



Unit-2 (Part-2)

Logic Concepts



Axiomatic system

- Axiomatic system is based on 3 axioms and one rule of deduction called Modes Ponen(MP).
- Proofs are difficult and need a guess in selection of appropriate axioms.
- Although minimal in structure, it is Powerful as Truth table and NDS approaches.
- In this system, only two logical operators \sim (not) & \rightarrow (implies) are used to from a formula.

Note:

- Other logical operators can be easily expressed in terms of \sim and \rightarrow using equivalence laws.

For example:

$$A \wedge B \equiv \sim (\sim A \vee \sim B) \equiv \sim (A \rightarrow \sim B)$$

$$A \vee B \equiv \sim A \rightarrow B$$

$$A \leftrightarrow B \equiv (A \rightarrow B) \wedge (B \rightarrow A) \equiv \sim [(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow \sim (B \rightarrow A)]$$



Axiom & Rule

- Axiom 1: $\alpha \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$
- Axiom 2: $[\alpha \rightarrow (\beta \rightarrow \gamma)] \rightarrow [(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \gamma)]$
- Axiom 3: $(\sim \alpha \rightarrow \sim \beta) \rightarrow (\beta \rightarrow \alpha)$
- Modus Ponen Rule :
Hypotheses : $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ and α , Consequent : β
- ❖ Interpretation of Modus Ponen Rule: Given that $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ and α are hypotheses (assumed to be true), β is inferred (i.e true) as a consequent.



Axiomatic System- Example

- Establish that $A \rightarrow C$ is a deductive consequence of $\{A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C\}$ i.e $\{A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C\} \vdash (A \rightarrow C)$.

Description	Formula	Comments
Theorem	$\{A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C\} \vdash (A \rightarrow C)$.	Prove
Hypothesis (1)	$A \rightarrow B$	1
Hypothesis (2)	$B \rightarrow C$	2
Instance of Axiom 1	$(B \rightarrow C) \rightarrow [A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)]$	3
MP (2,3)	$[A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)]$	4
Instance of Axiom 2	$[A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)] \rightarrow [(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C)]$	5
MP (4,5)	$(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C)$	6
MP (1,6)	$(A \rightarrow C)$	Proved



Theorem

Deduction Theorem: Given that Σ is a set of hypotheses and α and β are WFF. If β is proved from $\{\Sigma \cup \alpha\}$, then according to the deduction theorem, $(\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$ is proved from Σ . Alternatively, we can write $\{\Sigma \cup \alpha\} \vdash \neg \beta$ implies $\Sigma \vdash \neg(\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$.

Converse of Deduction Theorem : The converse of the deduction theorem can be stated as : Given $\Sigma \vdash \neg(\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$, then $\{\Sigma \cup \alpha\} \vdash \beta$ is proved.



Useful tips

- If α is given, then we can easily prove $\beta \rightarrow \alpha$ for any well-formed formulae α and β .
- If $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ is to be proved, then include α in the set of hypotheses Σ and derive β from the set $\{ \Sigma \cup \alpha \}$. Then by using deduction theorem, we can conclude that $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$.



Axiomatic System Example 1:

Example 4.6 Prove $\vdash \neg A \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B)$ by using deduction theorem.

Solution If we can prove $\{\neg A\} \vdash (A \rightarrow B)$ then using deduction theorem, we have proved $\vdash \neg A \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B)$. The proof is shown in Table 4.10.

Table 4.10 Proof of $\{\neg A\} \vdash (A \rightarrow B)$

Description	Formula	Comments
Theorem	$\{\neg A\} \vdash (A \rightarrow B)$	Prove
Hypothesis 1	$\neg A$	1
Instance of Axiom 1	$\neg A \rightarrow (\neg B \rightarrow \neg A)$	2
MP (1, 2)	$(\neg B \rightarrow \neg A)$	3
Instance of Axiom 3	$(\neg B \rightarrow \neg A) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B)$	4
MP (3, 4)	$(A \rightarrow B)$	Proved



Semantic Tableau System in Propositional Logic

- In NDS and axiomatic systems, forward chaining approach is used for constructing proofs and derivations.
- Axiomatic system, often requires a guess for the selection of appropriate axiom(s) to prove the theorem.
- Implementation and derivation of forward chaining approach is difficult.
- Two other approaches are:
 - ✓ Semantic tableau method
 - ✓ Resolution refutation method
- In the above two approaches, proofs follow backward chaining approach.



