

THE OTHER CONNECTIVES

◆ Exclusive OR

Let P and Q be any two formulas. Then the formula $P \vee \overline{Q}$, in which the connective $\overline{\vee}$ is called an exclusive OR, is true whenever either P or Q , but not both, is true.

Table

Exclusive OR

P	Q	$P \bar{V} Q$
T	T	F
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

◆ NAND (\uparrow)

"NAND" is a word which is a combination of the words "NOT" and "AND" when. NOT stands for negation and "AND" stands for conjunction. It is denoted by the symbol " \uparrow ".

Let P and Q be any two statement formulas, then "P NAND Q" is denoted by " $P \uparrow Q$ " and is defined as $P \uparrow Q \Leftrightarrow \neg(P \wedge Q)$

◆ NOR (\downarrow)

The word "NOR" is a combination of "NOT" and "OR" where NOT stands for negation and "OR" stands for disjunction. It is denoted by " \downarrow ".


Let P and Q be any two statement formulas, then "P NOR Q" is denoted by " $P \downarrow Q$ " and is defined as $P \downarrow Q \Leftrightarrow \neg(P \vee Q)$.

◆ Some basic properties of NAND and NOR.

1. $P \uparrow Q \Leftrightarrow Q \uparrow P, P \downarrow Q \Leftrightarrow Q \downarrow P$ (commutative)

2.
$$\begin{aligned} P \uparrow (Q \uparrow R) &\Leftrightarrow P \uparrow \neg(Q \wedge R) \\ &\Leftrightarrow \neg(P \wedge \neg(Q \wedge R)) \\ &\Leftrightarrow \neg P \vee (Q \wedge R) \end{aligned}$$

$(P \uparrow Q) \uparrow R \Leftrightarrow (P \wedge Q) \vee \neg R$ (not associative)

Similarly, $P \downarrow (Q \downarrow R)$ also not associative. 

Example 7 : Prove that $\{\uparrow\}$ and \downarrow are functionally complete sets of connectives. They are also known as minimal functionally complete set.