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Logic in Computer Science

Lecture 01

Nature Deduction and Propositional Logic

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- ★ **Propositional logic** (natural deduction, semantics, soundness and completeness).
- ★ **Predicate logic** (natural deduction, semantics, undecidability).
- ★ **Logical Proof Tool** (Rodin).
- ★ **Model checking and Temporal logics** (LTL, CTL)
- ★ **Program verification** (Floyd-Hoare logic).
- ★ **Modal logic and agents**. (optional)
- ★ **Binary decision diagrams** (optional)

Motivation for studying Logic: To acquire the ability to model real-life situations in a way that would allow us to reason about them formally.

Example 1: If the train arrives late and there are no taxis at the station, then John is late for his meeting. John is not late for his meeting. The train did arrive late. *Therefore*, there were taxis at the station.

Example 2: If it is raining and Jane does not have her umbrella with her, then she will get wet. Jane is not wet. It is raining. *Therefore*, Jane has her umbrella with her.

Can we verify the validity of these arguments formally?

- We need to turn the English sentences into formulas (*modeling*).
- Then, we can apply mathematical reasoning to formulas

Encoding:

	Example 1	Example 2
<i>p</i>	the train is late	it is raining
<i>q</i>	there are taxis at the station	Jane has her umbrella with her
<i>r</i>	John is late for his meeting	Jane gets wet

Pattern:

If *p* and not *q*, then *r*. Not *r*. *p*. Therefore *q*.

We shall study *reasoning patterns*.

Declarative Sentences

Declarative sentences (we can consider whether they're true or not):

- The sum of the numbers 3 and 5 equals 8.
- Jane reacted violently to Jack's accusations.
- Every even natural number is the sum of two prime numbers.
- All Martians like peperoni on their pizza.

Non-declarative sentences (can't tell whether they're true or not):

- Could you please pass the salt.
- Ready, steady, go.
- May fortune come your way.

We want to turn declarative sentences into formulas and create a formalism to manipulate such formulas.

Atomic sentences:

p : I won the lottery last week.

q : I purchased a lottery ticket.

r : I won last week's sweepstakes.

Connectives:

\neg : **negation** — $\neg p$: I did not win the lottery.

\vee : **disjunction** — $p \vee r$: I won the lottery last week or I won the last week's sweepstakes.

\wedge : **conjunction** — $p \wedge r$: I won the lottery and the sweepstakes last week.

\rightarrow : **implication** — $p \rightarrow q$: If I won the lottery last week, then I purchased a lottery ticket.

Composite formulas: $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow ((\neg r) \vee q)$; connective priority, \neg , \wedge , \vee , \rightarrow .
By this convention, we can remove the brackets: $p \wedge q \rightarrow \neg r \vee q$.

- Collection of *proof rules*, which allow to infer new formulas from existing formulas.
- Given the formulas Φ_1, \dots, Φ_n , we intend to infer a conclusion Ψ . We denote this by

$$\Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_n \vdash \Psi$$

This construct is called a *sequent*.

- Example:

$$p \wedge \neg q \rightarrow r, \neg r, p \vdash q$$

- There is no “perfect” set of proof rules. You can create your own (you can even invent your own logic). Such exercise resembles computer programming.

Natural Deduction Rules — Conjunction

$$\frac{\Phi \quad \Psi}{\Phi \wedge \Psi} \quad \wedge i \quad \text{and-introduction}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{\Phi \wedge \Psi}{\Phi} \quad \wedge e1 \\ \frac{\Phi \wedge \Psi}{\Psi} \quad \wedge e2 \end{array} \right\} \text{and-elimination}$$

Example: Prove $p \wedge q, r \vdash q \wedge r$

1	$p \wedge q$	premise
2	r	premise
3	q	$\wedge e2$ 1
4	$q \wedge r$	$\wedge i$ 3,2

Alternate way to write the proof:

$$\frac{\frac{p \wedge q}{q} \quad \wedge e2 \quad r}{q \wedge r} \quad \wedge i$$

