

# Part 1: Propositional Calculus (a)

## COM2107 Logic in Computer Science

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Today we'll be looking at:

- Syntax (reminder of material from com1002)
- Natural deduction (more formally than in com1002)
- Proof system for PL (more formally than in com1002)
- Principle of harmony

Coming up over in the rest of Part 1:

- Semantics (the **meaning** of a logical formula)
- Soundness, completeness and compactness

Georg's Notes

**Reading:** 2.1–2.4.

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A **proposition** is a statement that is either true or false.

- “aliens once visited Sheffield”
- “it never rains in southern California”
- “ $1 + 1 = 2$ ”
- “ $p \rightarrow q$ ”

Deciding **whether** a statement is true or false requires a judgment to be made.

# How do you judge whether something is true?

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In this module, the source of judgements is irrelevant!

## Examples

- you meet someone who saw it happen
- you thought about it and it makes sense
- you saw a formal proof in a book
- you overheard someone say it on the bus
- someone wrote it on Facebook
- . . .

In logic we base judgments on evidence and reason:

- **Axioms:** are the fundamental universal truths that you accept
  - “if  $x = y$  and  $y = z$ , then  $x = z$ ” (transitivity of identity)
  - “it is raining or it is not raining” (law of excluded middle)
- **Assumptions:** things you are told
  - “I shot the sheriff”
  - “but it was in self-defence”
- **Consequences:** things you deduce
  - “not guilty”
- **Theorems:** things you deduce without any assumptions (that are not axioms)

The validity of consequences depends on

- whether the evidence is reliable (we have no control over this)
- whether your reasoning is sensible

Formal logic captures the rules of **reasoning**:  
*how consequences are derived from assumptions?*

How can we decide if our logical description of reasoning works as intended?

If the assumptions (the basic evidence we've been given) are wrong, the conclusions may well be wrong as well. There's nothing we can do about that. However:

- **consistency**: if the assumptions are true, then the things we deduce from them should also be true;
- **completeness**: if something follows from assumptions, it should be possible to formally deduce it.

We'll see later that **we can't always achieve both of these goals at the same time.**

# Proofs, axioms, theorems, rules, theories

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- **Proof:** A step-by-step explanation of how we deduced something.
- **Assumptions:** The things we're **told** are true (if any).
- **Inference Rules:** The rules we follow when building a proof.
- **Axioms:** Inference rules that do not have assumptions!
- **Theorems:** The things we can **prove** without extra assumptions. Simple theorems are sometimes called **lemmas**. Axioms are theorems as well!
- **Theory:** The collection of theorems that can be deduced.

## Examples

The “**theory** of relativity” is a body of knowledge (collection of **theorems**) in mathematical physics, based on **axioms** involving things like the speed of light.



To describe a theory fully you also need to say what **language** things are expressed in.

## Examples

- **propositional calculus (Prop)**: true, false, variables, connectives
- **predicate calculus (Pred)** adds: quantifiers
- **arithmetic** adds: numbers, addition, multiplication, etc.
- **analysis** adds: integration, differentiation, “continuous function”, etc.

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<https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/syntax>

**syntax** means:

- 1 A set of rules that govern how words are combined to form phrases and sentences.
- 2 (*computing*) The formal rules of formulating the statements of a computer language.
- 3 (*linguistics*) The study of the structure of phrases, sentences, and language.

What strings of characters make sense as logical formulæ?

■ These are OK:

■  $p \wedge q$

■  $(p \vee q) \rightarrow p$

■  $\varphi \vee \psi$  (technically a shorthand)

■ These aren't:

■  $\neg 7$

■  $)p \wedge \rightarrow \$$

■  $(p \rightarrow)q$

We call the ones that are OK “well-formed formulas” (wffs for short).  
But how do we define them?

# Formation rules for Prop

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1. The following are wffs:
  - propositional variables:  $p, q, r, \dots$
  - logical constant for true:  $\top$  (“true”, “top”)
  - logical constant for false:  $\perp$  (“false”, “bottom”)
2. If  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are wffs, then so are:
  - negation:  $\neg\varphi$  (“not  $\varphi$ ”)
  - conjunction:  $\varphi \wedge \psi$  (“ $\varphi$  and  $\psi$ ”)
  - disjunction:  $\varphi \vee \psi$  (“ $\varphi$  or  $\psi$ ”)
  - implication:  $\varphi \rightarrow \psi$  (“if  $\varphi$  then  $\psi$ ”)
- (3. bracketing: if  $\varphi$  is an wff then  $(\varphi)$  is as well)
4. Nothing else is a wff.

