Frank is not late.
Conclusion:	Frank took the Toyota

# Entailment and Validity

An argument is **valid** if the conclusions are true *whenever* all the premises are true. Thus: if we believe the premises, we should also believe the conclusion.

(Note: we don't care what happens when one of the premises is false.)

Other ways of saying the same thing:

- The conclusion *logically follows* from the premises.
- The conclusion is a *logical consequence* of the premises.
- The premises **entail** the conclusion.

# Entailment and Validity

The argument above is valid. The following is invalid:

## Example

Premises:     Frank took the Ford or the Toyota.  
                  If Frank took the Ford he will be late.  
                  Frank is late.

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Conclusion:   Frank took the Ford.

# Example

## Example

You are on a spaceship with **crewmates** – who always tell the truth; and **imposters** – who always lie.

Premises:      Red says:      “Blue is an imposter”  
                     Green says:    “Red and Blue are both crewmates”  
                     Blue says:      “Red is a crewmate, or  
   Green is an imposter”  
Everyone is either a crewmate, or an imposter,  
   but not both

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Conclusion:    Green is an imposter.

Proof: ...

## Applications III: Reasoning About Requirements/Specifications

Suppose a set of English language requirements  $R$  for a software/hardware system can be formalised by a set of formulas  $\{\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n\}$ .

Suppose  $C$  is a statement formalised by a formula  $\psi$ . Then

- 1 The requirements cannot be implemented if  $\varphi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \varphi_n$  is not satisfiable.
- 2 If  $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n$  entails  $\psi$  then every correct implementation of the requirements  $R$  will be such that  $C$  is always true in the resulting system.
- 3 If  $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_{n-1}$  entails  $\varphi_n$ , then the condition  $\varphi_n$  of the specification is redundant and need not be stated in the specification.



# Example

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*Requirements R:* A burglar alarm system for a house is to operate as follows. The alarm should not sound unless the system has been armed or there is a fire. If the system has been armed and a door is disturbed, the alarm should ring. Irrespective of whether the system has been armed, the alarm should go off when there is a fire.

*Conclusion C:* If the alarm is ringing and there is no fire, then the system must have been armed.

## Questions

- 1 Will every system correctly implementing requirements R satisfy C?
- 2 Is the final sentence of the requirements redundant?

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Expressing the requirements as formulas of propositional logic, with

- $S$  = the alarm sounds = the alarm rings
- $A$  = the system is armed
- $D$  = a door is disturbed
- $F$  = there is a fire

we get

### Requirements:

- 1  $S \rightarrow (A \vee F)$
- 2  $(A \wedge D) \rightarrow S$
- 3  $F \rightarrow S$

**Conclusion:**  $(S \wedge \neg F) \rightarrow A$

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Our two questions then correspond to

- 1 Does  $S \rightarrow (A \vee F), (A \wedge D) \rightarrow S, F \rightarrow S$  entail  $(S \wedge \neg F) \rightarrow A$  ?
- 2 Does  $S \rightarrow (A \vee F), (A \wedge D) \rightarrow S$  entail  $F \rightarrow S$  ?

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# Syntax vs Semantics

The first step in the formal definition of logic is the separation of **syntax** and **semantics**

- Syntax is how things are written: what *defines* a formula
- Semantics is what things mean: what does it mean for a formula to be “true”?

## Example

“Rabbit” and “Bunny” are syntactically different, but semantically the same.

# Syntax: Well-formed formulas

Let  $\text{PROP} = \{p, q, r, \dots\}$  be a set of propositional letters.  
Consider the alphabet

$$\Sigma = \text{PROP} \cup \{\top, \perp, \neg, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow, (, )\}.$$

The **well-formed formulas** (wffs) over  $\text{PROP}$  is the smallest set of words over  $\Sigma$  such that:

- $\top, \perp$  and all elements of  $\text{PROP}$  are wffs
- If  $\varphi$  is a wff then  $\neg\varphi$  is a wff
- If  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are wffs then  $(\varphi \wedge \psi)$ ,  $(\varphi \vee \psi)$ ,  $(\varphi \rightarrow \psi)$ , and  $(\varphi \leftrightarrow \psi)$  are wffs.

