

Mathematics for CS II (CS202: Logic)

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- *Start assignments early*: they might look easy but will take some doing. No deadline extensions.
- *Attend classes and keep in sync with the lectures*: logic is an easy course, but can get difficult if you don't give it enough time.
- *Seek help from me and TAs*: we are there to help you.
- *No unfair means*: CSE policy on unfair means is quite strict; the same will be followed in this course.

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Books

- Michael Huth and Mark Ryan. Logic in Computer Science: Modelling and Reasoning about Systems. 2nd Edition.
- Mordechai Ben-Ari. Mathematical Logic for Computer Science. 3rd ed. 2012 Edition. [Acknowledgement: some figures are taken from the teaching material provided]
- Herbert B. Enderton. A Mathematical Introduction to Logic. 2nd Edition.
- Madhavan Mukund and S P Suresh. Introduction to Logic.

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Formal Reasoning

Construct arguments that can be defended rigorously or checked by a machine.

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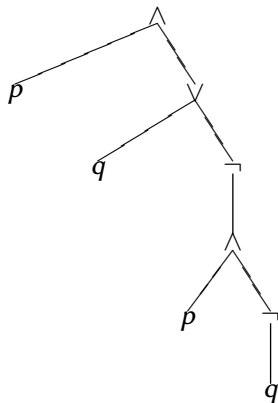
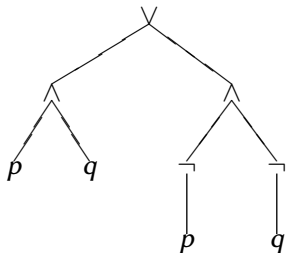
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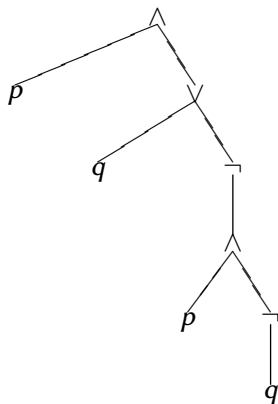
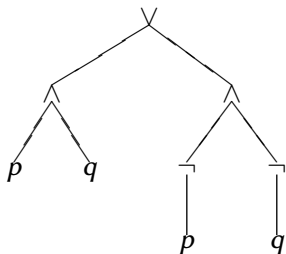
Backus–Naur (BNF) form

$$\Phi ::= p \mid \neg\Phi \mid \Phi \wedge \Phi \mid \Phi \vee \Phi$$

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What are the formula (strings) corresponding to the two trees?

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Excercise: Modify the syntax to include these additional symbols

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Valuation

The **valuation** of $A \in \mathcal{F}$ is defined as a total function $v_{\mathcal{I}_A} \mapsto \{T, F\}$ that assigns a truth value to A under \mathcal{I}_A . Note that $v_{\mathcal{I}_A}$ can be defined inductively on the structure of A .

Semantics (as truth table)

A	$v(A_1)$	$v(A_2)$	$v(A)$
$\neg A_1$	T		F
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$A_1 \vee A_2$	F	F	F
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Also referred to as a **contradiction**
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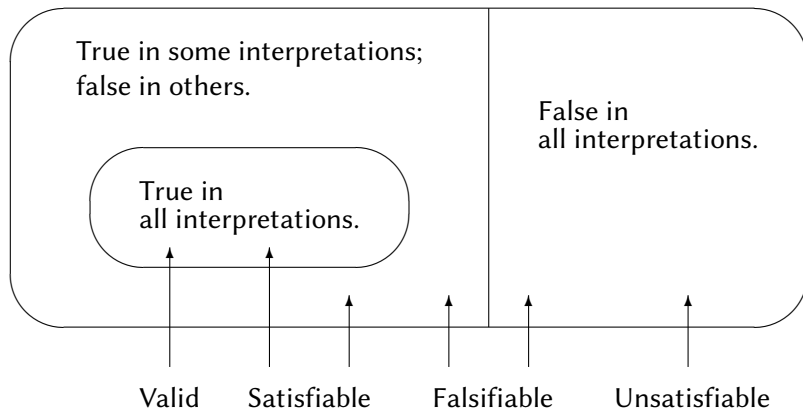
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Encoding in SAT

- Variables:

e_{ij} : an edge exists between the vertices i and j

a_{ij} : the i^{th} vertex is assigned the j^{th} color

- Constraints (for k colors):

- Each node v is assigned a color: $\forall_v. (a_{v1} \vee a_{v2} \vee \dots \vee a_{vk})$
- Each node v is given exactly one color: $\forall_v \neg (a_{vi} \wedge a_{vj})$
- Two neighboring nodes don't have same color: $\forall_{v,w} \neg (e_{vw} \wedge a_{vi} \wedge a_{wi})$

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Assignment 1: Sudoku

Write an encoding for:

- Sudoku solving, and
 - Additional constraint: The numbers in the main diagonals are also unique
- Sudoku generation
 - Use the above encoding as a black box

Implement it using the minisat solver.

