

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Homework 2** is out on Canvas:
  - Due date: May 1 (midnight) on Canvas
    - Should be submitted as a pdf file
    - Answers for homework 1 are out (check announcements on Canvas)

**The worst homework grade will be removed for the final score.**

- **Quiz 4:** April 30, last 10 minutes of class.
  - Material: "Wanderjahre" chapter from Logicomix and lectures 8 and 9 (today's lecture is lecture 9).
  - You will get 2 attempts.
- **Exam 1: May 5.** Canvas quiz during class time. Covering all month of April.
- Short review next class, but mostly topics from homework, quizzes, and lectures.

# LOGICAL REASONING

Formal Proofs

# GIVEN A SET OF PREMISES, WHAT NEW INFORMATION CAN WE DERIVE?

- If Superman is able and willing to prevent evil, he would do so
- If Superman is unable to prevent evil, he would be impotent
- If Superman was unwilling to prevent evil, he would be malevolent
- Superman does not prevent evil
- If Superman exists, he is neither impotent nor malevolent
- If all the above premises are true, can we conclude that Superman does not exist?

# WHAT WE HAVE SEEN SO FAR

- **Definition:** A **Tautology** is a proposition that is always true
- **Definition:** A **Contradiction** is a proposition that is always false
- **Definition:**  $p$  and  $q$  are **equivalent**
  - iff  $p \leftrightarrow q$  is a tautology
  - iff  $p$  and  $q$  have the same truth table.
  - Notation:
    - $p \leftrightarrow q$  or  $p \equiv q$

# THE TRUTH TABLE METHOD IS NOT SCALABLE

Premises

| $m$ | $p$ | $q$ |
|-----|-----|-----|
| T   | T   | T   |
| .   | .   | .   |
| T   | F   | T   |
| .   | .   | .   |
| F   | T   | T   |
| .   | .   | .   |
| F   | F   | T   |
| F   | F   | F   |

Conclusion

| $m$ | $p$ | $q$ |
|-----|-----|-----|
| T   | T   | T   |
| .   | .   | .   |
| T   | F   | T   |
| .   | .   | .   |
| F   | T   | T   |
| F   | T   | F   |
| F   | F   | T   |
| F   | F   | F   |

With  $n$  constants, there are  $2^n$  truth assignments.

# WHAT WE MUST TACKLE NOW: PROOFS

- How do we get new conclusions from previous premises or previous results?
- “True Logic” developing a deductive system for the language of propositions
- Proofs:
  - Symbolic manipulation of sentences rather than enumeration of truth assignments
  - Benefits:
    - Proofs are usually smaller than truth tables
    - Proofs can often be found with less work
- The foundations of mathematics:
  - Given a set of axioms, or premises, we must use a valid argument (a proof) to obtain a conclusion

# PROOFS AS DEFINED IN LOGICOMIX:

- Verification of a mathematical statement
- Starting from **a set of agreed-upon first principles**
  - Axioms or already proven statements derived from these axioms
- Proceeding by **unambiguous and unabridged logical steps** or rules of inference (e.g., modus ponens)

# THEOREMS

- A theorem is any inference obtained from:
  - a set of premises:  $\Gamma$
  - axioms or previously proved Theorems and
  - the rules of inference

- **Notation (Hilbert system):**

$$\Gamma \vdash \alpha$$

$$\vdash \alpha \quad \text{if } \Gamma \text{ is empty}$$

- (ZyBook Notation):**

$$\frac{\Gamma}{\alpha}$$

$\vdash$  is called the (single) “Turnstile” symbol





# EXAMPLE: HILBERT SYSTEM

- Small set of rules of inference and axioms from where all “theorems” can be derived
- Lukasiewicz Axioms and only Modus Ponens
- **3 fixed Axioms** (all truth tables are Tautologies) doc cam:

$$A1 \quad \alpha \rightarrow (\beta \rightarrow \alpha)$$

$$A2 \quad (\alpha \rightarrow (\beta \rightarrow \gamma)) \rightarrow ((\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \gamma))$$

$$A3 \quad (\neg\alpha \rightarrow \neg\beta) \rightarrow (\beta \rightarrow \alpha)$$

- **Modus Ponens**

- $p, p \rightarrow q \vdash q$

- *Goal: Use only axioms and modus ponens (and previous results) to prove all theorems of propositional logic*

# IS THIS A VALID PROOF?

Premises:

$$p \rightarrow q$$

$$p \rightarrow r$$

Rule of Inference Modus Ponens:

$$p \rightarrow q, p \vdash q \quad \text{Since } p \text{ occurs in the second premise}$$

