

Classical Logic cheat sheet

Based on Nicholas J.J. Smith. Logic: the laws of truth.

letters and symbols

greek	model, sets
A α alpha	ℳ latin m (emme) in Fraktur script
B β beta	⇒ logical sequence
Γ γ gamma	□ subformula
Δ δ delta	⊢ follows
Θ θ theta	∪ union
Φ φ phi	∩ intersection
Χ χ chi	\ relative complement
Ψ ψ psi	∈ element of set

bivalence

Each proposition is either **true** or **false** and not both and nothing else.

propositional logic

Syntax:
A, B, ..., P, Q, R - **basic** propositions
() - parenthesis
α, β, γ - **well formed formulas**
wff are A, B, ..., P, Q, ... + connectives or wff + connectives
P → Q: Mary works at ISTI lab, so she is a scientist.

P: Mary works at ISTI lab.
Q: Mary is a scientist.

predicate logic

Syntax:
x, y, z, u, v, w
a, b, c, ..., t
A¹, B¹, C¹ ... A², B², C²
variables
names (m: Mary, l: lab)
predicates (Wxy: x works at y)
number of argument places
where Pⁿ is predicate and t₁, ..., tₙ is name or variable, Pⁿ t₁, ..., tₙ is wff
where α e β are wff, x is variable, α e β + connectives or ∃ x α ∨ x α are wff
∀ x (Wx) → Sx: Everyone who works at a lab is a scientist

unary - requires one wff

¬ not negation

binary - requires two wff

∧ and conjunction
∨ or disjunction
→ if... then conditional
↔ if and only if biconditional

∃ x exist existential quantifier

∀ x all universal quantifier

other connectives

⊤ verum true
⊥ falsum false
| nand Sheffer stroke
↓ nor Pierce arrow
⊕ xor exclusive disjunction
* any operator

There are also other connectives, 2ⁿ types for n-place connective

negand

¬ α not alpha

conjunct

α ∧ β alpha and beta
α ∨ β alpha or beta
α → β if alpha than beta
α ↔ β if and only if alpha than beta

∃ x Gx **exist** at least one x such as x is G

∀ x Gx **all** x are G

α | β alpha **e non** beta **or opposite**
α ↓ β **neither** alpha **nor** beta
α ⊕ β alpha **or** beta, but **not both**

connectives

¬ α NOT α

α & β α β α AND β
α OR β
α ⊃ β α ⇒ β
α ≡ β α ⇔ β

! Only for predicate logic

main connective

main connective is the one used last in **order of construction** of wff, these are 5 steps for (P ∧ Q) → (P ∨ Q):

- 1) P basic
- 2) Q basic
- 3) P ∧ Q (1, 2, ∧)
- 4) P ∨ Q (1, 2, ∨)
- 5) (P ∧ Q) → (P ∨ Q) (3, 4, →)

- 1) P: It's sunny
- 2) Q: It's windy
- 3) P ∧ Q: It's sunny and it's windy
- 4) P ∨ Q: It's sunny or it's windy
- 5) (P ∧ Q) → (P ∨ Q): If it's sunny and it's windy, then it's sunny or it's windy

wff: P, Q, (P ∧ Q), ¬(P ∧ Q), (P ∧ Q) → (P ∨ Q)
wff: Fab, Gxy, ∀ x (Fx ∧ Gxa)
wff: □, □, □ ∧ □, ¬(□ ∧ □), (□ ∧ □) → (□ ∨ □)

construct truth table

- 1) a truth table has 2ⁿ rows, for n basic propositions α, β, γ
- 2) put each proposition in its own column.
- 3) this table will have 2² = 4 rows. Start from utmost **right** column and alternate T and F, Then move left and alternate TT and FF and if you have next column TTTT FFFF:

α	β
T	T
F	T
T	F
F	F

- 4) write on the right all wff to calculate and fill truth value under connective, following order of construction

α	β	α ∧ β	α ∨ β
T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T
F	T	F	T
F	F	F	F

- 5) for argument, write all premises and conclusion from left to write and calculate truth values.

α ∧ β ∴ α ∨ β

α	β	α ∧ β	α ∨ β
T	T	T	← ok
T	F	F	← not valid, counterexample
F	T	F	← not valid, counterexample
F	F	F	F

bound variable

scope of quantifier is subformula of it, the wff to which quantifier was attached during construction.