We can also write these rules pictorially, like this:

$$\frac{\varphi \text{ prop} \quad \psi \text{ prop}}{\varphi \wedge \psi \text{ prop}} (\wedge F)$$

Here,

- “ $\varphi$  prop” is shorthand for “ $\varphi$  is a proposition”
- the horizontal line separates things we assume (above the line) from things we deduce.
- the symbols to the right of the line are the name of the rule

This rule is called  $(\wedge F)$  (“ $\wedge$ -Formation”). It says...

If  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are propositions, then so is  $\varphi \wedge \psi$ .

# The basic formation rules

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The rules tell us how to construct propositions

$$\frac{}{\top \text{ prop}} (\top F)$$

$$\frac{}{\perp \text{ prop}} (\perp F)$$

$$\frac{p}{p \text{ prop}} (\text{VAR} F)$$

$$\frac{\varphi \text{ prop} \quad \psi \text{ prop}}{\varphi \rightarrow \psi \text{ prop}} \rightarrow F$$

$$\frac{\varphi \text{ prop}}{\neg \varphi \text{ prop}} \neg F$$

$$\frac{\varphi \text{ prop} \quad \psi \text{ prop}}{\varphi \wedge \psi \text{ prop}} \wedge F$$

$$\frac{\varphi \text{ prop} \quad \psi \text{ prop}}{\varphi \vee \psi \text{ prop}} \vee F$$

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Each time we draw one of these diagrams (we omit writing “true”)

$$\frac{\varphi_1 \quad \dots \quad \varphi_n}{\psi}$$

$$\frac{\varphi_1 \text{ true} \quad \dots \quad \varphi_n \text{ true}}{\psi \text{ true}}$$

we are stating a **hypothetical judgment**. It says

**IF** we know  $\varphi_1$  (is true) and ... and we know  $\varphi_n$  (is true),  
**THEN** we can conclude  $\psi$  (is true).

We can also write it using **sequent notation**:

$$\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n \vdash \psi$$

$$\frac{\text{If I'm at home then I'm asleep,} \quad \text{I'm at home}}{\text{I'm asleep}}$$

or equivalently,

$$\text{If I'm at home then I'm asleep,} \quad \text{I'm at home} \vdash \text{I'm asleep}$$

This proof makes sense (it's an instance of *modus ponens*), but it's based on *hypotheses*. It doesn't actually tell you I'm asleep, just that I ought to be **if the statements above the line are correct**.

In fact, they're not: I'm at work and I'm awake.

Natural deduction is a form of reasoning that uses a small, well-defined, collection of these rules. Each **inference rule** looks like this

$$\frac{\varphi_1 \quad \dots \quad \varphi_n}{\psi} \text{ (name of rule)}$$

where there are 0 or more things listed above the line, and 1 listed underneath. Rules that have no entries above the line represent axioms – they say “the thing below the line ( $\psi$ ) is definitely true; you don’t need to make any assumptions ( $\varphi_1 \dots \varphi_n$ ) to prove it”.

If using one rule lets you deduce something that's used as a hypothesis by another one, you can glue the two rules together to form a **proof-tree**.

## Examples

You can combine these rules (I'll tell you their names later)

$$\frac{\varphi \rightarrow \psi \quad \varphi}{\psi} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\psi \quad \gamma}{\psi \wedge \gamma}$$

to generate this proof-tree

$$\frac{\frac{\varphi \rightarrow \psi \quad \varphi}{\psi} \quad \gamma}{\psi \wedge \gamma}$$

## What does a proof-tree prove?

$$\frac{\frac{\varphi \rightarrow \psi \quad \varphi}{\psi} \quad \gamma}{\psi \wedge \gamma}$$

In this proof we are no longer *assuming* that  $\psi$  is true – we've **proven** it using two other hypotheses. Overall, this proof-tree shows that:

$$\varphi \rightarrow \psi, \varphi, \gamma \vdash \psi \wedge \gamma.$$

# Hiding intermediate steps

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If we know a proof exists but don't need to write it all out, we can write

$$\begin{array}{c} \varphi \rightarrow \psi \quad \varphi \quad \gamma \\ D \\ \psi \wedge \gamma \end{array}$$

where we're using  $D$  (short for “deduction” – you can use another letter if you prefer) as a name for the missing bit of the picture.

