

15-780: Graduate AI  
*Lecture 1. Logic*

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# Logic

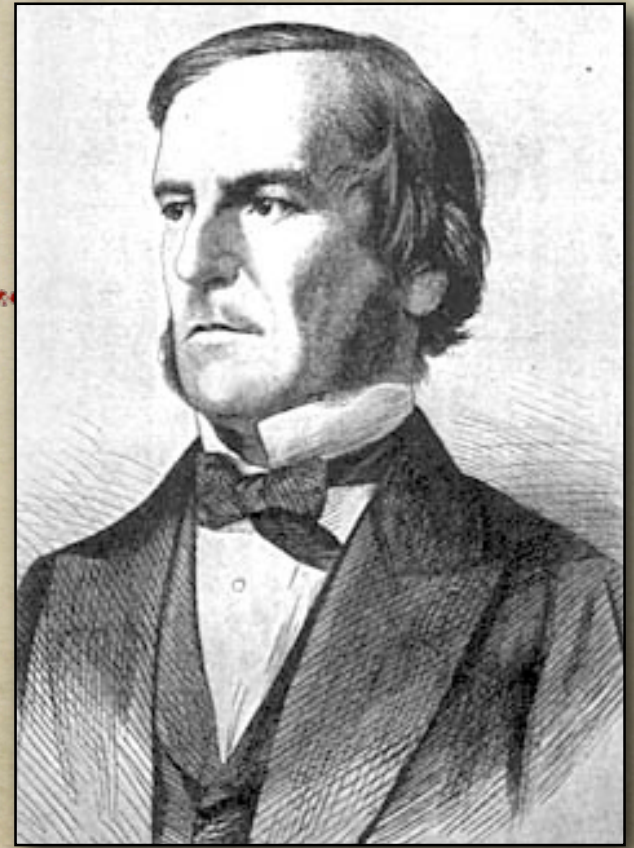
# Why logic?

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- *Search: can compactly write down, solve problems like Sudoku*
- *Reasoning: figure out consequences of the knowledge we've given our agent*
- *... and, logical inference is a special case of probabilistic inference*

# Propositional logic

- *Constants:  $T$  or  $F$*
- *Variables:  $x, y$  (values  $T$  or  $F$ )*
- *Connectives:  $\wedge, \vee, \neg$* 
  - *Can get by w/ just NAND*
  - *Sometimes also add others:*  
 $\oplus, \Rightarrow, \Leftrightarrow, \dots$



*George Boole*  
1815–1864

# Propositional logic

- *Build up expressions like  $\neg x \Rightarrow y$*
- *Precedence:  $\neg, \wedge, \vee, \Rightarrow$*
- *Terminology: variable or constant with or w/o negation = **literal***
- *Whole thing = **formula or sentence***

# Expressive variable names

- *Rather than variable names like  $x$ ,  $y$ , may use names like “rains” or “happy(John)”*
- *For now, “happy(John)” is just a string with no internal structure*
  - *there is no “John”*
  - *happy(John)  $\Rightarrow$   $\neg$ happy(Jack) means the same as  $x \Rightarrow \neg y$*

# But what does it mean?

- *A formula defines a mapping*  
*(assignment to variables)  $\mapsto \{T, F\}$*
- *Assignment to variables = **model***
- *For example, formula  $\neg x$  yields mapping:*

*truth table*

$x$	$\neg x$
<i>model</i> $T$	$F$
$F$	$T$

$\leftarrow$

# More truth tables

$x$	$y$	$x \wedge y$
$T$	$T$	$T$
$T$	$F$	$F$
$F$	$T$	$F$
$F$	$F$	$F$

model

$x$	$y$	$x \vee y$
$T$	$T$	$T$
$T$	$F$	$T$
$F$	$T$	$T$
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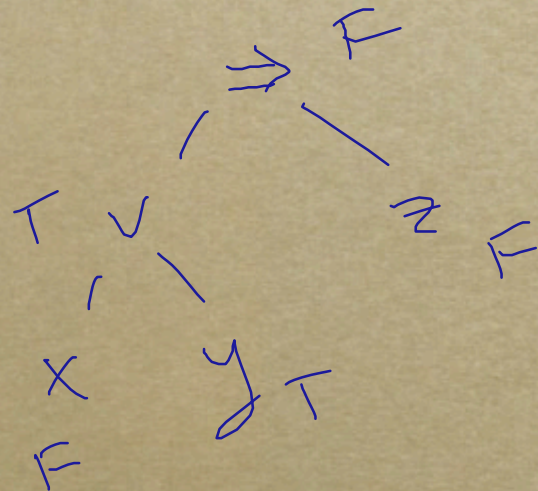
# Truth table for implication

