

Discrete Mathematics and Applications

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Foundations of Logic: Overview

- Propositional logic: (Sections 1.1-1.3)
 - Basic definitions.
 - Equivalence rules & derivations.
- Predicate logic (Section 1.4)
 - Predicates.
 - Quantified predicate expressions.
 - Equivalences & derivations.

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Applications:

- Design of digital electronic circuits.
- Expressing conditions in computer programs.
- Queries to databases & search engines.

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- In *probability theory*, we assign *degrees of certainty* to propositions. For now: True/False only!

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- “ $1 + 2$ ” (expression with a non-true/false value)

Boolean operators

- Negation (NOT)
- Conjunction (AND)
- Disjunction (OR)
- Exclusive-Or (XOR)
- Implication (IF)
- Bi-conditional (IFF)

Operators / Connectives

- An *operator* or *connective* combines one or more *operand* expressions into a larger expression. (e.g., “+” in numeric exprs.)
- *Unary* operators take 1 operand (e.g., -3); *binary* operators take 2 operands (e.g., 3×4).
- *Propositional* or *Boolean* operators operate on propositions or truth values instead of on numbers.

The Negation Operator

- The unary *negation operator* “ \neg ” (*NOT*) transforms a prop. into its logical *negation*.
- Example: If p = “I have brown hair.”, then $\neg p$ = “I do **not** have brown hair.”
- *Truth table* for NOT:

p	$\neg p$
T	F
F	T

The Conjunction Operator

- The binary *conjunction operator* “ \wedge ” (*AND*) combines two propositions to form their logical *conjunction*.
- *E.g.*, If p = “I will have salad for lunch.” and q = “I will have steak for dinner.”, then $p \wedge q$ = “I will have salad for lunch **and** I will have steak for dinner.”

Conjunction Truth Table

p	q	$p \wedge q$
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- Note that a conjunction $p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge \dots \wedge p_n$ of n propositions will have 2^n rows in its truth table.

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- \neg and \wedge operations together are universal, i.e., sufficient to express *any* truth table!

The Disjunction Operator

- The binary *disjunction operator* “ \vee ” (*OR*) combines two propositions to form their logical *disjunction*.

p = “That car has a bad engine.”

q = “That car has a bad carburetor.”

$p \vee q$ = “Either that car has a bad engine, **or** that car has a bad carburetor.”

Disjunction Truth Table

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- Note that $p \vee q$ means that p is true, or q is true, **or both** are true!
- So this operation is also called *inclusive or*, because it **includes** the possibility that both p and q are true.
- “ \neg ” and “ \vee ” together are also universal.

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The *Exclusive Or* Operator

- The binary *exclusive-or operator* “ \oplus ” (*XOR*) combines two propositions to form their logical “exclusive or” (exjunction?).

p = “I will earn an A in this course,”

q = “I will drop this course,”

$p \oplus q$ = “I will either earn an A for this course, or I will drop it (but not both!)”

Exclusive-Or Truth Table

- Note that $p \oplus q$ means that p is true, or q is true, but **not both**!
- This operation is called *exclusive or*, because it **excludes** the possibility that both p and q are true.
- “ \neg ” and “ \oplus ” together are **not** universal.

p	q	$p \oplus q$
F	F	F
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- The *implication* $p \rightarrow q$ states that p implies q .
- It is FALSE only in the case that p is TRUE but q is FALSE.

e.g., p = “I am elected.”

q = “Taxes will be lowered.”

$p \rightarrow q$ = “If I am elected, then taxes will be lowered” (else it could go either way)

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- Terminology for the structure of implication $p \rightarrow q$
- p : *Hypothesis (antecedent or premise)*
- q : *Conclusion (consequence)*

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- *E.g.* “ $(1=0) \rightarrow$ pigs can fly” is TRUE!

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How do we know for sure?

