

ECEN 227 - Introduction to Finite Automata and Discrete Mathematics

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Overview

- 1 Propositions and logical operations
- 2 Evaluating compound propositions
- 3 Conditional statements
- 4 Logical equivalence

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What is logic?

Logic

Logic is the study of formal reasoning.

- Logic statement **always** has a well defined meaning.
- Logic used in
 - Artificial intelligence for automated reasoning.
 - Embedded systems for designing digital circuits.
 - Laws logic for defining the implications of a particular law.
 - Medicine for conditions and diagnosis.

Proposition (1/3)

Proposition

Proposition is a statement that is either evaluated to true or false.

Truth Value

It is a value indicating whether the proposition is actually true or false

Propositions Examples:

- There are an infinite number of prime numbers. \rightarrow True
- The Declaration of Independence was signed on July 4, 1812. \rightarrow False

Proposition (2/3)

- Propositions are **declarative sentences**.

Not Propositions Examples:

- What time is it? → **Question**
 - Have a nice day. → **Command**
- Proposition truth value can be true, false, unknown, or a matter of opinion.

Examples:

- Monday will be cloudy. → **Unknown**
- The movie was funny. → **A matter of opinion**
- The extinction of the dinosaurs was caused by a meteor. → **Unknown**

Proposition (3/3)

- Variables names such as p and q can be used to denote arbitrary propositions.

Example:

- p : January has 31 days.
- q : February has 33 days.

Compound Proposition

It is created by connecting individual propositions with **logical operations**.

Types of logical operations:

- Conjunction. **Ex.** $p \text{ and } q \equiv p \wedge q$
- Disjunction. **Ex.** $p \text{ or } q \equiv p \vee q$
- Negation. **Ex.** $\text{not } p \equiv \neg p$

Conjunction Operation

- The proposition $p \wedge q$ is read "p and q".
- $p \wedge q$ is true if both p is true and q is true.
- $p \wedge q$ is false if p is false, q is false, or both are false.

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Types of OR

Inclusive or

The **inclusive or** is the same as the disjunction \vee operation and evaluates to true when one or both of the propositions are true.

Example: "Lucy opens the windows or doors when warm"

Exclusive or

The **exclusive or** of p and q evaluates to true only when p is true and q is false or when q is true and p is false.

Example: "Lucy is going to the park or the movie".

Denoted as $p \oplus q$

Negation Operation

- The negation operation acts on just one proposition.
- It has the effect of **reversing** the truth value of the proposition.
- It is denoted as $\neg p$ and read as "not p".

Example:

- **p:** The patient has diabetes.
- \neg **p:** The patient does not have diabetes.

Truth Table (1/2)

Truth table

It shows the truth value of a **compound proposition** for **every possible combination** of truth values for the variables contained in the compound proposition.

Conjunction

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

p	q	$p \vee q$
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Negation

p	$\neg p$
T	F
F	T

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- **Q:** How to fill the truth table for a compound proposition?
- **A:** If there are n variables, there are 2^n rows.
- The T and F values for each row are unique.
- **Note that:** The column of the first variable on the right alternates T F T F..., the column for the second variable alternates T T F F ..., etc.
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- Order of operations in absence of parentheses.
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Example:

- $p : T, q : F, r : T$

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Exercise 2

Consider the following pieces of identification a person might have in order to apply for a credit card:

- B: Applicant presents a birth certificate.
- D: Applicant presents a driver's license.
- M: Applicant presents a marriage license.

Questions

- 1 The applicant must present either a birth certificate, a driver's license or a marriage license.
- 2 The applicant must present at least two of the following forms of identification: birth certificate, driver's license, marriage license.
- 3 Applicant must present either a birth certificate or both a driver's license and a marriage license.

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- The proposition $p \rightarrow q$ is read "if p then q".
- The proposition $p \rightarrow q$ is **false** if p is **true** and q is **false**; otherwise, $p \rightarrow q$ is **true**.

