

Normal forms (Discrete Maths)

Let $A(P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n)$ and $B(P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n)$ are two statement formulas or compound propositions. To determine whether a given stmnt formulas are a Tautology or a contradiction and whether two formulas A and B are equivalent, we have to construct the truth tables and compare them.

why we use Normal forms?

When the no. of primary propositions or variables (P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n) increases, then the construction of the truth tables is very difficult.

A better method is to reduce the stmnt formulas A & B to some standard forms called "Normal forms" or "Canonical forms."

Note- for convenience, we use the word "product" in place of conjunction and "sum" in place of Disjunction.

Elementary Product- A product of the variables (propositional variables) and their negations is called an Elementary product.

Example- $\sim P \wedge Q$, $P \wedge \sim Q$, $\sim P \wedge P \wedge Q$, $\sim P \wedge \sim P \wedge \sim Q$ are some examples of elementary products.

Elementary sum- A sum of the variables (propositional variables) and their negations is called an Elementary sum.

Example- $\sim P$, $\sim P \vee Q$, $P \vee \sim Q$, $\sim P \vee \sim Q$. are some examples of Elementary product sum.

$$\wedge = \text{product}$$

$$\vee = \text{sum}$$

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Type of Normal Forms :- There are 4 types of normal forms:-

- (1.) Disjunctive Normal forms (DNF)
- (2.) Conjunctive Normal forms (CNF)
- (3.) Principal Disjunctive Normal forms (PDNF)
- (4.) Principal Conjunctive Normal form (PCNF)

(1) Disjunctive Normal forms :- A formula which is equivalent to a given formula and which consists of a sum of elementary products is called a "Disjunctive Normal form" of the given formula. DNF = sum of Elementary products

Eg: Obtain the DNF of $p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Soln} \quad p \wedge (p \rightarrow q) && (p \rightarrow q = \sim p \vee q) \\
 & \Leftrightarrow p \wedge (\sim p \vee q) && \text{Elementary products} \\
 & \Leftrightarrow (\sim p \wedge p) \vee (p \wedge q) && \text{sum of Elementary products} \\
 & \Leftrightarrow F \vee (p \wedge q) \\
 & \Leftrightarrow p \wedge q
 \end{aligned}$$

Procedure to obtain DNF :- (1) If the given formula contains ' \rightarrow ' and " \leftrightarrow " connectives, then replace the given formula with equivalent formulas by using \wedge , \vee , \sim connectives.

(2) If the ' \sim ' (Negation) is applied to the

formula or to a part of the formula, then replace them by using De Morgan's laws.

③ Now, apply distributive law until some of the elementary products are obtained.

Q3) Obtain DNF of $\sim(P \rightarrow (Q \wedge R))$

$$\text{Soln} \quad \sim(P \rightarrow (Q \wedge R))$$

$$(\because P \rightarrow Q \equiv \sim P \vee Q)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sim(\sim P \vee (Q \wedge R))$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \cancel{\sim(\sim P)} \sim(\sim P) \wedge \sim(Q \wedge R)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow P \wedge (\sim Q \vee \sim R)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (P \wedge \sim Q) \vee (P \wedge \sim R) \text{ is Equivalent DNF}$$

(Elementary) sum of (Elementary Product)
Elementary products.

Q3) Convert the following into DNF:

$$P \rightarrow ((P \rightarrow Q) \wedge \sim(\sim Q \vee \sim P)) \rightarrow ①$$

$$\Leftrightarrow P \rightarrow ((\sim P \vee Q) \wedge \sim(\sim Q \vee \sim P))$$

$$[\because \sim(\sim P) = P \quad \sim(\sim Q) = Q]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow P \rightarrow ((\sim P \vee Q \wedge P) \wedge (\sim Q \vee \sim P))$$

$$[\sim P \wedge P \equiv F \quad \sim Q \wedge Q \equiv F]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow P \rightarrow ((\underbrace{\sim P \wedge P \wedge Q} \vee (\sim Q \wedge \sim P))$$

$$\Leftrightarrow P \rightarrow ((F \wedge Q) \vee (\sim Q \wedge P))$$

$$[\because F \wedge Q \equiv F]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow P \rightarrow (\underbrace{F \vee (\sim Q \wedge P)})$$

$$[\because F \vee (\sim Q \wedge P) = \sim Q \wedge P]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sim P \vee (\sim Q \wedge P) \rightarrow ②$$

$$[\because F \vee \text{Any stat} \equiv \text{True}]$$

$$(\cancel{P \vee Q}) \wedge (\cancel{\sim P \wedge P})$$

= sum of elementary products

so, $(\bar{P} \vee Q)$

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$$\Leftrightarrow (\bar{P} \vee Q) \wedge P$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\bar{P} \wedge P) \vee (Q \wedge P) \rightarrow ③$$

