

# Propositional Logic(PL)

## Part I: FOUNDATIONS

### 1. Propositional Logic(PL)

#### PL Syntax

<u>Atom</u>	<u>truth symbols</u> $\top$ ("true") and $\perp$ ("false")	
	<u>propositional variables</u> $P, Q, R, P_1, Q_1, R_1, \dots$	
<u>Literal</u>	atom $\alpha$ or its negation $\neg\alpha$	
<u>Formula</u>	literal or application of a <u>logical connective</u> to formulae $F, F_1, F_2$	
	$\neg F$	"not" (negation)
	$F_1 \wedge F_2$	"and" (conjunction)
	$F_1 \vee F_2$	"or" (disjunction)
	$F_1 \rightarrow F_2$	"implies" (implication)
	$F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2$	"if and only if" (iff)



#### Example:

formula  $F : (P \wedge Q) \rightarrow (T \vee \neg Q)$

atoms:  $P, Q, T$

literal:  $\neg Q$

subformulas:  $P \wedge Q, T \vee \neg Q$

abbreviation

$$F : P \wedge Q \rightarrow T \vee \neg Q$$



#### PL Semantics (meaning)

Sentence  $F$  + Interpretation  $I$  = Truth value (true, false)

Interpretation

$$I : \{P \mapsto \text{true}, Q \mapsto \text{false}, \dots\}$$

Evaluation of  $F$  under  $I$ :

$F$	$\neg F$	
0	1	where 0 corresponds to value false
1	0	1 true

$F_1$	$F_2$	$F_1 \wedge F_2$	$F_1 \vee F_2$	$F_1 \rightarrow F_2$	$F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2$
0	0	0	0	1	1
0	1	0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1



Example:

$$F : P \wedge Q \rightarrow P \vee \neg Q$$

$$I : \{P \mapsto \text{true}, Q \mapsto \text{false}\}$$

P	Q	$\neg Q$	$P \wedge Q$	$P \vee \neg Q$	F
1	0	1	0	1	1

1 = true                  0 = false

F evaluates to true under I

## Inductive Definition of PL's Semantics

$$I \models F \quad \text{if } F \text{ evaluates to true under } I$$

$$I \not\models F \quad \text{false}$$

Base Case:

$$I \models \top$$

$$I \not\models \perp$$

$$I \models P \quad \text{iff } I[P] = \text{true}$$

$$I \not\models P \quad \text{iff } I[P] = \text{false}$$

Inductive Case:

$$I \models \neg F \quad \text{iff } I \not\models F$$

$$I \models F_1 \wedge F_2 \quad \text{iff } I \models F_1 \text{ and } I \models F_2$$

$$I \models F_1 \vee F_2 \quad \text{iff } I \models F_1 \text{ or } I \models F_2$$

$$I \models F_1 \rightarrow F_2 \quad \text{iff, if } I \models F_1 \text{ then } I \models F_2$$

$$I \models F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2 \quad \text{iff, } I \models F_1 \text{ and } I \models F_2, \\ \text{or } I \not\models F_1 \text{ and } I \not\models F_2$$

Note:

$$I \not\models F_1 \rightarrow F_2 \quad \text{iff } I \models F_1 \text{ and } I \not\models F_2$$

Example:

$$F : P \wedge Q \rightarrow P \vee \neg Q$$

$$I : \{P \mapsto \text{true}, Q \mapsto \text{false}\}$$

1.  $I \models P$                   since  $I[P] = \text{true}$
2.  $I \not\models Q$                   since  $I[Q] = \text{false}$
3.  $I \models \neg Q$               by 2 and  $\neg$
4.  $I \not\models P \wedge Q$           by 2 and  $\wedge$
5.  $I \models P \vee \neg Q$       by 1 and  $\vee$
6.  $I \models F$                   by 4 and  $\rightarrow$           Why?

Thus, F is true under I.

## Satisfiability and Validity

F satisfiable iff there exists an interpretation I such that  $I \models F$ .

F valid iff for all interpretations I,  $I \models F$ .

$F \text{ is valid iff } \neg F \text{ is unsatisfiable}$

Method 1: Truth Tables

Example       $F : P \wedge Q \rightarrow P \vee \neg Q$

P	Q	$P \wedge Q$	$\neg Q$	$P \vee \neg Q$	F
0	0	0	1	1	1
0	1	0	0	0	1
1	0	0	1	1	1
1	1	1	0	1	1

Thus F is valid.

Example  $F : P \vee Q \rightarrow P \wedge Q$

$P$	$Q$	$P \vee Q$	$P \wedge Q$	$F$
0	0	0	0	1
0	1	1	0	0
1	0	1	0	0
1	1	1	1	1

← satisfying  $I$   
 ← falsifying  $I$

Thus  $F$  is satisfiable, but invalid.

