

Propositional Logic II (syntax)

Objective: to find a better method for testing tautologies than truth table method

Solution: to generalize the problem to sets (possibly infinite) of formulas.

Satisfaction relations for sets of propositional formulas

For T a set of formulas and v a valuation (both possibly infinite), we say that v **satisfies** T , in writing $\models_p^v T$, iff for all $A \in T$ we have $\models_p^v A$.

We define $\neg T = \{\neg A \mid A \in T\}$. If not $\models_p^v \neg T$ then v **does not refute** T . This means $\models_p^v A$ for some $A \in T$

We say that S is a **propositional (tautological) consequence of T** , in writing $T \models_p S$, iff for all v such that $\models_p^v T$ we do not have $\models_p^v \neg S$, i.e. **no v satisfying T refutes S**

The special case when $T \models_p \{A\}$ is the most important relation in mathematical logic. We write $T \models_p A$ instead of $T \models_p \{A\}$ and say that A **tautologically follows from T**

Compactness theorem for propositional consequence

$T \vDash_p S$ iff there are finite $T' \subset T$ and $S' \subset S$ s.t. $T' \vDash_p S'$.

If $T' = \{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$ and $S' = \{B_1, \dots, B_m\}$ we have $T' \vDash_p S'$ iff

$$\vDash_p A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \rightarrow B_1 \vee \dots \vee B_m$$

Note that $T \vDash_p \emptyset$ iff T is **unsatisfiable**, i.e. for all v there is $A \in T$ s.t. $\vDash_p^v \neg A$.

Also, $\emptyset \vDash_p S$ iff S is **non-refutable**, i.e. for all v there is $A \in S$ s.t. $\vDash_p^v A$.

Also, not $\emptyset \vDash_p \emptyset$

Also, $\emptyset \vDash_p \{A\}$ iff A is tautology.

We will study this in more detail in Logic II.

Observations leading to better tests for tautological consequence

If T and S consist only of propositional variables then $T \vDash_p S$ iff $T \cap S \neq \emptyset$

If $\perp \in S$ then $T \vDash_p S$ iff $T \vDash_p S \setminus \{\perp\}$

If $\perp \in T$ then $T \vDash_p S$

If $(A \rightarrow B) \in S$ then

$T \vDash_p S$ iff $T \cup \{A\} \vDash_p S \cup \{B\}$ iff
 $T \cup \{A\} \vDash_p S \setminus \{A \rightarrow B\} \cup \{B\}$

If $(A \rightarrow B) \in T$ then

$T \vDash_p S$ iff $T \cup \{B\} \vDash_p S$ and $T \vDash_p S \cup \{A\}$ iff
 $T \setminus \{A \rightarrow B\} \cup \{B\} \vDash_p S$ and
 $T \setminus \{A \rightarrow B\} \vDash_p S \cup \{A\}$

Arithmetization

For finite sets T and S we can arithmetize the predicate $T \vDash_p S$ by defining in CL:

$$t \vDash_p^\bullet s \leftrightarrow \forall v (\forall a (a \varepsilon t \rightarrow \vDash_p^v a) \rightarrow \exists a (a \varepsilon s \rightarrow \vDash_p^v a))$$

The properties from the previous slide can be then used to define by a **clausal definition** a fourplace predicate $Seq(t, v, s, w)$ taking lists of formulas t, s and lists of numbers v, w such that

$$Seq(t, v, s, w) \leftrightarrow t \oplus Map_{P_i^\bullet}(v) \vDash_p^\bullet s \oplus Map_{P_i^\bullet}(w)$$

Note that the lists v and w store the **indices** i of propositional variables P_i^\bullet encountered in t and s respectively.

We then define

$$Taut(a) \leftarrow Seq(0, 0, (a, 0), 0)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Seq(0, v, 0, w) &\leftarrow v \cap w > 0 \\
Seq(0, v, (P_i^\bullet, s), w) &\leftarrow Seq(0, v, s, (i, w)) \\
Seq(0, v, (\perp^\bullet, s), w) &\leftarrow Seq(0, v, s, w) \\
Seq(0, v, (a \rightarrow^\bullet b, s), w) &\leftarrow Seq((a, 0), v, (b, s), w) \\
Seq((P_i^\bullet, t), v, s, w) &\leftarrow Seq(t, (i, v), s, w) \\
Seq((\perp^\bullet, t), v, s, w) & \\
Seq((a \rightarrow^\bullet b, t), v, s, w) &\leftarrow Seq((b, t), v, s, w) \wedge \\
&Seq(t, v, (a, s), w)
\end{aligned}$$

How to derive clauses for other **connectives**?

By using them on both sides of *Seq* and simplifying. We note that when we replace in the first four clauses the first 0 by *s* we have more general properties of *Seq* than the four clauses.

For instance, for $\neg^\bullet a$ in the consequent we have: $Seq(t, v, (\neg^\bullet a, s), w)$ iff

$$\begin{aligned}
&Seq(t, v, (a \rightarrow^\bullet \perp^\bullet, s), w) \text{ iff } Seq((a, t), v, (\perp^\bullet, s), w) \\
&\text{iff } Seq((a, s), v, s, w)
\end{aligned}$$

For $\neg^\bullet a$ in the antecedent we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
&Seq((\neg^\bullet a, t), v, s, w) \text{ iff } Seq((a \rightarrow^\bullet \perp^\bullet, t), v, s, w) \\
&\text{iff } Seq((\perp^\bullet, t), v, s, w) \text{ and } Seq(t, v, (a, s), w) \text{ iff} \\
&Seq(t, v, (a, s), w)
\end{aligned}$$