

MATH240 – Lecture 3

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1 Mathematical logic

Premise \rightarrow All men are $\underbrace{\text{mortal}}_M$

$\rightarrow \underbrace{\text{Socrates}}_S \text{ is a } \underbrace{\text{man}}_{H(\text{human})}$

Conclusion \rightarrow Therefore Socrates is mortal

All x such that x is H is M .

S is H

Therefore S is M

$$\frac{\forall x, H(x) \Rightarrow M(x) \quad H(S)}{M(S)}$$

2 Propositional logic (True/False)

2.1 Atomic propositions

The building block of propositional logic are propositions: statements that are either true or false.

ex:

p: 21 is a multiple of 7 (True proposition)

q: $2 + 2 = 5$ (False proposition)

r: there exists an extraterrestrial life form (proposition)

2.2 Compound propositions

Atomic propositions combined with logical connectors

ex:

$$2 + 2 = 5 \text{ and "there exists an extraterrestrial lifeform"} \\ = q \wedge r$$

2.3 Logical connectors

2.3.1 conjunction (\wedge) and

p	q	$p \wedge q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	F

2.3.2 Negation (\neg) not

$$\neg p = \text{Not } p = \bar{p} \\ q = "2 + 2 = 5" \\ \neg q = "2 + 2 \neq 5"$$

p	$\neg p$
T	F
F	T

2.3.3 Disjunction (\vee) or

p	q	$p \vee q$
T	T	T
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

2.3.4 More complex propositions

$$\neg(\neg p \wedge \neg q) = ?$$

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

2.3.5 Set laws and logical equivalence

Set laws translate into logical equivalence:

Set	Logic
U	True
\emptyset	False
\cup	\wedge
\cap	\vee
\overline{A}	$\neg A$

Since $p \vee q$ has the same truth table as $\neg(\neg p \wedge \neg q)$, they are logically equivalent:

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

2.3.6 Exclusive or (\oplus) xor

Def: $p \oplus q \equiv (p \vee q) \wedge \neg(p \wedge q)$

p	q	$p \oplus q$
T	T	F
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

2.3.7 Conditional (\Rightarrow)

Def: $p \Rightarrow q \equiv \neg(p \wedge \neg q) \equiv \neg p \vee q$

$p \Rightarrow q$: "p implies q": "if p then q"

ex:

p: It rains

q: It's cloudy

$p \Rightarrow q$: If it rains outside, then it is cloudy

$p \Rightarrow q$ is
always true
when p is false

p	q	$p \Rightarrow q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

2.3.8 Biconditional (\Longleftrightarrow)

$p \Longleftrightarrow q$: p if and only if q

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Def: } p \Longleftrightarrow q &\equiv (p \Rightarrow q) \wedge (q \Rightarrow p) \\ &\equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (\bar{p} \wedge \bar{q}) \\ &\equiv \overline{p \oplus q}\end{aligned}$$

p	q	$p \Rightarrow q$	$q \Rightarrow p$	$p \Longleftrightarrow q \equiv ((p \Rightarrow q) \wedge (q \Rightarrow p))$
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	F
F	T	T	F	F
F	F	T	T	T

2.4 Set law in logic

- double negation:

$$\neg \neg p \equiv p$$

- idempotent:

$$p \wedge p \equiv p$$

$$p \vee p \equiv p$$

- commutative:

$$p \wedge q \equiv q \wedge p$$

$$p \vee q \equiv q \vee p$$

- absorption:

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

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

- association:

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

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

- distribution:

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

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

- De Morgan:

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

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

- complement:

$$p \vee (\neg p) \equiv T$$

$$p \wedge (\neg p) \equiv F$$

- identity:

$$p \wedge T = p$$

$$p \vee F = p$$

- domination:

$$p \vee T = T$$

$$p \wedge F = F$$

- negation:

$$\neg F = T$$

$$\neg T = F$$

2.5 converse, contrapositive and inverse

- statement: $p \Rightarrow q$
- converse: $q \Rightarrow p$
- contrapositive: $\neg q \Rightarrow \neg p$
- inverse: $\neg p \Rightarrow \neg q$