- 1. $A \rightarrow B$ Premise 2. $\sim B$ Premise 3. $\sim A$ Modus tollens (1,2) 4. $\sim A \rightarrow (C \land D)$ Premise 5. $C \land D$ Modus ponens (3,4)
- C Decomposing a conjunction (5)
- 1. $P \wedge Q$ Premise 2. P Decomposing a conjunction (1) 3. Q Decomposing a conjunction (1) 4. $P \rightarrow \sim (Q \wedge R)$ Premise 5. $\sim (Q \wedge R)$ Modus ponens (3,4) 6. $\sim Q \vee \sim R$ DeMorgan (5)
- 7. $\sim Q \lor \sim R$ DeMorgan (5) Disjunctive syllogism (3,6) 8. $S \rightarrow R$ Premise
- 9. $\sim S$ Modus tollens (7,8)

Lecture 17:Inference

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The 9 Elementary Valid Arg't Forms

1. Modus Ponens (MP) 4. Disjunctive Syllogism (DS) 7. Simplification (Simp) P v Q $P \rightarrow Q$ P & Q 8. Conjunction (Conj) 5. Constructive Dilemma (CD) 2. Modus Tollens (MT) Ρ $(P \rightarrow Q) \& (R \rightarrow S)$ $P \rightarrow Q$ Q___ PvR ~ Q P & Q QvS 9. Addition (Add) 6. Absorption (Abs) 3. Hypothetical Syllogism $P \rightarrow Q$ (HS) PvQ $P \rightarrow (P \& Q)$ $P \rightarrow Q$ $Q \rightarrow R$

 $P \rightarrow R$

10 Logically Equivalent Expressions

10. De Morgan's Theorums (DeM) 15. Transposition (Trans) $\sim (P \& Q) \equiv (\sim P \lor \sim Q)$ $(P \rightarrow Q) \equiv (\sim Q \rightarrow \sim P)$ $\sim (P \vee Q) \equiv (\sim P \& \sim Q)$ 16. Material Implication (Impl) 11. Commutation (Com) $(P \rightarrow Q) \equiv (\sim P \vee Q)$ $(PvQ) \equiv (QvP)$ $(P&Q) \equiv (Q&P)$ 17. Material Equivalence (Equiv) 12. Association (Assoc) $(P \equiv Q) \equiv [(P \rightarrow Q) \& (Q \rightarrow P)]$ $[Pv(QvR)] \equiv [(PvQ)vR]$ $(P \equiv Q) \equiv [(P \& Q) \lor (\sim P \& \sim Q)]$ $[P&(Q&R)] \equiv [(P&Q)&R]$ 18. Exportation (Exp) 13. Distribution (Dist) $[P&(QvR)] \equiv [(P&Q)v(P$ $[(P&Q) \rightarrow R] \equiv [P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow R)]$ & R)]

Tautology (Taut)

 $P \equiv (PvP)$

 $P \equiv (P \& P)$

 $[Pv(Q&R)] \equiv [(PvQ)&(P$

14. Double Negation (DN)

~~P = P

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lvcnx6-0GhA

An argument is a connected series of statements to establish a proposition.

Is this a valid argument?

Assumptions:

If the races are fixed or the gambling houses are crooked, then the tourist trade will decline. If the tourist trade declines then the police force will be happy.

The police force is never happy.

• Conclusion:

The races are not fixed

The argument is valid iff if the assumptions are all true then the conclusion is true



RF the Races are Fixed

the Gambling houses are Crooked

the Tourist Trade will decline TT

PH the Police force will be Happy

- If the races are fixed or the gambling houses are crooked then the tourist trade will decline. are crooked then t $(RF \vee GC) \to TT$
- Assumptions:

 If the tourist trade declines then the police force will be happy. $TT \rightarrow PH$
 - The police force is never happy. ¬PH

Conclusion:

• The races are not fixed. ¬RF

The argument is valid iff the following entailment is valid:

$$(RF \vee GC) \rightarrow TT, TT \rightarrow PH, \neg PH \models \neg RF$$

We could check the validity of the entailment by checking all sixteen assignments of truth values to the four basic propositions.

Can we do do less work?