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If someone wants you to find a proof, they may write

$\Gamma$

$\vdots$

$\varphi$

- “Capitalised Gamma”  $\Gamma$  is a collection of hypotheses.
- The vertical dots indicate that the steps in the middle still need to be found.
- There’s no guarantee that the gap can actually be filled – someone may be asking you to do the impossible.

The proof won’t be complete until you provide the details (if one exists) of the missing deduction.

You can keep combining diagrams in this way. The picture you obtain is a **proof** that **given the things at the leaves of the tree, you can deduce the thing at its root.**

## Examples

This proof-tree:

$$\frac{\frac{p \vee q}{r} \quad \frac{p \rightarrow r \quad q \rightarrow r}{r \rightarrow z}}{z}$$

proves this **sequent** (hypothetical judgment):

$$p \vee q, p \rightarrow r, q \rightarrow r, r \rightarrow z \vdash z$$



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The **language** of propositional calculus (“Prop”) was given earlier. We have:

- $p, q, r, \dots$  (“propositional variables”)
- $\top, \perp$  (“true”, “false”)
- $\neg\varphi$  (“not”)
- $\varphi \wedge \psi, \varphi \vee \psi, \varphi \rightarrow \psi$  (“and”, “or”, “implies”)

I’m using  $\varphi, \psi, \gamma, \dots$  as **schematic variables**. They stand for “any proposition”.

We often write  $\Gamma$  and  $\Delta$  for **collections of hypotheses** to save space. Given this notation, the *structural rules* for proving things are:

- anything assumed can be proven (“it’s true because you said it was”)

$$\Gamma, \varphi \vdash \varphi$$

- you don’t need to use *all* of the hypotheses available to you

$$\Gamma \vdash \psi \Rightarrow \Gamma, \varphi \vdash \psi$$

- you can use hypotheses more than once

$$\Gamma, \varphi, \varphi \vdash \psi \Rightarrow \Gamma, \varphi \vdash \psi$$

- you can use hypotheses in any order

$$\Gamma, \varphi_1, \varphi_2, \Delta \vdash \psi \Rightarrow \Gamma, \varphi_2, \varphi_1, \Delta \vdash \psi$$

# Conjunction introduction

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Conjunction-introduction ( $\wedge I$ ) is the rule

$$\frac{\varphi \quad \psi}{\varphi \wedge \psi} (\wedge I)$$

Apart from its name ( $\wedge I$ ), it looks very like the formation rule ( $\wedge F$ ), but it means something very different. It tells us how to **introduce** ( $I$ ) the **conjunction** symbol ( $\wedge$ ) into a proof

$$\varphi, \psi \vdash \varphi \wedge \psi$$

if you can prove  $\varphi$  and you can prove  $\psi$ ,  
then you can deduce  $\varphi \wedge \psi$

# Combining proofs (tabular example)

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## The two proofs

proof 1			proof 2		
1.	$p$	hyp	1.	$p$	hyp
2.	$p \wedge p$	$(\wedge I) (1,1)$	2.	$q$	hyp
			4.	$(p \wedge q)$	$(\wedge I) (1,2)$

can be combined to give a conjunction proof:

1.	$p$	hyp
2.	$p \wedge p$	$(\wedge I) (1,1)$
3.	$p$	hyp
4.	$q$	hyp
5.	$(p \wedge q)$	$(\wedge I) (3,4)$
6.	$(p \wedge p) \wedge (p \wedge q)$	$(\wedge I) (2,5)$

1.	$p$	hyp
2.	$q$	hyp
3.	$p \wedge p$	$(\wedge I) (1,1)$
4.	$(p \wedge q)$	$(\wedge I) (1,2)$
5.	$(p \wedge p) \wedge (p \wedge q)$	$(\wedge I) (3,4)$

