

# *This course*

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## Propositional logic

- ▶ Syntax
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- ▶ Normal Forms
- ▶ Propositional reasoning
- ▶ Propositional Resolution, Proofs
- ▶ DPLL and optimizations

## First-Order Logic

- ▶ Syntax
- ▶ Semantics
- ▶ Normal Forms
- ▶ First-order reasoning
- ▶ Resolution and refinements
- ▶ Completeness

## Section 1 Orderings, multi-sets, induction

## Well-Founded Orderings

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- ▶ Orderings will be used throughout this course.
- ▶ Well-founded orderings are crucial for induction proofs.
- ▶ Orderings are used for restricting search space in reasoning methods.
- ▶ Reference:  
Baader, F. and Nipkow, T. (1998), *Term rewriting and all that*.  
Cambridge Univ. Press, Chapter 2.

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- ▶ **terminating** if there is no infinite  $s_1 \Rightarrow s_2 \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow s_n \Rightarrow \dots$
- ▶ **compatible** with an ordering  $\succ$  on  $S$  if  $\Rightarrow \subseteq \succ$ .

**Lemma.** A transition relation  $\Rightarrow$  is terminating if and only if there is a well-founded ordering  $\succ$  compatible with  $\Rightarrow$ .

**State-of-the-art methods** for proving termination of a programs are based on finding suitable well-founded ordering compatible with the program transition relation.

# Noetherian Induction

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## Theorem (Noetherian Induction)

Let  $(X, \succ)$  be a well-founded ordering, let  $Q$  be a property of elements of  $X$ .

If for all  $x \in X$  the following implication is satisfied

if  $Q(y)$  holds, for all  $y \in X$  such that  $x \succ y$ ,<sup>1</sup>  
then  $Q(x)$  holds.<sup>2</sup>

then

the property  $Q(x)$  holds for all  $x \in X$ .

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<sup>1</sup>induction hypothesis

<sup>2</sup>induction step/base case

## Noetherian Induction (cont'd)

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### Proof.

By contradiction.

Thus, suppose for all  $x \in X$  the implication above is satisfied, but  $Q(x)$  does not hold for all  $x \in X$ .

Let  $A = \{x \in X \mid Q(x) \text{ is false}\}$ . Suppose  $A \neq \emptyset$ .

Since  $(X, \succ)$  is well-founded,  $A$  has a minimal element  $x_1$ . Hence for all  $y \in X$  with  $x_1 \succ y$  the property  $Q(y)$  holds.

On the other hand, the implication which is presupposed for this theorem holds in particular also for  $x_1$ , hence  $Q(x_1)$  must be true so that  $x_1$  cannot belong to  $A$ . *Contradiction.* □

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# Multi-Sets

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- ▶ Multi-sets are “sets which allow repetition”.

E.g.:  $\{a, a, b\}$ ,  $\{a, b, a\}$ ,  $\{a, b\}$

- ▶ Formally, let  $X$  be a set.

A **multi-set**  $S$  over  $X$  is a mapping  $S : X \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ .

- ▶ Intuitively,  $S(x)$  specifies the number of occurrences of the element  $x$  (of the base set  $X$ ) within  $S$ .
- ▶ **Example:**  $S = \{a, a, a, b, b\}$  is a multi-set over  $\{a, b, c\}$ ,  
where  $S(a) = 3$ ,  $S(b) = 2$ ,  $S(c) = 0$ .
- ▶ We say that  $x$  is an **element** of  $S$ , if  $S(x) > 0$ .

## Multi-Sets (cont'd)

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- ▶ We use set notation ( $\in$ ,  $\subset$ ,  $\subseteq$ ,  $\cup$ ,  $\cap$ , etc.) with analogous meaning also for multi-sets, e.g.,

$$(S_1 \cup S_2)(x) = S_1(x) + S_2(x)$$

$$(S_1 \cap S_2)(x) = \min\{S_1(x), S_2(x)\}$$

$$(S_1 \setminus S_2)(x) = S_1(x) \dot{-} S_2(x)$$

- ▶ A multi-set  $S$  over  $X$  is called **finite**, if

$$|\{x \in X \mid S(x) > 0\}| < \infty.$$

- ▶ From now on we consider finite multi-sets only.

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Answer:

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$$S_1 \cap S_2 = \{a, b\}$$



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## Summary

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- ▶ (strict) orderings
- ▶ well-founded orderings
- ▶ Noetherian (well-founded) induction
- ▶ multi-sets
- ▶ multi-set ordering  $\succ_{\text{mul}}$ 
  - = multi-set extension of ordering  $\succ$  on the elements

## Section 3 Propositional Logic: Syntax and Semantics

# *What is logic?*

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- ▶ Syntax: formal language
- ▶ Semantics: meaning for the language
- ▶ Reasoning:
  - ▶ Proof theory
  - ▶ Model theory

## *Why Propositional Logic?*

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- ▶ Propositional logic is one of the simplest logics
- ▶ Propositional logic has direct applications e.g. circuit design
- ▶ There are efficient algorithms for reasoning in propositional logic
- ▶ Propositional logic is a foundation for most of the more expressive logics

Our next goal is to study properties of propositional formulas and devise algorithms for reasoning in propositional logic.

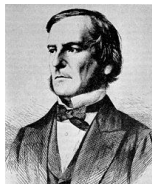
# *Propositional (Boolean) Logic*

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**Example:** "If I study hard and I complete all assignments then I will get a good grade."

Atomic propositions (can be true or false):

- ▶ I study hard
- ▶ I complete all assignments
- ▶ I will get a good grade



George Boole

From atomic propositions we can construct more complex propositions (formulas) using Boolean connectives (and, or, not,...).

**Next:** Syntax and Semantics



## Syntax: Propositional Formulas

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Propositional (Boolean) variables usually denoted as  $p, q, s, \dots$

Connectives:  $\wedge$  "and",  $\vee$  "or",  $\neg$  "not",  $\rightarrow$  "implies",  $\leftrightarrow$  "equivalent"

### Propositional formula:

- ▶ Every propositional variable is a formula, also called **atomic formula**, or simply **atom**.
- ▶  $\top$  (true) and  $\perp$  (false) are formulas.
- ▶ If  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  are formulas, where  $n \geq 2$ , then  $(A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n)$  and  $(A_1 \vee \dots \vee A_n)$  are formulas.
- ▶ If  $A$  is a formula, then  $\neg A$  is a formula.
- ▶ If  $A$  and  $B$  are formulas, then  $(A \rightarrow B)$  and  $(A \leftrightarrow B)$  are formulas.

## Subformulas

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Example:  $((p \wedge q) \rightarrow (q \vee \neg p \vee s))$

Immediate Subformulas:

$(p \wedge q)$  and  $(q \vee \neg p \vee s)$

Subformulas:

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$(p \wedge q)$  and  $(q \vee \neg p \vee s);$

$p; q; \neg p; s$

Notation:  $A[B]$  means  $B$  occurs in  $A$  as a subformula.