Natural Deduction Rules — Double Negation and Implication Elimination

$$\frac{\neg\neg\Phi}{\Phi} \quad \neg\neg\text{e} \quad \text{double negation elimination}$$

$$\frac{\Phi}{\neg\neg\Phi} \quad \neg\neg\text{i} \quad \text{double negation introduction}$$

$$\frac{\Phi \quad \Phi \rightarrow \Psi}{\Psi} \quad \rightarrow\text{e} \quad \text{implication elimination}$$

Example: $p, \neg\neg(q \wedge r) \vdash \neg\neg p \wedge r$

1	p	premise
2	$\neg\neg(q \wedge r)$	premise
3	$\neg\neg p$	$\neg\neg\text{i}$ 1
4	$q \wedge r$	$\neg\neg\text{e}$ 2
5	r	$\wedge\text{e}$ 4
6	$\neg\neg p \wedge r$	$\wedge\text{i}$ 3,5

Justification:

p : It rained	$p \rightarrow q$: If it rained, the street is wet
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q : The street is wet	

Example: $p, p \rightarrow q, p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r) \vdash r$

1	$p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$	premise
2	$p \rightarrow q$	premise
3	p	premise
4	$q \rightarrow r$	$\rightarrow\text{e}$ 1,3
5	q	$\rightarrow\text{e}$ 2,3
6	r	$\rightarrow\text{e}$ 4,5

Natural Deduction Rules — Implication Introduction

$$\frac{\boxed{\begin{array}{c} \Phi \\ \vdots \\ \Psi \end{array}}}{\Phi \rightarrow \Psi} \rightarrow i$$

In order to prove $\Phi \rightarrow \Psi$, we make the temporary assumption of Φ , and then prove Ψ . The scope of the assumption is indicated by the box.

Example: $p \wedge q \rightarrow r \vdash p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$

1	$p \wedge q \rightarrow r$	premise
2	p	assumption
3	q	assumption
4	$p \wedge q$	\wedge i 2,3
5	r	\rightarrow e 1,4
6	$q \rightarrow r$	\rightarrow i 3-5
7	$p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$	\rightarrow i 2-6

Remark: We may transform any proof of

$$\Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_n \vdash \Psi$$

into a proof of

$$\vdash \Phi_1 \rightarrow (\Phi_2 \rightarrow (\dots (\Phi_n \rightarrow \Psi) \dots))$$

Implication Introduction Examples

Example: $p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r) \vdash p \wedge q \rightarrow r$

1	$p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$	premise
2	$p \wedge q$	assumption
3	p	$\wedge e$ 2
4	q	$\wedge e$ 2
5	$q \rightarrow r$	$\rightarrow e$ 1,3
6	r	$\rightarrow e$ 4,5
7	$p \wedge q \rightarrow r$	$\rightarrow i$ 2–6

Example: $p \rightarrow q \vdash p \wedge r \rightarrow q \wedge r$

1	$p \rightarrow q$	premise
2	$p \wedge r$	assumption
3	p	$\wedge e$ 2
4	r	$\wedge e$ 2
5	q	$\rightarrow e$ 1,3
6	$q \wedge r$	$\wedge i$ 4,5
7	$p \wedge r \rightarrow q \wedge r$	$\rightarrow i$ 2–6

Natural Deduction Rules — Disjunction

$$\frac{\Phi}{\Phi \vee \Psi} \quad \vee i1 \qquad \frac{\Psi}{\Phi \vee \Psi} \quad \vee i2$$

$$\frac{\Phi \vee \Psi \quad \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \Phi \\ \vdots \\ \chi \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \Psi \\ \vdots \\ \chi \end{array}}{\chi} \quad \vee e$$

Example: $p \vee q \vdash q \vee p$

1	$p \vee q$	premise
2	p	assumption
3	$q \vee p$	$\vee i2$ 2
4	q	assumption
5	$q \vee p$	$\vee i1$ 4
6	$q \vee p$	$\vee e$ 1,2-3,4-5

