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# THE CALCULUS OF COMPUTATION

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# MOTIVATION

```
def foo(a, b):  
    if not a and not b:  
        h()  
    else:  
        if not a:  
            g()  
        else:  
            f()
```

```
def goo(a, b):  
    if a:  
        f()  
    else:  
        if b:  
            g()  
        else:  
            h()
```

$$\varphi_{foo}: (\neg a \wedge \neg b \wedge h) \vee (\neg(\neg a \wedge \neg b) \wedge ((\neg a \wedge g) \vee (\neg(\neg a) \wedge f)))$$

$$\varphi_{goo}: (a \wedge f) \vee (\neg a \wedge ((b \wedge g) \vee (\neg b \wedge h)))$$

$$\varphi_{goo} \leftrightarrow \varphi_{foo}$$

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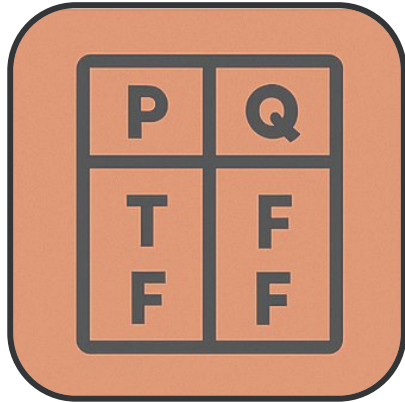
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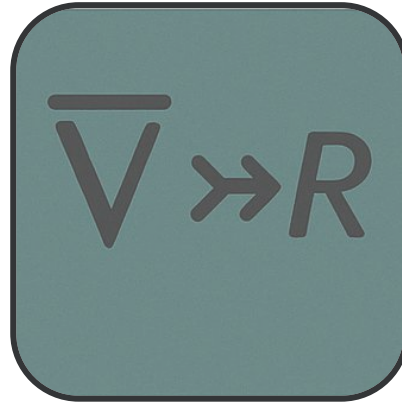


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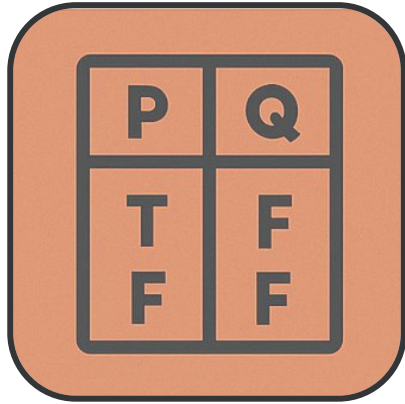
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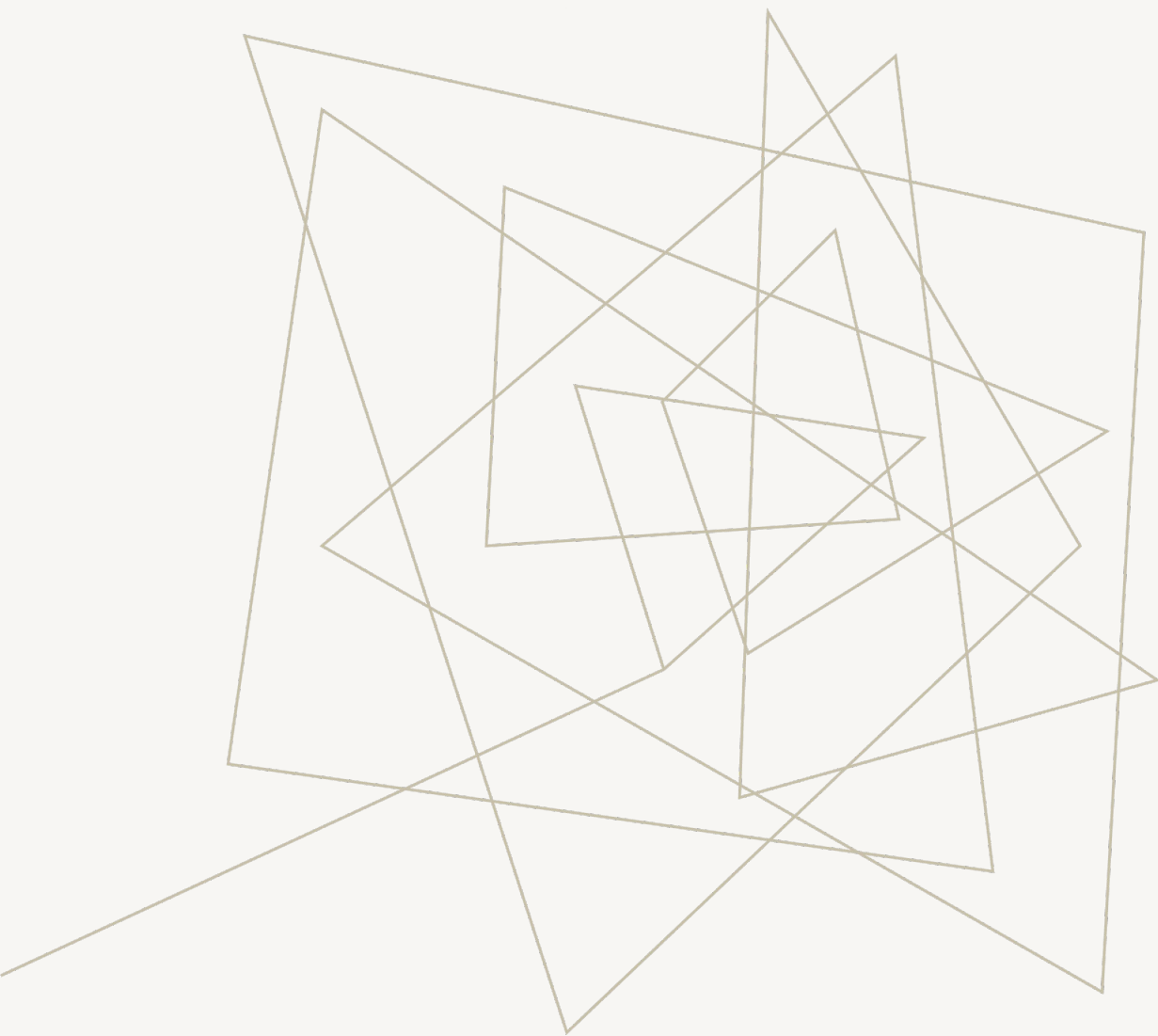
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# PROPOSITIONAL LOGIC (PL)

# INTRODUCTION

## WHAT IS A CALCULUS?

Calculus = A Formal System

- A set of symbols and rules for manipulating those symbols.
- A meaningful calculus applies to a real-world domain.

## C.S NEEDS A DIFFERENT CALCULUS

- Domain: **Computation**.
- Based on **state** — assignment of values to variables.
- **Computation** = Sequence of transitions between states.
- A **program** defines:
  - State structure
  - Allowed transitions
  - All possible computations



# PURPOSE OF A LOGICAL CALCULUS IN CS

We want to **check how programs behave**:

- Does the program **sort** the array?
- Does it **use memory safely**?
- Does it **always halt**?

## Key Concepts

- **State**: Assignment of values (Booleans, integers, etc.) to variables.
- **Transitions**: Pairs of states in computation.
- **Computation**: Sequence of states.
- A program's **set of computations** defines it as precisely as its source code.

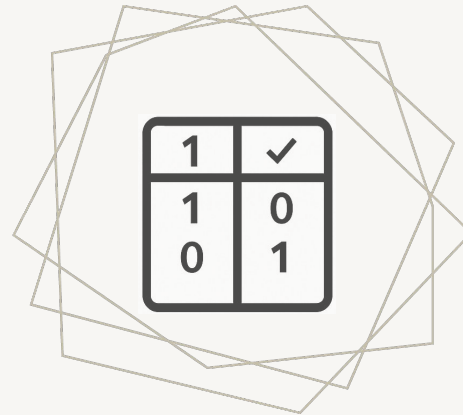
**Goal**: Develop a **logical calculus** that lets us reason **formally** about correctness, just like differential calculus lets us reason about physical quantities.

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# SYNTAX

The **syntax** of a logical language = its **symbols** + **rules** for combining them.

## SYMBOLS ( $\top$ , $\perp$ , P, Q, ETC.)

- Truth symbols:  $\top$  (true),  $\perp$  (false)
- Propositional variables:  
P, Q, R,  $P_1$ ,  $P_2$ , ...

## LOGICAL CONNECTIVES

Connective	Meaning
$\neg F$	negation (“not”)
$F_1 \wedge F_2$	conjunction (“and”)
$F_1 \vee F_2$	disjunction (“or”)
$F_1 \rightarrow F_2$	implication (“implies”)
$F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2$	biconditional (if and only if)



# SYNTAX

- **Atom:** truth symbol ( $\top$ ,  $\perp$ ) or propositional variable ( $P$ ).
- **Literal:** An atom or its negation (e.g.,  $P$  or  $\neg P$ ).
- **Formula:** literal or An application of a logical connective to other formulas

$\neg F$	“not” (negation)
$F1 \wedge F2$	“and” (conjunction)
$F1 \vee F2$	“or” (disjunction)
$F1 \rightarrow F2$	“implies” (implication)
$F1 \leftrightarrow F2$	“if and only if” (iff)

$$(P \wedge Q) \rightarrow R$$

$$\neg(P \wedge Q) \leftrightarrow (\neg P \vee \neg Q)$$

$$(\neg P \vee Q) \leftrightarrow (P \rightarrow Q)$$

# SUBFORMULAS

- Formula **G** is a **subformula** of **F** if it occurs within **F**.
- Rules:
  - Subformula of  $P$  is  $P$
  - Subformulae of  $\neg F$ :  $\neg F$  and subformulae of  $F$
  - Subformulae of  $F_1 \circ F_2$  ( $\circ = \textbf{logical connectives}$ ): the full formula and the subformulae of  $F_1$  and  $F_2$
- **Strict subformulae**: all subformulae **except** the formula itself

## SUBFORMULAS - EXAMPLE

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

$F$

$P \wedge Q$

$P \vee \neg Q$

$P$

$Q$

$\neg Q$

# PRECEDENCE & ASSOCIATIVITY

- Formula **G** is a **subformula** of **F** if it occurs within **F**.
- Precedence Order (Highest to Lowest):
  - $\neg$  (not)
  - $\wedge$  (and)
  - $\vee$  (or)
  - $\rightarrow$  (implies)
  - $\leftrightarrow$  (if and only if)
- Associativity Rules:
  - $\rightarrow$  and  $\leftrightarrow$  are right-associative.
  - Example:  $P \rightarrow Q \rightarrow R$  is interpreted as  $P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow R)$ .



