

COT 3100C: INTRODUCTION TO DISCRETE STRUCTURES

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The Foundations: Logic and Proofs

Part-2

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*Because learning changes everything.**

Outline

- Propositional Logic
 - The Language of Propositions.
 - Applications.
 - Logical Equivalences.
- Predicate Logic
 - The Language of Quantifiers.
 - Logical Equivalences.
 - Nested Quantifiers.
- Proofs
 - Rules of Inference.
 - Proof Methods.
 - Proof Strategy.

Section Summary:

Propositional Logic

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

$(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$: Truth Table

p	q	$p \rightarrow q$	$q \rightarrow p$	$(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$
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Precedence of Logical Operators

Operator	Precedence
\neg	1
\wedge	2
\vee	3
\rightarrow	4
\leftrightarrow	5

$p \vee q \rightarrow \neg r$ is equivalent to

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

If the intended meaning is $p \vee (q \rightarrow \neg r)$

then parentheses must be used.

Section: Applications of Propositional Logic

Translating English Sentences

Steps to convert an English sentence to a statement in propositional logic:

- Identify atomic propositions and 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 .

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

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 , c , and f represent respectively “You can access the internet from campus,” “You are a computer science major,” and “You are a freshman.”

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

System Specifications

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.”

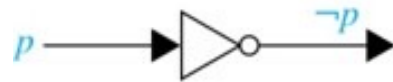
Remember; p **implies** q
Means q when p

$$q \rightarrow \neg p$$

Logic Circuits

Electronic circuits; each input/output signal can be viewed as a 0 or 1.

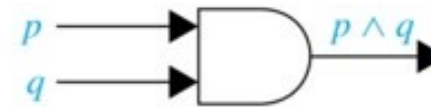
- 0 represents **False**.
- 1 represents **True**.



Inverter

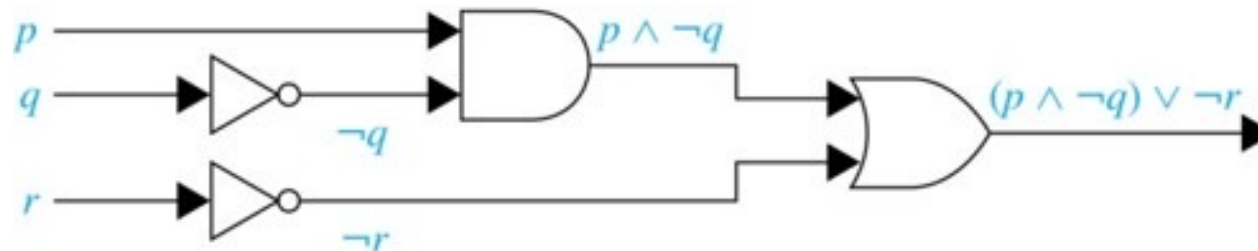


OR gate



AND gate

Example: Construct the circuit for (p and not q) or not r



Section:

Propositional Equivalences

Tautologies, Contradictions, and Contingencies

A *tautology* is a proposition which is always true.

- Example: $p \vee \neg p$.

A *contradiction* is a proposition which is always false.

- Example: $p \wedge \neg p$.

A *contingency* is a proposition which is neither a tautology nor a contradiction, such as p

P	$\neg p$	$p \vee \neg p$	$p \wedge \neg p$
T	F	T	F
F	T	T	F

Logically Equivalent

Two compound propositions p and q are logically equivalent if $p \leftrightarrow q$ is a tautology.

We write this as $p \Leftrightarrow q$ or as $p \equiv q$ where p and q are compound propositions.

Two compound propositions p and q are equivalent if and only if the columns in a truth table giving their truth values agree.

This truth table shows that $\neg p \vee q$ is equivalent to $p \rightarrow q$.

p	q	$\neg p$	$\neg p \vee q$	$p \rightarrow q$
T	T	F	T	T
T	F	F	F	F
F	T	T	T	T
F	F	T	T	T

De Morgan's Laws

$$\neg(p \wedge q) \equiv \neg p \vee \neg q$$

$$\neg(p \vee q) \equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q$$



Augustus De Morgan
1806-1871

This truth table shows that De Morgan's Second Law holds.

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

Key Logical Equivalences₁

Identity Laws: $p \wedge T \equiv p,$ $p \vee F \equiv p$

Domination Laws: $p \vee T \equiv T,$ $p \wedge F \equiv F$

Idempotent laws: $p \vee p \equiv p,$ $p \wedge p \equiv p$

Double Negation Law: $\neg(\neg p) \equiv p$

Negation Laws: $p \vee \neg p \equiv T,$ $p \wedge \neg p \equiv F$

Key Logical Equivalences₂

Commutative Laws: $p \vee q \equiv q \vee p, \quad p \wedge q \equiv q \wedge p$

Associative Laws: $(p \wedge q) \wedge r \equiv p \wedge (q \wedge r)$
 $(p \vee q) \vee r \equiv p \vee (q \vee r)$

Distributive Laws: $(p \vee (q \wedge r)) \equiv (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$
 $(p \wedge (q \vee r)) \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$

Absorption Laws: $p \vee (p \wedge q) \equiv p \quad p \wedge (p \vee q) \equiv p$

Practice:

Show $(a \vee b) \wedge b$ is equivalent to b .

