# What is Logic?

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### **Motivations**

*Reasoning:* Logic is the study of formal reasoning.

- By 'formal' we don't mean that it uses mathematical symbols.
- Rather, what follows from what in virtue of logical form.
- Abstracting from specific subject-matters, logic describes general patterns of reasoning that apply across the disciplines.

*Normativity:* Logic is not a *descriptive* science studying how human beings in fact reason across the various disciplines.

• Logic is a *normative* science, describing an especially strong form of reasoning that may serve as an ideal.

Artifical: We will primarily work in artificial languages where we will stipulate how to reason in these languages.

- Regimenting English will expose and remove ambiguities.
- We will provide proof systems for our artificial languages by which to compute what follows from what in a manner that vastly extends our natural cognitive capacities.

# **Interpretations**

*Proposition:* We will begin with propositional logic where a PROPOSITION

is a way for things to be which either obtains or does not.

Declarative Sentence: Given an interpretation of the language, an English sentence is DECLARATIVE just in case it expresses a proposition.

• Interrogative, imperative, and exclamatory sentences are not declarative sentences and typically do not have truth-values.

• We will restrict to declarative sentences throughout.

Truth-Values: A declarative sentence is TRUE in an interpretation if, given

that interpretation, it expresses a proposition that obtains

and FALSE in that interpretation otherwise.

*Interpretations:* We will only be concerned with the truth-values of sentences

in this course, and so it is enough to take an INTERPRETATION

to be an assignment of truth-values to sentences.

• This amounts to taking there to be just two propositions.

## **Examples**

Deductive Argument: A DEDUCTIVE ARGUMENT in English is a nonempty sequence

of declarative sentences where a single sentence is designated as the CONCLUSION (typically the last line) and all of the

other sentences (if any) are the PREMISES.

*Snow*: This argument may be compelling, but it is not certain.

A1. It's snowing.

A2. John drove to work.

*Red*: This argument provides certainty, but not on all interpretations.

B1. The ball is crimson.

B2. The ball is red.

*Museum*: This argument's certainty is independent of the interpretation.

C1. Kate is either at home or at the Museum.

C2. Kate is not at home.

C3. Kate is at the Museum.

# **Informal Validity**

**Question 1:** What goes wrong if we assume the premises but deny the

conclusion in Snow, Red, and Museum?

Snow: Improbable but possible.

*Red:* Impossible on the intended interpretation.

Museum: Impossible on all interpretations so long as we hold the mean-

ings of logical terms 'not' and 'or' fixed.

**Task 1:** Clarify what it is to hold the logical terms fixed.

*Informal Interpretation:* An INFORMAL INTERPRETATION assigns every declarative

sentence of English to exactly one TRUTH-VALUE without

offending the following informal semantic clauses:

• A *negation* is true just in case the negand is false.

• A *disjunction* is true just in case either disjunct is true.

Informal Validity: An argument in English is INFORMALLY VALID just in case its

conclusion is true in every informal interpretation in which

all of its premises are true.

## **Formal Languages**

**Problem 1:** There is no set of all declarative sentences of English, and so

no clear notion of an informal interpretation of English.

Suggestion: Could choose some large set of atomic English sentences, but

this would be arbitrary and hard to specify precisely.

**Solution 1:** We will *regiment* English arguments in artificial languages

that are both general and easy to specify precisely.

*Propositional Language:* The SENTENCES of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  are composed of SENTENCE LETTERS

A, B, C, . . . and sentential operators  $\neg$  and  $\lor$  .

**Task 2:** Regiment *Museum* in  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ :  $H \vee M$ ,  $\neg H \models M$ .

• H = 'Kat is at home'.

• M = 'Kat is at the Museum'.

**Task 3:** Provide a way to interpret the sentences of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ .

*Schematic Variables:* Let  $\varphi, \psi, \dots$  be variables with sentences of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  as values, and

let  $\Gamma, \Sigma, \ldots$  be variables for sets of sentences of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ .

Interpretation: An interpretation  $\mathcal V$  of  $\mathcal L^{PL}$  assigns exactly one truth-value

(1 or 0) to all sentences of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  where for any  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$ :

•  $V(\neg \varphi) = 1$  just in case  $V(\varphi) = 0$ .

•  $V(\varphi \lor \psi) = 1$  just in case  $V(\varphi) = 1$  or  $V(\psi) = 1$  (or both).

*Logical Consequence:*  $\Gamma \vDash \varphi$  just in case  $\mathcal{V}(\varphi) = 1$  for any interpretation  $\mathcal{V}$  of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ 

where  $V(\gamma) = 1$  for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .

Logical Validity: An argument is LOGICALLY VALID just in case its conclusion

 $\varphi$  is a logical consequence of its set of premises  $\Gamma$ , i.e.  $\Gamma \vDash \varphi$ .

**Task 4:** Show that *Museum* is logically valid.

# Logic

*Model Theory:* We have characterized logical reasoning as truth-preservation

across a space of interpretations for an artificial language.

Proof Theory: Another approach focuses entirely on syntactic rules that

specify which inferences in a language are logically valid.

• A system of basic rules for reasoning in an artificial language is referred to as a LOGIC for that language.

 By composing basic rules, we will define what counts as a PROOF in each of the logics that we will study.

*Metalogic:* Despite their differences, these two strategies will be shown to coincide for the languages that we will study in this book.

## **Logical Form**

#### Picasso

D1. The painting is either a Picasso or a counterfeit and illegally traded.

D2. The painting is not a Picasso.

D3. The painting is a counterfeit and illegally traded.

**Task 5:** Regiment *Picasso* in  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ :  $P \vee (Q \wedge R)$ ,  $\neg P \models Q \wedge R$ .

• P ='The painting is a Picasso'.

• Q ='The painting is a counterfeit'.

• R ='The painting is illegally traded'.

**Question 2:** How does this argument relate to *Museum?* 

*Logical Form:* Both arguments are instances of  $\varphi \lor \psi, \neg \varphi \vDash \psi$  which is a

logically valid argument schema, i.e., all instances are valid.

**Question 3:** How many logically valid argument schemata are there, and

how could we hope to describe this space?

*Suggestion:* The logical consequence relation  $\models$  for  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  describes the space

of logically valid arguments, where the logically valid argu-

ment schemata are patterns in this space.

**Problem 2:**  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  cannot regiment all logically valid arguments.

*Socrates:* Every man is mortal, Socrates is a man  $\models$  Socrates is mortal.

• Our intuitive grasp on logical validity is not exhaustively captured by what we can regiment in  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ .

**Solution 2:** Rather, logical validity in  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  provides a partial answer, where we may extend the language to provide a broader description of logical validity, e.g.,  $\mathcal{L}^{FOL}$ .

• We will consider further extensions to  $\mathcal{L}^{\text{FOL}}$  in later chapters.