Proving the equivalence of $p \rightarrow q$ and its contrapositive using truth tables:

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Boolean Operations

Summary

- We have seen 1 unary operator and 5 binary operators.

p	q	$\neg p$	$p \wedge q$	$p \vee q$	$p \oplus q$	$p \rightarrow q$	$p \leftrightarrow q$
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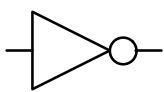
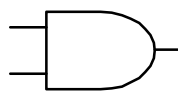
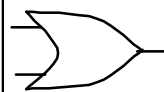

Precedence of Logical Operators

Operator	Precedence
\neg	1
\wedge \vee	2 3
\rightarrow \leftrightarrow	4 5

Nested Propositional Expressions

- Use parentheses to *group sub-expressions*:
“I just saw my old friend, and either he’s grown or I’ve shrunk.” = $f \wedge (g \vee s)$
 - $(f \wedge g) \vee s$ would mean something different
 - $f \wedge g \vee s$ would be ambiguous
- By convention, “ \neg ” takes *precedence* over both “ \wedge ” and “ \vee ”.
 - $\neg s \wedge f$ means $(\neg s) \wedge f$, **not** $\neg (s \wedge f)$

Some Alternative Notations

Name:	not	and	or	xor	implies	iff
Propositional logic:	\neg	\wedge	\vee	\oplus	\rightarrow	\leftrightarrow
Boolean algebra:	\bar{p}	pq	$+$	\oplus		
C/C++/Java (wordwise):	$!$	$\& \&$	$ $	$!=$		$==$
C/C++/Java (bitwise):	\sim	$\&$	$ $	\wedge		
Logic gates:						

Bits and Bit Operations

- A *bit* is a binary (base 2) digit: 0 or 1.
- Bits may be used to represent truth values.
- By convention: 1 represents “true”;
0 represents “false”.
- *Boolean algebra* is like ordinary algebra except that variables stand for bits, + means “or”, and multiplication means “and”.

Bit Strings

- A *Bit string* of length n is an ordered series or sequence of $n \geq 0$ bits.
- By convention, bit strings are written left to right: *e.g.* the first bit of “1001101010” is 1.
- When a bit string represents a base-2 number, by convention the first bit is the *most significant* bit. *Ex.* $1101_2 = 8 + 4 + 1 = 13$.

Bitwise Operations

- Boolean operations can be extended to operate on bit strings as well as single bits.

- E.g.:

01 1011 0110

11 0001 1101

11 1011 1111 Bit-wise OR

01 0001 0100 Bit-wise AND

10 1010 1011 Bit-wise XOR

Propositional Equivalences

Propositional Equivalence

Two *syntactically* (*i.e.*, textually) different compound propositions may be *semantically* identical (*i.e.*, have the same meaning). We call them *equivalent*.

NEXT:

- Learn about various *equivalence rules* or *laws*.
- Learn how to *prove* equivalences using *symbolic derivations*.

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Compound proposition P is *logically equivalent* to compound proposition Q , written $P \Leftrightarrow Q$, **IFF** the compound proposition $P \Leftrightarrow Q$ is a tautology.

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Equivalence Laws

- These are similar to the arithmetic identities you may have learned in algebra, but for propositional equivalences instead.
- They provide a pattern or template that can be used to match much more complicated propositions and to find equivalences for them.

Equivalence Laws - Examples

- *Identity:* $p \wedge \mathbf{T} \Leftrightarrow p$ $p \vee \mathbf{F} \Leftrightarrow p$
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- *Idempotent:* $p \vee p \Leftrightarrow p$ $p \wedge p \Leftrightarrow p$
- *Double negation:* $\neg \neg p \Leftrightarrow p$
- *Commutative:* $p \vee q \Leftrightarrow q \vee p$ $p \wedge q \Leftrightarrow q \wedge p$
- *Associative:* $(p \vee q) \vee r \Leftrightarrow p \vee (q \vee r)$
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- *Distributive:* $p \vee (q \wedge r) \Leftrightarrow (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$
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$$p \vee \neg p \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{T} \qquad p \wedge \neg p \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{F}$$

Defining Operators via Equivalences

Using equivalences, we can *define* operators in terms of other operators.

- Implication: $p \rightarrow q \Leftrightarrow \neg p \vee q$
- Biconditional: $p \leftrightarrow q \Leftrightarrow (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$
 $p \leftrightarrow q \Leftrightarrow \neg(p \oplus q)$
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