



CS 101 Discrete Structures

Logical Thinking

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Logical Thinking: Formal Logic

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Inquiry Problems 1

- ▶ Westley, standing with his hands behind his back, claims that he is holding a quarter in his left hand and a \$20 bill in his right hand. You believe he is lying.
- ▶ What would you have to show to demonstrate that he is lying?
 - ▶ Invent a diagram, chart, or symbols to illustrate all the possible scenarios.



Inquiry Problems 2

- ▶ Buttercup knows whether or not Westley is lying. She promises that if Westley is lying, she will give you a cookie. Buttercup always keeps her promises.
- ▶ Suppose she does not give you a cookie; what can you conclude?
- ▶ Suppose she gives you a cookie; what can you conclude? Illustrate your thinking in some organized way.

Inquiry Problems 3

- ▶ Camp Halcyon and Camp Placid are two summer camps with the following daily policies on pool use and cleanup duties.
- ▶ Camp Halcyon's Policy: If you used the pool in the afternoon and you didn't clean up after lunch, then you must clean up after dinner.
- ▶ Camp Placid's Policy: You must do at least one of the following: (a) Stay out of the pool in the afternoon, (b) clean up after lunch, or (c) clean up after dinner.
- ▶ How do these policies differ? Explain your reasoning.

Propositions

- ▶ **Definition 1.1** A **statement** (also known as a **proposition**) is a declarative sentence that is either true or false, but not both.
- ▶ Example:
 - ▶ 7 is odd
 - ▶ $1 + 1 = 4$
 - ▶ If it is raining, then the ground is wet.
 - ▶ Our professor is from Venus.

Note that we don't need to be able to decide whether a sentence is true or false in order for it to be a 'statement'.

How can a declarative sentence fail to be a statement?

There are two main ways.

- ▶ A declarative sentence may contain an unspecified term:
 - ▶ Ex. “x is even.”
 - ▶ In this case, x is called a **free variable**. The truth of the sentence depends on the value of x, so if that value is not specified, we can’t regard this sentence as a statement.
- ▶ A sentence is **self-referential**:
 - ▶ Ex. “This sentence is false.”
 - ▶ If we say the sentence is true, then it claims to be false;
 - ▶ if we say the sentence is false, then it appears to be true.

Connectives

- ▶ conjunction **AND**
- ▶ **inclusive** disjunction **OR**
(**inclusive-OR**)
- ▶ **exclusive** disjunction **OR**
(**exclusive-OR**)
- ▶ **negation**
- ▶ **implication**
- ▶ **double implication**

\wedge หรือ **&&**

\vee หรือ **+** หรือ **||**

$\underline{\vee}$ หรือ \oplus

\sim หรือ \neg หรือ **!**

\rightarrow

\leftrightarrow

Connectives : conjunction

- ▶ Let **p: It is raining.** **q: It is cold.** be two propositions
 - ▶ the **conjunction** of **p** and **q** is
 $p \wedge q$: It is raining **AND** it is cold.
- ▶ The **truth value** of the **compound proposition $p \wedge q$** (the **conjunction** of **p** and **q**) can be described as the following truth table (ตารางค่าความจริง)

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

Connectives : conjunction (2)

► Ex1.2. Let **p** : **A decade is 10 years.**

q : **A millennium is 100 years.**

be two **propositions**.

Show the **compound proposition** **p** \wedge **q** _____

and its **truth value**.

Ans.

p	q	p \wedge q
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	F

Connectives : conjunction (3)

- Ex1.3. Let $p : X < 10$ where X is set to 7 นั่นคือ $p : 7 < 10$
 $q : Y > 5$ where Y is set to 5 นั่นคือ $q : 5 > 5$

Show the **compound proposition** $p \wedge q$ _____
and fill in its **truth value** in the table.

