

## Elementary logic.

**Definition 1** A **statement** (assertion, proposition, closed sentence) is a (declarative) sentence that may be either true or false.

### Operations on statements (compound statements):

The truth table of a compound statement is the table describing logical value of the compound statement in terms of logical values of the atomic statements. Usually the value “true” is represented by 1 and 0 is used for “false”.

**Definition 2** The **negation** of a statement  $p$  is the statement „not  $p$ ”, denoted by  $\neg p$ . It is true if and only if  $p$  is false.

Truth table of the negation :

| $p$ | $\neg p$ |
|-----|----------|
| 0   | 1        |
| 1   | 0        |

**Definition 3** The **disjunction** of two statements  $p$  and  $q$  is the statement “ $p$  or  $q$ ”, denoted by  $p \vee q$ . It is false if and only if both  $p$  and  $q$  are false.

Truth table of the disjunction:

| $p$ | $q$ | $p \vee q$ |
|-----|-----|------------|
| 0   | 0   | 0          |
| 0   | 1   | 1          |
| 1   | 0   | 1          |
| 1   | 1   | 1          |

**Definition 4** The **conjunction** of two statements  $p$  and  $q$  is the statement “ $p$  and  $q$ ”, denoted by  $p \wedge q$ . It is true if and only if both  $p$  and  $q$  are true.

Truth table of the conjunction:

| $p$ | $q$ | $p \wedge q$ |
|-----|-----|--------------|
| 0   | 0   | 0            |
| 0   | 1   | 0            |
| 1   | 0   | 0            |
| 1   | 1   | 1            |

**Definition 5** The **implication** of two statements  $p$  and  $q$  is the statement “if  $p$  then  $q$ ”, denoted by  $p \Rightarrow q$ . It is false if and only if  $p$  is true and  $q$  is false.

Truth table of the implication:

| p | q | $p \Rightarrow q$ |
|---|---|-------------------|
| 0 | 0 | 1                 |
| 0 | 1 | 1                 |
| 1 | 0 | 0                 |
| 1 | 1 | 1                 |

**Definition 6** The *equivalence* (or *biconditional*) of two statements  $p$  and  $q$  is the statement “ $p$  if and only if  $q$ ”, denoted by  $p \Leftrightarrow q$ . It is true if and only if both  $p$  and  $q$  are either true or false.

Truth table of the equivalence:

| p | q | $p \Leftrightarrow q$ |
|---|---|-----------------------|
| 0 | 0 | 1                     |
| 0 | 1 | 0                     |
| 1 | 0 | 0                     |
| 1 | 1 | 1                     |

**Definition 7** A *tautology* (law of logic) is a statement which is always true.

### Quantifiers.

Open sentence is a statement depending on at least one parameter.

If  $P(x)$  is an open sentence depending on a parameter  $x \in X$  then we can create two new statements with the use of so called quantifiers:

1. Universal quantifier:

Statement  $\bigwedge_{x \in X} P(x)$  reads “for every  $x \in X$   $P(x)$ ” and it is true if and only if for every element  $x \in X$  the statement  $P(x)$  is true.

Instead of  $\bigwedge$  sometimes symbol  $\forall$  is being used.

1. Existential quantifier:

Statement  $\bigvee_{x \in X} P(x)$  reads “there is  $x \in X$  such that  $P(x)$ ” and it is true if and only if there exists (at least one) element  $x_o \in X$  such that the statement  $P(x_o)$  is true.

Instead of  $\bigvee$  sometimes symbol  $\exists$  is being used.

The two most important tautologies involving quantifiers are so called generalized De Morgan’s Laws:

$$\neg \left[ \bigwedge_{x \in X} P(x) \right] \Leftrightarrow \bigvee_{x \in X} [\neg P(x)];$$

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