

Logic (PHIL 2080, COMP 2620, COMP 6262)  
*Chapter: Sequents, Semantics, and Propositional Natural  
Deduction — Conjunction, Implication, Theorems*

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# Introduction

## Recap: Connectives and Formulae: Syntax

The main connective dictates the type of a formula:

- if main connective is  $\neg$ , formula is a *negation*
- ...  $\wedge$ , ... *conjunction*
- ...  $\vee$ , ... *disjunction*
- ...  $\rightarrow$ , ... *implication*
- ...  $\leftrightarrow$ , ... *double-implication*

## Recap: Connectives and Formulae: Semantics

What do these connectives *mean*?

- The “intended meaning” of connectives is expressed by truth tables:

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- The truth value of a formula  $\phi$  is defined by evaluating the formula under a given *interpretation*, which is an assignment of all propositional symbols.

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- These conclusions can be arbitrarily complicated, however! I.e., it might not be obvious that the conclusion follows from the premises.
- We use Natural Deduction to “manipulate sequents” step-wise thus “showing” validity.

# Sequents

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Our convention:

- Letters from the *end* of the alphabet: set
- ... *beginning* ... : single object of the kind that's in the set

This represents a *valid* sequent:  $X \Vdash A$

- Read it: Formula  $A$  follows (logically) from the formulae in  $X$
- For example, “ $q$  follows from  $p$  and  $p \rightarrow q$ ”
- We write down:  
but that's just short for:

$$\begin{array}{c} p, p \rightarrow q \Vdash q \\ \underbrace{\{p, p \rightarrow q\}}_X \Vdash \underbrace{q}_A \end{array}$$

- Also  $X, Y \Vdash A$  is short for  $X \cup Y \Vdash A$ ,  
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Answers:

- Yes,  $a \wedge (b \vee c) \Vdash (b \vee c)$  holds, i.e., it's a valid sequent!
- The formal definition is based on interpretations.

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How to check/test/prove  $X \models A$ ? Create the proof tables!

- Create a table  $t_X$  for all formulae in  $X$  (all need to be true)
- Create another table  $t_A$  for  $A$  and check validity criterion.

## Checking Validity, Example 1

How to prove  $a \wedge (b \vee c) \models (b \vee c)$ ?

*done live*

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Only two interpretations exist that make all  $x \in X$  true:

- 1  $I_1(p) = I_1(r) = 1, I_1(q) = 0$       2  $I_2(p) = I_2(q) = I_2(r) = 1$

Both of them make  $A$  true! Thus,  $X \models A$ .

# Natural Deduction

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- We start with Natural Deduction!

## Natural Deduction and Derivations

- Natural deduction is pure syntax manipulation and acts as *proof system*.
- Natural Deduction exploits *derivations*.
- A derivation is a finite sequence of formulae, which are derived from each other based on elementary formula manipulations (“1-step inference rules”)
- For each connective we will use two rules: one for *introducing* it, and one for *eliminating* it.

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- To show that it's valid, we use Natural deduction.
- Only in the second part you will formally learn the relationship between these two concepts  $\vdash$  and  $\models$ . I.e., you will learn how to show that each sequent  $X \vdash A$  that is proved by some proof system (like Natural Deduction) is actually valid.

# Conjunction

## The 1-Step Rules: And-Elimination

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**Elimination rule:**

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Which reads: If we derived  $A \wedge B$ , we can derive both  $A$  and  $B$ .

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## Proof Syntax / Notation: Overview

- How to write down proofs?
- There are many different notations that describe the same thing
- We introduce two:
  - Tree-like representation of the applied rules (just since it's another standard)
  - list-like representation (only use that one!)

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- In the tree-like format:

$$\frac{\frac{p \wedge q}{q} \wedge E \quad \frac{p \wedge q}{p} \wedge E}{q \wedge p} \wedge I$$

- Leaves are assumptions, root is conclusion
- Advantages: Makes the proof structure obvious
- In exercises, etc: *Do not use it, unless we ask you to!*

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- Note:** Each line represents a sequent! (Sequence of sequents.)

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→ I.e., now we see how premises accumulate!