# Syntax for $\mathcal{L}^{LP}$

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## Object Language and Metalanguage

Object Language:  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  is the OBJECT LANGUAGE under study.

Metalanguage: Mathematical English is the METALANGAUGE with

which we will conduct our study.

*Quotation:* To talk about  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  we will take a quoted expression to

be the CANONICAL NAME for the expression quoted.

Use/Mention: We MENTION expressions by putting them in quotes,

whereas otherwise they are USED.

• 'Sue' is a nickname for Susanna.

• The complex sentence  $A \to B'$  includes the sentence

letters 'A' and 'B'.

• 'A' belongs to  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ , but "'A'" and A do not.

# The Expressions of $\mathcal{L}^{ t PL}$

*Sentential Operators:*  $(\neg', \land', \lor', \rightarrow', \text{ and } \leftrightarrow')$ .

• ' $\sim$ ', '&', '.', '|', ' $\supset$ ', and ' $\equiv$ ' are also sometimes used.

Punctuation: '(' and ')'.

*Sentence Letter:*  $(A_0)', (A_1)', \ldots, (B_0)', (B_1)', \ldots, (Z_0)', (Z_1)', \ldots$ 

**Question:** How can we specify all sentence letter explicitly?

• A SENTENCE LETTER is the result of subscripting a

capital English letter with a numeral.

*Corner Quotes:* Let  $\lceil \varphi_x \rceil$  refer to the result of concatenating  $\varphi$  with x.

•  $\lceil \varphi_x \rceil$  is a SENTENCE LETTER for any capital letter  $\varphi$ 

and numeral for a natural number x.

Primitive Symbols: The sentential operators, punctuation, and sentence

letters are the PRIMITIVE SYMBOLS of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ .

*Expressions:* The EXPRESSIONS of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  are defined recursively:

• The primitive symbol of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  are expression of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ .

• If  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are expressions of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ , then so is  $\lceil \varphi \psi \rceil$ .

• Nothing else is an expression of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ .

### The Sentences of $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$

*Uninterpretable:* The expressions ' $\neg\neg\neg\neg'$ , ' $B_3A_0$ ', ')) $\leftrightarrow$ ', and ' $A_4$  $\lor$ ' cannot be assigned truth-values in a meaningful way.

• Compare 'MIT is in session' and ' $A_4 \wedge P_1$ '.

*Well-Formed Sentences:* Letting  $\varphi, \psi, \chi, \dots$  be variables with expressions for values, we may define the WFSS of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  as follows:

• Every sentence letter of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  is a wfs of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ .

• If the expressions  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are wfss of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ , then:

1.  $\neg \varphi \neg$  is a wff of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ ;

2.  $\lceil (\varphi \wedge \psi) \rceil$  is a wff of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ ;

3.  $\lceil (\varphi \lor \psi) \rceil$  is a wff of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ ;

4.  $\lceil (\varphi \to \psi) \rceil$  is a wff of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ ; and

5.  $\lceil (\varphi \leftrightarrow \psi) \rceil$  is a wff of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ .

• Nothing else is a wff of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ .

*Sentential Variables:* We will often restrict ' $\varphi'$ , ' $\psi'$ , ' $\chi'$ ,... to the wfs of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ .

Main Operator: The MAIN OPERATOR is the last operator used in the

construction of a sentence.

*Arguments:* The inputs to a main operator are its ARGUMENTS.

*Scope:* The main operator has SCOPE over its arguments.

# **Metalinguistic Conventions**

*Subscripts:* We will suppress the subscript  $'_0$ ' to ease exposition.

**Task:** Build increasingly complex sentences from just *A*.

Naming: We will refer to the NEGAND in a NEGATION, the

CONJUNCTS in a CONJUNCTION, the DISJUNCTS in a DISJUNCTION, the ANTECEDENT and CONSEQUENT in a MATERIAL CONDITIONAL, and the ARGUMENTS

in a MATERIAL BICONDITIONAL.

Quotation: We will sometimes drop quotes and corner quotes when the intended meaning is clear from the context.

• We will only do so when this improves readability.

*Punctuation:* We will drop outermost parentheses for ease.

• Compare  $A \wedge B$ ,  $A \vee B \vee C$ , and  $A \vee B \wedge C$ .

*Therefore:* We will use '∴' for inline arguments.

Metalinguistic: These abbreviations all happen in the metalanguage.

## **Truth Functionality**

Interpretations: Improving on last time, an Interpretation  ${\mathcal I}$  is an

assignment of truth-values to sentence letters of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ .

*Valuation:* We may then define a VALUATION function  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}$  which assigns truth-values to every sentence of  $\mathcal{L}^{\text{PL}}$  by way

of the following semantic clauses:

•  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) = \mathcal{I}(\varphi)$  if  $\varphi$  is a sentence letter of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ .

•  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\neg \varphi) = 1 \text{ iff } \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) = 0 \text{ (i.e., } \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) \neq 1).$ 

•  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi \wedge \psi) = 1 \text{ iff } \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) = 1 \text{ and } \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\psi) = 1.$ 

•  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi \lor \psi) = 1$  iff  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) = 1$  or  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\psi) = 1$  (or both).

•  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi \to \psi) = 1$  iff  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) = 0$  or  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\psi) = 1$  (or both).

•  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi \leftrightarrow \psi) = 1 \text{ iff } \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) = \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\psi).$ 

**Observe:** These clauses resemble the composition rules for  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ .

*Homophonic Semantics*: The clauses for  $\neg$ ,  $\land$ , and  $\lor$  use analogous operators

in the metalanguage, but not so for  $\rightarrow$  and  $\leftrightarrow$ .

*Truth Tables:* Use the semantics to fill out the TRUTH TABLES below:

$\varphi$	$  \neg \varphi$	$\varphi$	ψ	$\varphi \wedge \psi$	$\varphi \lor \psi$	$\phi  ightarrow \psi$	$\varphi \leftrightarrow \psi$
1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
		0	1	0	1	1	0
		0	0	0	1 0	1	1

Truth Functions: The sentential operators express truth-functions, and

so are often called TRUTH-FUNCTIONAL OPERATORS.

**Question:** How many unary/binary truth-functions are there?

Adequacy: Given these limitations, what should we hope to be

able to adequately regiment in  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ ?

*Logical Truths:*  $\varphi$  is a LOGICAL TRUTH of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  iff  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) = 1$  for all  $\mathcal{I}$ .

# Regimentation

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### From Last Time...