- $(a \Rightarrow b)$  is logically equivalent to  $(\neg a \vee b)$
- If  $a$  is True,  $b$  must be True too
- If  $a$  False, no requirement on  $b$
- E.g., “if I go to the movie I will have popcorn”: if no movie, may or may not have popcorn

$a$	$b$	$a \Rightarrow b$
$T$	$T$	$T$
$T$	$F$	$F$
$F$	$T$	$T$
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# Another example



$$(x \vee y) \Rightarrow z$$

$$x = F, y = T, z = F$$

# Questions about models and sentences

- *How many models make a sentence true?*
  - *Sentence is **satisfiable** if true in some model (famous NP-complete problem)*
  - *If not satisfiable, it is a **contradiction** (false in every model)*
  - *A sentence is **valid** if it is true in every model (called a **tautology**)*

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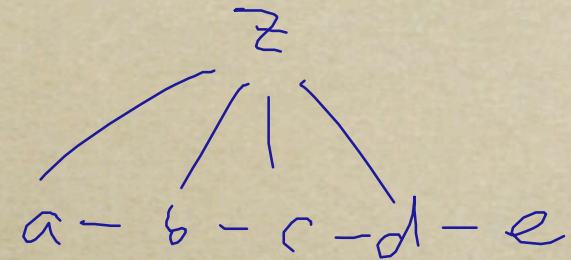
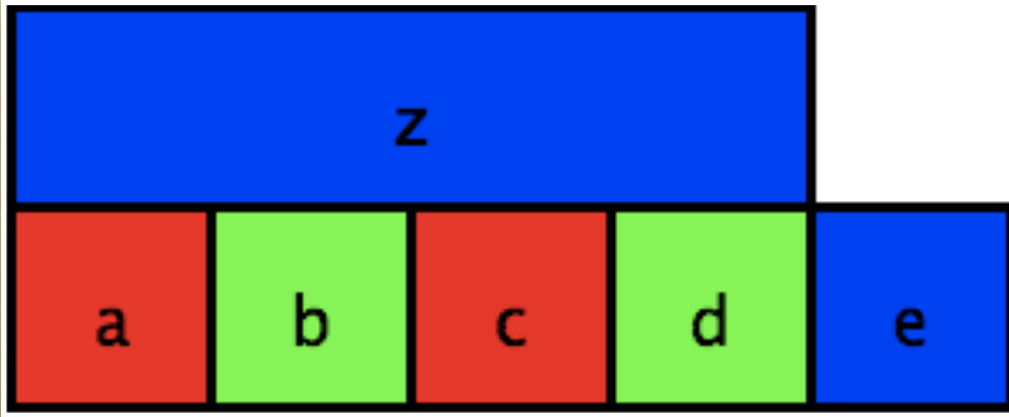
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- *How is the variable  $X$  set in  $\{\text{some}, \text{all}\}$  satisfying models?*
- *This is the most frequent question an agent would ask: given my assumptions, can I conclude  $X$ ? Can I rule  $X$  out?*
- *SAT answers all the above questions*



# Bigger Examples

# 3-coloring



Vars:  $aR, aG, aB, bR, bG, bB \dots$

$(aR \vee aG \vee aB) \wedge (bR \vee bG \vee bB) \wedge \dots$

$(\overline{aR} \vee \overline{bR}) \wedge (\overline{aG} \vee \overline{bG}) \wedge \dots$

# Sudoku

SuDoku Puzzle

		6	3			4	7	
		5	8		7			
1							2	3
	6		1	9				
4	9							
						1	9	8
6					3	5		
		8		5				2
	7	4			6		8	

