

# Logic for Computer Science

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## LECTURE 4 :

## INTUITIONISTIC PROPOSITIONAL LOGIC

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# PLAN

- Motivating examples.
- Brouwer-Heyting-Kolmogorov interpretation of  $\rightarrow, \wedge, \vee, \neg, \top$ .
- Gentzen's natural deduction.
- Curry-Howard correspondence.
- Intuitionistic Tautology is PSPACE-complete.
- Models of propositional intuitionistic logic
- Glivenko's double-negation translation
- Disjunction property
- Rieger-Nishimura lattice

Mo  
proofs

# CLASSICAL MOTIVATING EXAMPLE

Statement : There are irrational numbers

$a, b \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$  s.t.  $a^b \in \mathbb{Q}$  is rational.

Proof : Consider  $x = \sqrt[3]{2} \in \mathbb{R}$ . There are two cases: } which  $a, b$ ??

1)  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Then we are done since  $a = b = \sqrt[3]{2} \notin \mathbb{Q}$ .

2)  $x \notin \mathbb{Q}$ . Then take  $a = x$ ,  $b = \sqrt[3]{2}$ . Thus,  $a^b = 2 \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

NONCONSTRUCTIVE  
ARGUMENT!

Law of excluded middle:

(LEM)

$$\underbrace{x \in \mathbb{Q}}_P \vee \underbrace{x \notin \mathbb{Q}}_{\neg P}$$

# CLASSICAL LOGIC

vs

# INTUITIONISTIC LOGIC

Philosophy : Platonic / Idealistic

Man-made

Focus : Semantics (truth)

Constructive proof

logical connectives : Defined by truth tables

Operate on proofs



BROWER - HEYTING - KOLMOGOROV  
interpretation

# BROWER - HEYTING - KOLMOGOROV interpretation

Write  $P : \varphi$  if  $P$  is a proof of  $\varphi$ .

$P : \varphi \wedge \psi$  implies  $P = (q, \pi)$ ,  $q : \varphi$ ,  $\pi : \psi$ .

$P : \varphi \vee \psi$  implies  $P = (b, q)$  where either  
 $b=0$  and  $q : \varphi$ , or  $b=1$  and  $q : \psi$ .

$P : \varphi \rightarrow \psi$  implies  $P$  is a computable function  
mapping every  $q : \varphi$  to  $P(q) : \psi$ .

$P : \perp$  is impossible.

$$\neg \varphi \equiv \varphi \rightarrow \perp$$

# NATURAL DEDUCTION for $\{\rightarrow\}$

A **sequent** is a pair  $\Gamma \vdash \psi$  ← set of formulas  
derivable according to → WARNING!  
the rules below:

Axiom :  $\frac{}{\Gamma, \varphi \vdash \varphi}$  (Ax)

Introduction rule :  $\frac{\Gamma, \varphi \vdash \psi}{\Gamma \vdash \varphi \rightarrow \psi}$  ( $\rightarrow I$ )  
≈ deduction theorem

Elimination rules :  $\frac{\Gamma \vdash \varphi \quad \Gamma \vdash \varphi \rightarrow \psi}{\Gamma \vdash \psi}$  ( $\rightarrow E$ )  
≈ modus ponens

overloaded, nothing  
to do with the  
"provability relation"  
from Hilbert's proof system

# EXAMPLES of proofs with natural deduction trees

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

*A1*

↑  
from Hilbert's  
proof system

# EXAMPLES of proofs with natural deduction trees

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \dfrac{\begin{array}{c} (\text{A}x) \\ \Gamma \vdash \varphi \rightarrow \psi \rightarrow \Theta \\ \Gamma \vdash \varphi \end{array}}{\Gamma \vdash \psi \rightarrow \Theta} (\rightarrow E) \\
 \dfrac{\begin{array}{c} (\text{A}x) \\ \Gamma \vdash \varphi \rightarrow \psi \\ \Gamma \vdash \varphi \end{array}}{\Gamma \vdash \psi} (\rightarrow E) \\
 \hline
 \dfrac{\Gamma \vdash \psi \rightarrow \Theta \quad \Gamma \vdash \psi}{\Gamma \vdash \psi \rightarrow \Theta} (\rightarrow E)
 \end{array}$$