*Definitions:* Here is slightly different take on the same definitions:

*Well-Formed Sentences:* The set WFSS of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  is the smallest set to satisfy:

•  $\varphi$  is a wfs of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  if  $\varphi$  is a sentence letter of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ ;

•  $\neg \varphi$  is a wfs of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  if  $\varphi$  is a wfs of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ ;

•  $(\phi \wedge \psi)$  is a wff of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  if  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are wfss of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ ;

•  $(\varphi \lor \psi)$  is a wff of  $\mathcal{L}^{\operatorname{PL}}$  if  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are wfss of  $\mathcal{L}^{\operatorname{PL}}$ ;

•  $(\varphi \to \psi)$  is a wff of  $\mathcal{L}^{\text{PL}}$  if  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are wfss of  $\mathcal{L}^{\text{PL}}$ ;

•  $(\varphi \leftrightarrow \psi)$  is a wff of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  if  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are wfss of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ .

Semantics: For an interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$ , a VALUATION function  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}$  is the smallest function to assign truth-values to every sentence of SL that satisfies the semantic clauses:

•  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) = \mathcal{I}(\varphi)$  if  $\varphi$  is a sentence letter of  $\mathcal{L}^{\mathtt{PL}}$ .

•  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\neg \varphi) = 1 \text{ iff } \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) = 0 \text{ (i.e., } \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) \neq 1).$ 

•  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi \wedge \psi) = 1 \text{ iff } \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) = 1 \text{ and } \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\psi) = 1.$ 

•  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{T}}(\varphi \vee \psi) = 1 \text{ iff } \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{T}}(\varphi) = 1 \text{ or } \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{T}}(\psi) = 1 \text{ (or both)}.$ 

•  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{T}}(\varphi \to \psi) = 1$  iff  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{T}}(\varphi) = 0$  or  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{T}}(\psi) = 1$  (or both).

•  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi \leftrightarrow \psi) = 1 \text{ iff } \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) = \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\psi).$ 

**Observe:** Observe the symmetry between the above.

*Recall:* The hierarchy of sentences from before...

# Complexity

*Complexity:*  $Comp(\varphi)$  is the smallest function to satisfy all of the following conditions for all wfss  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ :

•  $Comp(\varphi) = 0$  if  $\varphi$  is a sentence letter;

•  $Comp(\neg \varphi) = Comp(\varphi) + 1;$ 

•  $Comp(\varphi \wedge \psi) = Comp(\varphi) + Comp(\psi) + 1;$ 

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**Question:** Do we need to include corner quotes?

## **Validity**

 $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  Validity: An argument in  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  is valid iff its conclusion is a logical

consequence of its premises.

English Validity: An argument in English is valid iff it has a (faithful) regi-

mentation (in some language) that is valid.

• Note the imprecision here; there is no avoiding this.

Soundness: An argument is sound iff it is valid and has true premises

(on an interpretation we care about, probably the intended

interpretation).

## **Examples**

#### Rain

1. If it is raining on a week day, Sam took his car.

- 2. Kate borrowed Sam's car only if Sam did not take it.
- 3. Kate borrowed Sam's car just in case she visited her parents.
- 4. It is raining and Kate visited her parents.
- 5. Either it is not a week day or it is not raining.

**Task 2:** Regiment this argument and construct its truth table.

Observe: This argument can be adequately regimented and evaluate in SL.

# Negation

#### Uninitiated

A1. If Sam attended the gathering, then he has been initiated.

A2. Sam is uninitiated.

A3. Sam did not attend the gathering.

**Observe:** Being uninitiated is the same as not being initiated.

#### Uninvited

B1. Arden is not invited.

B2. Arden is uninvited.

**Observe:** Arden can fail to be invited without being uninvited.

**Question:** What about the converse?

## Disjunction

### Party

- C1. If Adi or James make it to the party, Isa will be happy.
- C2. If Adi and James make it to the party, Isa will be happy.

**Observe:** This argument suggests an inclusive reading of 'or'.

#### Race

- D1. Sasha won the 100 meter dash.
- D2. Josh won the high jump.
- D3. Either Sasha won the 100 meter dash or Josh won the high jump

**Observe:** We could strengthen the conclusion.

#### Vault

- E1. If Kin uses the remote, the trunk will open.
- E2. If Yu tries the handle, the trunk will open.
- E3. If Kin uses the remote and Yu tries the handle, the trunk won't open.
- E4. If Kin uses the remote or Yu tries the handle, the trunk will open.

**Observe:** We cannot regiment the conclusion with inclusive-'or'.

**Question:** Can we salvage the validity of this argument?

# Conjunction

### Exam

- F1. Henry failed and Megan passed.
- F2. Megan passed and Henry failed.

**Observe:** Perfectly adequate and valid regimentation.

#### Gym

- G1. Kate took a shower and went to the gym.
- G2. Kate went to the gym and took a shower.

**Observe:** Conjunction in English can track temporal order.

**Question:** How can we capture the invalidity of this argument in  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ ?

# **Logical Consequence**

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### From Last Time...

Semantics: For any interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$  of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ , the VALUATION function  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}$  from the wfs of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  to truth-values is defined:

- $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) = \mathcal{I}(\varphi)$  if  $\varphi$  is a sentence letter of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ .
- $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\neg \varphi) = 1 \text{ iff } \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) = 0 \text{ (i.e., } \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) \neq 1).$
- $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi \wedge \psi) = 1 \text{ iff } \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) = 1 \text{ and } \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\psi) = 1.$
- $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi \vee \psi) = 1 \text{ iff } \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) = 1 \text{ or } \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\psi) = 1 \text{ (or both)}.$
- $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi \to \psi) = 1 \text{ iff } \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) = 0 \text{ or } \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\psi) = 1 \text{ (or both)}.$
- $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi \leftrightarrow \psi) = 1 \text{ iff } \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) = \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\psi).$

Characteristic Truth Tables: As drawn in the textbook...

# **Complete Truth Tables**

Setup: Write the sentence on the top right, add the constituent sentence

letters on the left, and use the characteristic truth tables.

*Constituents:* We define  $[\varphi]$  to be the set of sentence letters that occur in  $\varphi$ :

•  $[\varphi] = {\varphi}$  if  $\varphi$  is a sentence letter of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ .

• For any wfss  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ , and  $\star \in \{\land, \lor, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow\}$ :

$$(\neg) \quad [\neg \varphi] = [\varphi];$$

$$(\star) \quad [\varphi \star \psi] = [\varphi] \cup [\psi];$$

*Rows:* Add  $2^n$  rows for n constituent sentence letters.

**Examples:**  $[A \land (B \lor A)] \rightarrow A, C \leftrightarrow \neg C, D.$ 

*Tautology:* Only 1s under its main connective in its complete truth table.

Contradiction: Only 0s under its main connective in its complete truth table.

Logically Contingent: A 1 and a 0 under its main connective in its complete truth table.

Logical Entailment: On any row of a complete truth table, the consequent has a 1

under its main connective whenever the antecedent does.

Logical equivalence: Identical columns under the main connectives for the sentences.