## Connectives

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Example:  $((p \wedge q) \rightarrow (q \vee \neg p \vee s))$  (too many brackets...)

Connective	Name	Priority
$\neg$	negation	5
$\vee$	disjunction	4
$\wedge$	conjunction	3
$\rightarrow$	implication	2
$\leftrightarrow$	equivalence	1

Now we can replace

$((p \wedge q) \rightarrow (q \vee \neg p \vee s))$  with  $p \wedge q \rightarrow q \vee \neg p \vee s$ .

## Semantics: Interpretation

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An **interpretation**  $I$  assigns truth values to propositional variables

$$I : P \rightarrow \{1, 0\}$$

$1, 0$  are called truth values or also boolean values.

- ▶ If  $I(p) = 1$ , then  $p$  is called **true** in  $I$ .
- ▶ If  $I(p) = 0$ , then  $p$  is called **false** in  $I$ .

Interpretations are also called **truth assignments**.

**Example:**  $I(p) = 0$ ;  $I(q) = 1$ ;  $I(s) = 0$

## Truth value

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Extend  $I$  to all formulas:

1.  $I(\top) = \mathbf{1}$  and  $I(\perp) = \mathbf{0}$ .
2.  $I(A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n) = \mathbf{1}$  if and only if  $I(A_i) = \mathbf{1}$  for all  $i$ .
3.  $I(A_1 \vee \dots \vee A_n) = \mathbf{1}$  if and only if  $I(A_i) = \mathbf{1}$  for some  $i$ .
4.  $I(\neg A) = \mathbf{1}$  if and only if  $I(A) = \mathbf{0}$ .
5.  $I(A \rightarrow B) = \mathbf{1}$  if and only if  $I(A) = \mathbf{0}$  or  $I(B) = \mathbf{1}$ .
6.  $I(A \leftrightarrow B) = \mathbf{1}$  if and only if  $I(A) = I(B)$ .

Notation:  $I \models A$  if  $I(A) = \mathbf{1}$  ( $A$  is **true** in  $I$ )

$I \not\models A$  if  $I(A) = \mathbf{0}$  ( $A$  is **false** in  $I$ )

## Truth Tables

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$A$	$B$	$A \wedge B$	$A \vee B$	$\neg A$	$A \rightarrow B$	$A \leftrightarrow B$
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## Operation tables

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	$\rightarrow$	1	0	$\leftrightarrow$	1	0	
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## *How to evaluate a formula?*

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Let's evaluate the formula

$$(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (p \wedge q \rightarrow r) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r)$$

in the interpretation

$$I = \{p \mapsto \mathbf{1}, q \mapsto \mathbf{0}, r \mapsto \mathbf{1}\}.$$











## Evaluating a formula.

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3	$(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (p \wedge q \rightarrow r)$	
4	$p \wedge q \rightarrow r$	
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6	$p \wedge q$	
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Next: more practical methods for satisfiability.

## Section 4 Reasoning Methods

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**Aim:** Prove validity/satisfiability of propositional formulas.

## Reasoning Methods:

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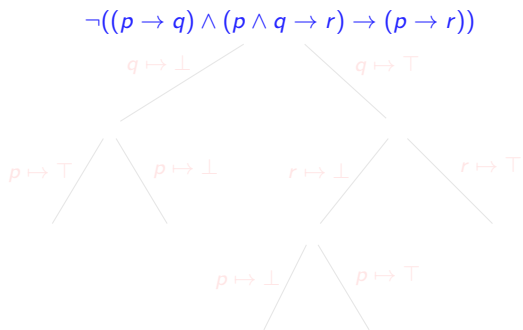
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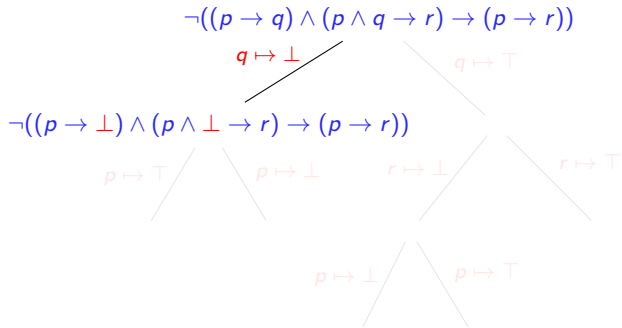
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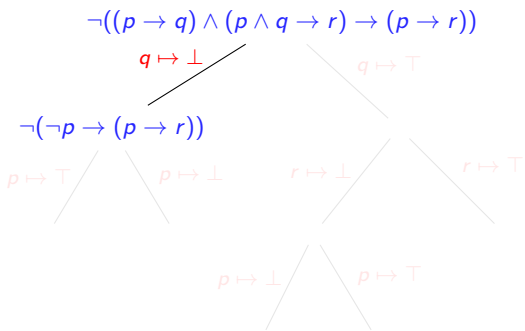
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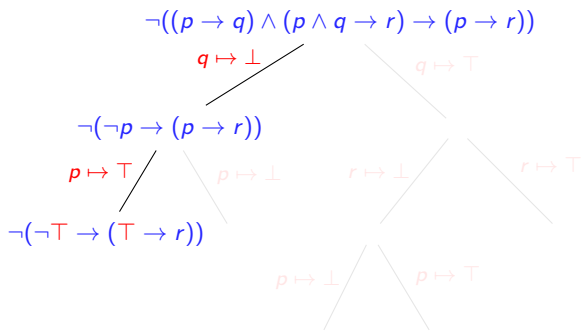
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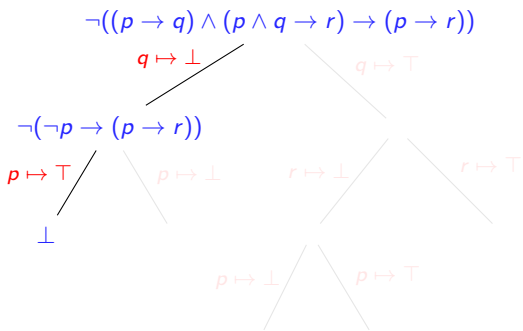
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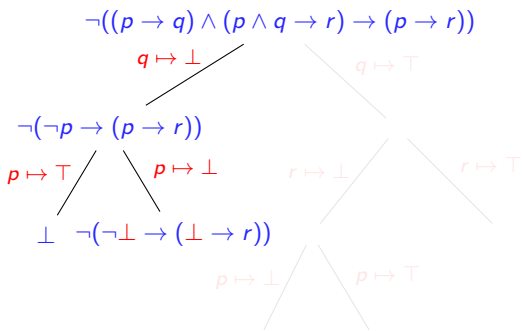
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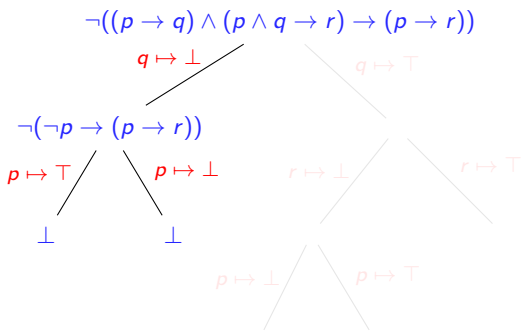
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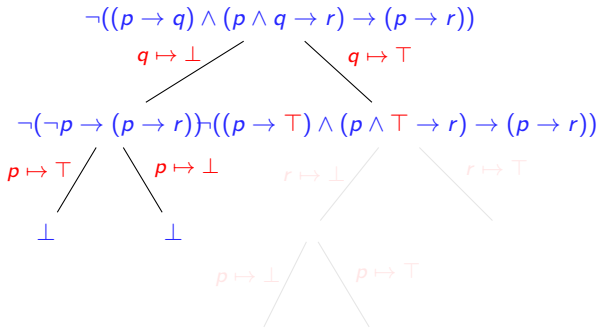
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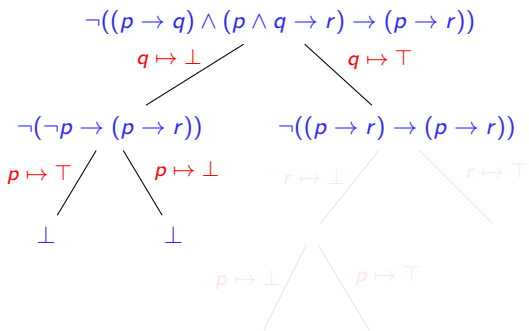


