

Theory of Computer Science

B2. Propositional Logic II

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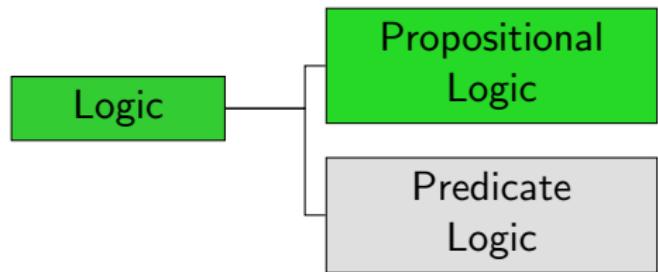
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Story so far

Logic: Overview



The Story So Far

- propositional logic based on atomic propositions
- syntax: which formulas are well-formed?
- semantics: when is a formula true?
- interpretations: important basis of semantics

Reminder: Syntax of Propositional Logic

Definition (Syntax of Propositional Logic)

Let A be a set of **atomic propositions**. The set of **propositional formulas** (over A) is inductively defined as follows:

- Every **atom a** $\in A$ is a propositional formula over A .
- If φ is a propositional formula over A ,
then so is its **negation** $\neg\varphi$.
- If φ and ψ are propositional formulas over A ,
then so is the **conjunction** $(\varphi \wedge \psi)$.
- If φ and ψ are propositional formulas over A ,
then so is the **disjunction** $(\varphi \vee \psi)$.

The **implication** $(\varphi \rightarrow \psi)$ is an abbreviation for $(\neg\varphi \vee \psi)$.

The **biconditional** ($\varphi \leftrightarrow \psi$) is an abbrev. for $((\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \wedge (\psi \rightarrow \varphi))$.

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Definition (Semantics of Propositional Logic)

A **truth assignment** (or **interpretation**) for a set of atomic propositions A is a function $\mathcal{I} : A \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$.

A propositional formula φ (over A) holds under \mathcal{I} (written as $\mathcal{I} \models \varphi$) according to the following definition:

$$\mathcal{I} \models a \quad \text{iff} \quad \mathcal{I}(a) = 1 \quad (\text{for } a \in A)$$

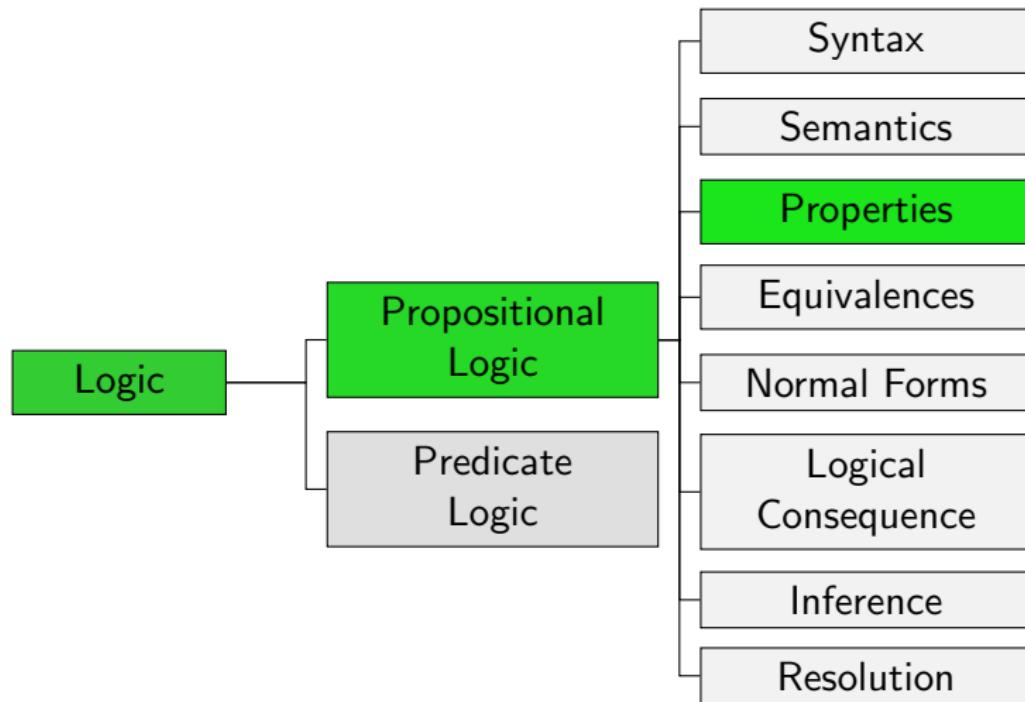
$$\mathcal{I} \models \neg\varphi \quad \text{iff} \quad \text{not } \mathcal{I} \models \varphi$$

