The Foundations: Logic and Proofs

Chapter 1

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Propositional Logic

Section 1.1

Section Summary

- Propositions
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Propositions

- A *proposition* is a declarative sentence that is either true or false.
- Examples of propositions:
  a) The Moon is made of green cheese.
  b) Lahore is the capital of Pakistan.
  c) Toronto is the capital of Canada.
  d) $1 + 1 = 2$
  e) $0 + 1 = 2$
- Examples that are not propositions.
  a) Sit down!
  b) What time is it?
  c) $x + 1 = 2$
  d) $x + y = z$

The area of logic that deals with propositions is called the **propositional calculus** or **propositional logic**.

Propositional Logic

- Constructing Propositions
  - Propositional Variables: p, q, r, s, …
  - The proposition that is always true is denoted by **T or '1'** and the proposition that is always false is denoted by **F or '0'**.
  - Compound Propositions; constructed from logical connectives and other propositions
    - Negation $\neg$
    - Conjunction $\wedge$
    - Disjunction $\vee$
    - Implication $\rightarrow$
    - Biconditional $\leftrightarrow$

Compound Propositions: Negation

- The *negation* of a proposition p is denoted by $\neg p$ and is the statement "It is not the case that p."

truth table for $\neg p$:

p	$\neg p$
T	F
F	T

- **Example**: If p denotes "The earth is round.", then $\neg p$ denotes "It is not the case that the earth is round," or more simply "The earth is not round."

Conjunction

- The conjunction of propositions p and q is denoted by p ∧ q is the proposition "p and q." The conjunction p ∧ q is true when both p and q are true and is false otherwise

and has this truth table:

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

- **Example**: If p denotes "I am at home." and q denotes "It is raining." then $p \wedge q$ denotes "I am at home and it is raining."

Disjunction

- The *disjunction* of propositions p and q denoted by $p \lor q$ is the proposition "p or q." The disjunction $p \lor q$ is false when both p and q are false and is true otherwise.

and has this truth table:

p	q	$p \lor q$
T	T	T
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

- **Example**: If p denotes "I am at home." and q denotes "It is raining." then $p \lor q$ denotes "I am at home or it is raining."

The Connective Or in English

- In English “or” has two distinct meanings.
  - “Inclusive Or” - In the sentence “Students who have taken CS202 or Math120 may take this class,” we assume that students need to have taken one of the prerequisites, but may have taken both. This is the meaning of disjunction. For $p \vee q$ to be true, either one or both of p and q must be true.
  - “Exclusive Or” of two propositions p and q denoted by $p \oplus q$, one of p and q must be true, but not both. The truth table for $\oplus$ is:

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

  - When you buy a new car from Acme Motor Company, you get $2000 back in cash or a 2% car loan.

Implication

- If p and q are propositions, then $p \rightarrow q$ is a *conditional statement* or *implication* which is read as "if p, then q" and has this truth table:

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

- **Example**: If p denotes "I am at home." and q denotes "It is raining." then $p \rightarrow q$ denotes "If I am at home then it is raining."
- In $p \rightarrow q$, p is the *hypothesis* (*antecedent* or *premise*) and q is the *conclusion* (or *consequence*).

Understanding Implication

- In $p \rightarrow q$ there does not need to be any connection between the antecedent or the consequent. The "meaning" of $p \rightarrow q$ depends only on the truth values of p and q.
- These implications are perfectly fine, but would not be used in ordinary English.
  - "If the moon is made of green cheese, then I have more money than Bill Gates. "
  - "If the moon is made of green cheese then I'm on welfare."
  - "If 1 + 1 = 3, then your grandma wears combat boots."

Understanding Implication (cont)

- One way to view the logical conditional is to think of an obligation or contract.
  - "If I am elected, then I will lower taxes."
  - "If you get 100% on the final, then you will get an A."
- If the politician is elected and does not lower taxes, then the voters can say that he or she has broken the campaign pledge.
- Something similar holds for the professor. This corresponds to the case where p is true and q is false.

Different Ways of Expressing $p \rightarrow q$

- **if** p**, then** q
- **if** p**,** q
- q **unless** $\neg p$
- q **if** p
- q **whenever** p
- q **follows from** p
- p **implies** q
- p **only if** q
- q **when** p
- p **is sufficient for** q
- q **is necessary for** p

- **a necessary condition for** p **is** q
- **a sufficient condition for** q **is** p

EXAMPLE 8 What is the value of the variable x after the statement

$$\textbf{if } 2 + 2 = 4 \textbf{ then } x := x + 1$$

if $x = 0$ before this statement is encountered? (The symbol $:=$ stands for assignment. The statement $x := x + 1$ means the assignment of the value of $x + 1$ to x.)

