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# The Foundations: Logic and Proofs

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# **Chapter Summary**

- Propositional Logic
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## **Section Summary**

- Propositions
- Connectives
  - Negation
  - Conjunction
  - Disjunction
  - Implication; contrapositive, inverse, converse
  - Biconditional
- Truth Tables

# **Propositions**

- A **proposition** is a declarative sentence that is either true or false.
- Examples of propositions:
  - a) The Moon is made of green cheese.
  - b) Dhaka is the capital of Bangladesh.
  - c) Toronto is the capital of Canada.
  - d) 1 + 0 = 1
  - e) 0 + 0 = 2
- Examples that are not propositions.
  - a) Sit down!
  - b) What time is it?
  - c) x+1=2
  - $d) \quad x + y = z$

# **Propositional Logic**

- Constructing Propositions
  - Propositional Variables: p, q, r, s, ...
  - The proposition that is always true is denoted by  $\mathbf{T}$  and the proposition that is always false is denoted by  $\mathbf{F}$ .
  - Compound Propositions; constructed from logical connectives and other propositions
    - Negation ¬
    - Conjunction A
    - Disjunction V
    - Implication →
    - Biconditional ↔

# **Negation**

– The **negation** of a proposition p is denoted by  $\neg p$  and has this truth table:

p	¬р
T	F
F	T

• **Example**: If p denotes "The earth is round.", then  $\neg p$  denotes "It is not the case that the earth is round," or more simply "The earth is not round."

# Conjunction

• The **conjunction** of propositions p and q is denoted by  $p \wedge q$  and has this truth table:

p	q	рлр
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	F

• **Example**: If p denotes "I am at home." and q denotes "It is raining." then  $p \land q$  denotes "I am at home and it is raining."

# Disjunction

• The **disjunction** of propositions p and q is denoted by  $p \lor q$  and has this truth table:

p	q	p Vq
T	T	Т
T	F	Т
F	T	Т
F	F	F

• **Example**: If *p* denotes "I am at home." and *q* denotes "It is raining." then *p*  $\lor$  *q* denotes "I am at home or it is raining."

# The Connective Or in English

- In English "or" has two distinct meanings.
  - "Inclusive Or" In the sentence "Students who have taken CS202 or Math120 may take this class," we assume that students need to have taken one of the prerequisites, but may have taken both. This is the meaning of disjunction. For  $p \lor q$  to be true, either one or both of p and q must be true.
  - "Exclusive Or" When reading the sentence "Soup or salad comes with this entrée," we do not expect to be able to get both soup and salad. This is the meaning of Exclusive Or (Xor). In  $p \oplus q$ , one of p and q must be true, but not both. The truth table for  $\oplus$  is:

p	q	p⊕q
T	T	F
T	F	T
F	T	Т
F	F	F

# **Implication**

• If p and q are propositions, then  $p \rightarrow q$  is a **conditional statement** or **implication** which is read as "if p, then q" and has this truth table:

p	q	$p \rightarrow q$	
T	T	T	
Т	F	F	
F	T	T	
F	F	T	

- **Example**: If p denotes "I am at home." and q denotes "It is raining." then  $p \rightarrow q$  denotes "If I am at home then it is raining."
- In  $p \rightarrow q$ , p is the hypothesis (antecedent or premise) and q is the conclusion (or consequence).

# **Understanding Implication**

p	q	$p \rightarrow q$	
T	T	T	
T	F	F	
F	T	T	
F	F	T	

- These implications are perfectly fine, but would not be used in ordinary English.
  - "If the moon is made of green cheese, then I have more money than Bill Gates."
  - "If the moon is made of green cheese then I'm on welfare."
  - "If 1 + 1 = 3, then your grandma wears combat boots."

