

## Tautology

(i) **Tautology**: A statement is said to be a tautology if it is true for all logical possibilities i.e. its truth value always T. it is denoted by t.

Prove statement  $p \vee \sim (p \wedge q)$  is a tautology

$\overline{p}$	$q$	$p \wedge q$	$\sim (\overline{p \wedge q})$	$p \vee \sim (p \wedge q)$
T	T	T	F	T
T	F	F	T	T
F	T	F	T	T
F	F	F	T	T

## Contradiction / Fallacy

(ii) **Contradiction**: A statement is a contradiction if it is false for all logical possibilities. i.e. its truth value always  $F$ . (It is denoted by  $c$ .)

Prove the statement  $(p \vee q) \wedge (\sim p \wedge \sim q)$  is a contradiction

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



(iv) Negation of biconditional:  $\sim (p \leftrightarrow q) \equiv (p \wedge \sim q) \vee (q \wedge \sim p)$  we know that

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

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \sim (p \leftrightarrow q) &\equiv \sim [(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)] \\ &\equiv \sim (p \rightarrow q) \vee \sim (q \rightarrow p) \\ &\equiv (p \wedge \sim q) \vee (q \wedge \sim p)\end{aligned}$$

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

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

$$\therefore \sim (p \leftrightarrow q) \equiv \sim [(\sim p \vee q) \wedge (\sim q \vee p)]$$

$$\equiv \sim (\sim p \vee q) \vee \sim (\sim q \vee p)$$

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

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

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Q. The negation of the Boolean expression  $p \vee (\sim p \wedge q)$  is equivalent to:

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☐ A  $\sim p \vee \sim q$

☐ B  $\sim p \vee q$

☒ C  $\sim p \wedge \sim q$

☐ D  $\sim p \wedge q$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sim(p \vee (\sim p \wedge q)) \\ & \sim p \wedge \sim(\sim p \wedge q) \\ & \sim p \wedge (\sim(\sim p) \vee \sim q) \\ & \sim p \wedge (p \vee \sim q) \\ & (\sim p \wedge p) \vee (\sim p \wedge \sim q) \\ & \text{C} \vee (\sim p \wedge \sim q) \\ & \underline{\sim p \wedge \sim q} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\sim(\sim p) \equiv p$$

$$\sim p \wedge p \equiv \text{C}$$

$$\text{C} \vee p \equiv p$$

Q. The negative of the statement  $\sim p \wedge (p \vee q)$  is

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A  $\sim p \vee q$

B  $p \vee \sim q$

C  $\sim p \wedge q$

D  $p \wedge \sim q$

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

$$\sim(\sim p) \vee \sim(p \vee q)$$

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

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

$$+ \wedge (p \vee \sim q)$$

$$p \vee \sim q$$

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

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



Q. The negation of the Boolean expression  $x \leftrightarrow \sim y$  is equivalent to :

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(A)  $(\sim x \wedge y) \vee (\sim x \wedge \sim y)$

$(x \wedge \sim y) \vee (\sim x \wedge y)$

$(x \wedge y) \wedge (\sim x \vee \sim y)$

$(x \wedge y) \vee (\sim x \wedge \sim y)$

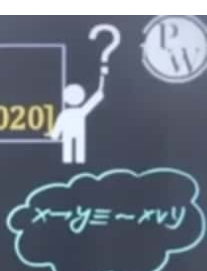
$x \leftrightarrow y \equiv (x \rightarrow y) \wedge (y \rightarrow x)$

$x \leftrightarrow \sim y \equiv (x \rightarrow \sim y) \wedge (\sim y \rightarrow x)$

$\equiv (\sim x \vee \sim y) \wedge (\sim(\sim y) \vee x)$

$\equiv (\sim x \vee \sim y) \wedge (y \vee x)$

Negation :  $\sim(x \leftrightarrow \sim y) \equiv \sim[(\sim x \vee \sim y) \wedge (y \vee x)]$   
 $\equiv [(\sim(\sim x \vee \sim y)) \vee \sim(y \vee x)]$   
 $\equiv (x \wedge y) \vee (\sim y \wedge \sim x)$



Q. The statement  $(p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow p)) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow (p \vee q))$  is: [JEE Mains Online-2020]

☒ a tautology

☐ equivalent to  $(p \wedge q) \vee (\sim q)$

☐ equivalent to  $(p \vee q) \wedge (\sim p)$

☐ contradiction

$$(p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow p)) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow (p \vee q))$$

$$(\sim p \vee (q \rightarrow p)) \rightarrow (\sim p \vee (p \vee q))$$

$$(\sim p \vee (\sim q \vee p)) \rightarrow ((\underbrace{\sim p \vee p}_t) \vee q)$$

$$\sim(\sim p \vee (\sim q \vee p)) \vee \underbrace{t \vee q}_t \equiv t$$



Q. The statement  $(p \wedge (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)) \rightarrow r$  is: [JEE Mains (August) 2021]

(A) a tautology

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

(B) equivalent to  $p \rightarrow \sim r$

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

(C) a fallacy

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

(D) equivalent to  $q \rightarrow \sim r$

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

$$\begin{aligned} t \wedge p &\equiv p \\ t \vee p &\equiv t \\ \sim p \vee p &\equiv t \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\equiv (\sim p \vee p) \wedge (\sim p \vee \sim q) \vee (q \wedge \sim r) \vee r \\ &\equiv (\sim p \vee \sim q) \vee (q \wedge \sim r) \vee r \\ &\equiv ((\sim p \vee \sim q) \vee q) \wedge ((\sim p \vee \sim q) \vee \sim r) \vee r \\ &\equiv ((\sim p \vee \sim q) \vee q) \wedge ((\sim p \vee \sim q) \vee \sim r) \vee r \end{aligned}$$

Distributive law



$$\sim q \vee q \equiv t$$

$$t \vee p = t$$

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

$$\equiv [(\sim p \vee \underline{\sim q \vee t}) \wedge ((\sim p \vee \sim q) \vee \sim r)] \vee r$$

$$\equiv [(\sim p \vee t) \wedge ((\sim p \vee \sim q) \vee \sim r)] \vee r$$

$$\equiv [t \wedge ((\sim p \vee \sim q) \vee \sim r)] \vee r$$

$$\equiv [(\sim p \vee \sim q) \vee \sim r] \vee r$$

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

$$\equiv (\sim p \vee \sim q) \vee t$$

$$\equiv t$$

$$(p \vee q) \vee r = p \vee (q \vee r)$$

Associativity

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