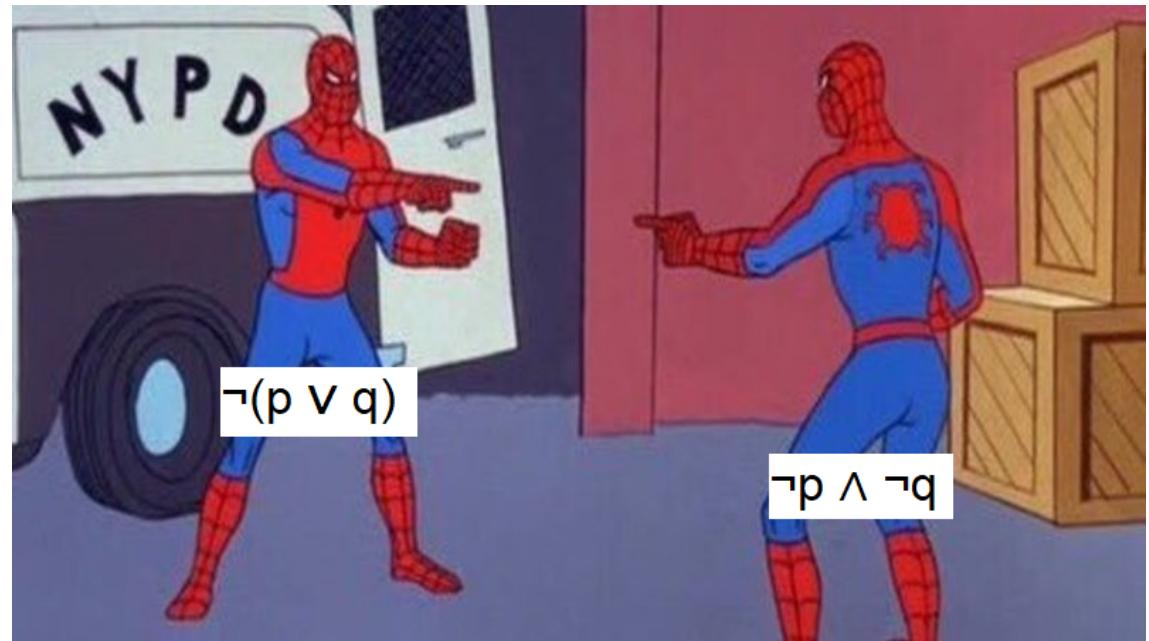


Logical  
Equivalences  
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# Grading Groupwork

- We mistakenly had old (less clear) guidance on how to grade your groupwork. A new version has been uploaded.
- If you have already submitted, no need to resubmit
- If not, please fill out a table similar to the one below, showing what rubric items you received and what you didn't
- The updated homework document has a premade table for the assignment

	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)	(vi)	(vii)	(viii)	Total:
Exponents	+0.5	+0	+0.5	+0	+0.5	+0.5	+0.5		2.5/3.5
Logarithms	+0.5	+0.5	+0	+0	+0.5	+0.5	+0.5	+0.5	3/4
Equations 1	+1	+0							1/2
Equations 2	+1	+1							2/2
Total:									8.5/11.5

- An example grading of (a slightly old version of) homework 0 has been uploaded to Canvas
- Reminder: we will give you a little extra credit if you include positive messages

# “Unless”...

- Our usage of “unless” is inconsistent/ambiguous

- In logic:  $a \text{ unless } b \equiv a \vee b$

- “You can't board a plane from Detroit to Delhi unless you have a passport.”

- if you don't have a passport, you can't board the plane

- if you do have a passport, you may or may not be able to board the plane. Because having a passport doesn't guarantee that you can board the plane. For example, you also need a plane ticket.

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# Domain Restrictions

$S(x)$  = “ $x$  is a student in this class”

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“Every student in this class has studied calculus.”

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**NO!** This says: “Everyone is a student in this class who has studied Calculus.”

Use **if/then** with **universal quantifiers** to make a proposition about only **some** of the domain.

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“**Some** student in this class has studied calculus.”

$$F \rightarrow \boxed{T} \ni T$$

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Is this translation correct?  $\exists x [ S(x) \rightarrow C(x) ]$  (*domain = all people*)

 **NO!** Remember: if-then with existential quantifiers is unintuitive   
*(This is satisfied by any  $x$  with  $\neg S(x)$ , because  $F \rightarrow T$  and  $F \rightarrow F$ )*

Use **and** with **existential quantifiers** to make a proposition about only **some** of the domain.

$\exists x [ S(x) \wedge C(x) ]$

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# Scoping

Translate the following logical statements into English.

Do the two statements have the same meaning? \_\_\_\_\_

$B(x, y)$  = “ $x$  buys a  $y$ ”

Logic

$\forall x [ B(x, \text{umbrella}) \vee B(x, \text{raincoat}) ]$

English

[ $\forall x B(x, \text{umbrella})$ ]  $\vee$  [ $\forall x B(x, \text{raincoat})$ ]

## Scoping

$B(x, y)$  = “ $x$  buys a  $y$ ”

Translate: (*domain = all people*)

$\forall x [B(x, \text{umbrella}) \vee B(x, \text{raincoat})]$

$[\forall x B(x, \text{umbrella})] \vee [\forall x B(x, \text{raincoat})]$

Notice: the **scope** of the variable  $x$  ends at the parentheses, so we can reuse the name!