If variable in subformula is the same of quantifier, it is **bound**, otherwise it is **free**.

∀ x Ry - y is free

∀ x Fx - x is bound

∀ x (Rx → Fx) - x is bound

tables for connectives

and	or	if.. than	iff	xor	nor	nand	not	0-place
α β	α ∧ β	α ∨ β	α → β	α ↔ β	α ⊕ β	α ↓ β	α β	α ⊥
T T	T	T	T	T	F	F	F	T
T F	F	T	F	F	T	F	T	F
F T	F	T	T	T	F	T	F	T
F F	F	F	T	T	T	T	T	F

argument

P ← premise 1
Q ← premise 2
∴ P ∧ Q ← conclusion (therefore)
also → P ∧ Q or ≡ P ∧ Q

necessary truth preserving (NTP)

Argument is NTP if it's impossible that premises are true and conclusion is false. Argument can be NTP by it's content.

model

Model ℳ is a scenario, situation in which proposition of predicate logic is true or false.

ℳ₁
Model has a **domain**, set of all objects that we are taking in account (= everything).

D: {Dante, Pirandello, Baricco, Vasari}

Extension of predicate is a subset, part of the domain objects that are true for this predicate (property).

Px: x is painter; P: {Vasari}

Wx: x is writer; W: {Dante, Baricco}

Referent is an object that respond to particular name
v: Vasari, b: Baricco

validity

Validity is NTP by form, not by content. Argument is valid, when there is no scenario in which all premises are true and conclusion is false.

check validity with truth table

Translate argument into PL

Construct truth table

Check the rows of the table, where the premises are T and see if the conclusion is F. If it's the case, the argument is invalid.

soundness

Actual row of true table - is that that represents the actual truth values of propositions (by their meaning)

Argument is **sound** if it's valid and its premises are true in actual row.

- 1) Grass is green. Snow is white ∴ Grass is green and snow is white. ← valid and sound
- 2) Grass is red. Snow is green ∴ Grass is red and snow is green. ← valid, not sound

S	G	S ∧ G
T	T	T ← actual for 1st
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	F ← actual for 2nd

one under the other - non branching

rules for semantic trees

tests for logical properties

$(\alpha \wedge \beta)$
 α
 β
unnegated \wedge
 the conjunction is true when **both** of conjuncts is true

$\neg(\alpha \wedge \beta)$
 \wedge
 $\neg\alpha$ $\neg\beta$
negated \wedge
 the conjunction is false when first conjunct is false **or** second conjunct is false.

$(\alpha \vee \beta)$
 \wedge
 α β
unnegated \vee
 the disjunction is true when first **or** second disjunct is true.

$\neg(\alpha \vee \beta)$
 $\neg\alpha$
 $\neg\beta$
negated \vee
 the disjunction is false when **both** of disjunct are false

$(\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$
 \wedge
 $\neg\alpha$ β
unnegated \rightarrow
 α follows from β , conditional is true, if α is false or β is true.

$\neg(\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$
 α
 $\neg\beta$
negated \rightarrow
 α doesn't follow from β , conditional is false, if both α is true and β is false..

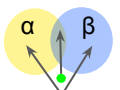
$(\alpha \leftrightarrow \beta)$
 \wedge
 α $\neg\alpha$
 β $\neg\beta$
unnegated \leftrightarrow
 biconditional is true, when both α and β have the same values

$\neg(\alpha \leftrightarrow \beta)$
 \wedge
 α $\neg\alpha$
 $\neg\beta$ β
negated \leftrightarrow
 biconditional is false when both α and β have opposite values

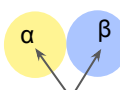
$\neg\neg\alpha$
 α
double negation
 negation of negation of expression is false, when expression is true.

α $\neg\alpha$
 $\neg\alpha$ α
 \times \times
closure
 tree is closed when α and $\neg\alpha$ appear on a branch

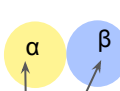
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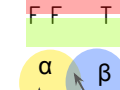
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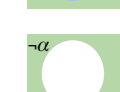
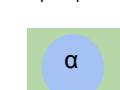
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F	F	T



α	β	$\alpha \leftrightarrow \beta$
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F	T	F
F	F	T



α	$\neg\alpha$
T	F
F	T



$\exists x \alpha(x)$ ✓ a (new a)
 $\alpha(a/x)$
unnegated \exists
 Exist x such as x is α , when there is at least one a (name) that is α .



