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# CS/IS F214 Logic in Computer Science

## MODULE: PROPOSITIONAL LOGIC

### Proof of Completeness: Theorem *Tautology-Theorem*

# Theorem *Tautology-Theorem*

- **Theorem T-T:**
  - *Every tautology (in propositional logic) is a theorem* (i.e. it is provable): i.e. if  $\models \chi$  holds then  $\vdash \chi$  holds.
- **Proof Outline:**
  - If  $\models \chi$  holds, there is a truth table for  $\chi$  with all 1s in the last column
    - Using the Line Semantics Lemma
      - we construct a proof corresponding to each row of the truth table and
    - and assemble all those proofs using
      - nested application of the  $\vee$ e proof rule (along with LEM for each atomic proposition)



# Visualization of the proof outline: Theorem T-T

Example Truth Table (for some formula  $\phi$ )

$p_0$	$p_1$	...	$p_m$	$\phi$
0	0	...	0	0
0	0	...	1	1
...	...	...	...	
1	1	...	1	



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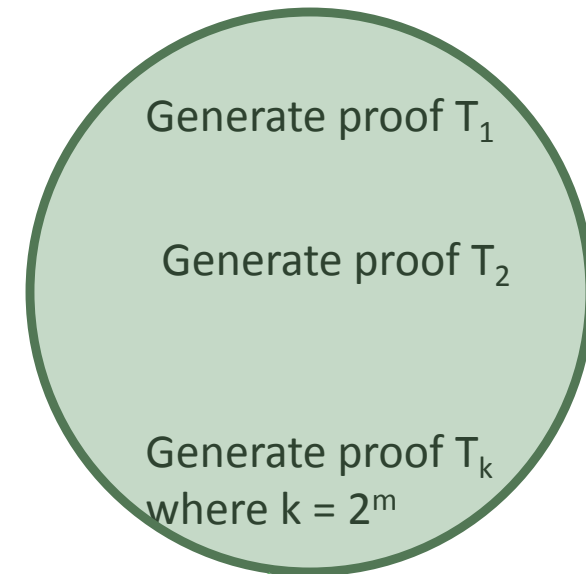
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...	...	...	...	...
1	1	...	1	1



Assemble all  
proofs!

## Lemma *Line-Semantics*

- Lemma **Line-Semantics**:
  - Let  $\phi$  be a propositional formula on propositional atoms  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m$ .
  - Let  $k$  be a line (i.e. row) number in the truth table for  $\phi$ .
  - Define
    - $L_{k,i} = p_i$  if entry for  $p_i$  is 1 in line  $k$
    - $L_{k,i} = \neg p_i$  otherwise.
  - Then
    - $L_{k,1}, L_{k,2}, \dots, L_{k,m} \vdash \phi$  is provable if entry for  $\phi$  in line  $k$  is 1
    - $L_{k,1}, L_{k,2}, \dots, L_{k,m} \vdash \neg \phi$  is provable if entry for  $\phi$  in line  $k$  is 0

## Lemma *Line-Semantics* (proved in later slides)

- Informally, the Line-Semantics lemma states that:
  - for each line of the truth table for  $\phi$  there exists a proof
    - deriving  $\phi$  if the last line of the row is 1; deriving  $\neg \phi$  if it is 0.
    - with each propositional atom (*if its column is 1 in that row*) or its negation (*if it is 0*) as a premise

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Example Truth Table (for some tautology  $\phi$ )

$p_1$	$p_2$	...	$p_m$	$\phi$
0	0	...	0	1
$\neg p_1$	$\neg p_2$		$\neg p_m$	$\phi$
0	0	...	1	1
$\neg p_1$	$\neg p_2$		$p_m$	$\phi$
...	...	...	...	...
1	1	...	1	1
$p_1$	$p_2$		$p_m$	$\phi$





# Proof of the Line-Semantics Lemma

- **Lemma Line-Semantics:**
  - $L1, L2, \dots, Lm \vdash \phi$  is provable if entry for  $\phi$  in line  $k$  is 1
  - $L1, L2, \dots, Lm \vdash \neg \phi$  is provable if entry for  $\phi$  in line  $k$  is 0
- **Proof Outline: (by structural induction)**
  - Case  $\phi$  is an atomic proposition: *see following slides*
  - Case  $\phi$  is of the form  $\neg \phi1$ : *see following slides*
  - Case  $\phi$  is of the form  $\phi1 \rightarrow \phi2$ : *see following slides*
  - Case  $\phi$  is of the form  $\phi1 \wedge \phi2$ : *similar to the case  $\phi1 \rightarrow \phi2$*
  - Case  $\phi$  is of the form  $\phi1 \vee \phi2$ : *similar to the case  $\phi1 \rightarrow \phi2$*



