

Exercise Session 1:

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Exercise 1 Let p and q be the propositions "Swimming at the New Jersey shore is allowed" and "Sharks have been spotted near the shore", respectively

Express each of these as an English sentence.

a). $p \Rightarrow \neg q$, **b).** $\neg q \Rightarrow p$, **c).** $p \Leftrightarrow q$

Solution: We have two propositions

$p :=$ "*Swimming at the New Jersey shore is allowed*"

$q :=$ "*Sharks have been spotted near the shore*"

What is $\neg q$?

$\neg q =$ "*Sharks have not been spotted near the shore*"

- a.)** If swimming at the New Jersey Shore is allowed then Sharks have not been spotted near the shore.
- b.)** If sharks have not been spotted near the shore then swimming is allowed.
- c.)** Swimming is allowed iff sharks have been spotted near the shore.

Exercise 2 Determine whether each of these conditional statements is true or false.

- a). If $1 + 1 = 2$ then $2 + 2 = 5$.
- b). If $1 + 1 = 3$ then $2 + 2 = 4$.
- c). If $1 + 1 = 3$ then $2 + 2 = 5$.
- d). If monkeys can fly, then $1 + 1 = 3$

First define

$$\begin{aligned} p &:= 1 + 1 = 2 \\ q &:= 2 + 2 = 5 \\ r &:= 1 + 1 = 3 \\ s &:= 2 + 2 = 4 \\ t &:= \text{"Monkeys can fly"} \end{aligned}$$

- a). We can express these mathematically as $p \Rightarrow q$. Here p is True and q is False. Thus we get the truth table

p	q	$p \Rightarrow q$
T	F	F

- b). We can express this mathematically as $r \Rightarrow s$. Here r is False and s is True. Thus we get the truth table

r	s	$r \Rightarrow s$
F	T	T

- c). We can express this mathematically as $r \Rightarrow q$. Here r is False and q is False. Thus we get the truth table

r	q	$r \Rightarrow q$
F	F	T

- d). We can express this mathematically as $t \Rightarrow r$. Here t is False (Ever seen a flying Monkey?) and r is False. Thus we get the truth table

t	r	$t \Rightarrow r$
F	F	T

Exercise 3: Construct the truth table for the following conditional statement:

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

Solution: The smallest building stones would be p and q . $\neg q$ has the truth table

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

The truth table for $p \wedge q$ can be copied from the appendix

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

Truth table for $p \vee \neg q$ can be constructed by looking at the truth table of $p \vee q$ from the appendix

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

Truth table for $(p \vee \neg q) \Rightarrow p \wedge q$ can be constructed by looking at the truth table for $p \Rightarrow q$ in the appendix

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

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

Exercise 4: Show that $\neg(p \Rightarrow q)$ and $p \wedge \neg q$ are logically equivalent.

Solution 1: To get the truth table for $\neg(p \Rightarrow q)$ we can simply copy it from appendix.

p	q	$p \Rightarrow q$	$\neg(p \Rightarrow q)$
T	T	T	F
T	F	F	T
F	T	T	F
F	F	T	F

The truth table for $p \wedge \neg q$ can be found by comparing to $p \wedge q$.

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

Since they share the same truth tables they are equivalent

Solution 2:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \neg(p \Rightarrow q) &= \neg(\neg p \vee q) \quad [p \Rightarrow q = \neg p \vee q], \text{ see appendix p.145 of Course Script.} \\
 &= \neg(\neg p) \wedge \neg q \text{ according to the second De Morgan law } [\neg(p \vee q) = \neg p \wedge \neg q]. \\
 &= p \wedge \neg q \text{ since } \neg(\neg p) = p.
 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 5: Show that $\neg(p \vee (\neg p \wedge q))$ and $\neg p \wedge \neg q$ are logically equivalent.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\neg(p \vee (\neg p \wedge q)) &= \neg p \wedge \neg(\neg p \wedge q) && \text{De Morgan I} \\ &= \neg p \wedge (\neg(\neg p) \vee \neg q) && \text{De Morgan I} \\ &= \neg p \wedge (p \vee \neg q) && \neg(\neg p) = p \\ &= (\neg p \wedge p) \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q) && \text{Distributive law I} \\ &= F \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q) && \text{Negation law I} \\ &= \neg p \wedge \neg q && \text{Identity law I}\end{aligned}$$

Exercise 6: Determine wheter $(p \vee \neg q) \wedge (q \vee \neg r) \wedge (r \vee \neg p)$ is satisfiable.

Solution: Recall that a compund proposition is **satisfiable** if there is an assignment of truth values to its vriables that makes it true.

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

Table 1: Truth table for $(p \vee \neg q)$

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

Table 2: Truth table for $(q \vee \neg r)$

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

Table 3: Truth table $(r \vee \neg p)$

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

Table 4: Truth table for $(p \vee \neg q) \wedge (q \vee \neg r)$

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

Table 5: Truth table for $(p \vee \neg q) \wedge (q \vee \neg r) \wedge (r \vee \neg p)$

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

Hence $(p \vee \neg q) \wedge (q \vee \neg r) \wedge (r \vee \neg p)$ is satisfiable.

Exercise 7: Express the statement "Some students in this class has visited" using predicates and quantifiers.

Solution: Let x denote a person. We can rephrase the statement as: There exists a person or several people x who are students in this class and who have also visited Mexico.

This statement can be divided into two statements. Let

$$\begin{aligned}M(x) &:= \text{"}x \text{ has visited Mexico"} \\S(x) &:= \text{"}x \text{ is a student in this class."}\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the full statements can be written as $\exists x(S(x) \wedge M(x))$

Exercise 8: Express the statement "Every student in this class has visited Mexico" using predicates and quantifiers.

Solution: Let x denote a person. We can rephrase the statement as: If you are a student in the class, it implies that you have been to either Canada or Mexico. Thus we can divide the statement into the following three statements.

$$\begin{aligned}S(x) &= x \text{ is a student in this class.} \\M(x) &= x \text{ has visited Mexico.} \\C(x) &= x \text{ has visited Canada.}\end{aligned}$$

so we can write

$$\begin{aligned}&= \text{For every person } x \text{ if } x \text{ is a student in this class then } x \text{ has visited Mexico or Canada} \\&= \forall x(S(x) \Rightarrow (C(x) \vee M(x)))\end{aligned}$$