

Some important additional connectives

(1) "Nand" (Not and) " \uparrow ".

The truth table of this operator is defined as follows:

P	Q	$P \uparrow Q$
T	T	F
T	F	T
F	T	T
F	F	T

(2) " (Not or)"

The truth table is defined as follows:

P	Q	$P \downarrow Q$
T	T	F
T	F	F
F	T	F
F	F	T

Example 6.1: Show that **Demorgan's laws** are satisfied.

Solution: We are to show that:

$$(1) \quad \neg(P \downarrow Q) \Leftrightarrow (\neg P \uparrow \neg Q).$$

$$(2) \quad \neg(P \uparrow Q) \Leftrightarrow (\neg P \downarrow \neg Q).$$

Proof:

(1) By definition and direct application of Demorgan's laws one gets:

$$\begin{aligned} \neg(P \uparrow Q) &\Leftrightarrow \neg\neg(P \wedge Q) \Leftrightarrow \neg(\neg P \vee \neg Q) \Leftrightarrow \\ &(\neg P \downarrow \neg Q). \end{aligned}$$

(2) Similarly we easily have:

$$\neg(P \downarrow Q) \Leftrightarrow \neg\neg(P \vee Q) \Leftrightarrow \neg(\neg P \wedge \neg Q) \Leftrightarrow (\neg P \uparrow \neg Q).$$

Example 6.2 : Use the operator " \uparrow " only to represent the following statements:

(a) $\neg P$. (b) $P \vee Q$. (c) $P \wedge Q$.

(d) $P \rightarrow Q$. (e) $P \leftrightarrow Q$.

Solution:

(a) Using "idempotent property of " \wedge ", and the definition of " \uparrow ", we get:

$$\neg(P) \Leftrightarrow \neg(P \wedge P) \Leftrightarrow (P \uparrow P).$$

(b) Using the rule of double negation, Demorgan's laws, and the definition of " \uparrow " one gets:

$$(P \vee Q) \Leftrightarrow \neg\neg(P \vee Q) \Leftrightarrow \neg(\neg P \wedge \neg Q) \Leftrightarrow (\neg P \uparrow \neg Q) \Leftrightarrow [(P \uparrow P) \uparrow (Q \uparrow Q)].$$

(c) Using the rule of double negation, the definition of " \uparrow ", and the result of part (a), one gets:

$$(P \wedge Q) \Leftrightarrow \neg\neg(P \wedge Q) \Leftrightarrow \neg(P \uparrow Q) \Leftrightarrow [(P \uparrow Q) \uparrow (P \uparrow Q)].$$

(d) Using Demorgan's law, the definition of " \uparrow ", and the result of part (a) one gets:

$$(P \rightarrow Q) \Leftrightarrow (\neg P \vee Q) \Leftrightarrow \neg(P \wedge \neg Q) \Leftrightarrow (P \uparrow \neg Q) \Leftrightarrow [P \uparrow (Q \uparrow Q)].$$

(e) using part (d) and part c, one easily gets:

$$(e) (P \leftrightarrow Q) \Leftrightarrow [(P \rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \rightarrow P)] \Leftrightarrow \Leftrightarrow [[P \uparrow (Q \uparrow Q)] \wedge [Q \uparrow (P \uparrow P)]]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [[[P \uparrow (Q \uparrow Q)] \uparrow [Q \uparrow (P \uparrow P)]] \uparrow [[P \uparrow (Q \uparrow Q)] \uparrow [Q \uparrow (P \uparrow P)]]].$$

Example 6.3: Use the operator " \downarrow " only to express the following statements:

(a) $\neg P$. (b) $P \vee Q$. (c) $P \wedge Q$.

(d) $P \rightarrow Q$. (e) $P \leftrightarrow Q$.

Solution:

(a) Using the idempotent property of " \vee ", and the definition of " \downarrow " one gets:

$$\neg P \Leftrightarrow \neg(P \vee P) \Leftrightarrow (P \downarrow P).$$

(b) Using the double negation rule, the substitution rule, and the definition of " \downarrow ", one gets:

$$\begin{aligned} (P \vee Q) &\Leftrightarrow \neg\neg(P \vee Q) \Leftrightarrow \neg(P \downarrow Q) \\ &\Leftrightarrow [(P \downarrow Q) \downarrow (P \downarrow Q)]. \end{aligned}$$