Parentheses are cumbersome. We define the relative precedence of the logical connectives from highest to lowest as follows:  $\neg$ ,  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ ,  $\rightarrow$ ,  $\leftarrow$ .

Additionally, let  $\rightarrow$  and  $\leftarrow$  associate to the right, so that  $P \rightarrow Q \rightarrow R$  is the same formula as  $P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow R)$ .  
as  $P \leftarrow (Q \leftarrow R)$ .

# QUIZ!

GROUPING WITHOUT  
PARENTHESES

Which of the following is logically equivalent to:

$$P_1 \wedge \neg P_2 \wedge \top \vee \neg P_1 \wedge P_2$$

a  $(P_1 \wedge (\neg P_2 \wedge \top)) \vee (\neg P_1 \wedge P_2)$

c  $((P_1 \wedge \neg P_2) \wedge \top) \vee \neg(P_1 \wedge P_2)$

b  $P_1 \wedge \neg(P_2 \wedge (\top \vee \neg P_1)) \wedge P_2$

d  $((P_1 \wedge \neg P_2 \wedge \top \vee \neg P_1) \wedge P_2)$

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## SYNTAX - EXAMPLE

- **Formula:**  $F : (P \wedge Q) \rightarrow (T \vee \neg Q)$
- **atoms:**  $P, Q, T$
- **literal:**  $\neg Q$
- **subformulas:**  $P \wedge Q, T \vee \neg Q$

subformula      atom      literal  
 $F : \quad \overbrace{(P \wedge Q)}^{\text{subformula}} \rightarrow ( \quad \overbrace{\tilde{T}}^{\text{atom}} \quad \vee \quad \overbrace{\neg Q}^{\text{literal}} )$

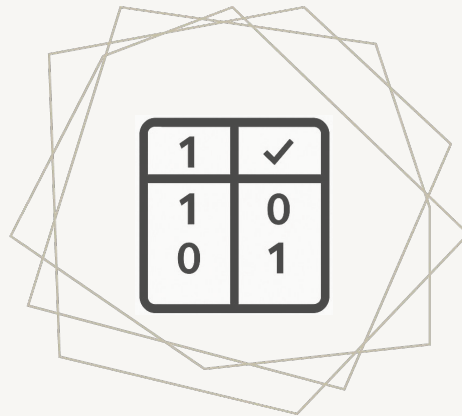


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## What is Semantics?

- **Semantics** defines the **meaning** of logical formulas.
- In PL, the meaning is based on **truth values**: true or false



# INTERPRETATION

**Interpretation (I)** assigns a truth value to each propositional variable.

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

# TRUTH TABLES

## Negation ( $\neg$ ):

$F$	$\neg F$
0	1
1	0

## Connectives Table:

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

## TRUTH TABLES - EXAMPLE

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

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

**Step-by-step Table:**

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

**F evaluates to true under interpretation I.**

# TRUTH TABLES

$F_1$	$F_2$	$F_1 \wedge F_2$	$F_1 \vee F_2$	$F_1 \rightarrow F_2$	$F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2$
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Is truth table a efficient method  
to evalute formulas in PL?

# INDUCTIVE DEFINITION OF PL'S SEMANTICS

$I \models F$  if  $F$  evaluates to true under  $I$   
 $I \not\models F$  false

## Base Case:

$I \models \top$

$I \not\models \perp$

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

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

## Inductive Case:

$I \models \neg F$  iff  $I \not\models F$

$I \models F_1 \wedge F_2$  iff  $I \models F_1$  and  $I \models F_2$

$I \models F_1 \vee F_2$  iff  $I \models F_1$  or  $I \models F_2$

$I \models F_1 \rightarrow F_2$  iff, if  $I \models F_1$  then  $I \models F_2$

$I \models F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2$  iff,  $I \models F_1$  and  $I \models F_2$ ,  
or  $I \not\models F_1$  and  $I \not\models F_2$

## Note:

$I \not\models F_1 \rightarrow F_2$  iff  $I \models F_1$  and  $I \not\models F_2$

# INDUCTIVE DEFINITION - EXAMPLE

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

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

- |    |                            |                                     |             |
|----|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| 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 semantics of $\neg$        |             |
| 4. | $I \not\models P \wedge Q$ | by 2 and semantics of $\wedge$      |             |
| 5. | $I \models P \vee \neg Q$  | by 1 and semantics of $\vee$        |             |
| 6. | $I \models F$              | by 4 and semantics of $\rightarrow$ | <b>?Why</b> |



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

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

## INDUCTIVE DEFINITION - EXAMPLE

1.  $I \models P$                       since  $I[P] = \text{true}$
2.  $I \not\models Q$                       since  $I[Q] = \text{false}$
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6.  $I \models F$                       by 4 and semantics of  $\rightarrow$     **?Why**

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

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

**$F$  valid**  $\leftrightarrow$  for all interpretations  $I$ ,  $I \models F$ .

$F$  is valid  $\leftrightarrow \neg F$  is unsatisfiable

## Why it works?

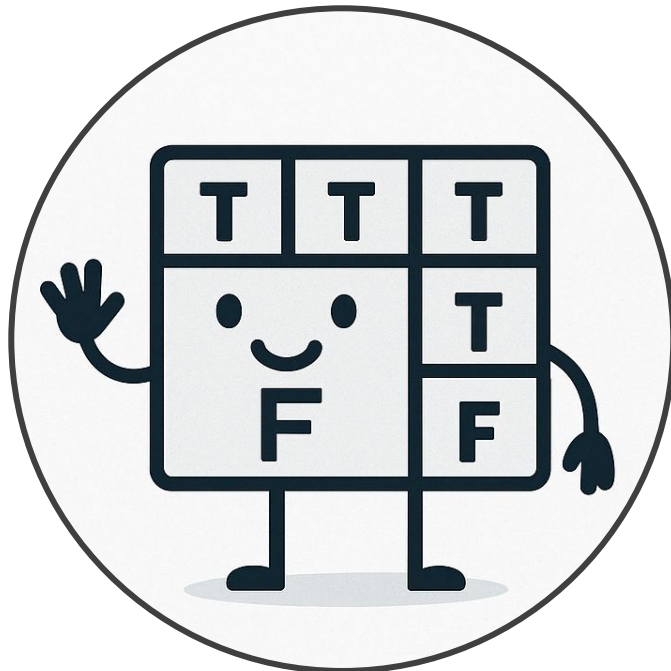
If  $F$  is valid,

then for every  $I$ ,  $I \models F \rightarrow$

so  $I \not\models \neg F \rightarrow$

$\neg F$  is unsatisfiable

# METHODS FOR VALIDITY & SATISFIABILITY

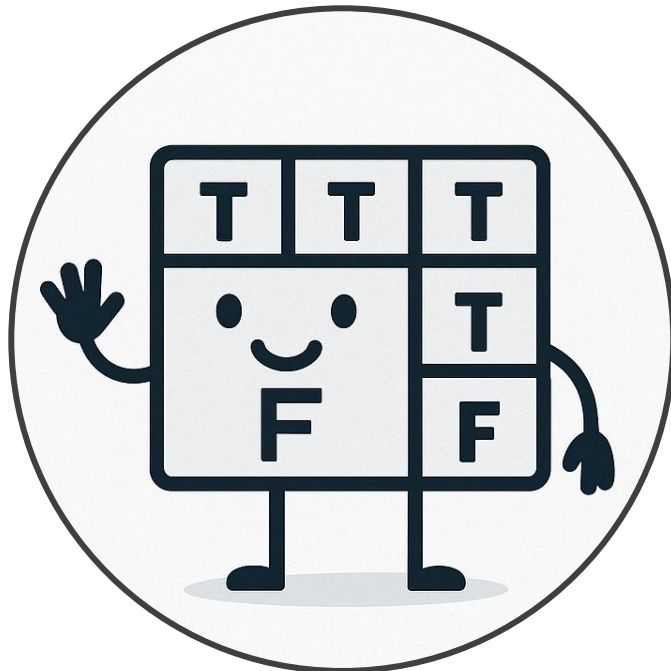


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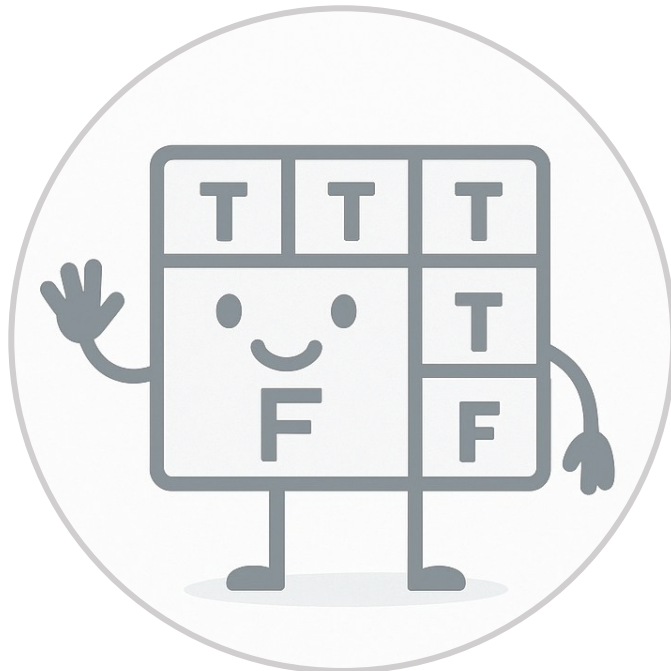
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# METHOD 1: TRUTH TABLES

**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
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## METHOD 2: SEMANTIC ARGUMENTS

Semantic Arguments provide an alternative to truth tables for proving validity.

