

Logical Connectives

not P

$\neg P$

P	$\neg P$
T	F
F	T

P and Q

$P \wedge Q$

P	Q	$P \wedge Q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	F

P or Q

$P \vee Q$

P	Q	$P \vee Q$
T	T	T
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

P implies Q
IF P, then Q

$P \Rightarrow Q$

P	Q	$P \Rightarrow Q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

(Example Continued from Tuesday: For which $x \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ is $(x > 1) \Rightarrow (3x - 8 \geq 0)$ a true statement?

$$P(x): x > 1 \quad Q(x): 3x - 8 \geq 0$$

$$x = 2: \quad P(2): 2 > 1 \quad Q(2): -2 \geq 0$$

If $\underbrace{2 > 1}_{\text{True}}$, then $\underbrace{-2 \geq 0}_{\text{False}}$. False

$$x = 3 \quad P(3): 3 > 1 \quad Q(3): 1 \geq 0$$

If $\underbrace{3 > 1}_{\text{True}}$, then $\underbrace{1 \geq 0}_{\text{True}}$. True

$P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x)$ is True when $x \in \{0, 1, 3\}$.

Premise and Conclusion

In an implication,

$$P \Rightarrow Q \quad P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x)$$

P is called the premise or hypothesis.

Q is called the conclusion.

2.6

The Biconditional

The Converse of a Implication

The converse of $P \Rightarrow Q$ is $Q \Rightarrow P$.

EX If $2x-1 > 0$, then $x > 0$.

Converse: If $x > 0$, then $2x-1 > 0$.

The Biconditional

Suppose P and Q are two statements (open sentences.)

$$(P \Rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \Rightarrow P)$$

is called a biconditional statement, written

$$P \Leftrightarrow Q$$

P is equivalent to Q

P if and only if Q

EX P : 10 is even Q : $10 = 2 \cdot 5$

$$P \Leftrightarrow Q$$

If 10 is even, then $10 = 2 \cdot 5$ and If $10 = 2 \cdot 5$, then 10 is even.

10 is even if and only if $10 = 2 \cdot 5$.

2.7 Compound Statements, Tautologies, Contradictions

EX If $(3^2=9)$ and (7 is odd) then (5 is prime) or (7 is even)

This is a compound statement, that is, a statement made up of smaller component statements, and one or more of $\neg, \vee, \wedge, \Rightarrow, \Leftrightarrow$

$P: 3^2=9$ $Q: 7 \text{ is odd}$ $R: 5 \text{ is prime}$
 $\neg Q: 7 \text{ is even}$

$$(P \wedge Q) \Rightarrow (R \vee \neg Q)$$

Is this statement True or False?

P is True, Q is True, so $P \wedge Q$ is True.

R is True, $\neg Q$ is False, so $R \vee \neg Q$ is True.

So

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (P \wedge Q) & \Rightarrow & (R \vee \neg Q) \\ \text{T} & & \text{T} \end{array}$$

is TRUE.

A ^{compound} statement is a tautology if it is true for all possible truth values of its component statements.

EX $P \vee (\neg P)$ is a tautology.

P	$\neg P$	$P \vee (\neg P)$
T	F	T
F	T	T

↑
All possible
truth values
of P

↑
Always True

EX The 1000th digit of π is 7 or the 1000th digit of π is not 7.
is True, even if we don't know the 1000th digit of π .

A Compound statement is a contradiction if it is false for every possible truth value of its component statements.

EX $P \wedge (\neg P)$ is a contradiction.

P	$\neg P$	$P \wedge (\neg P)$
T	F	F
F	T	F

↑
Always False

$$\underline{\text{EX}} \quad (P \Rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \Rightarrow R) \Rightarrow (P \Rightarrow R)$$

[See truth table on next page]

This is a tautology. It is always true regardless of the truth values of P, Q, R.

Note: If $x > 3$, then $x > 2$. $P \Rightarrow Q$

If $x > 2$, then $x > 1$. $Q \Rightarrow R$

So

If $x > 3$, then $x > 1$. $P \Rightarrow R$

This is called a Syllogism.

$$\underline{\text{EX}} \quad (\text{A HW problem}) \quad \left((P \Rightarrow Q) \wedge P \right) \Rightarrow Q$$

Note: If $x > 2$, then $x > 1$. $P \Rightarrow Q$

$x > 2$

P

So

$x > 1$.

Q

This is called modus ponens.

Note If P is a tautology, then $\neg P$ is a contradiction.

P	Q	R	$P \Rightarrow Q$	$Q \Rightarrow R$	$(P \Rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \Rightarrow R)$	$P \Rightarrow (Q \wedge R)$	$(P \Rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \Rightarrow R) \Rightarrow (P \Rightarrow R)$
T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	T	F	F	F	T
T	F	T	F	T	F	T	T
T	F	F	F	T	F	F	T
F	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	T	F	F	T	T
F	F	T	T	T	T	T	T
F	F	F	T	T	T	T	T

All possible truth values

Always true

2.8 Logical Equivalence

EX $R: P \Rightarrow Q$

$S: (\neg P) \vee Q$

P	Q	$P \Rightarrow Q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

P	Q	$\neg P$	$(\neg P) \vee Q$
T	T	F	T
T	F	F	F
F	T	T	T
F	F	T	T

Same

In this case, we say R and S are

logically equivalent, written

$$R \equiv S$$