

# Formale Grundlagen (Logik)

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# Recap: Statement logic

- we will assume an infinite vocabulary of atomic statements

## Statement logic

A formal system where the primitives are all statements.

### (1) *Basic expressions of statement logic*

a  $p, q, r, s, p', p'', \dots$

### (2) *Syntax of statement logic*

- An atomic statement is a well-formed formula.
- If  $\phi$  is a well-formed formula, then  $(\neg\phi)$  is a well-formed formula.
- If  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are well-formed formulas, then  $(\phi \wedge \psi)$ ,  $(\phi \vee \psi)$ ,  $(\phi \rightarrow \psi)$ , and  $(\phi \leftrightarrow \psi)$  are well-formed formulas.
- Nothing else is a formula.

# Recap: Statement logic

- we wrote down the semantic rules like the syntactic rules
- this is an alternative to truth tables
- read  $\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket^M$  as interpreted in relation to model  $M$

## (3) *Semantics of statement logic*

- If  $\phi$  is a formula, then  $\llbracket (\neg\phi) \rrbracket^M = 1$  iff  $\llbracket \phi \rrbracket^M = 0$ .
- If  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are formulas, then  $\llbracket (\phi \wedge \psi) \rrbracket^M = 1$  iff both  $\llbracket \phi \rrbracket^M = 1$  and  $\llbracket \psi \rrbracket^M = 1$ .
- If  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are formulas, then  $\llbracket (\phi \vee \psi) \rrbracket^M = 1$  iff at least one of  $\llbracket \phi \rrbracket^M, \llbracket \psi \rrbracket^M = 1$ .
- If  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are formulas, then  $\llbracket (\phi \rightarrow \psi) \rrbracket^M = 1$  iff either  $\llbracket \phi \rrbracket^M = 0$  or  $\llbracket \psi \rrbracket^M = 1$ .
- If  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are formulas, then  $\llbracket (\phi \leftrightarrow \psi) \rrbracket^M = 1$  iff  $\llbracket \phi \rrbracket^M = \llbracket \psi \rrbracket^M$ .

# Recap: Tautologies, contradictions & contingencies

- a tautological statement is always true: the final column in its truth table contains only the values 1/True, regardless of what the truth values of its atomic statements are

(4)

$p$	$(p \rightarrow p)$
1	1
0	1

- a logically contradictory statement is always false: the final column of its truth table only contains the values 0/False, regardless of what the truth values of its atomic statements are

(5)

$p$	$(\neg p)$	$(p \wedge (\neg p))$
1	0	0
0	1	0

- all other statements, with both 1/True and 0/False in the final column of their truth table are called logical contingencies

# Logical equivalence & logical consequence

- if a biconditional statement ( $P \leftrightarrow Q$ ) is a logical tautology, then the two constituent statements on either side of the biconditional arrow are logically equivalent
- to denote logical equivalence between two arbitrary expressions  $P$  and  $Q$  we write  $P \Leftrightarrow Q$
- if a conditional statement ( $P \rightarrow Q$ ) is a logical tautology, we say that the consequent is a logical consequence of the antecedent
- alternatively, we say that the antecedent logically implies the consequent; in both cases, we write  $P \Rightarrow Q$

# Logical equivalence: exercise

- let us prove another logical equivalence!

$$(6) \quad (p \rightarrow q) \Leftrightarrow ((\neg p) \vee q)$$

# Logical equivalence: exercise

- let us prove another logical equivalence!

$$(7) \quad (p \rightarrow q) \Leftrightarrow ((\neg p) \vee q)$$

(8)

$p$	$q$	$(p \rightarrow q)$
1	1	1
1	0	0
0	1	1
0	0	1

(9)

$p$	$q$	$(\neg p)$	$((\neg p) \vee q)$
1	1	0	1
1	0	0	0
0	1	1	1
0	0	1	1

# Formal components of a proof

- we will turn to one of the central uses of statement logic: constructing a proof/argument
- it consists of two parts
  - 1 a number of statements, called **premises**: these are just statements that we, for the sake of argument, assume to be True
  - 2 a **conclusion**, whose truth is demonstrated to necessarily follow from the assumed truth of the premises

$$\begin{array}{l} (10) \quad \text{premise 1} \\ \quad \quad \text{premise 2} \\ \hline \quad \therefore \text{conclusion} \end{array}$$

