

# 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)  $(p \vee p) \Leftrightarrow p$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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:

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