

# 1 The Foundations: Logic & Proofs

## 1.1 Propositional Logic

A proposition is a declarative sentence which is either true or false but not both

- Toronto is in Europe. Yes a proposition
- What's for lunch? No
- $x + 5 = 3/4$  No
- $2 = 6$  Yes
- $1 + 3 = 4$  Yes
- Toronto is in Canada. Yes

$p, q, r, \dots$  will be used to denote propositions

How can propositions be combined to create another propositions? What operations can be used?

negation  $\neg p$  "not  $p$ "

conjunction  $p \wedge q$  "p and q"

disjunction  $p \vee q$  "p or q"

When is  $\neg p$  true?  
When is  $p \wedge q$  true?  
When is  $p \vee q$  true?

Truth  
table

| $p$ | $\neg p$ |
|-----|----------|
| T   | F        |
| F   | T        |

| $p$ | $q$ | $p \wedge q$ | $p \vee q$ |
|-----|-----|--------------|------------|
| T   | T   | T            | T          |
| T   | F   | F            | T          |
| F   | T   | F            | T          |
| F   | F   | F            | F          |

- $\neg p$  is true when  $p$  is false.
- $p \wedge q$  is true when both  $p$  &  $q$  are true.
- $p \vee q$  is true when at least one of  $p$  or  $q$  is true

exclusive or (a.k.a. ~~XOR~~) is denoted by  $p \oplus q$  and is true ~~when~~ when exactly one of  $p$  or  $q$  is true and is false otherwise

Try to express  $p \oplus q$  in terms of  $\neg$ ,  $\wedge$ , and  $\vee$ .

| $(p \wedge \neg q) \vee (\neg p \wedge q)$ |     |                   |                   |  |              |
|--|-----|-------------------|-------------------|--|--------------|
| $p$  | $q$ | $p \wedge \neg q$ | $\neg p \wedge q$ | $(p \wedge \neg q) \vee (\neg p \wedge q)$ | $p \oplus q$ |
| T  | T   | F                 | F                 | F  | F            |
| T  | F   | T                 | F                 | T  | T            |
| F  | T   | F                 | T                 | T  | T            |
| F  | F   | F                 | F                 | F  | F            |

Let  $p, q$  be propositions. The conditional statement  $p \rightarrow q$  is the proposition which is true except in the case that  $p$  is true and  $q$  is false.

| $p$ | $q$ | $p \rightarrow q$ |
|-----|-----|-------------------|
| T   | T   | T                 |
| T   | F   | F                 |
| F   | T   | T                 |
| F   | F   | T                 |

"if  $p$ , then  $q$ "  
 " $p$  implies  $q$ "  
 " $q$  follows from  $p$ "

" $q$  is necessary for  $p$ "  
 " $p$  is sufficient for  $q$ "  
 and others...

$p$   $q$   
 • You ~~can~~ riding the train only if you <sup>have</sup> paid the fare.  
 are

This a conditional statement  
 $p =$  You can ride the train  
 $q =$  you have paid the fare

$$p \rightarrow q$$

Try to express  $p \rightarrow q$  using  $\neg, \vee, \wedge$

|   |                         |                            |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| <del><math>p \rightarrow q</math></del> | $\neg(p \wedge \neg q)$ | $(p \wedge q) \vee \neg p$ |
|   |                         | $\neg p \vee q$            |

denoted  $\equiv$

Two propositions are called equivalent if they always have the same truth values.

The converse of  $p \rightarrow q$  is  $q \rightarrow p$

The contrapositive of  $p \rightarrow q$  is  $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$

The inverse of  $p \rightarrow q$  is  $\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$

Is  $p \rightarrow q$  equivalent to any of its converse, contrapositives, or inverse?

Equivalent to contrapositive

method 1: Truth tables

method 2:  $p \rightarrow q \equiv (\neg p \vee q)$

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

"if and only if"

The biconditional statement  $p \leftrightarrow q$  is the proposition which is true exactly when  $p$  and  $q$  have the same truth values.

| $p$ | $q$ | $p \leftrightarrow q$ |
|-----|-----|-----------------------|
| T   | T   | T                     |
| T   | F   | F                     |
| F   | T   | F                     |
| F   | F   | T                     |

Express  $p \leftrightarrow q$  in terms of  $\neg, \vee, \wedge, \rightarrow$ .  
That is find equivalent propositions to  $p \leftrightarrow q$

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

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

The precedence of logical operators is

- 1)  $\neg$
- 2)  $\wedge$
- 3)  $\vee$
- 4)  $\rightarrow$
- 5)  $\leftrightarrow$

$\neg p \wedge q$  ~~is~~ is  $(\neg p) \wedge q$

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

$p \vee q \rightarrow r \wedge s$  is  $(p \vee q) \rightarrow (r \wedge s)$

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