



Introduction to Mathematical Logic

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What's the meaning of well-formed formulas

1 Warm Up

The meaning of a natural language sentence depends on the meaning of words and connectives.

- "The sky is blue and the grass is green."
- "Nothing right in my left brain, and nothing left in my right brain."

Similarly, the meaning of well-formed formulas in a formal language (e.g., $p \wedge q$) depends on the **truth values** of the *atoms* and how the *logical connectives* manipulate these truth values.



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2 Semantics

- Truth values of atomic propositions: True(1) or False(0)
- Truth values of compound propositions: depends on its atomic propositions and logical connectives
- Truth table for $\neg p$:

p	$\neg p$
1	0
0	1



Truth Table

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0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
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Logical Connectives in NL & PL

2 Semantics

Logical connectives in formal languages are not completely equivalent to words in natural language.

She became violently sick and she went to the doctor.

She went to the doctor and she became violently sick.

In natural language, "and" indicates time progression; whereas logical connectives in formal language like PL are solely concerned with truth values.



Truth Table

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0	0	0
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Logical Connectives in NL & PL

2 Semantics

"He will come today or tomorrow"

"From $(a - 1)(a - 2) = 0$, we get $a = 1$ or $a = 2$."

In natural language, sometimes "A or B" means "A is true or B is true but not both". But in PL, "A or B" means "A is true or B is true or both are true."



Truth Table

2 Semantics

Truth table for $p \rightarrow q$ (logical implication): if p (is true), then q (is true).

p	q	$p \rightarrow q$
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	0
1	1	1

Also known as: It's not the case that p is true and q is false.



Truth Table

2 Semantics

Why $p \rightarrow q$ is true when p is false?

- If $x > 7$, then $x > 5$.
- "If you stick a fork in an electrical outlet, you will get hurt."

p	q	$p \rightarrow q$
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	0
1	1	1



Truth Table

2 Semantics

$p \leftrightarrow q$ (iff) is true when both p and q carry the same truth value, and is false otherwise.

p	q	$p \leftrightarrow q$
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1



Truth Valuation

2 Semantics

赋值函数
(真值指派)

To interpret a formula, we have to give meanings to the propositional variables and the connectives.

A propositional variable has no intrinsic meaning; it gets a meaning via a valuation.

Definition

A truth valuation is a function $v : Atom(\mathcal{L}^P) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$.

For $p \in Atom(\mathcal{L}^P)$, we use $v(p)$ or p^v to denote the truth value of p under the truth valuation v , $p^v \in \{0, 1\}$

p^v 表示真值



Truth value of a formula

2 Semantics

Fix a truth valuation v . Every formula A has a value under v , denoted as A^v , can be recursively defined as:

Definition

1. $p^v \in \{0, 1\}$

2. $(\neg A)^v = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } A^v = 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$

3. $(A \wedge B)^v = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } A^v = B^v = 1 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$

4. $(A \vee B)^v = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } A^v = 1 \text{ or } B^v = 1 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$

5. $(A \rightarrow B)^v = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } A^v = 0 \text{ or } B^v = 1 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$

6. $(A \leftrightarrow B)^v = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } A^v = B^v \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$



Truth value of a formula

2 Semantics

Theorem

Fix a truth valuation v . Every formula $\alpha \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L}^p)$ has a value α^v in $\{0, 1\}$.

Proof: By structural induction. Let $P(\alpha)$ be “ α has a value α^v in $\{0, 1\}$ ”.

1. If α is a propositional variable, then v assigns it a value of 1 or 0 (by the definition of a truth valuation).
2. If α has a value in $\{0, 1\}$, then $(\neg\alpha)$ also does (by the truth table of $(\neg\alpha)$).
3. If α and β each has a value in $\{0, 1\}$, then $(\alpha \star \beta)$ also does for every binary connective \star , as shown by the corresponding truth tables.

By the principle of structural induction, every formula has a value.