### **Approach:**

- Assume the formula  $F$  is invalid (i.e., there is a falsifying interpretation  $I$  such that  $I \not\models F$ )
- Apply semantic definitions to deduce consequences
- Derive a contradiction  $\rightarrow$  proves  $F$  is valid



## METHOD 2: SEMANTIC ARGUMENTS - EXAMPLE

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

1	$I \not\models F$	(assum.)
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	$\perp$	(4 and 5)

$\frac{I \models \neg F}{I \not\models F}$	$\frac{I \not\models \neg F}{I \models F}$	$\frac{I \models F \wedge G}{I \models F \quad I \models G}$
$\frac{I \not\models F \wedge G}{I \not\models F \quad   \quad I \not\models G}$	$\frac{I \models F \vee G}{I \models F \quad   \quad I \models G}$	
$\frac{I \not\models F \vee G}{I \not\models F \quad I \not\models G}$	$\frac{I \models F \rightarrow G}{I \not\models F \quad   \quad I \models G}$	
	$\frac{I \not\models F \rightarrow G}{I \models F \quad I \not\models G}$	

Found a contradiction, so F is valid

# SEMANTIC ARGUMENT

## PROOF RULES

$$\text{NEGATION } (\neg) \quad \frac{I \models \neg F}{I \not\models F}$$

$$\frac{I \not\models \neg F}{I \models F}$$

$$\text{CONJUNCTION } (\wedge) \quad \frac{I \models F \wedge G}{\begin{array}{l} I \models F \\ I \models G \end{array}} \leftarrow \text{and}$$

$$\frac{I \not\models F \wedge G}{\begin{array}{l} I \not\models F \\ I \not\models G \end{array}} \leftarrow \text{or}$$

$$\text{DISJUNCTION } (\vee) \quad \frac{I \models F \vee G}{I \models F \mid I \models G}$$

$$\frac{I \not\models F \vee G}{\begin{array}{l} I \not\models F \\ I \not\models G \end{array}}$$

$$\text{IMPLICATION } (\rightarrow) \quad \frac{I \models F \rightarrow G}{I \not\models F \mid I \models G}$$

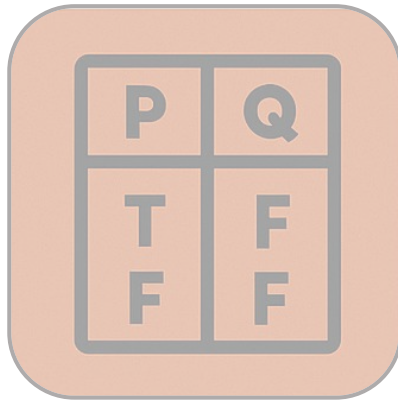
$$\frac{I \not\models F \rightarrow G}{\begin{array}{l} I \models F \\ I \not\models G \end{array}}$$

$$\text{BICONDITIONAL } (\leftrightarrow) \quad \frac{I \models F \leftrightarrow G}{I \models F \wedge G \mid I \not\models F \vee G}$$

$$\frac{I \not\models F \leftrightarrow G}{I \models F \wedge \neg G \mid I \models \neg F \wedge G}$$

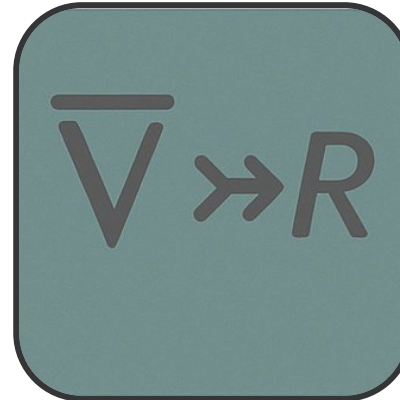
$$\text{CONTRADICTION RULE} \quad \frac{\begin{array}{l} I \models F \\ I \not\models F \end{array}}{I \models \perp}$$

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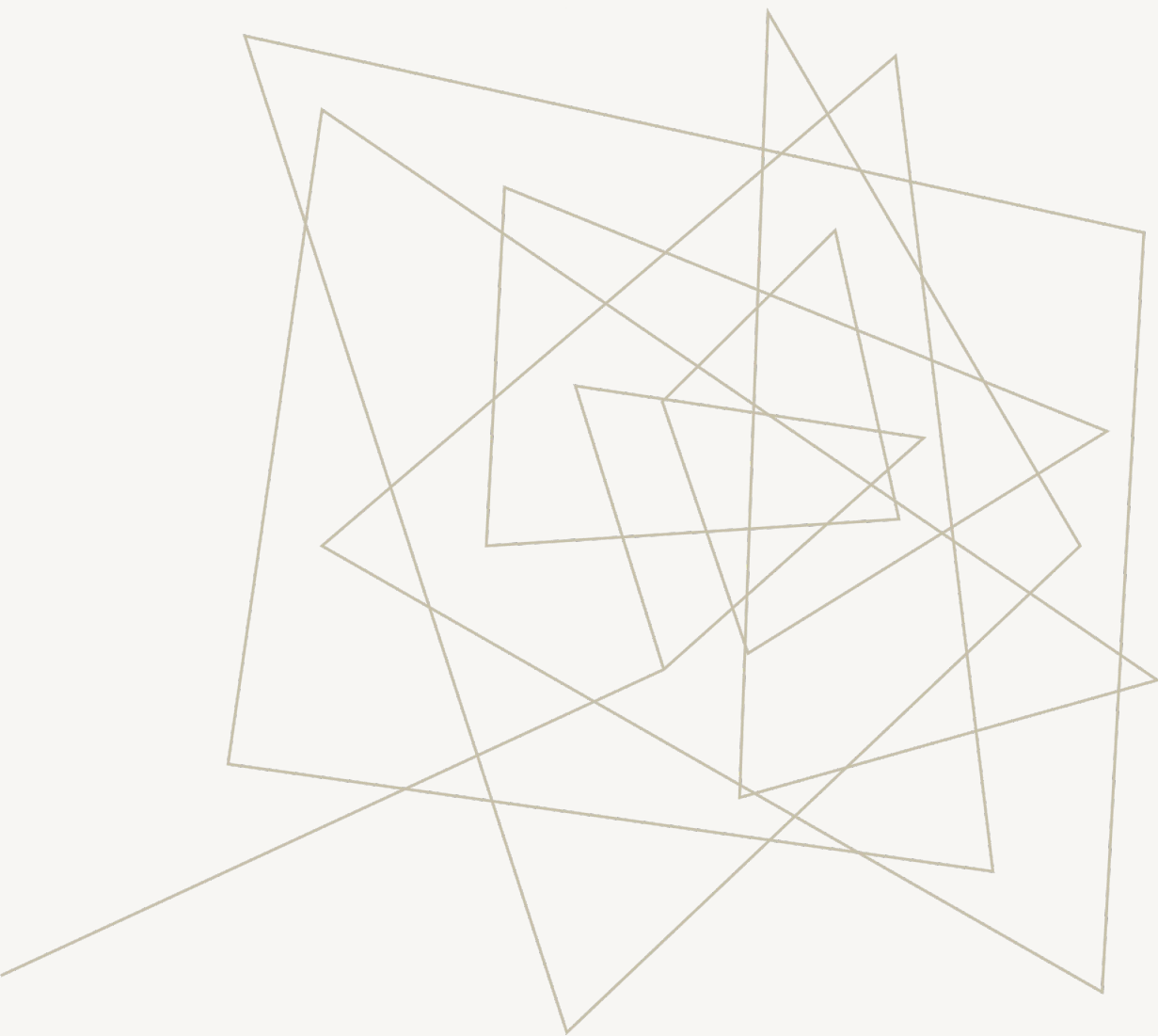
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# MOTIVATION

```
def g(ig):  
    og = ig  
    for i in range(2):  
        og = f(og, ig)  
    return og
```

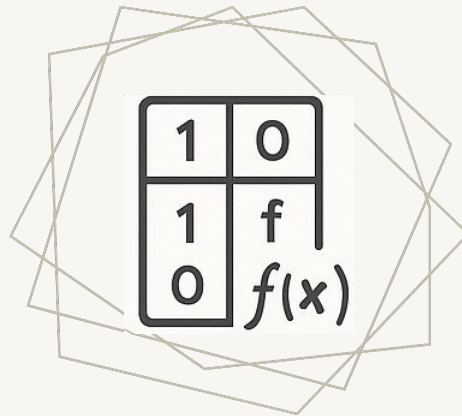
```
def h(ih):  
    oh = f(f(ih, ih), ih)  
    return oh
```

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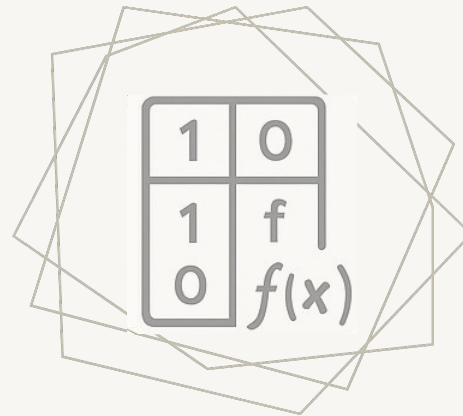
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# SYNTAX

FOL extends PL with:

- **Terms** – the basic ones are **variables** and **constants**. More complex terms are **functions** which takes n terms as arguments.
- **Predicates** – generalization of propositional variables of PL. An n-ary predicate takes n terms as arguments and return truth value.
- **Quantifiers** - existential quantifier  $\exists x. F[x]$ , universal quantifier  $\forall x. F[x]$ .



