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Propositional Logic (II)

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Propositional Logic.

Definition (suitable assignment and model)

- Let F be a formula and let \mathcal{A} be an **assignment**, i.e. a mapping from a set of $\{A_1, A_2, \dots\}$ to $\{0, 1\}$ where A_1, A_2, \dots are atomic propositions in F .
- If \mathcal{A} is defined for every atomic formula A_i occurring in F , then \mathcal{A} is called **suitable** for F .
- If \mathcal{A} is **suitable** for F , and if $\mathcal{A}(F) = 1$, then we write $\mathcal{A} \models F$. In this case we say **\mathcal{A} is a model for F** .
- Otherwise we write $\mathcal{A} \not\models F$, and say: under the assignment \mathcal{A} , **\mathcal{A} is not a model for F** .

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Propositional Logic.



Definition (satisfiable/unsatisfiable and valid formula)

- Let F be a formula and let \mathcal{A} be an assignment, i.e. a mapping from a set of $\{A_1, A_2, \dots\}$ of F to $\{0, 1\}$.
- A formula F is **satisfiable** if F has at least one model, otherwise F is called **unsatisfiable** or **contradictory**.
- A **formula** F is called **valid** (or a **tautology**) if every suitable assignment for F is a model for F . In this case we write $\models F$, and otherwise $\not\models F$.
- **Theorem:** A formula F is a **tautology** if and only if $\neg F$ is **contradictory (unsatisfiable)**.

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Propositional Logic. Semantic



Examples:

- $F_1 = A \vee \neg A$
 - F_1 is a **valid** formula or a **tautology**
- $F_2 = A \wedge \neg A$
 - F_2 is a **contradiction (unsatisfiable)**

Exercises:

- $F_3 = A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow A)$ is ???
- $F_4 = A \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B)$ is ???
- If F is **valid**, then $\neg F$ is **satisfiable** ???

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Propositional Logic. Semantic



Example:

- Let $F = (\neg A \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B))$. Using truth tables we can verify that:

A	B	$\neg A$	$(A \rightarrow B)$	F
0	0	1	1	1
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	1
1	1	0	1	1

- Then F is a **valid** formula or a **tautology**

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Propositional Logic. The SAT problem.



Note that...

- The **truth-table method** allows us to test formulas for **satisfiability** or for **validity** in an **algorithmic way**.
- But note that the expense of this algorithm is immense: For a formula containing n atomic formulas, 2^n rows of the truth-table have to be evaluated.
- This **exponential behavior** regarding the running time of potential algorithms for the **satisfiability problem** in propositional logic does not seem to be improvable.
- The satisfiability (SAT) problem is NP-complete*!**

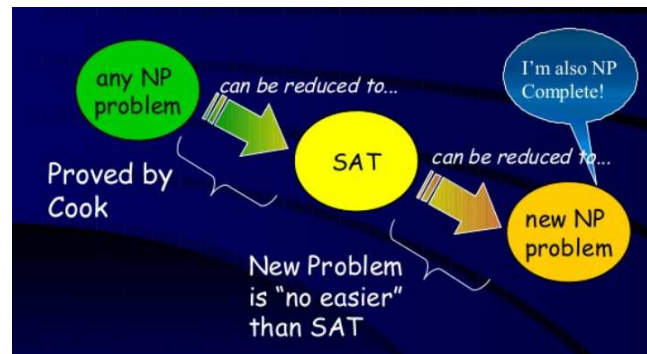
*the most notable (informal) property of **NP-complete problems** is that **no fast solution** to them is known. That is, the time required to solve the problem using any currently known algorithm increases very quickly as the size of the problem grows.

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Propositional Logic. The SAT problem.

Note that...

- The satisfiability (SAT) problem is NP-complete*!
- How to prove NP-completeness?

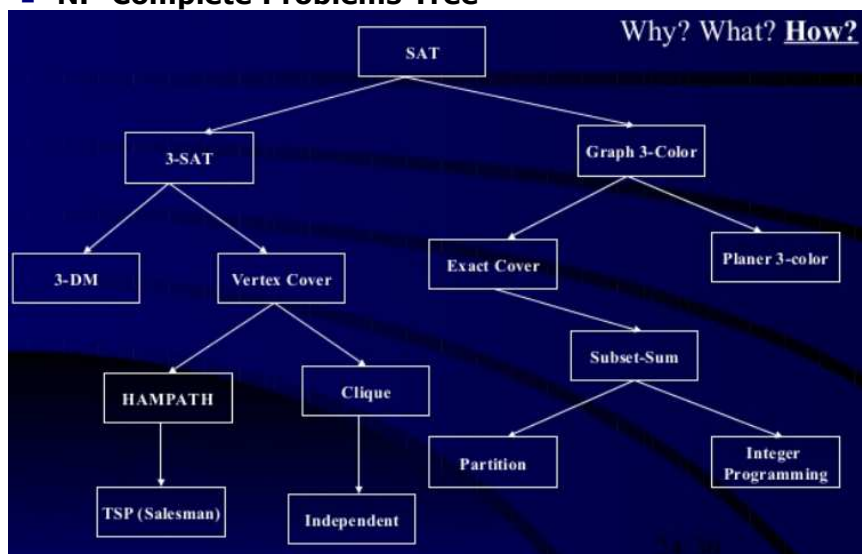


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Propositional Logic. The SAT problem.