$$\dfrac{\Gamma := \{\varphi \rightarrow \psi \rightarrow \Theta, \varphi \rightarrow \psi, \varphi\} \vdash \Theta}{(\rightarrow I)} \leftarrow$$

$$\dfrac{\varphi \rightarrow \psi \rightarrow \Theta, \varphi \rightarrow \psi \vdash \varphi \rightarrow \Theta}{(\rightarrow I)} \leftarrow$$

$$\dfrac{\varphi \rightarrow \psi \rightarrow \Theta \vdash (\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow \varphi \rightarrow \Theta}{(\rightarrow I)} \leftarrow$$

$$\vdash (\varphi \rightarrow \psi \rightarrow \Theta) \rightarrow (\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow \varphi \rightarrow \Theta$$

A2

from Hilbert's  
proof system

This proof is  
normal:  
No  $(\rightarrow I)$   
followed  
by  $(\rightarrow E)$   
(introduced  
formulas  
one not  
removed  
later)

# EXAMPLE of NON-NORMAL PROOF

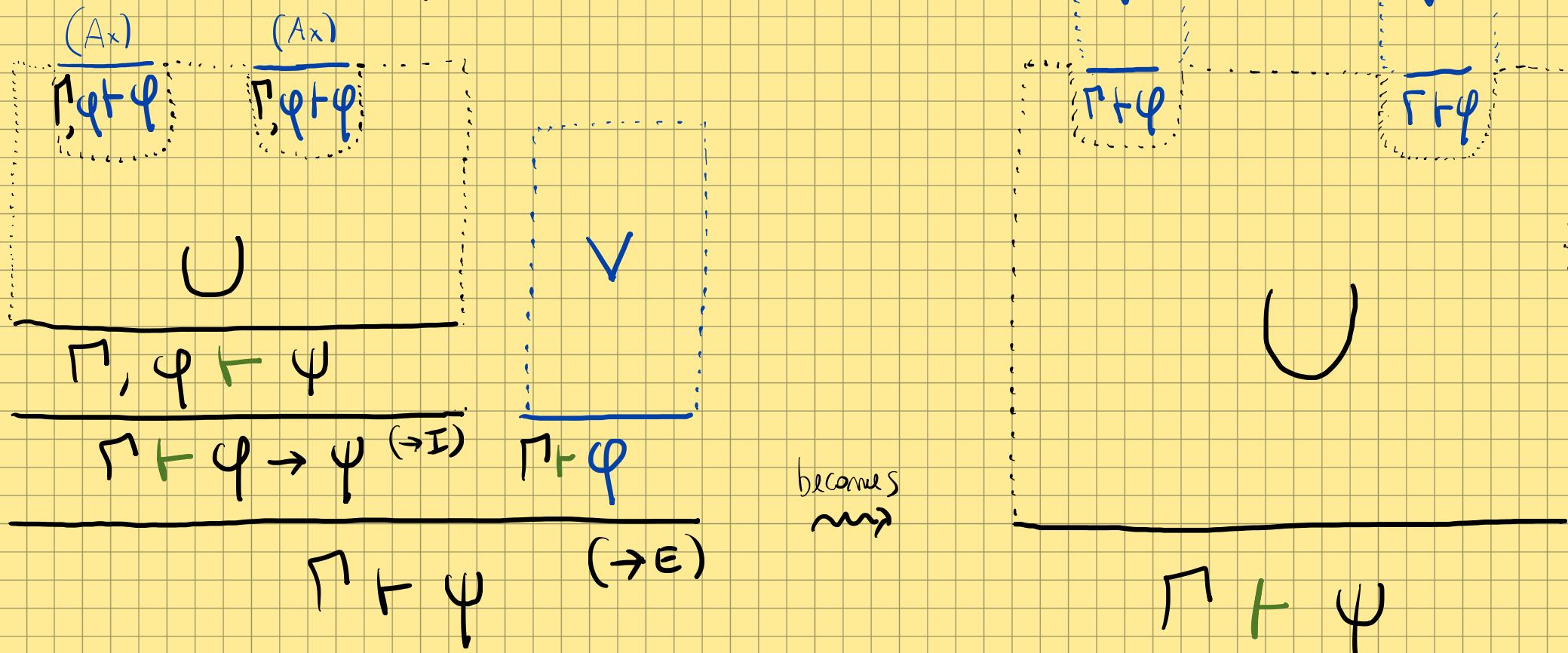
$$\frac{\frac{\frac{(\Lambda x)}{\Gamma_1 \varphi \vdash \varphi} (\rightarrow I) \quad \frac{\vdash}{\Gamma \vdash \varphi \rightarrow \varphi} \quad \frac{\vdash}{\Gamma \vdash \varphi}}{\Gamma \vdash \varphi} (\rightarrow E)}$$

not normal

# NORMALIZATION of PROOFS

This proof is not normal:

