

COMP2111 Week 3
Term 1, 2019
Propositional Logic III

Summary of topics

- Well-formed formulas
- Boolean Algebras
- Valuations
- CNF/DNF
- **Proof**
- Natural deduction

Motivation

Given a theory T and a formula φ , how do we show $T \models \varphi$?

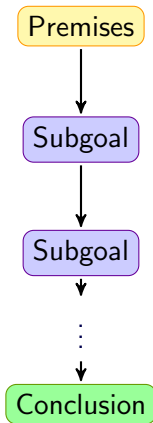
- Consider all valuations v (SEMANTIC approach)
- Use a sequence of **deductive rules** to show that φ is a logical consequence of T (SYNTACTIC approach)

Formal proofs

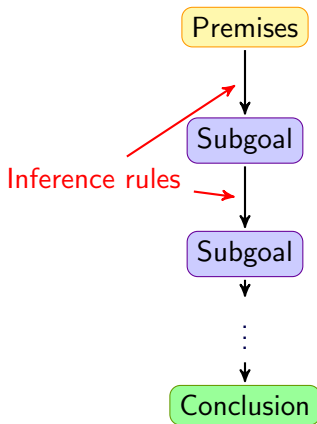
A formal way to show that a formula logically follows from a theory.

- Highly disciplined way of reasoning (good for computers)
- A sequence of formulas where each step is a deduction based on earlier steps
- Based entirely on rewriting formulas – no semantic interpretations needed

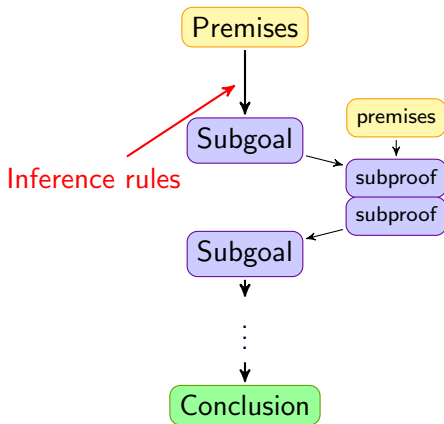
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(If $T_2 = T \cup \{\alpha\}$)

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Other proof layouts: Proof tree

Upside-down tree (root at bottom):

- Natural structure arising from rule syntax
- Premises at leaves
- Conclusion at root

$$\frac{\frac{B \rightarrow C \quad \frac{A \rightarrow B \quad [A]}{B} (\rightarrow\text{-E})}{C} (\rightarrow\text{-E})}{A \rightarrow C} (\rightarrow\text{-I})$$

Other proof layouts: Fitch-style

- Style used in online tool
- Premises ruled off from subgoals
- Subproofs are indented

	1. $A \rightarrow B$	
	2. $B \rightarrow C$	
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		3. A
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		4. B
		5. C
	6. $A \rightarrow C$	\rightarrow -I: 3-5
		\rightarrow -E: 1,3
		\rightarrow -E: 2,4

Proof systems

There are many proof systems, defined by the default **axioms** (“free” premises), and **inference rules**:

- Natural deduction
- Hilbert systems
- Sequent calculus
- Resolution

Proof systems

Two key properties of a “good” system:

Soundness: The system only proves valid statements: If $T \vdash \varphi$ then $T \models \varphi$.

Completeness: The system can prove any valid statement: If $T \models \varphi$ then $T \vdash \varphi$.

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Soundness is straightforward: check every axiom and inference rule.

Completeness (with consistency) is trickier, and may not even exist (e.g. Gödel's incompleteness theorem).

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Online resources

Open logic project (<https://proofs.openlogicproject.org/>)

- Freely available textbooks
- Online proof checker
- Sample exercises

Natural deduction

Proof system intended to mirror “natural reasoning”:

- No axioms (no inherent truths)
- 15 inference rules: primarily grouped into pairs (and trios) of rules tasked with **introducing** and **eliminating** boolean operators from the chain of reasoning.

Operator	Introduction	Elimination
\wedge	\wedge -I	\wedge -E1 \wedge -E2
\vee	\vee -I1 \vee -I2	\vee -E
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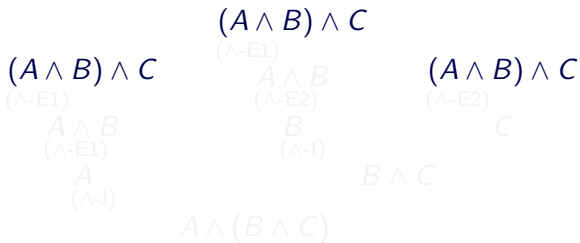
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(Faded proof tree in the background):

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(Modus Ponens)

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\leftrightarrow -elimination (2):

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\neg Introduction and Elimination and Indirect Proof

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(\perp -elimination)

$$\frac{\perp}{A} (X)$$

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Derived rules

Several useful rules available in the proof checker (not needed for Assignment!)

Double negation elimination: $\frac{\neg\neg A}{A}$ (DNE)

Reiteration: $\frac{A}{A}$ (R)

Law of excluded middle: $\frac{\begin{array}{c} [A] \\ \vdots \\ B \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} [\neg A] \\ \vdots \\ B \end{array}}{B}$ (LEM)

Derived rules

Disjunctive syllogism:
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Modus Tollens:
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De Morgans Laws (e.g.):
$$\frac{\neg(A \vee B)}{\neg A \wedge \neg B} \text{ (DM)}$$

Summary of topics

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- Valuations
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