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$$\frac{\varphi \quad \psi}{\varphi \wedge \psi} (\wedge I) \qquad \frac{\frac{\psi}{\psi \vee \neg \gamma} (\vee I_1) \quad (\psi \vee \neg \gamma) \rightarrow (\gamma \rightarrow \psi)}{\gamma \rightarrow \psi} (\rightarrow E)$$

can be “paired” to give

$$\frac{\frac{\varphi \quad \psi}{\varphi \wedge \psi} (\wedge I) \quad \frac{\frac{\psi}{\psi \vee \neg \gamma} (\vee I_1) \quad (\psi \vee \neg \gamma) \rightarrow (\gamma \rightarrow \psi)}{\gamma \rightarrow \psi} (\rightarrow E)}{(\varphi \wedge \psi) \wedge (\gamma \rightarrow \psi)} (\wedge I)$$

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If you can prove  $\varphi \wedge \psi$ , you can infer both  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  separately:

$$\frac{\varphi \wedge \psi}{\varphi} (\wedge E_l) \qquad \frac{\varphi \wedge \psi}{\psi} (\wedge E_r)$$

or in other words:

$$\varphi \wedge \psi \vdash \varphi \text{ and } \varphi \wedge \psi \vdash \psi$$

# Implication elimination (modus ponens)

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Implication ( $\rightarrow$ ) elimination ( $E$ ) looks like this:

$$\frac{\varphi \quad \varphi \rightarrow \psi}{\psi} (\rightarrow E)$$

$$\varphi, \varphi \rightarrow \psi \vdash \psi$$

if you can prove  $\varphi$ , and you can prove  $\varphi \rightarrow \psi$ ,  
then you can deduce  $\psi$

This is often called *modus ponens*. Some authors use the shorthand “mp” instead of  $(\rightarrow E)$ .



This corresponding introduction rule looks much more complicated:

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [\varphi] \\ \vdots \\ \psi \end{array}}{\varphi \rightarrow \psi} (\rightarrow I)$$

It says “if assuming  $\varphi$  enables you to prove  $\psi$ , then you can deduce  $\varphi \rightarrow \psi$ ”.

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [\varphi] \\ \vdots \\ \psi \end{array}}{\varphi \rightarrow \psi} (\rightarrow I)$$

The **square brackets** say that the assumption  $\varphi$  is temporary (“local”). Once we finish using the assumption to deduce  $\varphi \rightarrow \psi$ , that particular instance of  $\varphi$  is no longer relevant. It has been **discharged** by  $(\rightarrow I)$ , and is longer available in the rest of the proof.

The inference rules for *disjunction introduction* capture the idea that, if we want to prove  $\varphi \vee \psi$ , it's enough to prove  $\varphi$  or to prove  $\psi$ . Proving either one of them will do; you don't need to prove both.

$$\frac{\varphi}{\varphi \vee \psi} (\vee I_l) \qquad \frac{\psi}{\varphi \vee \psi} (\vee I_r)$$

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This rule tells us how to remove a disjunction symbol from a proof.

$$\frac{\varphi \vee \psi \quad \varphi \rightarrow \gamma \quad \psi \rightarrow \gamma}{\gamma} (\vee E)$$

If we know that  $\varphi \vee \psi$  can be proven,  
and we know that each of  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  is enough on its own to entail  $\gamma$ ,  
then either way, we can infer  $\gamma$ .

# Another way to write $(\vee E)$

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Georg's notes show  $(\vee E)$  written a bit differently:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 [\varphi] & & [\psi] \\
 \vdots & & \vdots \\
 \varphi \vee \psi & \gamma & \gamma \\
 \hline
 & \gamma & (\vee E)
 \end{array}$$

Can you see why the two versions are interchangeable?  
You can use either version when answering questions.

The inference rules for  $\perp$  and  $\top$  are

$$\frac{}{\top} (\top I) \qquad \frac{\perp}{\varphi} (\perp E)$$

There is only one rule for each.

We can think of negation as a special case of implication:

$$\neg\varphi \equiv (\varphi \rightarrow \perp)$$

Using  $(\rightarrow I)$  and  $(\rightarrow E)$  then tells us what the rules for negation should be:

$$\frac{[\varphi] \quad \vdots \quad \perp}{\neg\varphi} (\neg I) \qquad \frac{\varphi \quad \neg\varphi}{\perp} (\neg E)$$

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Georg's notes mention several examples of *harmony*, the idea that elimination rules act as inverses to introduction rules.

