

ECE108 Assignment2

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1 Formalizing an Argument

1.1 Big Bang Theory

If the Big Bang Theory is correct then either there was a time before anything existed or the world will come to an end. The world will not come to an end. Therefore, if there was no time before anything existed, the Big Bang Theory is incorrect.

P : the Big Bang Theory is correct

Q : there was a time before anything existed

R : the world will come to an end

$$P \implies (Q \vee R) \quad (1)$$

$$\neg R \quad (2)$$

$$\text{as a conclusion : } \neg Q \implies \neg P \quad (3)$$

1. *Show* $\neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$

2.	$\neg Q$	1,CD
3.	<i>Show</i> $\neg P$	
4.	P	3,ID
5.	$P \rightarrow (Q \vee R)$	P2
6.	$Q \vee R$	4,5, MP
7.	$\neg R$	P1
8.	Q	5,6,MTP
9.	$\neg Q$	2

1.2 To Win a Gold Medal

To win a gold medal, an athlete must be very fit. If s/he does not win a gold medal, then either s/he arrived late for the competition or his/her training was interrupted. If s/he is not very fit, s/he will blame his/her coach. If s/he blames his/her coach, or his/her training is interrupted, then s/he will not get into the competition. Therefore, if s/he gets into the competition, s/he will not have arrived late.

P : win a gold medal

Q : an athlete must be very fit

R : s/he arrived late for the competition

S : his/her training was interrupted.

T : s/he will blame his/her coach

U : if s/he gets into the competition

$$P \implies Q \tag{4}$$

$$\neg P \implies (R \vee S) \tag{5}$$

$$\neg Q \implies T \tag{6}$$

$$(T \vee S) \implies \neg U \tag{7}$$

$$\text{as conclusion: } U \implies \neg R \tag{8}$$

Logic is not sound

I can find a falsifying assignment:

$P : True, Q : True, R : True, T : False, S : False, U : True$

The conclusion is false since:

$U \rightarrow \neg R : F$

because $True \rightarrow False : False$

But all the premises are true:

P is false so $P \rightarrow Q$ is True

R is true so $\neg P \rightarrow (R \vee S)$ is True

Q is true so $\neg Q \rightarrow T$ is also True

T and S are both False so $(T \vee S) \rightarrow \neg U$ is True

1.3 Hector and the Battle of Priam

If Hector wins the battle, he will plunder the city. If he does not win the battle, he will either be killed or go into exile. If he plunders the city, then Priam will lose his kingdom. If Priam loses his kingdom or Hector goes into exile, then the war will end. Therefore, if the war does not end, Hector will be killed.

P : Hector wins the battle

Q : Hector plunders the city

R : Hector is killed

S : Hector goes into exile

T : Priam will lose his kingdom

U : war will end

$$P \implies Q \tag{9}$$

$$\neg P \implies (R \vee S) \tag{10}$$

$$(T \vee S) \implies U \tag{11}$$

$$\text{as conclusion: } \neg U \implies R \tag{12}$$

Logic is not sound

I can find a falsifying assignment:

$P : \text{True}, Q : \text{True}, R : \text{False}, T : \text{False}, S : \text{False}, U : \text{False}$

The conclusion is false since:

$\neg U \rightarrow R : F$

because $\text{True} \rightarrow \text{False} : \text{False}$

But all the premises are true:

P and Q are True so $P \rightarrow Q$ is True

$\neg P$ is False so $\neg P \rightarrow (R \vee S)$ is True

T and S are both False so $(T \vee S) \rightarrow \neg U$ is True

1.4 colonel and the murder

If the colonel was out of the room when the murder was committed then he couldn't have been right about the weapon used. Either the butler is lying or he knows who the murderer was. If Lady Barntree was not the murderer then either the colonel was in the room at the time or the butler is lying. Either the butler knows who the murderer was or the colonel was out of the room at the time of the murder. Therefore, if the colonel was right about the weapon then Lady Barntree was the murderer.

