Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

Lecture 8: Logical Agents

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The information in the two answers received allows the waiter to infer automatically where the third dish must go.

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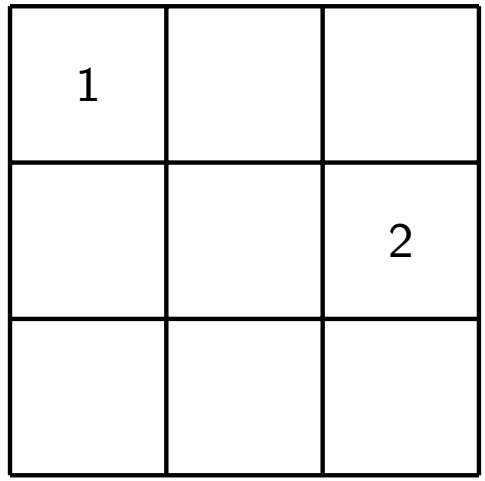

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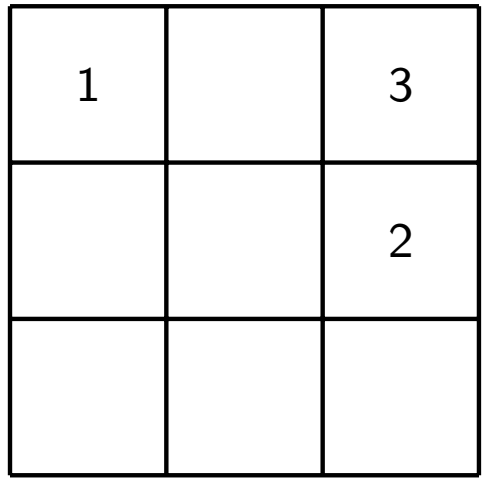

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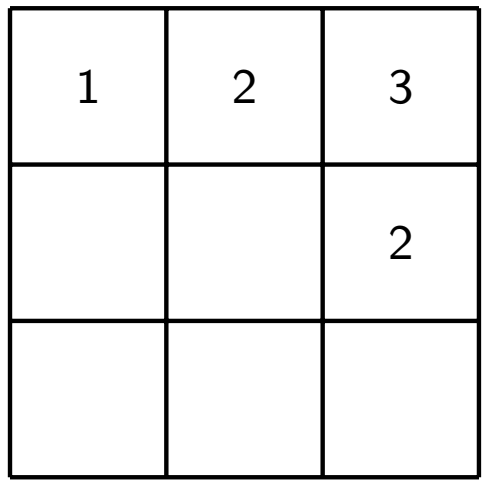

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How?

Logic and Reasoning

- Logic studies inference and information update.
- Mathematics: already in Greek Antiquity (and in parallel, in other cultures), logical inference led to surprising new mathematical facts. Mathematical proof is a pure form of inference.
- Natural Sciences: ideally, combinations of inference with experiments.

Where is logic useful?

Mathematics

Philosophy

Artificial Intelligence

Psychology

Computer Science

Linguistics

Law

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The Origins of Logic

- $+-$ 300 BC: Aristotle and the Stoic philosophers formulated explicit systems of reasoning in Greek Antiquity.
- In parallel: independent traditions in China and India.

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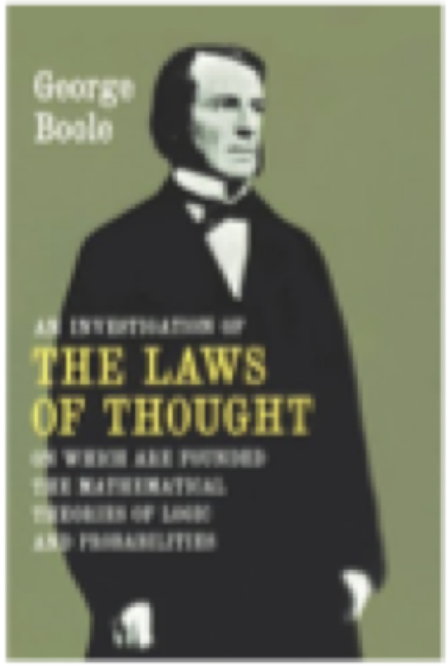