# SYNTAX

The following are all terms:

- $x$ , a variable;
- $f(a)$ , a unary function  $f$  applied to a constant;
- $g(x, b)$ , a binary function  $g$  applied to a variable  $x$  and a constant  $b$ ;
- $f(g(x, f(b)))$

# SYNTAX

- **atoms** –  $\top$ ,  $\perp$ , or an n-ary predicate applied to n terms.
- **literals** - An atom or its negation.

$$\overbrace{p(f(x), y)}^{atom/literal}, \quad \overbrace{\neg p(\underbrace{f(y)}_{term}, g(x))}^{literal}$$

# SYNTAX

The most simple and basic FOL formula is just one literal

$$p(x, y)$$

But we can create complex FOL formulae using logical connectives, like  $\wedge, \vee, \rightarrow, \neg$  or  $\leftrightarrow$ .

$$\overbrace{p(f(x), y)}^{\text{atom/literal}} \wedge r(g(y), x) \rightarrow \overbrace{\neg p(\underbrace{f(y)}_{\text{term}}, g(x))}^{\text{literal}}$$

# SYNTAX

There are two FOL quantifiers:

- the **existential** quantifier  $\exists x. F[x]$ , read “there exists an  $x$  such that  $F[x]$ ”;
- and the **universal** quantifier  $\forall x. F[x]$ , read “for all  $x$ ,  $F[x]$ ”.

$$\forall x. p(f(x), x) \rightarrow \left( \exists y. p\left(f(g(x, y)), g(x, y)\right) \right) \wedge q(x, f(x))$$

# SYNTAX

A variable is **free** in formula  $F[x]$  if there is an occurrence of  $x$  that is not bound by any quantifier. Denote by  $\text{free}(F)$  the set of free variables of a formula  $F$ .

A variable is **bound** in formula  $F[x]$  if there is an occurrence of  $x$  in the scope of a binding quantifier  $\forall x$  or  $\exists x$ . Denote by  $\text{bound}(F)$  the set of bound variables of a formula  $F$ .

A formula  $F$  is **closed** if it does not contain any free variables.

# SYNTAX

For example, consider the following FOL formula:

$$F: \forall x. p(f(x), y) \rightarrow \forall y. p(f(x), y)$$

$x$  only occurs bound, while  $y$  appears both free (in the antecedent) and bound (in the consequent). Thus,  $\text{free}(F) = \{y\}$  and  $\text{bound}(F) = \{x, y\}$ .

So in this case we have:  $\text{free}(F) \cap \text{bound}(F) \neq \emptyset$

# SYNTAX

The **subformulae** of a FOL formula are defined according to an extension of the PL definition of subformula:

- the only subformula of  $p(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ , where the  $t_i$  are terms, is  $p(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ ;
- the subformulae of  $\neg F$  are  $\neg F$  and the subformulae of  $F$ ;
- the subformulae of  $F_1 \wedge F_2$ ,  $F_1 \vee F_2$ ,  $F_1 \rightarrow F_2$ ,  $F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2$  are the formula itself and the subformulae of  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ ;
- the subformulae of  $\exists x. F$  and  $\forall x. F$  are the formula itself and the subformulae of  $F$ .

# SYNTAX

The **subterms** of a FOL term are defined as follows:

- the only subterm of constant  $a$  or variable  $x$  is  $a$  or  $x$  itself.
- and the subterms of  $f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  are the term itself and the subterms of  $t_1, \dots, t_n$ .



## SYNTAX :SUBFORMULAS - EXAMPLE

$$F: \forall x. p(f(x), y) \rightarrow \forall y. p(f(x), y)$$

The subformulae of  $F$  are:

$F$

$p(f(x), y) \rightarrow \forall y. p(f(x), y)$

$\forall y. p(f(x), y)$

$p(f(x), y)$

## SYNTAX :SUBFORMULAS - EXAMPLE

$$T: g \left( f(x), f \left( h(f(x)) \right) \right)$$

The subterm of F are:

$T$

$f(x)$

$f \left( h(f(x)) \right)$

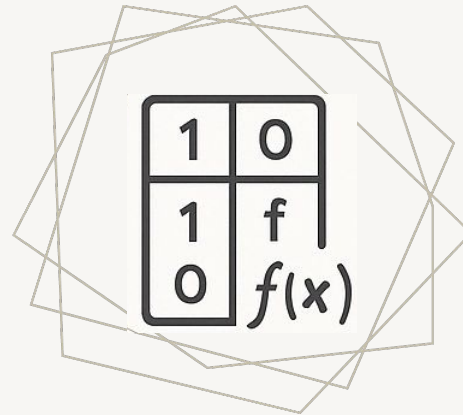
$h(f(x))$

# FIRST ORDER LOGIC (FOL)



## SYNTAX

How formulas are built



## SEMANTICS

What formulas mean



## SATISFIABILITY AND VALIDITY

When formulas are true

# SEMANTICS

We must remember that both PL and FOL formulas are evaluated to the truth values true and false. However, **terms** of FOL formulae evaluate to values from a specified domain.

That lead us to definition of **FOL interpretation**.

An **interpretation I** is a pair  $(D_I, \alpha_I)$  which consist of a domain and an assignment.

# SEMANTICS

The domain  $D_I$  of an interpretation  $I$  is a nonempty set of values or objects, such as integers, real numbers, dogs, people, or merely abstract objects.

$|D_I|$  denotes the cardinality, or size, of  $D_I$ .

# SEMANTICS

The assignment  $\alpha_I$  of interpretation  $I$  maps constant, function, and predicate symbols to elements, functions, and predicates over  $D_I$ .

It also maps variables to elements of  $D_I$ :

- each variable symbol  $x$  is assigned a value  $x_i$  from  $D_I$ ;
- each  $n$  – *ary* function symbol  $f$  is assigned an  $n$  – *ary* function  $f_i : D_I^n \rightarrow D_I$  that maps  $n$  elements of  $D_I$  to an element of  $D_I$ ;
- each  $n$  – *ary* predicate symbol  $p$  is assigned an  $n$  – *ary* predicate  $p_i : D_I^n \rightarrow \{\text{true}, \text{false}\}$  that maps  $n$  elements of  $D_I$  to a truth value.

# SEMANTICS

let's clarify these ideas with the following example:

$$F: x + y > z \rightarrow y > z - x$$

$$F': p(f(x, y), z) \rightarrow p(y, g(z, x)).$$

# SEMANTICS

$$F: x + y > z \rightarrow y > z - x$$

now let's construct a “standard” interpretation:

- The domain is the integers,  $D_I = \mathbb{Z}$ .
- $\alpha_I := \{+ \mapsto +_{\mathbb{Z}}, - \mapsto -_{\mathbb{Z}}, > \mapsto >_{\mathbb{Z}}, x \mapsto 13, y \mapsto 42, z \mapsto 13\}$



# SEMANTICS

Given a FOL formula  $F$  and interpretation,  $I : (D_I, \alpha_I)$ , we want to compute if  $F$  evaluates to true under interpretation  $I$ ,  $I \models F$ , or if  $F$  evaluates to false under interpretation  $I$ ,  $I \not\models F$ .

We define the semantics inductively, we saw the assignment  $\alpha_I$  gives meaning  $\alpha_I[x]$ ,  $\alpha_I[c]$ , and  $\alpha_I[f]$  to variables  $x$ , constants  $c$ , and functions  $f$ .

# SEMANTICS

Evaluate arbitrary terms recursively:  $\alpha_I[f(t_1, \dots, t_n)] = \alpha_I[f](\alpha_I[t_1], \dots, \alpha_I[t_n])$ , for terms  $t_1, \dots, t_n$ .

That is, define the value of  $f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  under  $\alpha_I$  by evaluating the function  $\alpha_I[f]$  over the terms  $\alpha_I[t_1], \dots, \alpha_I[t_n]$ .

Similarly, evaluate arbitrary atoms recursively:

$$\alpha_I[p(t_1, \dots, t_n)] = \alpha_I[p](\alpha_I[t_1], \dots, \alpha_I[t_n])$$

Then  $I \models p(t_1, \dots, t_n) \leftrightarrow \alpha_I[p](\alpha_I[t_1], \dots, \alpha_I[t_n]) = \text{true}$

# SEMANTICS

after covering the base case of the inductive semantics, we can turn to the inductive step.

$I \models \neg F$	iff $I \not\models F$
$I \models F_1 \wedge F_2$	iff $I \models F_1$ and $I \models F_2$
$I \models F_1 \vee F_2$	iff $I \models F_1$ or $I \models F_2$
$I \models F_1 \rightarrow F_2$	iff, if $I \models F_1$ then $I \models F_2$
$I \models F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2$	iff $I \models F_1$ and $I \models F_2$ , or $I \not\models F_1$ and $I \not\models F_2$

# SEMANTICS

$$F : x + y > z \rightarrow y > z - x$$

of Example 2.7 and the interpretation  $I : (\mathbb{Z}, \alpha_I)$ , where

$$\alpha_I : \{+ \mapsto +_{\mathbb{Z}}, - \mapsto -_{\mathbb{Z}}, > \mapsto >_{\mathbb{Z}}, x \mapsto 13_{\mathbb{Z}}, y \mapsto 42_{\mathbb{Z}}, z \mapsto 1_{\mathbb{Z}}\} .$$

Compute the truth value of  $F$  under  $I$  as follows:

1.  $I \models x + y > z$       since  $\alpha_I[x + y > z] = 13_{\mathbb{Z}} +_{\mathbb{Z}} 42 >_{\mathbb{Z}} 1_{\mathbb{Z}}$
2.  $I \models y > z - x$       since  $\alpha_I[y > z - x] = 42_{\mathbb{Z}} >_{\mathbb{Z}} 1_{\mathbb{Z}} -_{\mathbb{Z}} 13_{\mathbb{Z}}$
3.  $I \models F$       by 1, 2, and the semantics of  $\rightarrow$

# SEMANTICS

For the quantifiers, let  $x$  be a variable. Define an  $x$ -variant of an interpretation  $I = (D_I, \alpha_I)$  as an interpretation  $J = (D_J, \alpha_J)$  such that:

- $D_I = D_J$
- And  $\alpha_I[y] = \alpha_J[y]$  for all constants, free variable, function and predicate symbols  $y$ , except possibly  $x$ .

That is,  $I$  and  $J$  agree on everything except possibly the value of variable  $x$ .

# SEMANTICS

Denote by  $J: I \leftarrow \{x \mapsto v\}$  the  $x$ -variant of  $I$  in which  $\alpha_J[x] = v$  for some  $v \in D_I$ .

