

# COMP9414: Artificial Intelligence

## Solutions Week 5: Propositional Logic

1. (i)  $(\neg Ja \wedge \neg Jo) \rightarrow T$

Where:

*Ja: Jane is in town*

*Jo: John is in town*

*T: we will play tennis*

- (ii)  $R \vee \neg R$

Where:

*R: it will rain today*

- (iii)  $\neg S \rightarrow \neg P$ , or  $\neg(P \wedge \neg S)$  (check these are equivalent)

Where:

*S: you study*

*P: you will pass this course*

2. (i)  $P \rightarrow Q$

$\neg P \vee Q$  [Remove  $\rightarrow$ ]

- (ii)  $(P \rightarrow \neg Q) \rightarrow R$

$\neg(\neg P \vee \neg Q) \vee R$  [Remove  $\rightarrow$ ]

$(\neg\neg P \wedge \neg\neg Q) \vee R$  [De Morgan]

$(P \wedge Q) \vee R$  [Double Negation]

$(P \vee R) \wedge (Q \vee R)$  [Distribute  $\vee$  over  $\wedge$ ]

- (iii)  $\neg(P \wedge \neg Q) \rightarrow (\neg R \vee \neg Q)$

$\neg\neg(P \wedge \neg Q) \vee (\neg R \vee \neg Q)$  [Remove  $\rightarrow$ ]

$(P \wedge \neg Q) \vee (\neg R \vee \neg Q)$  [Double Negation]

$(P \vee \neg R \vee \neg Q) \wedge (\neg Q \vee \neg R \vee \neg Q)$  [Distribute  $\vee$  over  $\wedge$ ]

This can be further simplified to  $(P \vee \neg R \vee \neg Q) \wedge (\neg Q \vee \neg R)$

and even further simplified to  $\neg Q \vee \neg R$ , since  $\neg Q \vee \neg R$  subsumes  $P \vee \neg R \vee \neg Q$

3. (i)

$P$	$Q$	$P \rightarrow Q$	$\neg Q$	$\neg P$
$T$	$T$	$T$	$F$	$F$
$T$	$F$	$F$	$T$	$F$
$F$	$T$	$T$	$F$	$T$
$F$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$

In all rows where both  $P \rightarrow Q$  and  $\neg Q$  true,  $\neg P$  is true. Therefore, valid inference.

(ii)

$P$	$Q$	$\neg P$	$\neg Q$	$P \rightarrow Q$	$\neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$
$T$	$T$	$F$	$F$	$T$	$T$
$T$	$F$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$F$
$F$	$T$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$T$
$F$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$

In all rows where both  $P \rightarrow Q$  true,  $\neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$  is true. Therefore, valid inference.

(iii)

$P$	$Q$	$R$	$P \rightarrow Q$	$Q \rightarrow R$	$P \rightarrow R$
$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$
$T$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$F$
$T$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$T$
$T$	$F$	$F$	$F$	$T$	$F$
$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$
$F$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$T$
$F$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$
$F$	$F$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$

In all rows where both  $P \rightarrow Q$  and  $Q \rightarrow R$  true,  $P \rightarrow R$  is true. Therefore, valid inference.

4. (i)  $\text{CNF}(P \rightarrow Q)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \neg P \vee Q$  [Remove  $\rightarrow$ ]  
 $\text{CNF}(\neg Q)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \neg Q$   
 $\text{CNF}(\neg\neg P)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow P$  [Double Negation]  
 Proof:  
 1.  $\neg P \vee Q$  [Hypothesis]  
 2.  $\neg Q$  [Hypothesis]  
 3.  $P$  [Negation of Query]  
 4.  $Q$  1, 3 Resloution  
 5.  $\square$  2, 4 Resloution

