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## Lecture 2: Propositional Logic & Sequent Calculus

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## Today's Plan

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## Propositional Logic

- ▶ **simple** “logical system” and basis for all others (first-order, description, modal, ...)
- ▶ logical systems **formalize reasoning** similar to programming languages that formalize computation
- ▶ consequent separation of **syntactical** notions (formulae, proofs) and **semantical** notions (truth values, models)
- ▶ **syntax** defines what strings of symbols are “legal” formulae
- ▶ **semantics** assign meanings to legal formulae (through an interpretation of its symbols)

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## Syntax — Formulae

Formulae are made up of **atomic formulae** and the **logical connectives**  $\neg$  (negation),  $\wedge$  (conjunction),  $\vee$  (disjunction),  $\rightarrow$  (implication).

**Definition 2.1 (Atomic Formulae).**

Let  $\mathcal{P} = \{p_1, p_2, \dots\}$  be a countable set of symbols called **atomic formulae** (or **atoms**), denoted by lower case letters  $p, q, r, \dots$

**Definition 2.2 (Propositional Formulae).**

The **propositional formulae**, denoted  $A, B, C, F, G, H$ , are inductively defined as follows:

1. Every atom  $A \in \mathcal{P}$  is a formula.
2. If  $A$  and  $B$  are formulae, then  $(\neg A)$ ,  $(A \wedge B)$ ,  $(A \vee B)$  and  $(A \rightarrow B)$  are formulae.

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the set of all (legal) formulae.

## Syntax — Formulae

**Definition 2.3 (Equivalence Connective).**

$$A \leftrightarrow B := ((A \rightarrow B) \wedge (B \rightarrow A))$$

In order make formulae easier to read, parentheses can be omitted:

- ▶ the order of **precedence** of the logical connectives is as follows (from high to low):  $\neg$ ,  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ ,  $\rightarrow$ ,  $\leftrightarrow$
- ▶ connectives are assumed to be **right-associative**, i.e.,  $A \vee B \vee C$  means  $(A \vee (B \vee C))$

**Examples:**

$((p \rightarrow q) \leftrightarrow ((\neg p) \rightarrow (\neg q)))$  is a (legal) formula, identical to  $(p \rightarrow q) \leftrightarrow (\neg p \rightarrow \neg q)$  and  $p \rightarrow q \leftrightarrow \neg p \rightarrow \neg q$

$\#, f(a, P \rightarrow \text{☺})!$  is *not* a formula

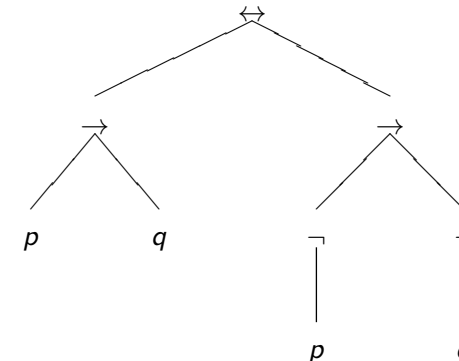
**Alternative** connectives:  $\Rightarrow$  and  $\supset$  (for  $\rightarrow$ ),  $\Leftrightarrow$  (for  $\leftrightarrow$ ),  $\&$  (for  $\wedge$ )

## Formula Trees

**Definition 2.4 (Formula Tree).**

A formula can be presented as **formula tree**.

**Example:**  $(p \rightarrow q) \leftrightarrow (\neg p \rightarrow \neg q)$



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## Semantics—Interpretation

**Truth values** are assigned to the atoms of a formula in order to evaluate the truth value of the formula.

**Definition 3.1 (Interpretation).**

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a set of atoms.

An **interpretation** is a total function  $\mathcal{I} : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \{T, F\}$  that assigns one of the truth values  $T$  or  $F$  to every atom in  $\mathcal{P}$ .

Note: Ben-Ari defines  $\mathcal{P}_A$ , the atoms in  $A$  and  $\mathcal{I}_A$  an “interpretation for  $A$ ”  
Simplifies some places, complicates things in others.

