

## Tutorial Week 2

0. **EXAMPLE:** Show  $\sim(\sim(p \vee q \vee p) \wedge p) \equiv T$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sim(\sim(p \vee q \vee p) \wedge p) \\
 \equiv & ((p \vee q \vee p) \vee \sim p) && \text{by DeMorgan's Law} \\
 \equiv & p \vee q \vee p \vee \sim p && \text{by Associative Law} \\
 \equiv & p \vee p \vee \sim p \vee q && \text{by Commutative Law} \\
 \equiv & p \vee \sim p \vee q && \text{by Idempotent Law} \\
 \equiv & T \vee q && \text{by Negation Law} \\
 \equiv & T && \text{by Universal Bound Law}
 \end{aligned}$$

1. Show  $p \vee q \equiv \sim(\sim p \wedge ((\sim q \wedge \sim p) \vee (\sim q \wedge p)))$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sim(\sim p \wedge ((\sim q \wedge \sim p) \vee (\sim q \wedge p))) \\
 \equiv & (p \vee \sim((\sim q \wedge \sim p) \vee (\sim q \wedge p))) && \text{by DeMorgan's Law} \\
 \equiv & (p \vee (\sim(\sim q \wedge \sim p) \wedge \sim(\sim q \wedge p))) && \text{by DeMorgan's Law} \\
 \equiv & (p \vee ((q \vee p) \wedge (q \vee \sim p))) && \text{by DeMorgan's Law} \\
 \equiv & p \vee (q \vee (p \wedge \sim p)) && \text{by Distributive Law} \\
 \equiv & p \vee q \vee F && \text{by Negation Law} \\
 \equiv & p \vee q && \text{by Identity Law}
 \end{aligned}$$

2. Translate the following Truth Table to a propositional logic statement:  
Can you simplify it?

First approach maybe:

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

(**hints** : the brute force approach needs three variables to describe each individual time the output is 1. is there a way to use less than three variables to cover more than 1 case where the output is 1?)

Truth Table			
p	q	r	output
0	0	0	1
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	0
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	0

**A simplified answer:** observe that the rule  $(\sim p \wedge \sim r)$  covers the 1st and 3rd rows, and the rule  $(\sim q \wedge r)$  covers the other two rows where the circuit is true (2nd and 6th)

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

or, with deMorgan's law

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

**Another simplified answer:** Observe that the first three rows are true, which is  $\sim p$  plus the opposite of  $(q \wedge r)$ , then covering the last row the brute force way

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

3. Prove the following equivalence:  $(\sim p \vee s) \wedge (p \rightarrow (s \rightarrow \sim p)) \equiv \sim p$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\sim p \vee s) \wedge (p \rightarrow (s \rightarrow \sim p)) \\
 \equiv & (\sim p \vee s) \wedge (\sim p \vee (\sim s \vee \sim p)) && \text{by definition of conditional} \\
 \equiv & (\sim p \vee s) \wedge ((\sim p \vee \sim p) \vee \sim s) && \text{by associative law} \\
 \equiv & (\sim p \vee s) \wedge (\sim p \vee \sim s) && \text{by idempotent law} \\
 \equiv & \sim p \vee (s \wedge \sim s) && \text{by distributive law} \\
 \equiv & \sim p \vee F && \text{by negation law} \\
 \equiv & \sim p && \text{by identity law}
 \end{aligned}$$

4. Prove that  $(p \vee q) \equiv (\sim q \rightarrow p) \vee \sim(\sim p \wedge \sim q) \vee ((p \wedge \sim p) \wedge (q \vee \sim q))$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\sim q \rightarrow p) \vee \sim(\sim p \wedge \sim q) \vee ((p \wedge \sim p) \wedge (q \vee \sim q)) \\
 \equiv & (\sim q \rightarrow p) \vee \sim(\sim p \wedge \sim q) \vee (F \wedge T) && \text{by negation} \\
 \equiv & (\sim q \rightarrow p) \vee \sim(\sim p \wedge \sim q) \vee F && \text{by universal bound} \\
 \equiv & (\sim q \rightarrow p) \vee \sim(\sim p \wedge \sim q) && \text{by identity} \\
 \equiv & (\sim q \rightarrow p) \vee (p \vee q) && \text{by De Morgan's} \\
 \equiv & (\sim p \rightarrow q) \vee (p \vee q) && \text{by contrapositive} \\
 \equiv & (p \vee q) \vee (p \vee q) && \text{by definition of conditional} \\
 \equiv & p \vee q && \text{by Idempotent}
 \end{aligned}$$