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# Logic

# What is Logic?

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**Definition:** *Philosophical Logic*

The study of thought and reasoning, including arguments and proof techniques.

This is the classical notion of logic

**Definition:** *Mathematical Logic*

The use of formal languages and grammars to represent syntax and semantics of computation

# Propositional Logic

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Propositional Logic is part of Mathematical Logic.

Versions include:

**What we  
use in this  
course**

- *First Order Logic* (FOL a.k.a. *First Order Predicate Calculus (FOPC)*) *includes simple term variables and quantifications*
- *Second Order Logic* allows its variable to represent more complex structures (in particular, predicates)
- *Modal Logic* adds support for modalities; that is concepts such as possibility and necessity.

# Why Are We Studying Logic?

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Logic has many applications to computer science:

- Logic is the foundation of computer operation
- Logical conditions are common in programs:
  - Selection: `if (score <= max) { ... }`
  - Iteration: `while (i < limit && list[i] != stopValue) ...`
- Structures in computing have properties that need to be proven
  - **Examples:** Trees, Graphs, Recursive Algorithms
- Whole programs can be proven correct
- Computational Linguistics must represent and reason about human language, and language represents thought (and thus logic)

# Propositions

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## **Definition:** Proposition

A declarative sentence that is either true (**T**) or false (**F**), but not both.

## **Definition:** Atomic (simple) proposition

A proposition that cannot be expressed in terms of simpler propositions (it includes no logical operators)

# Propositions - Examples

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- Propositions:

Truth Value of Proposition

- $1 + 1 = 2$  **(True)**

- $2 + 2 = 5$  **(False)**

- Tucson summers never get above 100 degrees **(False)**

- Not Propositions:

- $x * y < z$  **(depends on  $x, y, z$ )**

- What time is it? **(Question)**

- This sentence is false. **(Paradox)**

# Playposit Question

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- Which of the following are propositions?
  - Red Rising is a great book.
  - $x^2 > 15$
  - I want a cat.
  - $3^2 > 15$
  - How hot is it outside?

# Propositional Variables

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- To reduce writing required, we label propositions with lower-case letters, called propositional variables.
- Examples:
  - **h**: “Helena is the capital of Montana”
  - For brevity, we use either:
    1. A meaningful letter (**h**)
    2. **p, q, r, s,...** (these are the standard letters used)



# Examples

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- Using the propositions from the last playposit question:
  - $r$ : Red Rising is a great book.
  - $c$ : I want a cat.
  - $q$ :  $3^2 > 15$

# Compound Propositions

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**Definition:** *Compound Proposition*

A proposition formed by combining propositions using logical operators

**What do we use to combine them?**

# Logical Operators

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- Connective Logical Operators - Operators used to combine 2 or more propositions
  1. Conjunctions
  2. Disjunctions
- Logical Operators on a single proposition:
  3. Negations

# Conjunctions

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## Definition: Conjunction

A conjunction of  $p$  and  $q$  is the proposition “ $p$  and  $q$ ”

- Conjunctions are denoted by  $p \wedge q$
- They are only true when both  $p$  and  $q$  are true
- Examples:
  - $p$ : Rodger is a dog
  - $q$ : Rodger likes to bark at cats.
  - $p \wedge q$ : Rodger is a dog and likes to bark at cats.



# In Programming...

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- Let's say we are creating a program for finding a car
- People often want to cars with good gas mileage (>30mpg) and low cost (<\$12,000), so we write a function that checks this

```
def check_car(Car c):  
    return (c.gas_mileage > 30) && (c.price < 12000);
```

$g$ : the car ( $c$ ) has gas mileage is greater than 30mpg

$p$ : the car ( $c$ ) costs less than \$12,000

We can rewrite the return statement as :

```
return  $g \wedge p$ 
```

# Disjunctions

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## Definition: Disjunction

A disjunction of  $p$  and  $q$  is the proposition “ $p$  or  $q$ ”

- Disjunctions are denoted by  $p \vee q$
- Example:
  - $p$ : Harry will destroy the Horcruxes.
  - $q$ : Harry will find the Deathly Hallows.
  - $p \vee q$ : Harry will destroy the Horcruxes or find the Deathly Hallows.

**Under what circumstances is  $p \vee q$  true?**

# Disjunctions - Inclusive

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- Proposition: Harry will destroy the Horcruxes ( $p$ ) or find the Deathly Hallows ( $q$ )
- $p \vee q$  is true if:
  1.  $p$  is true (Harry destroys the Horcruxes)
  2.  $q$  is true (Harry finds the deathly hallows)
  3. Both  $p$  and  $q$  are true, (Harry destroys the Horcruxes and finds the Deathly Hallows)
- Since the third option is acceptable, the disjunction is inclusive. By default,  $p \vee q$  denotes inclusive disjunctions.

