

MODULE I

LOGIC

Statements and Notations, Connectives, Negation, Conjunction, Disjunction, statement, Formulae and Truth Tables, Conditional and Bi-conditional, Well-formed Formulae, Tautologies, Equivalence of Formulae, Tautological Implications.

Definition: Propositional Logic

A proposition is a collection of declarative statements that has either a truth value "true" or a truth value "false". A propositional consists of propositional variables and connectives. We denote the propositional variables by capital letters (A, B, C etc). The connectives connect the propositional variables.

Some examples of Propositions are given below:

- "Man is Mortal", it returns truth value "TRUE" as T.
- " $12 + 9 = 3 - 2$ ", it returns truth

value "FALSE" as F.

The following is not a Proposition

- "A is less than 2". It is because unless we give a specific value of A, we cannot say whether the statement is true or false.

Connectives

In propositional logic generally we use five connectives which are OR (\vee), AND (\wedge), Negation/ NOT (\neg), Conditional or Implication / if-then (\rightarrow), Bi conditional or If and only if (\leftrightarrow).

Negation (\neg) – The negation of a proposition A (written as $\neg A$) is false when A is true and is true when A is false.

The truth table is as follows

A	$\neg A$
True	False

False	True
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AND (\wedge) – The AND operation of two propositions A and B (written as $A \wedge B$) is true if both the propositional variable A and B is true.

The truth table is as follows –

A	B	$A \wedge B$
True	True	False
True	False	False
False	True	False
False	False	True

OR (\vee)– The OR operation of two propositions A and B (written as $A \vee B$) is true if at least any of the propositional variable A or B is true.

The truth table is as follows –

A	B	$A \vee B$
T	T	T
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

Implication / if-

then (\rightarrow) – An implication $A \rightarrow B$ is False if A is true and B is false. The rest cases are true.

The truth table is as follows –

A	B	$A \rightarrow B$
True	True	True
True	False	False
False	True	True
False	False	True

If and only if (\leftrightarrow)– $A \leftrightarrow B$ is bi-conditional logical connective which is true when p and q are both false or both are true.

The truth table is as follows –

A	B	$A \leftrightarrow B$
True	True	True
True	False	False
False	True	False
False	False	True

Well Formed Formulas(WFFs)

The well formed formulas(WFFs) or statement formulas or logic formulas are defined recursively (or inductively) as below.

1. Propositional variables p, q, r, \dots and propositional constants F, T are well formed formulas. They are known as primitive WFFs.

2. If P and Q are WFFs then $\neg P, \neg Q, P \wedge Q, P \vee Q, P \rightarrow Q$ and $P \leftrightarrow Q$ are also WFFs.
3. All WFFs are obtained by the above procedures applied a finite number of times.
For example, the following are WFFs

$$p, p \wedge q, p \rightarrow q, p \wedge (q \rightarrow r) \equiv (p \wedge q) \rightarrow r, (p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow (q \rightarrow p)$$

Note: In order to avoid excessive use of parenthesis, we adopt an order of precedence for logical Operators.

$\neg, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow$ and \leftrightarrow

Tautologies

A Tautology is a formula which is always true for every value of its propositional variables.

Example – Prove $[(A \rightarrow B) \wedge A] \rightarrow B$ is a tautology

The truth table is as follows –

A	B	$A \rightarrow B$	$(A \rightarrow B) \wedge A$	$[(A \rightarrow B) \wedge A] \rightarrow B$
True	True	True	True	True
True	False	False	False	True
False	True	True	False	True
False	False	True	False	True

As we can see every value of $[(A \rightarrow B) \wedge A] \rightarrow B$ is “True”, it is a tautology.

Contradictions

A Contradiction is a formula which is always false for every value of its propositional variables.

Example – Prove $(A \vee B) \wedge (\neg A) \wedge (\neg B)$ is a contradiction

The truth table is as follows –

A	B	$A \vee B$	$\neg A$	$\neg B$	$(\neg A) \wedge (\neg B)$	$(A \vee B) \wedge [(\neg A) \wedge (\neg B)]$
True	True	True	False	False	False	False
True	False	True	False	True	False	False
False	True	True	True	False	False	False
False	False	False	True	True	True	False

As we can see every value of $(A \vee B) \wedge [(\neg A) \wedge (\neg B)]$ is “False”, it is a Contradiction.

