

Logik für Informatiker Logic for computer scientists

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Proofs for Boolean Logic

Conjunction Elimination (\wedge Elim)

$$\triangleright \left| \begin{array}{l} P_1 \wedge \dots \wedge P_i \wedge \dots \wedge P_n \\ \vdots \\ P_i \end{array} \right.$$

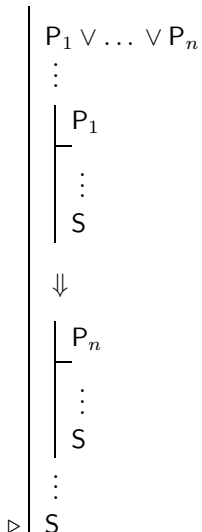
Conjunction Introduction (\wedge Intro)

$$\begin{array}{l} | \\ | \\ P_1 \\ | \\ \Downarrow \\ | \\ P_n \\ | \\ \vdots \\ | \\ \triangleright P_1 \wedge \dots \wedge P_n \end{array}$$

Disjunction Introduction (\vee Intro)

$$\triangleright \left| \begin{array}{l} P_i \\ \vdots \\ P_1 \vee \dots \vee P_i \vee \dots \vee P_n \end{array} \right.$$

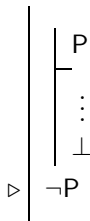
Disjunction Elimination (\vee Elim)



\perp Introduction (\perp Intro)

$$\begin{array}{|l} P \\ \vdots \\ \neg P \\ \vdots \\ \perp \end{array}$$

Negation Introduction (\neg Intro)



Negation Elimination (\neg Elim)

$$\begin{array}{l|l} & \neg\neg P \\ & \vdots \\ \triangleright & P \end{array}$$

\perp Elimination (\perp Elim)

$$\begin{array}{|l} \perp \\ \vdots \\ P \end{array}$$

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Strategies and tactics in Fitch

- 1 **Understand** what the sentences are saying.
- 2 **Decide** whether you think the conclusion follows from the premises.
- 3 If you think it does not follow, or are not sure, try to find a **counterexample**.
- 4 If you think it does follow, try to give an **informal proof**.
- 5 If a **formal proof** is called for, use the **informal proof to guide** you in finding one.
- 6 In giving consequence proofs, both formal and informal, don't forget the tactic of **working backwards**.
- 7 In working backwards, though, always check that your **intermediate goals are consequences** of the available information.

Strategies in Fitch, cont'd

- Always try to **match** the situation in your proof with the **rules** in the book (see book appendix for a complete list)
- Look at the **main connective** in a **premise**, apply the corresponding **elimination rule** (forwards)
- Or: look at the **main connective** in the **conclusion**, apply the corresponding **introduction rule** (backwards)

Conditionals

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P	Q	$P \rightarrow Q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

Game rule: $P \rightarrow Q$ is replaced by $\neg P \vee Q$.

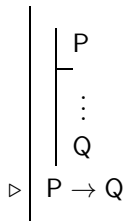
Formalisation of conditional sentences

- The following English constructions are all translated $P \rightarrow Q$:
If P then Q ; **Q if P** ; **P only if Q** ; and **Provided P , Q** .
- **Unless P , Q** and **Q unless P** are translated: $\neg P \rightarrow Q$.
- Q is a **logical consequence** of P_1, \dots, P_n if and only if the sentence $(P_1 \wedge \dots \wedge P_n) \rightarrow Q$ is a **logical truth**.

Conditional Elimination (\rightarrow Elim)

$$\begin{array}{l} | \\ | \text{ P } \rightarrow \text{ Q } \\ | \text{ } \vdots \\ | \text{ P } \\ | \text{ } \vdots \\ \triangleright | \text{ Q } \end{array}$$

Conditional Introduction (\rightarrow Intro)



Biconditionals

P	Q	$P \leftrightarrow Q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	T

Game rule: $P \leftrightarrow Q$ is replaced by $(P \rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \rightarrow P)$.

Biconditionals and logical equivalence

P and Q are **logically equivalent** ($P \Leftrightarrow Q$)
if and only if
the sentence $P \leftrightarrow Q$ is a **logical truth**.

Note that $P \Leftrightarrow Q$ is a **meta statement**, not a sentence of PL1.

Conversational implicature

“Max is home unless Claire is at the library” can be formalised as

$$\neg \text{Library}(\text{claire}) \rightarrow \text{Home}(\text{max})$$

but many people would formalise it as

$$\neg \text{Library}(\text{claire}) \leftrightarrow \text{Home}(\text{max})$$

The part

$$\neg \text{Library}(\text{claire}) \leftarrow \text{Home}(\text{max})$$

is called **conservational implicature**. It is possibly, but not necessarily meant by the English sentence.

An addition can **cancel** the implicature:

“On the other hand, if Claire is at the library, I have no idea where Max is.”

Truth-functional completeness

Definition

A logical connective is **truth-functional**, if the truth value of a complex sentence built up using these connectives depends on nothing more than the truth values of the simpler sentences from which it is built.