# Disjunctions - Exclusive

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- Consider the proposition: Harry will destroy the Horcruxes ( $p$ ) or Voldemort will be immortal ( $q$ )
- $p \vee q$  is true if:
  1.  $p$  is true (Harry destroys the Horcruxes)
  2.  $q$  is true (Voldemort is immortal)
- But it's not true if:
  - Both  $p$  and  $q$  are true, (Harry destroys the Horcruxes but Voldemort is still immortal.)
- Since the third option is not acceptable, the disjunction is exclusive. This is denoted by  $p \oplus q$  (or XOR).



# Disjunction Examples

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- The computer was a MacBook or a Thinkpad
- For dessert, you can have cake or ice cream
- His birthday is in June or July.

# Playposit Question

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- Which of the following are exclusive disjunctions?
  - My favorite show is either The Office or Brooklyn 99
  - You can major in CS or Math
  - For Saturday, I will bake rye cookies or apple cake.
  - At 7pm, we will walk Rodger or go to Andrew's house
  - Tomorrow, the high will be above 90 or below 80

# In Programming...

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- Let's say we are creating a program for finding a restaurant
- You want to eat burgers or Mediterranean food.

```
def check_restaurant(Restaurant r):  
    return (r.type=="Mediterranean") ||  
           (r.has_burgers==true)
```

*m*: the restaurant (r) serves Mediterranean food

*b*: the restaurant (r) serves burgers

We can rewrite the return statement as :

```
return m ∨ b
```

# In Programming...

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- If we wanted a Restaurant that either serves steak or vegan food

```
def check_restaurant(Restaurant r):  
    return (r.has_steak==true) ^ (r.is_vegan==true)
```

$s$ : the restaurant ( $r$ ) serves steak

$v$ : the restaurant ( $r$ ) is vegan

We can rewrite the return statement as :

```
return  $s \vee v$ 
```

# Negation

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## Definition: Negation

The negation of proposition  $p$ , is the statement “it is not the case that  $p$ .”

- Negations are denoted by  $\neg p$  (also denoted  $\bar{p}$ )
- Example:
  - $p$  : I love computers
  - $\neg p$  : It is not the case that I love computers
    - I do not love computers
    - I hate computers

# Negations - Examples

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- $p$ : Eleanor took a nap
  - $\neg p$ : Eleanor did not take a nap
  - Eleanor skipped her nap
- $\neg p$ : they will lose the game
  - $p$ : they will win the game

# In Programming...

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- We are writing a program to decide what board game to play.
- We don't want to play a card game

```
def check_game (Game g) :  
    return !(g.card == true)
```

$c$ : the game ( $g$ ) is a card game

We can rewrite the return statement as :

```
return  $\neg c$ 
```

# Playposit Question

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- Which of the following are negations of “Olives are delicious”?
  - Olives are gross.
  - Pickles are delicious.
  - Olives taste bad.
  - Olives are not delicious.
  - Olives are too squishy.



# Truth Tables

- Truth tables show us all possible truth values of a given proposition
- Structure of truth table for  $\neg(p \wedge q)$  :

Proposition Labels

Sequence of propositions (building to the proposition of interest)

All possible combinations of logical values

Evaluations

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

# Truth Tables

- Truth tables of  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ ,  $\oplus$ , and  $\neg$ .

NOT ( $\neg$ )	
$p$	$\neg p$
T	F
F	T

AND ( $\wedge$ )		
$p$	$q$	$(p \wedge q)$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	F

OR ( $\vee$ )		
$p$	$q$	$(p \vee q)$
T	T	T
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

XOR ( $\oplus$ )		
$p$	$q$	$(p \oplus q)$
T	T	F
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	F

# Truth Tables

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- Break down the compound proposition so that we have 1 column for each nested proposition:

**Example:**  $\neg(p \wedge q) \vee \neg r$

There are 7 nested propositions :

The three, labeled, atomic propositions:  $p, q, r$

Four compound proposition to build to the final one:

$$p \wedge q, \quad \neg(p \wedge q), \quad \neg r, \quad \neg(p \wedge q) \vee \neg r$$

# Truth Tables

- Example:  $\neg(q \wedge p) \vee \neg s$

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

# Playposit Question

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How many columns will the proposition  $\neg q \vee (p \wedge q)$  have?

A. 3

B. 4

C. 5

D. 6

E. 7

# Playposit Question

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- Which of the blanks in the truth table below (labeled (1), (2),(3) and (4)) evaluate to TRUE?

