

FCS Week 1 Lecture Note

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Essential Question:

What is propositional logic?

Questions/Cues:

- What is meant by propositional logic?
- What is a proposition?
- What are basic building blocks of logic?
- What is a truth table?
- What is the order of precedence for the logical connectives in propositional logic?
- What is a Tautology?
- What is a Consistency or Contradiction?

Notes

- Propositional logic = system that deals with propositions or statements

What is a proposition?

- ▲ A **proposition** is a statement that can be either **true** or **false**; it must be one or the other, and it cannot be both.
- ▲ Examples of proposition
 - ▲ 2 is a prime number
 - ▲ 5 is an even number
- ▲ Not a proposition:
 - ▲ X is a prime number
 - ▲ Are you going to school?
 - ▲ Do your homework now

▲ Logical NOT: \neg

- ▲ $\neg p$ is true if and only if p is false
- ▲ It is also called **negation**

▲ Logical OR: \vee

- ▲ $p \vee q$ is true if and only if at least one of p or q are true.
- ▲ It is also called **disjunction**

▲ Logical AND : \wedge

- ▲ $p \wedge q$ is true if and only if both p and q are true.
- ▲ It is also called **conjunction**

▲ Logical IF...THEN: \rightarrow

- ▲ $p \rightarrow q$ is true if and only if either p is false or q is true.
- ▲ It is also called **conditional** or **implication**
- ▲ p is the **premise**, q is the **conclusion**

▲ Logical IF and only IF: \leftrightarrow

- ▲ $p \leftrightarrow q$ is true if and only if both p and q are true.or both are false
- ▲ It is also called Logical **bi-conditional**

▲ Exclusive OR: XOR, \oplus

- ▲ $p \oplus q$ is true if p or q is true but not both.

P = I study 20 hours a week

R = I will pass the exam

S = I will be happy

Q = I attend all the lectures

▲ $(P \vee Q) \rightarrow (R \wedge S)$

▲ \rightarrow means **if ...then**

▲ **if** $(P \vee Q)$ **then** $(R \wedge S)$

▲ \vee means **or**

▲ If $(P$ **or** $Q)$ then $(R \wedge S)$

▲ \wedge means **and**

▲ If $(P$ **or** $Q)$ then $(R$ **and** $S)$

▲ **If** I study 20 hours a week **or** I attend all the lectures **then** I will pass the exam **and** I will be happy

If UK does not exit EU then skilled nurses will not leave the NHS and research grants will remain intact.

- ▲ Let's name the atomic propositions:
 - ▲ P=UK exits the EU, Q=Nurses leave NHS, S=Research grants will remain intact
- ▲ Rewrite
 - ▲ If (not P) then (not Q and S)
- ▲ Connectives:
 - ▲ If (not P) then (not Q and S)
 - ▲ not P → (not Q and S)
 - ▲ $\neg P \rightarrow (\neg Q \text{ and } S)$

- Truth table = set of all possible outcomes of propositions and connectives
 - A proposition can either be true or false
 - A general proposition in contrast is where a variable signifies a hypothetical containers that holds any statement whose truth value is not specified
 - The number of rows in a truth table depends on the number of given propositions, if we have n proposition in our truth table, our truth table will have 2^n rows.

Negation: \neg

p	$\neg p$
1	0
0	1

Negation is equivalent to $1 - T(p)$

Conjunction: \wedge

p	q	$p \wedge q$
1	1	1
1	0	0
0	1	0
0	0	0

- Conjunction is equivalent to Multiplication of $T(p) \times T(q)$

Disjunction: \vee

p	q	$p \vee q$
1	1	1
1	0	1
0	1	1
0	0	0

- Disjunction is equivalent to the Maximum: $\text{Max } \{T(p), T(q)\}$

Implication: \rightarrow

p	q	$p \rightarrow q$
1	1	1
1	0	0
0	1	1
0	0	1

- Implication is like making a **promise**.
- Example: If you study then I give you a cookie.
- The implication is only **false** when a promise is broken.