Solution: Because $2 + 2 = 4$ is true, the assignment statement $x := x + 1$ is executed. Hence, x has the value $0 + 1 = 1$ after this statement is encountered. ◀

Converse, Contrapositive, and Inverse

- From $p \rightarrow q$ we can form new conditional statements .
  - $q \rightarrow p$ is the **converse** of $p \rightarrow q$
  - $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$ is the **contrapositive** of $p \rightarrow q$
  - $\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$ is the **inverse** of $p \rightarrow q$

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Solution:

converse: ?

inverse: ?

contrapositive: ?

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Solution:

converse: If I do not go to town, then it is raining.

inverse: If it is not raining, then I will go to town.

contrapositive: If I go to town, then it is not raining.

Biconditional

- If p and q are propositions, then we can form the *biconditional* proposition $p \leftrightarrow q$, read as "p if and only if q." The biconditional $p \leftrightarrow q$ denotes the proposition with this truth table:

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

- If p denotes "I am at home." and q denotes "It is raining." then $p \leftrightarrow q$ denotes "I am at home if and only if it is raining."

Expressing the Biconditional

- Some alternative ways "*p* if and only if *q*" is expressed in English:

  - ***p* is necessary and sufficient for *q***
  - **if *p* then *q* , and conversely**
  - ***p* iff *q***

Note that $p \leftrightarrow q$ has exactly the same truth value as $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$.

EXAMPLE 10 Let p be the statement "You can take the flight," and let q be the statement "You buy a ticket." Then $p \leftrightarrow q$ is the statement

"You can take the flight if and only if you buy a ticket."

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

This statement is true if p and q are either both true or both false, that is, if you buy a ticket and can take the flight or if you do not buy a ticket and you cannot take the flight. It is false when p and q have opposite truth values, that is, when you do not buy a ticket, but you can take the flight (such as when you get a free trip) and when you buy a ticket but you cannot take the flight (such as when the airline bumps you). ◀

Truth Tables For Compound Propositions

- Construction of a truth table:
- Rows
  - Need a row for every possible combination of values for the atomic propositions.
- Columns
  - Need a column for the compound proposition (usually at far right)
  - Need a column for the truth value of each expression that occurs in the compound proposition as it is built up.
    - This includes the atomic propositions

Example Truth Table

- Construct a truth table for $p \vee q \rightarrow \neg r$

p	q	r	¬r	p ∨ q	p ∨ q → ¬r
T	T	T	F	T	F
T	T	F	T	T	T
T	F	T	F	T	F
T	F	F	T	T	T
F	T	T	F	T	F
F	T	F	T	T	T
F	F	T	F	F	T
F	F	F	T	F	T

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  Solution:

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T	T	F	F	T	T
T	F	F	T	F	F
F	T	T	F	T	T
F	F	T	T	T	T

Using a Truth Table to Show Non-Equivalence

Example: Show using truth tables that neither the converse nor inverse of an implication are not equivalent to the implication.

Solution:

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

Problem

- How many rows are there in a truth table with n propositional variables?

Solution: ?

Problem

- How many rows are there in a truth table with n propositional variables?

  Solution: 2^n.

- Note that this means that with n propositional variables, we can construct 2^n distinct (i.e., not equivalent) propositions.

1. Which of these sentences are propositions? What are the truth values of those that are propositions?
   a) Boston is the capital of Massachusetts.
   b) Miami is the capital of Florida.
   c) $2 + 3 = 5$.
   d) $5 + 7 = 10$.
   e) $x + 2 = 11$.
   f) Answer this question.
2. Which of these are propositions? What are the truth values of those that are propositions?
   a) Do not pass go.
   b) What time is it?
   c) There are no black flies in Maine.
   d) $4 + x = 5$.
   e) The moon is made of green cheese.
   f) $2^n \geq 100$.
3. What is the negation of each of these propositions?
   a) Mei has an MP3 player.
   b) There is no pollution in New Jersey.
   c) $2 + 1 = 3$.
   d) The summer in Maine is hot and sunny.
4. What is the negation of each of these propositions?
   a) Jennifer and Teja are friends.
   b) There are 13 items in a baker's dozen.
   c) Abby sent more than 100 text messages every day.
   d) 121 is a perfect square.