(c) Using the double negation rule, Demorgan's rule, and the definition of " \downarrow ", one gets:

$$\begin{aligned} (P \wedge Q) &\Leftrightarrow \neg\neg(P \wedge Q) \Leftrightarrow \neg(\neg P \vee \neg Q) \\ &\Leftrightarrow (\neg P \downarrow \neg Q) \Leftrightarrow [(P \downarrow P) \downarrow (Q \downarrow Q)]. \end{aligned}$$

(d) Writing the if statement in terms of the or statement and making use of part (b), one finds:

$$\begin{aligned} (P \rightarrow Q) &\Leftrightarrow (\neg P \vee Q) \Leftrightarrow [(\neg P \downarrow Q) \downarrow (\neg P \downarrow Q)] \\ &\Leftrightarrow [((P \downarrow P) \downarrow Q) \downarrow ((P \downarrow P) \downarrow Q)]. \end{aligned}$$

(e) using part (c), (d), and substitution rule, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} (P \leftrightarrow Q) &\Leftrightarrow [(P \rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \rightarrow P)] \Leftrightarrow \\ &[[((P \downarrow P) \downarrow Q) \downarrow ((P \downarrow P) \downarrow Q)] \wedge [((Q \downarrow Q) \downarrow P) \downarrow ((Q \downarrow Q) \downarrow P)]] \\ &\Leftrightarrow ((r \downarrow r) \downarrow (s \downarrow s)). \end{aligned}$$

Where $r = [((P \downarrow P) \downarrow Q) \downarrow ((P \downarrow P) \downarrow Q)]$,

$$s: [((Q \downarrow Q) \downarrow P) \downarrow ((Q \downarrow Q) \downarrow P)].$$

Example 6.4: Show that:

$$(p \underline{\vee} q) \Leftrightarrow [(p \wedge \neg q) \vee (q \wedge \neg p)] \Leftrightarrow \neg(p \leftrightarrow q).$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \neg(P \leftrightarrow Q) &\Leftrightarrow \neg[(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)] \\ &\Leftrightarrow \neg[(\neg p \vee q) \wedge (\neg q \vee p)] \\ &\Leftrightarrow [\neg(\neg p \vee q) \vee \neg(\neg q \vee p)] \\ &\Leftrightarrow [(p \wedge \neg q) \vee (q \wedge \neg p)]. \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Now write $r: p \wedge \neg q$, $s: q \wedge \neg p$,

$$x: p \underline{\vee} q, \text{ and } z: r \vee s$$

We shall use the truth table technique to show that the equivalence of the first two parts of the problem

p	q	x	r	s	z
t	t	f	f	f	f
t	f	t	t	f	t
f	t	t	f	t	t
f	f	f	f	f	f

Therefore, we have:

$$(p \underline{\vee} q) \Leftrightarrow [(p \wedge \neg q) \vee (q \wedge \neg p)] \quad (2)$$

From (1) and (2) we have the result.

Definition 6.4: if p, q are arbitrary statements such that $p \rightarrow q$ is a tautology, then we say that p logically implies q and we write $p \Rightarrow q$ to denote this situation.

Example 6.5: without using truth table method prove the following logical implications:

$$(a) \quad (p \wedge q) \Rightarrow p. \quad (b) \quad p \Rightarrow (p \vee q).$$

$$(c) \quad [(p \vee q) \wedge \neg p] \Rightarrow q .$$

Solution :

(a) We are to show that $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow p$ is tautology.

$$[(p \wedge q) \rightarrow p] \Leftrightarrow [\neg(p \wedge q) \vee p]$$

$$(\neg p \vee \neg q \vee p) \Leftrightarrow [(\neg p \vee p) \vee q] \Leftrightarrow (T \vee q) \Leftrightarrow T.$$

(b) $[p \rightarrow (p \vee q)] \Leftrightarrow [\neg p \vee (p \vee q)]$

$$\Leftrightarrow [(\neg p \vee p) \vee q] \Leftrightarrow (T \vee q) \Leftrightarrow T.$$

(c) $[\{(p \vee q) \wedge \neg p\} \rightarrow q] \Leftrightarrow [\neg\{(p \vee q) \wedge \neg p\} \vee q]$

$$\Leftrightarrow [(\neg p \wedge \neg q) \vee p] \vee q \Leftrightarrow [(\neg p \vee p) \wedge (\neg q \vee p)] \vee q]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [(T \wedge (\neg q \vee p))] \vee q \Leftrightarrow [(\neg q \vee p) \vee q]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow [p \vee (\neg q \vee q)] \Leftrightarrow [p \vee T] \Leftrightarrow T.$$