

# Propositional Logic Properties

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A wff  $\phi$  is

- **valid** if **all** interpretations are models of  $\phi$ 
  - In this case  $\phi$  is also called a **tautology**
- **invalid** if **not all** interpretations are models of  $\phi$
- **satisfiable** if **there exists** an interpretation which is a model of  $\phi$
- **unsatisfiable** if **no** interpretation is a model of  $\phi$ 
  - In this case  $\phi$  is also called a **contradiction**

## Observations

- 1 Every tautology is satisfiable
- 2 Every contradiction is invalid
- 3 The converse of 1 and 2 does not hold in general
- 4 Tautologies and contradictions form disjoint sets

## Example

$A$	$B$	$C$	$\neg A$	$\neg A \vee B$	$\neg A \wedge C$	$\neg A \vee B \rightarrow \neg A \wedge C$
0	0	0	1	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	1	1
0	1	0	1	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	0	0	1
1	0	1	0	0	0	1
1	1	0	0	1	0	0
1	1	1	0	1	0	0

- $\neg A \vee B \rightarrow \neg A \wedge C$  is **invalid**
- $\neg A \vee B \rightarrow \neg A \wedge C$  is **satisfiable**
- $\neg A \vee B \rightarrow \neg A \wedge C$  is neither a tautology nor a contradiction

## Examples

Identify tautologies and contradictions among the following formulas:

- $\phi \rightarrow \phi$                       tautology
- $\phi \wedge \neg\phi$                       contradiction
- $\phi \vee \neg\phi$                       tautology
- $\phi \vee \top$                       tautology
- $\phi \wedge \perp$                       contradiction

Two wffs  $\phi, \psi$  are **equivalent** if

- for each interpretation  $I$  we have  $I(\phi) = I(\psi)$ , i.e.
- $\phi$  and  $\psi$  have **the same models**, i.e.
- $\phi \leftrightarrow \psi$  is **valid**

Equivalence of  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  is denoted as  $\phi \equiv \psi$

## Observations

- A wff  $\phi$  is a tautology if and only if  $\phi \equiv \top$
- A wff  $\phi$  is a contradiction if and only if  $\phi \equiv \perp$

## Example

- $\phi \vee \psi \equiv \psi \vee \phi$  (commutativity)
- $\phi \wedge \psi \equiv \psi \wedge \phi$  (commutativity)
- $\phi \leftrightarrow \psi \equiv \psi \leftrightarrow \phi$  (commutativity)
- $\phi \vee \phi \equiv \phi$  (idempotence)
- $\phi \wedge \phi \equiv \phi$  (idempotence)
- $\phi \vee \top \equiv \top$
- $\phi \wedge \perp \equiv \perp$

## Example

- $\phi \vee \perp \equiv \phi$  (neutrality)
- $\phi \wedge \top \equiv \phi$  (neutrality)
- $\phi \vee \neg\phi \equiv \top$
- $\phi \wedge \neg\phi \equiv \perp$
- $\neg\neg\phi \equiv \phi$
- $\phi \rightarrow \psi \equiv \neg\phi \vee \psi$
- $\phi \rightarrow \psi \equiv \neg\psi \rightarrow \neg\phi$  (contraposition)



## Example

- $\neg(\phi \vee \psi) \equiv \neg\psi \wedge \neg\phi$  (De Morgan)
- $\neg(\phi \wedge \psi) \equiv \neg\psi \vee \neg\phi$  (De Morgan)
- $\phi \vee (\psi \vee \gamma) \equiv (\phi \vee \psi) \vee \gamma$  (associativity)
- $\phi \wedge (\psi \wedge \gamma) \equiv (\phi \wedge \psi) \wedge \gamma$  (associativity)
- $\phi \wedge (\psi \vee \gamma) \equiv (\phi \wedge \psi) \vee (\phi \wedge \gamma)$  (distributivity)
- $\phi \vee (\psi \wedge \gamma) \equiv (\phi \vee \psi) \wedge (\phi \vee \gamma)$  (distributivity)
- $\phi \wedge (\phi \vee \psi) \equiv \phi$  (absorption)
- $\phi \vee (\phi \wedge \psi) \equiv \phi$  (absorption)

# Entailment

- So far interpretations assigned truth values to wffs
- Can we extend interpretations to set of wffs?

## Definition (Model of a set of wffs)

Given an interpretation  $I$  and a set of wffs  $\Gamma$ ,  
 $I(\Gamma) = 1$  iff for each  $\phi \in \Gamma$  we have  $I(\phi) = 1$

## Example

Consider  $I = \{A, B, D\}$

- $I(\{A \leftrightarrow B \wedge D, \neg C\}) = 1$
- $I(\{A, B, C \rightarrow D, B \leftrightarrow C\}) = 0$

## Warning!

- A set  $\Gamma$  of wffs could be seen as the conjunction of its formulas
- But this conjunction is not a wff in general!
- Actually, it is a wff only if  $\Gamma$  has finite cardinality

# Entailment

- Can we represent an interpretation  $I$  as a set  $\Gamma$  of wffs such that  $I$  is the only model of  $\Gamma$ ? **Yes!**

For  $I = \{T_1, T_2, \dots\}$ , consider  $\Gamma = \{T_1, T_2, \dots, \neg F_1, \neg F_2, \dots\}$ , where  $F_1, F_2, \dots$  are the false variables according to  $I$

- We can thus define  $\Gamma \models \phi$  for a set  $\Gamma$  of wffs and a wff  $\phi$

## Definition

$\Gamma \models \phi$  if each model of  $\Gamma$  is also a model of  $\phi$

- If  $\Gamma \models \phi$  then we say that  $\Gamma$  entails  $\phi$
- We also say that  $\phi$  is a logical consequence of  $\Gamma$

$\models \phi$  if and only if  $\phi$  is a tautology

## Example

■  $\{\phi\} \cup \Gamma \models \phi$

■  $\{\phi \wedge \psi\} \models \phi \rightarrow \psi$

■  $\{\neg\phi\} \models \phi \rightarrow \psi$

■  $\{\phi, \psi\} \models \phi \rightarrow \psi$

■  $\{\phi\} \models \phi \vee \psi$

**Note:** We will often omit curly brackets

## Theorem (Monotonicity)

*If  $\Gamma \models \phi$  then  $\Gamma, \psi \models \phi$*

## Deduction Theorem

$\Gamma, \phi \models \psi$  if and only if  $\Gamma \models \phi \rightarrow \psi$

## Contraposition Theorem

$\Gamma \models \phi \rightarrow \psi$  if and only if  $\Gamma, \neg\psi \models \neg\phi$

- 1 Decide whether formula

$$x \vee \neg y \wedge \neg z$$

is satisfiable

- 2 Decide whether formula

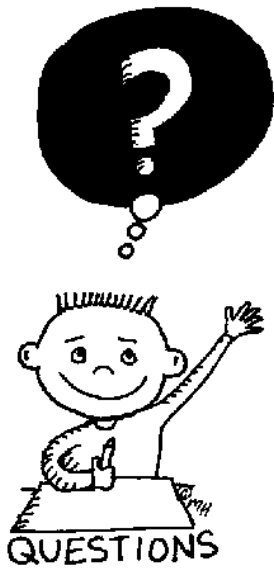
$$\neg x \vee z \leftrightarrow y \wedge \neg z$$

is a tautology

- 3 Decide whether formula

$$x \leftrightarrow \neg y \rightarrow \neg z \wedge \neg x \vee y$$

is a contradiction



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