$p$	$q$	$\neg q$	$(p \wedge q)$	$\neg q \vee (p \wedge q)$
T	T	F	T	(1)
T	F	T	F	(2)
F	T	F	F	(3)
F	F	T	F	(4)

# Precedence of Logical Operators

- Rosen suggests the precedence order:

Precedence	Operator
Highest	$\neg$
	$\wedge$
	$\vee$
	$\rightarrow$
	$\leftrightarrow$
Lowest	

(we'll cover these soon)

- There is disagreement among mathematicians
- Always use parentheses to avoid confusion

# Operator Associativity

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- Given  $\neg \neg p$ , we evaluate it right to left,  $\neg(\neg p)$ 
  - Negation is right associative
- Given  $p \wedge q \wedge r$ , we evaluate it left to right  $(p \wedge q) \wedge r$ 
  - This holds for  $\vee$  and  $\oplus$
  - Conjunctions and both disjunctions are left associative




# Precedence of Logical Operators

**Example:**  $\neg p \wedge r \vee \neg q \vee s$

This will be evaluated as:  $((((\neg p) \wedge r) \vee (\neg q)) \vee s)$

Precedence	Operator
Highest	$\neg$
	$\wedge$
$\Updownarrow$	$\vee$
	$\rightarrow$
Lowest	$\leftrightarrow$

**To ensure that we read it correctly,  
it's better to write your compound  
propositions like this!**



# Playposit Question

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Based on the precedence table and operator associativity rules in the previous 2 slides, which of the following correctly adds parentheses to  $q \vee \neg p \wedge \neg s \vee q$ ?

A.  $q \vee \neg(p \wedge \neg(s \vee q))$

B.  $(q \vee \neg p) \wedge (\neg s \vee q)$

C.  $q \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg(s \vee q))$

D.  $(q \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg s)) \vee q$

# In Programming...

- Programs evaluate logic in a similar way.
- Consider the Java code:

```
int x = 10;
```

```
int y = 8;
```

```
System.out.println( (y==8) || (y==7) && ! (x==10) );
```

- Java follows our precedence table and the proposition as follows:

$(y==8)$	$(y==7)$	$(x==10)$	$!(x==10)$	$(y==7) \&\& \mathop{!} (x==10)$	$(y==8) \mathop{  } (y==7) \&\& \mathop{!} (x==10)$
<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>T</b>

# In Programming...

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**Use Parentheses!**

- If Java treated && and || equally and just evaluated left to right:

(y==8)	(y==7)	(x==10)	(y==8)    (y==7)	!(x==10)	(y==8)    (y==7) && !(x==10)
T	F	T	T	F	F

# Equivalence of Propositions

## Definition: Logically Equivalent

Two propositions  $p$  and  $q$  are logically equivalent if they have the same truth values in all possible inputs

- Equivalences are denoted by  $p \equiv q$
- Example: is  $p \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee p$ ?

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

# Equivalence of Propositions

- Example: Distributive Law -  $p \wedge (q \vee r) \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$

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

# Playposit Question

Given the truth table below, which of the following is **not** an equivalence:

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

**A.**  $\neg(\neg p \wedge \neg q) \equiv p \wedge q$

**C.**  $p \equiv \neg(\neg p)$

**B.**  $\neg q \equiv \neg p$

**D.**  $\neg(p \wedge q) \equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q$

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# Converting Natural Language to Propositions



# Converting Natural Language to Propositions

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- Is *The sky is cloudy* a proposition?
  - Yes, it is an atomic proposition
- Is the following sentence a proposition?
  - *Either Walter deposits his mortgage payment or else he will lose his house and move in with Donna.*
  - Yes!
  - It is a compound proposition built of 3 atomic propositions

# Converting Natural Language to Propositions

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- **Step 1:** Identify the atomic (simple) propositions

Either Walter deposits his mortgage payment or else he will lose his house and move in with Donna.

# Converting Natural Language to Propositions

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- Step 2: Assign easy to remember statement labels

Either Walter deposits his mortgage payment or else  
he will lose his house and move in with Donna.

