

# Natural Deduction

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# Intuition

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when you decompose a reasoning in elementary obvious steps,  
you somehow practice **Natural Deduction**.

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Two orthogonal subgoals:

1. Proofs should be **“readable enough”** to be easily checked by a human being.
2. Proofs should be **“formal enough”** to prevent bugs (and to be mechanically checked/generated by a computer).

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2. Present a tool that **automatically constructs proofs** in **Natural Deduction**:

`http://teachinglogic.liglab.fr/DN/`

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# Propositional Logic

## Definition 1

**Propositional logic** is a logic *without quantifiers*.

The only logical operations used are:

- ▶  $\neg$  (negation),
- ▶  $\wedge$  (conjunction, also known as logical “and”),
- ▶  $\vee$  (disjunction, also known as logical “or”),
- ▶  $\Rightarrow$  (implication)
- ▶  $\Leftrightarrow$  (equivalence)

## Syntax: Vocabulary of the language

- ▶ **The constants:**  $\top$  (*true*) and  $\perp$  (*false*)
- ▶ **The variables:** for example,  $x$ ,  $y_1$
- ▶ **The parentheses:** left ( and right ).
- ▶ **The connectives:**  $\neg$ ,  $\vee$ ,  $\wedge$ ,  $\Rightarrow$ ,  $\Leftrightarrow$

## (Strict) Formula

### Definition 2

A **strict formula** is defined inductively as:

- ▶  $\top$  and  $\perp$  are strict formulae.
- ▶ A variable is a strict formula.
- ▶ If  $A$  is a strict formula then  $\neg A$  is a strict formula.
- ▶ If  $A$  and  $B$  are strict formulae and if  $\circ$  is one of the following operations  $\vee, \wedge, \Rightarrow, \Leftrightarrow$  then  $(A \circ B)$  is a strict formula.

### Example 1

$(a \vee (\neg b \wedge c))$  is a **strict formula**,  
but neither  $a \vee (\neg b \wedge c)$ , nor  $(a \vee (\neg(b) \wedge c))$ .



# Canonical Decomposition

Strict formulae **decompose uniquely** in their sub-formulae.

## Theorem 1

For every formula  $A$ , there is one and only one of the following cases:

- ▶  $A$  is a variable,
- ▶  $A$  is a constant,
- ▶  $A$  can be written **in a unique manner** as  $\neg B$  where  $B$  is a formula,
- ▶  $A$  can be written **in a unique manner** as  $(B \circ C)$  where  $B$  and  $C$  are formulae.

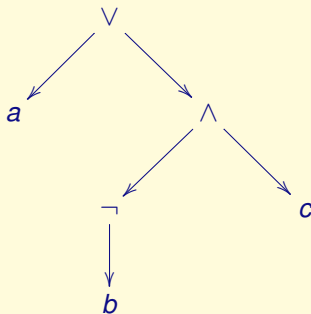
This will allow us to:

- ▶ prove properties *by cases*
- ▶ perform *structural induction* on the formulae: we will **ALWAYS consider STRICT formulae in proofs**

# Tree

## Example 2

The structure of the formula  $(a \vee (\neg b \wedge c))$  is illustrated by the following tree:



Subtrees = sub-formulae

## Prioritized formula

### Definition 3

A **prioritized formula** is inductively defined in a similar way, but:

- ▶ if  $A$  and  $B$  are prioritized formulae, then  $A \circ B$  is a prioritized formula,
- ▶ if  $A$  is a prioritized formula then  $(A)$  is a prioritized formula.

### Example 3

$a \vee \neg b \wedge c$  is a prioritized formula, but not a (strict) formula.

## Connective precedence

### Definition 4

By decreasing precedence, the connectives are:  $\neg$ ,  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ ,  $\Rightarrow$  and  $\Leftrightarrow$ .

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## Basic tables

0 indicates false and 1 indicates true.

The value of the constant  $\top$  is 1 and the value of the constant  $\perp$  is 0

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$x$	$y$	$\neg x$	$x \vee y$	$x \wedge y$	$x \Rightarrow y$	$x \Leftrightarrow y$
0	0	1	0	0	1	1
0	1	1	1	0	1	0
1	0	0	1	0	0	0
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A **truth assignment** (**assignment, for short**) is a function from the set of variables of a formula to the set  $\{0, 1\}$ .

