

Assignment - 1

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Main Numerical Problem

A system is designed to automatically verify logical statements used in access control. Each access rule is represented as a propositional formula. Consider the formula:

$$(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (\neg r \vee q) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow s)$$

Where

- p : User is authenticated
- q : User has a valid token
- r : User can access confidential files

Tasks:

1. Construct the truth table for this expression.
2. Determine whether the statement is a tautology, contradiction, or contingency.
3. Show how this logic can prevent unauthorized access when q is false.

Solution We are given the formula:

$$((p \rightarrow q) \wedge (\neg r \vee q)) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow s)$$

Where

- p = user is authenticated
- q = user has a valid token
- r = user can access confidential files

1) Truth Table

p	q	r	$p \rightarrow q$	$\neg r$	$\neg r \vee q$	$(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (\neg r \vee q)$	$p \rightarrow r$
F	F	F	T	T	T	T	T
F	F	T	T	F	F	F	T
F	T	F	T	T	T	T	T
F	T	T	T	F	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	T	T	F	F
T	F	T	F	F	F	F	T
T	T	F	T	T	T	T	F
T	T	T	T	F	T	T	T

The formula is false only in row 7 (when $p=T, q=F, r=F$).

2) Classification

Since the formula is true in some rows and false in at least one, it is a Contingency.

- 3) How it prevents unauthorized access when $q = \text{false}$.
 If $q = \text{false}$ (no valid token), then the expression $(\neg r \vee q)$ becomes just $\neg r$.
- In that case, the antecedent can never force $(p \rightarrow r)$ to hold unless all conditions match.
- This means: just being authenticated ($p = \text{true}$) is not enough. Without a token ($q = \text{false}$), access ($r = \text{true}$) is not guaranteed.

So the logic ensures that no access is given without a valid token, which helps block unauthorized users.

Sub-Problem 1 : Propositional Equivalences

Prove that the following propositions are logically equivalent

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

Tasks :

- Prove the above using truth tables,
- Use logical identities (e.g. Implication, De Morgan's law) to transform the left side to Right side.

Solution Truth Table

p	q	$p \rightarrow q$	$\neg(p \rightarrow q)$	$p \wedge \neg q$
f	f	t	f	f
f	t	t	f	f
t	f	f	t	t
t	t	t	f	f

Both columns are the same, So they are equivalent.

(b) Logical Identities proof
Start with left side

1. $\neg(p \rightarrow q)$
 2. Replace Implication $p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg p \vee q$, So $\neg(p \rightarrow q) \equiv \neg(\neg p \vee q)$
 3. Apply De Morgan: $\neg(\neg p \vee q) \equiv \neg(\neg p) \wedge \neg q$.
 4. Simplify: $\neg(\neg p) \equiv p$, So result is $p \wedge \neg q$
- Hence proved.

Sub Problem 2: Predicate logic and Quantifiers

Let the domain be all students in a University. Let:

- $\text{Smart}(x)$: " x is Smart".
- $\text{Studies}(x)$: " x Studies regularly".

Given: "All Smart Students Study regularly."

Tasks:

1. Write the above in symbolic form using quantifiers.
2. Negate the statement.
3. Test the truth table of both original and negated statements for a sample set of 8 students with known attributes.

Solution 1. Symbolic form

All ~~students~~ Smart Students Study regularly.

$$\forall x (\text{Smart}(x) \rightarrow \text{Studies}(x))$$

2) Negation

$$\exists x \text{ } \text{Smart}(x) \wedge \neg \text{Studies}$$

$$\exists x (\text{Smart}(x) \wedge \neg \text{Studies}(x))$$

Meaning: There exists a Smart Student who does not Study regularly.

3) Example with 3 Students

Let Students = (Alice, Bob, Cara) with attributes

- Alice : Smart = T, Studies = T
- Bob : Smart = T, Studies = F
- Cara : Smart = F, Studies = T

Evaluate original statement $\forall x (Smart(x) \rightarrow Studies(x))$

- Alice : Smart \rightarrow Studies = T \rightarrow T = T
- Bob : T \rightarrow F = F
- Cara : F \rightarrow T = T

Because Bob gives false, the Universal Statement is False.