By the unique readability of formulas, we have proved that a formula has only one truth value under any truth valuation v . QED



Truth value of a formula

2 Semantics

What's the truth value of $A = p \wedge q \rightarrow (\neg q \vee r)$ given the following truth valuation?

- $p^v = q^v = r^v = 1, A^v = ?$
- $p^v = q^v = r^v = 0, A^v = ?$



Properties of a formula

2 Semantics

Let $A \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L}^p)$.

- If for every truth valuation v , $A^v = 1$, then A is **tautology** (永真式或重言式)
- If for every truth valuation v , $A^v = 0$, then A is **contradiction** (永假式或矛盾式)
- If there exists a truth value v such that $A^v = 1$, then A is **satisfiable** (可满足的)



How to determine the properties of a formula?

2 Semantics

- Reasoning
 - $(p \vee (\neg p))$ is a tautology (and satisfiable)
 - $(p \wedge (\neg p))$ is a contradiction (and not satisfiable)
- Truth table
- Valuation tree



Truth table

2 Semantics

We could use **truth table** to determine the properties of a formula

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



Truth table

2 Semantics

P	q	$q \rightarrow p$	$p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow p)$
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	1
1	0	1	1
1	1	1	1

Use truth tables to show that

- $p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow p)$ is tautology.
- $\neg(p \rightarrow p)$ is contradiction.
- $(p \rightarrow \neg p) \rightarrow p$ is satisfiable.



Valuation Tree

2 Semantics

Rather than fill out an entire truth table, we can analyze what happens if we plug in a truth value for one variable.

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

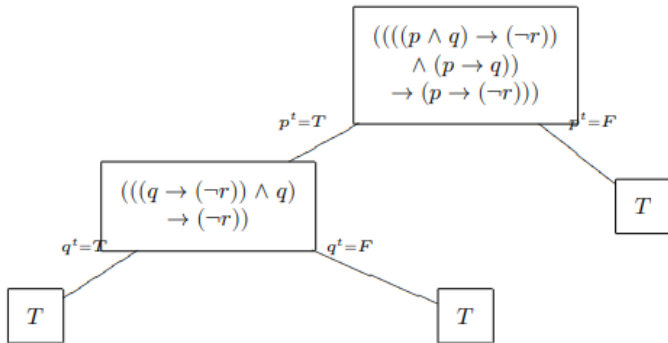
We can evaluate a formula by using these rules to construct a [valuation tree](#).



Valuation Tree

2 Semantics

Show that $((((p \wedge q) \rightarrow (\neg r)) \wedge (p \rightarrow q)) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow (\neg r)))$ is a tautology by using a valuation tree.





NL vs. PL

2 Semantics

写出来判断

T

q

0

q

Here's a question about playing Monopoly:

If you get more doubles than any other player then you will lose or if you lose then you must have bought the most properties.

True or false? We will answer this question, and won't need to know anything about Monopoly. Instead we will look at the logical form of the statement.

$$(P \rightarrow q) \vee (q \rightarrow r)$$

$$\text{if } q^v = 0 \\ q^v = 1$$

$$(P \rightarrow F) \vee T = T$$

$$T \vee (T \rightarrow r) = T$$



Applications

2 Semantics

不会执行的

Finding live/dead code: can code block P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4 be executed?

```
if ( (input > 0) or (not output) ) {  
    if ( not (output and (queuelength < 100)) ) {  
         $P_1$   
    } else if ( output and (not (queuelength < 100)) ) {  
         $P_2$   
    } else {  $P_3$  }  
} else {  $P_4$  }
```