# Examples

The following are well-formed formulas:

- $(p \wedge \neg \top)$
- $\neg(p \wedge \neg \top)$
- $\neg\neg(p \wedge \neg \top)$

The following are **not** well-formed formulas:

- $p \wedge \wedge$
- $p \wedge \neg \top$
- $(p \wedge q \wedge r)$
- $\neg(\neg p)$

## Syntax: Conventions

To aid readability some conventions and binding rules can and will be used [not in proof assistant].

- Parentheses omitted if there is no ambiguity (e.g.  $p \wedge q$ )
- $\neg$  binds more tightly than  $\wedge$  and  $\vee$ , which bind more tightly than  $\rightarrow$  and  $\leftrightarrow$  (e.g.  $p \wedge q \rightarrow r$  instead of  $((p \wedge q) \rightarrow r)$ )
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Other conventions (rarely used/assumed in this lecture):

- $'$  or  $\bar{\phantom{x}}$  for  $\neg$
- $+$  for  $\vee$
- $\cdot$  or juxtaposition for  $\wedge$
- $\wedge$  binds more tightly than  $\vee$
- $\rightarrow$  and  $\leftrightarrow$  associate to the right:  $p \rightarrow q \rightarrow r$  instead of  $(p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r))$

## Syntax: Parse trees

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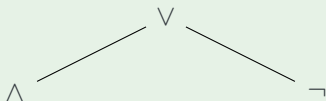


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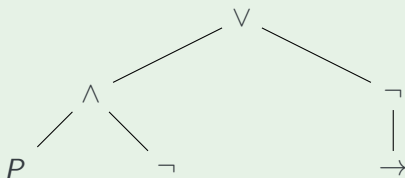


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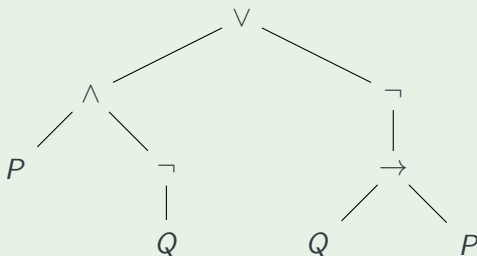


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## Syntax: Parse trees formally

Formally, we can define a parse tree as follows:

A parse tree is either:

- (B) A node containing  $\top$ ;
- (B) A node containing  $\perp$ ;
- (B) A node containing a propositional variable;
- (R) A node containing  $\neg$  with a single parse tree child;
- (R) A node containing  $\wedge$  with two parse tree children;
- (R) A node containing  $\vee$  with two parse tree children;
- (R) A node containing  $\rightarrow$  with two parse tree children; or
- (R) A node containing  $\leftrightarrow$  with two parse tree children.

# Semantics: Boolean Algebras

Recall the two-element Boolean Algebra

$\mathbb{B} = \{\text{true}, \text{false}\} = \{T, F\} = \{1, 0\}$  together with the operations  $!$ ,  $\&\&$ ,  $\|$ .

Define  $\rightsquigarrow$ ,  $\longleftrightarrow$  as derived boolean functions:

- $x \rightsquigarrow y = (!x) \| y = \max\{1 - x, y\}$
- $x \longleftrightarrow y = (x \rightsquigarrow y) \&\& (y \rightsquigarrow x) = (1 + x + y) \% 2$



# Semantics: Truth valuations

A *truth assignment* (also known as a *truth valuation*) is a function  $v : Prop \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$ .