Then:

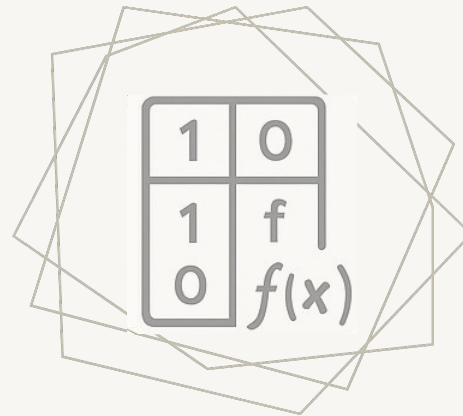
- $I \models \forall x. F$  iff for all  $v \in D_I$ ,  $I \leftarrow \{x \mapsto v\} \models F$
- $I \models \exists x. F$  iff there exist  $v \in D_I$ , such that  $I \leftarrow \{x \mapsto v\} \models F$

# FIRST ORDER LOGIC (FOL)



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# SATISFIABILITY AND VALIDITY

- A formula  $F$  is said to be **satisfiable**  $\leftrightarrow$  there exists an interpretation  $I$  such that  $I \models F$ .
- A formula  $F$  is said to be **valid**  $\leftrightarrow$  for all interpretations  $I$ ,  $I \models F$ .
- Determining satisfiability and validity of formulae are important tasks in FOL.
- Recall that **satisfiability and validity are dual**:  
 $F$  is valid  $\leftrightarrow \neg F$  is unsatisfiable.



# SATISFIABILITY AND VALIDITY

According to the semantics of universal quantification, from  $I \models \forall x. F$ , deduce  $I \leftarrow \{x \mapsto v\} \models F$  for any  $v \in D_I$ .

- $\frac{I \models \forall x. F}{I \leftarrow \{x \mapsto v\} \models F}$  for any  $v \in D_I$

$$\frac{I \not\models \exists x. F}{I \leftarrow \{x \mapsto v\} \not\models F} \text{ for any } v \in D_I$$

- $\frac{I \models \exists x. F}{I \leftarrow \{x \mapsto v\} \models F}$  for some  $v \in D_I$

$$\frac{I \not\models \forall x. F}{I \leftarrow \{x \mapsto v\} \not\models F} \text{ for a some } v \in D_I$$

# SATISFIABILITY AND VALIDITY

We add another rule which helps us determine a contradiction.

- A contradiction exists if two variants of the original interpretation  $I$  disagree on the truth value of an  $n$ -ary predicate  $p$  for a given tuple of domain values.

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} J : I \triangleleft \dots \models p(s_1, \dots, s_n) \\ K : I \triangleleft \dots \not\models p(t_1, \dots, t_n) \end{array} \quad \text{for } i \in \{1, \dots, n\}, \alpha_J[s_i] = \alpha_K[t_i]}{I \models \perp}$$

# SATISFIABILITY AND VALIDITY

We want to prove that  $(\forall x.p(x)) \rightarrow (\forall y.p(y))$  is valid.

Suppose not, then there is an interpretation  $I$  such that  $I \not\models F$ :

1.  $I \models \forall x.p(x)$       assumption and semantics of  $\rightarrow$
2.  $I \not\models \forall y.p(y)$       assumption and semantics of  $\rightarrow$
3.  $I \leftarrow \{y \mapsto v\} \not\models p(y)$     2 and semantics of  $\forall$ , for some  $v \in D_I$
4.  $I \leftarrow \{x \mapsto v\} \models p(x)$     1 and semantics of  $\forall$
5. Under  $I, p(v)$  is false by 3 and true by 4.

# SATISFIABILITY AND VALIDITY

```
def g(ig):  
    og = ig  
    for i in range(2):  
        og = f(og, ig)  
    return og
```

```
def h(ih):  
    oh = f(f(ih,ih),ih)  
    return oh
```

# SATISFIABILITY AND VALIDITY

```
def g_unroll(ig):  
    og = ig  
    og = f(og, ig)  
    og = f(og, ig)  
    return og
```

```
def g(ig):  
    og = ig  
    for i in range(2):  
        og = f(og, ig)  
    return og
```

```
def h(ih):  
    oh = f(f(ih, ih), ih)  
    return oh
```

$\psi_g: og1 = ig \wedge og2 = f(og1, ig) \wedge og3 = f(og2, ig)$

$\psi_h: oh1 = f(f(ih, ih), ih)$

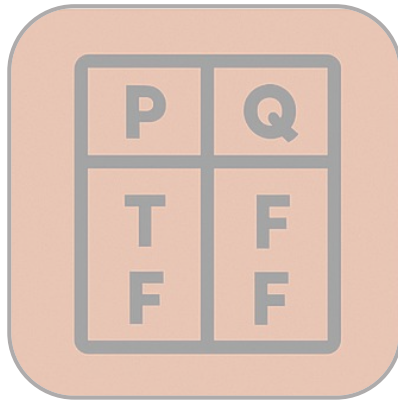
# SATISFIABILITY AND VALIDITY

Two functions are equivalent if and only if for every two equal inputs the outputs are the same, that lead us to the formula:

$$\psi := (ih = ig \wedge \psi_h \wedge \psi_g) \longrightarrow og3 = oh1$$

Finally:  *$g$  and  $h$  are equivalent  $\leftrightarrow \psi$  is valid*

# LECTURE OUTLINE



## Propositional Logic (PL)

The logic of statements that are either true or false.



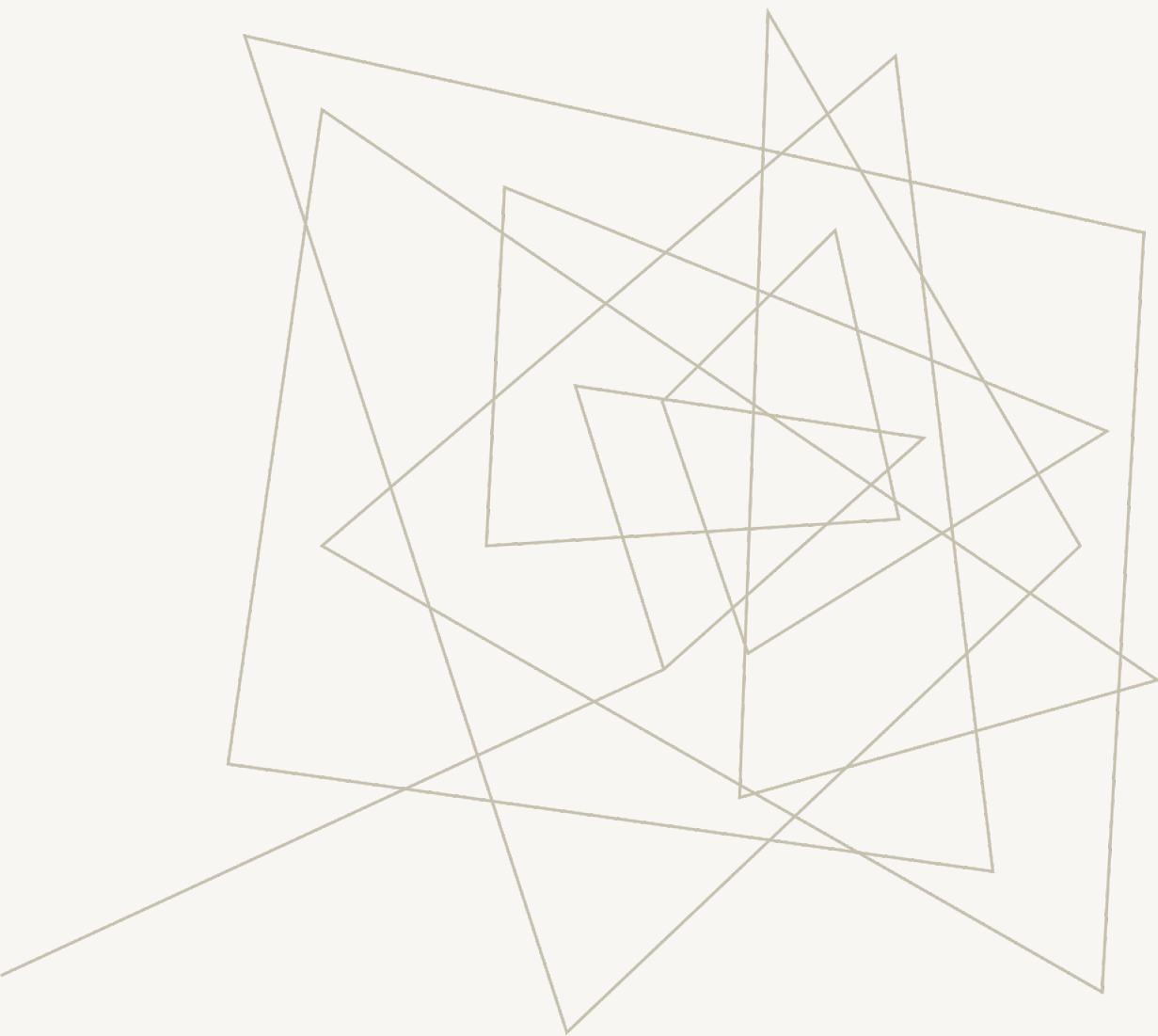
## First Order Logic (FOL)

Logic with predicates, functions, and quantifiers.



## First Order Theories

Logical frameworks for reasoning about numbers, arrays, and data.



# FIRST ORDER THEORIES

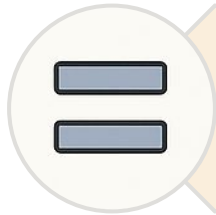


# FIRST-ORDER THEORIES

How logic meets real data:



Numbers, arrays, lists, trees



Equality, structure, behavior



Useful for software verification

# FIRST ORDER THEORIES

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# FIRST-ORDER THEORIES

**Definition:** A first-order theory **T** is defined by:

- **Signature ( $\Sigma$ ):** A set of constant, function, and predicate symbols.
- **Axioms (**A**):** A set of **closed** FOL formulas using only symbols from  $\Sigma$ .

**$\Sigma$ -formulas** are built from these symbols, variables, connectives, and quantifiers.

- The symbols themselves have no built-in meaning.
- Their meaning comes from the axioms **A**.