Contingency

A Contingency is a formula which has both some true and some false values for every value of its propositional variables.

Example – Prove $(A \vee B) \wedge (\neg A)$ a contingency

The truth table is as follows –

A	B	$A \vee B$	$\neg A$	$(A \vee B) \wedge (\neg A)$
True	True	True	False	False
True	False	True	False	False
False	True	True	True	True
False	False	False	True	False

As we can see every value of $(A \vee B) \wedge (\neg A)$ has both “True” and “False”, it is a contingency.

Propositional Equivalences

Two statements X and Y are logically equivalent if any of the following two conditions –

- The truth tables of each statement have the same truth values.
- The bi-conditional statement $X \leftrightarrow Y$ is a tautology.

Example–Prove $\neg(A \vee B)$ and $[(\neg A) \wedge (\neg B)]$ are equivalent

Testing by 1st method (Matching truth table)

A	B	$A \vee B$	$\neg(A \vee B)$	$\neg A$	$\neg B$	$[(\neg A) \wedge (\neg B)]$
True	True	True	False	False	False	False
True	False	True	False	False	True	False
False	True	True	False	True	False	False
False	False	False	True	True	True	True

Here, we can see the truth values of $\neg(A \vee B)$ and $[(\neg A) \wedge (\neg B)]$ are same, hence the statements are equivalent.

Testing by 2nd method (Bi-conditionality)

A	B	$\neg(A \vee B)$	$[(\neg A) \wedge (\neg B)]$	$[\neg(A \vee B)] \leftrightarrow [(\neg A) \wedge (\neg B)]$
True	True	False	False	True
True	False	False	False	True
False	True	False	False	True
False	False	True	True	True

As $[\neg(A \vee B)] \leftrightarrow [(\neg A) \wedge (\neg B)]$ is a tautology, the statements are equivalent.

Laws of Propositional Logic:

S.No	Name of Laws	Primal Form	Dual Form
1	Idempotent Law	$p \vee p \equiv p$	$p \wedge p \equiv p$
2	Identity Law	$p \vee F \equiv p$	$p \wedge T \equiv p$
3	Dominant Law	$p \vee T \equiv T$	$p \wedge F \equiv F$
4	Complement Law	$p \vee \neg p \equiv T$	$p \wedge \neg p \equiv F$
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	Absorption Law	$p \vee (p \wedge q) \equiv p$	$p \wedge (p \vee q) \equiv p$
9	De Morgan's Law	$\neg(p \vee q) \equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q$	$\neg(p \wedge q) \equiv \neg p \vee \neg q$
10	Double Negation Law	$\neg(\neg p) \equiv p$	-

Logical Equivalences involving Conditional Statements

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

Logical Equivalences involving Biconditional Statements

$p \leftrightarrow q \equiv (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$
$p \leftrightarrow q \equiv \neg p \leftrightarrow \neg q$
$p \leftrightarrow q \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q)$
$\neg(p \leftrightarrow q) \equiv p \leftrightarrow \neg q$

Inverse, Converse, and Contra-positive

A conditional statement has two parts – **Hypothesis** and **Conclusion**.

Example of Conditional Statement – “If you do your homework, you will not be punished.” Here, "you do your homework" is the hypothesis and "you will

not be punished" is the conclusion.

Inverse –

An inverse of the conditional statement is the negation of both the hypothesis and the conclusion. If the statement is "If p , then q ", the inverse will be "If not p , then not q ". The inverse of "If you do your homework, you will not be punished" is "If you do not do your homework, you will be punished."

Converse—The converse of the conditional statement is computed by interchanging the hypothesis and the conclusion. If the statement is "If p , then q ", the inverse will be "If q , then p ". The converse of "If you do your homework, you will not be punished" is "If you will not be punished, you do not do your homework".

Contra-positive—The contra-positive of the conditional is computed by interchanging the hypothesis and the conclusion of the inverse statement. If the statement is "If p , then q ", the inverse will be "If not q , then not p ". The Contra-positive of "If you do your homework, you will not be punished" is "If you will be punished, you do your homework."

NORMAL FORMS

Normal Forms, Disjunctive Normal Forms, Conjunctive Normal Forms, Principal Disjunctive Normal Forms, Principal Conjunctive Normal Forms, Rules of Inference, the Predicate Calculus, Predicates, Variables and Quantifiers, Predicate Formula, Free and Bound Variables.