We can extend a truth valuation,  $v$ , to all wffs of propositional logic as follows:

- $v(\top) = \text{true}$ ,
- $v(\perp) = \text{false}$ ,
- $v(\neg\varphi) = !v(\varphi)$ ,
- $v(\varphi \wedge \psi) = v(\varphi) \ \&\& \ v(\psi)$
- $v(\varphi \vee \psi) = v(\varphi) \ || \ v(\psi)$
- $v(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) = v(\varphi) \ \rightsquigarrow \ v(\psi)$
- $v(\varphi \leftrightarrow \psi) = v(\varphi) \ \leftrightarrow \ v(\psi)$

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- $v(\perp) = 0$ ,
- $v(\neg\varphi) = 1 - v(\varphi)$ ,
- $v(\varphi \wedge \psi) = \min\{v(\varphi), v(\psi)\}$
- $v(\varphi \vee \psi) = \max\{v(\varphi), v(\psi)\}$
- $v(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) = \max\{1 - v(\varphi), v(\psi)\}$
- $v(\varphi \leftrightarrow \psi) = (1 + v(\varphi) + v(\psi)) \% 2$

## Exercises

Evaluate the following formulas with the truth assignment

$v(p) = v(q) = \text{false}$

- $p \rightarrow q$
- $(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow q)$
- $\neg\neg p$
- $\top \wedge \neg\perp \rightarrow p$

## Exercises

Evaluate the following formulas with the truth assignment

$v(p) = v(q) = \text{false}$

- $p \rightarrow q$  true
- $(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow q)$  true
- $\neg\neg p$  false
- $\top \wedge \neg\perp \rightarrow p$  false

# Semantics: Truth tables

- Row for every **truth assignment** — assignment of T/F to elements of *Prop*
- Columns for subformulas

## Example

$p$	$q$	$\neg p$	$\neg p \wedge q$	$p \vee (\neg p \wedge q)$
F	F	T	F	F
F	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	T
T	T	F	F	T

# Satisfiability, Validity and Equivalence

A formula  $\varphi$  is

- **satisfiable** if  $v(\varphi) = \text{true}$  for some truth assignment  $v$  ( $v$  satisfies  $\varphi$ )
- a **tautology** if  $v(\varphi) = \text{true}$  for all truth assignments  $v$
- **unsatisfiable** or a **contradiction** if  $v(\varphi) = \text{false}$  for all truth assignments  $v$

## Example: Party invitations

Translation to logic: let  $J, S, K$  represent “John (Sarah, Kim) comes to the party”. Then the constraints are:

①  $J \rightarrow \neg S$

②  $S \rightarrow K$

③  $K \rightarrow J$

Thus, for a successful party to be possible, we want the formula  $\phi = (J \rightarrow \neg S) \wedge (S \rightarrow K) \wedge (K \rightarrow J)$  to be satisfiable.

Truth values for  $J, S, K$  making this true are called *satisfying assignments*, or *models*.

We figure out where the conjuncts are false, below. (so blank = T)

$J$	$K$	$S$	$J \rightarrow \neg S$	$S \rightarrow K$	$K \rightarrow J$	$\phi$
F	F	F				
F	F	T		F		F
F	T	F			F	F
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Conclusion: a party satisfying the constraints can be held. Invite nobody, or invite John only, or invite Kim and John.



# Exercise

## Exercises

RW: 2.7.14 (supp)

Which of the following formulas are *always* true?

(a)  $(p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)) \rightarrow q$

(b)  $((p \vee q) \wedge \neg p) \rightarrow \neg q$

(e)  $((p \rightarrow q) \vee (q \rightarrow r)) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r)$

(f)  $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow q$

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- (e)  $((p \rightarrow q) \vee (q \rightarrow r)) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r)$  — not always true
- (f)  $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow q$  — always true

# Logical equivalence

## Definition

Two formulas,  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$ , are **logically equivalent**,  $\varphi \equiv \psi$ , if  $v(\varphi) = v(\psi)$  for all truth assignments  $v$ .