<http://www.cs.qub.ac.uk/~I.Spence/SuDoku/SuDoku.html>



# Constraint satisfaction problems

- *Like SAT, but:*

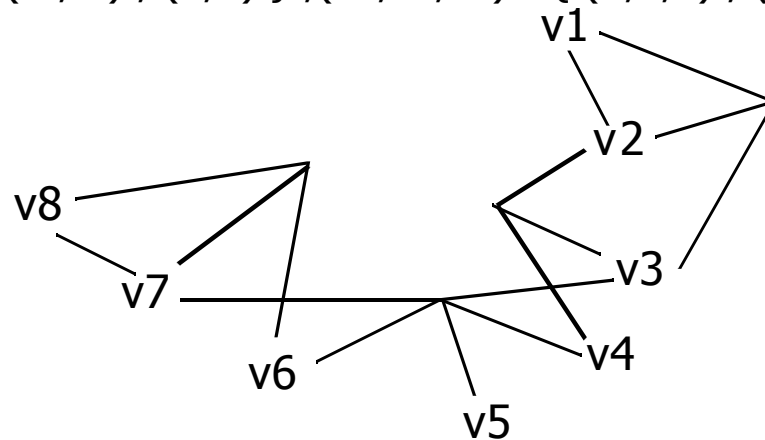
$$\begin{aligned} & (aR \vee aB \vee aG) \wedge \\ & (bR \vee bB \vee bG) \wedge \dots \\ & \wedge (\bar{a}R \vee \bar{b}R) \wedge (\bar{a}B \vee \bar{b}B) \wedge (\bar{a}G \vee \bar{b}G) \\ & \wedge (\bar{a}R \vee \bar{z}R) \dots \end{aligned}$$

- *variable domains are arbitrary (vs. TF)*
- *complex constraints (vs.  $a \vee b \vee \neg c$ )*
- *Sudoku: “at most one 3 in row 5”*
- *Can translate SAT  $\Leftrightarrow$  CSP*
  - *often CSP more compact*

# Minesweeper

0	0	1	v1		
0	0	1	v2		
0	0	1	v3		
1	1	2	v4		
v8	v7	v6	v5		

$V = \{ v1, v2, v3, v4, v5, v6, v7, v8 \}$ ,  $D = \{ B \text{ (bomb)}, S \text{ (space)} \}$   
 $C = \{ (v1,v2) : \{ (B, S), (S,B) \}, (v1,v2,v3) : \{ (B,S,S), (S,B,S), (S,S,B) \}, \dots \}$



*image courtesy Andrew Moore*

# Propositional planning

*init: have(cake)*

*goal: have(cake), eaten(cake)*

*eat(cake):*

*pre: have(cake)*

*eff: -have(cake), eaten(cake)*

*bake(cake):*

*pre: -have(cake)*

*eff: have(cake)*

*fluents  
actions*


# Other important logic problems

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- *Scheduling (e.g., of factory production)*
- *Facility location*
- *Circuit layout*
- *Multi-robot planning*

# Handling uncertainty

- *Minesweeper: what if no safe move?*
- *Say each mine initially present w/ prob  $p$*
- *Common situation: independent “Nature” choices, deterministic rules thereafter*
- *Logic represents deterministic rules  $\Rightarrow$  use logical reasoning as subroutine*

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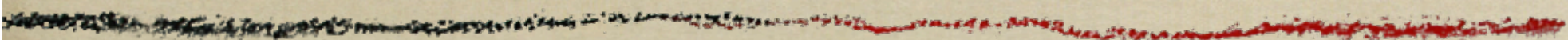
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# Working with formulas

# Truth tables get big fast

$x$	$y$	$z$	$(x \vee y) \Rightarrow z$
$T$	$T$	$T$	
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# Definitions

- *Two sentences are **equivalent**,  $A \equiv B$ , if they have same truth value in every model*
  - $(rains \Rightarrow pours) \equiv (\neg rains \vee pours)$
  - *reflexive, transitive, symmetric*
- ***Simplifying** = transforming a formula into a simpler, equivalent formula*

# Transformation rules

$$(\alpha \wedge \beta) \equiv (\beta \wedge \alpha) \quad \text{commutativity of } \wedge$$

$$(\alpha \vee \beta) \equiv (\beta \vee \alpha) \quad \text{commutativity of } \vee$$

$$((\alpha \wedge \beta) \wedge \gamma) \equiv (\alpha \wedge (\beta \wedge \gamma)) \quad \text{associativity of } \wedge$$

$$((\alpha \vee \beta) \vee \gamma) \equiv (\alpha \vee (\beta \vee \gamma)) \quad \text{associativity of } \vee$$

$$\neg(\neg\alpha) \equiv \alpha \quad \text{double-negation elimination}$$

$$(\alpha \wedge (\beta \vee \gamma)) \equiv ((\alpha \wedge \beta) \vee (\alpha \wedge \gamma)) \quad \text{distributivity of } \wedge \text{ over } \vee$$