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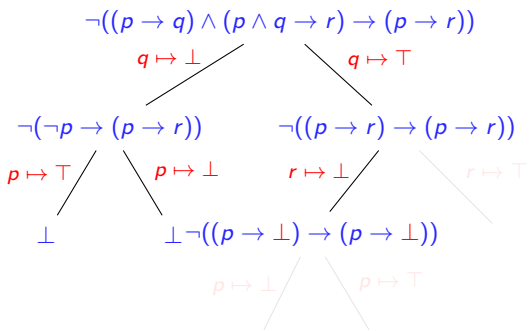
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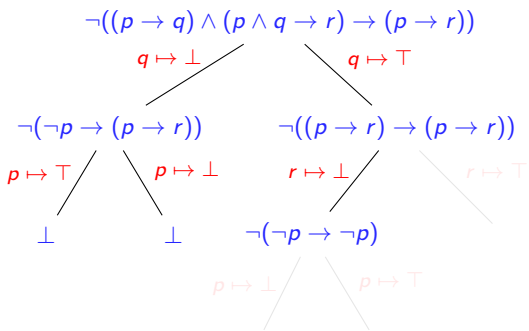
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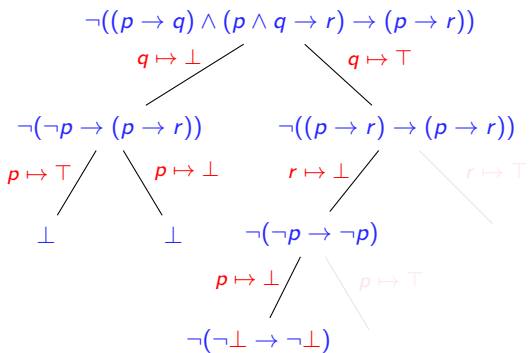
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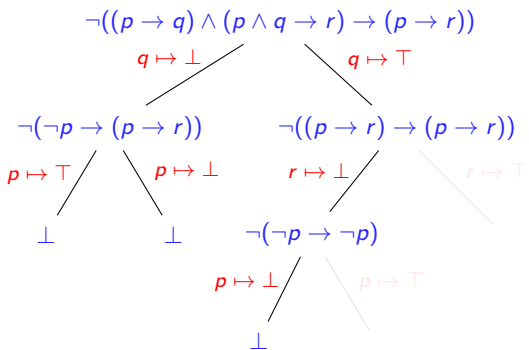
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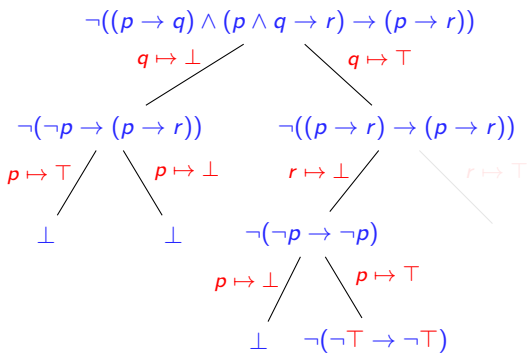
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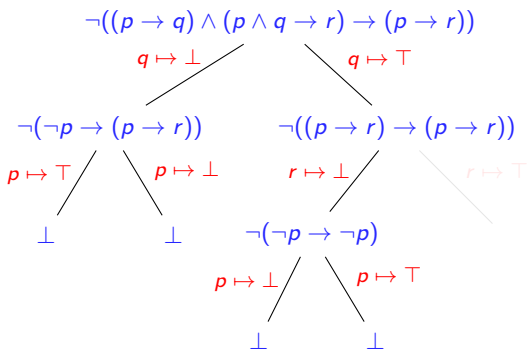
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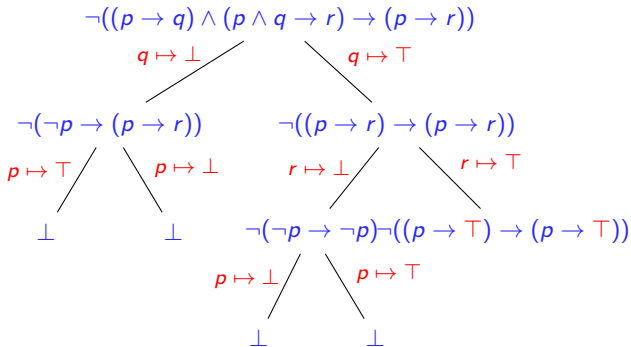
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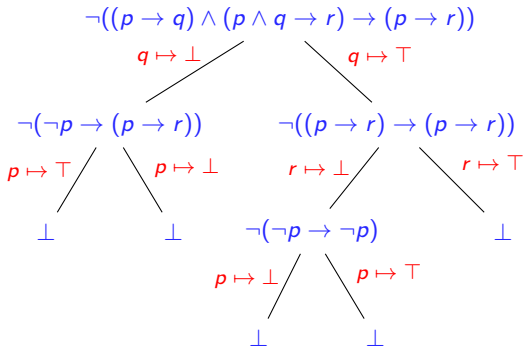


