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# 1 Propositional Logic

#### Definition 1.1 (Propositional Formula)

- Any propositional atom (p, q, r, etc.) is a formula
- ullet  $\top$  and  $\bot$  are formulas
- If  $\phi$  is a formula, so is  $(\neg \phi)$
- If  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are formulas, so are  $(\phi \land \psi)$ ,  $(\phi \lor \psi)$ ,  $(\phi \to \psi)$  and  $(\phi \leftrightarrow \psi)$

#### Aside 1.1 (Binding Convention)

$$(strongest) \neg, \land, \lor, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow (weakest)$$

Aside 1.2 (Overall Logical Form) The connective at the root of the formation tree is the principal connective which gives rise to the overall logical form.

**Aside 1.3 (Subformulas)** The subformulas of a formula are the formulas built in the stages on the way to building the formula as in Definition 1.1. Subformulas are repeated if they appear more than once.

# Definition 1.2 (Logical Forms)

- $\top$ ,  $\bot$ , p are called **atomic**
- $\neg \phi$  is a **negated formula** and  $\neg \top$ ,  $\neg \bot$  and  $\neg p$  are called negated-atomic
- $\phi \wedge \psi$  is a **conjunction** of conjuncts
- $\phi \lor \psi$  is a **disjunction** of disjuncts
- $\phi \rightarrow \psi$  is an **implication** from antecedent to consequent
- $\phi \leftrightarrow \psi$  is a bidirectional implication

# Definition 1.3 (Literal & Clauses)

- A formula that is either atomic or negated-atomic is a **literal**
- A clause is a disjunction  $(\vee)$  of one or more literals

Literals and clauses are repeated if they appear more than once.

**Definition 1.4 (Atomic Evaluation Function)** Let A be a set of propositional atoms. An atomic evaluation function  $v:A \rightarrow \{tt,ff\}$  assigns truth-values to each atom in A.

**Definition 1.5 (Evaluation Functions)** Let A be a set of propositional atoms and v an atomic evaluation function for A. The evaluation function  $|...|_v$  assigns the truth value (tt) or (ff) to the formulas as follows

$ p _v = tt$	iff	v(p)=tt	$ \phi \wedge \psi _v = tt$	iff	$ \phi _v = tt \ and \  \psi _v = tt$
$ \neg \phi _v = tt$	iff	$ \phi _v = ff$	$ \phi \vee \psi _v = tt$	iff	$ \phi _v = tt \ or \  \psi _v = tt$
$ \top _v = tt$			$ \phi \to \psi _v = tt$	iff	$ \phi _v = ff \ or \  \psi _v = tt$
$ \perp _v = tt$			$ \phi\leftrightarrow\psi _v=tt$	iff	$ \phi _v =  \psi _v$

**Definition 1.6 (Functional Completeness)** A set of Boolean connectives C is functionally complete if any connection of any arity can be defined just in terms of connectives in C. Examples include  $\{\uparrow\}$  and  $\{\neg, \land\}$ .

#### Aside 1.4 (Translation)

	p but $q$	$p \wedge q$	p unless q	$p \lor q$	p (strong) unless q	$p \leftrightarrow (\neg q)$
ſ	p only if $q$	$p \rightarrow q$	p necessary for q	$q \rightarrow p$	p sufficient for q	$p \rightarrow q$

Interjections, commands and questions cannot be translated. Time, permission and obligation are also poorly translated.

**Definition 1.7 (Valid Argument)** " $\phi_1, \phi_2, ..., \phi_n$  therefore  $\psi$  is valid if  $\phi$  is true in every situation where  $\phi_1, \phi_2, ..., \phi_n$  is true. We write  $\phi_1, \phi_2, ..., \phi_n \models \psi$ .  $\models$  reads logically entails/implies or semantically entails.

**Definition 1.8 (Valid Formula)** A propositional formula is logically valid if it is true in every situation

**Definition 1.9 (Satisfiable Formula)** A propositional formula is satisfiable if it is true in at least one situation

**Definition 1.10 (Equivalent Formulas)** Two propositional formulas are logically equivalent if they are true in exactly the same situations

**Definition 1.11 (Corresponding Implication Formula)** Let  $\phi_1, \phi_2, ..., \phi_n \models \psi$  be an argument.  $\phi_1, \phi_2, ..., \phi_n \rightarrow \psi$  is its corresponding implication formula.