Satisfiable: There is a row where all wfss have a 1 under all main connectives.

Logical Consequence: The conclusion has a 1 under its main connective in every row

in which every premise has a 1 under its main connectives.

# Decidability

Effective Procedure: A finitely describable and (in principle) usable procedure that

always finishes and produces a correct answer to the question asked, requiring only that the instructions be followed accurately.

**Question:** How to define the main operators and distribute truth-values?

• Recursively, like the formation rules for the wfs of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ .

**Question:** Is it always possible to construct a complete truth table for a wfs?

• Sentences have a finite number of constituent sentence letters.

*Decidable*: If there is an effective procedure for determining the answer to a

question, that question is decidable.

• It is decidable whether a wfs of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  is a tautology, etc.

**Question:** What about a complete truth table for a set of sentences?

• Could require infinitely many sentence letters.

• We might be able to define an infinite table, but we can't use it.

**Question:** If one procedure is not effective, couldn't there be another one?

• It turns out that there is no effective procedure...

• There is always an effective procedure for finite sets of sentences.

Validity: So the validity of finite arguments is decidable.

#### **Partial Truth Tables**

**Worry 1:** It is not *that* effective... in practice it is daunting for n > 4.

Partial Truth Tables: Sometimes only one or two lines are needed.

•  $A \rightarrow \neg (A \lor B)$ : not a tautology or contradiction, so contingent.

•  $B \leftrightarrow \neg (A \lor B)$  is a contradiction, so we need a complete table.

•  $C \lor (A \to A)$  is a tautology, so we need a complete table.

*Complete:* To affirm equivalence, entailment, and logical consequence.

Partial: To affirm that a set is satisfiable.

Worry 2: Still daunting sometimes.

**Worry 3:** Definitions all refer to complete truth tables.

Definition of a complete truth table has some minor ambiguities.

• These could be fixed, but the result is cumbersome.

Heuristic: The truth table definitions are best taken to be a heuristic guide for grasping the abstract definitions we may now provide.

### **Semantic Proofs**

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### From Before...

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- $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi \leftrightarrow \psi) = 1 \text{ iff } \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) = \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\psi).$

### **Formal Definitions**

*Interpretation:*  $\mathcal{I}$  is an *interpretation* of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  *iff*  $\mathcal{I}(\varphi) \in \{1,0\}$  for every

sentence letter  $\varphi$  of  $\mathcal{L}^{\text{PL}}$ .

*Tautology:*  $\varphi$  is a tautology iff  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) = 1$  for all  $\mathcal{I}$ .

*Contradiction:*  $\varphi$  is a contradiction iff  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) = 0$  for all  $\mathcal{I}$ .

*Logically Contingent:*  $\varphi$  is contingent iff  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) \neq \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi)$  for some  $\mathcal{I}$  and  $\mathcal{J}$ .

*Logical Entailment:*  $\varphi$  *entails*  $\psi$  *iff*  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) \leq \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\psi)$  for all  $\mathcal{I}$ .

*Logical Equivalence:*  $\varphi$  is equivalent to  $\psi$  iff  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) = \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\psi)$  for all  $\mathcal{I}$ .

Satisfiable:  $\Gamma$  is satisfiable iff  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\gamma) = 1$  for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  for some  $\mathcal{I}$ .

*Logical Consequence:*  $\Gamma \vDash \varphi$  *iff*  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) = 1$  whenever  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\gamma) = 1$  for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .

# Satisfiability

Which sets of sentences are satisfiable?

#### Taller

- (1) Liza is taller than Sue.
- (2) Sue is taller than Paul.
- (3) Paul is taller than Liza.

#### Lost

- (4) Kim is either in Somerville or Cambridge.
- (5) If Kim is in Somerville, then she is not far from home.
- (6) If Kim is not far from home, then she is in Cambridge.
- (7) Kim is not in Cambridge.

# Validity

*Arguments:* Sequences of wfss of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ , not sets.

*Valid*: For any argument, it is valid *iff* its conclusion is a logical consequence of its set of premises.

• Many arguments may have the same set of premises.

• An argument is valid *iff* its conclusion is true in every interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$  of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  to satisfy the set of premises.

*Tautology:* A wfs  $\varphi$  of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  is a *tautology* just in case  $\vDash \varphi$ .

• Every  $\mathcal{I}$  of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  satisfies the empty set.

• Each premise constrains the set of interpretations the conclusion must be true in where the empty set has no constraints.

*Weakening:* If  $\Gamma \vDash \varphi$ , then  $\Gamma \cup \Sigma \vDash \varphi$ .

• Each wfs of  $\mathcal{L}^{\text{PL}}$  corresponds to a set of all interpretations which make that sentence true:  $|\varphi| := \{\mathcal{I} : \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) = 1\}.$ 

• Is the interpretation set for the conclusion a subset of the intersection of the premise interpretation sets?

# **Examples**

1. Show that  $\neg R \rightarrow \neg Q$ ,  $P \land Q \models P \land R$ .

2. Show that  $A \lor B$ ,  $B \to C$ ,  $A \leftrightarrow C \vDash C$ .

3. Show that P,  $P \rightarrow Q$ ,  $\neg Q \models A$ .

4. Show that  $(P \to Q) \leftrightarrow (\neg Q \to \neg P)$  is a tautology.

5. Show that  $A \leftrightarrow \neg A$  is a contradiction.

6. Show that  $\{P, P \rightarrow Q, Q \rightarrow \neg P\}$  is unsatisfiable.

7. Show that  $\{P \to Q, \neg P \lor \neg Q, Q \to P\}$  is satisfiable.

**Observe:** There seem to be patterns.

**Question:** How could we systematize these proofs?

### Methods

Truth Tables: Mechanical but tedious.

• Bad if there are lots of sentence letters.

• Good for counterexamples.

$$A \leftrightarrow (B \rightarrow C)$$
,  $A \land \neg B$ ,  $D \lor \neg A \models C$ .

Semantic Arguments: Good if there are lots of sentence letters.

$$(A \lor B) \to (C \land D), \neg C \land \neg E \vDash \neg A.$$

### The Material Conditional

#### Roses

A1. Sugar is sweet.

A2. The roses are only red if sugar is sweet.

**Observe:** First paradox of the material conditional.

#### Vacation

B1. Casey is not on vacation.

B2. If Casey is on vacation, then he is in Paris.

**Observe:** Second paradox of the material conditional.

#### Crimson

- C1. Mary doesn't like the ball unless it is crimson.
- C2. Mary likes the ball.
- C3. If the ball is blue, then Mary likes it.

### The Biconditional

#### Rectangle

- D1. The room is a square.
- D2. The room is a rectangle.
- D3. The room is a square if and only if it is a rectangle.

