

# 1 Introduction

## Definition 1.1: Syntax

Concerned with form.

**Example.**  $p \vee \neg q$  is well formed.  $p \neg \vee q$  is not.

## Definition 1.2: Semantics

Concerned with meaning.

**Example.** The meaning of  $p \vee \neg q$  can be defined via truth table.

## Definition 1.3: Proposition

A statement that is either true or false.

**Example.**  $4 + 5 = 8$

Statements can be **atomic** or **compound**:

- Compound statements contain connectives:  $\neg, \wedge, \vee, \longrightarrow, \longleftrightarrow$

## Definition 1.4: Aristotelian Logic

A **syllogism** is a logical argument in which the conclusion is inferred from a set of premises.

All humans are mortal

**Example.**  $\frac{\text{Socrates is human}}{\text{Socrates is mortal}}$  is a valid argument.

Socrates is mortal

Correctness depends on form/structure, not content.

## Definition 1.5: Propositional Logic

*Notation.*  $\mathcal{L}^p$ : language of propositional logic that consists of three types of symbols:

- Propositional variables/symbols (atomic formulas)

*Notation.*  $p, q, r, p', p_1$

- Connectives

*Notation.*  $\neg, \wedge, \vee, \longrightarrow, \longleftrightarrow$  listed from highest precedence to lowest

**Example.**  $\neg p \vee q$  fully expanded becomes  $((\neg p) \vee q)$

$p \longrightarrow q \longrightarrow r$  is ambiguous. Write  $p \longrightarrow (q \longrightarrow r)$  or  $(p \longrightarrow q) \longrightarrow r$

- Parentheses (for grouping)

*Notation.*  $()$

## Definition 1.6: Expression

An expression is a finite string of symbols in  $\mathcal{L}^p$ .

**Example.**  $a \longrightarrow (b \wedge c), a \longrightarrow b \wedge c, \neg$

The second example is shorthand for the first, and the third is ill-formed.

**Definition 1.7: Well-formed expressions/Formulas**

We define  $\text{Form}(\mathcal{L}^p)$  as the set of formulas in  $\mathcal{L}^p$  as follows:

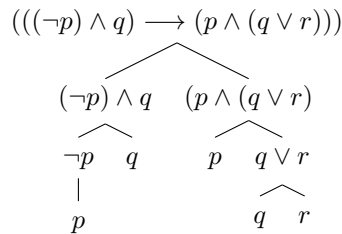
1. **Base case:** A propositional variable  $p$  is in  $\text{Form}(\mathcal{L}^p)$
2. If  $A \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L}^p)$ , then  $(\neg A) \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L}^p)$
3. If  $A, B \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L}^p)$ , then:
  - $A \wedge B \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L}^p)$
  - $A \vee B \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L}^p)$
  - $A \longrightarrow B \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L}^p)$
  - $A \longleftrightarrow B \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L}^p)$

**Remark.**  $\text{Form}(\mathcal{L}^p)$  is a recursively/inductively defined set.

**Definition 1.8: Abstract Syntax Tree**

There is a bijection between well-formed expressions and abstract syntax trees.

**Example.** Take the formula  $((\neg p) \wedge q) \longrightarrow (p \wedge (q \vee r))$ :

**Proposition 1.9: Properties of Formulas**

- Every  $A \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L}^p)$  has balanced parentheses (i.e. equal # of left and right)
- Every  $A \in \text{Form}(\mathcal{L}^p)$  has at least one propositional variable
- Any proper prefix of a formula has more left parentheses than right

**Theorem 1.10: Translation**

The following are equivalent:

- $p \longrightarrow q$
- $\neg q \longrightarrow \neg p$
- $p$  only if  $q$
- $q$  if  $p$
- if  $p$  then  $q$
- $p$  implies  $q$
- $q$  is a necessary condition for  $p$
- $p$  is a sufficient condition for  $q$

**Proposition 1.11: Rules of Hoare Logic**

1. *Assignment:* 
$$\frac{}{\{P(e)\} x := e \{P(x)\}}$$

**Example.** 
$$\{i + 1 = 43\} x := i + 1 \{x = 43\}$$

2. *Consequence:* 
$$\frac{P_1 \longrightarrow P_2 \quad \{P_2\} S \{Q\}}{\{P_1\} S \{Q\}} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{Q_1 \longrightarrow Q_2 \quad \{P\} S \{Q_1\}}{\{P\} S \{Q_2\}}$$

**Example.** 
$$\frac{x > 0 \implies x > 1 \quad \{x > 1\} S \{Q\}}{\{x > 0\} S \{Q\}} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{x > 0 \implies x > 1 \quad \{P\} S \{x > 0\}}{\{P\} S \{x > 1\}}$$

3. *Composition:* 
$$\frac{\{P\} S \{Q\} \quad \{Q\} T \{R\}}{\{P\} S; T \{R\}}$$

**Example.** 
$$\frac{\{x + 1 = 43\} y := x + 1 \{y = 43\} \quad \{y = 43\} z := y \{z = 43\}}{\{x + 1 = 43\} y := x + 1; z := y \{z = 43\}}$$

4. *Conditional:* 
$$\frac{\{P \wedge B\} S \{Q\} \quad \{P \wedge \neg B\} T \{Q\}}{\{P\} \text{ if } (B) S \text{ else } T \{Q\}}$$

**Example.** 
$$\frac{\{T \wedge (i < j)\} m := i \{(m \leq i) \wedge (m \leq j)\} \quad \{T \wedge \neg(i < j)\} m := j \{(m \leq i) \wedge (m \leq j)\}}{\{T\} \text{ if } (i < j) \{m := i\} \text{ else } \{m := j\} \{(m \leq i) \wedge (m \leq j)\}}$$

5. *While: (partial correctness)* 
$$\frac{\{P \wedge B\} S \{P\}}{\{P\} \text{ while } (B) \text{ do } S \{P \wedge \neg B\}}$$

**Example.** 
$$\frac{\{x \leq 10 \wedge x < 10\} x := x + 1 \{x \leq 10\}}{\{x \leq 10\} \text{ while } (x < 10) \text{ do } x := x + 1 \{x \leq 10 \wedge \neg(x < 10)\}}$$