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$[\forall x B(x, \text{umbrella})] \vee [\forall y B(y, \text{raincoat})]$

More common: use different variable names,  
just to avoid confusion

## Scoping

$B(x, y)$  = “ $x$  buys a  $y$ ”

Translate: (*domain = all people*)

$\forall x [B(x, \text{umbrella}) \vee B(x, \text{raincoat})]$

“Everyone buys an umbrella or a raincoat.”

$[\forall x B(x, \text{umbrella})] \vee [\forall y B(y, \text{raincoat})]$

“Everyone buys an umbrella,  
or everyone buys a raincoat.”

**“Variable scope:**” the part of the expression in which a variable created by a for-all/there-exists exists is still active.

**This matters!** It causes these two propositions to have different meanings.

# Scoping

$L(x)$  = “ $x$  laughs at bad jokes”

$P(x, y)$  = “ $x$  is a parent of  $y$ ”

“Everyone who is the parent of someone laughs at bad jokes”

(A)  $\forall x [ (\exists y P(x,y)) \rightarrow L(x) ]$

(B)  $\forall x \exists y [ P(x,y) \rightarrow L(x) ]$

$$\underbrace{F \rightarrow F}_{T}$$

← does not require  
all parents to laugh  
at bad jokes

# Scoping

$L(x)$  = “ $x$  laughs at bad jokes”

$P(x, y)$  = “ $x$  is a parent of  $y$ ”

“Everyone who is the parent of someone laughs at bad jokes”

For all people, if they are the parent of someone, then they laugh at bad jokes.

(A)  $\forall x [ (\exists y P(x,y)) \rightarrow L(x) ]$

(B)  $\forall x \exists y [ P(x,y) \rightarrow L(x) ]$

If/Then directly inside an existential quantifier is a red flag!  
Probably non-meaningful behavior

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## A Puzzle

You are on an island where there are only two kinds of people:

- **Liars**, who always lie,
- **Truth-tellers**, who always tell the truth.

You meet an native, and ask: “are you a truth-teller?” A clap of thunder masks their response, so you say: “Excuse me, I couldn't hear you: did you say you were a truth-teller?” They answer “No, I said I was a liar.”

**Is the native a liar or a truth-teller?**

# Logic Puzzle

**You:** Are you a truth-teller?

**Answer 1:** ???

**You:** Did you say you were a truth-teller?

**Answer 2:** No, I said I was a liar

In the beginning, we aren't sure whether  
the native is a truth teller or a liar

N  
TT  
L

A1

A2



# Logic Puzzle

**You:** Are you a truth-teller?

**Answer 1:** ???

**You:** Did you say you were a truth-teller?

**Answer 2:** No, I said I was a liar

In either case, their first answer is yes

<u>N</u> TT L	<u>A1</u> Yes Yes	<u>A2</u>

# Logic Puzzle

You: Are you a truth-teller?

Answer 1: ???

You: Did you say you were a truth-teller?

Answer 2: No, I said I was a liar

Native must be  
a liar

N	A1	A2
TT	Yes	Yes
L	Yes	No

But they didn't say Yes in A2

# Logic Puzzle

You meet natives Anand, Blanca and Carol.

- You: Anand, are you a liar?
- Anand: [drowned out by a clap of thunder]
- You: Blanca, what did Anand say?
- Blanca: Anand said he's a liar.
- Carol: Don't believe Blanca, she's lying!
- Carol: Also, Anand is a liar.
- **Which one(s) are liars?**

## Handout

# Logic Puzzle

Q1: “Anand, are you a liar?”

Anand: “????”

Q2: “Blanca, what did Anand say?”

Blanca: “He said yes.”

Q3: “Is Blanca a liar?”

Carol: “Yes.”

Q4: “Is Anand a liar?”

Carol: “Yes.”

Anand	Blanca	Carol	Q1 (Anand)	Q2 (Blanca)	Q3 (Carol 1)	Q4 (Carol 2)
TT	TT	TT				
TT	TT	L				
TT	L	TT				
TT	L	L				
L	TT	TT				
L	TT	L				
L	L	TT				
L	L	L				

# Logic Puzzle

Q1: “Anand, are you a liar?”

Anand: “No.” (*Infer answer*)

Q2: “Blanca, what did Anand say?”

Blanca: “He said yes.” (*Blanca is a liar.*)

Q3: “Is Blanca a liar?”

Carol: “Yes.” (*Carol is a truth teller.*)

Q4: “Is Anand a liar?”

