


CS 511, Fall 2024, Lecture Slides 04

Valid WFF's/Tautologies
Contradictions/Unsatisfiable WFF's
Contingent WFF's/Satisfiable+Falsifiable WFF's

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Universe of Propositional WFF's

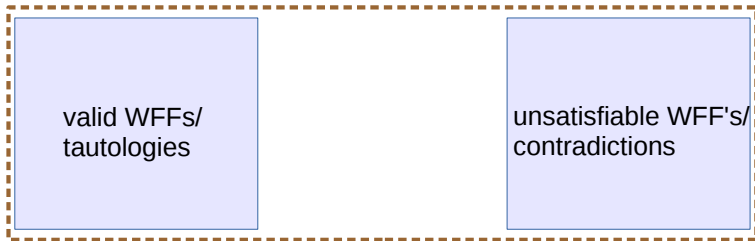


A diagram showing the universe of propositional WFFs. A large dashed brown rectangle contains two smaller solid light blue rectangles. The left rectangle is labeled 'valid WFFs/tautologies' and the right rectangle is labeled 'unsatisfiable WFF's/contradictions'.

valid WFFs/
tautologies

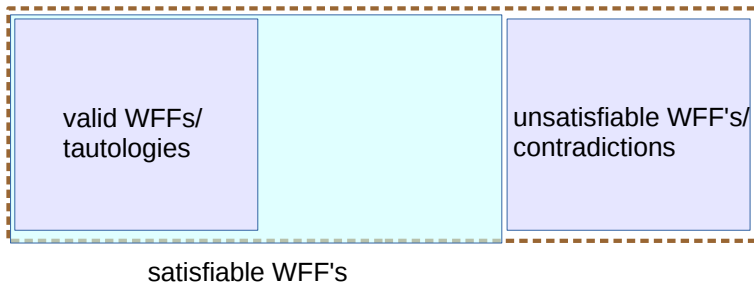
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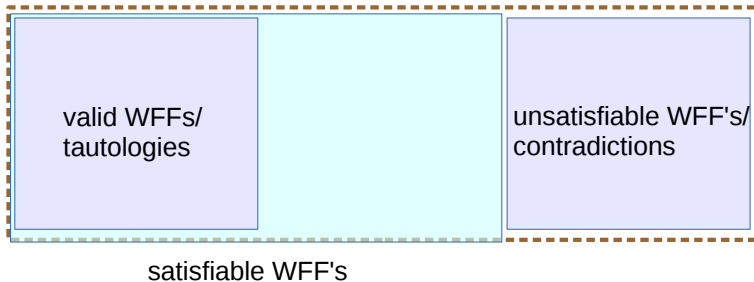


- ▶ the logical negation of a **tautology** is an **unsatisfiable WFF**
(Why? Look at the truth tables.)
- ▶ the logical negation of an **unsatisfiable WFF** is a **tautology**
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- ▶ WFF's that are neither tautologies nor contradictions are sometimes called **contingent**, which are in the middle of the diagram above.

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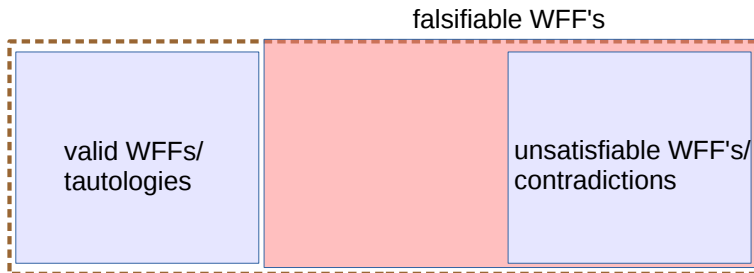


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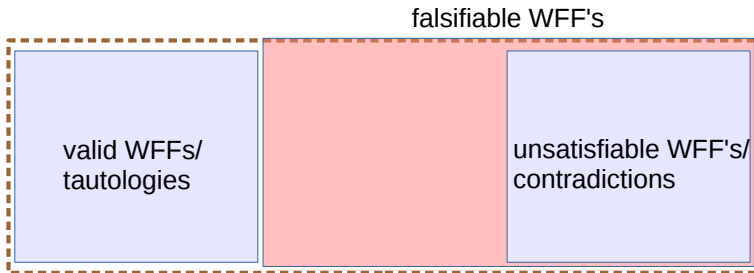


- **Warning:** the logical negation of a **satisfiable WFF** is NOT necessarily an **unsatisfiable WFF**, even though the diagram and the words seem to suggest it!

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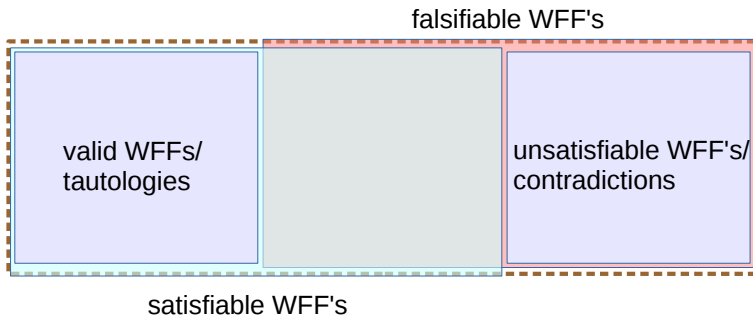


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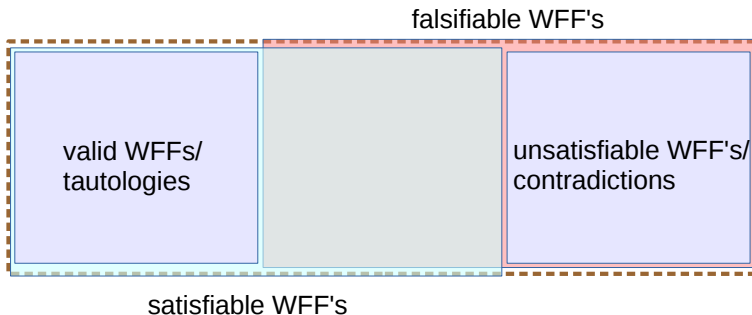


- **Warning:** the logical negation of a **falsifiable WFF** is NOT necessarily a **tautology**, even though the diagram and the words seem to suggest it!

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- ▶ Note that the set of **satisfiable WFF's** and the set of **falsifiable WFF's** overlap.
- ▶ The race is on for defining and implementing procedures to decide membership of a propositional WFF in each of the 3 groups separately:

1. **tautologies/valid WFF's**
2. **contingent WFF's**, *i.e.*, WFF's that are both satisfiable and falsifiable
3. **contradictions/unsatisfiable WFF's**

(All the notions in 1, 2, and 3, are all defined **semantically**, *i.e.*, with **truth-tables**.)

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