= sum of elementary products

so, ③ is equivalent DNF of ①.

(Q4) Obtain the DNF of $\sim(P \vee Q) \Leftrightarrow (P \wedge Q)$ using Truth Tables

let	P	Q	$P \vee Q$	$\sim(P \vee Q)$	$P \wedge Q$	$\sim(P \vee Q) \Leftrightarrow (P \wedge Q)$
	T	T	T	F	T	F
	T	F	T	F	F	T
	F	T	T	F	F	T
	F	F	F	T	F	F

From the above table, we are considering only True (T) values from the final column.

After that the corresponding Truth values of P & Q are considered.

$$\therefore (P \wedge \sim Q) \vee (\sim P \wedge Q)$$

This is the required DNF.

(Q5) Obtain DNF of $(Q \vee (P \wedge R)) \wedge \sim((P \vee R) \wedge Q) \rightarrow ①$

$$\Leftrightarrow (Q \vee (P \wedge R)) \wedge (\sim(P \vee R) \vee \sim Q)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (Q \vee (P \wedge R)) \wedge ((\sim P \wedge \sim R) \vee \sim Q)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow ((Q \wedge (\sim P \wedge \sim R)) \vee (Q \wedge \sim Q)) \vee ((P \wedge R) \wedge (\sim P \wedge \sim R) \wedge \sim Q)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (Q \wedge (\sim P \wedge \sim R) \vee F) \vee [(P \wedge R) \wedge (\sim P \wedge \sim R) \wedge \sim Q] \vee (P \wedge \sim Q \wedge R)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\Leftrightarrow (\bar{Q} \wedge (\neg P \wedge \neg R)) \vee [(\bar{P} \wedge \bar{R}) \wedge (\neg P \wedge \neg R) \vee (P \wedge \neg Q \wedge R)] \\
 &\Leftrightarrow (\bar{Q} \wedge \neg P \wedge \neg R) \vee [(\bar{P} \wedge \neg P) \wedge (\bar{R} \wedge \neg R) \vee (P \wedge \neg Q \wedge R)] \\
 &\Leftrightarrow (\neg P \wedge \bar{Q} \wedge \neg R) \vee [F \wedge F] \vee (P \wedge \neg Q \wedge R) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow (\neg P \wedge \bar{Q} \wedge \neg R) \vee [F \vee (P \wedge \neg Q \wedge R)] \\
 &\Leftrightarrow [(\neg P \wedge \bar{Q} \wedge \neg R)] \vee [P \wedge \neg Q \wedge R] \rightarrow \textcircled{2} \\
 &\quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\
 &\quad \text{(Elementary Product)} \quad \text{sum} \quad \text{(Elementary Product)}
 \end{aligned}$$

so $\textcircled{2}$ is the required DNF of ①

Conjunctive Normal form (CNF)

A formula which is equivalent to a given formula and which consists of "Product of Elementary sums" is called CNF of given formula.

CNF = product of Elementary sum

Procedure to obtain CNF :- Same as DNF.

Procedure to obtain CNF by Truth Tables :-

- ① Construct the Truth Table for given formula.
- ② Consider only false values from the final col. of truth table.
- ③ Then the negation of the corresponding truth values can be considered.
- ④ Finally, we get the product of Elementary sum of the given formula.