P : the colonel was out of the room when the murder was committed

Q : colonel couldn't have been right about the weapon used

R : the butler is lying

S : the butler knows who the murderer was

T : Lady Barntree was not the murderer

$$P \implies Q \tag{13}$$

$$\neg(R \iff S) \tag{14}$$

$$T \implies (\neg P \vee R) \tag{15}$$

$$\neg(S \iff P) \tag{16}$$

$$\text{as conclusion: } \neg Q \implies \neg T \tag{17}$$

Logic is not sound

I can find a falsifying assignment:

$P : False, Q : False, R : False, T : True, S : True$

The conclusion is false since:

$\neg Q \rightarrow \neg T : F$

because $True \rightarrow False : False$

But all the premises are true:

P is False so $P \rightarrow Q$ is True

R is False and S is True so $\neg(S \iff P)$ is True

T and $\neg P$ are both True so $T \implies (\neg P \vee R)$ is True

S is True and P is False $\neg(S \iff P)$ is True

2 Tautologies and Friends

2.1

$$(P \wedge Q) \rightarrow (P \rightarrow Q)$$

P	Q	$P \wedge Q$	$P \rightarrow Q$	$(P \wedge Q) \rightarrow (P \rightarrow Q)$
F	F	F	T	T
F	T	F	T	T
T	F	F	F	T
T	T	T	T	T

tautology

2.2

$$(P \wedge Q) \leftrightarrow (P \rightarrow Q)$$

P	Q	$P \wedge Q$	$P \rightarrow Q$	$(P \wedge Q) \iff (P \rightarrow Q)$
F	F	F	T	F
F	T	F	T	F
T	F	F	F	T
T	T	T	T	T

not tautology

2.3

$$(\neg P \vee Q) \rightarrow (P \rightarrow \neg Q)$$

P	Q	$\neg P \vee Q$	$P \rightarrow \neg Q$	$(\neg P \vee Q) \rightarrow (P \rightarrow \neg Q)$
F	F	T	T	T
F	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	T
T	T	T	F	F

not tautology

2.4

$$(((P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow P) \rightarrow Q)$$

P	Q	$(P \rightarrow Q)$	$((P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow P)$	$(((P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow P) \rightarrow Q)$
F	F	T	F	T
F	T	T	F	T
T	F	F	T	F
T	T	T	T	T

not tautology

2.5

$$(P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow (P \rightarrow Q)))$$

P	Q	$(P \rightarrow Q)$	$(Q \rightarrow (P \rightarrow Q))$	$(P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow (P \rightarrow Q)))$
F	F	T	T	T
F	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	T
T	T	T	T	T

tautology

2.6

$$((P \wedge \neg Q) \rightarrow \neg R) \leftrightarrow ((P \wedge R) \rightarrow Q)$$

P	Q	R	$(P \wedge \neg Q)$	$((P \wedge \neg Q) \rightarrow \neg R)$	$P \wedge R$	$(P \wedge R) \rightarrow Q$
F	F	F	F	T	F	T
F	F	T	F	T	F	T
F	T	F	F	T	F	T
F	T	T	F	T	F	T
T	F	F	T	T	F	T
T	F	T	T	F	T	F
T	T	F	F	T	F	T
T	T	T	F	T	T	T

we see that column 3 = column 5
the if and only if is true, so tautology

2.7

$$(((P \vee Q) \vee R) \vee S) \leftrightarrow (P \vee (Q \vee (R \vee S)))$$

P	Q	R	S	$P \vee Q$	$(P \vee Q) \vee R$	$((P \vee Q) \vee R) \vee S$
F	F	F	F	F	F	F
F	F	F	T	F	F	T
F	F	T	F	F	T	T
F	F	T	T	F	T	T
F	T	F	F	T	T	T
F	T	F	T	T	T	T
F	T	T	F	T	T	T
F	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	T	T	T
T	F	T	F	T	T	T
T	F	T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	F	T	T	T
T	T	F	T	T	T	T
T	T	T	F	T	T	T
T	T	T	T	T	T	T

$R \vee S$	$Q \vee (R \vee S)$	$P \vee (Q \vee (R \vee S))$
F	F	F
T	T	T
T	T	T
T	T	T
F	T	T
T	T	T
T	T	T
T	T	T
F	F	T
T	T	T
T	T	T
T	T	T
F	T	T
T	T	T
T	T	T
T	T	T

as anyone can clearly see from commutativity of OR, this is a tautology

2.8

$$(((P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow R) \rightarrow S) \leftrightarrow (P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow (R \rightarrow S)))$$

