

COM1002

Foundations of Computer Science

Lecture 3: Monday 5th October

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A logician said to his son...

*“If you don’t eat your vegetables, you
can’t have any ice cream.”*

*Upon hearing this, the son choked down a
plate of broccoli, and his father, duly
impressed, sent him to bed without any
ice cream.*

LEARNING OUTCOME

Who understands why this a joke...?

Algebra of Propositional Logic

By the end of this lecture, we will be able to use the algebraic laws of propositional logic to show that the following statement is true...

$$(P \rightarrow L) \wedge (H \rightarrow L) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad (P \vee H) \rightarrow L$$

Exercises and Tutorials

- Tutorials will begin this THURSDAY 8th Oct
- I will upload an **exercise sheet** to MOLE this evening. (*hand in beginning of Tutorial 15th Oct*)
- 3 tutorial groups – details to be on MOLE tomorrow
- Exercise sheet will be assessed
- REMINDER: COM1002 Semester 1
 - Three MOLE Quizzes: 25%, 25%, 25% (weeks 6,9,11)
 - Five assessed exercise sheets: 5 * 5%

Modelling with Prop. Logic 1

An Aeroplane Controller Example:

□ Some current code:

```
❖ if CabinPressure < MinPressure  
  then PrepareForLanding;  
  if FlightHeight < MinHeight  
    then PrepareForLanding;
```

□ A programmer proposes optimisation:

```
❖ if ((CabinPressure < MinPressure)  
      and (FlightHeight < MinHeight))  
  then PrepareForLanding;
```

□ Is this a valid optimisation?

Solution:

□ Define appropriate variables:

❖ let P be `CabinPressure < MinPressure`,
let H be `FlightHeight < MinHeight`, and
let L be the action `PrepareForLanding`;

□ Model the current behaviour:

❖ as; $(P \rightarrow L) \wedge (H \rightarrow L)$

□ Consider two optimisations

❖ as $(P \wedge H) \rightarrow L \quad (P \vee H) \rightarrow L$

□ Which of these formulae are correct ?

Solution (using truth tables)

P	H	L	$(P \vee H)$	$(P \wedge H)$	$P \rightarrow L$	$H \rightarrow L$	$(P \vee H) \rightarrow L$	$(P \wedge H) \rightarrow L$	$(P \rightarrow L) \wedge (H \rightarrow L)$
T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	T	T	F	F	F	F	F
T	F	T	T	F	T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	F	F	T	F	T	F
F	T	T	T	F	T	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	T	F	T	F	F	T	F
F	F	T	F	F	T	T	T	T	T
F	F	F	F	F	T	T	T	T	T

Algebraic Laws 1

These define equivalence of propositions:

Commutativity:

$$p \vee q \Leftrightarrow q \vee p \qquad p \wedge q \Leftrightarrow q \wedge p;$$

Associativity:

$$\begin{aligned} p \vee (q \vee r) &\Leftrightarrow (p \vee q) \vee r \\ p \wedge (q \wedge r) &\Leftrightarrow (p \wedge q) \wedge r \end{aligned}$$

Idempotence:

$$p \vee p \Leftrightarrow p \text{ and } p \wedge p \Leftrightarrow p$$

If the expressions are equivalent what do we know about their Truth Tables ?

Algebraic Laws 2

Distributivity:

$$p \vee (q \wedge r) \Leftrightarrow (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$$

$$p \wedge (q \vee r) \Leftrightarrow (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$$

De Morgan's Laws:

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

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

Double Negation Law:

$$\neg (\neg p) \Leftrightarrow p;$$

Algebraic Laws 3

Tautology Laws:

$$p \vee \text{true} \Leftrightarrow \text{true}$$

$$p \wedge \text{true} \Leftrightarrow p;$$

Excluded Middle Laws:

$$p \vee \neg p \Leftrightarrow \text{true}$$

$$p \wedge \neg p \Leftrightarrow \text{false};$$

Contradiction Laws:

$$p \vee \text{false} \Leftrightarrow p$$

$$p \wedge \text{false} \Leftrightarrow \text{false};$$

Absorption Laws:

$$p \vee (p \wedge q) \Leftrightarrow p$$

$$p \wedge (p \vee q) \Leftrightarrow p;$$

Algebraic Laws 4

Implication Law:

$$p \Rightarrow q \Leftrightarrow \neg p \vee q;$$

Contrapositive Law:

$$p \Rightarrow q \Leftrightarrow \neg q \Rightarrow \neg p;$$

Equivalence Law:

$$p \Leftrightarrow q) \Leftrightarrow (p \Rightarrow q) \wedge (q \Rightarrow p) .$$

