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DISCRETE MATHEMATIC

LEC-01:

Statements and Propositions

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Lecture 1



Propositions



Quantifiers



Quantifiers and Negation

Propositions

*A proposition is a **statement** which is either **true** or **false***

Examples:

- ✦ $\sqrt{3}$ is irrational
- ✦ $1 + 3 = 5$
- ✦ FIT was established in Nov. 2006

Propositions

*A proposition is a **statement** which is either **true** or **false***

Examples (NOT propositions):

✦ $10 + 5$

✦ $x^2 + 3x = 5$

✦ Mr. fit often visits F-IT Online. (What is “often?”)

✦ Bill Gates is popular. (What is “popular?”)

Propositions

Propositions may be joined together to form more complex statements.



Conjunction



Disjunction



Negation



Implication



Conjunction

$$P \wedge Q \text{ (} P \text{ “and” } Q \text{)}$$

True when **both** P and Q are **True**

P	Q	$P \wedge Q$
True	True	True
True	False	False
False	True	False
False	False	False



Disjunction

$$P \vee Q \text{ (} P \text{ “or” } Q \text{)}$$

True when **one** of P or Q is **True**

P	Q	$P \vee Q$
True	True	True
True	False	True
False	True	True
False	False	False



Negation

$\neg P$ (“not” P)

True when P is False

P	$\neg P$
True	False
False	True

P: 3 is odd

Q: 4 is odd

R: 5 is even

$$P \wedge R$$

$$P \vee R$$

$$\neg Q$$

$$P \vee \neg P \text{ (tautology)}$$

$$P \wedge \neg P$$

(contradiction)



Remark

A tautology is a proposition that's always TRUE.

A contradiction is a proposition that's always FALSE.

p	$\neg p$	$p \supset \neg p$	$p \supset \neg \neg p$
T	F	T	F
F	T	T	F



Implication

$$P \Rightarrow Q \text{ (} P \text{ “implies” } Q \text{)}$$

*False only when **P** is True and **Q** is False*

Examples:

- ✦ If you stand in the rain, then you'll get wet.
- ✦ If you got 6.0 in IELTS, you didn't have to take the test again



Implication

$$P \Rightarrow Q \text{ (} P \text{ "implies" } Q \text{)}$$

*False only when **P** is True and **Q** is False*

P	Q	$P \Rightarrow Q$
True	True	True
True	False	False
False	True	True
False	False	True



Implication

P	Q	$P \Rightarrow Q$
True	True	True
True	False	False
False	True	True
False	False	True

$P \Rightarrow Q$ is always true when P is false (vacuously true)

- If pigs can fly, then horses can read
- If 14 is odd then $1 + 2 = 18$
- If fishes lay eggs on tree, then I will marry you



Implication

$$P \Rightarrow Q$$

- (1) If P, then Q
- (2) Q if P
- (3) P only if Q
- (4) P is sufficient for Q
- (5) Q is necessary for P



Implication

$P \Rightarrow Q$ is true

$Q \Rightarrow P$ is true

P if and only if Q

P iff Q

Examples:

- ▶ P : “3 is odd”, R : “6 is even”
- ▶ P if and only if R (logically equivalent)



Implication

Contrapositive

$$\neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P$$

Example:

- ✦ If you got 6.0 in IELTS, you didn't have to take the test again

Contrapositive:

If you had to take IELTS again, you didn't get 6.0 in IELTS



Implication

Converse

$$Q \Rightarrow P$$

Example:

- ✦ If you got 6.0 in IELTS, you didn't have to take the test again

Converse:

If you didn't have to take the test again, you must have got 6.0 in IELTS



Remark

Contrapositives: $p \equiv q$ and $\neg q \equiv \neg p$

- *Ex. "If it is noon, then I am hungry."*

"If I am not hungry, then it is not noon."

Converses: $p \equiv q$ and $q \equiv p$

- *Ex. "If it is noon, then I am hungry."*

"If I am hungry, then it is noon."

Inverses: $p \equiv q$ and $\neg p \equiv \neg q$

- *Ex. "If it is noon, then I am hungry."*

"If it is not noon, then I am not hungry."



Implication

P	Q	$\neg P$	$\neg Q$	$P \rightarrow Q$	Converse	Contrapositive	$P \leftrightarrow Q$
					$Q \rightarrow P$	$\neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$	
T	T	F	F	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	F	T	F	F
F	T	T	F	T	F	T	F
F	F	T	T	T	T	T	T

*The **contrapositive** of $P \rightarrow Q$ has the same truth values, while the **converse** does not.*

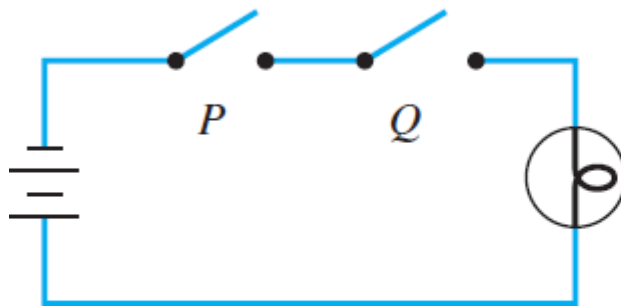
PROPOSITIONS

Distributivity:

$$p \triangleright (q \triangleleft r) \quad (p \triangleright q) \triangleleft (p \triangleright r)$$

p	q	r	$q \triangleleft r$	$p \triangleright (q \triangleleft r)$	$p \triangleright q$	$p \triangleright r$	$(p \triangleright q) \triangleleft (p \triangleright r)$
T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
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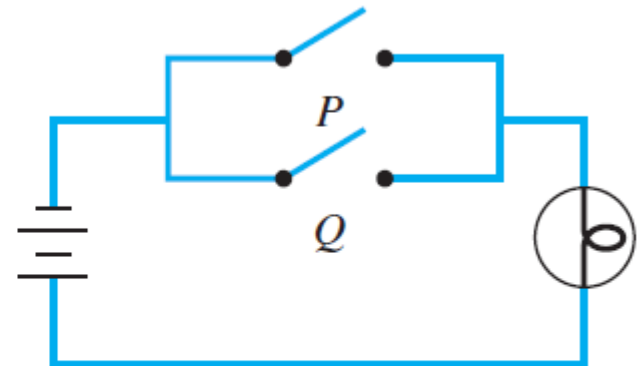
Application: Digital Logic Circuits



Switches “in series”

(a)

Switches		Light Bulb
P	Q	State
closed	closed	on
closed	open	off
open	closed	off
open	open	off



Switches “in parallel”

(b)

Switches		Light Bulb
P	Q	State
closed	closed	on
closed	open	on
open	closed	on
open	open	off

Quantifiers

Universal quantifier

\forall

(For all)

Example:

$\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, (n^2 + n + 41) \text{ is prime}$

Quantifiers

Existential quantifier

\exists

(There exists)

Example:

$$\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}, x < 0$$

Quantifiers and Negation

$$\neg(\forall x, P(x)) \equiv \exists x, \neg P(x)$$

$$\neg(\exists x, P(x)) \equiv \forall x, \neg P(x)$$

Example:

$$\neg((\forall x < 3), x^2 \leq 2) \equiv (\exists x < 3), x^2 > 2$$

Question and Answer

- This proposition is true or false?

$$2 + 3 \geq 5$$

Question and Answer

- If a is in $[5,10]$, then a is greater than or equal to 5.
- Is 5 in $[5,10]$?
- 5 is greater than or equal to 5
- 5 is greater than 5 OR 5 is equal to 5

Question and Answer

- Construct the truth table for the following proposition:

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

Homework

- Problem set 1