## Fact

$\equiv$  *is an equivalence relation.*

# Logical equivalence

## Example

For all propositions  $P, Q, R$ :

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \text{Commutativity:} & P \vee Q & \equiv Q \vee P \\ & P \wedge Q & \equiv Q \wedge P \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \text{Associativity:} & (P \vee Q) \vee R & \equiv P \vee (Q \vee R) \\ & (P \wedge Q) \wedge R & \equiv P \wedge (Q \wedge R) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \text{Distributivity:} & P \vee (Q \wedge R) & \equiv (P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee R) \\ & P \wedge (Q \vee R) & \equiv (P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge R) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \text{Identity:} & P \vee \perp & \equiv P \\ & P \wedge \top & \equiv P \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \text{Complement:} & P \vee \neg P & \equiv \top \\ & P \wedge \neg P & \equiv \perp \end{array}$$

# Logical equivalence

## Example

Other properties:

- Implication:  $p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg p \vee q$
- Double negation:  $\neg\neg p \equiv p$
- Contrapositive:  $(p \rightarrow q) \equiv (\neg q \rightarrow \neg p)$
- De Morgan's:  $\neg(p \vee q) \equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q$

# Logical equivalence

## Fact

*$\varphi \equiv \psi$  if, and only if,  $(\varphi \leftrightarrow \psi)$  is a tautology.*

Strategies for showing logical equivalence:

- Compare all rows of truth table.
- Show  $(\varphi \leftrightarrow \psi)$  is a tautology.
- Use transitivity of  $\equiv$ .

# Logical equivalence: Examples

## Examples

RW: 2.2.18 Prove or disprove:

(a)  $p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r) \equiv (p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r)$

(c)  $(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow r \equiv p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$

# Logical equivalence: Examples

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$$\equiv$$



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$$\equiv (\neg\neg p \wedge \neg q) \vee (\neg p \vee r)$$

[De Morgan's]

$$\equiv$$

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[De Morgan's]

$$\equiv (p \vee (\neg p \vee r)) \wedge (\neg q \vee (\neg p \vee r))$$

[Distributivity]

$$\equiv$$

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[Distributivity]

$$\equiv ((p \vee \neg p) \vee r) \wedge ((\neg q \vee \neg p) \vee r)$$

[Associativity]

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[De Morgan's]

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[Distributivity]

$$\equiv ((p \vee \neg p) \vee r) \wedge ((\neg q \vee \neg p) \vee r)$$

[Associativity]

$$\equiv \top \wedge ((\neg q \vee \neg p) \vee r)$$

[Complement]

$\equiv$

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$$(c) (p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow r \not\equiv p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$$

Counterexample:

$p$	$q$	$r$	$(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow r$	$p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$
F	T	F	F	T

# Theories and entailment

A set of formulas is a **theory**

A truth assignment  $v$  *satisfies* a theory  $T$  if  $v(\varphi) = \text{true}$  for all  $\varphi \in T$

A theory  $T$  **entails** a formula  $\varphi$ ,  $T \models \varphi$ , if  $v(\varphi) = \text{true}$  for all truth assignments  $v$  which satisfy  $T$

## NB

*Other notation (when  $T = \{\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_n\}$ )*

- $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_n \models \varphi$
- $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_n, \quad \therefore \varphi$
- $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_n \implies \varphi$

# Entailment and Implication

## Theorem

*The following are equivalent:*

- $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_n \models \psi$
- $\emptyset \models ((\varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2) \wedge \dots \varphi_n) \rightarrow \psi$
- $((\varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2) \wedge \dots \varphi_n) \rightarrow \psi$  *is a tautology*
- $\emptyset \models \varphi_1 \rightarrow (\varphi_2 \rightarrow (\dots \rightarrow \varphi_n) \rightarrow \psi)) \dots$
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# Showing entailment

Strategies for showing  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_n \models \psi$ :