## Semantics—Truth Value

**Definition 3.2 (Truth Value).**

Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be an interpretation. The **truth value**  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(A)$  of  $A$  under  $\mathcal{I}$  is defined inductively as follows.

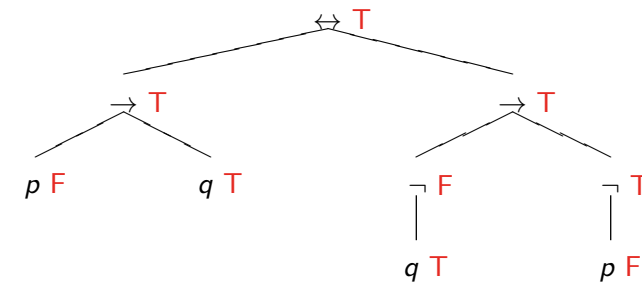
- ▶ If  $A \in \mathcal{P}$  is an atom, then  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(A) = \mathcal{I}(A)$
- ▶  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(\neg A) = T$  if  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(A) = F$  and  $F$  otherwise.
- ▶  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(A \wedge B) = T$  if  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(A) = T$  and  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(B) = T$ , and  $F$  otherwise.
- ▶  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(A \vee B) = F$  if  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(A) = F$  and  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(B) = F$ , and  $T$  otherwise.
- ▶  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(A \rightarrow B) = F$  if  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(A) = T$  and  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(B) = F$ , and  $T$  otherwise.

Note: For the equivalence connective, it follows that

- ▶  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(A \leftrightarrow B) = T$  if  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(A) = v_{\mathcal{I}}(B)$ , and  $F$  otherwise.

## Semantics — Truth Value

**Example:** Let  $A = (p \rightarrow q) \leftrightarrow (\neg q \rightarrow \neg p)$   
with  $\mathcal{I}(p) = F$  and  $\mathcal{I}(q) = T$ .



## Truth Tables

A **truth table** is a format for displaying the semantics of a formula  $A$  by showing its truth value for every possible interpretation of  $A$ .

### Definition 3.3 (Truth Table).

Let  $A \in \mathcal{F}$  with  $n$  atoms. A **truth table** has  $n + 1$  columns and  $2^n$  rows. There is a column for each atom in  $A$ , plus a column for the formula  $A$ . The first  $n$  columns specify all possible interpretations  $\mathcal{I}$  that map atoms in  $A$  to  $\{T, F\}$ . The last column shows  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(A)$ , the truth value of  $A$  for each interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$ .

$p_1$	$p_2$	...	$p_n$	$A$
$T$	$T$	...	$T$	$v_{\mathcal{I}}(A)$
$T$	$T$	...	$F$	$v_{\mathcal{I}}(A)$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$F$	$F$	...	$F$	$v_{\mathcal{I}}(A)$

## Truth Tables

Example:  $p \rightarrow q$

$p$	$q$	$p \rightarrow q$
$T$	$T$	$T$
$T$	$F$	$F$
$F$	$T$	$T$
$F$	$F$	$T$

Example:  $(p \rightarrow q) \leftrightarrow (\neg q \rightarrow \neg p)$

$p$	$q$	$p \rightarrow q$	$\neg p$	$\neg q$	$\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$	$(p \rightarrow q) \leftrightarrow (\neg q \rightarrow \neg p)$
$T$	$T$	$T$	$F$	$F$	$T$	$T$
$T$	$F$	$F$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$T$
$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$T$
$F$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$

## Material Implication

The operator of  $p \rightarrow q$  is called **material implication**.