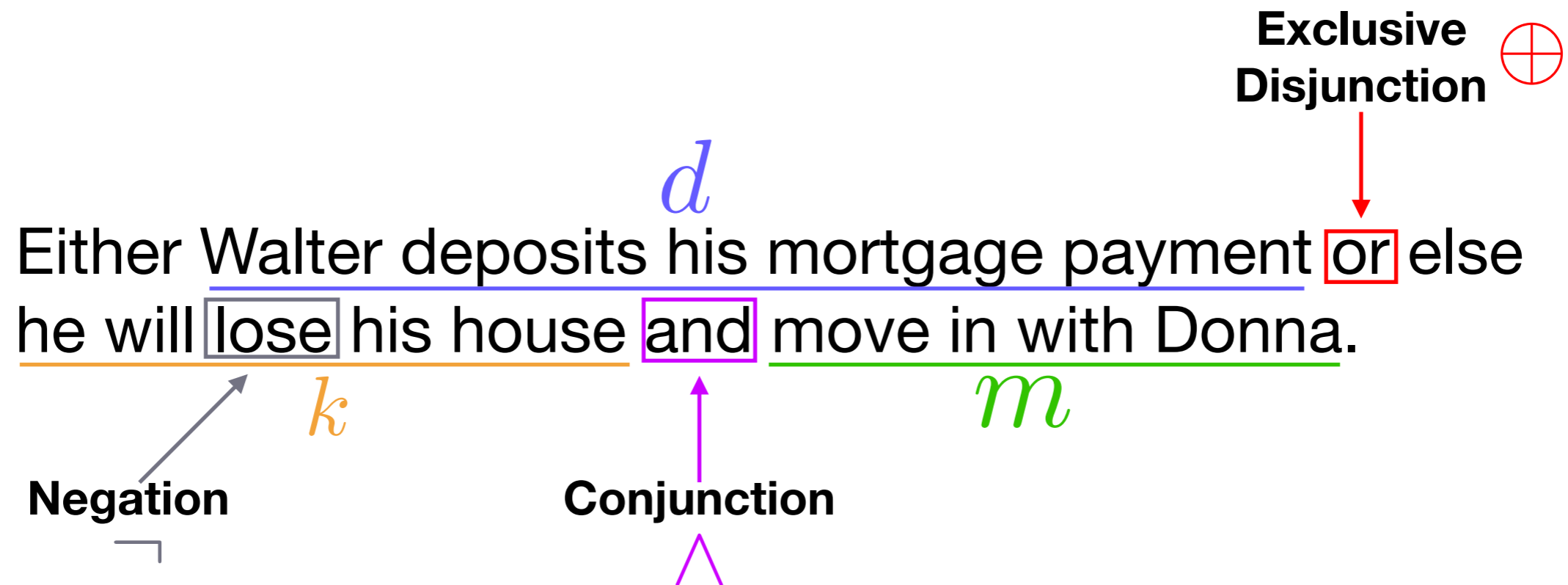
*d*

*k* *m*



# Converting Natural Language to Propositions

- Step 4: Construct the matching logical expression



$$d \oplus (\neg k \wedge m)$$

# Playposit Question

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Which of propositional logic statement correctly represents the following English statement:

“You drive to campus and either pay for parking or get a parking ticket”

Let  $d$  : you drive to campus,  
 $p$  : you pay for parking,  
 $t$  : you get a parking ticket

**A.**  $d \wedge (p \oplus t)$       **C.**  $d \wedge (p \vee t)$

**B.**  $(d \wedge p) \oplus t$       **D.**  $(d \wedge p) \vee t$

# Converting Natural Language to Propositions

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- Why do we need to do this?
  - Expressing Program Conditions  
 $(x \neq 6) \text{ or } (y == 'Y')$  and flag
  - Natural Language Understanding  
“Route me to campus with a stop for gas.”
- Proof Setup  
Converting conjectures to logic:  
“The sum of the squares of two odd integers is never a perfect square”

# Three Categories of Propositions

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## Definition: Tautology

A proposition that is always **true**, no matter the truth values of proposition variables

## Definition: Contradiction

A proposition that is always **false**, no matter the truth values of proposition variables

## Definition: Contingency

A proposition that is neither a tautology or contradiction



# Three Categories of Propositions

- Examples:

## Tautology

$p$	$\neg p$	$(p \vee \neg p)$
<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>T</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>T</b>

## Contradiction

$p$	$\neg p$	$(p \wedge \neg p)$
<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>

## Contingency

$p$	$q$	$(p \wedge q)$	$(p \wedge q) \vee p$
<b>T</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>T</b>
<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>T</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>F</b>

# Playposit Question

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Which of the following is **true**?

- A.  $\neg p$  is a contingency,  $p \vee \neg p$  is a contradiction, and  $p \wedge \neg p$  is a tautology?
- B.  $p \wedge \neg p$  is a contingency,  $\neg p$  is a contradiction, and  $p \vee \neg p$  is a tautology?
- C.  $p \wedge \neg p$  is a contingency,  $p \vee \neg p$  is a contradiction, and  $\neg p$  is a tautology?
- D.  $\neg p$  is a contingency,  $p \wedge \neg p$  is a contradiction, and  $p \vee \neg p$  is a tautology?

# Aside: Logical Bit Operations

- Bit operations correspond to logical connectives

Logical Operator	Bit Operator	Name	Example
$\neg$	$\sim$	Complement (not)	$\sim 1100 = 0011$
$\wedge$	$\&$	AND	$\begin{array}{r} 1100 \\ \& 1011 \\ \hline 1000 \end{array}$
$\vee$	$ $	OR	$\begin{array}{r} 1100 \\   1011 \\ \hline 1111 \end{array}$
$\oplus$	$\wedge$	XOR	$\begin{array}{r} 1100 \\ \wedge 1011 \\ \hline 0111 \end{array}$

# Aside: Logical Bit Operations

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- Default Linux File Permissions
  - Defined for 3 user types: owner, group members, and everyone else.
  - 3 permission types: read (r), write (w), and execute (x)

```
$ ls -l
```

```
-rw-rw-rw- 1 rjf users 836 Nov 10 16:33 filename.mdwn
```