Ans. $p \wedge q$:

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

X	Y	p	q	$p \wedge q$
7	5	T	F	F
-10	10			
10	10			
10	5			

Connectives : inclusive disjunction

- ▶ Let **p**: Mana is a programmer,
q: Manee is a programmer.
be two **propositions**.
- ▶ the **(inclusive) disjunction** of **p** and **q** is
p v q : Mana is a programmer **OR** Manee is a programmer.
- ▶ the **truth value** of the **compound proposition p v q** (the **inclusive disjunction** of **p** and **q**) can be described as the following **truth table** (ตารางค่าความจริง)

p	q	p v q
T	T	T
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

Connectives : inclusive disjunction (2)

- Ex1.4. Let p : **A millennium is 100 years.**,
 q : **A millennium is 1000 years.**
be two **propositions**.

Show the **compound proposition** $p \vee q$ and its **truth value**.

Ans.

Connectives : inclusive disjunction (3)

- Ex1.5. Let $p : X < 10$ where X is set to 7 นั่นคือ $p : 7 < 10$
 $q : Y > 5$ where Y is set to 5 นั่นคือ $q : 5 > 5$

be two **propositions**.

Show the **compound proposition** $p \vee q$

and fill in its **truth value** in the table.

Ans. $p \vee q$:

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

x	y	p	q	$p \vee q$
7	5	T	F	T
-10	10			
10	10			
10	5			

Connectives : inclusive disjunction (4)

- Ex1.6. Think about the **propositions** p, q such that the **compound proposition** (**inclusive-OR**) $p \vee q$ will be **false** only when $x \in I$ is within the range $[0, 100]$

p :

q :

$p \vee q$:

.....

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

Connectives : inclusive disjunction (5)

Q. Consider the statement

“Students who have taken calculus **OR** statistics
can take this class.”

- ▶ Anne has taken both calculus and statistics.

Can Anne take this class? Ans.

- ▶ Bob has taken calculus but not statistics.

Can Bob take this class? Ans.

- ▶ Cathy has taken statistics but not calculus.

Can Cathy take this class? Ans.

- ▶ David has not taken both statistics and calculus.

Can David take this class? Ans.

Connectives : exclusive disjunction

- ▶ Let **p: It is raining.**, **q: It is warm.** be two **propositions**.
 - ▶ the **(exclusive) disjunction** of **p** and **q** is
 $p \oplus q$: **Either** it is raining **OR** it is warm.
(but not both)
- ▶ Let **p: John is studying in a high school.**,
q: John is studying in a university.
be two **propositions**.
 - ▶ the **(exclusive) disjunction** of **p** and **q** is
 $p \oplus q$: **Either** John is studying in a high school **OR** John is studying in a university.
(but not both)

Connectives : exclusive disjunction (2)

- ▶ the **truth value** of the **compound proposition** $p \oplus q$ (the **exclusive disjunction** of **p** and **q**) can be described as the following **truth table** (ตารางค่าความจริง)

p	q	$p \oplus q$
T	T	F
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

Connectives : exclusive disjunction (3)

► Ex1.7. The statement

“Students who have taken **Either** calculus **OR** statistics can take this class.”

means that

“Students who have taken calculus **OR** statistics, **but not both**, can take this class.”

Connectives : exclusive disjunction (4)

- ▶ In the situation that there is **no dedicate XOR operator** for programmers, we could use our logical thinking background to create a *logically-equivalent statement*

p	q	$p \oplus q$	$\sim p$	$\sim q$	$p \vee q$	$\sim p \vee \sim q$	$(p \vee q) \wedge (\sim p \vee \sim q)$
T	T	F	F	F	T	F	F
T	F	T	F	T	T	T	T
F	T	T	T	F	T	T	T
F	F	F	T	T	F	T	F

Connectives : negation

- ▶ Let **p: Paris is the capital of England.** be a **proposition**.
 - ▶ the **negation** of **p** is $\neg p$
 - $\neg p$: It is **not** the case that
Paris is the capital of England.
 - $\neg p$: It is **false** that
Paris is the capital of England.
 - $\neg p$: Paris is **NOT** the capital of England.
- ▶ the **truth value** of the **compound proposition** $\neg p$ หรือ **! p** (the **negation** of **p**) can be described as the following **truth table** (ตารางค่าความจริง)

p	$\neg p$
T	F
F	T

Connectives : negation (2)

► Ex1.8. Negation of inequalities

$\neg (x > 2) \equiv x \leq 2$	$\neg (x \geq 2) \equiv x < 2$
$\neg (x \leq 2) \equiv x > 2$	$\neg (x < 2) \equiv x \geq 2$

Connectives : negation (3)

- Ex1.9: Let $p : x < 10$ be a **proposition**.

