



A brief introduction to Logic – part I

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Logic in Computer Science

- Logic has a profound impact on computer-science. Some examples:
 - Propositional logic – the foundation of computers and circuitry
 - Databases – query languages
 - Programming languages (e.g. prolog)
 - Type systems
 - Design Validation and verification
 - AI (e.g. inference systems)
 - ...



Logic in Computer Science

- Propositional Logic
- First Order Logic
- Higher Order Logic
- Temporal Logic
- ...
- ...



Modeling with propositional logic

Assignment of frequencies

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A Brief Introduction to Logic - Outline

- Propositional Logic :Syntax
- Propositional Logic :Semantics
- Satisfiability and validity
- Normal forms
- Deductive proofs and resolution



Propositional logic

- A proposition – a sentence that can be either true or false.
- Propositions:
 - x is greater than y
 - Noam wrote this letter



Propositional logic: Syntax

- The symbols of the language:
 - Propositional symbols (Prop): A, B, C,...
 - Connectives:
 - \wedge and
 - \vee or
 - \neg not
 - \rightarrow implies
 - \leftrightarrow equivalent to
 - \oplus xor (different than)
 - \perp, \top False, True
 - Parenthesis:(,).
- Q1: how many different binary symbols can we define ?
- Q2: what is the minimal number of such symbols?



Formulas

- Grammar of **well-formed** propositional formulas
 - $\text{Formula} := \text{prop} \mid (\neg \text{Formula}) \mid (\text{Formula} \circ \text{Formula})$.
 - ... where $\text{prop} \in \text{Prop}$ and \circ is one of the binary relations



Formulas

- Examples of **well-formed** formulas:
 - $(\neg A)$
 - $(\neg(\neg A))$
 - $(A \wedge (B \wedge C))$
 - $(A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C))$
- Correct expressions of Propositional Logic are full of unnecessary parenthesis.



Formulas

- We omit parenthesis whenever we may restore them through operator precedence:
- \neg binds more strictly than \wedge , \vee , and \wedge , \vee bind more strictly than \rightarrow , \leftrightarrow .

- Thus, we write:

$\neg\neg A$	for	$(\neg(\neg A))$,
$\neg A \wedge B$	for	$((\neg A) \wedge B)$
$A \wedge B \rightarrow C$	for	$((A \wedge B) \rightarrow C)$, ...



Propositional Logic: Semantics

- Truth tables define the semantics (=meaning) of the operators
- Convention: 0 = false, 1 = true

p	q	$p \wedge q$	$p \vee q$	$p \rightarrow q$
0	0	0	0	1
0	1	0	1	1
1	0	0	1	0
1	1	1	1	1



Propositional Logic: Semantics

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p	q	$\neg p$	$p \leftrightarrow q$	$p \oplus q$
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	1	0	1
1	0	0	0	1
1	1	0	1	0



Assignments

- Definition: A truth-values **assignment**, α , is an element of 2^{Prop} (i.e., $\alpha \in 2^{\text{Prop}}$).
- In other words, α is a subset of the variables that are assigned true.
- Equivalently, we can see α as a mapping from variables to truth values:
$$\alpha : \text{Prop} \mapsto \{0,1\}$$
 - Example: $\alpha: \{A \mapsto 0, B \mapsto 1, \dots\}$



Satisfaction relation (\models): intuition

- An assignment can either **satisfy** or not satisfy a given formula.
- $\alpha \models \phi$ means
 - α satisfies ϕ or
 - ϕ holds at α or
 - α is a model of ϕ
- We will first see an example.
- Then we will define these notions formally.



Example

- Let $\phi = (A \vee (B \rightarrow C))$
- Let $\alpha = \{A \mapsto 0, B \mapsto 0, C \mapsto 1\}$
- Q: Does α satisfy ϕ ?
 - (in symbols: does it hold that $\alpha \models \phi$?)

- A: $(0 \vee (0 \rightarrow 1)) = (0 \vee 1) = 1$
 - Hence, $\alpha \models \phi$.

- Let us now formalize an evaluation process.



The satisfaction relation (\models): formalities

- \models is a relation: $\models \subseteq (2^{\text{Prop}} \times \text{Formula})$
 - Examples:
 - $(\{a\}, a \vee b)$ // the assignment $\alpha = \{a\}$ satisfies $a \vee b$
 - $(\{a,b\}, a \wedge b)$
- Alternatively: $\models \subseteq (\{0,1\}^{\text{Prop}} \times \text{Formula})$
 - Examples:
 - $(01, a \vee b)$ // the assignment $\alpha = \{a \mapsto 0, b \mapsto 1\}$ satisfies $a \vee b$
 - $(11, a \wedge b)$



The satisfaction relation (\models): formalities

- \models is defined recursively:
 - $\alpha \models p$ if $\alpha(p) = \text{true}$
 - $\alpha \models \neg\phi$ if $\alpha \not\models \phi$.
 - $\alpha \models \phi_1 \wedge \phi_2$ if $\alpha \models \phi_1$ and $\alpha \models \phi_2$
 - $\alpha \models \phi_1 \vee \phi_2$ if $\alpha \models \phi_1$ or $\alpha \models \phi_2$
 - $\alpha \models \phi_1 \rightarrow \phi_2$ if $\alpha \models \phi_1$ implies $\alpha \models \phi_2$
 - $\alpha \models \phi_1 \leftrightarrow \phi_2$ if $\alpha \models \phi_1$ iff $\alpha \models \phi_2$



From definition to an evaluation algorithm

- Truth Evaluation Problem

- Given $\phi \in \text{Formula}$ and $\alpha \in 2^{\text{AP}(\phi)}$, does $\alpha \models \phi$?

