# Computational Logic

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## §1: What is logic?

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## §2: Propositional Logic

#### Syntax:

- (a) Atomic formulas are propositions:  $A_0, A_1, \ldots$  or  $A, B, \ldots$
- (b) A formula is obtained by repeatedly applying the following rules:
  - (1) An atomic formula is a formula
  - (2) Given a formula F, also  $\neg F$  is a formula ("not F")
  - (3) Given two formulas F, G, also  $F \wedge G$  and  $F \vee G$  are formulas

#### Semantics:

- (a) The set of truth values is  $\{0,1\}$ , where 0 is FALSE and 1 is TRUE
- (b) Let M be a set of atomic formulas. A map  $\alpha: M \to \{0,1\}$  is called a truth assignment
- (c) Let  $\hat{M}$  be the set of all formulas in which only propositions of M appear. Then we define  $\hat{\alpha}: \hat{M} \to \{0,1\}$  recursively as follows:
  - (1) If  $A \in M$ , then we let  $\hat{\alpha}(A) = \alpha(A)$
  - (2) If  $\alpha(F)$  is defined, then we let  $\hat{\alpha}({}^{\sharp}F) = 1 \hat{\alpha}(F)$
  - (3) Given formulas F, G for which  $\hat{\alpha}(F), \hat{\alpha}(G)$  have been defined, we let  $\hat{\alpha}(F \wedge G) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \hat{\alpha}(F) = \hat{\alpha}(G) = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \text{ and } \hat{\alpha}(F \vee G) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \hat{\alpha}(F) = 1 \text{ or } \hat{\alpha}(G) = 1 \text{ or both } \\ 0 & \text{if } \hat{\alpha}(F) = \hat{\alpha}(G) = 1 \end{cases}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F \text{ "if" } G & \qquad & \stackrel{\frown}{=} G \Rightarrow F \\ F \text{ "only if" } G & \qquad & \stackrel{\frown}{=} F \Rightarrow G \\ \end{array}$$

F "if and only if"  $G = F \Leftrightarrow G$ 

Let F be a (propositional logic) formula, M a set of propositions and  $\alpha: M \to \{0,1\}$  a truth assignment.

- (a) The formula F <u>fits</u> with  $\alpha$  or  $\alpha$  is <u>suitable</u> for F if in F only the propositions from M appear.
- (b) If  $\alpha(F) = 1$ , then F is called a <u>model</u> for  $\alpha$ . We write  $\alpha \models F$ .
- (c) Given a set of formulas  $\mathcal{F}$ , we write  $\alpha \models \mathcal{F}$  if  $\alpha \models F$  for every  $F \in \mathcal{F}$ .
- (d) We say that F is <u>satisfiable</u> if there exists a truth assignment  $\alpha$ , which is suitable for F and if  $\alpha(F) = 1$ . Otherwise, we say that F is <u>unsatisfiable</u>.
- (e) A formula F is called a <u>tautology</u> (or <u>valid</u>) if  $\alpha(F) = 1$  for every suitable truth assignment  $\alpha$ .

A formula F is a tautology if and only if  $\neg F$  is unsatisfiable.

Two formulas  $F, \overline{G}$  are called (semantically) equivalent, if for all truth assignments  $\alpha$ , which are suitable for both F and G, we have  $\alpha(F) = \alpha(G)$ . Notation:  $F \equiv G$ 

The Fundamental Equivalences: Let F, G, H be formulas.

- (a)  $F \wedge F \equiv F$  and  $F \vee F \equiv F$  (idempotency)
- (b)  $F \wedge G \equiv G \wedge F$  and  $F \vee G \equiv G \vee F$  (commutativity)
- (c)  $(F \wedge G) \wedge H \equiv F \wedge (G \wedge H)$  and  $(F \vee G) \vee H \equiv F \vee (G \vee H)$  (associativity) Hence we write  $F_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge F_n$  or  $F_1 \vee \cdots \vee F_n$ .
- (d)  $F \wedge (F \vee G) \equiv F$  and  $F \vee (F \wedge G) \equiv F$  (absorption)
- (e)  $F \wedge (G \vee H) \equiv (F \wedge G) \vee (F \wedge H)$  and  $F \vee (G \wedge H) \equiv (F \vee G) \wedge (F \vee H)$  (distributive law)
- (f)  $\neg \neg F \equiv F$
- (g)  $\neg (F \land G) \equiv \neg F \lor \neg G$  and  $\neg (F \lor G) \equiv \neg F \land \neg G$  (de Morgan's rules)
- (h) If F is a tautology, then  $F \vee G \equiv F$  and  $F \wedge G \equiv G$
- (i) If F is unsatisfiable, then  $F \vee G \equiv G$  and  $F \wedge G \equiv F$

#### Substitution Theorem:

Let  $F_1, F_2$  be two equivalent formulas.

Let G be a formula, which contains  $F_1$  as a subformula.

Let  $\tilde{G}$  be the formula obtained by replacing  $F_1$  in G by  $F_2$ .

Then we have  $G \equiv \tilde{G}$ .

- (a) A <u>literal</u> is an atomic formula or the negation of an atomic formula  $(A_i \text{ or } \neg A_i)$
- (b) A formula F is said to be in <u>conjunctive normal form</u> (CNF), if it is of the form

$$F = (L_{11} \vee L_{12} \vee \cdots \vee L_{1n_1}) \wedge \cdots \wedge (L_{k1} \vee L_{k2} \vee \cdots \vee L_{kn_k})$$

where the  $L_{ij}$  are literals ("F is a conjunction of disjunctions of literals").

(c) We say that F is in disjunctive normal form (DNF) if

$$F = (L_{11} \wedge L_{12} \wedge \cdots \wedge L_{1n_1}) \vee \cdots \vee (L_{k1} \wedge L_{k2} \wedge \cdots \wedge L_{kn_k})$$

with literals  $L_{ij}$ .

#### Algorithm:

Let F be a formula. Consider the following sequence of instructions:

- (1) Replace all occurrences of "⇒" and "⇔" by their definition
- (2) Replace each subformula of the form  $\neg G$  by G.

- (3) Replace in F every subformula of the form  $\neg(G \lor H)$  by  $\neg G \land \neg H$ . If a subformula  $\neg \neg K$  results, apply Step (2).
- (4) Replace in F every subformula of the form  $\neg(G \land H)$  by  $\neg G \lor \neg H$ . If a subformula  $\neg \neg K$  results, apply Step (2).
- (5) Repeat (3) and (4) as often as possible.
- (6) Replace in F every subformula of the form  $G \lor (H \land K)$  by  $(G \lor H) \land (G \lor K)$
- (7) Replace in F every subformula of the form  $(G \wedge H) \vee K$  by  $(G \vee K) \wedge (H \vee K)$
- (8) Repeat (6) and (7) as often as possible. Then return F and stop.

This is an algorithm, which returns a formula  $\tilde{F}$  in CNF, such that  $\tilde{F} \equiv F$ .