#### Work

- E1. Kin isn't a professor.
- E2. Sue isn't a chef.
- E3. Kin is a professor just in case Sue is a chef.

### Natural Deduction in PL: Part I

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### Review from Last Time...

- 1. Show that  $A \vee B$ ,  $B \rightarrow C$ ,  $A \leftrightarrow C \models C$ .
- 2. Show that  $\{P, P \rightarrow Q, Q \rightarrow \neg P\}$  is unsatisfiable.
- 3. Show that  $\{P \to Q, \neg P \lor \neg Q, Q \to P\}$  is satisfiable.

### Motivation

*Homophonic:* Prove that  $P \lor Q$ ,  $\neg P \models Q$ .

- The semantic proof makes the same inference.
- So why not just draw this inference directly in  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ ?
- What are the basic steps we are allowed to make in a proof?

Semantic Proofs: Provide a reasonably efficient way to evaluate validity.

- But they can be cumbersome to write.
- They explain why a logical property or relation holds.
- Doesn't say how to reason from some premises to a conclusion.
- Thus semantic proofs are not persuasive to the uninitiated.
- Not so for semantic proofs of invalidity, satisfiability, etc.

*Logical Consequence:* How do we describe the extension of  $\models$ ?

Natural Deduction: How should we describe the patterns of natural deduction?

- What moves can we make in a proof, viz. semantic proofs?
- Want to describe inference itself, starting with the most basic.
- Such inferences hold in virtue of the meanings of the operators.
- Define a proof to be any composition of basic inferences.

*Rules:* Each operator will have an introduction and elimination rule.

- These rules will describe how to reason with the connectives.
- Want these rules to be valid.
- Also want these rules to be natural.

*Metalogic:* 

- This is a completely different approach to formal reasoning.
- Nevertheless, these two approaches have the same extension.
- Our proof system will help us relate to logical consequence.

# **Basic Anatomy of a Proof**

List: Finite list of lines.

Numbers: Every line is numbered.

*Sentences:* Each line contains exactly one wfs of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ .

*Justification:* Each line includes a justification.

Assumptions: The justification for a premise is ':PR'.

Bars: A horizontal bar separates the premises from the steps in the proof.

Conclusion: The last line is the conclusion.

### **Conditional**

*Elimination:* A,  $A \rightarrow B$ ,  $B \rightarrow C \vdash C$ .

• Easy to derive C using  $\rightarrow E$ .

• What if *A* was excluded from the premises?

*Introduction:*  $A \rightarrow B$ ,  $B \rightarrow C \vdash A \rightarrow C$ .

• Need something to work with.

• Want to conclude with a conditional claim.

• Assumption of *A* justified by ':AS'.

Subproofs: Lines in a closed subproof are dead and all else are live.

•  $\rightarrow$ E can only cite to live lines.

•  $\rightarrow$ I can only cite an appropriate subproof.

# Assumption

*Example:*  $A \vdash D \rightarrow [C \rightarrow (B \rightarrow A)].$ 

# Conjunction

*Elimination:*  $A \rightarrow (B \land C)$ ,  $B \rightarrow D \vdash A \rightarrow D$ .

*Introduction:*  $A \wedge B$ ,  $B \rightarrow C \vdash A \wedge C$ .

# Disjunction

*Introduction:*  $A \vdash B \lor ((A \lor C) \lor D)$ .

*Elimination:*  $A \lor (B \land C) \vdash (A \lor B) \land (A \lor C)$ .

## **Natural Deduction in PL: Part II**

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### **Biconditional**

*Elimination:*  $A \leftrightarrow (B \rightarrow [(A \land C) \leftrightarrow D]) \vdash (A \land B) \rightarrow (D \rightarrow C).$ 

*Introduction:*  $A \to (B \land C)$ ,  $C \to (B \land A) \vdash A \leftrightarrow C$ .

## **Negation and Reiteration**

*Elimination Rule:*  $\neg \neg A \vdash A$ . (Double Negation Elimination)

1.  $A \lor \neg A$ . (Law of Excluded Middle)

2. A,  $\neg A \vdash B$ . (Ex Falso Quodlibet)

*Introduction Rule:*  $\neg (A \land \neg A)$ . (*Law of Non-Contradiction*)

3.  $A \vdash \neg \neg A$ . (Double Negation Introduction)

### **Proof**

*Proof:* A natural deduction DERIVATION (or PROOF) of a conclusion  $\varphi$  from a set of premises  $\Gamma$  in PL is any finite sequence of lines ending with  $\varphi$  on a live line where every line in the sequence is either:

- (1) a premise in  $\Gamma$ ;
- (2) a discharged assumption; or
- (3) follows from previous lines by the rules for PL.

*Provable:* An wfs  $\varphi$  of  $\mathcal{L}^{\text{PL}}$  is DERIVABLE (or PROVABLE) from  $\Gamma$  in PL (i.e.,  $\Gamma \vdash \varphi$ ) *iff* there is a natural deduction derivation (proof ) of  $\varphi$  from  $\Gamma$  in PL.

*Theorem:* A wfs  $\varphi$  is a *theorem* of PL (often written  $\varphi \in PL$ ) *iff*  $\vdash \varphi$ .

*Interderivable:* Two wfss  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  of  $\mathcal{L}^{\text{PL}}$  are INTERDERIVABLE (i.e.,  $\varphi \dashv \vdash \psi$ ) *iff* both  $\varphi \vdash \psi$  and  $\psi \vdash \varphi$ .

*Bottom:* We take  $\bot := A \land \neg A$  to abbreviate an arbitrarily chosen contradiction.

*Inconsistent:* A set of sentences  $\Gamma$  is INCONSISTENT if and only if  $\Gamma \vdash \bot$ .

# **Logical Analysis**

*Sound and Complete:*  $\Gamma \vdash \varphi$  *iff*  $\Gamma \vDash \varphi$ .

- $\vdash \varphi \text{ iff } \vDash \varphi$ .
- $\Gamma \vdash \bot iff \Gamma \vDash \bot$ .

**Question:** How can we tell if an argument is valid?

- Construct a truth table.
- Write a semantic proof.
- Derive the conclusion from the premises.

**Question:** What if we can mange to find a derivation?

- Natural deduction won't tell you if there is no proof.
- A semantic proof will yield a counterexample.

**Question:** How can we tell what the logical properties are for a wfs of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ ?

*Tautology?* If YES, prove  $\vdash \varphi$ . If NO, provide a countermodel.

*Contradiction?* If YES, prove  $\vdash \neg \varphi$ . If NO, provide a model.

*Contingent?* If YES, provide two models. If NO, prove  $\vdash \varphi$  or  $\vdash \neg \varphi$ .

*Equivalent?* If YES, prove  $\varphi \dashv \vdash \psi$ . If NO, provide a countermodel.

