

Many-valued logics

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Atomic valuation = map $v: \text{Var} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}_2$

Valuation = homomorphism $v: \mathbf{Fm} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}_2$

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Multiple equivalent ways to define $\Gamma \vdash_{\text{CL}} A$:

Preserving truth:

For each valuation ν on $\mathbf{B}_2$: if $\nu(C) = \text{t}$ for all $C \in \Gamma$, then $\nu(A) = \text{t}$

Preserving non-falsity:

For each valuation ν on $\mathbf{B}_2$: if $\nu(C) > \text{f}$ for all $C \in \Gamma$, then $\nu(A) > \text{f}$

Preserving order:

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Paraconsistent Weak Kleene: $\Gamma \vdash_{\mathbf{PWK}} A$

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These are related to classical logic by **variable inclusion** conditions:

$$\Gamma \vdash_B A \iff \text{either } \Gamma \vdash_{\text{CL}} A \text{ and } \text{Var}(A) \subseteq \text{Var}(\Gamma), \text{ or } \Gamma \vdash_{\text{CL}} \perp.$$

$$\Gamma \vdash_{\text{PWK}} A \iff \Delta \vdash_{\text{CL}} A \text{ for some } \Delta \subseteq \Gamma \text{ with } \text{Var}(\Delta) \subseteq \text{Var}(A).$$

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A **structural consequence relation** over some set of formulas:

- reflexive: if $A \in \Gamma$, then $\Gamma \vdash A$
- monotonic: if $\Gamma \vdash A$, then $\Gamma, \Delta \vdash A$,
- transitive: if $\Phi \vdash C$ for each $C \in \Gamma$ and $\Gamma \vdash A$, then $\Phi \vdash A$
- structural: if $\Gamma \vdash A$, then $\sigma[\Gamma] \vdash \sigma(A)$ for each substitution σ

We will simply call such relations **logics**.

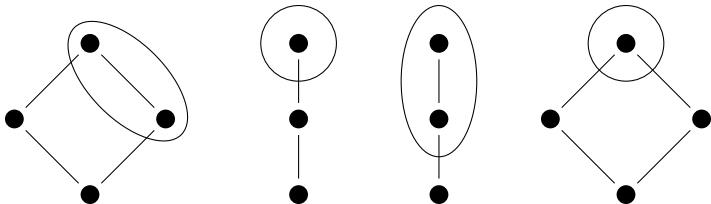
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Proof. Take K to be the set of all matrices of the form $\langle \mathbf{Fm}, T \rangle$, where T ranges over all **theories** of L (sets $T \subseteq Fm$ such that $T \vdash_L A$ implies $A \in T$).

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Example. CL is axiomatized by the following set of rules ($x \rightarrow y := \neg x \vee y$):

$$\begin{aligned} & x, x \rightarrow y \vdash y \\ & \vdash x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow x) \\ & \vdash (x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z)) \rightarrow ((x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow (x \rightarrow z)) \\ & \vdash (\neg x \rightarrow \neg y) \rightarrow ((\neg x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow x) \\ & \dots \end{aligned}$$

Example. $LP = \text{Log}\langle K_3, \{t, b\} \rangle$ is axiomatized by the following rules plus the Law of the Excluded Middle ($\emptyset \vdash p \vee \neg p$):

(R1) $\frac{p \wedge q}{p}$	(R2) $\frac{p \wedge q}{q}$	(R3) $\frac{p \quad q}{p \wedge q}$
(R4) $\frac{p}{p \vee q}$	(R5) $\frac{p \vee q}{q \vee p}$	(R6) $\frac{p \vee p}{p}$
(R7) $\frac{p \vee (q \vee r)}{(p \vee q) \vee r}$	(R8) $\frac{p \vee (q \wedge r)}{(p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)}$	(R9) $\frac{(p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)}{p \vee (q \wedge r)}$
(R10) $\frac{p \vee r}{\neg \neg p \vee r}$	(R12) $\frac{\neg(p \vee q) \vee r}{(\neg p \wedge \neg q) \vee r}$	(R14) $\frac{\neg(p \wedge q) \vee r}{(\neg p \vee \neg q) \vee r}$
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Also, $K = \text{Log}\langle K_3, \{t\} \rangle$ is axiomatized by the above plus MP ($p, \neg p \vee q \vdash q$).