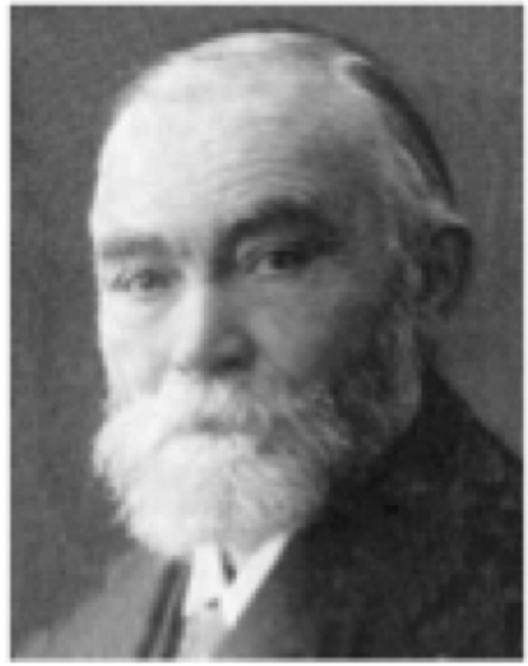

Figure: Boole and Frege

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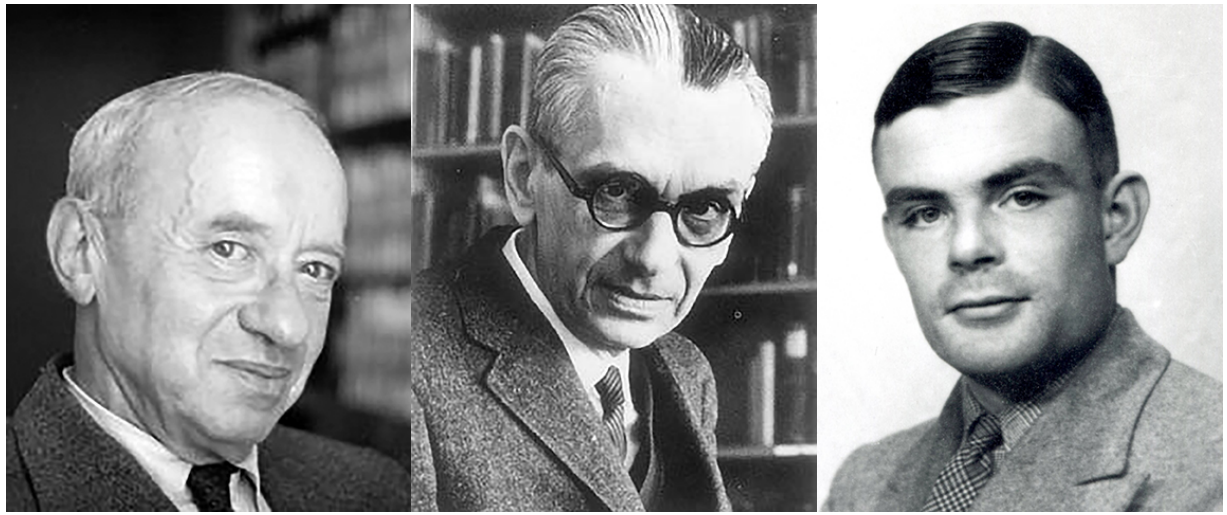

