

Logical Structures in Natural Language: Exercises

(to be done in class on Monday 10th)

Propositional Logic

Università di Trento

1 Tableaux: Satisfiability of a formula

$$\begin{array}{c}
 A \wedge (B \wedge \neg A) \\
 A \\
 B \\
 \neg A \\
 \text{X}
 \end{array}$$

All the branches are closed, the formula is unsatisfiable.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \neg(A \rightarrow B) \quad (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow \neg B \\
 A \quad \neg B \\
 \neg B
 \end{array}$$

The formula is satisfiable.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \neg A \quad A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow A) \\
 B \rightarrow A \quad \neg B \quad A
 \end{array}$$

The formula is satisfiable.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \neg(B \rightarrow A) \quad (B \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A \\
 B \quad A \\
 \neg A
 \end{array}$$

The formula is satisfiable.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \neg A \quad A \rightarrow (B \vee \neg C) \\
 B \vee \neg C \quad \neg C \\
 B
 \end{array}$$

The formula is satisfiable.

2 Tableaux: Satisfiability of a set of formulas

1.	$\neg B \rightarrow B$			
2.	$\neg(A \rightarrow B)$			
3.	$\neg A \vee \neg B$			
4.	A			from 2
5.	$\neg B$			from 2
6.	B		B	from 1
7.	X	$\neg A$	$\neg B$	from 3.
		X	X	

The set of formulas is unsatisfiable.

The second set of formulas is also unsatisfiable.

3 Tableaux: Tautology

We look at those formulas that we have shown to be satisfiable and check whether they are a tautology. We negate the formula, if its negation is unsatisfiable (all branches close) the formula is a tautology.

P.S. Notice, there is typo in the premise. I did the tableau starting from a different premise than the one used above. There is a negation more.

$\neg(\neg(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow \neg B)$
$\neg(A \rightarrow B)$
B
A
$\neg B$
X

$\neg(\neg(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow \neg B)$ is unsatisfiable. Hence $\neg(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow \neg B$ is a tautology.

$\neg((B \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A)$	
$B \rightarrow A$	
$\neg A$	
$\neg B$	A
	X

$\neg((B \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A)$ is satisfiable, hence $(B \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A$ is falsifiable.