

**Quiz 1. True/False:** If  $P$  is the proposition  $6 < 5$  and  $Q$  is the proposition, “Earth is a planet,” then the logical statement  $P \rightarrow Q$  is false.

**Solution.** The statement is *false*. Recall that the truth table for  $P \rightarrow Q$  is as follows:

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

Here,  $P$  is the proposition  $P : 6 < 5$  and  $Q$  is the proposition  $Q$ : “Earth is a planet.” It is clear that  $P$  is false and  $Q$  is true. But then examining the logic table above, we can see that  $P \rightarrow Q$  is true.

**Quiz 2. True/False:**  $\neg(P \rightarrow \neg Q) \equiv P \wedge Q$

**Solution.** The statement is *true*. To determine if two propositions are logically equivalent, one can either examine the truth table or apply logical rules to obtain one logical expression from the other. If we construct a truth table, we have...

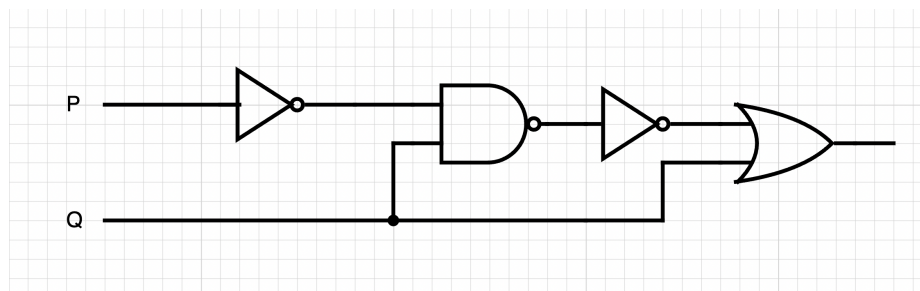
$P$	$Q$	$\neg Q$	$P \rightarrow \neg Q$	$\neg(P \rightarrow \neg Q)$	$P \wedge Q$
$T$	$T$	$F$	$F$	$T$	$T$
$T$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$F$	$F$
$F$	$T$	$F$	$T$	$F$	$F$
$F$	$F$	$T$	$T$	$F$	$F$

Because for each possible pair of choices for  $P$  and  $Q$  the outputs for  $\neg(P \rightarrow \neg Q)$  and  $P \wedge Q$  match,  $\neg(P \rightarrow \neg Q) \equiv P \wedge Q$ . Alternatively, we can transform one into the other by applying logical equivalences (recall  $P \rightarrow Q \equiv \neg P \vee Q$  or  $\neg(P \rightarrow Q) \equiv P \wedge \neg Q$ ):

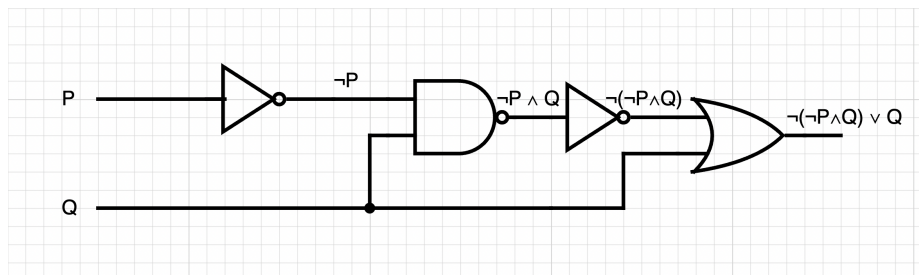
$$\neg(P \rightarrow \neg Q) \equiv \neg(\neg P \vee \neg Q) \equiv \neg(\neg P) \wedge \neg(\neg Q) \equiv P \wedge Q.$$

**Quiz 3. True/False:** The logic corresponding to the circuit shown below is the proposition:

$$(\neg P \wedge Q) \vee \neg Q.$$



**Solution.** The statement is *false*. We can trace through the circuit. We see that the current from  $P$  passes through a NOT gate and we obtain  $\neg P$ . This then feeds into an AND gate along with  $Q$  so that we obtain  $\neg P \wedge Q$ . The resulting current is then passed through a NOT gate, obtaining  $\neg(\neg P \wedge Q)$ . This finally reaches an OR gate—along with  $Q$ —to obtain  $\neg(\neg P \wedge Q) \vee Q$ . We can see a diagrammatic explanation below.