## Proof of the Line-Semantics Lemma

- **Proof (specific cases):**
  - Case  $\phi$  is an atomic proposition  $p$ :
    - Show that  $\mathbf{p} \models \mathbf{p}$  (Trivial)
    - Show that  $\neg \mathbf{p} \models \neg \mathbf{p}$  (Trivial)
  - Case  $\phi$  is of the form  $\neg \psi$ :
    - Assume that  $\phi$  evaluates to 1 i.e.  $\psi$  evaluates to 0
      - $\psi$  has the same atomic propositions as  $\phi$
      - By induction hypothesis:
        - $\mathbf{L1}, \mathbf{L2}, \dots, \mathbf{Lm} \models \neg \psi$ 
          - but  $\neg \psi$  is same as  $\phi$  and so we are done.
    - Assume that  $\phi$  evaluates to 0 i.e.  $\psi$  evaluates to 1
      - By induction hypothesis:
        - $\mathbf{L1}, \mathbf{L2}, \dots, \mathbf{Lm} \models \psi$
      - By  $\neg \neg$  rule, we get  $\mathbf{L1}, \mathbf{L2}, \dots, \mathbf{Lm} \models \neg \neg \psi$ 
        - but  $\neg(\neg \psi)$  is same as  $\neg \phi$  and so we are done.



# Proof of Line Semantics Lemma

- **Proof (specific cases):**
- Case  $\phi$  is of the form  $\psi \rightarrow \chi$ 
  - If  $\phi$  evaluates to 0:
    - then  $\psi$  must evaluate to 1 and  $\chi$  must evaluate to 0
    - We have, by induction hypotheses,
      - $Lq_1, Lq_2, \dots, Lq_k \vdash \psi$  and  $Lr_1, Lr_2, \dots, Lr_n \vdash \neg \chi$ 
        - where  $q_i$  and  $r_j$  are atomic propositions in  $\psi$  and  $\chi$  respectively.
    - So,  $Lp_1, Lp_2, \dots, Lp_m \vdash \psi \wedge \neg \chi$ 
      - where  $\{p_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq m\} = \{q_j \mid 1 \leq j \leq k\} \cup \{r_j \mid 1 \leq j \leq n\}$
    - and we can prove (by ND):
      - $\psi \wedge \neg \chi \vdash \neg (\psi \rightarrow \chi)$



# Proof of Line Semantics Lemma

- **Proof (specific cases):**
- Case  $\phi$  is of the form  $\psi \rightarrow \chi$  (continued)
  - If  $\phi$  evaluates to TRUE: we have three cases:
    - 1) both  $\psi$  and  $\chi$  evaluate to 0:
 

By hypothesis:  $Lq_1, Lq_2, \dots, Lq_k \vdash \neg\psi$  and  $Lr_1, Lr_2, \dots, Lr_n \vdash \neg\chi$   
 so  $Lp_1, Lp_2, \dots, Lp_m \vdash \neg\psi \wedge \neg\chi$

      - and we need to show (by ND):  $\neg\chi \wedge \neg\psi \vdash \psi \rightarrow \chi$
    - 2) both  $\psi$  and  $\chi$  evaluate to 1:
 

By hypothesis:  $Lq_1, Lq_2, \dots, Lq_k \vdash \psi$  and  $Lr_1, Lr_2, \dots, Lr_n \vdash \chi$   
 so  $Lp_1, Lp_2, \dots, Lp_m \vdash \psi \wedge \chi$

      - and we need to show (by ND):  $\chi \wedge \psi \vdash \psi \rightarrow \chi$
    - 3)  $\psi$  evaluates to 0 and  $\chi$  evaluates to 1:
 

By hypothesis:  $Lq_1, Lq_2, \dots, Lq_k \vdash \neg\psi$  and  $Lr_1, Lr_2, \dots, Lr_n \vdash \chi$   
 so  $Lp_1, Lp_2, \dots, Lp_m \vdash \neg\psi \wedge \chi$

      - and we need to show (by ND):  $\chi \wedge \neg\psi \vdash \psi \rightarrow \chi$