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*$\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are arbitrary formulas*

# More rules

$(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \equiv (\neg\beta \Rightarrow \neg\alpha)$  contraposition

$(\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \equiv (\neg\alpha \vee \beta)$  implication elimination

$(\alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta) \equiv ((\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\beta \Rightarrow \alpha))$  biconditional elimination

$\neg(\alpha \wedge \beta) \equiv (\neg\alpha \vee \neg\beta)$  de Morgan

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*$\alpha, \beta$  are arbitrary formulas*

# Still more rules...

- ... can be derived from truth tables

- For example:

- $(a \vee \neg a) \equiv \text{True}$

- $(\text{True} \vee a) \equiv \text{True}$  (~~T elim~~)

- $(\text{False} \wedge a) \equiv \text{False}$  (~~F elim~~)

$$T \wedge a \equiv a$$

$$F \vee a \equiv a$$

# Example

$$(a \vee \neg b) \wedge (a \vee \neg c) \wedge (\neg(b \vee c) \vee \neg a)$$

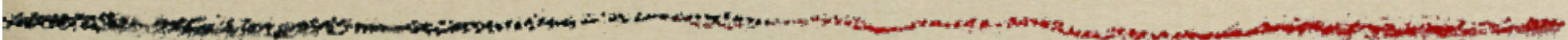
$$a \vee \underbrace{(\neg b \vee \neg c)}$$

$$\neg(b \wedge c)$$

$$\neg(b \wedge c) \wedge \underbrace{(a \vee \neg a)}_{\top}$$

$$\neg(b \wedge c)$$





# Normal Forms

# Normal forms

- *A normal form is a standard way of writing a formula*
- *E.g., conjunctive normal form (CNF)*
  - *conjunction of disjunctions of literals*
  - $(x \vee y \vee \neg z) \wedge (x \vee \neg y) \wedge (z)$
  - *Each disjunct called a **clause***
- *Any formula can be transformed into CNF w/o changing meaning*

# CNF cont'd

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{happy}(\text{John}) \wedge \\ & (\neg \text{happy}(\text{Bill}) \vee \text{happy}(\text{Sue})) \wedge \\ & \text{man}(\text{Socrates}) \wedge \\ & (\neg \text{man}(\text{Socrates}) \vee \text{mortal}(\text{Socrates})) \end{aligned}$$

- *Often used for storage of knowledge database*
  - *called **knowledge base** or **KB***
- *Can add new clauses as we find them out*
- *Each clause in KB is separately true (if KB is)*

# Another normal form: DNF

- *DNF = disjunctive normal form = disjunction of conjunctions of literals*
- *Doesn't compose the way CNF does: can't just add new conjuncts w/o changing meaning of KB*

$$(rains \vee pours) \wedge (\neg pours \Rightarrow fishing)$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{rains} \wedge (p \vee f) \quad \vee \quad \text{pours} \wedge \text{fishing} \\
 \text{rains} \wedge (p \vee f) \quad \vee \quad (p \vee (p \wedge f)) \\
 \text{rains} \wedge p \quad \vee \quad \text{rains} \wedge f \quad \vee \quad \underbrace{p \wedge p}_p \quad \vee \quad \underbrace{p \wedge p \wedge f}_{p \wedge f}
 \end{array}$$

# Transforming to CNF or DNF

- *Naive algorithm:*
  - *replace all connectives with  $\wedge \vee \neg$*
  - *move negations inward using De Morgan's laws and double-negation*
  - *repeatedly distribute over  $\wedge$  over  $\vee$  for DNF ( $\vee$  over  $\wedge$  for CNF)*

# Example

- *Put in CNF:*

$$(a \vee \neg c) \wedge \neg(a \wedge b \wedge d \wedge \neg e)$$

$$(\bar{a} \vee \bar{b} \vee \bar{d} \vee e)$$

# Discussion

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- *Problem with naive algorithm: it's exponential! (Space, time, size of result.)*
- *Each use of distributivity can almost double the size of a subformula*

# A smarter transformation

- *Can we avoid exponential blowup in CNF?*
- *Yes, if we're willing to introduce new variables*
- *G. Tseitin. On the complexity of derivation in propositional calculus. Studies in Constrained Mathematics and Mathematical Logic, 1968.*

