

Theory of Computer Science

B3. Propositional Logic III

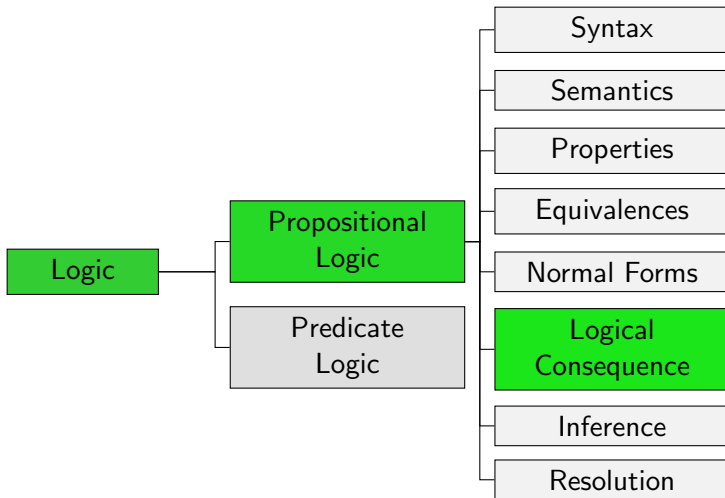
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Logical Consequences

Logic: Overview



Knowledge Bases: Example



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 then not EatIceCream.
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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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What's the secret of your long life?



I am on a strict diet: If I don't drink beer to a meal, then I always eat fish. Whenever I have fish and beer with the same meal, I abstain from ice cream. When I eat ice cream or don't drink beer, then I never touch fish.

Claim: the woman drinks beer to every meal.

How can we prove this?

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Proof sketch.

Proof by contradiction: assume $\mathcal{I} \models \text{KB}$, but $\mathcal{I} \not\models \text{DrinkBeer}$.

Then it follows that $\mathcal{I} \models \neg\text{DrinkBeer}$.

Because \mathcal{I} is a model of KB, we also have

$\mathcal{I} \models (\neg\text{DrinkBeer} \rightarrow \text{EatFish})$ and thus $\mathcal{I} \models \text{EatFish}$. (Why?)

With an analogous argumentation starting from

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we get $\mathcal{I} \models \neg\text{EatFish}$ and thus $\mathcal{I} \not\models \text{EatFish}$. \rightsquigarrow **Contradiction!**

Important Theorems about Logical Consequences

Theorem (Deduction Theorem)

$KB \cup \{\varphi\} \models \psi$ iff $KB \models (\varphi \rightarrow \psi)$

German: Deduktionsatz

Theorem (Contraposition Theorem)

$KB \cup \{\varphi\} \models \neg\psi$ iff $KB \cup \{\psi\} \models \neg\varphi$

German: Kontrapositionssatz

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German: Widerlegungssatz

(without proof)

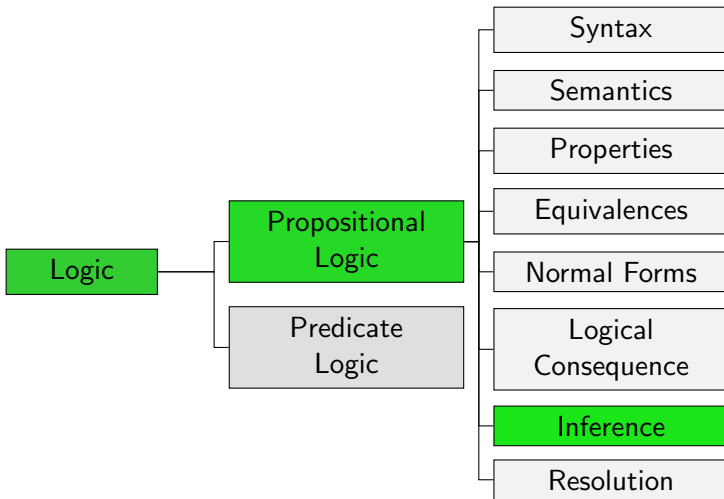
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- $\psi_k = \varphi$ and
- for all $i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$:
 - $\psi_i \in \text{KB}$, or
 - ψ_i is the result of the application of an inference rule to elements from $\{\psi_1, \dots, \psi_{i-1}\}$.

