

1.1 AND 1.2 - PROPOSITIONAL LOGIC (WITH APPLICATIONS)

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- (g) This sentence is false.
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Example 2: There are three false statements in this example. Can you identify them?

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The *truth value* of a proposition is **T** if the proposition is true, and **F** if the proposition is false.

COMPOUND PROPOSITIONS: Let p and q be propositions.

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Pronounced	“not p ”	“ p and q ”	“ p or q , or both”	“ p or q , but not both”
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Definition: Given the implication $p \rightarrow q$, then

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What is the truth value of the proposition, its converse, its contrapositive and its inverse?

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$$p \rightarrow \neg (p \wedge q).$$

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Name	<i>Implication</i>	<i>Biconditional</i>
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(A prime number is a positive integer whose only divisors are 1 and itself – 1 is not considered a prime number.)

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