

CSU44004/CSU55004: FORMAL VERIFICATION

Lecture 3: Propositional Logic

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Q: Let $(A_1 \wedge A_2) \rightarrow A_3$ be invalid. Is it necessary that A_3 is falsifiable?

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We already did this in the associativity questions.

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Q: show that $\neg(p \wedge q) \equiv \neg p \vee \neg q$ and $\neg(p \vee q) \equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q$ (De Morgan laws)

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Explain the following

Lemma

A is valid if and only if $\models A$.

Lemma

A is invalid if and only if $\models \neg A$.

We will write¹

(something) **iff** *(something else)*

To mean

If *(something)* is true **then** *(something else)* is true, **and**
If *(something else)* is true **then** *(something)* is true

¹We are using a meta-logic to state and prove our lemmas about Propositional Logic. Leibniz would not approve! But we have no other choice...

Prove the following using the semantics

Lemma

$\models A \rightarrow B$ iff $A \models B$.

Lemma

$A_1 \wedge A_2 \models B$ iff $A_1, A_2 \models B$.

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T T **T** T F **F** T F T T F F F

Contradiction: q has to be both T and F. Therefore the above is not falsifiable. Therefore the entailment holds.

Check the following:

$$(\neg p \rightarrow q) , (q \rightarrow p) , (p \rightarrow \neg q) \models p \wedge \neg q$$

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$$(\neg p \underset{\text{T}}{\rightarrow} q) , (q \underset{\text{T}}{\rightarrow} p) , (p \underset{\text{T}}{\rightarrow} \neg q) \models p \underset{\text{F}}{\wedge} \neg q$$

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F	T	T	F	F	T		F	F	T
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$(\neg p \rightarrow q)$,	$(q \rightarrow p)$,	$(p \rightarrow \neg q)$	\models	$p \wedge \neg q$
T F T T		T F		F T		F F T F
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Contradiction in all cases (q must have both T and F value).
Therefore not falsifiable. Therefore valid!

Check whether the following are valid:

1. $p \rightarrow q \rightarrow r \models p \rightarrow r \rightarrow q$
2. $p \rightarrow q \rightarrow r \models q \rightarrow p \rightarrow r$
3. $((p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow s), (r \rightarrow q), p \models q \wedge (r \rightarrow s)$