Example:

- **p**: There is a traffic jam today.
- **q**: I will be late for work.
- **$p \rightarrow q$** : If there is a traffic jam today, then I will be late for work.

Truth Table:

p	q	$p \rightarrow q$
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Conditional Operation (2/2)

- In $p \rightarrow q$, proposition p is called the **hypothesis**, and the proposition q is called the **conclusion**.
- A conditional proposition can be thought of like a contract between two parties.

Ex: If $\underbrace{\text{you mow Mr. Smith's lawn}}_p$, then $\underbrace{\text{he will pay you.}}_q$

	<p>q is true: Mr. Smith pays you.</p>	<p>q is false: Mr. Smith does not pay you.</p>
<p>p is true: You mow Mr. Smith's lawn</p>	$p \rightarrow q = T$	$p \rightarrow q = F$
<p>p is false: You do not mow Mr. Smith's lawn</p>	$p \rightarrow q = T$	$p \rightarrow q = T$

The only scenario in which the contract is broken when p is true and q is false.

Examples on Conditional Operations

- ① s: If it rains today, I will have my umbrella.
It is raining today.
I do not have my umbrella. **False**
- ② s: If Sally took too long getting ready, she missed the bus.
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English expressions of the Conditional Operations

Ex: If $\underbrace{\text{you mow Mr. Smith's lawn}}_{p \text{ (hypothesis)}}$, then $\underbrace{\text{he will pay you.}}_{q \text{ (conclusion)}}$

If p, then q.	If you mow Mr. Smith's lawn, then he will pay you.
If p, q.	If you mow Mr. Smith's lawn, he will pay you.
q if p	Mr. Smith will pay you if you mow his lawn.
p implies q.	Mowing Mr. Smith's lawn implies that he will pay you.
p only if q.	You will mow Mr. Smith's lawn only if he pays you.
p is sufficient for q.	Mowing Mr. Smith's lawn is sufficient for him to pay you.
q is necessary for p.	Mr. Smith's paying you is necessary for you to mow his lawn.

The Converse, Contrapositive, and Inverse

Proposition:	$p \rightarrow q$	Ex: If it is raining today, the game will be cancelled.
Converse:	$q \rightarrow p$	If the game is cancelled, it is raining today.
Contrapositive:	$\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$	If the game is not cancelled, then it is not raining today.
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The Biconditional Operation

- The proposition "p if and only if q" is expressed with the **biconditional operation** and is denoted $p \leftrightarrow q$.
- It is true when p and q have the **same** truth value and is false when p and q have **different** truth values.

Truth Table:

Other meanings includes:

- p is necessary and sufficient for q.
- if p then q, and conversely.
- iff** is an abbreviation of the expression "if and only if".

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For a degree in Computer Science, a student must take one of three project courses, P_1 , P_2 , or P_3 . The student must also take one of two theory courses, T_1 or T_2 . Furthermore, if the student is an honors student, he or she must take the honors seminar S . Let H be the proposition indicating whether the student is an honors student.

- Formulate the previous statements using logical propositions.

Exercise 3

Give the inverse, converse and contrapositive for each of the following statements.

- **Q:** If the patient took the medicine, then she had side effects.
- **A:**
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Tautology and Contradiction

- **Tautology:** A proposition is always true.
 - **Ex.** $p \vee \neg p$
- **Contradiction:** A proposition is always false.
 - **Ex.** $p \wedge \neg p$

Is this statement a tautology, contradiction, or neither. $p \wedge q \rightarrow p$

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Two compound propositions are **logically equivalent** if they have the same truth value regardless of the truth values of their individual propositions.

- The notation $s \equiv r$ is used to indicate that r and s are logically equivalent.
- Propositions s and r are **logically equivalent** if and only if the proposition $s \leftrightarrow r$ is a **tautology**.
- Logical equivalence can be proved with either the truth table or the laws of propositional logic (Next week).

Example 1

Show logical equivalence of $\neg(p \vee q) \equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q$

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