

Specification for Tutorial 2

- 1. Which of the following implication statements would evaluate to a value of true?
 - a. If 1 + 11 = 12, then 2 + 2 = 5.

The antecedent (i.e., the left-hand side or the "if" part of the conditional) is true but the consequent (i.e., the right-hand side or the "then" part of the conditional) is false. This means the statement antecedent \rightarrow consequent is false.

b. If 6 + 3 = 9, then 2 + 2 = 4.

The antecedent is true and the consequent is true. This means the statement is true.

c. If 12 + 4 = 7, then 2 + 2 = 4.

The antecedent is false and the consequent is true. This means the statement is true.

d. If 7 + 2 = 4, then 2 + 2 = 5.

The antecedent is false and the consequent is false. This means the statement is true.

- 2. Translate the following sentences in English into propositions. Let T denote the proposition "Tom is a good tennis player", P denote "Tom plays tennis every day", and S denote "Tom practices his serve".
 - a. Tom is a good tennis player who practices his serve but does not play every day.

$$T \wedge S \wedge \neg P$$

b. If Tom does not practice his serve then Tom is not a good tennis player.

$$\neg S \rightarrow \neg T$$

3. Translate the following propositions into English. Let A denote the proposition "the computer in the lab uses Linux", B denote "a hacker breaks into the computer", and C denote "the data on the computer is lost".

a.
$$(A \rightarrow \neg B) \land (\neg B \rightarrow \neg C)$$

If the computer in the lab uses Linux then a hacker won't break into the computer and if a hacker won't break into the computer then the data on the computer will not be lost.

b.
$$C \leftrightarrow (\neg A \land B)$$

The data on the computer is lost if, and only if, the computer in the lab doesn't use Linux and a hacker breaks into the computer.

4. Determine whether the following propositions are tautologies, contradictions, or contingencies by using both truth tables and a sequence of logical equivalences.

a.
$$\neg((p \land q) \rightarrow \neg(\neg q \land r))$$

Solution:

$$\neg((p \land q) \rightarrow \neg(\neg q \land r)) \equiv \neg(\neg(p \land q) \lor \neg(\neg q \land r)) \qquad \qquad \text{Implication Equivalence}$$

$$\equiv (p \land q) \land (\neg q \land r) \qquad \qquad \text{De Morgan's Law}$$

$$\equiv p \land (q \land \neg q) \land r \qquad \qquad \text{Associative Law}$$

$$\equiv p \land F \land r \qquad \qquad \text{Negation Law}$$

$$\equiv F \qquad \qquad \text{Domination}$$

Therefore, the proposition \neg ((p \land q) \rightarrow \neg (\neg q \land r)) is a contradiction.

b.
$$(\neg(r \rightarrow \neg p) \lor (r \land q)) \lor \neg((p \rightarrow r) \land (q \rightarrow r))$$

Solution: $(\neg(r \rightarrow \neg p) \lor (r \land q)) \lor \neg((p \rightarrow r) \land (q \rightarrow r))$
 $\equiv (\neg (\neg r \lor \neg p) \lor (r \land q)) \lor \neg((\neg p \lor r) \land (\neg q \lor r))$ Implication Equivalence

 $\equiv ((r \land p) \lor (r \land q)) \lor \neg((\neg p \lor r) \land (\neg q \lor r))$ De Morgan's Law

 $\equiv (r \land (p \lor q)) \lor \neg(r \lor (\neg p \land \neg q))$ Distributive Law

 $\equiv (r \land (p \lor q)) \lor (\neg r \land \neg(p \land \neg q))$ De Morgan's Law

 $\equiv (r \land (p \lor q)) \lor (\neg r \land (p \lor q))$ De Morgan's Law

 $\equiv (p \lor q) \land (r \lor \neg r)$ Distributive Law

 $\equiv (p \lor q) \land T$ Negation Law

 $\equiv p \lor q$ Idempotence

Therefore, the proposition $(\neg(r \rightarrow \neg p) \lor (r \land q)) \lor \neg((p \rightarrow r) \land (q \rightarrow r))$ is a contingency.