- Mathematically, implication can be thought of as less than or equal to.
 - When p is 1 and q is 0, then p is not less than or equal to 0, so the inequality doesn't hold. For any other truth value, the inequality holds

Bi-conditional: \leftrightarrow

p	q	$p \leftrightarrow q$
1	1	1
1	0	0
0	1	0
0	0	1

Bi-conditional is equivalent to **equality check**: $T(p) = T(q)$

- Bi-conditional is only true when p and q have the same truth value

Exclusive or: XOR

p	q	$p \text{ XOR } q$
1	1	0
1	0	1
0	1	1
0	0	0

- Exclusive or is equivalent to **inequality check**: $T(p) \neq T(q)$
- It is the opposite of the bi-conditional

- Exclusive OR means that only one of p or q is true. The difference between exclusive OR and normal disjunction is that when p and q are both true or both false, then exclusive OR outputs false

Operator precedence for propositional logic



- How to parse the following: $p \rightarrow p \wedge \neg q \vee s$
- \neg , negation binds to what immediately follows
- $p \rightarrow p \wedge (\neg q) \vee s$
- \wedge , and binds its left and right neighbours
- $p \rightarrow (p \wedge (\neg q)) \vee s$
- \vee , or binds its left and right neighbours
- $p \rightarrow ((p \wedge (\neg q)) \vee s)$

p	q	$p \wedge q$	$(p \wedge q) \rightarrow p$
1	1	1	1
1	0	0	1
0	1	0	1
0	0	0	1

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Conclusion **Premise**

- Remember, implication is false only when the premise is true and the conclusion is false

Compare $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow p$ and $p \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$

p	q	$(p \wedge q) \rightarrow p$	$p \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$
1	1	1	1
1	0	1	1
0	1	1	0
0	0	1	0

- Tautology = No matter the truth values of the propositions, the output is true, or in other words something that is always true

Tautology

- ▲ A formula that is **always true**
 - ▲ Example: $p \vee \neg p$
 - ▲ $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow p$
 - ▲ $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow q$
 - ▲ **Not** a tautology:
 - ▲ $p \wedge q$
 - ▲ Because if $T(p) = 0$ then $p \wedge q$ is false
 - ▲ $p \rightarrow q$
 - ▲ Because if $T(p) = 1$ and $T(q) = 0$ then $p \rightarrow q$ is false
- Consistency = is true for at least one scenario

Consistent

- ▲ A formula that is **true at least for one** scenario
 - ▲ Example $p \wedge q$
 - ▲ All the connectives are consistent
 - ▲ Not consistent or **inconsistent** is a formula that is **never true**
 - ▲ $p \wedge \neg p$
 - ▲ $(p \vee \neg p) \rightarrow (p \wedge \neg p)$
 - ▲ It is also called **Contradiction**
- $$(\neg p \wedge q) \leftrightarrow (p \vee \neg q)$$

p	q	$\neg p$	$\neg p \wedge q$	$\neg q$	$p \vee \neg q$	$(\neg p \wedge q) \leftrightarrow (p \vee \neg q)$
1	1	0	0	0	1	0
1	0	0	0	1	1	0
0	1	1	1	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	1	0

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

p	q	r	$\neg r$	$q \wedge \neg r$	$p \vee (q \wedge \neg r)$	Consistent
1	1	1	0	0	1	
1	1	0	1	1	1	
1	0	1	0	0	1	
1	0	0	1	0	1	
0	1	1	0	0	0	
0	1	0	1	1	1	
0	0	1	0	0	0	
0	0	0	1	0	0	

- Consistent because for at least one scenario it's true

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

Consistent

p	q	r	$p \rightarrow q$	$\neg q$	$(\neg q \vee r)$	$(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow (\neg q \vee r)$
1	1	1	0	0	1	1
1	1	0	1	0	0	0
1	0	1	0	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	1	1	1
0	1	1	1	0	1	1
0	1	0	1	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	1	1
0	0	0	1	1	1	1

$$(p \rightarrow q) \leftrightarrow (\neg p \vee q)$$

p	q	$p \rightarrow q$	$\neg p$	$\neg p \vee q$	$(p \rightarrow q) \leftrightarrow (\neg p \vee q)$
1	1	1	0	1	1
1	0	0	0	0	1
0	1	1	1	1	1
0	0	1	1	1	1

Summary

In this week, we learned about the basic building blocks of propositional logic, their order and their use.

