

# Lecture - 5

Propositional Logic:  
Reasoning

# Previously

Name	Symbol	Notation	Definition
Conjunction	$\wedge$	$P \wedge Q$	AND
Disjunction	$\vee$	$P \vee Q$	OR
Negation	$\sim$	$\sim P$	NOT
Implication/Conditional	$\rightarrow$	$P \rightarrow Q$	IF / THEN
Biconditional	$\leftrightarrow$	$P \leftrightarrow Q$	IF AND ONLY IF

p	q	$\sim p$	$\sim p \vee q$
T	T	F	T
T	F	F	F
F	T	T	T
F	F	T	T

- What is Propositional Logic?
- Propositional Language
- Propositional Truth
- Equivalence
- Logical Calculation

$$\underbrace{a \Rightarrow b}_{\text{abstr. prop.}} \stackrel{\text{val}}{=} \underbrace{\neg a \vee b}_{\text{abstr. prop.}}$$

meta-formula

$$\begin{aligned} \neg P \Rightarrow Q & \\ \stackrel{\text{val}}{=} & \{ \text{Implication} \} \\ \neg \neg P \vee Q & \\ \stackrel{\text{val}}{=} & \{ \text{Double Negation} \} \\ P \vee Q & \end{aligned}$$

# Propositions

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p



q

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*The sun is shining. There are clouds  
in the sky.*

Logical inference - from the single proposition which is true.

# Lecture Outline

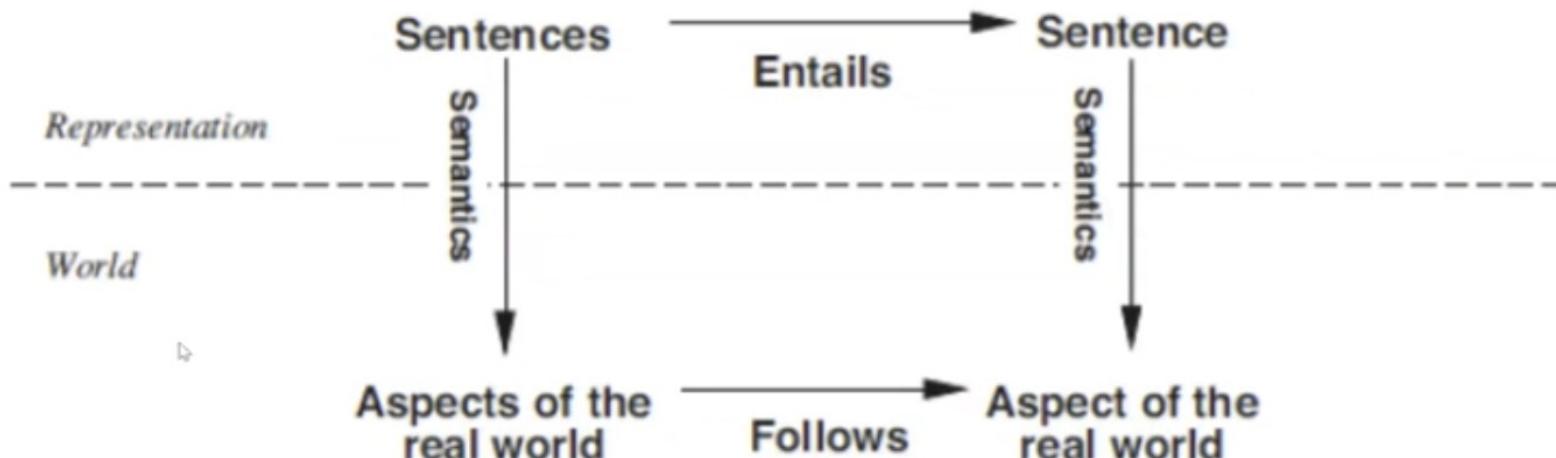
- Entailment
- Arguments
- Inference Rules
- Deductive Reasoning from a Knowledge Base

# Why Reasoning?

- With an understanding of the syntax and semantics of propositional logic for knowledge representation...
  - We explore basic **reasoning with logical inference**
- Leverage a ‘represented’ knowledge base to draw conclusions
- Reasoning and inference will be recurring themes throughout this course

# Representation to Real World

- Logic operates on **propositions** (i.e. statements) that are **representations of real world objects/states**
- In AI we are interested in taking existing knowledge and deriving new knowledge or answering questions (ultimately in the real world)
- In **propositional logic**, this means showing that **from a knowledge base**, (i.e. a possibly extensive propositional logic formula), a formula (conclusion) **follows**.



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  - When proposition ( $f$ ) is **true** in model ( $M$ ) we say:  $M$  **satisfies**  $f$
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**Tautology:** Formula  $f$  such that  $M(f) = \text{All possible models. ("True in all possible worlds")}$

Example:  $A \vee \neg A$ .  
(True whether  $A = 0$  or  $A = 1$ !)

**Contradiction:** Formula  $f$  such that  $M(f) = \text{Empty set. ("False in all possible worlds.")}$

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# Knowledge Base

- **Knowledge base (KB)** : Set of propositions  $\{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n\}$
- **M(KB)** = All possible models for  $f_1 \wedge f_2 \wedge \dots \wedge f_n$

Example:

- Variables: R, S, C (“Rainy”, “Sunny,” “Cloudy”)
- **KB:**

$R \vee S \vee C$	(“It is either Rainy or Sunny or Cloudy.”)
$R \rightarrow C \wedge \neg S$	(“If it is Rainy then it is Cloudy and not Sunny.”)
$C \leftrightarrow \neg S$	(“If it is Cloudy then it is not Sunny, and vice versa.”)
- Example models for KB: {R=1, S =0, C =1}; {R =0, C=1, S=0}; {R=0, C=0, S=1}

# Entailment

In pragmatics (linguistics), entailment is the relationship between two sentences where the truth of one (A) requires the truth of the other (B). For example, the sentence (A) The president was assassinated. entails (B) The president is dead.

