

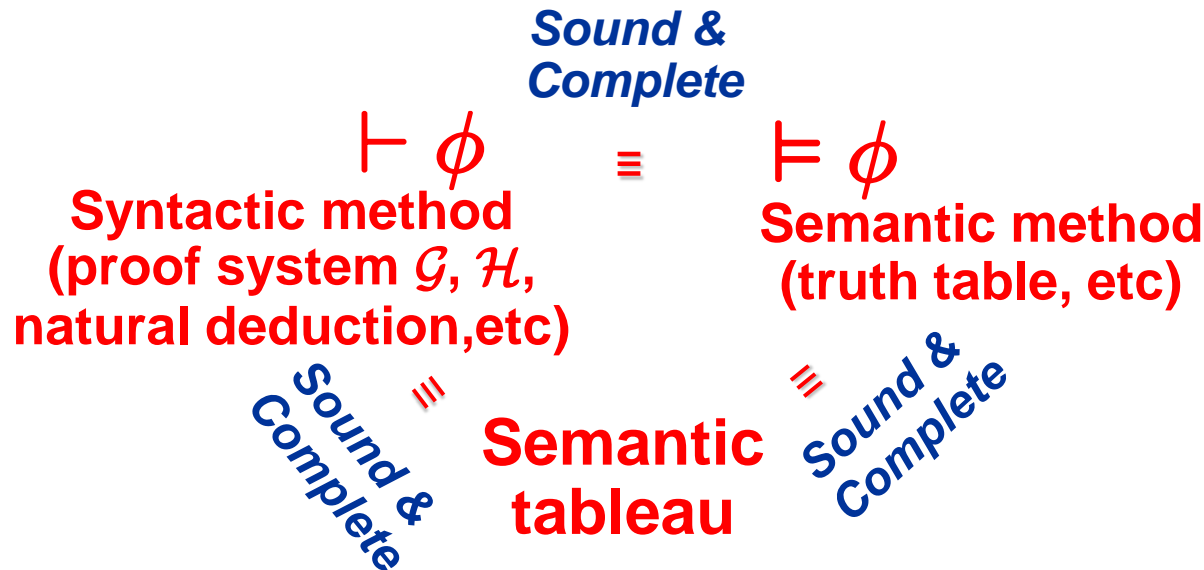
# Propositional Calculus - *Gentzen System $\mathcal{G}$*

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## ■ Goal of logic

- To check whether given a formula  $\phi$  is valid
- To prove a given formula  $\phi$



# Deductive proofs (1/3)

- Suppose we want to know if  $\phi$  belongs to the theory  $\mathcal{T}(U)$ .
  - By Thm 2.38  $U \models \phi$  iff  $\models A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \rightarrow \phi$  where  $U = \{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$
  - Thus,  $\phi \in \mathcal{T}(U)$  iff a decision procedure for validity answers 'yes'
- However, there are several problems with this **semantic** approach
  - The set of axioms may be **infinite**
    - e.x. Hilbert deductive system  $\mathcal{H}$  has an **axiom schema**  $(A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow A))$ , which generates an infinite number of axioms by replacing schemata variables  $A, B$  and  $C$  with infinitely many subformulas (e.g.  $\phi \wedge \psi, \neg \phi \vee \psi$ , etc)
    - e.x.2. Peano and ZFC theories cannot be finitely axiomatized.
  - Very few logics have **decision procedures** for validity of  $\phi$ 
    - ex. propositional logic has a decision procedure using truth table
    - ex2. predicate logic does **not** have such decision procedure
- There is another approach to logic called **deductive proofs**.
  - Instead of working with semantic concepts like **interpretation/model** and **consequence**
  - we choose a set of **axioms** and a set of **syntactical rules** for deducing new formulas from the axioms

# Deductive proofs (2/3)

## Def 3.1

- A **deductive system** consists of
  - a set of **axioms** and
  - a set of **inference rules**
- A **proof** in a deductive system is a **sequence of sets of formulas** s.t. each element is either an **axiom** or it can be inferred from previous elements of the sequence using a rule of inference
- If  $\{A\}$  is the last element of the sequence,  $A$  is a **theorem**, the sequence is a proof of  $A$ , and  $A$  is provable, denoted  $\vdash A$