- (ii)  $\text{CNF}(P \rightarrow Q)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \neg P \vee Q$   
 $\text{CNF}(\neg(\neg Q \rightarrow \neg P))$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \neg(\neg\neg Q \vee \neg P)$  [Remove  $\rightarrow$ ]  
 $\Leftrightarrow \neg(Q \vee \neg P)$  [Double Negation]  
 $\Leftrightarrow \neg Q \wedge \neg\neg P$  [De Morgan]  
 $\Leftrightarrow \neg Q \wedge P$  [Double Negation]

- Proof:  
 1.  $\neg P \vee Q$  [Hypothesis]  
 2.  $\neg Q$  [Negation of Query]  
 3.  $P$  [Negation of Query]  
 4.  $\neg P$  1, 2 Resolution  
 5.  $\square$  3, 4 Resolution

- (iii)  $P \rightarrow Q, Q \rightarrow R \vdash P \rightarrow R$

- $\text{CNF}(P \rightarrow Q)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \neg P \vee Q$   
 $\text{CNF}(Q \rightarrow R)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \neg Q \vee R$   
 $\text{CNF}(\neg(P \rightarrow R))$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \neg(\neg P \vee R)$  [Remove  $\rightarrow$ ]  
 $\Leftrightarrow \neg\neg P \wedge \neg R$  [De Morgan]  
 $\Leftrightarrow P \wedge \neg R$  [Double Negation]

- Proof:  
 1.  $\neg P \vee Q$  [Hypothesis]  
 2.  $\neg Q \vee R$  [Hypothesis]  
 3.  $P$  [Negation of Query]  
 4.  $\neg R$  [Negation of Query]  
 5.  $Q$  1, 3 Resolution  
 6.  $R$  2, 5 Resolution  
 7.  $\square$  4, 6 Resolution

5. (i)

$P$	$Q$	$\neg P$	$P \vee Q$	$(P \vee Q) \wedge \neg P$	$((P \vee Q) \wedge \neg P) \rightarrow Q$
$T$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$T$
$T$	$F$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$T$
$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$
$F$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$F$	$T$

Last column is always true no matter what truth assignment to  $P$  and  $Q$ . Therefore  $((P \vee Q) \wedge \neg P) \rightarrow Q$  is a tautology.

- (ii)  $S = ((P \rightarrow Q) \wedge \neg(P \rightarrow R)) \rightarrow (P \rightarrow Q)$

$P$	$Q$	$R$	$P \rightarrow Q$	$P \rightarrow R$	$\neg(P \rightarrow R)$	$(P \rightarrow Q) \wedge \neg(P \rightarrow R)$	$S$
$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$F$	$F$	$T$
$T$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$
$T$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$F$	$T$
$T$	$F$	$F$	$F$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$T$
$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$F$	$F$	$T$
$F$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$F$	$F$	$T$
$F$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$T$	$F$	$F$	$T$
$F$	$F$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$F$	$F$	$T$

Last column is always true no matter what truth assignment to  $P$ ,  $Q$  and  $R$ . Therefore  $((P \rightarrow Q) \wedge \neg(P \rightarrow R)) \rightarrow (P \rightarrow Q)$  is a tautology.

(iii)

$P$	$\neg P$	$\neg P \wedge P$	$\neg(\neg P \wedge P)$	$\neg(\neg P \wedge P) \wedge P$
$T$	$F$	$F$	$T$	$T$
$F$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$F$

Last column is not always true. Therefore  $\neg(\neg P \wedge P) \wedge P$  is not a tautology.

- (iv)  $(P \vee Q) \rightarrow \neg(\neg P \wedge \neg Q)$

$P$	$Q$	$\neg P$	$\neg Q$	$P \vee Q$	$\neg P \wedge \neg Q$	$\neg(\neg P \wedge \neg Q)$	$(P \vee Q) \rightarrow \neg(\neg P \wedge \neg Q)$
$T$	$T$	$F$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$T$
$T$	$F$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$T$
$F$	$T$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$T$
$F$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$T$

Last column is always true no matter what truth assignment to  $P$  and  $Q$ . Therefore  $(P \vee Q) \rightarrow \neg(\neg P \wedge \neg Q)$  is a tautology.