$(\rightarrow I)$  followed by  $(\rightarrow E)$



- The proof becomes bigger, but simpler
- This endows proofs with a computational aspect...

let's keep this in mind

# SIMPLY-TYPED $\lambda$ -CALCULUS

terms	variable	$\lambda$ -abstraction	application	Simple types	type variable	function type
$U, V := x \mid \lambda x \cdot U \mid U V$				$\alpha, \beta := \alpha \mid \alpha \rightarrow \beta$		

Typing rules:

Typing judgment  $\Gamma \vdash x : \alpha$

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash x : \alpha} (Ax)$$

(at most one occurrence of  $x : \alpha$  for every  $x$ )

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : \alpha \vdash U : \beta}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x \cdot U : \alpha \rightarrow \beta} (\rightarrow I)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash U : \alpha \rightarrow \beta \quad \Gamma \vdash V : \alpha}{\Gamma \vdash U V : \beta} (\rightarrow E)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash U : \perp}{\Gamma \vdash V : \alpha} (\perp E)$$

# EXAMPLES of typing derivations

$$\frac{\frac{x:\alpha, y:\beta \vdash x:\alpha}{x:\alpha \vdash \lambda y.x:\beta \rightarrow \alpha} (\rightarrow I)}{\vdash \lambda x.\lambda y.x:\alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \alpha} (\rightarrow I)$$

PROOF of A1

# EXAMPLES of typing derivations

$$\Gamma \vdash x : \alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \gamma$$

$$\Gamma \vdash z : \alpha$$

$$\Gamma \vdash y : \alpha \rightarrow \beta$$

$$\Gamma \vdash z : \alpha \quad (\rightarrow E)$$

$$\Gamma \vdash xz : \beta \rightarrow \gamma$$

$$\Gamma \vdash yz : \beta$$

(→ E)

$$\Gamma := \{x : \alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \gamma, \quad y : \alpha \rightarrow \beta, \quad z : \alpha\} \vdash xz(yz) : \gamma$$

(→ I)

$$x : \alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \gamma, \quad y : \alpha \rightarrow \beta \quad \vdash \lambda z \cdot xz(yz) : \alpha \rightarrow \gamma$$

(→ I)

$$x : \alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \gamma \vdash \lambda y \lambda z \cdot xz(yz) : (\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \gamma$$

(→ I)

$$\vdash \lambda x \lambda y \lambda z \cdot xz(yz) : (\alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \gamma) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \gamma$$

PROOF

of

A2

# NORMALIZATION of $\lambda$ -terms

EVALUATION (dynamics)

$\beta$ -reduction

$$(\lambda x. v) v \xrightarrow{\beta} v[x \mapsto v]$$

all free occurrences  
of  $x$  in  $v$   
are replaced by  $v$  (\*)

Example :  $(\lambda x. x)(\lambda y. y) \xrightarrow{\beta} \lambda y. y$

\* Conditions apply : Variable renaming may be necessary to prevent free variables of  $v$  from becoming bound in  $v[x \mapsto v]$

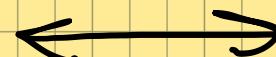
# CURRY - HOWARD CORRESPONDENCE

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PROGRAMS

Formula  $\varphi$



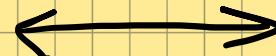
Type  $\alpha$

Proof of  $\varphi$



Program  
( $\lambda$ -term)  $U : \alpha$

Proof normalization



Evaluation

Validity problem



Type inhabitation

Proof checking



Type reconstruction

\* Not an exact correspondence:  
in this presentation

set  $\vdash$

$$\frac{\vdash \{P\} \vdash P}{\vdash \{P\} \vdash P \rightarrow P}$$

$$\vdash P \rightarrow P \rightarrow P$$

Two possible terms for this proof:

$$\lambda x. \lambda y. x ,$$

$$\lambda x. \lambda y. y$$

# NATURAL DEDUCTION for $\{\rightarrow, \perp, \wedge, \vee, \neg\}$

Introduction rules

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

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

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

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

Elimination rules

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

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \varphi \wedge \psi}{\Gamma \vdash \varphi} (\wedge E_L) \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash \varphi \wedge \psi}{\Gamma \vdash \psi} (\wedge E_R)$$

