

hw-4 (2023/10/10)

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p.19: 13-(a) Find statement forms in **conjunctive normal form** which are logically equivalent to the following:

$$(a) \quad (((\neg p) \vee q) \rightarrow r)$$

Your answer:

(5 points)

Here we will use three methods to find some **conjunctive normal forms** (CNF) of $(\neg p \vee q \rightarrow r)$, the former two are from our textbook, while the third one is new.

In the first place, let

$$\varphi = (\neg p \vee q \rightarrow r).$$

Method-(1)

First we construct a truth table of φ 's **negation**:

p	q	r	$\neg ((\neg p \vee q) \rightarrow r)$			
1	1	1	0	0	1	1
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	1	0	1	0
1	0	1	0	0	0	1
1	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	1	1	0	1	1	1
<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	1	1	1	0
0	0	1	0	1	1	1
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	1	1	1	0

The combinations which give $\neg\varphi$ value 1 are 110, 010 and 000. Thus a **disjunctive normal form** of $\neg\varphi$ is

$$\chi = (p \wedge q \wedge \neg r) \vee (\neg p \wedge q \wedge \neg r) \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q \wedge \neg r)$$

It is clear that χ is logically equivalent to $\neg\varphi$, hence $\neg\chi$ is logically equivalent to $\neg\neg\varphi$, that is, φ .

Thus, by the **De Morgan's laws**, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \neg\chi &= \neg[(p \wedge q \wedge \neg r) \vee (\neg p \wedge q \wedge \neg r) \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q \wedge \neg r)] \\
 &\equiv \neg(p \wedge q \wedge \neg r) \wedge \neg(\neg p \wedge q \wedge \neg r) \wedge \neg(\neg p \wedge \neg q \wedge \neg r) \\
 &\equiv (\neg p \vee \neg q \vee \neg\neg r) \wedge (\neg\neg p \vee \neg q \vee \neg\neg r) \wedge (\neg\neg p \vee \neg\neg q \vee \neg\neg r) \\
 &\equiv (\neg p \vee \neg q \vee r) \wedge (p \vee \neg q \vee r) \wedge (p \vee q \vee r)
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $(\neg p \vee \neg q \vee r) \wedge (p \vee \neg q \vee r) \wedge (p \vee q \vee r)$ is a CNF of φ .

(NB: we using the symbol expression " $\alpha \equiv \beta$ " to denote that formula α is logically equivalent to β)

Method-(2)

$$\begin{aligned}
\varphi &= (\neg p \vee q \rightarrow r) \\
&\equiv \neg(\neg p \vee q) \vee r && \text{(by the meaning of **material implication**,} \\
&&& \text{cf. Example 1.4-(a), p. 7 of our textbook)} \\
&\equiv (\neg\neg p \wedge \neg q) \vee r && \text{(by the **De Morgan's laws**)} \\
&\equiv (p \wedge \neg q) \vee r \\
&\equiv (p \vee r) \wedge (\neg q \vee r) && \text{(by the **distribution** of } (\vee\text{-}\wedge), \text{ cf. p. 10, Exercises-6-(b))}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence $(p \vee r) \wedge (\neg q \vee r)$ is a CNF of φ .

Method-(3)

Similarly, we construct a truth table for φ (notice that, not for the negation of φ):

p	q	r	$(\neg p \vee q) \rightarrow r$				
1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	0	1	1	1	0
1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	1	0	1	1	0
0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	1	0	1	0	0

The combinations which give φ value 0 are 110, 010 and 000. Then according to these truth combinations, we can construct three **disjunctive formulas** as follows,

$$\begin{aligned}
\varphi_1 &= (\neg p \vee \neg q \vee r) \\
\varphi_2 &= (p \vee \neg q \vee r) \\
\varphi_3 &= (p \vee q \vee r)
\end{aligned}$$

Next, we connect above three formulas in a conjunctive form, that is,

$$\varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2 \wedge \varphi_3 = (\neg p \vee \neg q \vee r) \wedge (p \vee \neg q \vee r) \wedge (p \vee q \vee r)$$

It is easy to check that $\varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2 \wedge \varphi_3$ is a CNF of φ . And as we can see, the result in current *Method-(3)* is same as the *Method-(1)*.

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p.26: 21 Suppose that $\mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2, \dots, \mathcal{A}_n; \therefore \mathcal{A}$ is a valid argument form. Prove that $\mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2, \dots, \mathcal{A}_{n-1}; \therefore (\mathcal{A}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{A})$ is also a valid argument form.

Your proof:

First, suppose that $\mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2, \dots, \mathcal{A}_n; \therefore \mathcal{A}$ is a valid argument form, but $\mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2, \dots, \mathcal{A}_{n-1}; \therefore (\mathcal{A}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{A})$ is not.

Then there is an assignment of truth values to the statement variables such that $\mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2, \dots, \mathcal{A}_{n-1}$ takes value T while $(\mathcal{A}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{A})$ takes value F , that is, \mathcal{A}_n is T but \mathcal{A} takes F . However, this contradicts to our assumption that $\mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2, \dots, \mathcal{A}_n; \therefore \mathcal{A}$ is a valid argument form. (5 points)

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- 还是有同学少写题目呀，题目少写的话想给你们找分都很难了。考试的时候也差不多，尽量不要空题不做呀 😞
- 还有很多同学写证明的时候，一句话中往往不写「定语」和「状语」，比如会出现如下情况：

所以 φ 。

所以 φ 什么呢？ φ 是重言式？ φ 是矛盾式？这些都是需要额外加以说明的。