

# **CSE215: Lecture 04**

## **Foundations of Computer Science**

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Course materials and Info available here:  
[https://github.com/zhoulai fu/22\\_cse215\\_spring](https://github.com/zhoulai fu/22_cse215_spring)

# Class policy

## effective from this week

- Attendance check from Wednesday (we are still having new students enrolled today)
- In-person only unless covid
- Per-week homework —> Schedule and weights of grading have changed accordingly. See course website on GitHub.

# Two important skills from previous lectures

- Truth table (= evaluate a logical expression)
- Logical equivalence laws
- Useful for checking logical equivalence

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**Problem 2. [5 points]**

Check the logical equivalence of  $((p \wedge q) \rightarrow r)$  and  $((p \rightarrow r) \vee (q \rightarrow r))$ .

# Today's plan

- Strengthening last lecture with emphasis on **intuition**
- Quiz
- Exam problems

**Strengthening  
our last lecture with  
more intuition**

# Statement form

## Definition

- **Statement form** or **propositional form** is a compound statement with propositional variables (such as  $p, q, r$ ) and logical connectives (such as  $\sim, \wedge, \vee$ ).

## Examples

- $(p \vee q) \wedge \sim (\sim p \wedge r)$
- $(\sim p \wedge q \wedge r) \vee (q \vee \sim r)$

# Biconditional statement ( $p \leftrightarrow q$ )

## Definitions

- The **biconditional** of  $p$  and  $q$  is of the form “ $p$  if and only if  $q$ ” and is denoted by  $p \leftrightarrow q$ . It is true when  $p$  and  $q$  have the same truth value, and it is false, otherwise.
- $p \leftrightarrow q \equiv (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$

| $p$ | $q$ | $p \rightarrow q$ | $q \rightarrow p$ | $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$ |
|-----|-----|-------------------|-------------------|--|
| T   | T   | T                 | T                 | T  |
| T   | F   | F                 | T                 | F  |
| F   | T   | T                 | F                 | F  |
| F   | F   | T                 | T                 | T  |

## Examples

- Assume  $x$  and  $y$  are real numbers.  
“ $x^2 + y^2 = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$  and  $y = 0$ .”

Questions:  $x * y = 0$  if and only if \_\_\_\_\_?

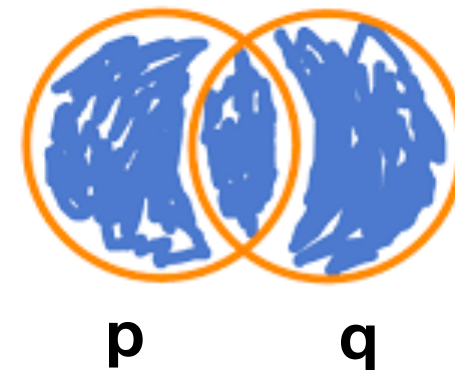
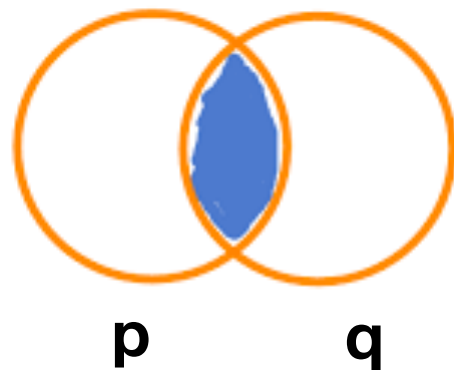
# Logical equivalence