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

proof by cases

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

ex falso sequitur  
miracle rule / quodlibet

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miracle rule / quodlibet

# EXTENDED SIMPLY-TYPED $\lambda$ -CALCULUS

$$\alpha, \beta := \alpha \mid \alpha \rightarrow \beta \mid \alpha \wedge \beta \text{ (product)} \mid \alpha \vee \beta \text{ (Tagged union)} \mid \perp$$

$$U, V := x \mid \lambda x \cdot U \mid U V \mid (U, V) \mid \Pi_1 U \mid \Pi_2 V \mid \text{case } U \text{ of } V_1[x_1] \text{ or } V_2[x_2] \mid \text{inj}_1 U \mid \text{inj}_2 U \mid \varepsilon(U)$$

pairing      projections      conditional      injections      miracle

$$\frac{}{\Gamma, x : \alpha \vdash x : \alpha} (\Lambda x)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : \alpha \vdash U : \beta}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x \cdot U : \alpha \rightarrow \beta} (\rightarrow I)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash U : \alpha \rightarrow \beta \quad \Gamma \vdash V : \alpha}{\Gamma \vdash U V : \beta} (\rightarrow E)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash U : \perp}{\Gamma \vdash \varepsilon(U) : \alpha} (\perp E)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash U : \alpha \quad \Gamma \vdash V : \beta}{\Gamma \vdash (U, V) : \alpha \times \beta} (x I)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash U : \alpha \times \beta}{\Gamma \vdash \Pi_1 U : \alpha} (x E_L)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash U : \alpha \times \beta}{\Gamma \vdash \Pi_2 U : \beta} (x E_R)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash U : \alpha}{\Gamma \vdash \text{inj}_1(U) : \alpha + \beta} (+ I_1)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash U : \alpha + \beta \quad \Gamma, x_1 : \alpha \vdash V_1 : \gamma \quad \Gamma, x_2 : \beta \vdash V_2 : \gamma}{\Gamma \vdash \text{case } U \text{ of } V_1[x_1] \text{ or } V_2[x_2] (+ E)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash U : \beta}{\Gamma \vdash \text{inj}_2(U) : \alpha + \beta} (+ I_2)$$

$$\Gamma \vdash \text{case } U \text{ of } V_1[x_1] \text{ or } V_2[x_2]$$

# NORMALIZATION of EXTENDED $\lambda$ -TERMS

$$(\lambda x. u) v \xrightarrow{\beta} u[x \mapsto v]$$

$$\pi_1(u, v) \xrightarrow{\beta} u$$

$$\pi_2(u, v) \xrightarrow{\beta} v$$

Case  $\text{im}_{\pi_1}(u) \not\models V_1[x_1] \text{ or } V_2[x_2] \xrightarrow{\beta} V_1[x_1 \mapsto u]$

Case  $\text{im}_{\pi_2}(u) \not\models V_1[x_1] \text{ or } V_2[x_2] \xrightarrow{\beta} V_2[x_2 \mapsto u]$

# DISJUNCTION PROPERTY for IPL

Theorem:  $\Gamma \vdash_{\text{ND}} \varphi \vee \psi$  implies  $\Gamma \vdash_{\text{ND}} \varphi$  or  $\Gamma \vdash_{\text{ND}} \psi$

Proof omitted (follows from the existence of normal proofs).

Clearly fails for classical logic:

$\vdash_{\text{H}} P \vee \neg P$  but neither  $\vdash_{\text{H}} P$  nor  $\vdash \neg P$ .

# TAUTOLOGY for IPL is PSPACE-complete

intuitionistic propositional logic

c.f. so NP-completeness  
for classical logic.