$$\mathcal{I} \models (\varphi \wedge \psi) \quad \text{iff} \quad \mathcal{I} \models \varphi \text{ and } \mathcal{I} \models \psi$$

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German: erfüllbar, unerfüllbar, gültig/eine Tautologie, falsifizierbar

Exercise

Which properties do the following formulas have?
Satisfiable? Unsatisfiable? Valid? Falsifiable?

- $(A \wedge \neg A)$
- $(A \vee \neg A)$
- $(A \wedge (\neg B \vee C))$
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Truth Tables in General

Similarly in the case where we consider a formula whose building blocks are themselves arbitrary unspecified formulas:

$\mathcal{I} \models \varphi$	$\mathcal{I} \models \psi$	$\mathcal{I} \models (\varphi \wedge \psi)$
No	No	No
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Yes	No	No
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Exercise

Specify the truth table for $(\varphi \rightarrow \psi)$.

Truth Tables for Properties of Formulas

Is $\varphi = ((A \rightarrow B) \vee (\neg B \rightarrow A))$ valid, unsatisfiable, ... ?

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Connection Between Formula Properties and Truth Tables

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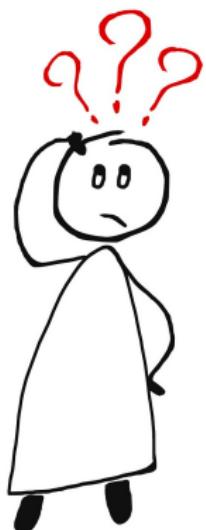
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↪ not viable for larger formulas; we need a different solution

- more on difficulty of satisfiability etc.: Part E of this course
- practical algorithms: Foundations of AI course

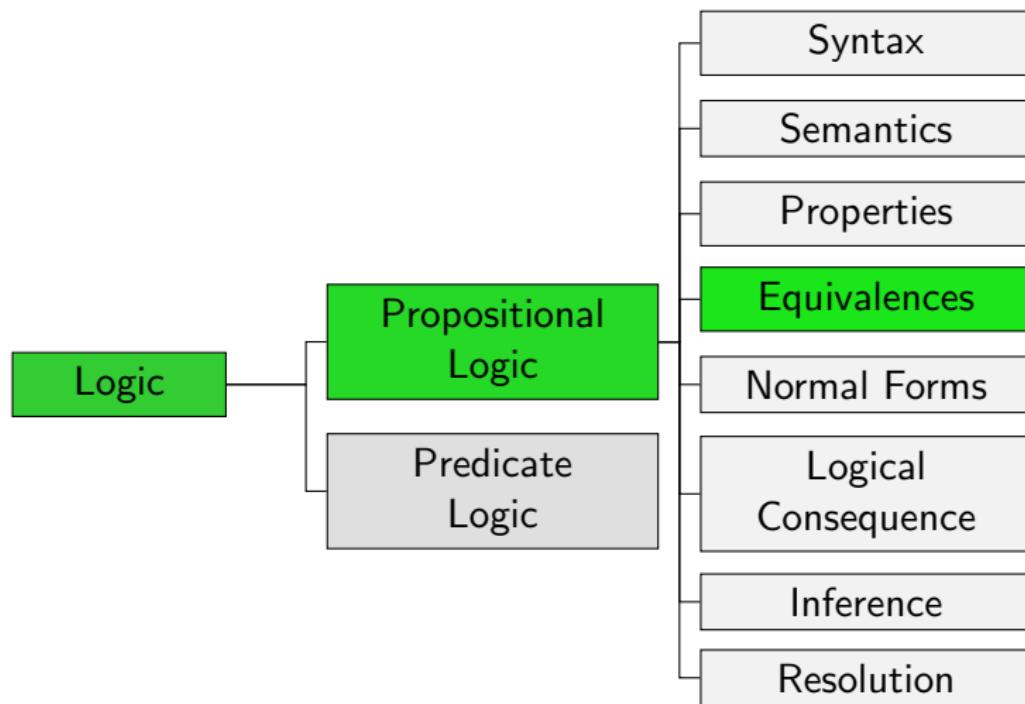
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Equivalences

