

# A taste of Intuitionistic Logic

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To  $\varphi$  or not to  $\varphi$

Law of excluded middle

$$\varphi \vee \neg\varphi$$

# Natural Deduction

Let  $PV$  be an infinite set of *propositional variables*.

## Definition

Let  $\Delta$  be the least set such that:

- $\perp \in \Delta$
- $PV \subset \Delta$
- $\varphi, \psi \in \Delta$  then  $(\varphi \wedge \psi), (\varphi \vee \psi), (\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \in \Delta$

$\Delta$  is our set of formulas.

# Natural Deduction

## Definition

A **judgment** is a pair consisting of a finite set of formulas  $\Gamma$  and a formula  $\varphi$ , and we denote it by  $\Gamma \vdash \varphi$ .

# Natural Deduction

## Classical Propositional Calculus

$$\Gamma, \varphi \vdash \varphi \text{ (Ax)}$$

$$\Gamma \vdash \varphi \vee \neg \varphi \text{ (Ax)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, \varphi \vdash \psi}{\Gamma \vdash \varphi \rightarrow \psi} \text{ (}\rightarrow\text{I)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \varphi \rightarrow \psi \quad \Gamma \vdash \varphi}{\Gamma \vdash \psi} \text{ (}\rightarrow\text{E)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \varphi \quad \Gamma \vdash \psi}{\Gamma \vdash \varphi \wedge \psi} \text{ (}\wedge\text{I)}$$

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$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \varphi}{\Gamma \vdash \varphi \vee \psi} \text{ (}\vee\text{I)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \psi}{\Gamma \vdash \varphi \vee \psi}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, \varphi \vdash \vartheta \quad \Gamma, \psi \vdash \vartheta}{\Gamma \vdash \vartheta} \text{ (}\vee\text{E)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \perp}{\Gamma \vdash \varphi} \text{ (}\perp\text{E)}$$

# Natural Deduction

## Definition

We inductively define a **derivable judgment** as any judgment that is either an axiom or is derived from the rules of inference.

## Definition

A **theorem** is a derivable judgment with  $\Gamma = \emptyset$ .

## Natural Deduction

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{}{\{\neg\neg p, \neg p\} \vdash \neg\neg p} \text{(Ax)}}{\{\neg\neg p, \neg p\} \vdash \neg p} \text{(\(\rightarrow E\))}}{\frac{\frac{\frac{}{\{\neg\neg p, p\} \vdash p} \text{(Ax)}}{\{\neg\neg p, \neg p\} \vdash \perp} \text{(\(\perp E\))}}{\{\neg\neg p, \neg p\} \vdash p} \text{(\(\rightarrow I\))} \quad \frac{\frac{}{\{\neg\neg p\} \vdash p \vee \neg p} \text{(Ax)}}{\{\neg\neg p\} \vdash p \vee \neg p} \text{(\(\vee E\))}}{\{\} \vdash \neg\neg p \rightarrow p} \text{(\(\rightarrow I\))}$$

# Natural Deduction

## Classical Propositional Calculus

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$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \perp}{\Gamma \vdash \varphi} \text{ (}\perp\text{E)}$$



# Natural Deduction

## Intuitionistic Propositional Calculus

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# Natural deduction

## Intuitionistic Propositional Calculus

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$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \perp}{\Gamma \vdash \varphi} (\perp E)$$

# From Classical to Intuitionistic

What is the difference?

## Semantics of Classical Propositional Calculus

$$\neg(p \wedge q) \rightarrow \neg p \vee \neg q$$

# Semantics of Classical Propositional Calculus

## Definition

A **classical valuation** is a function from **PV** to  $\{0, 1\}$ .

## Definition

Given a valuation  $v$ , we define the **value function**  $V : \Delta \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  as:

- $V(\perp) = 0$
- $V(\varphi) = v(\varphi)$  if  $\varphi \in PV$
- $V(\varphi \wedge \psi) = \min\{V(\varphi), V(\psi)\}$
- $V(\varphi \vee \psi) = \max\{V(\varphi), V(\psi)\}$
- $V(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) = \mathbb{1}_{V(\varphi) \leq V(\psi)}$

# Semantics of Classical Propositional Calculus

## Definition

We say a formula  $\varphi$  is classically valid and write it as  $\models \varphi$  whenever for every valuation  $v$  we have  $V(\varphi) = 1$ .

# Semantics

## *Heyting Algebras*

### Definition

A partial order  $\{H, \leq\}$  is a **Heyting algebra** if:

- Every two elements  $a, b \in H$  have a supremum ( $a \cup b$ ) and an infimum ( $a \cap b$ ) in  $H$ .
- Every two elements  $a, b \in H$  have a relative pseudo complement ( $a \rightarrow b$ ), which is the greatest  $c \in H$  such that  $a \cap c \leq b$ .
- $H$  has both top (1) and bottom (0) elements.





# Semantics

## Definition

Given a Heyting algebra  $\mathcal{H} = \{H, \leq, \cup, \cap, 0, 1, \Rightarrow\}$ , an **intuitionistic valuation** is a function from **PV** to  $H$ .

## Definition

Given a Heyting algebra  $\mathcal{H} = \{H, \leq, \cup, \cap, 0, 1, \Rightarrow\}$  and a valuation  $v$ , we define the **value function**  $V : \Delta \rightarrow H$  as:

- $V(\perp) = 0$
- $V(\varphi) = v(\varphi)$  if  $\varphi \in \text{PV}$
- $V(\varphi \wedge \psi) = V(\varphi) \cap V(\psi)$
- $V(\varphi \vee \psi) = V(\varphi) \cup V(\psi)$
- $V(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) = V(\varphi) \Rightarrow V(\psi)$

# Semantics

## Definition

We write  $\vDash \varphi$  whenever we have that  $V(\varphi) = 1$ , for every Heyting algebra  $\mathcal{H}$  and every valuation  $v$ .

# Semantics

## Theorem

$\vdash \varphi$  if and only if  $\models \varphi$ .

## Semantics

### *Non-redundancy of the Law of Excluded Middle*

Theorem

$$\not\vdash p \vee \neg p$$

Proof.



# Semantics

## Theorem

$$\not\vdash \neg\neg p \rightarrow p$$

## Proof.



# Glivenko's Theorem

## Theorem

*A formula  $\varphi$  is classically valid if and only if  $\neg\neg\varphi$  is intuitionistically valid.*

That's all

Questions?