Example: $q \rightarrow r \vdash p \vee q \rightarrow p \vee r$

1	$q \rightarrow r$	premise
2	$p \vee q$	assumption
3	p	assumption
4	$p \vee r$	$\vee i1$ 3
5	q	assumption
6	r	$\rightarrow e$ 1,5
7	$p \vee r$	$\vee i2$ 6
8	$p \vee r$	$\vee e$ 2,3-4,5-7
9	$p \vee q \rightarrow p \vee r$	$\rightarrow i$ 2-8

Natural Deduction Rules — Negation

Contradictions: formulas of the form $\Phi \wedge \neg\Phi$, $\neg\Phi \wedge \Phi$ —all such formulas shall be denoted by \perp (bottom).

$$\frac{\perp}{\Phi} \quad \neg e$$

$$\frac{\Phi \quad \neg\Phi}{\perp} \quad \neg e$$

Example: $p \rightarrow q, p \rightarrow \neg q \vdash \neg p$

1	$p \rightarrow q$	premise
2	$p \rightarrow \neg q$	premise
3	p	assumption
4	q	$\rightarrow e$ 1,3
5	$\neg q$	$\rightarrow e$ 2,3
6	\perp	$\neg e$ 4,5
7	$\neg p$	$\neg i$ 3-6

Example: $\neg p \vee q \vdash p \rightarrow q$

1	$\neg p \vee q$	premise
2	$\neg p$	assumption
3	p	assumption
4	\perp	$\neg e$ 3,2
5	q	$\perp e$ 4
6	$p \rightarrow q$	$\rightarrow i$ 3-5
7	q	assumption
8	p	assumption
9	q	copy 7
10	$p \rightarrow q$	$\rightarrow i$ 9-10
11	$p \rightarrow q$	$\vee e$ 1,2-6,7-10

Natural Deduction — Derived Rules

$$\frac{\Phi \rightarrow \Psi \quad \neg \Psi}{\neg \Phi} \text{ MT}$$

1	$\Phi \rightarrow \Psi$	premise
2	$\neg \Psi$	premise
3	Φ	assumption
4	Ψ	\rightarrow e 1,3
5	\perp	\neg e 4,2
6	$\neg \Phi$	\neg i 3-5

Justification: If I am Chinese, then I am Asian. I am not Asian. Therefore, I'm not Chinese.

$$\frac{\Phi}{\neg \neg \Phi} \neg \neg \text{i}$$

1	Φ	premise
2	$\neg \Phi$	assumption
3	\perp	\neg e 1,2
4	$\neg \neg \Phi$	\neg i 2-3

$\neg \Phi$	
\vdots	
\perp	
Φ	PBC (Proof By Contradiction)

1	$\neg \Phi \rightarrow \perp$	given
2	$\neg \Phi$	assumption
3	\perp	\rightarrow e 1,2
4	$\neg \neg \Phi$	\neg i 2-3
5	Φ	$\neg \neg$ e 4

Natural Deduction Summary

Basic rules:

	Introd.	Elim.
\wedge	$\frac{\Phi \quad \Psi}{\Phi \wedge \Psi} \wedge i$	$\frac{\Phi \wedge \Psi}{\Phi} \wedge e1 \quad \frac{\Phi \wedge \Psi}{\Psi} \wedge e2$
\vee	$\frac{\Phi}{\Phi \vee \Psi} \vee i1 \quad \frac{\Psi}{\Phi \vee \Psi} \vee i2$	$\frac{\Phi \vee \Psi \quad \boxed{\begin{smallmatrix} \Phi \\ \vdots \\ \chi \end{smallmatrix}} \quad \boxed{\begin{smallmatrix} \Psi \\ \vdots \\ \chi \end{smallmatrix}}}{\chi} \vee e$
\rightarrow	$\frac{\boxed{\begin{smallmatrix} \Phi \\ \vdots \\ \Psi \end{smallmatrix}}}{\Phi \rightarrow \Psi} \rightarrow i$	$\frac{\Phi \quad \Phi \rightarrow \Psi}{\Psi} \rightarrow e$
\neg	$\frac{\boxed{\begin{smallmatrix} \Phi \\ \vdots \\ \perp \end{smallmatrix}}}{\neg \Phi} \neg i$	$\frac{\Phi \quad \neg \Phi}{\perp} \neg e$

Basic rules (cont'd):

