

1. 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.

A compound proposition that is always false is called a *contradiction*.

A proposition that is neither a tautology nor a contradiction is called a *contingency*.

2. The compound propositions p and q are called **logically equivalent** if $p \leftrightarrow q$ is a tautology.
Notation: $p \equiv q$.

3. One way to determine whether two propositions are equivalent is to use a truth table.
For example: De Morgans law:

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

Verify by using truth table.

4. Some basic logical equivalences/laws, see Tables 6, 7, 8 in section 1.3 of Rosen (Propositional Equivalences).

Propositional functions – predicate and quantier

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

Examples

- Let $P(x)$ denote “ $x > 3$ ”, what are the truth values of $P(4)$ and $P(2)$?
- Let $Q(x, y)$ denote “ $x = y + 3$ ”, what are the truth values of the proposition $Q(1, 2)$ and $Q(3, 0)$?

2. A statement of the form $P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ is the value of the propositional function P at the n -tuple (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) , and P is called the *predicate*.

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

4. The *universal quantication* 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 quantier.

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.

5. Examples:

- “for all integers n , $2n$ is even” (True)
- “for all real numbers x , $x^2 - 1 > 0$ ” (False, e.g. $x = 0$)
- “for all CS major students S , S must take discrete math.” (True)

6. The existential quantification of $P(x)$ is the proposition

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

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

Truth values of $\exists xP(x)$

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

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

7. Examples

- “there exists an integer n , $2 * n$ is even” (True, in fact for all n)
- “there exists a student S , S works hard” (True)
- “there exists a real number x , $x^2 < 0$ ” (False)

8. Translating sentences into logical expressions. Examples: Let

U = students in the class

$M(x)$ = “ x has visited Mexico”

$C(x)$ = “ x has visited Canada”

Then

- “Some student in this class has visited Mexico” $\exists xM(x)$.
- “Every student in this class has visited either Canada or Mexico” $\forall x(C(x) \vee M(x))$.

9. The cornerstone arguments of logic:

- $(p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)) \rightarrow q$ called *modus ponens* (the mode that affirms)
- $(\neg q \wedge (p \rightarrow q)) \rightarrow \neg p$ called *modus tollens* (the mode that denies)