

# Logical Connectives

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## 1 Mark each statement as True or False. Justify each answer.

- (a) In order to be classified as a statement, a sentence must be true.  
False; statements must be either true or false, but not both.
- (b) Some statements are both true and false.  
False; a statement cannot be both true and false.
- (c) When statement  $p$  is true, then its negation  $\neg p$  is false.  
True; this is the definition of negation
- (d) A statement and its negation may both be false.  
False; this violates the definition of negation. The negation of a statement must evaluate to the opposite truth value of the statement.
- (e) In mathematical logic, the word “or” has an inclusive meaning.  
True; by default, “or” is inclusive. There is a separate operation for “exclusive or”.

## 2 Mark each statement as True or False. Justify each answer.

- (a) In an implication  $p \implies q$ , statement  $p$  is referred to as the proposition.  
False;  $p$  is referred to as the antecedent. The whole implication is a single proposition.
- (b) The only case where  $p \implies q$  is false is when  $p$  is true and  $q$  is false.  
True; this is the definition of implication.
- (c) “If  $p$ , then  $q$  is equivalent to “ $p$  whenever  $q$ ”.  
False; a statement that if false can imply a statement that is true. “ $p$  whenever  $q$  is actually logical equivalence (*if and only if*).

- (d) The negation of a conjunction is the disjunction of the negation of the individual parts.

True; The negation of a conjunction is a disjunction of negations. This is often referred to as DeMorgan's Law.

- (e) The negation of  $p \implies q$  is  $q \implies p$ .

False; True will still imply true and false will still imply false. The negation of implication is " $p$  and not  $q$ ".

### 3 Write the negation of each statement

- (a)  $M$  is a cyclic subgroup.

$M$  is not a cyclic subgroup.

- (b) The interval  $[0,3]$  is finite.

The interval  $[0,3]$  is not finite.

- (c) The relation  $R$  is reflexive and symmetric.

The relation  $R$  is neither reflexive or symmetric.

- (d) The set  $S$  is finite or denumerable.

The set  $S$  is infinite and uncountable.

- (e) If  $x > 3$ , then  $f(x) > 7$ .

$x > 3$  and  $f(x) \leq 7$ .

- (f) If  $f$  is continuous and  $A$  is connected, then  $f(A)$  is connected.

$f$  is continuous and  $A$  is connected and  $f(A)$  is not connected.

- (g) If  $K$  is compact, then  $K$  is closed and bounded.

$K$  is compact and  $K$  is neither closed or bounded.

### 4 Write the negation of each statement

- (a) The relation  $R$  is transitive.

The relation  $R$  is not transitive.

- (b) The set of rational numbers is bounded.

The set of rational numbers is unbounded.

- (c) The function  $f$  is injective and surjective.

The function  $f$  is neither injective or surjective.

(d)  $x < 5$  or  $x > 7$ .

$x \geq 5$  and  $x \leq 7$ .

(e) If  $x$  is in  $A$ , then  $f(x)$  is not in  $B$ .

$x$  is in  $A$  and  $f(x)$  is in  $B$ .

(f) If  $f$  is continuous, then  $f(S)$  is closed and bounded.

$f$  is continuous and  $f(S)$  is open or unbounded.

(g) If  $K$  is closed and bounded, then  $K$  is compact.

$K$  is closed and bounded and  $K$  is not compact.

5 Identify the antecedent and the consequent in each statement.

(a)  $M$  has a zero eigenvalue only if  $M$  is singular.

Antecedent:  $M$  has a zero eigenvalue.

Consequent:  $M$  is singular.

(b) Normality is a necessary condition for regularity.

Antecedent: Regularity

Consequent: Normality

(c) A sequence is bounded if it is Cauchy.

Antecedent: A sequence is Cauchy.

Consequent: It is bounded.

(d) If  $x = 5$ , then  $f(x) = 14$ .

Antecedent:  $x = 5$

Consequent:  $f(x) = 14$

6 Identify the antecedent and the consequent in each statement.

(a)  $5n$  is odd only if  $n$  is odd.

Antecedent:  $5n$  is odd.

Consequent:  $n$  is odd.

(b) A sequence is convergent provided that it is monotone and bounded.

Antecedent: A sequence is monotone and bounded.

Consequent: It is convergent.

(c) A real sequence is Cauchy whenever it is convergent.

Antecedent: A real sequence is convergent.

Consequent: It is Cauchy

(d) Convergence is a sufficient condition for boundedness.

Antecedent: A sequence is convergent.

Consequent: It is bounded.

