

THE CALCULUS OF COMPUTATION: Decision Procedures with Applications to Verification

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Part I: FOUNDATIONS

1. Propositional Logic(PL)

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PL Syntax

Atom truth symbols \top (“true”) and \perp (“false”)
 propositional variables $P, Q, R, P_1, Q_1, R_1, \dots$

Literal atom α or its negation $\neg\alpha$

Formula literal or application of a
 logical connective to formulae F, F_1, F_2

$\neg F$	“not”	(negation)
$F_1 \wedge F_2$	“and”	(conjunction)
$F_1 \vee F_2$	“or”	(disjunction)
$F_1 \rightarrow F_2$	“implies”	(implication)
$F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2$	“if and only if”	(iff)

Example:

formula $F : (P \wedge Q) \rightarrow (T \vee \neg Q)$

atoms: P, Q, T

literal: $\neg Q$

subformulas: $P \wedge Q, T \vee \neg Q$

abbreviation

$$F : P \wedge Q \rightarrow T \vee \neg Q$$

PL Semantics (meaning)

Sentence F + Interpretation I = Truth value
(true, false)

Interpretation

$$I : \{P \mapsto \text{true}, Q \mapsto \text{false}, \dots\}$$

Evaluation of F under I :

F	$\neg F$
0	1
1	0

where 0 corresponds to value false
1 true

F_1	F_2	$F_1 \wedge F_2$	$F_1 \vee F_2$	$F_1 \rightarrow F_2$	$F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2$
0	0	0	0	1	1
0	1	0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1

Example:

$$F : P \wedge Q \rightarrow P \vee \neg Q$$

$$I : \{P \mapsto \text{true}, Q \mapsto \text{false}\}$$

P	Q	$\neg Q$	$P \wedge Q$	$P \vee \neg Q$	F
1	0	1	0	1	1

1 = true

0 = false

F evaluates to true under I

Inductive Definition of PL's Semantics

$I \models F$ if F evaluates to true under I
 $I \not\models F$ false

Base Case:

$I \models \top$

$I \not\models \perp$

$I \models P$ iff $I[P] = \text{true}$

$I \not\models P$ iff $I[P] = \text{false}$

Inductive Case:

$I \models \neg F$ iff $I \not\models F$

$I \models F_1 \wedge F_2$ iff $I \models F_1$ and $I \models F_2$

$I \models F_1 \vee F_2$ iff $I \models F_1$ or $I \models F_2$

$I \models F_1 \rightarrow F_2$ iff, if $I \models F_1$ then $I \models F_2$

$I \models F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2$ iff, $I \models F_1$ and $I \models F_2$,
or $I \not\models F_1$ and $I \not\models F_2$

Note:

$I \not\models F_1 \rightarrow F_2$ iff $I \models F_1$ and $I \not\models F_2$

Example:

$$F : P \wedge Q \rightarrow P \vee \neg Q$$

$$I : \{P \mapsto \text{true}, Q \mapsto \text{false}\}$$

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|----|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------|
| 1. | $I \models P$ | since $I[P] = \text{true}$ | |
| 2. | $I \not\models Q$ | since $I[Q] = \text{false}$ | |
| 3. | $I \models \neg Q$ | by 2 and \neg | |
| 4. | $I \not\models P \wedge Q$ | by 2 and \wedge | |
| 5. | $I \models P \vee \neg Q$ | by 1 and \vee | |
| 6. | $I \models F$ | by 4 and \rightarrow | Why? |

Thus, F is true under I .

Satisfiability and Validity

F satisfiable iff there exists an interpretation I such that $I \models F$.

F valid iff for all interpretations I , $I \models F$.

F is valid iff $\neg F$ is unsatisfiable
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Method 1: Truth Tables

Example $F : P \wedge Q \rightarrow P \vee \neg Q$

P	Q	$P \wedge Q$	$\neg Q$	$P \vee \neg Q$	F
0	0	0	1	1	1
0	1	0	0	0	1
1	0	0	1	1	1
1	1	1	0	1	1

Thus F is valid.

Example $F : P \vee Q \rightarrow P \wedge Q$

P	Q	$P \vee Q$	$P \wedge Q$	F
0	0	0	0	1
0	1	1	0	0
1	0	1	0	0
1	1	1	1	1

← satisfying /

← falsifying /

Thus F is satisfiable, but invalid.

