CSc 245 — Introduction to Discrete Structures
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The Page O' Logical Equivalences ("POLE")

Table I: Some Equivalences using AND ($\wedge$) and OR ($\vee$):

(a)	$p \wedge p \equiv p$ $p \vee p \equiv p$	Idempotent Laws
(b)	$p \wedge \mathbf{F} \equiv \mathbf{F}$ $p \vee \mathbf{T} \equiv \mathbf{T}$	Domination Laws
(c)	$p \wedge \mathbf{T} \equiv p$ $p \vee \mathbf{F} \equiv p$	Identity Laws
(d)	$p \wedge q \equiv q \wedge p$ $p \vee q \equiv q \vee p$	Commutative Laws
(e)	$(p \wedge q) \wedge r \equiv p \wedge (q \wedge r)$ $(p \vee q) \vee r \equiv p \vee (q \vee r)$	Associative Laws
(f)	$p \wedge (q \vee r) \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$ $p \vee (q \wedge r) \equiv (p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$	Distributive Laws
(g)	$p \wedge (p \vee q) \equiv p$ $p \vee (p \wedge q) \equiv p$	Absorption Laws

Table II: Some More Equivalences (adding Negation ($\neg$)):

(a)	$\neg(\neg p) \equiv p$	Double Negation
(b)	$p \wedge \neg p \equiv \mathbf{F}$ $p \vee \neg p \equiv \mathbf{T}$	Negation Laws
(c)	$\neg(p \wedge q) \equiv \neg p \vee \neg q$ $\neg(p \vee q) \equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q$	De Morgan's Laws

Table III: Still More Equivalences (adding Implication ($\rightarrow$)):

(a)	$p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg p \vee q$	Law of Implication
(b)	$p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg q \rightarrow \neg p$	Law of the Contrapositive
(c)	$\mathbf{T} \rightarrow p \equiv p$	"Law of the True Antecedent"
(d)	$p \rightarrow \mathbf{F} \equiv \neg p$	"Law of the False Consequent"
(e)	$p \rightarrow p \equiv \mathbf{T}$	Self-implication (a.k.a. Reflexivity)
(f)	$p \rightarrow q \equiv (p \wedge \neg q) \rightarrow \mathbf{F}$	Reductio Ad Absurdum
(g)	$\neg p \rightarrow q \equiv p \vee q$	
(h)	$\neg(p \rightarrow q) \equiv p \wedge \neg q$	
(i)	$\neg(p \rightarrow \neg q) \equiv p \wedge q$	
(j)	$(p \rightarrow q) \vee (q \rightarrow p) \equiv \mathbf{T}$	Totality
(k)	$(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r \equiv p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$	Exportation Law (a.k.a. Currying)
(l)	$(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r \equiv (p \rightarrow r) \vee (q \rightarrow r)$	
(m)	$(p \vee q) \rightarrow r \equiv (p \rightarrow r) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)$	
(n)	$p \rightarrow (q \wedge r) \equiv (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (p \rightarrow r)$	
(o)	$p \rightarrow (q \vee r) \equiv (p \rightarrow q) \vee (p \rightarrow r)$	
(p)	$p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r) \equiv q \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r)$	Commutativity of Antecedents

Table IV: Yet More Equivalences (adding Exclusive OR ($\oplus$) and Biimplication ($\leftrightarrow$)):

(a)	$p \leftrightarrow q \equiv (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$	Definition of Biimplication
(b)	$p \leftrightarrow q \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q)$	
(c)	$p \leftrightarrow q \equiv \neg p \leftrightarrow \neg q$	
(d)	$p \oplus q \equiv (p \wedge \neg q) \vee (\neg p \wedge q)$	Definition of Exclusive Or
(e)	$p \oplus q \equiv \neg(p \leftrightarrow q)$	
(f)	$p \oplus q \equiv p \leftrightarrow \neg q \equiv \neg p \leftrightarrow q$	

Notes:

1. p, q, and r represent arbitrary logical expressions. They may represent equivalent expressions (e.g., if $p \equiv q$, then by Absorption $p \wedge (p \vee p) \equiv p$).
2. $\mathbf{T}$ and $\mathbf{F}$ represent the logical values True and False, respectively.
3. These tables show many of the common and/or useful logical equivalences; this is not an exhaustive collection!