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PROPOSITIONAL EQUIVALENCES

An important type of step used in a mathematical argument is the replacement of a statement with another statement with the same truth value. Because of this, methods that produce propositions with the same truth value as a given compound proposition are used extensively in the construction of mathematical arguments.

TAUTOLOGY:

A statement formula which is true regardless of the truth values of the statements which replace the variables in it, is called a Tautology.

(i.e) The proposition $P (P_1, P_2, \dots)$ is a tautology if it contains only T in the last column of its truth values.

CONTRADICTION:

A statement formula which is false regardless of the truth values of the statements which replace the variables in it, is called a Contradiction.

(i.e) The proposition $P (P_1, P_2, \dots)$ is a contradiction if it contains only F in the last column of its truth values.

Examples of a Tautology and a Contradiction.

p	$\neg p$	$p \vee \neg p$	$p \wedge \neg p$
T	F	T	F
F	T	T	F

Example:1

Is $(\neg p \wedge (p \vee q)) \rightarrow q$ is a tautology.

Solution:

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

It is a tautology

CONTINGENCY:

A compound proposition that is neither a tautology nor a contradiction is called a contingency.

LOGICAL EQUIVALENCES:

Compound propositions that have the same truth values in all possible cases are called logically equivalent. The compound propositions

p and q are called logically equivalent if $p \leftrightarrow q$ is a tautology. The notation $p \equiv q$ denotes that p and q are logically equivalent.

1) Show that $\neg(p \vee q)$ and $\neg p \wedge \neg q$ are logically equivalent.

Solution:

Truth Tables for $\neg(p \vee q)$ and $\neg p \wedge \neg q$.						
p	q	$p \vee q$	$\neg(p \vee q)$	$\neg p$	$\neg q$	$\neg p \wedge \neg q$
T	T	T	F	F	F	F
T	F	T	F	F	T	F
F	T	T	F	T	F	F
F	F	F	T	T	T	T

2) Show that $p \rightarrow q$ and $\neg p \vee q$ are logically equivalent.

Solution:

Truth table for $p \rightarrow q$ and $\neg p \vee q$

p	q	$\neg p$	$\neg p \vee q$	$p \rightarrow q$
T	T	F	T	T
T	F	F	F	F
F	T	T	T	T
F	F	T	T	T

3) Show that $p \vee (q \wedge r)$ and $(p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$ Are logically equivalent.

Solution:

$p \vee (q \wedge r)$ and $(p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$ Are logically equivalent.							
p	q	r	$q \wedge r$	$p \vee (q \wedge r)$	$p \vee q$	$p \vee r$	$(p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$
T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	F	T	T	T	T
T	F	T	F	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	T	T	T	T
F	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	F	F	T	F	F
F	F	T	F	F	F	T	F
F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F

LOGICAL EQUIVALENCES.

Equivalence	Name
$p \wedge T \equiv p \quad p \vee F \equiv p$	Identity laws
$p \vee T \equiv T \quad p \wedge F \equiv F$	Domination laws
$p \vee p \equiv p \quad p \wedge p \equiv p$	Idempotent laws
$\neg(\neg p) \equiv p$	Double negation law
$p \vee q \equiv q \vee p \quad p \wedge q \equiv q \wedge p$	Commutative laws
$(p \vee q) \vee r \equiv p \vee (q \vee r) \quad (p \wedge q) \wedge r \equiv p \wedge (q \wedge r)$	Associative laws
$p \vee (q \wedge r) \equiv (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r) \quad p \wedge (q \vee r) \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$	Distributive laws
$\neg(p \wedge q) \equiv \neg p \vee \neg q \quad \neg(p \vee q) \equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q$	De Morgan's laws
$p \vee (p \wedge q) \equiv p \wedge (p \vee q) \equiv p$	Absorption laws
$p \vee \neg p \equiv T \quad p \wedge \neg p \equiv F$	Negation laws

Equivalence involving Biconditionals:

Sl.No.	Propositions
1.	$p \leftrightarrow q \equiv (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$
2.	$p \leftrightarrow q \equiv \neg p \leftrightarrow \neg q$
3	$p \leftrightarrow q \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q)$
4	$\neg(p \leftrightarrow q) \equiv p \leftrightarrow \neg q$