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Equivalent Formulas

Definition (Equivalence of Propositional Formulas)

Two propositional formulas φ and ψ over A are (logically) equivalent ($\varphi \equiv \psi$) if for all interpretations \mathcal{I} for A it is true that $\mathcal{I} \models \varphi$ if and only if $\mathcal{I} \models \psi$.

German: logisch äquivalent

Equivalent Formulas: Example

$$((\varphi \vee \psi) \vee \chi) \equiv (\varphi \vee (\psi \vee \chi))$$

$\mathcal{I} \models$	$\mathcal{I} \models$					
φ	ψ	χ	$(\varphi \vee \psi)$	$(\psi \vee \chi)$	$((\varphi \vee \psi) \vee \chi)$	$(\varphi \vee (\psi \vee \chi))$
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German: Absorption, Distributivitt

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Substitution Theorem

Theorem (Substitution Theorem)

Let φ and φ' be equivalent propositional formulas over A .

Let ψ be a propositional formula with (at least) one occurrence of the subformula φ .

Then ψ is equivalent to ψ' , where ψ' is constructed from ψ by replacing an occurrence of φ in ψ with φ' .

German: Ersetzbarkeitstheorem

(without proof)

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Use the equivalence rules to show that $(A \vee \neg(B \vee \neg A)) \equiv A$.

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Simplified Notation

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Associativity:

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- Placement of parentheses for a conjunction of conjunctions does not influence whether an interpretation is a model.
- ditto for disjunctions of disjunctions
- can omit parentheses and treat this as if parentheses placed arbitrarily
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for $X = \{\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n\}$

