
csci54 – discrete math & functional programming
propositional logic

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On "True" and "False"

- ▶ logic is the study of valid reasoning

- ▶ The starting point:

A proposition is a statement that is either True or False.

- ▶ What are examples of propositions that are True? False? Unknown?



On propositional logic

- ▶ the study of propositions: how to formulate, evaluate, manipulate
- ▶ atomic proposition: a proposition that is conceptually indivisible
- ▶ compound proposition: a proposition that is build up out of conceptually simpler propositions
 - ▶ How?



Creating compound propositions

- ▶ We can create more complex propositional statements using logical connectives

- ▶ negation (not, \neg , \sim)
- ▶ conjunction (and, \wedge)
- ▶ disjunction (or, \vee)
- ▶ implication (implies, \Rightarrow , \rightarrow)

Precedence rules:

- negation binds most tightly
- then conjunction
- then disjunction
- then implication

implication is right-associative

- ▶ In particular, a well-formed propositional logic formula is defined as:

$$\phi ::= T | F | (\neg \phi) | (\phi \wedge \phi) | (\phi \vee \phi) | (\phi \Rightarrow \phi)$$



Evaluating compound propositional statements

- ▶ Convenient to use a truth table to display the relationships between truth values of different propositions

- ▶ Truth table for negation:

p	$\neg p$
T	F
F	T

- ▶ For conjunction (and) and disjunction (or):

p	q	$p \wedge q$	$p \vee q$
T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T
F	T	F	T
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Implication

- ▶ What does it mean to say "p implies q"?

- ▶ $p \Rightarrow q$ is true if q is true or p is false

p	q	$p \Rightarrow q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
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- ▶ What is the truth value of each of the following statements?

- ▶ $1 + 1 = 2$ implies that $2 + 3 = 5$
 - ▶ $1 + 1 = 2$ implies that $2 + 3 = 6$
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A little more on implications

- ▶ $p \Rightarrow q$

- ▶ “if p, then q”
- ▶ “p implies q”
- ▶ “p only if q”
- ▶ “q whenever p”
- ▶ “q, if p”
- ▶ “q is necessary for p”
- ▶ “p is sufficient for q”

- ▶ Bidirectional implication $p \Leftrightarrow q$

- ▶ “p if and only if q”, “p iff q”
- ▶ True only when p and q have same truth value: either both true or both false.

Example

- ▶ "Since Sandra is wearing a soccer jersey, she must be a soccer player."
- ▶ This compound proposition is composed of 2 atomic propositions:
 - ▶ (1) = Sandra is wearing a soccer jersey
 - ▶ (2) = Sandra is a soccer player
- ▶ The compound proposition can be written as:
 - ▶ (1) \Rightarrow (2)

Passwords

- ▶ "A password is valid only if it is at least 8 characters long, is not one that you have used previously, and contains at least 2 of the following: a number, a lowercase character, an uppercase character."
- ▶ This is a compound proposition that is composed of how many atomic propositions?
- ▶ What are the 6 atomic propositions?
- ▶ How can you write the compound proposition in terms of the atomic propositions?





categorizing well-formed formulas (wff)

- ▶ A formula in propositional logic is one of:
 - ▶ tautology (valid): if it evaluates to T in all cases
 - ▶ satisfiable: evaluates to T in some cases
 - ▶ contingency (falsifiable): evaluates to F in some cases
 - ▶ contradiction (unsatisfiable): evaluates to F in all cases

- ▶ Consider the following formula:

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

- ▶ Which of the following describes the formula: tautology, satisfiable, contingency, contradiction? Why?



a collection of tautologies

$(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge p \Rightarrow q$	Modus Ponens
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$(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge \neg q \Rightarrow \neg p$	Modus Tollens
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$p \vee \neg p$	Law of the Excluded Middle
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$p \Leftrightarrow \neg\neg p$	Double Negation
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$p \Leftrightarrow p$	
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$p \Rightarrow p \vee q$	
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$p \wedge q \Rightarrow p$	
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$(p \vee q) \wedge \neg p \Rightarrow q$
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$(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge (\neg p \Rightarrow q) \Rightarrow q$

$(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge (q \Rightarrow r) \Rightarrow (p \Rightarrow r)$
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$(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge (p \Rightarrow r) \Leftrightarrow p \Rightarrow q \wedge r$

$(p \Rightarrow q) \vee (p \Rightarrow r) \Leftrightarrow p \Rightarrow q \vee r$

$p \wedge (q \vee r) \Leftrightarrow (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$
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$p \Rightarrow (q \Rightarrow r) \Leftrightarrow p \wedge q \Rightarrow r$
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logical equivalence

- ▶ Two propositions are logically equivalent (written) if they have exactly identical truth tables (i.e. their truth values are the same under every truth assignment)

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some logically equivalent propositions

Commutativity

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

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

$$p \oplus q \equiv q \oplus p$$

$$p \Leftrightarrow q \equiv q \Leftrightarrow p$$

Associativity

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

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

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

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

Idempotence

$$p \vee p \equiv p$$

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Distribution of \wedge over \vee

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

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Contrapositive

$$p \Rightarrow q \equiv \neg q \Rightarrow \neg p$$

$$p \Rightarrow q \equiv \neg p \vee q$$

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

$$p \Leftrightarrow q \equiv \neg p \Leftrightarrow \neg q$$

Mutual Implication $(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge (q \Rightarrow p) \equiv p \Leftrightarrow q$

De Morgan's Laws

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

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

$$(\neg a \vee b) \wedge (\neg b \vee c) \wedge (\neg c \vee \neg a) \wedge (\neg c \vee \neg b)$$