Carol: “Yes.” (*Anand is a liar.*)

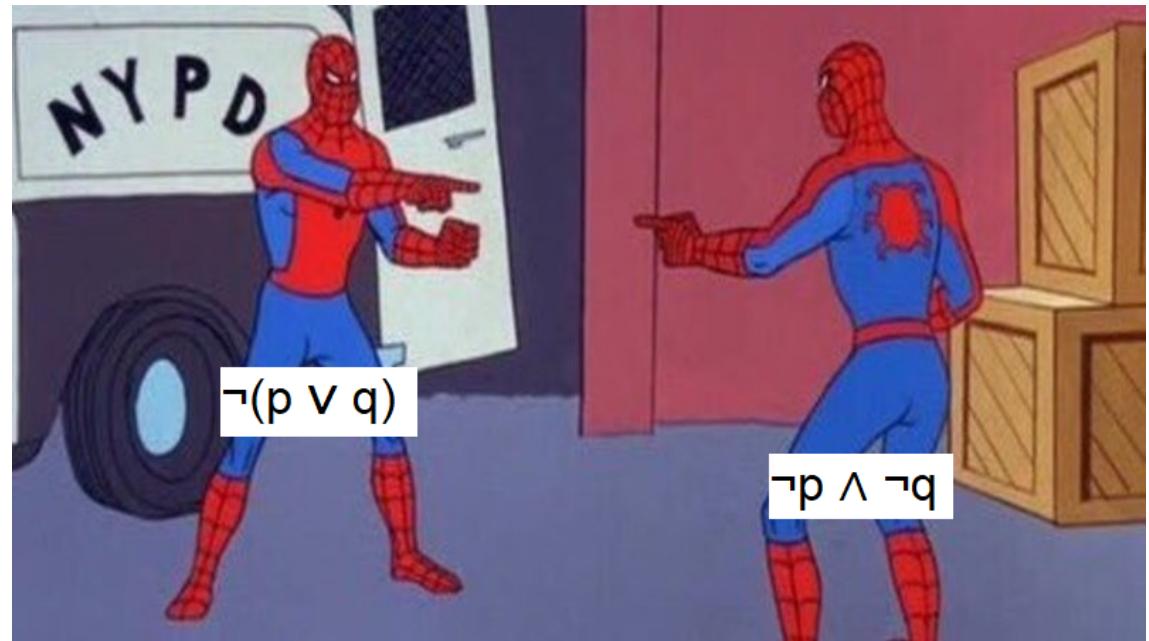
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TT	TT	L	No	No		
TT	L	TT	No	Yes	Yes	No
TT	L	L	No	Yes	No	
L	TT	TT	No	No		
L	TT	L	No	No		
L	L	TT	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
L	L	L	No	Yes	No	

# Wrapup

- Can turn English/word problems into “logic equations”
- Next time: manipulating these equations **algebraically**, instead of having to write out truth tables.

# Logical Equivalences

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## Learning Objectives: Lec 6

After today's lecture (and the associated readings, discussion, & homework), you should be able to:

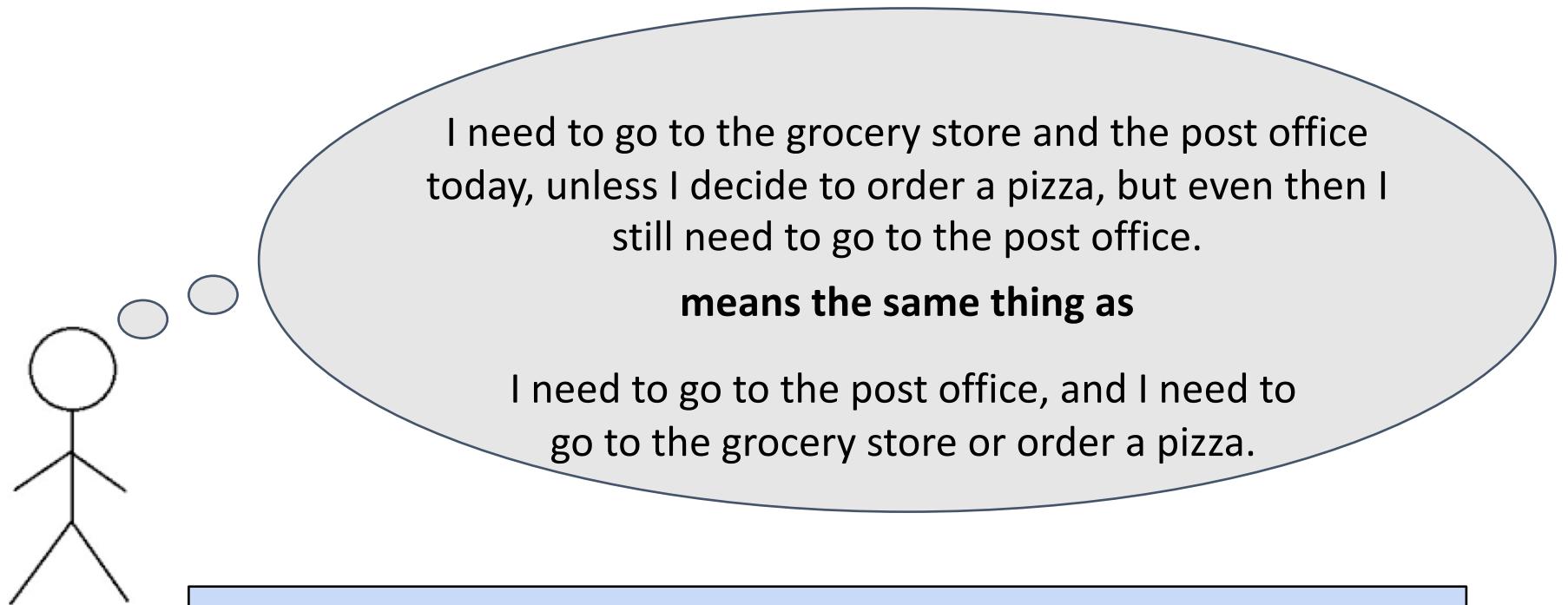
- **Know Technical Vocab:** logical equivalence, tautology, contradiction
- Know rules: DeMorgan's, distributive, implication breakout
- Recognize other basic logical equivalence rules (see table)
- Show a logical equivalence using a truth table
- Show a logical equivalence by applying a chain of logical equivalence rules
- Show that a compound proposition is a tautology, a contradiction, or neither
- Understand the relationship between tautologies and proof styles