## Different Ways of Expressing $p \rightarrow q$

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- if p, then q
- p implies q
- if p, q
- p only if q
- q unless \neg p
-q when p
-q if p
- q whenever p
- p is sufficient for q
- q follows from p
- q is necessary for p
- a necessary condition for p is q
- a sufficient condition for q is p
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# Converse, Contrapositive, and Inverse

- From  $p \rightarrow q$  we can form new conditional statements.
  - $q \rightarrow p$  is the **converse** of  $p \rightarrow q$
  - $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$  is the **contrapositive** of  $p \rightarrow q$
  - $\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$  is the **inverse** of  $p \rightarrow q$

**Example:** Find the converse, inverse, and contrapositive of "It raining is a sufficient condition for my not going to town."

#### Solution:

converse: If I do not go to town, then it is raining.

inverse: If it is not raining, then I will go to town.

contrapositive: If I go to town, then it is not raining.

## **Biconditional**

• If p and q are propositions, then we can form the **biconditional** proposition  $p \leftrightarrow q$ , read as "p if and only if q." The **biconditional**  $p \leftrightarrow q$  denotes the proposition with this truth table:

p	q	$p \leftrightarrow q (\approx (p \rightarrow q) \land (q \rightarrow p))$
T	T	Т
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	Т

• If p denotes "I am at home." and q denotes "It is raining." then  $p \leftrightarrow q$  denotes "I am at home if and only if it is raining."

## **Expressing the Biconditional**

- Some alternative ways "p if and only if q" is expressed in English:
  - p is necessary and sufficient for q
  - if p then q, and conversely
  - p iff q

# Truth Tables For Compound Propositions

Construct a truth table for

$$p \lor q \to \neg r$$

p	q	r	⊸r	$p \vee q$	$p \lor q \to \neg r$
Т	Т	T	F	T	F
Т	Т	F	T	T	Т
Т	F	T	F	T	F
T	F	F	Т	T	Т
F	Т	T	F	T	F
F	T	F	T	T	Т
F	F	Т	F	F	Т
F	F	F	Т	F	Т

# **Equivalent Propositions**

- Two propositions are **equivalent** if they always have the **same truth value**.
- **Example**: Show using a truth table that the conditional is equivalent to the **contrapositive**.

#### Solution:

					Contrapositive of $p \rightarrow q$
p	q	¬p	¬ q	$p \rightarrow q$	$\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$
Т	T	F	F	T	Т
Т	F	F	Т	F	F
F	T	T	F	T	Т
F	F	T	T	T	Т

$$p \to q \equiv \neg q \to \neg p$$

# Using a Truth Table to Show Non-Equivalence

**Example:** Show using truth tables that neither the **converse** nor **inverse** of an implication are not equivalent to the implication.

#### Solution:

					the <b>inverse</b> of $p \rightarrow q$	the <b>converse</b> of $p \rightarrow q$
p	q	¬p	$\neg q$	$p \rightarrow q$	$\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$	$q \rightarrow p$
T	T	F	F	T	Т	Т
T	F	F	T	F	Т	T
F	T	Т	F	T	F	F
F	F	Т	T	T	Т	Т

$$p \rightarrow q \neq \neg p \rightarrow \neg q$$
$$p \rightarrow q \neq q \rightarrow p$$

## **Problem**

• How many rows are there in a truth table with n propositional variables?

