

A proposition is a statement that is either true or false.

Examples: $2 + 3 = 1$ F

$5 - 2 = 3$ T

7 is a prime number T

Today is Friday F

It will rain tomorrow ?

Vanilla is the best flavor of ice cream.

Not propositions:

How are you?

Eat your vegetables.

Logical variables: (p, q, r, \dots)

denote an arbitrary proposition
truth value can be true or false

true: $p = T$

false: $p = F$

like variables from algebra
except value is T or F,
instead of a number.

Logical operations can be used to combine propositions to get compound propositions.

Conjunction "AND" Symbol \wedge

If \underline{p} + \underline{q} are propositional variables,

$\underline{p \wedge q}$ is a proposition.

Truth value of $p \wedge q$ depends on truth values of p & q .

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

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Truth table shows truth value of $p \wedge q$ for every possible truth value for p and q .

p : Sam is poor
 q : Sam is happy

Different ways to express $\underline{p \wedge q}$ in English!

Sam is poor, but he is happy.

Sam is poor and happy

Although Sam is poor, he is happy.

Disjunction: $p \vee t$ $p \text{ or } t$

p	t	$p \vee t$
T	T	T
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

"inclusive" or.

Ambiguity in English:

Tonight I will go to the party or I will go to a movie. \leftarrow

The patient has high blood pressure or has a history of migraines. \leftarrow

	p	q	$p \oplus q$	
	T	T	F	exclusive or.
\rightarrow	T	F	T	
\rightarrow	F	T	T	
	F	F	F	

Negation: $\neg p$.

p : it is raining today

$\neg p$: it is not raining today

it is not true that it is raining today

p	$\neg p$
T	F
F	T

Review:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} p &= T & + \\ q &= F & - \\ r &= T & ! \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\rightarrow p \wedge q \quad F$$

$$r \wedge p \quad T$$

$$q \vee r \quad T$$

$$p \vee r \quad T$$

$$\neg p \quad F$$

$$\neg q \quad T$$

$$p \oplus r = F.$$

Section 1.2

Compound propositions can be built using one or more logical operation:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} p & \vee & \neg r \\ F & & F \\ \hline & & F \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} p = F \\ r = T \end{array}$$

Need to specify the order in which operations are performed:

$$\begin{array}{l} p \wedge q \vee r \\ (p \wedge q) \vee r = T \\ p \wedge (q \vee r) = F \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} p = F \\ q = T \\ r = T \end{array}$$

Order in which logical operations are applied:

1. \neg
2. \wedge
3. \vee

$$\begin{array}{l} \neg q \vee r \\ (p \wedge q) \vee \neg r \end{array} \quad \neg(q \vee r) \quad (\neg q) \vee r$$

Can override the default order with parens:

$$\neg(q \vee r)$$

$$\underline{F \quad T}$$

$$\neg T \Rightarrow F$$

$$r = T$$

$$q = F$$

Good to include parens as a reminder:

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

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$$\neg p \vee (t \wedge r)$$

$$\neg T$$

$$\underline{F \quad T}$$

$$(F \vee F) \Rightarrow F$$

$$p = T$$

$$t = F$$

$$r = T$$

$$\neg(p \wedge t \wedge r)$$

$$T \quad T \quad F$$

$$\neg F \Rightarrow T$$

$$p = T$$

$$t = T$$

$$r = F$$

A truth table for a compound proposition shows the truth value for every possible combination of truth values for the propositional variables:

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

p	q	r	$\neg q$	$p \vee \neg q$	$(p \vee \neg q) \wedge r$
T	T	T	F	T	T
T	T	F	F	T	F
T	F	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	T	F
F	T	T	F	F	F
F	T	F	F	F	F
F	F	T	T	T	T
F	F	F	T	T	F

If a compound proposition has n variables the truth table has 2^n rows.

$$2 \text{ variables} \Rightarrow 2^2 = 4$$

$$3 \text{ variables} \Rightarrow 2^3 = 8$$

- p: $\pi > 3$ ↙
- q: 3 is a root of the equation $x^2 - 2 = 0$.
- ⇒ r: The integer 5 is even.

$\neg r$

The integer 5 is odd.

$\neg p \vee q$

$\neg p$: $\pi \leq 3$

$\pi \leq 3$ or 3 is a root of the
eqn. $x^2 - 2 = 0$.

$q \wedge r$

$\neg(q \wedge r)$

It's not the case that
 $\pi > 3$ and the integer 5 is even

Section 1.3

Conditional operation

p, q propositions $p \rightarrow q$ false only when p is true and q is false.

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

p is the hypothesis
 q is the conclusion

$p \rightarrow q$

p : you study hard
 q : you will get an A

$p \rightarrow q$

If you study hard, then you will get an A.

Ways to express in English: $p \rightarrow q$.

if p then q .

if p, q

p implies q .

q , if p .

p only if q ✓

⇒ p is sufficient for q .

⇒ q is necessary for p .

You have your D.L. only if you are at least 16 years old.

p : You have a driver's license. ←

q : You are at least 16 years old. ←