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The Logic of Propositions



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Proving Validity

Instead of truth tables,
can try to **prove** valid
formulas symbolically using
axioms and deduction rules



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A Proof System

Another approach is to
start with some valid
formulas (**axioms**) and
deduce more valid
formulas using **proof rules**



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A Proof System

Lukasiewicz' proof system is a
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A Proof System

Lukasiewicz' proof system is a particularly elegant example of this idea. It covers formulas whose only logical operators are **IMPLIES** (\rightarrow) and **NOT**.



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Lukasiewicz' Proof System

Axioms:

- 1) $(\neg P \rightarrow P) \rightarrow P$
- 2) $P \rightarrow (\neg P \rightarrow Q)$
- 3) $(P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow ((Q \rightarrow R) \rightarrow (P \rightarrow R))$

The only rule: **modus ponens**



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Lukasiewicz' Proof System

Three Axioms:

- $$(\bar{P} \rightarrow P) \rightarrow P$$
- $$P \rightarrow (\bar{P} \rightarrow Q)$$
- $$(P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow ((Q \rightarrow R) \rightarrow (P \rightarrow R))$$

One Rule: **modus ponens**



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Lukasiewicz' Proof System

Prove formulas by starting with axioms and repeatedly applying the inference rule.

To illustrate the proof system we'll do an example, which you may safely skip.



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Lukasiewicz' Proof System

Prove formulas by starting with axioms and repeatedly applying the inference rule.

For example, to prove:

$$P \rightarrow P$$



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A Lukasiewicz' Proof

3rd axiom:

$$(P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow$$

$$((Q \rightarrow R) \rightarrow (P \rightarrow R))$$

replace R by P



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A Lukasiewicz' Proof

3rd axiom:

$$(P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow$$

$$((Q \rightarrow P) \rightarrow (P \rightarrow P))$$

replace Q by $(\bar{P} \rightarrow P)$



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A Lukasiewicz' Proof

3rd axiom:

Axiom 2)

$$(P \rightarrow (\bar{P} \rightarrow P)) \rightarrow$$

$$(((\bar{P} \rightarrow P) \rightarrow P) \rightarrow (P \rightarrow P))$$



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A Lukasiewicz' Proof

so apply **modus ponens**:

Axiom 2)

$$(P \rightarrow (\bar{P} \rightarrow P)) \rightarrow$$

$$(((\bar{P} \rightarrow P) \rightarrow P) \rightarrow (P \rightarrow P))$$



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A Lukasiewicz' Proof

so apply **modus ponens**:

Axiom 1)

$$(((\bar{P} \rightarrow P) \rightarrow P) \rightarrow (P \rightarrow P))$$



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A Lukasiewicz' Proof

so apply **modus ponens**:

$$(P \rightarrow P)$$

QED



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Lukasiewicz is **Sound**

The 3 Axioms are all **valid**
(verify by truth table).

We know modus ponens is **sound**. So **every provable formula is also valid**.



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Lukasiewicz is **Complete**

Conversely, **every valid**
(NOT, \rightarrow)-formula is provable:
system is "complete"
Not hard to verify but would take
a full lecture; we omit it.



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Validity/SAT still difficult!

Deduction systems
in general no better than
truth tables.
No efficient method for
verifying validity is known.



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