

# Discrete Mathematics

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# Review

- Formation tree
- Parsing algorithm

# Outline

- Truth assignment
- Truth valuation
- Tautology
- Consequence

# Truth Assignment

How we discuss the truth of propositional letters?

## Definition (Assignment)

A *truth assignment*  $\mathcal{A}$  is a function that assigns to **each propositional letter**  $A$  a unique truth value  $\mathcal{A}(A) \in \{T, F\}$ .

# Truth Valuation

How we discuss the truth of propositions?

## Example

Truth assignment of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  and valuation of  $(\alpha \vee \beta)$ .

$\alpha$	$\beta$	$(\alpha \vee \beta)$
T	T	T
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

# Assignment and Valuation

## Definition (Valuation)

A *truth valuation*  $\mathcal{V}$  is a function that assigns to **each proposition**  $\alpha$  a unique truth value  $\mathcal{V}(\alpha)$  so that its value on a compound proposition is determined in accordance with the appropriate truth tables.

Specially,  $\mathcal{V}(\alpha)$  determines one possible *truth assignment* if  $\alpha$  is a propositional letter.

# Assignment and Valuation

## Theorem

*Given a truth assignment  $\mathcal{A}$  there is a unique truth valuation  $\mathcal{V}$  such that  $\mathcal{V}(\alpha) = \mathcal{A}(\alpha)$  for every propositional letter  $\alpha$ .*

## Proof.

The proof can be divided into two step.

- 1 Construct a  $\mathcal{V}$  from  $\mathcal{A}$  by induction on the depth of the associated formation tree.
- 2 Prove the uniqueness of  $\mathcal{V}$  with the same  $\mathcal{A}$  by induction bottom-up.



# Assignment and Valuation

## Corollary

*If  $\mathcal{V}_1$  and  $\mathcal{V}_2$  are two valuations that agree on the support of  $\alpha$ , the finite set of propositional letters used in the construction of the proposition  $\alpha$ , then  $\mathcal{V}_1(\alpha) = \mathcal{V}_2(\alpha)$ .*



# Tautology

## Definition

A proposition  $\sigma$  of propositional logic is said to be *valid* if for any valuation  $\mathcal{V}$ ,  $\mathcal{V}(\sigma) = T$ . Such a proposition is also called a *tautology*.

# Tautology

## Example

$\alpha \vee \neg\alpha$  is a tautology.

## Solution:

$\alpha$	$\neg\alpha$	$\alpha \vee \neg\alpha$
T	F	T
F	T	T



# Logical Equivalence

## Definition

Two propositions  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  such that, for every valuation  $\mathcal{V}$ ,  $\mathcal{V}(\alpha) = \mathcal{V}(\beta)$  are called *logically equivalent*. We denote this by  $\alpha \equiv \beta$ .

# Logical Equivalence(Cont.)

## Example

$$\alpha \rightarrow \beta \equiv \neg\alpha \vee \beta.$$

## Proof.

Prove by truth table.

$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\alpha \rightarrow \beta$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\neg\alpha$	$\neg\alpha \vee \beta$
T	T	F	T
T	F	F	F
F	T	T	T
F	F	T	T

# Consequence

## Definition

Let  $\Sigma$  be a (possibly infinite) set of propositions. We say that  $\sigma$  is a *consequence* of  $\Sigma$  (and write as  $\Sigma \models \sigma$ ) if, for any valuation  $\mathcal{V}$ ,

$$(\mathcal{V}(\tau) = T \text{ for all } \tau \in \Sigma) \Rightarrow \mathcal{V}(\sigma) = T.$$

## Example

- 1 Let  $\Sigma = \{A, \neg A \vee B\}$ , we have  $\Sigma \models B$ .
- 2 Let  $\Sigma = \{A, \neg A \vee B, C\}$ , we have  $\Sigma \models B$ .
- 3 Let  $\Sigma = \{\neg A \vee B\}$ , we have  $\Sigma \not\models B$ .

## Definition

We say that a valuation  $\mathcal{V}$  is a *model* of  $\Sigma$  if  $\mathcal{V}(\sigma) = T$  for every  $\sigma \in \Sigma$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{M}(\Sigma)$  the set of all models of  $\Sigma$ .

## Example

Let  $\Sigma = \{A, \neg A \vee B\}$ , we have models:

- 1 Let  $\mathcal{A}(A) = T, \mathcal{A}(B) = T$
- 2 Let  $\mathcal{A}(A) = T, \mathcal{A}(B) = T, \mathcal{A}(C) = T.$
- 3 Let  
 $\mathcal{A}(A) = T, \mathcal{A}(B) = T, \mathcal{A}(C) = F, \mathcal{A}(D) = F, \dots$



## Definition

We say that propositions  $\Sigma$  is *satisfiable* if it has some model. Otherwise it is called *unsatisfiable*. To a proposition, it is called *invalid*.

## Proposition

Let  $\Sigma, \Sigma_1, \Sigma_2$  be sets of propositions. Let  $Cn(\Sigma)$  denote the set of consequence of  $\Sigma$  and  $Taut$  the set of tautologies.

- 1  $\Sigma_1 \subseteq \Sigma_2 \Rightarrow Cn(\Sigma_1) \subseteq Cn(\Sigma_2)$ .
- 2  $\Sigma \subseteq Cn(\Sigma)$ .
- 3  $Taut \subseteq Cn(\Sigma) = Cn(Cn(\Sigma))$ .
- 4  $\Sigma_1 \subseteq \Sigma_2 \Rightarrow \mathcal{M}(\Sigma_2) \subseteq \mathcal{M}(\Sigma_1)$ .
- 5  $Cn(\Sigma) = \{\sigma \mid \mathcal{V}(\sigma) = T \text{ for all } \mathcal{V} \in \mathcal{M}(\Sigma)\}$ .
- 6  $\sigma \in Cn(\{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n\}) \Leftrightarrow \sigma_1 \rightarrow (\sigma_2 \dots \rightarrow (\sigma_n \rightarrow \sigma) \dots) \in Taut$ .

# Deduction Theorem

## Theorem

For any propositions  $\varphi, \psi$ ,  $\Sigma \cup \{\psi\} \models \varphi \Leftrightarrow \Sigma \models \psi \rightarrow \varphi$  holds.

## Proof.

Prove by the definition of consequence.

When we consider  $\Rightarrow$ ,  $\mathcal{V}$  which satisfy  $\Sigma$  are divided into two parts,  $\mathcal{V}_1(\psi) = T$  and  $\mathcal{V}_2(\psi) = F$ . Then we investigate whether  $\mathcal{V}$  satisfies  $\psi \rightarrow \varphi$ .

Conversely,  $\mathcal{V}$  which makes  $\psi$  false are discarded.

Because they are not taken into consideration to satisfy  $\Sigma \cup \{\psi\}$ . □

# Next Class

- Tableau proof system