Consider our example

$$(RF \vee GC) \rightarrow TT, TT \rightarrow PH, \neg PH \models \neg RF$$

Remember that an entailment is valid unless there is a counterexample.

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The basic idea:

for each entailment $\Gamma \models \Delta$ show that if there is a counterexample to this entailment then there is a counterexample to some simpler entailment.

Consider:

$$(RF \lor GC) \to TT, TT \to PH, \neg PH \models \neg RF$$
 (1)

$$(RF \vee GC) \to TT, TT \to PH, RF \models PH$$
 (2)

Any counterexample to (1) is a counterexample to (2) (and $vice\ versa$).

Consider:

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 (1)

$$(RF \lor GC) \to TT, TT \to PH, RF \models PH$$
 (2)

Any counterexample to (1) is a counterexample to (2) (and $vice\ versa$).

(2) is simpler - there are fewer logical operators

If (2) is valid, there is no counterexample, so (1) is also valid

We write this as a rule

$$\frac{(RF \vee GC) \to TT, \ TT \to PH, \ RF \models PH}{(RF \vee GC) \to TT, \ TT \to PH, \ \neg PH \models \neg RF}$$

There is a counterexample to the conclusion, iff there is a counterexample to the assumption.

Therefore :.

If the assumption of the rule (above the line) is valid, then the conclusion (below the line) is valid.

$$\frac{(RF \vee GC) \to TT, \ TT \to PH, \ RF \models PH}{(RF \vee GC) \to TT, \ TT \to PH, \ \neg PH \models \neg RF}$$

Now consider

$$(RF \lor GC) \to TT, TT \to PH, RF \models PH$$
 (2)

Any counterexample will make $TT \rightarrow PH$ true so it will **either** make TT false, in which case it is a counterexample to

$$(RF \vee GC) \to TT, RF \models PH, TT$$
 (3)

or make PH true, in which case it is a counterexample to

$$(RF \vee GC) \to TT, PH, RF \models PH$$
 (4)

(or both).

There is a counter-example to (2) iff there is a counter-example to (at least) one of (3), (4).

Now consider

$$(RF \vee GC) \to TT, TT \to PH, RF \models PH$$
 (2)

Any counterexample will make $TT \to PH$ true so it will **either** make TT false, in which case it is a counterexample to

$$(RF \vee GC) \to TT, RF \models PH, TT$$
 (3)

or make PH true, in which case it is a counterexample to

$$(RF \lor GC) \to TT, PH, RF \models PH$$
 (4)

This gives a rule:

$$\frac{(RF \vee GC) \to TT, RF \models PH, TT \quad (RF \vee GC) \to TT, PH, RF \models PH}{(RF \vee GC) \to TT, TT \to PH, RF \models PH}$$

There is a counter-example to the conclusion iff there is a counter-example to (at least) one of the assumptions.



Putting these two rules together we start to build a *proof tree*

$$\frac{(RF \vee GC) \to TT, \ RF \models PH, TT \quad (RF \vee GC) \to TT, \ PH, \ RF \models PH}{(RF \vee GC) \to TT, \ TT \to PH, \ RF \models PH}$$
$$\frac{(RF \vee GC) \to TT, \ TT \to PH, \ RF \models PH}{(RF \vee GC) \to TT, \ TT \to PH, \ \neg PH \models \neg RF}$$

If we have a counterexample to the conclusion then we have a counterexample to at least one of the assumptions

Now consider

$$(RF \vee GC) \to TT, PH, RF \models PH$$
 (4)

Any counterexample would make PH true and make PH false, but this is impossible, so there are no counterexamples. We draw a line over (4) to make a rule with no assumptions.

$$\overline{(RF \vee GC) \to TT, PH, RF \models PH}$$

We still have the key property:

• there is a counterexample to the conclusion iff there is a counterexample to (at least) one of the assumptions

Only one assumption remains



$$\frac{(RF \vee GC) \to TT, \ RF \models PH, TT \quad \overline{(RF \vee GC) \to TT, \ PH, \ RF \models PH}}{(RF \vee GC) \to TT, \ TT \to PH, \ RF \models PH}$$

$$\frac{(RF \vee GC) \to TT, \ TT \to PH, \ RF \models PH}{(RF \vee GC) \to TT, \ TT \to PH, \ \neg PH \models \neg RF}$$

If we have a counterexample to the conclusion then we have a counterexample to at least one of the assumptions.