PSPACE-hardness: Reduction from QBF ∈ PSPACE-hard [Statman'79].  
(in fact, PSPACE-complete)

$$\begin{array}{c} \forall p \exists q \cdot \varphi \\ \underbrace{\quad\quad\quad}_{x_0} \\ \underbrace{\quad\quad\quad}_{x_1} \\ \underbrace{\quad\quad\quad}_{x_2} \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{becomes}} \begin{array}{c} (x_0 \leftrightarrow \neg \varphi) \rightarrow (x_1 \leftrightarrow ((q \rightarrow x_0) \vee (\neg q \rightarrow x_0))) \rightarrow (x_2 \leftrightarrow ((p \vee \neg p) \rightarrow x_1)) \rightarrow x_2 \\ \varphi \\ \exists q \\ \forall p \end{array}$$

PSPACE-membership (Bem Yelles - Wajsberg algorithm):  $\Gamma \vdash_{\text{ND}} \varphi ?$

$\varphi \in \{P, \perp\}$ : choose  $\varphi_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \varphi_m \rightarrow \varphi \in \Gamma$ , check  $\Gamma \vdash \varphi_1$  and ...  $\Gamma \vdash \varphi_m$ .

$\varphi \equiv \psi \wedge \theta$ : check  $\Gamma \vdash \psi$  and  $\Gamma \vdash \theta$ .

$\varphi \equiv \psi \vee \theta$ : check  $\Gamma \vdash \psi$  or  $\Gamma \vdash \theta$   
(by the disjunction property)

$\varphi \equiv \psi \rightarrow \theta$ : check  $\Gamma, \psi \vdash \theta$ .

Alternating = PSPACE  
APTIME algorithm:  
- existential choice.  
- universal choice.  
- quadratic recursion depth.

# NATURAL DEDUCTION for CLASSICAL LOGIC

Additional rule:  $\frac{\Gamma, \neg\varphi \vdash \perp}{\Gamma \vdash \varphi}$  (C) (proof by contradiction)

provable in  
Hilbert's proof system

provable  
in natural deduction

THEOREM.  $\Gamma \vdash_H \varphi$  iff  $\Gamma \vdash_{ND} \varphi$

double negation  
 $\neg\neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi$

Proof of " $\Rightarrow$ ": We showed A<sub>1</sub>, A<sub>2</sub> are derivable in ND. ↓  
MP is ( $\rightarrow E$ ). It remains to derive A<sub>3</sub> (next slide).

Proof of " $\Leftarrow$ ": It suffices to show that ND rules are sound  
(they preserve the semantics):

$\Gamma \vdash_{ND} \varphi$  implies  $\Gamma \models \varphi$ .

Conclude by completeness of  $\vdash_H$  wrt  $\models$ .

# PROOF of A3

in natural deduction

$$\frac{\text{(Ax)}}{\Gamma_2 \vdash (\neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi) \rightarrow \perp} \quad \frac{\text{(Ax)} \quad \Gamma_2 \vdash (\neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi) \rightarrow \perp}{\Gamma_2 \vdash \neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi} \quad \frac{\Gamma_2 \vdash \neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi}{\Gamma_2 \vdash \neg\neg\varphi \vdash \varphi} \quad \begin{array}{c} (\rightarrow I) \\ (\rightarrow E) \end{array}$$

$$\frac{\text{(Ax)}}{\Gamma_1 \vdash \neg\varphi \rightarrow \perp} \quad \frac{\text{(Ax)} \quad \Gamma_1 \vdash \neg\varphi \rightarrow \perp}{\Gamma_1 \vdash \neg\varphi} \quad \frac{\Gamma_1 \vdash \neg\varphi}{\Gamma_1 \vdash \perp} \quad \begin{array}{c} (\rightarrow I) \\ (\rightarrow E) \end{array}$$

$$\frac{\text{(Ax)}}{\Gamma_0 \vdash (\neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi) \rightarrow \perp} \quad \frac{\text{(Ax)} \quad \Gamma_0 \vdash (\neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi) \rightarrow \perp}{\Gamma_0 \vdash \neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi} \quad \frac{\Gamma_0 \vdash \neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi}{\Gamma_0 \vdash \neg(\neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi) \vdash \perp} \quad \begin{array}{c} (\rightarrow I) \\ (\rightarrow E) \end{array}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma_0 \vdash \neg(\neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi) \vdash \perp}{\vdash \neg\neg\varphi \rightarrow \varphi} \quad \boxed{\text{A3}} \quad \begin{array}{c} (\Leftrightarrow) \\ \text{the only non-intuitionistic step} \end{array}$$

