# CS:4350 Logic in Computer Science

#### Semantic Tableaux

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#### **Credits**

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#### **Outline**

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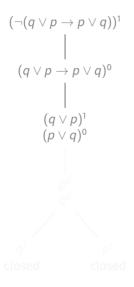
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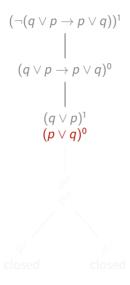
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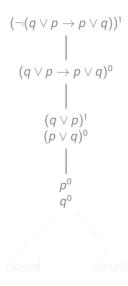
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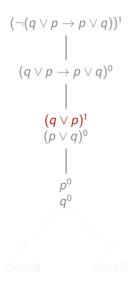
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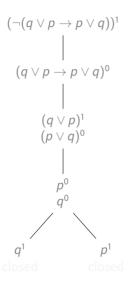
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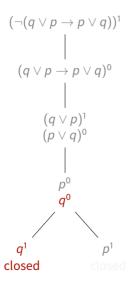
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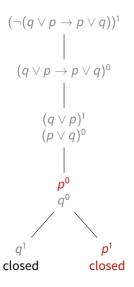
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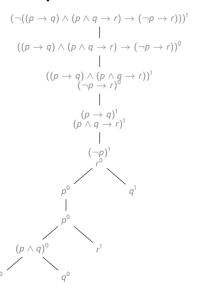
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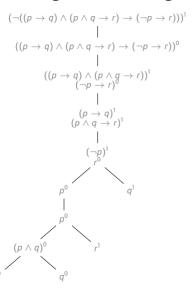
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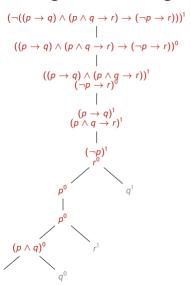
The leftmost branch is complete (nothing new can be added)



Build a complete branch

Select the signed atoms on it

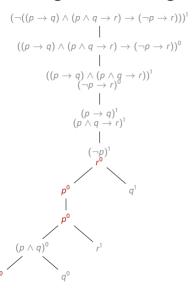
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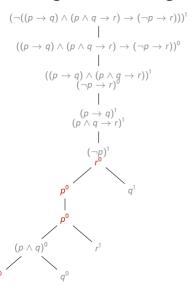
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