Show the **proposition** $\neg p$

and fill in its **truth value** in the table.

Ans. $\neg p$:

p	$\neg p$
T	F
F	T

x	นั่นคือ	p	$\neg p$
7	$p : 7 < 10$	T	F
-10	$p : -10 < 10$		
10	$p : 10 < 10$		
50	$p : 50 < 10$		

Connectives : implications

- ▶ Let p : I am elected.,
 q : I will lower taxes.
be two propositions.
- ▶ The **implication** of p and q is $p \rightarrow q$
 $p \rightarrow q$: **If p , then q**
If I am elected, **then** I will lower taxes.
 $p \rightarrow q$: **p only if q**
I am elected **only if** I will lower taxes.
 $p \rightarrow q$: **p implies q**
I am elected **implies** that I will lower taxes.
 $p \rightarrow q$: **p is sufficient for q**
Being elected **is sufficient for** me to lower taxes.

Connectives : implications (2)

- ▶ Let p : I am elected.,
 q : I will lower taxes. be two **propositions**.
- ▶ The **implication** of p and q is $p \rightarrow q$

$p \rightarrow q$: q **whenever/when/if** p

I will lower taxes **whenever** I am elected.

$p \rightarrow q$: q **follows from** p

Lowering taxes **follows from** being elected.

$p \rightarrow q$: q **is necessary for** p

Lowering taxes **is necessary for** being elected.

Connectives : implications (3)

- ▶ An **implication** $p \rightarrow q$ is sometimes called a **conditional proposition** or **conditional statement**
 - ▶ p is called the **hypothesis** (antecedent)
 - ▶ q is called the **conclusion** (consequence)

Connectives : implications (4)

- ▶ The **truth value** of the **conditional proposition** $p \rightarrow q$ is defined by the following truth table

p	q	$p \rightarrow q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

Note! a **conditional proposition** that is **true** because the **hypothesis** is **false** is said to be **true by default** or **vacuously true**.

Connectives : implications (5)

- Ex 1.10. Let $p : x > 0$, $q : x^2 > 0$ be two propositions.
Determine the truth value of the conditional proposition
 $p \rightarrow q$ in the following cases

x	x^2	p	q	$p \rightarrow q$
10				
1				
-10				
0				

Connectives : implications (7)

► Ex1.11.

Let **p** be the statement “Dan studies discrete structures.”

Let **q** be the statement “Dan will find a good job.”

Write the **conditional proposition** $p \rightarrow q$ as a statement in English.

Ans.

Connectives : implications :

Converse, Inverse, and Contrapositive Propositions

- ▶ the **converse** (ประพจน์บทกลับ) of the **conditional proposition** $p \rightarrow q$ is the proposition $q \rightarrow p$.
- ▶ the **inverse** (ประพจน์ผกผัน) of the **conditional proposition** $p \rightarrow q$ is the proposition $\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$.
- ▶ the **contrapositive** (ประพจน์แย้งสลับที่) of the **conditional proposition** $p \rightarrow q$ is the proposition $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$.

Connectives : implications (11)

- Ex1.13. Write down the **converse**, **inverse**, and the **contrapositive** of the **implication**

“The home team wins **whenever** it is raining.”

Ans. From the implication given,

p : It is raining.

q : The home team wins.

original statement : **If** it is raining, **then** the home team wins.

converse : **If** the home team wins, **then** it is raining.

inverse : **If** it is not raining, **then** the home team **does not** win.

contrapositive : **If** the home team **does not** win,
then it is not raining.

Connectives : implications (12)

- **Q.** Consider the **truth values** of the following **propositions** :

Let $p : 1 > 2$, $q : 4 < 8$ be two **propositions**.

$p \rightarrow q$ is

$q \rightarrow p$ is

$\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$ is

$\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$ is

Connectives : double implications

- ▶ A **double implication** $p \leftrightarrow q$ is sometimes called a **bi-conditional proposition** or **bi-conditional statement**
- ▶ the truth value of the **bi-conditional proposition** $p \leftrightarrow q$ is defined by the following truth table

p	q	$p \leftrightarrow q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	T

Note! the **bi-conditional proposition** $p \leftrightarrow q$ is **true** precisely when both the **conditional proposition** $p \rightarrow q$ and $q \rightarrow p$ are **true**.

Connectives : double implications (2)

- ▶ Let p : **You can take the flight.**,
 q : **You buy a ticket.**
be two **propositions**.
- ▶ The **double implication** of p and q is $p \leftrightarrow q$
 $p \leftrightarrow q$: p **if and only if** q หรือ p **iff** q
You can take the flight **iff** you buy a ticket.
 $p \leftrightarrow q$: p **only if** q , **and conversely** หรือ
if p **then** q , **and conversely**

Ex. You can take the flight **only if** you buy a ticket, **and conversely**.

Connectives : double implications (3)

- ▶ Ex1.14. Write the **proposition** in an appropriate symbolic form and then, determine the **truth value** of the **proposition**

“ $1 < 5$ **if and only if** $2 < 8$ ”

define **p** :

define **q** :

symbolic form

truth value of the **proposition**

Exercises: Connectives

- **Ex 1.15.** พิจารณาคำพูดต่อไปนี้และแปลงเป็นประโยคสัญลักษณ์ทางตรรกศาสตร์ที่สอดคล้องกับความหมายของอาจารย์ผู้พูด

นักศึกษาต้องได้เกรดวิชา **CSI01** อย่างน้อย **C**

นักศึกษาถึงจะจบการศึกษาได้

Let **p** : students graduate from CSTU.

q : students pass CSI01 with C or higher.

Exercises: Connectives (2)

- **Ex 1.16.** พิจารณากฎเหล็กของคุณป้าที่ต้องการให้หลานสาวจอมแก่น น้องอัณณา ทานข้าวเย็นให้หมดก่อนที่จะได้ทานขนมหวานของโปรด และแปลงเป็นประโยคสัญลักษณ์ทางตรรกศาสตร์ที่สอดคล้องกับความหมายของคุณป้า

อัณณา หนูต้องทานข้าวเย็นให้หมด หนูถึงจะได้ทานขนมนะคะ

Let **p** : Ana finishes her dinner.

q : Ana gets her sweet treat.

Ans.

Exercises: Connectives (3)

- Ex 1.16. (cont.) Should it be the proposition $p \rightarrow q$?

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p : Ana finishes her dinner. q : Ana gets her sweet treat.

"If Ana finishes her dinner, **then** Ana gets her sweet treat."

Ans.

Exercises: Connectives (4)

- Ex 1.16. (cont.) Should it be the proposition $p \wedge q$?

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p : Ana finishes her dinner. q : Ana gets her sweet treat.

"Ana finishes her dinner **AND** Ana gets her sweet treat."

Ans.

Exercises: Connectives (5)

- Ex 1.16. (cont.) Should it be the proposition $p \leftrightarrow q$?

อันณา หนุต้องทานข้าวเย็นให้หมด หนุถึงจะได้ทานขนมนะคะ

p : Ana finishes her dinner. q : Ana gets her sweet treat.

"If Ana finishes her dinner **then** Ana gets her sweet treat, **and conversely**"

Ans.

Exercises: Connectives (6)

- **Ex1.17.** พิจารณาคำพูดต่อไปนี้ของอาจารย์ผู้สอนและแปลงเป็นประโยคสัญลักษณ์ทางตรรกศาสตร์ที่สอดคล้องกับความหมายของอาจารย์ผู้สอน

“นักศึกษาที่จะสอบผ่านวิชา**CS101** ก็เฉพาะนักศึกษาที่ตั้งใจเรียนเท่านั้นแหละ”

Let **p** : students study hard enough.

q : students pass CS101.

Ans.

Exercises: Connectives (7)

- ▶ Ex1.17. (cont.) Should it be the proposition $p \rightarrow q$?

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p : students study hard enough. q : students pass CS101.

"If students study hard enough, **then** they will pass CS101."

Ans.

Exercises: Connectives (8)

- Ex1.17. (cont.) Should it be the proposition $q \rightarrow p$?

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p : students study hard enough. q : students pass CS101.

"If students pass CS101, **then** they study hard enough."

Ans.

Exercises: Connectives (9)

- Ex1.17. (cont.) Should it be the proposition $p \leftrightarrow q$?

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p : students study hard enough. q : students pass CS101.

"Students pass CS101 **if and only if** they study hard enough."

Ans.

Exercises: Connective (10)

- Ex1.18. พิจารณา คำพูดในการขอเลิกกับแฟนสาวของผู้ชายคนหนึ่ง
- “เพราะเธอดี(เกินไป) ฉันจึงทิ้งเธอ”

กำหนดให้ **p**: เธอดี **q**: ฉันจึงทิ้งเธอ

- คำพูดของผู้ชายคนนี้ เขียนได้เป็น $p \rightarrow q$

จากคำพูดของผู้ชาย ตอบคำถามต่อไปนี้

1. ตอนนี้ แเค้เลิกกับผู้หญิงแล้ว แปลว่า ผู้ชายบอกว่าผู้หญิงคนนี้เป็นคนดี ใช่หรือไม่?
2. ผู้หญิงถามนศ.ว่า แสดงว่า ถ้าฉันเป็นคนเลว ผู้ชายเค้าจะไม่ทิ้งฉันไป ใช่มั้ย? นศ.จะอธิบายอย่างไร?
3. ดังนั้น ผู้หญิงจะสรุปได้ว่าอะไร?

Logical Equivalences : definition

- ▶ Two **propositions** having the same **truth values** no matter what truth values their constituent **propositions** are said to be **logically equivalent**
 - ▶ that is, the **truth tables** of the two **propositions** are **identical**
- ▶ Let **p** and **q** be **propositions**.

We say that **p** and **q** are **logically equivalent**,
denoted as $p \equiv q$ or $p \Leftrightarrow q$, if $p \leftrightarrow q$ is a **tautology**.

Logical Equivalences (2)

- ▶ To determine whether **propositions p and q** are **logically equivalent**,
 - ▶ write the **truth tables** for **p and q**
 - ▶ if all of the entries for **p and q** are always the same, then **p and q** are **logically equivalent**
 - ▶ if some entry is **true** for one of **p or q** and **false** for the other, then **p and q** are not equivalent
 - ▶ apply appropriate **logical equivalence laws** to transform compound propositions or reduce constituted terms

Derivation Rules: Equivalence Rules

Equivalence	Name
$p \Leftrightarrow \neg \neg p$	double negation
$p \rightarrow q \Leftrightarrow \neg p \vee q$	implication
$\neg(p \wedge q) \Leftrightarrow \neg p \vee \neg q$ $\neg(p \vee q) \Leftrightarrow \neg p \wedge \neg q$	De Morgan's laws
$p \vee q \Leftrightarrow q \vee p$ $p \wedge q \Leftrightarrow q \wedge p$	commutativity
$p \wedge (q \wedge r) \Leftrightarrow (p \wedge q) \wedge r$ $p \vee (q \vee r) \Leftrightarrow (p \vee q) \vee r$	associativity

- ▶ all **equivalence rules** could be checked using truth tables
- ▶ $A \Leftrightarrow B$ or $A \equiv B$ says that A and B are **logically equivalent**.