

→ Well formed formula

- A statement or proposition may consist of variables, parenthesis and connective symbols.
- A grammatically correct expression is called a well formed formula, pronounced as "woof".

- (a) Every atomic statement is a wff.
- (b) If P is a wff then $\sim P$ is also wff.
- (c) If P and Q are wff, then $(P \wedge Q)$, $(P \vee Q)$ and $(P \rightarrow Q)$ are also wff.

Q Check the following :-

(i) $\neg(P \vee Q) \rightarrow$

(ii) $(P \rightarrow (P \wedge Q)) -$

(iii) $(P \wedge Q) \rightarrow (\wedge P)$

→ Tautological Implication

- A compound proposition is said to be tautologically implied if and only if $A \rightarrow B$ is a tautology where A and B are 2 propositions.

It is denoted as $A \Rightarrow B$ and read as 'A tautologically implies B'.

Eg:- $(P \wedge Q) \Rightarrow Q$. Verify

P	Q	$P \wedge Q$	$P \wedge Q \rightarrow Q$
T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T
F	T	F	T
F	F	F	T

Q. Prove that $(P \vee Q) \wedge (P \rightarrow R) \wedge (Q \rightarrow R) \Rightarrow R$

→ Laws of Logical Equivalence

- All the logical equivalences can be proved using truth tables.

Q. Prove the De Morgan's Law using a truth table.

Eg:- ① Without constructing the truth table show that

$$P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow R) \Leftrightarrow (P \wedge Q) \rightarrow R$$

$$\text{L.H.S} = P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow R) \Leftrightarrow P \rightarrow (\neg Q \vee R) \quad [\text{since } P \rightarrow Q \Leftrightarrow \neg P \vee Q]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \neg P \vee (\neg Q \vee R) \quad [\text{since } P \rightarrow Q \Leftrightarrow \neg P \vee Q]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\neg P \vee \neg Q) \vee R \quad [\text{using associative law}]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \neg(P \wedge Q) \vee R \quad [\text{using De Morgan's Law}]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (P \wedge Q) \rightarrow R \quad [\text{since } P \rightarrow Q \Leftrightarrow \neg P \vee Q] \quad (9)$$

Hence Proved

Eg:-② without constructing the truth table, show that $(\sim P \wedge (P \vee Q)) \rightarrow Q$ is a tautology.

$$(\sim P \wedge (P \vee Q)) \rightarrow Q$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sim(\sim P \wedge (P \vee Q)) \vee Q \quad [\text{since } P \rightarrow Q \Leftrightarrow \sim P \vee Q]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (P \vee \sim(P \vee Q)) \vee Q \quad [\text{using De Morgan's law}]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (P \vee (\sim P \wedge \sim Q)) \vee Q \quad [\text{using De Morgan's law}]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow ((P \vee \sim P) \wedge (P \vee \sim Q)) \vee Q \quad [\text{using Distributive law}]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (T \wedge (P \vee \sim Q)) \vee Q \quad [\text{since } P \vee \sim P \Leftrightarrow T]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (P \vee \sim Q) \vee Q \quad [\text{since } T \wedge P \Leftrightarrow P]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow P \vee (\sim Q \vee Q) \quad [\text{using associative law}]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow P \vee T \quad [\text{since } Q \vee \sim Q \Leftrightarrow T]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow T \quad [\text{since } P \vee T \Leftrightarrow T]$$

Hence, $(\sim P \wedge (P \vee Q)) \rightarrow Q$ is a Tautology.