

Warm-Up: Let  $P, Q$  be sentences.

Find a sentence using only the logical connectives  $\neg$  and  $\wedge$  which is logically equivalent to  $P \vee Q$ .

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De Morgan tells us how  $\neg$  interacts with  $\cup$   $\cap$  and  $\vee$ .

How do  $\wedge$  and  $\vee$  interact with each other?

Thm (Distributive Laws)

Let  $P, Q, R$  be sentences. Then

$$(a) P \wedge (Q \vee R) \equiv (P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge R)$$

$$(b) P \vee (Q \wedge R) \equiv (P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee R)$$

Ex:  $P$  = "It is a nice day"  
 $Q$  = "I will go for a walk"  
 $R$  = "I will eat outside"

Proof of (b): We want to show these two sentences always have the same truth value.

First, suppose  $P \vee (Q \wedge R)$  is true. Then either

- $P$  is true
- or
- $Q \wedge R$  is true, which means both  $Q$  and  $R$  are true

(or both).

In either case,  $P \vee Q$  is true and  $P \vee R$  is true, so  $(P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee R)$  is true.

The other possibility is that  $P \vee (Q \wedge R)$  is false.

This means that both

- $P$  is false
- and
- $Q \wedge R$  is false, which in turn means at least one of  $Q$  or  $R$  is false.

But then at least one of  $P \vee Q$  or  $P \vee R$  is false. So  $(P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee R)$  is false. ◻

As a truth table:

P	Q	R	$Q \wedge R$	$P \vee (Q \wedge R)$	$P \vee Q$	$P \vee R$	$(P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee R)$
T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	T	F	F	T	T	T	T
T	F	T	F	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	T	T	T	T
F	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
F	T	F	F	F	T	F	F
F	F	T	F	F	F	T	F
F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F

Another logical connective:

④ Implication:  $\Rightarrow$  means "implies" or "if-then"

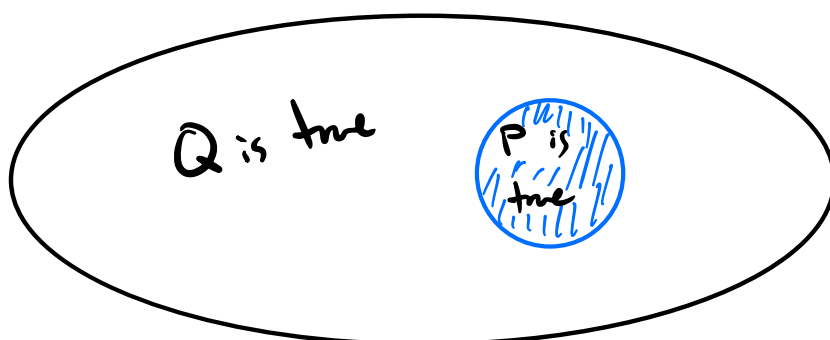
$P \Rightarrow Q$  means "if  $P$  is true, then  $Q$  is true"

P	Q	$P \Rightarrow Q$
T	T	T
T	F	F
F	T	T
F	F	T

Why do the last 2 rows make sense?

Another perspective:

$P \Rightarrow Q$  is true when  $Q$  is "at least as true" as  $P$ .



Ex: If it's raining, then the ground is wet. T

If  $x = 3$ , then  $x^2 = 9$ . T

If  $x^2 = 9$ , then  $x = 3$ . F

If  $0 > 1$ , then  $3^2 = 9$ . T

If  $0 > 1$ , then the sun will explode today at 5 pm. T

Note:

- If  $P$  is false, then  $P \Rightarrow Q$  is true.
- If  $Q$  is true, then  $P \Rightarrow Q$  is true.

In fact,

Prop: Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be sentences. Then

$$P \Rightarrow Q \equiv \neg P \vee Q$$

Proof: The only situation in which  $P \Rightarrow Q$  is false is if  $P$  is true and  $Q$  is false.

This is precisely when  $\neg P \vee Q$  is false.

In all other cases, both  $P \Rightarrow Q$  and  $\neg P \vee Q$  are true.



Alternatively,

P	Q	$P \Rightarrow Q$	$\neg P$	$\neg P \vee Q$
T	T	T	F	T
T	F	F	F	F
F	T	T	T	T
F	F	T	T	T

Corollary:  $\neg(P \Rightarrow Q) \equiv P \wedge \neg Q$

Proof:  $\neg(P \Rightarrow Q) \equiv \neg(\neg P \vee Q)$

$\equiv \neg(\neg P) \wedge \neg Q$  (DeMorgan)

$\equiv P \wedge \neg Q$  (Double negation)

Ex: The negation of

"If it is Wednesday, then I will attend class"

is logically equivalent to

"It is Wednesday and I will not attend class."