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Lemma. The rule of Modus Ponens (Disjunctive Syllogism) holds in KL:

$$x, \neg x \vee y \vdash_{KL} y.$$

Fact. CL is axiomatized relative to LP by Modus Ponens ($x, \neg x \vee y \vdash y$).

Define the **information order** $\sqsubseteq$ on $\mathbf{K}_3$ as: $n \sqsubseteq t, n \sqsubseteq f$.

For valuations v, w on $\mathbf{K}_3$ define

$$v \sqsubseteq w \iff v(x) \sqsubseteq w(x) \text{ for each variable } x.$$

Equivalently, by induction over the complexity of A ,

$$v \sqsubseteq w \iff v(A) \sqsubseteq w(A) \text{ for each formula } A.$$

A valuation w on $\mathbf{K}_3$ is **classical** if $w(x) \in \{t, f\}$ for each variable x ,
or equivalently if $w(A) \in \{t, f\}$ for each formula A .

A classical valuation on $\mathbf{K}_3$ is in effect the same as a valuation on $\mathbf{B}_2$.

For each valuation v on $\mathbf{K}_3$ there is a classical valuation w with $v \sqsubseteq w$.

Fact. LP and CL have the same **theorems**:

$$\emptyset \vdash_{\text{CL}} A \iff \emptyset \vdash_{\text{LP}} A.$$

Proof. If $\emptyset \not\vdash_{\text{CL}} A$, there is a valuation v on $\mathbf{B}_2$ with $v(A) = \text{f}$, which is also a classical valuation v on $\mathbf{K}_3$ with $v(A) = \text{f}$, so $\emptyset \not\vdash_{\text{LP}} A$.

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Take a classical valuation w on $\mathbf{K}_3$ with $v \sqsubseteq w$.

Then $v(A) \sqsubseteq w(A)$, so $w(A) = \text{f}$. Thus w witnesses that $\emptyset \not\vdash_{\text{CL}} A$.

Corollary. $\text{CL} = \text{LP} + \text{Modus Ponens } (x, \neg x \vee y \vdash y)$.

Proof. By the completeness theorem for CL, CL is axiomatized by some particular set of theorems of CL plus Modus Ponens.

Fact. For all formulas A and B

$$A \vdash_{\text{CL}} B \iff \vdash_{\text{LP}} \neg A \vee B.$$

Proof. If $\vdash_{\text{LP}} \neg A \vee B$, then $\vdash_{\text{CL}} \neg A \vee B$ because $\text{LP} \subseteq \text{CL}$, so $A \vdash_{\text{CL}} B$ by an application of Modus Ponens in CL.

If $A \not\vdash_{\text{LP}} \neg A \vee B$, there is a valuation v on $\mathbf{K}_3$ with $v(\neg A \vee B) = \text{f}$.

But $v(\neg A \vee B) = \text{f}$ implies $v(\neg A) = \text{f}$ and $v(B) = \text{f}$, so $v(A) = \text{t}$.

Take a classical valuation w with $v \sqsubseteq w$. Then $w(A) = \text{t}$ and $w(B) = \text{f}$.

Thus w witnesses that $A \not\vdash_{\text{CL}} B$.

Corollary. $\text{CL} = \text{LP} + \text{Modus Ponens } (x, \neg x \vee y \vdash y)$.

Proof. If B is provable from A in CL, then $\neg A \vee B$ is a theorem of LP.

Applying Modus Ponens on $A, \neg A \vee B$ now yields B .

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Theorem (Pynko). $\text{Ext } \text{KO}$ has exactly 7 elements,* namely KO , LP , KL , CL , Triv , and $\text{KO} + (\text{ECQ})$ and $\text{LP} + (\text{ECQ})$, where $\text{ECQ}: x, \neg x \vdash y$.

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An **atomic Belnap valuation** determines which atomic variables are asserted and which are denied (could be both, could be neither).

Each atomic Belnap valuation extends to a **Belnap valuation**:

$A \wedge B$ is asserted	iff	A is asserted and B is asserted
$A \wedge B$ is denied	iff	A is denied or B is denied
$A \vee B$ is asserted	iff	A is asserted or B is asserted
$A \vee B$ is denied	iff	A is denied and B is denied
$\neg A$ is asserted	iff	A is denied
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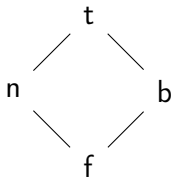
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De Morgan algebra $\mathbf{DM}_4$

