

§ 1.1 - Propositional Logic

Defn. A proposition is a statement that is either true or false, but not both.

Ex. $p =$ "this course is discrete math" yes, a prop
Chiefs are the best subjective, so no.
Wichita is the capitol of Kansas False, yes a prop.
 $1 - 3 = 4$ Prop.

Operations w/ Propositions

1. Negation: The negation of a proposition p is the proposition denoted by $\neg p$ which has the opposite truth value of p .

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Ex. $p =$ "This course is discrete math"
 $\neg p =$ "It is not the case that this course is discrete math."
 or "This course is not discrete math."

Ex. $p = "1-3=4"$
 $\neg p = "1-3 \neq 4"$

2. Conjunction: Let p and q be propositions. The conjunction of p and q is a proposition, denoted by $p \wedge q$, read as "p and q."

Truth Table:

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

3. Disjunction: Let p and q be propositions. This disjunction of p and q is the proposition denoted by $p \vee q$, and read as " p or q , or both." (Inclusive!)

Truth Table:

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

4. Conditional: Let p and q be props. The conditional of p and q is denoted by $p \rightarrow q$ read as

"if p , then q "

" p implies q "

" q if p "

" p only if q "

Truth Table:

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

5. Biconditional: Let p and q be propositions. The biconditional of p and q is denoted by $p \leftrightarrow q$, and is defined to be

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

" p if and only if q "
" p iff q "

Truth Table:

p	q	$p \rightarrow q$	$q \rightarrow p$	$(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	F
F	T	T	F	F
F	F	T	T	T

Defn's. Consider the conditional $p \rightarrow q$.

1. The converse is $q \rightarrow p$

2. The inverse is $\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$

→ 3. The contrapositive is $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$

Defn. A proposition is said to be a tautology if it is always T.

A contradiction is always F.

Contradictions and tautologies are negations of one another.

Two propositions are logically equivalent if their biconditional is a tautology. $(p \leftrightarrow q)$

Ex. Show via truth table that $p \rightarrow q$ is logically equivalent to its contrapositive.

$$(p \rightarrow q) \equiv (\neg q \rightarrow \neg p) \quad \leftarrow$$

p	q	$p \rightarrow q$	$\neg q$	$\neg p$	$\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$	$(p \rightarrow q) \leftrightarrow (\neg q \rightarrow \neg p)$
T	T	T	F	F	T	T
T	F	F	T	F	F	T
F	T	T	F	T	T	T
F	F	T	T	T	T	T

Tautology!

Ex. $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r$

p	q	r	$p \wedge q$	$(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r$
T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	T	F
T	F	T	F	T
T	F	F	F	T
F	T	T	F	T
F	T	F	F	T
F	F	T	F	T
F	F	F	F	T

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