- Draw a truth table with columns for  $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n$  and  $\varphi$ . Check  $\varphi$  is true in rows where **all** the  $\varphi_i$  are true.
- Show  $((\varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2) \wedge \dots \varphi_n) \rightarrow \psi$  is a tautology.
- Show  $\varphi_1 \rightarrow (\varphi_2 \rightarrow (\dots \rightarrow \varphi_n) \rightarrow \psi)) \dots$  is a tautology.
- Show  $\varphi_1 \models \varphi_2 \rightarrow (\dots \rightarrow \varphi_n) \rightarrow \psi)) \dots$
- Syntactic techniques: Natural deduction, Resolution, etc (not covered here)

# Entailment example

## Example

Premises:     Frank took the Ford or the Toyota.  
                  If Frank took the Ford he will be late.  
                  Frank is not late.

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Conclusion:   Frank took the Toyota

# Entailment example

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We mark only true locations (blank = F)

<i>Frd</i>	<i>Tyta</i>	<i>Late</i>	$Frd \vee Tyta$	$Frd \rightarrow Late$	$\neg Late$	<i>Tyta</i>
F	F	F		T	T	
F	F	T		T		
F	T	F	T	T	T	T
F	T	T	T	T		T
T	F	F	T		T	
T	F	T	T	T		
T	T	F	T		T	T
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This shows  $Frd \vee Tyta, Frd \rightarrow Late, \neg Late \models Tyta$



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The following row shows  $Frd \vee Tyta$ ,  $Frd \rightarrow Late$ ,  $Late \not\models Frd$

$Frd$	$Tyta$	$Late$	$Frd \vee Tyta$	$Frd \rightarrow Late$	$Late$	$Frd$
F	T	T	T	T	T	F

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Conclusion:  $\psi = \neg G$

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F	F	F						T
F	F	T						T
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T	F	F	F					F
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Recall the alarm specification:

- Requirement 1:  $R_1 = S \rightarrow (A \vee F)$
- Requirement 2:  $R_2 = (A \wedge D) \rightarrow S$
- Requirement 3:  $R_3 = F \rightarrow S$
- Conclusion:  $C = (S \wedge \neg F) \rightarrow A$

Questions:

- 1 Does  $R_1, R_2, R_3 \models C$  ?
- 2 Does  $R_1, R_2 \models R_3$  ?

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# CNF and DNF revisited

## Definition

- A **literal** is an expression  $p$  or  $\neg p$ , where  $p$  is a propositional atom.
- A propositional formula is in CNF (conjunctive normal form) if it has the form

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where each **clause**  $C_i$  is a disjunction of literals e.g.  
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- A propositional formula is in DNF (disjunctive normal form) if it has the form

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where each clause  $C_i$  is a conjunction of literals e.g.  
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# CNF and DNF revisited

## NB

*CNF and DNF are syntactic forms.*

## Theorem

*For every Boolean expression  $\varphi$ , there exists an equivalent expression in conjunctive normal form and an equivalent expression in disjunctive normal form.*



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# Limitations to Propositional Logic

Propositional logic is unable to capture several useful phenomena:

- Spatial/temporal dependence (e.g.  $P$  holds **after**  $Q$  holds)
- Belief and knowledge (e.g. I know that you know that  $X$  holds)
- Relationships between propositions (e.g. “The sky is blue” and “my eyes are blue”)
- Quantification (e.g. “All men are mortal”)

# Beyond Propositional Logic

**Modal logic:** Introduce **modalities** to capture statement qualifying.

## Example

Temporal logic:

- $\mathcal{F} \varphi$ :  $\varphi$  will be true at some point in the future
- $\mathcal{G} \varphi$ :  $\varphi$  will be true at all points in the future
- $\varphi \mathcal{U} \psi$ :  $\varphi$  will be true until  $\psi$  holds

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**Second order logic:** Add quantification of relations.



# Limitations

More expressive logics require more complex semantics.

- Logical equivalence harder to show
- Entailment harder to show
- Connections between different concepts not so straightforward

## Example

In Temporal Logic, a valuation is a function  $v : \text{PROP} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$  –  
i.e. truth tables that change over time.

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