

The Logic Book Definitions

Arguments, Validity, Soundness

An *argument* is a set of two or more sentences one of which is designated as the conclusion and the others as the premises.

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An argument is *deductively valid* if and only if it is not possible for the premises to be true and the conclusion false. An argument is *deductively invalid* if and only if it is not deductively valid.

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An argument is *deductively sound* if and only if it deductively valid and the premises are true. An argument is *deductively unsound* if and only if it is not deductively sound.

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Logical Truth, Falsehood, Consistency and Equivalence

A set of sentences is *logically consistent* if and only if it is possible for all the members of the set to be true. A set of sentences is *logically inconsistent* if and only if it is not logically consistent.

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A sentence is *logically true* if and only if it is not possible for the sentence to be false.

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A sentence is *logically false* if and only if it is not possible for the sentence to be true.

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A sentence is *logically indeterminate* if and only if it is neither logically true nor logically false.

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The members of a pair of sentences are *logically equivalent* if and only if it is not possible for one of the sentences to be true while the other is false.

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