Propositional Equivalences

Section 1.3

Section Summary

- Tautologies, Contradictions, and Contingencies.
- Logical Equivalence
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  - Showing Logical Equivalence
- Normal Forms (*optional, covered in exercises in text*)
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- Propositional Satisfiability
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Tautologies, Contradictions, and Contingencies

- A *tautology* is a proposition which is always true.
  - Ex: $p \vee \neg p$
- A *contradiction* is a proposition which is always false.
  - Ex: $p \wedge \neg p$
- A *contingency* is a proposition which is neither a tautology nor a contradiction
  - Ex: p

P	$\neg p$	$p \vee \neg p$	$p \wedge \neg p$
T	F	T	F
F	T	T	F

Logically Equivalent

- Two compound propositions p and q are logically equivalent if $p \leftrightarrow q$ is a tautology.
- We write this as $p \Leftrightarrow q$ or as $p \equiv q$
- Two compound propositions p and q are equivalent if and only if the columns in a truth table giving their truth values agree.
- This truth table shows $\neg p \lor q \equiv p \rightarrow q$

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

De Morgan’s Laws

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

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

Augustus De Morgan
1806-1871

Show using a truth table that De Morgan’s Second Law holds.

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

Use De Morgan's laws to find the negation of the statement

- Jan is rich and happy.

p: Jan is rich

q: Jan is happy

$(p \land q)$

$\neg(p \land q) \equiv \neg p \lor \neg q$

Jan is **not** rich **or not** happy.

- Carlos will bicycle or run tomorrow.

$\neg(p \lor q) \equiv \neg p \land \neg q$

p: Carlos will bicycle tomorrow

q: Carlos will run tomorrow

$(p \lor q)$

Carlos will **not** bicycle **and** will **not** run tomorrow.

Key Logical Equivalences

- Double Negation Law: $\neg(\neg p) \equiv p$
- Negation Laws: $p \vee \neg p \equiv T$ $p \wedge \neg p \equiv F$
- Identity Laws: $p \vee F \equiv p$, $p \wedge T \equiv p$
- Domination Laws: $p \vee T \equiv T$, $p \wedge F \equiv F$
- Idempotent laws: $p \vee p \equiv p$, $p \wedge p \equiv p$

Key Logical Equivalences (*cont*)

- Commutative Laws: $p \lor q \equiv q \lor p \,, \quad p \land q \equiv q \land p$
- Associative Laws: $(p \land q) \land r \equiv p \land (q \land r)$
  $(p \lor q) \lor r \equiv p \lor (q \lor r)$
- Distributive Laws: $(p \lor (q \land r) \equiv (p \lor q)) \land (p \lor r)$

  $(p \land (q \lor r)) \equiv (p \land q) \lor (p \land r)$
- Absorption Laws: $p \lor (p \land q) \equiv p \,, \quad p \land (p \lor q) \equiv p$