**Theorem 1.12**  $\phi_1, \phi_2, ..., \phi_n \models \psi$  is a valid formula iff its corresponding implication formula  $\phi_1, \phi_2, ..., \phi_n \rightarrow \psi$  is a valid formula

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#### 1.1 Truth Tables

# 1.2 Direct Argument

Valid Formula: Take any situation. To be a valid formula then it must be true in this situation. ... Since in any situation the formula is true, it is a valid formula.

Equivalence: Take any situation.  $\phi$  is true if and only if .... This is so if and only if  $\psi$  is true. So  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  have the same truth value in this situation. Since the situation was arbituary, they are logically equivalent.

OR So  $\phi$  is true in exactly the same situation as  $\psi$ . Hence the two formulas are logically equivalent.

# 1.3 Equivalences

#### 1.3.1 Equivalences involving $\wedge$

- 1.  $\phi \wedge \psi \equiv \psi \wedge \phi$  (commutativity of  $\wedge$ )
- 2.  $\phi \land \phi \equiv \phi$  (idempotence of  $\land$ )
- 3.  $\phi \wedge \top \equiv \phi$  and  $\top \wedge \phi \equiv \phi$
- 4.  $\phi \land \bot \equiv \bot$ ,  $\bot \land \phi \equiv \bot$ ,  $\phi \land \neg \phi \equiv \bot$  and  $\neg \phi \land \phi \equiv \bot$
- 5.  $(\phi \wedge \psi) \wedge \rho \equiv \phi \wedge (\psi \wedge \rho)$  (associativity of  $\wedge$ )

#### 1.3.2 Equivalences involving $\lor$

- 6.  $\phi \lor \psi \equiv \psi \lor \phi$  (commutativity of  $\lor$ )
- 7.  $\phi \lor \phi \equiv \phi$  (idempotence of  $\lor$ )
- 8.  $\phi \lor \top \equiv \top$ ,  $\top \lor \phi \equiv \top$ ,  $\phi \lor \neg \phi \equiv \top$  and  $\neg \phi \lor \phi \equiv \top$
- 9.  $\phi \lor \bot \equiv \phi$  and  $\bot \lor \phi \equiv \phi$
- 10.  $(\phi \lor \psi) \lor \rho \equiv \phi \lor (\psi \lor \rho)$  (associativity of  $\lor$ )

#### 1.3.3 Equivalences involving ¬

- 11.  $\neg \top \equiv \bot$
- 12.  $\neg \bot \equiv \top$
- 13.  $\neg \neg \phi \equiv \phi$

#### 1.3.4 Equivalences involving $\rightarrow$

- 14.  $\phi \to \phi \equiv \top$
- 15.  $\top \rightarrow \phi \equiv \phi$
- 16.  $\phi \to \top \equiv \top$

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- 17.  $\perp \rightarrow \phi \equiv \top$
- 18.  $\phi \to \bot \equiv \neg \phi$
- 19.  $\phi \to \psi \equiv \neg \phi \lor \psi \equiv \neg (\phi \land \neg \psi)$
- 20.  $\neg(\phi \to \psi) \equiv \phi \land \neg \psi$

#### 1.3.5 Equivalences involving $\leftrightarrow$

- 21.  $\phi \leftrightarrow \psi \equiv$ 
  - $(\phi \to \psi) \land (\psi \to \phi)$
  - $(\phi \wedge \psi) \vee (\neg \phi \wedge \neg \psi)$
  - $\bullet \ \neg \phi \leftrightarrow \neg \psi$
- 22.  $\neg(\phi \leftrightarrow \psi) \equiv$ 
  - $\bullet \ \phi \leftrightarrow \neg \psi$
  - $\neg \phi \leftrightarrow \psi$
  - $(\phi \land \neg \psi) \lor (\neg \phi \land \psi)$

#### 1.3.6 De Morgan's Law

- 23.  $\neg(\phi \land \psi) \equiv \neg \phi \lor \neg \psi$
- 24.  $\neg(\phi \lor \psi) \equiv \neg\phi \land \neg\psi$

# 1.3.7 Distributivity of $\land, \lor$

25. 
$$\phi \wedge (\psi \vee \rho) \equiv (\phi \wedge \psi) \vee (\phi \wedge \rho)$$
 and  $(\psi \vee \rho) \wedge \phi \equiv (\psi \wedge \phi) \vee (\rho \wedge \psi)$ 

26. 
$$\phi \lor (\psi \land \rho) \equiv (\phi \lor \psi) \land (\phi \lor \rho)$$
 and  $(\psi \land \rho) \lor \phi \equiv (\psi \lor \phi) \land (\rho \lor \psi)$ 

#### 1.3.8 Absorption

27. 
$$\phi \wedge (\phi \vee \psi) \equiv \phi \vee (\phi \wedge \psi) \equiv \phi$$