- ▶  $p$  is the antecedent and  $q$  is the consequent
- ▶ it does **not** claim **causation**; i.e., it does not assert that the antecedent causes the consequent (or is even related to the consequent in any way)
- ▶ **only** states: if the antecedent is true, the consequent must be true
- ▶ it is **false** only if  $p$  is true and  $q$  is false

Example:

“Earth is farther from the sun than Venus”  $\rightarrow$  “ $1 + 1 = 3$ ”  
is **false** since the antecedent is true and the consequent is false, but:

“Earth is farther from the sun than Mars”  $\rightarrow$  “ $1 + 1 = 3$ ”  
is **true(!)** as the falsity of the antecedent by itself is sufficient to ensure the truth of the implication

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## Logical Equivalence

### Definition 4.1 (Logical Equivalence).

Let  $A_1, A_2 \in \mathcal{F}$ . If  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(A_1) = v_{\mathcal{I}}(A_2)$  for all interpretations  $\mathcal{I}$ , then  $A_1$  is **logically equivalent** to  $A_2$ , denoted  $A_1 \equiv A_2$ .

**Example:**  $p \vee q \equiv q \vee p$  (proof by truth table)

### Theorem 4.1 (Logical Equivalence “Commutativity”).

Let  $A, B \in \mathcal{F}$ . Then  $A \vee B \equiv B \vee A$ .

#### Proof.

Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be an arbitrary interpretation.

- ▶ If  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(A \vee B) = T$ , then  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(A) = T$  or  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(B) = T$ . Thus,  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(B \vee A) = T$ .
- ▶ If  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(A \vee B) = F$ , then  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(A) = F$  and  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(B) = F$ . Thus,  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(B \vee A) = F$ .

Since  $\mathcal{I}$  was chosen arbitrarily,  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(A \vee B) = v_{\mathcal{I}}(B \vee A)$  for all interpretations.  $\square$

## Relationship between $\leftrightarrow$ and $\equiv$

- ▶ **equivalence**,  $\leftrightarrow$ , is a binary connective that appears in formulae
- ▶ **logical equivalence**,  $\equiv$ , is a property of pairs of formulae
- ▶ similar vocabulary, **but**  $\leftrightarrow$  is part of the **object language**, whereas  $\equiv$  is part of the **metalinguage** that we use to reason about the object language

### Theorem 4.2 (Relation between $\equiv$ and $\leftrightarrow$ ).

$A \equiv B$  iff  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(A \leftrightarrow B) = T$  for every interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$ .

#### Proof.

Suppose that  $A \equiv B$  and let  $\mathcal{I}$  be an arbitrary interpretation; then  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(A) = v_{\mathcal{I}}(B)$  by definition of logical equivalence. From the Defn. of truth value,  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(A \leftrightarrow B) = T$ . Since  $\mathcal{I}$  was arbitrary,  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(A \leftrightarrow B) = T$  for all interpretations  $\mathcal{I}$ . The proof of the other direction is similar.  $\square$

## Logically Equivalent Formulae

Extend syntax to include the two constant atoms **true** and **false**.

### Definition 4.2 (Logical Constants).

Let **true** and **false** be two constant atoms with  $\mathcal{I}(\text{true}) = T$  and  $\mathcal{I}(\text{false}) = F$  for any interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$  ( $\top$  and  $\perp$  are also used).

The following formulae are **logical equivalent** (more in [Ben-Ari, 2.3.3]):

$A \vee \text{true} \equiv \text{true}$	$A \wedge \text{true} \equiv A$
$A \vee \text{false} \equiv A$	$A \wedge \text{false} \equiv \text{false}$
$A \rightarrow \text{true} \equiv \text{true}$	$\text{true} \rightarrow A \equiv A$
$A \rightarrow \text{false} \equiv \neg A$	$\text{false} \rightarrow A \equiv \text{true}$
$A \equiv A \wedge A$	$A \equiv A \vee A$
$A \vee B \equiv B \vee A$	$A \wedge B \equiv B \wedge A$
$A \vee (B \vee C) \equiv (A \vee B) \vee C$	$A \wedge (B \wedge C) \equiv (A \wedge B) \wedge C$
$A \vee (B \wedge C) \equiv (A \vee B) \wedge (A \vee C)$	$A \wedge (B \vee C) \equiv (A \wedge B) \vee (A \wedge C)$

**Contrapositive:**  $A \rightarrow B \equiv \neg B \rightarrow \neg A$

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## Satisfiability and Validity

**Definition 5.1 (Satisfiable, Model, Valid, Unsatisfiable, Invalid).**

Let  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ .

- ▶  $A$  is **satisfiable** iff  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(A) = T$  for some interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$ .  
A satisfying interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$  is a **model** for  $A$ .
- ▶  $A$  is **valid**, denoted  $\models A$ , iff  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(A) = T$  for all interpretations  $\mathcal{I}$ . A valid propositional formula is also called a **tautology**.
- ▶  $A$  is **unsatisfiable** iff it is not satisfiable, that is, if  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(A) = F$  for all interpretations  $\mathcal{I}$ .
- ▶  $A$  is **invalid** (or **falsifiable**), denoted  $\not\models A$ , iff it is not valid, that is, if  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(A) = F$  for some interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$ .
- ▶ A set of formulae  $U = \{A_1, \dots\}$  is **(simultaneously) satisfiable** iff there exists an interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$  such that  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(A_i) = T$  for all  $i$ ; otherwise  $U$  is **unsatisfiable**. The satisfying interpretation is a **model** of  $U$ .

## Satisfiability and Validity

There is a close relation between these four semantical concepts.

**Theorem 5.1 (Satisfiable, Valid, Unsatisfiable, Invalid).**

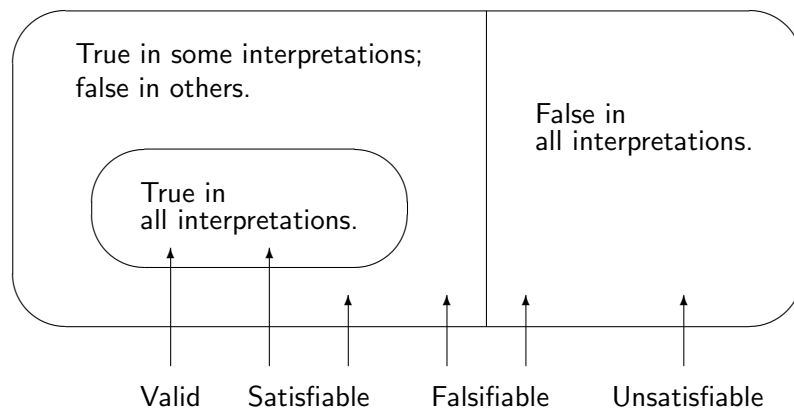
Let  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ .  $A$  is **valid** iff  $\neg A$  is **unsatisfiable**.  $A$  is **satisfiable** iff  $\neg A$  is **invalid**.

**Proof.**

Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be an arbitrary interpretation.  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(A) = T$  if and only if  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(\neg A) = F$  by definition of the truth value of negation. Since  $\mathcal{I}$  was arbitrary,  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(A) = T$  for all interpretations if and only if  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(\neg A) = F$  for all interpretations, that is, iff  $\neg A$  is unsatisfiable.

If  $A$  is satisfiable then for some interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$ ,  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(A) = T$ . By definition of the truth value of negation,  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(\neg A) = F$  so that  $\neg A$  is invalid. Conversely, if  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(\neg A) = F$  then  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(A) = T$ . □

## Satisfiability and Validity



## Decidability

**Definition 5.2 (Decision Procedure).**

Let  $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$  be a set of (propositional) formulae. An algorithm is a **decision procedure** for  $\mathcal{U}$  if given a formula  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ , it terminates and returns the answer "yes" if  $A \in \mathcal{U}$  and the answer "no" if  $A \notin \mathcal{U}$ .

**Theorem 5.2 (Truth Tables as Decision Procedure).**

Truth tables are a **decision procedure** for  $\{A \in \mathcal{F} \mid A \text{ is a tautology}\}$ .

**Proof.**

For a given formula  $A$  with  $n$  atoms, use truth tables to evaluate truth values for  $A$ . If  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(A) = T$  for all  $2^n$  possible interpretations  $\mathcal{I}$ , then answer "yes"; otherwise answer "no". □

This method is **not very efficient**; more efficient procedures will be introduced later.