this proof is  
intuitionistically  
valid

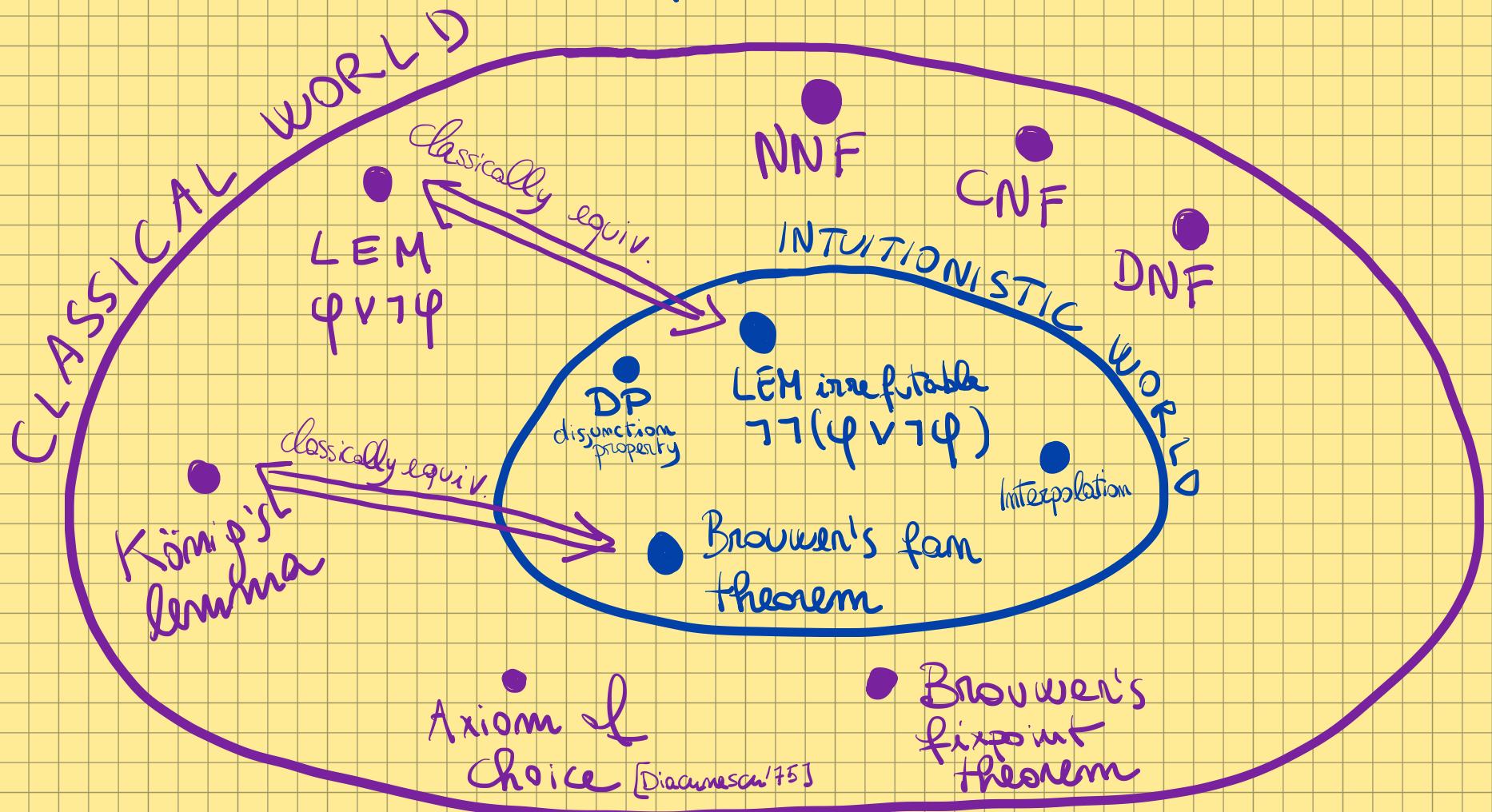
# GLIVENKO'S THEOREM 1929 for propositional logic

Double-negation encoding of classical propositional logic into intuitionistic propositional logic:

$\varphi$  is a classical propositional Tautology iff  $\neg\neg\varphi$  is an intuitionistic propositional tautology

# CLASSICAL vs INTUITIONISTIC logic

- intuitionistic logic is a conservative extension of classical logic:  $\Gamma \vdash_{\text{ND}} \varphi$  implies  $\Gamma \vdash_{\text{I}} \varphi$ .



