

Summary on Lecture 5, January 23, 2019

- **Logical equivalence.** Recall that two propositions s_1 and s_2 are logically equivalent if s_1 is true if and only if s_2 is true. We use the notation: $s_1 \iff s_2$ **Examples:**

- (a) $(p \rightarrow q) \iff (\neg p \vee q),$
 (b) $(p \rightarrow q) \iff (\neg q \rightarrow \neg p).$

- **The Laws of logic.**

- (1) $\neg\neg p \iff p$ Double negation
 (2) $\neg(p \vee q) \iff (\neg p \wedge \neg q)$ DeMorgan
 $\neg(p \wedge q) \iff (\neg p \vee \neg q)$ Laws
 (3) $(p \vee q) \iff (q \vee p)$ Commutativity
 $(p \wedge q) \iff (q \wedge p)$ Laws
 (4) $(p \vee q) \vee r \iff p \vee (q \vee r)$ Associativity
 $(p \wedge q) \wedge r \iff p \wedge (q \wedge r)$ Laws
 (5) $[p \vee (q \wedge r)] \iff [(p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)]$ Distributive
 $[p \wedge (q \vee r)] \iff [(p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)]$ Laws
 (6) $p \wedge p \iff p$ Idempotent
 $p \vee p \iff p$ Laws
 (7) $p \vee \mathbf{F}_0 \iff p$ Identity
 $p \wedge \mathbf{T}_0 \iff p$ Laws
 (8) $p \wedge \neg p \iff \mathbf{F}_0$ Inverse
 $p \vee \neg p \iff \mathbf{T}_0$ Laws
 (9) $p \wedge \neg \mathbf{F}_0 \iff \mathbf{F}_0$ Domination
 $p \vee \neg \mathbf{T}_0 \iff \mathbf{T}_0$ Laws
 (10) $[p \vee (p \wedge q)] \iff p$ Absorbtion
 $[p \wedge (p \vee q)] \iff p$ Laws

(10)

| p | q | $p \vee (p \wedge q)$ | $p \wedge (p \vee q)$ |
|-----|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| p | q | r | $p \vee (q \wedge r)$ | $(p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$ |
|-----|-----|-----|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

- (a) Show that the implication $[p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)] \rightarrow q$ is a tautology.
 (b) Show that $(p \rightarrow q) \iff (p \wedge q)$ is not a tautology.
 (c) Show that the implication $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \vee q)$ is a tautology.

- **First examples of proofs.**

(a) *If n^2 is even, then n is even.*

Proof. Indeed, assume that n is odd, i.e., $n = 2k + 1$, then $n^2 = (2k + 1)^2 = 4k^2 + 4k + 1$ is odd. We showed that the implication

$$\{n \text{ is odd}\} \rightarrow \{n^2 \text{ is odd}\} \quad (\neg q \rightarrow \neg p)$$

is true. It is equivalent to the implication

$$\{n^2 \text{ is even}\} \rightarrow \{n \text{ is even}\} \quad (p \rightarrow q)$$

which is true as well.

(b) *$\sqrt{2}$ is irrational number.*

Proof. Assume that $\sqrt{2} = \frac{m}{n}$, where $m, n \in \mathbf{Z}_+$, $n \neq 0$, and m, n do not have common divisors, i.e., $\gcd(m, n) = 1$. Then we have: $2n^2 = m^2$. Thus m^2 is even, then by (a), m is even, i.e., $m = 2k$. We obtain $2n^2 = 4k^2$ or $n^2 = 2k^2$, i.e., n is even as well. We obtain that m, n do have a common divisor 2. Contradiction. Thus $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational number.

Let $n, k \in \mathbf{Z}_+$. Recall that k divides n if $n = k \cdot i$ for some $i \in \mathbf{Z}_+$. We denote $k|n$ if k divides n . Then a number $p \in \mathbf{Z}_+$ is *prime* if it has no divisors other than 1 and p . Here is the list of first few prime numbers:

2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37, 41, 43, 47, 53, 59, 61, 67, 71, 73, 83, 89, 97, 101, ...