Conclusion:

$$q \rightarrow r$$

# IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO SPELL OUT THE REASON FOR EACH STEP

$$Thm1 : \quad \vdash \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$$

$$Thm2 : \quad \alpha \rightarrow \beta, \beta \rightarrow \gamma \vdash \alpha \rightarrow \gamma$$

$$R1 : \quad \alpha \vdash \beta \rightarrow \alpha$$

$$R2 : \quad \alpha \rightarrow (\beta \rightarrow \gamma), \alpha \rightarrow \beta \vdash \alpha \rightarrow \gamma$$

$$R3 : \quad \neg \alpha \rightarrow \neg \beta \vdash \beta \rightarrow \alpha$$

$$Thm3 : \quad \neg \alpha \vdash \alpha \rightarrow \beta$$

$$Thm4 : \quad \neg \neg \alpha \vdash \alpha$$

$$Thm5 : \quad \alpha, \neg \alpha \vdash \beta$$

# IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO SPELL OUT THE REASON FOR EACH STEP

**Theorem 2**  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta, \beta \rightarrow \gamma \vdash \alpha \rightarrow \gamma$

|                 |  |          |
|-----------------|--|----------|
| <b>Proof</b> 1. | $\beta \rightarrow \gamma$   | $P$      |
| 2.              | $(\beta \rightarrow \gamma) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow (\beta \rightarrow \gamma))$   | $A1$     |
| 3.              | $\alpha \rightarrow (\beta \rightarrow \gamma)$  | $MP1, 2$ |
| 4.              | $(\alpha \rightarrow (\beta \rightarrow \gamma)) \rightarrow ((\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \gamma))$ | $A2$     |
| 5.              | $(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \gamma)$   | $MP3, 4$ |
| 6.              | $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$   | $P$      |
| 7.              | $\alpha \rightarrow \gamma$  | $MP5, 6$ |

# ANOTHER STEP-BY-STEP PROOF

**Rule 2**  $\alpha \rightarrow (\beta \rightarrow \gamma), \alpha \rightarrow \beta \vdash \alpha \rightarrow \gamma$

|                 |  |          |
|-----------------|--|----------|
| <b>Proof</b> 1. | $\alpha \rightarrow (\beta \rightarrow \gamma)$  | $P$      |
| 2.              | $(\alpha \rightarrow (\beta \rightarrow \gamma)) \rightarrow ((\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \gamma))$ | $A2$     |
| 3.              | $(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \gamma)$   | $MP1, 2$ |
| 4.              | $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$   | $P$      |
| 5.              | $\alpha \rightarrow \gamma$  | $MP3, 4$ |

# PREVIOUS THEOREMS CAN BE USED IN PROOFS

**Theorem 4**  $\neg\neg\alpha \vdash \alpha$

**Proof** 1.  $\neg\neg\alpha$

*P*

2.  $\neg\alpha \rightarrow \neg\neg\neg\alpha$

*Thm3, 1*

3.  $\neg\neg\alpha \rightarrow \alpha$

*R3, 2*

4.  $\alpha$

*MP1, 3*

# PREVIOUS THEOREMS CAN BE USED IN PROOFS

**Theorem 5**  $\alpha, \neg\alpha \vdash \beta$

**Proof** 1.  $\neg\alpha$

*P*

2.  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$

*Thm3, 1*

3.  $\alpha$

*P*

4.  $\beta$

*MP2, 3*

# PROOF BY CONTRADICTION

**Meta – Theorem**      Let  $\Gamma$  be a set of premises

$$\Gamma, \neg\alpha \vdash \beta, \neg\beta \implies \Gamma \vdash \alpha$$

**Meta – Corollary**      (a)  $\Gamma, \alpha \vdash \beta, \neg\beta \implies \Gamma \vdash \neg\alpha$

$$(b) \Gamma, \neg\alpha \vdash \alpha \implies \Gamma \vdash \alpha$$



# USING PROOF BY CONTRADICTION

**Theorem 6**  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta, \neg\beta \vdash \neg\alpha$  (Modus Tollens)

**Proof** Assume  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta, \neg\beta, \neg\neg\alpha$

1.  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$   $P$

2.  $\neg\beta$   $P$

3.  $\neg\neg\alpha$   $P$

4.  $\alpha$   $Thm4, 3$

5.  $\beta$   $MP1, 4$

You get a contradiction with lines 2 and 5

# USING PROOF BY CONTRADICTION (2)

**Theorem 7**  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta, \neg\alpha \rightarrow \beta \vdash \beta$

**Proof** Assume  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta, \neg\alpha \rightarrow \beta, \neg\beta$

1.  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$  *P*

2.  $\neg\beta$  *P*

3.  $\neg\alpha \rightarrow \beta$  *P*

4.  $\neg\alpha$  *Thm6, 1, 2*

5.  $\beta$  *MP 3, 4*

You get a contradiction with lines 2 and 5

# USING PROOF BY CONTRADICTION (3)

**Theorem 8**  $\alpha, \neg\beta \vdash \neg(\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$

**Proof** Assume  $\alpha, \neg\beta, \alpha \rightarrow \beta$

1.  $\alpha$   $P$

2.  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$   $P$

4.  $\beta$   $MP\ 1, 2$

5.  $\neg\beta$   $P$

You get a contradiction with lines 4 and 5