## Logical Consequence

### Definition 5.3 (Logical Consequence).

Let  $U$  be a set of formulas,  $A$  be a formula.  $A$  is a **logical consequence** of  $U$ , denoted  $U \models A$ , iff every model of  $U$  is a model of  $A$ .

Formula  $A$  need not be true in every possible interpretation, only in those interpretations which satisfy  $U$ , that is, only those which satisfy every formula in  $U$ . If  $U$  is empty, logical consequence is the same as validity.

**Example:** Let  $A = (p \vee r) \wedge (\neg q \vee \neg r)$ .  $A$  is a logical consequence of  $\{p, \neg q\}$ , denoted  $\{p, \neg q\} \models A$ , as  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(A) = T$  for all interpretations  $\mathcal{I}$  such that  $\mathcal{I}(p) = T$  and  $\mathcal{I}(q) = F$ . But  $A$  is not valid, as  $v_{\mathcal{I}}(A) = F$  for the interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$  where  $\mathcal{I}(p) = F$ ,  $\mathcal{I}(q) = T$ ,  $\mathcal{I}(r) = T$ .

### Theorem 5.3 (Deduction Theorem).

Let  $U = \{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$ . Then  $U \models A$  iff  $\models \bigwedge_i A_i \rightarrow A$ .

*Proof.* Left as an exercise.

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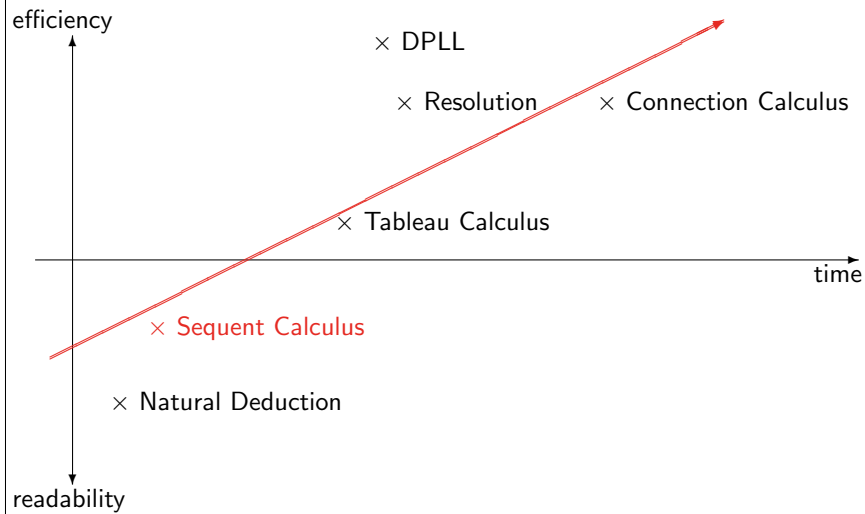
## Summary

- ▶ **syntax** of propositional logic: atomic formulae,  $\neg$ ,  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ ,  $\rightarrow$ ,  $\leftrightarrow$
- ▶ **semantics** of propositional logic: **interpretation** assigns truth value to atomic formulae and inductively to formulae in general
- ▶ **truth tables** can be used to evaluate the truth value of formulae
- ▶ **material implication**: not necessarily a causal relation between antecedent and consequent
- ▶ two formulae  $A$  and  $B$  are **logically equivalent** iff their truth value is identical for all interpretations
- ▶ four **semantical concepts**: satisfiable, valid, unsatisfiable, invalid
- ▶ these properties are **decidable** for propositional logic
- ▶ **deduction theorem** connects logical consequence and validity

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## Natural Deduction: Rules for Implication and Negation

- ▶ rules for  $\rightarrow$  (implication)

$$\frac{[A]^n \dots B}{A \rightarrow B} \rightarrow\text{-I}^n$$

- ▶ rules for  $\neg$  (negation)

$$\frac{[A]^n \dots \text{false}}{\neg A} \neg\text{-I}^n$$

## Gentzen's Sequent Calculus

**Goal:** A derivation system similar to natural deduction but with "built-in" assumptions

*"In order to prove the Hauptsatz, I had to introduce a suitable logical calculus. Hence, in this paper I will introduce another calculus of logical reasoning that has all desired properties." [G. Gentzen]*



- ▶ Natural Deduction and Sequent calculus was developed by Gerhard Gentzen in the 1930's
- ▶ Tools for investigating mathematical reasoning.



