

# Discrete Structures

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# Text book

Discrete Mathematics and Its Application, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition  
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# References

## Chapter 1

1. Discrete Mathematics and Its Application, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition

by

Kenneth H. Rose

2. Discrete Mathematics with Applications

by

Thomas Koshy

3. Discrete Mathematical Structures, CS 173

by

Cinda Heeren, Siebel Center

These slides contain material from the above resources.

# Logical Equivalences

- ❑ **Compound propositions** that have the **same truth values** in all possible cases are called **logically equivalent**.
- ❑ The compound propositions  $p$  and  $q$  are called **logically equivalent** if  $p \leftrightarrow q$  is a **tautology**. The notation  $p \equiv q$  denotes that  $p$  and  $q$  are **logically equivalent**.
- ❑ **Remark:** The symbol  $\equiv$  is not a **logical connective** and  $p \equiv q$  is not a compound proposition but rather is the statement that  $p \leftrightarrow q$  is a **tautology**. The symbol  $\Leftrightarrow$  is sometimes used instead of  $\equiv$  to denote logical equivalence

**TABLE 6** Logical Equivalences.

<i>Equivalence</i>	<i>Name</i>
$p \wedge \mathbf{T} \equiv p$ $p \vee \mathbf{F} \equiv p$	Identity laws
$p \vee \mathbf{T} \equiv \mathbf{T}$ $p \wedge \mathbf{F} \equiv \mathbf{F}$	Domination laws
$p \vee p \equiv p$ $p \wedge p \equiv p$	Idempotent laws
$\neg(\neg p) \equiv p$	Double negation law
$p \vee q \equiv q \vee p$ $p \wedge q \equiv q \wedge p$	Commutative laws
$(p \vee q) \vee r \equiv p \vee (q \vee r)$ $(p \wedge q) \wedge r \equiv p \wedge (q \wedge r)$	Associative laws
$p \vee (q \wedge r) \equiv (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$ $p \wedge (q \vee r) \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$	Distributive laws
$\neg(p \wedge q) \equiv \neg p \vee \neg q$ $\neg(p \vee q) \equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q$	De Morgan's laws
$p \vee (p \wedge q) \equiv p$ $p \wedge (p \vee q) \equiv p$	Absorption laws

# Keywords

"Neither P nor Q" can be **rephrased** as "It is not the case that P, and it is not the case that Q"

"It is not the case that P, and it is not the case that Q"  
formulation, which can be written with symbols as " $\neg P$  and  $\neg Q$ "

# Logical Equivalences

In these equivalences, **T** denotes the compound proposition that is **always true** and **F** denotes the **compound proposition** that is **always false**.

## TABLE 7 Logical Equivalences Involving Conditional Statements.

$$p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg p \vee q$$

$$p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg q \rightarrow \neg p$$

$$p \vee q \equiv \neg p \rightarrow q$$

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

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

$$(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (p \rightarrow r) \equiv p \rightarrow (q \wedge r)$$

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

$$(p \rightarrow q) \vee (p \rightarrow r) \equiv p \rightarrow (q \vee r)$$

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



## TABLE 8 Logical Equivalences Involving Biconditional Statements.

$$p \leftrightarrow q \equiv (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$$

$$p \leftrightarrow q \equiv \neg p \leftrightarrow \neg q$$

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

$$\neg(p \leftrightarrow q) \equiv p \leftrightarrow \neg q$$

# In class quiz

$$(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (p \rightarrow r) \equiv p \rightarrow (q \wedge r)$$

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

# Logical Equivalences Involving Biconditionals

**TABLE 8** Logical Equivalences Involving Biconditional Statements.

$$p \leftrightarrow q \equiv (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$$

$$p \leftrightarrow q \equiv \neg p \leftrightarrow \neg q$$

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

$$\neg(p \leftrightarrow q) \equiv p \leftrightarrow \neg q$$

# Logical Equivalences

**Example** Use **De Morgan's laws** to express the negations of "Miguel has a cellphone **and** he has a laptop computer" and "Heather will go to the concert **or** Steve will go to the concert".

