

LOGICAL DEDUCTION IN AI

PROPOSITIONAL LOGIC



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Logic in Ancient Times

Indic ✓

Geometry, Calculations

Nyaya, Vaisisekha

Theory of Argumentation ✓

Sanskrit language with Binary-
Level arguments

Logical Argumentation: Chatustoki

Buddhist and Jain Philosophies

Formal Systems ✓

Vedanta

China ✓

Confucious, Mozi,

Master Mo (Mohist School)

Basic Formal Systems ✓

Buddhist Systems from India

Greek ✓ *Theorems*

Thales, Pythagoras (Propositions
and Geometry)

Heraclitus, Parmenides (Logos)

↑ Plato (Logic beyond Geometry)

Aristotle (Syllogism, Syntax)

Stoics ✓

Middle East ✓

Ancient Egypt, Babylon

Arab (Avisennian Logic)

Inductive Logic

Medieval Europe ✓

Post Aristotle ✓

Precursor to First Order Logic

Today ✓

Propositional

Predicate ✓

Higher Order ✓

Logic, Numbers &
Computation

✓ Psychology

✓ Philosophy

Circuits

Networks

Brain/Neural

Networks

PROPOSITIONAL

First Few Examples *Propositional Boolean*

- If I am the President then I am well-known. I am the President. So I am well-known ✓
- If I am the President then I am well-known. I am not the President. So I am not well-known. *Not correct*
- If Rajat is the President then Rajat is well-known. Rajat is the President. So Rajat is well known. ✓
- If Asha is elected VP then Rajat is chosen as G-Sec and Bharati is chosen as Treasurer. Rajat is not chosen as G-Sec. Therefore Asha is not elected VP.
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Coding: Variables

a: I am the President ✓

b: I am well-known ✓

Coding the sentences:

F1: $a \rightarrow b$

$$a \rightarrow b \equiv \neg a \vee b$$

F2: a ✓

G: b ✓

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Truth Table Method

Tautology

a, b 4 possible combinations

a	b	$a \rightarrow b$	$(a \rightarrow b) \wedge a$	$((a \rightarrow b) \wedge a) \rightarrow b$
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	T
F	T	T	F	T
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Interpretation

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If I am the President then I am well-known. I am not the President. So I am not well-known

Coding: Variables

a : I am the President ✓

b : I am well-known ✓

Coding the sentences:

F1: $a \rightarrow b$ ✓

F2: $\sim a$ ✓

G: $\sim b$ ✓

The final formula for deduction: $(F1 \wedge F2) \rightarrow G$, that is: $((a \rightarrow b) \wedge \sim a) \rightarrow \sim b$

$a = \text{False}$
 $b = \text{True}$

Truth Table

a	b	$a \rightarrow b$	$(a \rightarrow b) \wedge \sim a$	$((a \rightarrow b) \wedge \sim a) \rightarrow \sim b$
T	T	T	F	T
T	F	F	F	T
F	T	T	T	F ✓
F	F	T	T	T

Deduction Using Propositional Logic: Example 3

If I am the President then I am well-known. I am the President. So I am well-known

Coding: Variables

a: I am the President

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F2: a

G: b

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T	T	T	T	T
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Coding: Variables

a: Rajat is the President ✓

b: Rajat is well-known ✓

Coding the sentences:

F1: $a \rightarrow b$ ✓

F2: a ✓

G: b ✓

The final formula for deduction:

$(F1 \wedge F2) \rightarrow G$,

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Both formulae are identical

Deduction Using Propositional Logic: Example 4 & 5

If Asha is elected VP then Rajat is chosen as G-Sec and Bharati is chosen as Treasurer. Rajat is not chosen as G-Sec. Therefore Asha is not elected VP.

a: Asha is elected VP

b: Rajat is chosen G-Sec

c: Bharati is chosen Treasurer

F1: $(a \rightarrow (b \wedge c))$

F2: $\neg b$

G: $\neg a$

Truth Table
will have 8
rows

$[(F1 \wedge F2) \rightarrow G]$
is a tautology or not

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F1: $(a \rightarrow (b \wedge c))$

F2: b $\rightarrow (a \rightarrow b) \wedge (a \rightarrow c)$

G: a

$[(F1 \wedge F2) \rightarrow G]$

is true under all
interpretations or not.

More Examples

If Asha is elected VP then Rajat is chosen as G-Sec or Bharati is chosen as Treasurer. Rajat is not chosen as G-Sec. Therefore if Asha is elected as VP then Bharati is chosen as Treasurer

a: Asha is elected VP
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$$\begin{aligned} F1: & a \rightarrow (b \vee c) \\ F2: & \neg b \\ G: & (a \rightarrow c) \\ & [(F1 \wedge F2) \rightarrow G] \end{aligned}$$

If Asha is elected VP then either Rajat is chosen as G-Sec or Bharati is chosen as Treasurer but not both. Rajat is not chosen as G-Sec. Therefore if Asha is elected as VP then Bharati is chosen as Treasurer

$$F1: [a \rightarrow ((b \wedge \neg c) \vee (\neg b \wedge c))] \\ b \oplus c$$

$$F2: \neg b$$

$$G: (a \rightarrow c)$$

$$[(F1 \wedge F2) \rightarrow G]$$

Methods for Deduction in Propositional Logic

Interpretation of a Formula

Valid, non-valid, Satisfiable, Unsatisfiable

Decidable but NP-Hard

Truth Table Method

Faster Methods for validity checking:-

Tree Method

Data Structures: Binary Decision

Diagrams (BDD)

Symbolic Method: Natural Deduction

Soundness and Completeness of a

Method

↙ false under all interpretations

→ if there is an interpretation for which it is true

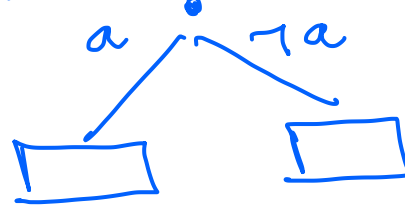
→ AXIOMS



Interpretation is the Truth of a formula under assignment of Boolean variables to True or False

valid: if it is true under all interpretation

non-valid: if there is an interpretation for which it is false



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NATURAL DEDUCTION:

Modus Ponens: $(a \rightarrow b), a$:- therefore b

Modus Tollens: $(a \rightarrow b), \sim b$:- therefore $\sim a$ ✓

Hypothetical Syllogism: $(a \rightarrow b), (b \rightarrow c)$:- therefore $(a \rightarrow c)$ ✓✓

Disjunctive Syllogism: $(a \vee b), \sim a$:- therefore b ✓

Constructive Dilemma: $(a \rightarrow b) \wedge (c \rightarrow d), (a \vee c)$:- therefore $(b \vee d)$

Destructive Dilemma: $(a \rightarrow b) \wedge (c \rightarrow d), (\sim b \vee \sim d)$:- therefore $(\sim a \vee \sim c)$

Simplification: $a \wedge b$:- therefore a ✓

Conjunction: a, b :- therefore $a \wedge b$ ✓

Addition: a :- therefore $a \vee b$

Natural Deduction is Sound and Complete

Insufficiency of Propositional Logic

Wherever Mary goes, so does the lamb. Mary goes to school. So the lamb goes to school.

No contractors are dependable. Some engineers are contractors.
Therefore some engineers are not dependable.

All dancers are graceful. Ayesha is a student. Ayesha is a dancer.
Therefore some student is graceful.

Every passenger is either in first class or second class. Each passenger is in second class if and only if he or she is not wealthy. Some passengers are wealthy. Not all passengers are wealthy. Therefore some passengers are in second class.

Predicate Logic

Thank you