

# COMP170

# Discrete Mathematical Tools for Computer Science

## Intro to Logic

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- Truth Tables
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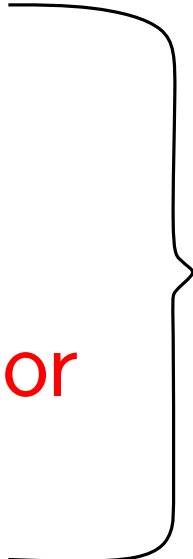
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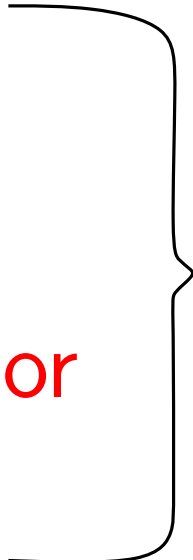
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e.g.,  $\neg u \vee (s \wedge t)$  is  $(\neg u) \vee (s \wedge t)$  and not  $\neg(u \vee (s \wedge t))$ .

This is same rule used for negative numbers in algebraic expressions.

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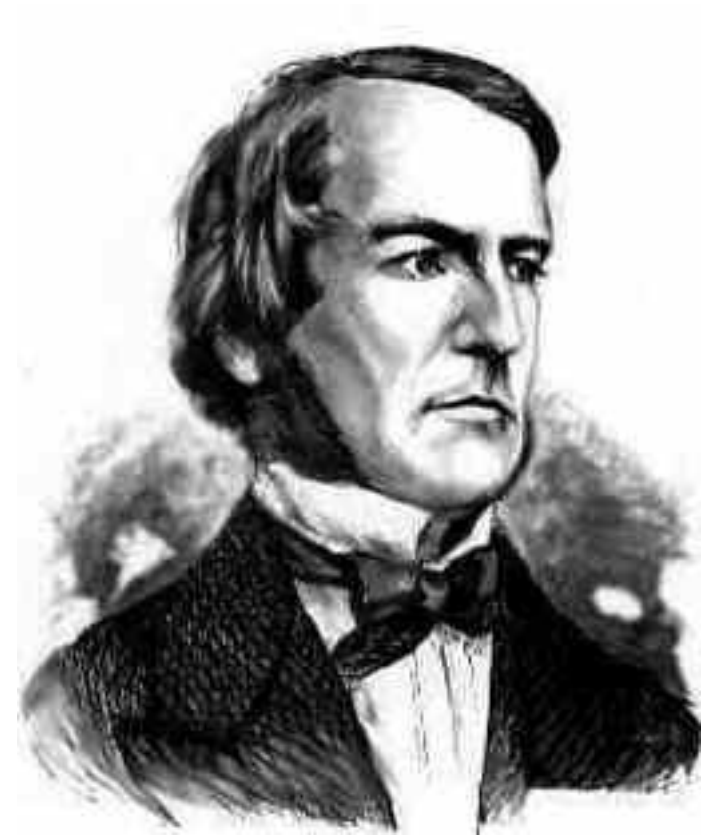
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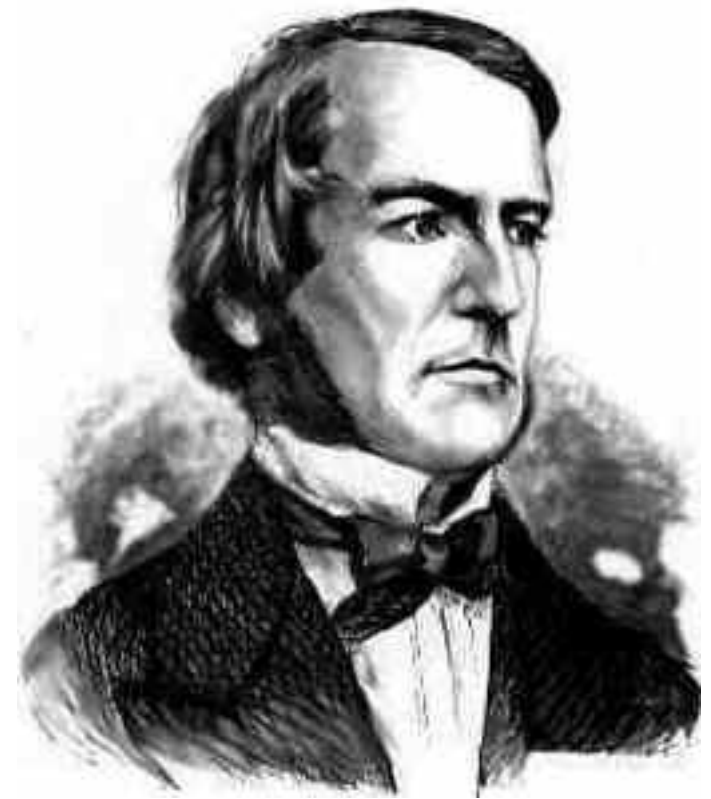
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# “Conditional” Truth Tables

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