Entailment is a concept that refers to a specific kind of relationship between two sentences. More specifically, entailment means that if one sentence is true, then another sentence would also have to be true: the second sentence would be entailed by the first sentence.

# Entailment

- Aka: Logical consequence  $\models$
- One statement logically *follows* from one or more propositions
  - Knowledge base = set of propositions or a single proposition that asserts all individual sentences
  - Entailments are the basis for making maximally reliable inferences from a knowledge base

- Examples:

$$\{p\} \models p \vee q$$

$$\{p\} \not\models p \wedge q \quad \leftarrow \text{Not entailed}$$

$$\{p, q\} \models p \wedge q$$

# Entailment

sentence -- Meaning? --- Proposition ---> p  $\models \top$   
 $\models$   
q, r, s ...



Entailment is defined as any true inference from a true proposition

# Entailment

sentence -- Meaning? --- Proposition ---> p = T  
F

q, r, s ...

- conditions
- entailment tests



For a proposition to be entail another proposition

- A set of conditions to be satisfied
- Entailments can be tested

# Entailment $\models$



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$$p \quad q \quad p \models q$$

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Entailment is a logical relationship between two propositions such that truth of first proposition  $p$  guarantees the truth of 2<sup>nd</sup> proposition  $q$ .

$q$	$p$	$q \models p$
T	T v F	F
F	F	F

Falsity of  $q$  guarantees the falsity of  $p$ .

# Entailment $\models$



All dogs are purple.

$p =$  All dogs are purple.

$q =$  My dog is purple.

$p \models q$



$p \models q$ , iff  $p = T \& q = T$

# Entailment Test

Step 1  $p$

Step 2  $p \models q$

Step 3  $\neg q$

Step 4  $p \& \neg q$

contradiction  $p \models q$

no contradiction  $p \not\models q$



# Entailment Test - Example 1

1  $p$  All dogs are purple.



2  $p \models q$  My dog is purple.

3  $\neg q$  My dog is NOT purple.

4  $p \& \neg q$

All dogs are purple and/but my dog is NOT purple.



contradiction:  $p \models q$

# Entailment Test - Example 2

1  $p$  All dogs are purple.



2  $p \models q$  My dog likes cats.



3  $\neg q$  My dog does **NOT** like cats.

4  $p \ \& \ \neg q$

All dogs are purple and/but my dog does **NOT** like cats.

no contradiction:  $p \neq q$

For now, for simplicity, we will focus on entailments dealing with a **single proposition!**  
[From which a conclusion follows]

We will return to **multiple propositions** from a knowledge base, when move on to arguments.

# Equivalence vs Entailment

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**Entailment is actually a Oneway equivalence**

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$P \models Q$

$P$	$Q$
1	1
0	1/0

$P \stackrel{val}{\models} Q$ : 1s are *carried over* from  $P$  to  $Q$ .

# Determining Entailment from Truth Table

- **Example 1:**

$$\neg P \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \models^{\text{val}} ? \\ \models^{\text{val}} ? \end{array} \right\} P \Rightarrow Q$$

$P$	$Q$	$\neg P$	$P \Rightarrow Q$
0	0	1	1
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0
1	1	0	1

extra true

So  $\neg P$  is **stronger than**  $P \Rightarrow Q$  (i.e.,  $\neg P \models^{\text{val}} P \Rightarrow Q$ ). ▷

A ‘stronger’ proposition entails a weaker one (i.e. infers it)

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- Example 2:

$$P \Rightarrow Q \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \models ? \\ \not\models ? \end{array} \right\} P \vee Q$$

$P$	$Q$	$P \Rightarrow Q$	$P \vee Q$
0	0	1	0
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1	0	0	1
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So  $P \Rightarrow Q$  and  $P \vee Q$  are incomparable.

# Standard Weakenings of Entailment

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**Extremes:**

$$\text{False} \stackrel{val}{\not\models} P$$

$$P \textcolor{red}{\checkmark} \stackrel{val}{\not\models} \text{True}$$

False is strongest of all  
True is weakest of all

# Basic Properties of Entailment

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Deduction theorem!

# Substitution Rule for Entailment

The Substitution Rule also works for  $\models^{val}$  and  $\equiv^{val}$ :

SUBSTITUTION PRESERVES WEAKENING/STRENGTHENING

## Example

We have the following valid weakening:

$$P \wedge Q \stackrel{val}{\equiv} P \vee R$$

and hence, according to the Substitution Rule, if we substitute  
 $(Q \Rightarrow R)$  for  $P$  and  $(P \vee Q)$  for  $Q$ , we get another valid weakening:

$$(Q \Rightarrow R) \wedge (P \vee Q) \stackrel{val}{\equiv} (Q \Rightarrow R) \vee R .$$

# Leibniz's Rule for Entailment?

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## Examples

Note that, by  $\wedge\vee$ -weakening,  $P \wedge Q \stackrel{\text{val}}{\equiv} P \vee Q$ . Now consider:

1.  $\neg(P \wedge Q) \stackrel{\text{val}}{\not\equiv} \neg(P \vee Q)$ ;
2.  $R \Rightarrow (P \wedge Q) \stackrel{\text{val}}{\equiv} R \Rightarrow (P \vee Q)$ ; and
3.  $(P \wedge Q) \Rightarrow R \stackrel{\text{val}}{\not\equiv} (P \vee Q) \Rightarrow R$ .