Our next step should be familiar.

We follow a pattern used earlier

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta \quad \Gamma, B \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \to B \vdash \Delta} \ (\to L)$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{with } \Gamma = \text{RF}, \ A = \text{RF} \vee \text{GC}, \\ B = \text{TT}, \ \Delta = \text{PH}, \text{TT} \end{array}\right)$$



$$\frac{\text{RF} \models \text{PH, TT, RF} \vee \text{GC} \quad \text{TT, RF} \models \text{PH, TT}}{(\text{RF} \vee \text{GC}) \rightarrow \text{TT, RF} \models \text{PH, TT}} \frac{(\text{RF} \vee \text{GC}) \rightarrow \text{TT, PH, RF} \models \text{PH}}{(\text{RF} \vee \text{GC}) \rightarrow \text{TT, TT} \rightarrow \text{PH, RF} \models \text{PH}}$$
$$\frac{(\text{RF} \vee \text{GC}) \rightarrow \text{TT, TT} \rightarrow \text{PH, RF} \models \text{PH}}{(\text{RF} \vee \text{GC}) \rightarrow \text{TT, TT} \rightarrow \text{PH, } \neg \text{PH} \models \neg \text{RF}}$$

Another pattern we used earlier

$$\frac{}{\Gamma,A\vdash\Delta,A}\ (I)$$



(with
$$A = TT$$
, $\Gamma = RF$, $\Delta = PH$)

$$\frac{\text{RF} \models \text{PH,TT, RF} \vee \text{GC} \quad \overline{\text{TT, RF}} \models \text{PH,TT}}{(\text{RF} \vee \text{GC}) \rightarrow \text{TT, RF} \models \text{PH,TT}} \quad \overline{(\text{RF} \vee \text{GC}) \rightarrow \text{TT, PH, RF} \models \text{PH}}}$$

$$\frac{(\text{RF} \vee \text{GC}) \rightarrow \text{TT, TT} \rightarrow \text{PH, RF} \models \text{PH}}{(\text{RF} \vee \text{GC}) \rightarrow \text{TT, TT} \rightarrow \text{PH, } \neg \text{PH} \models \neg \text{RF}}}$$

Now consider

$$RF \models PH, TT, RF \lor GC$$

Any counterexample will make both RF and GC false, so it is a counterexample to

$$RF \models PH, TT, RF, GC$$

This gives a rule

$$\frac{RF \models PH, TT, RF, GC}{RF \models PH, TT, RF \lor GC}$$

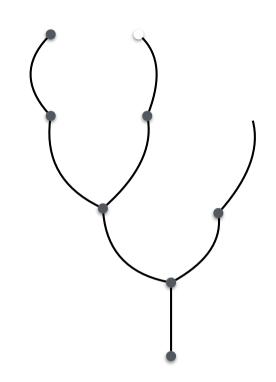
A valuation is a counter-example to the conclusion iff it is a counter-example to the assumption.

The pattern for this rule is

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A, B, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \lor B, \Delta} \ (\lor R)$$

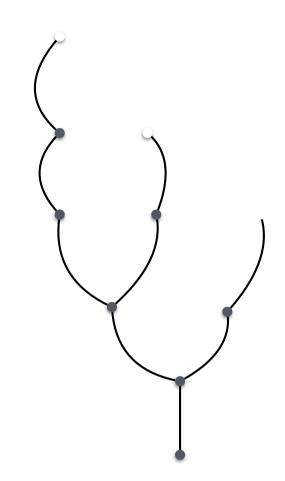
Our proof is almost done

$$\frac{\text{RF} \models \text{PH}, \text{TT}, \text{ RF}, \text{ GC}}{\text{RF} \models \text{PH}, \text{TT}, \text{ RF} \lor \text{GC}} \quad \frac{\text{TT}, \text{ RF} \models \text{PH}, \text{TT}}{\text{TT}, \text{ RF} \models \text{PH}, \text{TT}} \quad \frac{(\text{RF} \lor \text{GC}) \to \text{TT}, \text{ RF} \models \text{PH}}{(\text{RF} \lor \text{GC}) \to \text{TT}, \text{ TT} \to \text{PH}, \text{ RF} \models \text{PH}} \quad \frac{(\text{RF} \lor \text{GC}) \to \text{TT}, \text{ TT} \to \text{PH}, \text{ RF} \models \text{PH}}{(\text{RF} \lor \text{GC}) \to \text{TT}, \text{ TT} \to \text{PH}, \neg \text{PH} \models \neg \text{RF}}$$



