
LECTURE 3: PROPOSITIONAL AND FIRST ORDER LOGIC

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Recap:

- A **proposition** is a statement that is either true or false.
- If P and Q are propositions, then so are $\text{NOT}(P)$, $P \text{ AND } Q$, $P \text{ OR } Q$, $P \text{ IMPLIES } Q$, and $P \text{ IFF } Q$. The meaning of these combined propositions is given using a truth table.
- Two expressions are logically equivalent if they evaluate to the same truth value in **all** situations, i.e., in **every** row of the truth table they take the same value.
- The **contrapositive** of an implication $P \text{ IMPLIES } Q$ is $(\text{NOT}(Q)) \text{ IMPLIES } (\text{NOT}(P))$. The contrapositive is **logically equivalent** to the implication.
- The **converse** of an implication $P \text{ IMPLIES } Q$ is $Q \text{ IMPLIES } P$. The converse is **not logically equivalent** to the implication.

Useful Logical Equivalences

$\text{NOT}(\text{NOT}(P)) \equiv P$	$P \text{ OR } Q \equiv Q \text{ OR } P$
$\text{NOT}(P \text{ OR } Q) \equiv (\text{NOT}(P)) \text{ AND } (\text{NOT}(Q))$	$P \text{ AND } Q \equiv Q \text{ AND } P$
$\text{NOT}(P \text{ AND } Q) \equiv (\text{NOT}(P)) \text{ OR } (\text{NOT}(Q))$	$P \text{ AND } (Q \text{ AND } R) \equiv (P \text{ AND } Q) \text{ AND } R$
$\text{NOT}(P \text{ IMPLIES } Q) \equiv P \text{ AND } (\text{NOT}(Q))$	$P \text{ OR } (Q \text{ OR } R) \equiv (P \text{ OR } Q) \text{ OR } R$
$P \text{ OR } (Q \text{ AND } R) \equiv (P \text{ OR } Q) \text{ AND } (P \text{ OR } R)$	$P \text{ AND } (Q \text{ OR } R) \equiv (P \text{ AND } Q) \text{ OR } (P \text{ AND } R)$

- Question 1.**
1. What is $T \text{ OR } P$? Is it (a) T, (b) F, or (c) P ?
 2. What is $F \text{ OR } P$? Is it (a) T, (b) F, or (c) P ?
 3. What is $T \text{ AND } P$? Is it (a) T, (b) F, or (c) P ?
 4. What is $F \text{ AND } P$? Is it (a) T, (b) F, or (c) P ?
 5. Are $P \text{ IMPLIES } (Q \text{ IMPLIES } R)$ and $(P \text{ IMPLIES } Q) \text{ IMPLIES } R$ equivalent?

Definition 1. A formula is **valid** if it is always true, no matter what truth values are assigned to the variables.

A formula is **satisfiable** if there is some truth assignment to the variables under which it evaluates to true.

Question 2. For each of the following expressions, determine if it is satisfiable or valid.
(a) $P \text{ OR } Q$, (b) $P \text{ OR } (\text{NOT}(P))$, (c) $P \text{ AND } (\text{NOT}(P))$.

Question 3. Is the following statement true? If an expression φ is satisfiable then φ is valid.

Question 4. Suppose φ is valid. Then $\text{NOT}(\varphi)$ is (a) satisfiable, (b) valid, (c) not satisfiable.

Definition 2. A **predicate** is a proposition that depends on the value of variables.

Universal Quantification

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}. x^2 \geq 0$$

Existential Quantification

$$\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}. x^2 - 4 = 0$$