5. What is the negation of each of these propositions?
   a) Steve has more than 100 GB free disk space on his laptop.
   b) Zach blocks e-mails and texts from Jennifer.
   c) $7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 = 999$.
   d) Diane rode her bicycle 100 miles on Sunday.

6. Suppose that Smartphone A has 256 MB RAM and 32 GB ROM, and the resolution of its camera is 8 MP; Smartphone B has 288 MB RAM and 64 GB ROM, and the resolution of its camera is 4 MP; and Smartphone C has 128 MB RAM and 32 GB ROM, and the resolution of its camera is 5 MP. Determine the truth value of each of these propositions.
   a) Smartphone B has the most RAM of these three smartphones.
   b) Smartphone C has more ROM or a higher resolution camera than Smartphone B.
   c) Smartphone B has more RAM, more ROM, and a higher resolution camera than Smartphone A.
   d) If Smartphone B has more RAM and more ROM than Smartphone C, then it also has a higher resolution camera.
   e) Smartphone A has more RAM than Smartphone B if and only if Smartphone B has more RAM than Smartphone A.

7. Suppose that during the most recent fiscal year, the annual revenue of Acme Computer was 138 billion dollars and its net profit was 8 billion dollars, the annual revenue of Nadir Software was 87 billion dollars and its net profit was 5 billion dollars, and the annual revenue of Quixote Media was 111 billion dollars and its net profit was 13 billion dollars. Determine the truth value of each of these propositions for the most recent fiscal year.
   a) Quixote Media had the largest annual revenue.
   b) Nadir Software had the lowest net profit and Acme Computer had the largest annual revenue.
   c) Acme Computer had the largest net profit or Quixote Media had the largest net profit.
   d) If Quixote Media had the smallest net profit, then Acme Computer had the largest annual revenue.
   e) Nadir Software had the smallest net profit if and only if Acme Computer had the largest annual revenue.

8. Let p and q be the propositions

p : I bought a lottery ticket this week.
q : I won the million dollar jackpot.

Express each of these propositions as an English sentence.

a) $\neg p$
b) $p \vee q$
c) $p \rightarrow q$
d) $p \wedge q$
e) $p \leftrightarrow q$
f) $\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$
g) $\neg p \wedge \neg q$
h) $\neg p \vee (p \wedge q)$

9. Let p and q be the propositions "Swimming at the New Jersey shore is allowed" and "Sharks have been spotted near the shore," respectively. Express each of these compound propositions as an English sentence.

a) $\neg q$
b) $p \wedge q$
c) $\neg p \vee q$
d) $p \rightarrow \neg q$
e) $\neg q \rightarrow p$
f) $\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$
g) $p \leftrightarrow \neg q$
h) $\neg p \wedge (p \vee \neg q)$

10. Let p and q be the propositions "The election is decided" and "The votes have been counted," respectively. Express each of these compound propositions as an English sentence.

a) $\neg p$
b) $p \vee q$
c) $\neg p \wedge q$
d) $q \rightarrow p$
e) $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$
f) $\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$
g) $p \leftrightarrow q$
h) $\neg q \vee (\neg p \wedge q)$

11. Let p and q be the propositions

p : It is below freezing.
q : It is snowing.

Write these propositions using p and q and logical connectives (including negations).

a) It is below freezing and snowing.
b) It is below freezing but not snowing.
c) It is not below freezing and it is not snowing.
d) It is either snowing or below freezing (or both).
e) If it is below freezing, it is also snowing.
f) Either it is below freezing or it is snowing, but it is not snowing if it is below freezing.
g) That it is below freezing is necessary and sufficient for it to be snowing.

12. Let p, q, and r be the propositions

p : You have the flu.
q : You miss the final examination.
r : You pass the course.

Express each of these propositions as an English sentence.

a) $p \rightarrow q$
b) $\neg q \leftrightarrow r$
c) $q \rightarrow \neg r$
d) $p \vee q \vee r$
e) $(p \rightarrow \neg r) \vee (q \rightarrow \neg r)$
f) $(p \wedge q) \vee (\neg q \wedge r)$

13. Let p and q be the propositions

p : You drive over 65 miles per hour.
q : You get a speeding ticket.

