

Discrete Mathematics: Conjunction and Disconjunction

Conjunction Symbol
 \wedge means "And"

Example: $p \wedge q$ means "p and q"
If "p" stands for "2 is less than 5"
"q" stands for "2 is greater than 0"
" $p \wedge q$ " means "2 is less than 5 And 2 is greater than 0"
For this example: $p \wedge q$ have Truth Value = T

Example 2:

If we switch the 'q' statement to '2 is greater than 7'
The truth value of 'q' is F
Then, the truth value of " $p \wedge q$ " is F

Truth Table For " $p \wedge q$ "

p	q	$p \wedge q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	F

" $p \wedge q$ " are T only when both
"p" and "q" are T
Any other case of " $p \wedge q$ " is F

Discrete Mathematics: Disjunction

Disjunction Symbol
"v" means "Or"

" $p \vee q$ " means "p Or q"

Example

"p" means "Grass is Green"
"q" means "Snow is Black"
" $p \vee q$ " means "Grass is Green OR Snow is Black"

The truth value of " $p \vee q$ " is T just in case either the truth value of "p" is T or the truth value of "q" is T. Otherwise, the truth value of " $p \vee q$ " is F.

Example 2

If "p" now means "Grass is White"

q stays the same

Now the truth value of "p" is F and the truth value of "q" is F, then the truth value of " $p \vee q$ " is F.

Truth Table for " $p \vee q$ "

p	q	$p \vee q$
T	T	T
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

Discrete Mathematics : Conditional

Symbol For Implication / Conditional

\rightarrow or $p \rightarrow q$ means "If p then q "
also means " p implies q "

Example

" p " means "A bagel cost \$2"
" q " means "A bagel cost more than \$1"
" $p \rightarrow q$ " means "If a bagel cost \$2 then a bagel
 $p \rightarrow q$ then $p \rightarrow q$ is T cost more than \$1."

The truth value of " $p \rightarrow q$ " is F just in case the
truth value of " p " is T and the truth value of " q " is F
 $T \rightarrow F$

Otherwise the truth value of " $p \rightarrow q$ " is T

The only time " $p \rightarrow q$ " is F is when " $T \rightarrow F$ "
All other times its true (T)

Example 2:

If " p " means "A bagel does not cost \$2"

" p " is F

The only time $p \rightarrow q$ is F is when $T \rightarrow F$
then we can conclude $p \rightarrow q$ is T

Truth Table for " $p \rightarrow q$ "

p	q	$p \rightarrow q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T