P	Q	R	S	$P \rightarrow Q$	$(P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow R$	$((P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow R) \rightarrow S$
F	F	F	F	T	F	T
F	F	F	T	T	F	T
F	F	T	F	T	T	F
F	F	T	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	F	T	F	F
F	T	F	T	T	F	T
F	T	T	F	T	T	F
F	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	F	T	F
T	F	F	T	F	T	T
T	F	T	F	F	T	F
T	F	T	T	F	T	T
T	T	F	F	T	F	F
T	T	F	T	T	F	T
T	T	T	F	T	T	F
T	T	T	T	T	T	T

P	Q	R	S	$R \rightarrow S$	$Q \rightarrow (R \rightarrow S)$	$P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow (R \rightarrow S))$
F	F	F	F	T	T	T
F	F	F	T	T	T	T
F	F	T	F	F	T	T
F	F	T	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	F	T	T	T
F	T	F	T	T	T	T
F	T	T	F	F	F	T
F	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	T	T	T
T	F	T	F	F	T	T
T	F	T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	F	T	T	T
T	T	F	T	T	T	T
T	T	T	F	F	F	F
T	T	T	T	T	T	T

after brainlessly bruteforce everything in a truth table, we see that this is not a tautology.

2.9

$$(P \rightarrow (\neg R \rightarrow \neg S)) \vee ((S \rightarrow (P \vee \neg T)) \vee (\neg Q \rightarrow R))$$

P	Q	R	S	T	$\neg R \rightarrow \neg S$	$(P \rightarrow (\neg R \rightarrow \neg S))$
F	F	F	F	F	T	T
F	F	F	F	T	T	T
F	F	F	T	F	F	T
F	F	F	T	T	F	T
F	F	T	F	F	T	T
F	F	T	F	T	T	T
F	F	T	T	F	T	T
F	F	T	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	F	F	T	T
F	T	F	F	T	T	T
F	T	F	T	F	F	T
F	T	F	T	T	F	T
F	T	T	F	F	T	T
F	T	T	F	T	T	T
F	T	T	T	F	T	T
F	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	F	T	T
T	F	F	F	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	F	F	F
T	F	F	T	T	F	F
T	F	T	F	F	T	T
T	F	T	F	T	T	T
T	F	T	T	F	T	T
T	F	T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	F	F	T	T
T	T	F	F	T	T	T
T	T	F	T	F	F	F
T	T	F	T	T	F	F
T	T	T	F	F	T	T
T	T	T	F	T	T	T
T	T	T	T	F	T	T
T	T	T	T	T	T	T

ok now, since the rest is linked by OR \vee , we only need to find 4 cases where the first statement doesn't evaluate to true.

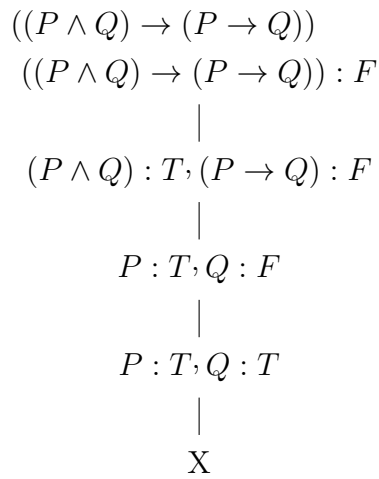
P	Q	R	S	T	$(P \rightarrow (\neg R \rightarrow \neg S))$	$P \vee T$
T	F	F	T	F	F	T
T	F	F	T	T	F	T
T	T	F	T	F	F	T
T	T	F	T	T	F	T

well we see in $S \rightarrow (P \vee T)$ that if P is True, then the whole thing is true no matter T or S