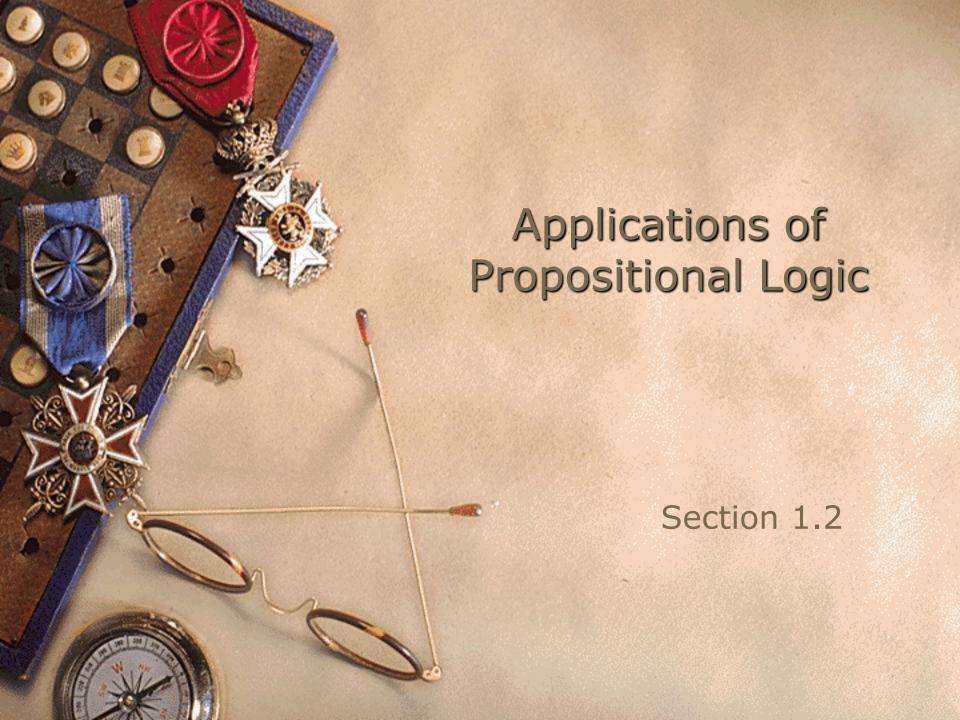
Solution: 2<sup>n</sup> [Chapter 6].

• **Note**: that this means that with n propositional variables, we can construct 2<sup>n</sup> distinct (i.e., not equivalent) propositions.

# Precedence of Logical Operators

Operator	Precedence
	1
^	2
V	3
$\rightarrow$	4
$\leftrightarrow$	5

- • $p \lor q \to \neg r$  is equivalent to  $(p \lor q) \to \neg r$
- •If the intended meaning is  $p \lor (q \rightarrow \neg r)$  then parentheses must be used.



# **Applications of Propositional Logic: Summary**

- Translating English to Propositional Logic
- System Specifications
- Boolean Searching
- Logic Puzzles
- Logic Circuits

# **Translating English Sentences**

- Steps to convert an English sentence to a statement in propositional logic
  - Identify atomic propositions
  - **Represent** using propositional variables.
  - Determine appropriate logical connectives
- "If I go to Harry's or to the country, I will not go shopping."
  - *p*: I go to Harry's
  - q: I go to the country.
  - *r*∶ I will go shopping.

If p or q then not r.  $(p \lor q) \to \neg r$ 

# **Example**

**Problem:** Translate the following sentence into propositional logic:

"You can access the Internet from campus only if you are a computer science major or you are not a freshman."

#### One Solution: Let

a: "You can access the internet from campus,"

c: "You are a computer science major,"

f: "You are a freshman."

$$a \rightarrow (c \lor \neg f)$$

# **System Specifications**

• System and Software engineers take requirements in English and express them in a precise specification language based on logic.

Example: Express in propositional logic:

"The automated reply cannot be sent when the file system is full"

**Solution**: One possible solution: Let p denote "The automated reply can be sent" and q denote "The file system is full."

$$q \rightarrow \neg p$$

# **Consistent System Specifications**

**Definition**: A list of propositions is **consistent** if it is possible to assign truth values to the **proposition variables** so that each proposition is true.

**Exercise**: Are these specifications consistent?

- "The diagnostic message is stored in the buffer or it is retransmitted."
- "The diagnostic message is not stored in the buffer."
- "If the diagnostic message is stored in the buffer, then it is retransmitted."

