

Logic LVA 703600 VU3

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Proof Procedures

How-to prove that a given propositional formula is **satisfiable** or even a **tautology**?

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| truth-tables | natural deduction |
| normal forms | Hilbert systems |
| binary decision diagrams | semantic tableaux |
| Davis-Putnam-Loveland | resolution |
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How-to prove that a given propositional formula is a tautology **automatically**?

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| binary decision diagrams | semantic tableaux |
| Davis-Putnam-Loveland | resolution |

semantic tableaux

- ➔ refutational method
 - ➔ to prove X , derive contradiction from $\neg X$
- ➔ connected to disjunctive normal form (DNF)
- ➔ extends to first-order logic (and non-classical logics)

resolution

- ➔ refutational method
- ➔ connected to conjunctive normal form (CNF)
- ➔ extends to first-order logic (and non-classical logics)

NB: binary decision diagrams do not extend to first-order, Davis-Putnam-Loveland does, but poorly

Definition semantic tableau

let $\{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$ be a set of formulas
➔ the one-branch tree

- A_1
- A_2
- ⋮
- A_n

is a **tableau** for $\{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$

➔ **tableau expansion rules**

$$\frac{\neg\neg Z}{Z} \quad \frac{\neg\top}{\perp} \quad \frac{\neg\perp}{\top} \quad \frac{\alpha}{\alpha_1} \quad \frac{\beta}{\beta_1|\beta_2}$$

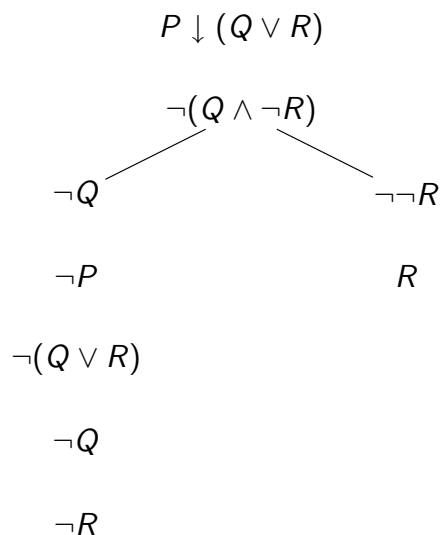
α_2

e.g. if $\neg\neg Z$ on a branch, then extend branch with Z

➔ suppose \mathbf{T} is a tableau for $\{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$, \mathbf{T}^* obtained by applying a **tableau expansion rule** to \mathbf{T} , then \mathbf{T}^* is a **tableau** for $\{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$

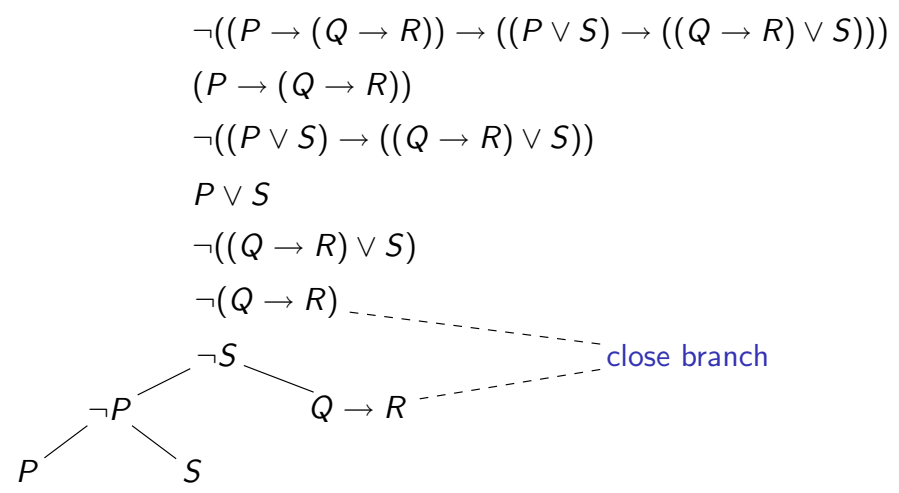
Example

tableau for $\{P \downarrow (Q \vee R), \neg(Q \wedge \neg R)\}$



Example

tableau **proof** for $(P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow R)) \rightarrow ((P \vee S) \rightarrow ((Q \rightarrow R) \vee S))$



Definition

tableau proof

- ➔ a branch is **closed** if X and $\neg X$, or if \perp occur(s) on it
- ➔ a tableau is **closed** if every branch is closed
- ➔ a **tableau proof** of X is a closed tableau for $\{\neg X\}$
- ➔ in a **strict** tableau no formula is expanded twice on the same branch

Theorem

soundness of propositional tableau

If X has a tableau proof, then X is a tautology.