■ NP-Complete Problems Tree



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Propositional Logic. Semantic



Exercises:

- Construct truth-tables for each of the following formulas and indicate if the formula is a **tautology**.

- $A \leftrightarrow (B \rightarrow C)$

- $(A \wedge \neg A) \rightarrow B$

$\mathcal{A}(F)$	$\mathcal{A}(G)$	$\mathcal{A}((F \leftrightarrow G))$
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

- Let $\mathcal{A}(A) = 1, \mathcal{A}(B) = 0, \mathcal{A}(C) = 0$, and $\mathcal{A}(D) = 1$. Verify if the following formula is **true** or **false**.

- $F = C \vee (D \vee (A \wedge B))$

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Propositional Logic. Semantic



Homework:

- Construct truth-tables for each of the following formulas.

$$((A \wedge B) \wedge (\neg B \vee C))$$

$$\neg(\neg A \vee \neg(\neg B \vee \neg A))$$

$$(A \leftrightarrow (B \leftrightarrow C))$$

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Equivalence



Definition

- Two formulas **F** and **G** are (semantically/logically) **equivalent** if for every assignment \mathcal{A} that is suitable for both F and G, $\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{F}) = \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{G})$. Symbolically we denote this by $\mathbf{F} \equiv \mathbf{G}$.

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Equivalence (cont)



Theorem

- For all formulas F, G, and H, the following equivalences hold.

$$\begin{aligned}(F \wedge F) &\equiv F \\ (F \vee F) &\equiv F\end{aligned}\quad (\text{Idempotency})$$

$$\begin{aligned}(F \wedge G) &\equiv (G \wedge F) \\ (F \vee G) &\equiv (G \vee F)\end{aligned}\quad (\text{Commutativity})$$

$$\begin{aligned}((F \wedge G) \wedge H) &\equiv (F \wedge (G \wedge H)) \\ ((F \vee G) \vee H) &\equiv (F \vee (G \vee H))\end{aligned}\quad (\text{Associativity})$$

$$\begin{aligned}(F \wedge (F \vee G)) &\equiv F \\ (F \vee (F \wedge G)) &\equiv F\end{aligned}\quad (\text{Absorption})$$

$$\begin{aligned}(F \wedge (G \vee H)) &\equiv ((F \wedge G) \vee (F \wedge H)) \\ (F \vee (G \wedge H)) &\equiv ((F \vee G) \wedge (F \vee H))\end{aligned}\quad (\text{Distributivity})$$

$$\neg\neg F \equiv F \quad (\text{Double Negation})$$

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Equivalence (cont)

Theorem (cont...)

- For all formulas F , G , and H , the following equivalences hold.

$$\begin{aligned}\neg(F \wedge G) &\equiv (\neg F \vee \neg G) \\ \neg(F \vee G) &\equiv (\neg F \wedge \neg G)\end{aligned}\quad (\text{deMorgan's Laws})$$

$$\begin{aligned}(F \vee G) &\equiv F, \text{ if } F \text{ is a tautology} \\ (F \wedge G) &\equiv G, \text{ if } F \text{ is a tautology}\end{aligned}\quad (\text{Tautology Laws})$$

$$\begin{aligned}(F \vee G) &\equiv G, \text{ if } F \text{ is unsatisfiable} \\ (F \wedge G) &\equiv F, \text{ if } F \text{ is unsatisfiable}\end{aligned}\quad (\text{Unsatisfiability Laws})$$

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Equivalence (cont)

Theorem (cont...)

- Proof.**

All equivalences can be shown easily using the **semantic definition of propositional logic**. Also, we can verify them using truth tables. As an example we show this for the **first absorption law**.

$\mathcal{A}(F)$	$\mathcal{A}(G)$	$\mathcal{A}((F \vee G))$	$\mathcal{A}((F \wedge (F \vee G)))$
0	0	0	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	1	1
1	1	1	1

The first column and the fourth column coincide. Therefore, it follows:

$$(F \wedge (F \vee G)) \equiv F$$

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Equivalence (cont)



Example:

- Using the above equivalences and the substitution theorem (ST) we can prove that:

$$((A \vee (B \vee C)) \wedge (C \vee \neg A)) \equiv ((B \wedge \neg A) \vee C)$$

because we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & ((A \vee (B \vee C)) \wedge (C \vee \neg A)) \\ & \equiv (((A \vee B) \vee C) \wedge (C \vee \neg A)) && \text{Associativity} \\ & \equiv ((C \vee (A \vee B)) \wedge (C \vee \neg A)) && \text{Commutativity} \\ & \equiv (C \vee ((A \vee B) \wedge \neg A)) && \text{Distributivity} \\ & \equiv (C \vee (\neg A \wedge (A \vee B))) && \text{Commutativity} \\ & \equiv (C \vee ((\neg A \wedge A) \vee (\neg A \wedge B))) && \text{Distributivity} \\ & \equiv (C \vee (\neg A \wedge B)) && \text{Unsatisfiability Law} \\ & \equiv (C \vee (B \wedge \neg A)) && \text{Commutativity} \\ & \equiv ((B \wedge \neg A) \vee C) && \text{Commutativity} \end{aligned}$$