| Laws              | Formula   | Formula   |
|-------------------|---|---|
| Commutative laws  | $p \wedge q \equiv q \wedge p$                              | $p \vee q \equiv q \vee p$                                |
| Associative laws  | $(p \wedge q) \wedge r \equiv p \wedge (q \wedge r)$        | $(p \vee q) \vee r \equiv p \vee (q \vee r)$              |
| Distributive laws | $p \wedge (q \vee r) \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$ | $p \vee (q \wedge r) \equiv (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$ |
| Identity laws     | $p \wedge \mathbf{t} \equiv p$                              | $p \vee \mathbf{c} \equiv p$                              |
| Negation laws     | $p \vee \sim p \equiv \mathbf{t}$                           | $p \wedge \sim p \equiv \mathbf{c}$                       |
| Double neg. law   | $\sim(\sim p) \equiv p$                                     |   |
| Idempotent laws   | $p \wedge p \equiv p$                                       | $p \vee p \equiv p$                                       |
| Uni. bound laws   | $p \vee \mathbf{t} \equiv \mathbf{t}$                       | $p \wedge \mathbf{c} \equiv \mathbf{c}$                   |
| De Morgan's laws  | $\sim(p \wedge q) \equiv \sim p \vee \sim q$                | $\sim(p \vee q) \equiv \sim p \wedge \sim q$              |
| Absorption laws   | $p \vee (p \wedge q) \equiv p$                              | $p \wedge (p \vee q) \equiv p$                            |
| Negations         | $\sim \mathbf{t} \equiv \mathbf{c}$                         | $\sim \mathbf{c} \equiv \mathbf{t}$                       |



# Commutative Law

| Laws             | Formula                        | Formula                    |
|------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Commutative laws | $p \wedge q \equiv q \wedge p$ | $p \vee q \equiv q \vee p$ |



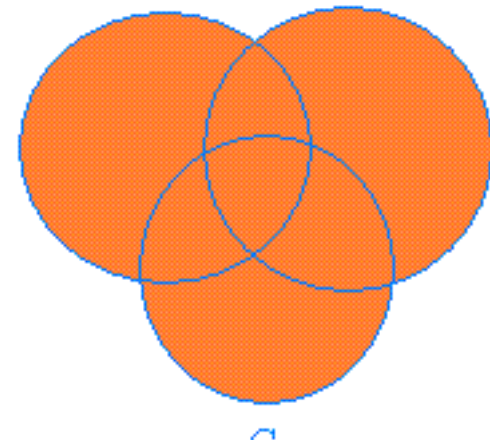
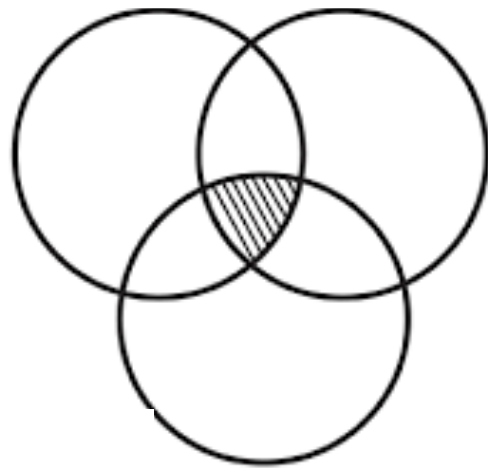
- Give some equivalent statement forms for  $(p \wedge q) \vee (s \vee t)$