## Examples

$$\frac{\varphi \quad \psi}{\varphi \wedge \psi} (\wedge I) \qquad \frac{\varphi \quad \psi}{\varphi \wedge \psi} (\wedge I)$$

$$\frac{\varphi \wedge \psi}{\varphi} (\wedge E_l) \qquad \frac{\varphi \wedge \psi}{\psi} (\wedge E_r)$$

If you start with  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  separately and use  $(\wedge I)$  to combine them, you can subsequently use  $(\wedge E_l)$  and  $(\wedge E_r)$  to separate them out again.

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## Recap: Intuitionistic or constructive inference rules

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{\varphi \quad \psi}{\varphi \wedge \psi} \wedge I \qquad \frac{\varphi \wedge \psi}{\varphi} \wedge E_l \qquad \frac{\varphi \wedge \psi}{\psi} \wedge E_r \\
 \\
 \begin{array}{c} [\varphi] \\ \vdots \\ \psi \\ \hline \varphi \rightarrow \psi \end{array} \rightarrow I \qquad \frac{\varphi \rightarrow \psi \quad \varphi}{\psi} \rightarrow E \qquad \begin{array}{c} [\varphi] \\ \vdots \\ \perp \\ \hline \neg \varphi \end{array} \neg I \qquad \frac{\varphi \quad \neg \varphi}{\perp} \neg E \\
 \\
 \frac{\varphi \quad \psi}{\varphi \vee \psi} \vee I_l \qquad \frac{\psi}{\varphi \vee \psi} \vee I_r \qquad \begin{array}{c} [\varphi] \quad [\psi] \\ \vdots \quad \vdots \\ \gamma \quad \gamma \\ \hline \gamma \end{array} \vee E \\
 \\
 \frac{}{\top} \top I \qquad \frac{\perp}{\varphi} \perp E
 \end{array}$$

inference rules allow us to construct proofs

$$\frac{D_1 \quad D_2}{\frac{\varphi \quad \psi}{\varphi \wedge \psi} \wedge I} \quad \frac{\varphi \wedge \psi}{\varphi} \wedge E_I \quad \frac{D_1 \quad \frac{\varphi \wedge \psi}{\varphi} \wedge E_I}{D_2} \wedge E_I$$

**elimination rules** decompose judgments top-down

- they are typically used towards beginning of proof

**introduction rules** decompose judgments bottom-up

- they are typically used towards end of proof

proof of  $p \rightarrow q, q \rightarrow r \vdash p \rightarrow r$

## Examples

$$p \rightarrow r$$

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## Examples

 $p$ 

$$\frac{r}{p \rightarrow r} \rightarrow I$$

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$$\frac{\frac{p \rightarrow q}{q} \quad p}{p \rightarrow r} \rightarrow E$$
$$\frac{r}{p \rightarrow r} \rightarrow I$$

proof of  $p \rightarrow q, q \rightarrow r \vdash p \rightarrow r$

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$$\frac{\frac{q \rightarrow r}{\frac{r}{p \rightarrow r} \rightarrow I} \quad \frac{\frac{p \rightarrow q}{q} \quad p}{\rightarrow E} \rightarrow E}{\rightarrow E}$$



proof of  $p \rightarrow q, q \rightarrow r \vdash p \rightarrow r$

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$$\frac{q \rightarrow r \quad \frac{p \rightarrow q \quad [p]}{q} \rightarrow E}{\frac{r}{p \rightarrow r} \rightarrow I} \rightarrow E$$

# Example

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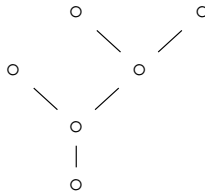
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proof tree has emerged



more generally  $\varphi \rightarrow \psi, \psi \rightarrow \gamma \vdash \varphi \rightarrow \gamma$

## Examples

$$\frac{q \rightarrow r \quad \frac{p \rightarrow q \quad [p]}{q} \rightarrow E}{\frac{r}{p \rightarrow r} \rightarrow I} \rightarrow E$$

