

§Propositional Logic, Predicates, and Equivalency

- A statement or a proposition is a sentence that is true (T) or false (F) but not both.
- The symbol \neg denotes *not*, \wedge denotes *and*, and \vee denotes *or*.
- If p is a proposition, the negation of p , $\neg p$, has opposite truth value from p . If p is true, $\neg p$ is false, if p is false, then $\neg p$ is true.
- If p and q are propositions, the conjunction of p and q , $p \wedge q$, is true when both p and q are true, and is false otherwise.
- If p and q are propositions, the disjunction of p and q , $p \vee q$, is false when both p and q are false, and is true otherwise.
- The symbol \equiv or \Leftrightarrow denotes equivalent truth value.
- The symbol \rightarrow denotes implication. The symbol \leftrightarrow indicates if and only if.
- If propositions p and q are equivalent, they are both true or both false, that is, they both have the same truth value.
- A tautology is a statement that is always true. A contradiction is a statement that is always false.
- *DeMorgan's Laws*.

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

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- If p and q are propositions, the conditional “if p then q ” (or “ p only if q ” or “ q if p), denoted by $p \rightarrow q$, is false when p is true and q is false; otherwise it is true. p is a sufficient condition for q and q is a necessary condition for p .
- The contrapositive of a conditional statement of $p \rightarrow q$ is $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$.
- The converse of $p \rightarrow q$ is $q \rightarrow p$.
- The inverse of $p \rightarrow q$ is $\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$.
- If p and q are propositions, the biconditional “ p if and only if q ,” denoted by $p \leftrightarrow q$, is true if both p and q have the same truth values and is false if p and q have opposite truth values. The words *if and only if* are sometimes abbreviated *iff*.
- Logic formulas

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

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

$$p \rightarrow q \not\equiv q \rightarrow p$$

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

$$\neg(\forall x \text{ in } D, P(x)) \equiv \exists x \text{ in } D \text{ such that } \neg P(x)$$

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