

# Class 12 - Soundness and Completeness of TFL

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Let's do some logic!

No  
HW

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Quizlet

# Core Rules of Natural Deduction for TFL

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**Logically Equivalent:** These sentences always have the *same* truth-value for each row of their shared truth-table.

**Logically Inconsistent:** There's no row of their shared truth table where both sentences are true.

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**NOTE:** It is not a guarantee that these notions would line up. The proof theory and the semantics are completely detached from each other, and so we shouldn't expect this question to have an easy, simplistic answer.

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**Recall:** we defined sentences by saying:

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**second**, that anything you produce by correctly applying a connective to a (pair of) sentence(s) of TFL produces a new sentence of TFL.

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But, then, if  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  are two previous lines the the proof, then the truth-table will just be an expansion of the truth-table for  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} \vdash \mathcal{A} \wedge \mathcal{B}$ , which we’ve already shown is  $\text{VALID}_{\vDash}$