- Default file creation permission: rw- rw- rw-
- Can use linux umask utility to change file permissions

# Aside: Logical Bit Operations

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- Default Linux File Permissions

```
$ ls -l
```

```
-rw-rw-r-- 1 liw liw 836 Nov 10 16:33 drafts/liw-permissions.mdwn
```

[unmask]		000 011 111
[complement of unmask]	⋀	111 100 000
[default permissions]		<u>110 110 110</u>
[the file's permissions]		110 100 000
		rw- r-- ---

# Playposit Question

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- What is the result of the following bit operation (include any leading zeros, if necessary)

$$\begin{array}{r} 101011 \\ \& 101100 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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# Conditional Propositions

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## Definition: Conditional Proposition

A conditional proposition is one that can be expressed as “if  $p$  then  $q$ ”, denoted  $p \rightarrow q$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are propositions.

- Example:
  - If the doorbell rings, then my dog will bark.



# Conditional Propositions

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- In “if  $p$  then  $q$ ”,  $p$  and  $q$  are known by various names:

$p$		$q$
(1) Antecedent	—	consequent
(2) Hypothesis	—	conclusion
(3) Sufficient	—	necessary

- Common forms of “if  $p$  then  $q$ ”:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| ▷ if $p$ , then $q$                    | ▷ $q$ if $p$                            |
| ▷ if $p, q$                            | ▷ $q$ when $p$                          |
| ▷ $p$ implies $q$                      | ▷ $q$ whenever $p$                      |
| ▷ $p$ only if $q$                      | ▷ $q$ follows from $p$                  |
| ▷ $p$ is sufficient for $q$            | ▷ $q$ is necessary for $p$              |
| ▷ a necessary condition for $p$ is $q$ | ▷ a sufficient condition for $q$ is $p$ |
| ▷ $q$ unless $\neg p$                  | ▷ $q$ provided that $p$                 |

# Conditional Propositions

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- Example: Rewrite the proposition in the given form:

- If the bike has 2 wheels you can ride it.

You can ride the bike if it has 2 wheels

- The engine will start only if the tank has fuel.

If the engine will start then the tank has fuel

# Playposit Question

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Write the following conditional proposition in the specified form:

“When I am bored, I watch The Office”

\_\_\_\_\_ if \_\_\_\_\_

# Truth of Conditional Propositions

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- When are conditionals 'true'?

If the doorbell rings, then my dog will bark.

- The possibilities:

1. Antecedent true, Consequent true; statement is:   **T**  

2. Antecedent true, Consequent false; statement is:   **F**  

3. Antecedent false, Consequent true; statement is:   **T**  

4. Antecedent false, Consequent false; statement is:   **T**

# Truth of Conditional Propositions

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- Example:

```
if (y < x) {  
    int temp = x;  
    x = y;  
    y = temp;  
}
```

# Truth of Conditional Propositions

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- Example:

```
if ( y p ) {  
    int temp = x;  
    x = y q  
    y = temp;  
}
```

**$p \rightarrow q$**

When **p** is **False**, **q** is irrelevant, yet the Java statement is still legal (or **True**)

# Truth of Conditional Propositions

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- Other Examples:
  - “If elected, I will lower taxes.”
  - “If it is below 90 this evening, I will go for a run”.
  - “If it rains today, I won’t water my plants.”
  - “If you push on the door, it will open”

# Playposit Question

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Select all propositions that cause the following conditional proposition to be **true**:

If I get a cat, then my dog will chase it.

- I don't get a cat
- I get a cat and my dog does not chase it.
- I get a cat and my dog chases it



# Equivalences of OR, AND, Implication

- Truth tables for OR, AND, and Implication

All 3 operators have one value that differs!

OR ( $\vee$ )			AND ( $\wedge$ )			Implies ( $\rightarrow$ )		
$p$	$q$	$(p \vee q)$	$p$	$q$	$(p \wedge q)$	$p$	$q$	$(p \wedge q)$
T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	F	T	T	F	F	T	F	F
F	T	T	F	T	F	F	T	T
F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	T

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

Can get proposition equivalent to implication from AND and OR

# Inverse, Converse, & Contrapositive

## Definition: Inverse

Given  $p \rightarrow q$ , the inverse is  $\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$

## Definition: Converse

Given  $p \rightarrow q$ , the converse is  $q \rightarrow p$

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

**Note:** Inverse  $\equiv$  Converse  $\not\equiv$  Original

# Inverse, Converse, & Contrapositive

## Definition: Contrapositive

Given  $p \rightarrow q$ , the contrapositive is  $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$

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

**Note:**  $p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg q \rightarrow \neg p$

# Examples: English Translation

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- Proposition: If you got an A on the final, you pass the class.
- Converse: If you pass the class, you got an A on the final.
- Inverse: If you did not get an A on the final, you do not pass the class.
- Contrapositive: If you do not pass the class, you did not get an A on the final.