Semantic Tableau System in Propositional Logic

- Semantic tableau method, given set of rules will be applied systematically on a formula or a set of formulae in order to establish consistency or inconsistency.
- *Semantic tableau* is a binary tree that can be constructed by using semantic tableau rules with a formula as a root.



Semantic Tableau System in Propositional Logic

Table. Semantic Tableau rules for α_j and β

Rule No.	Tableau tree	
Rule 1	$\alpha \wedge \beta$ is true if both α and β are true $\alpha \wedge \beta$ α β	A tableau for a formula $(\alpha \wedge \beta)$ is constructed by adding both α and β to the same path (branch)
Rule 2	$\neg(\alpha \wedge \beta)$ is true if either $\neg\alpha$ or $\neg\beta$ is true $\neg(\alpha \wedge \beta)$ $\neg\alpha$ $\neg\beta$	A tableau for a formula $\neg(\alpha \wedge \beta)$ is constructed by adding two new paths: one containing $\neg\alpha$ and the other containing $\neg\beta$
Rule 3	$\alpha \vee \beta$ is true if either α or β is true $\alpha \vee \beta$ α β	A tableau for a formula $(\alpha \vee \beta)$ is constructed by adding two new paths: one containing α and the other containing β
Rule 4	$\neg(\alpha \vee \beta)$ is true if both $\neg\alpha$ and $\neg\beta$ are true $\neg(\alpha \vee \beta)$ $\neg\alpha$ $\neg\beta$	A tableau for a formula $\neg(\alpha \vee \beta)$ is constructed by adding both $\neg\alpha$ and $\neg\beta$ to the same path
Rule 5	$\neg(\neg\alpha)$ is true then α is true $\neg(\neg\alpha)$ α	A tableau for $\neg(\neg\alpha)$ is constructed by adding α on the same path



Table. Semantic Tableau rules for α_j and β (Cntd..)

	α	
Rule 6	$\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ is true then $\neg\alpha \vee \beta$ is true $\begin{array}{c} \alpha \rightarrow \beta \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \neg\alpha \qquad \beta \end{array}$	A tableau for a formula $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ is constructed by adding two new paths: one containing $\neg\alpha$ and the other containing β
Rule 7	$\neg(\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$ true then $\alpha \wedge \neg\beta$ is true $\begin{array}{c} \neg(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \\ \neg(\neg\alpha \vee \beta) \\ \alpha \wedge \neg\beta \end{array}$	A tableau for a formula $\neg(\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$ is constructed by adding both α and $\neg\beta$ to the same path

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Table. Semantic Tableau rules for α and β (Cntd..)

Rule No.	Tableau tree	Explanation
Rule 8	$\alpha \leftrightarrow \beta$ is true then $(\alpha \wedge \beta) \vee (\neg \alpha \wedge \neg \beta)$ is true $\begin{array}{c} \alpha \leftrightarrow \beta \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \alpha \wedge \beta \quad \neg \alpha \wedge \neg \beta \end{array}$	A tableau for a formula $\alpha \leftrightarrow \beta$ is constructed by adding two new paths: one containing $\alpha \wedge \beta$ and other $\neg \alpha \wedge \neg \beta$ which are further expanded
Rule 9	$\neg(\alpha \leftrightarrow \beta)$ is true then $(\alpha \wedge \neg \beta) \vee (\neg \alpha \wedge \beta)$ is true $\begin{array}{c} \neg(\alpha \leftrightarrow \beta) \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \alpha \wedge \neg \beta \quad \neg \alpha \wedge \beta \end{array}$	A tableau for a formula $\neg(\alpha \leftrightarrow \beta)$ is constructed by adding two new paths: one containing $\alpha \wedge \neg \beta$ and the other $\neg \alpha \wedge \beta$ which are further expanded



Example 1:

Example 4.7 Construct a semantic tableau for a formula $(A \wedge \sim B) \wedge (\sim B \rightarrow C)$.

Solution The construction of the semantic tableau for the given formula $(A \wedge \sim B) \wedge (\sim B \rightarrow C)$ is shown in Table 4.12.

