

# *1 The Foundation: Logic and Proofs*

## *1.1 Propositional Logic*

### *Propositions(\_\_\_\_\_)*

*a declarative sentence that is either true or false,  
but not both nor neither*

*letters denoting propositions*       $p, q, r, s, \dots$

**T**: *true value*

**F**: *false value*

*propositional calculus or propositional logic*

*compounded propositions*

*propositions that are formed from existing propositions  
using logical operators(connectives)*

**Definition 1 negation(Not)**

Let  $p$  be a proposition,  $\neg p$  is a (new) **compounded** proposition, called **negation** of  $p$ , or “**not**  $p$ ”.

See truth table for negation of proposition

$\neg$ : **negation operator**(unary, prefix)

**Definition 2 conjunction(And)**

Let  $p$  and  $q$  be a propositions,  $p \wedge q$  is a (compounded) proposition, called **conjunction** of  $p$  and  $q$ , or “ $p$  and  $q$ ”.

**Definition 3 disjunction(and; inclusive or)**

Let  $p$  and  $q$  be a propositions,  $p \vee q$  is a proposition, called **disjunction** of  $p$  and  $q$ , or “ $p$  or  $q$ ”.

$\wedge, \vee$ : **conjunctive, disjunctive connectives**(binary, infix)

**Definition 4 exclusive or**

Let  $p$  and  $q$  be a propositions,  $p \oplus q$  is a proposition,  
called **exclusive or** of  $p$  and  $q$ , or “ $p$  xor  $q$ ”.

**Definition 5 implication(conditional)**

Let  $p$  and  $q$  be a propositions,  $p \rightarrow q$  is a proposition,  
called **implication** of  $p$  and  $q$ , or “ $p$  implies  $q$ ”.

“if  $p$ , then  $q$ ”      “ $p$ , only if  $q$ ”      ...

$p$  is called **hypothesis(antecedent; premise)** of  $p \rightarrow q$

$q$  is called **conclusion(consequence)** of  $p \rightarrow q$

$p \rightarrow q$  is **false** only in the case that  $p$  is true and  $q$  is false.

logic says **nothing** when the **hypothesis** is false

$p \rightarrow q$  is true when  $q$  is false (inclusive) or  $q$  is true

$\therefore p \rightarrow q$  is **equivalent** to  $\neg p \vee q$ .

Let  $p \rightarrow q$  be an implication proposition. Then

$q \rightarrow p$  is a **converse** ( ) of  $p \rightarrow q$ ,

$\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$  is a **contrapositive** ( ) of  $p \rightarrow q$ , and

$\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$  is an **inverse** ( ) of  $p \rightarrow q$ .

$p \rightarrow q$  and **contrapositive**  $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$  are equivalent.

**converse**  $q \rightarrow p$  and **inverse**  $\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$  are equivalent.

### **Definition 6 biconditional (equivalence)**

Let  $p$  and  $q$  be propositions,  $p \leftrightarrow q$  is a proposition,  
called **biconditional** of  $p$  and  $q$ , or “ $p$ , if and only if,  $q$ ”.

$p \leftrightarrow q$  is equivalent to  $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$ .

$p \leftrightarrow q$  is equivalent to  $\neg(p \oplus q)$ .

## Precedence of Logical Operators

$\neg$                     *high*

$\wedge$

$\vee$

$\rightarrow$

$\leftrightarrow$                     *low*

$$p \vee q \wedge \neg r \rightarrow s = (p \vee (q \wedge (\neg r))) \rightarrow s$$

*syntax grammar for propositions*

$$p = \mathbf{T} \mid \mathbf{F} \mid v \mid \neg p \mid p \wedge p \mid p \vee p \mid p \rightarrow p \mid p \leftrightarrow p$$

## Truth Table of Compound Statement

*n* variables

$2^n$  rows in the truth table

## Translating English Sentences

## System Specifications

## Boolean Searches

## Logic Puzzle

## Logic and Bit Operations

<b>T</b>	<i>1</i>
<b>F</b>	<i>0</i>
$\neg$	<b>NOT</b>
$\wedge$	<b>AND</b>
$\vee$	<b>OR</b>

## 1.2 Propositional Equivalences

**Def. 1** A (compound) proposition that is always true: **tautology**

A proposition that is always false: **contradiction**

Otherwise: **contingency**.

