

(2.6) logical equivalence

Defn

A tautology is a compound statement that is true for any assignment of truth values to its Prop. vars.

Ex. $P \vee \neg P$ is a tautology

P	$\neg P$	$P \vee \neg P$
0	1	1
1	0	1

↑
all true!

Ex. $P \Rightarrow P$ (exercise)

Ex. $P \Rightarrow (P \vee Q)$

P	Q	$P \vee Q$	$P \Rightarrow (P \vee Q)$
0	0	0	1
0	1	1	1
1	0	1	1
1	1	1	1

Defn

A contradiction is a compound Proposition that is false for every assignment of truth values to its Prop. Var.

Ex $P \wedge \neg P$

P	$\sim P$	$P \wedge \sim P$
0	1	0
1	0	0

↑
all false!

contradictions are said to be unsatisfiable. a statement that is not a contradiction is called satisfiable.

EX. $\neg$

Defn

A statement that is neither a contradiction nor a tautology is called a contingency.

Defn

Two compound statements X, Y are said to be logically equivalent if the statement

$$X \iff Y$$

is a tautology. we write

$$X = Y$$

Remarks

- equiv. defn: $X = Y$ if their truth tables are identical.
- other symbols: $\equiv, \iff$
- this is same meaning of $=$ sign in algebra: $a(b+c) = ab+ac$.

Ex. Implication law

$$\overset{(1)}{P \Rightarrow Q} = \overset{(2)}{\neg P \vee Q} \quad \checkmark$$

P	Q	$P \Rightarrow Q$	$\neg P$	$\neg P \vee Q$	$(1) \Leftrightarrow (2)$
0	0	1	1	1	1
0	1	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	0	1
1	1	1	0	1	1



Ex. Contrapositive law

$$P \Rightarrow Q \quad \checkmark \quad = \quad \neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P$$

P	Q	$P \Rightarrow Q$	$\sim Q$	$\sim P$	$\sim Q \Rightarrow \sim P$
0	0	1	1	1	1
0	1	1	0	1	1
1	0	0	1	0	0
1	1	1	0	0	1



Ex. $P \Rightarrow Q \neq Q \Rightarrow P$ (converse)

P	Q	$P \Rightarrow Q$	$Q \Rightarrow P$
0	0	1	1
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1
1	1	1	1



different.

Exercise

use truth tables to prove all identities on p. 52 of [BOP]

- implication: $P \Rightarrow Q = \neg P \vee Q$
- contrapositive: $P \Rightarrow Q = \neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P$
- DeMorgan: $\neg(P \wedge Q) = \neg P \vee \neg Q$
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- commutative: $P \wedge Q = Q \wedge P$
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- Distributive: $P \wedge (Q \vee R) = (P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge R)$
 $P \vee (Q \wedge R) = (P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee R)$
- associative: $P \wedge (Q \wedge R) = (P \wedge Q) \wedge R$
 $P \vee (Q \vee R) = (P \vee Q) \vee R$

so we can write $P \wedge Q \wedge R$
 $P \vee Q \vee R$

Ex 1st De Morgan: $\neg(P \wedge Q) = \neg P \vee \neg Q$ ✓

P	Q	$P \wedge Q$	$\neg(P \wedge Q)$	$\neg P$	$\neg Q$	$\neg P \vee \neg Q$
0	0	0	1	1	1	1
0	1	0	1	1	0	1
1	0	0	1	0	1	1
1	1	1	0	0	0	0

Same

Exercise: Prove all of these.

we can use identities to Prove other identities

Ex. $(P \vee Q) \Rightarrow R = (P \Rightarrow R) \wedge (Q \Rightarrow R)$ ✓

algebraic proof:

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

$$= \neg(P \vee Q) \vee R \quad (\text{implication})$$

$$= (\neg P \wedge \neg Q) \vee R \quad (\text{De Morgan})$$

$$= (\neg P \vee R) \wedge (\neg Q \vee R) \quad (\text{comm. \& dist.})$$

$$= (P \Rightarrow R) \wedge (Q \Rightarrow R) \quad (\text{implication})$$

other identities:

• Domination: $P \vee T = T$
 $P \wedge F = F$

• Identity: $P \wedge T = P$
 $P \vee F = P$

• Idempotent: $P \vee P = P$
 $P \wedge P = P$

• Double negation: $\neg(\neg P) = P$

• Absorption: $P \vee (P \wedge Q) = P$
 $P \wedge (P \vee Q) = P$

• Negation: $P \vee \neg P = T$
 $P \wedge \neg P = F$

Exercise: Prove them all!

Ex show $(P \wedge Q) \Rightarrow (P \Rightarrow Q)$ is a tautology, algebraically.

