

Q1. For each of the following propositions, determine its truth value, and write its negation (in English).

- a. There are no black flies in Maine. (False)

Negation: It is not the case that there are no black Flies in Maine.

Another possible way to negate:

There is at least one black Fly in Maine.

- b. All unicorns have rainbow-coloured manes. (False —assuming definition of "unicorn" includes toy unicorns)

Negation: It is not the case that all unicorns have rainbow-coloured manes.

Another possible way to negate:

There exists at least one unicorn that does not have a rainbow-coloured mane.

Q2. Let p , q , and r be the following propositions:

p : Grizzly bears have been seen in the area.

q : Hiking is safe on the trail.

r : Berries are ripe along the trail.

Write each of the following compound propositions using the variables p , q , and r , and appropriate logical connectives:

- a. If berries are ripe along the trail, then (hiking is safe if and only if grizzly bears have not been seen in the area).

Initial Simplification: if r , then (q if and only if $\neg p$)

Final Answer:

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

- b. Hiking is safe on the trail q unless \vee berries are ripe along the trail r and \wedge grizzly bears have been seen in the area p

initial simplification: $q \text{ unless } r \text{ and } p$

answer: $q \vee r \wedge p$ ← Note: by precedence, this means $q \vee (r \wedge p)$

- c. Grizzly bears have been seen in the area p but \wedge hiking is safe q .

answer: $p \wedge q$

- d. Either q hiking is safe or berries are ripe along the trail r but not both.

Initial Simplification: either q or r but not both

Final Answer: $q \oplus r$

- d. A necessary condition for hiking to be safe is that q grizzly bears have not been seen in the area $\neg p$...

initial simplification: A necessary condition for q is $\neg p$

translation: $q \rightarrow \neg p$ (If q is true, then all that is necessary for q must also be true).

- e. A sufficient condition for grizzlies to have been seen in the area is that p berries are ripe along the trail r ..

initial simplification: A sufficient condition for p is r

translation $r \rightarrow p$

Q3. Construct a truth table for each of the following compound propositions and determine whether it is a tautology, contradiction, or contingency:

a. $p \oplus p$

b. $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (\neg p \rightarrow q)$

c. $\neg(p \vee q) \leftrightarrow (\neg p \wedge \neg q)$

d. $\neg(p \vee q) \leftrightarrow (\neg p \rightarrow q)$

e. $\neg p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$

a)

p	$p \oplus p$
T	F
F	F

Since $p \oplus p$ is always F, it's a contradiction.

b)

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

Since $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (\neg p \rightarrow q)$ is sometimes T and sometimes F, it's a Contingency.

c)

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

← since it is always T, it's a tautology

d)

p	q	$p \vee q$	$\neg(p \vee q)$	$\neg p$	$\neg p \rightarrow q$	$\neg(p \vee q) \leftrightarrow (\neg p \rightarrow q)$
T	T	T	F	F	T	F
T	F	T	F	F	T	F
F	T	T	F	T	T	F
F	F	F	T	T	F	F

← Since it's always F, it's a contradiction

e)

p	q	r	$\neg p$	$q \rightarrow r$	$\neg p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$
T	T	T	F	T	T
T	T	F	F	F	T
T	F	T	F	T	T
T	F	F	F	T	T
F	T	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	T	F	F
F	F	T	T	T	T
F	F	F	T	T	T

← Since it is sometimes T and sometimes F, it's a contingency

Q4. Which of the following pairs of propositions are logically equivalent? Verify your answer with a truth table. For those which are not logically equivalent, give all counterexamples.

- $A \oplus B$ and $\neg(A \leftrightarrow B)$
- $p \rightarrow c$ and $\neg p \vee c$
- $((x \oplus y) \wedge \neg(x \vee y))$ and $(p \leftrightarrow \neg p)$.
- $A \rightarrow B$ and $B \rightarrow A$.
- $\neg(P \vee Q \vee R)$ and $\neg P \vee \neg Q \vee \neg R$.
- $\neg(P \vee Q \vee R)$ and $\neg P \wedge \neg Q \wedge \neg R$.
- $\neg(A \rightarrow B)$ and $A \wedge \neg B$.

a)

A	B	$A \oplus B$	$A \leftrightarrow B$	$\neg(A \leftrightarrow B)$	$(A \oplus B) \leftrightarrow \neg(A \leftrightarrow B)$
T	T	F	T	F	T
T	F	T	F	T	T
F	T	T	F	T	T
F	F	F	T	F	T

