

Discrete Mathematics for Computing



Ch 1.3 Propositional Equivalences

- **Motivation:** In Mathematical Arguments replace a statement with another statement with the same truth value
- Compound Propositions with the same truth value
- Classification of Compound Propositions
 - Always true – **TAUTOLOGY**
 - Always false – **CONTRADICTION**
 - Neither TAUTOLOGY , CONTRADICTION - **CONTINGENCY**

Tautology and Contradiction

- Example
- TRUTH TABLE

p	$\neg p$	$p \vee \neg p$	$p \wedge \neg p$

Tautology and Contradiction

■ TRUTH TABLE

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$p \vee \neg p$ TAUTOLOGY

$p \wedge \neg p$ CONTRADICTION

Logical Equivalences

- Logical Equivalence

Compound Propositions p and q are equivalent

$p \leftrightarrow q$ is a **TAUTOLOGY**

- Denoted by \equiv

Logical Equivalences

- **Example 1:** Verify the logical equivalence of Distributive Law of disjunction over Conjunction

$$p \vee (q \wedge r) \equiv (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$$



Truth Table



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Logical Equivalences

- Distributive Law $p \vee (q \wedge r) \equiv (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$

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

Logical Equivalences

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T	T	F	F	T	T	T	T
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F	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	F	F	T	F	F
F	F	T	F	F	F	T	F
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Logical Equivalences

- Table 6, Page 27 -> More Logical Equivalences
- De Morgan's Laws

English Mathematician Augustus De Morgan

$$\neg(p \wedge q) \equiv \neg p \vee \neg q$$

$$\neg(p \vee q) \equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q$$

De Morgan's Law

- $\neg(p \vee q) \equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q$
- TRUTH TABLE

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

De Morgan's Law

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De Morgan's Law

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Using De Morgan's Laws

- **Example:** Using De Morgan's Laws, express the negation of
“Heather will go to the concert or Steve will go to the concert.”

Using De Morgan's Laws

- Let $p \rightarrow$ "Heather will go to the concert"
- Let $q \rightarrow$ "Steve will go to the concert"
- Given English statement can be represented as

$$p \vee q$$

- By second De Morgan's law

$$\neg(p \vee q) \equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q$$

"Heather will not go to the concert and Steve will not go to the concert."

Constructing New Logical Equivalences

- Show that $\neg(p \rightarrow q)$ and $p \wedge \neg q$ are logically equivalent.
- Using logical identities, build new logical identities
- Compound Propositions with a large number of variables

Constructing New Logical Equivalences

$$\begin{aligned} \blacksquare \neg(p \rightarrow q) &\equiv \neg(\neg p \vee q) && \text{from table 7} \\ &\equiv \neg(\neg p) \wedge \neg q && \text{by second De Morgan's law} \\ &\equiv p \wedge \neg q && \text{by double negation law} \end{aligned}$$

Logical Equivalences

- Show that this conditional statement is a tautology.

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

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

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Logical Equivalences

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Logical Equivalences

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Logical Equivalences

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