

# **Discrete Mathematics:**

## **Lecture 1. propositions**

# proposition

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- A declarative sentence that is **either true or false**, but not both.
- A sentence that declares a **fact**.

- ▶ Washington DC is the capital of the United States of America    T
- ▶  $1 + 1 = 2$     T
- ▶  $2 + 2 = 3$     F
- ▶ What time is it?    X
- ▶  $x + 1 = 2$     X

# compound proposition

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■ a proposition that combines one or more propositions using logical operators

■ **connectives (logical operators)**

- $\neg p$  (not p): negation of p
- $p \wedge q$  (p and q): conjunction of p and q
- $p \vee q$  (p or q): disjunction of p and q (inclusive or)
- $p \oplus q$  (p xor q): exclusive or of p and q

■ **truth table**

p	q	$\neg p$	$p \wedge q$	$p \vee q$	$p \oplus q$
T	T	F	T	T	F
T	F	F	F	T	T
F	T	T	F	T	T
F	F	T	F	F	F

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# compound proposition

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## ■ connectives (logical operators)

- $p \longrightarrow q$  : conditional statement (implication)

p: hypothesis (or premise)

q: conclusion (or consequence)

p	q	$p \longrightarrow q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

- ▶ If I love you, I will marry you
- ▶ If you get 100 points on the final, then you will get the grade A
- ▶  $(1 = 0) \longrightarrow$  pigs can fly
- ▶ If Tuesday is a day of the week, then I am a penguin

# compound proposition

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- “If I wear a red shirt tomorrow, then my professor will give me A+ “
- In logic, the sentence is TRUE so long as either
  - “ I don’t wear a red shirt ” or
  - “ My professor give me A+”

# compound proposition

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■ p: It is below freezing

q: It is snowing

a) It is below freezing and snowing

b) It is below freezing but not snowing

c) It is not below freezing and it is not snowing

d) It is either snowing or below freezing

e) If it is below freezing, it is also snowing

f) Either it is below freezing or it is snowing, but it is not snowing if it is below freezing



# compound proposition

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■ p: It is below freezing

q: It is snowing

a) It is below freezing and snowing  $p \wedge q$

b) It is below freezing but not snowing  $p \wedge \neg q$

c) It is not below freezing and it is not snowing  $\neg p \wedge \neg q$

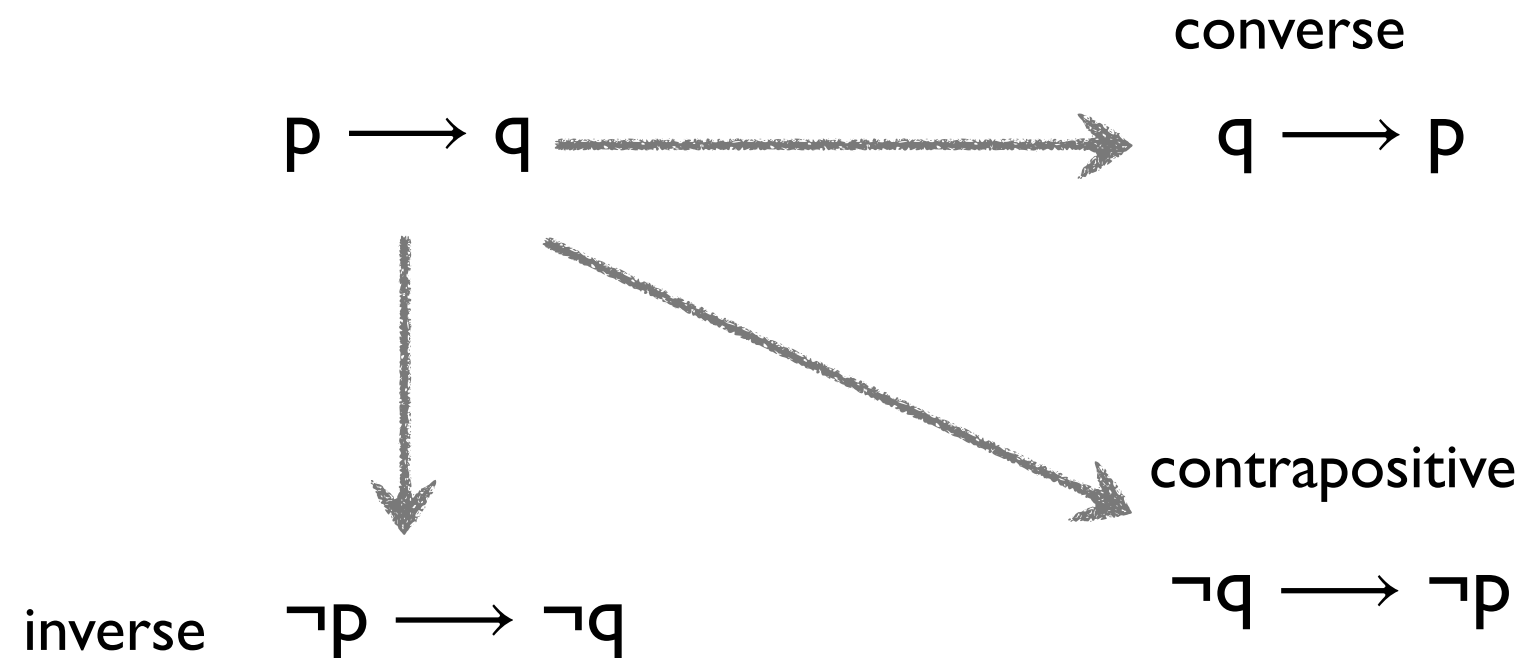
d) It is either snowing or below freezing  $p \vee q$