Conclusion: replacing  $\stackrel{\text{val}}{=}$  by  $\stackrel{\text{val}}{\equiv}$  does not yield a valid rule!

# Monotonicity

We do have the following weaker variant of Leibniz's Rule:

## Monotonicity:

- (1) If  $P \stackrel{\text{val}}{\equiv} Q$ , then  $P \wedge R \stackrel{\text{val}}{\equiv} Q \wedge R$
- (2) If  $P \stackrel{\text{val}}{\equiv} Q$ , then  $P \vee R \stackrel{\text{val}}{\equiv} Q \vee R$

- The syllogism:
  - "All men are mortal. Socrates is a man. Therefore Socrates is mortal."
- Can be weakened by adding a premise:
  - "All men are mortal. Socrates is a man. Cows produce milk. Therefore Socrates is mortal."
- The validity of the original conclusion is not changed by the addition of premises

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# Summary: Equivalences for Connectives

**Distributivity:**

$$\begin{aligned} P \wedge (Q \vee R) &\stackrel{\text{val}}{=} (P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge R), \\ P \vee (Q \wedge R) &\stackrel{\text{val}}{=} (P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee R) \end{aligned}$$

**Inversion:**

$$\begin{aligned} \neg \text{True} &\stackrel{\text{val}}{=} \text{False}, \\ \neg \text{False} &\stackrel{\text{val}}{=} \text{True} \end{aligned}$$

**Contradiction:**

$$P \wedge \neg P \stackrel{\text{val}}{=} \text{False}$$

**Excluded Middle:**

$$P \vee \neg P \stackrel{\text{val}}{=} \text{True}$$

**Bi-implication:**

$$P \Leftrightarrow Q \stackrel{\text{val}}{=} (P \Rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \Rightarrow P)$$

**Double Negation:**

$$\neg \neg P \stackrel{\text{val}}{=} P$$

**Associativity:**

$$\begin{aligned} (P \wedge Q) \wedge R &\stackrel{\text{val}}{=} P \wedge (Q \wedge R), \\ (P \vee Q) \vee R &\stackrel{\text{val}}{=} P \vee (Q \vee R), \\ (P \Leftrightarrow Q) \Leftrightarrow R &\stackrel{\text{val}}{=} \\ &P \Leftrightarrow (Q \Leftrightarrow R) \end{aligned}$$

**De Morgan:**

$$\begin{aligned} \neg(P \wedge Q) &\stackrel{\text{val}}{=} \neg P \vee \neg Q, \\ \neg(P \vee Q) &\stackrel{\text{val}}{=} \neg P \wedge \neg Q \end{aligned}$$

**True/False-elimination:**

$$\begin{aligned} P \wedge \text{True} &\stackrel{\text{val}}{=} P, \\ P \wedge \text{False} &\stackrel{\text{val}}{=} \text{False}, \\ P \vee \text{True} &\stackrel{\text{val}}{=} \text{True}, \\ P \vee \text{False} &\stackrel{\text{val}}{=} P \end{aligned}$$

**Contraposition:**

$$P \Rightarrow Q \stackrel{\text{val}}{=} \neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P$$

**Implication:**

$$P \Rightarrow Q \stackrel{\text{val}}{=} \neg P \vee Q$$

**Self-equivalence:**

$$P \Leftrightarrow P \stackrel{\text{val}}{=} \text{True}$$

**Commutativity:**

$$\begin{aligned} P \wedge Q &\stackrel{\text{val}}{=} Q \wedge P, \\ P \vee Q &\stackrel{\text{val}}{=} Q \vee P, \\ P \Leftrightarrow Q &\stackrel{\text{val}}{=} Q \Leftrightarrow P \end{aligned}$$

**Idempotence:**

$$\begin{aligned} P \wedge P &\stackrel{\text{val}}{=} P, \\ P \vee P &\stackrel{\text{val}}{=} P \end{aligned}$$

**Absorption Laws**

$$\begin{aligned} p \vee (p \wedge q) &\equiv p \\ p \wedge (p \vee q) &\equiv p \end{aligned}$$

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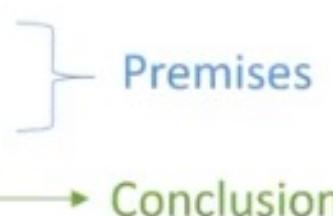
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} Premises

→ Conclusion

$$\begin{array}{l} 1 \quad p \rightarrow q \\ \quad \quad p \\ \quad \quad \therefore q \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 2 \quad \frac{p \rightarrow q, p}{q} \end{array}$$

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- A series of statements form a **valid argument** if and only if 'the **conjunction ( $\wedge$ ) of premises implying the conclusion**' is a **tautology** (see next slide)