Truth-functional: $\wedge, \vee, \neg, \leftarrow, \leftrightarrow$

Not truth-functional: because, after, necessarily

Definition

A set of logical connectives is **truth-functionally complete**, if it suffices to express every truth-functional connective.

Theorem

The set $\{\wedge, \vee, \neg\}$ is truth-functionally complete.

Example: a binary truth-functional connective

P	Q	Neither P nor Q
T	T	F
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	T

$\neg P \wedge \neg Q$

Neither P nor Q can be expressed as $\neg P \wedge \neg Q$.

Example: a ternary truth-functional connective

P	Q	R	$\clubsuit(P,Q,R)$	
T	T	T	T	$P \wedge Q \wedge R$
T	T	F	T	$P \wedge Q \wedge \neg R$
T	F	T	F	
T	F	F	F	
F	T	T	T	$\neg P \wedge Q \wedge R$
F	T	F	F	
F	F	T	T	$\neg P \wedge \neg Q \wedge R$
F	F	F	F	

$\clubsuit(P,Q,R)$ can be expressed as

$$(P \wedge Q \wedge R) \vee (P \wedge Q \wedge \neg R) \vee (\neg P \wedge Q \wedge R) \vee (\neg P \wedge \neg Q \wedge R).$$

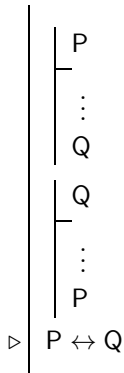
Logical equivalences of (bi)conditionals

$$\begin{aligned} P \rightarrow Q &\Leftrightarrow \neg Q \rightarrow \neg P \\ P \rightarrow Q &\Leftrightarrow \neg P \vee Q \\ \neg(P \rightarrow Q) &\Leftrightarrow P \wedge \neg Q \\ P \leftrightarrow Q &\Leftrightarrow (P \rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \rightarrow P) \\ P \leftrightarrow Q &\Leftrightarrow (P \wedge Q) \vee (\neg P \wedge \neg Q) \end{aligned}$$

Biconditional Elimination (\leftrightarrow Elim)

	$P \leftrightarrow Q$ (or $Q \leftrightarrow P$)
	\vdots
	P
	\vdots
\triangleright	Q

Biconditional Introduction (\leftrightarrow Intro)



Reiteration (Reit)

$$\begin{array}{|l} P \\ \vdots \\ P \end{array}$$

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Soundness and completeness

Object and meta theory

Object theory = reasoning **within** a formal proof system
(e.g. Fitch)

Meta theory = reasoning **about** a formal proof system

Tautological consequence

A sentence S is a **tautological consequence** of a set of sentences \mathcal{T} , written

$$\mathcal{T} \models_{\mathcal{T}} S,$$

if all valuations of atomic formulas with truth values that make all sentences in \mathcal{T} true also make S true.

Propositional proofs

S is \mathcal{F}_T -**provable** from \mathcal{T} , written

$$\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\mathcal{T}} S,$$

if there is a formal proof of S with premises drawn from \mathcal{T} using the elimination and introduction rules for $\vee, \wedge, \neg, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow$ and \perp .

Again note: \mathcal{T} may be infinite.

Soundness

Theorem 1. The proof calculus $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{T}}$ is sound, i.e. if

$$\mathcal{T} \vdash_{\mathcal{T}} S,$$

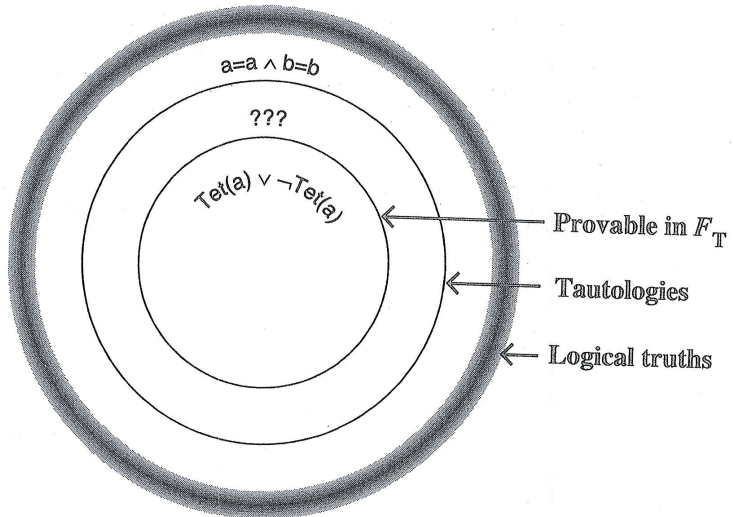
then

$$\mathcal{T} \models_{\mathcal{T}} S.$$

Proof: Book: by contradiction, using the first invalid step.

Here: by induction on the length of the proof.

Soundness



Completeness

Theorem 2 (Bernays, Post). The proof calculus \mathcal{F}_T is complete, i.e. if

$$\mathcal{T} \models_T S,$$

then

$$\mathcal{T} \vdash_T S.$$

This theorem will be proved later in the lecture.

Completeness