7 Construct a truth table for each statement.

(a)  $p \implies \neg q$

$p$	$q$	$\neg q$	$p \implies \neg q$
T	T	F	F
T	F	T	T
F	T	F	T
F	F	T	T

(b)  $[p \wedge (p \implies q)] \implies q$

$p$	$q$	$p \implies q$	$p \wedge (p \implies q)$	$[p \wedge (p \implies q)] \implies q$
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	T
F	T	T	F	T
F	F	T	F	T

(c)  $[p \implies (q \wedge \neg q)] \iff \neg p$

$p$	$q$	$\neg q$	$q \wedge \neg q$	$p \implies (q \wedge \neg q)$	$[p \implies (q \wedge \neg q)] \iff \neg p$	$\neg p$
T	T	F	F	F	T	F
T	F	T	F	F	T	F
F	T	F	F	T	T	T
F	F	T	F	T	T	T

8 Construct a truth table for each statement.

(a)  $\neg p \vee q$

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

(b)  $p \wedge \neg q$

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

(c)  $[\neg q \wedge (p \implies q)] \implies \neg p$

$p$	$q$	$\neg q$	$p \implies q$	$\neg q \wedge (p \implies q)$	$\neg p$	$[\neg q \wedge (p \implies q)] \implies \neg p$
T	T	F	T	F	F	T
T	F	T	F	F	F	T
F	T	F	T	F	T	T
F	F	T	T	T	F	F

9 Indicate whether each statement is True or False.

(a)  $2 \leq 3$  and 7 is prime.

True

(b)  $6 + 2 = 8$  or 6 is prime.

True

(c) 5 is not prime or 8 is prime.

False

(d) If 3 is prime, then  $3^2 = 9$ .

True

(e) If 3 is not prime, then  $3^2 \neq 9$ .

True

(f) If  $3^2 = 9$ , then 3 is not prime.

False

(g) If 6 is even or 4 is odd, then 6 is prime.

False

(h) If  $2 < 3$  implies that  $4 > 5$ , then 8 is prime.

True

(i) If both  $2 + 5 = 7$  and  $2 \cdot 5 = 7$ , then  $2^2 + 5^2 = 7^2$ .

True

- (j) It is not the case that  $2 + 3 \neq 5$ .

True

10 Indicate whether each statement is True or False.

- (a) 5 is odd and 3 is even.

False

- (b) 5 is odd or 3 is even.

True

- (c) 6 is prime or 8 is odd.

False

- (d) If 7 is odd, then  $7 + 7 = 10$ .

False

- (e) If  $2 + 2 = 5$ , then 5 is prime.

True

- (f) If  $4 > 5$ , then 5 is even.

True

- (g) If 5 is odd and 6 is prime, then  $5 + 6 = 11$ .

True

- (h) If  $5 \leq 3$  only if 3 is odd, then 5 is even.

True

- (i) If both  $2 + 5 = 7$  and  $2 \cdot 5 = 10$ , then  $2^2 + 5^2 = 10^2$ .

False

- (j) It is not the case that 4 is even and 7 is not prime.

True

11 Let  $p$  be the statement "Misty is a dog," and let  $q$  be the statement "Misty is a cat." Express each of the following statements in symbols.

- (a) Misty is not a cat, but she is a dog.

- (b) Misty is a dog or a cat, but not both.

- (c) Misty is a dog or a cat, but she is not a cat.

- (d) If Misty is not a dog, then Misty is a cat.

- (e) Misty is a dog iff she is not a cat.

12 Let  $p$  be the statement “Buford got a C on the exam,” and let  $q$  be the statement “Buford passed the class.” Express each of the following statements in symbols.

- (a) Buford did not get a C on the exam, but he passed the class.
- (b) Buford got neither a C on the exam nor did he pass the class.
- (c) If Buford passed the class, he did not get a C on the exam.
- (d) It was necessary for Buford to get a C on the exam in order for him to pass the class.
- (e) Buford passed the class only if he got a C on the exam.

13 Define a new sentential connective  $\nabla$ , called *nor*, by the following truth table.

$p$	$q$	$p \nabla q$
T	T	F
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	T

- (a) Use a truth table to show that  $p \nabla p$  is logically equivalent to  $\neg p$ .
  - (b) Complete a truth table for  $(p \nabla p) \nabla (q \nabla q)$ .
  - (c) Which of our basic connectives ( $p \wedge q$ ,  $p \vee q$ ,  $p \implies q$ ,  $p \iff q$ ) is logically equivalent to  $(p \nabla p) \nabla (q \nabla q)$ ?
- 14 Use truth tables to verify that each of the following is a tautology. Parts (a) and (b) are called *commutative laws*, parts (c) and (d) are *associative laws*, and parts (e) and (f) are *distributive laws*.

- (a)  $(p \wedge q) \iff (q \wedge p)$
- (b)  $(p \vee q) \iff (q \vee p)$
- (c)  $[p \wedge (q \wedge r)] \iff [(p \wedge q) \wedge r]$
- (d)  $[p \vee (q \vee r)] \iff [(p \vee q) \vee r]$
- (e)  $[p \wedge (q \vee r)] \iff [(p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)]$
- (f)  $[p \vee (q \wedge r)] \iff [(p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)]$