therefore this is a tautology

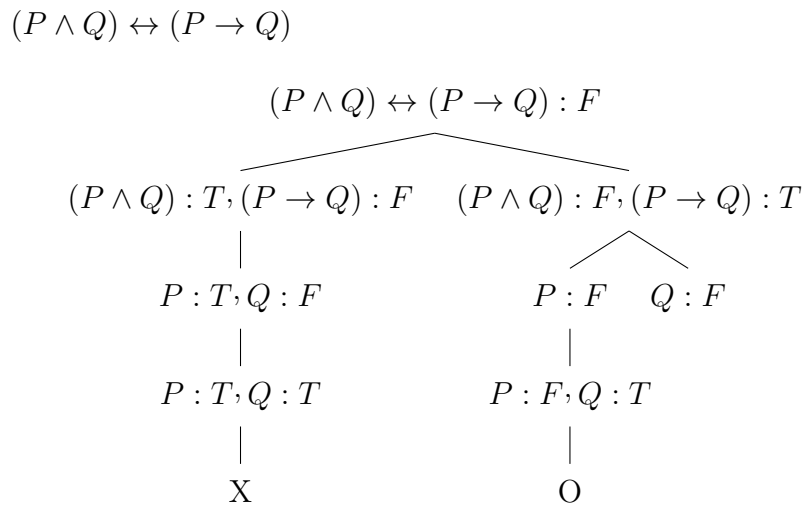
3 Semantic Tableaux

3.1 Q1



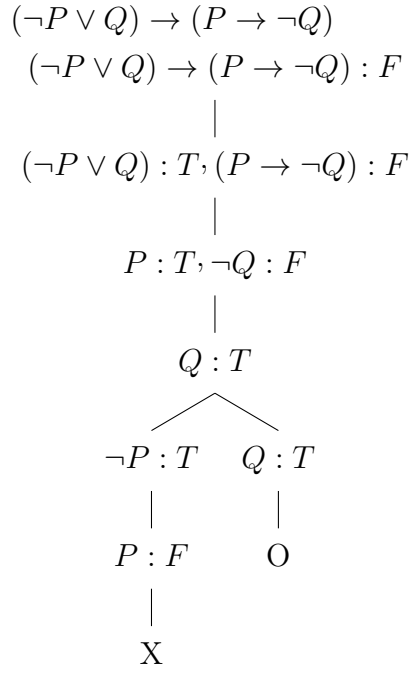
Tautology

3.2 Q2



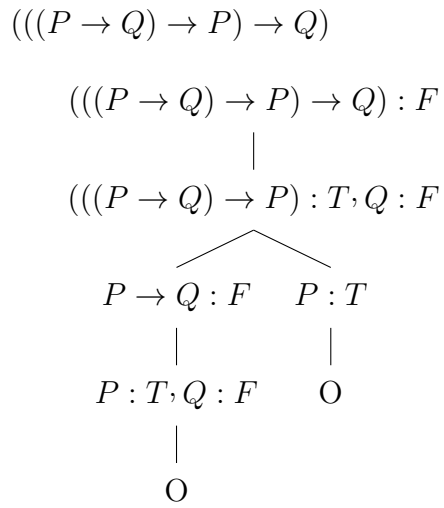
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3.3 Q3