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## Goals

Humans use logic to understand the world. What does that process actually look like?



Answer #1: Simplifying Knowledge – this is our topic today

# Translation Recap

**Last Time:** translations of English into logic

c = "my nose is cold"

h = "I am happy"

1. *If my nose is cold then I am unhappy.*

2. *If I'm happy then my nose isn't cold.*

3. *My nose is not cold or I'm unhappy.*

Handout

# Consider the Truth Tables

1. If my nose is cold then I am unhappy.

$$\begin{array}{l} c \rightarrow \neg h \\ h \rightarrow \neg c \\ \neg c \vee \neg h \end{array} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} c \rightarrow \neg h \\ h \rightarrow \neg c \end{array} \right\}$$

2. If I'm happy then my nose isn't cold.

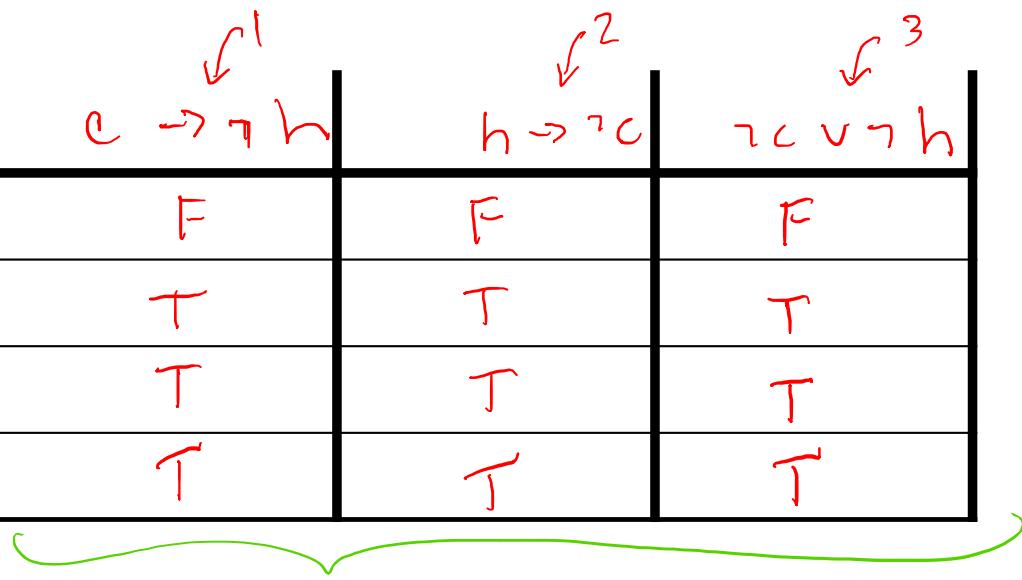
3. My nose is not cold or I'm unhappy.

$c$  = "my nose is cold"

$c$	$h$	$\neg c$	$\neg h$	$c \rightarrow \neg h$
T	T	F	F	F
T	F	F	T	T
F	T	T	F	T
F	F	T	T	T

$h$  = "I am happy"

		$\neg c$	$\neg h$	$\neg c \vee \neg h$



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2. *If I'm happy then my nose isn't cold.*
3. *My nose is not cold or I'm unhappy.*

c = "my nose is cold"

h="I am happy"

These three statements have the same truth table!  
(That makes sense – don't they **mean the same thing?**)

We say that they are **logically equivalent.**

Some notations for logical equivalence:

- "p, q are logically equivalent"
- "p if and only if q"
- "p is necessary and sufficient for q"
- "p iff q"
- $p \equiv q$
- $p \leftrightarrow q$

# Logical Equivalence

Two compound propositions A, B are **logically equivalent** if they have the same truth value for any instantiation of their input truth values

One way to show logical equivalence: write out the truth tables, and check that they're the same.