Elementary Product: A product of the variables and their negations in a formula is called an elementary product. If p and q are any two atomic variables, then $p, \neg p \wedge q, \neg q \wedge p, \neg p \wedge \neg q$ are some examples of

elementary products.

Elementary Sum: A sum of the variables and their negations in a formula is called an elementary sum. If P and Q are any two atomic variables, then $p, \neg p \vee q, \neg q \vee p, \neg p \vee \neg q$ are some examples of elementary sums.

Normal Forms: We can convert any proposition in two normal forms –

1. Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF)
2. Disjunctive Normal Form (DNF)

Conjunctive Normal Form

A compound statement is in conjunctive normal form if it is obtained by operating AND among variables (negation of variables included) connected with ORs.

Examples: 1. $(p \vee q) \wedge (q \vee r)$

2. $(\neg p \vee q \vee r) \wedge (s \vee r)$

Disjunctive Normal Form

A compound statement is in disjunctive normal form if it is obtained by operating OR among variables (negation of variables included) connected with ANDs.

Example: $(p \wedge q) \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q) \vee (p \wedge \neg q \wedge \neg r)$

Functionally Complete set

A set of logical operators is called functionally complete if every compound proposition is logically equivalent to a compound proposition involving only this set of logical operators. \wedge, \vee, \neg form a functionally complete set of operators.

Minterms: For two variables p and q there are 4 possible formulas which consist of conjunctions of p, q or its negation given by $p \wedge q, \neg p \wedge q, p \wedge \neg q, \neg p \wedge \neg q$

Maxterms: For two variables p and q there are 4 possible formulas which consist of disjunctions of p,q or its negation given by
 $p \vee q, \neg p \vee q, p \vee \neg q, \neg p \vee \neg q$

Principal Disjunctive Normal Form: For a given formula an equivalent formula consisting of disjunctions of minterms only is known as principal disjunctive normal form (PDNF).

Principal Conjunctive Normal Form: For a given formula an equivalent formula consisting of conjunctions of maxterms only is known as principal conjunctive normal form (PCNF).

Problems:

Obtain DNF of $Q \vee (P \wedge R) \wedge \neg((P \vee R) \wedge Q)$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & Q \vee (P \wedge R) \wedge \neg((P \vee R) \wedge Q) \\
 & \Leftrightarrow (Q \vee (P \wedge R)) \wedge \neg((P \vee R) \wedge Q) \quad (\text{De Morgan law}) \\
 & \Leftrightarrow (Q \vee (P \wedge R)) \wedge ((\neg P \wedge \neg R) \vee \neg Q) \quad (\text{De Morgan law}) \\
 & \Leftrightarrow (Q \wedge (\neg P \wedge \neg R)) \vee (Q \wedge \neg Q) \vee ((P \wedge R) \wedge \neg P \wedge \neg R) \vee ((P \wedge R) \wedge \neg Q) \\
 & \quad \quad \quad (\text{Extended distributed law}) \\
 & \Leftrightarrow (\neg P \wedge Q \wedge \neg R) \vee F \vee (F \wedge R \wedge \neg R) \vee (P \wedge \neg Q \wedge R) \quad (\text{Negation law}) \\
 & \Leftrightarrow (\neg P \wedge Q \wedge \neg R) \vee (P \wedge \neg Q \wedge R) \quad (\text{Negation law})
 \end{aligned}$$

Obtain Pcnf and Pdnf of the formula $(\neg P \vee \neg Q) \rightarrow (P \leftrightarrow \neg Q)$

Solution:

Let $S = (\neg P \vee \neg Q) \rightarrow (P \leftrightarrow \neg Q)$

P	Q	$\neg P$	$\neg Q$	$\neg P \vee \neg Q$	$P \leftrightarrow \neg Q$	S	Minterm	Maxterm
T	T	F	F	F	F	T	$P \wedge Q$	
T	F	F	T	T	T	T	$P \wedge \neg Q$	
F	T	T	F	T	T	T	$\neg P \wedge Q$	
F	F	T	T	T	F	F		$P \vee Q$

PCNF: $P \vee Q$ and PDNF: $(P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge \neg Q) \vee (\neg P \wedge Q)$

