

# PROPOSITIONAL LOGIC & NATURAL DEDUCTION

Connectives:

$\neg$

$\wedge$

$\vee$

$\rightarrow$

$\leftrightarrow$

PRECEDENCE

• By contraposition:

$$P \rightarrow Q \equiv \neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$$

→ Treat all binary connectives as right associative

e.g.  $A \vee B \wedge C$  denotes  $A \vee (B \wedge C)$

$P \rightarrow Q \rightarrow R$  denotes  $P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow R)$

## INTERPRETATION

→ is a truth assignment to the symbols in the alphabet  $\mathcal{L}$ :

it is a fn  $V$  from  $\mathcal{L}$  to  $\{T, F\}$

$$[[A]]_V = V(A)$$

$$[[P \wedge Q]]_V = [[P]]_V \text{ and } [[Q]]_V$$

$\vdots$

→ An interpretation satisfies a wff  $P$  if  $[[P]]_V = T$

→ A wff is satisfiable if there exists an interpretation that satisfies it.

→ A wff is a tautology / valid if every interpretation satisfies it (e.g.  $P \vee \neg P$ )

→ The wffs  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n$  entails  $Q$  if for any interpretation which satisfies all of  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n$  also satisfies  $Q \rightarrow [P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n \models Q]$

• Contradictory assumptions entail everything

• Everything entails a tautology  $\rightarrow$  [We write  $\models Q$  when  $Q$  is a tautology]

e.g. Is  $\neg P, Q \models Q \wedge (P \rightarrow Q)$  a valid entailment?

$\underbrace{\neg P, Q}_T$

$\underbrace{Q \wedge (P \rightarrow Q)}_T$

Assign  $P$  to False and  $Q$  to True

$\therefore$  Yes



→ A formal deductive system is a set of valid inference rules tht. tell us what conclusions we can draw from some premises

## INFERENCE RULES

→ tell us how one wff. can be derived in one step from 0, 1/more other wffs  
We write:

$$\frac{P_1 \quad P_2 \quad \dots \quad P_n}{Q} (R)$$

if wff  $Q$  is derived from wffs  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n$  using the rule  $R$

e.g. 
$$\frac{P \quad Q}{P \wedge Q} (\text{conjI})$$

If we have  $P$  and  $Q$ , we can conclude  $P \wedge Q$  using the rule conjI

$$\frac{P \quad P \rightarrow Q}{Q} (\text{mp})$$

If we have  $P$  and  $P \rightarrow Q$ , we can conclude  $Q$  using the rule mp

→  $P$  and  $Q$  here are meta-variables ( $?P$  and  $?Q$  in Isabelle)

→ Inference rules must be valid.

→ For all instances of  $\frac{P_1 \quad P_2 \quad \dots \quad P_n}{Q} (R)$  of the rule  $R$ ,

we must have  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n \models Q$

→ Inference is transitive.



→ In Natural Deduction (ND), rules are split into two groups:

Introduction rules

how to derive  $P \Box Q$

e.g. 
$$\frac{P \quad Q}{P \wedge Q} \text{ (conjI)}$$

e.g. 
$$\frac{P}{P \vee Q} \text{ (disjI1)}$$

e.g. 
$$\frac{Q}{P \vee Q} \text{ (disjI2)}$$

Elimination rules

what can be derived from  $P \Box Q$

e.g. 
$$\frac{P \wedge Q}{P} \text{ (conjunct1)}$$

e.g. 
$$\frac{P \wedge Q}{Q} \text{ (conjunct2)}$$

e.g. 
$$\frac{P \vee Q \quad \begin{array}{c} [P] \\ \vdots \\ R \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} [Q] \\ \vdots \\ R \end{array}}{R} \text{ (disjE)}$$

## PROOF

→ A proof that  $P \wedge (Q \vee R) \models (P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge R)$

$\frac{P \wedge (Q \vee R)}{Q \vee R}$	$\frac{\frac{P \wedge (Q \vee R)}{P} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{Assume } Q \text{ is True} \\ [Q] \end{array}}{P \wedge Q} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{Assume } R \text{ is True} \\ [R] \end{array}$	$\frac{P \wedge (Q \vee R)}{P \wedge R} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{Assume } R \text{ is True} \\ [R] \end{array}$
	$\frac{P \wedge Q}{(P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge R)}$	$\frac{P \wedge R}{(P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge R)}$
$(P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge R)$		

**Note** Each proof step will normally be annotated w/ name of its inference rule  
[e.g. disjE for the bottom most step]



# RULES FOR IMPLICATION

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \boxed{\begin{array}{c} [P] \\ \vdots \\ Q \\ \hline P \rightarrow Q \end{array}} \text{ (impI)}$$

impI forward — If on assumption tht.  $P$  is true,  $Q$  can be shown to hold, then we can conclude  $P \rightarrow Q$

impI backward — To prove  $P \rightarrow Q$ , assume  $P$  is true and prove that  $Q$  follows.