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Eval( $\phi$ ,  $\alpha$ ) {  
  If  $\phi \equiv A$ , return  $\alpha(A)$  .  
  If  $\phi \equiv (\neg\phi_1)$  return  $\neg\text{Eval}(\phi_1, \alpha)$   
  If  $\phi \equiv (\phi_1 \circ \phi_2)$   
    return  $\text{Eval}(\phi_1, \alpha) \circ \text{Eval}(\phi_2, \alpha)$   
}
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- Eval uses polynomial time and space.



It doesn't give us more than what we already know...

- Recall our example
 - Let $\phi = (A \vee (B \rightarrow C))$
 - Let $\alpha = \{A \mapsto 0, B \mapsto 0, C \mapsto 1\}$
- $\text{Eval}(\phi, \alpha) = \text{Eval}(A, \alpha) \vee \text{Eval}(B \rightarrow C, \alpha) =$
 $0 \vee \text{Eval}(B, \alpha) \rightarrow \text{Eval}(C, \alpha) =$
 $0 \vee (0 \rightarrow 1) = 0 \vee 1 = 1$
- Hence, $\alpha \models \phi$.

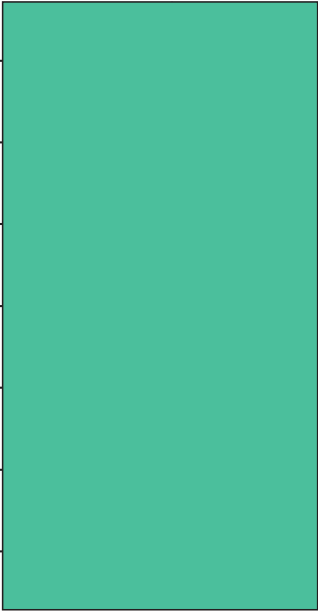


We can now extend the truth table to formulas

p	q	$(p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow p))$	$(p \wedge \neg p)$	$p \vee \neg q$
0	0	1	0	1
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We can now extend the truth table to formulas

x_1	x_2	x_3	$x_1 \rightarrow (x_2 \rightarrow \neg x_3)$
0	0	0	
0	0	1	
0	1	0	
0	1	1	
1	0	0	
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1	1	0	
1	1	1	



Set of assignments

- Intuition: a formula specifies a **set of truth assignments**.
- Function **models**: Formula $\mapsto 2^{2^{\text{Prop}}}$
(a formula \mapsto set of satisfying assignments)
- Recursive definition:
 - $\text{models}(A) = \{\alpha \mid \alpha(A) = 1\}$, $A \in \text{Prop}$
 - $\text{models}(\neg\phi_1) = 2^{\text{Prop}} - \text{models}(\phi_1)$
 - $\text{models}(\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2) = \text{models}(\phi_1) \cap \text{models}(\phi_2)$
 - $\text{models}(\phi_1 \vee \phi_2) = \text{models}(\phi_1) \cup \text{models}(\phi_2)$
 - $\text{models}(\phi_1 \rightarrow \phi_2) = (2^{\text{Prop}} - \text{models}(\phi_1)) \cup \text{models}(\phi_2)$



Example

- $\text{models}(A \vee B) = \{\{10\}, \{01\}, \{11\}\}$
- This is compatible with the recursive definition:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{models}(A \vee B) &= \\ \text{models}(A) \cup \text{models}(B) &= \\ \{\{10\}, \{11\}\} \cup \{\{01\}, \{11\}\} &= \\ \{\{10\}, \{01\}, \{11\}\} &\end{aligned}$$



Theorem

- Let $\phi \in \text{Formula}$ and $\alpha \in 2^{\text{Prop}}$, then the following statements are equivalent:
 1. $\alpha \models \phi$
 2. $\alpha \in \text{models}(\phi)$



Extension of \models to sets of assignments

- Let $\phi \in \text{Formula}$
- Let T be a set of assignments, i.e., $T \subseteq 2^{2^{\text{Prop}}}$
- Definition.

