

$$(p \rightarrow q \rightarrow r) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow p \rightarrow r$$

1.	$p \rightarrow q \rightarrow r$	assumption
2.	$p \rightarrow q$	assumption
3.	$p$	assumption
4.	$q$	MP 2,3
5.	$q \rightarrow r$	MP 3,1
6.	$r$	MP 5,4
7.	$p \rightarrow r$	$\rightarrow$ i 3-6
8.	$(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow p \rightarrow r$	$\rightarrow$ i 2-7
9.	$(p \rightarrow q \rightarrow r) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow p \rightarrow r$	$\rightarrow$ i 1-8

# Propositional Logic: Proofs and Truth

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$$\frac{A \wedge B}{A} \wedge e1$$

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$$\frac{A \rightarrow B \quad A}{B} \rightarrow e \text{ (MP)}$$

$$\frac{\boxed{\begin{array}{c} A \\ \vdots \\ \perp \end{array}}}{\neg A} \neg i$$

$$\frac{\neg A \quad A}{\perp} \neg e$$

$$\frac{}{\top} \top i$$

$$\frac{\perp}{A} \perp e$$

# Prove

$$\vdash \neg(p \wedge \neg q)$$

$$\vdash p \rightarrow \neg \neg q$$

$$p \rightarrow q, \neg q \vdash \neg p$$

$$\neg p \vee q \vdash p \rightarrow q$$

If  $x \in (S \cup T) \cap U$   
then  $x \in (S \cap U) \cup (T \cap U)$ .

Express in terms of  $x \in S$  and  $x \in T$  and  $x \in U$

Natural Deduction Proof?

Assume  $x \in (S \cup T) \cap U$ , so that  $x \in (S \cup T)$  and  $x \in U$ .

If  $x \in S$ , then  $x \in S \cap U$ , and hence  $x \in (S \cap U) \cup (T \cap U)$ .

The other case is similar. QED.

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# Nonconstructive Proof

(repeated in the textbook)

Even the Greeks knew that  $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational.

Consider  $\sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}}$ . Either it's rational, or it's not.

- If it is rational, we're done (with  $a = b = \sqrt{2}$ ).
- If it's irrational, we're done (with  $a = \sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}}$ ,  $b = \sqrt{2}$ ).

In either case, one can find irrational  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $a^b$  is rational

QED.

# Constructive Proof

(not in the textbook)

Put  $a := \sqrt{2} = 2^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . It's still irrational.

Put  $b := \log_2 9 = 2 \log_2 3$ . It's irrational too.

But  $a^b = (2^{\frac{1}{2}})^{2 \log_2 3} = 2^{\left(\frac{1}{2} \times 2 \log_2 3\right)} = 2^{\log_2 3} = 3$ .

QED.

# Classical Propositional Logic

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$$\frac{}{A \vee \neg A} \text{LEM}$$

