

# Introduction to Logic

## PHIL 170

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# Announcements

- ▶ No problem sets this week.
- ▶ Read chapter 3.
- ▶ Quiz due Sunday, 11.59pm. (**Lots of questions, so start the quiz early!**).
- ▶ **Answer the “Did I get it?” and “Learn by doing” questions** (currently, only 51 out of 217 students have been working on this part of the course...)

# Recap

- ▶ An argument is **valid** if it is impossible that the premises are all true and the conclusions is false.
- ▶ **Atomic formulae** correspond to sentences that, *from the point of view of sentential logic*, have no logically relevant internal structure.
- ▶ **Logical connectives** connect formulae in order to create new and more complex formulae. We start with four logical connectives: conjunction, disjunction, the conditional, and negation.
- ▶ Conjunction ( $\&$ ), disjunction ( $\vee$ ) and negation ( $\neg$ )

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# Modus Ponens

$$\frac{P \quad P \rightarrow Q}{Q}$$

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$$\neg M \rightarrow J$$

# Practice

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2. Although it is raining, I plan to go jogging this afternoon.
3. Ann and Bob are Republicans, but they both hate Nixon.
4. If Ann will go only if Bob does not go, then either we will cancel the trip or we will not invite Jay
5. Both Ann and Bob will go to the beach this weekend, provided that neither of them is sick.
6. If I study too hard I will not enjoy college, but at the same time I will not enjoy college if I flunk out.
7. Neither Ann nor Bob is able to attend the meeting.
8. I will not graduate if I don't pass both Logic and Philosophy.
9. Unless logic is easy, I will pass only if I study.

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Ann is a Republican ( $A$ ) and Bob is a Republican ( $B$ ); and

Ann hates Nixon ( $H$ ) and Bob hates Nixon ( $N$ ).

$$(A \& B) \& (H \& N)$$

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Both Ann and Bob will go to the beach this weekend, provided that neither of them is sick.

If Ann is not sick ( $S$ ) and Bob is not sick ( $T$ ), then Ann will go to the beach ( $A$ ) and Bob will go to the beach ( $B$ ).

$$(\neg S \ \& \ \neg T) \rightarrow (A \ \& \ B)$$

## Practice, III

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If I study too hard ( $S$ ), then I will not enjoy college ( $E$ ),

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$$\neg A \ \& \ \neg B \qquad (\text{or: } \neg(A \vee B))$$

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Unless logic is easy, I will pass only if I study.

If logic is not easy ( $E$ ), then it is the case that  
if I pass logic ( $P$ ), then I study for the exams ( $S$ ).

$$\neg E \rightarrow (P \rightarrow S)$$

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## Expressions of Sentential Logic

Any finite sequence or string of basic expressions is an expression of sentential logic.

# Formulae

1. Every atomic formula  $\varphi$  is a formula of sentential logic.
2. If  $\varphi$  is a formula of sentential logic, then so is  $\neg\varphi$ .
3. If  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are formulae of sentential logic, then so are each of the following:
  - a.  $(\varphi \ \& \ \psi)$
  - b.  $(\varphi \ \vee \ \psi)$
  - c.  $(\varphi \rightarrow \psi)$
4. An expression of sentential logic is a formula only if it can be constructed by one or more applications of the first three rules.

**Expressions:**  $A \& B$ ,  $\neg A \neg \neg \& B$ ,  $(A \vee \neg, \rightarrow A \neg B$ , ...

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*Answer:* Because they are strings of atomic formulae and logical connectives.

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- ▶ Since  $\neg(A \& \neg B)$  and  $C \vee \neg D$  are formulae, then so is  $\neg(A \& \neg B) \rightarrow (C \vee \neg D)$

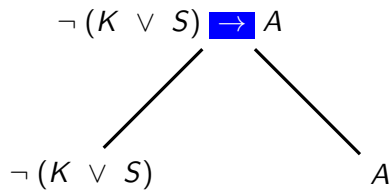
He has an Ace if he does not have a Knight or a Spade.

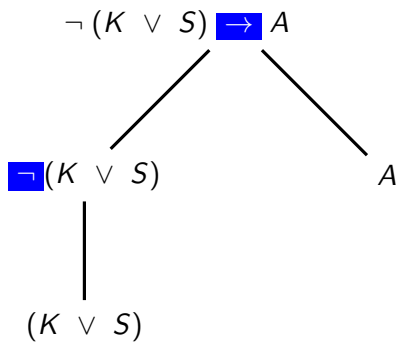
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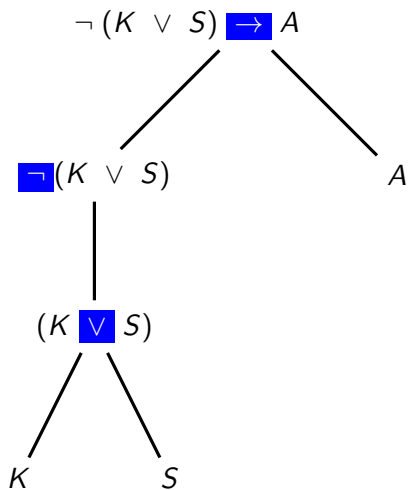