Figure: Tarski, Gödel and Turing

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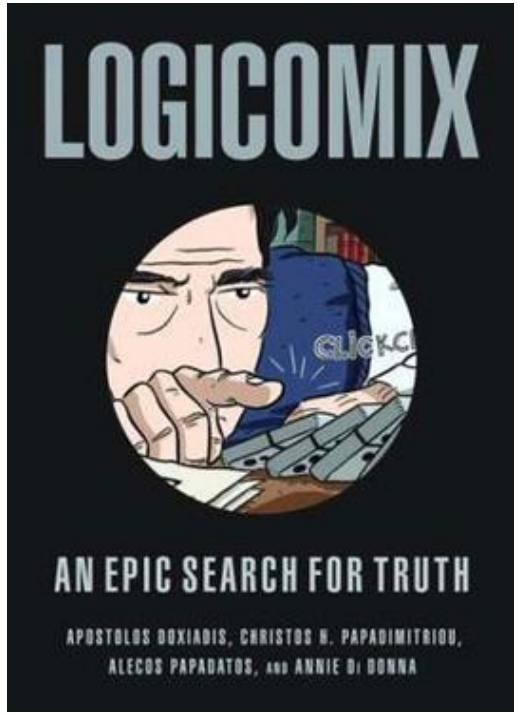

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- You could be coughing even though you didn't get Corona virus!

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- I might still get killed by the enemy for some other reason!

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In other words:

An inference is valid if it has no counter-examples (situations where the premises are all true while the conclusion is false).

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No!! Can you give a counterexample?

What Validity really tells us

Premise 1
Premise 2

Therefore, Conclusion

- If a premise is false, nothing follows about the conclusion!
- Validity only rules out the situation where *all* the premises are true and the conclusion is false!

What validity of inference says:

- If *all* premises are *true*, then the conclusion is *true*.
- If the conclusion is *false*, then *at least one* premise is *false*

- important part of cognitive development:

  formal operational stage, where the mind is capable of reasoning according to classical propositional logic.
- the process of cognitive development:

  series of stages of enrichment of the logical apparatus of the child, enabling increasingly abstract reasoning.
- Human reasoning assumed to be logical and rational.
- But people turned out to be not so logical!

Figure: Jean Piaget

REASONING ABOUT A RULE

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Two experiments were carried out to investigate the difficulty of making the contrapositive inference from conditional sentences of the form, "if P then Q." This inference, that not-P follows from not-Q, requires the transformation of the information presented in the conditional sentence. It is suggested that the difficulty is due to a mental set for expecting a relation of truth, correspondence, or match to hold between sentences and states of affairs. The elicitation of the inference was not facilitated by attempting to induce two kinds of therapy designed to break this set. It is argued that the subjects did not give evidence of having acquired the characteristics of Piaget's "formal operational thought."

Logic and Cognition

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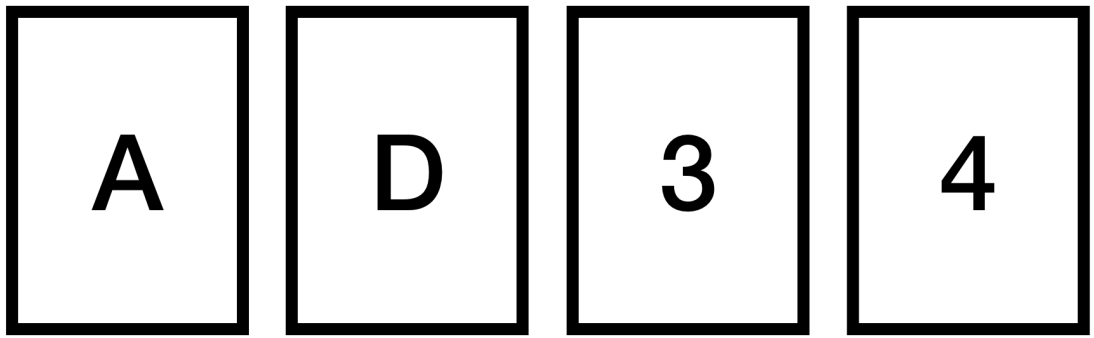