e) If it is below freezing, it is also snowing  $p \longrightarrow q$

f) Either it is below freezing or it is snowing, but it is not snowing if it is below freezing  $(p \vee q) \wedge (p \longrightarrow \neg q)$

# compound proposition

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p	q	$p \longrightarrow q$	$\neg p$	$\neg q$	$\neg q \longrightarrow$
T	T	T	F	F	T
T	F	F	F	T	F
F	T	T	T	F	T
F	F	T	T	T	T

# compound proposition

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$$(p \wedge q) \longrightarrow (p \vee q)$$

p	q	$p \wedge q$	$p \vee q$	$(p \wedge q) \longrightarrow (p \vee q)$
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	T
F	T	F	T	T
F	F	F	F	T

# compound proposition

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## ■ connectives (logical operators)

### ■ $p \longleftrightarrow q$ : biconditional statement

$p$  if and only if  $q$ ,  $p$  iff  $q$

$$(p \longrightarrow q) \wedge (q \longrightarrow p)$$

$p$	$q$	$p \longrightarrow q$	$q \longrightarrow p$	$p \longleftrightarrow q$
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	F
F	T	T	F	F
F	F	T	T	T

$p$ : You get 100 points on the final

$q$ : You get the grade A

$p \longleftrightarrow q$ : You get 100 points on the final if and only if you get the grade A

# precedence of logical operators

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operator	precedence
$\neg$	1
$\wedge$	2
$\vee$	3
$\longrightarrow$	4
$\longleftrightarrow$	5

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

# bits

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- A bit is a binary digit: 0 or 1
- By convention, 0 represents “false” and 1 represents “true”
- Boolean algebra is like ordinary algebra except that
  - variables stand for bits,
  - $+$  means “or”,
  - multiplication means “and”

# bit operator

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$x$	$y$	$x \vee y$	$x \wedge y$	$x \oplus y$
1	1	1	1	0
1	0	1	0	1
0	1	1	0	1
0	0	0	0	0

01 1011 0111

11 0001 1101

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11 1011 1111

bitwise OR

01 0001 0101

bitwise AND

10 1010 1010

bitwise XOR

## an example: system specification

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- 1) The diagnostic message is stored in the buffer or it is retransmitted
- 2) The diagnostic message is not stored in the buffer
- 3) If the diagnostic message is stored in the buffer, then it is retransmitted

check the consistency!

$p$ : The diagnostic message is stored in the buffer

$q$ : The diagnostic message is retransmitted

$p$	$q$	1) $p \vee q$	2) $\neg p$	3) $p \longrightarrow q$
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T	F	T	F	F
F	T	T	T	T
F	F	F	T	T



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- 1) The diagnostic message is stored in the buffer or it is retransmitted
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when we have

- 4) The diagnostic message is not retransmitted
- check the consistency!

$p$ : The diagnostic message is stored in the buffer

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T	T	T	F	T	F
T	F	T	F	F	T
F	T	T	T	T	F
F	F	F	T	T	T

## an example: logic puzzles

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There is an island that has two kinds of people: knights, who always tell the truth, and their opposites, knaves, who always lie. You encounter two people A and B. What are A and B if

A says “B is a knight”,

B says “The two of us are opposite types”

$p$ : A is a knight

$q$ : B is a knight

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B says “A is a knave”