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \boxed{\begin{array}{c} P \rightarrow Q \quad P \\ \hline Q \end{array}} \text{ (mp)}$$

Modus Ponens rule.

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \boxed{\begin{array}{c} P \rightarrow Q \quad P \quad \begin{array}{c} [Q] \\ \vdots \\ R \end{array} \\ \hline R \end{array}} \text{ (impE)}$$

## RULES FOR $\leftrightarrow$

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{c} [Q] \quad [P] \\ \vdots \quad \vdots \\ P \quad Q \\ \hline P \leftrightarrow Q \end{array}} \text{ (iffI)}$$

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{c} P \leftrightarrow Q \quad P \\ \hline Q \end{array}} \text{ (iffD1)}$$

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{c} P \leftrightarrow Q \quad Q \\ \hline P \end{array}} \text{ (iffD2)}$$

In Isabelle,  $\leftrightarrow$  is also denoted by  $=$ .

## RULES FOR FALSE & NEGATION

→ Introduce a 0-ary connective  $\perp$  to represent false:

→ Define  $\neg P$  to be  $P \rightarrow \perp$ :

$\perp$  is written False in Isabelle

$$\boxed{\frac{\perp}{p}} \text{ (FalseE)}$$

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{c} P \\ \vdots \\ \perp \\ \hline \neg P \end{array}} \text{ (notI)}$$

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{c} P \quad \neg P \\ \hline \perp \end{array}} \text{ (notE)}$$

In Isabelle, this is different

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{c} P \quad \neg P \\ \hline R \end{array}} \text{ (notE)}$$



eg.  $((SVR) \wedge \neg S) \rightarrow R$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{[(SVR) \wedge \neg S]_1}{SVR} \quad \frac{[S]_2 \quad \frac{[(SVR) \wedge \neg S]_1}{\neg S} \quad R}{R} \text{ (not E)} \quad \frac{[R]_2}{R} \\
 \hline
 R \text{ (disj E}_2\text{)} \\
 \hline
 ((SVR) \wedge \neg S) \rightarrow R \text{ (Imp I}_1\text{)}
 \end{array}$$

The subscripts  $[\cdot]_1$  and  $[\cdot]_2$  on the assumptions refer to the rule instances where they are discharged

## SOUNDNESS

→ If  $Q$  is provable from assumptions  $P_1, \dots, P_n$ , then  $P_1, \dots, P_n \models Q$ .  
This follows bc. all our rules are valid.

→ Is the converse true?

- ↳ No. Can't prove Pierce's law:  $((A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A$
- ↳ Can prove it using law of excluded middle:  $P \vee \neg P$  ← rejects the law
- ↳ So far, our proof system is sound & complete for Intuitionistic logic.

$$\frac{}{\neg P \vee P} \text{ (excluded-middle)}$$

$$\frac{[\neg P] \quad \vdots \quad \bot}{P} \text{ (ccontr)}$$

## COMPLETENESS

→ If  $P_1, \dots, P_n \models Q$ , then  $Q$  is provable from the assumptions  $P_1, \dots, P_n$



# SEQUENTS

→ Another notation is sequent-style / Fitch-style:

$$P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n \vdash Q$$

The assumptions are usually collectively referred using  $\Gamma$ :

$$\Gamma \vdash Q$$

New Rule:

$$\frac{P \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash P} \text{ (assumption)}$$

## NATURAL DEDUCTION IN ISABELLE

→ Isabelle represents  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n \vdash Q$  w/ the ff. notation:

$$P_1 \Rightarrow (P_2 \Rightarrow \dots \Rightarrow (P_n \Rightarrow Q) \dots)$$

which is also written as

$$[[P_1; P_2; \dots; P_n]] \Rightarrow Q$$

→ META-IMPLICATION  
used to represent the relationship  
between premises & conclusions of rules

e.g.

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [P] \\ \vdots \\ Q \end{array}}{P \rightarrow Q}$$

is written as  $(?P \Rightarrow ?Q) \Rightarrow (?P \rightarrow ?Q)$

$$\frac{P \wedge Q}{P}$$

is written as  $[[?P \wedge ?Q]] \Rightarrow ?P$

theory MyTh

imports T<sub>1</sub> ... T<sub>n</sub>

begin

...

end

name of theory  
MyTh.thy

names of  
imported theories

Using the command

apply (rule disjI1)

on the goal

$$[[A; B; C]] \Rightarrow (A \wedge B) \vee D$$

yields the subgoal

$$[[A; B; C]] \Rightarrow A \wedge B$$

INFERENCE RULE

theorem K: "A → B → A"

→ to enter proof mode

apply assumption

→ can solve subgoal of form  $[[A; B]] \Rightarrow A$