Commutativity: $p \vee q \Leftrightarrow q \vee p$ $p \wedge q \Leftrightarrow q \wedge p$

Associativity:
 $p \vee (q \vee r) \Leftrightarrow (p \vee q) \vee r$
 $p \wedge (q \wedge r) \Leftrightarrow (p \wedge q) \wedge r$

Idempotence: $p \vee p \Leftrightarrow p$ and $p \wedge p \Leftrightarrow p$

Distributivity:
 $p \vee (q \wedge r) \Leftrightarrow (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$
 $p \wedge (q \vee r) \Leftrightarrow (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$

De Morgan's Laws:
 $\neg(p \vee q) \Leftrightarrow \neg p \wedge \neg q$
 $\neg(p \wedge q) \Leftrightarrow \neg p \vee \neg q$

Double Negation Law: $\neg(\neg p) \Leftrightarrow p$;

Tautology Laws:
 $p \vee \text{true} \Leftrightarrow \text{true}$
 $p \wedge \text{true} \Leftrightarrow p$

Contradiction Laws: $p \vee \text{false} \Leftrightarrow p$ $p \wedge \text{false} \Leftrightarrow \text{false}$

Excluded Middle Laws:
 $p \vee \neg p \Leftrightarrow \text{true}$
 $p \wedge \neg p \Leftrightarrow \text{false}$

Absorption Laws: $p \vee (p \wedge q) \Leftrightarrow p$ $p \wedge (p \vee q) \Leftrightarrow p$

Implication Law: $p \Rightarrow q \Leftrightarrow \neg p \vee q$

Contrapositive Law: $p \Rightarrow q \Leftrightarrow \neg q \Rightarrow \neg p$

Equivalence Law: $(p \Leftrightarrow q) \Leftrightarrow (p \Rightarrow q) \wedge (q \Rightarrow p)$

SHOW: $(P \rightarrow L) \wedge (H \rightarrow L) \Leftrightarrow (P \vee H) \rightarrow L$

Solution (using algebraic laws) is straightforward

$$(P \rightarrow L) \wedge (H \rightarrow L) \Leftrightarrow (P \rightarrow L) \wedge (H \rightarrow L)$$

↕ Implication Law

$$\Leftrightarrow (\neg P \vee L) \wedge (\neg H \vee L)$$

↕ Distributivity Law

$$\Leftrightarrow (\neg P \wedge \neg H) \vee L$$

↕ De Morgan Law

$$\Leftrightarrow \neg(P \vee H) \vee L$$

↕ Implication Law

$$\Leftrightarrow (P \vee H) \rightarrow L$$

Exercise 1.27:

Give derivations of the following equivalences:

$$1. \quad p \wedge (\neg p \vee q) \Leftrightarrow p \wedge q$$

$$2. \quad \neg(p \Rightarrow q) \Leftrightarrow p \wedge \neg q$$

$$3. \quad p \Rightarrow (q \vee r) \Leftrightarrow (p \Rightarrow q) \vee (p \Rightarrow r)$$

$$4. \quad p \Rightarrow (q \wedge r) \Leftrightarrow (p \Rightarrow q) \wedge (p \Rightarrow r)$$

$$5. \quad (p \wedge q) \Rightarrow r \Leftrightarrow (p \Rightarrow r) \vee (q \Rightarrow r)$$

$$6. \quad (p \vee q) \Rightarrow r \Leftrightarrow (p \Rightarrow r) \wedge (q \Rightarrow r)$$

Exercise 1.27(1): $p \wedge (\neg p \vee q) \Leftrightarrow p \wedge q$

1. $p \wedge (\neg p \vee q) \Leftrightarrow p \wedge (\neg p \vee q)$

(distributivity law) $\Leftrightarrow (p \wedge \neg p) \vee (p \wedge q)$

(excluded middle law) $\Leftrightarrow \text{false} \vee (p \wedge q)$

(commutativity laws) $\Leftrightarrow (p \wedge q) \vee \text{false}$

(Contradiction Laws) $\Leftrightarrow (p \wedge q)$

Exercise 1.27(2): $\neg(p \Rightarrow q) \Leftrightarrow p \wedge \neg q$

$$\neg(p \Rightarrow q) \Leftrightarrow \neg(p \Rightarrow q)$$

$$\text{(implication laws)} \quad \Leftrightarrow \neg(\neg p \vee q)$$

$$\text{(De Morgan laws)} \quad \Leftrightarrow \neg\neg p \wedge \neg q$$

$$\text{(double negation)} \quad \Leftrightarrow p \wedge \neg q$$

Exercise 1.27(4): $p \Rightarrow (q \wedge r) \Leftrightarrow (p \Rightarrow q) \wedge (p \Rightarrow r)$

$$p \Rightarrow (q \wedge r) \Leftrightarrow p \Rightarrow (q \wedge r)$$

$$\text{(implication)} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \neg p \vee (q \wedge r)$$

$$\text{(distributivity)} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad (\neg p \vee q) \wedge (\neg p \vee r)$$

$$\text{(implication)} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad (p \Rightarrow q) \wedge (p \Rightarrow r)$$

