

Chapter 2 : Logic

(1.1) statements

Defn

a statement (or proposition) is a sentence that can be assigned a truth value : true or false (at least in principle.)

statements :

- 'it is raining today'
- $2+3 = 5$
- $2+3 = 7$

not statements

- 'Hello'
 - $x + 7 = 2$
 - $a + b = c$
- truth value depends on values of variables.

last 2 items are called open sentences (also propositional functions, or predicates).

Propositional variables: $P, Q, R, \dots$

Propositional functions: $P(x), Q(y), R(a, b, c), \dots$

note:

we might not actually know the truth value of a statement.

EX. Goldbach Conjecture

Every even integer greater than 2 is the sum of 2 primes.

$$4 = 2 + 2$$

$$6 = 3 + 3$$

$$8 = 3 + 5$$

$$10 = 5 + 5$$

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(2.2) logical operations: and, or, not

and (conjunction)

notation: $P \wedge Q$

P	Q	$P \wedge Q$
T	F	F
T	T	T
F	F	F
F	T	F

True only in the case when both operands are true.

Ex. P = 'it is raining today'

Q = 'today is Wednesday'

$P \wedge Q$ = 'it is raining today and today is Wednesday'.

or (disjunction, inclusive or)

notation : $P \vee Q$

P	Q	$P \vee Q$
F	F	F
F	T	T
T	F	T
T	T	T

False only in case both operands are false

$P \vee Q$ means : 'either P, or Q, or possibly both, are true'.

xor (exclusive or)

notation : $P \oplus Q$

means : 'either P, or Q, but not both are true'

$P \quad Q \quad P \oplus Q$

T	T	F
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

True only when both operands are different truth values.

Ex 'your money or your life.'

not (negation)

notation: $\sim P$

P	$\sim P$
T	F
F	T

reverses truth value of the operand.

read $\sim P$ as 'not P '

(2.3) conditional operator

conditional (implication)

notation: $P \Rightarrow Q$ (also $P \rightarrow Q$, $P \supset Q$)

P	Q	$P \Rightarrow Q$
F	F	T
F	T	T
T	F	F
T	T	T

False only in case hypothesis true and conclusion false.

left operand: hypothesis

right operand: conclusion

read $P \Rightarrow Q$ as:

'if P , then Q '

' Q if P '

' P implies Q '

' Q whenever P '

' P only if Q '

' Q is necessary for P '

' P is sufficient for Q '

consider — example :

$P =$ 'it is sunny today'

$Q =$ 'I will take you to the beach'

$P \Rightarrow Q =$ 'if it is sunny today,
then I will take you
to the beach'.

statements related to $P \Rightarrow Q$:

- Converse : $Q \Rightarrow P$
- Contrapositive : $\neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P$
- Inverse : $\neg P \Rightarrow \neg Q$

note: $\neg$ has higher precedence than
all other operators, so

$\neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P$ means $(\neg Q) \Rightarrow (\neg P)$

$\neg P \vee Q$ means $(\neg P) \vee Q$

(2.4) biconditional operator

biconditional

notation: $P \Leftrightarrow Q$ (also $P \leftrightarrow Q$)

P	Q	$P \Leftrightarrow Q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	T

True only when
operands have
same truth
value

Read as:

- 'P if and only if Q' ('P iff Q')
- 'P is necessary and sufficient for Q'
- 'P is equivalent to Q'

(2.5) Truth tables

- atomic statements: $P, Q, R, \dots$
- compound statements: built up from Prop. variables using logical operators

Ex. $(P \Leftrightarrow Q) \vee (\neg Q \Rightarrow R)$

P	Q	R	$P \Leftrightarrow Q$	$\neg Q$	$\neg Q \Rightarrow R$	$(P \Leftrightarrow Q) \vee (\neg Q \Rightarrow R)$
0	0	0	1	1	0	1
0	0	1	1	1	1	1
0	1	0	0	0	1	1
0	1	1	0	0	1	1
1	0	0	0	1	0	0
1	0	1	0	1	1	1
1	1	0	1	0	1	1
1	1	1	1	0	1	1

$(1 = T = \text{true}, 0 = F = \text{false})$

Ex. $\sim (\neg \vee Q)$ vs. $(\sim \neg) \vee Q$

$\neg$	Q	$\neg \vee Q$	$\sim (\neg \vee Q)$	$\sim \neg$	$(\sim \neg) \vee Q$
0	0	0	1	1	1
0	1	1	0	1	1
1	0	1	0	0	0
1	1	1	0	0	1

different.

Ex. $\neg \Rightarrow (Q \Rightarrow R)$ (1)

vs.

$(\neg \Rightarrow Q) \Rightarrow R$ (2)

P	Q	R	$P \Rightarrow Q$	$Q \Rightarrow R$	(1)	(2)
0	0	0	1	1	1	0
0	0	1	1	1	1	1
0	1	0	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	1	1	1
1	0	1	0	1	1	1
1	1	0	1	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1	1

different

so (1) (2)

$$P \Rightarrow (Q \Rightarrow R) \neq (P \Rightarrow Q) \Rightarrow R$$

never write:

$$P \Rightarrow Q \Rightarrow R$$

Exercise

compare

$$(P \vee Q) \wedge R$$

vs.

$$P \vee (Q \wedge R)$$

using truth table analysis.

answer: different

so cannot write

$$P \vee Q \wedge R$$

next: logical equivalence