

# Propositional Logic, Equivalences

CSE 311: Foundations of Computing I Lecture 2

### Announcements

- HW1 posted on the course website under assignments
  - Due Wednesday, 11:59 pm
  - Late Policy applies, late due Friday, 11:59 pm
  - Submit on Gradescope
- OH begin on Monday

# Review

### Recall: Atomic Propositions

- Atomic Propositions are true or false statements that cannot be broken down any further
- Propositional variables: p, q, r, s ...

### Recall: Logical Connectives

<u>Name</u>

Logical Symbol

Not

 $\neg p$ 

And

 $p \wedge q$ 

Or

 $p \vee q$ 

XOR

 $p \oplus q$ 

Implication

 $p \rightarrow q$ 

Biconditional

 $p \leftrightarrow q$ 

### Recall: Truth Tables

p	$\neg p$
Т	F
F	Т

p	q	$p \lor q$
T	T	Т
Т	F	Т
F	T	Т
F	F	F

p	q	$p \wedge q$
T	T	Т
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	F

p	q	$p \oplus q$
Т	T	F
Т	F	Т
F	T	Т
F	F	F

### Recall: Implication

"If it's raining, then I have my umbrella" p: It is raining q: I have my umbrella  $p \rightarrow q$ 

p	q	$p \rightarrow q$
T	Т	T
Т	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

#### Equivalently:

- Whenever it is raining, I have my umbrella.
- It is raining only if I have my umbrella.
- For it to be raining, it is necessary that I have my umbrella.



Translating Propositions Cont.

## Compound Proposition Example

Unless I go to a café or to campus, I do not drink coffee, but also I don't go to cafés.

What does this mean? Find the atomic propositions and translate to logic.

p: I go to a café

$$(\neg(p \lor q) \to \neg r) \land (\neg p)$$

q: I go to campus

r: I drink coffee

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When is this true? When is this false? Let's construct a truth table.

## Compound Proposition Example

p	q	r	$p \lor q$	$\neg(p \lor q)$	$\neg r$	$\neg (p \lor q) \to \neg r$	$\neg p$	$(\neg(p \lor q) \to \neg r) \land (\neg p)$
Т	Т	Т	T	F	F	Т	F	F
Т	Т	F	T	F	Т	Т	F	F
Т	F	Т	T	F	F	Т	F	F
Т	F	F	T	F	Т	Т	F	F
F	Т	Т	Т	F	F	Т	Т	Т
F	Т	F	Т	F	Т	Т	Т	Т
F	F	Т	F	Т	F	F	Т	F
F	F	F	F	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т

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 $p \leftrightarrow q$ 

 $p \leftrightarrow q$  is true when p, q have the same truth values, and false otherwise.

p	q	$p \leftrightarrow q$
Т	Т	Т
Т	F	F
F	Т	F
F	F	Т

Translations of  $p \leftrightarrow q$  include:

- p if and only if q
- p iff q
- p is equivalent to q
- p implies q, and q implies p
- If p then q, and if q then p

Why is this a proposition? Can be true or false.

p: I am a legal adult

q: I am 18 years or older

r: I am 25 years or older

 $p \leftrightarrow q$  is true

 $p \leftrightarrow r$  is false

 $p \leftrightarrow q$  has the same truth table as  $(p \rightarrow q) \land (q \rightarrow p)$ 

p	q	$p \leftrightarrow q$	$p \rightarrow q$	$q \rightarrow p$	$(p \to q) \land (q \to p)$
Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т
Т	F	F	F	Т	F
F	Т	F	Т	F	F
F	F	Т	Т	Т	Т

### Order of Operations

Parentheses

¬ Negation

 $\Lambda$  And

V ⊕ Or, XOR

→ Implication

→ Biconditional

Within the same order, evaluate from left to right.

 $p \vee \neg q \rightarrow r$  is the same as  $(p \vee (\neg q)) \rightarrow r$ .

## Logical Equivalence

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#### Definition:

Two propositions are **logically equivalent** if they have identical truth values.

The notation for A and B being logically equivalent is  $A \equiv B$ .

#### Examples:

$$p \lor q \equiv q \lor p$$
$$p \leftrightarrow q \equiv (p \to q) \land (q \to p)$$

$$=$$
 vs.  $\equiv$  vs.  $\leftrightarrow$ 

A = B means A, B are the exact same string.

E.g.  $p \lor q = p \lor q$ , but  $p \lor q \neq q \lor p$ . We hardly use = with propositions!

 $A \equiv B$  is an assertion that A, B always have the same truth value.

E.g.  $p \lor q \equiv q \lor p$ .

 $A \leftrightarrow B$  is a proposition that might be true or false.

E.g.  $p \lor q \leftrightarrow p \land q$  is a false proposition.

 $A \equiv B$  has the same meaning as  $(A \leftrightarrow B) \equiv T$ .



### **Proving Logical Equivalence**

### Motivation

Given two propositions, we would like to know if they are equivalent.

E.g. one developer wrote if  $(p \&\& p) || p) \{...\}$ .

Another developer wrote if  $(p) \{...\}$ .

You want to confirm if those are the same.

Given a complicated proposition, we would like to find a simpler proposition that it's equivalent to.

E.g. you see if  $(p \&\& p) || p)\{...\}$  in code.

You simplify the code to if (p) {...}.

### Strategy 1: Truth Tables

Make a truth table for the two propositions and check if they are the same.

$$p$$
 vs.  $(p \land p) \lor p$ 

p	$p \wedge p$	$(p \land p) \lor p$
Т	Т	Т
F	F	F

### Strategy 1: Truth Tables

Truth tables do let us check if two propositions are equivalent.