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$\alpha_2$	(2)	$q$	A	$\equiv$	$q \vdash q$ (by assumption)
$\alpha_1, \alpha_2$	(3)	$p \wedge q$	1,2 $\wedge I$	$\equiv$	$p, q \vdash p \wedge q$ ( $\wedge I$ )

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    - $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r$ :
      - ▶ All tigers are carnivores ( $p$ )
      - ▶ Timmy is a tiger ( $q$ )
      - ▶ Thus, Timmy is a carnivore ( $r$ )
- } premises
- } conclusion
- This reasoning is (also) called *deduction*

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if we can derive  
 $B$  using  $A$ :

then we can derive  
 $A \rightarrow B$  and discharge  $A$ :

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [A] \\ \vdots \\ B \end{array}}{A \rightarrow B} \rightarrow I \quad \equiv \quad \begin{array}{c} A \\ \vdots \\ B \end{array} \quad + \quad \frac{\begin{array}{c} [A] \\ \vdots \\ B \end{array}}{A \rightarrow B} \rightarrow I$$

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Has side effect of  
removing the assumption  $A$

- We say that  $A$  gets *discharged*, and annotate that in the proof.

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$$\frac{X \vdash A \rightarrow B \quad A \vdash A}{X, A \vdash B} \rightarrow E$$

(That's the  $\rightarrow E$  rule with  $Y$  substituted by  $A$ )

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 $\alpha_1 \quad (n) \quad q \rightarrow (p \wedge q)$

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$$\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \quad (n-1) \quad p \wedge q$$

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$\alpha_1, \alpha_2$	(4)	$q$	$1, 3 \rightarrow E$

$$\frac{X, A \vdash B}{X \vdash A \rightarrow B} \rightarrow I$$

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$\alpha_1$	(5)	$(p \wedge r) \rightarrow q$	$4[\alpha_2] \rightarrow I$
$\alpha_1, \alpha_2$ (n-1) $q$			
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The proof of  $p \rightarrow q \vdash (p \wedge r) \rightarrow q$  in a tree-like structure:

$$\frac{\frac{p \rightarrow q \quad \frac{[p \wedge r]^{(1)}}{p} \wedge E}{q} \rightarrow E}{(p \wedge r) \rightarrow q} \rightarrow I(1)$$

Here, we denote discharged assumptions by  $[\dots]^{(n)}$ , where we number each assumption so that they can be distinguished from each other, i.e., so that we know which rule discharged which assumption(s).

## The 1-Step Rules: Implication-Introduction and -Elimination, Example 2

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$\frac{X, A \vdash B}{X \vdash A \rightarrow B} \rightarrow I$
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$$\alpha_1 \quad (n) \quad p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$$

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$\alpha_1$	(1)	$(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r$	A
$\alpha_2$	(2)	$p$	A
$\alpha_3$	(3)	$q$	A

$$\frac{X, A \vdash B}{X \vdash A \rightarrow B} \rightarrow I$$

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$\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$	(n-2)	$r$	
$\alpha_1, \alpha_2$	(n-1)	$q \rightarrow r$	(n-2)[ $\alpha_3$ ] $\rightarrow I$
$\alpha_1$	(n)	$p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$	(n-1)[ $\alpha_2$ ] $\rightarrow I$

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$$(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r \vdash p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$$

$\alpha_1$	(1)	$(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r$	A
$\alpha_2$	(2)	$p$	A
$\alpha_3$	(3)	$q$	A
$\alpha_2, \alpha_3$	(4)	$p \wedge q$	2,3 $\wedge I$

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$\alpha_1$	(n)	$p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$	(n-1)[ $\alpha_2$ ] $\rightarrow I$

## The 1-Step Rules: Implication-Introduction and -Elimination, Example 2

$$(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r \vdash p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$$

$\alpha_1$	(1)	$(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r$	A
$\alpha_2$	(2)	$p$	A
$\alpha_3$	(3)	$q$	A
$\alpha_2, \alpha_3$	(4)	$p \wedge q$	2,3 $\wedge I$
$\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$	(5)	$r$	1,4 $\rightarrow E$

