

# Propositional Logic– Arguments (5A)

---

Copyright (c) 2016 Young W. Lim.

Permission is granted to copy, distribute and/or modify this document under the terms of the GNU Free Documentation License, Version 1.2 or any later version published by the Free Software Foundation; with no Invariant Sections, no Front-Cover Texts, and no Back-Cover Texts. A copy of the license is included in the section entitled "GNU Free Documentation License".

Please send corrections (or suggestions) to [youngwlim@hotmail.com](mailto:youngwlim@hotmail.com).

This document was produced by using LibreOffice

# Based on

---

Contemporary Artificial Intelligence,  
R.E. Neapolitan & X. Jiang

Logic and Its Applications,  
Burkey & Foxley

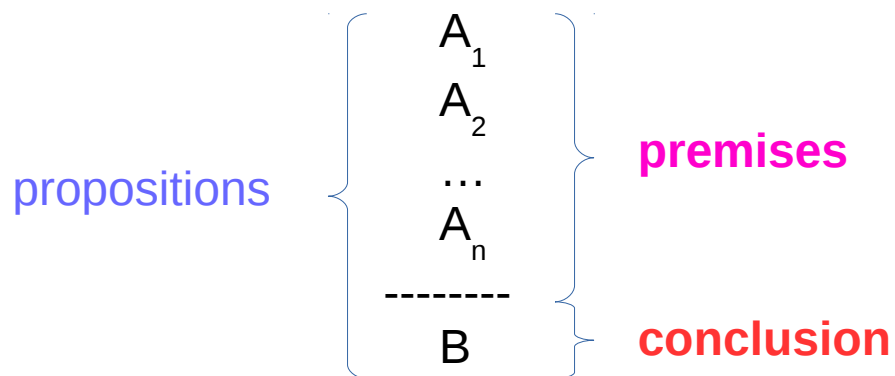
# Arguments

An **argument** consists of a set of propositions :

The **premises** propositions

The **conclusion** proposition

List of **premises** followed by the **conclusion**



# Entailment Definition

If the truth of a statement **P** **guarantees** that another **statement Q** must be **true**,

then we say that **P** **entails Q**, or that **Q** is **entailed** by **P**.

the key term, “**must be true**”

“**Must be**” is stating that

something is **necessary**,

something for which **no other option** or **possibility** exists.

“**Must be**” encodes the concept of **logical necessity**.

<http://www.kslinker.com/VALID-AND-INVALID-ARGUMENTS.html>

# Entailment Examples

P: “Mary knows all the capitals of **the United States**”

Q: “Mary knows the capital of **Kentucky**”

P: “**Every one** in the race ran the mile in under 5 minutes”

Q: “**John**, a runner in the race, ran the mile in less than 5 minutes”

P: “The questionnaire had a total of 20 questions, and Mary **answered only 13**”

Q: “The questionnaire answered by Mary had **7 unanswered questions**”

P: “The **winning** ticket starts with **3 7 9**”

Q: “Mary's ticket starts with **3 7 9** so Mary's ticket is the **winning** ticket”

conceptually familiarity

true conditional statements, or true implications are examples of **entailment**.

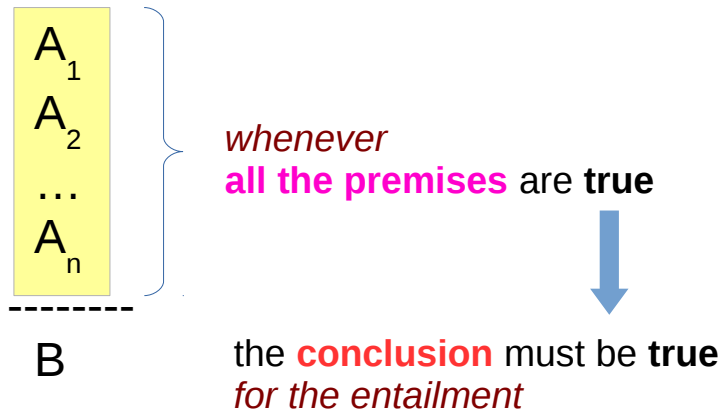
any conditional statement, (“if . . . then”) which is true, is an example of **entailment**.  
In Mathematics, the more familiar term is “**implication**”.