Write these propositions using p and q and logical connectives (including negations).

a) You do not drive over 65 miles per hour.
b) You drive over 65 miles per hour, but you do not get a speeding ticket.
c) You will get a speeding ticket if you drive over 65 miles per hour.
d) If you do not drive over 65 miles per hour, then you will not get a speeding ticket.
e) Driving over 65 miles per hour is sufficient for getting a speeding ticket.
f) You get a speeding ticket, but you do not drive over 65 miles per hour.
g) Whenever you get a speeding ticket, you are driving over 65 miles per hour.

15. Let p, q, and r be the propositions

p : Grizzly bears have been seen in the area.
q : Hiking is safe on the trail.
r : Berries are ripe along the trail.

Write these propositions using p, q, and r and logical connectives (including negations).

a) Berries are ripe along the trail, but grizzly bears have not been seen in the area.

b) Grizzly bears have not been seen in the area and hiking on the trail is safe, but berries are ripe along the trail.

c) If berries are ripe along the trail, hiking is safe if and only if grizzly bears have not been seen in the area.

d) It is not safe to hike on the trail, but grizzly bears have not been seen in the area and the berries along the trail are ripe.

e) For hiking on the trail to be safe, it is necessary but not sufficient that berries not be ripe along the trail and for grizzly bears not to have been seen in the area.

f) Hiking is not safe on the trail whenever grizzly bears have been seen in the area and berries are ripe along the trail.

16. Determine whether these biconditionals are true or false.

a) $2 + 2 = 4$ if and only if $1 + 1 = 2$.
b) $1 + 1 = 2$ if and only if $2 + 3 = 4$.
c) $1 + 1 = 3$ if and only if monkeys can fly.
d) $0 > 1$ if and only if $2 > 1$.

17. Determine whether each of these conditional statements is true or false.

a) If $1 + 1 = 2$, then $2 + 2 = 5$.
b) If $1 + 1 = 3$, then $2 + 2 = 4$.
c) If $1 + 1 = 3$, then $2 + 2 = 5$.
d) If monkeys can fly, then $1 + 1 = 3$.

18. Determine whether each of these conditional statements is true or false.

a) If $1 + 1 = 3$, then unicorns exist.
b) If $1 + 1 = 3$, then dogs can fly.
c) If $1 + 1 = 2$, then dogs can fly.
d) If $2 + 2 = 4$, then $1 + 2 = 3$.

20. For each of these sentences, determine whether an inclusive or, or an exclusive or, is intended. Explain your answer.

a) Experience with C++ or Java is required.
b) Lunch includes soup or salad.
c) To enter the country you need a passport or a voter registration card.
d) Publish or perish.

21. For each of these sentences, state what the sentence means if the logical connective or is an inclusive or (that is, a disjunction) versus an exclusive or. Which of these meanings of or do you think is intended?

a) To take discrete mathematics, you must have taken calculus or a course in computer science.
b) When you buy a new car from Acme Motor Company, you get \$2000 back in cash or a 2% car loan.
c) Dinner for two includes two items from column A or three items from column B.
d) School is closed if more than 2 feet of snow falls or if the wind chill is below -100.

22. Write each of these statements in the form "if p, then q" in English. [*Hint:* Refer to the list of common ways to express conditional statements provided in this section.]

a) It is necessary to wash the boss's car to get promoted.
b) Winds from the south imply a spring thaw.
c) A sufficient condition for the warranty to be good is that you bought the computer less than a year ago.
d) Willy gets caught whenever he cheats.
e) You can access the website only if you pay a subscription fee.
f) Getting elected follows from knowing the right people.
g) Carol gets seasick whenever she is on a boat.

Applications of Propositional Logic

Section 1.2

Precedence of Logical Operators

Operator	Precedence
$\neg$	1
$\wedge$ $\vee$	2 3
$\rightarrow$ $\leftrightarrow$	4 5

$p \vee q \rightarrow \neg r$ is equivalent to $(p \vee q) \rightarrow \neg r$
If the intended meaning is $p \vee (q \rightarrow \neg r)$
then parentheses must be used.

Applications of Propositional Logic: Summary

- Translating English to Propositional Logic
- System Specifications
- Logic Puzzles

Translating English Sentences

- Steps to convert an English sentence to a statement in propositional logic
  - Identify atomic propositions and represent using propositional variables.
  - Determine appropriate logical connectives
- “If I go to Harry’s or to the country, I will not go shopping.”
  - p: I go to Harry’s
  - q: I go to the country.
  - r: I will go shopping.