$p$ : A is a knight

$q$ : B is a knight

# an example: logic circuits

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## basic logic gates



Inverter



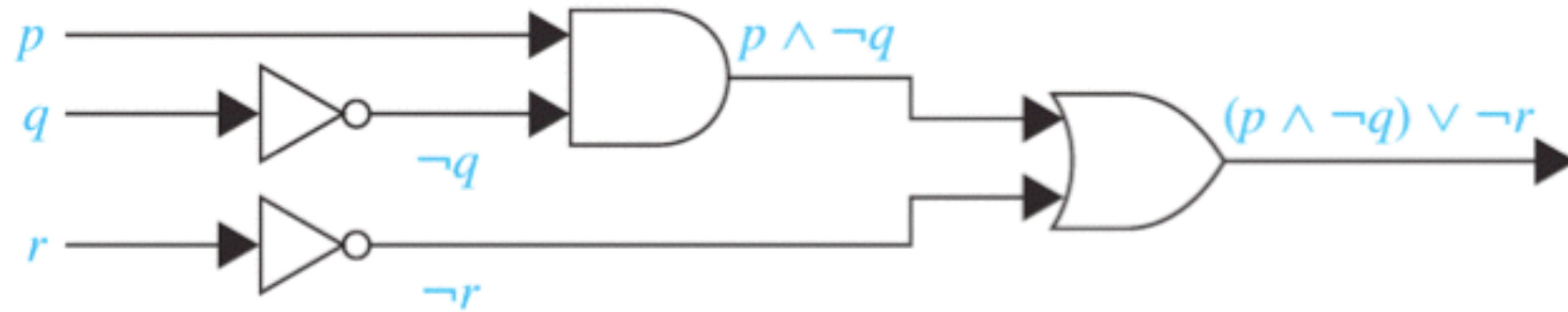
OR gate



AND gate

## an example: logic circuits

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# propositional equivalences

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- A **tautology** is a compound proposition that is always true.
- A **contradiction** is a compound proposition that is always false.
- A **contingency** is a compound proposition that is neither a tautology nor a contradiction.

$p$	$\neg p$	$p \vee \neg p$	$p \wedge \neg p$
T	F	T	F
F	T	T	F

↑  
tautology

↑  
contradiction

# logical equivalences

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- two syntactically different compound propositions may be semantically identical, which is equivalent
- when compound propositions have the same truth values in all possible cases, they are **logically equivalent**
- $p \equiv q$ :  $p$  and  $q$  are logically equivalent
- a truth table can be used to determine whether two compound propositions are equivalent

# logical equivalences

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$$p \longrightarrow q \equiv \neg p \vee q$$

p	q	$p \longrightarrow q$	$\neg p$	$\neg p \vee q$
T	T	T	F	T
T	F	F	F	F
F	T	T	T	T
F	F	T	T	T

ref. table 7 and 8 on page 26



# De Morgan laws

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■  $\neg (p \vee q) \equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q$

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p	q	$p \vee q$	$\neg(p \vee q)$	$\neg p$	$\neg q$	$\neg p \wedge \neg q$
T	T	T	F	F	F	F
T	F	T	F	F	T	F
F	T	T	F	T	F	F
F	F	F	T	T	T	T

# logical equivalences

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identity laws	$p \wedge T \equiv p$ $p \vee F \equiv p$
domination laws	$p \vee T \equiv T$ $p \wedge F \equiv F$
idempotent laws	$p \vee p \equiv p$ $p \wedge p \equiv p$
double negation law	$\neg(\neg p) \equiv p$
commutative laws	$p \vee q \equiv q \vee p$ $p \wedge q \equiv q \wedge p$
associative laws	$(p \vee q) \vee r \equiv p \vee (q \vee r)$ $(p \wedge q) \wedge r \equiv p \wedge (q \wedge r)$
distributive laws	$p \vee (q \wedge r) \equiv (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$ $p \wedge (q \vee r) \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$
absorption laws	$p \vee (p \wedge q) \equiv p$ $p \wedge (p \vee q) \equiv p$
negation laws	$p \vee \neg p \equiv T$ $p \wedge \neg p \equiv F$

# logical equivalences

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$$\begin{aligned}\neg (p \vee (\neg p \wedge q)) &\equiv \neg p \wedge \neg (\neg p \wedge q) \\ &\equiv \neg p \wedge (p \vee \neg q) \\ &\equiv (\neg p \wedge p) \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q) \\ &\equiv F \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q) \\ &\equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q\end{aligned}$$

De Morgan law

De Morgan law

distributive law

negation law

identity law

# propositional satisfiability

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- A compound proposition is **satisfiable** if there is an assignment of truth values to its variables that makes it true.
- A compound proposition is **unsatisfiable** when the compound proposition is false for all assignments.

$(p \vee \neg q) \wedge (q \vee \neg r) \wedge (r \vee \neg p)$  is satisfiable?

p	q	r	$p \vee \neg q$	$q \vee \neg r$	$r \vee \neg p$	$(p \vee \neg q) \wedge (q \vee \neg r) \wedge (r \vee \neg p)$
T	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	T	T	F	F
T	F	T	T	F	T	F
T	F	F	T	T	F	F
F	T	T	F	T	T	F
F	T	F	F	T	T	F
F	F	T	T	F	T	F
F	F	F	T	T	T	T