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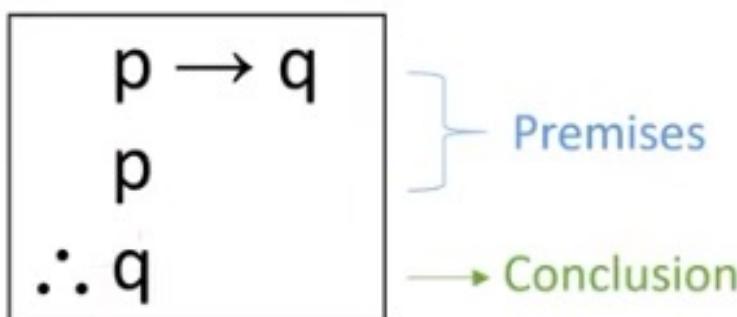
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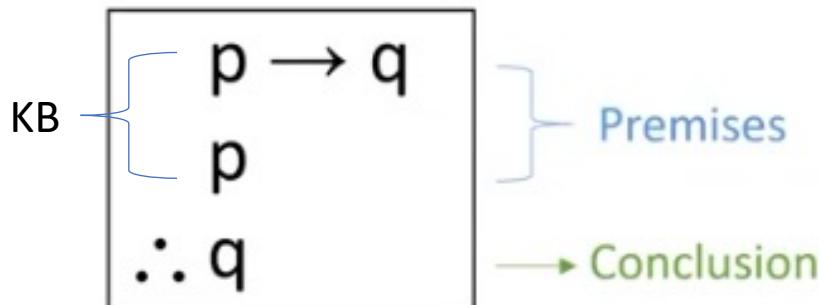
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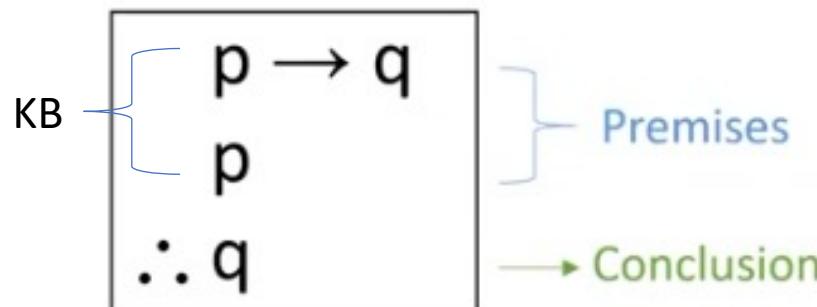
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'if it is **falling** *and* directly  
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Invalid argument : conclusion on 5<sup>th</sup> row is false!

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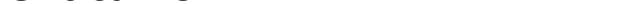
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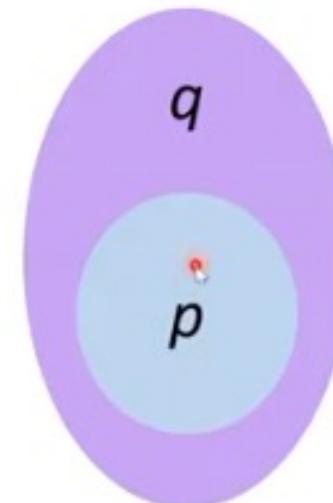
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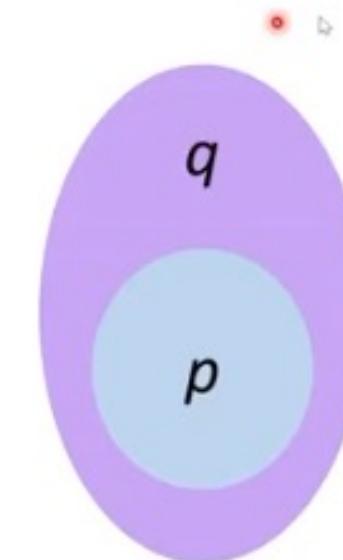
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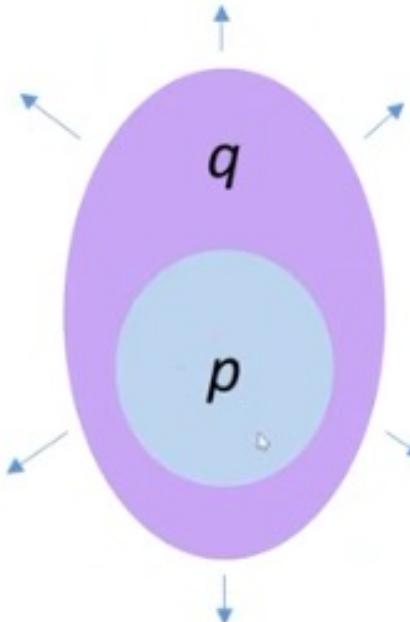
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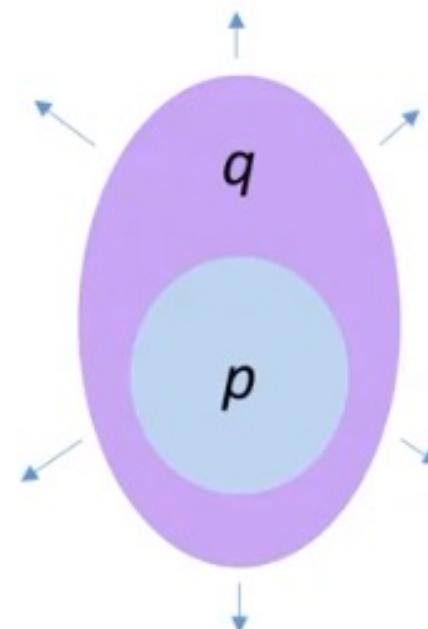
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- Knowledge-base (**KB**) is **satisfiable** if  $M(KB) \neq \emptyset$ 
  - The union of satisfied models over all propositions in KB is not an empty set
  - Otherwise the KB **contradicts** the conclusion
    - Assume conclusion = proposition ‘p’
- **KB entails** the conclusion ‘p’ (i.e.  $KB \models p$ ) **if**
$$M(KB \cup \{p\}) = M(KB)$$
  - i.e. in every world where KB is true, p is also true