**Quiz 4. True/False:** Let the universe  $\mathcal{U}$  be the set of real numbers and define  $P(x)$  to be the predicate  $P(x) : x^2 + x - 4 \geq 0$ . Then  $(\forall x)(\neg P(x))$  is true.

**Solution.** The statement is *false*. If  $P(x) : x^2 + x - 4 \geq 0$ , then  $\neg P(x) : x^2 + x - 4 < 0$ . But then  $(\forall x)(\neg P(x))$  is the statement, “For all  $x$ ,  $x^2 + x - 4 < 0$ .” Now if  $x = 1$ , we have  $\neg P(1) : 1^2 + 1 - 4 < 0$ , i.e.  $-2 < 0$ , which is true. If  $x = 0$ , we have  $\neg P(0) : 0^2 + 0 - 4 < 0$ , i.e.  $-4 < 0$ , which is true. However, while  $(\forall x)(\neg P(x))$  is clearly true for *some* (we found at least two), it is not true *for all*  $x$ . As a counterexample, let  $x = 10$ . Then  $\neg P(10) : 10^2 + 10 - 4 < 0$ , which is  $104 < 0$ —clearly false. Therefore,  $\neg P(x)$  is not true for all  $x$ . But then  $(\forall x)(\neg P(x))$  is false.

**Quiz 5. True/False:** Let the domain of  $x, y$  be the integers. Then  $(\exists! x)(\forall y)(x + 2y = 5)$ .

**Solution.** The statement is *false*. The logical proposition  $(\exists! x)(\forall y)(x + 2y = 5)$  in words states, “There exists a unique  $x$  such that for all  $y$ ,  $x + 2y = 5$ .” Suppose that there were such a  $x$ , say  $x_0$ . Then we know that  $x_0 + 2y = 5$  for all  $y$ . In particular,  $x_0$  satisfies this equality when  $y = 0$ . But then we know that  $x_0 = 5$ . But also, it must satisfy the equality when  $x = 1$ . But then  $x_0 + 2 = 5$  so that  $x_0 = 3$ . Then there is not a unique  $x$  that works for all  $y$ ! Therefore, the statement is false. Note that if we reverse the quantifiers, the statement is true:  $(\forall y)(\exists! x)(x + 2y = 5)$ . In this case, this is the statement, “For all  $y$ , there exists a unique  $x$  such that  $x + 2y = 5$ .” If you were given any  $y$ , define  $x_0 := 5 - 2y$ . But then  $x + 2y = (5 - 2y) + 2y = 5$ . So there exists such an  $x$ . Is it unique? Well if there were two or more  $x$  values that worked for some  $y$ , say two of them are  $x_0$  and  $\tilde{x}_0$ , then we have  $x_0 + 2y = 5 = \tilde{x}_0 + 2y$ . But then  $x_0 + 2y = \tilde{x}_0 + 2y$ . Subtracting  $2y$ , we have  $x_0 = \tilde{x}_0$ . Therefore, there can only be one such  $x$ . Because we have found one, we know that the statement that for all  $y$ , there exists a unique  $y$  such that  $x + 2y = 5$  is true.

**Quiz 6.** True/False:  $\{1, 2\} \subseteq \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}\}$

**Solution.** The statement is *false*. We know that  $A \subseteq B$  if and only if for all  $a \in A$ , we have  $a \in B$ . We test every element of the set  $\{1, 2\}$ . The first element is 1. However,  $1 \notin \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}\}$ . [Note that  $1 \notin \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}\}$  but  $\{1\} \in \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}\}$ .] However, we do have  $\{1, 2\} \notin \{\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}\}$ .