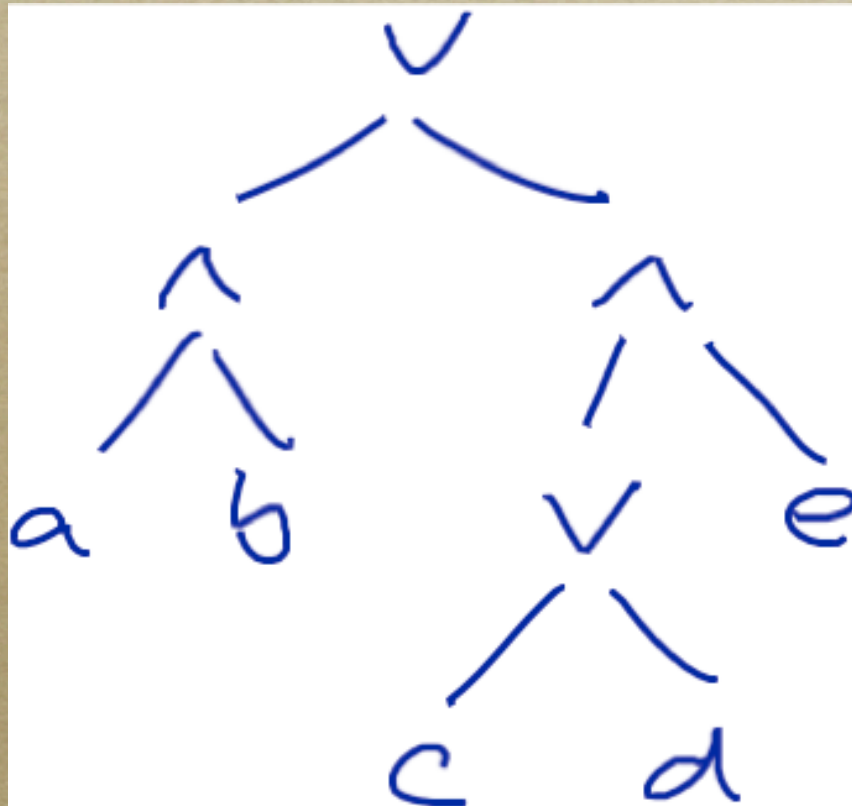


# Tseitin example

- *Put the following formula in CNF:*

$$(a \wedge b) \vee ((c \vee d) \wedge e)$$

- *Parse tree:*



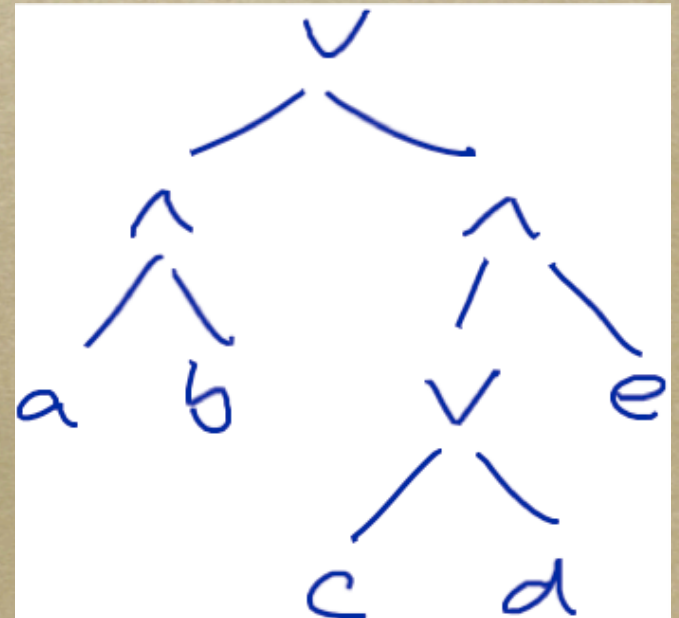
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- *Introduce temporary variables*