### Rule Schemata

**Task:** Compare the rules of inference for PL to their instances.

- Whereas the rules are general, PL proofs are particular.
- But nothing in our PL proofs depend on the particulars.

**Question:** How might we generalize our proofs beyond any instance?

Rule Schemata: Replace sentence letters in PL proofs with schematic variables.

- Premises are replaced with the lines cited by that rule.
- New rules require new names if we are to use them.

**Question:** Can we also generalize proofs of theorems?

• These amount to lines that can be added without citing lines.

Derived Schemata: To speed up proofs, we want to derive rule schemata.

- These can then be employed just like our basic rules.
- This avoids having to rewrite the same types of proofs over and over.

### **Derivable Schemata**

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Law of Excluded Middle: \vdash \varphi \lor \neg \varphi.
Law of Non-Contradiction: \vdash \neg(\phi \land \neg \phi).
             Ex Falso Quodlibet: \varphi, \neg \varphi \vdash \psi.
     Hypothetical Syllogism: \varphi \to \psi, \psi \to \chi \vdash \varphi \to \chi.
                      Modus Tollens: \varphi \to \psi, \neg \psi \vdash \neg \varphi.
                     Contraposition: \varphi \to \psi \vdash \neg \psi \to \neg \varphi.
                                Dilemma: \phi \lor \psi, \phi \to \chi, \psi \to \chi \vdash \chi.
       Disjunctive Syllogism: \varphi \lor \psi, \neg \varphi \vdash \psi.
               \vee-Commutativity: \varphi \vee \psi \vdash \psi \vee \varphi.
               \wedge-Commutativity: \varphi \wedge \psi \vdash \psi \wedge \varphi.
               Biconditional MP: \varphi \leftrightarrow \psi, \neg \varphi \vdash \neg \psi.
              \leftrightarrow-Commutativity: \varphi \leftrightarrow \psi \vdash \psi \leftrightarrow \varphi.
                 Double Negation: \neg \neg \varphi \dashv \vdash \varphi.
                   \land-De Morgan's: \neg(\varphi \land \psi) \dashv \vdash \neg \varphi \lor \neg \psi.
                   \vee-De Morgan's: \neg(\varphi \lor \psi) \dashv \vdash \neg \varphi \land \neg \psi.
                 \vee \wedge-Distribution: \varphi \vee (\psi \wedge \chi) \dashv \vdash (\varphi \vee \psi) \wedge (\varphi \vee \chi).
                 \land \lor-Distribution: \varphi \land (\psi \lor \chi) \dashv \vdash (\varphi \land \psi) \lor (\varphi \land \chi).
                    \vee \wedge-Absorption: \varphi \vee (\varphi \wedge \psi) \dashv \vdash \varphi.
                    \land \lor-Absorption: \varphi \land (\varphi \lor \psi) \dashv \vdash \varphi.
                    \land-Associativity: \varphi \land (\psi \land \chi) \dashv \vdash (\varphi \land \psi) \land \chi.
                    \vee-Associativity: \varphi \vee (\psi \vee \chi) \dashv \vdash (\varphi \vee \psi) \vee \chi.
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## **Mathematical Induction**

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### From Last Time...

*Bottom:* We take  $\bot := A \land \neg A$  to abbreviate an arbitrarily chosen contradiction.

*Inconsistent:* A set of wfss  $\Gamma$  of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  is INCONSISTENT if and only if  $\Gamma \vdash \bot$ .

*Ex Falso Quodlibet:*  $\varphi$ ,  $\neg \varphi \vdash \psi$ .

### **Recursive Definitions**

*Expressions:* The expressions of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  are defined recursively:

- The primitive symbol of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  are expression of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ .
- If  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are expressions of  $\mathcal{L}^{\operatorname{PL}}$ , then so is  $\lceil \varphi \psi \rceil$ .
- Nothing else is an expression of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ .

*Complexity:*  $Comp(\varphi)$  is the number of operator instances that occur in  $\varphi$ :

- $Comp(\varphi) = 0$  if  $\varphi$  is a sentence letter;
- $Comp(\neg \varphi) = Comp(\varphi) + 1$ ; and
- $Comp(\phi \star \psi) = Comp(\phi) + Comp(\psi) + 1 \text{ for } \star \in \{\land, \lor, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow\}.$

*Constituents:*  $[\varphi]$  is the set of sentence letters that occur in  $\varphi$ :

- $[\varphi] = {\varphi}$  if  $\varphi$  is a sentence letter of  $\mathcal{L}^{\operatorname{PL}}$ .
- $[\neg \varphi] = [\varphi]$ ; and
- $[\varphi \star \psi] = [\varphi] \cup [\psi] \text{ if } \star \in \{\land, \lor, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow\}.$

*Simplicity:* Simple( $\varphi$ ) just in case the  $\varphi$  has at most one sentence letter in  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ :

- Simple( $\varphi$ ) if  $\varphi$  is a sentence letter of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ .
- Simple( $\neg \varphi$ ) if Simple( $\varphi$ ); and
- Simple( $\varphi \star \psi$ ) if Simple( $\varphi$ ), Simple( $\psi$ ), and  $[\varphi] \cap [\psi] = \emptyset$ .

*Substitution:* We define  $\varphi_{[\chi/\alpha]}$  to be the result of replacing every occurrence of the sentence letter  $\alpha$  in  $\varphi$  with  $\chi$ .

- If  $\varphi$  is a sentence letter, then  $\varphi_{[\chi/\alpha]} = \begin{cases} \chi & \text{if } \varphi = \alpha, \\ \varphi & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$
- $(\neg \varphi)_{[\chi/\alpha]} = \neg(\varphi_{[\chi/\alpha]})$ ; and
- $(\varphi \star \psi)_{[\chi/\alpha]} = \varphi_{[\chi/\alpha]} \star \psi_{[\chi/\alpha]} \text{ if } \star \in \{\land, \lor, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow\}.$

## **Strong Induction**

- Step 1: Identify the set of elements and the property in question.
- Step 2: Partition the set into a sequence of stages to run induction on.
- Step 3: Establish that every element in the base stage has the property.
- *Step 4:* Assume every element in stage *n* (and below) have the property.
- *Step 5:* Show that every element in stage n + 1 have the property.

## **Examples**

- **Task 1:** Every wfs of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  has an even number of parentheses.
- **Task 2:** All expressions of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  are finite length.
- **Task 3:** If  $\mathcal{I}(\varphi) = \mathcal{J}(\varphi)$  for all  $\varphi \in [\psi]$ , then  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\psi) = \mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{J}}(\psi)$ .
- **Task 4:** For every wfs  $\varphi$  of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ , if  $Simple(\varphi)$ , then  $\not\vDash \varphi$ .
- **Task 5:** For any wfss  $\varphi$ ,  $\psi$ ,  $\chi$  and sentence letter  $\alpha$  of  $\mathcal{L}^{\text{PL}}$ , if  $\models \varphi \leftrightarrow \psi$ , then  $\models \chi_{[\varphi/\alpha]} \leftrightarrow \chi_{[\psi/\alpha]}$ .