### Logical Equivalences

**Def. 2** Two propositions  $p$  and  $q$  are **logically equivalent**, if  $p \leftrightarrow q$  is a **tautology**, written,  $p \equiv q$ .

*Remark:*  $p \equiv q$  vs  $p \leftrightarrow q$ .

$\equiv$  has the **lowest** precedence ( $\neg \wedge \vee \rightarrow \leftrightarrow \equiv$ )

**Example 2**  $\neg(p \vee q) \equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q$

**Example 3**  $p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg p \vee q$

### Algebraic rules of logical equivalences

*Proof of logical equivalences*

*truth tables*       $n$  variables,  $2^n$  rows in the table

*algebraic rules of logical equivalences*

***Logical equivalences laws***

$$p \vee \mathbf{F} \equiv p$$

$$p \vee \mathbf{T} \equiv \mathbf{T}$$

$$p \vee p \equiv p$$

$$\neg(\neg p) \equiv p$$

$$p \vee q \equiv q \vee p$$

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

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

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

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

$$p \vee \neg p \equiv \mathbf{T}$$

$$p \wedge \mathbf{T} \equiv p$$

$$p \wedge \mathbf{F} \equiv \mathbf{F}$$

$$p \wedge p \equiv p$$

$$p \wedge q \equiv q \wedge p$$

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

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

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

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

$$p \wedge \neg p \equiv \mathbf{F}$$

*Identity laws*

*Domination laws*

*Idempotent laws*

*Double negation law*

*Commutative laws*

*Associative laws*

*Distributive laws*

*De Morgan's laws*

*Absorption laws*

*Negation laws*



Since disjunction( $\vee$ ) and conjunction( $\wedge$ ) are **associative**,

$p \vee q \vee r$  and  $p \wedge q \wedge r$  are **well defined**.

Let  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$  be  $n$  propositions. Then

$p_1 \vee p_2 \vee \dots \vee p_n$  and  $p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge \dots \wedge p_n$  are **well defined**.

**Extended De Morgan's law**

$$\neg(p_1 \vee p_2 \vee \dots \vee p_n) \equiv \neg p_1 \wedge \neg p_2 \wedge \dots \wedge \neg p_n.$$

$$\neg(p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge \dots \wedge p_n) \equiv \neg p_1 \vee \neg p_2 \vee \dots \vee \neg p_n.$$

**Logical equivalences involving conditional statements**

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

$$p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg q \rightarrow \neg p \qquad \text{contrapositive}$$

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

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

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

## *Logical equivalences involving biconditional statements*

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

*commutative(symetric)*

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

*definition of biconditional*

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

*symetricity of biconditional*

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

*disjunctive normal form(truth table)*

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

*De Mogan's law for bicondi.*

### 1.3 Predicates and Quantifiers

**Predicate:** a proposition with variable

A predicate  $P(x)$  has the proposition  $P$  and the variable  $x$

*Example 1* Let  $P(x)$  denotes “ $x > 3$ ”. Then

$P(4)$  denotes “ $4 > 3$ ” is T.  $P(2)$  denote “ $2 > 3$ ” is F.

Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  be  $n$  variables. Then

$P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  is the value of **propositional function**  $( \quad ) P$   
 at the  $n$ -tuple  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ , and  
 $P$  is also called **predicate**.

## Quantifiers

*A predicate is not a proposition only if, variables are not fixed.  
If all the variables are fixed, the predicate becomes a propositions.  
How can we fix variables?*

*Consider universe of discourse(domain) for each variable.*

*If  $P(x)$  is true for all values of  $x$  in the universe of discourse,*

*$\forall xP(x)$  is true;*

*otherwise  $\forall xP(x)$  is false.*

*$\therefore \forall xP(x)$  becomes a **proposition**.*

*predicate calculus*

**Definition 1 universal quantifier**

$\forall xP(x)$  is a proposition such that

“ $P(x)$  for all values in the **domain**.”