✓

Proof.

$$(P \wedge Q) \Rightarrow (P \Rightarrow Q)$$

$$= \sim(P \wedge Q) \vee (\sim P \vee Q) \quad (\text{implication})$$

$$= (\sim P \vee \sim Q) \vee (\sim P \vee Q) \quad (\text{De Morgan})$$

$$= (\sim P \vee \sim P) \vee (\sim Q \vee Q) \quad (\text{comm., assoc.})$$

$$= \sim P \vee T \quad (\text{Idem., Negation})$$

$$= T \quad (\text{Domination})$$

Exercise

show (algebraically) that

$$\sim(P \Rightarrow Q) \Rightarrow P$$

is a tautology

Exercise

Determine whether

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

is satisfiable.

Set theory and logic

Let A, B, C be subsets of some universal set U . Look at definitions

- $A \cap B = \{x \in U \mid (x \in A) \wedge (x \in B)\}$
- $A \cup B = \{x \in U \mid (x \in A) \vee (x \in B)\}$
- $A \oplus B = \{x \in U \mid (x \in A) \oplus (x \in B)\}$
- $\bar{A} = \{x \in U \mid x \notin A\} = \{x \in U \mid \neg(x \in A)\}$
- $\emptyset = \{x \in U \mid \text{F}\}$
- $U = \{x \in U \mid \text{T}\}$

analogy:

sets	$\longleftrightarrow$	statements
$\cup$	$\longleftrightarrow$	$\vee$
$\cap$	$\longleftrightarrow$	$\wedge$
$\oplus$	$\longleftrightarrow$	$\oplus$
$-$ (complement)	$\longleftrightarrow$	$\sim$ (negation)
ϕ	$\longleftrightarrow$	F
U	$\longleftrightarrow$	T

All logical identities translate into set identities:

Ex De Morgan for sets

$$\overline{A \cap B} = \bar{A} \cup \bar{B}$$

Prove $\rightarrow \overline{A \cup B} = \bar{A} \cap \bar{B}$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \overline{A \cup B} &= \{x \in U \mid x \notin A \cup B\} \\
 &= \{x \in U \mid \sim(x \in A \cup B)\} \\
 &= \{x \in U \mid \sim(x \in A \vee x \in B)\} \\
 &= \{x \in U \mid \sim(x \in A) \wedge \sim(x \in B)\} \\
 &= \{x \in U \mid x \in \bar{A} \wedge x \in \bar{B}\} \\
 &= \bar{A} \cap \bar{B}
 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise: Prove 1st De Morgan

Exercise:

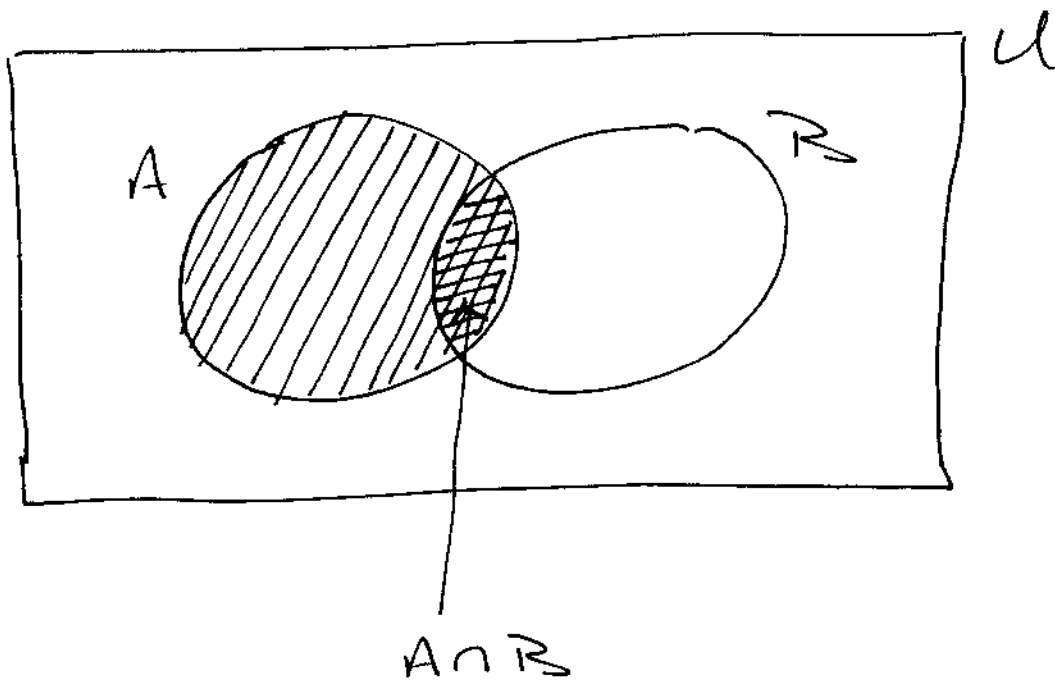
state and prove all set identities corresponding to our logical identities

for instance, the absorption laws become

$$A \cup (A \cap B) = A$$

$$A \cap (A \cup B) = A$$

→ Venn diagram



Mathematical theory : Boolean Algebra