Neither

3.4 Q4



actually not a contradiction because of the truth table. Neither actually

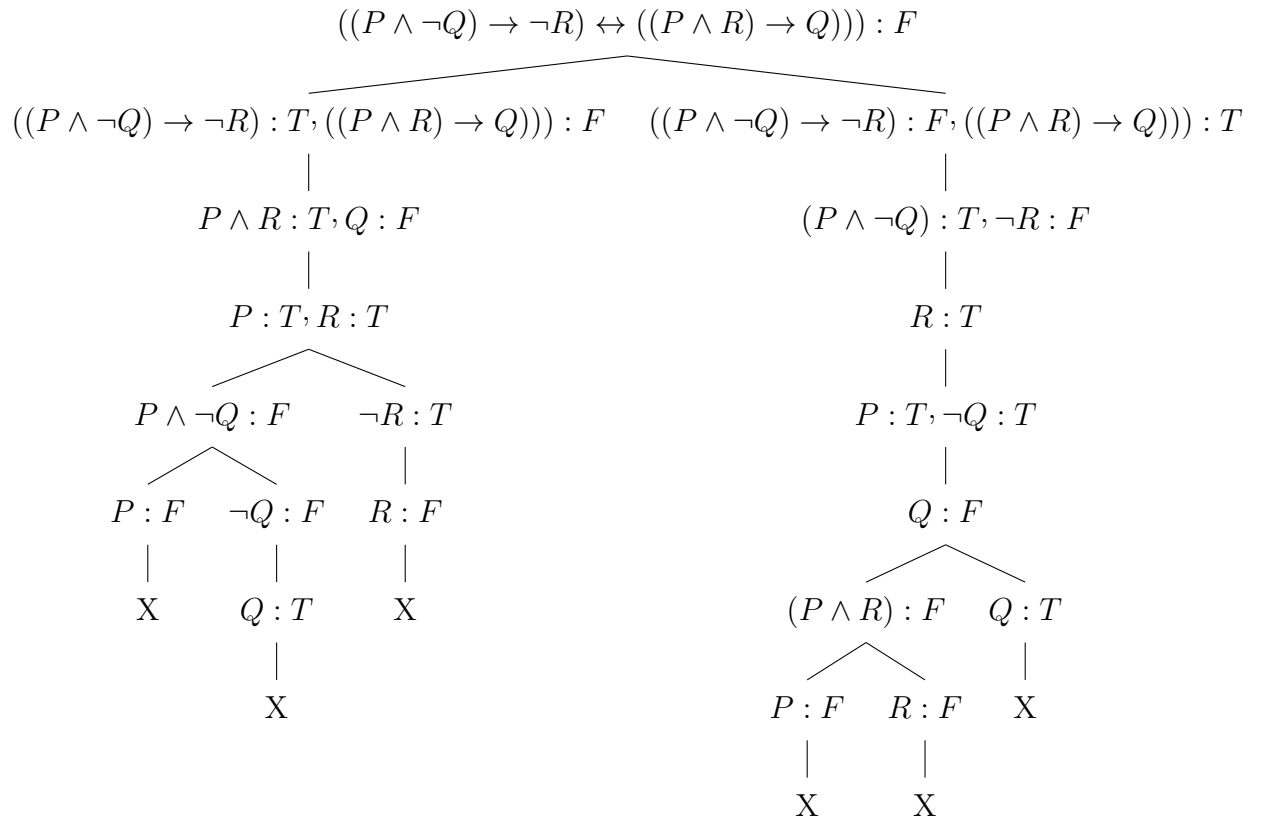
3.5 Q5

$$\begin{array}{c} (P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow (P \rightarrow Q))) \\ (P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow (P \rightarrow Q))) : F \\ | \\ P : T, (Q \rightarrow (P \rightarrow Q)) : F \\ | \\ Q : T, P \rightarrow Q : F \\ | \\ P : T, Q : F \\ | \\ X \end{array}$$

Neither

3.6 Q6

$$((P \wedge \neg Q) \rightarrow \neg R) \leftrightarrow ((P \wedge R) \rightarrow Q)$$

