

1.1 Propositional Logic

Defn

A Proposition is a statement that can be assigned a truth value

True	or	False
T		F
1		0

EX. • $2 + 3 = 5$

• $2 + 3 = 7$

• 'it is raining today'

Ex. (not propositions)

- 'hello'
- $x + 2 = 7$
- $a + b = c$

we let $p, q, r, \dots$ be propositional variables.

Logical operators

- Negation : $\neg P$ (not)

P	$\neg P$
0	1
1	0

'P is false'
'not P'

Ex $P = \text{'it is raining today'}$
 $q = \text{'today is Wednesday'}$

• Conjunction: $P \wedge q$ (and)

P	q	$P \wedge q$
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

'P and q'

'both P and q'

• Disjunction: $P \vee q$ (or, inclusive or)

P	q	$P \vee q$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

'P or q'

'P or q or possibly both'

- Exclusive or : $P \oplus q$ (xor, or)

P	q	$P \oplus q$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

'P or q, but not both'

'P or q'

Ex: 'your money or your life'

• Implication : $P \rightarrow Q$

<u>hypothesis</u>		<u>conclusion</u>
P	Q	$P \rightarrow Q$
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	0
1	1	1

'P implies Q'

'if P, then Q'

'P, only if Q'

'P is sufficient for Q'

also : 'Q, if P'

'Q, whenever P'

'Q is necessary for P'

Ex. $P =$ 'it is sunny today'

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

Related Propositions

the converse of $P \Rightarrow Q$ is $Q \Rightarrow P$

" contrapositive " " " $\neg Q \Rightarrow \neg P$

" inverse " " " $\neg P \Rightarrow \neg Q$

• Biconditional : $P \Leftrightarrow Q$ (if and only if)

P	Q	$P \Leftrightarrow Q$
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

'P is necessary
and sufficient
for Q'

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Prop. Var. $P, q, r, \dots$

atomic Propositions

Compound Propositions

either atomic or built from
Prop. variables & logical ops.

Ex. $(P \rightarrow q) \rightarrow r$

P	q	r	$P \rightarrow q$	$(P \rightarrow q) \rightarrow r$
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	1	1
0	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	1	0	1
1	1	0	1	0
1	1	1	1	1

Ex. $P \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$

P	q	r	$q \rightarrow r$	$P \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$
0	0	0	1	1
0	0	1	1	1
0	1	0	0	1
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	0	1	1
1	0	1	1	1
1	1	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1

Note: $P \rightarrow q \rightarrow r$ is meaningless

$$(P \rightarrow q) \rightarrow r \neq P \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$$

1.2 Applications

Read carefully

Translation

'unless' = 'if not'

$$\begin{aligned}
 'P \text{ unless } q' &= 'if \text{ not } P, \text{ then } q' \\
 &= \neg P \rightarrow q
 \end{aligned}$$

P	q	$\neg P$	$\neg q$	$\neg P \rightarrow q$	$\neg q \rightarrow P$	$P \vee q$
0	0	1	1	0	0	0
0	1	1	0	1	1	1
1	0	0	1	1	1	1
1	1	0	0	1	1	1

$$\therefore 'P \text{ unless } q' = \neg P \rightarrow q = P \vee q = \neg q \rightarrow P = 'q \text{ unless } P'$$

1.3 Equivalences

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Defn

A compound Proposition that is true for every assignment of truth values to its Prop. variables is called a tautology. One that is always false is called a contradiction (or unsatisfiable)

Ex.

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

↑
tautology

↑
contradiction

Ex. $P \rightarrow (P \vee Q)$ is a tautology

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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

a Prop. that is not a contradiction is called satisfiable. A Prop. that is neither a tautology nor a contradiction is a contingency.

Ex. P
↑
contingency, satisfiable

Defn

Two compound Propositions A, B are said to be logically equivalent iff $A \leftrightarrow B$ is a tautology.

Notation $A \equiv B, A \leftrightarrow B$

Ex. $P \equiv P$

show $P \leftrightarrow P$ is a tautology

P	$P \leftrightarrow P$
0	1
1	1

Ex. $P \rightarrow Q \equiv \neg P \vee Q$

Ex. $P \rightarrow Q \equiv \neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$ (contrapositive)

Ex. $P \rightarrow Q \not\equiv Q \rightarrow P$ (converse)

P	Q	$\neg P$	$\neg Q$	$P \rightarrow Q$	$\neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$	$Q \rightarrow P$
0	0	1	1	1	1	1
0	1	1	0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1	0	0	1
1	1	0	0	1	1	1

same

different