# Associative Law

Associative laws

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

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



- Think about an equivalent form for  $(p \wedge q) \vee (s \vee t)$

# Distributive Law

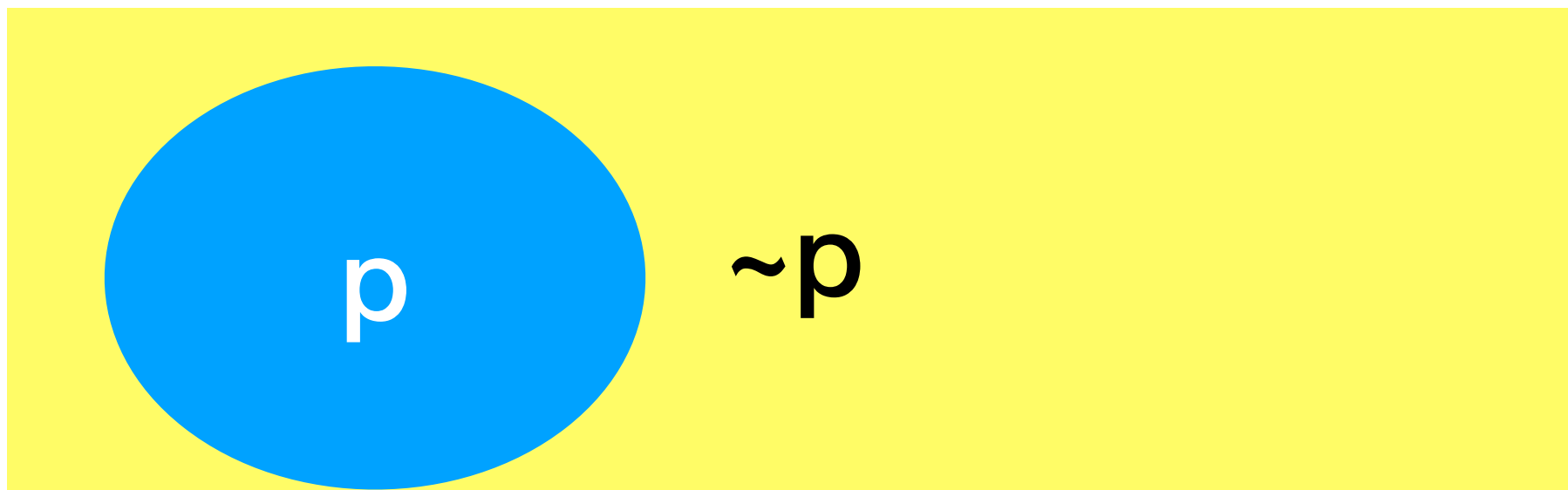
Distributive laws  $p \wedge (q \vee r) \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$   $p \vee (q \wedge r) \equiv (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$

- A bit like  $a * (b + c) = a * b + a * c$
- Think about an equivalent forms for  $(p \wedge q) \vee (s \vee t)$

# Laws with “true” and “false”

|                 |                                       |   |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Identity laws   | $p \wedge \mathbf{t} \equiv p$        | $p \vee \mathbf{c} \equiv p$            |
| Negation laws   | $p \vee \sim p \equiv \mathbf{t}$     | $p \wedge \sim p \equiv \mathbf{c}$     |
| Uni. bound laws | $p \vee \mathbf{t} \equiv \mathbf{t}$ | $p \wedge \mathbf{c} \equiv \mathbf{c}$ |