Method 2: Semantic Argument

Proof rules

$$\frac{I \models \neg F}{I \not\models F}$$

$$\frac{I \not\models \neg F}{I \models F}$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} I \models F \wedge G \\ I \models F \\ I \models G \end{array}}{\leftarrow \text{and}}$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} I \not\models F \wedge G \\ I \not\models F \quad I \not\models G \end{array}}{\leftarrow \text{or}}$$

$$\frac{I \models F \vee G}{I \models F \mid I \models G}$$

$$\frac{I \not\models F \vee G}{\begin{array}{l} I \not\models F \\ I \not\models G \end{array}}$$

$$\frac{I \models F \rightarrow G}{I \not\models F \mid I \models G}$$

$$\frac{I \not\models F \rightarrow G}{\begin{array}{l} I \models F \\ I \not\models G \end{array}}$$

$$\frac{I \models F \leftrightarrow G}{I \models F \wedge G \mid I \not\models F \vee G}$$

$$\frac{I \not\models F \leftrightarrow G}{I \models F \wedge \neg G \mid I \models \neg F \wedge G}$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} I \models F \\ I \not\models F \end{array}}{I \models \perp}$$

Example 1: Prove

$F : P \wedge Q \rightarrow P \vee \neg Q$ is valid.

Let's assume that F is not valid and that I is a falsifying interpretation.

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|----|-----|---------------|--|---------------------------|
| 1. | I | $\not\models$ | $P \wedge Q \rightarrow P \vee \neg Q$ | assumption |
| 2. | I | \models | $P \wedge Q$ | 1 and \rightarrow |
| 3. | I | $\not\models$ | $P \vee \neg Q$ | 1 and \rightarrow |
| 4. | I | \models | P | 2 and \wedge |
| 5. | I | $\not\models$ | P | 3 and \vee |
| 6. | I | \models | \perp | 4 and 5 are contradictory |

Thus F is valid.

Example 2: Prove

$F : (P \rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \rightarrow R) \rightarrow (P \rightarrow R)$ is valid.

Let's assume that F is not valid.

1.	I	$\not\models$	F	assumption
2.	I	\models	$(P \rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \rightarrow R)$	1 and \rightarrow
3.	I	$\not\models$	$P \rightarrow R$	1 and \rightarrow
4.	I	\models	P	3 and \rightarrow
5.	I	$\not\models$	R	3 and \rightarrow
6.	I	\models	$P \rightarrow Q$	2 and of \wedge
7.	I	\models	$Q \rightarrow R$	2 and of \wedge

Two cases from 6

8a. $I \not\models P$ 6 and \rightarrow

9a. $I \models \perp$ 4 and 8a are contradictory

and

8b. $I \models Q$ 6 and \rightarrow

Two cases from 7

9ba. $I \not\models Q$ 7 and \rightarrow

10ba. $I \models \perp$ 8b and 9ba are contradictory

and

9bb. $I \models R$ 7 and \rightarrow

10bb. $I \models \perp$ 5 and 9bb are contradictory

Our assumption is incorrect in all cases — F is valid.

Example 3: Is

$F : P \vee Q \rightarrow P \wedge Q$ valid?

Let's assume that F is not valid.

1. $I \not\models P \vee Q \rightarrow P \wedge Q$ assumption
2. $I \models P \vee Q$ 1 and \rightarrow
3. $I \not\models P \wedge Q$ 1 and \rightarrow

Two options

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|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 4a. $I \models P$ | 2 and \vee | 4b. $I \models Q$ | 2 and \vee |
| 5a. $I \not\models Q$ | 3 and \wedge | 5b. $I \not\models P$ | 3 and \wedge |

We cannot derive a contradiction. F is not valid.

Falsifying interpretation:

$I_1 : \{P \mapsto \text{true}, Q \mapsto \text{false}\}$ $I_2 : \{Q \mapsto \text{true}, P \mapsto \text{false}\}$

We have to derive a contradiction in both cases for F to be valid.

Equivalence

F_1 and F_2 are equivalent ($F_1 \Leftrightarrow F_2$)

iff for all interpretations I , $I \models F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2$

To prove $F_1 \Leftrightarrow F_2$ show $F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2$ is valid.

F_1 implies F_2 ($F_1 \Rightarrow F_2$)

iff for all interpretations I , $I \models F_1 \rightarrow F_2$

$F_1 \Leftrightarrow F_2$ and $F_1 \Rightarrow F_2$ are not formulae!