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**Example:** Let  $v$  be an assignment such that  $v(x) = 0$  and  $v(y) = 1$ .

Applying  $v$  to  $x \vee y$  is written as  $[x \vee y]_v$

$$[x \vee y]_v = 0 \vee 1 = 1$$

**Conclusion:**  $x \vee y$  is true for the truth assignment  $v$



# Example

$x$	$y$	$x \vee y \Rightarrow \neg x$
1	0	0
1	1	0
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Assignment  $v$ : **line 1**,  $v(x) = 1$  and  $v(y) = 0$

Value of the assignment:  $[x \vee y \Rightarrow \neg x]_v = \mathbf{0}$

## Model for a formula

### Definition 6

An assignment  $v$  for which a formula has truth value equal to 1 is a **model** for that formula.

$v$  **satisfies**  $A$  or  $v$  makes  $A$  **true**.

### Example 4

A model for  $x \Rightarrow y$  is  $x = 1, y = 1$  (among others)

Conversely,  $x = 1, y = 0$  is not a model for  $x \Rightarrow y$ .

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A model of  $\{a \Rightarrow b, b \Rightarrow c\}$  is  $a = 0, b = 0$  (for any  $c$ ).

# Validity, Contradiction

## Definition 8

- ▶ A formula is **valid** (resp., a **tautology**) if its value is 1 for all truth assignments.
- ▶ A formula is **unsatisfiable** (resp., **contradictory** or a **contradiction**) if its value is 0 for all truth assignments.

## Example 6

- ▶  $(x \Rightarrow y) \Leftrightarrow (\neg x \vee y)$  is valid.
- ▶  $x \Rightarrow y$  is not valid since it is false for  $x = 1$  and  $y = 0$ , but is not a contradiction since it is true for  $x = 0$  and  $y = 0$ .
- ▶  $x \wedge \neg x$  is a contradiction.

## Logical consequence (entailment)

### Definition 9

$A$  is a **consequence** of the set  $\Gamma$  of formulae (called set of hypotheses or environment) if every model of  $\Gamma$  is a model of  $A$ .

The fact that  $A$  is a consequence of  $\Gamma$  is noted  $\Gamma \models A$ .

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**Remark:** Let  $\Gamma$  be a set of formulae and  $A$  be a formula.

1.  $\Gamma \models \perp$  means that  $\Gamma$  is **contradictory** (always false),
2.  $\emptyset \models A$  ( $\models A$ , for short) means that  $\Gamma$  is **valid** (always true).

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## Two main specificities

- ▶ System with several rules.
- ▶ During a proof, we can **add and remove hypotheses**.
- ▶ During a proof, we use **abbreviations** of formulae.

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In the proof, **we usually write every formula in its abbreviated form**, *e.g.*,  $\neg A$ , but we keep in mind that **we can use its unabbreviated form**, *e.g.*,  $A \Rightarrow \perp$ , when applying a rule.

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## Examples:

▶ Assume  $A \wedge B$

▶  $A$

▶ Therefore  $A \wedge B \Rightarrow A$

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## Proof sketch: examples

Where are the sketches?

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context	number	line	rule
1	1	Assume $a$	
1,2	2	Assume $b$	
1,2	3	$a \wedge b$	$\wedge I$ 1,2
1	4	Therefore $b \Rightarrow a \wedge b$	$\Rightarrow I$ 2,3
1,5	5	Assume $e$	

## Context (2/2)

The context of a formula represents the hypotheses from which it has been derived.

### Definition 13

Formally:  $\Gamma_i$  is the context of the line  $i$ .

$$\Gamma_0 = \emptyset$$

If the line  $i$  is:

- ▶ Assume  $A$   
then  $\Gamma_i = \Gamma_{i-1}, i$
- ▶ Therefore  $A$   
then  $\Gamma_i$  is obtained by deleting the **last** formula in  $\Gamma_{i-1}$
- ▶  $A$   
then  $\Gamma_i = \Gamma_{i-1}$

## Example of context

Write down the **contexts** of the following proof sketch:

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	4	$a$
	5	$b \vee a$

The conclusion of line 2 is usable on line 2 and not beyond.

