

Theory of Computer Science

B2. Propositional Logic II

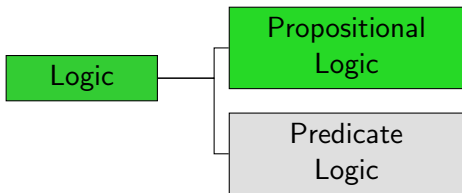
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Story so far

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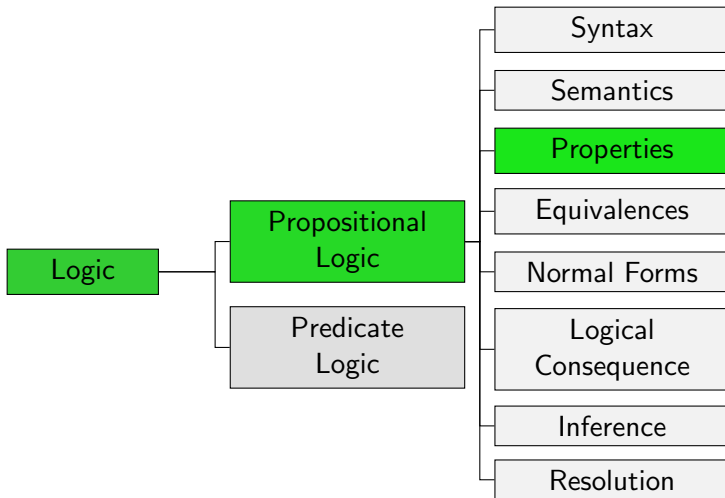
A **truth assignment** (or **interpretation**) for a set of atomic propositions A is a function $\mathcal{I} : A \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$.

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

$\mathcal{I} \models a$	iff	$\mathcal{I}(a) = 1$	(for $a \in A$)
$\mathcal{I} \models \neg\varphi$	iff	not $\mathcal{I} \models \varphi$	
$\mathcal{I} \models (\varphi \wedge \psi)$	iff	$\mathcal{I} \models \varphi$ 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?

- $(A \wedge \neg A)$
- $(A \vee \neg A)$
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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
Yes	Yes	Yes

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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↪ **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

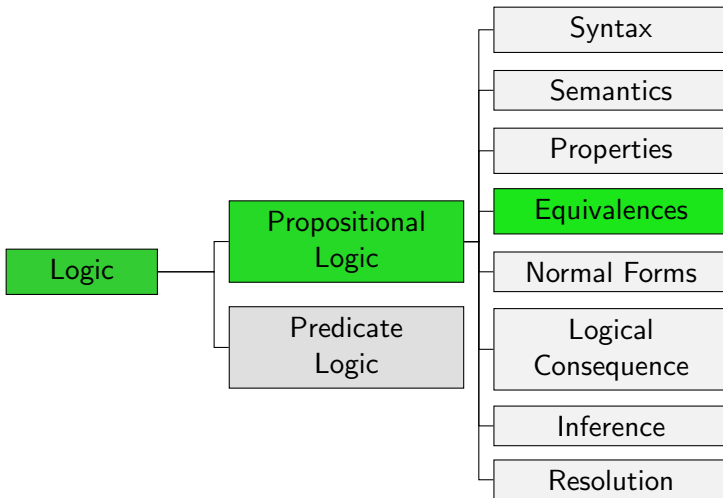
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Equivalences

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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

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German: Idempotenz, Kommutativität, Assoziativität

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German: Absorption, Distributivität

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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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Exercise

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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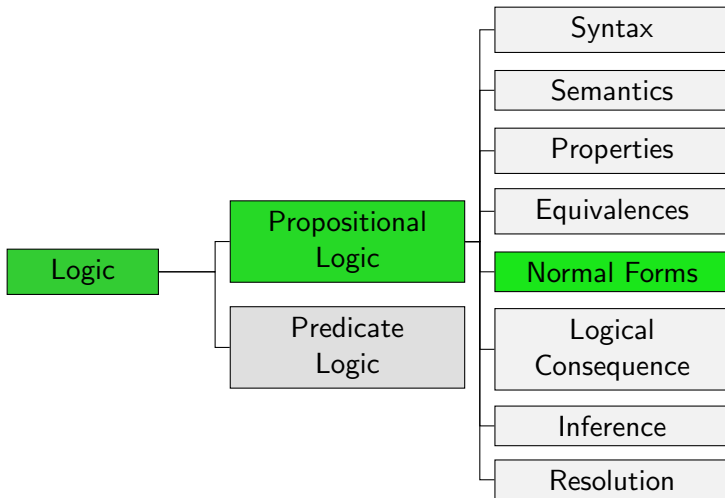
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Exercise

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

Normal Forms

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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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The terms **clause** and **monomial** are also used for the corner case with **only one literal**.

German: Literal, Klausel, Monom

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German: konjunktive Normalform (KNF)

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- $((R \vee Q) \wedge P \wedge (R \vee S))$
- $(P \vee (\neg Q \wedge R))$
- $((P \vee \neg Q) \rightarrow P)$
- P

Construction of CNF (and DNF)

Algorithm to Construct CNF

- 1 Replace abbreviations \rightarrow and \leftrightarrow by their definitions ((\rightarrow)-elimination and (\leftrightarrow)-elimination).
 \rightsquigarrow formula structure: only \vee , \wedge , \neg
- 2 Move negations inside using De Morgan and double negation.
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- 3 Distribute \vee over \wedge with distributivity (strictly speaking also with commutativity).
 \rightsquigarrow formula structure: CNF
- 4 optionally: Simplify the formula at the end or at intermediate steps (e. g., with idempotence).

Note: For DNF, distribute \wedge over \vee instead.

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- 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.

More Theorems

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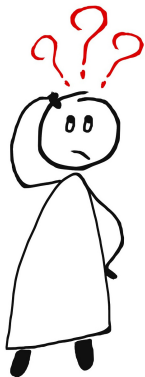
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A formula in DNF is satisfiable iff at least one of its monomials is satisfiable.

↔ both proved easily with semantics of propositional logic

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Models for Sets of Formulas

Definition (Model for Knowledge Base)

Let KB be a **knowledge base** over A ,
i. e., a set of propositional formulas over A .

A truth assignment \mathcal{I} for A is a **model for KB** (written: $\mathcal{I} \models \text{KB}$)
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
- **falsifiable** if KB is no tautology

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**