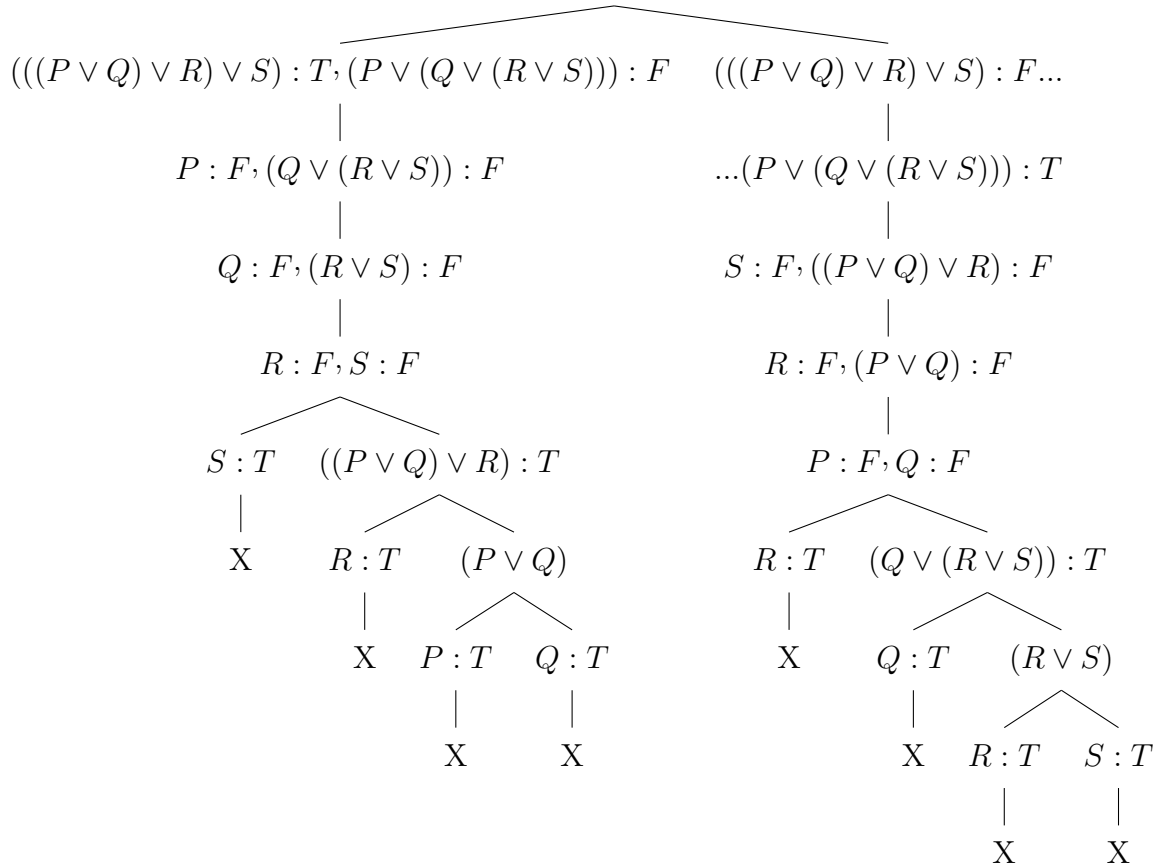


Tautology

3.7 Q7

$$(((P \vee Q) \vee R) \vee S) \leftrightarrow (P \vee (Q \vee (R \vee S)))$$

$$(((P \vee Q) \vee R) \vee S) \leftrightarrow (P \vee (Q \vee (R \vee S))) : F$$

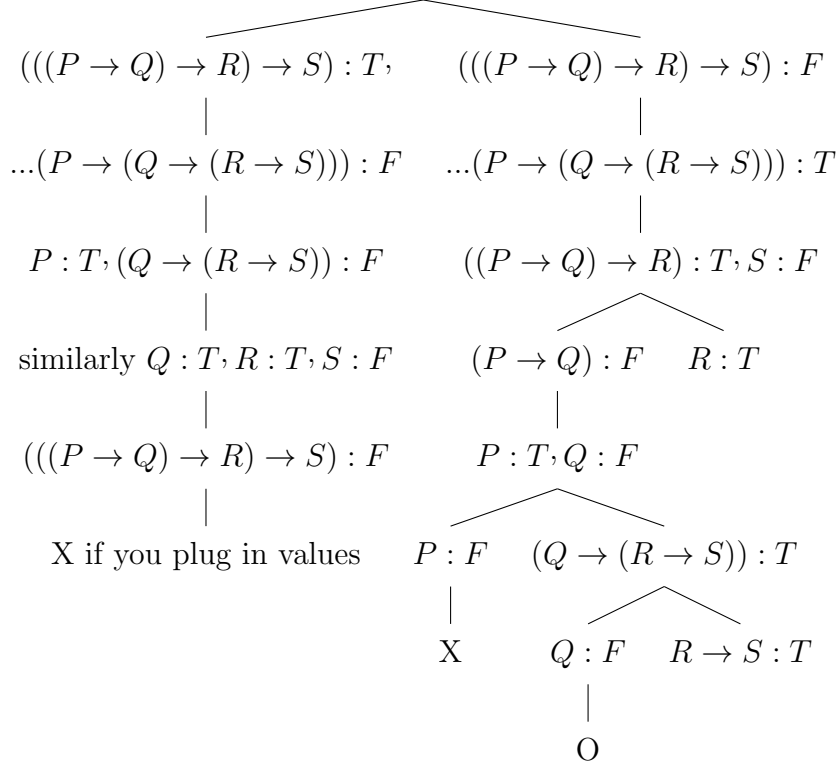


Tautology

3.8 Q8

$$(((P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow R) \rightarrow S) \leftrightarrow (P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow (R \rightarrow S)))$$