<http://www.kslinker.com/VALID-AND-INVALID-ARGUMENTS.html>

# Entail

The **premises** is said to **entail** the **conclusion**  
If in **every model** in which **all the premises** are **true**,  
the **conclusion** is also **true**

List of **premises** followed by the **conclusion**



# A Model

A **model** or a **possible world**:

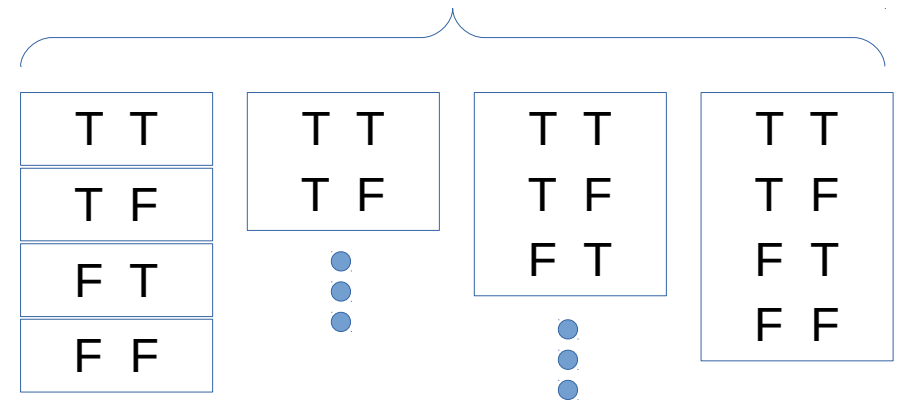
Every **atomic proposition** is assigned a value **T** or **F**

The **set of all these assignments** constitutes  
A **model** or a **possible world**

All possible worlds (assignments) are **permissible**

A	B	$A \wedge B$	$A \wedge B \Rightarrow A$
T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T
F	T	F	T
F	F	F	T

models



Every **atomic proposition** : A, B



# Interpretation

An **interpretation** of a formal system is  
the assignment of meanings to the symbols,  
and **truth values** to the **sentences** of a formal system.

The study of interpretations is called formal semantics

**Giving an interpretation** is synonymous with  
**constructing a model**.

An interpretation is expressed in a metalanguage,  
which may itself be a formal language,  
and as such itself is a syntactic entity.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Syntax\\_\(logic\)#Syntactic\\_consequence\\_within\\_a\\_formal\\_system](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Syntax_(logic)#Syntactic_consequence_within_a_formal_system)

# Entailment Notation

Suppose we have *an argument*  
whose **premises** are  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$   
whose **conclusion** is  $B$

Then

$$A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \models B \text{ if and only if}$$
$$A_1 \wedge A_2 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \Rightarrow B \text{ (logical implication)}$$

**logical implication:** if  $A_1 \wedge A_2 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \Rightarrow B$  is **tautology** (*always true*)

The **premises** is said to **entail** the **conclusion**  
If in every model in which  
**all the premises** are **true**,  
the **conclusion** is also **true**

# Entailment and Logical Implication

$$A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \models B$$

$$\iff A_1 \wedge A_2 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \implies B$$

$$\iff A_1 \wedge A_2 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \implies B \text{ is a tautology}$$

(logical implication)

If all the premises are true,  
then the conclusion must be true

$$T \wedge T \wedge \dots \wedge T \implies T$$

$$T \wedge T \wedge \dots \wedge T \implies \text{F}$$

$$F \wedge X \wedge \dots \wedge X \implies T$$

# Sound Argument and Fallacy

A **sound** argument

$A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \models B$

If the **premises** entails the **conclusion**

A **fallacy**

$A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \not\models B$

If the **premises** does not entail the **conclusion**

# Modal Accounts

Modal accounts of logical consequence are variations on the following basic idea:

$\Gamma \vdash A$  is true if and only if  
it is *necessary* that if **all of the elements of  $\Gamma$**  are **true**, then  **$A$**  is **true**.