Practice

Show, using the laws of logic, that $[a \vee (b \wedge c) \vee (b \wedge \neg c)] \wedge [b \vee (c \wedge \neg c)] \leftrightarrow b$.

	$[a \vee (b \wedge c) \vee (b \wedge \neg c)] \wedge [b \vee (c \wedge \neg c)]$	
\leftrightarrow	$[a \vee (b \wedge c) \vee (b \wedge \neg c)] \wedge [b \vee \mathbf{F}]$	Negation
\leftrightarrow	$[a \vee (b \wedge c) \vee (b \wedge \neg c)] \wedge b$	Identity
\leftrightarrow	$[a \vee (b \wedge (c \vee \neg c))]$	Factor out b (reverse distribution)
\leftrightarrow	$[a \vee (b \wedge \mathbf{T})]$	Negation
\leftrightarrow	$(a \vee b) \wedge b$	Identity
\leftrightarrow	b	Absorption

Q.E.D. symbol "■" (or "□") is a symbol used to denote the end of a proof, "Q.E.D." for the Latin phrase "quod erat demonstrandum".

More Logical Equivalences

Logical Equivalences Involving Conditional Statements.

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

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

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

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

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

$$(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (p \rightarrow r) \equiv p \rightarrow (q \wedge r)$$

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

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

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

Logical Equivalences Involving Biconditional Statements.

$$p \leftrightarrow q \equiv (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$$

$$p \leftrightarrow q \equiv \neg p \leftrightarrow \neg q$$

$$p \leftrightarrow q \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q)$$

$$\neg(p \leftrightarrow q) \equiv p \leftrightarrow \neg q$$

Constructing New Logical Equivalences

To prove that $A \equiv B$ we produce a series of equivalences beginning with A and ending with B .

$$\begin{array}{c} A \equiv A_1 \\ \vdots \\ A_n \equiv B \end{array}$$

Example: Show that $\neg(p \rightarrow q)$ and $p \wedge \neg q$ are logically equivalent.

$$\begin{array}{ll} p \rightarrow q & \equiv \neg p \vee q \\ \neg(p \rightarrow q) & \equiv \neg(\neg p \vee q) \\ & \equiv \neg(\neg p) \wedge \neg q & \text{by the second De Morgan law} \\ & \equiv p \wedge \neg q & \text{by the double negation law} \end{array}$$

The Implication Identity

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

- “If it’s raining, the ground outside is wet.”
- “The ground outside is wet or it’s not raining.”
- “It’s not raining or the ground outside is wet.”

p	q	$\neg p$	$\neg p \vee q$	$p \rightarrow q$
T	T	F	T	T
T	F	F	F	F
F	T	T	T	T
F	F	T	T	T

Equivalence Proofs₁

Example: Show that $\neg(p \vee (\neg p \wedge q))$
is logically equivalent to $\neg p \wedge \neg q$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\neg(p \vee (\neg p \wedge q)) &\equiv \neg p \wedge \neg(\neg p \wedge q) && \text{by the second De Morgan law} \\ &\equiv \neg p \wedge [\neg(\neg p) \vee \neg q] && \text{by the first De Morgan law} \\ &\equiv \neg p \wedge (p \vee \neg q) && \text{by the double negation law} \\ &\equiv (\neg p \wedge p) \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q) && \text{by the second distributive law} \\ &\equiv F \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q) && \text{because } \neg p \wedge p \equiv F \\ &\equiv (\neg p \wedge \neg q) \vee F && \text{by the commutative law for disjunction} \\ &\equiv (\neg p \wedge \neg q) && \text{By the identity law for } \mathbf{F}\end{aligned}$$

Equivalence Proofs₂

Example: Show that $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \vee q)$
is a tautology.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \vee q) &\equiv \neg(p \wedge q) \vee (p \vee q) && \text{by truth table for } \rightarrow \\ &\equiv (\neg p \vee \neg q) \vee (p \vee q) && \text{by the first De Morgan law} \\ &\equiv (\neg p \vee p) \vee (\neg q \vee q) && \begin{array}{l} \text{by associative and} \\ \text{commutative laws} \\ \text{laws for disjunction} \end{array} \\ &\equiv T \vee T && \text{by truth tables} \\ &\equiv T && \text{by the domination law}\end{aligned}$$

Propositional Satisfiability

A compound proposition is *satisfiable* if there is an assignment of truth values to its variables that makes it true.

When no such assignments exist, the compound proposition is *unsatisfiable*.

A compound proposition is unsatisfiable if and only if its negation is a tautology.

Questions on Propositional Satisfiability

Determine the satisfiability of the following compound propositions:

Example.1: $(p \vee \neg q) \wedge (q \vee \neg r) \wedge (r \vee \neg p)$

Solution: Satisfiable. Assign **T** to p , q , and r .

Example.2: $(p \vee q \vee r) \wedge (\neg p \vee \neg q \vee \neg r)$

Solution: Satisfiable. Assign **T** to p and **F** to q .



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