$\wedge$	t	f	n	b
t	t	f	n	b
f	f	f	f	f
n	n	f	n	f
b	b	f	f	b

$\vee$	t	f	n	b
t	t	t	t	t
f	t	f	n	b
n	t	n	n	t
b	t	b	t	b

$\neg$	
t	f
f	t
n	n
b	b



$\mathbf{DM}_4$

$$\Gamma \vdash_{\mathbf{BD}} A \iff \bigwedge v[\Gamma] \leq v(A).$$

t



f

B₂

t



n

f

K₃

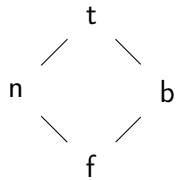
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Fact. BD has the **variable-sharing property**:

if $\Gamma \vdash_{\text{BD}} A$, then Γ and A must share at least one variable.

Proof. If not, assign b to all variables in Γ and n to all variables in A .

This is sometimes seen as a minimal condition for **relevance logics**.

Fact. Each formula in BD is equivalent to a formula in conjunctive normal form (or disjunctive normal form), which is **essentially unique**.

Contrast: $(\neg x \vee y) \wedge (\neg y \vee z) \wedge (\neg z \vee y) \equiv_{\text{CL}} (\neg y \vee x) \wedge (\neg z \vee y) \wedge (\neg x \vee z).$

Gödel algebra $[0, 1]_G$

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathbf{1} \\ | \\ \mathbf{0} \end{array}$$

$$x \wedge y := \min(x, y),$$

$$x \vee y := \max(x, y),$$

$$x \rightarrow y := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \leq y, \\ y & \text{if } x \not\leq y. \end{cases},$$

$$\neg x := x \rightarrow 0.$$

$$\Gamma \vdash_G A \iff (v[\Gamma] \subseteq \{1\} \implies v(A) = 1) \text{ for each valuation } v \text{ on } [0, 1]_G$$

$$\Gamma \vdash_G A \iff \bigwedge v[\Gamma] \leq v(A)$$

Fact. Gödel logic retains the **deduction theorem** of classical logic:

$$\Gamma, A \vdash_G B \iff \Gamma \vdash_G A \rightarrow B.$$

Proof. In the algebra $[0, 1]_G$: for all $a, b, c \in [0, 1]_G$

$$a \wedge b \leq c \iff a \leq b \rightarrow c.$$

Fact. The Law of the Excluded Middle fails in G: $\emptyset \not\vdash_G x \vee \neg x$.

But we still have $\emptyset \vdash_G (x \rightarrow y) \vee (y \rightarrow x)$.

Łukasiewicz algebra $[0, 1]_{\mathbb{L}}$

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$$x \wedge y := \min(x, y), \quad x \vee y := \max(x, y), \quad \neg x := 1 - x,$$

$$x \oplus y := \min(x + y, 1), \quad x \odot y := \neg(\neg x \oplus \neg y) = \max(x + y - 1, 0).$$

$$x \rightarrow y := \neg x \oplus y = \min(1 - x + y, 1).$$

$$\Gamma \vdash_{\mathbb{L}} A \iff (v[\Gamma] \subseteq \{1\} \implies v(A) = 1) \text{ for each valuation } v \text{ on } [0, 1]_{\mathbb{L}}$$

Recall that

$$x \rightarrow y := \neg x \oplus y = \min(1 - x + y, 1).$$

Fact. For all $x, y \in [0, 1]_{\mathbb{L}}$:

$$x \rightarrow y = 1 \iff x \leq y$$

Fact. Łukasiewicz logic satisfies Modus Ponens:

$$A, A \rightarrow B \vdash_{\mathbb{L}} B.$$

Fact. Łukasiewicz logic has the following form of the deduction theorem:

$$\Gamma, A \vdash_{\mathbb{L}} B \iff \Gamma \vdash_{\mathbb{L}} A^n \rightarrow B.$$

Fact. Each logic L determined by a finite set of finite matrices is **finitary**:

$$\Gamma \vdash_L A \iff \Delta \vdash_L A \text{ for some finite } \Delta \subseteq \Gamma.$$

Fact. Gödel logic is finitary. Łukasiewicz logic is not:

$$x \rightarrow y, x \rightarrow y \odot y, x \rightarrow y \odot y \odot y, \dots \vdash_L \neg x \vee y,$$

but

$$x \rightarrow y, x \rightarrow y \odot y, x \rightarrow y \odot y \odot y, \dots, x \rightarrow y^n \not\vdash_L \neg x \vee y,$$

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