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

$p$  is logically equivalent to  $(p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge \neg q)$

# Logical Equivalence

Two compound propositions A, B are **logically equivalent** if they have the same truth value for any instantiation of their input truth values

Another way to show logical equivalence: apply **rules of Boolean algebra**

**Double Negation Law:**  
p is logically equivalent to  $\neg\neg p$

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

*is logically equivalent to*

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

# Numeric Algebra vs. Boolean Algebra

Numeric Algebra:

You can replace part of an expression with something new on the next line, if you're sure that the old and new expressions **represent equal numbers under any possible variable settings.**

$$5 + x(y^2 + 3)$$

$$5 + xy^2 + 3x$$

**“distributive law:”**

these are equal

Boolean Algebra:

You can replace part of an expression with something new on the next line, if you're sure that the old and new expressions **represent equivalent truth values under any possible variable settings.**

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

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

**“double negation:”**

these are  
equivalent

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# DeMorgan's Laws

**s** = “I will go to the store.”

**p** = “I will go to the park.”

## Proposition 1:

“It's not true that (I will go to the store or I will go to the park).”

$$\neg(s \vee p)$$

## Proposition 2:

“I will not go to the store and I will not go to the park.”

$$(\neg s) \wedge (\neg p)$$

# DeMorgan's Laws

**Prop 1:**

"It's not true that (I will go to the store or I will go to the park)."

**Prop 2:**

"I will not go to the store and I will not go to the park."

s	p	$\neg(s \vee p)$
T	T	F
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	T

Same truth table!  
These are logically equivalent.

s	p	$(\neg s) \wedge (\neg p)$
T	T	F
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	T

# DeMorgan's Laws

## In Regular Algebra:

- You can distribute a negative sign over a sum.
- $-(x+y) = (-x) + (-y)$

## Analog in Boolean Algebra:

- DeMorgan's Law #1: You can distribute a **not** over an **or**
- $\neg(x \vee y)$  and  $(\neg x) \wedge (\neg y)$  are logically equivalent

Negate both terms, also switch the **or** to an **and**

# DeMorgan's Laws

**DeMorgan's Law #1:** You can distribute a **not** over an **or**

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

**DeMorgan's Law #2:** You can distribute a **not** over an **and**

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

Negate both terms, also switch the **and** to an **or**

"It's not true that (I will go to the store and I will go to the park)."

"I will not go to the store or I will not go to the park."

## DeMorgan In Action (Words)

“It’s not true that (I will go to the store or I will go to the park).”  
“I will not go to the store and I will not go to the park.”

“It’s not true that ( $2+7=10$  or  $3^2=8$ ).”  
“ $2+7 \neq 10$  and  $3^2 \neq 8$ .”

“It’s not true that ( $2+7=9$  and  $3^2=8$ ).”  
“ $2+7 \neq 9$  or  $3^2 \neq 8$ .”

DeMorgan promises that each pair of statements is **logically equivalent**.

## DeMorgan over Quantifiers

- Recall: existential quantifiers can be interpreted as a **chain of “or”s**
- Recall: universal quantifiers can be interpreted as a **chain of “and”s**

“There exists a city that is the capital of Michigan”

$\exists c \text{ Capital}(c)$

“Capital(Acme) **V** Capital(Ada) **V** ... **V** Capital(Zilwaukee)”

What's the **negation**?

## DeMorgan over Quantifiers

- Recall: existential quantifiers can be interpreted as a **chain of “or”s**
- Recall: universal quantifiers can be interpreted as a **chain of “and”s**

“There **does not exist** a city that is the capital of Michigan”  
 $\neg \exists c \text{ Capital}(c)$

“ $\neg [\text{Capital(Acme)} \vee \text{Capital(Ada)} \vee \dots \vee \text{Capital(Zilwaukee)}]$ ”  
*(apply DeMorgan’s Law)*  
“ $\neg \text{Capital(Acme)} \wedge \neg \text{Capital(Ada)} \wedge \dots \wedge \neg \text{Capital(Zilwaukee)}$ ”

$\forall c \neg \text{Capital}(c)$

“For all cities, that city is **not** the capital of Michigan”

## DeMorgan over Quantifiers

- Recall: existential quantifiers can be interpreted as a **chain of “or”s**
- Recall: universal quantifiers can be interpreted as a **chain of “and”s**

“I got every problem on the homework right.”

$R(p) = \text{I got problem } p \text{ right}$

$\forall p R(p)$

“ $R(\text{problem 1}) \wedge R(\text{problem 2}) \wedge \dots \wedge R(\text{problem n})$ ”

What's the **negation**?