$T \models \phi$ if $T \subseteq \text{models}(\phi)$

- i.e., $\models \subseteq 2^{2^{\text{Prop}}} \times \text{Formula}$



Extension of \models to formulas

- $\models \subseteq 2^{\text{Formula}} \times 2^{\text{Formula}}$
- Definition. Let Γ_1, Γ_2 be prop. formulas.

$$\Gamma_1 \models \Gamma_2$$

iff $\text{models}(\Gamma_1) \subseteq \text{models}(\Gamma_2)$

iff for all $\alpha \in 2^{\text{Prop}}$

if $\alpha \models \Gamma_1$ then $\alpha \models \Gamma_2$

Examples:

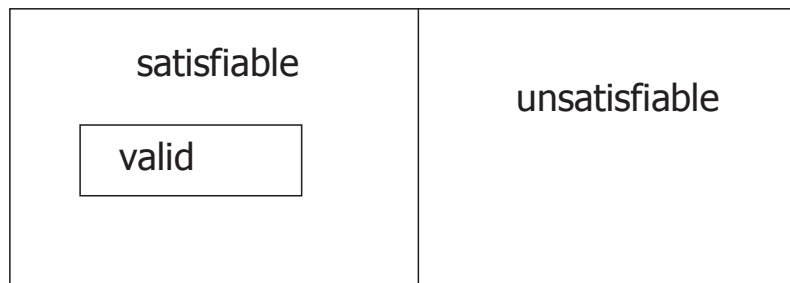
$$x_1 \wedge x_2 \models x_1 \vee x_2$$

$$x_1 \wedge x_2 \models x_2 \vee x_3$$



Semantic Classification of formulas

- A formula ϕ is called **valid** if $\text{models}(\phi) = 2^{\text{Prop}}$.
(also called a **tautology**).
- A formula ϕ is called **satisfiable** if $\text{models}(\phi) \neq \emptyset$.
- A formula ϕ is called **unsatisfiable** if $\text{models}(\phi) = \emptyset$.
(also called a **contradiction**).



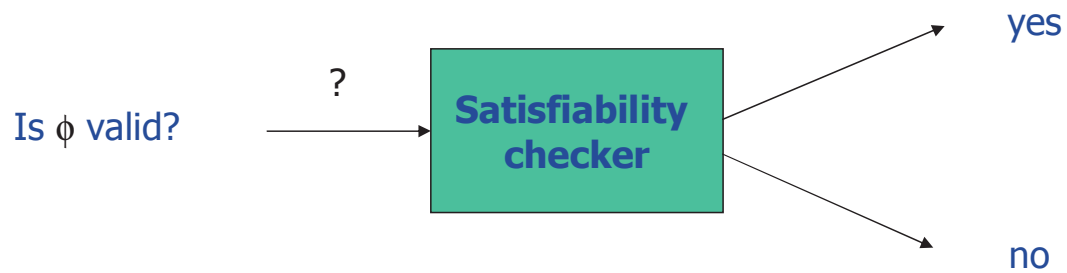


Validity, satisfiability... in truth tables

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Characteristics of valid/sat. formulas...

- Lemma
 - A formula ϕ is valid iff $\neg\phi$ is unsatisfiable
 - ϕ is satisfiable iff $\neg\phi$ is not valid





Look what we can do now...

- We can write:

- $\models \phi$ when ϕ is **valid**
- $\not\models \phi$ when ϕ is **not valid**
- $\models \neg\phi$ when ϕ is **satisfiable**
- $\not\models \neg\phi$ when ϕ is **unsatisfiable**



Examples

- $(x_1 \wedge x_2) \rightarrow (x_1 \vee x_2)$ is valid
- $(x_1 \vee x_2) \rightarrow x_1$ is satisfiable
- $(x_1 \wedge x_2) \wedge \neg x_1$ is unsatisfiable



Time for equivalences

- Here are some valid formulas:
 - $\models A \wedge 1 \leftrightarrow A$
 - $\models A \wedge 0 \leftrightarrow 0$
 - $\models \neg\neg A \leftrightarrow A$ // The double-negation rule
 - $\models A \wedge (B \vee C) \leftrightarrow (A \wedge B) \vee (A \wedge C)$

- Some more (De-Morgan rules):
 - $\models \neg(A \wedge B) \leftrightarrow (\neg A \vee \neg B)$
 - $\models \neg(A \vee B) \leftrightarrow (\neg A \wedge \neg B)$



The decision problem of formulas

- The decision problem:

Given a propositional formula ϕ , is ϕ satisfiable ?

- An algorithm that always **terminates** with a **correct answer** to this problem is called a **decision procedure** for propositional logic.



Before we solve this problem...

- Q: Suppose we can solve the satisfiability problem... how can this help us?
- A: There are numerous problems in the industry that are solved via the satisfiability problem of propositional logic
 - Logistics...
 - Planning...
 - Electronic Design Automation industry...
 - Cryptography...
 - ...



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- $x_{i,j}$ – station i is assigned frequency j , for $1 \leq i \leq n$, $1 \leq j \leq k$.

- Every station is assigned at least one frequency:

$$\bigwedge_{i=1}^n \bigvee_{j=1}^k x_{ij}$$

- Every station is assigned not more than one frequency:

$$\bigwedge_{i=1}^n \bigwedge_{j=1}^{k-1} (x_{ij} \rightarrow \bigwedge_{j < t \leq k} \neg x_{it})$$

- Close stations are not assigned the same frequency.

For each (i,j) in E ,

$$\bigwedge_{t=1}^k (x_{it} \rightarrow \neg x_{jt})$$