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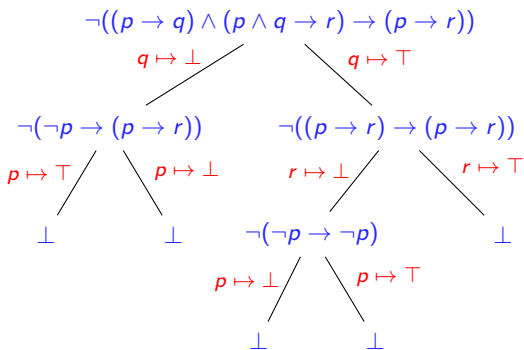
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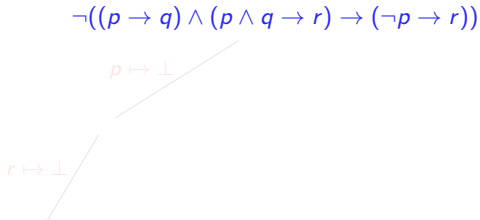
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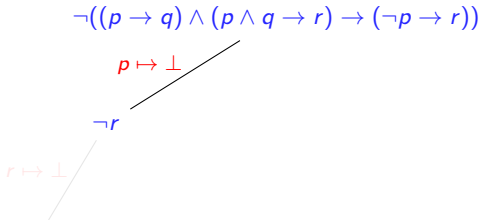
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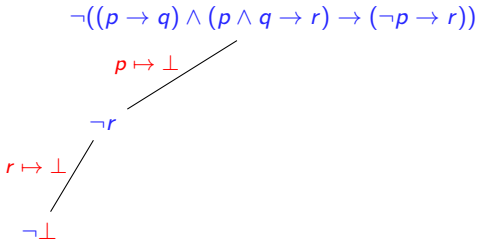
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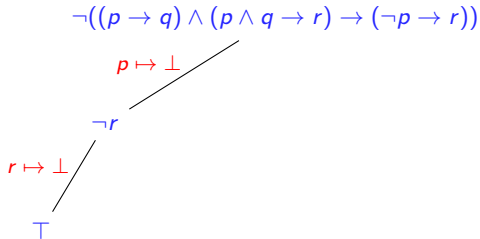
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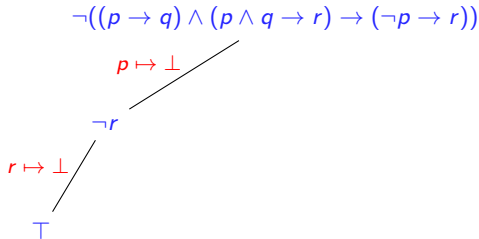
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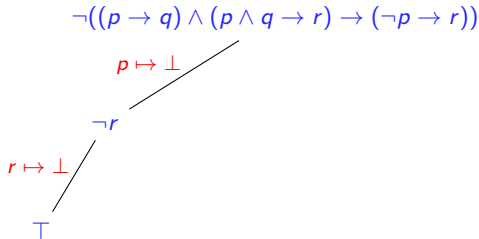
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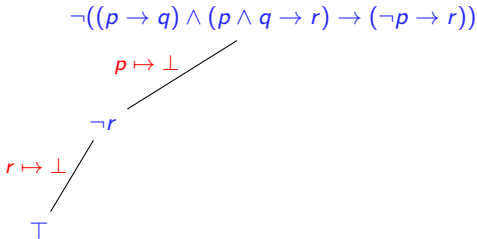
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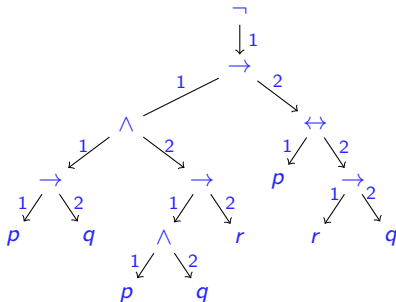
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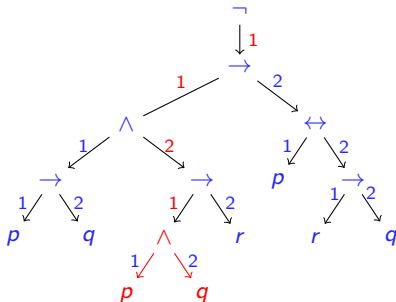




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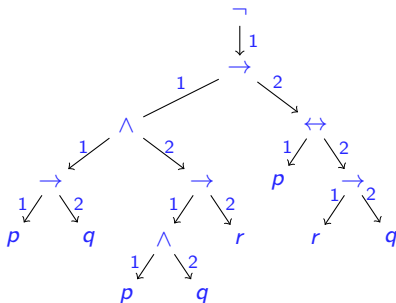
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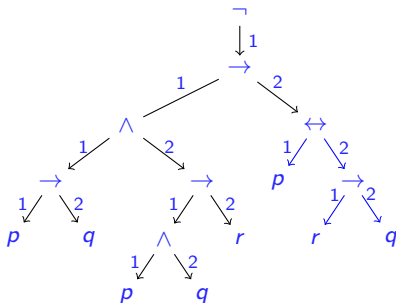


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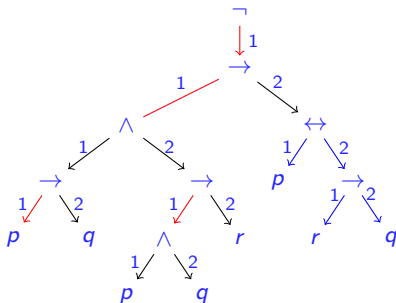


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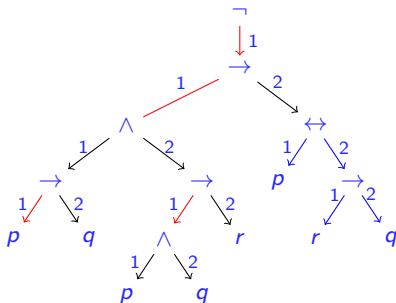


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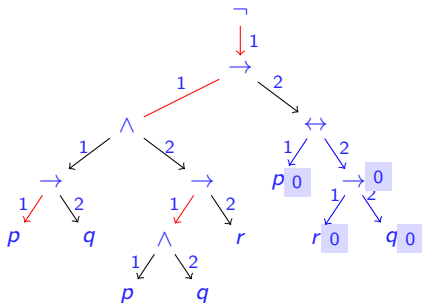


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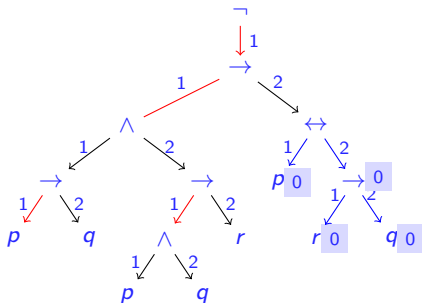
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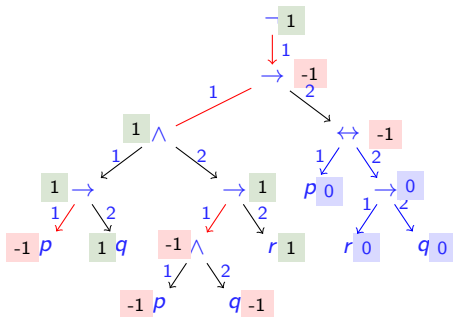