German: Ableitung, Beweis

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German: korrekt, vollständig

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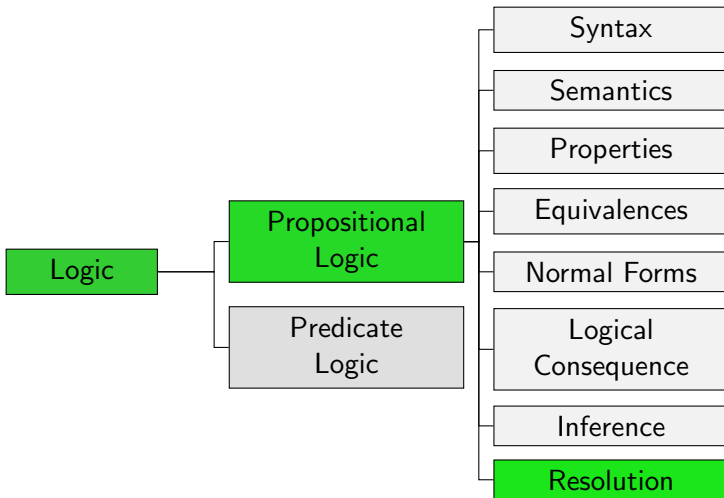
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German: Resolution, erfüllbarkeitsäquivalent

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Terminology:

- L and $\neg L$ are the **resolution literals**,
- $C_1 \cup \{L\}$ and $C_2 \cup \{\neg L\}$ are the **parent clauses**, and
- $C_1 \cup C_2$ is the **resolvent**.

German: Resolutionskalkül, Resolutionsregel, Resolutionslitterale, Elternklauseln, Resolvent

Proof by Resolution

Definition (Proof by Resolution)

A **proof by resolution** of a clause D from a knowledge base Δ is a sequence of clauses C_1, \dots, C_n with

- $C_n = D$ and
- for all $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$:
 - $C_i \in \Delta$, or
 - C_i is resolvent of two clauses from $\{C_1, \dots, C_{i-1}\}$.

If there is a proof of D by resolution from Δ , we say that D can be **derived with resolution from Δ** and write $\Delta \vdash_R D$.

Remark: Resolution is a **correct**, **refutation-complete**, but **incomplete** calculus.

German: Resolutionsbeweis, “mit Resolution aus Δ abgeleitet”

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Thus, consider

$KB' = KB \cup \{\neg(R \vee S)\} = \{P, (P \rightarrow (Q \wedge R)), \neg(R \vee S)\}$.

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■ $\neg(R \vee S) \equiv (\neg R \wedge \neg S)$

\rightsquigarrow Clauses: $\{\neg R\}, \{\neg S\}$

$\Delta = \{\{P\}, \{\neg P, Q\}, \{\neg P, R\}, \{\neg R\}, \{\neg S\}\}$

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Proof by Resolution: Example (continued)

Proof by Resolution for Testing a Logical Consequence: Example

$$\Delta = \{\{P\}, \{\neg P, Q\}, \{\neg P, R\}, \{\neg R\}, \{\neg S\}\}$$

Step 3: Derive empty clause \square with resolution.

- $C_1 = \{P\}$ (from Δ)
- $C_2 = \{\neg P, Q\}$ (from Δ)
- $C_3 = \{\neg P, R\}$ (from Δ)
- $C_4 = \{\neg R\}$ (from Δ)
- $C_5 = \{Q\}$ (from C_1 und C_2)
- $C_6 = \{\neg P\}$ (from C_3 und C_4)
- $C_7 = \square$ (from C_1 und C_6)

Note: There are shorter proofs. (For example?)

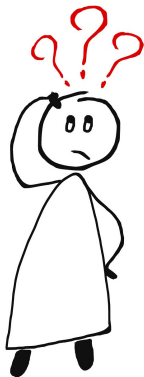
Another Example

Another Example for Resolution

Show with resolution, that $KB \models \text{DrinkBeer}$, where

$$KB = \{(\neg\text{DrinkBeer} \rightarrow \text{EatFish}), \\ ((\text{EatFish} \wedge \text{DrinkBeer}) \rightarrow \neg\text{EatIceCream}), \\ ((\text{EatIceCream} \vee \neg\text{DrinkBeer}) \rightarrow \neg\text{EatFish})\}.$$

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- **knowledge base**: set of formulas describing given information; satisfiable, valid etc. used like for individual formulas
- **logical consequence** $\text{KB} \models \varphi$ means that φ is true whenever (= in all models where) KB is true
- A **logical consequence** $\text{KB} \models \varphi$ allows to conclude that KB implies φ based on the semantics.
- A correct **calculus** supports such conclusions on the basis of **purely syntactical derivations** $\text{KB} \vdash \varphi$.
- **Complete calculi** often not necessary: For many questions **refutation-completeness** is sufficient.
- The **resolution calculus** is **correct** and **refutation-complete**.

Further Topics

There are many aspects of propositional logic that we do not cover in this course.

- **resolution strategies** to make resolution as efficient as possible in practice,
- other proof systems, as for example **tableaux proofs**,
- algorithms for **model construction**, such as the Davis-Putnam-Logemann-Loveland (DPLL) algorithm.
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