# DeMorgan over Quantifiers

- Recall: existential quantifiers can be interpreted as a **chain of “or”s**
- Recall: universal quantifiers can be interpreted as a **chain of “and”s**

“I didn’t get every problem on the homework right.”

$$\begin{aligned} R(p) &= \text{I got problem } p \text{ right} \\ \neg \forall p \ R(p) & \end{aligned}$$

“ $\neg[R(\text{problem 1}) \wedge R(\text{problem 2}) \wedge \dots \wedge R(\text{problem n})]$ ”

*(apply DeMorgan’s)*

“ $\neg R(\text{problem 1}) \vee \neg R(\text{problem 2}) \vee \dots \vee \neg R(\text{problem n})$ ”

$$\exists p \ \neg R(p)$$

“There exists a problem on the homework that I didn’t get right.”

# Lecture 6 Handout: Logical Equivalences

Handout

Distributive Laws:

$$p \vee (q \wedge r) \equiv \underline{\quad}$$

$$p \wedge (q \vee r) \equiv \underline{\quad}$$

DeMorgan's Laws:

$$\neg(p \vee q) \equiv \underline{\neg p \wedge \neg q}$$

$$\neg(p \wedge q) \equiv \underline{\neg p \vee \neg q}$$

DeMorgan's Laws with Quantifiers:

$$\neg\exists x P(x) \equiv \underline{\forall x \neg P(x)}$$

$$\neg\forall x P(x) \equiv \underline{\exists x \neg P(x)}$$

"Implication breakout" rule:

$$p \rightarrow q \equiv \underline{\quad}$$

Which of the following ALWAYS has the same truth value as  $p \rightarrow q$ ?

A) Converse:  $q \rightarrow p$

B) Inverse:  $\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$

C) Contrapositive:  $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$

## DeMorgan's Laws (recap)

Negation on the outside	Negation on the inside
$\neg(x \vee y)$	$(\neg x) \wedge (\neg y)$
$\neg(x \wedge y)$	$(\neg x) \vee (\neg y)$
$\neg \exists x P(x)$	$\forall x \neg P(x)$
$\neg \forall x P(x)$	$\exists x \neg P(x)$

In each row in this table, the left side is logically equivalent to the right side.

Handout

## An Exercise

$P(x, y, z)$ ,  $Q(x, y, z)$  are unknown predicates

Simplify:

$$\textcircled{\text{C}} \exists x \forall y \exists z [\neg P(x, y, z) \vee \neg Q(x, y, z)]$$

$P(x, y, z), Q(x, y, z)$  are unknown predicates

## An Exercise

Simplify:

$$\neg \exists x \forall y \exists z [\neg P(x, y, z) \vee \neg Q(x, y, z)]$$

$$\equiv \forall x \neg \forall y \exists z [\neg P(x, y, z) \vee \neg Q(x, y, z)]$$

*justification*

DeMorgan (quantifier)

$P(x, y, z), Q(x, y, z)$  are unknown predicates

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Simplify:

$$\neg \exists x \forall y \exists z [\neg P(x, y, z) \vee \neg Q(x, y, z)]$$

$$\equiv \forall x \exists y \forall z [\neg P(x, y, z) \vee \neg Q(x, y, z)]$$

$$\equiv \forall x \exists y \neg \exists z [\neg P(x, y, z) \vee \neg Q(x, y, z)]$$

DeMorgan (quantifier)

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$$\equiv \forall x \neg \forall y \exists z [\neg P(x, y, z) \vee \neg Q(x, y, z)]$$

$$\equiv \forall x \exists y \neg \exists z [\neg P(x, y, z) \vee \neg Q(x, y, z)]$$

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DeMorgan (quantifier)

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## An Exercise

Simplify:

$$\neg \exists x \forall y \exists z [\neg P(x, y, z) \vee \neg Q(x, y, z)]$$

$$\equiv \forall x \neg \forall y \exists z [\neg P(x, y, z) \vee \neg Q(x, y, z)]$$

$$\equiv \forall x \exists y \neg \exists z [\neg P(x, y, z) \vee \neg Q(x, y, z)]$$

$$\equiv \forall x \exists y \forall z \neg [\neg P(x, y, z) \vee \neg Q(x, y, z)]$$

$$\equiv \forall x \exists y \forall z [P(x, y, z) \wedge Q(x, y, z)]$$

DeMorgan (quantifier)

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DeMorgan (normal)

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# Distributive Laws

**s** = “I will go to the store.”  
**p** = “I will go to the park.”  
**c** = “I will go to class.”

## Proposition 1:

“I will go to class, and also I will go to the store or I will go to the park.”

$$c \wedge (s \vee p)$$

## Proposition 2:

“Either I will go to class and I will go to the store, or I will go to class and I will go to the park.”

$$(c \wedge s) \vee (c \wedge p)$$

# Distributive Laws

## In Regular Algebra:

- You can distribute a multiplicative factor over a sum.
- $c(x+y) = (cx) + (cy)$

## Analog In Boolean Algebra:

- **Distributive Law #1:** You can distribute an **or** over an **and**
- $z \vee (x \wedge y)$  and  $(z \vee x) \wedge (z \vee y)$  are logically equivalent