Alternatively :

$\Gamma \vdash A$  is true if and only if  
it is *impossible* for **all of the elements of  $\Gamma$**  to be **true** and  **$A$**  **false**.

Such accounts are called "modal" because they appeal to the modal notions of logical necessity and logical possibility. 'It is necessary that' is often expressed as a universal quantifier over possible worlds, so that the accounts above translate as:

$\Gamma \vdash A$  is true if and only if  
there is *no possible world* at which **all of the elements of  $\Gamma$**  are **true** and  **$A$**  is **false** (untrue).

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Syntax\\_\(logic\)#Syntactic\\_consequence\\_within\\_a\\_formal\\_system](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Syntax_(logic)#Syntactic_consequence_within_a_formal_system)

# Valid Argument Criteria

- If all the **premises** are true, then the **conclusion** must be **true**.
- the truth of the **conclusion** is **guaranteed**  
*if all the **premises** are **true***
- It is **impossible** to have a **false conclusion**  
*if all the **premises** are **true***
- The **premises** of a valid argument **entail** the **conclusion**.

<http://www.kslinker.com/VALID-AND-INVALID-ARGUMENTS.html>

# Valid Argument Examples

If John makes this **field goal**, then the U of A will **win**.  
John makes the **field goal** .  
Therefore the U of A wins  
**Modus Ponens**

If **P** then **Q**  
**P**  
**Therefore Q**

If the patient has **malaria**, then a blood test will indicate that his blood harbors at least one of these **parasites**: P. falciparum, P. vivax , P. ovale and P. malaria  
Blood test indicate that the patient harbors **none** of these **parasites**  
Therefore the patient does **not** have **malaria**.  
**Modus Tollens**

If **P** then **Q**  
Not **Q**  
**Therefore Not P**

Either The **Patriots** or the Philadelphia **Eagles** will **win** the Superbowl  
The **Patriots** **lost**  
Therefore The **Eagles** **won**  
**Disjunctive Syllogism (Process of Elimination)**

Either **P** or **Q**  
Not **P**  
**Therefore Q**

If John gets a **raise**, then he will buy a **house**.  
If John buys a **house**, he will run for a **position** on the neighborhood council.  
Therefore, if John gets a **raise**, he will run for a **position** on the neighborhood council  
**Hypothetical Syllogism**

If **P** then **Q**  
If **Q** then **R**  
**Therefore If P then R**

<http://www.kslinker.com/VALID-AND-INVALID-ARGUMENTS.html>

# Sound Arguments

An argument is **sound** if it is **valid** and all the **premises** are actually **true**.

for an argument to be sound, two conditions must be met:

- 1) the argument must be **valid**, and
- 2) the argument must actually have **all true premises**.

What can be said about the conclusion to a sound argument?

Since the argument is **sound**, then it is both **valid** and actually has **all true premises**, so the **conclusion must be true**, by definition of validity.

an example of a sound argument:

If a number is greater than 7 it is greater than 3.

8 is greater than 7.

Therefore 8 is greater than 3.

<http://www.iep.utm.edu/val-snd/>



# Validity and Soundness (1)

An argument form is **valid** if and only if

**whenever** the **premises** are **all true**, then **conclusion** is **true**.

An argument is valid if its argument form is valid.

**If** premises : true  $\Rightarrow$  **then** conclusion : true

false

true

false

false

**If** true  $\Rightarrow$  **then never** false

An argument is **sound** if and only if

it is **valid** and all its **premises** are true.