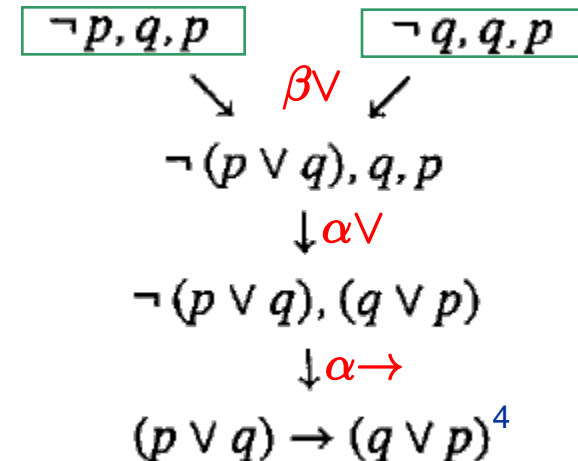
## Example of a proof of $(p \vee q) \rightarrow (q \vee p)$ in gentzen system $\mathcal{G}$

- $\{\neg p, q, p\} \cdot \{\neg q, q, p\} \cdot \{\neg(p \vee q), q, p\} \cdot \{\neg(p \vee q), (q \vee p)\} \cdot \{(p \vee q) \rightarrow (q \vee p)\}$

**axioms**

- tree representation of this proof is more intuitive

**theorem**



# Deductive proofs (3/3)

## ■ Deductive proofs has following benefits

- There may be an infinite number of axioms, but only a **finite number of axioms** will appear in any proof
- Any particular proof consists of a finite sequence of sets of formulas, and the **legality of each individual deduction** can be easily and efficiently determined from the **syntax** of the formulas
- The proof of a formula clearly shows which axioms, theorems and rules are used and for what purposes.
  - Such a **pattern** (i.e. relationship between formulas) can then be transferred to other similar proofs, or modified to prove different results.
  - Lemmas and corollaries can be obtained and can be used later

## ■ But with a new problem

- deduction is defined purely in terms of syntactical formula manipulation
- But it is **not** amenable to systematic search procedures
  - no brute-force search is possible because any axiom can be used

# The Gentzen system $\mathcal{G}$

Def 3.2 The Gentzen system  $\mathcal{G}$  is a deductive system.

- The **axioms** are the sets of formulas containing a **complementary pairs of literals**
  - ex.  $\{ \neg p, p, p \wedge q \}$  can be an axiom, but  $\{ \neg p, q, p \wedge q \}$  is not.
- The **rules of inferences** are:
  - note that a set of formulas in  $\mathcal{G}$  is an implicit **disjunction**

**premise**  $\vdash U_1 \cup \{ \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \}$

**conclusion**  $\vdash U_1 \cup \{ \alpha \}$

$\vdash U_1 \cup \{ \beta_1 \} \quad \vdash U_2 \cup \{ \beta_2 \}$

$\vdash U_1 \cup U_2 \cup \{ \beta \}$

$\alpha$	$\alpha_1$	$\alpha_2$
$\neg \neg A$	$A$	
$\neg (A_1 \wedge A_2)$	$\neg A_1$	$\neg A_2$
$A_1 \vee A_2$	$A_1$	$A_2$
$A_1 \rightarrow A_2$	$\neg A_1$	$A_2$
$A_1 \uparrow A_2$	$\neg A_1$	$\neg A_2$
$\neg (A_1 \downarrow A_2)$	$A_1$	$A_2$
$\neg (A_1 \leftrightarrow A_2)$	$\neg (A_1 \rightarrow A_2)$	$\neg (A_2 \rightarrow A_1)$
$A_1 \oplus A_2$	$\neg (A_1 \rightarrow A_2)$	$\neg (A_2 \rightarrow A_1)$