- $x = (a \wedge b)$

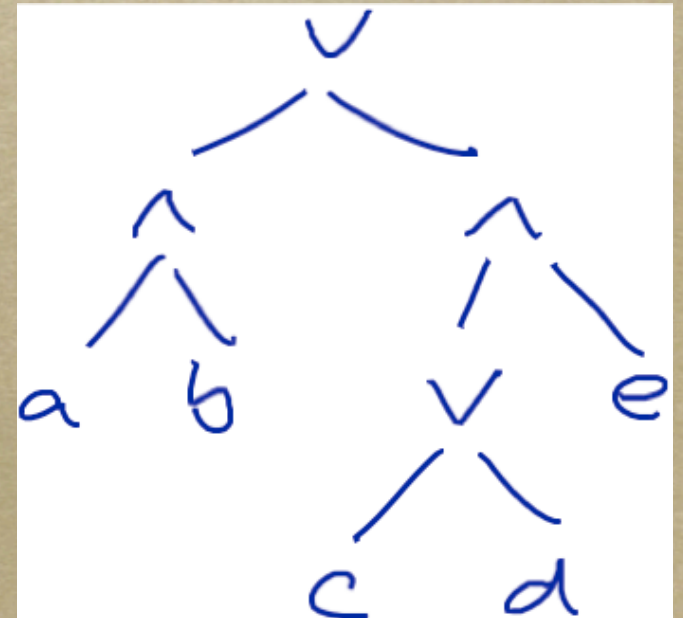
- $y = (c \vee d)$

- $z = (y \wedge e)$



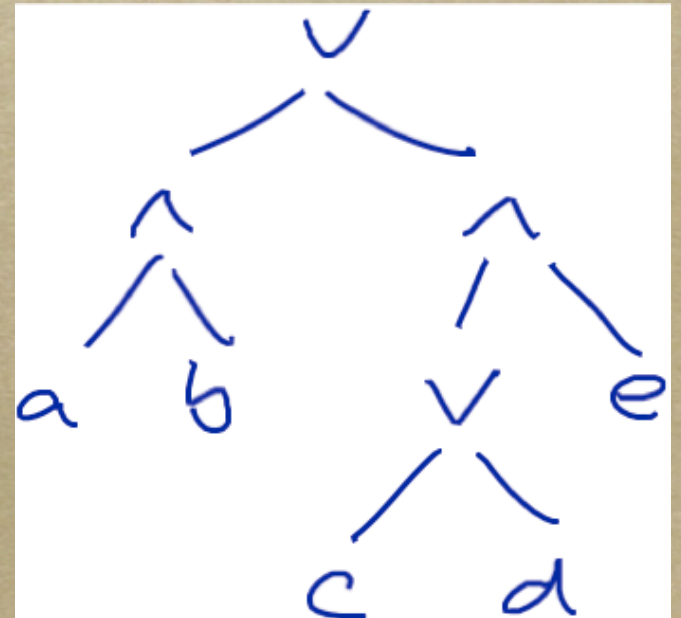
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- *To ensure  $x = (a \wedge b)$ , want*
  - $x \Rightarrow (a \wedge b)$
  - $(a \wedge b) \Rightarrow x$



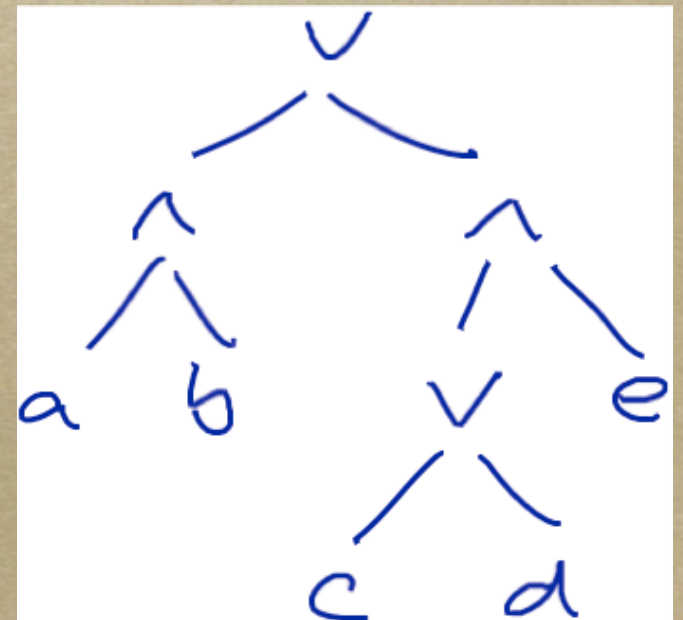
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- $x \Rightarrow (a \wedge b)$
- $(\neg x \vee (a \wedge b))$
- $(\neg x \vee a) \wedge (\neg x \vee b)$