### **PL Soundness**

- Assume  $\Gamma \vdash \varphi$  for an arbitrary set wfss  $\Gamma$  and wfs  $\varphi$  of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ .
- There is some PL derivation X of  $\varphi$  from  $\Gamma$ .
- Let  $\varphi_i$  be the wfs on the *i*-th line of the derivation *X*.
- Let  $\Gamma_i$  be the set of premises and undischarged assumptions on  $i \leq i$ .

*Base Case:*  $\Gamma_1 \vDash \varphi_1$ .

- $\varphi_1$  is either a premise or undischarged assumption.
- Either way,  $\Gamma_1 = \{\varphi_1\}$  since  $\varphi_1$  is not discharged at the first line.
- $\Gamma_1 \vDash \varphi_1$  is immediate.

*Induction Step:*  $\Gamma_{n+1} \vDash \varphi_{n+1}$  if  $\Gamma_k \vDash \varphi_k$  for every  $k \le n$ . (To be proven separately.)

- By strong induction,  $\Gamma_n \vDash \varphi_n$  for all n.
- Since every proof is finite in length, there is a last line m of X where  $\varphi_m = \varphi$  is the conclusion.
- Since every assumption in *X* is eventually discharged,  $\Gamma_m = \Gamma$  is the set of premises.
- Thus  $\Gamma \vDash \varphi$ .

### Lemmas

- **(AS)**  $\Gamma_{n+1} \vDash \varphi_{n+1}$  if  $\varphi_{n+1}$  is justified by AS.
  - Assume that  $\varphi_{n+1}$  is justified by AS.
  - So  $\varphi_{n+1}$  is an undischarged assumption at line n+1.
  - So  $\varphi_{n+1} \in \Gamma_{n+1}$  by the definition of  $\Gamma_{n+1}$ .
  - $\Gamma_{n+1} \vDash \varphi_{n+1}$  follows immediately.

*Inheritance:* If  $\varphi_k$  is live at line n of a PL derivation where  $k \leq n$ , then  $\Gamma_k \subseteq \Gamma_n$ .

- Let *X* be a PL derivation.
- Assume there is some  $\psi \in \Gamma_k$  where  $\psi \notin \Gamma_n$  for n > k.
- So  $\psi$  has been discharged at a line j > k where  $j \le n$ .
- So  $\varphi_k$  is dead at n.
- By contraposition, if  $\varphi_k$  is live at line n > k, then  $\Gamma_k \subseteq \Gamma_n$  as desired.
- **(R)**  $\Gamma_{n+1} \vDash \varphi_{n+1}$  if  $\varphi_{n+1}$  is justified by R.
  - Assume that  $\varphi_{n+1}$  is justified by R.
  - So  $\varphi_{n+1} = \varphi_k$  for some  $k \le n$ .
  - By hypothesis,  $\Gamma_k \vDash \varphi_k$ .
  - Since  $\varphi_k$  is live at line n+1,  $\Gamma_k \subseteq \Gamma_{n+1}$  by *Inheritance* (**Lemma 4.3**).
  - So  $\Gamma_{n+1} \vDash \varphi_k$  by *Weakening* (**Lemma 2.1**).
  - Thus  $\Gamma_{n+1} \vDash \varphi_{n+1}$ .

### **PL Soundness**

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### Lemmas

*Weakening:* If  $\Gamma \vDash \varphi$ , then  $\Gamma \cup \Sigma \vDash \varphi$ .

*Inheritance:* If  $\varphi_k$  is live at line n of a PL derivation where  $k \leq n$ , then  $\Gamma_k \subseteq \Gamma_n$ .

*Interpretation:* If  $\mathcal{I}$  is a  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  interpretation, then  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) \in \{1,0\}$  for all wfss  $\varphi$  of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ .

*Contradiction:* If  $\Gamma \vDash \varphi$  and  $\Gamma \vDash \neg \varphi$ , then  $\Gamma$  is unsatisfiable.

- Assume  $\Gamma \vDash \varphi$  and  $\Gamma \vDash \neg \varphi$ .
- Assume for contradiction that  $\Gamma$  is satisfiable.
- There is some  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$  where  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\gamma) = 1$  for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .
- By assumption,  $V_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) = 1$  and  $V_{\mathcal{I}}(\neg \varphi) = 1$ .
- By the semantics for negation,  $V_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) \neq 1$ , contradicting the above.
- Thus  $\Gamma$  is unsatisfiable.

*Unsatisfiable:* If  $\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\}$  is unsatisfiable, then  $\Gamma \vDash \neg \varphi$ .

- Assume  $\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\}$  is unsatisfiable.
- Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be an arbitrary  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  interpretation where  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\gamma) = 1$  for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .
- Assume for contradiction that  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{T}}(\neg \varphi) = 0$ .
- So  $V_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) = 1$ , and so  $\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\}$  is satisfiable contrary to assumption.
- Thus for any  $\mathcal{I}$ ,  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\neg \varphi) = 1$  if  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\gamma) = 1$  for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .
- By definition,  $\Gamma \vDash \neg \varphi$ .

*Conditional:* If  $\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\} \models \psi$ , then  $\Gamma \models \varphi \rightarrow \psi$ .

- Assume  $\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\} \vDash \psi$ .
- Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be an arbitrary  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  interpretation where  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\gamma) = 1$  for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .
- Since  $V_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) \in \{1,0\}$  by *Interpretation*, there are two cases to consider.

*Case 1:* Assume  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) = 1$ .

- So  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\gamma) = 1$  for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma \cup \{\varphi\}$ .
- So  $V_{\mathcal{I}}(\psi) = 1$  by the starting assumption.
- Thus  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi \to \psi) = 1$  by the semantics for the conditional.

Case 2: Assume  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi) = 0$ .

- So  $V_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi \to \psi) = 1$  by the semantics for the conditional.
- So  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi \to \psi) = 1$  in both cases.
- Thus  $\Gamma \vDash \varphi \rightarrow \psi$  follows by generalizing on  $\mathcal{I}$ .

### **PL Deduction Rules**

*Induction Hypothesis:* Recall the assumption that  $\Gamma_k \vDash \varphi_k$  for all  $k \le n$ .