The closest two prime numbers to 2014 are 2011 and 2017.

There is a remarkable property of positive integers: *Let $S \subset \mathbf{Z}_+$ be a non-empty subset. Then S has a minimal element, i.e. such $n_0 \in S$ that $n_0 \leq n$ for any $n \in S$.* We will return this later on, this property is called *Well Ordering Principle*, see Chapter 3 of the textbook.

(c) Let $n \in \mathbf{Z}_+$. Then n is either a prime number or there exists a prime p such that p divides n .

Proof. Assume there are integers n which are not primes and no prime p divides n . Let S be a set of such integers, and $n_0 \in S$ is a minimal number. Since n_0 is not a prime, there exists $n_1 < n_0$ with divides n_0 . Since $n_1 < n_0$, n_1 is either prime or it is divisible by a prime. We arrive to a contradiction in both cases.

(d) Now we can follow Euclid (who notice that more than 2500 years ago) to prove the following **Theorem.** *There is infinite number of primes.*

Proof. Assume there exist only finite number of primes. Let $P = \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k\}$ is the set of all prime numbers, $|P| = k$. Consider the integer: $p_{k+1} = p_1 \cdot p_2 \cdots p_k + 1$. The integer p_{k+1} is either prime or not. If p_{k+1} is not a prime, then it has to be divisible by some prime p_j , $j = 1, \dots, k$, but it is not since the remainder will be 1. Thus p_{k+1} is a prime, and $p_{k+1} \in P$. Then $|P| = k + 1$, not $|P| = k$. This two properties cannot hold together. Contradiction.

- **Contradiction and other rules of inference.** Above we followed the same scheme: we assume that a statement p is wrong, or $\neg p$ is correct, and then we derived a contradiction. This is justified by the tautology $(\neg p \rightarrow \mathbf{F}_0) \rightarrow p$. This can be written as

$$\frac{\neg p \rightarrow \mathbf{F}_0}{\therefore p}$$

Here $\neg p \rightarrow \mathbf{F}_0$ is a *premise*, and p is a *conclusion*. The sign “ \therefore ” means *therefore*, and the formula above reads “ $\neg p \rightarrow \mathbf{F}_0$ is true, therefore, p true.”

There are several standard rules of inference:

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| (1) | $\frac{p \quad p \rightarrow q}{\therefore p}$ | Modus Ponens or Rule of Detachment |
| (2) | $\frac{p \rightarrow q \quad q \rightarrow r}{\therefore r}$ | Law of Syllogism |
| (2) | $\frac{p \rightarrow q \quad \neg q}{\therefore \neg p}$ | Modus Tollens |
| (3) | $\frac{p \quad q}{\therefore p \wedge q}$ | Rule of Conjunction |
| (4) | $\frac{p \vee q \quad \neg q}{\therefore p}$ | Rule of Disjunctive Syllogism |
| (5) | $\frac{\neg p \rightarrow \mathbf{F}_0}{\therefore p}$ | Rule of Contradiction |
| (6) | $\frac{p \wedge q}{\therefore p}$ | Rule of Disjunctive Amplification |
| (7) | $\frac{p}{\therefore p \vee q}$ | Rule of Conjunctive Simplification |
| (8) | $\frac{p \wedge q \quad p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)}{\therefore r}$ | Rule of Conditional Proof |
| (9) | $\frac{p \rightarrow r \quad q \rightarrow r}{\therefore (p \vee q) \rightarrow r}$ | Rule of Proof by Cases |
| (10) | $\frac{p \rightarrow q \quad r \rightarrow s \quad p \vee r}{\therefore q \vee s}$ | Constructive Dilemma |
| (11) | $\frac{p \rightarrow q \quad r \rightarrow s \quad \neg q \vee \neg r}{\therefore \neg p \vee \neg r}$ | Destructive Dilemma |