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Lecture 7

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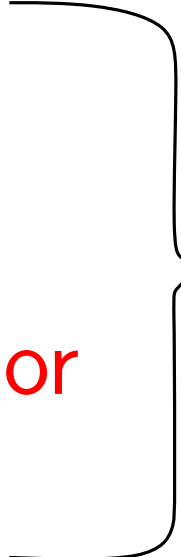
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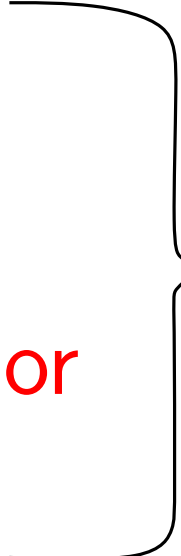
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\neg is always combined with the statement immediately to its right

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

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George Boole

English Mathematician

b. 1815, d. 1864

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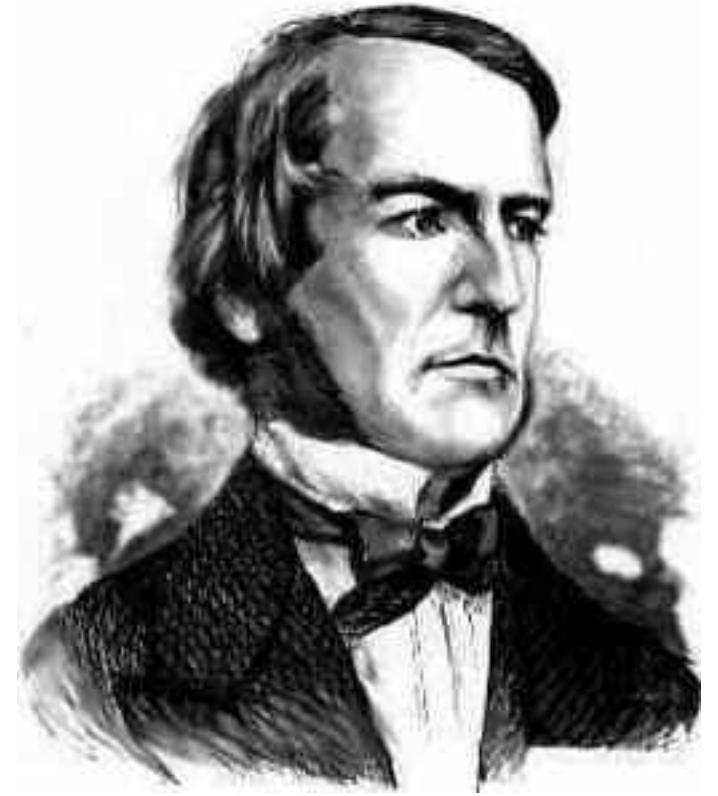
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Note that English is not a very precise language. In English, the following four phrases all usually mean the same thing. In other words, they are all defined by the same truth table:

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