**Always** premises : true  $\Rightarrow$  **therefore** conclusion : true

<http://math.stackexchange.com/questions/281208/what-is-the-difference-between-a-sound-argument-and-a-valid-argument>

## Validity and Soundness (2)

A deductive argument is said to be **valid** if and only if it takes a form that makes it *impossible* for the **premises** to be **true** and the **conclusion** nevertheless to be **false**.

**If**                    **true**     $\rightarrow$     **then never**                    **false**

Otherwise, a deductive argument is said to be **invalid**. for the **premises** to be **true** and the **conclusion** is **false**.

A deductive argument is **sound** if and only if it is both **valid**, and all of its **premises** are **actually true**.

Otherwise, a deductive argument is **unsound**.

**Always** **premises : true**     $\rightarrow$     **therefore** **conclusion : true**

<http://www.iep.utm.edu/val-snd/>

# Validity and Soundness (3)

A	B	$A \Rightarrow B$	$A \wedge (A \Rightarrow B)$	$A \wedge (A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow B$
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	T
F	T	T	F	T
F	F	T	F	T

valid

If premises : true then never conclusion : false

A	B	$A \Rightarrow B$	$A \wedge (A \Rightarrow B)$	$A \wedge (A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow B$
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	T
F	T	T	F	T
F	F	T	F	T

sound

Always premises : true therefore conclusion : true

<http://www.iep.utm.edu/val-snd/>

# Validity and Soundness (4)

the author of a deductive argument always intends that the **premises** provide the sort of justification for the **conclusion** whereby if the **premises** are **true**, the **conclusion** is guaranteed to be **true** as well.

if the author's process of reasoning is a good one, if the **premises** actually do provide this sort of justification for the **conclusion**, then the argument is **valid**.

an argument is **valid** if the **truth** of the **premises** logically guarantees the **truth** of the **conclusion**.

it is **impossible** for the **premises** to be **true** and the **conclusion** to nevertheless be **false**:

<http://www.iep.utm.edu/val-snd/>

# Entailment Examples

$A, B \models A$

$A, B \Rightarrow A$

$A \wedge B \Rightarrow A$

$A, (A \Rightarrow B) \models B$

$A, (A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow B$

$A \wedge (A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow B$

# Entailment Examples and Truth Tables

A	B	$A \wedge B$	$A \wedge B \Rightarrow A$
T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T
F	T	F	T
F	F	F	T

$$A \wedge B \Rightarrow A$$

The **premises** is said to **entail** the **conclusion**  
 If in every model in which

**all the premises** are **true**,  
 the **conclusion** is also **true**

**any of the premises** are **false**,  
 still **premises  $\Rightarrow$  conclusion** is **true**  
 ( $F \Rightarrow T$  and  $F \Rightarrow F$  always T)

Tautology

A	B	$A \Rightarrow B$	$A \wedge (A \Rightarrow B)$	$A \wedge (A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow B$
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	T
F	T	T	F	T
F	F	T	F	T

$$A \wedge (A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow B$$

# Deduction System

## Propositional logic

*Given propositions* (statements) : T or F

Deductive inference of T or F of *other propositions*

## Deductive Inference

A process by which **the truth of the conclusion** is shown to *necessarily follow* from **the truth of the premises**

A	B	$A \Rightarrow B$	$A \wedge (A \Rightarrow B)$	$A \wedge (A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow B$
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	T
F	T	T	F	T
F	F	T	F	T

## Deductive Inference

Entailment  
(logical implication)

$$A \wedge (A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow B$$

# Deduction System

**Deduction System** : a set of inference rules

Inference rules are used to reason deductively

**Sound Deduction System** :

if it derives only sound arguments

Each of the inference rules is sound

**Complete Deduction System** :

It can drive every sound argument

Must contain deduction theorem rule

A **sound** argument:

If the **premises** entails the **conclusion**

A **fallacy**:

If the **premises** does not entail the **conclusion**



# Inference Rules

Combination Rule	$A, B \vDash A \wedge B$
Simplification Rule	$A \wedge B \vDash A$
Addition Rule	$A \vDash A \vee B$
Modus Ponens	$A, A \Rightarrow B \vDash B$
Modus Tolens	$\neg B, A \Rightarrow B \vDash \neg A$
Hypothetical Syllogism	$A \Rightarrow B, B \Rightarrow C \vDash A \Rightarrow C$
Disjunctive Syllogism	$A \vee B, \neg A \vDash B$
Rule of Cases	$A \Rightarrow B, \neg A \Rightarrow B \vDash B$
Equivalence Elimination	$A \Leftrightarrow B \vDash A \Rightarrow B$
Equivalence Introduction	$A \Rightarrow B, B \Rightarrow A \vDash A \Leftrightarrow B$
Inconsistency Rule	$A, \neg A \vDash B$
AND Commutivity Rule	$A \wedge B \vDash B \wedge A$
OR Commutivity Rule	$A \vee B \vDash B \vee A$
Deduction Theorem	If $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n, B \vDash C$ then $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \vDash B \Rightarrow C$

# Deduction Theorem



The **premises** is said to **entail** the **conclusion**  
 If in every model in which  
**all the premises** are **true**,  
 the **conclusion** is also **true**

$A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \vdash B$  if and only if  
 $A_1 \wedge A_2 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \Rightarrow B$   
 $(A_1 \wedge A_2 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \Rightarrow B$  is a tautology)

$$A, B \vdash C \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad A \vdash B \Rightarrow C$$

$$B \vdash C \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \vdash B \Rightarrow C$$

If **A** is T, then **B implies C** is always T (for the tautology)  
 Even if **A, B** is T, then **B implies C** is always T  
 And if **A, B** is T, then **B** is T  
 By modus ponens in the RHS, **A, B** is T, then **C** is true

# Deduction Theorem

$\Delta, A \vDash B$  iff  $\Delta \vDash A \Rightarrow B$

where  $\Delta$  : a set of formulas,

if the formula  $B$  is deducible from a set  $\Delta$  of assumptions, together with the assumption  $A$ , then the formula  $A \Rightarrow B$  is deducible from  $\Delta$  alone.

Conversely, if we can deduce  $A \Rightarrow B$  from  $\Delta$ , and if in addition we assume  $A$ , then  $B$  can be deduced.

$\Delta, A \vDash B$



$\Delta \vDash A \Rightarrow B$

$\Delta \vDash A \Rightarrow B$



$\Delta, A \vDash B$

<http://planetmath.org/deductiontheorem>

# Deduction Theorem

The deduction theorem conforms with our intuitive understanding of how mathematical proofs work:

if we want to prove the statement “ $A$  implies  $B$ ”, then by assuming  $A$ , if we can prove  $B$ , we have established “ $A$  implies  $B$ ”.

<http://planetmath.org/deductiontheorem>

# Deduction Theorem

The converse statement of the deduction theorem

turns out to be a trivial consequence of **modus ponens**:  $A, A \Rightarrow B \vdash B$

if  $\Delta \vdash A \Rightarrow B$ ,

then certainly  $\Delta, A \vdash A \Rightarrow B$

Since  $\Delta, A \vdash A$ , we get,

via **modus ponens**,  $\Delta, A \vdash B$  as a result.

$$\Delta, A \vdash A$$

$$\Delta, A \vdash A \Rightarrow B$$

---

$$\Delta, A \vdash B$$

<http://planetmath.org/deductiontheorem>

# Deduction Theorem

Deduction theorem is needed to derive **arguments** that has **no premises**

An argument without premises is simply a **tautology**

$\models A \vee \neg A$

no premises appear before the  $\models$  symbol

an argument without premises

Tautology if it is sound

# Argument Example

1.  $\neg Q$
2.  $P \Rightarrow Q$
3.  $\neg P \Rightarrow R \vee S$
4.  $R \Rightarrow T$
5.  $U$
6.  $U \Rightarrow \neg T$