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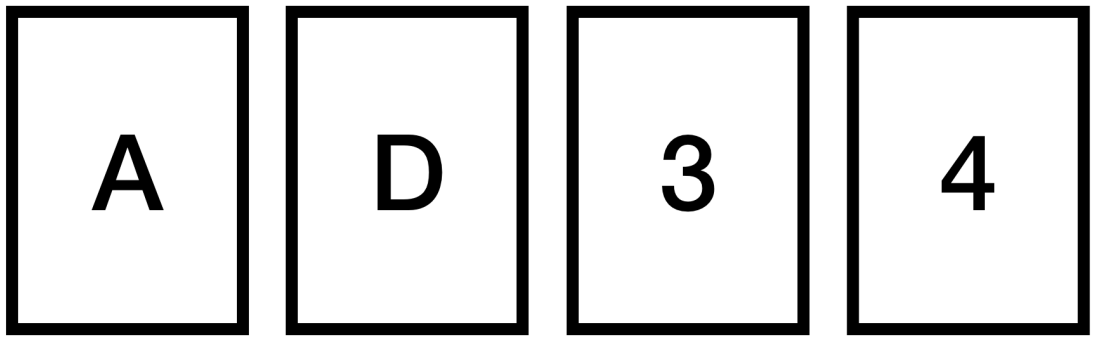

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Which card would you turn?

Go to www.menti.com and use the code 3178 3810.

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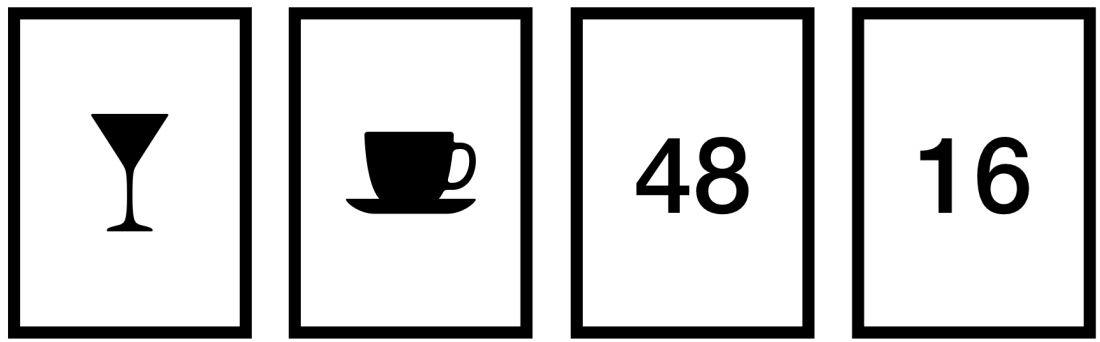

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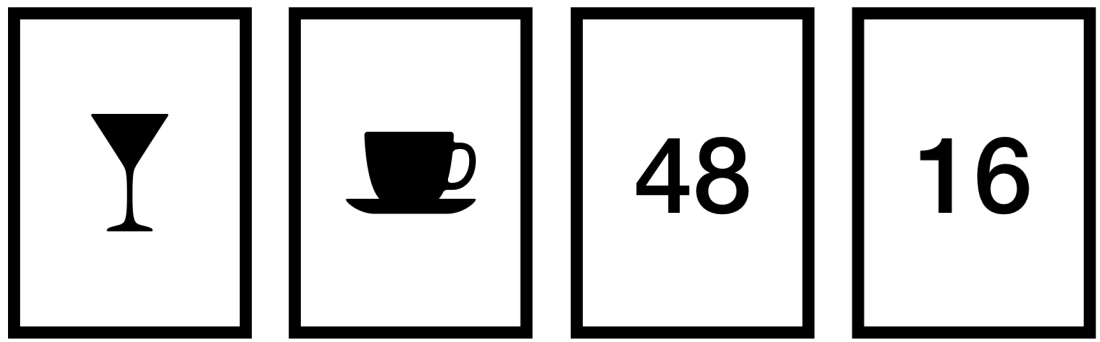

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Who would you check?

