

## Discrete Mathematics Scribed Lecture 4 Notes

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**Basic Connectives :**

There are 3 basic connectives out of which other connectives can be derived. These connectives are ‘OR(  $\vee$  )’, ‘AND(  $\wedge$  )’ and ‘NOT’( $\neg$ ,  $\sim$ ). Other derived connectives include XOR, NAND, NOR.

**Truth Tables:**

A truth table is a mathematical table used to determine if a compound statement is true or false.

**NOT GATE Truth Table:**

P	$\neg P$
0	1
1	0

**OR, AND, Implication, Bi-Implication and XOR GATE Truth Table:**

P	Q	$P \vee Q$	$P \wedge Q$	$P \Rightarrow Q$	$P \Leftrightarrow Q$	$P \oplus Q$
0	0	0	0	1	1	0
0	1	1	0	1	0	1
1	0	1	0	0	0	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	0

## **Parity:**

Parity in mathematics works on the principle if the numbers are either odd or even.

**1.  $1 \oplus 1 \oplus 1 \oplus 1 = 0$**

$(1 \oplus 1)$  evaluates to 0, thus the above statement can be simplified to  $0 \oplus 0$  which evaluates to 0.

**2.  $1 \oplus 1 \oplus 1 = 1$**

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## **Mathematical Induction:**

It is a mathematical proof technique. Here we assume that a statement holds true for  $P(n)$ , then we prove the statement for  $P(n+1)$ . It is essentially used to prove that a statement holds true for all natural numbers  $N \geq n$ .

For Example –

$$(P_0 \oplus P_1 \oplus P_2 \oplus P_3 \oplus P_4 \oplus P_5)$$

Truth table for this proposition will contain  $2^6 = 64$  assignments. Rather than finding all the cases we can prove using mathematical induction that half of the cases will evaluate to 1 and half to 0.

Using mathematical induction,

$(P_0 \oplus P_1)$  holds true if  $(P_0 = 0 \text{ and } P_1 = 1) \text{ or } (P_0 = 1 \text{ and } P_1 = 0)$  i.e. for half of the cases according to it's truth table.

$((P_0 \oplus P_1) \oplus P_2)$  will become true if  $(P_0 \oplus P_1 = 0 \text{ and } P_2 = 1) \text{ or } (P_0 \oplus P_1 = 1 \text{ and } P_2 = 0)$ .

Thus, it holds true for  $(P_0 \oplus P_1)$  and we proved that it holds true for  $((P_0 \oplus P_1) \oplus P_2)$ . Hence by principle of mathematical induction it will hold true for  $P_0 \oplus P_1 \oplus \dots \oplus P(n)$ .

Thus,  $P_0 \oplus P_1 \oplus \dots \oplus P^{k-1}$  has exactly  $2^{k-1}$  satisfying assignments.

All possible logic gates for propositions can be derived from ‘OR(  $\vee$  )’, ‘AND(  $\wedge$  )’ and ‘NOT’( $\neg$ ,  $\sim$ ) gates using these 3 equations –

1.  $(P \Rightarrow Q) \equiv ((\neg P) \vee (Q))$ .
2.  $(P \Leftrightarrow Q) \equiv (P \Rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \Rightarrow P)$ .  
 $\equiv (\neg P \vee Q) \wedge (\neg Q \vee P)$ .
3.  $(P \oplus Q) \equiv \neg (P \Leftrightarrow Q)$

Thus, in proposition logic 3 can be replaced by 2 and 2 can be replaced by 1 to get the logic consisting of only 3 basic connectives.

### **De Morgan's Law :**

1.  $\neg(P \vee Q) \equiv (\neg P) \wedge (\neg Q)$
2.  $\neg(P \wedge Q) \equiv (\neg P) \vee (\neg Q)$

### **Conjunction Normal Form(CNF) :**

$$C_1 \wedge C_2 \wedge \dots \wedge C_k$$

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here  $l$  is a literal and  $P$  is a proposition.