Applications

2 Semantics

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         $P_2$   
    } else {  $P_3$  }  
} else {  $P_4$  }
```

Handwritten annotations in blue ink: i above `input`, $\neg u$ above `not output`, $\neg(u \wedge q)$ above the first `if` condition, $u \wedge (\neg q)$ above the `else if` condition, and a circle around the final `}`.

Let's define i : `input > 0`, u : `output`, and q : `queuelength < 100`



Applications

2 Semantics

① 化表达式

② 真值

③ 计算关系, 程序终止?

Finding live/dead code: can code block P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4 be executed?

i	u	q	$(i \vee (\neg u))$	$(\neg(u \wedge q))$	$(u \wedge (\neg q))$
T	T	T	T	F	F
T	T	F	T	T	T
T	F	T	T	T	F
T	F	F	T	T	F
F	T	T	F		
F	T	F	F		
F	F	T	T		F
F	F	F	T		F

不满
条件

都不执行
(前为T)

P_4

P_4



Applications

2 Semantics

Finding live/dead code: can code block P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4 be executed?

i	u	q	$(i \vee (\neg u))$	$(\neg(u \wedge q))$	$(u \wedge (\neg q))$	
T	T	T	T	F	F	P_3
T	T	F	T	T		P_1
T	F	T	T	T		P_1
T	F	F	T	T		P_1
F	T	T	F			P_4
F	T	F	F			P_4
F	F	T	T	T		P_1
F	F	F	T	T		P_1



Satisfiability of sets of formulas

2 Semantics

Let $\Sigma \subseteq \text{Form}(\mathcal{L}^p)$ (a set of well-formed formulas). v is a truth valuation. Define:

有情况可全下

$$\Sigma^v = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if for each } B \in \Sigma, B^v = 1 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Σ is satisfiable iff there is some valuation v such that $\Sigma^v = 1$; we say v satisfies Σ .

Example: The set $\{(p \rightarrow q) \vee r, p \vee (q \vee s)\}$ is satisfiable.



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Definition of Logical Equivalence

3 Logical Equivalence

Two formulas A and B are logically equivalent if and only if they have the same value under any valuation.

- $A^v = B^v$ for every truth valuation v .
- A and B must have the same final column in their truth tables.
- $A \leftrightarrow B$ is a tautology.



Why do we care about logical equivalence?

3 Logical Equivalence

- Will I lose marks if I provide a solution that is syntactically different but logically equivalent to the provided solution?
- Do these two circuits behave the same way?
- Do these two pieces of code fragments behave the same way?



Logical Equivalence

3 Logical Equivalence

Equivalence	Name
$p \wedge T \equiv p$ $p \vee F \equiv p$	Identity laws 恒等率
$p \vee T \equiv T$ $p \wedge F \equiv F$	Domination laws 支配率
$p \vee p \equiv p$ $p \wedge p \equiv p$	Idempotent laws 幂等率
$\neg(\neg p) \equiv p$	Double negation laws 双非率
$p \vee q \equiv q \vee p$ $p \wedge q \equiv q \wedge p$	Commutative laws 交换率



Logical Equivalence

3 Logical Equivalence

同符号
不同符号

Equivalence	Name
$(p \vee q) \vee r \equiv p \vee (q \vee r)$ $(p \wedge q) \wedge r \equiv p \wedge (q \wedge r)$	Associative laws 结合率
$p \vee (q \wedge r) \equiv (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$ $p \wedge (q \vee r) \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$	Distributive laws 分配率
$\neg(p \wedge q) \equiv \neg p \vee \neg q$ $\neg(p \vee q) \equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q$	De Morgan's laws 德摩根率
$p \vee (p \wedge q) \equiv p$ $p \wedge (p \vee q) \equiv p$	Absorption laws 吸收率
$p \vee \neg p \equiv T$ $p \wedge \neg p \equiv F$	Negation laws 否定率



Logical Equivalence

3 Logical Equivalence

Equivalence	Name
$p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg p \vee q$	Implication
$p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg q \rightarrow \neg p$	Contrapositive (逆否)
$p \leftrightarrow q \equiv (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$	Equivalence

Example: Prove $((\neg p) \wedge q) \vee p \equiv p \vee q$



Exercise

3 Logical Equivalence

"If it is sunny, I will play golf, provided that I am relaxed."

- s : it is sunny
- g : I will play golf.
- r : I am relaxed.

Prove that all three translations are logically equivalent.

- $s \rightarrow (r \rightarrow g) \equiv \neg s \vee (r \rightarrow g) \equiv \neg s \vee (\neg r \vee g)$
- $r \rightarrow (s \rightarrow g) \equiv \neg r \vee (\neg s \vee g)$
- $(s \wedge r) \rightarrow g \equiv \neg(s \wedge r) \vee g \equiv (\neg s \vee \neg r) \vee g \equiv \neg s \vee (\neg r \vee g) \equiv \neg s \vee (r \rightarrow g) \equiv s \rightarrow (r \rightarrow g)$



Substitution

3 Logical Equivalence

A substitution is a syntactic transformation on formal expressions.

Definition

$A, B \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L}^p)$. B is a **substitution instance** of A if and only if B may be obtained from A by substituting formulas for propositional variables in A , replacing each occurrence of the same variable by an occurrence of the same formula.

替代同一公式

Example:

- $(r \rightarrow s) \wedge (t \rightarrow s)$ is a substitution instance of $p \wedge q$
- $(p \leftrightarrow p) \leftrightarrow (p \leftrightarrow p)$ is a substitution instance of $p \leftrightarrow p$



Substitution

3 Logical Equivalence

Theorem

$A, B \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L}^p)$. If A is a tautology, and B is a substitution instance of A , then B is again a tautology.

Example: $(r \wedge s) \rightarrow (q \rightarrow (r \wedge s))$ is a tautology, since it is a substitution instance of $p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow p)$



Logical Equivalence

3 Logical Equivalence

Theorem

$A \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L}^p)$. A contain a subformula C (i.e., C is a *segment* of A and is itself a well-formed formula). If $C \equiv D$, then replacing some occurrences (not necessarily all) of the subformula C in A with D to obtain the formula B , then $A \equiv B$.

用子公式替换

Example: $p \rightarrow q \equiv (\neg p \vee q)$. Then, $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (r \rightarrow (p \rightarrow q)) \equiv ?$

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



Logical Equivalence

3 Logical Equivalence

关系验证

Logical equivalence is an equivalence relation on $Form(\mathcal{L}^p)$

- Reflexive: for any $A \in Form(\mathcal{L}^p)$, $A \equiv A$.
- Symmetric: for any $A, B \in Form(\mathcal{L}^p)$, $A \equiv B$, then $B \equiv A$.
- Transitive: for any $A, B, C \in Form(\mathcal{L}^p)$, if $A \equiv B$, $B \equiv C$, then $A \equiv C$.

All formulas in the same equivalence class have the same truth table.



Applications

3 Logical Equivalence

The two code have different syntax, but equivalent semantics.

Listing 1: Your code