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  - ▶ syntactic transformations
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## Section Inference Systems, Proofs and Propositional Resolution

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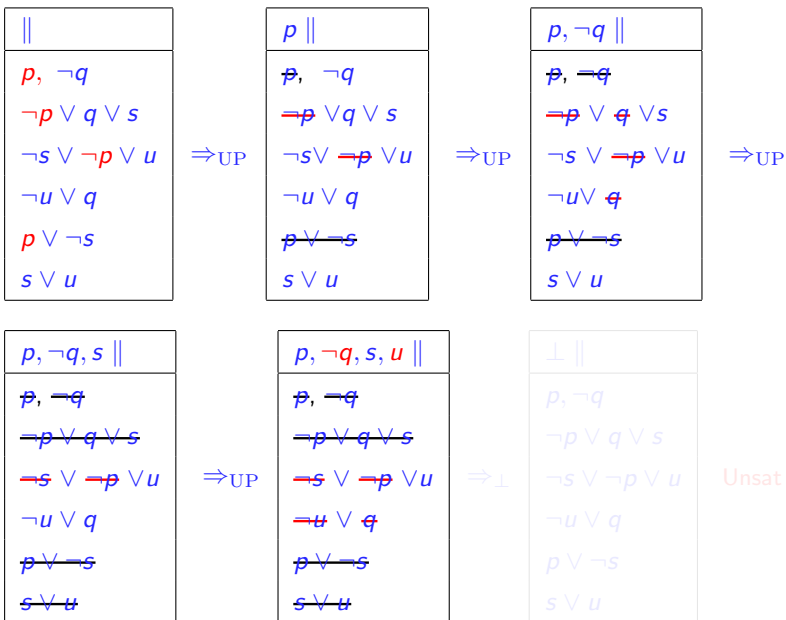
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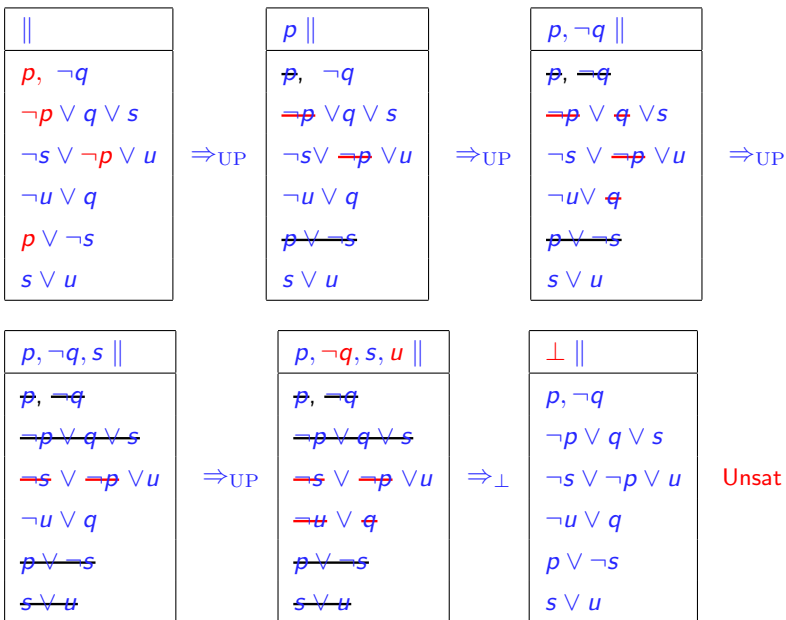
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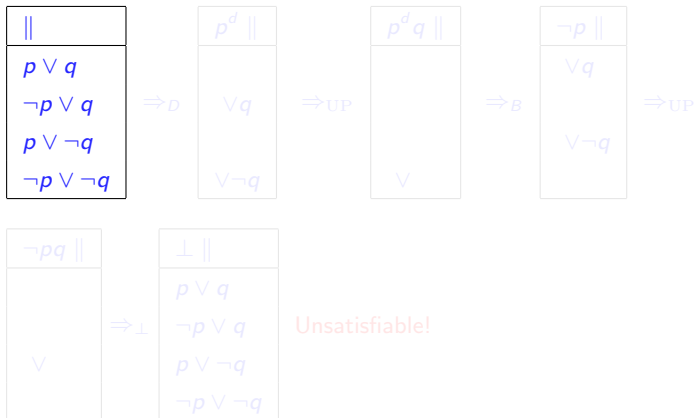
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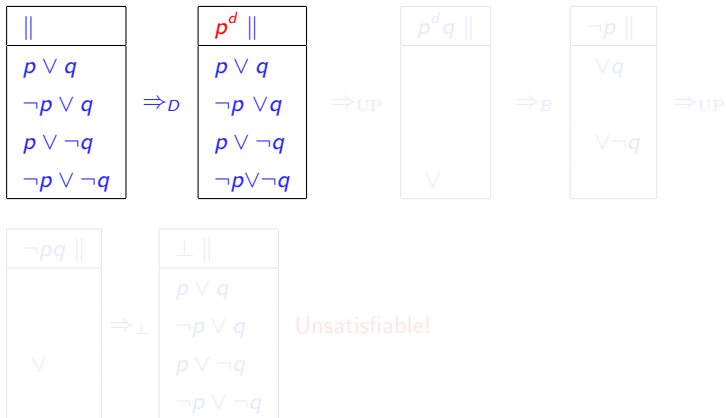


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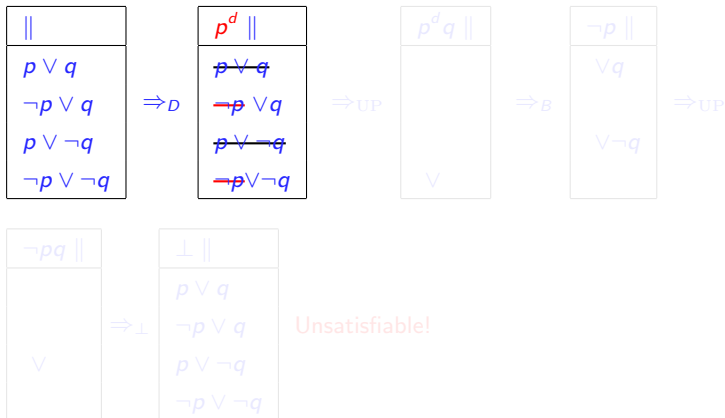
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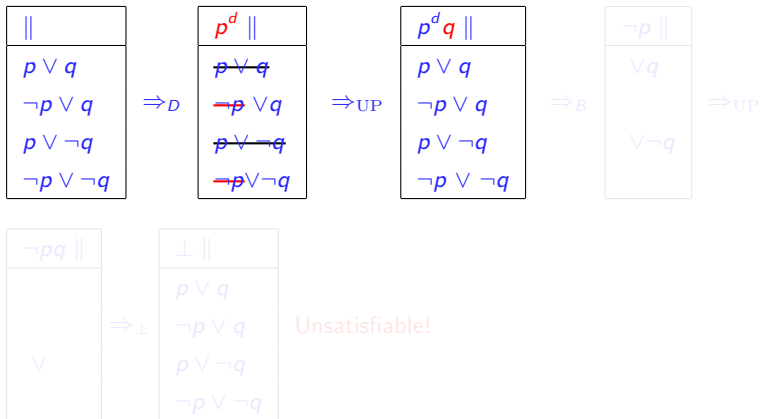




