

Properties of Operators



- **Commutativity:**

- $P \wedge Q = Q \wedge P$, or
- $P \vee Q = Q \vee P$.

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- **Distributive:**

- $P \wedge (Q \vee R) = (P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge R)$.
- $P \vee (Q \wedge R) = (P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee R)$.

- **DE Morgan's Law:**

- $\neg (P \wedge Q) = (\neg P) \vee (\neg Q)$
- $\neg (P \vee Q) = (\neg P) \wedge (\neg Q)$.

- **Double-negation elimination:**

- $\neg (\neg P) = P$.

- **Identity element:**

- $P \wedge \text{True} = P$,
- $P \vee \text{True} = \text{True}$.

INFERENCE



1. Generating the conclusions from evidence and facts is termed as Inference.
2. Rules
 - 2.1. **Implication:** represented as $P \rightarrow Q$
 - 2.2. **Converse:** The converse of implication, which means the right-hand side proposition goes to the left-hand side and vice-versa. It can be written as $Q \rightarrow P$.
 - 2.3. **Contrapositive:** The negation of converse is termed as contrapositive : $\neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$.
 - 2.4. **Inverse:** The negation of implication is called inverse : $\neg P \rightarrow \neg Q$.

P	Q	$P \rightarrow Q$	$Q \rightarrow P$	$\neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$	$\neg P \rightarrow \neg Q$
T	T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	F	T
F	T	T	F	T	F
F	F	T	T	T	T



Types of Inference Rules

1. Modus Ponens
2. Modus Tollens
3. Hypothetical Syllogism
4. Disjunctive Syllogism
5. Addition
6. Simplification
7. Resolution

Modus Ponens

It states that if P and $P \rightarrow Q$ is true, then we can infer that Q will be true. It can be represented as:

Notation for Modus ponens:
$$\frac{P \rightarrow Q, P}{\therefore Q}$$

Example:

Statement-1: "If I am sleepy then I go to bed" $\implies P \rightarrow Q$

Statement-2: "I am sleepy" $\implies P$

Conclusion: "I go to bed." $\implies Q$

Hence, we can say that, if $P \rightarrow Q$ is true and P is true then Q will be true.

Proof by Truth table:

P	Q	$P \rightarrow Q$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	0
1	1	1

Modus Tollens

It states that if $P \rightarrow Q$ is true and $\neg Q$ is true, then $\neg P$ will also be true. It can be represented as:

$$\text{Notation for Modus Tollens: } \frac{P \rightarrow Q, \sim Q}{\sim P}$$

Statement-1: "If I am sleepy then I go to bed" $\implies P \rightarrow Q$

Statement-2: "I do not go to the bed." $\implies \sim Q$

Statement-3: Which infers that "I am not sleepy" $\implies \sim P$

Proof by Truth table:

P	Q	$\sim P$	$\sim Q$	$P \rightarrow Q$
0	0	1	1	1
0	1	1	0	1
1	0	0	1	0
1	1	0	0	1

Hypothetical Syllogism

It states that if $P \rightarrow R$ is true whenever $P \rightarrow Q$ is true, and $Q \rightarrow R$ is true.

Statement-1: If you have my home key then you can unlock my home. $P \rightarrow Q$

Statement-2: If you can unlock my home then you can take my money. $Q \rightarrow R$

Conclusion: If you unlock my home key then you can take my money. $P \rightarrow R$

Proof by truth table:

P	Q	R	$P \rightarrow Q$	$Q \rightarrow R$	$P \rightarrow R$	
0	0	0	1	1	1	←
0	0	1	1	1	1	←
0	1	0	1	0	1	
0	1	1	1	1	1	←
1	0	0	0	1	1	
1	0	1	0	1	1	
1	1	0	1	0	0	
1	1	1	1	1	1	←

Disjunctive Syllogism

It states that if $P \vee Q$ is true, and $\neg P$ is true, then Q will be true

$$\text{Notation of Disjunctive syllogism: } \frac{P \vee Q, \neg P}{Q}$$

Example:

Statement-1: Today is Sunday or Monday. $\implies P \vee Q$

Statement-2: Today is not Sunday. $\implies \neg P$

Conclusion: Today is Monday. $\implies Q$

Proof by truth-table:

P	Q	$\neg P$	$P \vee Q$
0	0	1	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	1
1	1	0	1

Addition

It states that If P is true, then $P \vee Q$ will be true

$$\text{Notation of Addition: } \frac{P}{P \vee Q}$$

Example:

Statement: I have a vanilla ice-cream. \implies P

Statement-2: I have Chocolate ice-cream.

Conclusion: I have vanilla or chocolate ice-cream. $\implies (P \vee Q)$

Proof by Truth-Table:

P	Q	$P \vee Q$
0	0	0
1	0	1
0	1	1
1	1	1


Simplification

It states that if $P \wedge Q$ is true, then Q or P will also be true

Notation of Simplification rule: $\frac{P \wedge Q}{Q}$ Or $\frac{P \wedge Q}{P}$

Proof by Truth-Table:

P	Q	$P \wedge Q$
0	0	0
1	0	0
0	1	0
1	1	1



Resolution

It states that if $P \vee Q$ and $\neg P \wedge R$ is true, then $Q \vee R$ will also be true

$$\text{Notation of Resolution} \frac{P \vee Q, \neg P \wedge R}{Q \vee R}$$

Proof by Truth-Table:

P	$\neg P$	Q	R	$P \vee Q$	$\neg P \wedge R$	$Q \vee R$
0	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	1	0	0	1
0	1	1	0	1	1	1
0	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	1	0	0
1	0	0	1	1	0	1
1	0	1	0	1	0	1
1	0	1	1	1	0	1