## Usable formulae (2/2)

On which lines are formulae 1 and 3 **usable**?

context	number	line
1	1	Assume $a$
1,2	2	Assume $b$
1,2	3	$c$
1	4	Therefore $d$
1,5	5	Assume $e$

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Beware:

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- ▶ The **environment**  $\Gamma$  remains the same.

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We note:

- ▶  $\Gamma \vdash A$  the fact that there is a proof of  $A$  within the environment  $\Gamma$ ,
- ▶  $\Gamma \vdash P : A$  the fact that  $P$  is a proof of  $A$  within  $\Gamma$ .
- ▶ When the environment is empty, we abbreviate  $\emptyset \vdash A$  by  $\vdash A$ .
- ▶ When we ask for a proof without indicating the environment, we mean that  $\Gamma = \emptyset$ .

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**Remark:** line 2,  $\neg b$  is an abbreviation of  $b \Rightarrow \perp$ .

So, applying  $\Rightarrow E$  on  $b$  and  $\neg b$  (i.e.,  $b \Rightarrow \perp$ ), we obtain  $\perp$  !

$$\frac{A \quad A \Rightarrow B}{B} \Rightarrow E$$

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1,2,3	5	$\perp$	$\Rightarrow E$ 2, 4
1,2	6	Therefore $\neg a$	$\Rightarrow I$ 3, 5

**Remark:**  $\Rightarrow I$  on  $a$  and  $\perp$  gives  $a \Rightarrow \perp$ , which is abbreviated as  $\neg a$ .

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1,2,3	3	Assume $a$	
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1,2,3	5	$\perp$	$\Rightarrow E$ 2, 4
1,2	6	Therefore $\neg a$	$\Rightarrow I$ 3, 5
1	7	Therefore $\neg b \Rightarrow \neg a$	$\Rightarrow I$ 2, 6
	8	Therefore $(a \Rightarrow b) \Rightarrow (\neg b \Rightarrow \neg a)$	$\Rightarrow I$ 1, 7

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1	2	$a$	$\wedge E1$ 1

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1	1	Assume $a \wedge \neg a$	
1	2	$a$	$\wedge E1$ 1
1	3	$\neg a$	$\wedge E2$ 1
1	4	$\perp$	$\Rightarrow E$ 2,3
1	5	$b$	$Efq$ 4

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1	2	$a$	$\wedge E1$ 1
1	3	$\neg a$	$\wedge E2$ 1
1	4	$\perp$	$\Rightarrow E$ 2,3
1	5	$b$	$Efq$ 4
	6	Therefore $a \wedge \neg a \Rightarrow b$	$\Rightarrow I$ 1,5

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1	2	$(\neg p \Rightarrow j) \wedge (j \Rightarrow m)$	$\wedge E2$ 1



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1	1	assume $(p \Rightarrow \neg j) \wedge (\neg p \Rightarrow j) \wedge (j \Rightarrow m)$	
1	2	$(\neg p \Rightarrow j) \wedge (j \Rightarrow m)$	$\wedge E2$ 1
1	3	$(j \Rightarrow m)$	$\wedge E2$ 2

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1	1	assume $(p \Rightarrow \neg j) \wedge (\neg p \Rightarrow j) \wedge (j \Rightarrow m)$	
1	2	$(\neg p \Rightarrow j) \wedge (j \Rightarrow m)$	$\wedge E2$ 1
1	3	$(j \Rightarrow m)$	$\wedge E2$ 2
1	4	$(\neg p \Rightarrow j)$	$\wedge E1$ 2

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1	1	assume $(p \Rightarrow \neg j) \wedge (\neg p \Rightarrow j) \wedge (j \Rightarrow m)$	
1	2	$(\neg p \Rightarrow j) \wedge (j \Rightarrow m)$	$\wedge E2$ 1
1	3	$(j \Rightarrow m)$	$\wedge E2$ 2
1	4	$(\neg p \Rightarrow j)$	$\wedge E1$ 2
1,5	5	assume $\neg(m \vee p)$	