Method 2: Semantic Argument

Proof rules

$\frac{I \models \neg F}{I \not\models F}$	$\frac{I \not\models \neg F}{I \models F}$
$\frac{I \models F \wedge G}{\begin{array}{l} I \models F \\ I \models G \end{array}} \leftarrow \text{and}$	$\frac{I \not\models F \wedge G}{\begin{array}{l} I \not\models F \\ I \not\models G \end{array}} \leftarrow \text{or}$
$\frac{I \models F \vee G}{I \models F \mid I \models G}$	$\frac{I \not\models F \vee G}{\begin{array}{l} I \not\models F \\ I \not\models G \end{array}}$
$\frac{I \models F \rightarrow G}{I \not\models F \mid I \models G}$	$\frac{I \not\models F \rightarrow G}{\begin{array}{l} I \models F \\ I \not\models G \end{array}}$
$\frac{I \models F \leftrightarrow G}{I \models F \wedge G \mid I \not\models F \vee G}$	$\frac{I \not\models F \leftrightarrow G}{I \models F \wedge \neg G \mid I \models \neg F \wedge G}$
$\frac{I \models F}{I \not\models F}$	$\frac{I \not\models F}{I \models \perp}$

Example 1: Prove

$F : P \wedge Q \rightarrow P \vee \neg Q$  is valid.

Let's assume that  $F$  is not valid and that  $I$  is a falsifying interpretation.

1.  $I \not\models P \wedge Q \rightarrow P \vee \neg Q$  assumption
2.  $I \models P \wedge Q$  1 and  $\rightarrow$
3.  $I \not\models P \vee \neg Q$  1 and  $\rightarrow$
4.  $I \models P$  2 and  $\wedge$
5.  $I \not\models P$  3 and  $\vee$
6.  $I \models \perp$  4 and 5 are contradictory

Thus  $F$  is valid.

Example 2: Prove

$F : (P \rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \rightarrow R) \rightarrow (P \rightarrow R)$  is valid.

Let's assume that  $F$  is not valid.

1.  $I \not\models F$  assumption
2.  $I \models (P \rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \rightarrow R)$  1 and  $\rightarrow$
3.  $I \not\models P \rightarrow R$  1 and  $\rightarrow$
4.  $I \models P$  3 and  $\rightarrow$
5.  $I \not\models R$  3 and  $\rightarrow$
6.  $I \models P \rightarrow Q$  2 and of  $\wedge$
7.  $I \models Q \rightarrow R$  2 and of  $\wedge$

Two cases from 6

- 8a.  $I \not\models P$  6 and  $\rightarrow$
- 9a.  $I \models \perp$  4 and 8a are contradictory

and

- 8b.  $I \models Q$  6 and  $\rightarrow$

Two cases from 7

- 9ba.  $I \not\models Q$  7 and  $\rightarrow$
- 10ba.  $I \models \perp$  8b and 9ba are contradictory

and

- 9bb.  $I \models R$  7 and  $\rightarrow$
- 10bb.  $I \models \perp$  5 and 9bb are contradictory

Our assumption is incorrect in all cases —  $F$  is valid.

Example 3: Is

$$F : P \vee Q \rightarrow P \wedge Q \text{ valid?}$$

Let's assume that  $F$  is not valid.

- 1.  $I \not\models P \vee Q \rightarrow P \wedge Q$  assumption
- 2.  $I \models P \vee Q$  1 and  $\rightarrow$
- 3.  $I \not\models P \wedge Q$  1 and  $\rightarrow$

Two options

- 4a.  $I \models P$  2 and  $\vee$
- 4b.  $I \models Q$  2 and  $\vee$
- 5a.  $I \not\models Q$  3 and  $\wedge$
- 5b.  $I \not\models P$  3 and  $\wedge$

We cannot derive a contradiction.  $F$  is not valid.

Falsifying interpretation:

$$I_1 : \{P \mapsto \text{true}, Q \mapsto \text{false}\} \quad I_2 : \{Q \mapsto \text{true}, P \mapsto \text{false}\}$$

We have to derive a contradiction in both cases for  $F$  to be valid.

## Equivalence

$F_1$  and  $F_2$  are equivalent ( $F_1 \Leftrightarrow F_2$ )

iff for all interpretations  $I, I \models F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2$

To prove  $F_1 \Leftrightarrow F_2$  show  $F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2$  is valid.

$F_1$  implies  $F_2$  ( $F_1 \Rightarrow F_2$ )

iff for all interpretations  $I, I \models F_1 \rightarrow F_2$

$F_1 \Leftrightarrow F_2$  and  $F_1 \Rightarrow F_2$  are not formulae!

## Normal Forms

### 1. Negation Normal Form (NNF)

Negations appear only in literals. (only  $\neg, \wedge, \vee$ )

To transform  $F$  to equivalent  $F'$  in NNF use recursively the following template equivalences (left-to-right):

$$\begin{aligned} \neg\neg F_1 &\Leftrightarrow F_1 & \neg\top &\Leftrightarrow \perp & \neg\perp &\Leftrightarrow \top \\ \neg(F_1 \wedge F_2) &\Leftrightarrow \neg F_1 \vee \neg F_2 \\ \neg(F_1 \vee F_2) &\Leftrightarrow \neg F_1 \wedge \neg F_2 \\ F_1 \rightarrow F_2 &\Leftrightarrow \neg F_1 \vee F_2 \\ F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2 &\Leftrightarrow (F_1 \rightarrow F_2) \wedge (F_2 \rightarrow F_1) \end{aligned} \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} \neg\neg F_1 &\Leftrightarrow F_1 \\ \neg(F_1 \wedge F_2) &\Leftrightarrow \neg F_1 \vee \neg F_2 \\ \neg(F_1 \vee F_2) &\Leftrightarrow \neg F_1 \wedge \neg F_2 \end{aligned}} \right\} \text{De Morgan's Law}$$