# Playposit Question

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Give the inverse, converse and contrapositive of the following proposition:

“If I play squash, then I will eat Time Market pizza.”

Inverse: If \_\_\_\_\_ then \_\_\_\_\_

Converse: If \_\_\_\_\_ then \_\_\_\_\_

Contrapositive: If \_\_\_\_\_ then \_\_\_\_\_

# English $\rightarrow$ Logic

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- Remember our steps for converting natural language to propositional logic:
  - **Step 1:** Identify the atomic (simple) propositions
  - **Step 2:** Assign easy to remember statement labels
  - **Step 3:** Identify the logical operators
  - **Step 4:** Construct the matching logical expression

# English $\rightarrow$ Logic

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- Translate the proposition: *When she loses the poker tournament, she will keep her job and won't buy a round of drinks*
- Following our step defined earlier:

When she loses the poker tournament, she will keep her job and won't buy a round of drinks

$j$   $d$

$p$ : she wins the poker tournament

$j$ : she will keep her job

$d$ : she will buy a round of drinks

# English $\rightarrow$ Logic

- Translate the proposition: *When she loses the poker tournament, she will keep her job and won't buy a round of drinks*
- Following our step defined earlier:

If  $\neg p$  When she loses the poker tournament, she will keep  
her job and won't buy a round of drinks

$j$     $\wedge$     $\neg$     $d$

$$\neg p \rightarrow (j \wedge \neg d)$$



# English $\rightarrow$ Logic

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- Translate the proposition: *If I don't take my dog for a walk or a run, then he won't be tired for bed.*
- Following our step defined earlier:

If I don't take my dog for a walk or a run, then he won't be tired for bed.

$t$

$w$  : I take my dog for a walk

$r$  : I take my dog for a run

$t$  : he is tired for bed

# English $\rightarrow$ Logic

- Translate the proposition: *If I don't take my dog for a walk or a run, then he won't be tired for bed.*
- Following our step defined earlier:

If  $\neg$   $w \oplus r$ , then  $\neg t$   
If I don't take my dog for a walk or a run, then he won't be tired for bed.

# English $\rightarrow$ Logic

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- Following our step defined earlier:

If  $\neg$   $w \oplus r$ , then  $t$   
If I don't take my dog for a walk or a run, then he won't be tired for bed.

Two possibilities: (1)  $(\neg w \oplus \neg r) \rightarrow \neg t$       (2)  $\neg(w \oplus r) \rightarrow \neg t$

Which is correct?

# English $\rightarrow$ Logic

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Two possibilities: (1)  $(\neg w \oplus \neg r) \rightarrow \neg t$       (2)  $\neg(w \oplus r) \rightarrow \neg t$

Consider English Contrapositive:

If my dog is tired for bed, I took him for a walk or a run.

This  $[t \rightarrow (w \oplus r)]$  is the contrapositive of (2) so (2) is correct.

# English $\rightarrow$ Logic

- Translate the proposition: *If I don't take my dog for a walk or a run, then he won't be tired for bed.*
- Following our step defined earlier:

If  $\neg$   $w \oplus r$ , then  $t$   
If I  $\neg$  take my dog for a walk  $\oplus$  a run, then he  $\neg$  won't be tired for bed.

Two possibilities: (1)  $(\neg w \oplus \neg r) \rightarrow \neg t$       (2)  $\neg(w \oplus r) \rightarrow \neg t$

This  $[t \rightarrow (w \oplus r)]$  is the contrapositive of (2) so (2) is correct.

**Note:**  $w \oplus r \equiv \neg w \oplus \neg r \not\equiv \neg(w \oplus r)$

# Playposit Question

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What is the propositional representation for the following statement:

"I will go skiing only if there is snow and I don't have work"

Where  $s$  : I go skiing,  $n$  : there is snow,  $w$  : I have to work

**A.**  $s \rightarrow (n \wedge \neg w)$

**C.**  $s \rightarrow (n \wedge w)$

**B.**  $(n \wedge \neg w) \rightarrow s$

**D.**  $(n \wedge w) \rightarrow s$

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# Biconditional Propositions

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- What is the meaning of:

A triangle is equilateral if and only if all three angles are equal  
 $t$   $a$

<b>IF</b>	<b>AND</b>	<b>ONLY IF</b>
<b><math>t</math> if <math>a</math></b>		<b><math>t</math> only if <math>a</math></b>
<b>if <math>a</math>, then <math>t</math></b>		<b>if <math>t</math>, then <math>a</math></b>
$a \rightarrow t$	$\wedge$	$t \rightarrow a$

$$(a \rightarrow t) \wedge (t \rightarrow a)$$



# Biconditional Propositions

## Definition: Biconditional Proposition

A biconditional statement is the proposition “ $p$  if and only if  $q$ ” ( $p$  iff  $q$ ). It is denoted by the symbol  $\leftrightarrow$  ( $p \leftrightarrow q$ ).

