

# Introducing propositional logic

Text: Melvin Fitting, *FOLATP*, Sections 8.3,8.4,2.2-2.4

Homework: Read these sections, attempt exercises

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## Definition

For theory  $Th$ ,  $M$  is a *model for  $Th$*  if every sentence of  $Th$  is satisfied in  $M$ . ( $Th$  is an arbitrary set of sentences so one cannot write a conjunction.)

A formula is *satisfiable modulo  $Th$*  if it is  $M$ -satisfiable for some model  $M$  for  $Th$ . A formula is *valid modulo  $Th$*  if it is  $M$ -valid for all models  $M$  for  $Th$ . □

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**Theorem** (Satisfiability)

The Herbrand model  $M(Th)$  is a model for the atomic sentences  $P(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  of  $Th$ .

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### Exercise

*Adding the equality axioms corresponds to restricting from all models to all normal models. Is it the case that adding an axiom to a proof system shrinks the class of models?*

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- A formula  $A$  is **satisfiable** if there is some valuation  $v$  such that  $v(A) = \text{true}$  through this lifting. A formula is a **tautology/valid** if it evaluates to *true* under all valuations.
- *Th* is satisfiable if some valuation  $v$  makes all  $A$  in *Th* true.

# Proof system for PL, (Aristotle, 4th c.BCE) onwards

Inference rule scheme:

(Modus Ponens/Detachment) If  $\vdash A$  and  $\vdash A \supset B$ , then  $\vdash B$ .

Axiom schemes:

(Positive paradox)	$A \supset (B \supset A)$
(Self distribution)	$(A \supset (B \supset C)) \supset ((A \supset B) \supset (B \supset C))$
(False explosion)	$False \supset A, \quad A \supset True$
(Not elimination)	$\neg\neg A \supset A$
(Implicative explosion)	$A \supset (\neg A \supset B)$
(And elimination)	$(A \wedge B) \supset A, \quad (A \wedge B) \supset B$
(Or elimination)	$(A \supset C) \supset ((B \supset C) \supset ((A \vee B) \supset C))$
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This proof system is sound for Boolean valuations, which are models for PL.

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This leads to a “free” construction. Such constructions were done by (Leopold Kronecker 1887) in algebra.

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- Let  $M$  be the Herbrand model for  $Th$ , satisfying precisely the atomic sentences which are in  $Th$ . Satisfaction for ZOL lifts to formulas using the same truth table as for PL, homomorphically. So  $M \models A$  as well. □

## Definition (Fitting, Definition 3.5.1,8.4.5)

*Th* is a *Hintikka theory* if it is downwards closed.

- 1 *False*,  $\neg \text{True} \notin Th$ ; for *P* in *At*,  $\{P, \neg P\} \not\subseteq Th$
- 2 If  $\neg\neg A$  in *Th*, then *A* in *Th*
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**Theorem** (PL/ZOL sat, Fitting, Proposition 3.5.2, Page 52)

*PL and ZOL Hintikka theories  $Th$  are satisfiable.*

**Proof.**

For a ZOL Hintikka theory, use the earlier theorems to reduce to PL.

The PL Hintikka theory conditions are used to downward close the theory. This means that all the propositional letters used in a definition of satisfaction of the theory are inside the theory.

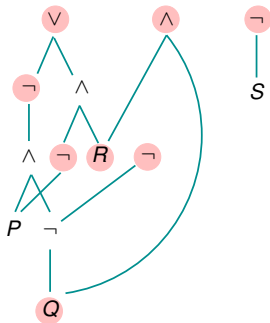
Consider valuation  $v$  where  $v(P) = \text{true}$  iff  $P \in Th$ , this is well-defined by condition (1) in the definition on the last slide.

Verify all the conditions in the definition of satisfaction. □

# Hintikka theory example

Consider the theory  $H$ :

$$\{(\neg(P \wedge \neg Q)) \vee ((\neg P) \wedge R), \neg(P \wedge \neg Q), \neg\neg Q, Q, R \wedge Q, R, \neg S\}.$$



Satisfying valuation is obtained by setting propositions in  $H$  to *true*, and the rest to *false*:

$$v : P \mapsto \text{false}, Q \mapsto \text{true}, R \mapsto \text{true}, S \mapsto \text{false}.$$

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