

Math 140: Thursday, Nov 14th, Day 21 Notes

Agenda for Thursday, Nov 14th, 2024

Continue Chapter 5 Logic

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Coming up

- ! Online HW 13 due Tuesday
- ! Exam 3 next week on Thursday (on material: starting at Day 15 - counting methods and including everything up until the exam)
- ! Student Hours today 1-2:15pm in C162

Recall: • statements (T/F)

• compound statements

• quantified statements

universal: all/none
existential: some
• at least one
• there exists

• negation
p its negation $\sim p$

• negating statements

Logical Connectives

The words “and”, “or”, “if...then”, “if and only if” are examples of logical connectives. They are words that can be used to connect two simple statements to form a more complicated compound statement.

Example of compound statement:

- If...then* !
- “If I ^ppass Mth 140 ^qand I pass Mth 122 ^qthen my liberal studies math requirement will be fulfilled.”

Equivalent Statements

Any two statements p and q are logically equivalent if *they have exactly the same meaning.*

This means that p and q will always have the same truth value, in any conceivable situation.

Examples:

- “Today I have math class and today is Saturday” is equivalent to
Today is Saturday and today I have math class.
- “I have a dog or I have a cat” is equivalent to
I have a cat or I have a dog.

Logical equivalence is denoted by the symbol $\equiv$

The Conjunction and The Disjunction

The Conjunction

If p, q are statements, their conjunction is the statement " p and q ." It is denoted by $p \wedge q$

Example:

Let p : "The number 2 is even." T

Let q : "The number 3 is odd." T

Then $p \wedge q$ is a new statement

r : The number 2 is even and the number 3 is odd. (T)

Now consider these statements.

s : The number 1 is even and the number 3 is odd. (F)

t : The number 2 is even and the number 4 is odd. (F)

v : The number 3 is even and the number 2 is odd. (F)

In general, in order for $p \wedge q$ to be true: both p and q have to be true.

This is summarized in the following table, called a truth table.

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

The Disjunction

If p, q are statements, their disjunction is the statement " p or q ." It is denoted: $p \vee q$ (or is inclusive)

Consider the following four statements.

q : The number 2 is even or the number 3 is odd.

T

r : The number 1 is even or the number 3 is odd.

T

s : The number 2 is even or the number 4 is odd.

T

t : The number 3 is even or the number 2 is odd.

F

In order for a disjunction to be true, at least one of the statements has to be true.

The only time a disjunction is false is when all are false statements.

This is summarized in the following table, called a truth table.

p	q	$p \vee q$
T	T	T
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

Basic Rules for Constructing Truth Tables

1. The number of rows depends on the number of simple statements:

- 1 statement — 2 rows
- 2 statements — 4 rows
- 3 statements — 8 rows
- 4 statements — 16 rows

2. The number of columns depends on:

- One column for each basic statement
- One column for each logical connective

3. The beginning columns show every possible combination of true/false
4. Each additional column is computed from previous columns

Example 1. Make a truth table for the following statement:

$C_5 \vee C_3$

$C_1 \quad C_4$

$(p \wedge \sim q) \vee \sim p$

p	q	$\sim p$	$\sim q$	$p \wedge \sim q$	$(p \wedge \sim q) \vee \sim p$
T	T	F	F	F	F
T	F	F	T	T	T
F	T	T	F	F	T
F	F	T	T	F	T

Answer

Using truth tables to test for logical equivalency

To determine if two statements are equivalent, make a truth table having a column for each statement. If the columns are identical, then the statements are equivalent.

Example 2. (DeMorgan's Laws) Show these two important logical equivalencies:

1. $\sim (p \wedge q) \equiv \sim p \vee \sim q$

HW6 2. $\sim (p \vee q) \equiv \sim p \wedge \sim q$

p	q	$p \wedge q$	$\sim (p \wedge q)$	$\sim p$	$\sim q$	$\sim p \vee \sim q$
T	T	T	F	F	F	F
T	F	F	T	F	T	T
F	T	F	T	T	F	T
F	F	F	T	T	T	T

These tell us:

- The negation of "p and q" is "not p or not q"
- The negation of "p or q" is "not p and not q"

Example 3. Use DeMorgan's Laws to write the negation of each statement:

- I want ^p a car and ^q a motorcycle.
- My cat stays outside or it makes a mess.
- I've fallen and I can't get up.
- You study or you don't get a good grade.

1) $\sim (p \wedge q)$: I don't want ^{a car} or I don't want a motorcycle.

2) My cat doesnot stay outside and it doesn't make a mess.

3) I haven't fallen or I can get up.

4) You don't study and you can get a good grade

Example 4. Make a truth table for $q \vee \sim (\sim p \wedge q)$.

p	q	$\sim p$	$\sim p \wedge q$	$\sim (\sim p \wedge q)$	$q \vee \sim (\sim p \wedge q)$
T	T	F	F	T	T
T	F	F	F	T	T
F	T	T	T	F	T
F	F	T	F	T	T

A **tautology** is a statement that cannot possibly be false, due to its logical structure, aka it is always true. A **contradiction** is a statement that is always false.