Table 4.12 Semantic Tableau for Example 4.7

Description	Formula	Line number
Tableau root	$(A \wedge \sim B) \wedge (\sim B \rightarrow C)$	1
Rule 1 (1)	$A \wedge \sim B$	2
Rule 1 (2)	$\sim B \rightarrow C$	3
Rule 6 (3)	A	4
Rule 3 (6)	$\sim B$	5
	$\neg(\sim B)$	6
	B	
	C	
	\checkmark (open)	
	\times (closed) $\{B, \sim B\}$	



Satisfiability and Unsatisfiability

- A path is said to be **contradictory** or **closed** (finished) whenever complementary atoms appear on the same path of a semantic tableau. This denotes **inconsistency**.
- If all paths of a tableau for a given formula α are found to be closed, it is called a **contradictory tableau**. This indicates that there is **no interpretation or model** that satisfies α .
- A formula α is said to be **satisfiable** if a tableau with root α is not a **contradictory tableau**, that is, it has atleast one open path. We can obtain a model or an interpretation for the formula α and is evaluated to be true by assigning T(true) to all atomic formulae appearing on the open path of semantic tableau of α .
- A formula α is said to be **unsatisfiable** if a tableau with root α is a **contradictory tableau**.
- If we obtain a **contradictory tableau with root $\sim \alpha$** , we say that the formula α is **tableau provable**. Alternatively, a formula α is said to be **tableau provable** (denoted by $\vdash \alpha$) if a tableau with root $\sim \alpha$ is a **contradictory tableau**.



Satisfiability and unsatisfiability

- A set of formulae $S = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ is said to be unsatisfiable if a tableau with root $\{\alpha_1 \wedge \alpha_2, \dots \wedge \alpha_n\}$ is a contradictory tableau.
- A set of formulae $S = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ is said to be satisfiable if the formulae in a set are simultaneously true, that is if a tableau for $\alpha_1 \wedge \alpha_2, \dots \wedge \alpha_n$ has atleast one open (non-contradictory) path.
- Let S be a set of formulae. The formulae α is said to be tableau provable from S (denoted by $S \vdash \alpha$) if there is a contradictory tableau from S with $\sim \alpha$ as a root.
- A formula α is said to be a logical consequence of a set S if and only if α is tableau provable from S .



Example 1:

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Example 4.9 Show that $\alpha : (A \wedge B) \wedge (B \rightarrow \neg A)$ is unsatisfiable using the tableau method.

Solution It can be proven that $\alpha : (A \wedge B) \wedge (B \rightarrow \neg A)$ is unsatisfiable as shown in Table 4.13.

Table 4.13 Tableau Method for Example 4.9

Description	Formula	Line number
Tableau root	$(A \wedge B) \wedge (B \rightarrow \neg A)$	1
Rule 1 (1)	$A \wedge B$	2
	$B \rightarrow \neg A$	3
Rule 1 (2)	A	4
	B	5
	$\neg B$	
	$\times \{B, \neg B\}$	
	$\neg A$	
	$\times \{A, \neg A\}$	
Rule 6 (3)		



Example 2:

Example 4.11 Show that a set $S = \{\sim(A \vee B), (B \rightarrow C), (A \vee C)\}$ is consistent.

Solution The set S can be shown to be consistent (Table 4.15) as follows:

Table 4.15 Tableau Method for Example 4.11

Description	Formula	Line number
Tableau root	$\sim(A \vee B) \wedge (B \rightarrow C) \wedge (A \vee C)$	1
Rule 1 (1)	$\sim(A \vee B)$	2
	$ $	
	$(B \rightarrow C)$	3
	$ $	
	$(A \vee C)$	4
Rule 4 (2)	$ $	
	$\sim A$	
	$ $	
Rule 3 (4)	$\sim B$	
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Rule 6 (3)	A C	
	$ $ $ $	
	$\times \{A, \sim A\}$	
	$\sim B$ C	
	$ $ $ $	
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Example 3:

Example 4.12 Show that B is a logical consequence of $S = \{A \rightarrow B, A\}$.

Solution Let us include $\sim B$ as a root with S in the tableau tree.

Table 4.16 Tableau Method for Example 4.12

Description	Formula	Line number
Tableau root	$\sim B$	1
Premise 1	$A \rightarrow B$	2
Premise 2	A	
Rule 6 (2)	$\begin{array}{c} \sim A \\ \text{---} \\ \times \{A, \sim A\} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} B \\ \text{---} \\ \times \{B, \sim B\} \end{array}$	3

We see from Table 4.16 that B is tableau provable from S , that is, $\sim B$ as root gives contradictory tableau; thus B is a logical consequence of S .