Definition

- ➔ a branch is **satisfiable** if the set of formulas on the branch is satisfiable
- ➔ a tableau is **satisfiable** if at least one branch is satisfiable

Theorem

Expansion rules preserve satisfiability.

Proof

suppose \mathbf{T} is satisfiable, with satisfiable branch τ ; \mathbf{T}^* is obtained by expansion on branch Θ ; we show: \mathbf{T}^* is satisfiable

- ➔ **Case** $\tau \neq \Theta$: \mathbf{T}^* is **satisfiable** as τ is a branch of it
- ➔ **Case** $\tau = \Theta$: assume expansion was applied to X ; we know: $v(X) = \mathbf{t}$
 - ➔ **Subcase** $X = \alpha$: Prop. 2.6.1 yields $v(X) = v(\alpha_1) \wedge v(\alpha_2)$; hence $v(\alpha_1) = v(\alpha_2) = \mathbf{t}$; extension of Θ is **satisfiable**
 - ➔ **Subcase** $X = \beta$: Prop. 2.6.1 yields $v(X) = v(\beta_1) \vee v(\beta_2)$; hence $v(\beta_1) = \mathbf{t}$ or $v(\beta_2) = \mathbf{t}$; one of the extensions of Θ is **satisfiable**
 - ➔ **Subcases** (i) $X = \neg\neg Z$, (ii) $X = \neg\top$, (iii) $X = \neg\perp$: use $v(\neg\neg Z) = v(Z)$, $v(\neg\top) = v(\perp)$ and $v(\neg\perp) = v(\top)$ □

Theorem If there is a closed tableau for S , then S is not satisfiable.

Proof suppose S is satisfiable, a closed tableau exists

- S is satisfiable, hence the initial one-branch tableau is satisfiable
- a closed tableau exists, obtained from the initial tableau
- thus the closed tableau is satisfiable [previous theorem](#)
- contradiction [definition of satisfiability](#) □

Proof of soundness theorem

- a tableau proof of X is a closed tableau for $\{\neg X\}$
- $\{\neg X\}$ is **not** satisfiable
- no counter-example exists: X is a **tautology** □

Definition resolution expansion rules

$$\frac{\neg\neg Z}{Z} \quad \frac{\neg\top}{\perp} \quad \frac{\neg\perp}{\top} \quad \frac{\beta}{\beta_1 \beta_2} \quad \frac{\alpha}{\alpha_1 \alpha_2}$$

Definition resolvent

D_1, D_2 denote disjunctions with $X, \neg X$ occurring as member; the **resolvent D of D_1 and D_2** is obtained by

- deleting all occurrences of X from D_1
- deleting all occurrences of $\neg X$ from D_2
- combine the resulting disjunctions

F is called **trivial resolvent** of D , if obtained by deleting all occurrences of \perp in D

D follows from D_1, D_2 by the **resolution rule** if D is the (trivial) resolvent of D_1, D_2 (D')

Definition resolution

let $\{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$ be a set of formulas

- the sequence of disjunctions

$$\begin{matrix} [A_1] \\ [A_2] \\ \vdots \\ [A_n] \end{matrix}$$

is a **resolution expansion** for $\{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$

- suppose \mathbf{R} is a resolution expansion for $\{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$ and \mathbf{R}^* obtained by applying an [expansion or resolution rule](#) to \mathbf{R} , then \mathbf{R}^* is a **resolution expansion** for $\{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$

Definition resolution proof

- a resolution expansion containing the empty clause, is **closed**
- a **resolution proof** of X is a closed resolution expansion for $\{\neg X\}$

Example resolution proof of $P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow P)$

$$[\neg(P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow P))] \quad [P] \quad [\neg(Q \rightarrow P)] \quad [Q] \quad [\neg P] \quad []$$

NB: there is no analog of strictness for the resolution rule, but a sequence of expansion rules is **strict**, if every disjunction is only expanded once

Theorem soundness of propositional resolution

If X has a resolution proof, then X is a tautology.

Summary

- ➔ proof procedures
- ➔ propositional semantic tableaux
- ➔ tableau implementations
- ➔ propositional tableau soundness
- ➔ propositional resolution
- ➔ propositional resolution soundness