6. (i)  $\text{CNF}(\neg(((P \vee Q) \wedge \neg P) \rightarrow Q))$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \neg(\neg((P \vee Q) \wedge \neg P) \vee Q)$  [Remove  $\rightarrow$ ]  
 $\Leftrightarrow \neg\neg((P \vee Q) \wedge \neg P) \wedge \neg Q$  [De Morgan]  
 $\Leftrightarrow (P \vee Q) \wedge \neg P \wedge \neg Q$  [Double Negation]

Proof:

1.  $P \vee Q$  [Negated Query]
2.  $\neg P$  [Negated Query]
3.  $\neg Q$  [Negated Query]
4.  $Q$  1, 2 Resolution
5.  $\square$  3, 4 Resolution

Therefore  $\neg(((P \vee Q) \wedge \neg P) \rightarrow Q)$  is a tautology.

- (ii)  $\text{CNF}(\neg(((P \rightarrow Q) \wedge \neg(P \rightarrow R)) \rightarrow (P \rightarrow Q)))$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \neg(\neg(\neg(P \vee Q) \wedge \neg(\neg P \vee R)) \vee (\neg P \vee Q))$  [Remove  $\rightarrow$ ]  
 $\Leftrightarrow \neg\neg((\neg P \vee Q) \wedge \neg(\neg P \vee R)) \wedge \neg(\neg P \vee Q)$  [De Morgan]  
 $\Leftrightarrow (\neg P \vee Q) \wedge (\neg\neg P \wedge \neg R) \wedge (\neg\neg P \wedge \neg Q)$  [Double Negation and De Morgan]  
 $\Leftrightarrow (\neg P \vee Q) \wedge (P \wedge \neg R) \wedge (P \wedge \neg Q)$  [Double Negation]

Proof:

1.  $\neg P \vee Q$  [Negated Query]
2.  $P$  [Negated Query]
3.  $\neg R$  [Negated Query]
4.  $\neg Q$  [Negated Query]
5.  $Q$  1, 2 Resolution
6.  $\square$  4, 5 Resolution

Therefore  $((P \rightarrow Q) \wedge \neg(P \rightarrow R)) \rightarrow (P \rightarrow Q)$  is a tautology.

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(iii)} \quad & \text{CNF}(\neg(\neg(\neg P \wedge P) \wedge P)) \\
& \Leftrightarrow \neg\neg(\neg P \wedge P) \vee \neg P \text{ [De Morgan]} \\
& \Leftrightarrow (\neg P \wedge P) \vee \neg P \text{ [Double Negation]} \\
& \Leftrightarrow (\neg P \vee \neg P) \wedge (P \vee \neg P) \text{ [Distribute } \wedge \text{ over } \vee] \\
& \Leftrightarrow \neg P \text{ [Remove repetition and tautologies]}
\end{aligned}$$

Proof:

1.  $\neg P$  (Negated Query)

Cannot obtain empty clause using resolution so  $\neg(\neg P \wedge P) \wedge P$  is not a tautology.

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(iv)} \quad & \text{CNF}(\neg((P \vee Q) \rightarrow \neg(\neg P \wedge \neg Q))) \\
& \Leftrightarrow \neg(\neg(P \vee Q) \vee \neg(\neg P \wedge \neg Q)) \text{ [Remove } \rightarrow] \\
& \Leftrightarrow \neg\neg(P \vee Q) \wedge \neg\neg(\neg P \wedge \neg Q) \text{ [De Morgan]} \\
& \Leftrightarrow (P \vee Q) \wedge \neg P \wedge \neg Q \text{ [Double Negation]}
\end{aligned}$$

Proof:

1.  $P \vee Q$  [Negated Query]
2.  $\neg Q$  [Negated Query]
3.  $\neg P$  [Negated Query]
4.  $P$  1, 2 Resolution
5.  $\square$  3, 4, Resolution

Therefore  $(P \vee Q) \rightarrow \neg(\neg P \wedge \neg Q)$  is a tautology.