Resolution Refutation in Propositional logic

- It is most favoured method for developing computer-based systems that can be used to prove theorems automatically.
- This is another method that can be used in propositional logic to prove a formula or derive a goal from a given set of clauses by contradiction.
- The term clause is used to denote a special formula containing the Boolean operators \sim and \vee .
- Any given formula can be easily converted into a set of clauses.



Resolution Refutation in Propositional logic

- It uses single inference rule, known as resolution based on modus ponen inference rule.
- It is more efficient compared to NDS and Axiomatic system.
- During resolution, two clauses need to be identified for the application of resolution rule:
 - one with a positive atom (P) and
 - the other with a negative atom ($\sim P$)



Conversion of Formula into Set of Clauses

- In propositional logic, there are **two normal forms**:
 - ✓ Disjunctive Normal Form (DNF)
 - ✓ Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF)
- A formula is said to be in normal form, if it is constructed using only natural connectivities $\{\sim, \wedge, \vee\}$.
- **Disjunctive Normal Form** : The formula is represented as disjunction of conjunction, that is, in the form $(L_{11} \wedge \dots \wedge L_{1m}) \vee \dots \vee (L_{p1} \wedge \dots \wedge L_{pk})$
- **Conjunctive Normal Form** : The formula is represented as conjunction of disjunction, that is, in the form $(L_{11} \vee \dots \vee L_{1m}) \wedge \dots \wedge (L_{p1} \vee \dots \vee L_{pk})$.



Conversion of Formula to its CNF

- Eliminating double negation signs by using

$$\sim(\sim A) \equiv A$$

- Use De Morgan's Laws to push \sim (negation) immediately before the atomic formula.

$$\sim(A \wedge B) \equiv \sim A \vee \sim B$$

$$\sim(A \vee B) \equiv \sim A \wedge \sim B$$

- Use distributive law to get CNF

$$A \vee (B \wedge C) \equiv (A \vee B) \wedge (A \vee C)$$

- Eliminate \rightarrow and \leftrightarrow by using the following equivalence laws

$$A \rightarrow B \equiv \sim A \vee B$$

$$A \leftrightarrow B \equiv (A \rightarrow B) \wedge (B \rightarrow A)$$



Example for Conversion of a formula to its CNF:

The method of conversion will become clearer with the help of the following examples:

Example 4.14 Convert the formula $(\sim A \rightarrow B) \wedge (C \wedge \sim A)$ into its equivalent CNF representation.

Solution The given formula $(\sim A \rightarrow B) \wedge (C \wedge \sim A)$ can be transformed into its CNF representation in the following manner:

$$\begin{aligned} (\sim A \rightarrow B) \wedge (C \wedge \sim A) &\equiv (\sim(\sim A) \vee B) \wedge (C \wedge \sim A) && \{ \text{as } \sim A \rightarrow B \equiv (\sim A) \vee B \} \\ &\equiv (A \vee B) \wedge (C \wedge \sim A) && \{ \text{as } \sim(\sim A) \equiv A \} \\ &\equiv (A \vee B) \wedge C \wedge \sim A \end{aligned}$$

The set of clauses in this case is written as $\{(A \vee B), C, \sim A\}$



Resolution of Clauses

- Two clauses C_1 and C_2 , can be resolved by eliminating complementary pair of literals if any from both.
- A new clause is constructed by disjunction of the remaining literals in both the clauses.
- The clause C_1 and C_2 are called parent clause and the new clauses are called resolvent of C_1 and C_2 .
- The resolution tree is an inverted binary tree with the last node being a resolvent, which is generated as a part of the resolution process.



Resolution of Clauses

Example 4.15 Find resolvent of the clauses in the set $\{A \vee B, \neg A \vee D, C \vee \neg B\}$.

Solution The method of resolution is shown in Fig. 4.1.