**Quiz 7.** True/False:  $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \left(-\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}\right) = \emptyset$

**Solution.** The statement is *false*. For  $n = 1$ , the set  $\left(-\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}\right)$  is the interval  $(-1, 1)$ . For  $n = 2$ , the set  $\left(-\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}\right)$  is the interval  $\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ . For  $n = 3$ , the set  $\left(-\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}\right)$  is the interval  $\left(-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right)$ . Note that 0 is an element of all these sets. Generally, we have  $0 \in \left(-\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}\right)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . But then we know that  $0 \in \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \left(-\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}\right)$ . This is sufficient to demonstrate that this is not empty. [Note that it is actually true that  $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \left(-\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}\right) = \{0\}$ —though this takes more work to prove.]

**Quiz 8.** True/False: Let  $E(n)$  denote the relation from  $\mathbb{N}$  to  $\mathbb{Z}^{\geq 0}$  given by the rule that  $E(n)$  is the number of positive even integers less than or equal to  $n$ . Then this relation is a function with  $E(5) = 2$ , i.e. 2 is in the image of 5, and 10 in the preimage of 5.

**Solution.** The statement is *true*. There are several claims here. First, the claim that  $E(n) : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^{\geq 0}$  is a function. Given some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there is a single number of positive even integers  $\leq n$ . But then for every input for  $E(n)$ , there is only one possible output. Therefore,  $E(n)$  is a function from  $\mathbb{N}$  to  $\mathbb{Z}^{\geq 0}$ . For 2 to be in the image of 5, we need  $E(5) = 2$ . There are two positive even integers  $\leq 5$  (namely, 2 and 4) so that 2 is in the image of 5. For 10 to be in the preimage of 5, we would have to have  $E(10) = 5$ . Note that there are 5 positive even integers  $\leq 10$  (namely 2, 4, 6, 8, 10). Therefore, 10 is in the preimage of 5.

**Quiz 9.** True/False: Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function. Then  $f^{-1}$  will be a function if and only if the preimage set satisfies the following:  $(\forall y \in \text{im } f)(\exists x \in X)(f^{-1}(y) = x)$ .

**Solution.** The statement is *false*. Take for example the function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$  given by  $f(x) = x^2$ . For all  $y \in \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}$ , there exists an  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(x) = y$ , namely  $\pm\sqrt{y}$ . But if  $y > 0$ , then there are two possibilities:  $+\sqrt{y}$  and  $-\sqrt{y}$ . But this function  $f(x)$  has  $f^{-1}$  with the property that  $(\forall y \in \text{im } f)(\exists x \in X)(f^{-1}(y) = x)$ . If we want  $f^{-1}$  to be a function, we require  $(\forall y \in \text{im } f)(\exists! x \in X)(f^{-1}(y) = x)$ .

**Quiz 10.** *True/False:* Suppose that  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  are functions and that  $g \circ f$  is injective. Then it must be that  $f$  is injective.

**Solution.** The statement is *true*. Observe that  $g \circ f : A \rightarrow C$ . Suppose  $f$  were not injective. Then there are two values in  $A$ , say  $a_1, a_2$ , such that  $a_1 \neq a_2$  and  $f(a_1) = f(a_2)$ . But then we have...

$$\begin{aligned}f(a_1) &= f(a_2) \\g(f(a_1)) &= g(f(a_2)) \\(g \circ f)(a_1) &= (g \circ f)(a_2)\end{aligned}$$

But then there are two values in the domain of  $g \circ f$ , namely  $a_1, a_2$  such that  $a_1 \neq a_2$  but  $(g \circ f)(a_1) = (g \circ f)(a_2)$ . But then  $g \circ f$  is not injective, contrary to what we were told. Our assumption that  $f$  was not injective must then be wrong. Therefore, it must be that  $f$  is injective.