

Introduction to Logic

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Propositional calculus (or logic) is the study of the logical relationship between objects called propositions and forms the basis of all mathematical reasoning.

Definition

A *proposition* is a statement that is either *true* or *false*, but not both (we usually denote a proposition by letters; p, q, r, s, \dots).

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The value of a proposition is called its *truth value*; denoted by T or 1 if it is true and F or 0 if it is false.

Opinions, interrogative and imperative sentences are not propositions.

Truth table:

p
0
1

Example (Propositions)

- Today is Monday.
- The derivative of $\sin x$ is $\cos x$.
- Every even number has at least two factors.

Example (Not Propositions)

- C++ is the best language.
- When is the pretest?
- Do your homework.

Example (Propositions?)

- $2 + 2 = 5$
- Every integer is divisible by 12.
- Microsoft is an excellent company.

Connectives are used to create a *compound* proposition from two or more other propositions.

- Negation (denoted \neg or !)
- And (denoted \wedge) or Logical Conjunction
- Or (denoted \vee) or Logical Disjunction
- Exclusive Or (XOR, denoted \oplus)
- Implication (denoted \rightarrow)
- Biconditional; “if and only if” (denoted \leftrightarrow)

A proposition can be negated. This is also a proposition. We usually denote the negation of a proposition p by $\neg p$.

Example (Negated Propositions)

- Today is *not* Monday.
- *It is not the case that* today is Monday.
- *It is not the case that* the derivative of $\sin x$ is $\cos x$.

Truth table:

p	$\neg p$
0	1
1	0

The logical connective AND is true only if *both* of the propositions are true. It is also referred to as a *conjunction*.

Example (Logical Connective: AND)

- It is raining and it is warm.
- $(2 + 3 = 5) \wedge (\sqrt{2} < 2)$
- Schrödinger's cat is dead and Schrödinger's cat is not dead.

Truth table:

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

The logical disjunction (or logical or) is true if one or both of the propositions are true.

Example (Logical Connective: OR)

- It is raining or it is the second day of lecture.
- $(2 + 2 = 5) \vee (\sqrt{2} < 2)$
- You may have cake or ice cream.¹

Truth table:

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

The exclusive or of two propositions is true when exactly *one* of its propositions is true and the other one is false.

Example (Logical Connective: Exclusive Or)

- The circuit is either is on or off.
- Let $ab < 0$, then either $a < 0$ or $b < 0$ but not both.
- You may have cake or ice cream, but not both.

Truth table:

p	q	$p \oplus q$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

Definition

Let p and q be propositions. The implication

$$p \rightarrow q$$

is the proposition that is false when p is true and q is false and true otherwise.

Here, p is called the “hypothesis” (or “antecedent” or “premise”) and q is called the “conclusion” or “consequence”.

Truth table:

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

The implication $p \rightarrow q$ can be equivalently read as

- if p then q
- p implies q
- if p , q
- p only if q
- q if p
- q when p
- q whenever p
- p is a sufficient condition for q (p is sufficient for q)
- q is a necessary condition for p (q is necessary for p)
- q follows from p

Example

- If you buy your air ticket in advance, it is cheaper.
- If $2 + 2 = 5$ then all unicorns are pink.
- If x is a real number, then $x^2 \geq 0$.
- If it rains, the grass gets wet.
- If the sprinklers operate, the grass gets wet.

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false: x can be any multiple of π ; i.e. if we let $x = 2\pi$ then clearly $\sin x = 0$, but $x \neq 0$. The implication “if $\sin x = 0$ then $x = k\pi$ for some integer k ” is true.

Definition

The *biconditional*

$$p \leftrightarrow q$$

is the proposition that is true when p and q have the same truth values. It is false otherwise.

Note that it is equivalent to $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$

Truth table:


p	q	$p \rightarrow q$	$q \rightarrow p$	$p \leftrightarrow q$
0	0	1	1	1
0	1	1	0	0
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$p \leftrightarrow q$ can be equivalently read as

- p if and only if q
- p is necessary and sufficient for q
- if p then q , and conversely
- p iff q (Note typo in textbook, page 9, line 3.)

Example

- $x > 0$ if and only if x^2 is positive.
- The alarm goes off iff a burglar breaks in.
- You may have pudding if and only if you eat your meat.¹

¹How can you have any pudding if you don't eat your meat? 

Which of the following biconditionals is true?

- $x^2 + y^2 = 0$ if and only if $x = 0$ and $y = 0$
- $2 + 2 = 4$ if and only if $\sqrt{2} < 2$
- $x^2 \geq 0$ if and only if $x \geq 0$.

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false: The converse holds. That is, “if $x \geq 0$ then $x^2 \geq 0$ ”. However, the implication is false; consider $x = -1$. Then the hypothesis is true, $1^2 \geq 0$ but the conclusion fails.

Consider the proposition $p \rightarrow q$:

- Its *converse* is the proposition $q \rightarrow p$.
- Its *inverse* is the proposition $\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$.
- Its *contrapositive* is the proposition $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$.

Truth Tables are used to show the relationship between the truth values of individual propositions and the compound propositions based on them.

p	q	$p \wedge q$	$p \vee q$	$p \oplus q$	$p \rightarrow q$	$p \leftrightarrow q$
0	0	0	0	0	1	1
0	1	0	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1	0	1	1

Table: Truth Table for Logical Conjunction, Disjunction, Exclusive Or, and Implication

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Precedence of Logical Operators

Just as in arithmetic, an ordering must be imposed on the use of logical operators in compound propositions.