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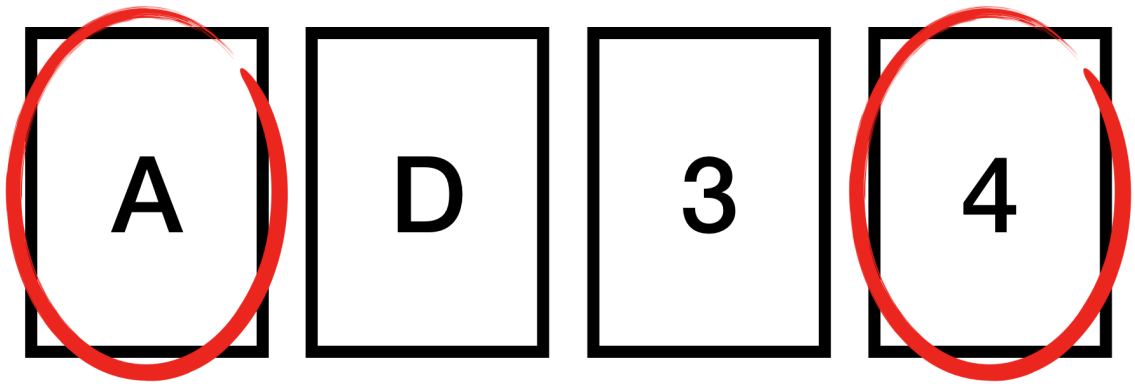
'Correct' answer



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Expected answer: P and $\neg Q$

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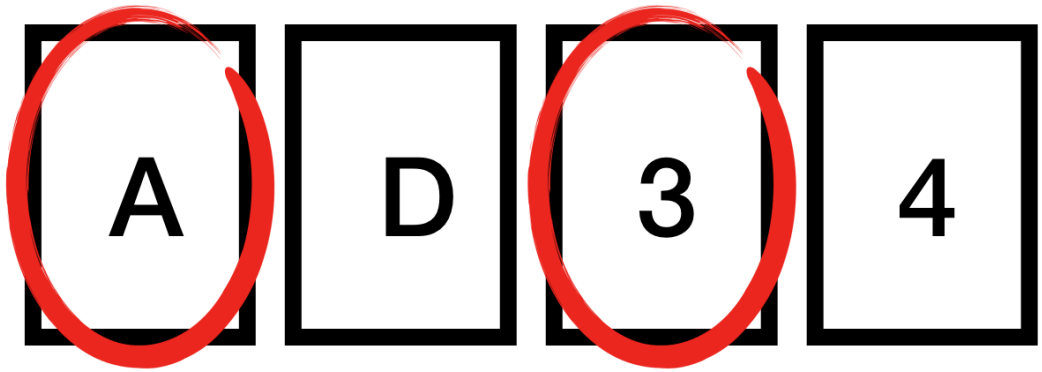
Typical answer



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P	P, Q	P, ¬Q	P, Q, ¬Q
A	A, 3	A, 4	A, 3, 4
35 %	**45 %**	**5 %**	**7 %**

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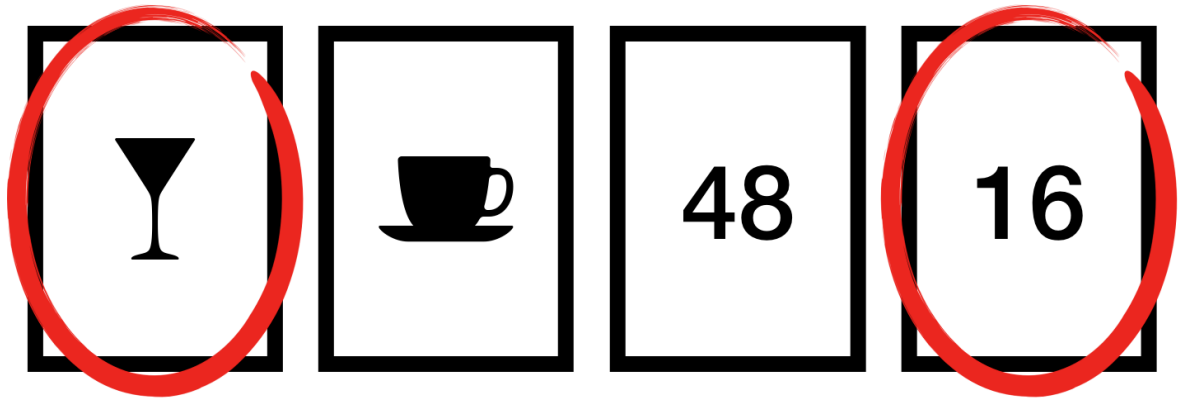

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Our focus: Knowledge-based agents

- Part of intelligence is **reasoning** operating on **internal representations**.
- **Logic** is a general apparatus for supporting knowledge-based agents.
- Knowledge-based agents are **flexible**: they accept new tasks in the form of explicitly formulated goals; they achieve competence by being learning new knowledge about the environment; they can adapt by updating knowledge.

