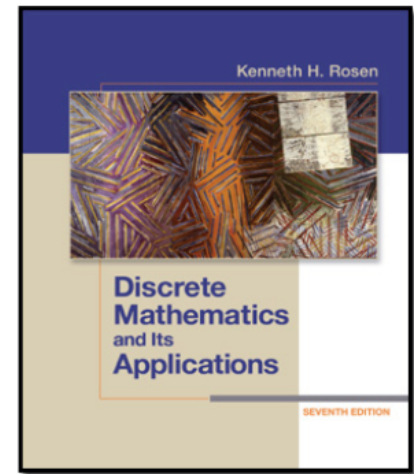


Chapter 1, Part I

Propositional Logic



Chapter Summary

- Propositional Logic
- Predicate Logic
- Proofs

Propositional Logic

Overview

- The Language of Propositions
 - Connectives, Truth Values, Truth Tables
- Applications
 - Translating English Sentences, System Specifications etc.
- Logical Equivalences
 - Important Equivalences, Showing Equivalence, Satisfiability

Proposition:

A declarative sentence that is either true or false.

Examples of propositions:

- a) The Moon is made of green cheese.
- b) Trenton is the capital of New Jersey.
- c) Toronto is the capital of Canada.
- d) $1 + 0 = 1$
- e) $0 + 0 = 2$

Examples that are not propositions.

a) Sit down!

b) What time is it?

c) $x + 1 = 2$

d) $x + y = z$

Constructing Propositions

- Propositional Variables: p, q, r, s, \dots
- The proposition that is always true: **T**
- The proposition that is always false: **F**.

Compound Propositions:

- constructed from logical connectives and other propositions
 - Negation \neg
 - Conjunction \wedge
 - Disjunction \vee
 - Implication \rightarrow
 - Biconditional \leftrightarrow

Negation

- The *negation* of p is denoted by $\neg p$ and has this truth table:

| p | $\neg p$ |
|-----|----------|
| T | F |
| F | T |

- **Example:**
 - p : “The earth is round.”
 - $\neg p$: “It is not the case that the earth is round.”
or simply “The earth is not round.”

Conjunction

- The *conjunction* of p and q : $p \wedge q$

| p | q | $p \wedge q$ |
|-----|-----|--------------|
| T | T | T |
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- **Example:**

- p : “I am at home.”
- q : “It is raining.”
- $p \wedge q$: “I am at home and it is raining.”

Disjunction

- The *disjunction* of p and q : $p \vee q$

| p | q | $p \vee q$ |
|-----|-----|------------|
| T | T | T |
| T | F | T |
| F | T | T |
| F | F | F |

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 - $p \vee q$: “I am at home or it is raining.”

Exclusive or (Xor)

- In $p \oplus q$, one of p and q must be true, but not both!
 - “Soup or salad comes with this entrée,” we do not expect to be able to get both soup and salad.
 - The truth table for \oplus is:

| p | q | $p \oplus q$ |
|-----|-----|--------------|
| T | T | F |
| T | F | T |
| F | T | T |
| F | F | F |

Implication

- If p and q are propositions;
 - $p \rightarrow q$ is a *conditional statement* or *implication* which is read as “if p , then q ”

| p | q | $p \rightarrow q$ |
|-----|-----|-------------------|
| T | T | T |
| T | F | F |
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Implication

- In $p \rightarrow q$,
 - p is the *hypothesis* (antecedent or premise)
 - q is the *conclusion* (or consequence).
- **Example:**
 - p : “I am at home.” and q : “It is raining.” then;
 - $p \rightarrow q$ denotes “If I am at home then it is raining.”

Understanding Implication

- The “meaning” of $p \rightarrow q$ depends **only on the truth values of p and q** .
 - *there does not need to be any connection between the antecedent (p) or the consequent (q).*

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- These implications are perfectly fine..Does it make sense to you?..
 - “If the moon is made of green cheese, then I have more money than Bill Gates. ”
 - “If $1 + 1 = 3$, then your grandma wears combat boots.”

Understanding Implication (cont)

- One way to view the logical conditional is to think of an obligation or contract.
 - “If I am elected, then I will lower taxes.”
 - *If the politician is elected and does not lower taxes, then the voters can say that he or she has broken the campaign pledge.*
 - “If you get 100% on the final, then you will get an A.”
 - *Something similar holds for the professor.*

Different Ways of Expressing $p \rightarrow q$

- if p , then q
 - if p , q
 - q unless $\neg p$
 - q if p
 - q whenever p
 - q follows from p
 - p implies q
 - p only if q
 - q when p
 - p is sufficient for q
 - q is necessary for p
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- $p \rightarrow q$: q is **a necessary condition** for p
 - $p \rightarrow q$: p is **a sufficient condition** for q

