

1. Suppose  $P$  and  $Q$  are true and  $R$  and  $S$  are false. Determine the truth value of each logical statement below. Think about how you can write down your reasoning or your work.

(a)  $(P \vee Q) \wedge (R \vee S)$

(b)  $(P \vee R) \Rightarrow (Q \wedge S)$

(c)  $((P \wedge \sim P) \Rightarrow S) \Rightarrow Q$

2. For each sentence below, write its logical structure in symbols. Make sure to clarify which words are associated with which letters. Hint: All but (b) and (c) are conditional statements.

(a) Differentiability is sufficient for continuity.

(b) At least one of  $a$  or  $b$  is an integer.

(c) Both  $A$  and  $B$  are subsets of  $C$ .

(d) The grass is green whenever the sky is blue.

(e) My car turns on only if it's a leap year.

(f) It is a Monday provided the door is open.

(g) Warm bread is necessary for cold water.

Jill's Notes

The purpose of Chapter 2 is to rigorously define and understand the underlying logical structure of sentences and arguments written in words. We want to be able to:

- Go back and forth between English and logical symbols
- How to determine the truth value of very complicated statements
- How to determine whether an argument is logically sound and, if not, identify the error.

1. (2.1) A **statement** is an assertion (sentence, mathematical expression) that is true or false, typically denoted with capital letters,  $P$ ,  $Q$ ,  $R$ , etc.

Some examples and non-examples below.

- (a)  $2 \geq 1$  **A statement that is true.**
- (b)  $f(x) = 1/x$  is continuous on  $(-\infty, \infty)$  **A statement that is false.**
- (c)  $ax^2 + bx + c$  **Not a statement.**
- (d) If  $f(x)$  is differentiable, then  $f(x)$  is continuous. **A statement that is true.**
- (e)  $\mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ . **A statement that is false.**

2. (2.2 and 2.3) New Statements from Old

- Consider some ways to combine statements into more complicated statements.
- Determine truth value of the combined statement based on the truth values of its (simpler, not compound) statements.
- How to use a truth table to define/communicate truth values.

3. Some examples to think about intuitively. The goal here is to see that the definitions we are about to state are intuitive.

- (a) **OR:**

$P$  or  $Q$

$P \vee Q$

Examples (**Should  $R, S, T, U$  be true or false?**)

$R$ :  $\mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  or  $\mathbb{N} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ . (true)

$S$ : 2 is odd or 2 is negative. (false)

$T$ :  $2 \in \mathbb{N}$  or  $2 \in \mathbb{R}$ . (true)

$U$ : Today I will ski or go to the gym.

You are intuiting a definition.

$P$	$Q$	$P \vee Q$
T	T	T
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

(b) **AND:**  $P$  and  $Q$ ,  $P \wedge Q$

Examples (Should  $R, S, T, U$  be true or false?)

$R$ :  $\mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  and  $\mathbb{N} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ . (false)

$S$ : 2 is odd and 2 is negative. (false)

$T$ :  $2 \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $2 \in \mathbb{R}$ . (true)

$U$ : Today I will ski and go to the gym.

You are intuiting a definition.

$P$	$Q$	$P \wedge Q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	F

(c) **NOT:** not  $P$ ,  $\sim P$

Examples (Should  $R, S, T, U$  be true or false?)

$R$ :  $\sim (\mathbb{N} \subseteq \mathbb{Z})$  which could also be  $\mathbb{N} \not\subseteq \mathbb{Z}$  (false)

$S$ :  $\sim$ (2 is odd) which could be written 2 is even (true)

$U$ : "It is not the case that today I will ski." or, less awkwardly, "I will not ski today."

You are intuiting a definition.

$P$	$\sim P$
T	F
F	T

Observe this means that if statement  $P$  is not true, it must be false; and if  $P$  is not false, it must be true.

(d) **Conditional:**

If  $P$ , then  $Q$

$P \Rightarrow Q$

Examples (Should  $R, S, T$  be true or false?)

$R$ : If  $x \leq 5$ , then  $x \leq 10$ . (true)

$S$ : If  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $x \leq x^2$ . (false, take  $x = 0.5$ )

$U$ : If I walk, then I'll be late.

$U'$ : If I have wings, then I'll fly. (vacuously true)

$T$ : If  $\pi \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $2\pi$  is even. (vacuously true)

You are intuiting a definition.

$P$	$Q$	$P \Rightarrow Q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T