Q1) Obtain the CNF of the formula $\sim(P \vee Q) \leftrightarrow (P \wedge Q)$
 We know that for $P \leftrightarrow Q \cong (P \rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \rightarrow P)$

$$\text{where } P = \sim(P \vee Q)$$

$$Q = P \wedge Q$$

$$\text{so, } \sim(P \vee Q) \leftrightarrow (P \wedge Q) \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\sim(P \vee Q) \rightarrow (P \wedge Q)) \wedge ((P \wedge Q) \rightarrow \sim(P \vee Q))$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [(\sim P \wedge \sim Q) \rightarrow (P \wedge Q)] \wedge [(P \wedge Q) \rightarrow (\sim P \wedge \sim Q)]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [\sim(\sim P \wedge \sim Q) \vee (P \wedge Q)] \wedge [\sim(P \wedge Q) \vee (\sim P \wedge \sim Q)] \quad \therefore P \rightarrow Q \cong \sim P \vee Q$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [(P \vee Q) \vee (P \wedge Q)] \wedge [(\sim P \vee \sim Q) \vee (\sim P \wedge \sim Q)]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [P \vee (P \vee Q) \wedge Q \vee (P \vee Q)] \wedge [(\sim P \vee (\sim P \vee \sim Q)) \wedge (\sim Q \vee P \vee Q)]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [(P \vee Q) \wedge (Q \vee P \vee Q)] \wedge [(\sim P \vee \sim P \vee \sim Q) \wedge (\sim Q \vee \sim Q \vee P \vee Q)]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [(P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee Q)] \wedge [(\sim P \vee \sim Q) \wedge (\sim P \vee \sim Q)]$$

$$\Rightarrow [(P \vee Q)] \wedge [\sim P \vee \sim Q] \rightarrow (2) \quad \because P \wedge P = P$$

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 (Elementary sum)

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 (Elementary sum)

product of Elementary sums

so, (2) is required CNF of (1).

(Q2) Using a CNF method, show that $\varphi \vee (P \wedge \neg Q) \vee (\neg P \wedge \neg Q)$ is a Tautology.

Soln: Given formula: $\varphi \vee (P \wedge \neg Q) \vee (\neg P \wedge \neg Q)$ is a Tautology.

$$\begin{aligned} &\Leftrightarrow \varphi \vee [(P \vee \neg P) \wedge \neg Q] \quad \text{(By distributive law)} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \varphi \vee (P \vee \neg P) \wedge (\varphi \vee \neg Q) \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} P \vee \neg P \equiv T \\ \varphi \vee \neg Q \equiv T \end{array} \right] \\ &\Leftrightarrow \varphi \vee (T \wedge T) \\ &\Leftrightarrow \varphi \vee T \\ &\Leftrightarrow T \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \varphi \vee (P \wedge \neg Q) \vee (\neg P \wedge \neg Q)$ is a Tautology

Q93. Obtain the CNF of $A \rightarrow (B \wedge C)$. (1)

Ques :- Given formula is $A \rightarrow (B \wedge C)$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sim A \vee (B \wedge C)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\sim A \vee B) \wedge (\sim A \wedge C) = \text{Product of terms}$$

↓ ↓ ↓ (2)
 Elementary sum Elementary sum

so, (2) is required CNF of (1).

obtain the CNF of $\neg(p \rightarrow q) \vee (r \rightarrow p) \rightarrow \emptyset$

801) $\sim(p \rightarrow \emptyset) \vee (R \rightarrow p)$

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

$$\Leftrightarrow (P \wedge \neg Q) \vee (\neg R \vee P) \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

\Rightarrow Product of elementary forms

so, (2) is required CNF of (1)

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$$\Leftrightarrow [P \vee (\sim R \vee P)] \wedge (\sim Q \vee (\sim R \vee P))$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [P \vee P \sim R] \wedge [P \vee \sim Q \vee \sim R]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [P \vee \sim R] \wedge [P \vee \sim Q \vee \sim R] \rightarrow (2)$$

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 Elementary Product Elementary sum
 sum

which is product of elementary sums.

so, (2) is the required CNF of (1).

Q.5) Obtain the CNF of $P \wedge (P \rightarrow Q)$

$$\text{soln} \quad P \wedge (P \rightarrow Q)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow P \wedge (\sim P \vee Q)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (P \vee P) \wedge (\sim P \vee Q) \rightarrow (2) \quad [\because P = P \vee P]$$

- product of elementary sums

so, (2) is the required CNF of (1).