

## Most common & famous Logical Equivalences

Name of the law	Primal form	Dual form
① Identity law	$P \vee F \equiv P$	$P \wedge T \equiv P$
2. Domination " (Null Law)	$P \vee T \equiv T$	$P \wedge F \equiv F$
3. Idempotent " (self Repeat)	$P \vee P \equiv P$	$P \wedge P \equiv P$
4. Double Negation " (Involution law)	$\neg(\neg P) \equiv P$	
5. Commutative law	$P \vee Q \equiv Q \vee P$	$P \wedge Q \equiv Q \wedge P$
6. Associative law	$(P \vee Q) \vee R \equiv P \vee (Q \vee R)$	$(P \wedge Q) \wedge R \equiv P \wedge (Q \wedge R)$
7. Distributive law	$P \vee (Q \wedge R) \equiv (P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee R)$	$P \wedge (Q \vee R) \equiv (P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge R)$
8. De Morgan's law	$\neg(P \vee Q) \equiv \neg P \wedge \neg Q$	$\neg(P \wedge Q) \equiv \neg P \vee \neg Q$
9. Absorption law	$P \vee (P \wedge Q) \equiv P$	$P \wedge (P \vee Q) \equiv P$
10. Negation law (complement law)	$P \vee \neg P \equiv T$	$P \wedge \neg P \equiv F$

$$P \vee (P \wedge Q) = (P \vee P) \wedge (P \vee Q) \quad \text{Distributive}$$

$$= P \wedge (P \vee Q) \quad \because P \vee P = P$$

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Taking P as common

$$= P \wedge (1 \vee Q)$$

$$= P \wedge 1 \quad \because 1 \vee Q = 1$$

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## Equivalence involving Conditionals :-

1.  $\boxed{P \rightarrow Q \equiv \neg P \vee Q}$

2.  $\boxed{P \rightarrow Q \equiv \neg Q \rightarrow \neg P}$   $\rightarrow$  Contrapositive

3.  $P \vee Q \equiv \neg P \rightarrow Q$

4.  $P \wedge Q \equiv \neg(P \rightarrow \neg Q)$

5.  $\neg(P \rightarrow Q) \equiv P \wedge \neg Q$

6.  $\boxed{(P \rightarrow Q) \wedge (P \rightarrow R) \equiv P \rightarrow (Q \wedge R)}$

7.  $(P \rightarrow R) \wedge (Q \rightarrow R) \equiv (P \vee Q) \rightarrow R$

8.  $(P \rightarrow Q) \vee (P \rightarrow R) \equiv P \rightarrow (Q \vee R)$

9.  $\boxed{(P \rightarrow R) \vee (Q \rightarrow R) \equiv (P \wedge Q) \rightarrow R}$

## Equivalence Involving Bi-Conditionals :-

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.  $\neg(P \leftrightarrow Q) \equiv P \leftrightarrow \neg Q$

# Implications :-

$A \Rightarrow B$   
 $A \rightarrow B$  is true

1.  $P \wedge q \Rightarrow P$
2.  $P \wedge q \Rightarrow q$
3.  $P \Rightarrow P \vee q$
4.  $\neg P \Rightarrow P \rightarrow q$
5.  $q \Rightarrow P \rightarrow q$
6.  $\neg(P \rightarrow q) \Rightarrow P$
7.  $\neg(P \rightarrow q) \Rightarrow \neg q$
8.  $P \wedge (P \rightarrow q) \Rightarrow q$
9.  $\neg q \wedge (P \rightarrow q) \Rightarrow \neg P$
10.  $\neg P \wedge (P \vee q) \Rightarrow q$
11.  $(P \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r) \Rightarrow P \rightarrow r$
12.  $(P \vee q) \wedge (P \rightarrow r) \wedge (q \rightarrow r) \Rightarrow$



