Logic

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1 Boolean Algebra

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\begin{aligned}
x \vee 0 &= x \\
x \wedge 0 &= 0 \\
x \vee 1 &= 1 \\
x \wedge 1 &= x \\
x \vee x &= x \\
x \wedge x &= x \\
x \wedge (x \vee y) &= x \\
x \vee (x \wedge y) &= x \\
x \wedge \neg x &= 0 \\
x \vee \neg x &= 1 \\
\neg x \wedge \neg y &= \neg(x \vee y) \\
\neg x \vee \neg y &= \neg(x \wedge y)
\end{aligned}
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2 Logical inference

A logical inference is a logical deduction to infer the truth of a statement given a premise.

There are 4 forms of hypothetical syllogisms.

2.1 Modus Ponens

Modus Ponens or *affirming the antecedent* is a valid form hypothetical syllogism.

$$\frac{P \implies Q \qquad P}{Q}$$

If P implies Q and P is true, then Q is also true.

2.2 Modus Tollens

Modus Tollens or *denying the consequent* is a valid form hypothetical syllogism.

$$\frac{P \implies Q \qquad \neg Q}{\neg P}$$

If P implies Q and Q is false, then P is also false.

2.3 Fallacy of affirming the consequent

Affirming the consequent is an invalid form hypothetical syllogism.

$$\frac{P \implies Q \qquad Q}{P}$$

If P implies Q and Q is true, then P is also true.

2.4 Fallacy of denying the antecedent

Denying the antecedent is an invalid form hypothetical syllogism.

$$\frac{P \implies Q \qquad \neg P}{\neg Q}$$

If P implies Q and P is false, then Q is also false.

3 Necessity and sufficiency

3.1 Sufficiency

Given two statements P and Q where $P \implies Q$, P suffices for Q to be true.

3.2 Necessity

Given two statements P and Q where $P \implies Q$, Q is a necessity for P to be true ($Q \impliedby P$), but Q does not necessarily imply Q.

3.3 Biconditional logical connective

A biconditional logical connective (written as *iff* or *xnor*) is the relation of equivalence between two statements P and Q. The relation $P \iff Q$ is both a sufficient condition and a necessary condition.

$$P \iff Q \equiv (P \implies Q) \land (P \impliedby Q)$$

4 Induction

Induction can be used to prove a statement in the form $P(n \in \mathbb{N})$ for all n.

$$[(P(n) \implies P(n+1)) \wedge P(1)] \implies P(n)$$

5 Proof theory

5.1 k-ary Boolean function

A k-ary Boolean function is a mapping from $\{T, F\}^k \to \{T, F\}$

5.2 0-ary Boolean function

The 0-ary Boolean function are the *verum* ($\top$) and *falsum* ($\bot$) connectives. The represent respectively the True value and the False value.

5.3 Propositional variable

A *propositional variable* is an input boolean variable.

5.4 Propositional formula

A *propositional formula* is a formula which has a unique truth value given all variables.

5.5 Truth assignment

A *truth assignment* is a function which maps a set of propositional variables $V = \{p_1, p_2, \ldots, p_n\}$ to a boolean value

$$\tau : V \to \{T, F\}$$

A formula A involving the variables $V = \{p_1, p_2, \ldots, p_n\}$ defines a k-ary boolean function $f_A(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n)$ where $x_n = \tau(p_n)$.

5.6 Language

A *language* L is a set of connectives which may be used to describe an L-formula.

A language L is *complete* iff every k-ary boolean functions can be defined by an L-formula.

5.7 Tautology

A propositional formula A is a *tautology* $\vDash A$ if its k-ary boolean function f_A is always T.

5.8 Satisfiability

A propositional formula A is *satisfiable* if f_A is T for some input.