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- **Example:** A necessary condition for getting A in BBM205 is that a student completes all the assignments. This can be expressed in two ways:
 - if a student **does not** complete all the assignments, then he/she **can not** get an A in BBM205
 - **(Contrapositive)** if a student gets an A in BBM205, then he/she completes all the assignments.
 - *Completing all the assignments is a necessary condition for getting A.*

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Converse, Contrapositive, and Inverse

- Given $p \rightarrow q$:
 - $\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$: **inverse** of $p \rightarrow q$
 - $q \rightarrow p$: **converse** of $p \rightarrow q$
 - $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$: **contrapositive** of $p \rightarrow q$

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converse: If I do not go to town, then it is raining.

contrapositive: If I go to town, then it is not raining.

Biconditional

- If p and q are propositions, then;
 - *biconditional* proposition $p \leftrightarrow q$: “ p if and only if q .”

| p | q | $p \leftrightarrow q$ |
|-----|-----|-----------------------|
| T | T | T |
| T | F | F |
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- Example:
 - p : “I am at home.” and q : “It is raining.”
 - $p \leftrightarrow q$: “I am at home if and only if it is raining.”

Expressing the Biconditional

- Some alternative ways “ p if and only if q ” is expressed in English:
 - p is necessary and sufficient for q
 - if p then q , and conversely
 - p iff q

Truth Tables

For Compound Propositions

- Construction of a truth table:
- Rows
 - Need a row for every possible combination of values for the atomic propositions.
- Columns
 - Need a column for the compound proposition (usually at far right)
 - Need a column for the truth value of each expression that occurs in the compound proposition as it is built up.
 - This includes the atomic propositions

Example Truth Table

- Construct a truth table for $p \vee q \rightarrow \neg r$

| p | q | r | $\neg r$ | $p \vee q$ | $p \vee q \rightarrow \neg r$ |
|---|---|---|----------|------------|-------------------------------|
| T | T | T | F | T | F |
| T | T | F | T | T | T |
| T | F | T | F | T | F |
| T | F | F | T | T | T |
| F | T | T | F | T | F |
| F | T | F | T | T | T |
| F | F | T | F | F | T |
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Equivalent Propositions

- Two propositions are *equivalent* if they always have the same truth value.
- **Example:** Show using a truth table that the conditional (implication) is equivalent to the contrapositive.

Solution:

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

Using a Truth Table to Show Non-Equivalence

Example: Show using truth tables that neither the converse nor inverse of an implication are not equivalent to the implication.

Solution:

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

Problem

- How many rows are there in a truth table with n propositional variables?

Solution: 2^n

- This means that with n propositional variables, we can construct 2^n distinct (i.e., not equivalent) propositions.

Precedence of Logical Operators

| Operator | Precedence |
|-------------------|------------|
| \neg | 1 |
| \wedge | 2 |
| \vee | 3 |
| \rightarrow | 4 |
| \leftrightarrow | 5 |

$p \vee q \rightarrow \neg r$ is equivalent to $(p \vee q) \rightarrow \neg r$

If the intended meaning is $p \vee (q \rightarrow \neg r)$
then parentheses must be used.

Applications of Propositional Logic

Section 1.2

Applications of Propositional Logic: Summary

- Translating English to Propositional Logic
- System Specifications
- Boolean Searching
- Logic Puzzles
- Logic Circuits

Translating English Sentences

- Steps to convert an English sentence to a statement in propositional logic
 - Identify atomic propositions and represent using propositional variables.
 - Determine appropriate logical connectives

Example:

“If I go to Harry’s or to the country, I will not go shopping.”

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$$(p \vee q) \rightarrow \neg r$$

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One Solution: Let a , c , and f represent respectively

a : “You can access the internet from campus,”

c : “You are a computer science major,” and

f : “You are a freshman.”

$$a \rightarrow (c \vee \neg f)$$

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Solution: One possible solution:

p : “The automated reply can be sent”

q : “The file system is full.”

$$q \rightarrow \neg p$$

Consistent System Specifications

A list of propositions is *consistent* if it is possible to assign truth values to the proposition variables so that each proposition is true.

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Exercise: Are these specifications consistent?

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The specification: $p \vee q$, $\neg p$, $p \rightarrow q$.

Can we assign truth values to p and q such that each three proposition above becomes True?

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Indeed! When p is F and q is T, all three statements are true.

So the specification is consistent.

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What if we add another specification, as follows:

- “The diagnostic message is not retransmitted.”

Solution: Now we are adding $\neg q$ to the existing $p \vee q$, $\neg p$, $p \rightarrow q$.

There is no satisfying assignment that makes all specs true.

So the specification is *not consistent*.

Next

- Propositional Equivalences