	Introd.	Elim.
\perp	no rule	$\frac{\perp}{\Phi} \perp e$
$\neg\neg$	derived	$\frac{\neg\neg\Phi}{\Phi} \neg\neg e$

Useful derived rules:

$\frac{\Phi \rightarrow \Psi \quad \neg \Psi}{\neg \Phi} \text{ MT}$	$\frac{\Phi}{\neg\neg\Phi} \neg\neg i$
$\frac{\boxed{\begin{smallmatrix} \neg \Psi \\ \vdots \\ \perp \end{smallmatrix}}}{\Phi} \text{ PBC}$	$\frac{}{\Phi \vee \neg \Phi} \text{ LEM}$

Definition: We say that two formulas Ψ and Φ are *provably equivalent* iff both $\Phi \vdash \Psi$ and $\Psi \vdash \Phi$. We denote this by $\Psi \dashv\vdash \Phi$.

Remark: We could define $\Psi \dashv\vdash \Phi$ to mean that $\vdash (\Phi \rightarrow \Psi) \wedge (\Psi \rightarrow \Phi)$ holds.

Interesting proof

Statement: There exist irrational numbers a and b such that a^b is rational.

Proof: Choose $b = \sqrt{2}$. We have two cases.

b^b is rational. Then choose $a = b$ and the statement is proven.

b^b is irrational. Then choose $a = b^b = (\sqrt{2})^{\sqrt{2}}$. We have

$$a^b = ((\sqrt{2})^{\sqrt{2}})^{\sqrt{2}} = (\sqrt{2})^2 = 2 \quad \text{—rational.}$$

Propositional Logic as a Formal Language

Proofs are in fact proof schemas.

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

1 $p \rightarrow q$ premise

2 p premise

3 q \rightarrow e 1,2

$$r \vee \neg s \rightarrow s \rightarrow r, r \vee \neg s \vdash s \rightarrow r$$

1 $r \vee \neg s \rightarrow s \rightarrow r$ premise

2 $r \vee \neg s$ premise

3 $s \rightarrow r$ \rightarrow e 1,2

$$p \leadsto r \vee \neg s$$

$$q \leadsto s \rightarrow r$$

- We can build complicated formulas using our rules.
- What exactly are the formulas? We need to define a formal language.

Definition:

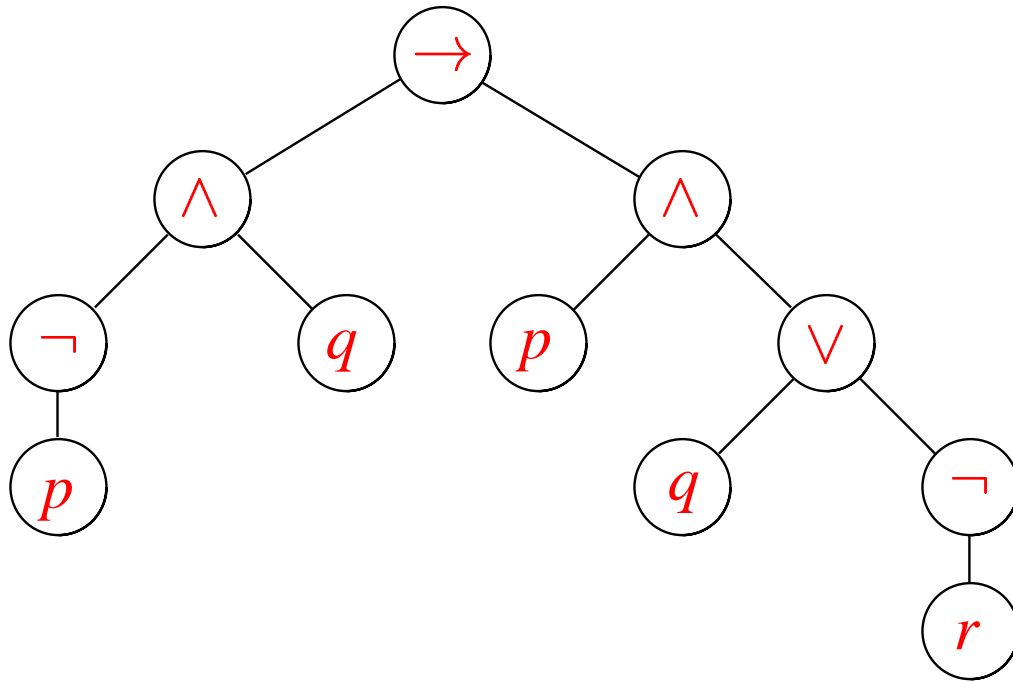
atoms: propositional symbols p, q, p_1, p_2, \dots