More Logical Equivalences

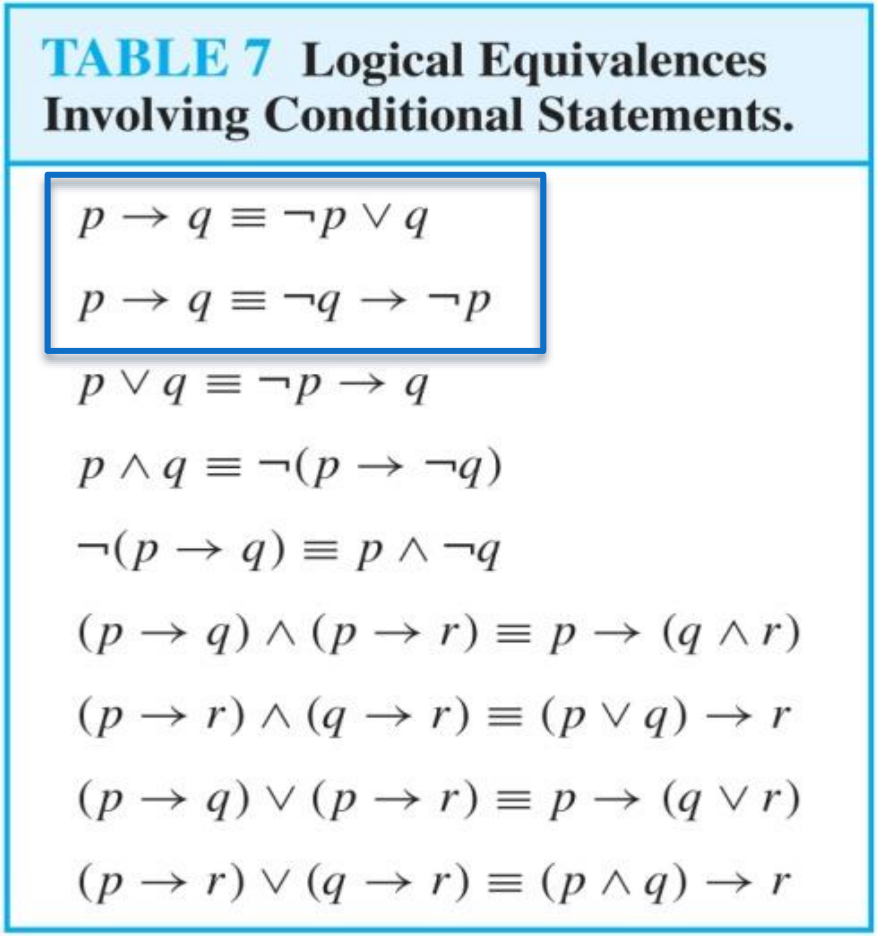

TABLE 7 **Logical Equivalences Involving Conditional Statements.**

$p \to q \equiv \neg p \vee q$

$p \to q \equiv \neg q \to \neg p$

$p \vee q \equiv \neg p \to q$

$p \wedge q \equiv \neg(p \to \neg q)$

$\neg(p \to q) \equiv p \wedge \neg q$

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

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

$(p \to q) \vee (p \to r) \equiv p \to (q \vee r)$

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

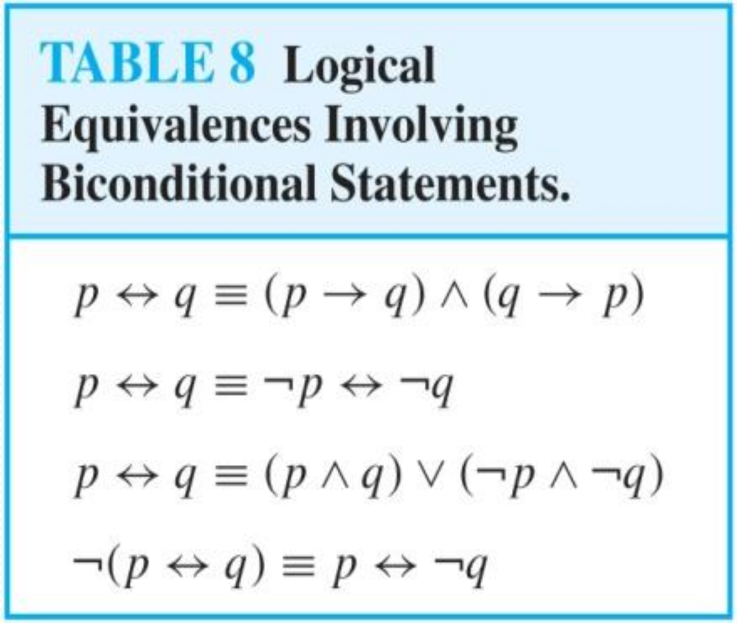

TABLE 8 **Logical Equivalences Involving Biconditional Statements.**

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

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

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

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

Constructing New Logical Equivalences

- We can show that two expressions are logically equivalent by developing a series of logically equivalent statements.
- To prove that $A \equiv B$ we produce a series of equivalences beginning with A and ending with B.

$$\begin{aligned} A &\equiv A_1 \\ &\equiv A_2 \\ &\equiv A_3 \\ &\ \vdots \\ &\equiv B \end{aligned}$$

Equivalence Proofs

Example: Show that $\neg(p \lor (\neg p \land q))$

is logically equivalent to $\neg p \land \neg q$

Solution:

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\begin{array}{rcll}
\neg(p \lor (\neg p \land q)) & \equiv & \neg p \land \neg(\neg p \land q) & \text{by the second De Morgan law} \\
& \equiv & \neg p \land [\neg(\neg p) \lor \neg q] & \text{by the first De Morgan law} \\
& \equiv & \neg p \land (p \lor \neg q) & \text{by the double negation law} \\
& \equiv & (\neg p \land p) \lor (\neg p \land \neg q) & \text{by the second distributive law} \\
& \equiv & F \lor (\neg p \land \neg q) & \text{because } \neg p \land p \equiv F \\
& \equiv & (\neg p \land \neg q) \lor F & \text{by the commutative law} \\
& & & \text{for disjunction} \\
& \equiv & (\neg p \land \neg q) & \text{by the identity law for } \mathbf{F}
\end{array}
$$

Equivalence Proofs

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

Solution:

$$
\begin{aligned}
(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \vee q) &\equiv \neg(p \wedge q) \vee (p \vee q) && \text{by truth table for } \rightarrow \\
&\equiv (\neg p \vee \neg q) \vee (p \vee q) && \text{by the first De Morgan law} \\
&\equiv (\neg p \vee p) \vee (\neg q \vee q) && \text{by associative and} \\
& && \text{commutative laws} \\
& && \text{laws for disjunction} \\
&\equiv T \vee T && \text{by truth tables} \\
&\equiv T && \text{by the domination law}
\end{aligned}
$$

DNF (*optional*)

- A propositional formula is in *disjunctive normal form* if it consists of a disjunction of conjunctive clauses
  - Yes $(p \land \neg q \land r) \lor (r \land s)$
  - No $p \land (p \lor q)$

- Disjunctive Normal Form is important for the circuit design methods discussed in Chapter 12.

DNF (*optional*)

Example: Show that every compound proposition can be put in disjunctive normal form.

Solution: Construct the truth table for the proposition. Then an equivalent proposition is the disjunction with *n* disjuncts (where *n* is the number of rows for which the formula evaluates to **T**). Each disjunct has m conjuncts where *m* is the number of distinct propositional variables. Each conjunct includes the positive form of the propositional variable if the variable is assigned **T** in that row and the negated form if the variable is assigned **F** in that row. This proposition is in disjunctive normal from.

DNF (*optional*)

Example: Find the Disjunctive Normal Form (DNF) of

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

Solution: This proposition is true when *r* is false or when both *p* and *q* are false.

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

CNF (*optional*)

- A compound proposition is in *Conjunctive Normal Form* (CNF) if it is a conjunction of disjunctions.
  - Yes $(F \lor \neg p) \land (\neg q \lor r)$
  - No $p \lor (q \land r)$
- Every proposition can be put in an equivalent CNF, through repeated application of the logical equivalences covered earlier (eliminating implications, moving negation inwards, and using distributive/associative laws).
- Important in resolution theorem proving used in AI.

CNF (*optional*)

Example: Put the following into CNF:

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

Solution:

1. Eliminate implication signs:

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

2. Move negation inwards; eliminate double negation:

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

3. Convert to CNF using associative/distributive laws

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

Propositional Satisfiability

- A compound proposition is *satisfiable* if there is an assignment of truth values to its variables that make it true. When no such assignments exist, the compound proposition is *unsatisfiable*.
- A compound proposition is unsatisfiable if and only if its a contradiction (i.e., always false).

Questions on Propositional Satisfiability

Example: Determine the satisfiability of the following compound propositions:

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

Solution: Satisfiable. Assign **T** to *p, q,* and *r*.

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

Solution: Satisfiable. Assign **T** to *p* and ***F*** to *q*.

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

Solution: Not satisfiable. Check each possible assignment of truth values to the propositional variables and none will make the proposition true.

Notation

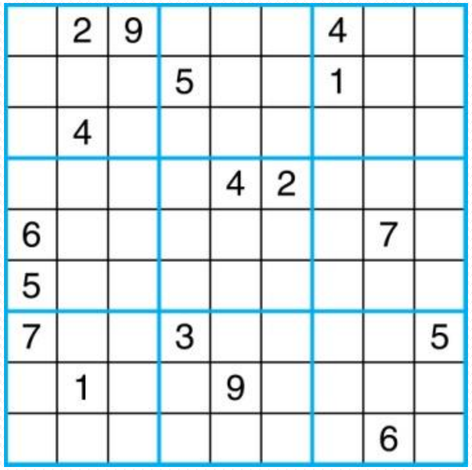
$$\bigvee_{j=1}^{n} p_j \text{ is used for } p_1 \vee p_2 \vee \ldots \vee p_n$$

$$\bigwedge_{j=1}^{n} p_j \text{ is used for } p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge \ldots \wedge p_n$$

Needed for the next example.