- a proof is called **valid** iff there is no uniform assignment of truth values to its atomic statements which makes all its premises true and its conclusion false
- a proof is called **invalid** iff there is at least one uniform assignment of truth values to its atomic statements which makes all its premises true and its conclusion false



# Formal components of a proof

- premises and conclusion of a proof are related by the conditional  $\rightarrow$  (antecedent  $\rightarrow$  conclusion)
  - the premises are the antecedent of the conditional
  - the conclusion is the consequent of the conditional
- (11) For a given proof  $X$ , if  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$  are premises of  $X$  and  $q$  the conclusion of  $X$ , then:
- $X$  is valid iff:  $((p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge \dots \wedge p_n) \rightarrow q)$  is a tautology (i.e. always true)
  - $X$  is invalid iff:  $((p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge \dots \wedge p_n) \rightarrow q)$  is not a tautology (i.e. not always true)
- an example for a simple natural language proof:
- (12)
- |   |
|---|
| If Marie eats another pizza, she will get sick. |
| Marie eats another pizza.                       |
| $\therefore$ Marie gets sick.                   |

# A kind of proof: Modus Ponens

- this proof is called Modus Ponens

(13)      If Marie eats another pizza, she will get sick.  
             Marie eats another pizza.  
             

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              $\therefore$  Marie gets sick.

- we can translate this argument into statement logic:

(14)   a.    $p =$  Marie eats another pizza.  
         b.    $q =$  Marie gets sick.

- thus, we get the following:

(15)       $(p \rightarrow q)$   
              $p$   
             

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              $\therefore q$

# A kind of proof: Modus Ponens

- Modus Ponens:

$$(16) \quad \frac{(p \rightarrow q) \quad p}{\therefore q}$$

- we can show that the proof is valid with a truth table

(17)

$p$	$q$	$(p \rightarrow q)$	$((p \rightarrow q) \wedge p)$	$((p \rightarrow q) \wedge p) \rightarrow q$
1	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	1
0	1	1	0	1
0	0	1	0	1

- premises are connected via  $\wedge$ , the conclusion is a logical consequence ( $\Rightarrow$ ) if the proof is valid, i.e. if the implication ( $\rightarrow$ ) is a tautology

# More proofs: Modus Tollens

- the following proof is called Modus Tollens

$$\begin{array}{l} (18) \quad \text{If Jack drinks beer, he will get drunk.} \\ \quad \text{Jack doesn't get drunk.} \\ \hline \therefore \text{ Jack doesn't drink beer.} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} (19) \quad (p \rightarrow q) \\ \quad (\neg q) \\ \hline \therefore (\neg p) \end{array}$$

- again, we can show the validity of the proof by means of a truth table

(20)

$p$	$q$	$(p \rightarrow q)$	$((p \rightarrow q) \wedge (\neg q))$	$((p \rightarrow q) \wedge (\neg q)) \rightarrow (\neg p)$
1	1	1	0	1
1	0	0	0	1
0	1	1	0	1
0	0	1	1	1

# More proofs: Hypothetical Syllogism

- the following proof is called Hypothetical Syllogism

$$\begin{array}{l} (21) \quad \text{If Jack drinks, he falls asleep.} \\ \quad \quad \text{If Jack sleeps, Sue gets angry.} \\ \hline \therefore \text{ If Jack drinks, Sue gets angry.} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} (22) \quad (p \rightarrow q) \\ \quad \quad (q \rightarrow r) \\ \hline \therefore (p \rightarrow r) \end{array}$$

- convince yourself of the validity of the proof in the tutorials (or at home) by constructing a truth table!

# More proofs: Disjunctive Syllogism

- the next proof is called Disjunctive Syllogism

(23)      Jill will eat or sleep.  
            Jill will not eat.  
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∴ Jill will sleep.