Normal Forms

1. Negation Normal Form (NNF)

Negations appear only in literals. (only \neg , \wedge , \vee)

To transform F to equivalent F' in NNF use recursively the following template equivalences (left-to-right):

$$\neg\neg F_1 \Leftrightarrow F_1 \quad \neg\top \Leftrightarrow \perp \quad \neg\perp \Leftrightarrow \top$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \neg(F_1 \wedge F_2) \Leftrightarrow \neg F_1 \vee \neg F_2 \\ \neg(F_1 \vee F_2) \Leftrightarrow \neg F_1 \wedge \neg F_2 \end{array} \right\} \text{De Morgan's Law}$$

$$F_1 \rightarrow F_2 \Leftrightarrow \neg F_1 \vee F_2$$

$$F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2 \Leftrightarrow (F_1 \rightarrow F_2) \wedge (F_2 \rightarrow F_1)$$

Example: Convert $F : \neg(P \rightarrow \neg(P \wedge Q))$ to NNF

$$F' : \neg(\neg P \vee \neg(P \wedge Q)) \quad \rightarrow \text{ to } \vee$$

$$F'' : \neg\neg P \wedge \neg\neg(P \wedge Q) \quad \text{De Morgan's Law}$$

$$F''' : P \wedge P \wedge Q \quad \neg\neg$$

F''' is equivalent to F ($F''' \Leftrightarrow F$) and is in NNF

2. Disjunctive Normal Form (DNF)

Disjunction of conjunctions of literals

$$\bigvee_i \bigwedge_j \ell_{i,j} \quad \text{for literals } \ell_{i,j}$$

To convert F into equivalent F' in DNF,
transform F into NNF and then
use the following template equivalences (left-to-right):

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} (F_1 \vee F_2) \wedge F_3 \Leftrightarrow (F_1 \wedge F_3) \vee (F_2 \wedge F_3) \\ F_1 \wedge (F_2 \vee F_3) \Leftrightarrow (F_1 \wedge F_2) \vee (F_1 \wedge F_3) \end{array} \right\} dist$$

Example: Convert

$F : (Q_1 \vee \neg\neg Q_2) \wedge (\neg R_1 \rightarrow R_2)$ into DNF

$F' : (Q_1 \vee Q_2) \wedge (R_1 \vee R_2)$ in NNF

$F'' : (Q_1 \wedge (R_1 \vee R_2)) \vee (Q_2 \wedge (R_1 \vee R_2))$ dist

$F''' : (Q_1 \wedge R_1) \vee (Q_1 \wedge R_2) \vee (Q_2 \wedge R_1) \vee (Q_2 \wedge R_2)$ dist

F''' is equivalent to F ($F''' \Leftrightarrow F$) and is in DNF

3. Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF)

Conjunction of disjunctions of literals

$$\bigwedge_i \bigvee_j \ell_{i,j} \quad \text{for literals } \ell_{i,j}$$

To convert F into equivalent F' in CNF,
transform F into NNF and then
use the following template equivalences (left-to-right):

$$\begin{aligned} (F_1 \wedge F_2) \vee F_3 &\Leftrightarrow (F_1 \vee F_3) \wedge (F_2 \vee F_3) \\ F_1 \vee (F_2 \wedge F_3) &\Leftrightarrow (F_1 \vee F_2) \wedge (F_1 \vee F_3) \end{aligned}$$

Davis-Putnam-Logemann-Loveland (DPLL) Algorithm

Decides the satisfiability of PL formulae in CNF

In book, efficient conversion of F to F' where

F' is in CNF and

F' and F are equisatisfiable (F is satisfiable iff F' is satisfiable)

Decision Procedure DPLL: Given F in CNF

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let rec DPLL  $F$  =  
  let  $F' = \text{BCP } F$  in  
  if  $F' = \top$  then true  
  else if  $F' = \perp$  then false  
  else  
    let  $P = \text{CHOOSE vars}(F')$  in  
    ( $\text{DPLL } F'\{P \mapsto \top\}$ )  $\vee$  ( $\text{DPLL } F'\{P \mapsto \perp\}$ )
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Don't CHOOSE only-positive or only-negative variables for splitting.

Boolean Constraint Propagation (BCP)

Based on unit resolution

$$\frac{\ell \quad C[\neg \ell]}{C[\perp]} \leftarrow \text{clause} \quad \text{where } \ell = P \text{ or } \ell = \neg P$$

throughout

Example:

$$F : (\neg P \vee Q \vee R) \wedge (\neg Q \vee R) \wedge (\neg Q \vee \neg R) \wedge (P \vee \neg Q \vee \neg R)$$

Branching on Q

$$F\{Q \mapsto \top\} : (R) \wedge (\neg R) \wedge (P \vee \neg R)$$

By unit resolution

$$\frac{R \quad (\neg R)}{\perp}$$

$$F\{Q \mapsto \top\} = \perp \Rightarrow \text{false}$$

On the other branch

$$F\{Q \mapsto \perp\} : (\neg P \vee R)$$

$$F\{Q \mapsto \perp, R \mapsto \top, P \mapsto \perp\} = \top \Rightarrow \text{true}$$

F is satisfiable with satisfying interpretation

$$I : \{P \mapsto \text{false}, Q \mapsto \text{false}, R \mapsto \text{true}\}$$