The biconditional statement $(A \oplus B) \leftrightarrow \neg(A \leftrightarrow B)$ is a tautology.
 $\therefore (A \oplus B) \equiv \neg(A \leftrightarrow B)$

b)

p	c	$p \rightarrow c$	$\neg p \vee c$	$(p \rightarrow c) \leftrightarrow (\neg p \vee c)$
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	T
F	T	T	T	T
F	F	T	T	T

The biconditional statement $(p \rightarrow c) \leftrightarrow (\neg p \vee c)$ is a tautology.
 $\therefore p \rightarrow c \equiv \neg p \vee c$

c)

p	x	y	$x \oplus y$	$x \vee y$	$(x \oplus y) \wedge \neg(x \vee y)$	$p \leftrightarrow \neg p$	$[(x \oplus y) \wedge \neg(x \vee y)] \leftrightarrow [p \leftrightarrow \neg p]$
T	T	T	F	T	F	F	T
T	T	F	T	T	F	F	T
T	F	T	T	T	F	F	T
T	F	F	F	F	F	F	T
F	T	T	F	T	F	F	T
F	T	F	T	T	F	F	T
F	F	T	T	T	F	F	T
F	F	F	F	F	F	F	T

The biconditional statement $[(x \oplus y) \wedge \neg(x \vee y)] \leftrightarrow [p \leftrightarrow \neg p]$ is a tautology.
 $\therefore (x \oplus y) \wedge \neg(x \vee y) \equiv p \leftrightarrow \neg p$

d)

A	B	$A \rightarrow B$	$B \rightarrow A$	$(A \rightarrow B) \leftrightarrow (B \rightarrow A)$
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	F
F	T	T	F	F
F	F	T	T	T

$A \rightarrow B$ is not logically equivalent to $B \rightarrow A$
 Counterexamples:
 When $A=T, B=F$, $(A \rightarrow B) \leftrightarrow (B \rightarrow A)$ is F
 When $A=F, B=T$, $(A \rightarrow B) \leftrightarrow (B \rightarrow A)$ is F

e)+f)

P	Q	R	① $\neg(P \vee Q \vee R)$	② $\neg P \vee \neg Q \vee \neg R$	③ $\neg P \wedge \neg Q \wedge \neg R$	① ↔ ②	① ↔ ③
T	T	T	F	F	F	T	T
T	T	F	F	T	F	F	T
T	F	T	F	T	F	F	T
T	F	F	F	T	F	F	T
F	T	T	F	T	F	F	T
F	T	F	F	T	F	F	T
F	F	T	F	T	F	F	T
F	F	F	T	T	F	T	T

$\neg(P \vee Q \vee R)$ is not logically equiv. to $\neg P \vee \neg Q \vee \neg R$
 exercise: give the 6 counterexamples

① ↔ ③ is a tautology
 $\therefore \neg(P \vee Q \vee R) \equiv \neg P \wedge \neg Q \wedge \neg R$

g)

A	B	$\neg(A \rightarrow B)$	$A \wedge \neg B$	$\neg(A \rightarrow B) \leftrightarrow A \wedge \neg B$
T	T	F	F	T
T	F	T	T	T
F	T	F	F	T
F	F	F	F	T

$\neg(A \rightarrow B) \leftrightarrow A \wedge \neg B$ is a tautology $\therefore \neg(A \rightarrow B) \equiv A \wedge \neg B$.

Q5. Considering Q4 f and g, write the negation of each of the following propositions in English.

- a. You are at least 12 years old, or you are taller than 5 feet, or you have a golden ticket.



Negation: $\neg(a \vee b \vee c) \equiv \neg a \wedge \neg b \wedge \neg c$

you are less than 12 years old and you are ≤ 5 feet tall, and you do not have a golden ticket.

- b. In order for you to ride the roller coaster, it is necessary that you are at least 12 years old, or you are taller than 5 feet, or you have a golden ticket.

p: You can ride the roller coaster. q: $a \vee b \vee c$ from Q6a)

Q2b says $p \rightarrow q$

or $p \rightarrow a \vee b \vee c$

Negation: $\neg(p \rightarrow q) \equiv p \wedge \neg q$

$\neg(p \rightarrow a \vee b \vee c) \equiv p \wedge \neg a \wedge \neg b \wedge \neg c$

Negation: you can ride the roller coaster, and you are < 12 years old, and you are ≤ 5 feet tall, and you do not have a golden ticket.

*bonus: write the converse of Q5b as well as the contrapositive, and each of their respective negations.