an atom is a *well-formed formula (wff)*

if Φ and Ψ are formulas, then so are $(\neg\Phi)$, $(\Phi \wedge \Psi)$, $(\Phi \vee \Psi)$, $(\Phi \rightarrow \Psi)$.

BNF form: $\Phi ::= p \mid (\neg\Phi) \mid (\Phi \wedge \Phi) \mid (\Phi \vee \Phi) \mid (\Phi \rightarrow \Phi)$

Well-formed formula: $((\underbrace{(\neg p) \wedge q}_{\text{subformula corresponding to the left subtree}}) \rightarrow (p \wedge (q \vee (\neg r))))$



All subformulas:

p

q

r

$(\neg p)$

$((\neg p) \wedge q)$

$(\neg r)$

$(q \vee (\neg r))$

$(p \wedge (q \vee (\neg r)))$

$((\neg p) \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \wedge (q \vee (\neg r)))$

The semantics of propositional logic is a mapping

$$\text{Interpretation} : \text{WFF} \mapsto \{T, F\}$$

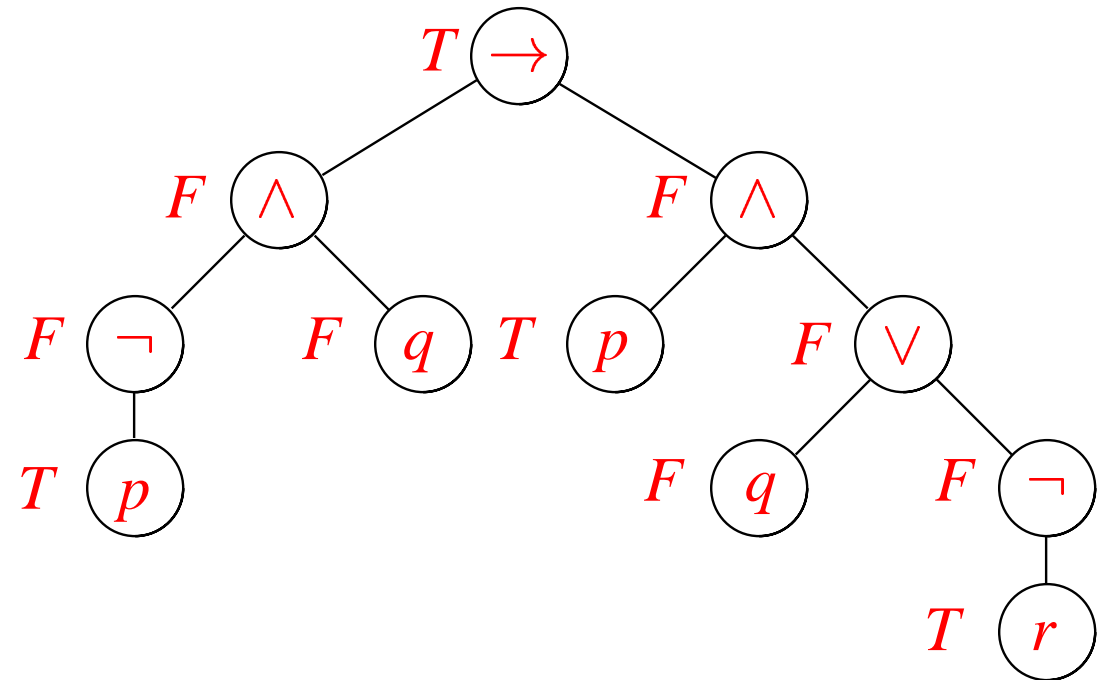
where T stands for *true* and F stands for *false*. The semantics has to be consistent w.r.t. the connectives \neg , \wedge , \vee , and \rightarrow . This consistency is specified by the following *truth table*.

