MATH1061 Course Notes

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1 Logic

1.1 Logical Connectives

1.1.1 Basic logical connectives

For a given logical statement come logical connectives. Basic logical connectives include:

- **not** $= \sim$
- **and** $= \wedge$
- **or** $= \vee$
- **exclusive or** $= \oplus$

1.1.2 Logical Equivalence

Given two statement forms, you can show that they are logically equivalent by using a truth table or by using the laws of logical equivalence.
The logical equivalence between two statements is demonstrated by the symbol $\equiv$

[insert truth table]

1.1.3 Conditional logical connectives

Logical connectives and equivalences, for given truth statements 'p' and 'q'

- **if .. then** $= \rightarrow$
- **if and only if** $= \leftrightarrow$
- $p \rightarrow q \equiv \sim p \vee q \equiv \sim q \rightarrow \sim p$

1.1.4 Order of Operations

1. $\sim$
2. $\wedge$ and $\vee$, use parentheses to specify. If no parentheses given, work from left to right.
3. $\rightarrow$ and $\leftrightarrow$, use parentheses to specify. If no parentheses given, work from left to right.

1.2 Necessary and sufficient conditions

For given truth statements 'p' and 'q':

- p is a necessary condition for q means "if $\sim p$ then $\sim q$" or equivalently "if q then p" or "q only if p".
- p is a sufficient condition for q means "if p then q" or equivalently "q if p"

1.3 Definitions

1.3.1 Tautology and contradictions

- A tautology is a statement form which always takes truth values "**true**" for all possible truth values of its variables.
- A contradiction is a statement form which always takes truth values "**false**" for all possible truth values of its variables.

1.3.2 Contrapositive

For given truth statements 'p' and 'q'
The contrapositive of $p \to q$ is $\sim q \to \sim p$

- These are logically equivalent:
  $p \to q \equiv \sim q \to \sim p$

1.3.3 Biconditional

For given truth statements 'p' and 'q'
The biconditional of p and q, denoted $p \leftrightarrow q$, is defined by the following truth table:

[insert truth table]

1.4 Arguments

1.4.1 Premises

Given a collection of statements '$p_1, p_2, ..., p_n$' (called **premises**) and another statement 'q' (called the conclusion), an '*argument*' is the assertion that the conjunction of the premisees implies the conclusion.

$$\begin{array}{l} p_1 \\ p_2 \\ ... \\ p_n \\ \therefore q \end{array}$$

1.4.2 Arguments; validity and invalidity

Definition; valid argument An argument is **valid** if whenever all of the premises are true, the conclusion is also true.

Thus, an argument is valid if $(p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge ... \wedge p_n \to q)$ is a tautology.

Definition; invalid argument An argument is **invalid** if it is possible to have a situation in which all of the premises are true but the conclusion is false.

We can check whether an argument is valid or invalid using a truth table.

1.4.3 Rules of Inference

Modus Ponens

$$p \to q$$
$$p$$
$$\therefore q$$

Modus Tollens

$$p \to q$$
$$\sim q$$
$$\therefore \sim p$$

Generalisation

$$p$$
$$\therefore p \vee q$$

$$q$$
$$\therefore p \vee q$$

Specialisation

$$p \wedge q$$
$$\therefore p$$

$$p \wedge q$$
$$\therefore q$$

Conjunction

$$p$$
$$q$$
$$\therefore p \wedge q$$

Elimination

$$p \vee q$$
$$\sim q$$
$$\therefore p$$

$$p \vee q$$
$$\sim p$$
$$\therefore q$$

Transitivity

$$p \to q$$
$$q \to r$$
$$\therefore p \to r$$

Proof by Division into cases

$$p \vee q$$
$$p \to q$$
$$q \to r$$
$$\therefore r$$

Contradiction Rule

$$\sim p \to (contradiction)$$
$$\therefore p$$

1.5 Quantifiers

1.5.1 Universal and Existental quantifiers

The Universal quantifier

The symbol '∀' denotes *"for all"* and is called the **universal quantifier**

Let Q(x) be a predicate and **D** be the domain of x. The **universal statement**

$\forall$ x $\in$ **D**, Q(x)

is true if and only if Q(x) is true for every x in **D**. It is false if and only if Q(x) is false for at least one x in **D**

The Existental Quantifier

The symbol '$\exists$' denotes "there exists" and is called the **existential quantifier**

Let Q(x) be a predicate and **D** be the domain of x. The **existential statement**

$\exists$ x $\in$ **D** such that Q(x)

is true if and only if Q(x) is true for at least one x in **D**. It is false if and only if Q(x) is false for every x in **D**

1.5.2 Negation of Quantified Statements

Universal Statement:

$\forall$ x $\in$ **D**, Q(x)

The negation of this statement is logically equivalent to:

$\exists$ x $\in$ **D** such that $\sim$ Q(x)

Existential Statement:

$\exists$ x $\in$ **D** such that Q(x)

The negation of this statement is logically equivalent to:

$\forall$ x $\in$ **D**, $\sim$ Q(x)

Universal Conditional Statement

$\forall$ x $\in$ **D** if P(x) then Q(x)

The negation of this statment is logically equivalent to:

$\exists$ x $\in$ **D** such that $\sim$ if P(x) then Q(x)

which is;

$\exists$ x $\in$ **D** such that P(x) $\wedge$ $\sim$Q(x)

1.6 Multiple quantifiers

The predicate x $\leq$ y for real numbers x and y involves more than one variable.

Notation such as P(x,y) is used to denote such predicates.

Such predicates often appear in statments that involve more than one quantifier

In order to establish the truth of a statment of the form

$\forall$ x $\in$ **D** if P(x) then Q(x)

2 Logical Equivalences

Given any statement variables 'p', 'q' and 'r', a tautology '**t**' and contradiction '**c**', the following logical equivalences hold.

2.1 Commutative laws

- $p \wedge q \equiv q \wedge p$
- $p \vee q \equiv q \vee p$

2.2 Associative laws

- $(p \wedge q) \wedge r \equiv p \wedge (q \wedge r)$
- $(p \vee q) \vee r \equiv p \vee (q \vee r)$

2.3 Distributive laws

- $p \wedge (q \vee r) \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$
- $p \vee (q \wedge r) \equiv (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$

2.4 Identity laws

- $p \wedge \mathbf{t} \equiv p$
- $p \vee \mathbf{c} \equiv p$

2.5 Negation laws

- $p \vee \sim p \equiv \mathbf{t}$
- $p \wedge \sim p \equiv \mathbf{c}$

2.6 Double negative laws

- $\sim(\sim p) \equiv p$

2.7 Idempotent laws

- $p \vee p \equiv p$
- $p \wedge p \equiv p$

2.8 Universal bound laws

- $p \vee \mathbf{t} \equiv \mathbf{t}$
- $p \wedge \mathbf{c} \equiv \mathbf{c}$

2.9 De Morgan's laws

- $\sim(p \wedge q) \equiv \sim p \vee \sim q$
- $\sim(p \vee q) \equiv \sim p \wedge \sim q$

2.10 Absorption laws

- $p \vee (p \wedge q) \equiv p$
- $p \wedge (p \vee q) \equiv p$

2.11 Negations of t and c

- $\sim\mathbf{t} \equiv \mathbf{c}$
- $\sim\mathbf{c} \equiv \mathbf{t}$