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1	1	assume $(p \Rightarrow \neg j) \wedge (\neg p \Rightarrow j) \wedge (j \Rightarrow m)$	
1	2	$(\neg p \Rightarrow j) \wedge (j \Rightarrow m)$	$\wedge E2$ 1
1	3	$(j \Rightarrow m)$	$\wedge E2$ 2
1	4	$(\neg p \Rightarrow j)$	$\wedge E1$ 2
1,5	5	assume $\neg(m \vee p)$	
1,5,6	6	assume $p$	

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1	1	assume $(p \Rightarrow \neg j) \wedge (\neg p \Rightarrow j) \wedge (j \Rightarrow m)$	
1	2	$(\neg p \Rightarrow j) \wedge (j \Rightarrow m)$	$\wedge E2$ 1
1	3	$(j \Rightarrow m)$	$\wedge E2$ 2
1	4	$(\neg p \Rightarrow j)$	$\wedge E1$ 2
1,5	5	assume $\neg(m \vee p)$	
1,5,6	6	assume $p$	
1,5,6	7	$m \vee p$	$\vee I2$ 6

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1	1	assume $(p \Rightarrow \neg j) \wedge (\neg p \Rightarrow j) \wedge (j \Rightarrow m)$	
1	2	$(\neg p \Rightarrow j) \wedge (j \Rightarrow m)$	$\wedge E2$ 1
1	3	$(j \Rightarrow m)$	$\wedge E2$ 2
1	4	$(\neg p \Rightarrow j)$	$\wedge E1$ 2
1,5	5	assume $\neg(m \vee p)$	
1,5,6	6	assume $p$	
1,5,6	7	$m \vee p$	$\vee I2$ 6
1,5,6	8	$\perp$	$\Rightarrow E$ 5,7

**Remark:** Line 5,  $\neg(m \vee p)$  is the abbreviation of  $(m \vee p) \Rightarrow \perp$ .

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1	1	assume $(p \Rightarrow \neg j) \wedge (\neg p \Rightarrow j) \wedge (j \Rightarrow m)$	
1	2	$(\neg p \Rightarrow j) \wedge (j \Rightarrow m)$	$\wedge E2$ 1
1	3	$(j \Rightarrow m)$	$\wedge E2$ 2
1	4	$(\neg p \Rightarrow j)$	$\wedge E1$ 2
1,5	5	assume $\neg(m \vee p)$	
1,5,6	6	assume $p$	
1,5,6	7	$m \vee p$	$\vee I2$ 6
1,5,6	8	$\perp$	$\Rightarrow E$ 5,7
1,5	9	therefore $\neg p$	$\Rightarrow I$ 6,8

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1	1	assume $(p \Rightarrow \neg j) \wedge (\neg p \Rightarrow j) \wedge (j \Rightarrow m)$	
1	2	$(\neg p \Rightarrow j) \wedge (j \Rightarrow m)$	$\wedge E2$ 1
1	3	$(j \Rightarrow m)$	$\wedge E2$ 2
1	4	$(\neg p \Rightarrow j)$	$\wedge E1$ 2
1,5	5	assume $\neg(m \vee p)$	
1,5,6	6	assume $p$	
1,5,6	7	$m \vee p$	$\vee I2$ 6
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1	1	assume $(p \Rightarrow \neg j) \wedge (\neg p \Rightarrow j) \wedge (j \Rightarrow m)$	
1	2	$(\neg p \Rightarrow j) \wedge (j \Rightarrow m)$	$\wedge E2$ 1
1	3	$(j \Rightarrow m)$	$\wedge E2$ 2
1	4	$(\neg p \Rightarrow j)$	$\wedge E1$ 2
1,5	5	assume $\neg(m \vee p)$	
1,5,6	6	assume $p$	
1,5,6	7	$m \vee p$	$\vee I2$ 6
1,5,6	8	$\perp$	$\Rightarrow E$ 5,7
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1,5	11	$m$	$\Rightarrow E$ 3,10

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1	1	assume $(p \Rightarrow \neg j) \wedge (\neg p \Rightarrow j) \wedge (j \Rightarrow m)$	
1	2	$(\neg p \Rightarrow j) \wedge (j \Rightarrow m)$	$\wedge E$ 1
1	3	$(j \Rightarrow m)$	$\wedge E$ 2
1	4	$(\neg p \Rightarrow j)$	$\wedge E$ 2
1,5	5	assume $\neg(m \vee p)$	
1,5,6	6	assume $p$	
1,5,6	7	$m \vee p$	$\vee I$ 6
1,5,6	8	$\perp$	$\Rightarrow E$ 5,7
1,5	9	therefore $\neg p$	$\Rightarrow I$ 6,8
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1,5	12	$m \vee p$	$\vee I$ 11