Of course, parentheses can be used to make operators disambiguous:

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

But to avoid using unnecessary parentheses, we define the following precedences:

- 1 (\neg) Negation
- 2 (\wedge) Conjunction
- 3 (\vee) Disjunction
- 4 (\rightarrow) Implication
- 5 (\leftrightarrow) Biconditional

Logic is more precise than natural language:

- You may have cake or ice cream.
Can I have both?
- If you buy your air ticket in advance, it is cheaper.
Are there or not cheap last-minute tickets?

For this reason, logic is used for hardware and software *specification*.

Given a set of logic statements, one can decide whether or not they are satisfiable (i.e., consistent), although this is a costly process...

Computers represent information as bits (*binary digits*).

A *bit string* is a sequence of bits, the length of the string is the number of bits in the string.

Logical connectives can be applied to bit strings (of equal length). To do this, we simply apply the connective rules to each bit of the string:

Example

0110	1010	1101	
0101	0010	1111	
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0111	1010	1111	bitwise OR
0100	0010	1101	bitwise AND
0011	1000	0010	bitwise XOR

A *Boolean variable* is a variable that can have value 0 or 1.

What is SAT? SAT is the problem of determining whether or not a sentence in propositional logic (PL) is satisfiable. Characterizing SAT as an NP-complete problem is at the foundation of Theoretical Computer Science.

Defining SAT

- **Given:** a PL sentence.
- **Question:** Determine whether it is satisfiable or not.

What is a PL sentence? What does satisfiable mean?

- A sentence in PL is a *conjunction* of clauses
- A clause is a *disjunction* of literals
- A literal is a term or its negation
- A term is a (Boolean) variable (or proposition)

Example: $(a \vee b \vee \neg c \vee \neg d) \wedge (\neg b \vee c) \wedge (\neg a \vee c \vee d)$

A sentence in PL is a *satisfiable* iff we can assign truth value to the Boolean variables such that the sentence evaluates to true (i.e., holds).

Say you need to define a conditional statement as follows:
“Increment x if all of the following conditions hold: $x > 0$,
 $x < 10$ and $x = 10$.”

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if(x>0 AND x<=10) x++;
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Say we have the following loop:

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while
  ((i<size AND A[i]>10) OR
   (i<size AND A[i]<0) OR
   (i<size AND (NOT (A[i]!= 0 AND NOT (A[i]>= 10))))
```

Is this good code? Keep in mind:

- Readability.
- Extraneous code is inefficient and poor style.
- Complicated code is more prone to errors and difficult to debug.

Solution?

To manipulate a set of statements (here, logical propositions) for the sake mathematical argumentation, an important step is to replace one statement with another equivalent statement (i.e., with the same truth value).

Below, we discuss:

- Terminology
- Establishing logical equivalences using truth tables
- Establishing logical equivalences using known laws (of logical equivalences)

Definition

- A compound proposition that is always true, no matter what the truth values of the propositions that occur in it is called a *tautology*.
- A compound proposition that is always false is called a *contradiction*.
- Finally, a proposition that is neither a tautology nor a contradiction is called a *contingency*.

Example

A simple tautology is $p \vee \neg p$

A simple contradiction is $p \wedge \neg p$

Definition

Propositions p and q are *logically equivalent* if $p \leftrightarrow q$ is a tautology.

Informally, p and q are logically equivalent if whenever p is true, q is true, and vice versa.

Notation $p \equiv q$ (" p is equivalent to q "), $p \iff q$, $p \Leftrightarrow q$,
 $p \leftrightarrow q$.

Alert: \equiv is **not** a logical connective.

Example

Are $p \rightarrow q$ and $\neg p \vee q$ logically equivalent?

To find out, we construct the truth tables for each:

p	q	$p \rightarrow q$	$\neg p$	$\neg p \vee q$
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The two columns in the truth table are identical, thus we conclude that

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

Another Example

(Exercise 23 from Rosen): Show that

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

p	q	r	$p \rightarrow r$	$(q \rightarrow r)$	$(p \rightarrow r) \vee (q \rightarrow r)$
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The truth values are identical, so we conclude that the logical equivalence holds.

Tables of logical equivalences can be found in Rosen (page 24).

These and other can be found in a handout on the course web page <http://www.cse.unl.edu/~cse235/files/LogicalEquivalences.pdf>

Let's take a quick look at this [Cheat Sheet](#)

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(See Table 7, p24)

¹This appears in Table 7, but you are not allowed to use it to prove it.

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\iff	q	Identity Law

Recall the loop:

```
while((i<size AND A[i]>10) OR  
      (i<size AND A[i]<0) OR  
      (i<size AND (NOT (A[i]!= 0 AND NOT (A[i]>=
```

Now, using logical equivalences, simplify it.

Answer: Use De Morgan's Law and Distributivity.

```
while((i<size) AND  
      ((A[i]>10 OR A[i]<0) OR  
      (A[i]==0 OR A[i]>=10)))
```

Notice the ranges of all four conditions on $A[i]$; they can be merged and we can further simplify it to:

```
while((i<size) AND  
      (A[i]>=10 OR A[i]<=0))
```

In C, C++ and Java, applying the commutative law is not such a good idea. These languages (compiler dependent) sometimes use “short-circuiting” for efficiency (at the machine level). For example, consider accessing an integer array A of size n .

```
if(i<n && A[i]==0) i++;
```

is not equivalent to

```
if(A[i]==0 && i<n) i++;
```