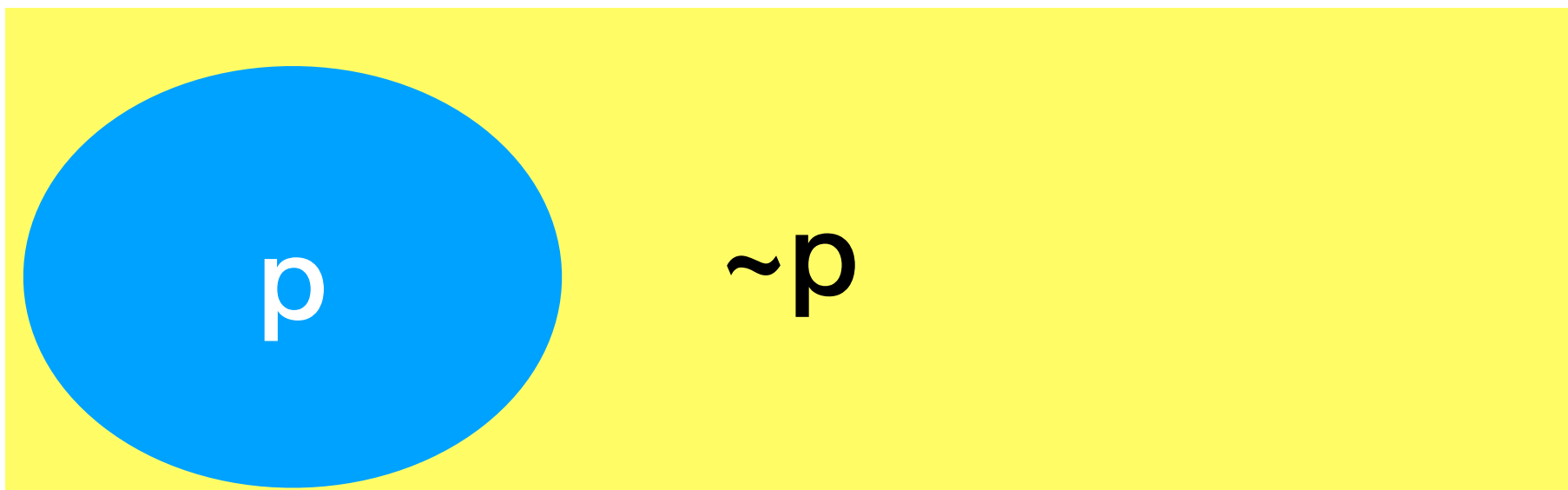
**true**



# Double-negation Law

Double neg. law      $\sim (\sim p) \equiv p$

**true**



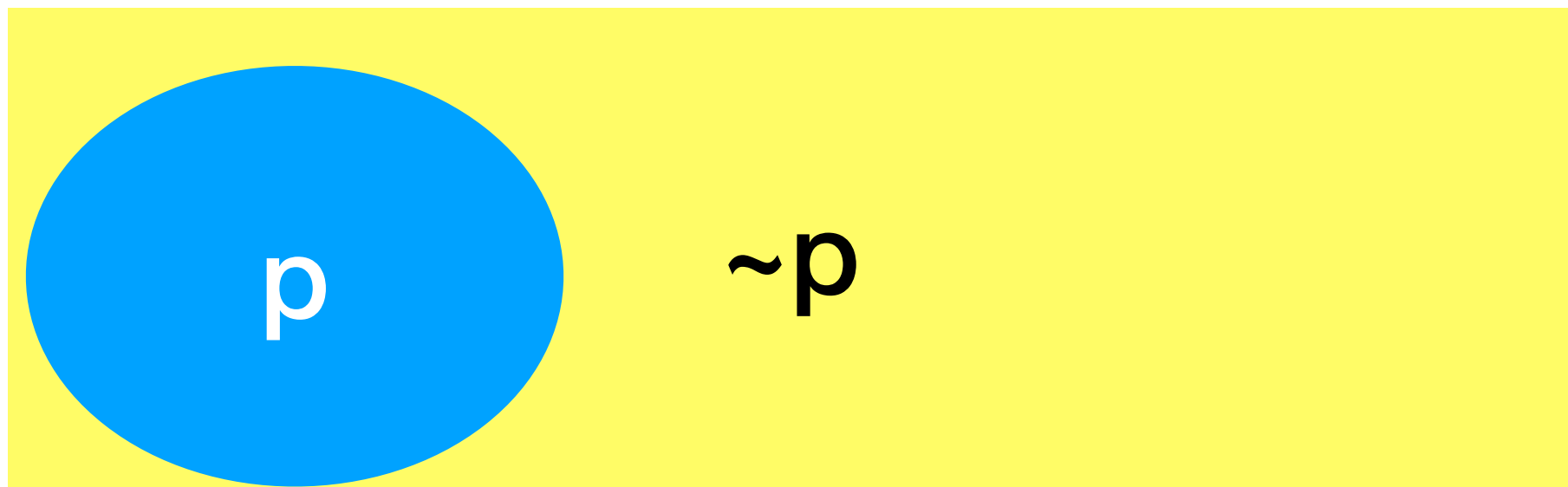
# Idempotent Law

Idempotent laws

$$p \wedge p \equiv p$$

$$p \vee p \equiv p$$

**true**



# De Morgan Law

|                  |   |   |
|------------------|---|---|
| De Morgan's laws | $\sim (p \wedge q) \equiv \sim p \vee \sim q$ | $\sim (p \vee q) \equiv \sim p \wedge \sim q$ |
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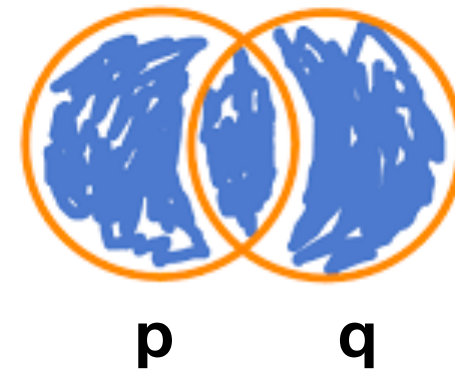
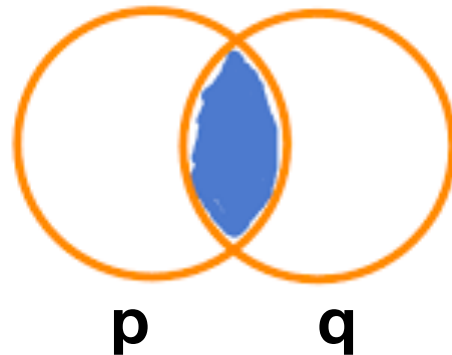
- $p$  = student A is from Korea
- $q$  = student B is from Korea
- $p \wedge q$  = Both student A and B are from Korea
- $\sim (p \wedge q)$  = Either A is not from Korea, or B is not from Korea
- $p \vee q$  = \_\_\_\_\_
- $\sim (p \vee q)$  = \_\_\_\_\_

# Absorption Law

Absorption laws

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

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





# Quiz & Exam problems

**Final Exam (May 18, 2021, 08:00 - 10:45 am)**

**CSE 215: Foundations of Computer Science**

State University of New York at Stony Brook, Spring 2021

Instructor: Prof. Pramod Ganapathi

Total points = 60. Total questions = 11. Total pages = 2.

**Problem 1. [5 points]**

Construct a truth table for the following statement form:  $p \wedge (q \vee r) \leftrightarrow p \wedge (q \wedge r)$ .

**Problem 2. [5 points]**

Construct a truth table for the following statement form:  $(p \rightarrow q) \vee ((q \oplus r) \rightarrow \sim p)$ .

**Problem 3. [5 points]**

Mention whether the following statements are true or false. Reasons are not needed.

- (a) [1 point]  $p \vee \sim p \equiv \mathbf{c}$
- (b) [1 point]  $p \vee (p \wedge q) \equiv p \wedge (p \vee q)$