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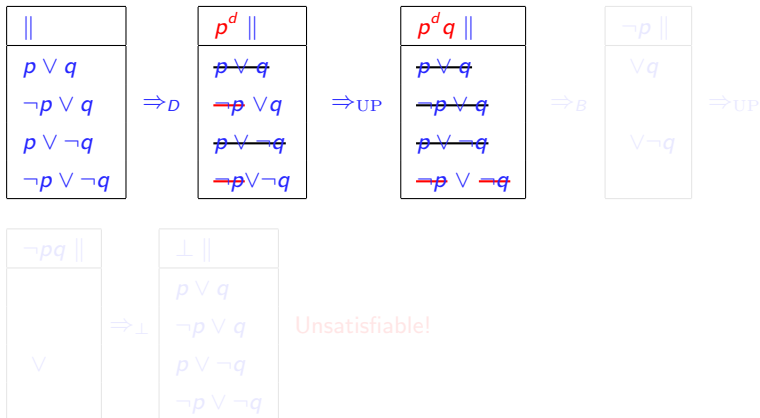
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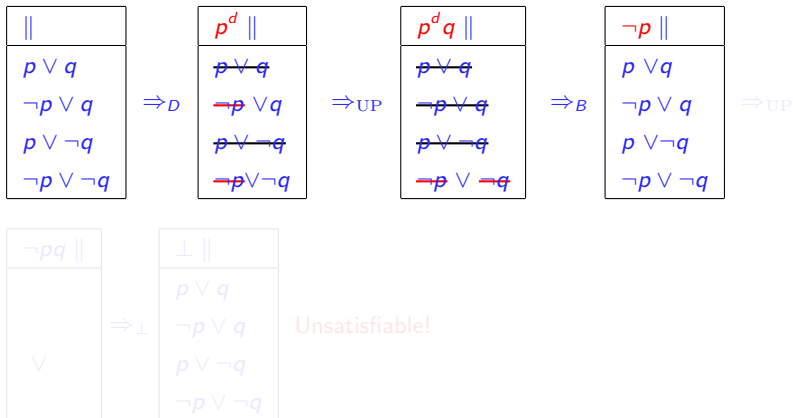
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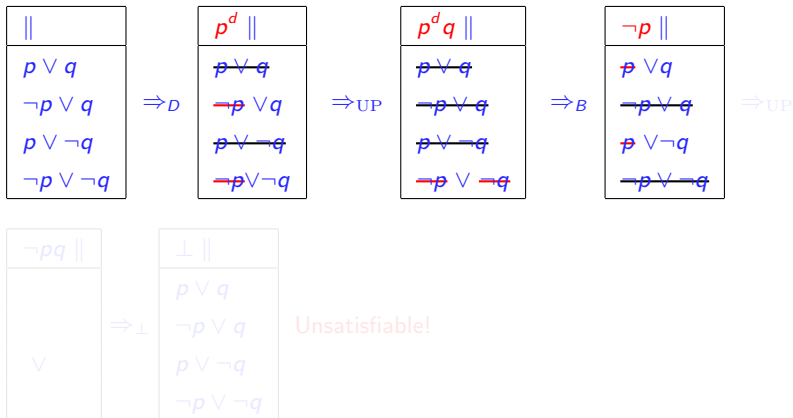
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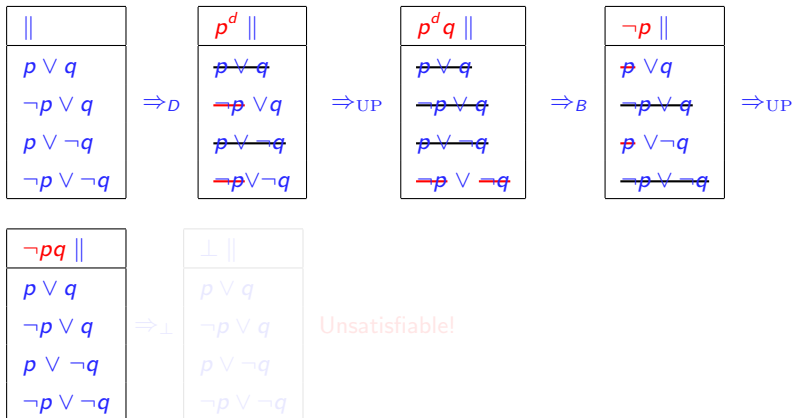
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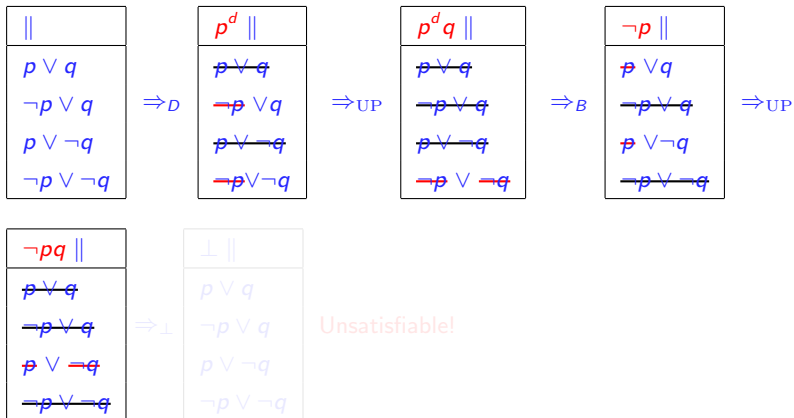
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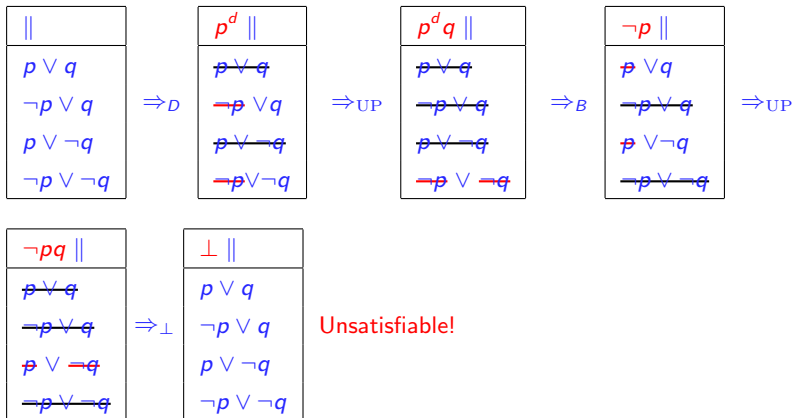
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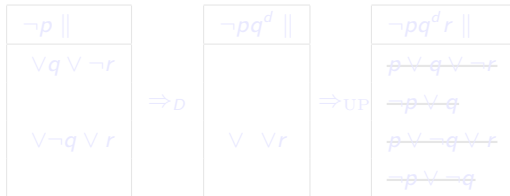
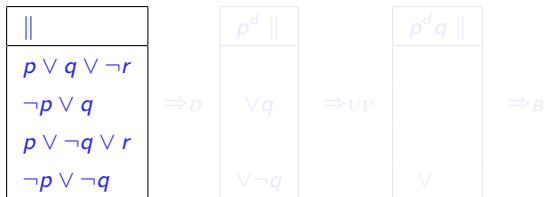
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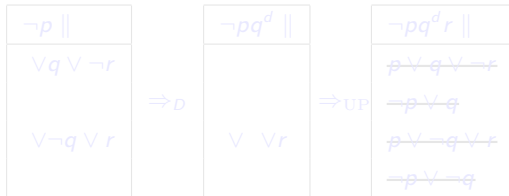
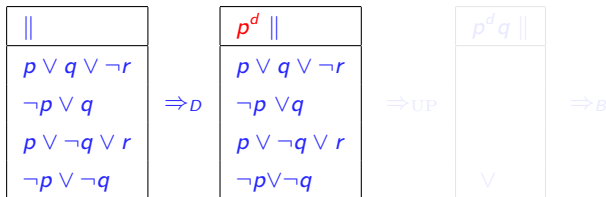
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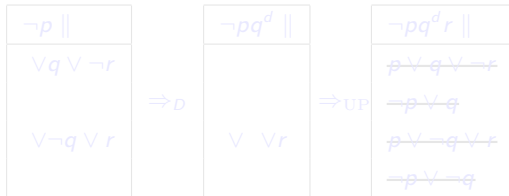
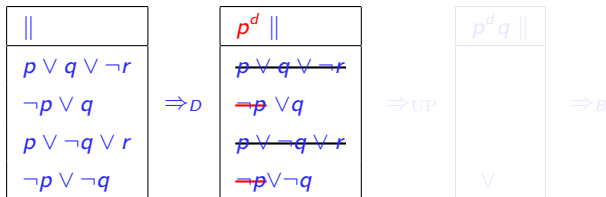
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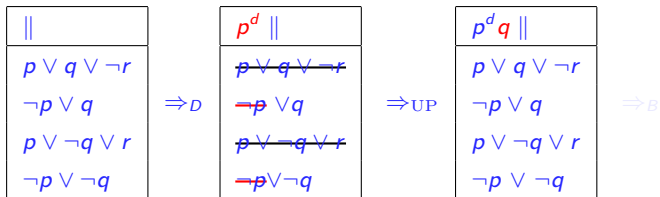
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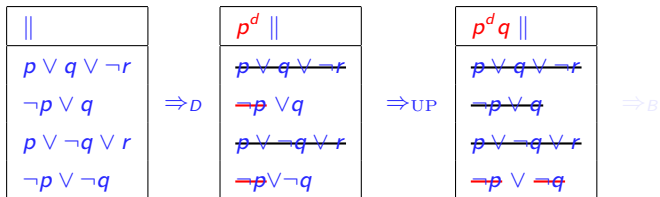
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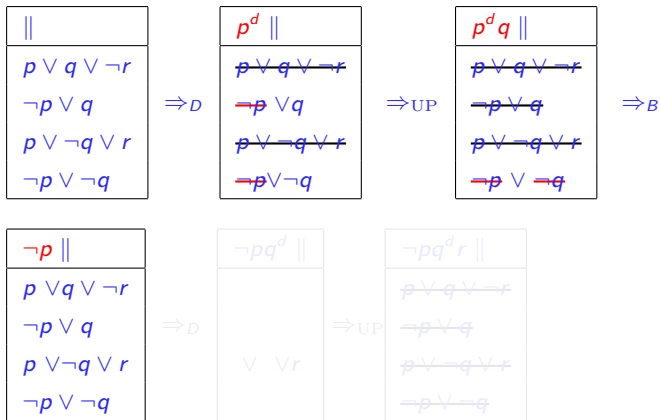