# Example cont.

Let p: "Miguel has a cellphone"

and q: "He has a laptop computer"

$\Rightarrow p \wedge q$

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

$\neg p$  = Miguel does not have a cell phone

$\neg q$  = He does not have a laptop computer

$\Rightarrow \neg p \vee \neg q$  = Miguel does **not** have a cell phone **or** he does **not** have a laptop computer

# Example cont.

“Heather will go to the concert **or** Steve will go to the concert”

Let **p**: “Heather will go to the concert”

and **q**: “Steve will go to the concert”

$$\Rightarrow p \vee q$$

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

$\neg p$  = Heather will not go to the concert

$\neg q$  = Steve will not go to the concert

$\neg p \wedge \neg q$  = Heather will **not** go to the concert **and** Steve will **not** go to the concert

# Logical Equivalences

**Example: Show that  $\neg(p \wedge \neg q) \vee q \equiv \neg p \vee q$  are logically equivalent. You are not allowed to use the Truth Table.**

# Logical Equivalences

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

using De Morgan Law

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

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

using double negation

$$\because \neg \neg q \equiv q$$

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

using associative Law

$$\because (p \vee q) \vee r \equiv p \vee (q \vee r)$$

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

using idempotent Law

$$\because q \vee q \equiv q$$



**Example** Show that  $[p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)] \rightarrow q$  is a tautology. **You are not allowed to use the Truth Table.**

We use  $\equiv$  to show that  $[p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)] \rightarrow q \equiv T$ .

$$[p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)] \rightarrow q$$

$$\longrightarrow \equiv [p \wedge (\neg p \vee q)] \rightarrow q$$

substitution for  $\rightarrow$

$$\longrightarrow \equiv [(p \wedge \neg p) \vee (p \wedge q)] \rightarrow q$$

distributive

$$\longrightarrow \equiv [F \vee (p \wedge q)] \rightarrow q$$

negation

$$\longrightarrow \equiv (p \wedge q) \rightarrow q$$

identity

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

substitution for  $\rightarrow$

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

DeMorgan's

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

associative

$$\longrightarrow \equiv \neg p \vee T$$

negation

$$\longrightarrow \equiv T$$

identity

## We use $\equiv$ to show that $[p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)] \rightarrow q \equiv T$

$[p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)] \rightarrow q$	Reasons
$\equiv [p \wedge (\neg p \vee q)] \rightarrow q$	$\because p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg p \vee q$
$\equiv [(p \wedge \neg p) \vee (p \wedge q)] \rightarrow q$	$\because p \wedge (q \vee r) \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$
$\equiv [F \vee (p \wedge q)] \rightarrow q$	$\because p \wedge \neg p \equiv F$
$\equiv (p \wedge q) \rightarrow q$	$\because q \vee F \equiv q$
$\equiv \neg(p \wedge q) \vee q$	$\because p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg p \vee q$
$\equiv (\neg p \vee \neg q) \vee q$	$\because \neg(p \wedge q) \equiv \neg p \vee \neg q$
$\equiv \neg p \vee (\neg q \vee q)$	$\because p \vee (q \vee r) \equiv (p \vee q) \vee r$
$\equiv \neg p \vee T$	$\because \neg q \vee q \equiv T$
$\equiv T$	$\because \neg q \vee T \equiv T$

# Logical Equivalences

**Example:** Show  $\neg(p \rightarrow q) \equiv p \wedge \neg q$  are logically equivalent

# Logical Equivalences

$$\begin{aligned}\neg(p \rightarrow q) &\equiv \neg(\neg p \vee q) \\ &\equiv \neg(\neg p) \wedge \neg q \\ &\equiv p \wedge \neg q\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{using } p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg p \vee q$$

De Morgan Law

Double negation

# Suggested Readings

## 1.3 Propositional Equivalences