## Problems :-

- ① Without using truth tables prove the following, (or) using the laws of logic

$P, T \quad (P \wedge q) \rightarrow P \vee q$  is a tautology

$$(P \wedge q) \rightarrow P \vee q \iff T. \quad (\equiv)$$

sol  $(P \wedge q) \rightarrow P \vee q \equiv \neg(P \wedge q) \vee (P \vee q) \rightarrow$  Logical Equivalence  $P \rightarrow q \equiv \neg P \vee q$

$$\equiv (\neg P \vee \neg q) \vee (P \vee q) \quad \text{— De Morgan's law}$$

$$\equiv \neg P \vee (\neg q \vee (P \vee q)) \quad \text{— Associative } (P \vee q) \vee r \equiv P \vee (q \vee r)$$

$$\equiv \neg P \vee (q \vee P) \vee q \quad \text{— } P \vee (q \vee r) \equiv (P \vee q) \vee r$$

$$\equiv \neg P \vee ((P \vee \neg q) \vee q) \quad \text{— commutative law } (P \vee q) \equiv (q \vee P)$$

$$\equiv \neg P \vee (P \vee (\neg q \vee q)) \quad \text{— Associative}$$

$$\equiv \neg P \vee (P \vee T) \quad \text{— complement law } \neg P \vee P \equiv T$$

$$\equiv \neg P \vee T \quad \text{— Dominant or null } P \vee T \equiv T \text{ or } P$$

$$\equiv (T \leftarrow P) \vee q \quad \text{— null } (q \leftarrow P) \leftarrow q$$

② using laws of logic, prove that

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

$$(\neg P \vee Q) \wedge (P \wedge (P \wedge Q)) \equiv (\neg P \vee Q) \wedge ((P \wedge P) \wedge Q) \text{ - associative}$$

$$[(\neg P \vee Q) \wedge P] \wedge Q \equiv (\neg P \vee Q) \wedge (P \wedge Q) \rightarrow \text{idempotent}$$

$$\equiv (\underbrace{\neg P \vee Q}_a) \wedge (\underbrace{P \wedge Q}_b \vee c) \text{ - commutative}$$

$$\equiv ((P \wedge Q) \wedge \neg P) \vee ((P \wedge Q) \wedge Q) \text{ - Distributive}$$

$$\equiv ((Q \wedge P) \wedge \neg P) \vee (P \wedge (Q \wedge Q)) \text{ - commutative \& associative}$$

$$\equiv (Q \wedge (P \wedge \neg P)) \vee (P \wedge Q) \text{ - associative complement}$$

$$\equiv (Q \wedge F) \vee (P \wedge Q) \text{ - complement}$$

$$\equiv F \vee (P \wedge Q) \text{ - Null or Dominant}$$

$$\equiv P \wedge Q \text{ - Identity}$$

③ using laws of logics, show that

$$P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow P) \equiv \neg P \rightarrow (P \rightarrow Q)$$

$$P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow P) \equiv \neg P \vee (Q \rightarrow P) \equiv \text{Logical Equivalence}$$

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

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

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

Conditional  
Logical Equivalence  
 $P \rightarrow Q \equiv \neg P \vee Q$   
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commutative  
associative

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$$= PV(TPV_9) - \text{confidential equity line}$$

$$\equiv (p \vee \neg p) \vee q \quad - \text{tautology}$$

TVS - complement

complement

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from (1) & (2) it follows that

R.H.S = L.H.S. as all tautologies  
are equivalent to one another. All  
Contradictions are equivalent to one another.

- ① Determine which of the following statements are tautologies or contradictions without using truth tables.

$$(i) (P \rightarrow \neg P) \rightarrow \neg P$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 (P \rightarrow \neg P) \rightarrow \neg P &\equiv (\neg P \vee \neg P) \rightarrow \neg P \\
 &\equiv \neg P \rightarrow \neg P \\
 &\equiv \neg(\neg P) \vee \neg P \\
 &\equiv P \vee \neg P \quad \text{Double negation} \\
 &\equiv \text{True} \quad \text{Complement}
 \end{aligned}$$

It is a tautology

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textcircled{2} \quad P \rightarrow (P \vee Q) &\equiv \neg P \vee (P \vee Q) \quad \text{Conditional Equivalence} \\
 &\equiv (\neg P \vee P) \vee Q \quad P \rightarrow Q \equiv \neg P \vee Q \\
 &\equiv T \vee Q \quad \text{Associative} \\
 &\equiv T \quad \text{Complement} \\
 &\equiv \text{True} \quad \text{Dominant (or) Null}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textcircled{3} \quad (Q \rightarrow P) \wedge (\neg P \wedge Q) &\equiv (Q \rightarrow P) \wedge (\neg P \wedge Q) \\
 &\equiv (\neg Q \vee P) \wedge (\neg P \wedge Q) \\
 &\equiv ((\neg Q \vee P) \wedge \neg P) \wedge Q \quad \text{Associative} \\
 &\equiv (\neg P \wedge (\neg Q \vee P)) \wedge Q \quad \text{Commutative} \\
 &\equiv [(\neg P \wedge \neg Q) \vee (\neg P \wedge P)] \wedge Q \quad \text{Distributive} \\
 &\equiv [(\neg P \wedge \neg Q) \vee F] \wedge Q \quad \text{Complement or Negation} \\
 &\equiv (\neg P \wedge \neg Q) \wedge Q \quad \text{Identity} \\
 &\equiv \neg P \wedge (\neg Q \wedge Q) \quad \text{Complement} \\
 &\equiv \neg P \wedge F \equiv \text{False} \quad \text{Null}
 \end{aligned}$$