Φ	Ψ	$\neg\Psi$	$\Phi \wedge \Psi$	$\Phi \vee \Psi$	$\Phi \rightarrow \Psi$	\top	\perp
F	F	T	F	F	T	T	F
F	T	F	F	T	T		
T	F		F	T	F		
T	T		T	T	T		

Truth tables are means of exploring all possible interpretations for a given formula.

Truth Table Example

p	q	r	$p \wedge q \rightarrow p \wedge (q \vee \neg r)$
T	T	T	T
T	T	F	T
T	F	T	T
T	F	F	T
F	T	T	T
F	T	F	T
F	F	T	T
F	F	F	T



Given a sequent $\Phi_1, \Phi_2, \dots, \Phi_n \vdash \Psi$ (which we don't know whether it is valid), we denote by

$$\Phi_1, \Phi_2, \dots, \Phi_n \models \Psi$$

a new kind of sequent, which is valid if for every semantics S such that $S(\Phi_i) = T, i = 1, \dots, n$, we also have that $S(\Psi) = T$. The \models relation is called *semantic entailment*.

Example: $p, q \models p \wedge (q \vee \neg r)$

When we define a logic (or any type of calculus), we want to show that it is useful.

- **Soundness:** Formulas that we derive using the calculus reflect a “real” truth.
- **Completeness:** Every formula corresponding to a “real” truth can be inferred using the rules of the calculus.

In the case of propositional logic, given the wffs $\Phi_1, \Phi_2, \dots, \Phi_n$, and Ψ , we have

- **Soundness:** if $\Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_n \vdash \Psi$ holds, then $\Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_n \models \Psi$ holds.
- **Completeness:** if $\Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_n \models \Psi$ holds, then $\Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_n \vdash \Psi$ holds.

How do we prove that $1 + 2 + \dots + n = \frac{n \cdot (n+1)}{2}$? **Answer:** Mathematical induction.

(Base case) We prove the statement for $n = 1$. Indeed, $1 = \frac{1 \cdot 2}{2}$.

(Induction case) We assume that the statement is true for some general value of n , and we show that it implies the statement for $n + 1$. In other words, we prove that

$$1 + 2 + \dots + n = \frac{n \cdot (n+1)}{2} \rightarrow 1 + 2 + \dots + n + (n+1) = \frac{(n+1) \cdot (n+2)}{2}$$

Indeed

$$1 + 2 + \dots + n + (n+1) = \frac{n \cdot (n+1)}{2} + (n+1) = \frac{(n+1) \cdot (n+2)}{2}$$

General Mathematical Induction Principle

Given a statement $\eta(n)$ that depends on a natural number n , and whose validity we want to prove for all possible values of n , we proceed in the following two steps:

- **Base case:** prove that $\eta(1)$ holds.
- **Induction case:** prove that $\eta(n) \rightarrow \eta(n+1)$, for all natural numbers n . When proving such a statement, we call $\eta(n)$ the **induction hypothesis**.
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Definition: Given a well-formed formula Φ , we define its height to be 1 plus the length of its largest path of its parse tree.

Theorem: For every well-formed propositional logic formula, the number of left brackets is equal to the number of right brackets.

Proof: Denote by $\eta(n)$ the statement “all formulas Φ of height n have the same number of left and right brackets.”

Base case: $n = 1$. $\eta(1)$ applies to all propositional formulas p, q, \dots and obviously holds.

Induction case: $n > 1$. Then the root of the parse tree of Φ is one of the connectives $\neg, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow$. We assume that it is \rightarrow (the other cases are proved in a similar manner.) Then $\Phi = \Phi_1 \rightarrow \Phi_2$ for some wffs Φ_1 and Φ_2 , whose heights are strictly smaller than n . Using the induction hypothesis, the number of left and right brackets is equal for both Φ_1 and Φ_2 . Φ adds only two brackets, one '(' and one ')'. Therefore, the statement is correct.