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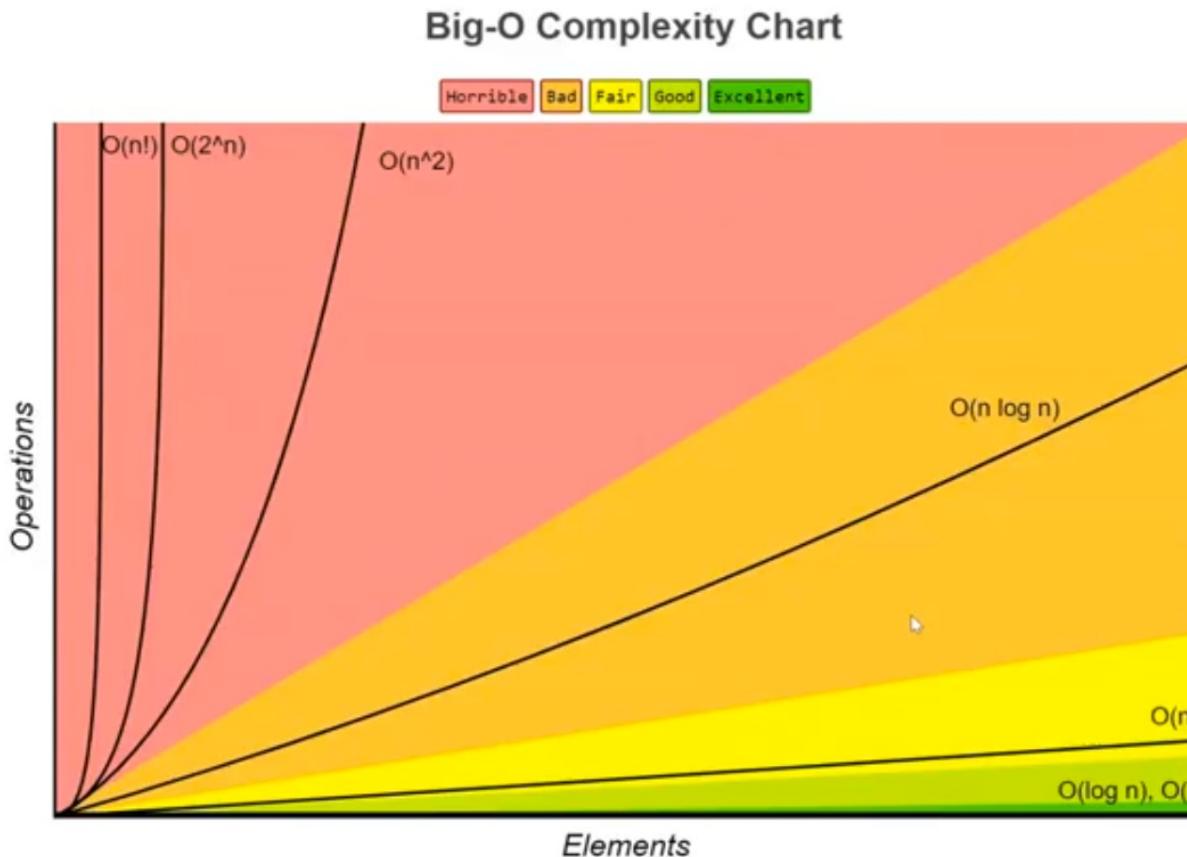
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  - Resolution ( Uses proof by contradiction)

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# Truth Table Method Disadvantage

- Given  $n$  propositional constants it can take  $2^n$  time to perform the inference with a truth table
  - Time complexity of this algorithm would be  $O(2^n)$
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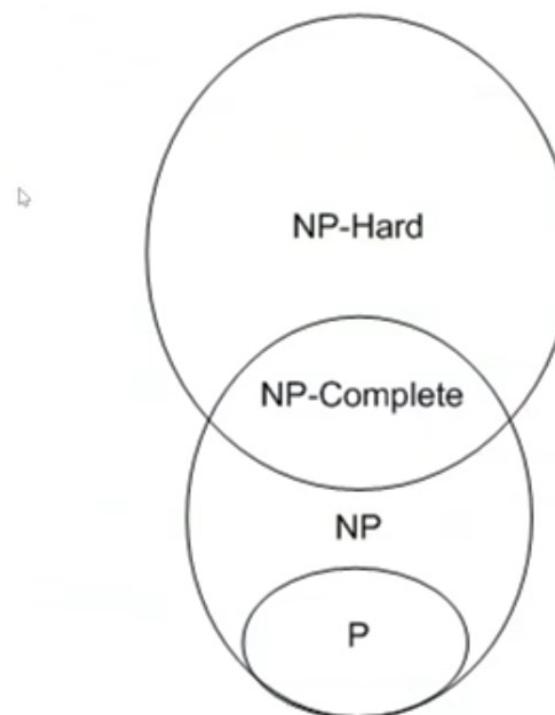
- Alluding to challenges in **search** for decisions, conclusions, solutions

