

CS130 - Propositional Logic Summary ③

- ↳ Propositions express declarative statements that assert something
 - ↳ Can be true or false, but not both
 - ↳ Can abstract their content away by assigning them to variables
 - ↳ Can use boolean operators on them.
 - ↳ Defining them doesn't tell you anything about their truth value.

↳ Functions

- ↳ Unambiguously map values from a domain to a codomain ($f: X \rightarrow Y$) - discussed in foundations summary

↳ Boolean functions

- ↳ Take a tuple of boolean values and map them to a single one:

$$B = \{T, F\}, \quad f: B^n \rightarrow B$$

- ↳ We can think of operations like AND or XOR, etc. as boolean functions.

↳ Material implication

- ↳ Encodes an 'if... then...' statement.
- ↳ Denoted by $x \rightarrow y$ (read as if x, then y)
- ↳ Tells you nothing about the truthiness of either variable, just the relationship between them.

x	y	$x \rightarrow y$
F	F	T
F	T	T
T	F	F
T	T	T

- ↳ Always true, unless $x=T$ & $y=F$ (if $x=F$, tells you nothing about y)

$$x \rightarrow y = \cancel{1} \cancel{0} \cancel{0} \cancel{1} \\ \neg x \vee y$$

↳ Logical equivalence / tautology

↳ ~~denotes~~ Propositions x & y are logically equivalent if $x \leftrightarrow y$ is a tautology

x	y	$x \leftrightarrow y$
F	F	T
F	T	F
T	F	F
T	T	T

A tautology is \leftarrow
when a proposition is true regardless of its atomic propositions.

↳ $x \equiv y$ denotes logical equivalence

↳ ' \equiv ' is not an operator, but ' \leftrightarrow ' is.

↳ There are many laws for 'algebra' with propositional logic. See the cheat sheet.