7.  $\neg P$        $\neg Q, P \Rightarrow Q \models \neg P$       (1, 2)
8.  $R \vee S$        $\neg P \Rightarrow R \vee S, \neg P \models R \vee S$       (3, 7)
9.  $\neg T$        $U, U \Rightarrow \neg T \models \neg T$       (5, 6)
10.  $\neg R$        $\neg T, R \Rightarrow T \models \neg R$       (9, 4)
11.  $S$        $R \vee S, \neg R \models S$       (8, 10)

# Argument without premises

A

$A \vee \neg A$

$A \Rightarrow A \vee \neg A$

$\neg A$

$\neg A \vee A$

$A \vee \neg A$

$\neg A \Rightarrow A \vee \neg A$

$A \vee \neg A$

assume A

$X \models X \vee Y$

$A \models A \vee \neg A \quad \Rightarrow \quad A \Rightarrow A \vee \neg A$

discharge A

assume  $\neg A$

$X \models X \vee Y$

$X \vee Y \models Y \vee X$

$\neg A \models A \vee \neg A \quad \Rightarrow \quad \models \neg A \Rightarrow A \vee \neg A$

discharge A

$X \Rightarrow Y, \neg X \Rightarrow Y \models Y$

$A \Rightarrow A \vee \neg A, \neg A \Rightarrow A \vee \neg A \models A \vee \neg A$

$\models A \vee \neg A$



# Argument without premises

A

A  $\vee$   $\neg$ A

A  $\Rightarrow$  A  $\vee$   $\neg$ A

A

assume A

A  $\models$  A  $\vee$   $\neg$ A

$\models$  A  $\Rightarrow$  A  $\vee$   $\neg$ A

discharge A

$\neg$ A

$\neg$ A  $\vee$  A

A  $\vee$   $\neg$ A

$\neg$ A  $\Rightarrow$  A  $\vee$   $\neg$ A

$\neg$ A

assume  $\neg$ A

$\neg$ A  $\models$   $\neg$ A  $\vee$  A

$\neg$ A  $\models$  A  $\vee$   $\neg$ A

$\models$   $\neg$ A  $\Rightarrow$  A  $\vee$   $\neg$ A

discharge A

A  $\vee$   $\neg$ A

$\models$  A  $\vee$   $\neg$ A

# To prove a sound argument

---

Prove using [truth tables](#)

Whether an argument is sound or fallacy

1. time complexity ( $2^n$ )
2. not the way which humans do

Prove using [inference rules](#)

To reason deductively

# Logical Equivalences

$\neg, \wedge,$   
 $\vee$

$\wedge \vee \neg \neg \Rightarrow$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \equiv \Rightarrow \vDash$

$\neg, \wedge,$   
 $\vee$

$\wedge \vee \neg \neg \Rightarrow$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \equiv \Rightarrow \vDash$

$\Rightarrow$   
 $\Leftrightarrow$   
 $\equiv$

$\Rightarrow$   
 $\Leftrightarrow$   
 $\equiv$

## References

- [1] en.wikipedia.org
- [2] en.wiktionary.org
- [3] U. Endriss, “Lecture Notes : Introduction to Prolog Programming”
- [4] <http://www.learnprolognow.org/> Learn Prolog Now!
- [5] [http://www.csupomona.edu/~jrfisher/www/prolog\\_tutorial](http://www.csupomona.edu/~jrfisher/www/prolog_tutorial)
- [6] [www.cse.unsw.edu.au/~billw/cs9414/notes/prolog/intro.html](http://www.cse.unsw.edu.au/~billw/cs9414/notes/prolog/intro.html)
- [7] [www.cse.unsw.edu.au/~billw/dictionaries/prolog/negation.html](http://www.cse.unsw.edu.au/~billw/dictionaries/prolog/negation.html)
- [8] <http://ilppp.cs.lth.se/>, P. Nugues, `An Intro to Lang Processing with Perl and Prolog