$$(((P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow R) \rightarrow S) \leftrightarrow (P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow (R \rightarrow S))) : F$$



Neither

3.9 Q9

$$(P \rightarrow (\neg R \rightarrow \neg S)) \vee ((S \rightarrow (P \vee \neg T)) \vee (\neg Q \rightarrow R))$$

$$(P \rightarrow (\neg R \rightarrow \neg S)) \vee ((S \rightarrow (P \vee \neg T)) \vee (\neg Q \rightarrow R)) : F$$

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$$(P \rightarrow (\neg R \rightarrow \neg S)) : F \dots$$

|

$$\dots((S \rightarrow (P \vee \neg T)) \vee (\neg Q \rightarrow R)) : F$$

|

$$(S \rightarrow (P \vee \neg T)) : F, (\neg Q \rightarrow R) : F$$

|

$$\neg Q : True, R : F$$

|

$$Q : F$$

|

$$S : True, (P \vee \neg T) : F$$

|

$$P : True, (\neg R \rightarrow \neg S) : F$$

|

$$\neg R : True, \neg S : F$$

|

$$R : F, S : True$$

|

$$P : F, \neg T : True$$

|

X

Tautology

4 Kalish-Montague Derivations

$$(P \wedge Q) \rightarrow (P \rightarrow Q)$$

1. *Show* $(P \wedge Q) \rightarrow (P \rightarrow Q)$

2.	$P \wedge Q$	1,CD
3.	<i>Show</i> $P \rightarrow Q$	
4.	P	3,CD
5.	P	2,SIMP
6.	Q	2,SIMP

$$(P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow (P \rightarrow Q)))$$

1. *Show* $(P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow (P \rightarrow Q)))$

2.	P	1,CD
3.	<i>Show</i> $Q \rightarrow (P \rightarrow Q)$	1,subDer
4.	Q	3,CD
5.	<i>Show</i> $P \rightarrow Q$	3,subDerv
6.	P	5,CD
7.	Q	4

$$((P \wedge \neg Q) \rightarrow \neg R) \leftrightarrow ((P \wedge R) \rightarrow Q)$$

1.	<i>Show</i> $((P \wedge \neg Q) \rightarrow \neg R) \rightarrow ((P \wedge R) \rightarrow Q)$	
2.	$(P \wedge \neg Q) \rightarrow \neg R$	1,CD
3.	<i>Show</i> $(P \wedge R) \rightarrow Q$	2,subDer
4.	$P \wedge R$	3,CD
5.	P	4,SIMP
6.	R	4,SIMP
7.	$\neg\neg R$	6,DN
8.	$\neg(P \wedge \neg Q)$	2,7,MT
9.	<i>Show</i> Q	8,subDerv
10.	$\neg Q$	9,ID
11.	$P \wedge \neg Q$	5,10,ADJ
12.	$\neg(P \wedge \neg Q)$	8

1.	<i>Show</i> $((P \wedge \neg Q) \rightarrow \neg R) \leftarrow ((P \wedge R) \rightarrow Q)$	
2.	$(P \wedge R) \rightarrow Q$	1,CD
3.	<i>Show</i> $(P \wedge \neg Q) \rightarrow \neg R$	subDer
4.	$P \wedge \neg Q$	3,CD
5.	P	4,SIMP
6.	$\neg Q$	4,SIMP
7.	$\neg(P \wedge R)$	2,6,MT
8.	<i>Show</i> $\neg R$	subDer
9.	R	8,ID
10.	$P \wedge R$	5,9,ADJ
11.	$\neg(P \wedge R)$	7