$\neg \exists x \alpha(x)$
 $\forall x \neg \alpha(x)$
negated \exists
 It doesn't exist x such as x is α , when all x are not α .



$\forall x \alpha(x)$ ✓ a (any a)
 $\alpha(a/x)$
unnegated \forall
 All x are α , when all names a, b, c, \dots are α .



$\neg \forall x \alpha(x)$
 $\exists x \neg \alpha(x)$
negated \forall
 Not all x are α , when exist at least on x that are not α .



1. rules without quantifiers, nonbranching

2. rules without quantifiers, branching

3. negated quantifiers ($\neg \exists, \neg \forall$)

4. unnegated \exists rule (substitute for one new name)

5. unnegated \forall rule (substitute for all names that appeared on the tree before)

For large tree apply rule for the proposition with smaller "address", where address is assigned in this way:

\wedge
 11 12
 111 121
 1111 \wedge
 1211 1212

infinite trees
 may appear
 with $\forall x \exists y$

α_1
 \wedge
 α_2 α_3
 \wedge
 α_4 α_5
 \wedge
 α_6 α_7

Move quantifier for antecedent:

$(\forall x \alpha \rightarrow \beta) := \exists x (\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$

$(\exists x \alpha \rightarrow \beta) := \forall x (\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$

For rest of connectives:

$(\forall x \alpha \wedge \beta) := \forall x (\alpha \wedge \beta)$

$(\beta \wedge \forall x \alpha) := \forall x (\beta \wedge \alpha)$

order of rule application

Test if argument is **valid**: $\alpha, \beta \vdash \gamma$

Check if it's possible that all premises are true and conclusion is false, so set is satisfiable. Solve the tree:

α

β

$\neg \gamma$

If all paths are closed argument is valid, if not - argument is invalid. Read from the tree.

Test if proposition α is **tautology** (always true)

Check if tree for the negation has solutions. Means negation cannot be true, so a proposition is always true.

Solve the tree:

$\neg \alpha$

If all paths are closed, means proposition is tautology, otherwise read from the tree

Test if two propositions α, β are **equivalent**

Check if the negated biconditional has solutions. Solve the tree:

$\neg (\alpha \leftrightarrow \beta)$

If all paths are closed α, β are equivalent, if some paths are open they are not. Read the case from the tree.

Test whether proposition α is **satisfiable** or a **contradiction**

Solve the tree:

α

If all paths close, proposition is contradiction. If a path remains open it's satisfiable

Test whether **set of propositions** α, β are **satisfiable**

Solve the tree:

α

β

If all paths are closed, set is unsatisfiable. If not it is satisfiable.

Test whether two jointly unsatisfiable propositions are **contraries** or **contradictories**

Solve the tree:

$\neg \alpha$

$\neg \beta$

If all paths are closed propositions are contradictories, if a path is open they are contraries. Read off from open path a scenario in which both are F.

construct a tree

To check if proposition $F \rightarrow \exists x Fx$ is tautology. Write down a negation of the proposition:

$\neg (F \rightarrow \exists x Fx)$

Assume it's T. Identify the main connective: **negated \rightarrow** and apply the corresponding rule, write down resulting propositions.

1) $\neg (F \rightarrow \exists x Fx)$ ✓

2) F ✓ {1, negated \rightarrow, α }

3) $\neg \exists x Fx$ ✓ {1, negated $\rightarrow, \neg \beta$ }

Identify next rule to apply: $\neg \exists$ quantifier

4) $\forall x \neg Fx$ ✓ {3, negated $\exists, \forall x \neg \alpha$ }

Substitute x with any name - a - $\alpha(a/x)$, write $\forall a$ on the row above

5) $\neg Fa$ ✓ {4, α }

F and $\neg Fa$ appear in the tree. Close the tree.

6) x

Uniqueness assumption:

The Florence main cathedral is high. f : Florence, Cxy : x is m. cathedral of y

There is exactly one main cathedral: $\exists x \forall y (Cyf \leftrightarrow y = x)$

Exist x such as for all y , if y is cathedral of Florence, it's actually x

This cathedral is high: $\exists x (\forall y (Cyf \leftrightarrow y = x) \wedge Hx)$

The architect of the Florence main cathedral is talented:

$\exists x \forall y (Cyf \leftrightarrow y = x) \wedge \exists z \forall y (Ayx \leftrightarrow y = z)$

Russellian description