```
if (i || !u) {  
    if (!(u && q)) {  
        P1  
    } else if (u && !q) {  
        P2  
    } else { P3 }  
} else { P4 }
```

Listing 2: Your friend's code

```
if ((i && u) && q) {  
    P3  
} else if (!i && u) {  
    P4  
} else {  
    P1  
}
```




Applications

3 Logical Equivalence

To prove that the two code are semantically equivalent, show that each code block is executed under logically equivalent conditions.

Block	Fragment 1	Fragment 2
P_1	$(i \vee (\neg u)) \wedge (\neg(u \wedge q))$	$(\neg(i \wedge u \wedge q)) \wedge (\neg((\neg i) \wedge u))$
P_2	$(i \vee (\neg u)) \wedge (\neg(\neg(u \wedge q)))$ $\wedge (u \wedge (\neg q))$	F
P_3	$(i \vee (\neg u)) \wedge (\neg(\neg(u \wedge q)))$ $\wedge (\neg(u \wedge (\neg q)))$	$(i \wedge u \wedge q)$
P_4	$(\neg(i \vee (\neg u)))$	$(\neg(i \wedge u \wedge q)) \wedge ((\neg i) \wedge u)$



Readings

Optional

- TextB: 1.4.1
- TextI: 1.1, 1.2
- Text1: 第二章 2.4
- Text3: 第二章 2.3
- Reference: CS245 course notes, University of Waterloo



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Thank you for listening!
Any questions?