$\forall$  is called **universal quantifier**.

We read  $\forall xP(x)$  as “for all  $x$   $P(x)$ ”.

An element for which  $\forall xP(x)$  is **false** is called  
a **counterexample** of  $\forall xP(x)$ .

Let a set  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  be the domain(**finite**). Then

$$\forall xP(x) \equiv P(x_1) \wedge P(x_2) \wedge \dots \wedge P(x_n).$$

**Definition 2 existential quantifier**

$\exists xP(x)$  is a proposition such that

“There **exists** an element  $x$  in the domain such that  $P(x)$ .”

$\exists$  is called **existential quantifier**.

$$\exists xP(x) \equiv P(x_1) \vee P(x_2) \vee \dots \vee P(x_n).$$

## Binding variables

A variable is said to be **bound**, if the variable binds to

(1) quantifiers ( $\forall$ ,  $\exists$ ) or

(2) specific value (in the domain), and

it is said to be **free**, otherwise.

### *scope of quantifier*

*the part of logical expression to which the quantifier is applied*

*Example*

$$\exists \underline{x}(P(x) \wedge R(x)) \vee \forall \underline{x}R(x) \equiv \exists \underline{x}(P(x) \wedge R(x)) \vee \forall \underline{y}R(y).$$

## Negations

$\forall xP(x)$  where  $P(x)$

*“Every student in this class has taken a course in calculus.”*

$\neg \forall xP(x) \equiv \exists x \neg P(x)$

*“It is **not** the case that every student in this class has taken a course in calculus.”*

*is logically equivalent to*

*“There is a student in this class who has **not** taken a course in calculus.”*

$\neg \exists xP(x) \equiv \forall x \neg P(x)$

*“It is not the case that there is a student who has **not** taken a course in the calculus”*

*“Every student in this class has **not** taken class”*

***Remarks: DeMorgan's Law***

*Let  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  be a set of discourse. Then*

$$\neg \forall x P(x) \equiv \neg (P(x_1) \wedge P(x_2) \wedge \dots \wedge P(x_n)) \equiv \neg P(x_1) \vee \neg P(x_2) \vee \dots \vee \neg P(x_n)$$

$$\equiv \exists x \neg P(x).$$

$$\neg \exists x P(x) \equiv \neg (P(x_1) \vee P(x_2) \vee \dots \vee P(x_n)) \equiv \neg P(x_1) \wedge \neg P(x_2) \wedge \dots \wedge \neg P(x_n).$$

$$\equiv \forall x \neg P(x).$$

***Translating from English into Logical expressions******Examples from Lewis Carroll******Alice in Wonderland******Logic Programming***



## 1.4 Nested Quantifier

$$\forall x \exists y (x+y=0)$$

### The Order of Quantifiers

Example 15 Let  $Q(x, y)$  denotes “ $x+y=0$ ”

$$\forall x \exists y (x+y=0) \text{ vs } \exists y \forall x (x+y=0)$$

### Translating Statements involving Nested Quantifiers

### Translating Sentences into Logical Expressions

### Negating Nested Quantifier

Example 12 Negate  $\forall x \exists y (xy=1)$

$$\neg \forall x \exists y (xy=1) \equiv \exists x \neg \exists y (xy=1) \equiv \exists x \forall y (\neg xy=1) \equiv \exists x \forall y (xy \neq 1).$$

## 1.5 Rules of Inference

**Proof:** *valid arguments that*

*establish the truth of mathematical statements*

**argument** *a sequence of statement that ends with a **conclusion***

**valid** *the **conclusion** must follow from the truth of*

*the **preceding statements** or **premises** of the argument*

*An **argument** is **valid**, if and only if,*

*it is impossible for **all premises** to be **true** and **conclusion** to be **false***

*Rules of inference*

***deducing** new statements from statements we already have.*

*propositional logic*

*Incorrect reasoning*

***fallacies***

*rules of inference for **qualified** statements*

## **Valid Arguments in Propositional Logic**

*Definition* **Argument** a sequence of propositions  
preceding **premises** and finally a **conclusion**.