1) Show that $\neg(p \vee (\neg p \wedge q))$ and $\neg p \wedge \neg q$ are logically equivalent by developing a series of logical equivalences.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\neg(p \vee (\neg p \wedge q)) &\equiv \neg p \wedge \neg(\neg p \wedge q) && \text{(De Morgan law)} \\ &\equiv \neg p \wedge [\neg(\neg p) \vee \neg q] && \text{(De Morgan law)} \\ &\equiv \neg p \wedge (p \vee \neg q) && \text{(double negation law)} \\ &\equiv (\neg p \wedge p) \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q) && \text{(distributive law)} \\ &\equiv \mathbf{F} \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q) && (\neg p \wedge p \equiv \mathbf{F}) \\ &\equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q\end{aligned}$$

Hence $\neg(p \vee (\neg p \wedge q))$ and $\neg p \wedge \neg q$ are logically equivalent.

2) Show that $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \vee q)$ is a tautology.

Solution:

To show that this statement is a tautology, we will use logical equivalences to demonstrate that it is logically equivalent to T.

$$\begin{aligned}(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \vee q) &\equiv \neg(p \wedge q) \vee (p \vee q) \\ &\equiv (\neg p \vee \neg q) \vee (p \vee q) && \text{(De Morgan law)} \\ &\equiv (\neg p \vee p) \vee (\neg q \vee q) && \text{(Assosiative and commutative law)} \\ &\equiv (T \vee T) && \text{(commutative)} \\ &\equiv T\end{aligned}$$

3) Show that $p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r) \Leftrightarrow (p \wedge q) \rightarrow r$ without using truth tables.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r) &\Leftrightarrow \neg p \vee (\neg q \vee r) \\ &\Leftrightarrow (\neg p \vee \neg q) \vee r \\ &\Leftrightarrow \neg (p \wedge q) \vee r \\ &\Leftrightarrow (p \wedge q) \rightarrow r \end{aligned}$$

4) Show that $(\neg p) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow q)$ is a tautology

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}(\neg p) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow q) &\Leftrightarrow p \vee (\neg p \vee q) \\&\Leftrightarrow (p \vee \neg p) \vee q \\&\Leftrightarrow T \vee q \\&\Leftrightarrow T\end{aligned}$$

5) Prove that $(p \leftrightarrow q) \Leftrightarrow (p \wedge q) \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q)$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}(p \leftrightarrow q) &\Leftrightarrow (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p) \\&\Leftrightarrow (\neg p \vee q) \wedge (\neg q \vee p) \\&\Leftrightarrow (\neg p \wedge \neg q) \vee (\neg p \wedge p) \vee (q \wedge \neg q) \vee (p \wedge q) \\&\Leftrightarrow (\neg p \wedge \neg q) \vee (p \wedge q)\end{aligned}$$

6) Check whether $((p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow r) \vee \neg p$ is a tautology.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}((p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow r) \vee \neg p &\Leftrightarrow ((\neg p \vee q) \rightarrow r) \vee \neg p \\&\Leftrightarrow (\neg(\neg p \vee q) \vee r) \vee \neg p \\&\Leftrightarrow (p \wedge \neg q) \vee (r \vee \neg p) \\&\Leftrightarrow (r \vee \neg p \vee p) \wedge (r \vee \neg p \vee \neg q) \\&\Leftrightarrow T \wedge (r \vee \neg p \vee \neg q) \\&\Leftrightarrow (r \vee \neg p \vee \neg q)\end{aligned}$$

The given statement is not a tautology.

7) Show that the formula $Q \vee (P \wedge \neg Q) \vee (\neg P \wedge \neg Q)$ is a tautology

Solution:

$$Q \vee (P \wedge \neg Q) \vee (\neg P \wedge \neg Q)$$

$$\Rightarrow Q \vee ((P \vee \neg P) \wedge \neg Q)$$

(Distributive Law)

$$\Rightarrow Q \vee (T \wedge \neg Q)$$

(Distributive Law)

$$\Rightarrow Q \vee \neg Q$$

$$P \vee \neg P \Rightarrow T$$

$$\Rightarrow T$$

$$P \wedge T = P$$

8) What is meant by Tautology? Without using truth table, show that $((P \vee Q) \wedge \neg(\neg P \wedge (\neg Q \vee \neg R))) \vee (\neg P \wedge \neg Q) \vee (\neg P \wedge \neg R)$ is a tautology.

