

# PUZZLE

You meet A and B in the land of knights and knaves.

A says “I am a knight if and only if B is also a knight.”

B says “A and I are of different kinds.”

Who is what?

# BUILDING AND USING TRUTH TABLES

Monday, 3 February

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We will construct truth tables in Boole.

The screenshot shows the Boole software interface with a truth table for the logical expression  $\neg(P \wedge Q) \leftrightarrow \neg P \vee \neg Q$ . The table has the following structure:

Correct?	Complete?	Assessment	(none given)
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Red circles with numbers 1-4 highlight the following elements:

- 1: The logical expression  $\neg(P \wedge Q)$  in the header row.
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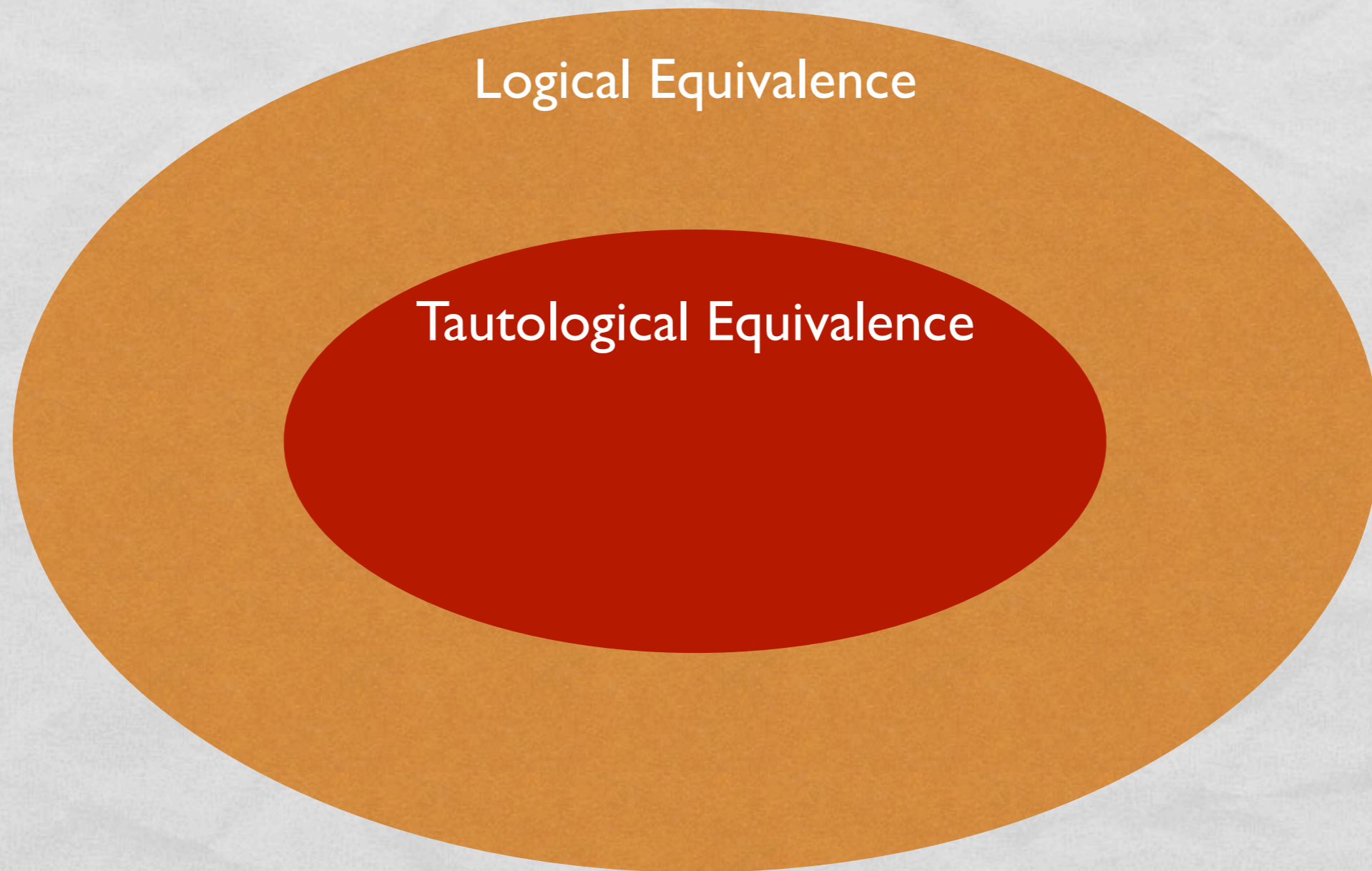
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- Tautological equivalence results simply from the meanings of the truth-functional connectives.  
(Ex: DeMorgan's Laws, double negation, contraposition)