## Sequents

## Definition 8.1 (Sequent).

A *sequent* has the form  $\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta$  in which  $\Gamma$  and  $\Delta$  are finite (possibly empty) multisets of formulae. The left side of the sequent is called the *antecedent*, the right side is called the *succedent*.

- ▶  $\Gamma \cup \{A\}$  or  $\Delta \cup \{B\}$  are usually written as  $\Gamma, A$  and  $\Delta, B$ , respectively
- ▶ intuitively, a sequent represents “provable from” in the sense that the formulae in  $\Gamma$  are assumptions for the set of formulae  $\Delta$  to be proven
  - ▶ IF ALL of the formulae in  $\Gamma$  are true,
  - ▶ THEN SOME of the formulae in  $\Delta$  are true

## The Sequent Calculus LK

- ▶ Sequent proofs are trees labeled with sequents.
- ▶ Example:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{p \Rightarrow p, q}{\text{axiom}} \quad \frac{p, q \Rightarrow q}{\text{axiom}}}{\frac{p, p \rightarrow q \Rightarrow q}{\wedge\text{-left}}}{\frac{p \wedge (p \rightarrow q) \Rightarrow q}{\rightarrow\text{-right}}}}{\Rightarrow p \wedge (p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow q}$$

- ▶ The formula we try to show is at the **root** (bottom)
- ▶ Rules can cause branches to “grow”
- ▶ Some rules split a branch into two branches
- ▶ When we have a sequent like  $A, \dots \Rightarrow A, \dots$  the branch is done
- ▶ So let's look at the rules in detail!

## LK — Rules for Conjunction and Disjunction

▶ rules for  $\wedge$  (conjunction)

$$\frac{\Gamma, A, B \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma, A \wedge B \Rightarrow \Delta} \wedge\text{-left} \quad \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow A, \Delta \quad \Gamma \Rightarrow B, \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow A \wedge B, \Delta} \wedge\text{-right}$$

▶ rules for  $\vee$  (disjunction)

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \Rightarrow \Delta \quad \Gamma, B \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma, A \vee B \Rightarrow \Delta} \vee\text{-left} \quad \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow A, B, \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow A \vee B, \Delta} \vee\text{-right}$$

## LK — Rules for Implication and Negation, Axiom

▶ rules for  $\rightarrow$  (implication)

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow A, \Delta \quad \Gamma, B \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma, A \rightarrow B \Rightarrow \Delta} \rightarrow\text{-left} \quad \frac{\Gamma, A \Rightarrow B, \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow A \rightarrow B, \Delta} \rightarrow\text{-right}$$

▶ rules for  $\neg$  (negation)

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow A, \Delta}{\Gamma, \neg A \Rightarrow \Delta} \neg\text{-left} \quad \frac{\Gamma, A \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \neg A, \Delta} \neg\text{-right}$$

## ▶ the axiom

$$\frac{}{\Gamma, A \Rightarrow A, \Delta} \text{axiom}$$

## Examples of LK Proofs

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

$$\frac{\frac{p, q \Rightarrow p \text{ axiom}}{p \wedge q \Rightarrow p} \wedge\text{-left}}{\Rightarrow (p \wedge q) \rightarrow p} \rightarrow\text{-right}$$

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

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{p, \Rightarrow p, q \text{ axiom}}{p, p \rightarrow q \Rightarrow q} \wedge\text{-left}}{p \wedge (p \rightarrow q) \Rightarrow q} \wedge\text{-left}}{\Rightarrow p \wedge (p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow q} \rightarrow\text{-right}$$

Example:  $(\neg p \vee q) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow q)$

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{p \Rightarrow p, q \text{ axiom}}{\neg p, p \Rightarrow q} \neg\text{-left} \quad \frac{q, p \Rightarrow q \text{ axiom}}{q, p \Rightarrow q} \vee\text{-left}}{\neg p \vee q, p \Rightarrow q} \rightarrow\text{-right}}{\neg p \vee q \Rightarrow p \rightarrow q} \rightarrow\text{-right}}{\Rightarrow (\neg p \vee q) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow q)} \rightarrow\text{-right}$$

## Calculus and Proof — General Definitions

## Definition 8.2 (Calculus/Deductive System).

A *calculus* consists of axioms and inference rules.