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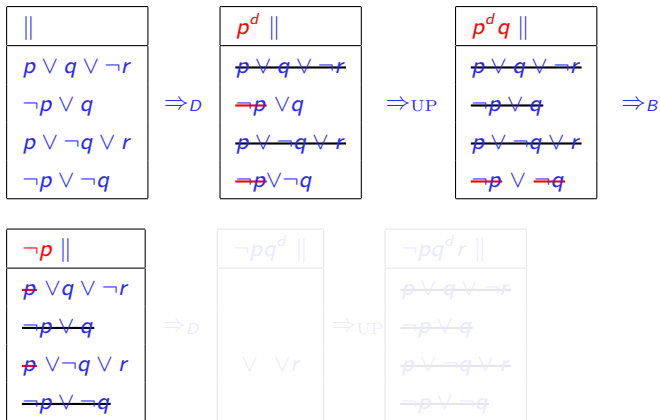
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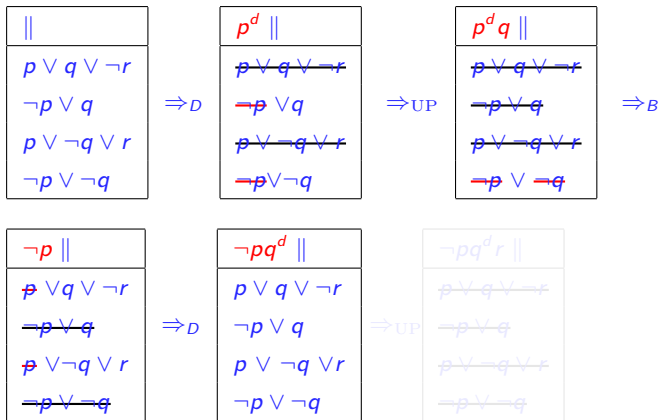
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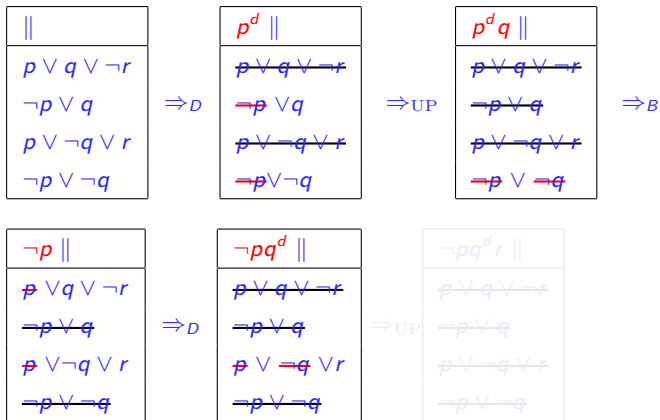
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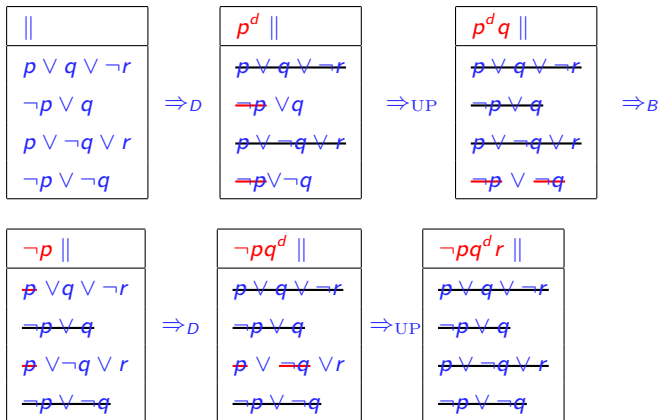
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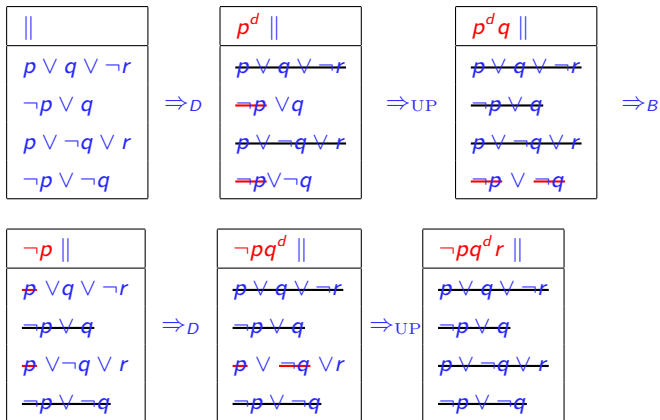
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## DPLL Termination