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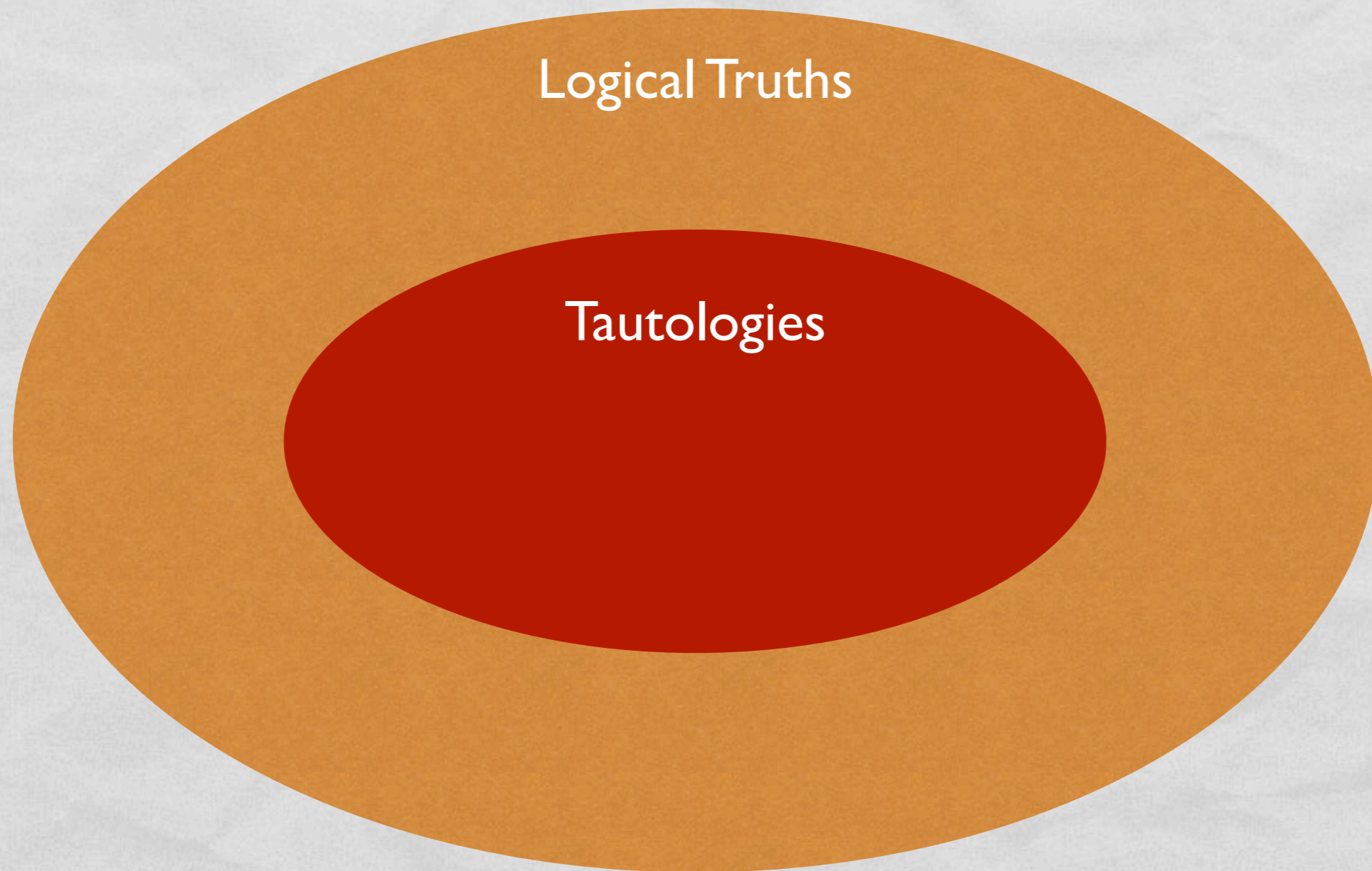
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