(24)       $(p \vee q)$   
             $(\neg p)$   
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∴  $q$

- the validity of the proof is illustrated by the following truth table

(25)

$p$	$q$	$(\neg p)$	$(p \vee q)$	$((p \vee q) \wedge (\neg p))$	$((p \vee q) \wedge (\neg p)) \rightarrow q$
1	1	0	1	0	1
1	0	0	1	0	1
0	1	1	1	1	1
0	0	1	0	0	1

# More proofs: Simplification

- the next proof is called Simplification

$$(26) \quad \frac{\text{Bill is short and Marie is tall.}}{\therefore \text{Bill is short.}}$$

$$(27) \quad \frac{(p \wedge q)}{\therefore p}$$

- show the validity of the proof with a truth table (solution on next page)

# More proofs: Simplification

- here is the truth table that shows the validity of the proof for simplification:

(28)

$p$	$q$	$(p \wedge q)$	$((p \wedge q) \rightarrow p)$
1	1	1	1
1	0	0	1
0	1	0	1
0	0	0	1



# More proofs: Conjunction

- here is a proof called Conjunction

$$\begin{array}{l} (29) \quad \text{Bill is short.} \\ \quad \text{Marie is tall.} \\ \hline \therefore \text{Bill is short and Marie is tall.} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} (30) \quad p \\ \quad q \\ \hline \therefore (p \wedge q) \end{array}$$

- the validity of the proof by means of a truth table is as follows

(31)

$p$	$q$	$(p \wedge q)$	$((p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \wedge q))$
1	1	1	1
1	0	1	1
0	1	1	1
0	0	0	1

# More proofs: Addition

- the next proof is called Addition

$$(32) \quad \frac{\text{Bill is short.}}{\therefore \text{Bill is short or the earth is round.}}$$

$$(33) \quad \frac{p}{\therefore (p \vee q)}$$

- show the validity of the proof with a truth table (solution on next page)

## More proofs: Addition

- here is the truth table that shows the validity of the proof for addition:

(34)

$p$	$q$	$(p \vee q)$	$(p \rightarrow (p \vee q))$
1	1	1	1
1	0	1	1
0	1	1	1
0	0	0	1

# Logical Fallacies

- the proof below is an invalid argument!
- this particular logical fallacy is called: **fallacy of affirming the consequent**

$$(35) \quad \frac{(p \rightarrow q) \quad q}{\therefore p}$$

- we can show that the proof is invalid with a truth table
- construct the truth table for this invalid proof. what would we expect as truth values in the last column (solution on next page)?

# Logical Fallacies

- an invalid proof is defined as a conditional that does not always result in True
- this is illustrated by the following truth table for the fallacy of affirming the consequent

(36)

$p$	$q$	$(p \rightarrow q)$	$((p \rightarrow q) \wedge q)$	$((p \rightarrow q) \wedge q) \rightarrow p$
1	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	1
0	1	1	1	0
0	0	1	0	1

# Logical Fallacies

- fallacy of affirming the consequent:

$$\begin{array}{r} (37) \quad (p \rightarrow q) \\ \quad \quad q \\ \hline \therefore p \end{array}$$

- it is easy to see why the proof is invalid: the truth of  $q$  does not necessarily entail/imply the truth of the conclusion
- take the following natural language equivalent!

$$\begin{array}{r} (38) \quad \text{If Marie eats another pizza, she will get sick.} \\ \quad \quad \text{Marie gets sick.} \\ \hline \therefore \text{Marie eats another pizza.} \end{array}$$

- Marie could have gotten sick for a million different reasons

# Logical Fallacies

- here is another invalid argument
- this particular logical fallacy is called: **fallacy of denying the antecedent**

$$\begin{array}{l} (39) \quad (p \rightarrow q) \\ \quad (\neg p) \\ \hline \therefore (\neg q) \end{array}$$

- show that the proof is invalid with a truth table (solution on next page)
- recall that an invalid proof is defined as a conditional that does not always result in True

# Logical Fallacies

- the truth table for showing the fallacy of denying the antecedent:

(40)

