



CS275 Discrete Mathematics

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Goal for labs

- Review contents
- Practice for homeworks/tests
- Answer questions
- Help you better understand the course & get the grade you aimed

Logic and Proof

Section 1.1 - 1.6



What is a **proposition**?

- A **proposition** is a declarative statement that is **True** or **False** but not both.
 - E.g., Tony is original from China.



Negation of a proposition ($\neg p$)

- $\neg p$: it is not the case that p
 - E.g.,
 - $p = \text{true}$, $\neg p = \text{false}$
 - $P = \text{“Today is Wed.”}$, $\neg p = \text{“Today is NOT Wed.”}$



Conjunction of p and q ($p \wedge q$)

- The conjunction $p \wedge q$ (p and q) is true if both p and q are true; otherwise it is false.
 - E.g.,
 - p = “Today is Wed.”, q = “Today is 01/01.”
 - $p \wedge q$ = ?



Disjunction of p and q ($p \vee q$)

- The disjunction $p \vee q$ (p or q) is false if both p and q are false; otherwise, it is true.
 - E.g.,
 - p = “Today is Wed.”, q = “Today is 01/01.”
 - $p \vee q$ = ?

Conditional statement ($p \rightarrow q$)

- The conditional statement $p \rightarrow q$ (if p then q) is false when p is true and q is false; otherwise, it is true.
 - E.g., p = “If I have a keyboard”, q = “I can type”
 - If p is true, q is true, $p \rightarrow q$ is true
 - If p is false, q is false
 - “If I DON’T have a keyboard, I CAN’T type”
 - Could be! Thus, $p \rightarrow q$ = true
 - If p is false, q is true,
 - “If I don’t have a keyboard, I still type”, thus, $p \rightarrow q$ is true
 - If p is true, q is false,
 - “If I have a keyboard, I cannot type”
 - Why?! Thus, $p \rightarrow q$ = **false**

Conditional statement ($p \rightarrow q$)

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

- E.g., p = “If I have a keyboard”, q = “I can type”
 - If p is true, q is true
 - $\neg p \vee q$: “if I don’t have a keyboard, I can type” TRUE
 - If p is false, q is false
 - $\neg p \vee q$: “if I have have a keyboard, I cannot type” FALSE
 - If p is false, q is true
 - $\neg p \vee q$: “if I don’t have a keyboard, I still can type” TRUE
 - If p is true, q is false
 - $\neg p \vee q$: “if I don’t have a keyboard, I cannot type” TRUE

Prove $p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg p \vee q$ (using truth table)

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

Converse of $p \rightarrow q$ & Contraposition of $p \rightarrow q$

- Converse of $p \rightarrow q$ is $q \rightarrow p$
- The contraposition of $p \rightarrow q$ is $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$
- $p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg q \rightarrow \neg p$

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



Biconditional statement ($p \leftrightarrow q$)

- A biconditional statement $p \leftrightarrow q$ (if p and only if q) is true if both operands are true or both operands are false

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

Exercise: Prove $p \leftrightarrow q \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q)$ using truth table

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