- (c) [1 point]  $\mathbf{c} \equiv p \vee \mathbf{t}$
- (d) [1 point]  $p \wedge p \equiv p \vee p$
- (e) [1 point]  $p \wedge \mathbf{c} \equiv \sim \mathbf{t}$

**Final Exam (December 17, 2020, 08:00 - 10:35 am)**

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**Problem 1. [5 points]**

Determine if the following deduction rule is valid.

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

$$\sim (p \rightarrow q)$$

$$\therefore r$$

**Problem 2. [5 points]**

Suppose  $p$  and  $q$  are propositional statements. Prove that  $p$  and  $q$  are logically equivalent if and only if  $p \leftrightarrow q$  is a tautology.

**Problem 3. [5 points]**

Verify using truth tables if the following two logical expressions are equivalent.

$$(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (\sim p \rightarrow \sim q) \text{ and } \sim p \leftrightarrow \sim q$$

**Final Exam (December 17, 2020, 11:15 am - 01:50 pm)**

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**Problem 1. [5 points]**

Determine if the following deduction rule is valid.

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

$$\sim p \vee \sim q$$

$$\therefore \sim r$$

**Problem 2. [5 points]**

Is conditional operator  $\rightarrow$  an associative operator? That is, is  $(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow r$  logically equivalent to  $p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$ ? Prove your answer.

**Problem 3. [5 points]**

Verify using truth tables if the following two logical expressions are equivalent.

$$\sim p \leftrightarrow \sim q \text{ and } \sim (p \oplus q)$$

# Summary

- Intuition on logical equivalence
- Quiz & Exam problems: **truth tables, and logical equivalence**

*Thank you for your attention!*