Truth tables **don't** give us a good way to start from a complicated proposition, and simplify it.

### Strategy 2: Manipulating Expressions

Instead, we are going to learn **logical equivalence rules** to help us simplify expressions.

Similar to algebra, where we can apply rules to transform expression:

$$(x+2)(x+3) = x^2 + 2x + 3x + 6$$
 Distributivity  
=  $x^2 + 5x + 6$  Adding like terms

For each rule, we will understand why it's true, and practice using it.

### Logical Equivalence Rules

### Double Negation

$$\neg \neg p \equiv p$$

I am not not loving propositional logic.

I am loving propositional logic.

### De Morgan's Laws: Intuition

Consider the following sentences:

- I don't like apples or mangoes.
- I don't like apples, and I don't like mangoes.  $\neg p \land \neg q$

Are they logically equivalent?

Intuitively, yes

 $\neg(p \lor q)$ 

### De Morgan's Laws

$$\neg(p \lor q) \equiv \neg p \land \neg q$$
$$\neg(p \land q) \equiv \neg p \lor \neg q$$

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Example: 
$$\neg(p \lor q) \equiv \neg p \land \neg q$$

p	q	$p \lor q$	$\neg (p \lor q)$	$\neg p$	$\neg q$	$\neg p \land \neg q$
T	T	Т	F	F	F	F
T	F	Т	F	F	T	F
F	Т	Т	F	T	F	F
F	F	F	Т	T	T	Т

### De Morgan's Laws

```
if (!(front != null && value > front.data)) {...}
if (front == null || value <= front.data) {...}</pre>
```

### Law of Implication

Implications are unusual. Can we write them using ANDs ORs & NOTs?

p	q	$p \rightarrow q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

### Law of Implication

$$p \to q \equiv \neg p \lor q$$

p	q	$\neg p$	$p \rightarrow q$	$\neg p \lor q$
T	T	F	Т	Т
T	F	F	F	F
F	Т	Т	Т	Т
F	F	Т	Т	Т

### Law of Implication: Intuition

$$p \to q \equiv \neg p \lor q$$

If it is raining, then I have my umbrella.

It is not raining, or I have my umbrella.

### Converse & Contrapositive

Implication:  $p \rightarrow q$ 

If it's raining, I have my umbrella.

Converse:  $q \rightarrow p$ 

If I have my umbrella, it's raining.

Contrapositive:  $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$ 

If I don't have my umbrella, it's not raining.

### Converse & Contrapositive

Implication:  $p \rightarrow q$  Converse:  $q \rightarrow p$ 

Contrapositive:  $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$ 

How do these relate?

p	q	$p \rightarrow q$	$q \rightarrow p$	$\neg p$	$\neg q$	$\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$
T	T	T	Т	F	F	Τ
T	F	F	Т	F	T	F
F	Т	Т	F	Т	F	Т
F	F	T	Т	Т	T	Т

## Contrapositive

$$p \to q \equiv \neg q \to \neg p$$

## Contrapositive: Intuition

$$p \to q \equiv \neg q \to \neg p$$

If an animal is a cat, then it is a mammal.

If an animal is not a mammal, then it's not a cat.

## Commutativity

$$p \lor q \equiv q \lor p$$
$$p \land q \equiv q \land p$$

It is raining or it is June.

It is June or it is raining.

## Associativity

$$(p \lor q) \lor r \equiv p \lor (q \lor r)$$
$$p \land (q \land r) \equiv p \land (q \land r)$$

They perform at 3:00 and 5:00, and also 8:00.

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#### **WARNING**

Only apply associativity when all connectives are AND, or all connectives are OR

#### Exercise

Prove that  $p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg q \rightarrow \neg p$  using the logical equivalences rules we've discussed so far.

Do not use contrapositive in the proof.

$$\neg q \rightarrow \neg p \equiv \neg \neg q \vee \neg p$$
 Law of Implication
$$\equiv q \vee \neg p$$
 Double Negation
$$\equiv \neg p \vee q$$
 Commutativity
$$\equiv p \rightarrow q$$
 Law of Implication

## Distributivity

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

## Distributivity: Intuition

$$p \land (q \lor r) \equiv (p \land q) \lor (p \land r)$$

You go to class, and you read the notes or the textbook.

You go to class and read the notes, or you go to class and you read the textbook.

## Identity

$$p \wedge T \equiv p$$
$$p \vee F \equiv p$$

p	$p \wedge T$	$p \vee F$
Т	Т	Т
F	F	F

#### Domination

$$p \lor T \equiv T$$
$$p \land F \equiv F$$

p	$p \lor T$	$p \wedge F$
Т	Т	F
F	Т	F

## Idempotency

$$p \lor p \equiv p$$
$$p \land p \equiv p$$

p	$p \lor p$	$p \wedge p$
Т	Т	Т
F	F	F

## Negation

$$p \lor \neg p \equiv T$$
$$p \land \neg p \equiv F$$

p	$p \lor \neg p$	$p \land \neg p$
Т	Т	F
F	Т	F

### **Negation Intuition**

$$p \lor \neg p \equiv T$$
$$p \land \neg p \equiv F$$

It is raining or it is not raining.

It is raining and it is not raining.

Always true

Always false

## Absorption

$$p \lor (p \land q) \equiv p$$
  
 $p \land (p \lor q) \equiv p$ 

Exercise: Build the truth tables to confirm.

# Absorption

p	q	$p \wedge q$	$p \lor (p \land q)$	$p \lor q$	$p \wedge (p \vee q)$
Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т
Т	F	F	Т	Т	Т
F	Т	F	F	Т	F
F	F	F	F	F	F