It is a Contradiction

1.  $\frac{1}{2} \log_2 \frac{1}{p}$  (bits/sec)  
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 9.  $\frac{1}{2} \log_2 \frac{1}{p}$  (bits/sec)  
 10.  $\frac{1}{2} \log_2 \frac{1}{p}$  (bits/sec)



Example 1-

① prove the following implications without using truth tables.

$$(i) \quad p \wedge q \Rightarrow p \rightarrow q$$

To prove  $p \wedge q \rightarrow (p \rightarrow q) \equiv T$ .

$$\begin{aligned} p \wedge q \rightarrow (p \rightarrow q) &\equiv \neg(p \wedge q) \vee (\neg p \vee q) && a \rightarrow b \equiv \neg a \vee b \\ &\equiv (\neg p \vee \neg q) \vee (\neg p \vee q) && \text{(De Morgan's Law)} \\ &\equiv (\neg q \vee \neg p) \vee (\neg p \vee q) && \text{(commutative law)} \\ &\equiv [(\neg q \vee \neg p) \vee \neg p] \vee q && \text{(associative law)} \\ &\equiv [\neg q \vee (\neg p \vee \neg p)] \vee q && \text{(")} \\ &\equiv (\neg q \vee \neg p) \vee q && \text{(idempotent law)} \\ &\equiv \neg p \vee (\neg q \vee q) && \text{(commutative law)} \\ &\equiv \neg p \vee T && \text{(associative law)} \\ &\equiv \neg p \vee T && \text{(complement law)} \\ &\equiv T && \text{(null law)} \end{aligned}$$

$$P \Rightarrow (Q \rightarrow P)$$

To prove  $P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow P) \equiv T$ .

$$\begin{aligned} P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow P) &\equiv \neg P \vee (\neg Q \vee P) && a \rightarrow b \equiv \neg a \vee b \\ &\equiv \neg P \vee (P \vee \neg Q) && \text{(commutative law)} \\ &\equiv (\neg P \vee P) \vee \neg Q && \text{(associative law)} \\ &\equiv T \vee \neg Q && \text{(complement law)} \\ &\equiv T && \text{(null law)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{3} ((P \vee \neg P) \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow ((P \vee \neg P) \rightarrow R) \Rightarrow Q \rightarrow R.$$

To prove

$$(((P \vee \neg P) \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow ((P \vee \neg P) \rightarrow R)) \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow R) \equiv T.$$

$$\equiv ((T \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow (T \rightarrow R)) \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow R)$$

$$\equiv ((\neg T \vee Q) \rightarrow (\neg T \vee R)) \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow R)$$

$$\equiv ((F \vee Q) \rightarrow (F \vee R)) \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow R)$$

$$\equiv (Q \rightarrow R) \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow R)$$

$$\equiv \neg(Q \rightarrow R) \vee (Q \rightarrow R)$$

$$\neg(Q \rightarrow R) \vee (Q \rightarrow R)$$

$$\neg(\neg Q \vee R) \vee (\neg Q \vee R)$$

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

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

$$T \vee \neg Q$$

$$\equiv T$$



Write down the duals of the following equivalence and prove the duals without using truth table

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

L.H.S  $\neg(\neg(P \wedge Q) \vee (\neg P \vee (\neg P \vee Q)))$

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

L.H.S  $(P \vee Q) \wedge (\neg P \wedge (\neg P \wedge Q))$

$$\equiv (P \vee Q) \wedge [(\neg P \wedge \neg P) \wedge (Q \wedge \neg P \vee Q \wedge \neg P)] \quad \text{Distributive}$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$\equiv Q \wedge \neg P$$

Identity law

$$P \vee F \equiv P$$

Note :- If a Statement formula contains  $\rightarrow$  or  $\longleftrightarrow$ , we replace them by equivalent formula involving  $\wedge$  and  $\vee$  and then write the dual.