# Theorem T-T : Using Lemma Line-Semantics

- Assuming
  - $\models \phi$
- apply Lemma **Line-Semantics** on the truth table for  $\phi$ 
  - Since  $\phi$  is a tautology, it evaluates to 1 in all  $2^m$  lines of its truth table (*where  $m$  is the number of atomic propositions*)
  - i.e. we will get  $2^m$  proofs of the form
    - $L_1, L_2, \dots, L_m \vdash \phi$
- **All these proofs are to be assembled into one proof (in ND) without any premises i.e.**
  - $\vdash \phi$



## RECALL- Example

Given the tautology

$$p \wedge q \rightarrow p$$

and its truth table:

p	q	$p \wedge q$	$p \wedge q \rightarrow p$
0	0	0	1
0	1	0	1
1	0	0	1
1	1	1	1

We generate one proof per row:

Sequents
$\neg p, \neg q \vdash p \wedge q \rightarrow p$
$\neg p, q \vdash p \wedge q \rightarrow p$
$p, \neg q \vdash p \wedge q \rightarrow p$
$p, q \vdash p \wedge q \rightarrow p$

Each of these sequents is valid by the **Line-Semantics Lemma**.

How do we combine them?

## Theorem T-T: Proof-assembly - Example

- How do you assemble proofs?
  - Example:  $p \wedge q \rightarrow p$

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- Suppose you prove (i)  $p \vdash p \wedge q \rightarrow p$  and (ii)  $\neg p \vdash p \wedge q \rightarrow p$
- Then you have proved  $\vdash p \wedge q \rightarrow p$
- i.e.  $p \wedge q \rightarrow p$  is true independent of truth (or falsity) of  $p$ .

# Theorem T-T: Proof-assembly - Example (contd.)

## • How do you assemble proofs?

### • Example: $p \wedge q \rightarrow p$

1	$p \vee \neg p$		LEM	
2	$p$		Assumption	
3	$q \vee \neg q$		LEM	
4	$q$	Assum	$\neg q$	Assum
5	..		..	
6	..		..	
7	$p \wedge q \rightarrow p$		$p \wedge q \rightarrow p$	
8	$p \wedge q \rightarrow p$		$\vee e$	
9	$p \wedge q \rightarrow p$		$\vee e$	

$p \wedge q \rightarrow p$  is true independent of  
the truth (or the falsity) of  $p$  or that of  $q$ .



## Theorem T-T: Proof

- How do you assemble proofs?

Applying this proof-assembly technique on the  $2^m$  proofs of the form  $L1, L2, \dots Lm \vdash \phi$  yields a proof of  $\vdash \phi$  i.e.

- starting from  $\vdash \phi$ ,
- we draw a truth table for  $\phi$ ,
- write proofs for each line (based on Line-Semantics),
- and assemble them all to get  $\vdash \phi$

- i.e. two proofs of the form:

$L1, L2, \dots Lm-1, p \vdash \phi$  and  $L1, L2, \dots Lm-1, \neg p \vdash \phi$

can be combined to yield:

$L1, L2, \dots Lm-1 \vdash \phi$

- By induction on  $m$  (the number of propositional atoms):

- all propositional atoms (and their negations) can be eliminated as premises, yielding:

$\vdash \phi$

## RECAP: Proof of completeness – Steps: I

- We proved **Lemma Line-Semantics**  
by structural induction on formulas in propositional logic
- We proved **Theorem T-T**
  - i.e. If  $\models \psi$  then  $\vdash \psi$  in two steps:
    1. We showed by Lemma Line-Semantics  
*there is a proof corresponding to every row of truth table for  $\psi$*
    2. We showed by induction on  $n$   
*that we can assemble all  $2^n$  proofs into a single proof of  $\vdash \psi$*

## RECAP: Proof of completeness – Steps: II

- Assume  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n \models \psi$ .
  1. We showed by induction on  $n$  that
 
$$\models \phi_1 \rightarrow (\phi_2 \rightarrow (\phi_3 \rightarrow (\dots \phi_n \rightarrow \psi) \dots)))$$
  2. We showed by Theorem T-T

$$\vdash \phi_1 \rightarrow (\phi_2 \rightarrow (\phi_3 \rightarrow (\dots \phi_n \rightarrow \psi) \dots)))$$
 is valid
  3. We showed by induction on  $n$ 

$$\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n \vdash \psi$$
 is valid