If p or q then not r.

$$(p \lor q) \rightarrow \neg r$$

Example

Problem: Translate the following sentence into propositional logic:

“You can access the Internet from campus only if you are a computer science major or you are not a freshman.”

One Solution:

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Problem: Translate the following sentence into propositional logic:

"You can access the Internet from campus only if you are a computer science major or you are not a freshman."

One Solution: Let *a*, *c*, and *f* represent respectively "You can access the internet from campus," "You are a computer science major," and "You are a freshman."

$$a \rightarrow (c \lor \neg f)$$

System Specifications

- System and Software engineers take requirements in English and express them in a precise specification language based on logic.

Example: Express in propositional logic:

"The automated reply cannot be sent when the file system is full"

Solution: ?

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Solution: One possible solution: Let p denote "The automated reply can be sent" and q denote "The file system is full."

$$q \rightarrow \neg p$$

Consistent System Specifications

Definition: A list of propositions is *consistent* if it is possible to assign truth values to the proposition variables so that each proposition is true.

Exercise: Are these specifications consistent?

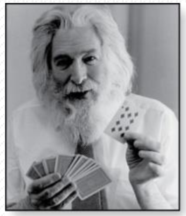
- "The diagnostic message is stored in the buffer or it is retransmitted."
- "The diagnostic message is not stored in the buffer."
- "If the diagnostic message is stored in the buffer, then it is retransmitted."

Solution: Let p denote "The diagnostic message is stored in the buffer." Let q denote "The diagnostic message is retransmitted" The specification can be written as: $p \lor q$, $\neg p$, $p \to q$. When p is false and q is true all three statements are true. So the specification is consistent.

- What if "The diagnostic message is not retransmitted is added."

  Solution: Now we are adding $\neg q$ and there is no satisfying assignment. So the specification is not consistent.

Logic Puzzles



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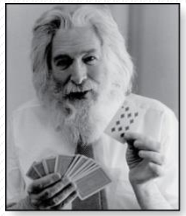
- An island has two kinds of inhabitants, *knights*, who always tell the truth, and *knaves*, who always lie.
- You go to the island and meet A and B.
  - A says "B is a knight."
  - B says "The two of us are of opposite types."

Example: What are the types of A and B?

Solution: ?

Logic Puzzles



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Solution: Let p and q be the statements that A is a knight and B is a knight, respectively. So, then $\neg p$ represents the proposition that A is a knave and $\neg q$ that B is a knave.

- If A is a knight, then p is true. Since knights tell the truth, q must also be true. Then $(p \wedge \neg q) \vee (\neg p \wedge q)$ would have to be true, but it is not. So, A is not a knight and therefore $\neg p$ must be true.
- If A is a knave, then B must not be a knight since knaves always lie. So, then both $\neg p$ and $\neg q$ hold since both are knaves.

Propositional Equivalences

Section 1.3

Section Summary

- Tautologies, Contradictions, and Contingencies.
- Logical Equivalence
  - Important Logical Equivalences
  - Showing Logical Equivalence
- Normal Forms (*optional, covered in exercises in text*)
  - Disjunctive Normal Form
  - Conjunctive Normal Form
- Propositional Satisfiability
  - Sudoku Example

Tautologies, Contradictions, and Contingencies

- A tautology is a proposition which is always true.
  - Example: $p \vee \neg p$
- A *contradiction* is a proposition which is always false.
  - Example: $p \wedge \neg p$
- A *contingency* is a proposition which is neither a tautology nor a contradiction, such as p

P	$\neg p$	$p \vee \neg p$	$p \wedge \neg p$
T	F	T	F
F	T	T	F

Logically Equivalent

- Two compound propositions p and q are logically equivalent if $p \leftrightarrow q$ is a tautology.
- We write this as $p \Leftrightarrow q$ or as $p \equiv q$ where p and q are compound propositions.
- Two compound propositions p and q are equivalent if and only if the columns in a truth table giving their truth values agree.
- This truth table shows that $\neg p \vee q$ is equivalent to $p \rightarrow q$.

p	q	$\neg p$	$\neg p \vee q$	$p \rightarrow q$
T	T	F	T	T
T	F	F	F	F
F	T	T	T	T
F	F	T	T	T

De Morgan's Laws

Augustus De Morgan

1806-1871

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

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

This truth table shows that De Morgan's Second Law holds.