Negated Statement: $\exists x (Smart(x) \wedge \neg Studies(x))$:

- Bob Satisfies Smart(Bob) $\wedge \neg Studies(Bob) = T \wedge F = T$

So the negation is True for this Sample Set,
Consistent with logic.

Sub Problem 3 : Nested Quantifiers & Rules of Inference

def:

- $M(x, y)$: "x is a mentor of y"
- $G(x)$: "x is a good mentor".

Given :

1. $\forall x \forall y (M(x, y) \rightarrow G(x))$
2. $M(\text{Amit}, \text{Reena})$

Tasks :

1. Using rules of inference, prove that Amit is a good mentor.
2. Express the above inference chain in steps (Universal instantiation, Modus Ponens, etc).

Solution - Given :

1. $\forall x \forall y (M(x, y) \rightarrow G(x)) \rightarrow "If x is Mentor of y, then x is a good Mentor" (for all x, y)$
2. $M(\text{Amit}, \text{Reena}) \wedge "Amit is Mentor of Reena"$

Prove Amit is a good mentor ($G(\text{Amit})$) :

1. From (1), by universal instantiation (put $x = \text{Amit}, y = \text{Reena}$) we get:
 $M(\text{Amit}, \text{Reena}) \rightarrow G(\text{Amit})$.
2. We have $M(\text{Amit}, \text{Reena})$. given.
3. By Modus Ponens on step 1 & 2, infer $G(\text{Amit})$.

Proved - Amit is a good mentor.

Sub-Problem 4: Set Theory operations

Ques:

- $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- $B = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$
- $U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$ (Universal Set)

Tasks:

1. Find :

- $A \cup B$
- $A \cap B$
- $A - B$
- A' ; B' (complement w.r.t. U)

2. Verify: $(A \cup B)' = A' \cap B'$

Solution Given:

- $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- $B = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$
- $U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$

1. Compute Sets

- $A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8\}$
- $A \cap B = \{2, 4\}$
- $A - B = \text{elements in } A \text{ not in } B = \{1, 3\}$
- $A' \text{ (complement of } A \text{ wrt } U) = U - A = \{5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$
- $B' = U - B = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}$

2. Verify De Morgan : $(A \cup B)' = A' \cap B'$

- $A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8\}$
- $(A \cup B)' = U - (A \cup B) = \{5, 7, 9\}$
- $A' \cap B' = \{5, 6, 7, 8, 9\} \cap \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\} = \{5, 7, 9\}$

Since $(A \cup B)' = \{5, 7, 9\} = A' \cap B'$, De Morgan's law is verified for these sets.

Sub Problem 5 : Relations - properties and Matrix Representation

$\det A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and define a relation R on A as : $R = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (1, 2), (2, 3)\}$

Tasks:

1. Represent relation R as a 0-1 Matrix
2. Determine whether R is :
 - Reflexive
 - Symmetric
 - Transitive
3. Draw the digraph of R .

Solutions $\det A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $R = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (1, 2), (2, 3)\}$

0-1 Matrix representation [rows = domain elements 1, 2, 3; column = co-domain (1, 2, 3)]

	1	2	3
1	1	1	0
2	0	1	1
3	0	0	1

(Entry at row i , column $j = 1$ if $(i, j) \in R$, else 0).

2. Properties

- Reflexive: Yes - all $(1,1)$ $(2,2)$ $(3,3)$ are present
- Symmetric: No - $(1,2) \in R$ but $(2,1) \notin R$, so not symmetric.
- Transitive: No - $(1,2)$ and $(2,3)$ are in R but $(1,3)$ is not in R , violating transitivity.

3. Digraph

The digraph has nodes 1, 2, 3 Edges

- loop at 1, loop at 2, loop at 3
- directed edge $1 \rightarrow 2$
- directed edge $2 \rightarrow 3$.

$$(1) \dashrightarrow (2) \dashrightarrow (3)$$



(Loops at each node : 1, 2, 3)

- The digraph visually shows why R is not symmetric (no arrow $2 \rightarrow 1$) and not transitive (there is no direct edge $1 \rightarrow 3$ in R).