Solution:

A Statement formula which is true always irrespective of the truth values of the individual variables is called a tautology.

Consider $\neg(\neg P \wedge (\neg Q \vee \neg R)) \Rightarrow \neg(\neg P \wedge \neg(Q \wedge R))$

$$\Rightarrow P \vee (Q \wedge R)$$

$$\Rightarrow (P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee R) \text{ -----(1)}$$

Consider $(\neg P \wedge \neg Q) \vee (\neg P \wedge \neg R) \Rightarrow \neg(P \vee Q) \vee \neg(P \vee R)$

$$\Rightarrow \neg((P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee R)) \text{ ----- (2)}$$

Using (1) and (2)

$$((P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee R)) \vee \neg((P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee R)) \Rightarrow$$

$$[(P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee R)] \vee \neg[(P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee R)]$$

$$\Rightarrow T$$

Definition:

Two formulas A and A^* are said to be duals of each other if either one can be obtained by replacing \vee by \wedge and \wedge by \vee . The connectives \vee and \wedge are called duals of each other. If a formula A contains the special variables T or F the A^* is obtained by replacing T by F and F by T .

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Example:1

Write the duals of

i) $(P \wedge Q) \vee R$

ii) $(P \vee Q) \wedge T$

iii) $\neg(P \vee Q) \wedge P \wedge \neg(Q \wedge \neg S)$

Solution:

i) $(P \vee Q) \wedge R$

ii) $(P \wedge Q) \vee F$

iii) $\neg(P \wedge Q) \vee P \vee \neg(Q \vee \neg S)$

9) Prove the following equivalences by proving the equivalences of the dual

$$\neg((\neg P \wedge Q) \vee (\neg P \wedge \neg Q)) \vee (P \wedge Q) \equiv P$$

Solution:

It's dual is

$$\neg((\neg P \vee Q) \wedge (\neg P \vee \neg Q)) \wedge (P \vee Q) \equiv P$$

Consider

$$\neg((\neg P \vee Q) \wedge (\neg P \vee \neg Q)) \wedge (P \vee Q)$$

$$\Rightarrow ((P \wedge \neg Q) \vee (P \wedge Q)) \wedge (P \vee Q)$$

(Demorgan's law)

$$\Rightarrow (P \wedge (\neg Q \vee Q)) \wedge (P \vee Q)$$

(Distributive law)

$$\Rightarrow (P \wedge T) \wedge (P \vee Q)$$

$(P \vee \neg P \Rightarrow T)$

$$\Rightarrow P \wedge (P \vee Q)$$

$$\Rightarrow P$$

(Adsorption law)

10) Prove that $(P \rightarrow Q) \wedge (R \rightarrow Q) \Leftrightarrow (P \vee R) \rightarrow Q$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}(P \rightarrow Q) \wedge (R \rightarrow Q) &\Leftrightarrow (\neg P \vee Q) \wedge (\neg R \vee Q) \\ &\Leftrightarrow (\neg P \wedge \neg R) \vee Q \\ &\Leftrightarrow \neg(P \vee R) \vee Q \\ &\Leftrightarrow P \vee R \rightarrow Q\end{aligned}$$

Since $P \rightarrow Q \Leftrightarrow \neg P \vee Q$

Distribution law

Demorgan's law

since $P \rightarrow Q \Leftrightarrow \neg P \vee Q$

11) Show that $(\neg P \wedge (\neg Q \wedge R) \vee (Q \wedge R) \vee (P \wedge R)) \Leftrightarrow R$, without using truth table.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}(\neg P \wedge (\neg Q \wedge R) \vee (Q \wedge R) \vee (P \wedge R)) &\Leftrightarrow [(\neg P \wedge \neg Q) \wedge R] \vee (Q \wedge R) \vee (P \wedge R) \\&\quad \text{(Associative law)} \\&\Leftrightarrow [\neg(P \vee Q) \wedge R] \vee (Q \wedge R) \vee (P \wedge R) \\&\quad \text{(Demorgans Law)} \\&\Leftrightarrow [\neg(P \vee Q) \wedge R] \vee [(Q \vee P) \wedge R] \\&\quad \text{(Distributive law)} \\&\Leftrightarrow [\neg(P \vee Q) \vee (Q \vee P)] \wedge R \\&\quad \text{(Distributive law)} \\&\Leftrightarrow [\neg(P \vee Q) \vee (Q \vee P)] \wedge R \\&\quad \text{(Commutative law)} \\&\Leftrightarrow T \wedge R \\&\Leftrightarrow R\end{aligned}$$