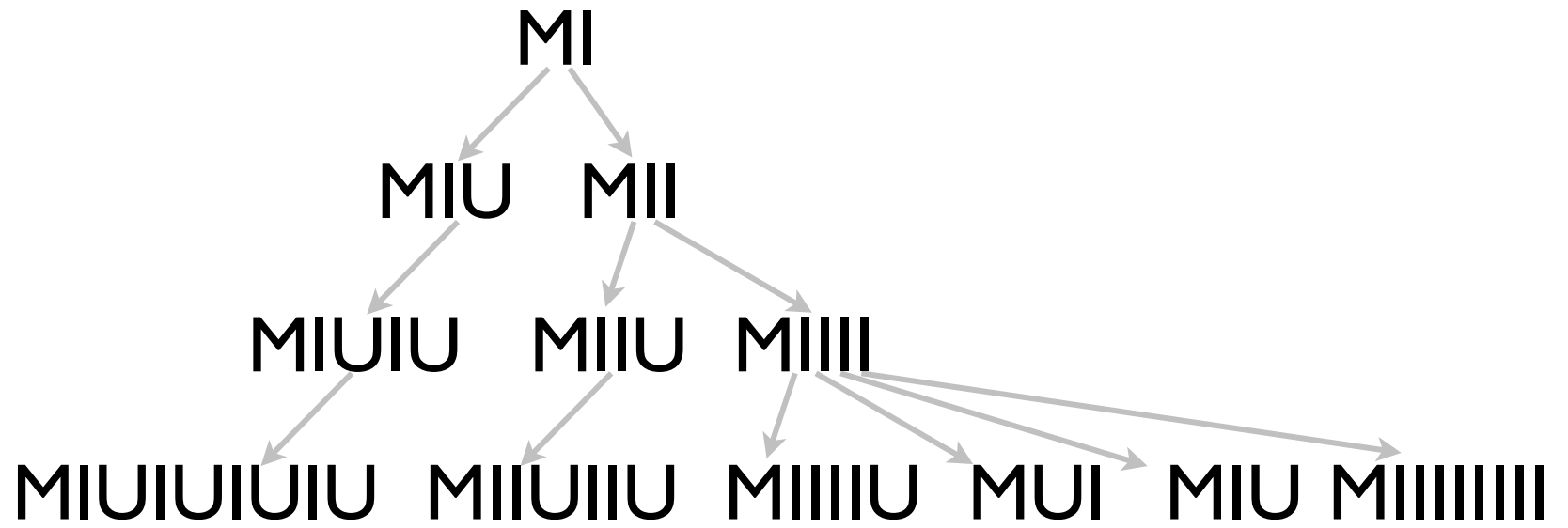
# Prove

$$p \rightarrow q \vdash \neg q \vee q$$
$$\neg \neg q \rightarrow q$$

# Semantics of Natural Deduction

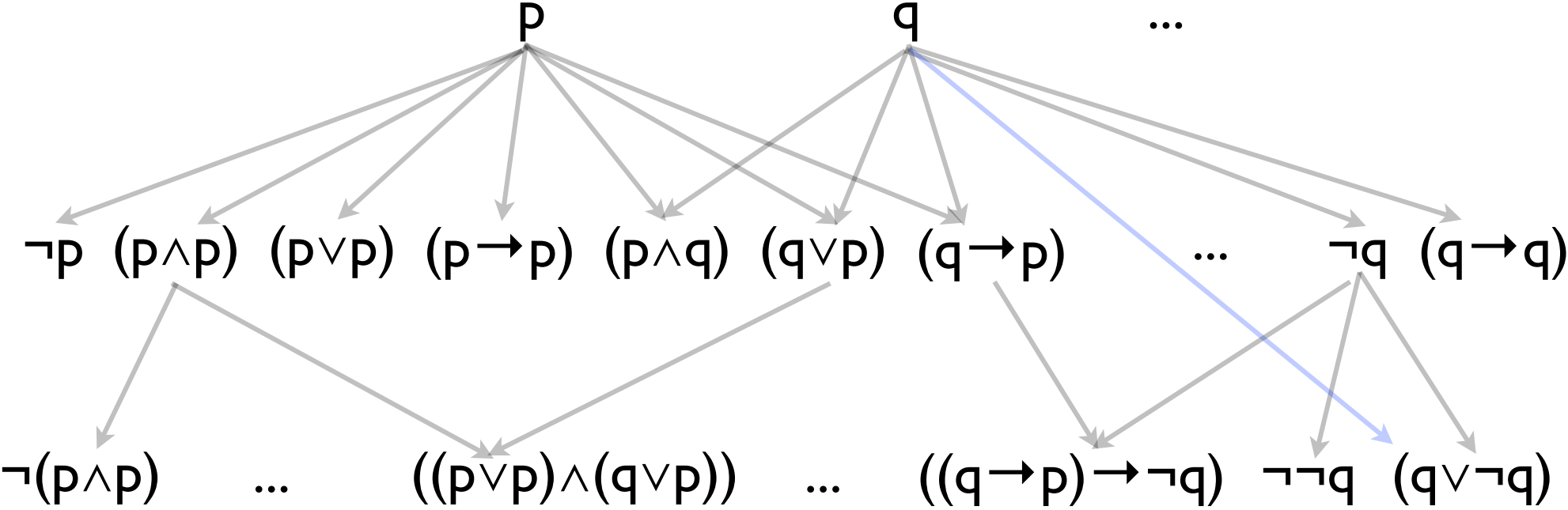
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# MIU System



...etc...

# Example: Propositional Formulas



...etc...