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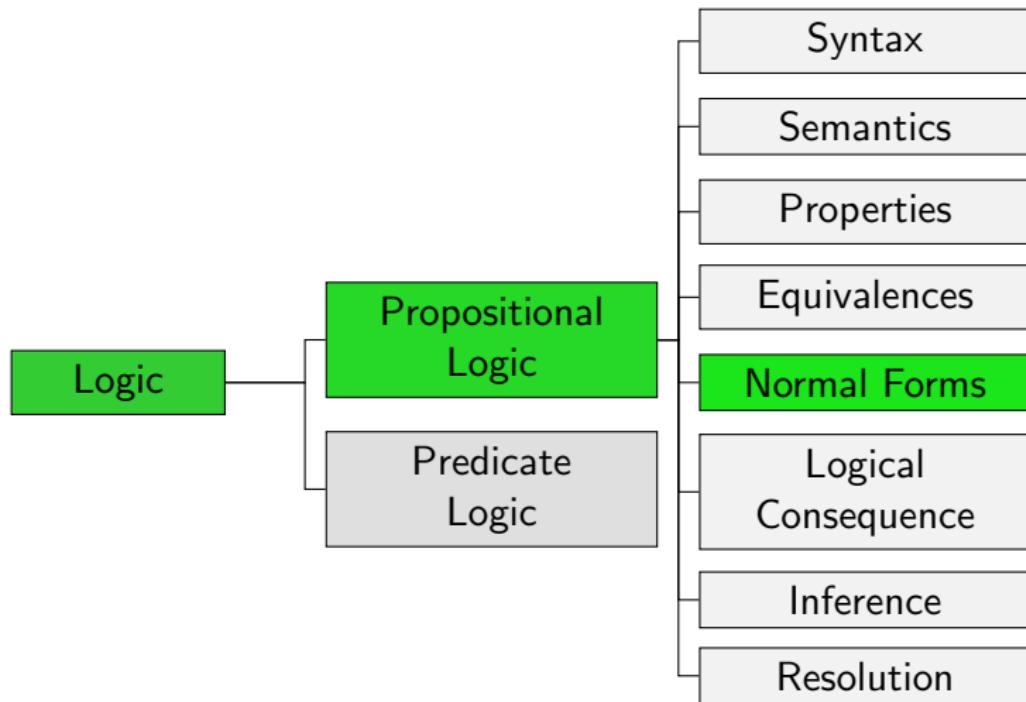
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## Exercise

Express  $(\bigwedge_{i=1}^2 (\bigvee_{j=1}^3 \varphi_{ij}))$  without  $\bigwedge$  and  $\bigvee$ .

# Normal Forms

# Logic: Overview



# Why Normal Forms?

- A **normal form** is a representation with **certain syntactic restrictions**.
- condition for reasonable normal form: **every formula** must have a logically **equivalent formula** in normal form
- **advantages:**
  - can restrict proofs to formulas in normal form
  - can define algorithms only for formulas in normal form

German: Normalform

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- $((P \vee \neg Q) \rightarrow P)$
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## Size of Normal Forms

- In the worst case, a logically equivalent formula in CNF or DNF can be exponentially larger than the original formula.
- **Example:** for  $(x_1 \vee y_1) \wedge \cdots \wedge (x_n \vee y_n)$  there is no smaller logically equivalent formula in DNF than:

$$\bigvee_{S \in \mathcal{P}(\{1, \dots, n\})} \left( \bigwedge_{i \in S} x_i \wedge \bigwedge_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\} \setminus S} y_i \right)$$

- As a consequence, the construction of the CNF/DNF formula can take exponential time.

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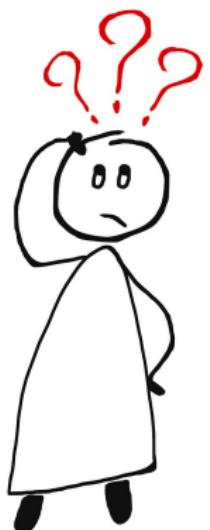
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~~ both proved easily with semantics of propositional logic

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Let  $\text{KB}$  be a **knowledge base** over  $A$ ,  
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if  $\mathcal{I}$  is a **model for every formula**  $\varphi \in \text{KB}$ .

**German:** Wissensbasis, Modell

# Properties of Sets of Formulas

A knowledge base KB is

- **satisfiable** if KB has at least one model
- **unsatisfiable** if KB is not satisfiable
- **valid** (or a **tautology**) if every interpretation is a model for KB
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**German:** erfüllbar, unerfüllbar, gültig, gültig/eine Tautologie, falsifizierbar

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- **truth tables** systematically consider all possible interpretations
- truth tables are only useful for small formulas
- **Logical equivalence** describes when formulas are **semantically indistinguishable**.
- **Equivalence rewriting** is used to simplify formulas and to bring them in normal forms.
- **CNF**: formula is a conjunction of clauses
- **DNF**: formula is a disjunction of monomials
- every formula has **equivalent formulas** in DNF and in CNF