#### 1.3.9 Normal Forms

**Definition 1.13 (DNF)** A formula is in disjunctive normal form if it is a disjunction  $(\lor)$  of literals and is not further simplifiable without leaving this form

- From truth table, take the disjunction of conjunctive formulas where the formula evaluates to tt
- A DNF is unsatisfiable iff each of its conjunctions contains some literal and its negation

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**Definition 1.14 (CNF)** A formula is in conjunctive normal form if it is a conjunction  $(\land)$  of literals and is not further simplifiable without leaving this form

- From truth table, take the conjunction of clauses where the formula eval-
- A CNF is valid iff each of its conjunctions contains some literal and its negation

# 1.4 Proof Systems

In the sequent  $\phi_1,...,\phi_n \vdash \psi, \phi_1,...,\phi_n$  are premises, and  $\psi$  is the conclusion.

$\land$ introduction		∧ elimination	
1. $\phi$		1. $\phi \wedge \psi$	
$2. \psi$		$2. \phi$	$\wedge E(1)$
3. $\phi \wedge \psi$	$\wedge I(1,2)$	$3. \psi$	$\wedge E(1)$
		∨ elimination	
		1. $\phi \lor \psi$	
∨ introduction			4 1
$1. \phi$		$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	
$2. \phi \lor \psi$	$\vee I(1)$	3. ρ	5. ρ
		6. p	$\vee E(1, 2-3, 4-5)$
$\rightarrow$ introduction			
		$\rightarrow$ elimination	
1. φ	ass	1. $\phi \to \psi$	
$2. \psi$		$2. \phi$	
		$3. \psi$	$\rightarrow E(1,2)$
3. $\phi \to \psi$ $\neg$ introduction	$\rightarrow I(1,2)$	,	( , ,
¬ introduction	-	1	
		¬ elimination	
$  $ 1. $\phi$	ass	1. $\neg \phi$	
2. ⊥		$2. \phi$	
		3. ⊥	$\neg E(2,1)$
3. $\neg \phi$	$\neg I(1,2)$		
		¬¬ elimination	
$1. \phi$		$1. \neg \neg \phi$	
$2. \neg \neg \phi$	$\neg \neg I(1)$	2. $\phi$	E(1)

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$\leftrightarrow$ introduction		$\leftrightarrow$ elimination	
1. $\phi \rightarrow \psi$		1. $\phi \leftrightarrow \psi$	
$2. \ \psi \to \phi$		$2. \phi$	
3. $\psi \leftrightarrow \psi$	$\leftrightarrow I(1,2)$	$3. \psi$	$\leftrightarrow E(1,2)$
$\perp$ introduction		$\perp$ elimination	
$1. \phi$		1. \(\perp\)	
$2. \neg \phi$			
3. ⊥	$\perp I(1,2)$	$2. \phi$	$\perp E(1)$
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1. $\phi \to \psi$		$1. \neg \phi$	ass
$2. \neg \psi$		2. ⊥	
$3. \neg \phi$	MT(1,2)		
,	(	$3. \phi$	PC(1,2)

**Definition 1.15 (Natural Deduction Proof)**  $\phi_1, ..., \phi_n \vdash \psi$  means there is a (natural deduction) proof of  $\psi$  starting with  $\phi_1, ..., \phi_n$  as premises.

•  $\phi$  is a theorem if  $\vdash \phi$ 

**Definition 1.16 (Soundness and Completeness)** A proof system is sound if every theorem is valid and complete if every valid formula is a theorem

Theorem 1.17 (Soundness of Natural Deduction) If  $\phi_1, ..., \phi_n \vdash \psi$ , then  $\phi_1, ..., \phi_n \models \psi$ 

Theorem 1.18 (Completeness of Natural Deduction) If  $\phi_1,...,\phi_n \models \psi$ , then  $\phi_1,...,\phi_n \vdash \psi$ 

**Definition 1.19 (Consistency)** A formula  $\phi$  is consistent if  $\not\vdash \neg \phi$ . A collection  $\phi_1, ..., \phi_n$  is consistent if  $\not\vdash \bigwedge_{1 \leq i \leq n} \phi$ 

Theorem 1.20 A formula is consistent iff it is satisfiable

**Definition 1.21 (Provable Equivalence)** Two formulas  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are probably equivalent if  $\phi \vdash \psi$  and  $\psi \vdash \phi$ , denoted  $\phi \dashv \vdash \psi$ 

**Theorem 1.22** Two formulas are provably equivalent iff they are semantically equivalent

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