# MODELS for Intuitionistic Propositional Logic

- The primary focus in intuitionistic logic is **proof**.
  - Models exist, but come as an afterthought.
  - Examples:
    - Heyting algebras
    - Kripke structures
    - Topological models
    - Cartesian-closed categories
- One can prove a corresponding completeness result, i.e.,  
 $\vdash \models \varphi \Rightarrow \vdash_{\text{Heyting}} \varphi$ ,  
but only classical proofs are known\*!

\* The one more complex models for which an intuitionistic proof of completeness is known [Veltman '76]

# RIEGER-NISHIMURA lattice for 1-IPL

Fix a single propositional variable  $P$ .

$$\varphi_0 \equiv P \wedge \neg P \text{ (equivalent to } \perp\text{)}$$

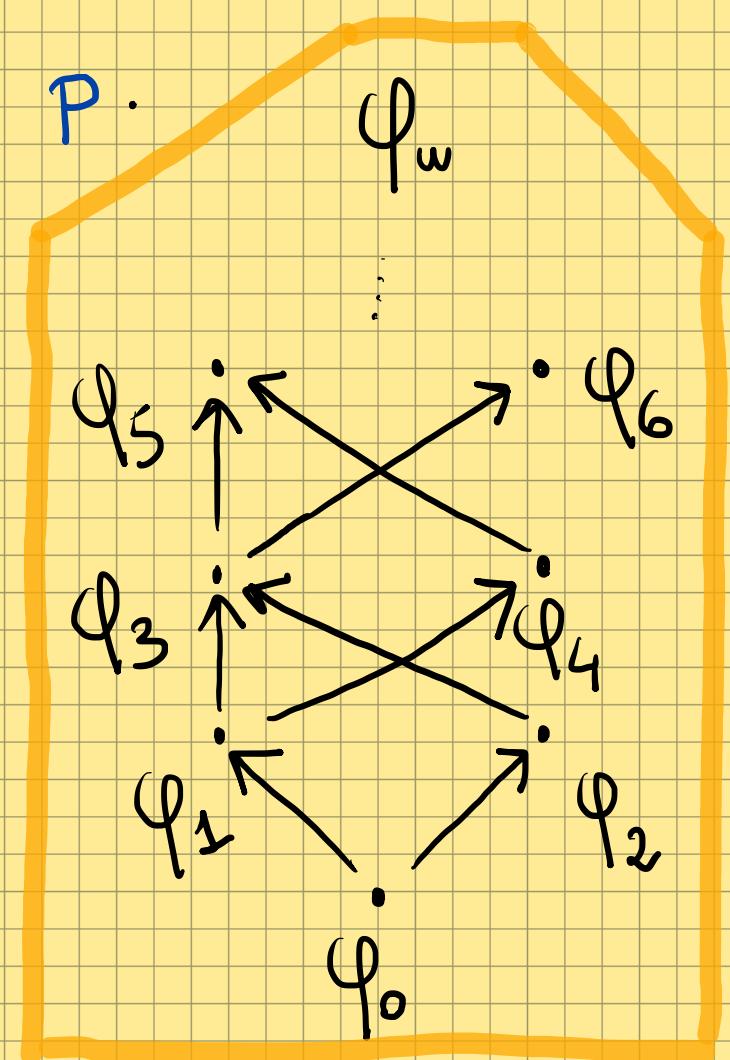
$$\varphi_1 \equiv P$$

$$\varphi_2 \equiv \neg P$$

$$\varphi_{2m+3} \equiv \varphi_{2m+1} \vee \varphi_{2m+2}$$

$$\varphi_{2m+4} \equiv \varphi_{2m+3} \rightarrow \varphi_{2m+1}$$

$$\varphi_\omega \equiv P \rightarrow P$$



- 1) Infinitely many inequivalent formulas over  $P$ .
- 2) Every  $\varphi$  over  $P$  is equivalent to some  $\varphi_n$ .