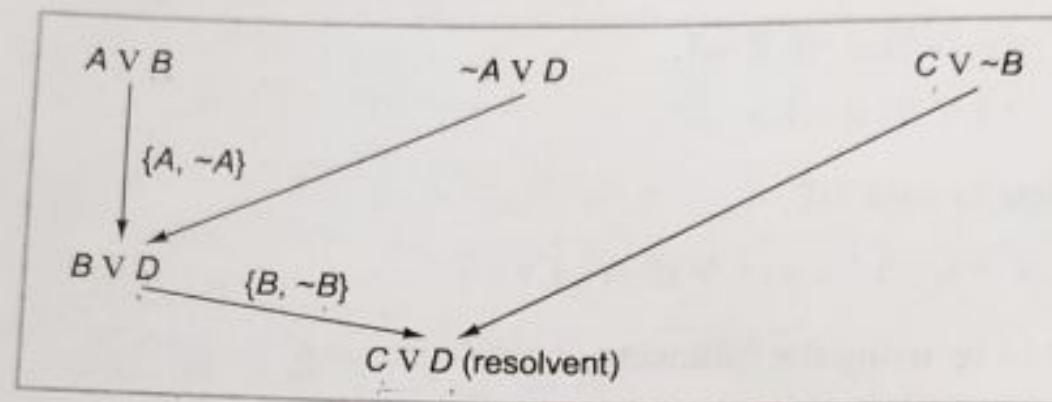


Figure 4.1 Resolution of clauses of Example 4.15

We can clearly see that $C \vee D$ is a resolvent of the set $\{A \vee B, \neg A \vee D, C \vee \neg B\}$.



Resolution of Clauses

- If C is a resolvent of two clauses C_1 and C_2 , then C is called a logical consequence of the set of the clauses $\{C_1, C_2\}$. This is known as resolution principle.
- If a contradiction(or an empty clause) is derived from a set of clauses using resolution, then S is said to be satisfiable. Derivation of contradiction for a set S by resolution method is called a resolution refutation S .
- A clause C is said to be a logical consequence of S if C is derived from S .
- Alternatively, using the resolution refutation concept, a clause C is defined to be a logical consequence of S if and only if the set $S' = S \cup \{\sim C\}$ is unsatisfiable, that is a contradiction(or an empty clause) is deduced from the set S' , assuming that initially the set S is satisfied.



Resolution of Clauses

Example 4.16 Using resolution refutation principle show that $C \vee D$ is a logical consequence of $S = \{A \vee B, \sim A \vee D, C \vee \sim B\}$.

Solution To prove the statement, first we will add negation of the logical consequence, that is, $\sim(C \vee D) \equiv \sim C \wedge \sim D$ to the set S to get $S' = \{A \vee B, \sim A \vee D, C \vee \sim B, \sim C, \sim D\}$. Now, we can show that S' is unsatisfiable by deriving contradiction using the resolution principle (Fig. 4.2).

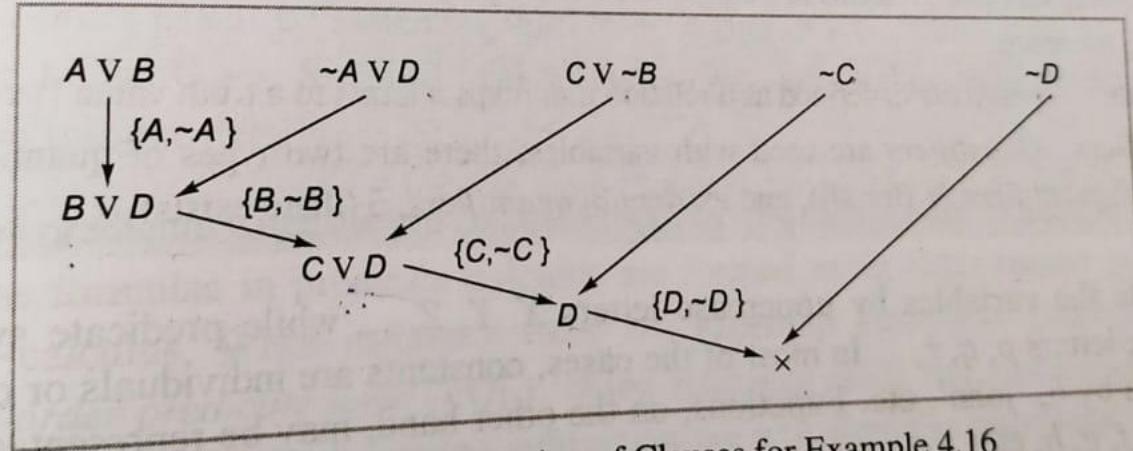


Figure 4.2 Resolution of Clauses for Example 4.16

Since we get contradiction from S' , we can conclude that $(C \vee D)$ is a logical consequence of $S = \{A \vee B, \sim A \vee D, C \vee \sim B\}$.

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