Example: Convert  $F : \neg(P \rightarrow \neg(P \wedge Q))$  to NNF

$$\begin{aligned} F' &: \neg(\neg P \vee \neg(P \wedge Q)) && \rightarrow \text{to } \vee \\ F'' &: \neg\neg P \wedge \neg\neg(P \wedge Q) && \text{De Morgan's Law} \\ F''' &: P \wedge P \wedge Q && \neg\neg \end{aligned}$$

$F'''$  is equivalent to  $F$  ( $F''' \Leftrightarrow F$ ) and is in NNF

## 2. Disjunctive Normal Form (DNF)

Disjunction of conjunctions of literals

$$\bigvee_i \bigwedge_j \ell_{i,j} \text{ for literals } \ell_{i,j}$$

To convert  $F$  into equivalent  $F'$  in DNF,  
transform  $F$  into NNF and then  
use the following template equivalences (left-to-right):

$$\left. \begin{aligned} (F_1 \vee F_2) \wedge F_3 &\Leftrightarrow (F_1 \wedge F_3) \vee (F_2 \wedge F_3) \\ F_1 \wedge (F_2 \vee F_3) &\Leftrightarrow (F_1 \wedge F_2) \vee (F_1 \wedge F_3) \end{aligned} \right\} \text{dist}$$

Example: Convert

$F : (Q_1 \vee \neg\neg Q_2) \wedge (\neg R_1 \rightarrow R_2)$  into DNF

$F' : (Q_1 \vee Q_2) \wedge (R_1 \vee R_2)$  in NNF

$F'' : (Q_1 \wedge (R_1 \vee R_2)) \vee (Q_2 \wedge (R_1 \vee R_2))$  dist

$F''' : (Q_1 \wedge R_1) \vee (Q_1 \wedge R_2) \vee (Q_2 \wedge R_1) \vee (Q_2 \wedge R_2)$  dist

$F'''$  is equivalent to  $F$  ( $F''' \Leftrightarrow F$ ) and is in DNF

## 3. Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF)

Conjunction of disjunctions of literals

$$\bigwedge_i \bigvee_j \ell_{i,j} \text{ for literals } \ell_{i,j}$$

To convert  $F$  into equivalent  $F'$  in CNF,  
transform  $F$  into NNF and then  
use the following template equivalences (left-to-right):

$$\left. \begin{aligned} (F_1 \wedge F_2) \vee F_3 &\Leftrightarrow (F_1 \vee F_3) \wedge (F_2 \vee F_3) \\ F_1 \vee (F_2 \wedge F_3) &\Leftrightarrow (F_1 \vee F_2) \wedge (F_1 \vee F_3) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

## Davis-Putnam-Logemann-Loveland (DPLL) Algorithm

Decides the satisfiability of PL formulae in CNF

In book, efficient conversion of  $F$  to  $F'$  where

$F'$  is in CNF and

$F'$  and  $F$  are equisatisfiable ( $F$  is satisfiable iff  $F'$  is satisfiable)

Decision Procedure DPLL: Given  $F$  in CNF

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DPLL(F) =
  if F = T then true           ... F is satisfiable
  else if F = ⊥ then false     ... F is unsatisfiable
  else if some P appears only positively then DPLL(F{P ↦ T})
  else if some P appears only negatively then DPLL(F{P ↦ ⊥})
  else
    let F' = BCP(F) in
    if F' ≠ F then DPLL(F')
  else
    let P = choose(vars(F)) in
    DPLL(F{P ↦ T}) ∨ DPLL(F{P ↦ ⊥})
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## Boolean Constraint Propagation (BCP)

Based on unit resolution

$$\frac{\ell \quad C[\neg\ell]}{C[\perp]} \leftarrow \text{clause} \quad \text{where } \ell = P \text{ or } \ell = \neg P$$

throughout

Example:

$F : (\neg P \vee Q \vee R) \wedge (\neg Q \vee R) \wedge (\neg Q \vee \neg R) \wedge (P \vee \neg Q \vee \neg R)$

Branching on Q

$$F\{Q \mapsto \top\} : (R) \wedge (\neg R) \wedge (P \vee \neg R)$$

By unit resolution

$$\frac{R \quad (\neg R)}{\perp}$$

$F\{Q \mapsto \top\} = \perp \Rightarrow \text{false}$

On the other branch

$$F\{Q \mapsto \perp\} : (\neg P \vee R)$$

$$F\{Q \mapsto \perp, R \mapsto \top, P \mapsto \perp\} = \top \Rightarrow \text{true}$$

$F$  is satisfiable with satisfying interpretation

$$I : \{P \mapsto \text{false}, Q \mapsto \text{false}, R \mapsto \text{true}\}$$