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## Examples

$$\frac{\psi \rightarrow \gamma \quad \frac{\frac{\varphi \rightarrow \psi \quad [\varphi]}{\psi} \rightarrow E}{\gamma} \rightarrow E}{\varphi \rightarrow \gamma} \rightarrow I$$

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$\varphi \rightarrow \gamma$

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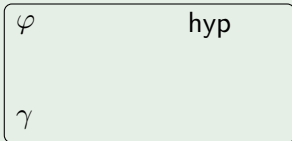
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1.  $\psi \rightarrow \gamma$  hyp
  2.  $\varphi \rightarrow \psi$  hyp
  3.  $\varphi$  hyp
  4.  $\psi$   $\rightarrow E, 2, 3$
- $\gamma$
- $\varphi \rightarrow \gamma$   $\rightarrow I$

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## Examples

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|----|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | $\psi \rightarrow \gamma$    | hyp                   |
| 2. | $\varphi \rightarrow \psi$   | hyp                   |
| 3. | $\varphi$                    | hyp                   |
| 4. | $\psi$                       | $\rightarrow E, 2, 3$ |
| 5. | $\gamma$                     | $\rightarrow E, 1, 4$ |
|    | $\varphi \rightarrow \gamma$ | $\rightarrow I$       |



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| 3. | $\varphi$                    | hyp                   |
| 4. | $\psi$                       | $\rightarrow E, 2, 3$ |
| 5. | $\gamma$                     | $\rightarrow E, 1, 4$ |
| 6. | $\varphi \rightarrow \gamma$ | $\rightarrow I, 3-5$  |

# Example

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we can now use  $\varphi \rightarrow \psi, \psi \rightarrow \gamma \vdash \varphi \rightarrow \gamma$  as a **lemma** in subsequent proofs

or as **derived inference rule**

$$\frac{\varphi \rightarrow \psi \quad \psi \rightarrow \gamma}{\varphi \rightarrow \gamma}$$

# Rewriting Sequents

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We proved

$$(\varphi \rightarrow \psi), (\psi \rightarrow \gamma) \vdash (\varphi \rightarrow \gamma)$$

The proof of

$$\vdash (\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow ((\psi \rightarrow \gamma) \rightarrow (\varphi \rightarrow \gamma))$$

contains the same proof (see lecture notes). And so does the proof of

$$\vdash ((\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \wedge (\psi \rightarrow \gamma)) \rightarrow (\varphi \rightarrow \gamma)$$

# “Deduction Theorem” (we won’t prove this)

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We can always rewrite sequents

$$\begin{array}{ll} \varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n \vdash \varphi & \text{as} \quad \vdash \varphi_1 \rightarrow (\varphi_2 \rightarrow \dots (\varphi_n \rightarrow \varphi) \dots) \\ & \text{or} \quad \vdash (\varphi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \varphi_n) \rightarrow \varphi \end{array}$$

and vice versa.

The first form is often quicker to deal with.

Technically, a **theorem** is a sequent of the form  $\vdash \varphi$ , with no hypotheses to the left of the turnstile symbol. The deduction theorem says we can always think of sequents in Prop as describing theorems.

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The sequent

$$\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n \vdash \psi$$

can be thought of as the theorem

$$\vdash \varphi_1 \rightarrow (\varphi_2 \rightarrow \dots (\varphi_n \rightarrow \psi) \dots)$$

# Equivalent statements and biconditionals

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If  $\varphi \vdash \psi$  and  $\psi \vdash \varphi$  both hold, we write

$$\varphi \dashv\vdash \psi$$

and say that  $\varphi, \psi$  are (provably) **equivalent**. This is the same as saying that

$$\vdash \varphi \rightarrow \psi \quad \text{and} \quad \vdash \psi \rightarrow \varphi$$

are both theorems. We also have

$$\varphi \dashv\vdash \psi \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \vdash \varphi \leftrightarrow \psi$$

where we define the **biconditional** arrow ( $\leftrightarrow$ ) by

$$\varphi \leftrightarrow \psi = (\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \wedge (\psi \rightarrow \varphi).$$

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Today and last week:

- Basic terminology for any proof calculi
- Natural deduction for constructive propositional logic

Next week:

- Natural deduction for classical propositional logic
- Semantics and structural induction
- Soundness, completeness, and compatness