Solution: Let

p: "The diagnostic message is stored in the buffer."

q: "The diagnostic message is retransmitted" The specification can be written as:

Ц	pν	'q
	$\neg p$	,
	n –	$\rightarrow a$

p	q	p V <i>q</i>	$\neg p$	$p \rightarrow q$
T	Т	Т	F	T
T	F	Т	F	F
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- "The diagnostic message is not retransmitted is added."

#### Solution: Let

p: "The diagnostic message is stored in the buffer."

q: "The diagnostic message is retransmitted"

The specification can be written as:

p	V	$\boldsymbol{q}$
	n	

$$\Box p \rightarrow q$$
.

$$\Box \neg q$$

p	q	p V <i>q</i>	$\neg p$	$p \rightarrow q$	¬q
T	T	T	F	Т	F
Т	F	T	F	F	T
F	Т	T	T	Т	F
F	F	F	Т	Т	Т

When p is false and q is true all three statements are true. So the specification is not consistent.

## **Boolean Searches**

- Logical connectives are used extensively in searches of large collections of information, such as indexes of Web pages.
- Because these searches employ techniques from propositional logic, they are called Boolean searches.

# **Logic Puzzles**

- An island has two kinds of inhabitants, **knights**, who always tell the truth, and **knaves**, who always lie.
- You go to the island and meet A and B.
  - A says "B is a knight."
  - B says "The two of us are of opposite types."

**Example**: What are the types of A and B?

Solution: Let

p: A is a knight q: B is a knight,

¬p: A is a knave

 $\neg q$ : B is a knave.

- If A is a knight, then *p* is true.
  - 1st Line: Since knights tell the truth, q: B is a knight must also be true.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Line: Since knights tell the truth,  $(p \land \neg q)V (\neg p \land q)$ : the two of us are of opposite types would have to be true, but it is not.
  - So, A is not a knight and therefore ¬p must be true.
- If A is a knave,
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Line: Since knaves always lie, ¬q or B must not be a knight.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Line: Since knaves always lie,  $(p \land \neg q) \lor (\neg p \land q)$ : the two of us are of opposite types would have to be false.
  - both  $\neg p$  and  $\neg q$  hold.



Raymond Smullyan (Born 1919)

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Solution:

А	В	Truth values of statements	possible?
Knight	Knave	Knight says "B is a knight." (F) Knave says "The two of us are of opposite types."(F)	No
Knight	Knight	Knight says "B is a knight." (T) Knight says "The two of us are of opposite types."(F)	No
Knave	Knight	Knave says "B is a knight." (F) Knight says "The two of us are of opposite types."(F)	No
Knave	Knave	Knave says "B is a knight." (T) Knave says "The two of us are of opposite types."(T)	Yes

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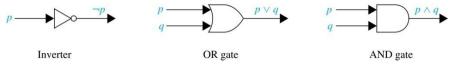
- A father tells his two children, a boy and a girl, to play in their backyard without getting dirty. However, while playing, both children get mud on their foreheads. When the children stop playing,
  - the father says "At least one of you has a muddy forehead,"
  - and then asks the children to answer "Yes" or "No" to the question: "Do you know whether you have a muddy forehead?"
- Example: The father asks this question twice. What will the children answer each time this question is asked, assuming that a child can see whether his or her sibling has a muddy forehead, but cannot see his or her own forehead? Assume that both children are honest and that the children answer each question simultaneously.

#### Solution:

Homework

# Logic Circuits (Studied in depth in Chapter 12)

- Electronic circuits; each input/output signal can be viewed as a 0 or 1.
  - 0 represents **False**
  - 1 represents **True**
- Complicated circuits are constructed from three basic circuits called gates.



- The inverter (**NOT gate**) takes an input bit and produces the negation of that bit.
- The **OR** gate takes two input bits and produces the value equivalent to the disjunction of the two bits.
- The AND gate takes two input bits and produces the value equivalent to the conjunction of the two bits.
- More complicated digital circuits can be constructed by combining these basic circuits to produce the desired output given the input signals by building a circuit for each piece of the output expression and then combining them. For example:

