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Given

Conditional in terms of Or

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Distributive

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<b>p</b>	<b>q</b>	<b><math>\neg q</math></b>	<b><math>p \vee \neg q</math></b>
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Three possibilities:

A Knight, B Knight  
or A Knight, B Knave  
or A Knave, B Knave

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$(p \vee q) \wedge \neg p$

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$(p \vee q) \wedge \neg p \wedge (\neg p \rightarrow \neg q)$

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$\equiv (\neg p \wedge q) \wedge (p \vee \neg q)$	Distributive
$\equiv (\neg p \wedge q \wedge p) \vee (\neg p \wedge q \wedge \neg q)$	$\neg x \wedge x \equiv F$
$\equiv (F \wedge q) \vee (\neg p \wedge F)$	$F \wedge x \equiv F$
$\equiv F \vee F$	$F \vee F \equiv F$
$\equiv F$	

Conclusion: No truth values  
make all specifications True<sub>6</sub>  
Hence: Inconsistent

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Determine if the specifications are Consistent using symbols and truth values

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Consider:

(i)  $q = F \rightarrow$

$(p = T) \wedge (\neg q = T) \rightarrow$

(ii)  $s = T \rightarrow$

$p = T \rightarrow$

$(\neg s = F) \wedge (\neg p = F) \rightarrow$

(iii)  $(q = F) \wedge (s = T) \rightarrow$

$\rightarrow$

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Consider:  $p = T, q = F, s = T$

(i)  $q = F \rightarrow \neg q = T$

$(p = T) \wedge (\neg q = T) \rightarrow [p \rightarrow \neg q] = T$

(ii)  $s = T \rightarrow \neg s = F$

$p = T \rightarrow \neg p = F$

$(\neg s = F) \wedge (\neg p = F) \rightarrow [\neg s \rightarrow \neg p] = T$

(iii)  $(q = F) \wedge (s = T) \rightarrow [q \rightarrow s] = T$

$\rightarrow$  Specifications are Consistent

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Note: There are other truth values that will make the three specifications true in this ex.

Check:  $p = F, q = F, s = F$

$p = F, q = T, s = T$

$p = F, q = F, s = T$



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In a similar way tables can be constructed for: Not,  $*$ ,  $\oplus$ ,  $\rightarrow$ ,  $\leftrightarrow$

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1	0	
0	1	
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<b>Logic (Boolean) variables</b> $0 \equiv \text{False}, 1 \equiv \text{True}$	<b>Integers</b> ....-2,-1,0,1,2.....	<b>Real numbers</b> $0.357 \times 10^5$	<b>Character codes</b> $A = 01000001$
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$1 \equiv \text{True} \quad 0 \equiv \text{False}$

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**This means  $T \vee T \equiv T$ . Hence  $1+1 = 1$ .**

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Combine the corresponding bit positions with:

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s	1	1		

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(ii)  $p \bar{r} s + p r s + q r + \bar{q} r$

(iii)  $p s (r + \bar{r}) + r (q + \bar{q})$

$p s (1) + r (1)$

$p s + r$

Hence the 4 rules are equivalent to:

(p true and s true) or r true

Note: q need not be tested when evaluating the truth value of this Decision table