*argument form*

$$(p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge \dots \wedge p_n) \rightarrow q$$

*valid argument form*

$$(p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge \dots \wedge p_n) \rightarrow q \text{ is tautology.}$$

**Modus ponens**

$$\begin{array}{l} p \\ \underline{p \rightarrow q} \quad [p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)] \rightarrow q \\ \therefore q \end{array}$$

**Hypothetical syllogism**

$$\begin{array}{l} p \rightarrow q \\ \underline{q \rightarrow r} \quad [(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)] \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r) \\ \therefore p \rightarrow r \end{array}$$

**Addition**

$$\begin{array}{l} \underline{p} \quad p \rightarrow (p \vee q) \\ \therefore p \vee q \end{array}$$

**Conjunction**

$$\begin{array}{l} p \\ \underline{q} \quad [(p) \wedge (q)] \rightarrow (p \wedge q) \\ \therefore p \wedge q \end{array}$$

**Modus tollens**

$$\begin{array}{l} \neg q \\ \underline{p \rightarrow q} \quad [\neg q \wedge (p \rightarrow q)] \rightarrow \neg p \\ \therefore \neg p \end{array}$$

**Disjunctive syllogism**

$$\begin{array}{l} p \vee q \\ \underline{\neg p} \quad [(p \vee q) \wedge \neg p] \rightarrow q \\ \therefore q \end{array}$$

**Simplification**

$$\begin{array}{l} \underline{p \wedge q} \quad (p \wedge q) \rightarrow p \\ \therefore p \end{array}$$

**Resolution**

$$\begin{array}{l} p \vee q \quad [(p \vee q) \wedge \\ \underline{\neg p \vee r} \quad (\neg p \vee r)] \rightarrow (q \vee r) \\ \therefore q \vee r \end{array}$$

*Example 6 Prove that four hypotheses*

(H1) “It is not sunny and its cold.”

$\neg \text{sunny} \wedge \text{cold}$

(H2) “We will swim only if it is sunny.”

$\text{swim} \rightarrow \text{sunny}$

(H3) “If we do not swim, then we will canoe.”

$\neg \text{swim} \rightarrow \text{canoe}$

(H4) “If we canoe, then we will be home early,”

$\text{canoe} \rightarrow \text{early}$

*Concludes*

“We will be home early”

*early*

<i>proof</i>	1. $\neg \text{sunny} \wedge \text{cold}$	<i>Hypothesis(H1)</i>
	2. $\neg \text{sunny}$	<i>Simplification using (1)</i>
	3. $\text{swim} \rightarrow \text{sunny}$	<i>Hypothesis(H2)</i>
	4. $\neg \text{swim}$	<i>Modus tollens using (2) and (3)</i>
	5. $\neg \text{swim} \rightarrow \text{canoe}$	<i>Hypothesis(H3)</i>
	6. <i>canoe</i>	<i>Modus ponens using (4) and (5)</i>
	7. $\text{canoe} \rightarrow \text{early}$	<i>Hypothesis(H4)</i>
	8. <i>early</i>	<i>Q.E.D.</i>

**Resolution**

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

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

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

**Fallacies**

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

*fallacy of affirming the conclusion*

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

*fallacy of denying the hypothesis*

*Logic says nothing when hypotheses are false!*

**Rules of inferences for qualified Statements*****Universal instantiation***

$$\underline{\forall xP(x)}$$

$$\therefore P(c)$$

***Universal generalization***

$$\underline{P(c) \text{ for a arbitrary } c}$$

$$\therefore \forall xP(x)$$

***Existential instantiation***

$$\underline{\exists xP(x)}$$

$$\therefore P(c) \text{ for some element } c$$

***Existential generalization***

$$\underline{P(c) \text{ for some element } c}$$

$$\therefore \exists xP(x)$$

## 1.6 Introduction to Proofs

### Some Terminologies

**Theorem:** *A statement that has been proven to be true.*

**Axiom:** *Assumption to be true (often unproven)*

*defining the **structures** about which we are reasoning.*

**Rules of inference:** *Patterns of logically valid **deductions** from **hypotheses** to **conclusion**.*

**Lemma:** *A **minor** theorem used as a **stepping stone** to prove a major theorem*

**Corollary:** *A **minor** theorem proven as an **easy consequence** of a major theorem*

**Conjecture:** *A statement whose truth value has not been proven.  
(A conjecture may be widely believed to be true, regardless)*