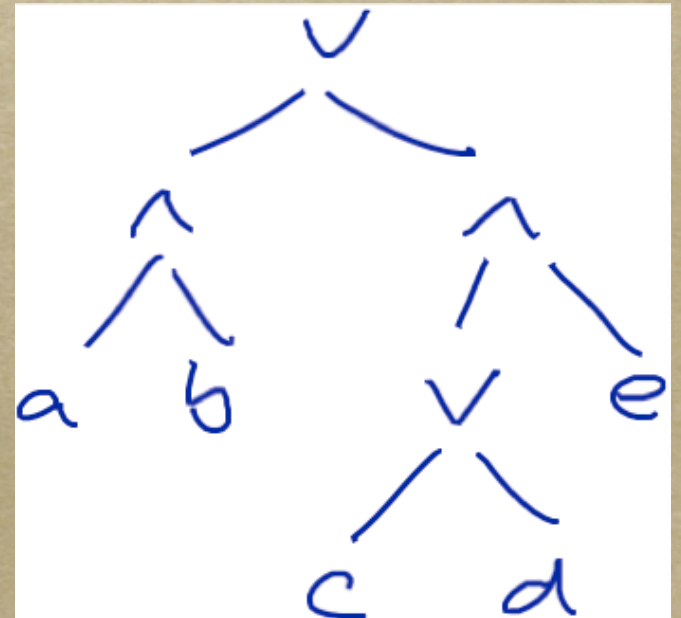
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- $(a \wedge b) \Rightarrow x$
- $(\neg(a \wedge b) \vee x)$
- $(\neg a \vee \neg b \vee x)$



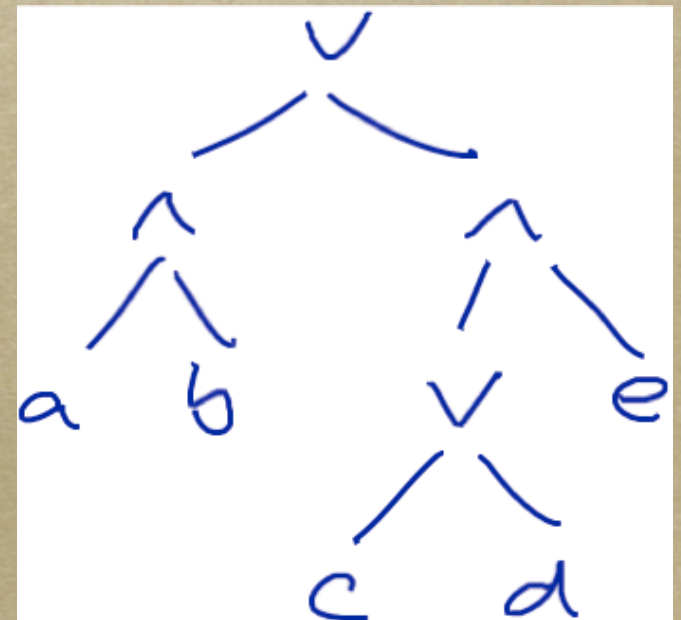
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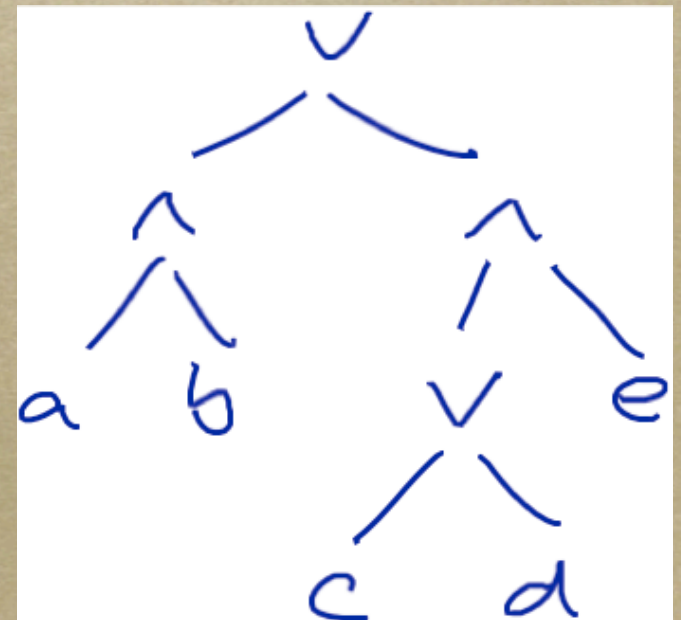
# Tseitin transformation