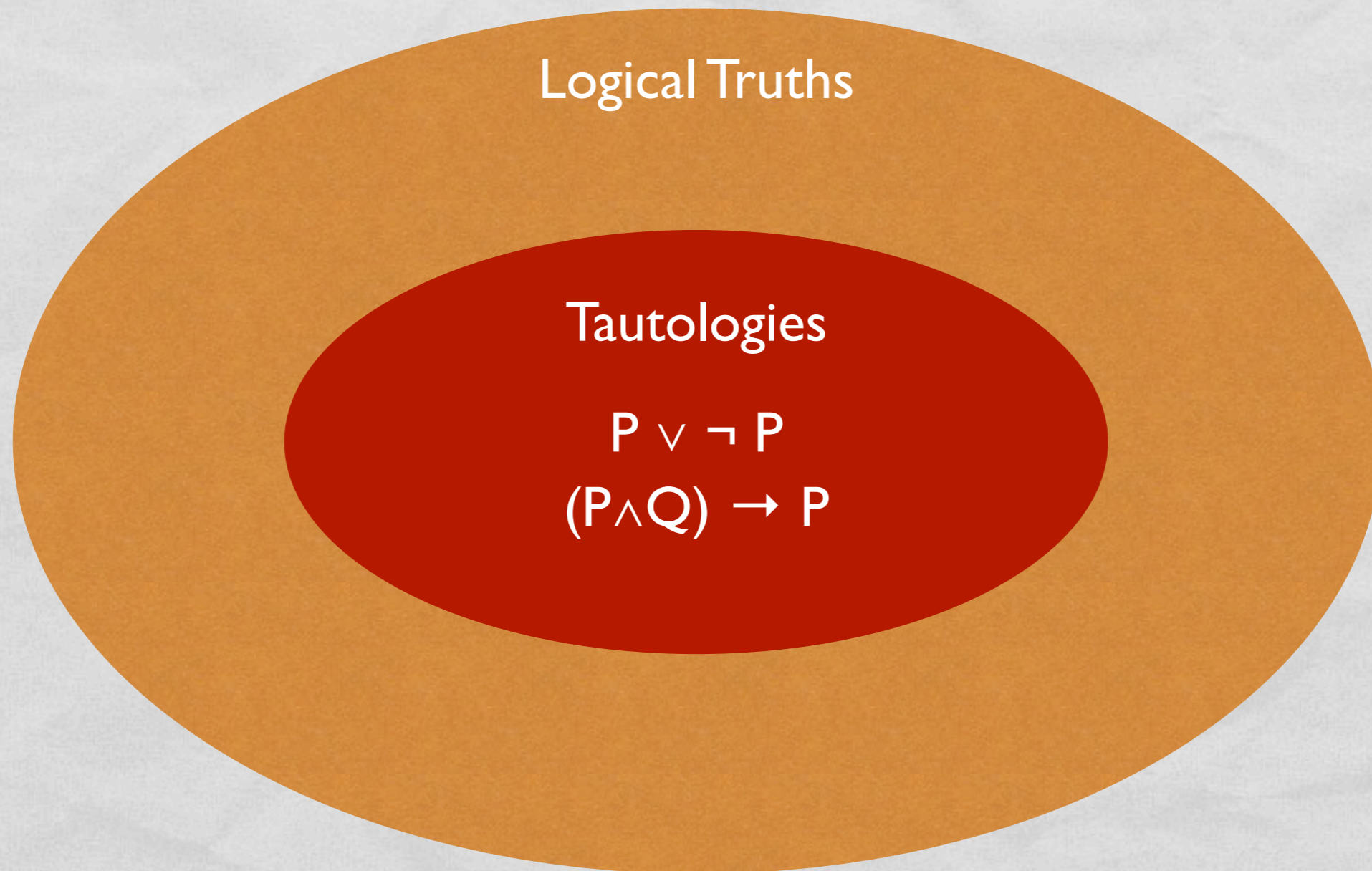
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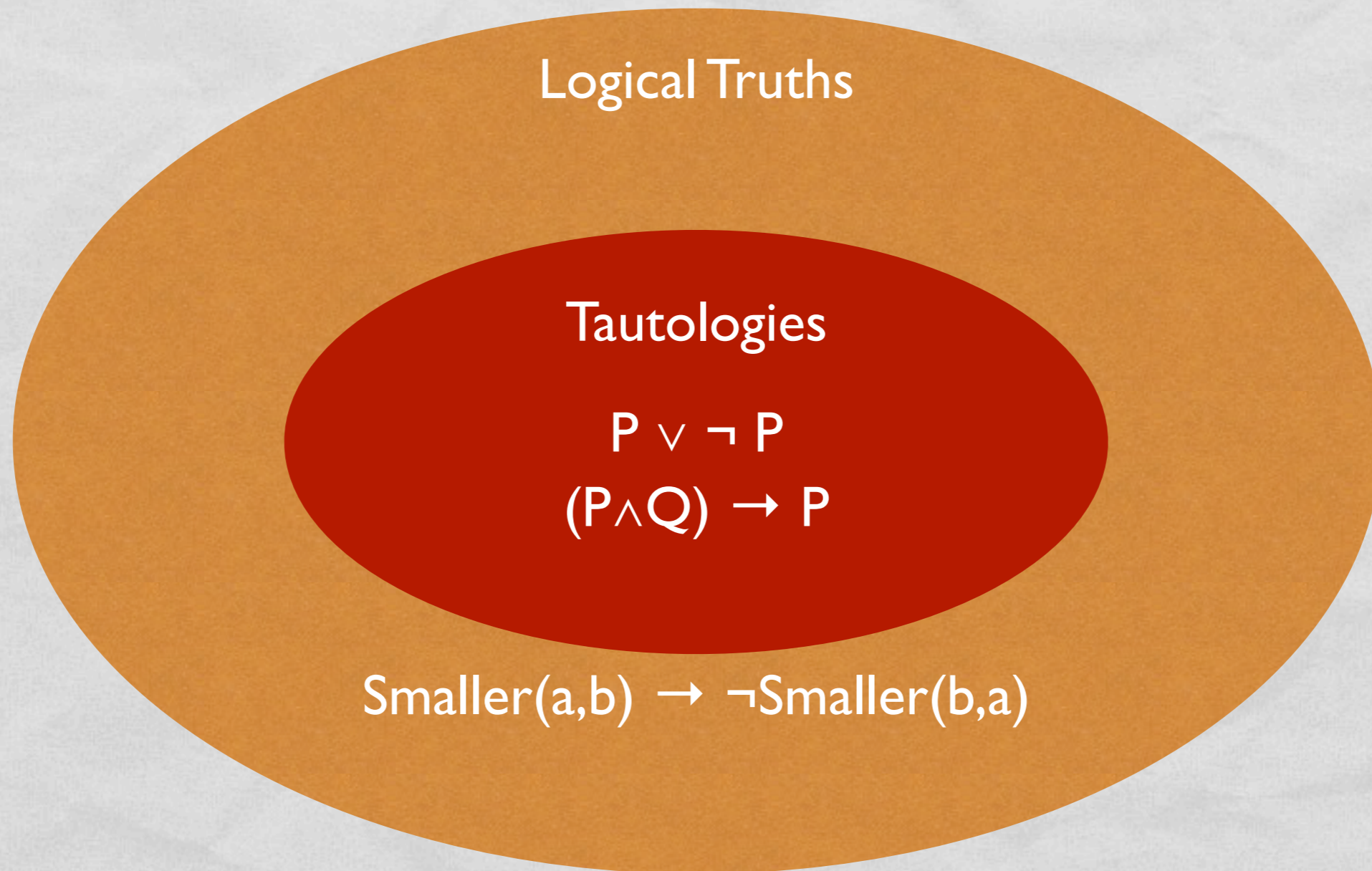