# Natural Deduction Rules

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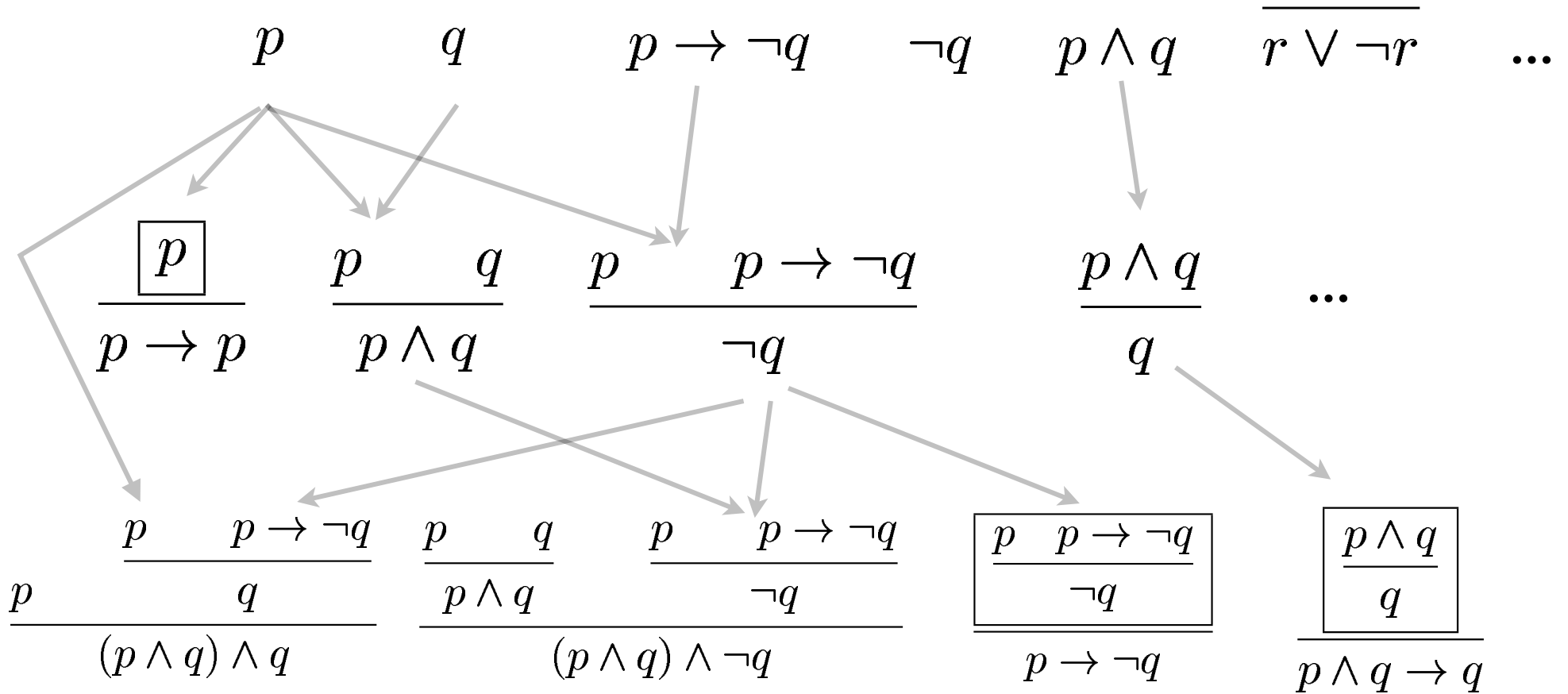
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# Proofs with Assumptions