- $y \Rightarrow (c \vee d)$
- $(\neg y \vee c \vee d)$
- $(c \vee d) \Rightarrow y$
- $((\neg c \wedge \neg d) \vee y)$
- $(\neg c \vee y) \wedge (\neg d \vee y)$



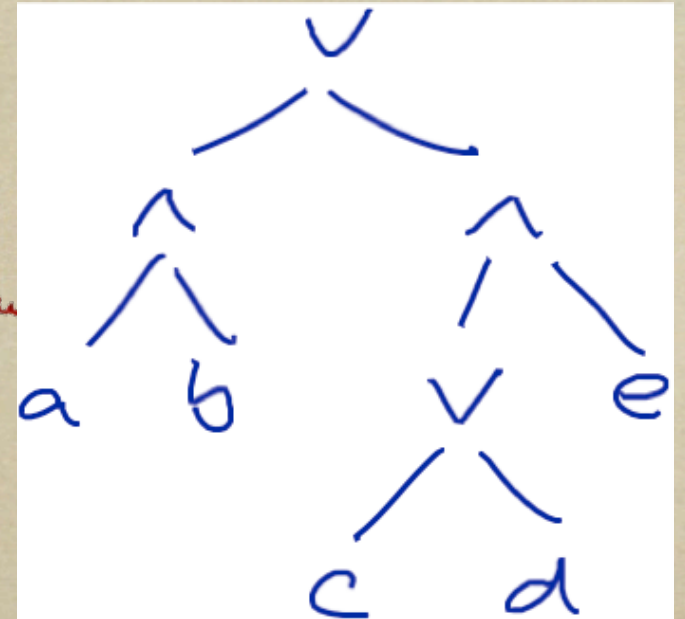
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- *Finally*,  $z = (y \wedge e)$
- $z \Rightarrow (y \wedge e) \equiv (\neg z \vee y) \wedge (\neg z \vee e)$
- $(y \wedge e) \Rightarrow z \equiv (\neg y \vee \neg e \vee z)$





# Tseitin end result



$$(a \wedge b) \vee ((c \vee d) \wedge e) \equiv$$

$$(\neg x \vee a) \wedge (\neg x \vee b) \wedge (\neg a \vee \neg b \vee x) \wedge$$

$$(\neg y \vee c \vee d) \wedge (\neg c \vee y) \wedge (\neg d \vee y) \wedge$$

$$(\neg z \vee y) \wedge (\neg z \vee e) \wedge (\neg y \vee \neg e \vee z) \wedge$$

$$(x \vee z)$$



# Compositional Semantics

# Semantics

- *Recall: meaning of a formula is a function*  
*models*  $\mapsto \{T, F\}$
- *Why this choice? So that meanings are*  
*compositional*
- *Write*  $[\alpha]$  *for meaning of formula*  $\alpha$
- $[\alpha \wedge \beta](M) = [\alpha](M) \wedge [\beta](M)$
- *Similarly for*  $\vee, \neg$ , *etc.*



# Proofs

# Entailment

- *Sentence  $A$  entails sentence  $B$ ,  $A \models B$ , if  $B$  is true in every model where  $A$  is*
  - *same as saying that  $(A \Rightarrow B)$  is valid*

# Proof tree

- *A tree with a formula at each node*
- *At each internal node, children  $\models$  parent*
- *Leaves: assumptions or premises*
- *Root: consequence*
- *If we believe assumptions, we should also believe consequence*

# Proof tree example

$r \text{ rains} \Rightarrow p \text{ pours}$

$p \text{ pours} \wedge o \text{ outside} \Rightarrow r \text{ rusty}$

rains

outside

# Proof by contradiction

- *Assume opposite of what we want to prove, show it leads to a contradiction*
- *Suppose we want to show  $KB \models S$*
- *Write  $KB'$  for  $(KB \wedge \neg S)$*
- *Build a proof tree with*
  - *assumptions drawn from clauses of  $KB'$*
  - *conclusion =  $F$*
  - *so,  $(KB \wedge \neg S) \models F$  (contradiction)*



# Proof by contradiction

KB

$\text{rains} \Rightarrow \text{pours}$

$\text{pours} \wedge \text{outside} \Rightarrow \text{rusty}$

rains

outside

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$\neg \text{rusty}$

↖ negation of desired  
conclusion

# Proof by contradiction

