

### Three ways to show that P and Q are logically equivalent

- 1) Construct a truth table and show that in every line of P and Q that the truth values are the same (Proof by cases)
- 2) Construct a truth table and show that  $P \leftrightarrow Q$  is a tautology.
- 3) Apply known logical equivalence to transform both P and Q into X.

### DeMorgan's Law $\neg(p \vee q) \equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q$

P or Q is only false when both P and Q are false. Not enough to hand-wave, show with truth table. Values in the yellow columns are the same so they are logically equivalent:

P	Q	$(P \vee Q)$	$\neg(P \vee Q)$	$\neg P$	$\neg Q$	$\neg P \wedge \neg Q$
T	T	T	F	F	F	F
T	F	T	F	F	T	F
F	T	T	F	T	F	F
F	F	F	T	T	T	T

You should have these logical equivalences memorized. If the name is marked in green, you should know that as well.

<b>Double Negation</b>	$\neg \neg p \equiv p$	
<b>Identity</b>	$p \wedge \text{True} \equiv p$	$p \vee \text{False} \equiv p$
<b>Domination</b>	$p \wedge \text{False} \equiv \text{False}$	$p \vee \text{True} \equiv \text{True}$
<b>Negation</b>	$p \wedge \neg p \equiv \text{False}$	$p \vee \neg p \equiv \text{True}$
<b>Idempotent</b>	$p \wedge p \equiv p$	$p \vee p \equiv p$
<b>Commutative</b>	$p \wedge q \equiv q \wedge p$	$p \vee q \equiv q \vee p$
<b>Associative</b>	$(p \wedge q) \wedge r \equiv q \wedge (p \wedge r)$	$(p \vee q) \vee r \equiv q \vee (p \vee r)$
<b>Distributive</b>	$p \wedge (q \vee r) \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$	$p \vee (q \wedge r) \equiv (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$
<b>De Morgan's</b>	$\neg(p \wedge q) \equiv \neg p \vee \neg q$	$\neg(p \vee q) \equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q$

<b>Conditional</b>	$p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg p \vee q$
	$p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg q \rightarrow \neg p$
<b>Bi-Conditional</b>	$p \leftrightarrow q \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q)$
	$p \leftrightarrow q \equiv (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$

There are more equivalences in Tables 7 and 8 on page 28, but you don't strictly need them. You can always get replace the conditional with a formula that uses and/or/not and work from there. You should review those equivalences, as they might be helpful.

**Example Proof 1 :**  $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (p \rightarrow r) \equiv p \rightarrow (q \wedge r)$

We could use a truth table, but lets use a direct proof. Can work on one side or the other or both

**LHS:**  $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (p \rightarrow r)$

$$\equiv (\neg p \vee q) \wedge (\neg p \vee r) \quad (\text{by definition of implication})$$

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**RHS:**  $p \rightarrow (q \wedge r)$

$$\equiv (\neg p \vee (q \wedge r)) \quad (\text{by definition of implication})$$

$$\equiv (\neg p \vee q) \wedge (\neg p \vee r) \quad (\text{by distributive})$$

**Example Proof 2:**  $\neg(p \rightarrow q) \equiv p \wedge \neg q$

**LHS:**  $\neg(p \rightarrow q)$

$$\equiv \neg(\neg p \vee q) \quad (\text{by definition of implication})$$

$$\equiv (\neg \neg p \wedge \neg q) \quad (\text{by De Morgan's})$$

$$\equiv (p \wedge \neg q) \quad (\text{by Double negation})$$

**RHS:**  $p \wedge \neg q$

**Satisfiability:** Can I find some assignment of truth values to propositional variables that will make a proposition true?

**Example**

P: Paul has \$100  
 R: Ron has \$100  
 S: Sam has \$100  
 T: Ted has \$100

- 1) If Paul has \$100 then Ron has \$100  $P \rightarrow R$
- 2) Sam or Ted has \$100  $S \vee T$
- 3) If Ron has \$100 then Sam does not have \$100  $R \rightarrow \neg S$
- 4) Paul has \$100 iff Ted has \$100  $P \leftrightarrow T$

P	R	S	T	$P \rightarrow R$	$S \vee T$	$R \rightarrow \neg S$	$P \leftrightarrow T$	AND
T	T	T	T	T	T	F	T	
T	T	T	F	T	T	F	F	
T	T	F	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	F	T	F	T	F	
T	F	T	T	F	T	T	T	
T	F	T	F	F	T	T	F	
T	F	F	T	F	T	T	T	
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F	T	F	T	T	T	T	F	
F	T	F	F	T	F	T	T	
F	F	T	T	T	T	T	F	
F	F	T	F	T	T	T	T	T
F	F	F	T	T	T	T	F	
F	F	F	F	T	F	T	T	

(Blue markings just delineate chunks of four possibilities of our propositional variables.)

So this problem has two possible solutions

- 1) Paul, Ron and Ted have \$100 and Sam does not.
- 2) Paul, Ron and Ted do not have \$100 and Sam does

If we add the proposition: Sam does not have \$100, we end up with a single solution.