- (¬**I**) *Proof*:  $\Gamma_{n+1}$   $\vDash \varphi_{n+1}$  if  $\varphi_{n+1}$  is justified by ¬**I**.
  - There is a subproof from  $\varphi$  on line i with  $\psi$  at line j and  $\neg \psi$  at line k.
  - By hypothesis  $\Gamma_i \vDash \psi$  and  $\Gamma_k \vDash \neg \psi$ , where  $\Gamma_i, \Gamma_k \subseteq \Gamma_{n+1} \cup \{\varphi_i\}$ .
  - By Weakening,  $\Gamma_{n+1} \cup \{\varphi_i\} \vDash \psi$  and  $\Gamma_{n+1} \cup \{\varphi_i\} \vDash \neg \psi$ .
  - So  $\Gamma_{n+1} \cup \{\varphi_i\}$  is unsatisfiable by *Contradiction*.
  - So  $\Gamma_{n+1} \vDash \varphi_{n+1}$  by *Unsatisfiable*.
- ( $\wedge$ **I**) *Proof*:  $\Gamma_{n+1} \vDash \varphi_{n+1}$  if  $\varphi_{n+1}$  is justified by  $\wedge$ I.
  - $\varphi_{n+1} = \varphi_i \wedge \varphi_j$  where lines  $i, j \leq n$  are live at n+1.
  - By hypothesis,  $\Gamma_i \vDash \varphi_i$  and  $\Gamma_j \vDash \varphi_j$ .
  - By Inheritance,  $\Gamma_i$ ,  $\Gamma_i \subseteq \Gamma_{n+1}$ .
  - By Weakening,  $\Gamma_{n+1} \vDash \varphi_i$  and  $\Gamma_{n+1} \vDash \varphi_i$ .
  - Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be a  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  interpretation where  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\gamma) = 1$  for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma_{n+1}$ .
  - So  $V_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi_i) = V_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi_i) = 1$ , and so  $V_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi_i \wedge \varphi_i) = 1$  by the semantics.
  - Thus  $\Gamma_{n+1} \vDash \varphi_{n+1}$  by generalizing on  $\mathcal{I}$ .
- (→**I**) *Proof*:  $\Gamma_{n+1} \models \varphi_{n+1}$  if  $\varphi_{n+1}$  is justified by  $\rightarrow$ **I**.
  - So  $\varphi_{n+1} = \varphi_i \to \varphi_j$ , where there is a subproof of  $\varphi_i$  from  $\varphi_i$ .
  - By hypothesis  $\Gamma_i \vDash \varphi_i$ , where  $\Gamma_i \subseteq \Gamma_{n+1} \cup \{\varphi_i\}$ .
  - By Weakening,  $\Gamma_{n+1} \cup \{\varphi_i\} \models \varphi_i$ .
  - By Conditional,  $\Gamma_{n+1} \vDash \varphi_i \to \varphi_i$ , and so  $\Gamma_{n+1} \vDash \varphi_{n+1}$ .
- (→E) *Proof*:  $\Gamma_{n+1} \vDash \varphi_{n+1}$  if  $\varphi_{n+1}$  is justified by →E.
  - So  $\varphi_i = \varphi_j \to \varphi_{n+1}$  where the lines  $i, j \le n+1$  are live at n+1.
  - By hypothesis  $\Gamma_i \vDash \varphi_i$  and  $\Gamma_i \vDash \varphi_i$ .
  - By Inheritance,  $\Gamma_i$ ,  $\Gamma_i \subseteq \Gamma_{n+1}$ .
  - By Weakening,  $\Gamma_{n+1} \vDash \varphi_i$  and  $\Gamma_{n+1} \vDash \varphi_i$ , and so  $\Gamma_{n+1} \vDash \varphi_i \to \varphi_{n+1}$ .
  - Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be a  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  interpretation where  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\gamma) = 1$  for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma_{n+1}$ .
  - Thus  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi_i) = 1$  and  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi_i \to \varphi_{n+1}) = 1$ .
  - By the semantics,  $V_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi_i) = 0$  or  $V_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi_{n+1}) = 1$ .
  - To avoid contradiction,  $V_{\mathcal{I}}(\varphi_{n+1}) = 1$ .
  - Thus  $\Gamma_{n+1} \vDash \varphi_{n+1}$  follows from by generalizing on  $\mathcal{I}$ .

# Consistency

*Corollary:* If  $\Gamma$  is inconsistent, then  $\Gamma$  is unsatisfiable.

- Assume  $\Gamma$  is inconsistent, so  $\Gamma \vdash \bot$ .
- Thus  $\Gamma \vDash \bot$  follows by PL SOUNDNESS.
- Assume for *reductio* that  $\Gamma$  is satisfiable.
- So  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\gamma) = 1$  for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .
- So  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(\bot) = 1$ , i.e.,  $\mathcal{V}_{\mathcal{I}}(A \land \neg A) = 1$ .
- By the semantics,  $V_{\mathcal{I}}(A) = 1$  and  $V_{\mathcal{I}}(\neg A) = 1$ , so  $V_{\mathcal{I}}(A) \neq 1$ .
- By *reductio*,  $\Gamma$  is unsatisfiable.

*Contrapositive:* If  $\Gamma$  is satisfiable, then  $\Gamma$  is consistent.

- The inconsistency of  $\Gamma$  may be witnessed by a derivation of  $\bot$  from  $\Gamma$ .
- There are no witnesses that  $\perp$  can't be derived from a consistent set.
- We would somehow need to survey the space of all derivations.
- Could try a reductio, but this is hardly promising.
- Rather, we need only find an interpretation to witness satisfiability.

Theorems: How do we know that the theorems of PL are consistent?

- Because every theorem is a tautology by PL SOUNDNESS.
- So every interpretation witnesses the truth of all of the theorems.
- So the set of theorems are indeed consistent.
- Otherwise we could derive anything from nothing.

*Strength:* Let  $(\varphi) := \{\chi : \varphi \vdash \chi\}$  be the wfs of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$  derivable from  $\varphi$ .

- We may show that  $(\psi) \subseteq (\varphi)$  if  $\varphi \vdash \psi$ .
- So  $(\varphi)$  provides a way to think about the STRENGTH of  $\varphi$ .
- Observe that  $\varphi \in (\bot)$  for every wfs  $\varphi$  of  $\mathcal{L}^{PL}$ .
- Strength is good, but not if it explodes into inconsistency.

### **More Derivations**

*Hypothetical Syllogism:*  $\varphi \to \psi$ ,  $\psi \to \chi \vdash \varphi \to \chi$ .

*Modus Tollens:*  $\varphi \rightarrow \psi$ ,  $\neg \psi \vdash \neg \varphi$ .

*Contraposition:*  $\varphi \to \psi \vdash \neg \psi \to \neg \varphi$ .

*Disjunctive Syllogism:*  $\varphi \lor \psi$ ,  $\neg \varphi \vdash \psi$ .

*Biconditional MP:*  $\varphi \leftrightarrow \psi$ ,  $\neg \varphi \vdash \neg \psi$ .