Knowledge base (KB)

- Knowledge base is a set of **sentences**.
- Sentences are in a given **knowledge representation language**.
- Sentences represent assertions about the world.
- Some sentences have the status of **axioms** (they are given, must be and stay true).

Inference in KB

- Adding to the knowledge base (TELL).
- Querying the knowledge base (ASK).
- Inference must obey the following rule:
  when one ASKs a question of the knowledge base, the answer should follow from what it has been told before (TELLed).

A generic knowledge-based agent

function KB-AGENT(*percept*) **returns** an *action*
persistent: *KB* a knowledge base, initially background knowledge;
t, a counter, initially 0 (time)

TELL(*KB*,MAKE-PERCEPT-SENTENCE(*percept, t*))
action $\leftarrow$ ASK (*KB*, MAKE-ACTION-QUERY(*t*))
TELL(*KB*,MAKE-ACTION-SENTENCE(*action, t*))
t $\leftarrow$ t+1
return *action*

Basic Logical Notions

- Syntax (rules for building sentences).
- Semantics (rules determining the truth of sentences).
- Model (or a possible world):

  if a sentence φ is true in a model m, we say that the m satisfies φ, and that m is a model of φ.

  $M(\varphi)$ stands for the set of all models of φ.
- Entailment between sentences:

  φ follows from ψ: $\psi \models \varphi$ iff $M(\psi) \subseteq M(\varphi)$.
- Logical inference is carried out with the use of entailment.

Basic Logical Notions, cntd.

- **Model-checking**: a procedure of logical inference by enumerating all models of KB and checking if the conclusion holds in all those models.
- If a logical inference algorithm can **derive** a sentence φ from KB, we write $KB \vdash \varphi$.
- A logical inference algorithm should be **sound** and **complete**.
- It should also be **grounded** in the underlying reality, e.g., KB should reflect the way the world really is, and adapt to the changing world.

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A note on $\vee$: $\vee$ stands for the **inclusive** disjunction,
e.g.: "In order to pass the exam question 3 or question 4 must be answered correctly."
unlike "either ... or ..." in: "I will spend my summer in South America or in Asia."

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Let Φ be a set of propositional letters, and let $p \in \Phi$ (that is: p is an element of the set Φ). Then the language of propositional logic is defined as follows:

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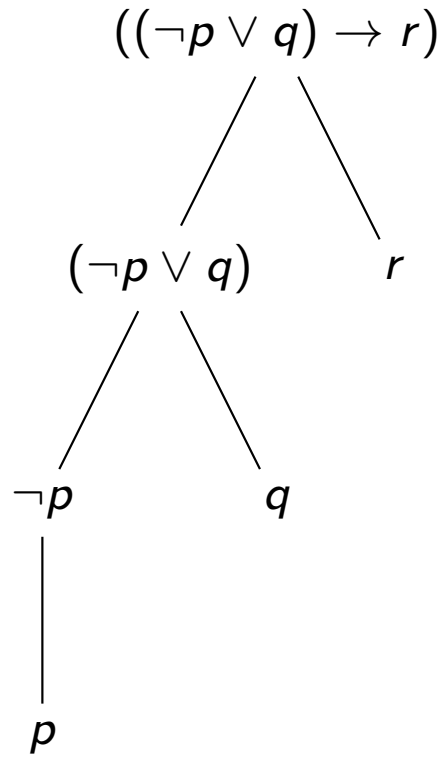