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1	2	$(\neg p \Rightarrow j) \wedge (j \Rightarrow m)$	$\wedge E$ 1
1	3	$(j \Rightarrow m)$	$\wedge E$ 2
1	4	$(\neg p \Rightarrow j)$	$\wedge E$ 2
1,5	5	assume $\neg(m \vee p)$	
1,5,6	6	assume $p$	
1,5,6	7	$m \vee p$	$\vee I$ 6
1,5,6	8	$\perp$	$\Rightarrow E$ 5,7
1,5	9	therefore $\neg p$	$\Rightarrow I$ 6,8
1,5	10	$j$	$\Rightarrow E$ 4,9
1,5	11	$m$	$\Rightarrow E$ 3,10
1,5	12	$m \vee p$	$\vee I$ 11
1,5	13	$\perp$	$\Rightarrow E$ 5,12

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1	1	assume $(p \Rightarrow \neg j) \wedge (\neg p \Rightarrow j) \wedge (j \Rightarrow m)$	
1	2	$(\neg p \Rightarrow j) \wedge (j \Rightarrow m)$	$\wedge E$ 1
1	3	$(j \Rightarrow m)$	$\wedge E$ 2
1	4	$(\neg p \Rightarrow j)$	$\wedge E$ 2
1,5	5	assume $\neg(m \vee p)$	
1,5,6	6	assume $p$	
1,5,6	7	$m \vee p$	$\vee I$ 6
1,5,6	8	$\perp$	$\Rightarrow E$ 5,7
1,5	9	therefore $\neg p$	$\Rightarrow I$ 6,8
1,5	10	$j$	$\Rightarrow E$ 4,9
1,5	11	$m$	$\Rightarrow E$ 3,10
1,5	12	$m \vee p$	$\vee I$ 11
1,5	13	$\perp$	$\Rightarrow E$ 5,12
1	14	therefore $\neg\neg(m \vee p)$	$\Rightarrow I$ 5,13

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1	1	assume $(p \Rightarrow \neg j) \wedge (\neg p \Rightarrow j) \wedge (j \Rightarrow m)$	
1	2	$(\neg p \Rightarrow j) \wedge (j \Rightarrow m)$	$\wedge E2$ 1
1	3	$(j \Rightarrow m)$	$\wedge E2$ 2
1	4	$(\neg p \Rightarrow j)$	$\wedge E1$ 2
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1,5,6	6	assume $p$	
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1,5	12	$m \vee p$	$\vee I1$ 11
1,5	13	$\perp$	$\Rightarrow E$ 5,12
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1	15	$m \vee p$	<i>RAA</i> 14

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1	1	assume $(p \Rightarrow \neg j) \wedge (\neg p \Rightarrow j) \wedge (j \Rightarrow m)$	
1	2	$(\neg p \Rightarrow j) \wedge (j \Rightarrow m)$	$\wedge E2$ 1
1	3	$(j \Rightarrow m)$	$\wedge E2$ 2
1	4	$(\neg p \Rightarrow j)$	$\wedge E1$ 2
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1,5	12	$m \vee p$	$\vee I1$ 11
1,5	13	$\perp$	$\Rightarrow E$ 5,12
1	14	therefore $\neg\neg(m \vee p)$	$\Rightarrow I$ 5,13
1	15	$m \vee p$	<i>RAA</i> 14
	16	therefore $(p \Rightarrow \neg j) \wedge (\neg p \Rightarrow j) \wedge (j \Rightarrow m) \Rightarrow m \vee p$	$\Rightarrow I$ 1,15

## Fourth Example: with an environment

Prove  $\neg A$  in the environment  $\neg(A \vee B)$ , i.e.,  $\neg(A \vee B) \models \neg A$

environment			
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context	number	line	justification

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1	1	Assume $A$	
1	2	$A \vee B$	$\vee I$ 1

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context	number	line	justification
1	1	Assume $A$	
1	2	$A \vee B$	$\vee I$ 1
1	3	$\perp$	$\Rightarrow E$ i, 2

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reference		formula	
(i)		$\neg(A \vee B)$	
context	number	line	justification
1	1	Assume $A$	
1	2	$A \vee B$	$\vee I$ 1
1	3	$\perp$	$\Rightarrow E$ i,2
	4	Therefore $\neg A$	$\Rightarrow I$ 1,3

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Before explaining these tactics ... A few number of small proofs are hard coded!



