

# Discrete Math

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## Part I Discrete Math: Logic

### Chapter I Propositional Logic

#### § 1.1 Connectives and Truth Assignments

**Define 1.1.1** (Truth table of Connectives) (Omitted)

**Define 1.1.2** (Truth Assignments) Suppose  $\Sigma$  is the set of propositional variables. A mapping from  $\Sigma$  to  $\{\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{F}\}$  called a truth assignment.

**Define 1.1.3** Suppose  $\Sigma$  is the set of propositional variables and  $\mathcal{J} : \Sigma \rightarrow \{\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{F}\}$  is a truth assignment. The truth value of the compound proposition on  $\mathcal{J}$   
...  
(Omitted)

**Define 1.1.4** (Tautology, contradiction) (Omitted)

**Define 1.1.5** (Contingency, Satisfiable) A contingency is a compound proposition that is neither a tautology nor a contradiction.  
A compound proposition is **satisfiable** if it is true under some truth assignment.

#### § 1.2 Consequence and Equivalent

## 1 The definition of consequence and logically equivalent

**Define 1.2.1 (Consequence)** Suppose  $\Phi$  is a set of propositions and  $\psi$  is one single proposition. We say that  $\psi$  is a consequence of  $\Phi$ , written as  $\Phi \models \psi$ , if  $\Phi$ 's being all true implies that  $\psi$  is also true.

In other words,  $\Phi \models \psi$  if for any truth assignment  $\mathcal{J}$ ,  $\llbracket \phi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{J}} = \mathbf{T}$  for any  $\phi \in \Phi$  implies  $\llbracket \psi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{J}} = \mathbf{T}$ .

**Define 1.2.2 (Logically Equivalent)**  $\phi$  is a logically equivalent to  $\psi$ , written as  $\phi \equiv \psi$ , if  $\phi$ 's truth value and  $\psi$ 's truth value are the same under any situation. In other words,  $\phi \equiv \psi$  if  $\llbracket \phi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{J}} = \llbracket \psi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{J}}$  for any truth assignment  $\mathcal{J}$ .

**e.g. 1.2.1**  $\Phi = \{ \}, \psi = p \vee \neg p, \Phi \models \psi$

## 2 Important properties

### Theorem 1.2.1

- $\phi \vee \neg \phi$  is a tautology
- $\phi \wedge \neg \phi$  is a contradiction
- $\phi, \psi \models \phi \wedge \psi$  ( $\wedge$ -Introduction)
- $\phi \wedge \psi \models \phi$  ( $\wedge$ -Elimination)
- $\phi \models \phi \vee \psi$  ( $\vee$ -Introduction)
- If  $\Phi, \phi_1 \models \psi, \Phi, \phi_2 \models \psi$ , then  $\Phi, \phi_1 \vee \phi_2 \models \psi$  ( $\vee$ -Elimination)

**Proof (Proof of the last one)** Suppose  $\llbracket \phi \rrbracket_{\mathcal{J}} = \mathbf{T}, \llbracket \phi_1 \vee \phi_2 \rrbracket_{\mathcal{J}} = \mathbf{T}$ . Then at least one of the following holds:  $\llbracket \phi_1 \rrbracket_{\mathcal{J}} = \mathbf{T}, \llbracket \phi_2 \rrbracket_{\mathcal{J}} = \mathbf{T}$ .

**Theorem 1.2.2 (Contrapositive)** If  $\Phi, \neg \phi \models \psi$ , then  $\Phi, \neg \psi \models \phi$

**Theorem 1.2.3**

- $\neg(\neg q) \equiv q$  (Double Negation)
- $\phi \wedge \phi \equiv \phi, \quad \phi \vee \phi \equiv \phi$  (Idempotent Laws)
- $\phi \wedge \psi \equiv \psi \wedge \phi, \quad \phi \vee \psi \equiv \psi \vee \phi$  (Commutative Laws)
- $\phi \vee (\psi \wedge \chi) \equiv (\phi \vee \psi) \wedge (\phi \vee \chi), \quad \phi \wedge (\psi \vee \chi) \equiv (\phi \wedge \psi) \vee (\phi \wedge \chi)$   
(Distributive Laws)
- $\neg(q \wedge q) \equiv \neg p \vee \neg q, \quad \neg(q \vee q) \equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q$  (De Morgan's Laws)
- $\phi \wedge (\neg\phi) \equiv \mathbf{F}, \quad \phi \vee (\neg\phi) \equiv \mathbf{T}$  (Negation Laws)
- $\phi \wedge \mathbf{T} \equiv \phi, \quad \phi \vee \mathbf{F} \equiv \phi, \quad \phi \wedge \mathbf{F} \equiv \mathbf{F}, \quad \phi \vee \mathbf{T} \equiv \mathbf{T}$  (Laws of logical constants)
- $\phi \vee (\phi \wedge \psi) \equiv \phi, \quad \phi \wedge (\phi \vee \psi) \equiv \phi$  (Absorption Laws)

**3 Prove Logical Equivalence**

**Theorem 1.2.4** (Transitivity) If  $\phi \equiv \psi$  and  $\psi \equiv \chi$ , then  $\phi \equiv \chi$ .

**Theorem 1.2.5** (Congruence Property)

- If  $\phi \equiv \psi$ , then  $\neg\phi \equiv \neg\psi$
- If  $\phi_1 \equiv \phi_2, \psi_1 \equiv \psi_2$ , then  $\phi_1 \wedge \psi_1 \equiv \phi_2 \wedge \psi_2$
- If  $\phi_1 \equiv \phi_2, \psi_1 \equiv \psi_2$ , then  $\phi_1 \vee \psi_1 \equiv \phi_2 \vee \psi_2$

**Theorem 1.2.6** (Reflexivity)  $\phi \equiv \phi$

## 4 Relation among tautologies, contradictions, satisfiable assertions, consequence relations and logic equivalence

### Theorem 1.2.7

- $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n \models \psi$  iff.  $\left( \bigwedge_{k=1}^n \phi_k \right) \wedge \neg \psi$  is not satisfiable.
- $\{ \} \models \phi$  iff.  $\phi$  is a tautology.
- $\phi \equiv \psi$  iff.  $\phi \models \psi$  and  $\psi \models \phi$ .

**Theorem 1.2.8** If  $\phi \models \psi$  and  $\psi \models \chi$ , then  $\phi \models \chi$ .

## § 1.3 Normal Forms

### 1 definition

#### Define 1.3.1 (Disjunctive Normal Form, DNF)

- A **literal** is a propositional variable or its negation.
- A **conjunctive clause** is a conjunctions of literals.
- A **compound proposition** is in disjunctive normal form if it is a disjunction of conjunctive clauses.

#### e.g. 1.3.1

- literals  $x, y, z, p.q.r, \neg q$
- conjunctive clauses  $p, p \wedge q, \neg p \wedge q$