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Inductive Step: Consider the case for $(\Phi_1 \wedge \Phi_2)$, $\#left(\Phi_i)=\#right(\Phi_i)=n$, $i=1,2$ (induction hypothesis)

$$\text{So, } \#left(\Phi_1 \wedge \Phi_2) = \#left(\Phi_1) + \#left(\Phi_2) + 1 = n_1 + n_2 + 1$$

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So, proved for all conjunctions. Similarly prove for negation and disjunction.

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Don't be fooled by the simplicity of truth tables; it is incredibly powerful tool!

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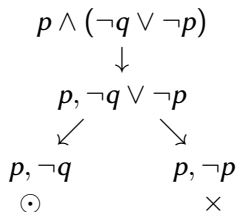
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- Formula is satisfiable if for atleast one leaf node:
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 - there does *not exist a contradiction* on the leaf

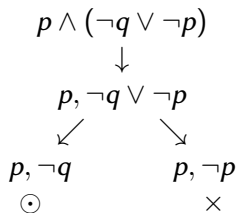
Formula Decomposition

- Formulas classified into α and β formulas
 - α *formulas* require both the components to be satisfied; both components from the decomposition get added to the current list of subformulas
 - β *formulas* require any one of components to be satisfied; leads to splitting of the current path, each path inheriting one of the components from the decomposition

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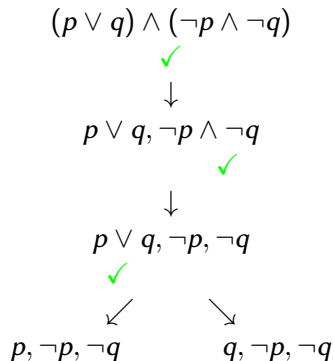
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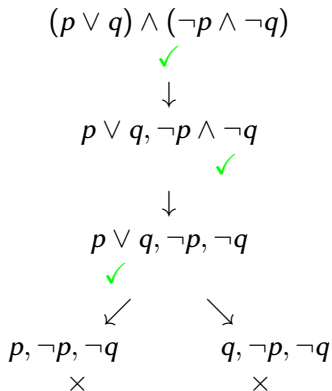
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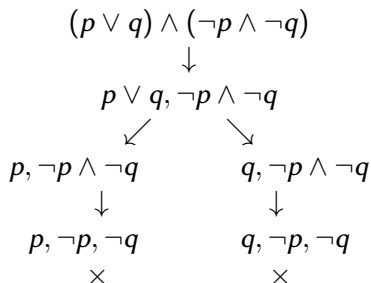
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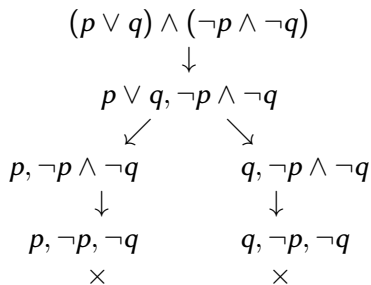
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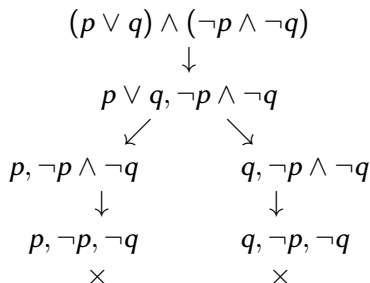


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$\neg(A_1 \rightarrow A_2)$	A_1	$\neg A_2$
$A_1 \leftrightarrow A_2$	$A_1 \rightarrow A_2$	$A_2 \rightarrow A_1$

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Come up with a *ranking function* such it:

- The function has a *lower bound* (say it is always non-negative)
- The function *decreases* with each step of the algorithm

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Proof

- For the set of (sub)formulas in the pending list, let
 - $b(l)$: total number of binary operators
 - $n(l)$: total number of negations
- Let us use a ranking function over the subformulas in list l in a node:
$$W(l) = 3 \cdot b(l) + n(l)$$
- For each α -formula, argue that $W(l)$ decreases
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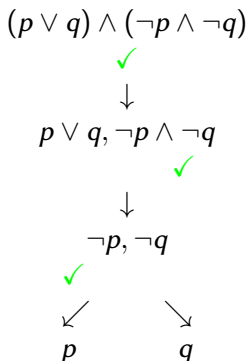
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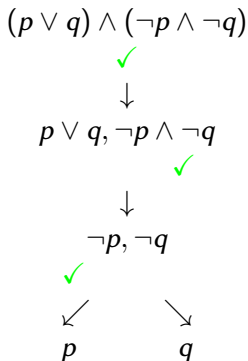
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