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma &= \{a, b, f, P\} \\ A &= \{P(a), \forall x. P(x) \rightarrow P(f(x))\}\end{aligned}$$

# SATISFIABILITY AND VALIDITY

**T-validity ( $T \models F$ ):** A formula  $F$  is **valid** in theory  $T$  if every interpretation  $I$  that satisfies all axioms  $A$  also satisfies  $F$ .

**T-satisfiability:** A formula  $F$  is **satisfiable** in  $T$  if there is some interpretation  $I$  (a **T-interpretation**) such that  $I \models F$ .

**Example:** Let  $T$  contain axiom:  $\forall x. P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)$   
Then the formula:  $P(a) \rightarrow Q(a)$  is  $T$ -valid if  $P(a)$  holds under  $T$ .

# SATISFIABILITY AND VALIDITY

- **Complete theory:** For every formula  $F$ : either  $T \models F$  or  $T \models \neg F$ .
- **Consistent theory:** There exists at least one interpretation satisfying all axioms.
  - This means we cannot have both  $T \models F$  and  $T \models \neg F$ .
  - Otherwise,  $T \models F \wedge \neg F \rightarrow T \models \perp$  (contradiction).

**Equivalence:** Formulas  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are **T-equivalent** if  $T \models F_1 \leftrightarrow F_2$ .

# FRAGMENTS AND DECIDABILITY

**Fragment:** A syntactically restricted subset of formulas.

- e.g., The **quantifier-free fragment** contains formulas with no quantifiers.

**Decidability:**

- A theory  $T$  is **decidable** if there exists an algorithm that can decide for every  $\Sigma$ -formula  $F$  whether  $T \models F$ .
- A fragment is decidable if this holds within the fragment's restrictions.

# COMBINING THEORIES

## Union of Theories:

- $T_1 \cup T_2$  has signature  $\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2$  and axioms  $A_1 \cup A_2$ .
- An interpretation of  $T_1 \cup T_2$  satisfies both theories.

## Implications:

- If a formula is valid in  $T_1$  or  $T_2 \rightarrow$  valid in  $T_1 \cup T_2$ .
- If a formula is satisfiable in  $T_1 \cup T_2 \rightarrow$  satisfiable in both  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ .

## Why we care:

- First-Order Logic (FOL) itself is undecidable.
- Many **theories and fragments** are **decidable**.
- These are central to automated reasoning and verification.



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# EQUALITY

**$T_E$  is the simplest first-order theory.**

- **Signature  $\Sigma_E$ :**
  - $=$  (equality) — binary predicate, interpreted via axioms
  - All other symbols (constants, functions, predicates) are uninterpreted — except as they relate to equality

# EQUALITY

**Axioms of  $T_E$  :**

- 1. Reflexivity:**  $\forall x. x = x$
- 2. Symmetry:**  $\forall x, y. x = y \rightarrow y = x$
- 3. Transitivity:**  $\forall x, y, z. x = y \wedge y = z \rightarrow x = z$
- 4. Function congruence:**  $\forall \bar{x}, \bar{y}. (\wedge_{i=1}^n x_i = y_i) \rightarrow f(\bar{x}) = f(\bar{y})$
- 5. Predicate congruence:**  $\forall \bar{x}, \bar{y}. (\wedge_{i=1}^n x_i = y_i) \rightarrow (p(\bar{x}) \leftrightarrow p(\bar{y}))$

## $\mathcal{T}_E$ IS UNDECIDABLE

- $\mathcal{T}_E$  includes **all** constant, function, and predicate symbols.
- So, **any FOL formula** can be rephrased as a  $\mathcal{T}_E$  formula.
- That makes  $\mathcal{T}_E$  **undecidable**, just like FOL.

But the **quantifier-free fragment** *is* decidable — and very useful.

## VALIDITY AND SATISFIABILITY IN $\mathcal{T}_E$

Although  $\mathcal{T}_E$  as a whole is undecidable, Its **quantifier-free fragment** is both interesting and **efficiently decidable**.

**Example:**

$$F: a = b \wedge b = b \rightarrow g(f(a), b) = g(f(c), a)$$

// constants

$$F': x = y \wedge y = z \rightarrow g(f(x), y) = g(f(z), x)$$

// free variables

$$F \text{ is } \mathcal{T}_E\text{-valid} \Leftrightarrow F' \text{ is } \mathcal{T}_E\text{-valid}$$

$$F \text{ is } \mathcal{T}_E\text{-satisfiable} \Leftrightarrow F' \text{ is } \mathcal{T}_E\text{-satisfiable}$$

## SEMANTIC ARGUMENT — PROVING VALIDITY IN $T_E$

We can use a semantic argument to prove that a formula is valid in  $T_E$ .

**Example:** Prove that:  $F : a = b \wedge b = c \rightarrow g(f(a), b) = g(f(c), a)$   
is  $T_E$  -valid Assume it's false.

- |     |   |                            |
|-----|---|----------------------------|
| 1.  | $I \not\models F$                       | assumption                 |
| 2.  | $I \models a = b \wedge b = c$          | 1, $\rightarrow$           |
| 3.  | $I \not\models g(f(a), b) = g(f(c), a)$ | 1, $\rightarrow$           |
| 4.  | $I \models a = b$                       | 2, $\wedge$                |
| 5.  | $I \models b = c$                       | 2, $\wedge$                |
| 6.  | $I \models a = c$                       | 4, 5, (transitivity)       |
| 7.  | $I \models f(a) = f(c)$                 | 6, (function congruence)   |
| 8.  | $I \models b = a$                       | 4, (symmetry)              |
| 9.  | $I \models g(f(a), b) = g(f(c), a)$     | 7, 8 (function congruence) |
| 10. | $I \models \perp$                       | 3, 9                       |

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# NATURAL NUMBERS AND INTEGERS

We explore three foundational arithmetic theories:

- **Peano Arithmetic ( $T_{PA}$ )**: supports addition and multiplication over  $\mathbb{N}$ .
- **Presburger Arithmetic (TN)**: only supports addition.
- **Theory of Integers (TZ)**: simplifies reasoning over  $\mathbb{Z}$ .



# PEANO ARITHMETIC ( $T_{PA}$ )

**Signature**  $\Sigma_{PA} : \{0, 1, +, \cdot, =\}$

- 0, 1: constants
- +,  $\cdot$ : binary functions (addition, multiplication)
- =: equality predicate

## **Axioms:**

1. Zero:  $\forall x. \neg(x + 1 = 0)$
2. Successor:  $\forall x, y. x + 1 = y + 1 \rightarrow x = y$
3. Induction:  $F[0] \wedge (\forall x. F[x] \rightarrow F[x + 1]) \rightarrow \forall x. F[x]$
4. plus zero:  $\forall x. x + 0 = x$
5. plus successor:  $\forall x, y. x + (y + 1) = (x + y) + 1$
6. times zero:  $\forall x. x \cdot 0 = 0$
7. times successor:  $\forall x, y. x \cdot (y + 1) = x \cdot y + x$

## INTENDED INTERPRETATION OF $T_{PA}$

The standard model of Peano Arithmetic assumes:

- **Domain:**  $\mathbb{N}$  (natural numbers)
- $I[0], I[1]$ :  $0_{\mathbb{N}}, 1_{\mathbb{N}} \in \mathbb{N}$
- $I[+]$ :  $+_{\mathbb{N}}$ , addition over  $\mathbb{N}$
- $I[\times]$ :  $\times_{\mathbb{N}}$ , multiplication over  $\mathbb{N}$
- $I[=]$ :  $=_{\mathbb{N}}$ , numeric equality over  $\mathbb{N}$

# LIMITS OF PEANO ARITHMETIC

- Satisfiability and validity in  $T_{PA}$  are undecidable
- Even quantifier-free  $T_{PA}$  is undecidable!
- Moreover,  $T_{PA}$  is incomplete (Gödel, 1930)
- Upshot: there are valid arithmetic propositions that are  $T_{PA}$  -invalid

**Lesson:** Multiplication is hard! Let's try something easier.

# PRESBURGER ARITHMETIC ( $T_{\mathbb{N}}$ )

**Signature:**  $\Sigma_{\mathbb{N}} : \{0, 1, +, =\}$

**Axioms:** Subset of  $T_{PA}$

1. All of the equality axioms: reflexivity, symmetry, transitivity, and congruence
2. **Zero:**  $\forall x. \neg(x + 1 = 0)$
3. **Additive identity:**  $\forall x. x + 0 = x$
4. **Successor:**  $\forall x, y. (x + 1 = y + 1) \rightarrow x = y$
5. **Plus successor:**  $\forall x, y. x + (y + 1) = (x + y) + 1$
6. **Induction:**  $F[0] \wedge (\forall x. F[x] \rightarrow F[x + 1]) \rightarrow \forall x. F[x]$

# PRESBURGER ARITHMETIC ( $T_{\mathbb{N}}$ )

The intended interpretation is over  $\mathbb{N}$ , like with  $T_{PA}$

But, unlike  $T_{PA}$ , it has nice properties:

- Validity is **decidable**!
- But complexity is high:  $O(2^{2^n})$
- **Complete**: For every  $T_{\mathbb{N}}$ -formula  $F$ , either  $\models F$  or  $\models \neg F$
- Admits **quantifier elimination**: For any  $T_{\mathbb{N}}$ -formula  $F$ , there is an equivalent quantifier-free  $F'$
- Validity in quantifier-free fragment is **coNP-complete**

# THEORY OF INTEGERS ( $T_{\mathbb{Z}}$ )

**Signature:**  $\Sigma_{\mathbb{Z}} : \{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots, -3\cdot, -2\cdot, 2\cdot, 3\cdot, \dots, +, -, =, >\}$

- Constants:  $\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots$
- Coefficient functions:  $\dots, -2\cdot, 2\cdot, \dots$
- Binary functions:  $+, -$
- Predicates:  $=, >$

**Claim:**  $T_{\mathbb{Z}}$  is reducible to  $T_{\mathbb{N}}$

- Their expressive power is the same, so we won't bother axiomatizing
- $T_{\mathbb{Z}}$  is more convenient, and thus more commonly-used, than  $T_{\mathbb{N}}$