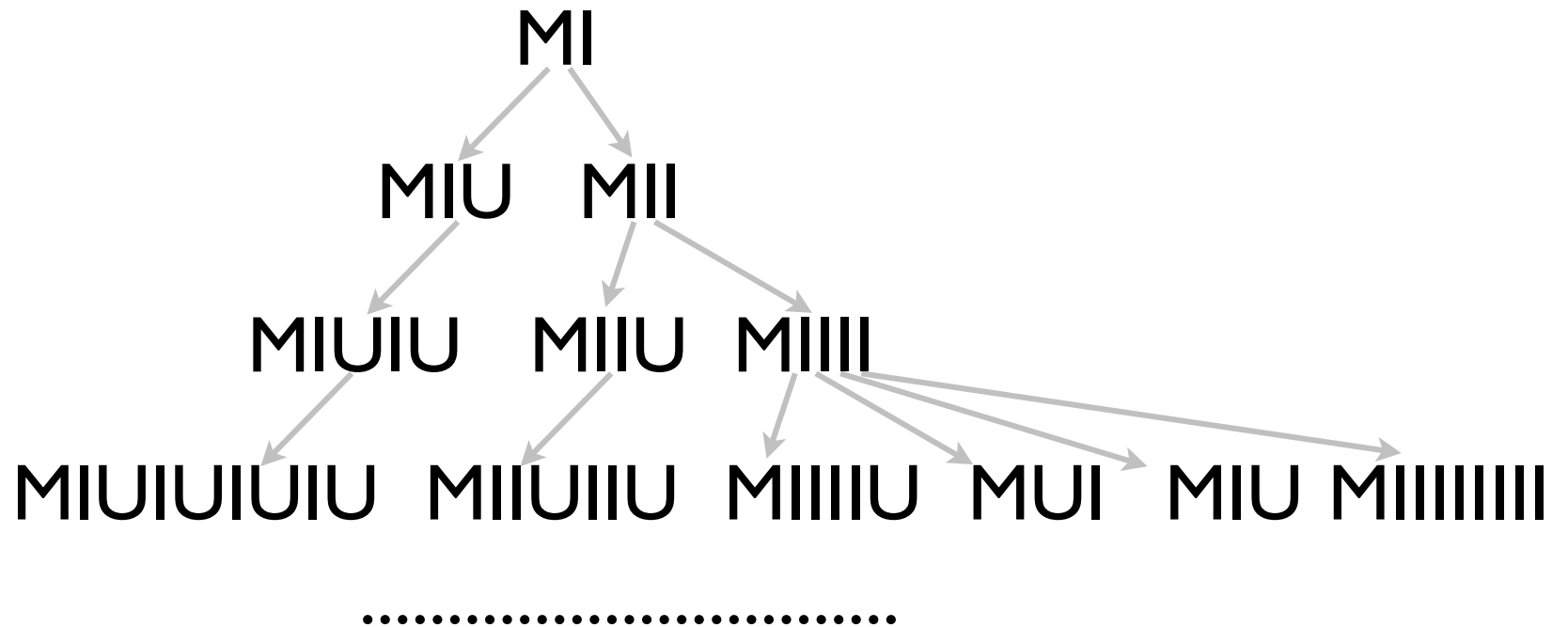
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# Syntax vs. Semantics

We can always do “symbol manipulation”

But is there any meaning to our rules?

# MIU System



# Hofstadter's pq- System

Axiom Scheme (For any nonempty string of hyphens  $x$ ):

$$\vdash xp-qx-$$

Rule of Inference (For hyphen strings  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ ):

$$\text{If } \vdash xpyqz \text{ then } \vdash xpy-qz-$$

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# Meanings of the Connectives

A	$\neg A$
T	F
F	T

$\perp$	T
F	T

A	B	$A \wedge B$
F	F	F
F	T	F
T	F	F
T	T	T

A	B	$A \vee B$
F	F	F
F	T	T
T	F	T
T	T	T

A	B	$A \rightarrow B$
F	F	T
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T	F	F
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So: what is the meaning of “ $(p \rightarrow (\neg p \wedge q))$ ” ?

# Valuations/Models

$$v: \{ p, q, r, \dots \} \rightarrow \{T, F\}.$$

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E.g.,  $v_1(p) = T, v_1(q) = F, v_1(r) = T, \dots$

or  $v_2(p) = F, v_2(q) = F, v_2(r) = F, \dots$

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By “abuse of notation” I write

$$v(A)$$

to denote the *meaning* of a formula  $A$ .

# Satisfiability

A formula is satisfiable if *some* valuation makes it true.

A formula is unsatisfiable if *no* valuation makes it true.

A formula is a tautology if *all* valuations make it true.

Equivalently, if its negation is ...

# Semantic Entailment

$$B, C, D \models A$$

Whenever B, C, and D are true, so is A.

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Every valuation that makes B, C, and D true also makes A true. (Other valuations might not)

# Truth vs. Provability

A is true if B & C & D are:

A is provable if B & C & D are:

$$B, C, D \models A$$

$$B, C, D \vdash A$$

Soundness: Provability implies Truth

Completeness: Truth implies Provability

So, if it's not true, don't try to prove it!