

# Class 5: Semantics in TFL

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PHILOSOPHY 201: INTRODUCTION TO LOGIC  
WITH ZEE PERRY

# First, some admin

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Continue to use this website to access the book & syllabi:

- [www.zrperry.com/logic201-spring2020](http://www.zrperry.com/logic201-spring2020)

This site will *also* be populated with:

- PDF versions of the slides from previous classes (for review or as a supplemental source when studying)
- Future homework assignments.

# This week's HOMEWORK:

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## Chapter 10

- Question Block "A", question 2 plus all the **odd** questions
- Question Block "B", questions 2 and 4
- Question Block "C", questions 1, 2, and 3
- Question Block "D", question 4

Due TODAY, either *in-class* or emailed *immediately!*

# By the way:

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Next class is our first MIDTERM exam (quiz)

- It will test all the material we've covered so far
- It will consist of questions similar to the assigned homework questions.
- You will be able to bring ONE single-paper\* "cheat sheet" that you can write whatever you want on.
  - Otherwise it is closed book/notes.



Block “A”, question 2 plus all the odd questions!

2

$(C \rightarrow \neg C)$			
$C$	$\rightarrow$	$\neg$	$C$
T	F	F	T
F	T	T	F

3

$((A \leftrightarrow B) \leftrightarrow \neg(A \leftrightarrow \neg B))$									
$(A$	$\leftrightarrow$	$B)$	$\leftrightarrow$	$\neg$	$(A$	$\leftrightarrow$	$\neg$	$B)$	
T	T	T	T	T	T	F	F	T	
F	F	T	T	F	F	T	F	T	
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$((A \wedge B) \wedge \neg (A \wedge B)) \wedge C$									
$[(A$	$\wedge$	$B)$	$\wedge$	$\neg$	$(A$	$\wedge$	$B)]$	$\wedge$	$C$
T	T	T	F	F	T	T	T	F	T
F	F	T	F	T	F	F	T	F	T
T	F	F	F	T	T	F	F	F	T
F	F	F	F	T	F	F	F	F	T
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$\neg [(C \vee A) \vee B]$					
$\neg$	$[(C$	$\vee$	$A)$	$\vee$	$B]$
F	T	T	T	T	T
F	T	T	F	T	T
F	T	T	T	T	F
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1

$$\neg((S \leftrightarrow (P \rightarrow S)))$$

$\neg$	$((S$	$\leftrightarrow$	$(P$	$\rightarrow$	$S))$
F	T	T	T	T	T
F	F	T	T	F	F
F	T	T	F	T	T
T	F	F	F	T	F

2

$$\neg((X \wedge Y) \vee (X \vee Y))$$

$\neg$	$((X$	$\wedge$	$Y)$	$\vee$	$(X$	$\vee$	$Y))$
F	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
F	F	F	T	T	F	T	T
F	T	F	F	T	T	T	F
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# Block "C", Question Block "C", question 3

$$\neg((A \rightarrow B) \leftrightarrow (\neg B \leftrightarrow \neg A))$$

$\neg$	$((A$	$\rightarrow$	$B)$	$\leftrightarrow$	$(\neg$	$B$	$\leftrightarrow$	$\neg$	$A))$
F	T	T	T	T	F	T	T	F	T
T	F	T	T	F	F	T	F	T	F
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# This week's HOMEWORK:

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Question Block "D", question 4

$$((D \wedge R) \rightarrow I) \rightarrow \neg(D \vee R)$$

Block "D"

$((D$	$\wedge$	$R)$	$\rightarrow$	$I)$	$\rightarrow$	$\neg$	$(D$	$\vee$	$R)$
T	T	T	T	T	F	F	T	T	T
F	F	T	T	T	F	F	F	T	T
T	F	F	T	T	F	F	T	T	F
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Question 4

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T	T	T	T	T
F	F	F	T	T
T	T	T	T	F
F	F	F	F	F

# Finally, we can get *precise* about: Entailment and Validity

The sentences, " $\mathcal{A}_1$ " " $\mathcal{A}_2$ ", ..., " $\mathcal{A}_n$ " **Entail** (in TFL) the sentence " $\mathcal{B}$ " if there is no single valuation that makes all of " $\mathcal{A}_1$ " " $\mathcal{A}_2$ ", ..., " $\mathcal{A}_n$ " true and makes " $\mathcal{B}$ " false.

If " $\mathcal{A}_1$ " " $\mathcal{A}_2$ ", ..., " $\mathcal{A}_n$ " entail " $\mathcal{B}$ ", then the argument:

1.  $\mathcal{A}_1$

2.  $\mathcal{A}_2$

.....

n.  $\mathcal{A}_n$

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c.  $\mathcal{B}$

is **VALID!**

(premises)

$\neg P$	
$\neg$	$P$
F	T
T	F
F	T
T	F

$(P \vee Q)$

$P$	$\vee$	$Q$
T	T	T
F	T	T
T	T	F
F	F	F

(conclusion)

$Q$
T
T
F
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$\neg$	$P$
F	T
T	F
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$(P \rightarrow Q)$

$P$	$\rightarrow$	$Q$
T	T	T
F	T	T
T	F	F
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(conclusion)

$Q$
Q
T
T
F
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Let's introduce a New SYMBOL  
for an OLD language (specifically, English)

Double turnstile: '⊨'

- So-called because it looks like a turnstile you'd see on a subway platform, an amusement park, a stadium, etc.
- Except that it's "double" because it's got *two* little bars sticking out the side instead of one.

The double turnstile is  
**NOT** a symbol in TFL!!

It's a symbol of English! Or, a symbol that we're *adding to* English to make it easier for us to **talk about logic**.

$(A \wedge \neg A)$			
$A$	$\wedge$	$\neg$	$A$
<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>T</b>
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The double-turnstile is a simple way for us to write down statements about **entailment**:

So:

$$"P \vee C, \neg P, Q \vDash C"$$

Stands for:

"The sentences ' $P \vee C$ ', ' $\neg P$ ', and ' $Q$ ' **entail** ' $C$ '."

which, as we just discussed, also means:

"The argument with premises: ' $P \vee C$ ', ' $\neg P$ ', and ' $Q$ ', and conclusion ' $C$ ' is **valid**."

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