Immediate!

$$\frac{}{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta, A} \tag{I}$$



$$\frac{\text{RF} \models \text{PH, TT, RF, GC}}{\text{RF} \models \text{PH, TT, RF} \lor \text{GC}} \quad \frac{\text{TT, RF} \models \text{PH, TT}}{\text{TT, RF} \models \text{PH, TT}} \quad \frac{\text{(RF} \lor \text{GC}) \to \text{TT, RF} \models \text{PH, TT}}{\text{(RF} \lor \text{GC}) \to \text{TT, TT} \to \text{PH, RF} \models \text{PH}} \\
\frac{\text{(RF} \lor \text{GC}) \to \text{TT, TT} \to \text{PH, RF} \models \text{PH}}{\text{(RF} \lor \text{GC}) \to \text{TT, TT} \to \text{PH, } \neg \text{PH} \models \neg \text{RF}}$$



Gentzen's Rules (I)



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$$\frac{}{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta, A}$$
 (I)

$$\frac{\Gamma, A, B \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \land B \vdash \Delta} \ (\land L)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A, B, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \lor B, \Delta} \ (\lor R)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta \quad \Gamma, B \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \lor B \vdash \Delta} \ (\lor L)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta \quad \Gamma, B \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \lor B \vdash \Delta} \ (\lor L) \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta \quad \Gamma \vdash B, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \land B, \Delta} \ (\land R)$$

a sequent, $\Gamma \vdash \Delta$

where Γ and Δ are finite sets of expressions is valid iff

whenever every expression in Γ is true some expression in Δ is true

Gentzen's Rules (I)

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta, A}{\Gamma, A \land B \vdash \Delta} \ (\land L) \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A, B, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \lor B, \Delta} \ (\lor R)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \lor B \vdash \Delta} \ (\lor L) \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \land B, \Delta} \ (\land R)$$

a counterexample to the sequent
$$\Gamma \vdash \Delta$$
,

is a valuation that makes every expression in Γ true and

every expression in Δ false

(a sequent is valid iff it has no counterexample)



$$\frac{\overline{A}, B \vdash A, \overline{B}}{\overline{A} \land B \vdash A, B} (AL)$$

$$\frac{A \land B \vdash A, \overline{B}}{\overline{A} \land B \vdash A \lor B} (\lor R)$$



A rule

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \to B, \Delta} \ (\to R)$$

A valuation is a counterexample to the top line iff it is a counterexample to the bottom line



Another rule

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta \quad \Gamma, B \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \to B \vdash \Delta} \ (\to L)$$

A valuation is a counterexample to the bottom line iff it is a counterexample to at least one of the entailments on the top line



counterexample to the conclusion it is a counterexample to at least one assumption

$$\overline{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta, A}$$
 (I)

$$\frac{\Gamma, A, B \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \land B \vdash \Delta} \ (\land L)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A, B, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \lor B, \Delta} \ (\lor R)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta \quad \Gamma, B \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \lor B \vdash \Delta} \ (\lor L)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta \quad \Gamma \vdash B, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \land B, \Delta} \ (\land R)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta \quad \Gamma, B \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \to B \vdash \Delta} \ (\to L)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \to B, \Delta} \ (\to R)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta}{\Gamma, \neg A \vdash \Delta} \ (\neg L)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash \neg A, \Delta} \ (\neg R)$$



counterexample to the conclusion it is a counterexample to at least one assumption

$$\overline{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta, A}$$
 (I)