FUNCTIONALLY COMPLETE SET OF CONNECTIVES

Any set of connectives in which every formula can be expressed in terms of an equivalent formula containing the connectives from this set is called a functionally complete set of connectives.

The set of connectives $\{\wedge, \neg\}$ and $\{\vee, \neg\}$ are functionally complete.

The set of connectives $\{\wedge\}$, $\{\vee\}$, $\{\neg\}$ and $\{\wedge, \vee\}$ are not functionally complete.

1) Show that $\{\wedge, \vee\}$,and $\{\neg\}$ are not functionally complete.

Solution:

Consider any statement which is a tautology.

For example, $(\neg p) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow q)$ is a tautology.

$$(\neg p) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow q) \Leftrightarrow p \vee (\neg p \vee q)$$

This cannot be written in an equivalent formula using only the connectives $\{\wedge, \vee\}$, $\{\wedge\}$ and $\{\vee\}$

Hence $\{\wedge, \vee\}$,and $\{\neg\}$ are not functionally complete.

NORMAL FORMS

There are two types normal forms

- 1) Disjunctive normal forms
- 2) Conjunctive normal forms

A product of the variables and their negations in a formula is called elementary product (Minterms)

Similarly the sum of the variables and their negations in a formula is called elementary sum (Maxterms)

Let P and Q be any two atomic variables.

$P, \neg P, \neg P \wedge Q, \neg Q \wedge P \wedge \neg P, P \wedge \neg P, Q \wedge \neg P$

are some examples of elementary product.

$P, \neg P, \neg P \vee Q, \neg Q \vee P \vee \neg P, P \vee \neg P, Q \vee \neg P$

are some examples of elementary sum.

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.

Example: i) $(P \wedge Q) \vee (\neg P \wedge P)$

ii) $(P \wedge Q) \vee (\neg P \wedge Q) \vee (\neg P \wedge \neg Q)$

iii) $(P \wedge Q \wedge R) \vee (\neg P \wedge \neg Q \wedge R) \vee (\neg P \wedge \neg Q \wedge \neg R)$

CONJUNCTIVE NORMAL FORMS

A formula which is equivalent to a given formula and which consists of a product of elementary sums is called a conjunctive normal form of the given formula.

Example: 1) $Q \wedge (P \vee \neg Q)$

2) $(P \vee Q) \wedge (\neg P \vee \neg Q)$

3) $(P \vee Q \vee R) \wedge (\neg P \vee \neg Q \vee R) \wedge (\neg P \vee \neg Q \vee \neg R)$

PRINCIPAL DISJUNCTIVE NORMAL FORMS

For a given formula, an equivalent formula consisting of disjunctions of minterms only is known as its principal disjunctive normal form. Such a normal form is also called sum-of-products canonical form.

PRINCIPAL CONJUNCTIVE NORMAL FORMS

For a given formula, an equivalent formula consisting of conjunctions of maxterms only is known as its principal conjunctive normal form. Such a normal form is also called product-of-sums canonical form.