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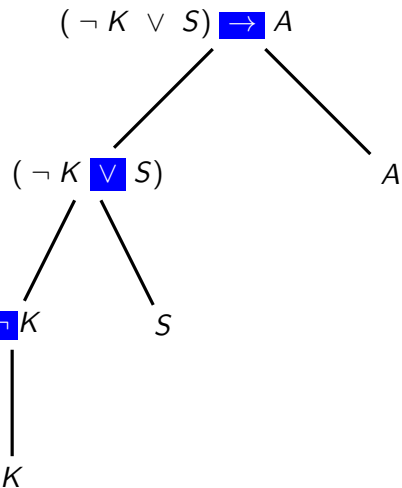
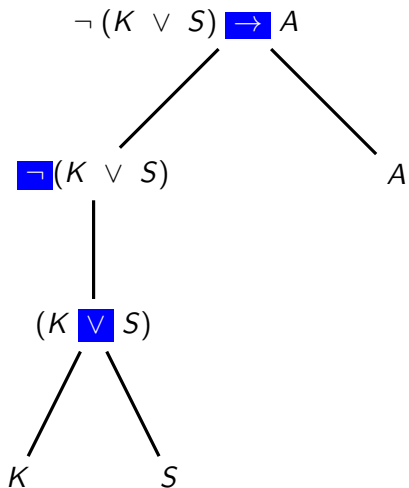






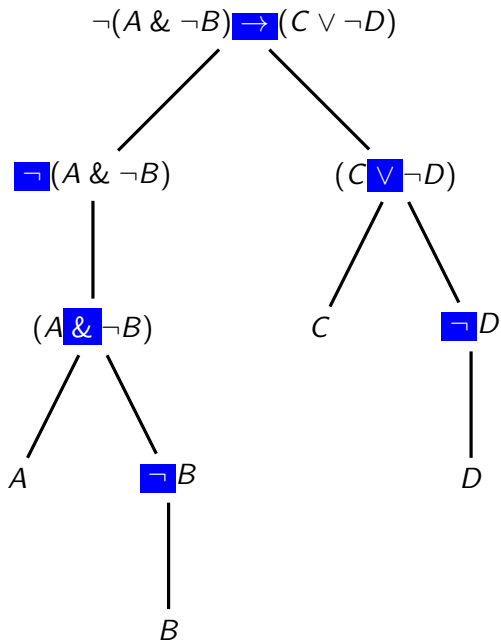
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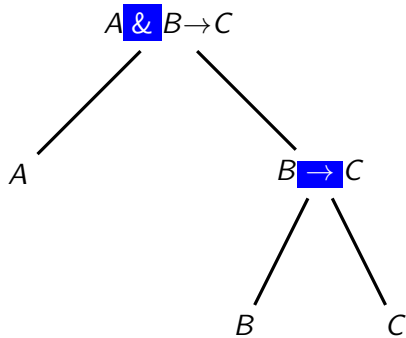
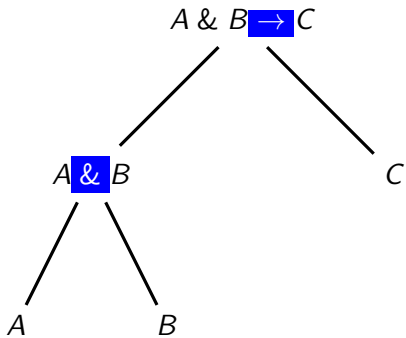


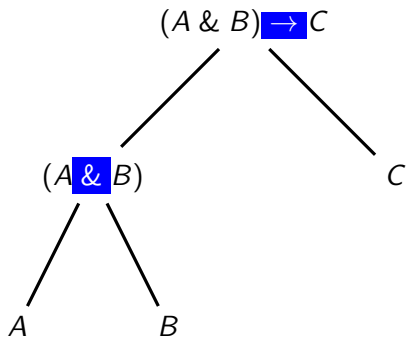
Draw the parse tree for  $\neg(A \ \& \ \neg B) \rightarrow (C \vee \neg D)$ .





$$A \& B \rightarrow C$$





## Find the parse trees

$$A \& B \& C$$

$$A \& B \vee C$$

$$\neg A \rightarrow C$$

$$\neg A \& B \rightarrow C$$

$$\neg A \& B \vee C$$

## Fun problems to think about...

Imagine you have been transported to the mysterious “Island of Knights and Knaves” where every inhabitant is either a knight or a knave. Every knight always tells the truth and every knave always lies.

You stop for gas and the attendant says, “Either I am a knight or I am not a knight.” What is he?

Suppose that you see a tall person and a short person. Suppose that you are given the following information: “The tall one is a knave and/or the short one is a knight.” What can you conclude about the two people?

## Fun problems to think about...

There are three suspects for a murder: Adams, Brown and Clark. Adams says “I didn’t do it. The victim was an old acquaintance of Brown’s. But Clark hated him.” Brown states “I didn’t do it. I didn’t even know the guy. Besides I was out of town all that week.” Clark says “I didn’t do it. I saw both Adams and Brown downtown with the victim that day. One of them must have done it.” Assume that the two innocent men are telling the truth, but that the guilty man might not be. Who did it?

## Fun problems to think about...

An advertisement for a tennis magazine states, “If I’m not playing tennis, I’m watching tennis. And if I’m not watching tennis, I’m reading about tennis.” We can assume that the speaker cannot do more than one of these activities at a time. What is the speaker doing?