$$p \leftrightarrow q \equiv (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$$

$p$	$q$	$p \rightarrow q$	$q \rightarrow p$	$(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$	$p \leftrightarrow q$
T	T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	F	F
F	T	T	F	F	F
F	F	T	T	T	T

# Biconditionals and Logical Equivalence

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- Previously, we defined *Logically Equivalent* as

Two propositions  $p$  and  $q$  are logically equivalent if they have the same truth values in all possible inputs

- We can introduce a second definition using Biconditionals
- Before we do that:
  - Remember: *Tautology*

A proposition that is always **true**, no matter the truth values of proposition variables

# Biconditionals and Logical Equivalence

## Definition: Logically Equivalent (2)

Two propositions  $p$  and  $q$  are logically equivalent ( $p \equiv q$ ) if  $p \leftrightarrow q$  is a tautology

- Example:  $p \equiv (p \wedge q) \vee p$

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

# Playposit question

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Using the below truth table, is  $(\neg p \vee q) \equiv p \rightarrow q$ ?

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

- A. Yes, they are equivalent.
- B. No, they are not equivalent.

# De Morgan's Laws

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1.  $\neg(p \wedge q) \equiv \neg p \vee \neg q$

2.  $\neg(p \vee q) \equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q$

- Show  $\neg(p \wedge q) \equiv \neg p \vee \neg q$  :

$p$	$q$	$\neg p$	$\neg q$	$(p \wedge q)$	$\neg(p \wedge q)$	$\neg p \vee \neg q$
<b>T</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>F</b>
<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>T</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>T</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>T</b>

# Example: Using De Morgan's

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1.  $\neg(p \wedge q) \equiv \neg p \vee \neg q$

2.  $\neg(p \vee q) \equiv \neg p \wedge \neg q$

- Show  $\neg(a \vee (b \vee c)) \equiv \neg a \wedge \neg b \wedge \neg c$ .

$$\neg(a \vee (b \vee c)) \equiv \neg a \wedge \neg(b \vee c) \quad (\text{De Morgan 2})$$

$$\equiv \neg a \wedge (\neg b \wedge \neg c) \quad (\text{De Morgan 2})$$

$$\equiv \neg a \wedge \neg b \wedge \neg c \quad (\text{Associativity of } \wedge)$$

# Example: De Morgan's Laws and Programming

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- Checking to see if a score is ***not*** a 'B'

- Version 1:  $\frac{(x < 80)}{p} \ || \ || \ \frac{(x \geq 90)}{q}$   $p \vee q$

- Version 2:  $! \left( \frac{(x \geq 80)}{\neg p} \ \&\& \ \frac{(x < 90)}{\neg q} \right)$   $\neg(\neg p \wedge \neg q)$

$$\begin{aligned} p \vee q &\equiv \neg\neg(p \vee q) && \text{Double negative} \\ &\equiv \neg(\neg p \wedge \neg q) && \text{De Morgan's (2)} \end{aligned}$$

# Playposit Question

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Which of the following is the complete simplification of  $\neg(\neg p \wedge (p \vee q))$ ?

A.  $\neg p \vee \neg(p \vee q)$

B.  $p \vee \neg(p \vee q)$

C.  $p \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q)$

D.  $p \vee (p \wedge q)$



# Common Logical Equivalences

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

(a)	$p \wedge p \equiv p, \quad p \vee p \equiv p$	Idempotent Laws
(b)	$p \vee \mathbf{T} \equiv \mathbf{T}, \quad p \wedge \mathbf{F} \equiv \mathbf{F}$	Domination Laws
(c)	$p \wedge \mathbf{T} \equiv p, \quad p \vee \mathbf{F} \equiv p$	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  $\neg$ ):

(a)	$\neg(\neg p) \equiv p$	Double Negation
(b)	$p \vee \neg p \equiv \mathbf{T}, \quad p \wedge \neg p \equiv \mathbf{F}$	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

# Common Logical Equivalences

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

(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

# Common Logical Equivalences

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

(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)	$p \oplus q \equiv p \leftrightarrow \neg q \equiv \neg p \leftrightarrow q$	

You **do not** need to memorize these tables...  
...but you **do** need to know how to use them!

# Applications of Logical Equivalences

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- **Question:** Is  $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow p$  is a tautology? (1)
- Using Truth tables, we see:

$p$	$q$	$(p \wedge q)$	$(p \wedge q) \rightarrow p$
T	T	T	<b>T</b>
T	F	F	<b>T</b>
F	T	F	<b>T</b>
F	F	F	<b>T</b>

- Because the expression evaluates to **True** for all possible truth values, the expression is a tautology.