$$(((P \vee Q) \vee R) \vee S) \leftrightarrow (P \vee (Q \vee (R \vee S)))$$

1. *Show* $((P \vee Q) \vee R) \vee S \rightarrow (P \vee (Q \vee (R \vee S)))$

2.	$((P \vee Q) \vee R) \vee S$	1,CD
3.	<i>Show</i> $P \vee (Q \vee (R \vee S))$	2,subDer
4.	$\neg(P \vee (Q \vee (R \vee S)))$	3,ID
5.	P	4,SIMP
6.	R	4,SIMP
7.	$\neg\neg R$	6,DN
8.	$\neg(P \wedge \neg Q)$	2,7,MT
9.	<i>Show</i> Q	8,subDerv
10.	$\neg Q$	9,ID
11.	$P \wedge \neg Q$	5,10,ADJ
12.	$\neg(P \wedge \neg Q)$	8

5 Premises

5.1 Premises are Contradictions

if our premises form a contradiction, then

$$\neg(P_1 \wedge P_2 \cdots \wedge P_N) \rightarrow T$$

we turn it into a tautology, then we do what we are used to do:

we would then use a semantic tableau to show contradiction will always occur if we start with:

$$\neg(P_1 \wedge P_2 \cdots \wedge P_N) : F$$

this will end up being:

$$(P_1 \wedge P_2 \cdots \wedge P_N) : T$$

we would go through and split all the elements inside the ANDs showing that our starting logic equation is indeed a tautology. Therefore showing the contradiction.

we would also be able to use KM derivation indeed we would start with

$$Show \neg(P_1 \wedge P_2 \cdots \wedge P_N)$$

$$(P_1 \wedge P_2 \cdots \wedge P_N)1, ID$$

if the premises are contradictory, we would end up with a contradiction proving our statement is true, therefore a tautology

Since we took the negation of our premises, we have then proven that our premises form a contradiction

5.2 Premises are Tautologies

Having a premise that is a tautology will not cause a problem for proving things, but the logical conclusion must also be a tautology by itself. I have to say that this makes the premises rather useless in the proof.

5.3 Some Practice

Consider the following set of premises: “Sales of houses fall off if interest rates rise. Auctioneers are not happy if sales of houses fall off. Interest rates are rising. Auctioneers are happy.

P : Sales of houses fall off

Q : Interest rates rise

R : Auctioneers are not happy

$$Q \rightarrow P \tag{18}$$

$$P \rightarrow R \tag{19}$$

$$Q \tag{20}$$

$$\neg R \tag{21}$$

5.3.1 Truth Table

if this set of premises form a contradiction then that means

$$((Q \rightarrow P) \wedge (P \rightarrow R) \wedge Q \wedge \neg R)$$

is always false

P	Q	R	$(Q \rightarrow P)$	$(P \rightarrow R)$	Q	$\neg R$	$(Q \rightarrow P) \wedge (P \rightarrow R) \wedge Q \wedge \neg R$
F	F	F	T	T	F	T	F
F	F	T	T	T	F	F	F
F	T	F	F	T	T	T	F
F	T	T	F	T	T	F	F
T	F	F	T	F	F	T	F
T	F	T	T	T	F	F	F
T	T	F	T	F	T	T	F
T	T	T	T	T	T	F	F

as the last column says, it is indeed all false

5.3.2 KM derivation

$$\neg((Q \rightarrow P) \wedge (P \rightarrow R) \wedge Q \wedge \neg R)$$

is always true

1. *Show* $\neg((Q \rightarrow P) \wedge (P \rightarrow R) \wedge Q \wedge \neg R)$

2.	$((Q \rightarrow P) \wedge (P \rightarrow R) \wedge Q \wedge \neg R)$	1,ID
3.	$(Q \rightarrow P)$	2,SIMP
4.	$(P \rightarrow R)$	2,SIMP
5.	Q	2,SIMP
6.	$\neg R$	2,SIMP
7.	P	3,5,MP
8.	$\neg P$	4,6,MT

therefore

$$((Q \rightarrow P) \wedge (P \rightarrow R) \wedge Q \wedge \neg R)$$

is a contradiction

6 Normal Form

7 Generalized DeMorgan's Laws