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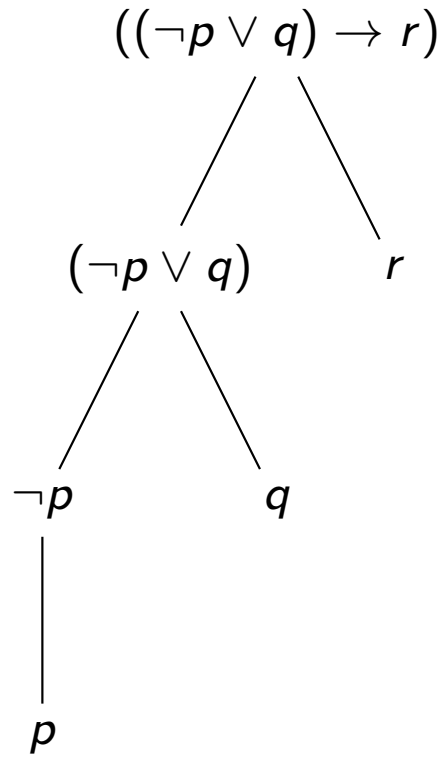

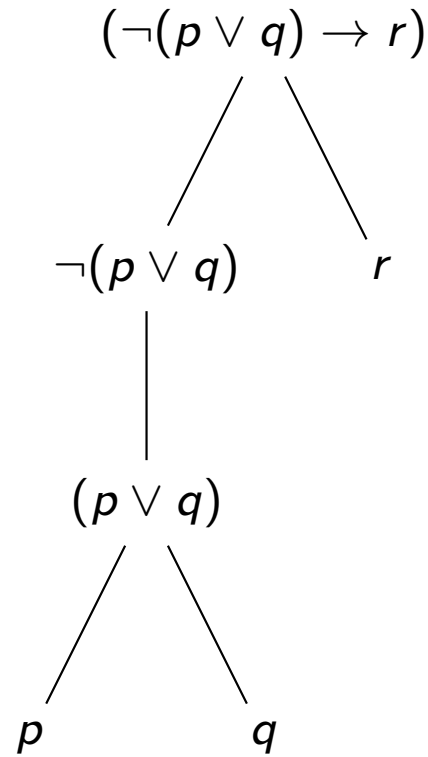

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1. Construct a truth table for all of the formulas $\varphi_1, \ldots, \varphi_n, \psi$.
2. Check that in every row where all of $\varphi_1, \ldots, \varphi_n$ get the value 1, ψ also gets the value 1.

Logical Consequence (continued)

Consider: $p, q \models p \vee q$.

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Proof system

A **proof system** is a set of formulas called **axioms** and a set of **rules of inference**.

A **proof** of a formula ψ is a sequence of formulas $\varphi_1, \ldots, \varphi_n$, with $\varphi_n = \psi$, such that each φ_k is either an axiom or it is derived from previous formulas by rules of inference.

When such a proof exists, we say that ψ is a **theorem** (of the system) and that ψ is **provable** (in the system), denoted by:

$$\vdash \psi$$

Hilbert-style system $\mathcal{H}$

$\mathcal{H}$ is a proof system with three axiom schemes and one rule of inference.

For any formulas, φ, ψ and χ, the following formulas are axioms:

$\mathrm{A1} \vdash (\varphi \to (\psi \to \varphi))$
$\mathrm{A2} \vdash ((\varphi \to (\psi \to \chi) \to ((\varphi \to \psi) \to (\varphi \to \chi)))$
$\mathrm{A3} \vdash ((\neg\psi \to \neg\varphi) \to (\varphi \to \psi))$

The single inference rule of $\mathcal{H}$ is modus ponens (MP for short):

$$\frac{\vdash \varphi \qquad \vdash (\varphi \to \psi)}{\psi}\ \mathrm{MP}$$

Proving $\vdash (p \to p)$

Theorem. $\vdash (p \to p)$.

Proof.

1.	$(p \to ((p \to p) \to p)) \to ((p \to (p \to p)) \to (p \to p))$	(A2)
2.	$p \to ((p \to p) \to p)$	(A1)
3.	$(p \to (p \to p)) \to (p \to p)$	(MP 1,2)
4.	$p \to (p \to p)$	(A1)
5.	$p \to p$	(MP 3,4)

End of Lecture 8