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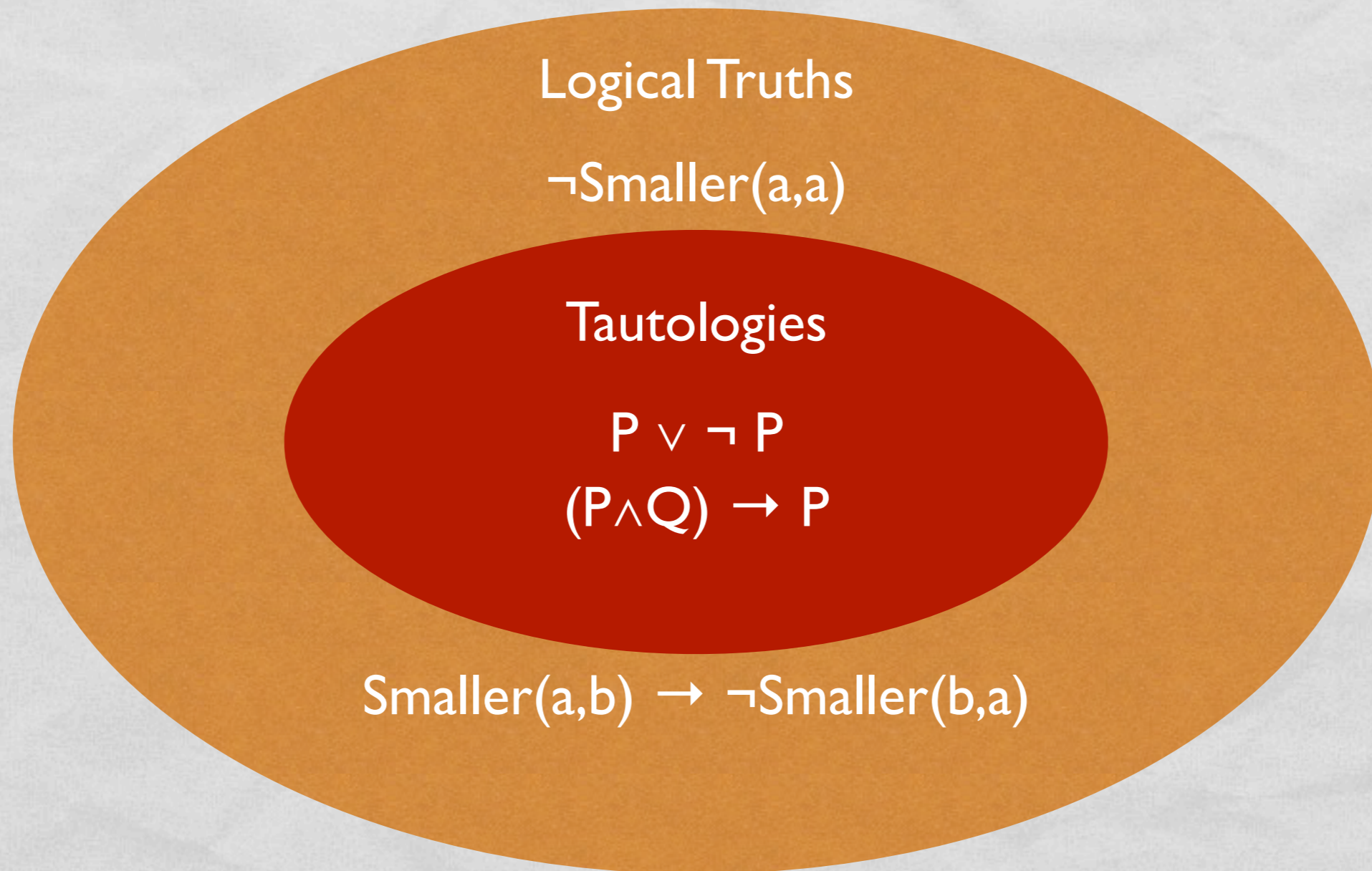
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3)  $\neg B \vee C$

4) Conclusion:  $C$

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