

COS 341 Discrete Mathematics

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Proof Techniques: the pigeonhole principle

- $n+1$ pigeons in n holes
- There exists one hole with at least 2 pigeons
- Generalization: a pigeons in b holes
- There exists one hole with at least $\lceil a/b \rceil$ pigeons

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Write each number in the form

$$2^k (2m + 1), \quad k, m \geq 0$$

Since m takes at most 500 distinct values, the set contains two numbers of the form

$$2^k (2m + 1) \text{ and } 2^{k'} (2m + 1)$$

Building blocks of logic

- **Proposition:** declarative sentence that is true or false (but not both).

$$x + y = z$$

$$2 + 2 = 3$$

Today is Wednesday

- Basic building blocks of logic
- Usually denoted by lowercase letters: p, q, r, s
- Truth value of proposition denoted by T or F

Building New Propositions

Negation

p	$\neg p$
T	F
F	T

Truth table

Conjunction (AND)

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

Disjunction (OR)

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

Exclusive OR

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

Disjunction (OR)

p	q	$p \vee q$
T	T	T
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Implication

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

p implies q
if p, then q
q if p
q when p
q whenever p
q follows from p
p is sufficient for q
a sufficient condition for q is p
q is necessary for p
a necessary condition for p is q
p only if q

Implication

p	q	$p \rightarrow q$
T	T	T
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Biconditional

p	q	$p \leftrightarrow q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	T

p if and only if q

p iff q

p is necessary and sufficient for q
if p then q and conversely

Translating from English

“You can access the internet from campus only if you are a computer science major or you are not a freshman”

a : You can access the internet from campus

c : You are a computer science major

f : You are a freshman

$$a \rightarrow (c \vee \neg f)$$

Precedence rules

Operator	Precedence
\neg	1
\wedge	2
\vee	3
\rightarrow	4
\leftrightarrow	5

Logical Equivalences

- A compound proposition that is always true is called a **tautology**.
- Propositions **p** and **q** are **logically equivalent** if they have the same truth values in all possible cases, i.e. if $p \leftrightarrow q$ is a tautology
- This is denoted by the notation $p \equiv q$
- Proved by verifying that truth tables agree or by using rules of logical equivalence

Equivalence by truth table

Show that $p \rightarrow q$ and $\neg p \vee q$ are logically equivalent

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

Logical Equivalences

Equivalence	Name
$p \wedge T \equiv p$ $p \vee F \equiv p$	Identity laws
$p \vee T \equiv T$ $p \wedge F \equiv F$	Domination laws
$p \vee p \equiv p$ $p \wedge p \equiv p$	Idempotent laws
$\neg(\neg p) \equiv p$	Double negation law

Logical Equivalences

Equivalence	Name
$p \vee q \equiv q \vee p$ $p \wedge q \equiv q \wedge p$	Commutative laws
$(p \vee q) \vee r \equiv p \vee (q \vee r)$ $(p \wedge q) \wedge r \equiv p \wedge (q \wedge r)$	Associative laws
$p \vee (q \wedge r) \equiv (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$ $p \wedge (q \vee r) \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$	Distributive laws

Logical Equivalences

Equivalence	Name
$\neg (p \wedge q) \equiv \neg p \vee \neg q$ $\neg (p \vee q) \equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q$	De Morgan's laws
$p \vee (p \wedge q) \equiv p$ $p \wedge (p \vee q) \equiv p$	Absorption laws
$p \vee \neg p \equiv T$ $p \wedge \neg p \equiv F$	Negation laws

Applying equivalence laws: example

Show that $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \vee q)$ is a tautology

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

$$\begin{aligned} &\equiv \neg (p \wedge q) \vee (p \vee q) && \text{example} \\ &\equiv (\neg p \vee \neg q) \vee (p \vee q) && \text{first De Morgan's Law} \\ &\equiv (\neg p \vee p) \vee (\neg q \vee q) && \text{associative and commutative laws} \\ &\equiv T \vee T \\ &\equiv T && \text{domination law} \end{aligned}$$

Other Equivalences

Implication

$$p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg p \vee q$$

$$p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg q \rightarrow \neg p$$

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

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

Biconditionals

$$p \leftrightarrow q \equiv (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$$

$$p \leftrightarrow q \equiv \neg q \leftrightarrow \neg p$$

$$p \leftrightarrow q \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q)$$

$$\neg (p \leftrightarrow q) \equiv p \leftrightarrow \neg q$$

Quantifiers

- Universal quantifier \forall
 $\forall x P(x)$
- Existential quantifier \exists
 $\exists x P(x)$

Negation of quantifiers

$$\neg \forall x P(x) \equiv \exists x \neg P(x)$$

$$\neg \exists x Q(x) \equiv \forall x \neg Q(x)$$

Rules of inference

Justification of steps used to show conclusion follows logically from a set of hypothesis.

e.g. The tautology $(p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)) \rightarrow q$ gives the following rule of inference called **modus ponens**

$$\frac{p \quad p \rightarrow q}{\therefore q}$$

Rule of inference	Name
p $\therefore p \vee q$	Addition
$p \wedge q$ $\therefore p$	Simplification
p q $\therefore p \wedge q$	Conjunction
p $p \rightarrow q$ $\therefore q$	Modus ponens
$\neg q$ $p \rightarrow q$ $\therefore \neg p$	Modus tollens
$p \rightarrow q$ $q \rightarrow r$ $\therefore p \rightarrow r$	Hypothetical syllogism
$p \vee q$ $\neg p$ $\therefore q$	Disjunctive syllogism