Sudoku

- A **Sudoku puzzle** is represented by a 9×9 grid made up of nine 3×3 subgrids, known as **blocks**. Some of the 81 cells of the puzzle are assigned one of the numbers 1,2, …, 9.

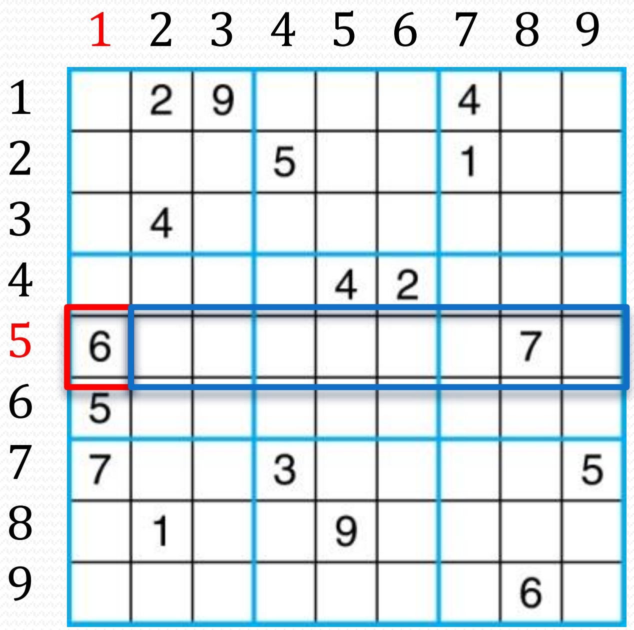


	2	9				4		
			5			1		
	4							
				4	2			
6							7	
5								
7			3					5
	1			9				
							6	

- The puzzle is solved by assigning numbers to each blank cell so that every row, column and block contains each of the nine possible numbers.

Encoding as a Satisfiability Problem

- Let $p(i,j,n)$ denote the proposition that is true when the number n is in the cell in the ith row and the jth column.
- There are 9×9×9 = 729 such propositions.
- In the sample puzzle $p(5,1,6)$ is true, but $p(5,j,6)$ is false for $j = 2,3,\ldots 9$



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1		2	9				4		
2				5			1		
3		4							
4					4	2			
5	6							7	
6	5								
7	7			3					5
8		1			9				
9								6	

Encoding (cont)

column

row

value

- For each cell with a given value *n*, assert *p*(*i*,*j*,*n*).
- Assert that every row contains every number.

$$\bigwedge_{i=1}^{9}\bigwedge_{n=1}^{9}\bigvee_{j=1}^{9} p(i,j,n)$$

- Assert that every column contains every number.

$$\bigwedge_{j=1}^{9}\bigwedge_{n=1}^{9}\bigvee_{i=1}^{9} p(i,j,n)$$

Encoding (cont)

- Assert that each of the 3 x 3 blocks contain every number.

$$\bigwedge_{r=0}^{2}\bigwedge_{s=0}^{2}\bigwedge_{n=1}^{9}\bigvee_{i=1}^{3}\bigvee_{j=1}^{3} p(3r+i, 3s+j, n)$$

  (this is tricky - ideas from chapter 4 help)

- Assert that no cell contains more than one number. Take the conjunction over all values of *n*, *n’*, *i*, and j, where each variable ranges from 1 to 9 and $n \neq n'$, of $p(i,j,n) \rightarrow \neg p(i,j,n')$

Solving Satisfiability Problems

- To solve a Sudoku puzzle, we need to find an assignment of truth values to the 729 variables of the form $p(i,j,n)$ that makes the conjunction of the assertions true. Those variables that are assigned T yield a solution to the puzzle.
- A truth table can always be used to determine the satisfiability of a compound proposition.
  - Too complex even for modern computers for large problems.
- There has been much work on developing efficient methods for solving satisfiability problems as many practical problems can be translated into satisfiability problems.