

Tauts

- Tautology
- Tautological equivalence
- Tautological consequence

Explanation based on Truth Tables

- Tautology:
Only has T's under main connective
- Tautological equivalence:
Two sentences have the same truth values in a truth table
- Tautological consequence:
Q is a tautological consequence of P, if Q has a T wherever P has one.

Logs

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Logical equivalence

- If tautological equivalent then logically equivalent.
- Reverse not necessarily true, consider:

$$a = b \wedge \text{Cube}(a)$$

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$a = b$	$\text{Cube}(a)$	$\text{Cube}(b)$	$a = b \wedge \text{Cube}(a)$	$a = b \wedge \text{Cube}(b)$
T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	T	F
T	F	T	F	T
T	F	F	F	F

Proof

- Suppose: $a = b \wedge \text{Cube}(a)$ is true.
- Then both $a = b$ and $\text{Cube}(a)$ are true.
- By indiscernibility of identicals, we know that $\text{Cube}(b)$ is true.
- The truth of $a = b \wedge \text{Cube}(a)$ logically implies the truth of $a = b \wedge \text{Cube}(b)$
- The reverse holds as well.

Logical consequence

- Every tautological consequence is also a logical consequence.
- Reverse not necessarily true, consider:
 $a = c$ which is a logical consequence of
 $(a = b \wedge b = c)$
- There is a row in the TT in which $(a = b \wedge b = c)$ is T but in which $a = c$ is F
- This row does not respect the meanings of the atomic sentences

Logical truth

- Every tautology is a logical truth.
- Reverse is not necessarily true, consider:
$$\neg(\text{Larger}(a,b) \wedge \text{Larger}(b,a))$$
- Sentence cannot possibly be false.
- However, there is an F in the truth table for it.

Two more definitions

- **Logically possible.** Anything that can be true on logical grounds.

Example: Going faster than the speed of light.

- **Logically necessary.** If it is true in every logically possible circumstance.

Examples: Any tautology. Any sentence that can be proven with no premises at all.

- **Logically necessary** and **Logical truth** are equivalent.

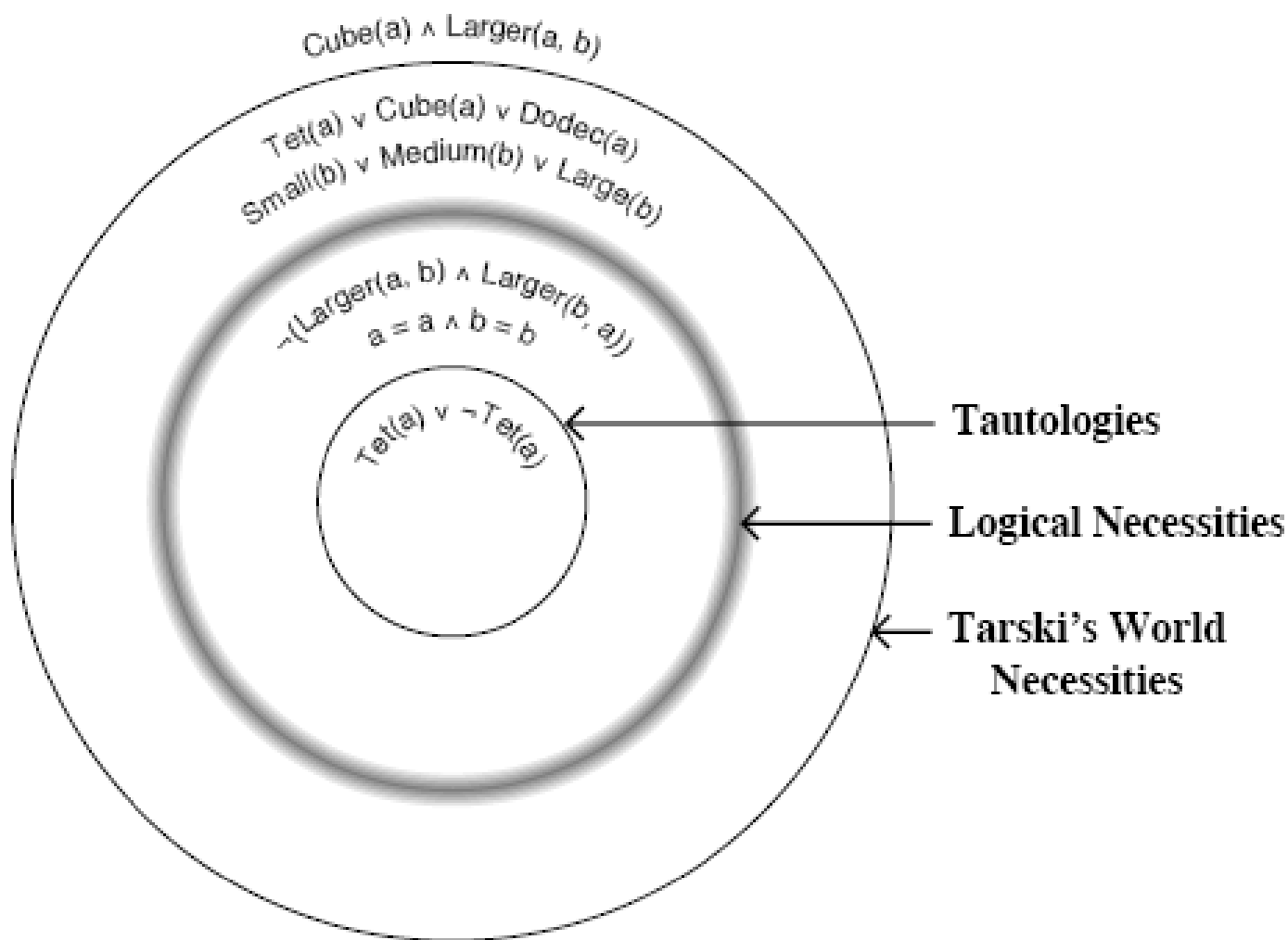


Figure 4.1: The relation between tautologies, logical truths, and TW-necessities.