1) Find the PDNF for $\neg P \vee Q$

Solution:

$$\neg P \vee Q$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\neg P \wedge T) \vee (T \wedge Q)$$

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

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

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

2) Obtain PCNF and PDNF of $P \rightarrow [(P \rightarrow Q) \wedge \neg(\neg Q \vee \neg P)]$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} & P \rightarrow [(P \rightarrow Q) \wedge \neg(\neg Q \vee \neg P)] \\ \Leftrightarrow & \neg P \vee [(\neg P \vee Q) \wedge (Q \wedge P)] \\ \Leftrightarrow & [\neg P \vee (\neg P \vee Q)] \wedge [\neg P \vee (Q \wedge P)] \\ \Leftrightarrow & [\neg P \vee \neg P) \vee Q] \wedge [\neg P \vee (Q \wedge P)] \\ \Leftrightarrow & (\neg P \vee Q) \wedge [(\neg P \vee Q) \wedge (\neg P \vee P)] \\ \Leftrightarrow & (\neg P \vee Q) \wedge [(\neg P \vee Q) \wedge T] \\ \Leftrightarrow & (\neg P \vee Q) \wedge (\neg P \vee Q) \\ \Leftrightarrow & (\neg P \vee Q) \end{aligned}$$

which is the PCNF. Let it be A

$$\begin{aligned}\neg A &= (P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee \neg Q) \wedge (\neg P \vee \neg Q) \\ \neg \neg A &= \neg[(P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee \neg Q) \wedge (\neg P \vee \neg Q)] \\ &= (\neg P \wedge \neg Q) \vee (\neg P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge Q)\end{aligned}$$

which is the PDNF

3) Obtain the PCNF of $(\neg P \rightarrow R) \wedge (Q \leftrightarrow P)$ and hence find its PDNF.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\neg P \rightarrow R) \wedge (Q \leftrightarrow P) \\ \Leftrightarrow & (P \vee R) \wedge (Q \rightarrow P) \wedge (P \rightarrow Q) \\ \Leftrightarrow & (P \vee R) \wedge (\neg Q \vee P) \wedge (\neg P \vee Q) \\ \Leftrightarrow & [(P \vee R) \vee (Q \wedge \neg Q)] \wedge [(\neg Q \vee P) \vee (R \wedge \neg R)] \\ & \wedge [(\neg P \vee Q) \vee (R \wedge \neg R)] \\ \Leftrightarrow & (P \vee R \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee R \vee \neg Q) \wedge (\neg Q \vee P \vee R) \wedge (\neg Q \vee P \vee \neg R) \\ & \wedge (\neg P \vee Q \vee R) \wedge (\neg P \vee Q \vee \neg R) \\ \Leftrightarrow & (P \vee Q \vee R) \wedge (P \vee \neg Q \vee R) \wedge (P \vee \neg Q \vee \neg R) \\ & \wedge (\neg P \vee Q \vee R) \wedge (\neg P \vee Q \vee \neg R) \end{aligned}$$

which is the PCNF. Let it be A

$$\begin{aligned}\neg A &= (P \vee Q \vee \neg R) \wedge (\neg P \vee \neg Q \vee R) \wedge (\neg P \vee \neg Q \vee \neg R) \\ \neg \neg A &= \neg[(P \vee Q \vee \neg R) \wedge (\neg P \vee \neg Q \vee R) \wedge (\neg P \vee \neg Q \vee \neg R)] \\ &= (\neg P \wedge \neg Q \wedge R) \vee (P \wedge Q \wedge \neg R) \vee (P \wedge Q \wedge R)\end{aligned}$$

which is the PDNF.

4) Obtain the PDNF and PCNF of $(P \rightarrow (Q \wedge R)) \wedge [\neg P \rightarrow (\neg Q \wedge \neg R)]$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} & (P \rightarrow (Q \wedge R)) \wedge [\neg P \rightarrow (\neg Q \wedge \neg R)] \\ \Leftrightarrow & (\neg P \vee (Q \wedge R)) \wedge [P \vee (\neg Q \wedge \neg R)] \\ \Leftrightarrow & (\neg P \vee Q) \wedge (\neg P \wedge R) \wedge (P \vee \neg Q) \wedge (P \vee \neg R) \\ \Leftrightarrow & [(\neg P \vee Q) \vee (\neg R \wedge R)] \wedge [(\neg P \wedge R) \vee (\neg Q \wedge Q)] \\ & \wedge [(P \vee \neg Q) \vee (\neg R \wedge R)] \wedge [(P \vee \neg R) \vee (\neg Q \wedge Q)] \\ \Leftrightarrow & (\neg P \vee Q \vee \neg R) \wedge (\neg P \vee Q \vee R) \wedge (\neg P \vee R \vee \neg Q) \\ & \wedge (\neg P \vee R \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee \neg Q \vee \neg R) \wedge (P \vee \neg Q \vee R) \\ & \wedge (P \vee \neg R \vee \neg Q) \wedge (P \vee \neg R \vee Q) \end{aligned}$$

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

which is the PCNF. Let it be S

$$\neg S = (\neg P \vee \neg Q \vee \neg R) \wedge (P \vee Q \vee R) \\ \neg \neg S = (P \wedge Q \wedge R) \vee (\neg P \wedge \neg Q \wedge \neg R)$$

which is the required PDNF.