*Axioms* have the form  $\frac{}{w}$ ; *rules* have the form  $\frac{w_1 \cdots w_n}{w}$   
( $w_1, \dots, w_n$  are the premises,  $w$  is the conclusion).

An “instance” of a rule is the result of replacing all formula variables  $A, B$ , and set variables  $\Gamma, \Delta$  by concrete formulae and sets of formulae

## Definition 8.3 (Proof, Derivation).

Let  $\mathcal{A}=\{A_1, \dots\}$  be axioms and  $\mathcal{R}=\{R_1, \dots\}$  be rules of a calculus.

1. Let  $\frac{}{w}$  be an instance of an axiom  $A_i \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then  $\frac{}{w}$  is a *proof* of  $w$ .
2. Let  $\frac{w_1 \cdots w_n}{w}$  be an instance of a rule  $R_i \in \mathcal{R}$  and  $\mathcal{D}_1, \dots, \mathcal{D}_n$  proofs of  $w_1, \dots, w_n$ . Then  $\frac{\mathcal{D}_1 \cdots \mathcal{D}_n}{w}$  is a *proof* of  $w$ .

A *derivation* is defined similarly, but leaves do not need to be axioms.

## The Sequent Calculus LK

## Definition 8.4 (Proofs in LK).

A *proof* of a formula  $A$  in the LK calculus is a proof of the sequent  $\Rightarrow A$  using the rules and axiom of LK. A formula  $A$  is *provable*, written  $\vdash A$ , iff there is a proof for  $A$ .

## Theorem 8.1 (Soundness and Completeness of LK).

The calculus of natural deduction LK is sound and complete, i.e.

- ▶ if  $A$  is provable in LK, then  $A$  is valid (if  $\vdash A$  then  $\models A$ )
- ▶ if  $A$  is valid, then  $A$  is provable in LK (if  $\models A$  then  $\vdash A$ )

Proof.

Next week!



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## Sequent Calculus as Decision Procedure

The sequent calculus can be used as a **decision procedure**.

- ▶ Starting from the root  $\Rightarrow A$ , **apply the rules** of the sequent calculus LK to every sequent until no more rules can be applied
  - ▶ induction: this will stop
  - ▶ magic: order does not matter. I.e. won't show this now
- ▶ now, the sequents in all leaves of the derivation contain **only atomic formulae**
- ▶ if all leaf sequents are axioms, then the formula is **valid**; otherwise, it is **invalid** ( $A$  is satisfiable iff  $\neg A$  is invalid)

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

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{p, \Rightarrow p, r \text{ axiom}}{p, p \rightarrow q \Rightarrow r} \rightarrow\text{-left} \quad \frac{p, q \Rightarrow r \text{ ?}}{p \wedge (p \rightarrow q) \Rightarrow r} \wedge\text{-left}}{p \wedge (p \rightarrow q) \Rightarrow r} \rightarrow\text{-right}}{\Rightarrow p \wedge (p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow r}$$

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## Summary

- ▶ **Gentzen's sequent calculus** uses **sequents**  $\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta$  to formalize logical reasoning;  $\Gamma$  are the assumptions in order to prove  $\Delta$
- ▶ it was originally invented as a **tool** to study **natural deduction**
- ▶ the sequent calculus consists of **one axiom** and two **inference rules** for each logical connective; it is **sound and complete**
- ▶ it can be used as a **decision** procedure for validity of propositional formulae in a straightforward way.
- ▶ **Next week:** Soundness and Completeness proofs