- **P**: can be solved on deterministic Turing machine in polynomial time  $T(n) = O(n^k)$

- **NP**: can be solved on **non-deterministic** Turing machine in polynomial time

- **NP-Complete**: can be solved by restricted class of brute force algorithms in polynomial time

- **NP-Hard**: non-deterministic polynomial-time hardness
  - At least as hard as the hardest problems in NP



# Assignments

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- Goals:
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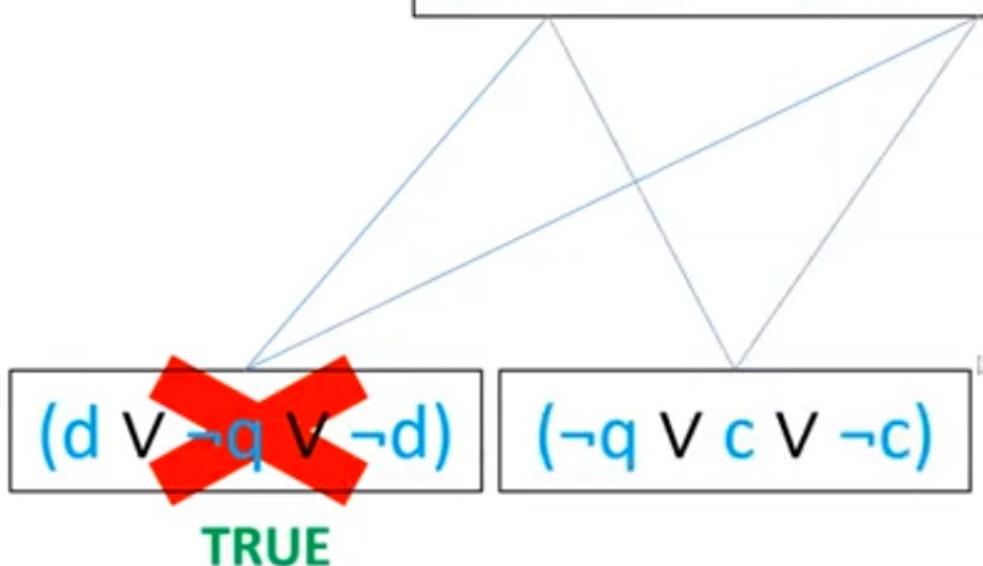
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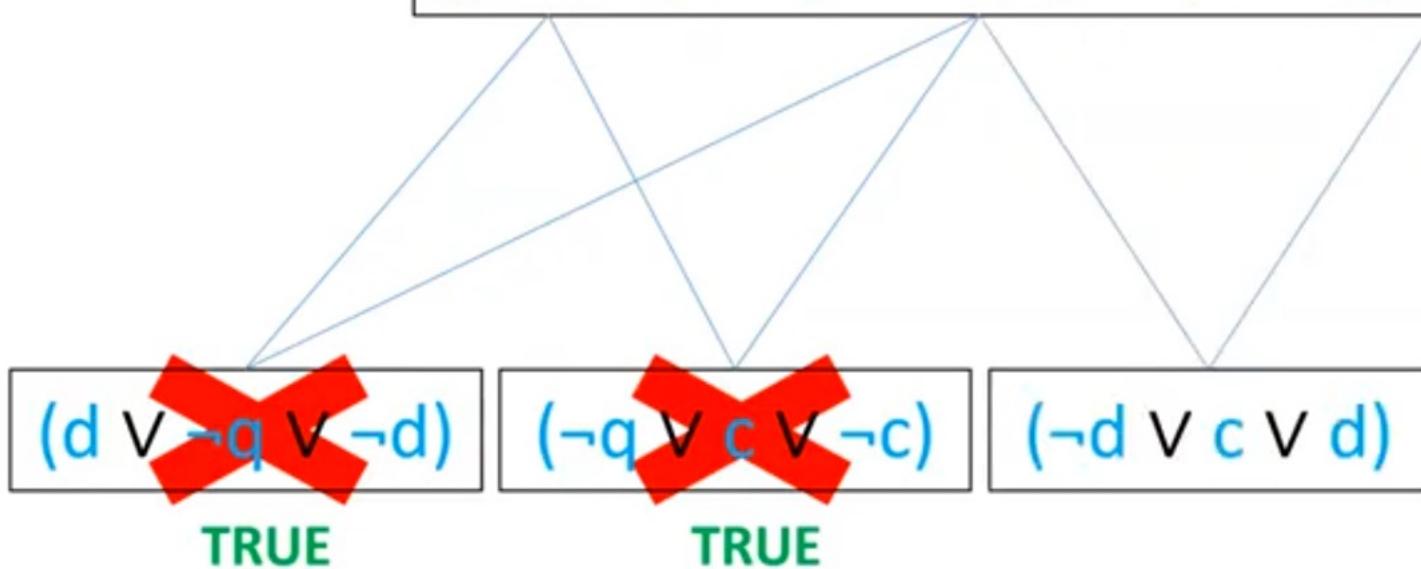