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environment			
reference		formula	
$i$		$\neg B \Rightarrow C$	
context	number	line	rule
1	1	Assume $\neg(B \vee C)$	
1,2	2	Assume $B$	
1,2	3	$B \vee C$	$\vee I$ 2
1,2	4	$\perp$	$\Rightarrow E$ 1,3
1	5	Therefore $\neg B$	$\Rightarrow I$ 2,4
1	6	$C$	$\Rightarrow E$ i,5
1	7	$B \vee C$	$\vee I$ 2 6
1	8	$\perp$	$\Rightarrow E$ 1,7
	9	Therefore $\neg\neg(B \vee C)$	$\Rightarrow I$ 1,8
	10	$B \vee C$	$RAA$ 9

$$P2 : B \Rightarrow C \models \neg B \vee C$$

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1,2	2	Assume $\neg B$	
1,2	3	$\neg B \vee C$	$\vee I1\ 2$
1,2	4	$\perp$	$\Rightarrow E\ 3,1$
1	5	Therefore $\neg\neg B$	$\Rightarrow E\ 2,4$
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1	7	$C$	$\Rightarrow E\ i,6$
1	8	$\neg B \vee C$	$\vee I2\ 7$
1	9	$\perp$	$\Rightarrow E\ 1,8$
	10	Therefore $\neg\neg(\neg B \vee C)$	$\Rightarrow E\ 1,9$
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$$P3 : \neg(B \wedge C) \models \neg B \vee \neg C$$

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context	number	line	rule
1	1	Assume $\neg(\neg B \vee \neg C)$	
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1,2	3	$\neg B \vee \neg C$	$\vee I$ 2
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1	6	$B$	<i>RAA</i> 5
1,7	7	Assume $\neg C$	
1,7	8	$\neg B \vee \neg C$	$\vee I$ 7
1,7	9	$\perp$	$\Rightarrow E$ 8,1
1	10	Therefore $\neg\neg C$	$\Rightarrow I$ 7,9
1	11	$C$	<i>RAA</i> 10
1	12	$B \wedge C$	$\wedge I$ 6,11
1	13	$\perp$	$\Rightarrow E$ $i,12$
	14	Therefore $\neg\neg(\neg B \vee \neg C)$	$\Rightarrow I$ 1,13
	15	$\neg B \vee \neg C$	<i>RAA</i> 14

$$P4 : \neg(B \vee C) \models \neg B$$

environment			
reference		formula	
$i$		$\neg(B \vee C)$	
context	number	line	rule
1	1	Assume $B$	
1	2	$B \vee C$	$\vee I$ 1
1	3	$\perp$	$\Rightarrow E$ $i, 2$
	4	Therefore $\neg B$	$\Rightarrow I$ 1,3

Similarly,  $P5 : \neg(B \vee C) \models \neg C$

$$P6 : \neg(B \Rightarrow C) \models B$$

environment			
reference		formula	
$i$		$\neg(B \Rightarrow C)$	
context	number	line	rule
1	1	Assume $\neg B$	
1,2	2	Assume $B$	
1,2	3	$\perp$	$\Rightarrow E$ 2,1
1,2	4	$C$	$Efq$ 3
1	5	Therefore $B \Rightarrow C$	$\Rightarrow I$ 2,4
1	6	$\perp$	$\Rightarrow E$ $i,5$
	7	Therefore $\neg\neg B$	$\Rightarrow I$ 1,6
	8	$B$	$RAA$ 7

$$P7 : \neg(B \Rightarrow C) \models \neg C$$

environment			
reference		formula	
<i>i</i>		$\neg(B \Rightarrow C)$	
context	number	line	rule
1	1	Assume $C$	
1,2	2	Assume $B$	
1	3	Therefore $B \Rightarrow C$	$\Rightarrow I$ 1,2
1	4	$\perp$	$\Rightarrow E$ $i,3$
	5	Therefore $\neg C$	$\Rightarrow I$ 1,4

# Proof Tactics

We wish to prove  $A$  in the environment  $\Gamma$

The 13 following tactics must be used in the following order!