5) Obtain the PDNF and PCNF of $(P \vee \neg(Q \vee R)) \vee (((P \wedge Q) \wedge \neg R) \wedge P)$

SOLUTION:

$$\begin{aligned} & (P \vee \neg(Q \vee R)) \vee (((P \wedge Q) \wedge \neg R) \wedge P) \\ \Leftrightarrow & (P \vee \neg(Q \vee R)) \vee (P \wedge Q \wedge \neg R) \\ \Leftrightarrow & [P \wedge (Q \vee \neg Q)] \vee (\neg Q \wedge \neg R) \vee (P \wedge Q \wedge \neg R) \\ \Leftrightarrow & (P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge \neg Q) \vee [(\neg Q \wedge \neg R) \wedge (P \vee \neg P)] \\ & \vee (P \wedge Q \wedge \neg R) \\ \Leftrightarrow & [(P \wedge Q) \wedge (R \vee \neg R)] \vee [(P \wedge \neg Q) \wedge (R \vee \neg R)] \\ & \vee [(\neg Q \wedge \neg R) \wedge (P \vee \neg P)] \vee (P \wedge Q \wedge \neg R) \\ \Leftrightarrow & (P \wedge Q \wedge R) \vee (P \wedge Q \wedge \neg R) \vee (P \wedge \neg Q \wedge R) \vee (P \wedge \neg Q \wedge \neg R) \\ & \vee [(\neg Q \wedge \neg R \wedge P) \vee (\neg Q \wedge \neg R \wedge \neg P)] \vee (P \wedge Q \wedge \neg R) \\ \Leftrightarrow & (P \wedge Q \wedge R) \vee (P \wedge Q \wedge \neg R) \vee (P \wedge \neg Q \wedge R) \vee (P \wedge \neg Q \wedge \neg R) \\ & \vee (\neg P \wedge \neg Q \wedge \neg R) \end{aligned}$$

$$\neg S = (\neg P \wedge Q \wedge R) \vee (\neg P \wedge \neg Q \wedge R) \vee (\neg P \wedge Q \wedge \neg R)$$

$$\neg \neg S = (P \vee \neg Q \vee \neg R) \wedge (P \vee Q \vee \neg R) \wedge (P \vee \neg Q \vee R)$$

which is the required PCNF.

7) Find the PCNF of $(P \vee R) \wedge (P \vee \neg Q)$ Also find its PDNF, without using truth table.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} & (P \vee R) \wedge (P \vee \neg Q) \\ \Leftrightarrow & [(P \vee R) \vee (Q \wedge \neg Q)] \wedge [(P \vee \neg Q) \vee (R \wedge \neg R)] \\ \Leftrightarrow & (P \vee R \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee R \vee \neg Q) \wedge (P \vee \neg Q \vee R) \wedge (P \vee \neg Q \vee \neg R) \\ \Leftrightarrow & (P \vee Q \vee R) \wedge (P \vee \neg Q \vee R) \wedge (P \vee \neg Q \vee \neg R) \end{aligned}$$

which is the PCNF. Let it be A

$$\neg A = (P \vee Q \vee \neg R) \wedge (\neg P \vee Q \vee R) \wedge (\neg P \vee \neg Q \vee R) \\ \wedge (\neg P \vee Q \vee \neg R)] \wedge (\neg P \vee \neg Q \vee \neg R)$$

$$\neg \neg A = (\neg P \wedge \neg Q \wedge R) \vee (P \wedge \neg Q \wedge \neg R) \vee (P \wedge Q \wedge \neg R) \\ \vee (P \wedge \neg Q \wedge R)] \vee (P \wedge Q \wedge R)$$

which is the PDNF.