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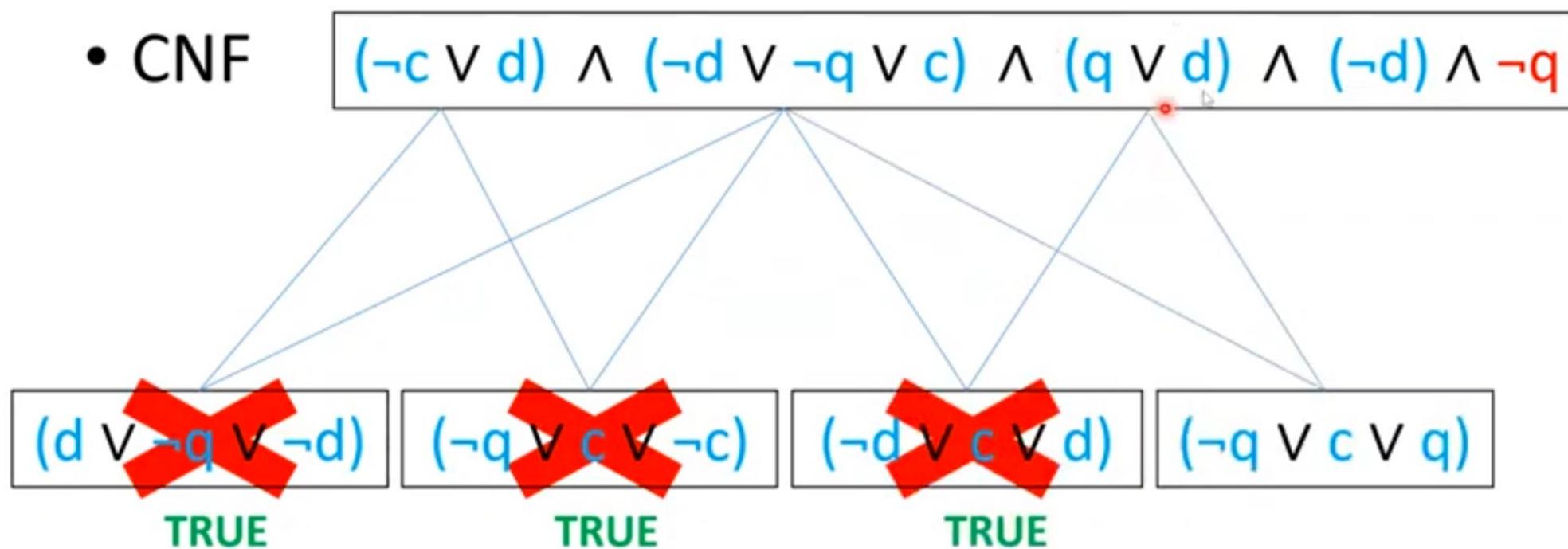
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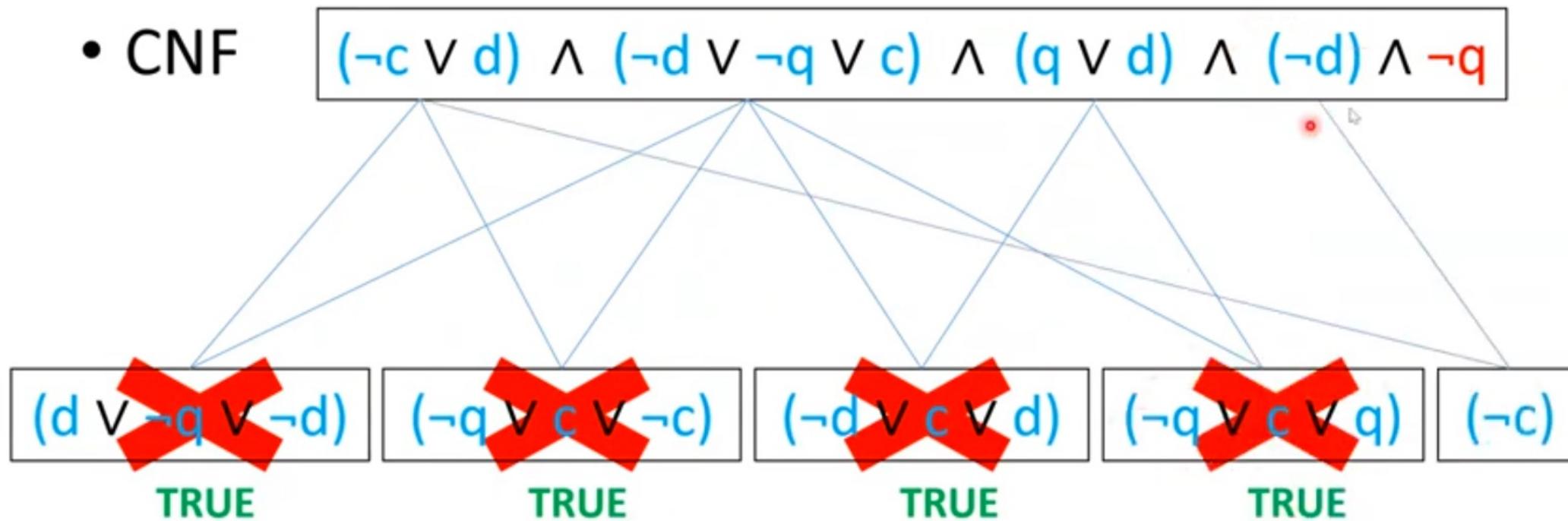
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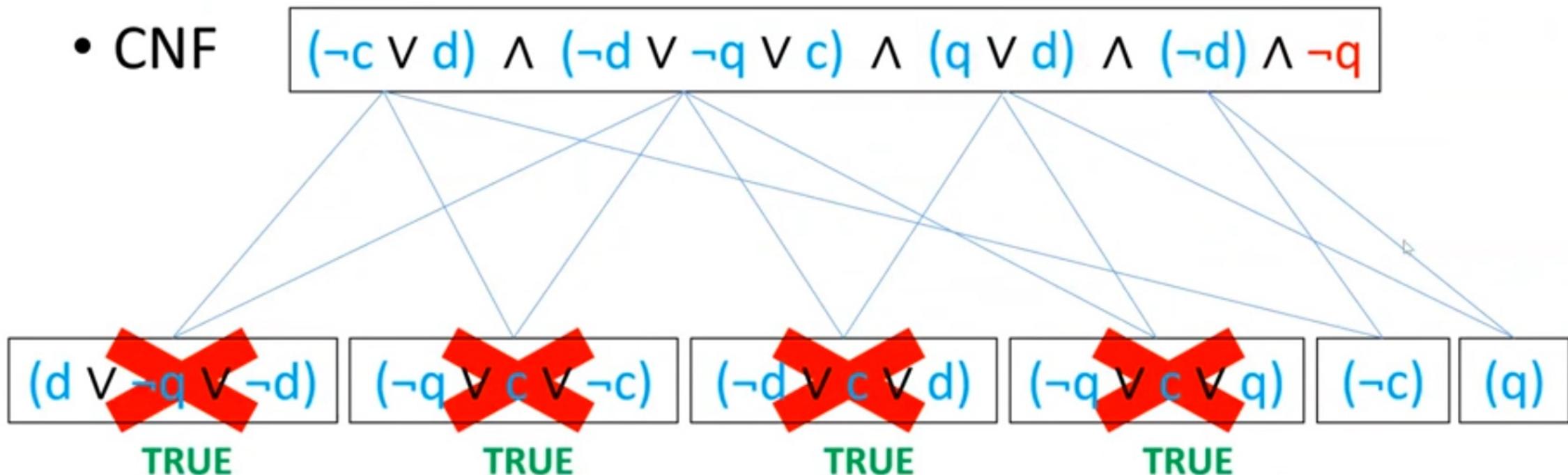
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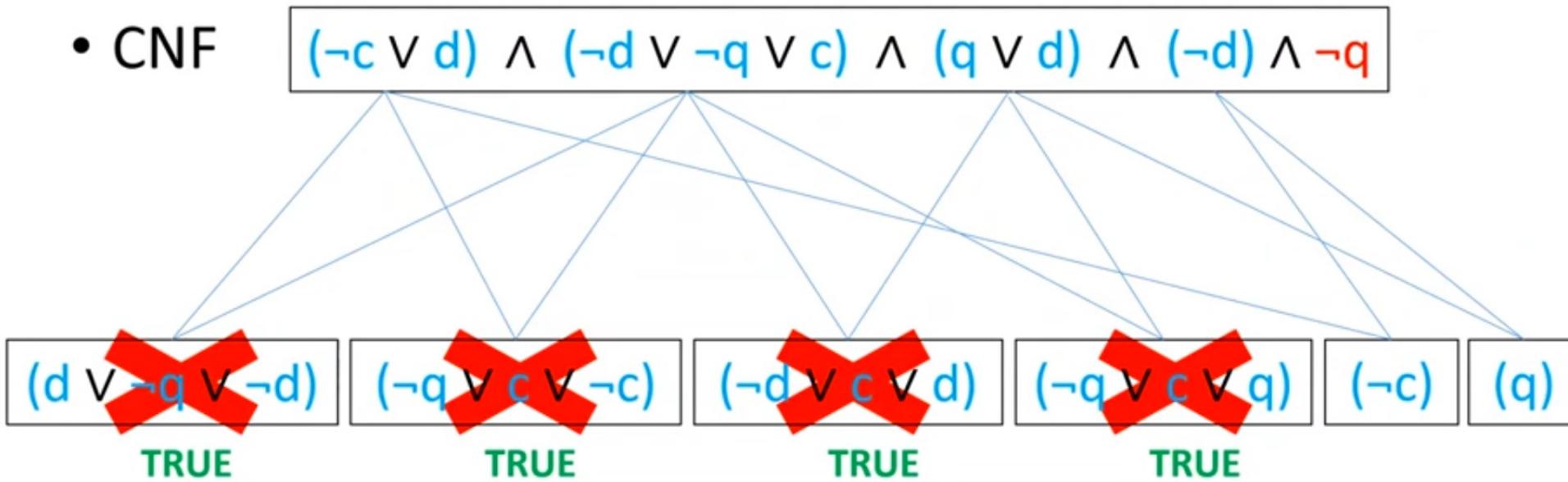
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In the set of resulting clauses do any resolve to an empty set?

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Resolution Rule



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(KB entails q)



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$$S = \{p \stackrel{1}{\vee} q, p \stackrel{2}{\vee} r, \neg q \stackrel{3}{\vee} \neg r, \neg p\}$$

#	clause	from
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5	$p \vee \neg r$	(1, 3)
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6	$q$	(1, 4)
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7	$p \vee \neg q$	(2, 3)
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8	$r$	(2, 4)
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9	$p$	(2, 5)
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14	$F$	(4, 9)
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# Summary of Propositional Logic

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  - Propositions and Connectives
2. Propositional Truth
3. Rules for calculating with abstract propositions:
  - Equivalences
  - Inference Rules (multiple propositions)
4. Reasoning:
  - Entailment (a precise form of inference)
  - Arguments (combining multiple propositions to draw a conclusion)
  - Deductive reasoning proofs from a knowledge base