# Applications of Logical Equivalences

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- **Question:** Is  $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow p$  is a tautology? (2)
- By application of logical equivalences

$$\begin{aligned}(p \wedge q) \rightarrow p &\equiv p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow p) && \text{Table 3 (k)} \\ &\equiv q \rightarrow (p \rightarrow p) && \text{Table 3 (p)} \\ &\equiv q \rightarrow \mathbf{T} && \text{Table 3 (e) (reflexivity)} \\ &\equiv \neg q \vee \mathbf{T} && \text{Law of Implication} \\ &\equiv \mathbf{T} && \text{Law of Domination}\end{aligned}$$

# Applications of Logical Equivalences

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- **Question:** Is  $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow p$  is a tautology? (3)
- By reasoning:
  - When  $p$  is **True**:  $(T \wedge q) \rightarrow T \equiv T$ 
    - Anything  $\rightarrow T$  is  $T$  (by the definition of  $\rightarrow$ )
  - When  $p$  is **False**:
$$(F \wedge q) \rightarrow F \equiv F \rightarrow F$$
$$\equiv T$$
- Thus,  $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow p$  is a tautology?

# What we just learned

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- Three quick ways to prove that something is a *tautology*:
  - 1. Truth Table:** Do all cases resolve to **TRUE**?
  - 2. Logical Equivalences:** Can we convert the expression to **TRUE**?
  - 3. Reasoning:** Any argument you make; our example did “proof by cases”.

# Proving that something is a contradiction

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- How to prove that something is a contradiction:
  - 1. Truth Table:** Do all cases resolve to **FALSE**?
  - 2. Logical Equivalences:** Can we convert the expression to **FALSE**?
  - 3. Reasoning:** Any argument you make.
  - 4. Bonus:** Negate the expression and prove that it is a tautology!



# Proving that something is a contingency

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- How to prove that something is a contingency:
  - 1. Truth Table:** can we find one case that resolves to **TRUE** and another that resolves to **FALSE**?
  - 2. Logical Equivalences:** Can we convert the expression to a simpler expression which is obviously a contingency?
  - 3. Reasoning:** Any argument you make. Typically involves simplifying the expression (as with logical equivalences)

# Applications of Logical Equivalences

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- **Programming Example:** Assume games is an integer

`if ((games <= 10 || ties > 2) && games >= 11)`  
 $\neg g$

- Let  $g: \text{games} \leq 10$  and  $t: \text{ties} > 2$

$$(g \vee t) \wedge \neg g \equiv (g \wedge \neg g) \vee (t \wedge \neg g) \quad \text{Distribution}$$

$$\equiv \text{F} \vee (t \wedge \neg g) \quad \text{Negation}$$

$$\equiv (t \wedge \neg g) \quad \text{Identity}$$

**Thus we can rewrite the statement more efficiently as:**

`if (ties > 2 && games >= 11) ...`

# Applications of Logical Equivalences

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- **Question:** Are  $(p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r)$  and  $p \wedge \neg(\neg q \wedge \neg r)$  logically equivalent?

$$\begin{aligned}(p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r) &\equiv p \wedge (q \vee r) && \text{Distributive Law} \\ &\equiv p \wedge (\neg q \rightarrow r) && \text{Table 3 (g)} \\ &\equiv p \wedge \neg\neg(\neg q \rightarrow r) && \text{Double Negation} \\ &\equiv p \wedge \neg(\neg q \wedge \neg r) && \text{Table 3 (h)}\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}(p \wedge q) \vee (p \wedge r) &\equiv p \wedge (q \vee r) && \text{Distributive Law} \\ &\equiv p \wedge \neg\neg(q \vee r) && \text{Double Negation} \\ &\equiv p \wedge \neg(\neg q \wedge \neg r) && \text{De Morgan's}\end{aligned}$$

# Playposit Question

Which equivalences from table 3 are used in the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \neg(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow \neg q \\
 \equiv & (p \wedge \neg q) \rightarrow \neg q \\
 \equiv & (p \rightarrow \neg q) \vee (\neg q \rightarrow \neg q) \\
 \equiv & (p \rightarrow \neg q) \vee T \\
 \equiv & T
 \end{aligned}$$

- (a)      • (e)      • (k)
- (c)      • (h)      • (l)

Table III: Still More Equivalences (adding -

(a)	$p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg p \vee q$
(b)	$p \rightarrow q \equiv \neg q \rightarrow \neg p$
(c)	$\mathbf{T} \rightarrow p \equiv p$
(d)	$p \rightarrow \mathbf{F} \equiv \neg p$
(e)	$p \rightarrow p \equiv \mathbf{T}$
(f)	$p \rightarrow q \equiv (p \wedge \neg q) \rightarrow \mathbf{F}$
(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)	$(p \rightarrow q) \vee (q \rightarrow p) \equiv \mathbf{T}$
(k)	$(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r \equiv p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$
(l)	$(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r \equiv (p \rightarrow r) \vee (q \rightarrow r)$