Exercise 1.27(6): $(p \vee q) \Rightarrow r \iff (p \Rightarrow r) \wedge (q \Rightarrow r)$

$$(p \vee q) \Rightarrow r \iff (p \vee q) \Rightarrow r$$

$$\text{(implication)} \iff \neg(p \vee q) \vee r$$

$$\text{(De Morgan)} \iff (\neg p \wedge \neg q) \vee r$$

$$\text{(Distributivity)} \iff (\neg p \wedge r) \vee (\neg q \wedge r)$$

$$\text{(Implication)} \iff (p \Rightarrow r) \wedge (q \Rightarrow r)$$

Exercise 1.27(3): $p \Rightarrow (q \vee r) \Leftrightarrow (p \Rightarrow q) \vee (p \Rightarrow r)$

$$p \Rightarrow (q \vee r) \Leftrightarrow p \Rightarrow (q \vee r)$$

$$\text{(implication)} \quad \Leftrightarrow \neg p \vee (q \vee r)$$

$$\text{(idempotence)} \quad \Leftrightarrow (\neg p \vee \neg p) \vee (q \vee r)$$

$$\text{(associativity)} \quad \Leftrightarrow \neg p \vee (\neg p \vee (q \vee r))$$

$$\text{(associativity)} \quad \Leftrightarrow \neg p \vee ((\neg p \vee q) \vee r)$$

$$\text{(commutativity)} \quad \Leftrightarrow \neg p \vee (r \vee (\neg p \vee q))$$

$$\text{(associativity)} \quad \Leftrightarrow (\neg p \vee r) \vee (\neg p \vee q)$$

$$\text{(implication)} \quad \Leftrightarrow (p \Rightarrow r) \vee (p \Rightarrow q)$$

Exercise 1.27(5): $(p \wedge q) \Rightarrow r \iff (p \Rightarrow r) \vee (q \Rightarrow r)$

$$(p \wedge q) \Rightarrow r \iff (p \wedge q) \Rightarrow r$$

$$\text{(implication)} \iff \neg(p \wedge q) \vee r$$

$$\text{(De Morgan)} \iff (\neg p \vee \neg q) \vee r$$

$$\text{(Idempotence)} \iff (\neg p \vee \neg q) \vee (r \vee r)$$

$$\text{(associativity)} \iff ((\neg p \vee \neg q) \vee r) \vee r$$

$$\text{(associativity)} \iff (\neg p \vee (\neg q \vee r)) \vee r$$

$$\text{(associativity)} \iff \neg p \vee ((\neg q \vee r) \vee r)$$

$$\text{(commutativity)} \iff \neg p \vee (r \vee (\neg q \vee r))$$

$$\text{(associativity)} \iff (\neg p \vee r) \vee (\neg q \vee r)$$

$$\text{(implication)} \iff (p \Rightarrow r) \vee (q \Rightarrow r)$$

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Can we now do this ?

Kangaroo Puzzle: Exercise 1

- The only animals in this house are cats.
- Every animal that loves to gaze at the moon is suitable for a pet.
- When I detest an animal, I avoid it.
- No animals are carnivorous, unless they prowl at night.
- No cat fails to kill mice.
- No animal ever takes to me, except those that are in this house.
- Kangaroos are not suitable for pets.
- None but carnivora kill mice.
- I detest animals that do not take to me.
- Animals that prowl at night always love to gaze at the moon.

Argue that the above statements imply I always avoid a kangaroo

Kangaroo Puzzle: TIPS

- The only animals **in this house (H)** are **cats (C)**.
- Every animal that loves to **gaze at the moon (G)** is **suitable for a pet (P)**.
- When I **detest (D)** an animal, I **avoid (A)** it.
- **No** animals are **carnivorous (V)**, **unless** they **prowl at night (P)**.
- **No** **cat (C)** fails to **kill mice (M)**.
- **No** animal ever **takes to me (T)**, **except** those that are **in this house (H)**.
- **Kangaroos (K)** are **not** **suitable for pets (P)**.
- **None** but **carnivore (V)** **kill mice (M)**.
- I **detest (D)** animals that do **not** **take to me (T)**.
- Animals that **prowl at night (P)** always love to **gaze at the moon (G)**.

Argue that the above statements imply I always avoid a kangaroo