**Theory:** *The set of **all theorems** that can be proven from a **given** set of **axioms***

**Direct Proof**

$$\forall x(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$$

$$P(c) \rightarrow Q(c) \quad \text{universal generalization } (\Uparrow)$$

$$p \rightarrow q \quad \text{propositional calculus}$$

*Example 1 “If  $n$  is odd integer, then  $n^2$  is odd”*

*proof  $\forall n(O(n) \rightarrow O(n^2))$  where  $O(n)$  is “ $n$  is odd”*

$$n = 2k + 1 \quad O(n)$$

$$n^2 = (2k + 1)^2 = 4k^2 + 4k + 1 = 2(2k^2 + 2k) + 1 \quad O(n^2)$$

$$O(n) \rightarrow O(n^2) \quad \text{implication(conjunction)}$$

$$\forall n(O(n) \rightarrow O(n^2)) \quad \text{universal generalization}$$

**Proof by Contraposition**

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

*Example 3 “If  $n$  is an integer and  $3n + 2$  is odd, then  $n$  is odd”*

*proof  $3n + 2 = 2k + 1, n = ?$*



*If  $n$  is even, then  $3n+2$  is even.*

*$n = 2k$ ,  $3n+2 = 6k + 2 = 2(3k + 1)$  is even.*

### **Vacuous proof**

*If  $p = \mathbf{F}$ ,  $p \rightarrow q$  is a tautology.*

*See Section 4.1 Mathematical induction*

### **Trivial proof**

*If  $q = \mathbf{T}$ ,  $p \rightarrow q$  is a tautology.*

*See Section 4.1 Mathematical induction*

### **Proofs by Contradiction**

*If  $\neg p \rightarrow q$ ,  $q = \mathbf{F}$ ,  $p$  is a tautology.*

*If  $\neg p \rightarrow (r \wedge \neg r)$ ,  $p$  is a tautology.*

*If  $\neg p \rightarrow \mathbf{F}$ ,  $p$  is a tautology.*

*Example 9*

$p =$  “At least four of any 22 days must fall on the same day of the week”

$\neg p =$  “At most three of 22 days ...”

$r =$  “22 days are chosen”

$\neg p \rightarrow (r \wedge \neg r)$ ,  $p$  is a tautology.

*Example 10 Prove that  $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational.*

$p =$  “ $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational”

$\neg p =$  “ $\sqrt{2}$  is rational”

$\sqrt{2} = a/b$ ,  $a$  and  $b$  are integers.

$$2 = a^2/b^2$$

$$2b^2 = a^2.$$

$a^2$  is even,  $a$  is also even.  $a = 2c$ .

$$a^2 = 4c^2 = 2b^2.$$

$$b^2 = 2c^2.$$

$b^2$  is even.  $b$  is even.

$\sqrt{2} = a/b$ ,  $a$  and  $b$  are **even** integers

## Proof of Equivalence

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

$$(p_1 \leftrightarrow p_2 \leftrightarrow \dots \leftrightarrow p_n) \equiv [(p_1 \rightarrow p_2) \wedge (p_2 \rightarrow p_3) \wedge \dots \wedge (p_n \rightarrow p_1)]$$

## Counter Example

To prove  $\forall xP(x)$  is false

an example  $x P(x)$  is false

## Mistakes in Proof

Example 16 divide by zero

Example 17  $(p \rightarrow q)$  does not implies  $(q \rightarrow p)$

Example 18  $(p \rightarrow q)$  does not implies  $(\neg p \rightarrow \neg q)$

## ***1.7 Proof Methods and Strategy***

### ***Exhaustive Proof and Proof by Case***

$$[(p_1 \vee p_2 \vee \dots \vee p_n) \rightarrow q] \equiv (p_1 \rightarrow q) \wedge (p_2 \rightarrow q) \wedge \dots \wedge (p_n \rightarrow q)$$