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$\alpha_1$	(n)	$p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$	(n-1)[ $\alpha_2$ ] $\rightarrow I$

## The 1-Step Rules: Implication-Introduction and -Elimination, Example 2

$$(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r \vdash p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$$

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$\alpha_2$	(2)	$p$	A
$\alpha_3$	(3)	$q$	A
$\alpha_2, \alpha_3$	(4)	$p \wedge q$	2,3 $\wedge I$
$\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$	(5)	$r$	1,4 $\rightarrow E$
$\alpha_1, \alpha_2$	(6)	$q \rightarrow r$	5[ $\alpha_3$ ] $\rightarrow I$

$$\frac{X, A \vdash B}{X \vdash A \rightarrow B} \rightarrow I$$

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$\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$	(n-2)	$r$	
$\alpha_1, \alpha_2$	(n-1)	$q \rightarrow r$	(n-2)[ $\alpha_3$ ] $\rightarrow I$
$\alpha_1$	(n)	$p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$	(n-1)[ $\alpha_2$ ] $\rightarrow I$

## The 1-Step Rules: Implication-Introduction and -Elimination, Example 2

$$(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r \vdash p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$$

$\alpha_1$	(1)	$(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r$	A
$\alpha_2$	(2)	$p$	A
$\alpha_3$	(3)	$q$	A
$\alpha_2, \alpha_3$	(4)	$p \wedge q$	2,3 $\wedge I$
$\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$	(5)	$r$	1,4 $\rightarrow E$
$\alpha_1, \alpha_2$	(6)	$q \rightarrow r$	5[ $\alpha_3$ ] $\rightarrow I$
$\alpha_1$	(7)	$p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$	6[ $\alpha_2$ ] $\rightarrow I$

$$\boxed{\frac{X, A \vdash B}{X \vdash A \rightarrow B} \rightarrow I}$$

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$\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$	(n-2)	$r$	
$\alpha_1, \alpha_2$	(n-1)	$q \rightarrow r$	(n-2)[ $\alpha_3$ ] $\rightarrow I$
$\alpha_1$	(n)	$p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$	(n-1)[ $\alpha_2$ ] $\rightarrow I$

## The 1-Step Rules: Implication-Introduction and -Elimination, Example 3

$$p \vdash (q \rightarrow r) \rightarrow (q \rightarrow (p \wedge r))$$

$\alpha_1$             (1)     $p$                              $A$

## The 1-Step Rules: Implication-Introduction and -Elimination, Example 3

$$p \vdash (q \rightarrow r) \rightarrow (q \rightarrow (p \wedge r))$$

$$\alpha_1 \quad (1) \quad p \quad A$$

$$\boxed{\frac{X, A \vdash B}{X \vdash A \rightarrow B} \rightarrow I}$$

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$$\alpha_1 \quad (n) \quad (q \rightarrow r) \rightarrow (q \rightarrow (p \wedge r))$$

## The 1-Step Rules: Implication-Introduction and -Elimination, Example 3

$$p \vdash (q \rightarrow r) \rightarrow (q \rightarrow (p \wedge r))$$

$$\alpha_1 \quad (1) \quad p \quad A$$

$$\alpha_2 \quad (2) \quad q \rightarrow r \quad A$$

$$\boxed{\frac{X, A \vdash B}{X \vdash A \rightarrow B} \rightarrow I}$$

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$$\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \quad (n-1) \quad q \rightarrow (p \wedge r)$$

$$\alpha_1 \quad (n) \quad (q \rightarrow r) \rightarrow (q \rightarrow (p \wedge r)) \quad (n-1)[\alpha_2] \rightarrow I$$

## The 1-Step Rules: Implication-Introduction and -Elimination, Example 3

$$p \vdash (q \rightarrow r) \rightarrow (q \rightarrow (p \wedge r))$$

$\alpha_1$	(1)	$p$	$A$
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- We call such a discharge a *vacuous discharge*.
- I.e., whenever we “would remove” some assumption  $\alpha$  from a set of assumptions  $X$ , but  $\alpha \notin X$ , we write  $i[\ ] \rightarrow I$  instead of  $i[\alpha] \rightarrow I$

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