$p$	$q$	$(\neg p)$	$(\neg q)$	$(p \rightarrow q)$	$((p \rightarrow q) \wedge (\neg p))$	$((p \rightarrow q) \wedge (\neg p)) \rightarrow (\neg q)$
1	1	0	0	1	0	1
1	0	0	1	0	0	1
0	1	1	0	1	1	0
0	0	1	1	1	1	1



# Logical Fallacies

- fallacy of denying the antecedent:

$$(41) \quad \frac{\begin{array}{l} (p \rightarrow q) \\ (\neg p) \end{array}}{\therefore (\neg q)}$$

- again, it is easy to see why the proof is invalid: denying the truth of  $p$  does not necessarily entail/imply the falsity of the conclusion
- let us think of a natural language equivalent!

$$(42) \quad \frac{\begin{array}{l} \text{If Marie eats another pizza, she will get sick.} \\ \text{Marie doesn't eat another pizza.} \end{array}}{\therefore \text{Marie will not get sick.}}$$

- Marie can get sick nevertheless, for different reasons, e.g. too many cocktails

# Simple proofs

## (43) Modus Ponens

$$\frac{(p \rightarrow q) \quad p}{\therefore q}$$

## (44) Modus Tollens

$$\frac{(p \rightarrow q) \quad (\neg q)}{\therefore (\neg p)}$$

## (45) Hypothetical Syllogism

$$\frac{(p \rightarrow q) \quad (q \rightarrow r)}{\therefore (p \rightarrow r)}$$

## (46) Disjunctive Syllogism

$$\frac{(p \vee q) \quad (\neg p)}{\therefore q}$$

## (47) Simplification

$$\frac{(p \wedge q)}{\therefore p}$$

## (48) Conjunction

$$\frac{p \quad q}{\therefore (p \wedge q)}$$

## (49) Addition

$$\frac{p}{\therefore (p \vee q)}$$

Given the premises 1.-5. we can prove the atomic statement  $t$  !

## (50) simple proof:

1.  $(p \rightarrow q)$
2.  $(p \vee s)$
3.  $(q \rightarrow r)$
4.  $(s \rightarrow t)$
5.  $(\neg r)$
6.  $(\neg q)$  3,5 MT
7.  $(\neg p)$  1,6 MT
8.  $s$  2,7 DS
9.  $t$  4,8 MP

# Complex proofs

(51) **Modus Ponens**

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} (p \rightarrow q) \\ p \end{array}}{\therefore q}$$

(52) **Modus Tollens**

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} (p \rightarrow q) \\ (\neg q) \end{array}}{\therefore (\neg p)}$$

(53) **Hyp. Syll.**

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} (p \rightarrow q) \\ (q \rightarrow r) \end{array}}{\therefore (p \rightarrow r)}$$

(54) **Dis. Syll.**

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} (p \vee q) \\ (\neg p) \end{array}}{\therefore q}$$

(55) **Simplification**

$$\frac{(p \wedge q)}{\therefore p}$$

(56) **Identity Laws:**

- a.  $x \vee \text{False} \Leftrightarrow x$
- b.  $x \wedge \text{False} \Leftrightarrow \text{False}$
- c.  $x \vee \text{True} \Leftrightarrow \text{True}$
- d.  $x \wedge \text{True} \Leftrightarrow x$

(57) **Conditional Laws:**

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

(58) **Commutative Laws:**

- a.  $(p \vee q) \Leftrightarrow (q \vee p)$
- b.  $(p \wedge q) \Leftrightarrow (q \wedge p)$

(59) **Associative Laws:**

- a.  $((p \vee q) \vee r) \Leftrightarrow (p \vee (q \vee r))$
- b.  $((p \wedge q) \wedge r) \Leftrightarrow (p \wedge (q \wedge r))$

Given the premises 1.-2. we can prove the implication  $(p \rightarrow q)$  !

(60) *complex proof:*

1.  $(p \rightarrow (q \vee r))$
2.  $(\neg r)$
3.  $((\neg p) \vee (q \vee r))$  1 Cond
4.  $((\neg p) \vee q) \vee r$  3 Ass
5.  $((\neg p) \vee q) \vee F$  4 Neg
6.  $((\neg p) \vee q)$  5 Ident
7.  $(p \rightarrow q)$  6 Cond