# EXAMPLE – REDUCING INTEGER LOGIC TO NATURALS

**Goal:** Rewrite a formula over  $\mathbb{Z}$  using only  $\mathbb{N}$ .

**Original:**

$$F_0 : \forall w, x. \exists y, z. x + 2y - z - 13 > -3w + 5$$

**Idea:** Represent each integer  $v$  using two naturals:  $v_p, v_n$ , such that  $v = v_p - v_n$ .

**Step 1 – Encode subtraction:**

$$F_1 : \forall w_p, w_n, x_p, x_n. \exists y_p, y_n, z_p, z_n. \\ (x_p - x_n) + 2(y_p - y_n) - (z_p - z_n) - 13 > -3(w_p - w_n) + 5$$

# EXAMPLE – REDUCING INTEGER LOGIC TO NATURALS

$$F_1 : \quad \forall w_p, w_n, x_p, x_n. \exists y_p, y_n, z_p, z_n. \\ (x_p - x_n) + 2(y_p - y_n) - (z_p - z_n) - 13 > -3(w_p - w_n) + 5$$

**Step 2 – Eliminate – by rearranging:**

$$F_2 : \quad \forall w_p, w_n, x_p, x_n. \exists y_p, y_n, z_p, z_n. \\ x_p + 2y_p + z_n + 3w_p > x_n + 2y_n + z_p + 13 + 3w_n + 5 .$$

**Step 3 – Remove constants and  $>$  using extra variable  $u \neq 0$ :**

$$F_3 : \quad \forall w_p, w_n, x_p, x_n. \exists y_p, y_n, z_p, z_n. \exists u. \\ \neg(u = 0) \wedge \\ x_p + y_p + y_p + z_n + w_p + w_p + w_p \\ = x_n + y_n + y_n + z_p + w_n + w_n + w_n + u \\ + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 \\ + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 .$$



# THEORY OF INTEGERS ( $T_{\mathbb{Z}}$ )

## Examples in $T_{\mathbb{Z}}$ :

- **Example 1:**  $\forall x. \exists y. x = y + 1 \rightarrow \forall x \geq 0 \rightarrow \exists y \geq 0. x = y + 1$
- **Example 2:**  $\forall x, y, z. x > z \wedge y \geq 0 \rightarrow x + y > z$
- **Example 3:**  $\forall x, y. x > 0 \wedge (x = 2y \vee x = 2y + 1) \rightarrow x - y > 0$

All are  $T_{\mathbb{Z}}$ -valid and show how to reason semantically over integers.

# ARITHMETIC THEORY SUMMARY

Theory	Domain	Ops	Decidable?
	$\mathbb{N}$	$+, \cdot$	No
	$\mathbb{N}$	$+$	Yes
	$\mathbb{Z}$	$+, -$	Yes

**$T_{PA}$** : powerful but undecidable

**$T_{\mathbb{N}}$** : limited but decidable and complete

**$T_{\mathbb{Z}}$** : useful, intuitive, and reducible to  $T_{\mathbb{N}}$

# FIRST ORDER THEORIES

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# REAL & RATIONAL ARITHMETIC THEORIES

We study two important arithmetic theories:

Theory	Domain	Ops Supported	Notes
	$\mathbb{R}$	$+, -, \cdot, =, \geq$	Field with roots, ordered, supports multiplication
	$\mathbb{Q}$	$+, -, =, \geq$	

# THEORY OF REALS ( $T_{\mathbb{R}}$ )

**Signature**  $\Sigma_{\mathbb{R}} : \{0, 1, +, -, \cdot, =, \geq\}$

Includes addition, multiplication, and ordering over  $\mathbb{R}$

## Abelian Group Axioms (Addition):

1.  $\forall x, y, z. (x + y) + z = x + (y + z)$  (+ associativity)
2.  $\forall x. x + 0 = x$  (+ identity)
3.  $\forall x. x + (-x) = 0$  (+ inverse)
4.  $\forall x, y. x + y = y + x$  (+ commutativity)

# THEORY OF REALS ( $T_{\mathbb{R}}$ )

## Ring Axioms (Multiplication & Distributivity):

1.  $\forall x, y, z. (xy)z = x(yz)$  ( $\cdot$  associativity)
2.  $\forall x. x1 = x$  ( $\cdot$  left identity)
3.  $\forall x. 1x = x$  ( $\cdot$  right identity)
4.  $\forall x, y, z. x(y + z) = xy + xz$  (left distributivity)
5.  $\forall x, y, z. (x + y)z = xz + yz$  (right distributivity)

## Field Axioms:

1.  $\forall x, y. xy = yx$  ( $\cdot$  commutativity)
2.  $0 \neq 1$  (separate identities)
3.  $\forall x. x \neq 0 \rightarrow \exists y. xy = 1$  ( $\cdot$  inverse)

# THEORY OF REALS ( $T_{\mathbb{R}}$ )

## Order Axioms ( $\geq$ ):

1.  $\forall x, y. x \geq y \wedge y \geq x \rightarrow x = y$
2.  $\forall x, y, z. x \geq y \wedge y \geq z \rightarrow x \geq z$
3.  $\forall x, y. x \geq y \vee y \geq x$

(antisymmetry)  
(transitivity)  
(totality)

## Real Closure Axioms:

1.  $\forall x, y, z. x \geq y \rightarrow x + z \geq y + z$
2.  $\forall x, y. x \geq 0 \wedge y \geq 0 \rightarrow xy \geq 0$
3.  $\forall x. \exists y. x = y^2 \vee x = -y^2$
4. for each odd integer  $n$ ,

(+ ordered)  
( $\cdot$  ordered)  
(square-root)

$$\forall \bar{x}. \exists y. y^n + x_1 y^{n-1} + \cdots + x_{n-1} y + x_n = 0$$

(at least one root)

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12.  $\forall x, y. xy = yx$
13.  $\forall x, y. x \geq 0 \wedge y \geq 0 \rightarrow xy \geq 0$

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14.  $\forall x, y, z. x(y + z) = xy + xz$
15.  $0 \neq 1$

(distributivity)  
(separate identities)

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# THEORY OF REALS:

# COMPLETE AXIOMATIZATION



## EXAMPLE – $T_{\mathbb{R}}$ QUANTIFIER ELIMINATION

Given:  $F : \exists x. ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

Transformed to:  $F' : b^2 - 4ac \geq 0$

→  $T_{\mathbb{R}}$  supports quantifier elimination for algebraic reasoning

# THEORY OF RATIONALS ( $T_{\mathbb{Q}}$ )

**Signature**  $\Sigma_{\mathbb{Q}} : \{0, 1, +, -, =, \geq\}$

## Axioms:

1.  $\forall x, y. x \geq y \wedge y \geq x \rightarrow x = y$  (antisymmetry)
2.  $\forall x, y, z. x \geq y \wedge y \geq z \rightarrow x \geq z$  (transitivity)
3.  $\forall x, y. x \geq y \vee y \geq x$  (totality)
4.  $\forall x, y, z. (x + y) + z = x + (y + z)$  (+ associativity)
5.  $\forall x. x + 0 = x$  (+ identity)
6.  $\forall x. x + (-x) = 0$  (+ inverse)
7.  $\forall x, y. x + y = y + x$  (+ commutativity)
8.  $\forall x, y, z. x \geq y \rightarrow x + z \geq y + z$  (+ ordered)
9. for each positive integer  $n$ ,  $\forall x. nx = 0 \rightarrow x = 0$  (torsion-free)
10. for each positive integer  $n$ ,  $\forall x. \exists y. x = ny$  (divisible)

## RATIONAL $\approx$ REAL (FOR LINEAR FORMULAS)

- Every  $\Sigma_{\mathbb{Q}}$ -formula behaves the same in  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{R}$
  - No formula can distinguish rational from real domain
- For linear logic,  $\mathbb{R} \equiv \mathbb{Q}$  under  $T_{\mathbb{Q}}$

**Example:**  $\forall x, y. \exists z. x + y > z$

→  $\forall x, y. \exists z. \neg(x + y = z) \wedge x + y \geq z$ .

## $T_{\mathbb{R}}$ VS $T_{\mathbb{Q}}$ – COMPARISON

Feature		
Supports multiplication	✓	✗
Handles square roots	✓	✗
Odd-degree polynomial roots	✓	✗
Quantifier elimination	✓	✓
Decidable?	Yes (complex)	Yes (simpler)

- Use  $T_{\mathbb{Q}}$  for linear rational problems
- Use  $T_{\mathbb{R}}$  when full algebraic expressiveness is needed

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# RECURSIVE DATA STRUCTURES (RDS)

- Describe data structures common in programming
- Examples: lists, stacks, binary trees

## Non-Recursive vs Recursive

- **Non-recursive:** Like C's struct — a variable with multiple fields
- **Recursive:** A structure that refers to itself (e.g., a list containing another list)

## The Theory TRDS

- **TRDS** = Theory of Recursive Data Structures
- Builds on  $\mathcal{T}_E$  (Theory of Equality)
- Helps reason formally about recursive structures

# THEORY OF LISTS ( $T_{\text{CONS}}$ )

## Focus: LISP-style lists

- Tcons is the theory of lists
- Signature:  $\Sigma_{\text{cons}} = \{\text{cons}, \text{car}, \text{cdr}, \text{atom}, =\}$ , Where:
  - $\text{cons}(a, b)$  – list constructed by concatenating  $a$  and  $b$
  - $\text{car}(x)$  – left projector of  $x$ :  $\text{car}(\text{cons}(a, b)) = a$
  - $\text{cdr}(x)$  – right projector of  $x$ :  $\text{cdr}(\text{cons}(a, b)) = b$
  - $\text{atom}(x)$  –  $\text{true} \leftrightarrow x$  is a single-element list
  - $=$  - equality predicate

# THEORY OF LISTS ( $T_{\text{CONS}}$ )

## Example:

- $\text{cons}(a, \text{cons}(b, c)) = \text{list of three elements}$
- $\text{car}(\text{cons}(a, \text{cons}(b, c))) = a$
- $\text{cdr}(\text{cons}(a, \text{cons}(b, c))) = \text{cons}(b, c)$



# AXIOMS OF $T_{\text{CONS}}$

## Based on $T_E$ (Theory of Equality)

- Reflexivity, Symmetry, Transitivity (from  $T_E$ )
- Function congruence:
  - $\forall x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2. x_1 = x_2 \wedge y_1 = y_2 \rightarrow \text{cons}(x_1, y_1) = \text{cons}(x_2, y_2)$
  - $\forall x, y. x = y \rightarrow \text{car}(x) = \text{car}(y)$
  - $\forall x, y. x = y \rightarrow \text{cdr}(x) = \text{cdr}(y)$
- predicate congruence:  $\forall x, y. x = y \rightarrow (\text{atom}(x) \leftrightarrow \text{atom}(y))$
- left projection  $\forall x, y. \text{car}(\text{cons}(x, y)) = x$
- right projection  $\forall x, y. \text{cdr}(\text{cons}(x, y)) = y$
- Construction  $\forall x. \neg \text{atom}(x) \rightarrow \text{cons}(\text{car}(x), \text{cdr}(x)) = x$
- atom  $\forall x, y. \neg \text{atom}(\text{cons}(x, y))$

## PROPERTIES OF $T_{\text{CONS}}$

- Equality of lists depends on parts (extensionality)
- Forward: equal lists  $\rightarrow$  equal parts
- Backward: equal parts  $\rightarrow$  equal lists
- Seen also in arrays

## GENERAL THEORY OF $RDS$

- $T_{\text{cons}}$  is one example of  $T_{RDS}$ .
- Each recursive structure ( $RDS$ ) has:
  - An  $n$  – *ary* constructor  $C$
  - Projections:  $\pi_1^C, \dots, \pi_n^C$ .
  - Predicate:  $\text{atom}_C$ .

