

# THE LAWS OF LOGIC:

1. Law of Double Negation: For any proposition  $p$ ,

$$(\neg \neg p) \Leftrightarrow p$$

2. Idempotent Law: For any proposition  $p$ ,

$$(a) \quad (p \vee p) \Leftrightarrow p$$

$$(b) \quad (p \wedge p) \Leftrightarrow p$$

3. Identity Law: For any proposition  $p$ ,

$$(a) \quad (p \vee F_0) \Leftrightarrow p$$

$$(b) \quad (p \wedge T_0) \Leftrightarrow p$$

4. Inverse Law: For any proposition  $p$ ,

$$(a) \quad (p \vee \neg p) \Leftrightarrow T_0$$

$$(b) \quad (p \wedge \neg p) \Leftrightarrow F_0$$

5. Domination Law: For any proposition  $p$ ,

$$(a) \quad (p \vee T_0) \Leftrightarrow T_0$$

$$(b) \quad (p \wedge F_0) \Leftrightarrow F_0$$

6. Commutative Law: For any Two propositions p and q,

$$(a) (p \vee q) \Leftrightarrow (q \vee p)$$

$$(b) (p \wedge q) \Leftrightarrow (q \wedge p)$$

7. Absorption Law: For any propositions p and q,

$$(a) [p \vee (p \wedge q)] \Leftrightarrow p$$

$$(b) [p \wedge (p \vee q)] \Leftrightarrow p$$

8. De-Morgan Law: For any propositions p and q,

$$(a) \neg (p \vee q) \Leftrightarrow \neg p \wedge \neg q$$

$$(b) \neg (p \wedge q) \Leftrightarrow \neg p \vee \neg q$$

9. Associative Law: For any Three propositions p, q, r,

$$(a) p \vee (q \vee r) \Leftrightarrow (p \vee q) \vee r$$

$$(b) p \wedge (q \wedge r) \Leftrightarrow (p \wedge q) \wedge r$$

10. Distributive Law: For any Three propositions p, q, r,

$$(a) p \vee (q \wedge r) \Leftrightarrow (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$$

$$(b) p \wedge (q \vee r) \Leftrightarrow (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$$

# Law for the Negation of a Conditional

Given a conditional  $p \rightarrow q$ , its negation is obtained by using the following law:

$$\neg (p \rightarrow q) \Leftrightarrow [p \wedge (\neg q)]$$

**Proof:** The following table gives the truth values of  $\neg (p \rightarrow q)$  and  $(p \wedge \neg q)$  for all possible truth values of  $p$  and  $q$ .

$p$	$q$	$p \rightarrow q$	$\neg (p \rightarrow q)$	$\neg q$	$p \wedge \neg q$
0	0	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	1	1
1	1	1	0	0	0

1. Let  $x$  be a specified number. Write down the negation of the following conditional:

"If  $x$  is an integer, then  $x$  is a rational number."

2. Let  $x$  be a specified number. Write down the negation of the following proposition:

"If  $x$  is not a real number, then it is not a rational number and not an irrational number."

3. Prove the following logical equivalences without using truth tables:

(i)  $p \vee [p \wedge (p \vee q)] \Leftrightarrow p$

(ii)  $[p \vee q \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q \wedge r)] \Leftrightarrow (p \vee q \vee r)$

(iii)  $[ (\neg p \vee \neg q) \rightarrow (p \wedge q \wedge r) ] \Leftrightarrow p \wedge q$

4. Simplify the following compound propositions using the laws of logic:

(i)  $(p \vee q) \wedge [\neg\{(\neg p) \wedge q\}]$

(ii)  $(p \vee q) \wedge [\neg\{(\neg p) \vee q\}]$

(iii)  $\neg [\neg \{(p \vee q) \wedge r\} \vee \neg q]$

5. Prove the following:

(i)  $p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r) \Leftrightarrow (p \wedge q) \rightarrow r$

(ii)  $[\neg p \wedge (\neg q \wedge r)] \vee (q \wedge r) \vee (p \wedge r) \Leftrightarrow r$

6. Prove the following result:

$$\neg [\{(p \vee q) \wedge r\} \rightarrow \neg q] \Leftrightarrow \neg [\neg [(p \vee q) \wedge r] \vee \neg q] \Leftrightarrow q \wedge r$$