Apply “**or z**” to both terms in the **and**

# Distributive Laws

**Distributive Law #1:** How to distribute an **or** over an **and**.

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

**Distributive Law #2:** How to distribute an **and** over an **or**.

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

Apply “**and z**” to both terms in the **or**

# Outline

- Intro to Logical Equivalence
- **Logical Equivalence Rules**
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  - Implication Breakout
- Tautologies and Contradictions

# Table of Logical Equivalences

See Rosen 1.3, Tables 6, 7, 8

**TABLE 6** Logical Equivalences.

<i>Equivalence</i>	<i>Name</i>
$p \wedge \mathbf{T} \equiv p$	Identity laws
$p \vee \mathbf{F} \equiv p$	
$p \vee \mathbf{T} \equiv \mathbf{T}$	Domination laws
$p \wedge \mathbf{F} \equiv \mathbf{F}$	
$p \vee p \equiv p$	Idempotent laws
$p \wedge p \equiv p$	
$\neg(\neg p) \equiv p$	Double negation law

$p \vee q \equiv q \vee p$ $p \wedge q \equiv q \wedge p$	Commutative laws
$(p \vee q) \vee r \equiv p \vee (q \vee r)$ $(p \wedge q) \wedge r \equiv p \wedge (q \wedge r)$	Associative laws
$p \vee (q \wedge r) \equiv (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$ $p \wedge (q \vee r) \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$	Distributive laws
$\neg(p \wedge q) \equiv \neg p \vee \neg q$ $\neg(p \vee q) \equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q$	De Morgan's laws
$p \vee (p \wedge q) \equiv p$ $p \wedge (p \vee q) \equiv p$	Absorption laws
$p \vee \neg p \equiv \mathbf{T}$ $p \wedge \neg p \equiv \mathbf{F}$	Negation laws

## Handout

### An Exercise

Simplify:  $(\neg(\neg p \wedge q) \vee r) \wedge (\neg p \wedge q)$ . *Include justification for each step*

$$\equiv (\neg s \vee r) \wedge s$$

Define  $s \equiv \neg p \wedge q$

$$\equiv (\neg s \wedge s) \vee (r \wedge s)$$

Distrib- law

$$\equiv F \vee (r \wedge s)$$

Negation Law

$$\equiv r \wedge s$$

Identity Law

$$\equiv r \wedge \neg p \wedge q$$

Plug in  $s \equiv \neg p \wedge q$

## An Exercise

Simplify:  $(\neg(\neg p \wedge q) \vee r) \wedge (\neg p \wedge q)$   
 $\equiv (\neg s \vee r) \wedge s$

Define  $s$  as  $(\neg p \wedge q)$

## An Exercise

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

$$\equiv (\neg s \vee r) \wedge s$$

$$\equiv (\neg s \wedge s) \vee (r \wedge s)$$

Define  $s$  as  $(\neg p \wedge q)$

Distributive Law

## An Exercise

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

$$\equiv (\neg s \vee r) \wedge s$$

$$\equiv (\neg s \wedge s) \vee (r \wedge s)$$

$$\equiv F \vee (r \wedge s)$$

Define  $s$  as  $(\neg p \wedge q)$

Distributive Law

“Negation Law”

## An Exercise

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

$$\equiv (\neg s \vee r) \wedge s$$

$$\equiv (\neg s \wedge s) \vee (r \wedge s)$$

$$\equiv F \vee (r \wedge s)$$

$$\equiv r \wedge s$$

Define  $s$  as  $(\neg p \wedge q)$

Distributive Law

“Negation Law”

“Identity Law”

# An Exercise

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

$$\equiv (\neg s \vee r) \wedge s$$

$$\equiv (\neg s \wedge s) \vee (r \wedge s)$$

$$\equiv F \vee (r \wedge s)$$

$$\equiv r \wedge s$$

$$\equiv r \wedge \neg p \wedge q$$

Define  $s$  as  $(\neg p \wedge q)$

Distributive Law

“Negation Law”

“Identity Law”

Substitute back in for  $s$

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## Implication Breakout



$$P \rightarrow q \equiv \neg P \vee q$$



**r** = “It’s raining.”

**g** = “The grass is wet.”

### Proposition 1:

“If it’s raining, then the grass is wet.”

$$r \rightarrow g$$

### Proposition 2:

“Either it’s not raining, or the grass is wet.”

$$\neg r \vee g$$

# Implication Breakout

**Prop 1:**

"If it's raining, then the grass is wet."

**Prop 2:**

"Either it's not raining, or the grass is wet."

r	g	$r \rightarrow g$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

Same truth table!  
These are logically  
equivalent.

r	g	$\neg r \vee g$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

## Handout

# Lecture 5 Handout: Logical Equivalences

Distributive Laws:

$$p \vee (q \wedge r) \equiv \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$p \wedge (q \vee r) \equiv \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

DeMorgan's Laws:

$$\neg(p \vee q) \equiv \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$\neg(p \wedge q) \equiv \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

DeMorgan's Laws with Quantifiers:

$$\neg\exists x P(x) \equiv \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$\neg\forall x P(x) \equiv \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

"Implication breakout" rule:

$$p \rightarrow q \equiv \underline{\neg p \vee q}$$

Which of the following ALWAYS has the same truth value as  $p \rightarrow q$ ?