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

Key Logical Equivalences

- Identity Laws: $p \wedge T \equiv p$ $\quad p \vee F \equiv p$
- Domination Laws: $p \vee T \equiv T$ $\quad p \wedge F \equiv F$
- Idempotent laws: $p \vee p \equiv p$ $\quad p \wedge p \equiv p$
- Double Negation Law: $\neg(\neg p) \equiv p$
- Negation Laws: $p \vee \neg p \equiv T$ $\quad p \wedge \neg p \equiv F$

Key Logical Equivalences (*cont*)

- Commutative Laws: $p \lor q ,\equiv q \lor p \quad p \land q \equiv q \land p$
- Associative Laws: $(p \land q) \land r \equiv p \land (q \land r)$
  $(p \lor q) \lor r \equiv p \lor (q \lor r)$
- Distributive Laws: $(p \lor (q \land r)) \equiv (p \lor q) \land (p \lor r)$
  $(p \land (q \lor r)) \equiv (p \land q) \lor (p \land r)$
- Absorption Laws: $p \lor (p \land q) \equiv p \quad p \land (p \lor q) \equiv p$

More Logical Equivalences

TABLE 7 Logical Equivalences Involving Conditional Statements.

$p \to q \equiv \neg p \lor q$
$p \to q \equiv \neg q \to \neg p$
$p \lor q \equiv \neg p \to q$
$p \land q \equiv \neg(p \to \neg q)$
$\neg(p \to q) \equiv p \land \neg q$
$(p \to q) \land (p \to r) \equiv p \to (q \land r)$
$(p \to r) \land (q \to r) \equiv (p \lor q) \to r$
$(p \to q) \lor (p \to r) \equiv p \to (q \lor r)$
$(p \to r) \lor (q \to r) \equiv (p \land q) \to r$

TABLE 8 Logical Equivalences Involving Biconditional Statements.

$p \leftrightarrow q \equiv (p \to q) \land (q \to p)$
$p \leftrightarrow q \equiv \neg p \leftrightarrow \neg q$
$p \leftrightarrow q \equiv (p \land q) \lor (\neg p \land \neg q)$
$\neg(p \leftrightarrow q) \equiv p \leftrightarrow \neg q$

Constructing New Logical Equivalences

- We can show that two expressions are logically equivalent by developing a series of logically equivalent statements.
- To prove that $A \equiv B$ we produce a series of equivalences beginning with A and ending with B.

$$\begin{array}{c} A \equiv A_1 \\ \vdots \\ A_n \equiv B \end{array}$$

- Keep in mind that whenever a proposition (represented by a propositional variable) occurs in the equivalences listed earlier, it may be replaced by an arbitrarily complex compound proposition.

Equivalence Proofs

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is logically equivalent to $\neg p \wedge \neg q$

Solution:

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Solution:

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\begin{aligned}
\neg(p \vee (\neg p \wedge q)) &\equiv \neg p \wedge \neg(\neg p \wedge q) && \text{by the second De Morgan law} \\
&\equiv \neg p \wedge [\neg(\neg p) \vee \neg q] && \text{by the first De Morgan law} \\
&\equiv \neg p \wedge (p \vee \neg q) && \text{by the double negation law} \\
&\equiv (\neg p \wedge p) \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q) && \text{by the second distributive law} \\
&\equiv F \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q) && \text{because } \neg p \wedge p \equiv F \\
&\equiv (\neg p \wedge \neg q) \vee F && \text{by the commutative law} \\
& && \text{for disjunction} \\
&\equiv (\neg p \wedge \neg q) && \text{by the identity law for } \mathbf{F}
\end{aligned}
$$

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\begin{aligned}
(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \vee q) &\equiv \neg(p \wedge q) \vee (p \vee q) && \text{by truth table for } \rightarrow \\
&\equiv (\neg p \vee \neg q) \vee (p \vee q) && \text{by the first De Morgan law} \\
&\equiv (\neg p \vee p) \vee (\neg q \vee q) && \text{by associative and} \\
& && \text{commutative laws} \\
& && \text{laws for disjunction} \\
&\equiv T \vee T && \text{by truth tables} \\
&\equiv T && \text{by the domination law}
\end{aligned}
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