# GENERAL THEORY OF RDS

## Axiom schema for each RDS:

1.  $T_E$  axioms
2. Function congruence for  $C$ ,  $\pi_i^C$
3. Predicate congruence for  $\text{atom}_C$ .
4. Projection: for each  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,  $\forall x_1, \dots, x_n. \pi_i^C(C(x_1, \dots, x_n)) = x_i$
5. Reconstruct:  $\forall x. \neg \text{atom}_C(x) \rightarrow C(\pi_1^C(x), \dots, \pi_n^C(x)) = x$
6. Constructor not an atom:  $\forall x_1, \dots, x_n. \neg \text{atom}_C(C(x_1, \dots, x_n))$

# ACYCLIC LISTS AND ATOMS

- $T_{\text{cons}}^+$  = acyclic version of  $T_{\text{cons}}$ .
  - Adds axioms like:  $\text{car}(x) \neq x$ ,  $\text{cdr}(\text{cdr}(x)) \neq x$ , etc.
- Decidable, unlike full  $T_{\text{cons}}$ .
- Specified atoms:  $T_{\text{cons}}^{\text{atom}}$ .
  - Adds:  $\forall x. \text{atom}(x) \rightarrow \text{atom}(\text{car}(x)) \wedge \text{atom}(\text{cdr}(x))$
  - Makes satisfiability NP-complete

## LISTS WITH EQUALITY ( $T_{\text{CONS}}^=$ )

- $T_{\text{CONS}} + T_E = T_{\text{CONS}}^=$  - Combines  $T_{\text{CONS}}$  with  $T_E$ .
- More expressive: allows uninterpreted symbols
- Example proof:
  - Assume:  $\text{car}(a) = \text{car}(b)$ ,  $\text{cdr}(a) = \text{cdr}(b)$
  - Then:  $a = b \rightarrow f(a) = f(b)$  by congruence
  - So:  $F$  is valid under  $T_{\text{CONS}}^=$

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# THEORY OF ARRAYS ( $T_A$ )

## What are arrays?

- Common data structure in programming
- Similar to functions, but **can be updated**
- $T_A$  = Theory of Arrays

## Signature:

- $a[i]$ : read value at position  $i$
- $a\langle i \triangleleft v \rangle$ : write value  $v$  to position  $i$
- $=$ : equality predicate



# FUNCTIONAL ARRAYS

- Arrays are treated like functions

- Example:

- $a\langle i \triangleleft v \rangle$  is the new array

- $$a\langle i \triangleleft v \rangle[j] = \begin{cases} v, & j = i \\ a[j], & j \neq i \end{cases}$$

- Multiple writes:

- $$a\langle i \triangleleft v \rangle\langle j \triangleleft w \rangle[k] = \begin{cases} w, & k = j \\ v, & k = i \wedge k \neq j \\ a[k], & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

## AXIOMS OF $T_A$

- **From  $T_E$  :** reflexivity, symmetry, transitivity
- **Array congruence:**  $\forall a, i, j. i = j \rightarrow a[i] = a[j]$
- **Read-over-write 1:**  $\forall a, v, i, j. i = j \rightarrow a\langle i \triangleleft v \rangle[j] = v$
- **Read-over-write 2:**  $\forall a, v, i, j. i \neq j \rightarrow a\langle i \triangleleft v \rangle[j] = a[j]$

# ARRAY EQUALITY ISSUE

**Note:**  $=$  is only defined for array elements

$$F : a[i] = e \rightarrow a\langle i \triangleleft e \rangle = a$$

not  $T_A$  – *valid*, but

$$F' : a[i] = e \rightarrow \forall j. a\langle i \triangleleft e \rangle[j] = a[j] ,$$

is  $T_A$  – *valid*.

$T_A$  is undecidable,  
Quantifier-free fragment of  $T_A$  is  
decidable

## EXTENDED THEORY $T_A^=$

**Adds extensionality axiom:**

$$\forall a, b. (\forall i. a[i] = b[i]) \leftrightarrow a = b$$

Now array equality is well-defined

**Example:**  $F : a[i] = e \rightarrow a\langle i \triangleleft e \rangle = a$

is  $T_A$  – *valid*.

# DECIDABILITY TABLE

Theory	Description	Full	QFF
$T_E$	equality	no	yes
$T_{PA}$	Peano arithmetic	no	no
$T_N$	Presburger arithmetic	yes	yes
$T_Z$	linear integers	yes	yes
$T_R$	reals (with $\cdot$ )	yes	yes
$T_Q$	rationals (without $\cdot$ )	yes	yes
$T_{RDS}$	recursive data structures	no	yes
$T_{RDS}^+$	acyclic recursive data structures	yes	yes
$T_A$	arrays	no	yes
$T_A^-$	arrays with extensionality	no	yes

\* QFF = Quantifier-Free Fragment

# COMPLEXITY TABLE

Theory	Complexity
PL	NP-complete
$T_{\mathbb{N}}, T_{\mathbb{Z}}$	$\Omega(2^{2^n}), O(2^{2^{kn}})$
$T_{\mathbb{R}}$	$O(2^{2^{kn}})$
$T_{\mathbb{Q}}$	$\Omega(2^n), O(2^{2^{kn}})$
$T_{\text{RDS}}^+$	not elementary recursive

Two thin orange lines intersect on the left side of the slide. One line is nearly vertical, and the other is nearly horizontal, creating an 'X' shape.

# FINAL RECAP EXAMPLE

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# SATISFIABILITY AND VALIDITY

Recall our example:

```
def g(ig):  
    og = ig  
    for i in range(2):  
        og = f(og, ig)  
    return og
```

```
def h(ih):  
    oh = f(f(ih, ih), ih)  
    return oh
```

$$\psi_g: \text{og1} = \text{ig} \wedge \text{og2} = f(\text{og1}, \text{ig}) \wedge \text{og3} = f(\text{og2}, \text{ig})$$

$$\psi_h: \text{oh1} = f(f(\text{ih}, \text{ih}), \text{ih})$$

$$\psi := (\text{ih} = \text{ig} \wedge \psi_h \wedge \psi_g) \rightarrow \text{og3} = \text{oh1}$$



# SATISFIABILITY AND VALIDITY

$$\psi := (ih = ig \wedge \psi_h \wedge \psi_g) \rightarrow og3 = oh1$$

For the equivalence of g and h, it's enough to show that  $\psi$  is  $T_E$ -valid

Suppose not, then there is an interpretation I such that  $I \not\models F$ :

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1. $I \models (ih = ig \wedge \psi_h \wedge \psi_g)$ | assumption and semantics of $\rightarrow$ |
| 2. $I \not\models og3 = oh1$                         | assumption and semantics of $\rightarrow$ |
| 3. $I \models (ih = ig)$                             | 1, and semantics of $\wedge$              |
| 4. $I \models (\psi_h)$                              | 1, and semantics of $\wedge$              |
| 5. $I \models (\psi_g)$                              | 1, and semantics of $\wedge$              |

# SATISFIABILITY AND VALIDITY

$$\psi_g: og1 = ig \wedge og2 = f(og1, ig) \wedge og3 = f(og2, ig)$$

$$\psi_h: oh1 = f(f(ih, ih), ih)$$

6.  $I \models (og1 = ig)$

5, and semantics of  $\wedge$

7.  $I \models (og1 = ih)$

3, 6 and transitivity

8.  $I \models f(og1, ig) = f(ih, ih)$

7, 3 and Function congruence

9.  $I \models og2 = f(og1, ig)$

5, and semantics of  $\wedge$

10.  $I \models og2 = f(ih, ih)$

8, 9 and transitivity

11.  $I \models f(og2, ig) = f(f(ih, ih), ih)$

10, 3 and Function congruence

12.  $I \models og3 = f(og2, ig)$

5, and semantics of  $\wedge$

# SATISFIABILITY AND VALIDITY

$$\psi_g: \text{og1} = \text{ig} \wedge \text{og2} = f(\text{og1}, \text{ig}) \wedge \text{og3} = f(\text{og2}, \text{ig})$$

$$\psi_h: \text{oh1} = f(f(\text{ih}, \text{ih}), \text{ih})$$

$$13. \quad I \models \text{og3} = f(f(\text{ih}, \text{ih}), \text{ih}) \quad 11, 12 \text{ and transitivity}$$

$$14. \quad I \models \text{og3} = \text{oh1} \quad 13, 4 \text{ and transitivity}$$

We found a contradiction between our result and our initial assumption, so we got that  $\psi$  is  $T_E$ -valid.

A series of thin, light brown lines forming an abstract, overlapping geometric pattern on the left side of the slide. The lines intersect to create various polygonal shapes, some of which are shaded in a very light brown color.

# THANK YOU

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