$$\frac{\Gamma, A, B \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \land B \vdash \Delta} \ (\land L)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A, B, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \lor B, \Delta} \ (\lor R)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta \quad \Gamma, B \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \lor B \vdash \Delta} \ (\lor L)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta \quad \Gamma \vdash B, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \land B, \Delta} \ (\land R)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta \quad \Gamma, B \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \to B \vdash \Delta} \ (\to L)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \to B, \Delta} \ (\to R)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta}{\Gamma, \neg A \vdash \Delta} \ (\neg L)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash \neg A, \Delta} \ (\neg R)$$

$$\frac{}{\Gamma,A\vdash\Delta,A}\ ^{(I)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta \quad \Gamma, B \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \to B \vdash \Delta} \ (\to L) \qquad \frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \to B, \Delta} \ (\to R)$$

$$\frac{??}{A \to (B \to C) \vdash B \to (A \to C)}$$



$$\frac{}{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta, A} \ (I)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta \quad \Gamma, B \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \to B \vdash \Delta} \ (\to L) \qquad \frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \to B, \Delta} \ (\to R)$$

matches the conclusion of $(\rightarrow L)$ where

$$\Gamma$$
 is empty
 Δ is $B \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C)$
 A is A
 B is $B \rightarrow C$



$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta \quad \Gamma, B \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \to B \vdash \Delta} \; (\to L) \qquad \frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \to B, \Delta} \; (\to R)$$

which is the conclusion of $(\rightarrow R)$ where

$$\Gamma$$
 is $A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)$
 Δ is empty
 A is B
 B is $A \rightarrow C$



$$\frac{\overline{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta, A}}{\Gamma, A \to B \vdash \Delta} \xrightarrow{(\to L)} \frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \to B, \Delta} \xrightarrow{(\to R)}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\Gamma & , A \vdash B \\
A \to (B \to C), B \vdash A \to C \\
\hline
A \to (B \to C) \vdash B \to (A \to C)
\end{array}$$

$$(\to R)$$

this goal matches the conclusion of $(\rightarrow R)$ where

$$\Gamma$$
 is $A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)$

 Δ is empty

 $A ext{ is } B$

 $B \text{ is } A \rightarrow C$



$$\frac{}{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta, A} \ (I)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta \quad \Gamma, B \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \to B \vdash \Delta} \ (\to L) \qquad \frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \to B, \Delta} \ (\to R)$$

$$\frac{??}{A \to (B \to C), B, A \vdash C}$$

$$\frac{A \to (B \to C), B \vdash A \to C}{A \to (B \to C), B \vdash A \to C} (\to R)$$

$$\frac{A \to (B \to C), B \vdash A \to C}{A \to (B \to C)} (\to R)$$



$$\frac{}{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta, A} \ (I)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta \quad \Gamma, B \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \to B \vdash \Delta} \ (\to L) \qquad \frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \to B, \Delta} \ (\to R)$$

$$\frac{\overline{B,A \vdash A,C}}{A \to (B \to C), B, A \vdash C} \xrightarrow{??} \overline{A \to (B \to C), B, A \vdash C} \xrightarrow{(\to L)} \overline{A \to (B \to C), B \vdash A \to C} \xrightarrow{(\to R)} \overline{A \to (B \to C) \vdash B \to (A \to C)} \xrightarrow{(\to R)}$$



$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta \quad \Gamma, B \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \to B \vdash \Delta} \ (\to L) \qquad \frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \to B, \Delta} \ (\to R)$$

$$\frac{B,A \vdash A,C}{B \to C,B,A \vdash C} \stackrel{(I)}{\underbrace{(I)}} \frac{B,A \vdash B,C}{B \to C,B,A \vdash C} \stackrel{(I)}{\underbrace{(\to L)}} \stackrel{(\to L)}{\underbrace{(\to L)}} \frac{A \to (B \to C),B,A \vdash C}{A \to (B \to C),B \vdash A \to C} \stackrel{(\to R)}{\underbrace{(\to R)}} \frac{A \to (B \to C),B \vdash A \to C}{A \to (B \to C) \vdash B \to (A \to C)} \stackrel{(\to R)}{\underbrace{(\to R)}}$$