8  $\alpha$ -rules

$\beta$	$\beta_1$	$\beta_2$
$B_1 \wedge B_2$	$B_1$	$B_2$
$\neg (B_1 \vee B_2)$	$\neg B_1$	$\neg B_2$
$\neg (B_1 \rightarrow B_2)$	$B_1$	$\neg B_2$
$\neg (B_1 \uparrow B_2)$	$B_1$	$B_2$
$B_1 \downarrow B_2$	$\neg B_1$	$\neg B_2$
$B_1 \leftrightarrow B_2$	$B_1 \rightarrow B_2$	$B_2 \rightarrow B_1$
$\neg (B_1 \oplus B_2)$	$B_1 \rightarrow B_2$	$B_2 \rightarrow B_1$

7  $\beta$ -rules

# Soundness and completeness of $\mathcal{G}$

- Note that there are close relationship between a deductive proof of  $\phi$  and semantic tableau of  $\phi$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \neg p, q, p \qquad \neg q, q, p \\
 \searrow \qquad \swarrow \\
 \neg(p \vee q), q, p \\
 \downarrow \\
 \neg(p \vee q), (q \vee p) \\
 \downarrow \\
 (p \vee q) \rightarrow (q \vee p)
 \end{array}$$

A proof in  $\mathcal{G}$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \neg[(p \vee q) \rightarrow (q \vee p)] \\
 \downarrow \\
 p \vee q, \neg(q \vee p) \\
 \downarrow \\
 p \vee q, \neg q, \neg p \\
 \swarrow \qquad \searrow \\
 p, \neg q, \neg p \qquad q, \neg q, \neg p \\
 \times \qquad \qquad \times
 \end{array}$$

Semantic tableau

# Soundness and completeness of $\mathcal{G}$

- Thm 3.6 Let  $U$  be a set of formulas and  $\bar{U}$  be the set of complements of formulas in  $U$ . Then  $\vdash U$  in  $\mathcal{G}$  iff there is a closed semantic tableau  $T$  for  $\bar{U}$
- Proof of completeness,
  - $\vdash U$  in  $\mathcal{G}$  if there exists a closed  $T$  for  $\bar{U}$  exists
  - induction on the height of  $T$ ,  $h$
  - $h=0$ 
    - $T$  consists of a single node labeled by  $\bar{U}$ , a set of literals containing a complementary pair (say  $\{p, \neg p\}$ ), that is  $\bar{U} = \bar{U}_0 \cup \{p, \neg p\}$
    - Obviously  $U = U_0 \cup \{\neg p, p\}$  is an axiom in  $\mathcal{G}$ , hence  $\vdash U$



# Soundness and completeness of $\mathcal{G}$

## ■ Proof of completeness (continued)

■  $\vdash U$  in  $\mathcal{G}$  if there exists a closed  $T$  for  $\bar{U}$  exists

■  $h > 0$

■ Some tableau  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$  rule was used at the root  $n$  of  $T$  on a formula  $\bar{A} \in \bar{U}$ , that is  $\bar{U} = \bar{U}_0 \cup \{\bar{A}\}$

■ Case of  $\alpha$  rule

■ A tableau  $\alpha$ -rule was used on (a formula such as)  $\bar{A} = \neg (A_1 \vee A_2)$  to produce the node  $n'$  labeled  $\bar{U}' = \bar{U}_0' \cup \{\neg A_1, \neg A_2\}$ . The subtree rooted at  $n'$  is a closed tableau for  $\bar{U}'$ , so by the inductive hypothesis,  $\vdash U_0' \cup \{A_1, A_2\}$ . Using the  $\alpha$ -rule in  $\mathcal{G}$ ,  $\vdash U_0 \cup \{A_1 \vee A_2\}$ , that is  $\vdash U$

■ Case of  $\beta$  rule

■ A tableau  $\beta$ -rule was used on (a formula such as)  $\bar{A} = \neg (A_1 \wedge A_2)$  to produce the node  $n'$  and  $n''$  labeled  $\bar{U}' = \bar{U}_0 \cup \{\neg A_1\}$ ,  $\bar{U}'' = \bar{U}_0 \cup \{\neg A_2\}$ , respectively. By the inductive hypothesis,  $\vdash U_0 \cup \{A_1\}$  and  $\vdash U_0 \cup \{A_2\}$ . Using the  $\beta$ -rule in  $\mathcal{G}$ ,  $\vdash U_0 \cup \{A_1 \wedge A_2\}$ , that is  $\vdash U$