# Tactic 1

If  $A \in \Gamma$ , then the proof is empty.



## Tactic 2

If  $A$  is the conclusion of a rule  $R$  whose premises are in  $\Gamma$ , then the proof is

context	line	justification
$\Gamma$	$A$	$R$

## Tactic 3

If  $\Gamma$  contains a contradiction, *i.e.* two formulae of the form  $B$  and  $\neg B$ , then proof is

context	line	justification
$\Gamma$	$\perp$	$\Rightarrow E$
$\Gamma$	$A$	<i>Efq</i>

## Tactic 4

If  $A = B \wedge C$ , then

context	line	justification
$\Gamma$	...	
$\Gamma$	$B$	
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The proofs can fail (if it is asked to prove a formula that is unprovable in the given environment).

if the proof of  $B$  or  $C$  fails, then  $A$  is not valid.

To simplify the remaining, we do not highlight the failure cases anymore, **unless they must be followed by another tactic.**

## Tactic 5

If  $A = B \Rightarrow C$ , then prove  $C$  under hypothesis  $B$ , or equivalently prove  $C$  in the environment  $\Gamma, B$ , let  $P$  be the proof.

context	line	justification
$\Gamma, B$	Assume $B$	
$\Gamma, B$	...	$P$
$\Gamma, B$	$C$	
$\Gamma$	Therefore $B \Rightarrow C$	$\Rightarrow I$

## Tactic 6

If  $A = B \vee C$ , then prove  $B$ , let  $P$  be the proof.

context	line	justification
$\Gamma$	...	$P$
$\Gamma$	$B$	
$\Gamma$	$B \vee C$	$\vee I1$

If the proof of  $B$  fails, then prove  $C$ , let  $Q$  be the proof.

context	line	justification
$\Gamma$	...	$Q$
$\Gamma$	$C$	
$\Gamma$	$B \vee C$	$\vee I2$

If the proof of  $C$  fails, try the following tactics.

## Tactic 7

If  $\Gamma = \Gamma', B \wedge C$ , then prove  $A$  in the environment  $\Gamma', B, C$ , let  $P$  the proof of  $A$  in  $\Gamma', B, C$ .

context	line	justification
$\Gamma', B \wedge C$	$B$	$\wedge E1$
$\Gamma', B \wedge C$	$C$	$\wedge E2$
$\Gamma', B \wedge C$	$\dots$	$P$
$\Gamma', B \wedge C$	$A$	

## Tactic 8

If  $\Gamma = \Gamma', B \vee C$ , then

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context	line	justification
$\Gamma', B \vee C, B$	Assume $B$	
$\Gamma', B \vee C, B$	...	$P$
$\Gamma', B \vee C, B$	$A$	
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## Tactic 9

If  $\Gamma = \Gamma', \neg(B \vee C)$ , then

- ▶ prove  $\neg B$  by *P4*,
- ▶ prove  $\neg C$  by *P5*, and
- ▶ prove *A* in the environment  $\Gamma', \neg B, \neg C$ , let *P* be the proof.

context	line	justification
$\Gamma', \neg(B \vee C)$	...	<i>P4</i>
$\Gamma', \neg(B \vee C)$	$\neg B$	
$\Gamma', \neg(B \vee C)$	...	<i>P5</i>
$\Gamma', \neg(B \vee C)$	$\neg C$	
$\Gamma', \neg(B \vee C)$	...	<i>P</i>
$\Gamma', \neg(B \vee C)$	<i>A</i>	

## Tactic 10

If  $A = B \vee C$ , then prove  $C$  in the environment  $\Gamma, \neg B$ , let  $P$  be the proof.

context	line	justification
$\Gamma, \neg B$	Assume $\neg B$	$P$
$\Gamma, \neg B$	...	
$\Gamma, \neg B$	$C$	
$\Gamma$	Therefore $\neg B \Rightarrow C$	$P1$
$\Gamma$	...	
$\Gamma$	$A$	$A = B \vee C$

## Tactic 11

If  $\Gamma = \Gamma', \neg(B \wedge C)$ , then prove  $\neg B \vee \neg C$  by  $P3$ , and reason case by case as follows:

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- ▶ prove  $A$  in the environment  $\Gamma', \neg C$ , let  $Q$  the proof.