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Let  $n$  be the number of propositional variables in our problem.

Consider a set  $\text{LitType} = \{u, d, i\}$  consisting of three elements.

**Informally:**  $u$  corresponds to an undefined variable,  $d$  to a decision variable and  $i$  to an implied variable.

**Associate** with any DPLL state  $\ell_1 \dots \ell_m \parallel S$  an  $n$ -tuple  $(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  of elements from  $\text{LitType}$  such that

- ▶ for  $1 \leq k \leq m$ 
  - ▶ if  $\ell_k$  is a decision variable then  $t_k = d$
  - ▶ if  $\ell_k$  is an implied variable then  $t_k = i$
- ▶ for  $m + 1 \leq k \leq n$ ,  $t_k = u$ .

**Define** an ordering  $u \succ d \succ i$ . **Note:**  $\succ$  is obviously well-founded.

By Theorem on the lexicographic combination,  $\succ_{\text{lex}}^n$  is also well-founded.

It is straightforward to check that all DPLL rules are compatible with  $\succ_{\text{lex}}^n$ .

Therefore any DPLL derivation **terminates!**



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## Section Formalising problems in propositional logic

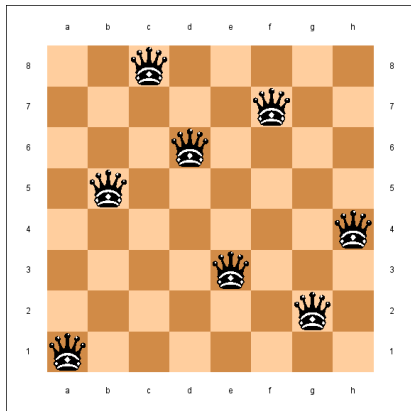
# *N-Queens Problem*

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Place  $N$  queens on an  $N \times N$  chess board such that no two queens attack each other.

**Next:** Formalising N-Queens Problem in propositional logic.



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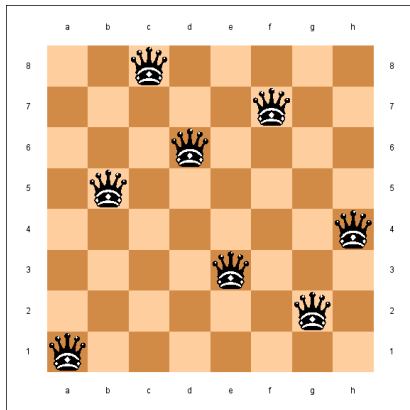
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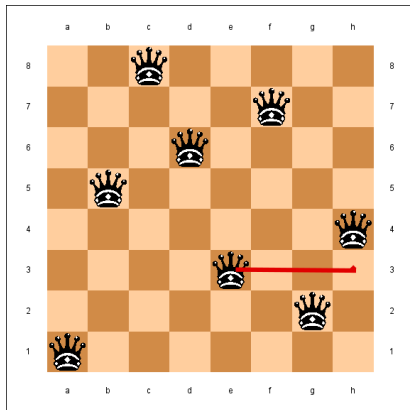


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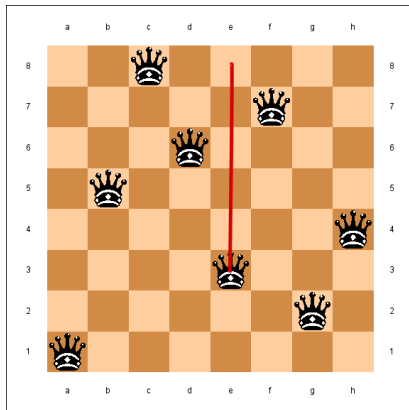
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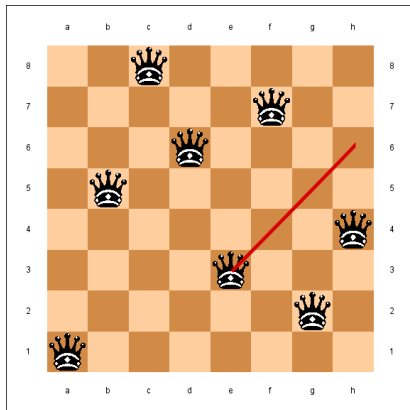


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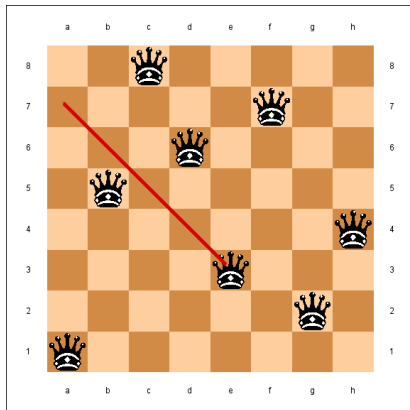
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 (Recall CNF from truth tables)

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$$y \times z^2 - x^6 = 10$$

$$x \times y \times z \geq 23$$

**Problem:** find a solution for such a system or show that no solution exists.

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- ▶ planning
- ▶ scheduling
- ▶ verification
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