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Equivalence (cont)



Important remarks:

- The associativity law gives us the justification for a certain freedom in writing down formulas. For example, the notation:

$$F = A \wedge B \wedge C \wedge D$$

refers to an arbitrary formula from the following list.

$$\begin{aligned} & (((A \wedge B) \wedge C) \wedge D) \\ & ((A \wedge B) \wedge (C \wedge D)) \\ & ((A \wedge (B \wedge C)) \wedge D) \\ & (A \wedge ((B \wedge C) \wedge D)) \\ & (A \wedge (B \wedge (C \wedge D))) \end{aligned}$$

- Since all these formulas are equivalent to each other, from the semantic viewpoint it does not matter which of the formulas is referred to.

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Equivalence (cont)



Exercise/Homework:

- Exclusive disjunction (or **exclusive or**) essentially means “**either one, but not both**”. The exclusive disjunction can be expressed in terms of the **conjunction** (\wedge), the **disjunction** (\vee), and the **negation** (\neg) as follows:

$$A \oplus B \equiv (A \vee B) \wedge \neg(A \wedge B)$$

Using the theorem of equivalences and the substitution theorem prove that:

$$A \oplus B \equiv \neg(A \leftrightarrow B)$$

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Normal Forms



Definition (normal forms):

- A **literal** is an **atomic formula** or the **negation** of an **atomic formula**.
- A formula F is in **Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF)** if it is a conjunction of disjunctions of literals, i.e.

$$F = \left(\bigwedge_{i=1}^n \left(\bigvee_{j=1}^{m_i} L_{i,j} \right) \right),$$

where $L_{i,j} \in \{A_1, A_2, \dots\} \cup \{\neg A_1, \neg A_2, \dots\}$

- **Example:**

□ $(A \vee \neg C \vee \neg D) \wedge (\neg B \vee \neg C \vee \neg D)$ is in CNF

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Normal Forms



Definition (normal forms):

- A formula F is in **Disjunctive Normal Form (DNF)** if it is a disjunction of conjunctions of literals, i.e.

$$F = \left(\bigvee_{i=1}^n \left(\bigwedge_{j=1}^{m_i} L_{i,j} \right) \right),$$

where $L_{i,j} \in \{A_1, A_2, \dots\} \cup \{\neg A_1, \neg A_2, \dots\}$

- **Example:**

- $(A \wedge \neg D) \vee (B \wedge \neg C \wedge \neg D)$ is in DNF

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Normal Forms. Reduction



Theorem (Normal Form reduction):

- For every formula F there is an equivalent formula F_1 in **CNF** and an equivalent formula F_2 in **DNF**.

(see Proof in Schöning's book, Section 1.2)

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Normal Forms. Reduction



Algorithm (to transform a formula into equivalent **CNF**):

- *Given:* a formula F .
 - Substitute in F every occurrence of a subformula of the form
 - $(A \rightarrow B)$ by $(\neg A \vee B)$
 - $(A \leftrightarrow B)$ by $((A \wedge B) \vee (\neg A \wedge \neg B))$until no such subformulas occur.
 - Substitute in F every occurrence of a subformula of the form
 - $\neg\neg A$ by A
 - $\neg(A \wedge B)$ by $(\neg A \vee \neg B)$
 - $\neg(A \vee B)$ by $(\neg A \wedge \neg B)$until no such subformulas occur.
 - Substitute in F every occurrence of a subformula of the form
 - $(A \vee (B \wedge C))$ by $((A \vee B) \wedge (A \vee C))$
 - $((A \wedge B) \vee C)$ by $((A \vee C) \wedge (B \vee C))$until no such subformulas occur.

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Normal Forms. Reduction



Example (to transform a formula into equivalent **CNF**):

- *Given* a formula $F = \neg(\neg A \vee B) \vee (C \rightarrow \neg D)$
 - Substitute in F every occurrence of a subformula of the form
 - $(A \rightarrow B)$ by $(\neg A \vee B)$We obtain $\neg(\neg A \vee B) \vee (\neg C \vee \neg D)$
 - Substitute in F every occurrence of a subformula of the form
 - $\neg\neg A$ by A
 - $\neg(A \vee B)$ by $(\neg A \wedge \neg B)$We obtain $(A \wedge \neg B) \vee (\neg C \vee \neg D)$
 - Substitute in F every occurrence of a subformula of the form
 - $((A \wedge B) \vee C)$ by $((A \vee C) \wedge (B \vee C))$We obtain $(A \vee \neg C \vee \neg D) \wedge (\neg B \vee \neg C \vee \neg D)$ in **CNF**!

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Normal Forms. Reduction



Exercise/Homework

- Reduce to **CNF** the formula:

$$F = (\neg A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (B \rightarrow \neg C)$$