

1. A **proposition** is a statement that is either true (T) or false (F), but not both.

Standard notation for a proposition: p, q, r, \dots

2. New propositions, called **compound proposition**, are formed from existing propositions using logical operations

Four basic compound propositions:

- (a) **Negation** of p : $\neg p =$ “It is not the case that p ”
- (b) **Conjunction** of p and q : $p \wedge q =$ “ p and q ”
- (c) **Disjunction** of p and q : $p \vee q =$ “ p or q ” (“inclusive or”)
- (d) **Exclusive disjunction** of p and q : $p \oplus q =$ “this is true either p or q but not both are true”

Truth tables display the relationships between the true values of propositions:

p	$\neg p$	p	q	$p \wedge q$	p	q	$p \vee q$	p	q	$p \oplus q$
T	F	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	F
T	F	T	F	F	T	F	T	T	F	T
F	T	F	T	F	F	T	T	F	T	T
F	T	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F

3. (a) The **Implication** $p \rightarrow q$ is the proposition “if p then q ”

p is called *hypothesis*, and q is called the *conclusion*.

Some other common ways of expressing this implications are: “ p implies q ”, “ p only if q ”, “ p sufficient for q ”, and “ q necessary for p ”

The proposition $q \rightarrow p$ is called the **converse** of $p \rightarrow q$.

The **contrapositive** of $p \rightarrow q$ is the proposition $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$.

- (b) **Biconditional** proposition $p \leftrightarrow q$ is the compound proposition “ p if and only if q ”,
- (c) Truth tables of $p \rightarrow q$ and $p \leftrightarrow q$

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

4. More terminology

- (a) A compound proposition is called a **tautology** if that is **always true**, no matter what the truth values of the propositions that occur in it.
- (b) A compound proposition that is **always false** is called a **contradiction**.
- (c) A proposition that is neither a tautology nor a contradiction is called a **contingency**.
- (d) The compound propositions p and q are called **logically equivalent** if $p \leftrightarrow q$ is a *tautology*.

Notation: $p \equiv q$

A way to determine whether two propositions are equivalent is to use a truth table.

Example: Prove De Morgan's law $\neg(p \vee q) \equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q$

5. (a) **Propositional function** $P(x)$: a statement involving the variables x

The *domain of discourse*, denoted as U , is the set of values x that x is allowed to take in $P(x)$.

- (b) The **universal quantification** of $P(x)$ is the proposition

“ $P(x)$ is true for all value of x in U ”.

Notation: $\forall x P(x)$, \forall is called the universal quantifier.

Truth values of $\forall x P(x)$

“ $\forall x P(x)$ ” = True, when $P(x)$ is true for every x in U .

“ $\forall x P(x)$ ” = False, when there is an x in U for which $P(x)$ is false.

- (c) The **existential quantification** of $P(x)$ is the proposition

“There exists an element x in U such that $P(x)$ is true”

Notation: $\exists x P(x)$. \exists is called the existential quantifier.

Truth values of $\exists x P(x)$

“ $\exists x P(x)$ ” = True, when there is an x in U for which $P(x)$ is true.

“ $\exists x P(x)$ ” = False, when $P(x)$ is false for every x in U .