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$\Gamma, \neg B$	Assume $\neg B$	
$\Gamma, \neg B$	...	$P$
$\Gamma, \neg B$	$A$	
$\Gamma$	Therefore $\neg B \Rightarrow A$	
$\Gamma, \neg C$	Assume $\neg C$	
$\Gamma, \neg C$	...	$Q$
$\Gamma, \neg C$	$A$	
$\Gamma$	Therefore $\neg C \Rightarrow A$	
$\Gamma$	$A$	$\vee E$

## Tactic 12

If  $\Gamma = \Gamma', \neg(B \Rightarrow C)$ , then

- ▶ prove  $B$  by  $P6$ ,
- ▶ prove  $\neg C$  by  $P7$ , and
- ▶ prove  $A$  in the environment  $\Gamma', B, \neg C$ , let  $P$  be the proof.

context	line	justification
$\Gamma', \neg(B \Rightarrow C)$	...	$P6$
$\Gamma', \neg(B \Rightarrow C)$	$B$	
$\Gamma', \neg(B \Rightarrow C)$	...	$P7$
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$\Gamma', \neg(B \Rightarrow C)$	...	$P$
$\Gamma', \neg(B \Rightarrow C)$	$A$	

## Tactic 13

If  $\Gamma = \Gamma', B \Rightarrow C$  with  $C \neq \perp$ , i.e. if  $B \Rightarrow C$  is not  $\neg B$ , then prove  $\neg B \vee C$  in the environment  $B \Rightarrow C$  by P2, and then we reason by cases:

- ▶ prove  $A$  in the environment  $\Gamma', \neg B$ , let  $P$  the proof;
- ▶ prove  $A$  in the environment  $\Gamma', C$ , let  $Q$  the proof.

context	line	justification
$\Gamma', B \Rightarrow C$	...	P2
$\Gamma', B \Rightarrow C$	$\neg B \vee C$	
$\Gamma', B \Rightarrow C, \neg B$	Assume $\neg B$	
$\Gamma', B \Rightarrow C, \neg B$	...	P
$\Gamma', B \Rightarrow C, \neg B$	$A$	
$\Gamma', B \Rightarrow C$	Therefore $\neg B \Rightarrow A$	
$\Gamma', B \Rightarrow C, C$	Assume $C$	
$\Gamma', B \Rightarrow C, C$	...	Q
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# Example

Proof of Peirce's law:

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# Proof Plan for $Q_1$

Proof of  $A = p$  in the environment  $B \Rightarrow C$  where  $B = p \Rightarrow q$ ,  $C = p$

Proof  $Q_1$ :

$Q_{11} = P2$  where  $P2$  is the proof of  $\neg B \vee C$  in the environment  $B \Rightarrow C$

Assume  $\neg B$

$Q_{12}$ : proof of  $A = p$  in the environment  $\neg B$

Therefore  $\neg B \Rightarrow A$

Assume  $C$

$Q_{13}$ : proof of  $A = p$  in the environment  $C$

Therefore  $C \Rightarrow A$

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To obtain  $\perp$  in the environment  $\neg(p \Rightarrow q), \neg p$ ,  $p \Rightarrow q$  must be derived. Hence,  $Q_{121}$  is:

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$\perp$

$q$

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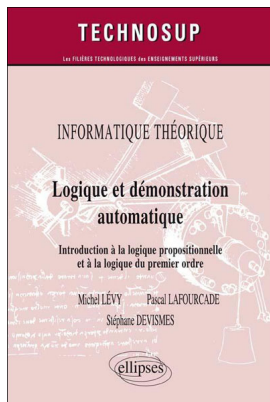
<http://teachinglogic.liglab.fr/DN/>

Extension to First-Order formulae: complete, but undecidable.

Several proof assistants (like `Coq`) are based on the (first-order) natural deduction.

For omitted details

See



In French, sorry!

# Slides

Available on my Webpage:

<http://www-verimag.imag.fr/~devismes/>

# Conclusion

**Thank you for your attention.**