A) Converse:  $q \rightarrow p$

B) Inverse:  $\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$

C) Contrapositive:  $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$

# Implication Breakout

- **Solving Strategy:** replace implications  $p \rightarrow q$  with  $\neg p \vee q$ 
  - leaving only  $\neg, \vee, \wedge$
  - then apply other laws to simplify further
- This trick doesn't have a standard name. (*"Implication Breakout" is not in Rosen*)

“If it’s Saturday, then I can sleep in.”  
“Either it’s not Saturday, or I can sleep in.”

## Handout

### An Exercise

Simplify:  $\neg \exists x [P(x) \rightarrow \neg Q(x)]$

$$\equiv \neg \exists x [\neg P(x) \vee \neg \neg Q(x)]$$

$$\equiv \neg \exists x \neg (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$$

$$\equiv \forall x \neg \neg (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$$

$$\equiv \forall x [P(x) \wedge Q(x)]$$

$$p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg p \vee q$$

Implication  
Breakout

DeMorgan's

DMs for Quants.

$\neg\neg$  law

## An Exercise

Simplify:  $\neg \exists x [P(x) \rightarrow \neg Q(x)]$

$$\equiv \forall x \neg [P(x) \rightarrow \neg Q(x)]$$

DeMorgan (quantifier)

# An Exercise

Simplify:  $\neg \exists x [P(x) \rightarrow \neg Q(x)]$

$$\equiv \forall x \neg [P(x) \rightarrow \neg Q(x)]$$

$$\equiv \forall x \neg [\neg P(x) \vee \neg Q(x)]$$

DeMorgan (quantifier)

Implication Breakout

# An Exercise

Simplify:  $\neg \exists x [P(x) \rightarrow \neg Q(x)]$

$$\equiv \forall x \neg [P(x) \rightarrow \neg Q(x)]$$

$$\equiv \forall x \neg [\neg P(x) \vee \neg \neg Q(x)]$$

$$\equiv \forall x [P(x) \wedge Q(x)]$$

DeMorgan (quantifier)

Implication Breakout

DeMorgan (normal)

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# Tautologies and Contradictions

Some compound propositions are **always true** or **always false** regardless of their inputs.

**Tautology:** A compound proposition that is **always true**, regardless of its input values

- A tautology is logically equivalent to “True”

Example:  $p \vee q \vee \neg p$  is a tautology  
 $p \vee q \vee \neg p \equiv T$

**Contradiction:** A compound proposition that is **always false**, regardless of its input values

- A contradiction is logically equivalent to “False”

Example:  $p \wedge q \wedge \neg p$  is a contradiction  
 $p \wedge q \wedge \neg p \equiv F$

# Logical Equivalence and Tautologies

A compound proposition is called a “tautology” if it is logically equivalent to “True.” *Equivalently: it is true for any truth values of its inputs*

**Example:**

$$A(p, q) = (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge \neg q)$$

$$B(p, q) = p$$

$A \leftrightarrow B$  is a tautology

p	q	A(p, q)	B(p, q)	$A \leftrightarrow B$
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	T	T	T
F	T	F	F	T
F	F	F	F	T

## Tautologies and Contradictions

A compound proposition is a **tautology** if

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Give an example of a tautology.

A compound proposition is a **contradiction** if

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Give an example of a contradiction.

## Handout

# Exercises

These tautologies have special significance! What do they **mean**?

$$1. (\underbrace{\neg q \rightarrow \neg p}_{\text{ }}) \rightarrow (\underbrace{p \rightarrow q}_{\text{ }})$$

$$2. (\neg p \rightarrow F) \rightarrow p \quad \text{Capital } F \text{ stands for the truth value "false," not a different variable}$$

$$3. [(a \vee b) \wedge (a \rightarrow p) \wedge (b \rightarrow p)] \rightarrow p$$

# Exercises

These tautologies have special significance! What do they **mean**?

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

“Proof by contrapositive works”

Regardless of  $p, q$ , if we prove  $(\neg q \rightarrow \neg p)$ , that implies  $(p \rightarrow q)$

2.  $(\neg p \rightarrow F) \rightarrow p$  *Capital F stands for the truth value “false,” not a different variable*

“Proof by contradiction works”

Regardless of  $p$ , if we can assume  $\neg p$  and prove that something false is true, that implies  $p$

3.  $[(a \vee b) \wedge (a \rightarrow p) \wedge (b \rightarrow p)] \rightarrow p$

“Proof by cases works”

For any  $a, b, p$ , if at least one of  $a, b$  is true, and either case implies  $p$ , that implies  $p$  unconditionally.

# Wrapup

- Logical equivalence = mathematically proving that two differently-phrased statements really mean the same thing
- Tautologies = show that proof styles work! Any tautology would imply a valid proof style, even though contrapositive, contradiction, cases tend to be the most useful ones
- **Next Time:** More practice with this, in the context of a new discrete structure: **sets**